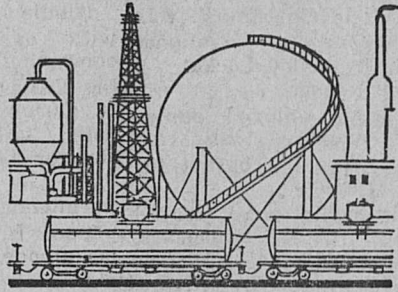


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## Town Talk

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"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"  
That sums up the talk of the town this week.

Maybe it's a bit old-fashioned. We're talking about this idea of wishing folks a Merry Christmas.

But we wouldn't feel a bit right if we let the Holidays pass without sending you our best wishes for joy and happiness at this festive season.

As we pause for a moment to glance backward over the path we have traveled — 104 semi-weekly editions of your Ranger Times — there is warm pleasure in the memory of the kindnesses you have shown us and our staff.

And in all sincerity, we  
(Continued on page 5)

## Ohr Resigns; Hodges Is Recommended To Serve As Acting Postmaster

Postmaster Max Ohr, associated with the Ranger post office since 1920, will end his long postal career next week when his recently submitted resignation becomes effective Thursday, Dec. 30.

Recommended as acting postmaster upon Ohr's resignation is Ross Hodges. His recommendation was announced to The Times by Congressman Omar Burleson last Friday afternoon. His appointment by the post office department, although not yet officially announced, has been confirmed by this newspaper.

Rep. Burleson's message to The Times said: "Congressman Burleson announces Ross Hodges has been recommended to become acting postmaster upon the retire-

ment of Mr. Max Ohr." The brief announcement was wired from the Washington office of the 17th District congressman.

Mrs. Ohr, the former Miss Hazel Herrington, daughter of the late Mrs. B. F. Herrington, also is a former postal employee here. She served in the Ranger post office for 30 years. Postmaster Ohr and his wife hold a combined record of 75 years of postal service.

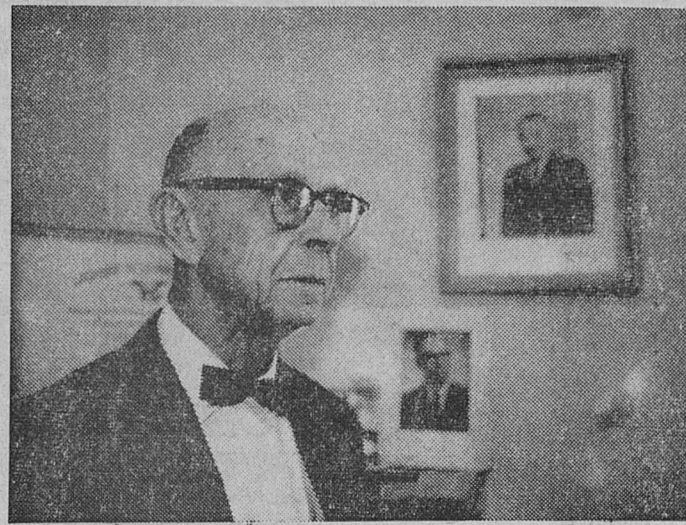
Ohr, who served under eight other postmasters prior to his appointment to the position in 1961, came to Ranger in 1920 from Honey Grove where he began his postal career six months earlier.

He is the son of G. M. Ohr, 95-year-old resident of Honey Grove. A brother, G. M. Ohr

Jr., also resides in that community, and Postmaster Ohr's sister, Miss Mary Elizabeth Ohr, is a member of the faculty of Marshall High School.

The Ohrs have one daughter, Mrs. Mary Campbell, wife of Morris Campbell, and three grandsons, Pat and Mike Campbell, 13-year-old twins, and Jimmy Campbell, 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ohr are members of First Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge and is a charter member of the Ranger Volunteer Fire Dept., organized here 16 years ago. He is presently chaplain of the department and also has served four times as chaplain of the West Central Texas Firemen's Assn.



MAX OHR... Retiring Dec. 30

## Airport Is Okayed For Federal Aid

Extensive improvements are planned at Ranger airport as a result of allocation of over \$39 million in federal funds for Texas airport construction and improvement projects.

The Ranger flight facility, operated by Joe Collins, widely known pilot, already is rated as the best airport in Eastland County.

The future modernization project will make it one of the most outstanding in this area.

Ranger and 20 other area towns and cities were among about 219 Texas points recommended by the Federal Aviation Agency to be included in grants, according to a press association report Tuesday from Washington.

Included in the list recommended for new airports were Eastland-Cisco.

However, H. V. O'Brien, editor of The Eastland Telegram, said Wednesday that to the best of his knowledge no such joint airport has been planned. He added that no formal application had been made for funds for such a project.

Both cities presently have their own individual airport facilities.

No details were available from Washington Wednesday to clarify the situation.

Of the 219 Texas projects, 69 were for new airports and 150 for improvements.

Mrs. Ruby Springer will spend Christmas with relatives in Wichita Falls.

Mayor Morris Newnam said that the City of Ranger has made application for financial assistance in making the planned improvements at the Ranger airport.

## C. G. Loffin, 76, Dies In Ranger Funeral Monday

Claude Graves Loffin, 76, retired Texas and Pacific Railroad brakeman of Mingo, died Saturday in Ranger General Hospital after a six-week illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday from Mingo First Methodist Church with Rev. H. H. Barnett, pastor of Strawn First Methodist, officiating. Burial was in Woodman Cemetery at Mingo under direction of Killingsworth Funeral Home of Ranger.

Born Nov. 4, 1889 in Thurber, he was a lifelong Mingo area resident. He married Mary McMahon July 28, 1916 in Mineral Wells.

Surviving are his widow; a son, George A. of Big Spring; two daughters, Mrs. W. W. Wright of Houston and Mrs. L. B. Edgett of Lovington, N. M.; a sister, Mrs. Mary Flowers of Jackson, Miss.

Pallbearers were Gomer Minnick, W. T. Baker, Clarence Bearden, Eugene Davis, Emanuel Abraham and Cecil Abraham, all of Mingo.

## Final Rites For Former Resident Held In Moran

Robert Hardie McKelvain, 76, a Stephens County native, died at 10:30 p.m. Sunday at his home five miles east of Moran.

Mr. McKelvain suffered an apparent heart attack while talking with his son, John, who had just arrived from Gulfport, Miss.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Moran Baptist Church with Rev. Jack Riley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Moran Cemetery with Melton Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Born Dec. 14, 1889 in Stephens County, he married Linnie Mae Andrews on May 24, 1917. He was retired in 1954 from the Texas Pipeline Co. after 30 years service, during which time he had lived in Ranger, Graham and Breckenridge.

He moved to the home place in 1953 and had since operated a stock farm.

Mr. McKelvain was a member of the Moran Baptist Church and had taught the Victory Men's Bible Class.

Survivors are his widow; two sons, J. H. of Ranger and John L. of Gulfport; one daughter, Mrs. Stephen Presley, of El Paso; his mother, Mrs. J. H. McKelvain of Moran; four brothers, Ray, of Abilene, Luther of Sherman, Hiram and Ben of Moran; four sisters, Mrs. E. L. Kinnison of Moran, Mrs. Oma Nolan of Big Spring, Mrs. Ted Wall of Clyde, and Mrs. John M. Chalker of Breckenridge; and six grandchildren.

Nephews will be pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Texas Co. employees and members of the Victory Men's Bible Class.

Coach Cumpton also presented certificates to the following players on statistical awards:

Leading tackler — David Dunson.  
Leading pass receiver — Phil Brown.  
Leading rusher — Larry Blackwell.  
Leader in total offense — Johnny McGee.  
Master of ceremonies for the banquet was McGee.

## Johnny McGee Named To Hall of Fame Honor; Five RHS Gridmen Cited

The first member of the newly inaugurated "Bulldog Hall of Fame" was announced Saturday night during the annual Ranger High School football banquet held at Lone Cedar Country Club.

Chosen for the inaugural honor was Johnny McGee, all-around athlete. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. McGee and in addition to his athletic prowess is one of Ranger High School's outstanding, highest grade average students.

The award was presented to young McGee by Coach Gerald Cumpton, Ranger High athletic director and head football coach.

Other highlights of the Saturday evening banquet, staged annually by the Bulldog Mothers Club, included a challenging address by Chena Gilstrap, recently resigned athletic director and renowned grid coach of Arlington State College, Arlington, and presentation of other football awards.

As a result of balloting by squad members, Larry Blackwell was awarded a certificate as the Maroon & White's outstanding back of the 1965 grid campaign, and two other Bulldog gridmen — David Dunson and Bill Robinson — tied for the honor of outstanding lineman.

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Jack Watson pronounced the invocation, David Mahaffey introduced school officials and other guests, and Mike Landtroop introduced five coeds — the 1965 football sweetheart, Cathy Rogers, and the three football princesses, Dixie Hodges, Linda Kaye White and Ann Ratliff.

David Dunson introduced the cheerleaders — Miss Rogers, Marilyn Nash, Robbye

Scoggins, Ann Ratliff and Donna Seymour.

Ernen Haby, president of the Ranger Lions Club, presented two important awards on behalf of that civic organization.

The Tommy Ford Memorial award for lettermen was given to McGee, and Tom Fox, an outstanding prospect, received an award for being the outstanding squadman of the year.

## BULLDOGS WIN FIRST 10-A TRIUMPH OVER BAIRD BEARS, 39-38

Coach Charlie Smith's Ranger High School Bulldog cagers racked up their first District 10-A victory of the newly opened conference season Monday night at Baird when they edged the Baird High Bears, 39-38.

The Maroon & Whites opened their campaign in the 10-A loop Friday night at Clyde where they suffered their first district defeat.

Their Baird win sets their record at one victory, one loss.

It was the Bears' first loss. They now have a two won, one lost record in 10-A competition.

In the prelim game, the Baird girls heavily outscored the Ranger High femme hardwoods crew, 64-23.

In the boys' varsity clash, high scorer of the night was (Continued on Page 5)

## Two Killed in Car Crash At Ranger

Raymond C. Smith, 62, of Route 2, Cisco, and Paul Davis of Eastland were fatally injured late Tuesday near Ranger in a two-car accident.

The mishap occurred on U. S. Highway 80 at 4:30 p. m. west of Ranger. Mr. Smith died in Ranger General Hospital shortly after the accident and Mr. Davis died less than three hours later.

Trapped in his car, Mr. Davis was pulled out shortly after officers arrived. He and Mr. Smith were both traveling alone in their cars.

Born Feb. 6, 1903, in Brackettville, Mr. Smith married Jayrus Ann Roberts on Sept. 30, 1943, in Sonora and for the past 15 years he had been living on a farm nine miles south of Cisco.

Funeral services for Mr. Smith will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday (today) in the Rust

Funeral Home chapel with wife; one son, Ernest C. of Amarillo; three daughters, Charlotte Ann, Laverne and Norma Lee Smith, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. J. C. Smith of Sterling City; and two sisters, Mrs. Dan Ritter of Sterling City and Mrs. Joe Wall of Sonora.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Davis were pending at the Killingsworth Funeral Home in Ranger.

Surviving Mr. Davis are a brother, Ralph, of Selma, Calif.; and a nephew, Freddie Davis, a constable in Fowler, Calif.

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## Ranger Firemen Elect Officers At Yule Party

The Ranger Fire Department held their annual Christmas party on their regular meeting night, Saturday December 18 at the college cafeteria.

Santa visited the party and gave the children present fruit and candy. Mrs. Max Ohr, fire mother, was presented a lovely gift from the department. Donna Johnston, sponsor was given a gift also.

Officers were elected for the coming year, during the business meeting prior to the party. New officers are Ray Williams, president; Leon Treese, chief; Mickey Kitchens, assistant chief; Jake Basham, Ed Willingham, fire marshalls and Jimmy Ratliff, reporter.

## BREAD of Life

Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation. — 2 Cor. 6:2.

Time is earnest, passing by; Death is earnest, drawing nigh; Sinner, wilt thou trifling be? Time and death appeal to thee.

## WHITE, SQUYRES AND CALHOUN WINNERS IN TARGET SHOOT

A total of \$160 in gift certificates redeemable at any Ranger merchant or business men were awarded to 22 marksmen in the Ranger Jaycees' target shoot held Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

A \$5 certificate was given every hour during the 22 hours of target firing.

Top shooter of the three-day event, Charles White, won a grand prize award of \$25 gift certificate.

In the women's class, Jerry Squyres score won her a \$15 certificate, and in the junior division a \$10 certificate was won by Mark Calhoun.

The hourly winners: Thursday — Don Squyres, 7:13, sets 5:47. Moon sets at Charles White (2), Roy Thacker, and Leroy Duke. Friday — Squyres, Dr. Luther Gohlke (2), Dr. Paul

Riffle, and John Adair. Saturday — Buddy Bills, Harry Weldon, Wendell Hughes (2), Jerry Squyres, Gene Goutley (2), Dean Hughes, Bill Matthews, Jake Jacoby and Bill Cooper.

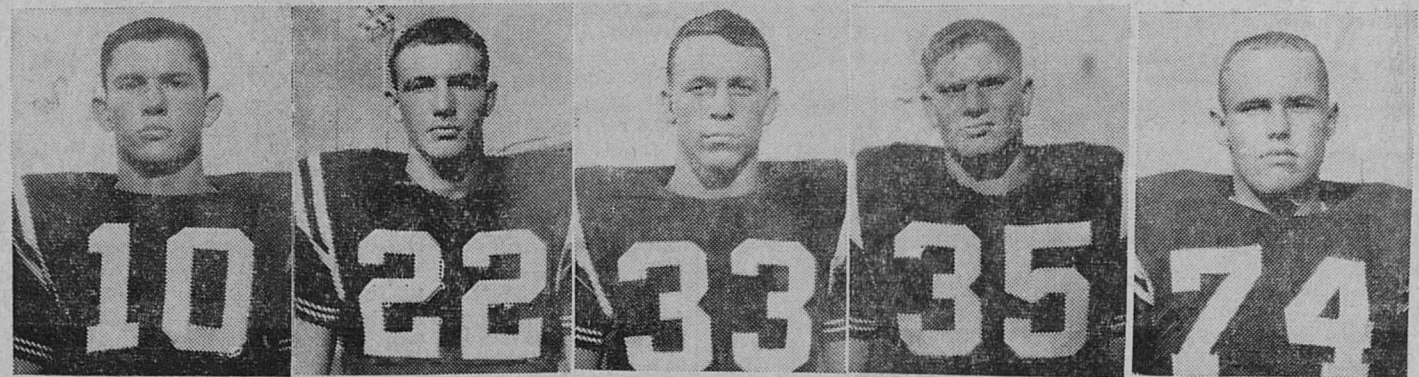
Proceeds from the three-day event went to Boy Scout Troop 88, sponsored by the Ranger Jaycees.

## WEATHER

THURSDAY: Clear. Sun rises 7:12, sets 5:46. Moon sets 5:29 p. m. Fishing poor.

FRIDAY — Fair. Sun rises 7:13, sets 5:47. Moon sets at 6:26 p. m. Fishing poor.

SATURDAY — Cold. Sun rises 7:13, sets 5:47. Moon sets 7:14 p. m. Fishing poor.



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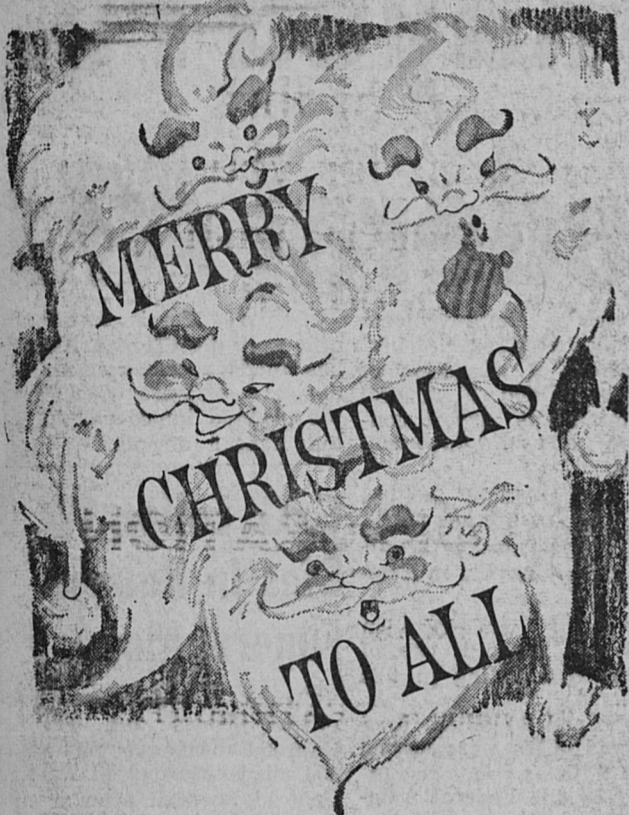
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Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Hamilton announce the birth of a son, born December 17, in Eastland Memorial Hospital. The baby was named Gary D. Hamilton Jr. and is the couple's first child.

Hamilton is employed as an operator for the Ranger Featherlite Crop. He and his wife, Janette reside at Route 2 in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ray Hughes of Biloxi, Miss. announce the adoption of a son. The baby weighed nine pound and was named Floyd Ray, Jr. He has two sisters.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Doda Guillado of Bay St. Louis, Miss. and Mrs. Zora Lee Hughes of Ranger.

Mrs. W. O. McMillian has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Martin and family of Big Lake.

**Class Members Assemble For Yule Activity**

A Christmas party for members of the Grace Class of First Baptist Church was held in Fellowship hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 16.

Mmes. Albert Williams and Nath Pirkle, president and vice-pres. were in charge of the program. Mrs. G. F. Williams led the opening prayer. "The Gift of Christmas" was the topic of the devotional thoughts by Anice Locke.

The group enjoyed games and gift exchange, sang carols, and packed a basket for shut-in friends.

Refreshments were served to Mmes: W. C. Brashears, R. L. McCleskey, A. L. Stiles, J. B. Houghton, W. H. Gay, R. C. Wilson, W. A. Lewis, J. C. Carter, T. G. Lang, Eleanor Horton, O. W. House, Martha Ussery, Zora Lea Hughes, Emma Ewing, Bill Nichols, K. F. Kirk, Williams, Pirkle, A. Williams, Misses Zella Redell, and Locke.

**John Kindle Retires From Lone Star Gas**

John M. Kindle recently retired as vice president of the Transmission Division of Lone Star Gas Company after 39 years of service with the company.

Kindle began his career with Lone Star in 1925 hand computing meter charts in the Dallas office. He worked in various capacities at Petrolia, Joshua, Trinidad, and Ranger before returning to Dallas in 1943 as assistant superintendent of gasoline plants. In 1950 he became superintendent of the gasoline plants, and in 1954 he became superintendent of the entire Transmission Division.

In 1959, Kindle was elected vice president of the Transmission Division and vice president and director of Lone Star's wholly-owned subsidiary—Lone Star Producing Company.

Kindle has been president of the National Gas Processors Association and a director of the American Petroleum Institute. He also has been a member of the American Gas Association, Southern Gas Association, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Dallas Athletic Club, and Dallas Petroleum Club.

Married to the former Lucille Norman, Kindle has one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Cullen Sanders, III, who lives in Germany. Kindle plans to spend a month with his daughter and her family next summer.

**Martha Dorcas Yule Party In Johnson Home**

The beautifully decorated home of Mrs. J. A. Johnson was the scene of a Christmas party for members of the Martha-Dorcas Class of First Methodist Church. Held at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15, other hostesses were Mmes. E. L. Danley, Tom Stewart, H. G. Ramsey, Frank Williamson, and Oliff Lewis.

The opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Chas. P. Ashcraft. Class business was deferred. The devotional, "A Certain Small Shepherd" by Rebecca Caudill, was given by Mrs. Walter Daniels. Christmas ministries included nine gifts to shut-ins and two baskets for needy families.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of open-face sandwiches in shapes of Santas and trees, mints, nuts, cake, and cranberry tea were served to Mmes. J. C. Hagar, Nora Roush, W. C. Whitley, Leslie Hageman, A. J. Raliff, E. H. Mills, J. F. Donley, Miss Mary Kohler, David and Douglas Umberson, Ashcraft, Daniels, and hostesses.

**Rangerites Who Live In Africa Visit Relatives**

Mr. and Mrs. David Williams and daughter Jolene are spending a two-month vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wymmer of Ranger, and Mrs. Addie Williams of Arlington.

Mr. Williams is an employee of Loffland Oil Company, stationed in North Africa. They will return to Africa on Feb. 1st.



May the Yuletide season bring you happiness!

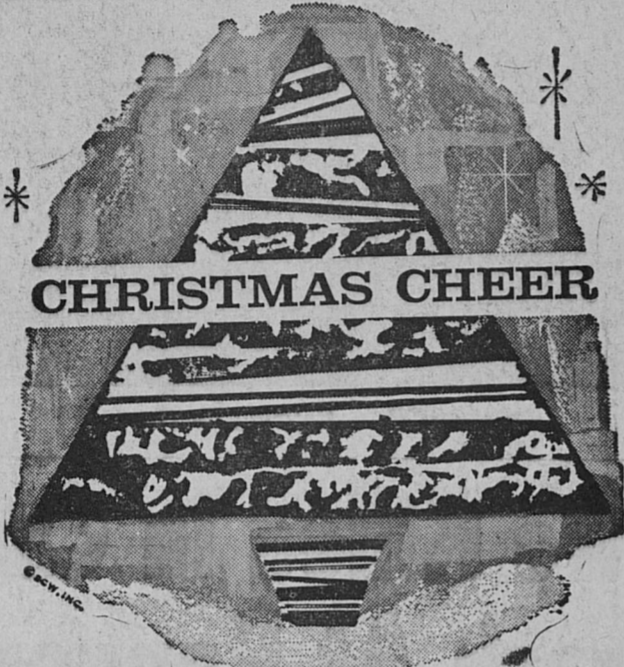
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**Dorene Hawkins Circle Meeting In Brooks Home**

Mrs. Geo. Robinsno presented the final chapters of the mission study text, "Which Way in Brazil" during a meeting of the Dorene Hawkins Circle of First Baptist Church in the home of Mrs. H. E. Brooks on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The scripture lesson a n d prayer calendar was read by Mrs. Lloyd Clem. Mrs. R. L. McCleskey offered the missionary prayer. Reports were heard during the short business meeting at the close of the program.

Refreshments of pineapple pie and coffee were served to Mmes. R. E. Barker, J. W. Dilliard, W. E. Herweck, Earl Horton, A. W. Warford, Robinson, McCleskey, Clem, and the hostess.

**NOTICE**

Teen Town will be closed this Friday and Saturday nights, Dec. 24 and 25; according to Walter Henry, manager.

Dr. and Mrs. Price Ashton of Austin, visited Sunday with Mrs. David Pickrell and with Mr. Pickrell who is ill in the Ranger General Hospital.

Mr. Pickrell's daughter, Mrs. Robert Bundage, has returned to her home in Bakersville, California.

Christmas promises to be a happy occasion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hise. Guests will be their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Van Staverns, Robbie and Monte of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Van Stavern, Larry and James of Level-land; and Mrs. Richard Hanberry of San Antonio, and Miss Emily Lustgarden of Odessa.

Mrs. Tom Watson, Felton, Calif. will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mills and brother, Buster.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Rush of Everman visited friends in Ranger on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Christmas are spending the holidays with relatives in Arizona.

Mrs. Lillie Howe of Stamford is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Gaston Dixon and family.

Mrs. Lucy Scott is visiting friends in San Angelo during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Mitchell of Orange, Calif. are spending a week in the home of his mother, Mrs. Lee Mitchell.

Mrs. Lottie Davenport left Wednesday for a visit with her son and family in Oklahoma City.



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### BANQUET AND PAGEANT AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Men's Club observed "Ladies Night" on Tuesday, Dec. 14, with a banquet in the church dining room. The men were responsible for serving the traditional "turkey with trimmings." Tables were decorated in seasonal colors and lighted by red and white candles. Following the meal, Mmes. Ted Nicksick and F. S. Pearl directed the program which featured a large group in presentation of "If You Were At Bethlehem." The cast included Chas. Arnett, Bill Marslender, Duke Dixon, Beverley Dudley, Jr., Mmes. James Ratliff, Bill Collings, P. M. Kuykendall, Vernon Daffebach, Walter Daniels, David Allsup, Joe Francis and Stanley McAnelley. Soloists were Floyd Killingsworth, Gaston Dixon, Sarah Cooper, and Mrs. Richard Bonney with Jimmy Watkins at the piano. Approximately 100 persons were in attendance.

### Members Meet At Church For Yule Meeting

Members of Merriman Baptist Church assembled on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, for a covered dish supper and Christmas program. Pastor L. R. Higginbotham introduced guest speaker, Bill Slaton of Athens who brought an inspirational message. Approximately 90 members and guests were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. James Calvert of Orlando, Florida will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beck, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Calvert during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Clemmer will go to Big Springs for a holiday visit with their daughter, Mrs. C. G. Renfro and family.



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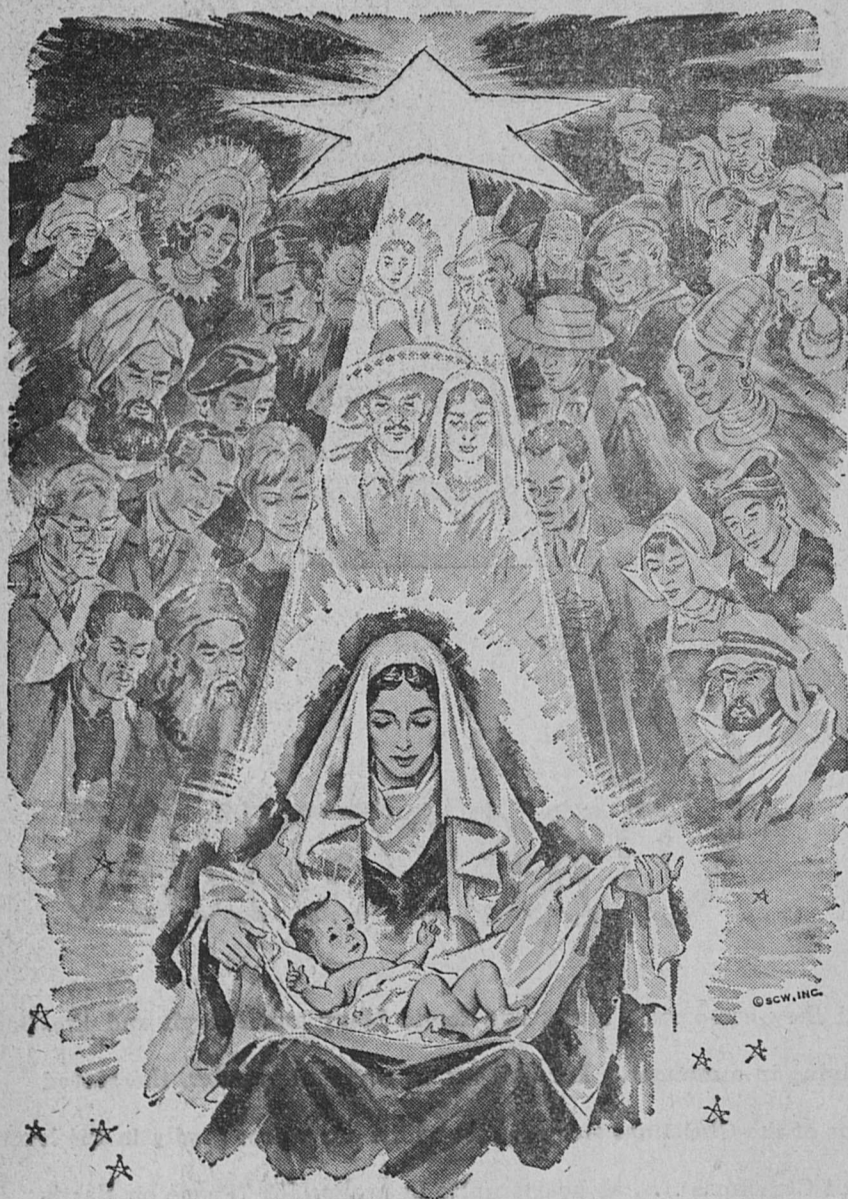


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Deer heads mounted, hides tanned. Bring your trophies to me for guaranteed work. Bill W. Horn, Box 709, Olden, Texas, or phone HI 2-1504, Cisco. *27*

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Cheer up! George Van Lines can chase those blues away by giving you expert moving and packing service. Ph. MA 9-2044, Eastland.

**WANT TO BUY:** Land on Highway between Ranger and Eastland, from two to ten acres. Call A. P. Fambro at Fambro Gate Co., Eastland. *tf*

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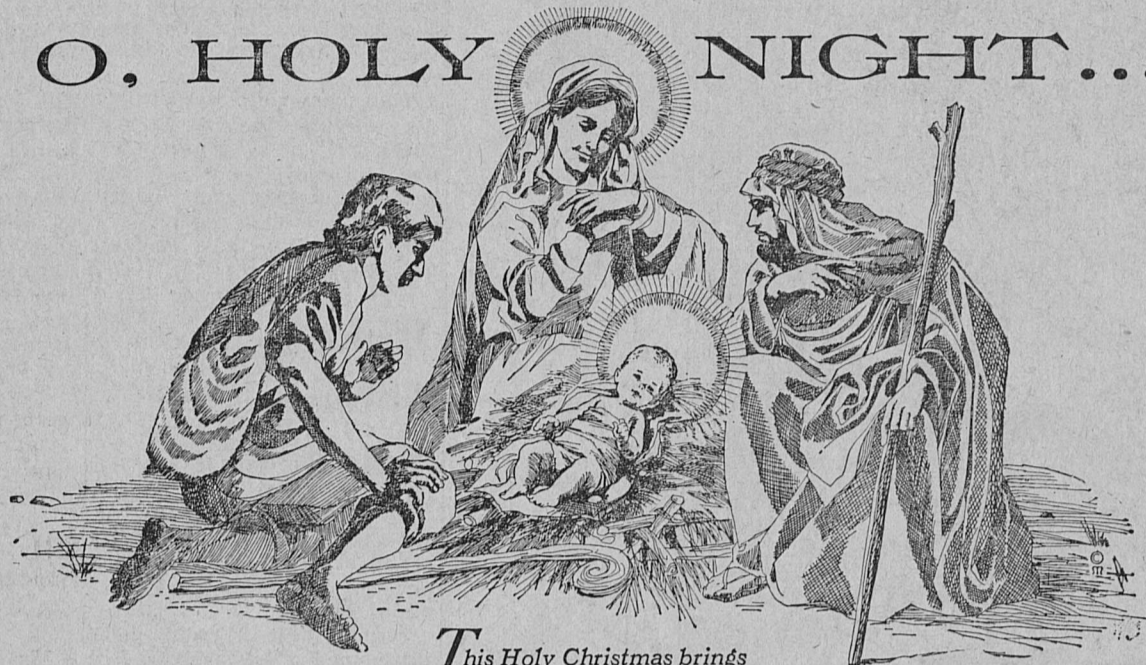
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This Holy Christmas brings again its spiritual blessings and grants us once more the opportunity to unite in our prayers for peace among all men.

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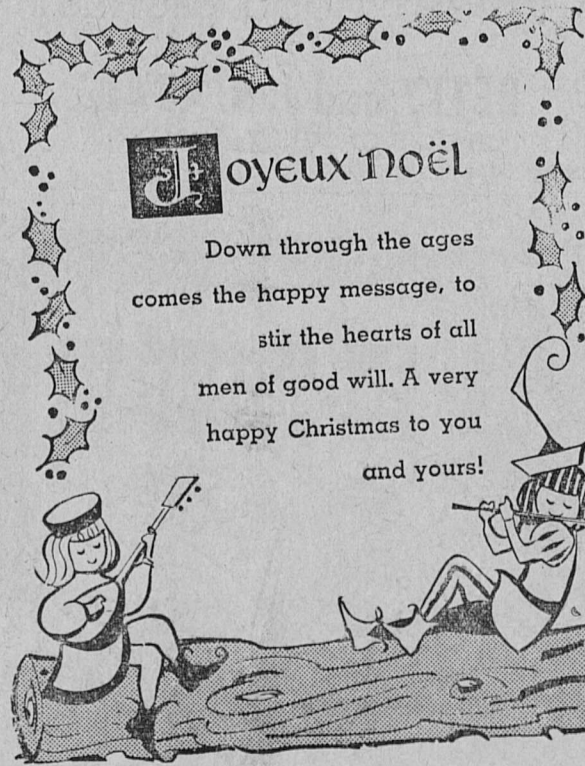
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Down through the ages comes the happy message, to stir the hearts of all men of good will. A very happy Christmas to you and yours!

# GREETINGS

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger." Let us hear, in reverent wonder, the sacred words of the Christmas story... let us lift our voices gladly in the hymns of Christmas... as hearts unite in prayer for "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men."

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May the peace of Christmas  
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Christmas blessings  
to you and yours!

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**Yule Party For  
Jr. High Band  
Friday, Dec. 10**

Junior High Band members held their Christmas party in the band hall on Friday, Dec. 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Each member was given a book of Christmas carols, and Jeanine Monroe led the group in singing. Mrs. Sam Burns provided piano accompaniment for one number. After presenting the director with a gift, a season of games was followed by refreshments of cookies, sandwiches, drinks and candy.

A surprise visit from Santa added to the enjoyment of the gift exchange. He joined the group in singing "Jingle Bells" at the close of the evening's activity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernen Haby and family will spend the holidays with relatives in Uvalde and Utopia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McMillan and family of Galveston will be holiday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McMillan.

**Ladies Class  
Donates Toys  
At Yule Party**

Members of the ladies class of Adult Department No. 1 met in Fellowship Hall for a sandwich supper on Friday evening.

Following the meal, Mrs. J. W. White brought an inspiring devotional. A business meeting was conducted during which officers for the coming year were elected. They include: President, Mrs. Larry Hunt, vice - president, Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, and Secretary, Miss Mary Joy Wilson. Members donated toys for use by the Child Welfare Club.

Those attending were Mmes. E. W. Mince, Roddy Carter, Bill Guess, Jeanette Bell, Ernen Haby, Hunt, Anderson, White, and Miss Wilson.

Home for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Daskevich Sr. will be their children, Messrs. and Mmes. Joe Daskevich Jr., of Temple, Glen Yeager, Johnny Hood, and Edward Basham and families, all of Fort Worth.

**TOWN TALK**

(Continued from page One)  
say: "Thank you all — each and every one of you — so very much!"

All of us here at The Times extend to all of you everywhere a hearty handclasp of good fellowship with the sincere good wish that health and wealth and happiness will be yours in overflowing abundance for many, many years to come.

And in the words of famed Tiny Tim, the lovable lad in Dickens' immortal Christmas carol:

"God bless you, every one!"

**SUNDAY DEADLINE**

All news copy and advertising for the Dec. 26 paper should be in the newspaper office no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23. This has been arranged in order that newspaper employees may enjoy the Christmas holidays.

**BULLDOGS WIN**

(Continued from page 1)  
Baird's Dyer Windham, who racked up 14 points.  
For the winning Bulldogs, high point man was Jerry Watson, who scored 11 points.

RANGER 39 — McGee 4  
2 10, Watson 5 1 11, Brown 1  
1 2, Blackwell 4 1 9, Orms 3  
0 6. Totals: 17 5 39.

Baird (38) — Windham 4 6  
14, Joy 2 1 5, Townsend 5 2  
12, Sadler 0 5 5, Voights 1 0  
2. Totals: 12 14 38.

**HOSPITAL News**

Seventeen patients were in the Ranger General Hospital Wednesday morning. They included Mmes. Emma Green, Eunice Toone, Eletha Buckabee, H. F. Brown, D. C. Singleton, Ida Callaway, Joe Daskevich Sr., Annie Hagler, Tempa Wheat, Opal Swain and C. E. May Sr. Others were Mr. D. D. Pickrell, R. L. Allen, Charles Kirk, Tim Norvell, Elmer Abernathy and Torribo Pedrosia.

Coach and Mrs. Gerald Cumpston and family will be guests of their parents in Graham and Olney during the holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Harmon is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Schott and son, J. W., of Galveston.

Mrs. Mayme Frye will go to Sulphur Springs for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lowell Bennett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rattiff and Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Watkins and Jan, attended a Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Guest in Sweetwater on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Bonney of Houston will visit his mother, Mrs. Mildred Bonney, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adair will visit their parents in Cross Plains on Christmas Day.

**FOR SALE**

The Junie L. Jones home in Hodges-Oak Park Addition. Real bargain for quick sale.

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**MR. AND MRS. BUCK WALLACE**

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WISHES  
TO ALL!**

Sincere  
holiday  
greetings  
to you, our  
good friends,  
and patrons.



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a note of cheer at this  
happy holiday time!

**HOOT & PEGGY SWAFFORD**

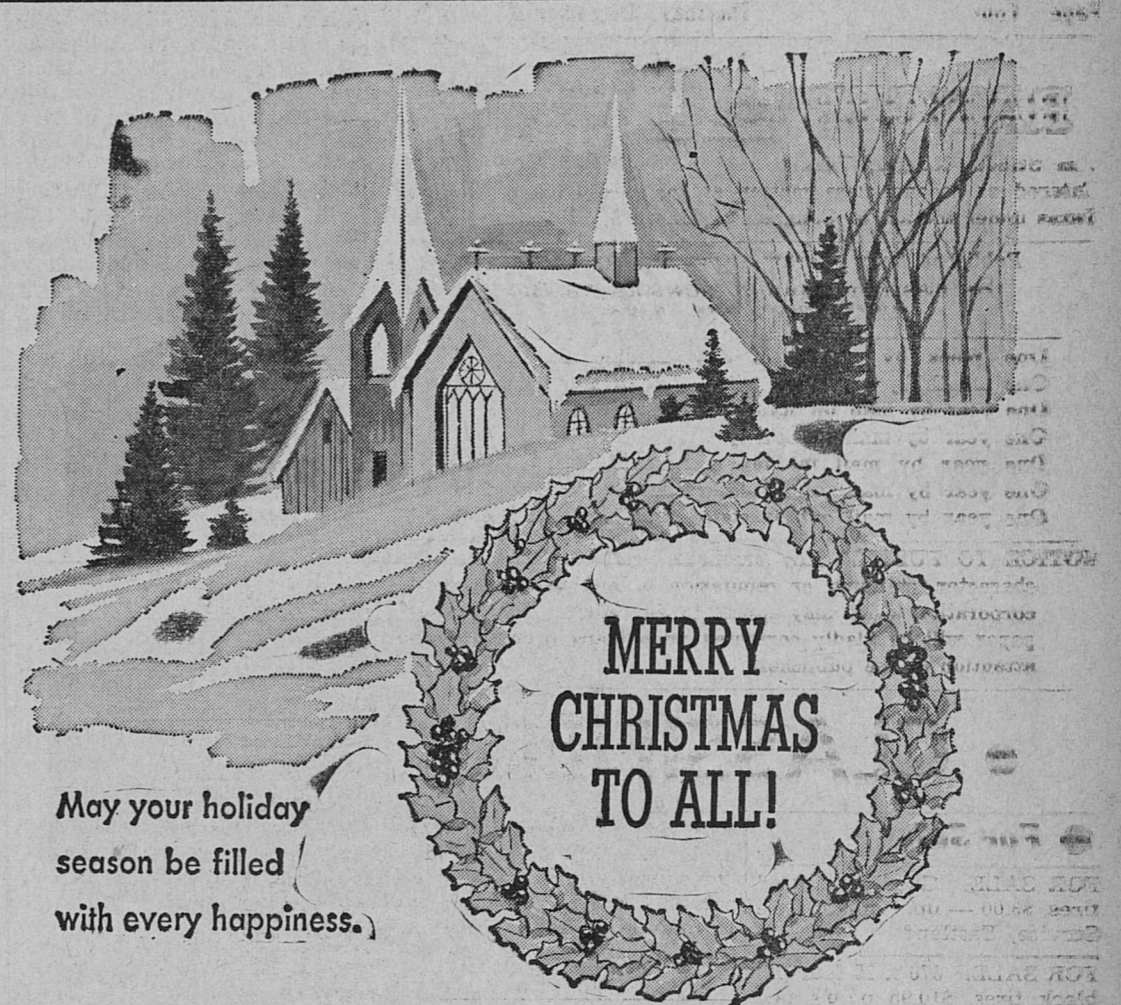
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...and all  
good wishes!

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May your holiday  
season be filled  
with every happiness.

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Greetings From

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tip from Santa and  
extending our very  
warmest wishes for a  
merry Yuletide to our  
many good friend  
and patrons.

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The Adams families and their employees gratefully extend warm and personal greetings to countless friends. May each of you and your loved ones be richly blessed with a most enjoyable Holiday season!

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Ranger, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lewis and family of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Arterburn and family of Amarillo will visit in the home of Mrs. Olliff Lewis on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wallace will leave Love Field at 1:35 p.m. Thursday for Montgomery, Ala. to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Gillian and family.

Gerald Lee is a patient in All Saints Hospital, Fort Worth, where he had surgery Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Joe Janes will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brooks.

### Class Luncheon On Thursday In Teacher's Home

Members of the Dorcas Class of First Baptist Church were guests of the teacher, Mrs. Geo. Robinson for a luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 16. Other guests were Rev. and Mrs. Avery Sullivan. The pastor offered the prayer, of thanks. A menu of turkey with trimmings was served from a table artistically decorated in the holiday theme.

Mrs. Lee Mitchell read the Christmas story, Luke, chapt. 2. The group exchanged gifts and selected Mr. W. S. Adanson as class friend of the month.

Attending were Mes. Patsy Patterson, J. M. Robinson, Mary Crabb, Nettie Suddreth, Mabel Williams, R. E. Barker, J. H. McKinney, Cora Preslar, R. C. Carwile, Lee Mitchell, the Sullivans, and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Herweck will spend the holidays with relatives in Ardmore, Okla.

### Sullivans Host 'Open House' On Sunday, Dec. 19

The home of Rev. and Mrs. Avery J. Sullivan and family, 715 Cherry St., was the scene of "Open House" on Sunday, December 19, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The occasion honored members of First Baptist Church.

The refreshment table was covered with a white cutwork cloth and centered with an arrangement of poinsettias, greenery and candles. The silver coffee service and crystal punch bowl graced opposite ends of the table.

Assisting the hostess were Mes. R. L. McCleskey, E. W. Mince, W. H. Gay, Roddy Carter, F. P. Brashier, Jr., and G. F. Williams. Approximately 100 guests called.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Gorman Morton are Messrs. and Mes. J. L. McKelvain and family of Gulfport, Miss., Cordell Upton and daughter of Victoria, and Boyce Bryan and family of Ralls.



*howdy, neighbor!  
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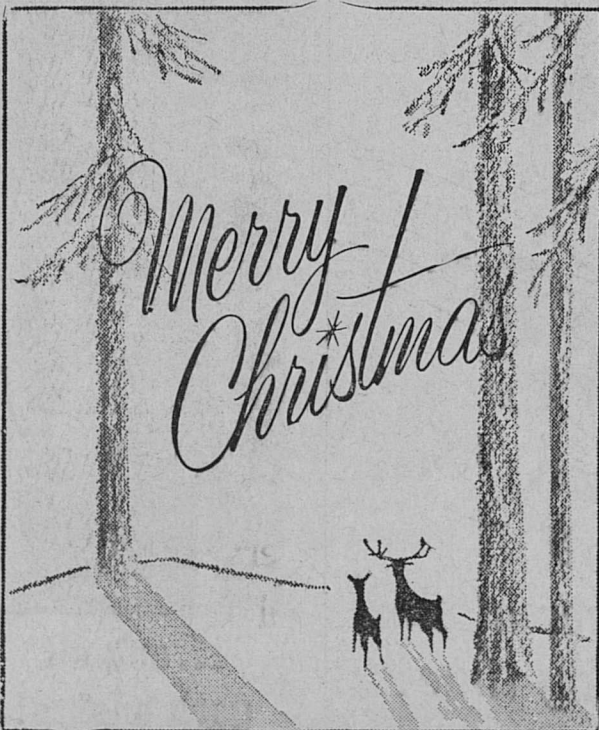


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*to you and yours!*

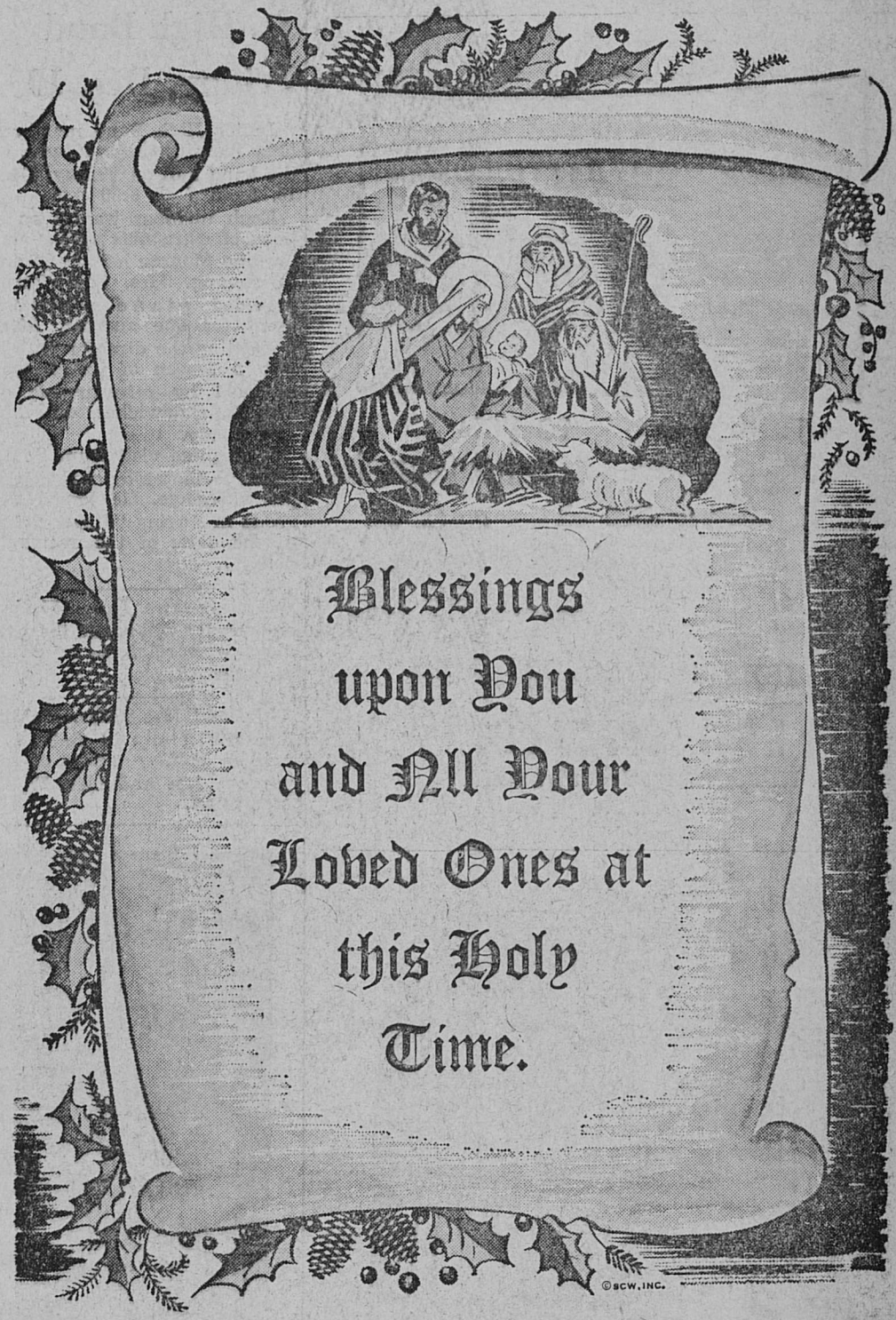
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### Season's Blessings

*may Christmas joys abide with you always!*

### RANGER CLINIC

Ranger, Texas

## What Does Christmas Mean to You?

This is the time of year when everyone's thoughts turn to Christmas. With Christmas approaching, the air is full of joy. There are many different views on Christmas, but when it comes to college students, feelings are pretty much the same as revealed by the following replies of Ranger Junior College students when they were asked "What does Christmas mean to you?"

Wayne Boone, Ranger: "Christmas means a vacation from school and the gathering of all relatives for a big dinner. It also means having fun."

Lyndon Brownlee, De Leon: "Christmas means joy, happiness, and being with friends and relatives."

Jesse Renteria, Ranger: "I think of Christmas as a gathering of relatives and of wonderful foods." He also

enjoys seeing the bright lights and beautiful decorations in the homes and stores. Dennis Forbus, Jacksboro, looks forward to the holiday as a time to visit his family and friends. He also likes to see Christmas come because it means that the new year is just around the corner.

Rocky Runnels, who hails from Lewisville, likes the good food awaiting him. Rocky's family is always the highlight of his holiday, and he is eager to see his big brother, who is attending the University of Iowa.

Melton Kennedy, Ranger: "Christmas is a time to be away from school and to do what I want to do. Also it is a time to show some appreciation to special friends and loved ones."

Sharon Brown, Ranger: "Christmas is a time for being happy and giving of one's

own self. It has become too commercial, and perhaps we should put "Christ" back into Christmas."

Dorothy Reynolds, Dallas: "Christmas means a time the birth of the Christ Child and give praises unto Him by showing our love."

Judi Hobbs, Dallas: "Christmas is a time to remember that God gave us our greatest gift — His son." Cathy Stroud, Ranger: "Christmas is a time when we should forget the worry, hurry and scurry of today's world and feel the peacefulness of the yuletide season." Although she enjoys the shopping, food, fun, visiting with relatives and the joy of giving and getting gifts, she thinks that she would enjoy Christmas much more if some of the commercialization were taken away.

Cherry Criswell, Ranger: "I enjoy going to the big cities and seeing all the beautiful decorations. I like to see the little children opening their gifts."

Bill Belew from Vernon is especially looking forward to the two weeks off from his studies. He will be glad to see relatives who haven't made it home in quite a while. Mary Sue Schwesig of Strawn: "It is a time when everyone is happy and celebrating the birth of Christ and there is good cheer all around."

Beatrice Solignani, Strawn: "It is happiness and joy. It is the jolliest holiday of the year. Besides being a joyous day for receiving and giving gifts, Christmas is the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Mrs. H. X. Wallace is spending the holidays with her daughter and family in Miami, Texas.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Robinson for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Robinson, Jr. and family of Goldsmith, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harper and family of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Burdock of Loving, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyott Burdock of Graham will be Christmas visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Halbert will go to East Texas for the holidays.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pounds: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Belknap and family of Irving; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pounds of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Wendy Surles of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cowley of Richardson.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collings and Kim will be Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowry and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Howell and sons of Irving will visit her mother Mrs. J. F. Byas during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreland will visit her sister and family in Breckenridge during the holidays.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Redford will be Messrs. and Mmes. Glynn Covington and family, Dallas; O. R. Mills and family, Grand Prairie; Bill Reese and family, Austin, J. L. Jones, Flagstaff, Arizona; Carl Jones, Stephenville, Tim Covington and wife, Austin, and Michael Mills, Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Dennis Pam and Joe Wayne of Jefferson and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rodgers and Dennis Keith of Abilene will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coleman and family of Pagosa Springs, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Guess and family of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Guess and family of Levelland, and Miss Jewel Newnham of Ranger will be guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Guess on Christmas day.

## ANDERSON CHEVY FAMILIES ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Employees of the Anderson Chevrolet met in the home of Mrs. T. J. Anderson at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16 for their annual Christmas dinner and social.

The home was beautifully decorated in colors of blue and silver. The traditional Christmas dinner was served from a table laid with a white cut work linen cloth and centered with a blue floral arrangement.

Following the meal, all participated in a period of games and fellowship.

Present for the occasion were all the employees of the company; Messrs. and Mmes. Bill Eyley, Gene Falls, John Morris, M. L. Hart, Raymond Hart, Bill Anderson;

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Reynolds of Odessa spent the week end in the home of his mother, Mrs. Johnnie Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Waddingmother, Mrs. Thomas Tibbs of Eastland. The Boggus family will spend Sunday in Fort Worth with their daughter, Mrs. S. E. Crutsinger and family.

Messrs. and Mmes. Bryan Jordan and family of Corsicana, Ted Titner, Arlington, K. A. Titner and daughter, Snyder, J. C. and family, Odessa, Mrs. Lon Martin, Emory, Charles Stubblefield of Borger.

Also Beauford Anderson, Doyle Gentry, Hubert Anderson, Miss Ada Mainard, Billy, Candace, Jana and Timmy Anderson, and Johnny Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Waddington, Sr., will spend the holidays in the home of their daughter, Mrs. S. R. Short and family of Dallas.

Miss Marie Kohn, teacher in public schools of Harlingen, is spending the holidays with friends in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Young of Odessa are guests of Mrs. Mary Young.

Remember the Community Christmas Tree at the Community Center, Thursday night, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Christmas Pageant by the Lacasa 4-H.

There has been a drive by the Training Union of New Hope Baptist Church to gain new members and to increase the attendance by a Launch to the Moon to be reached this quarter. The Adult and Intermediate and Young People's Unions made the land-

ing early with some time left over.

Also the goal for the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions has been reached by New Hope Baptist Church and will go over the goal.

Rev. K. C. Edmonds of Ranger was a guest speaker at the Adult Union Sunday evening. Another visitor was Charles Mitchell of Caddo.

Vintsin Jones was seriously hurt in a car wreck at Mineral Wells Saturday night and is in the St. Josephs Hospital in Fort Worth. At this time it is not known just how serious are his injuries. Vintsin and family had been living Breckenridge since their home burned in this community several months ago. His brother, J. B. Jones and family have been with him, also Coy Bargsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Sides and family of Abilene will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Sides.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Shinn and children will visit their parents in Breckenridge during the holidays.

Dean Richey, student in Peabody College, Nashville, and Mrs. C. W. Stubblefield Tenn. is spending Christmas for Christmas dinner will be with his family in Ranger.



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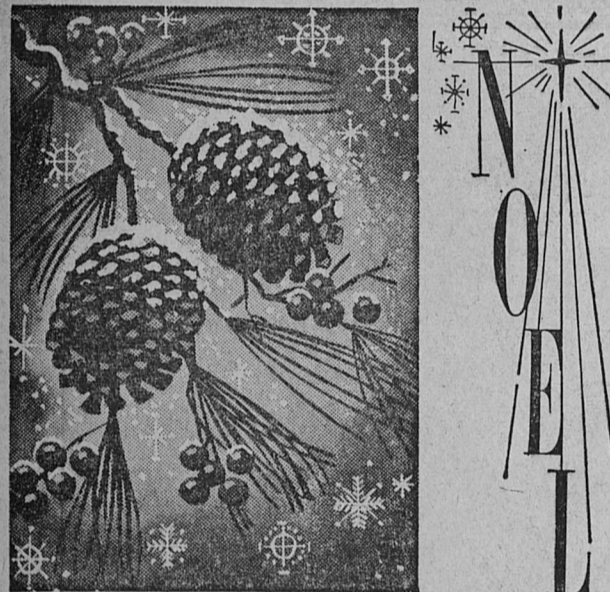
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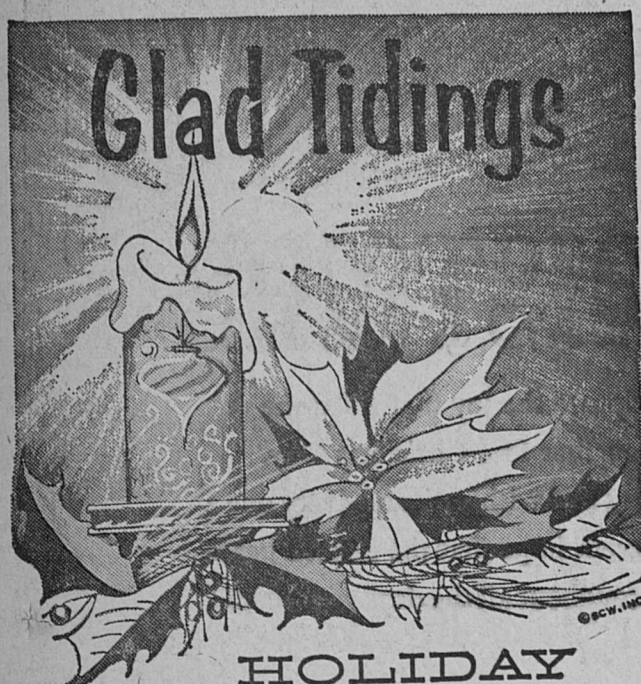
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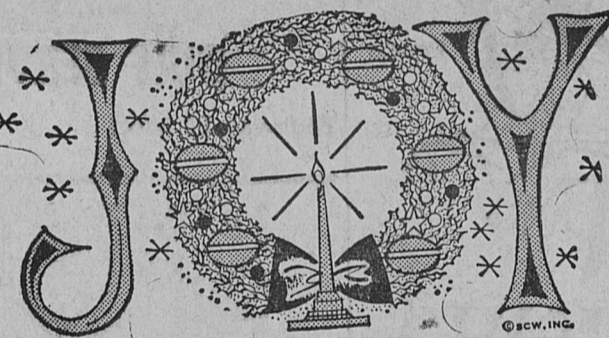
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Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wymer will spend Christmas with their daughter in Odessa.

Mmes. F. E. Langston and M. R. Hamrick will spend Christmas Day in the home of their son and brother, F. E. Langston and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kennedy of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hood, of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. James McGown of Dennison, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McGown

of Megregor, Harvey McGown of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones of Santa Fe, and Ludwig McGown of Ranger will enjoy Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McGown.

### Yule Dinner In Lodge Hall On Thursday, 16th

Odd Fellow - Rebekah members assembled at the Hall at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, for Christmas dinner and tree. The traditional meal was served at a table artistically decorated in seasonal colors. Those attending were Messrs. and Mmes. A. Z. Sharp, Homer Blackwell, Ben Patterson, Monroe Blackwell and Mickey, Mmes. Louie Calder, Ethel Johnson, Laura Eaves, Olive Lewis, Sylvia Neal, Ada Eaves, Ruby Greer, Laura Todd, Clara Ivy, Messrs. John Hicks and C. E. Bell.

### Miss Maddocks Visiting Sister

Miss Marjorie Maddocks, who has been a patient in Baylor Hospital for the past three weeks, is much improved. She is spending the holidays in the home of her sister in Denton. Ranger friends may wish her a Merry Christmas at this address: Dr. Gladys Maddocks, 2223 Palmer Dr., Denton Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Griffith are expected to visit in the home of Mrs. Laura Todd this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Van Bibber plan to visit with her niece, Mrs. W. O. Dodd and family during Christmas.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster will be his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Foster of Kingsland, and Mr. and Mrs. James Foster and sons from Lubbock.

Rev. and Mrs. Jackie Heath and family are visiting her parents in Hereford.



"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

THIS CHRISTMAS, as we rejoice in the commemoration of the birth of our Lord, let us remember the good his teachings have brought to all mankind.

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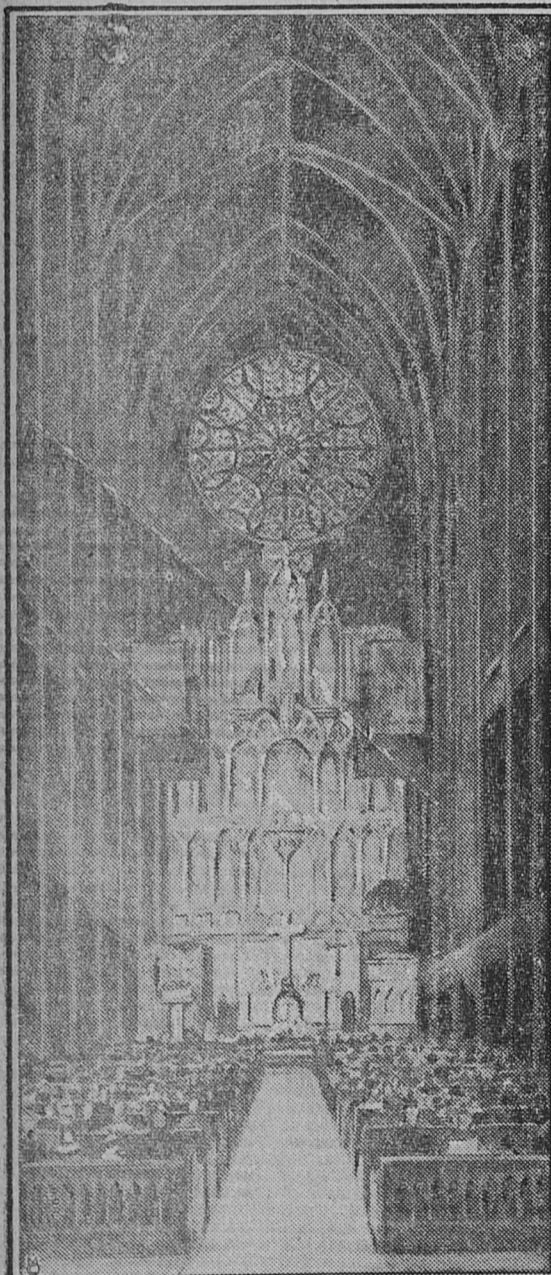
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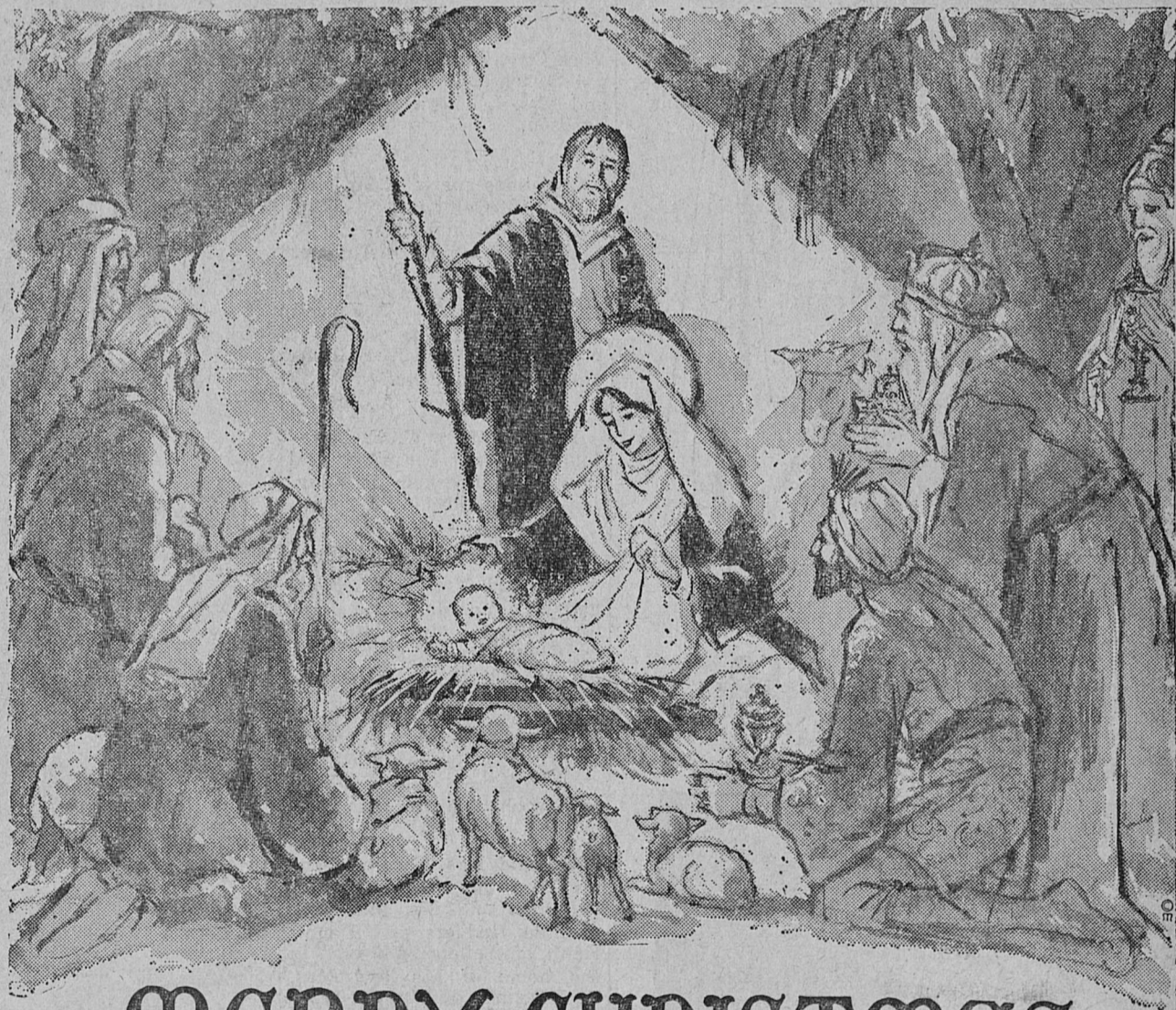
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# Texas Parade Magazine Re-Tells Story Of 'Santa Claus Robbery'

(Editor's Note: This story appeared in the December issue of Texas Parade Magazine and is reprinted because of its local interest.)

By KEITH ELLIOTT

Yes, Virginia, there was a Santa Claus. An enraged lynch mob hanged him between two telephone poles in Eastland, Texas, 90 miles west of Fort Worth and 3,939 miles as the sleigh flies from the North Pole, on November 19, 1929. He was hauled from the Eastland County Jail and died blathering behind the Majestic Theater — whose patrons, in order to see the real thing,

had walked out on a silent film attraction entitled "The Noose."

Old Saint Nick perished with a gunny sack about his head. And in all the land no child wept over his untimely departure on the hem of the Christmas season. For this Santa Claus was manifestly evil.

Flash back two years, Virginia, to December 23, 1927, and the town of Cisco, Texas. Ten miles west of Santa's last ride on the Ultimate Swing, Cisco was a rowdy boom town serving the fabulous Ranger Oil Field. Its Chamber of Commerce boasted 15,000 pro-

perous citizens, some of whom resided at the old Mobley Hotel, the first hotel Conrad Hilton ever owned. (Today it is an old folks' home.)

Cisco took pride, too, in three solvent banks. Not one of them rivaled the Mobley Hotel in overall security.

On the aforementioned December 23, the balmyest of Christmas Eve eves, a jovial, costumed Santa Claus meandered merrily about one of these institutions, the First National Bank. A whoop of children followed in his wake.

At precisely noon Santa urged the tots home to lunch and unsuspected, into the bank's lobby. Fumbling at a tummy sufficiently capacious to house a covey of quail, he reached inside his resplendent red jacket and brought forth, so help me, a pistol. "Stick 'em up!" he commanded the nearest teller, one Alex Spears.

A nearby law student—Marion Olson, today an attorney of San Antonio—broke up at the drollery of so funny a scene. He very nearly died laughing.

For the man in the red suit gestured violently and barked, "Get your hands up. This is on the level!" The menace in his gruff voice left no doubt but what Santa was sincere.

Hands shot up all over the bank, as three helpers now joined Santa Claus. They, too, bore weapons. Only Santa was masked. Viewing the scene from the bank's door, six-year-old Frances Blasengame shrieked, "Those men are trying to shoot Santa Claus!" She and her mother raced to get help. And nobody noticed.

Two other children—Emma May Robinson, 10, and Laverne Comer, 12, were in the lobby. Two of Santa's helpers corralled them as hostages while Santa forced a teller, Jewel Poe, to open the bank's safe. Santa emptied it of \$162,000 in currency and gold certificates. Then he fired a shot whose meaning to the mobsters was clearly "vamoose!"

Outside, a shot rang in reply. "What the hell?" mused Santa Claus. Little Frances Blasengame had come back with the chief of police. And a populous posse. Shots, be-

gan to ricochet about the bank like oaths. Oaths ricocheted like shots. At one point a slug from Chief B. E. Bedford's new rifle came so close to Santa's beard that he was

heard to say, "Jeepers!" Or something like that.

With the two little girls and assorted employees as hostages, Santa and his henchmen played hopscotch through careening bullets to their getaway Buick parked in the alley behind the First National. All hostages except the girls got away unhampered in the excitement.

Several townspeople, however, didn't. Pete Rutherford's thigh stopped a bullet; Brady Boggs caught one in his shin; R. L. Day suffered a scalp wound; grocer Oscar

Cliett caught lead in his heel. Chief Bedford and Officer George Carmichael were mortally wounded as the Buick inched down the alley to Avenue D, Cisco's main street, and around the corner toward Rising Star.

Cisco's assistant postmaster, W. P. Coldwell, fired a shot that blew out a tire on the Buick just as it disappeared on U.S. 183. The hoodlum car slithered a few blocks to town's edge, where Santa

Claus leaped out and hailed an Oldsmobile approaching from the south.

The driver, 14-year-old Woodrow Wilson Harris, stopped at the Christmas saint's jaunty wave. But when he saw what the old gent was up to, waving his pistol and all, the boy threw away his keys. Santa and two of his helpers raced back to the Buick.

They left behind in the Olds a third helper, Louis Davis, 33, who died of multiple gun-

shot wounds next day. In their excitement, they also left behind their loot, the entire \$162,000.

They drove a mile on a dusty county road before abandoning the wounded Buick, as well as their two young hostages. The girls were unharmed, except for a forehead gash Emma May suffered when she sought to peek behind Santa's mask. Santa belted her for her trouble and never again did she put much stock in the Santa Claus myth.

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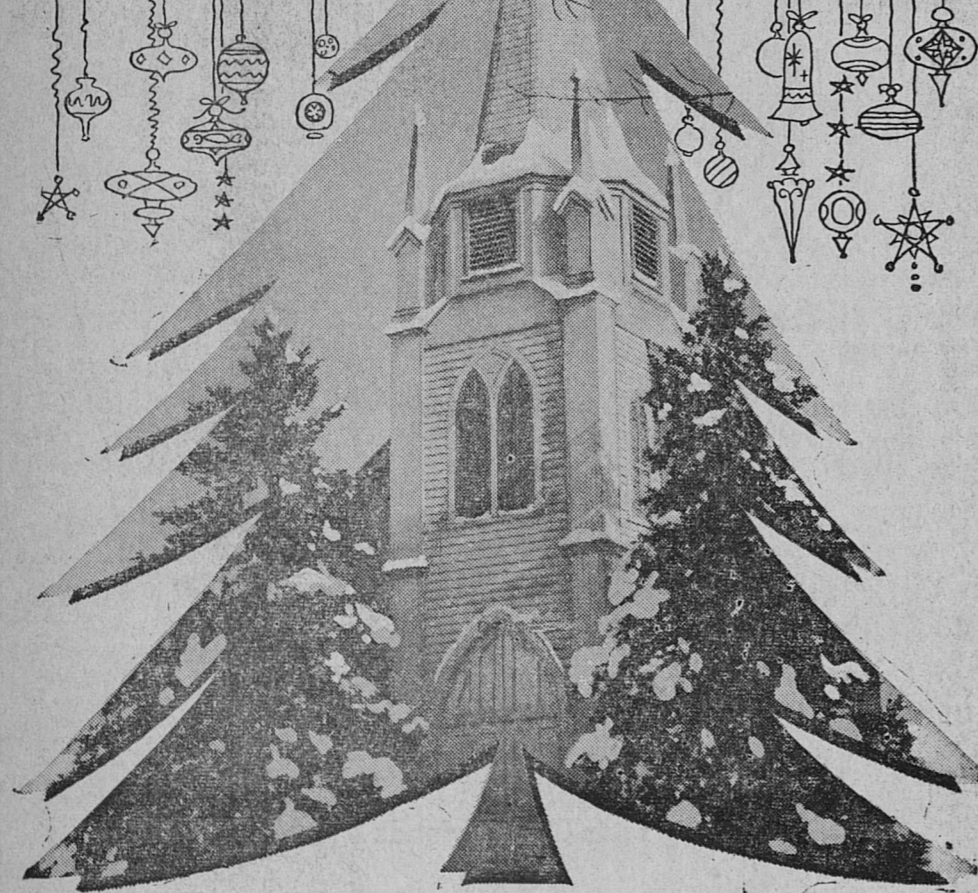


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**MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
Kirby Clinton Theford and Linda Beth Cate.  
James Allen Kasinger and Jo Nell Turner.  
Bernie Rex Long and Trudi Ann Wolf.  
Wilson William Simpson and Thelma Leona Reasoner.

**INSTRUMENTS FILED**  
William Bledsoe, et ux, to United States of America, deed of trust.  
Mrs. Alice Boyd to Evert Boyd, warranty deed.

Estate of Samuel Howard Brock, deceased, to the public, certificate.  
Mrs. Edna Blanton, to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
K. M. Bostick to Cecil Pricke, release of vendors lien.  
John Brownlee, deceased to the public proof of heirship.  
Robert Bailes to Joe Wood, oil and gas lease assignment.  
C. C. Broyles, trustee, to Stamford Federal Savings and Loan Assn., deed of trust.

Howard Brady, et ux, to Vernon Hell, et al, deed of trust.  
Myrtle Crawford to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Mattie Danley, et vir, to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Hilda Denham, et vir, to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Truman Dempsey, et ux, to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Cora Davis to Olden Water Supply Corp., right of way and easement.  
Thelma Edwards, et al, to Olden Water Supply Corp., right of way easement.  
First State Bank, Rising Star, vs. Tom Freeman, abstract of judgment.  
Paul Farrow et ux to Rock-Federa Savings and Loan Assn., Ranger, deed of trust.  
Paul Farrow, et ux, to Rockwell Bros. & Co. to First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Ranger, mechanic v. materialman's lien and assignment.  
E. H. Fisher, et al, to Olden Water Supply Corp., right of way and easement.  
Mrs. R. A. Lillie Green to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
C. W. Gill to Abilene Savings Assn. to Robert Jordan, resignation of trustee and appointment of sub-trustee.  
Lewis Green, et ux, to Ora Roberts, easement.  
Lewis Green Jr, et ux to Ora Roberts, release of vendors lien.  
J. W. Gerhardt, et ux, to the public, homestead affidavit.  
J. W. Gerhardt, et ux, to American-Amicable Life Insurance Co., deed of trust.  
Fred Hazeman, et al, to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
John Hall to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Higginbotham Bros. & Co. to Ottix Lee, et ux, warranty deed.  
Dan Harrison, Jr. to Ranger Oil Field Salvage, assignment of oil and gas lease.  
R. L. Hopson, et ux, to Sam Beggs, et ux, warranty deed.  
Alice Henson to Mrs. Adele Theford, warranty deed.  
Carroll Hogan, et al, to the public, affidavit.  
Jarhe Oil Company, Inc., et al, to First City National Bank Houston, deed of trust.  
O. A. Jordan to United States of America, transfer of vendors lien.  
Troy Johnson to Leona Bagwell, mineral deed.  
Lois Knust, et al, to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Otho Kean to C. R. Brown et ux, warranty deed.  
Norma Logan et vir to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Ottis Lee, et ux, to Higginbotham Bros. & Co., deed of trust.  
Viola Lusk to Everett Blankenship, warranty deed.  
F. J. Lucky to Interstate Builders & Supply, Inc., Fort Worth, mechanic v. materialman's lien.  
Rudolph Lewis, et ux, to Farmers Home Administration, deed of trust.  
L. P. Murphy, et ux to transfer of vendors lien and deed of trust.  
L. P. Murphy to Eastland National Bank, deed of trust.  
Mrs. Ruby Madding to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Mrs. S. H. Maynard, et vir, to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Miss Christine Madding to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
E. E. Madding, et ux, to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Tebbe McCracken to Mrs. Berna Chick warranty deed.  
Miss Lillie McMinn to Olden Water Supply Corp., right of way easement.  
Mrs. Pearl Newman to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Joetta Offield, et vir, to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Olden Independent School District to Olden Water Supply Corp., right of way.  
C. Anthony Peterson, et ux, to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Mrs. Willie Phillips to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
B. H. Peacock, et ux, to Homer Robnison, warranty deed.  
Reynolds Drilling Company, Inc. to First National Bank, Dallas, amendment to deed of trust.  
Birdie Reid to T. E. Jones, warranty deed.  
J.F.A. Schlueter to Jarbe Oil Company, Inc., assignment of oil and gas lease.  
Roy Squyers to B. E. Hanson, warranty deed.  
Eastland County Sheriff to E. P. Wilson, sheriff's deed.  
R. L. Sellers, et ux, to Olden Water Supply Corp. right of way easement.  
Juanita Steddum to Olden Water Supply Corp., right of way easement.  
Floyd Terry, et ux, to Bilhartz Operating Co., Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
Wilbur Duard Turner, et ux, to Town And Country Sales, warranty deed.  
F. V. Tunnell to the public, affidavit.  
United States to Robert Dickerson, et ux, release of deed of trust.  
W. H. Varner, et al, to the public, affidavit.  
Joe Voss to Olden Water Supply Corp., right of way easement.  
Christine Westmoreland, et al, to Bilhartz Operating Company, Inc., extension of oil and gas lease.  
A. V. Westmoreland et al to Troy Johnson, warranty deed.  
A. R. Westfall, Jr., et ux, to S. H. McCallister, et ux, release of vendors lien.  
Mrs. Bertie Wood to E. P. Thomas, oil, gas and mineral lease.

**CAR REGISTRATIONS**  
O. E. Scott, Ford, Cisco.  
Ray Bain, Ford, Cisco.  
W. E. Jenkins, Ford, Cisco.  
R. W. Meglasson, Ford pickup, Cisco.  
A. W. Cartlidge, Chevrolet, Eastland.  
Tri-Service Drilling Co., Chevrolet flat bed, Eastland.  
Jesus Munoz, Jr., Chevrolet pickup, Gorman.  
Lee Roy Cole, Chevrolet pickup, Gorman.  
W. W. Lindley, Chevrolet pickup, Eastland.

Glen Jordan, Allstate motor scooter.  
Nolan DeFord, Ford, Eastland.  
N. T. Gallagher, Ford, Ranger.  
Jack Bedford, Rambler, Eastland.  
J. H. Rushing, Dolores Rushing Miller, Plymouth, Eastland.  
Roy Foerster, Dodge, Fort Worth.  
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Larry Morrow, GMC pickup, Eastland.  
H. F. Rice, Ford, Carbon.  
Cole White, Ford, Eastland.  
Roy Cozart, Buick, Cisco.  
J. M. Yancey, Plymouth, Ranger.  
F. N. Sayre, Chevrolet, Eastland.  
Guy McPherson, Chevrolet, Gorman.  
H. S. Foster, Chevrolet pickup, Gorman.  
James Williams, Jr. Ford, Eastland.  
C. B. West, Chevrolet, Eastland.  
PRESS Bowling  
Quince Davidson, Jr., Chevrolet, Cisco.  
Bob Carlton, Chevrolet, Cisco.  
Mrs. Tiny Johnson, Chevrolet, Cisco.  
Tommy Bacon, Chevrolet pickup, Cisco.  
Clara Meek, Chevrolet, Cisco.  
Robert Tuley, Chevrolet, sport coupe, Cisco.  
K. E. Mitchell, Chevrolet sport coupe, Dallas.  
R. E. Newman, Chevrolet, Cisco.  
West Texas Produce Co., Chevrolet, Cisco.  
Lone Star Producing Co., Chevrolet, Eastland.  
Otis Sharp, Ford, pickup, Desdemona.  
Kenneth Parrigan, Ford, Eastland.  
Francis Brooks, Chevrolet, Eastland.  
J. R. Hargrove, Chevrolet pickup, Eastland.  
J. C. Hale, Pontiac, Eastland.  
Homer Boyd, Chevrolet, Eastland.  
Frank Patterson, Cadillac, Eastland.  
B. W. Cagle, GMC Cattle truck, Eastland.  
J. B. Murphree, Ford pickup, Eastland.  
Aubrey Fox, Plymouth, Eastland.  
L. F. Brawley, Chevrolet pickup, Eastland.  
Elon Campbell, Chevrolet, Eastland.  
W. A. Boyett, Chevrolet sport coupe, Ranger.  
A. T. Barron, Chevrolet pickup, Ranger.  
W. H. Cooper, Ford pickup, Eastland.  
Mike Tomlin, Ford pickup, Eastland.  
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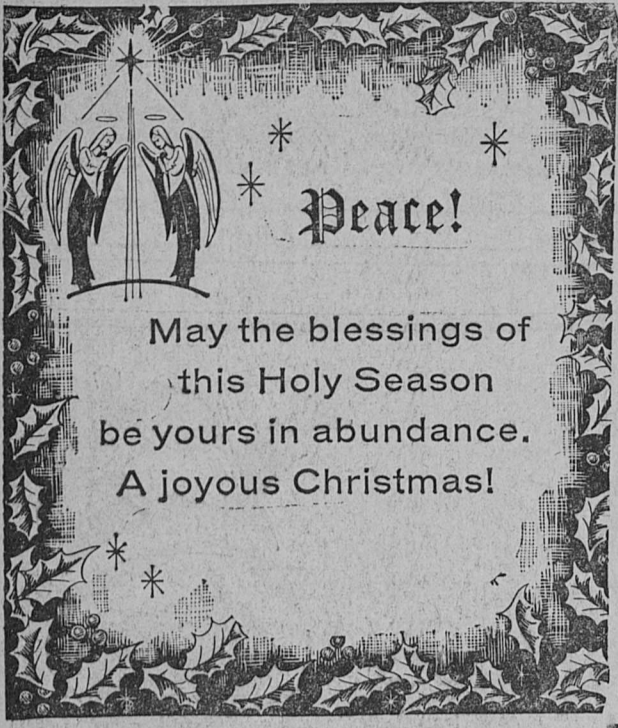
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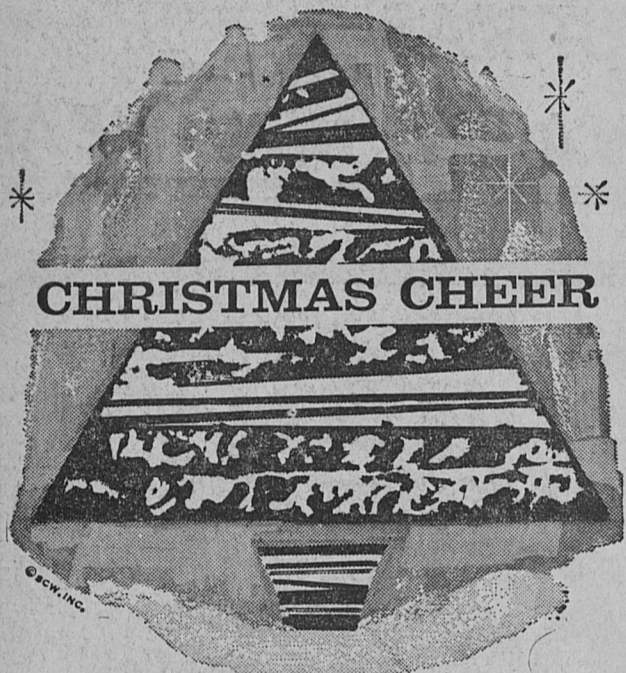
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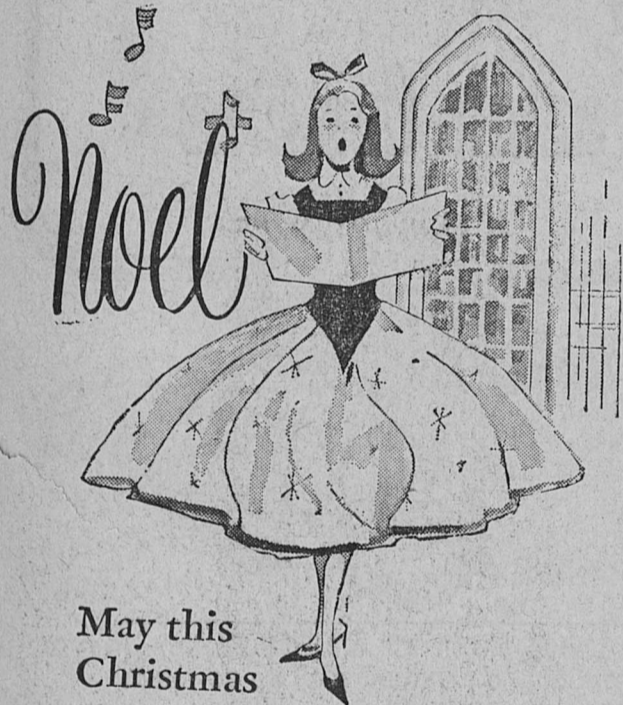
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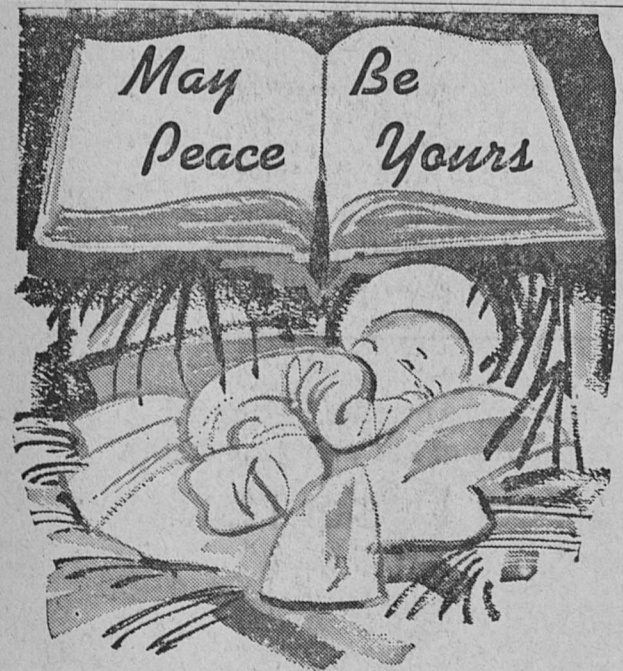


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**'LADIES NIGHT' IS OBSERVED BY RANGER LIONS THURSDAY**

Ranger Lions observed "Ladies Night" with a banquet in the Club Room of the Paramount Hotel on Thursday, Dec. 16.

Following the prayer of thanks by Lion Ray Elliott, the delicious menu of green salad, turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, turnips, candied yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, cherry cobbler, and coffee was served at tables decorated with red runners, greenery, red berries, and candles.

Lion Ernen Haby was Master of Ceremonies. He recognized officers and directors who, in turn, introduced their wives. Program Chairman, Lion A. B. Halbert introduced Lion Kenneth Alford who directed the choir of Ranger Junior College in a program of Christmas music. Soloists were Carol Stubblefield, Sherill Mays, and Dorothy Reynolds.

Approximately 75 persons were in attendance.

**RANGER ROTARIANS HONOR WIVES AT LONE CEDAR CLUB**

Ranger Rotarians honored their wives with a "Ladies Night" banquet at Lone Cedar Country Club on Thursday evening, Dec. 16.

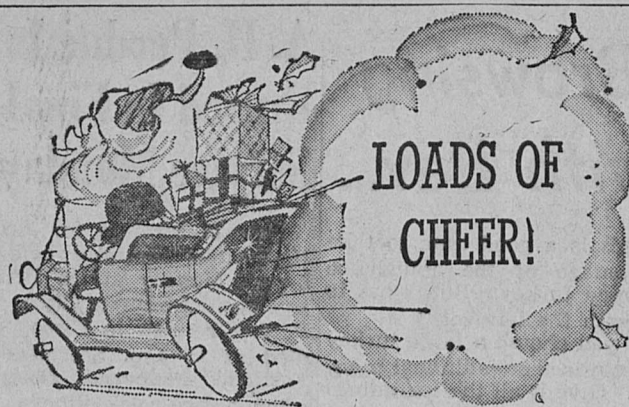
Jesse Weaver offered the prayer of thanks for the delicious meal of filets, baked potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls, pie and coffee, served by candlelight at tables artistically decorated in the seasonal theme. Please settings for guests were marked by Christmas corsages.

Program Chairman Herman Cupp introduced the speaker

of the evening, Charles Hamilton of Weatherford, noted comedian, gave a humorous address which kept the audience laughing throughout the evening.

The Club reports 100 per cent attendance of members for this delightful affair.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Purl Hunt on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mayer and daughter of Los Angeles, Cali. The Mayers were enroute to Houston to visit with the Clint Taylor family.



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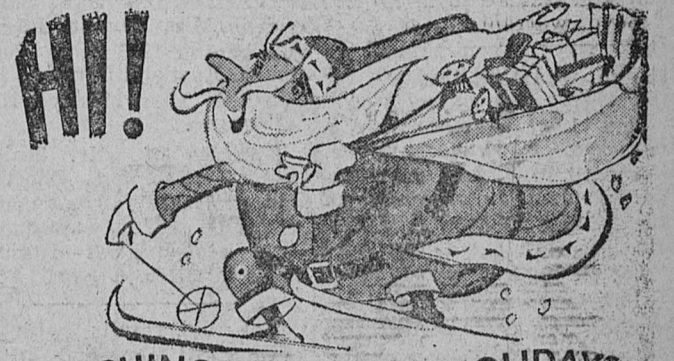
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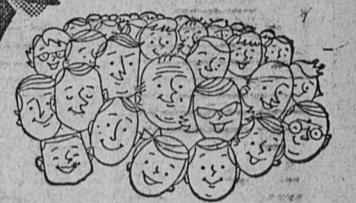
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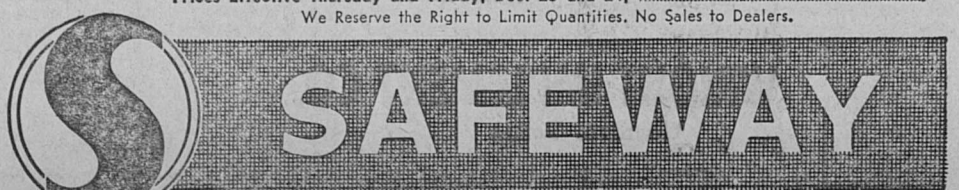
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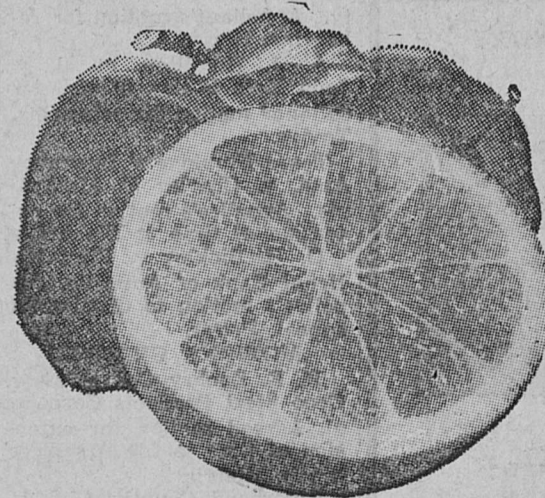
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## Eastland County Pecan Champ Takes a First in State Show

At the 1965 State Pecan Show Thursday at Texas A&M University, C. E. Smith of Rising Star trapped a first-place win among the 1,027 entries.

Mr. Smith, who won the over-all championship of the Eastland County Pecan Show in Cisco Dec. 10-11, won first place in the Perique variety at the state exhibit, sponsored by A&M and the Texas Pecan Growers Association.

Over-all champ at the state show was Nelson Hander of Belton, who took the title for the fourth consecutive year. The 1,027 entries with a minimum of 25 nuts each was a record high, said show superintendent J. B. Storey of the A&M horticulture section. He said the event was the "world's biggest" pecan show.

Pecans were judged in weight, per cent kernel, size, hollowness and taste.

Ellis Cooper of Ranger exhibited the champion in-shell variety, the Comanche. The top four counties that led in points were Bell with 270 points; San Saba, 235; Brown 190; and Comanche, 124.

The county with the most points usually names its queen to the State Pecan Queen title. However, since Bell won last year and cannot have the privilege in two consecutive years, San Saba's queen, Miss Connie Bagley, will be the 1966 State Pecan Queen. Eastland County's 1966 Queen is Miss Marilyn Nash of Ranger.

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For a basic Turkey Salad, combine 4 cups each of diced cooked turkey and crisp celery with 2 cups mayonnaise or salad dressing. Season to taste with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Refrigerate and use as a salad, or as a sandwich filling.

And try these variations: For Turkey-Almond Salad, add up to 1 cup slivered almonds to basic salad just before serving. This last-minute addition keeps the almonds crunchy-crisp.

Turkey-Avocado: Add 1 cup diced avocados to basic salad mixture, then mix to blend and chill.

Turkey-Egg: Add 4 chopped hard-cooked eggs, 2 tablespoons each of minced onion and finely chopped pimiento and 1/4 cup chopped green pepper to basic salad; mix to blend and chill.

Turkey-Ham: Use 3 cups dice dturkey and 1 cup diced cooked ham in basic salad; mix to blend and chill.

Turkey-Ripe Olives: Add 1/2 cup ripe olive quarters to basic salad, then mix to blend and serve.

Turkey-Pineapple: Add 1/2 cup diced pineapple to basic salad; mix to blend and chill.

### COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District of Texas:

#### AFFIRMED

Claborn Newsom, et al, v. Mrs. Bessie Newsom, et al. Opinion by Judge Collings, Brown.

Jerome Smiser v. Petroleum Refining Company, et al. Opinion by Judge Walter, Taylor.

Hilliard Gonzales, et al, v. Farmers Insurance Exchange. Opinion by Judge Walter, Harris.

Ed Eisemann v. Ike Emmmons, et ux. Opinion by Judge Collings, Harris.

#### APPEALS DISMISSED

Berthold H. Beltz v. Jane D. Beltz. Opinion by Judge Collings, Harris.

O. H. Bickley v. First National Bank of Amarillo. Opinion by Judge Walter, Potter.

#### MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Houston Typographical Union No. 87 v. Houston Chronicle Publishing Company, et al. Appellees' motion for rehearing, Harris.

Vanita Harbord v. Leonidas Harbord. Appellee's motion for rehearing, Harris.

H. B. Zachry Company, et al, v. Ceco Steel Products Corp., et al. Agreed motion for extension of time to file appellees' briefs, Harris.

Riverbend Country Club v. Chambers A. Patterson. Appellant's motion for additional time to prepare and file argument in support of motion for rehearing, Fort Bend.

Wayne Edward Crow v. Maurice Vincent, et al. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file briefs, Chambers.

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Wayne Edward Crow v. Maurice Vincent, et al. Appellant's motion for rehearing, Chambers.

National Union Fire Insurance Company v. Canadian Fire Insurance Co., Appellant's motion for rehearing, Harris.

Guadalupe Hernandez v. Texas Dept. of Public Safety. Appellant's motion for rehearing, Harris.

A. J. Hamilton, et al, v. Lela Kate Butler, et vir. Appellants' motion for rehearing, Taylor.

Texas Employers' Insurance Assn. v. Charles F. McMannis. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file briefs,

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## A. H. Perdue Is Buried In Final Service Monday

Funeral services for Arren H. Perdue, 69, were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Primitive Baptist Church, Cisco. Mr. Perdue resided in Cisco, and died at 11 a.m. Saturday in Eastland Memorial Hospital after a two-week illness.

Officiating at the funeral were the Elder A. E. Richards, church pastor, and the Elder C. L. Casey, former pastor. The retired farmer was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Rust Funeral Home supervised.

The six pallbearers were John Prickett, Othell Reeves, James Parten, Wayman Johnson, James McCracken, all of Cisco, and Norman Chancellor of Carbon.

Mr. Perdue moved here 65 years ago from Alabama where he was born in Lee County July 3, 1896. He married Artie Coombs Oct. 18, 1925, in Blake, Tex.

Survivors include his widow two daughters, Mrs. Dicie Fonville of Eastland and Mrs. Maudie Fay Stephenson of Brownfield; one son, Marvin H. of Greenview, Calif.; two brothers, M. L. of Cisco and D. B. of Eastland; a sister, Mrs. Reba Steffey of Cisco; and nine grandchildren.

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June 30, 1965, shortly before his 80th birthday. The Paschalls plan to spend a quiet day in their home, 341 Wayland Rd. Ill health now prevents the activities they have always enjoyed. They appreciate visits from their many friends.

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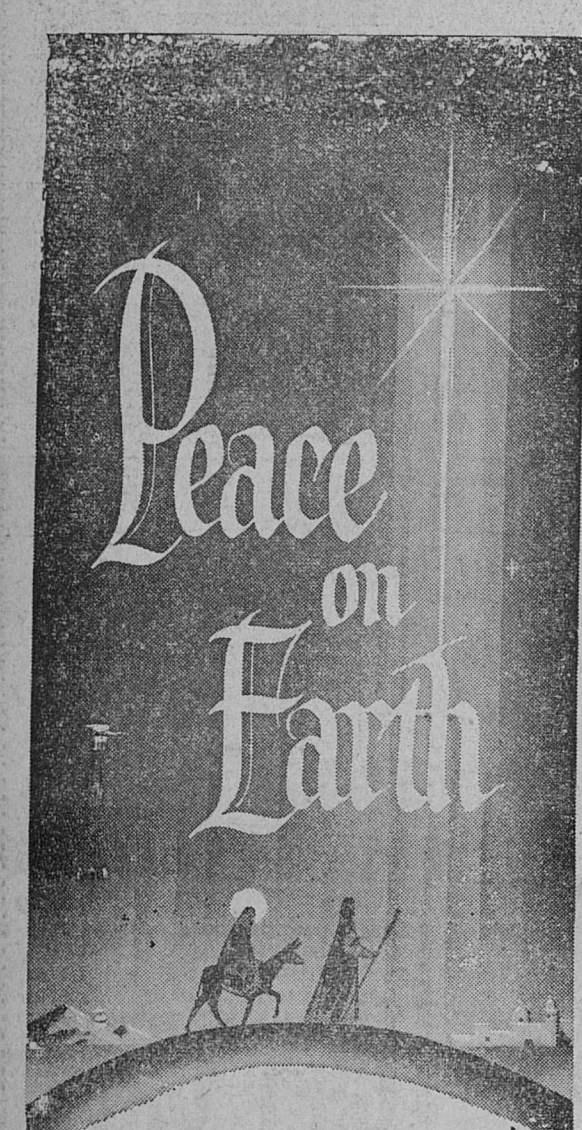
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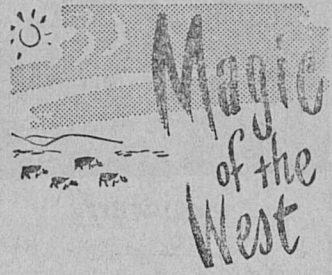
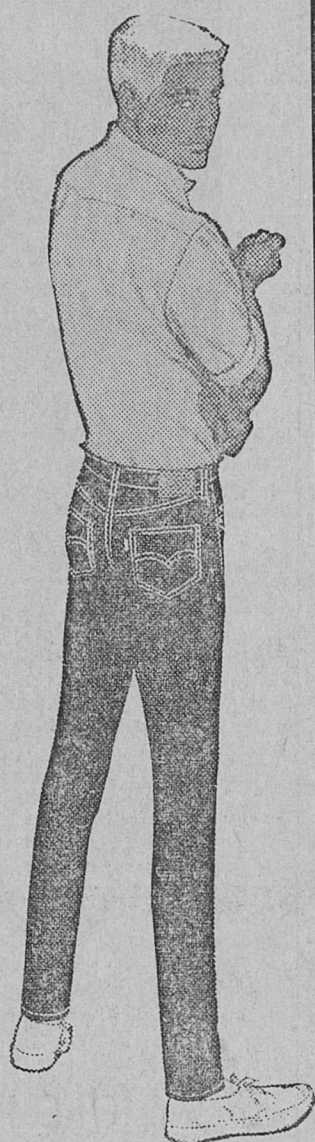


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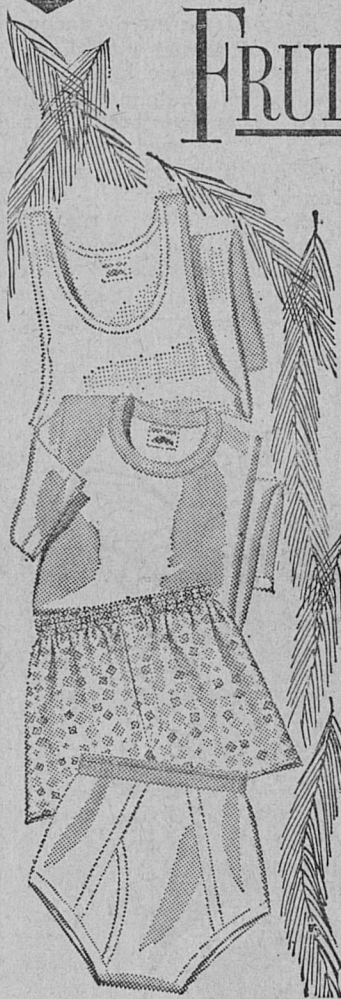
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**SANTA ROBBERY**  
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Santa and his two remaining henchmen eluded capture until two days after Christmas, notwithstanding the pursuit on horseback of a 50-man posse and even an aerial search rigged by Texas Rangers Tom Hickman and Manuel "Lone Wolf" Gonzuelas—the first airborne manhunt in Texas history. In the process, the trio stole two more cars and kidnapped another hostage, a farm youth named Carl Wylie.

They released Wylie in a town they identified as "Brackenridge" and warned him not to go to the police. He went immediately to the police. As it turned out, it was the police of Cisco. Santa Claus and his gang had come full circle. And to the end of their rope, more or less.

Alerted by telephone, Sheriff Jim Foster of Young County halted Santa Claus and his newly stolen roadster outside South Bend a half-hour later. All occupants bolted across the chapparal, bullets in their wake. One man fell. The other two vanished into a motte of cedars.

The fallen man? Santa Claus.

Deputy Si Bradford identified him more positively. Real name: Marshall Ratliff—the only one among the gang who had resided in Cisco and, obviously, the only one who needed a disguise to avoid recognition by fellow townspeople. (Ratliff and his brother, Lee, had served time for a previous bank stickup at Valera.)

Ratliff, arrested unconscious, was armed with six automatics, a Bowie knife, a double-barrel shotgun and three full cartridge belts. Bradford observed laconically "Good thing he comes just once a year."

Santa's two remaining henchmen were picked up without a struggle in Graham two days later. One of them,

Henry Helms, was executed for murder on September 3, 1929. The other holdup man, only 21, drew a life sentence. Paroled in 1950, he was living an honest life in a West Texas city as late as last winter.

Marshall Ratliff, alias Santa Claus, stood trial twice after recovering from his minor wounds. The first jury gave him life for armed robbery. The second gave him the electric chair for the murder of Chief Bedford. But Santa was sharp. He faked insanity (in Texas an insane man may not be executed) and was transferred from Huntsville's Death Row back to Eastland County Jail pending a sanity hearing.

He put on a most convincing performance, lying constantly in a seeming trance and refusing food, until one night the aged jailer, "Uncle Tom" Jones, forgetfully left the cell door open. The oversight cost him his life. For Ratliff sneaked to the jail office, commandeered a pistol from the old man's desk, and moments later shot him three times in the stomach a tclose range.

But a guard named E. P. Kilborn heard the ruckus, rushed the prisoner, belted him good, and wrested the .38 from his hand. All vegetable again, Ratliff slumped to the floor and whined, "Don't kill me. Please don't kill me." Disgusted, Kilborn slammed the prisoner into a cell.

Uncle Tom was removed to the city hospital to die, which he did a few days later. As his condition grew increasingly critical next day, a mob began to grow. At 8 p.m. on the night of November 19, 1929, the crowd barricaded streets leading to the jail. An hour later the mob had grown to fully 1,500 men—and a modicum of females. Men and women alike shrieked for immediate action.

And action they got. Despite his strenuous protestations, the mob rushed Kilborn and wrenched the jail keys from him. Ten men streaked inside, through the office, through Kilborn's apartment, and up the stairs to Ratliff's cell. Ratliff was covering naked, a resumption of his insanity act. It didn't work this time. Struggling and blubbing for mercy, his nude hulk was hauled downstairs into the savage mob.

A mass of men closed about the prisoner. One of them flung a gunny sack about his head. Another flipped a loop about his neck, and the loose rope over a guy-wire connecting two telephone poles on a vacant lot across the street from the jail. A hundred hands grasped the rope, tugged mightily.

And the rope broke. A moment's reprieve only. For hands quickly knotted the rope, stretched it taut once more, and this time it held. Marshall Ratliff was stretched by his neck 15 feet into the air. His body swung there for 20 minutes in the chill wind, a grotesque apparition in the light of a full November moon.

County Judge Clyde Garrett arrived and ordered the body cut down. Next month at his behest a grand jury called an investigation, but shortly called it off for "lack of evidence" against any specific individuals. No charges were ever filed in the lynching.

The First National Bank still operates in Cisco and commemorates the bizarre events of 1927 with a heroic mural overlooking its modern lobby. Central in the painting, which depicts also such West Texas wonders as oilfields and sweeps of cattle lands, is the figure of Santa Claus. He holds a pistol and there is nothing in the least jolly about him.

Yes, Virginia. There was a Santa Claus. And there still may be. But now when he appears, even legitimately and in good will, on the streets of Cisco, folks are inclined to get uneasy. It makes, you might say, for a wary Christmas.



FRED WHITE

**Fred White Is Graduated From Palmer College**

Frederick E. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton White of Route 2, graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, on Dec. 16 with the degree of doctor of chiropractic. His parents attended graduation services.

Dr. White is a 1960 graduate of Cisco High School and graduated from Cisco Junior College in 1962. He plans to practice in Abilene as an associate of Dr. James Wolfe.

While at Palmer College, Dr. White was a member of Delta Sigma Chi Fraternity, Chairman of the Board of Directors, manager of Fraternity Note Service, and recipient of Outstanding Undergraduate Award in 1964. He received the Delta Sigma Chi certificate of merit and certificate of Outstanding Leadership from the Student Council.

**Marine Flemings Completes Basic**

Marine Private Billy W. Flemings, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Flemings of 700 N. Seaman, Eastland was graduated Nov. 19, from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

During his eight weeks of recruit training under veteran noncommissioned officer Drill Instructors, he learned small arms marksmanship, bayonet fighting, and methods of self-protection, as well as receiving instruction in military drill history and traditions of the Marine Corps, and other academic subjects.

He has been assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif. for four weeks of individual combat training and four weeks of basic specialist training in his military occupational field.

**Bowling**

The Thursday morning Ladies Bowling League reported its scores for Dec. 16 as follows:

TEAM STANDING			
Team	W	L	Pins
Pin Ups	66	22	11484
Pin Shakers	63	25	12232
Sleepers	54	34	12265
Pin Flippers	49	39	11785
Alley Cats	36	52	11600
Trailers	33	55	11602
Gutter Dusters	33	55	11524
Scorpions	18	70	10323
High Team Three Games			
Alley Cats			1150
Pin Shakers			1136
Pin Ups			1132
High Individual Three Games			
Modell Gann			524
Lou Dell Bryan			464
Emma McBride			462
High Team Game			
Pin Shakers			412
Alley Cats			400
Scorpions			395
High Individual Game			
Lou Dell Bryan			187
Modell Gann			180
Ola Robinson			277



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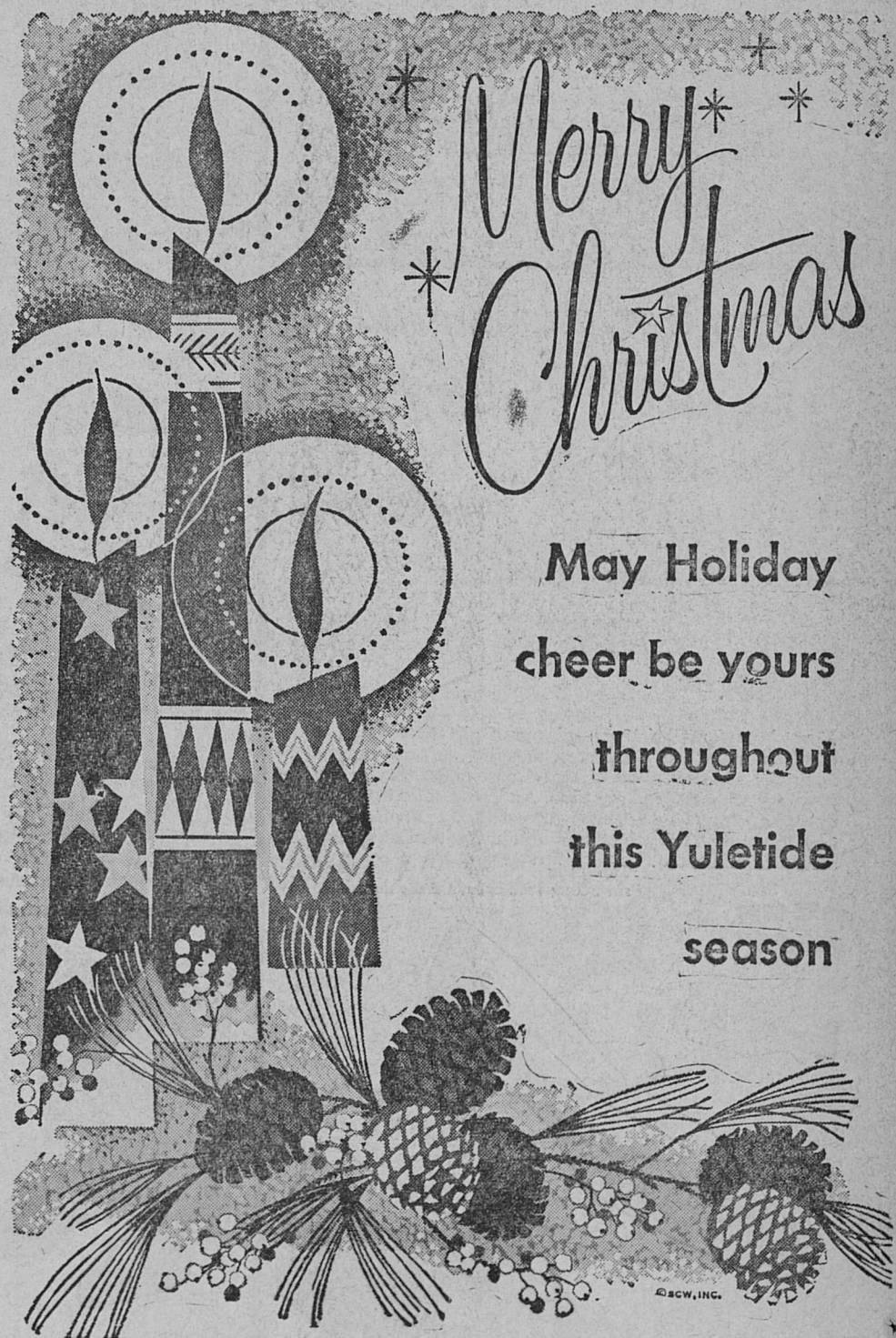
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# 110 Persons Are Expected To Die In Accidents On Highways

AUSTIN — Past experience of the Texas Department of Public Safety indicates some 110 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the 10-day Christmas-New Year's holiday period, it was reported today by Col. Homer Garrison, Director

of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Garrison said in addition to the grim traffic death projection made by DPS Statistics, it is also estimated that there will be 43 homicides and suicides and 42 deaths from accidents other than traffic, for a total violent death toll of 195.

"We would like to appeal once again to the driving public to join us in an all-out effort to cut down on this terrible toll, particularly in traffic where observance of traffic laws and rules of safety can actually do something about it," the DPS director said.

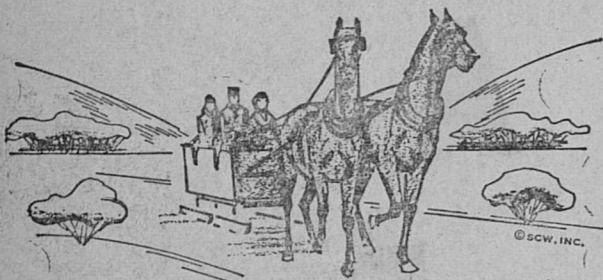
In an effort to call attention to the dangers involved in holiday travel, the DPS will conduct its annual "Operation Deathwatch" during the 10-day period. From 2:01 a. m. December 24 (Christmas Eve) through 11:59 p. m. January 2, violent deaths will be tabulated and the totals announced three times daily from the Department headquarters in Austin.

"We will also have every available patrolman on duty," Garrison said. "These men are on the road to protect and serve the citizens of this state. In addition to the highway patrol, there will be some 150 extra patrolmen from other DPS uniformed services on duty."

During last year's Christmas-New Year's holiday period, a total of 223 persons died violently. Of these, 128 were killed in traffic.

This year's estimate of 110 holiday road deaths means an average of 11 per day, which is considerably greater than the normal daily average of traffic deaths, Garrison noted.

In addition to the DPS effort to hold down the toll, several other organizations and state agencies are cooperating in an effort to focus attention on the need for safe driving practices. Among these are the Texas Safety Association, the Texas Highway Department, the Texas Motor Transportation Association, and the Texas Broadcasters Association.



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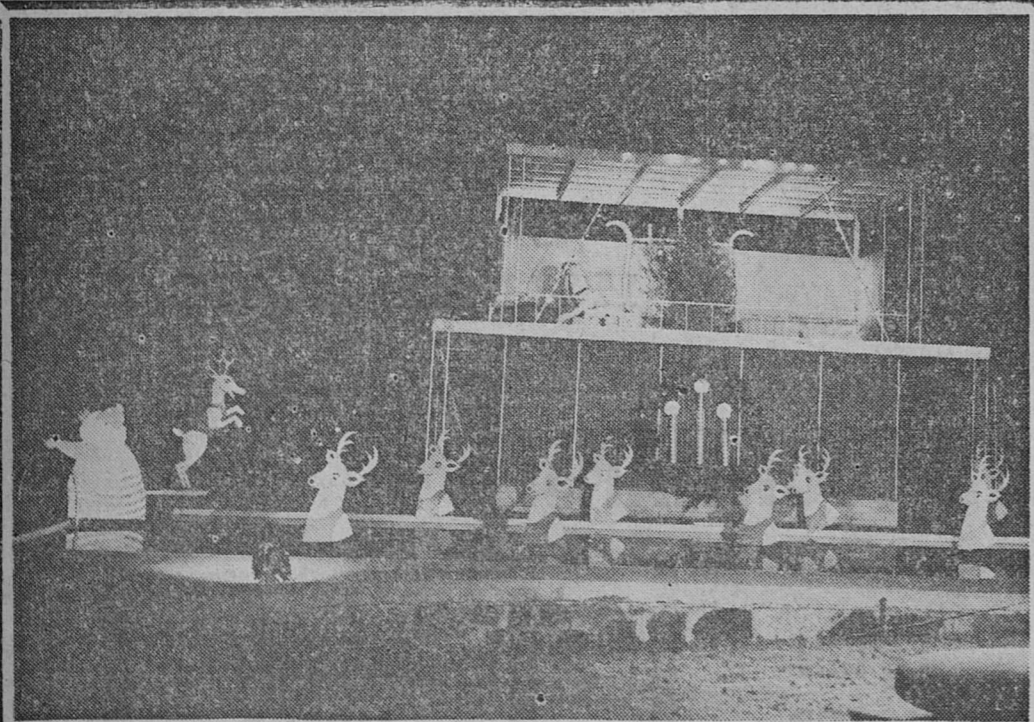


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## MEDICARE Questions & Answers

Q. I am not drawing social security but I am 66 years old. When can I sign up for Medicare?

A. For people who will be 65 by January 1, 1966, the enrollment period is in effect right now. Although, those 65 and over, drawing monthly social security, railroad retirement, or civil service checks are being contacted by mail; others 65 and over should contact their social security office now; old-age assistance recipients should delay such contacts until requested to do so.

Q. I am 65 but still employed full-time in a job covered by social security. What do I need to do to enroll for Health Insurance Benefits?

A. Visit your local social security office. You must file an application for regular social security and at that time you will be assisted in enrolling for the complete Health Insurance coverage. Take with you some old document to prove your age or date of birth. Establishing your eligibility for social security is necessary in this case even though you are not retired and will not actually start receiving monthly checks.

Q. I am not receiving social security, railroad retirement, or civil service retirement as mentioned in your column. Recently I had a stroke which confines me to my home. I am 66 and would like to enroll for the Health Insurance Plan. How may I enroll if I'm unable to come to your office?

A. We will send a person to visit you at your home and enroll you in the plan. The enrollment period is on now and all persons 65 and over need to take action promptly concerning enrollment.

Q. I am a retired school teacher, 67 years old. I have never worked under social security. Can I receive any benefits under Medicare?

A. You can qualify for the hospital insurance benefits by filing an application. Also, you are eligible to elect to take part in the medical insurance benefit plan. You should check with your social security office promptly and bring with you some proof of your age or date of birth.

Q. I am past age 65 but I do not receive benefits from social security or any other source. I understand that I may be eligible for the new hospitalization insurance and medical insurance programs

under social security. Is that true?

A. Yes, provided you are a citizen of the United States or an alien who was lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence and have resided in the United States for at least five years. Contact your local social security office immediately to come under the program. Be sure to bring proof of your age and proof of your citizenship if you were not born in the United States.

Q. Is my 63 year old mother, who receives wife's benefits, eligible for hospital insurance benefits?

A. No. Hospital insurance benefits start at 65.

Q. How will the financing of the supplementary medical insurance work?

People enrolling in the medical insurance benefit program will pay a \$3 monthly premium, which is matched by the Federal government. These premium payments will be placed in a separate supplementary medical insurance trust fund and the money will be used only for medical insurance benefit payments.

Q. Recently I received an application card for enrollment in the supplementary medical insurance program. At this time I am undecided. How long do I have to make up my mind?

A. For those people 65 before 1966 to become eligible for medical benefits in July, 1966, they must enroll no later than March 31, 1966.

Q. When will the nursing home care part of the hospital insurance program begin?

A. Benefits for nursing home care begin January 1967. Nursing home benefits are primarily intended to help during convalescent periods for post-hospital patients and not for permanent custodial residents. Qualified nursing homes — termed "extended care facilities" in the law, will have a working agreement with hospitals for transfer of patients and medical data.

Q. I am 67 and receive a widow's benefits. Will this qualify me for hospital insurance benefits?

A. Yes. You qualify as a beneficiary who is at least 65. It makes no difference whether you get payments as a retired worker, wife, or widow.

Q. I have been getting disability benefits for 3 years.

## Caroling At Christmas Time Dates Back To Rome During 5th Century

Christmas caroling is almost as old as Christmas itself — though not in the form we know it.

An early historian wrote that in the Second Century the bishop of Rome urged his people to sing "in celebration of our Lord." Christmas hymns go back to the Fifth Century, when most of them were written in Latin.

St. Francis of Assisi is regarded as the father of caroling as we know it, according to World Book Encyclopedia. In 1223, St. Francis placed a creche (miniature Nativity scene), in a hermitage in greccio, Italy.

After this many churches began displaying a Nativity scene at Christmas, and soon the people began acting out the Christmas story. The actors composed carols to sing with their Nativity plays and after the plays they would stroll down the street, singing. In that way, street caroling was born.

Joseph Mohr, a pastor in Oberndorf, Austria, composed "Stille Nacht," or "Silent Night," on Christmas Eve, 1818. Franz Gruber, the local schoolmaster and organist, composed the music the same day, and the hymn was sung for the first time at Midnight Mass that night.

Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, wrote "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!" in 1739. Jhillip Brooks, a noted Boston clergyman wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem" in 1868 after visiting Bethlehem. Though not a carol, Handel's noble "Messiah" is a Christmas tradition. It first was performed in Dublin in 1742. "Joy to the World," written in the early 18th Century by Isaac Watts, was set to the music of a sermon of the "Messiah." "While Shepherd Watched Their Flocks by Night," written in 1703 by

Nahum Tate, was set to music taken from "Siroe," an opera by Handel.

No one knows who wrote "The First Noel." It first appeared in print in 1833 in a book called "Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern," and is believed to be very old.

The author of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," also is unknown, but he lived before Shakespeare.

So if you should go caroling this Christmas season, think of other carolers of years gone by, of the people of Charles Dickens' time in their beaver hats and cutaway coats, of English villagers in hose and jerkin, of good St. Francis, and of the priests of the time of the Christian Roman Empire who, before caroling as we know it existed, sang "in celebration of our Lord."

### SOCIAL IS PLANNED

A social for members of Lone Cedar Country Club will be held at 7 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 23, according to an announcement by President W. H. Marslander. There will be a buffet featuring fried chicken and roast beef, the announcement said. Regular prices will be charged for the buffet.

### ANGUS BULLS SOLD

Sutton P. Crofts, Cisco, recently sold two Aberdeen-Angus bulls to Ewing Baker, Jr., Eastland, Texas.



Do I qualify for hospital insurance benefits under the new law?

A. No. You must be at least 65 years old.

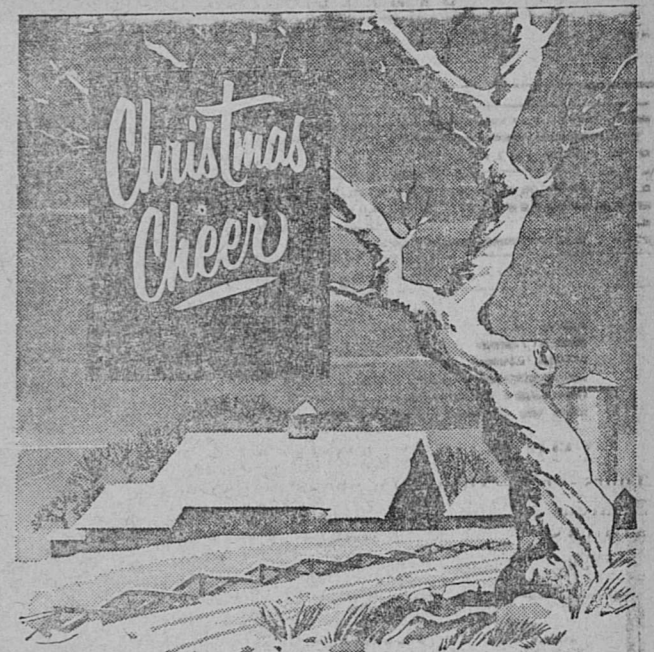
Q. I am a retired worker, age 66. My wife receives a reduced benefit since she is only 63. Can we both qualify for health insurance benefits? A. Only you can qualify. Your wife must wait until she is 65.

Q. I will be 65 in November of next year. Will I be able to qualify for hospital insurance benefits when it starts in July, 1966?

A. No. You cannot qualify until you are 65, which will not be until November, 1966. You should enroll in August or September, 1966.

Q. I am over 65 and still working full-time so I have never applied for social security retirement benefits. Do I need to do anything to qualify for the hospital insurance benefits?

A. Yes. You should apply for your social security benefits now. When you apply, you establish your eligibility for hospital insurance benefits.



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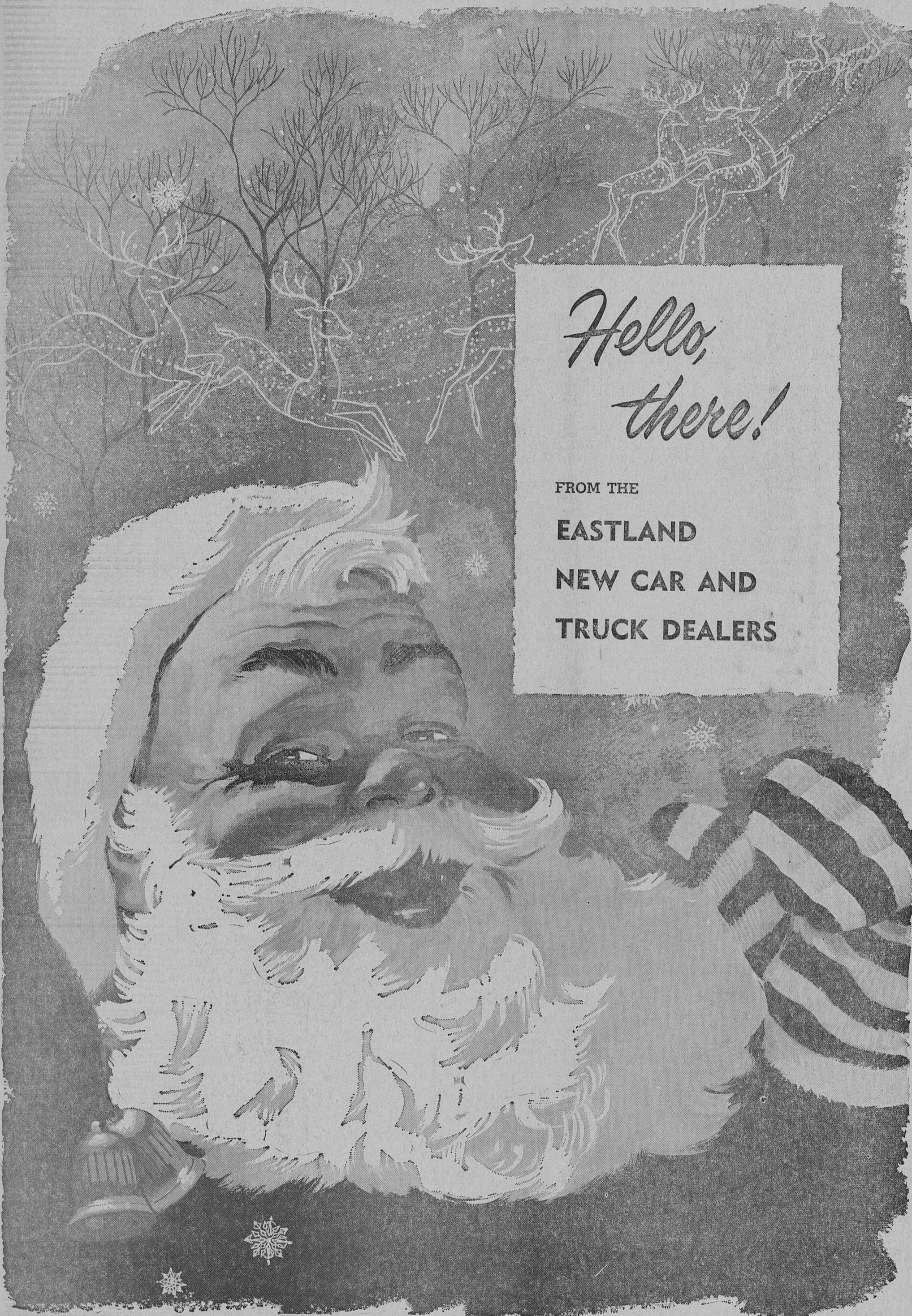
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