

# Joy to the World



## The Devil's River News



SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR Devil's River News-Sonora, Texas, Thursday, December 21, 1961 THIRTEENTH WEEK

### Sonora Churches Observe Christmas With Special Services And Programs

St. Ann's Catholic Church will observe the tradition of the "Posada" or the bringing in of the Christ Child and the singing of Christmas carols at 11:30 Sunday night. This will be followed by midnight mass, according to Father Cyril Hermann, parish priest.

St. John's Episcopal Church will have several services during Christmastide, according to the Rev. Alanson Brown, rector. The schedule calls for Morning Prayer and sermon at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, December 24 and the first Eucharist of Christmas and sermon at 9:30 on Christmas Eve.

Monday the church will observe Christmas Day with Communion at 10:00 a.m.; Tuesday, the feast of St. Stephen, communion at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, the feast of St. John, communion at 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday, the feast of the Holy Innocents, communion at 9:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church Sunday School and worship services will be held at the customary hours at the First Baptist Church, according to the Rev. Alvin Loiry, minister. No evening worship is scheduled.

First Methodist Church Regular Sunday School and morning worship will be held at the First Methodist Church, the Rev. Doyle W. Morton, pastor, reports. The evening worship will be a come and go communion service from seven until eight o'clock Christmas Eve.

The church's Christmas program, under the direction of John R. Tedford, Jr. was held Sunday evening, December 17. "The Starlight Path", a Christmas drama with music was presented by the adult choir, the Metho-

dist Youth Fellowship, the kindergarten, primary and junior departments of the Sunday School.

Church Good Shepherd Regular Sunday School and worship service hours will be observed Sunday morning, December 24, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Rev. Allan Guthrie, pastor, reports.

The traditional candle lighting service was held at the church on Wednesday evening, December 20. It was followed by a fellowship hour with Santa Claus paying a visit to the smaller children. Older children exchanged gifts and adults exchanged "white elephants".

Church of Christ The regular hours for Sunday School and morning and evening worship will be observed by the Church of Christ, Mr. Clifford Fehl, minister, on Sunday, December 24.

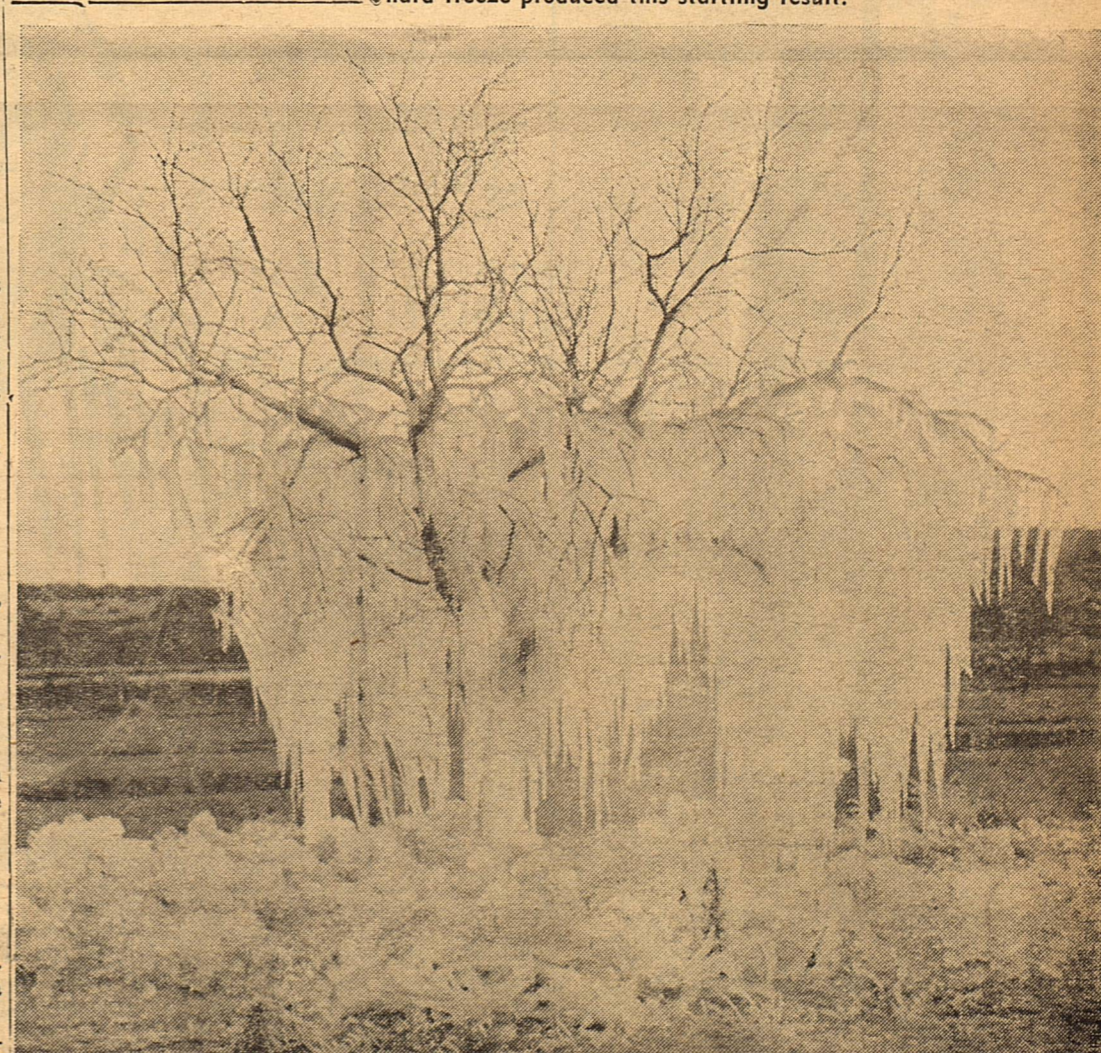
Members of the church and guests will have a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard on Thursday evening, December 21.

Hope Lutheran Church A special Christmas program will be presented by the children of Hope Lutheran Church at ten o'clock, Sunday morning, December 24, according to the Rev. Wm. Petzke, pastor. Regular services will follow.

Sunday, December 31, Sunday School and Bible classes will be held at 9:30 and morning worship at 10:30. All services will be held at the Sonora Woman's Club.

First Mexican Baptist Church The Rev. Pedro Jalife, pastor

The nearest thing Sutton County may see to a white Christmas this year was this scene at the Sonora Golf Course last week. Water sprinklers were left on overnight and during the night a hard freeze produced this startling result.



### Central Elementary Students Present Christmas Programs Tuesday, Wednesday

Students at Central Elementary School presented two Christmas programs this week. Tuesday morning students from the first four grades presented a program of Christmas songs, dances and choral reading. Teachers in charge of the program were Mrs. Alanson Brown, Mrs. Autrey Bridges, Mrs. Alvin Loiry, Mrs. W. T. Hardy, Mrs. Margaret Green, Mrs. Clyde Greer, Mrs. James N. Stewart and Mrs. Doyle W. Morgan.

Wednesday morning's program, a Christmas play, was presented by members of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades and the kindergarten. Entitled "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas To Night", the play featured costumed children portraying Christmas observances throughout the world and the choral group sang Christmas carols from the nations represented. In charge of the play were Mrs. Ruth E. White, Mrs. J. L. Steed, Mrs. Andrew Moore and Luther Walker.

### Community Welfare Council Distributing Christmas Baskets To Needy Families

The Sonora Welfare Council is again providing baskets of food to needy families in Sonora. Christmas baskets were distributed to 21 families last year. Toys collected by the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, and repaired by Mrs. John A. Martin, Jr. will also be distributed. Clothes, venison and other staple groceries are distributed by the Council throughout the year as needed. The Christmas baskets are given as an expression of community goodwill to

needy families who might otherwise have a slim Christmas. Needy families are selected by local Ministers, after consultation with school officials, doctors and others. The other primary phase of local Welfare Council work includes aid to transients, for food, gasoline or lodging. This service, administered by Sheriff Herman Moore's office for the Council, provides immediate aid to worthy applicants, and prevents solicitation of aid from merchants and

### Funeral Services For J. M. Merriman Held Here Saturday Afternoon, Dec. 16

two daughters Mrs. Wanda Burrow and Mrs. Louise Voigt, both of Midland; two sisters, Mrs. Earl Binion of Corona, New



Mexico, and Mrs. Lee Binion of San Angelo; two brothers, O. E. Merriman and Louis A. Merriman, both of Sonora, and four grandchildren. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery under direction of Ratliff-Kerbow Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Louie Train-

er, J. M. VanderStucken, Nelson Stubblefield, Arthur Carroll, Wess Hill, Jack Mackey, Joe Hull and Jack Drennan. Funeral services for Jason Montgomery (Mont) Merriman, 62, were held Saturday afternoon, December 16, at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Doyle W. Morton, pastor officiating. Merriman died at his home here Friday morning, December 15, after an illness of several months.

Merriman was born February 21, 1899 in Shackleford County and came to Sonora in 1920 from San Angelo. He was owner and operator of the Sonora Taxi Company for ten years. He sold his business two months ago to his son, Rex Merriman, when his health forced his retirement. Prior to being in the taxi business he had owned a Magnolia Service Station here and had been a highway department employee. He is survived by his wife; one son, Rex Merriman of Sonora;

### WEATHER

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Friday, Dec. 15	.02	49	43
Saturday, Dec. 16	.03	68	43
Sunday, Dec. 17	0	62	44
Monday, Dec. 18	0	69	31
Tuesday, Dec. 19	0	62	29
Wednesday, Dec. 20	0	-	27

Precipitation for the month—16. For the year, 21.53.

### "The Devil" Takes A Holiday Dec. 24-Jan. 2

The Devil's River News will be closed from noon Saturday, December 23, through Monday, January 1, 1962. The December 28 edition of the paper will be published early and mailed at the regular time on that date.

The entire staff—Stanton and "Mac" Bundy, Roy Cooper and Santana Noriega—wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Council is supported by donations from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Methodist, First Baptist, St. John's Episcopal, Sonora Lions Club, Sonora Woman's Club, and the City of Sonora. Various individuals and business firms have made donations.

### Elementary Choir Sings For Lions

The Central Elementary School choir under the direction of Mrs. Ruth E. White presented a program of Christmas carols from all nations at the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Sonora Lions Club at the First Methodist Church this week. The children were dressed in costumes native to the countries represented by the carols.

A clarinet trio of Janie Let-singer, Janet Johnson and Bonnie McKinney also played. James A. Gray of San Angelo was the only guest.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Joy and family returned to their home in Ely, Nevada, Saturday after a two week visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Joy, and brother, John Wesley Joy and family.

### Sonora Kids Have Been Besieging Santa Claus For Years, Files Prove

Can you remember what it was you asked Santa Claus for when you were a child? Not many of us can but we took the liberty of looking back over the files of "The Devil's River News" and have found these that may jog your memory:

December 16, 1932  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bathrobe and some bedroom shoes with heels on them and a telephone. We are singing a song about Santa Claus at school.  
Much love, Peggy Orilla Gilmore.

December 5, 1933  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring a cooking set and a doll. Sam Harold and J. W. will be here, please bring them something too. A little boy and girl are on the ranch, don't forget them.  
With love from, Jamie Lyn Trainer.

December 18, 1931  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bathrobe, house shoes and a glass doll.  
Your friend, Willie Nell Hale.

December 18, 1931  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you please bring me an air gun, a baseball set, a little bus and a wagon.  
Your friend, Wilfred Berger.

December 18, 1931  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good little boy. Please bring me an air gun, a train and some Lincoln Bricks.  
Your friend, George Dee Wallace.

December 17, 1948  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy so can I have what I want? How is the North Pole and the reindeer and how are you?  
I have worked hard in school and by the way, I guess I had better tell you about our new  
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...BEST WISHES

This is the time when joy fills the air and men come together in a spirit of good fellowship...when we wish all of our friends a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN**



Children of the Methodist Home in Waco, Texas, sing hearty wishes of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to their friends across the Southwest. The Methodist Home serves in providing a home-like atmosphere for children separated from their families by death, poverty and other misfortunes. Over 400 youngsters receive individual care in family sized groups at the Home which will soon celebrate its 72nd anniversary.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Allison of Austin will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. White, in Hutchinson, Kansas, and here with his parents and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Allison, Susan and Sarah.

Dan Carter Cauthorn, a student at Sul Ross State College, Aline, is visiting here with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cauthorn and Candace, during the

Christmas holidays.

Nanette Stokes is home from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Stokes.

Jack Baker who is attending Sul Ross State College is visiting his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Baker, during the Christmas holidays.

Jo Bess VanderStucken is spending the holidays here with her family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. S. Jones and Cleve T.

VanderStucken and Jan. Jo Bess attends North Texas State University at Denton.

Sarah Lu Hardy is home from the University of Texas to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Hardy.

Alice Claire Jones, a student at the University of Texas, is spending the holidays with her mother and brother, Mrs. Alice and Mr. J. M. S. Jones and Cleve T.

**Dept. Public Safety All-Out For Holidays In Attempt To Lower Traffic Death Rates**

An estimated 173 persons will meet violent death during the long Christmas-New Year holiday season—with traffic crashes taking the lives of 88, other accidents 45 and suicides and homicides 40.

The period from 12:01 Saturday morning, December 3, through 11:59 Monday night, January 1, has been designated as the official time for "Operation Deathwatch," a grim tabulation of fatalities designed to focus public attention upon the extra hazards of the holiday season.

Another purpose of this program is to "launch a stringent enforcement program to remove the relatively few dangerous and illegal drivers from the highways," according to Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Responsible citizens throughout the state are urged to join in this all-out holiday safety effort by avoiding traffic law violations which could be calculated to cause violent death or injury.

During the period of "Operation Deathwatch," uniformed officers of the License and Weight Service and the Motor Vehicle Inspection Service, numbering some 150 men, will be added to the regular Highway Patrol force, thereby giving broader patrol coverage.

Patrolmen will be working overtime hours, leaves will be cancelled and they will remain especially alert for those serious law violations which are responsible for most fatal accidents—such as excessive speed and driving while drinking.

In addition, they have instructions to increase the number of

routine driver license checks, which may expose other hazardous violations. And the use of radar equipment will be increased with the recent acquisition of additional units of a new type which are mounted on patrol cars and require only one man for operation.

In other words, the Department of Public Safety will be doing everything within its power to prove the statistics, which are so often right, are wrong for the Christmas-New Year holiday.

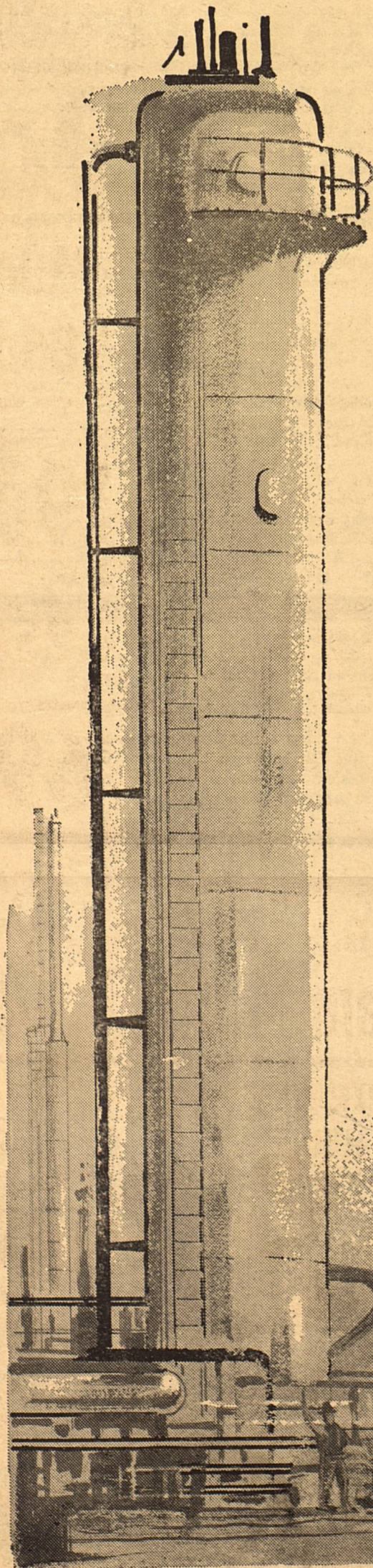
Mickey Powers is home from Sul Ross State College for a holiday visit with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Powers, Jimmy, Zane and Pam.

Patsy Garrett, a student at Abilene Christian College, is spending the Christmas vacation with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Garrett.

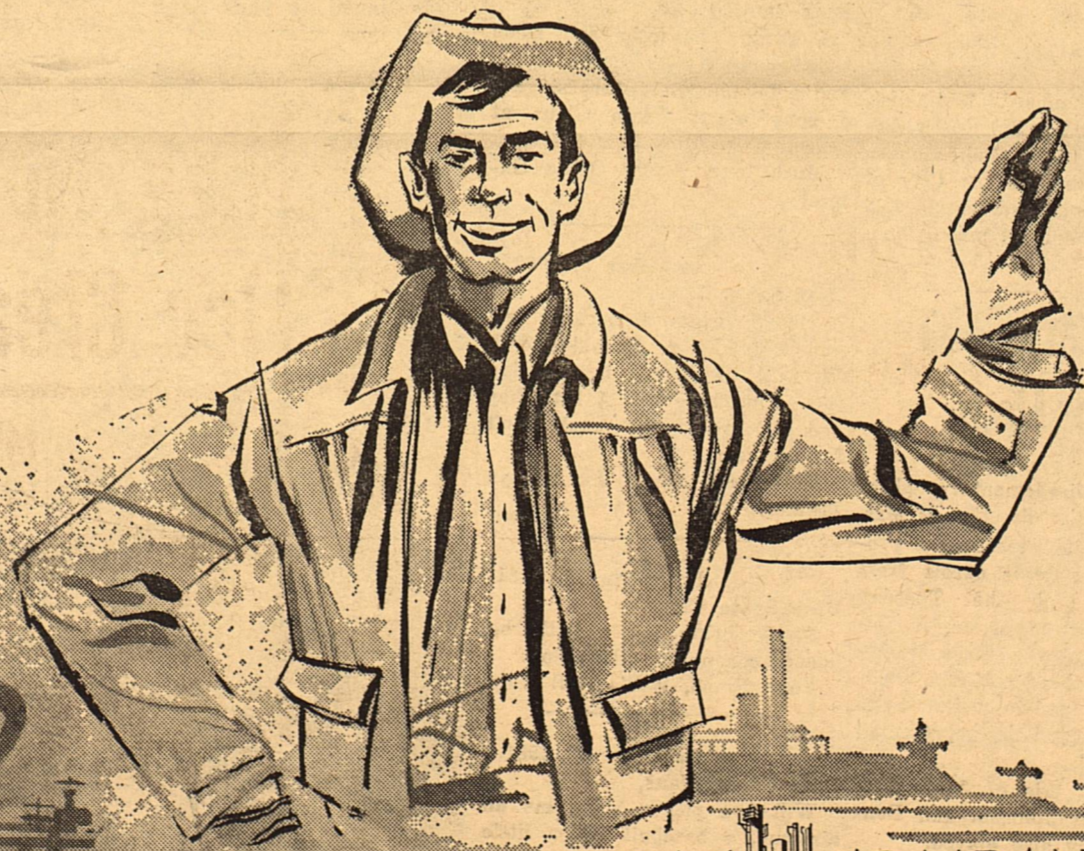
Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton will have as Christmas guests their son Dan Eaton from the University of Texas Dental College in Houston and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Groom, Diana and Mark of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Fields and daughter of Austin will spend the holidays here with their families, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Capps and Mrs. W. J. Fields, Jr. and Francine.

Charlie Howell and Johnny Fields, students at the University of Mississippi are spending their Christmas vacation here with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fields, Corky and Tryon.



*Merry Christmas*



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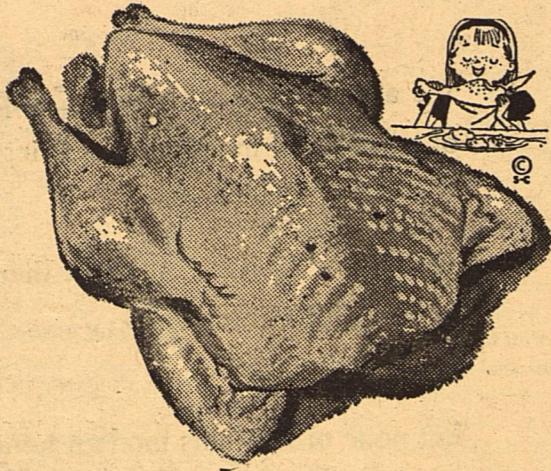
**MEAL**



**TURKEY HENS**

12 TO 14 LB. AVG.  
LB.

**45c**



**TURKEY TOMS**

14 TO 16 LB. AVG.  
LB.

**39c**

**HAMS**

CENTER SLICES  
LB.

**89c**

**Cranberry Sauce**

LARGE  
CAN

**2 FOR 39c | Pumpkin**

DEL MONTE  
303 CAN

**2 FOR 29c**

**FLOUR**

PILLSBURY

10 LB. BAG

**89c**

**Corn**

DEL MONTE  
303 CAN

**2 FOR 39c**

**Peaches**

SPICED  
NO. 2 1/2 CAN

**19c**

**Jelly**

ASSORTED  
FLAVORS

**3 FOR 25c**

**Peaches**

DEL MONTE  
NO. 2 1/2 CAN

**3 FOR \$1**

**Tissue**

VELECIA  
400 COUNT

**25c**

**Napkins**

KIMBELL'S  
60 COUNT

**10c**

**Pears**

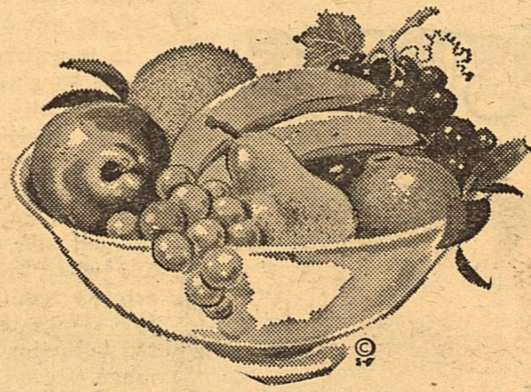
DEL MONTE  
303 CAN

**2 FOR 49c**

**Asparagus**

DEL MONTE  
303 CAN

**2 FOR 85c**



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**APPLES**

WINESAP

**19c**

**ORANGES**

NAVEL

**APPLES**

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LARGE  
STALK

**2 FOR 25c**

**Shortening**

SNOWDRIFT  
3 LB. CAN

**69c | Coffee**

FOLGER'S  
1 LB. CAN

**69c**

**Cherries**

KIMBELL'S  
PIE  
303 CAN

**5 FOR \$1**

**Oleo**

KIMBELL'S  
1 LB. CTN.

**19c**

**Juice**

GRAPEFRUIT  
NO. 2 CAN

**2 FOR 25c**

**Hip-O-Lite**

LARGE  
JAR

**25c**

**Salad Dressing**

KIMBELL'S  
QT. JAR

**39c**

**Pineapple**

DEL MONTE  
FLAT CAN

**6 FOR \$1**

**Biscuits**

KIMBELL'S  
CANNED

**12 FOR \$1**

**Pure Lard**

SWIFT'S  
3 LB. CTN.

**49c**

**Corn Meal**

GLADIOLA  
5 LB. BAG

**39c**

**Plates**

CHINET  
12 PACK

**29c**

**Cookies**

NABISCO  
FUDGE SANDWICH  
PKG.

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**Thins**

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1/2 gal.

**79c**



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### Local Reservists Ends 1961 Year Ready For 1962

First Lieutenant Arlan K. Fenner of San Angelo, commander of the First and Second platoons of Troop "B" of the United States Army Reserve with headquarters in Sonora said that the Tuesday night, December 12, meeting ended military training for his unit for the calendar year of 1961. He said that the first meeting of the 1962 year for Junction, Eldorado-Ozona, and San Angelo reservists was set for Tuesday night, January 9, 1962.

Lt. Fenner continued that members of his command had been paid at the December 5 meeting, that arms and equipment had been cleaned again, and that lesson plans for the January 9 meeting were in the hands of the proper authorities; so the United States Army Reservists meeting at Sonora had their 1961 business in order and were ready to begin the New Year.

Lt. Fenner concluded that attendance at the December 12 drill period was exceptionally good with 34 out of 36 members present or accounted for.

### MRS. JOHNSON WINS LOT IN COLORADO VALLEY

Mrs. Mary Johnson was notified Tuesday that she was the winner of a 50 x 140-foot lot in Cool Valley Estates near Saguache, Colorado. Mrs. Johnson registered in the contest at the State Fair of Texas in October.

Jimmy Cahill will be home from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, to spend the Christmas holidays with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Cahill and Diana.

Gene West and Gene McCarver, students at San Angelo College, will spend the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. West and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McCarver.

Pat Thompson will be home from San Angelo College for a holiday visit with his family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson and Anita.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rode and Gail were Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Fletcher of Portland, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hill of Fort Riley, Kansas, are spending the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Teaff, Carl and Trouba, and Mrs. Sadie Archer.



### Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District News

By E. B. Keng  
Soil Conservation Service

The approach of the winter season finds a good blanket of grass on most ranches in the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District.

Range "cover" on grassland during winter serves much the same purpose as a coat for a man or a layer of fat for a cow. A good stubble of unused grass keeps the vital crown-center of life in a grass several degrees warmer during cold weather. The plant is thus better enabled to survive a cold winter and to pro-

duce vigorous growth in the spring.

Most ranchmen now recognize as false the old belief that "unused grass is wasted". The fact that it takes grass to grow grass is even more applicable than the accepted saying that it takes money to make money.

In this area of limited rainfall a good cover of grass is vital to prevent excessive loss of moisture—either from runoff or evaporation. During the growing season grass must be allowed to produce green leaves, because the leaf is the manufacturing part of the plant, and also controls root and seed development. Green leaves must be abundant in the fall to enable the plant to produce and store in the roots and crowns food for the cold winter and for growth in the spring.

It is generally accepted that about 50 percent of weight of each year's forage production can be safely harvested without impairing the health of the plant. "Taking half and leaving half" will not only provide cover for soil and water conservation and winter protection, but will actually result in much more usable forage than is produced on the continuously overgrazed range.

"Many other factors make it profitable to leave a good cover of vigorous grass at all times" said E. B. Keng, SCS technician. Bitterweed cannot stand the competition of a healthy grass cover. Grass on the ground in winter gives protection to desirable winter weeds. A good reserve of grass on the ground is the best and cheapest insurance available against drought.



JOHN B. CONNALLY, former Secretary of the Navy, has accepted an appointment as honorary chairman of the new Development Board of Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation. Announcement of the acceptance was made by Edward Badouh of New Braunfels, chairman of the board, and Walter H. Richter, executive director of the Foundation, which is devoted to intensive treatment of severely physically disabled Texans. Connally will assist in enlisting a strong statewide support structure for the Foundation at Gonzales.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Mrs. Beulah Pfister had as guests last week her son and urday from Cullins College, Bristol to all my friends for their many good wishes through the Christmas season. May God bless you all.  
Mrs. Robert Rees. 1 to 13. Arkansas.

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**HERMAN E. MOORE**  
Sheriff Tax-Assessor & Collector - Sutton County

visit here with her parents and Mr. and Mrs. John R. McClelland sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Davis, and Jan. Mary, Irene, Maxine and Beth.

Mrs. Vic Meitzen will return son of San Antonio spent the to her home in Paul's Valley, weekend here with Mrs. Law's Oklahoma Friday after a week's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Johnny McClelland, a student (Jack) Neill.

at Texas Tech, Lubbock, is spending the holidays with his family,

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# THE WOMEN'S PAGE

## Sonora Art Club Christmas Party Held Monday Night

The Sonora Art Club held its annual no-host supper and Christmas party at the Parish House Monday evening, December 18. The traditional Christmas tree was featured and gifts were exchanged.

Games of bridge and 42 were enjoyed. Prizes went to Mrs. Belle Steen, Mrs. Maysie Brown and Mrs. Joe Berger for bridge and to Mrs. Gene Lightfoot, Mrs. Clyde Hill and Harold T. Garrett for 42.

Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. O. G. Babcock, J. B. Renfro, Harold T. Garrett, R. G. Nance, James Morris, Dick Merryman, A. W. Awalt and J. P. Smith; Mmes. Clyde Hill, Hub Hale, A. C. Dunn, Gene Lightfoot, Jerry Hopkins, Albert C. Ward, Ernest McClelland, John A. Martin, Jr., Juliet Driskell, R. B. Kelley, Selma Wyatt, Joe Berger, Maud Posey, H. V. Morris, Ellen Ray, Belle Steen and Maysie Brown.

## MRS. BERGER HOSTESS AT ANNUAL YULE CLUB PARTY

Mrs. Joe Berger was hostess to the Yule Club at its annual luncheon and game party Saturday, December 16. The party rooms were decorated in the holiday motif and a traditional turkey dinner was served.

Gifts were exchanged by those present who included: Mmes. A. W. Awalt, R. B. Kelley, Rose Thorp, Laura Trainer, W. T. McQuary, Jim Cauthorn, Maysie Brown, Belle Steen, Ida Mae Kerbow, Charlie Hull, O. G. Babcock, H. V. Morris, Robert Rees, Lee Labenske, T. W. Sandherr, T. L. Harrison, C. E. Stites, Karen Peterson and Auther Simmons.

Mrs. H. V. Morris will leave Friday for a holiday visit with her daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitley, Larry, Jeff and Karen in Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Tex Farr, Dennis, Sherry, Regina, Bobby and Frank in Marlin.

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## MRS. TRAINER ENTERTAINS TUESDAY NIGHT CLUB

Mrs. Louie Trainer entertained members of the Tuesday Night Bridge Club with a Christmas party in her home this week. Gifts were exchanged and a salad plate and coffee were served.

Mrs. R. G. Nance held high score, Mrs. R. C. Vicars won the slam prize and Mrs. Arthur Carroll won at bingo.

Those attending were Mmes. John Bell, Arthur Carroll, W. O. Crites, Earl Duncan, L. E. Johnson, Sr., L. E. Johnson, Jr., Ernest McClelland, R. G. Nance, Belle Steen, P. J. Taylor and R. C. Vicars.

## JO BESS VANDERSTUCKEN IN NTSU CONCERT BAND

Jo Bess VanderStucken of Sonora is a member of the 100-piece North Texas State University Concert Band, which presented its first concert of the season Friday, December 15.

Under the direction of Maurice McAdow, the band played a novelty number, original band compositions and marches. Lawrence Wiehe, trombone soloist with the United States Navy Band, appeared as the guest artist.

Miss VanderStucken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. VanderStucken, is a member of the clarinet section. The freshman music major was a 1961 graduate of Sonora High School.

## Edward Aldwell In Dealey Award Dallas Auditions

Edward Aldwell was second place winner in the piano division of the Joseph M. Dealey Award auditions held in Dallas last weekend. Aldwell played Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto.

As second place winner, Aldwell received a cash prize and will be presented in recital in Dallas later in the year. Aldwell and his wife and daughter have been visiting here with his father and grandmother, Rev. Lea Roy Aldwell and Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Epps of Alpine are spending the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. C. M. Epps.

## SAC Vocalists Present Program For Music Club

E'don Black, music director of San Angelo College, presented several of his students in a program of Christmas music at the Thursday evening, December 14, meeting of the Sonora Music Club at the home of Mrs. G. H. Davis. Vocal solos, duets and ensemble singing was featured.

Club members joined in singing several Christmas carols under the direction of Black, accompanied by Mrs. R. Q. Harris, Jr.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, and punch were served from a table laid with a green Christmas cloth and centered with an arrangement of Christmas tree ornaments and candles.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Davis were Mmes. David Shurley, O. G. Babcock and E. E. Sawyer.

## TEDFORD PIANO STUDENTS GIVE RECITAL SUNDAY

John Tedford presented his piano students in recital Sunday afternoon, December 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

Performers included the following students:

Carol Adamson, Sandra Adamson, Sarah Allison, Susan Allison, Dick Brown, Brenda Browne, Al Elliott, Jim Elliott, Mickey Hardegree, Janie Letsinger, Evelyn Jane Lowe, Linda McBride, Michael Richardson, Patti Richardson, Kelley Sue Sentell and Suzanne Shurley.

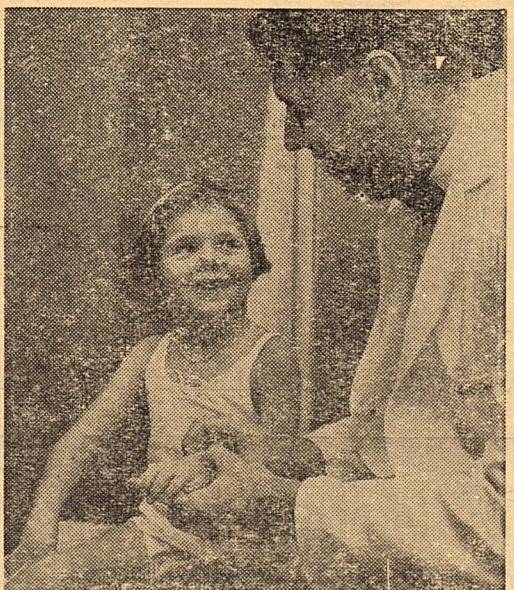
## Rodney Davis Named V-Pres. Of Tarleton Council

Rodney Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Tom) Davis of Sonora, was elected vice-president of the Tarleton State College Student Council last week.

Following a week of heavy campaigning, Davis was elected by a majority of the record number of student votes cast. He will fill the vacancy left in the Student Council when the former vice-president was moved into the presidency.

Davis is a junior history student at Tarleton. He is a Captain in the ROTC and a member of the Lords and Commoners social club.

## Sarah Goes Home for Christmas, Hastened by New March of Dimes



"Can I go home for Christmas?"

That is the plea of tens of thousands of hospitalized children at this time of year. Too often the doctor's answer must be a regretful, "no."

But among the lucky ones who made it last Christmas was Sarah Rauchbauer, 7, of St. Paul, Minn. After seven long months of racking pains due to rheumatoid arthritis, Sarah posed the question to her doctors at the University of Minnesota Children's Rheumatism Clinic, which is supported by the March of Dimes.

The doctors hesitated to say yes because Sarah had been making such good progress in the hospital—after being a very sick little girl, and in great pain, for many dreary days and nights.

Finally, Dr. Homer Venters (above, right) carefully examined the child again, consulted with his colleagues, and decided to gamble.

"We reasoned that fulfillment of our little patient's longing to be home for Christmas—with her mother and father, her brothers and sisters and her

dog Mitzy—might do Sarah more good than the hospital. So we sent her packing."

The experiment was successful. Now Sarah is home for her second Christmas since she fell ill. She returns to the clinic once every three months for a checkup. She still limps slightly (yet note her carefree jig, lower left, on arriving home for good; and the joyous embrace she gave Mitzy, upper left).

In addition to The National Foundation—March of Dimes grant which made Sarah's treatment possible, the voluntary health group has made other grants to its research study centers in arthritis and birth defects as part of a program financed by contributions of the American people to the March of Dimes each January.



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### SINGING OUT OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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**Devil's River Philosopher's Calendar Pages Turned By Wind, He Looks Up And Discovers Christmas Here Again**

Editor's Note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitter-weed ranch on Devil's River has found out what time of the year it is, his letter this week reveals.

Dear editor:

Somebody left a door open last night and the wind blew in and turned the pages of my calendar and I glanced up and discovered this isn't October, it's December, and next Monday is Christmas. I don't know how it got here, but it's all right with me.

I know there are people who think Christmas comes too often, but they probably think Spring comes too often too, that children grow up too fast, etc. They take a one-sided view. Most children I've ever known were eager to grow up, and it's only the old folks, who are in the minority, who hoped they'd slow down.

People are always being surprised by things in time. Every Spring I hear some rancher say, "Why, shearing time will be here before you know it." So what? I've had years when not only did shearing time get here before I knew it, it passed before I knew it. And I've had years when it didn't slip up on me and I got my wool in the warehouse on time and wound up the year in about the same shape I would have if I'd slept through it.

Now about Christmas, though. I know it's more blessed to give than to receive, but I wish somebody would let Mr. Khrushchev know this doesn't apply to atom bombs. I have a notion though that Christmas will still be here after Mr. Khrushchev is gone.

But back to more pleasant things. For years I have been working on a Christmas Gift Parity Program, whereby everybody gets as many presents as he sends, with the Government making up the cash difference in case you over-calculate and send more than you receive, but I haven't gotten anywhere with it. People say it won't work, but they say the same thing about time.

the farm program, foreign aid, etc., and yet the government keeps plugging away at those.

Actually, I don't know of anything that would stimulate business more. If everybody knew he was going to get as much as he sent, the stores would sell out before now and Christmas. For example, if you gave away 500 subscriptions to The Devil, and all you got for Christmas was a few trinkets, the government would pay you the difference, and who is there to say this wouldn't create a circulation boom?

And don't tell me it would wreck the government's budget. The government's budget has been wrecked for two generations, and it's still functioning. Arguing the government should not adopt my Christmas Parity Program is like arguing a man should not buy something till he can afford it. Congress repealed that law years ago. Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A.

**IN THE YEAR OF**

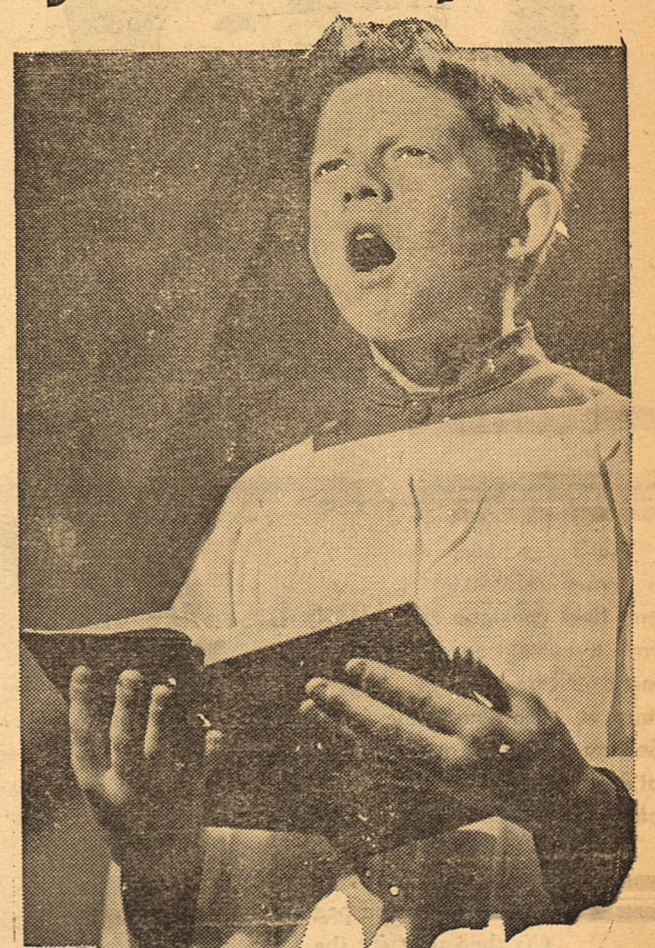
Saturday, April 13, 1895  
Commissioner's court and county court convene Monday.

E. A. McCarthy of San Angelo was in Sonora a few days with a model of his new steel windmill the "Ideal". The mill was much admired and J. T. Cooper ordered one 12 foot mill, and Jo Parker a four foot mill. Mr. Parker will put this mill over Wall's well.

Saturday, April 20, 1895  
Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert left on a visit to Mrs. Halbert's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ellis at Kickapoo Springs, Edwards County, Friday.

One of the most enjoyable hops of the season was given at the court house Easter Monday night and was well attended. The music being good and the restrictions of lent having been removed every-body reported a thorough good time.

**O Come, All  
Ye Faithful**



*As joyful  
Christmas hymns ring out,  
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ANNOUNCING—Dr. L. C. Harrell, Chiropractor, McDonald hotel, 10:00 to 6:00 Wednesdays. tfn 21.

News Want Ads Bring Results

## LEGAL NOTICES

LIQUOR STORE NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, WILLIAM H. BARKER, WHOSE PLACE OF BUSINESS BARKER'S PACKAGE STORE IS LOCATED ON LOT 3 AND THE NORTH 30' OF LOT 4, BLOCK 15-A ON THE WEST SIDE OF CROCKETT AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS, HAVE APPLIED TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS FOR A RETAIL PACKAGE STORE PERMIT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS LIQUOR CONTROL ACT. WILLIAM H. BARKER. 2 to 12.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARD OF THANKS Our hearts overflow with sincere appreciation for all who expressed their love and sympathy in so many comforting ways during our recent sorrow. We are deeply grateful to all of you. Mrs. Mont Merriman and family.

## MISC. FOR SALE

FOR SALE: One girl's 22-inch bicycle, good condition, \$15. Castle Courts. 1 to 13.

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I WILL BUY YOUR FURS. from nine to four o'clock every day during the season. Located across from Castillo Building. W. R. McCraley, Eldorado, Texas. 1 to 13.

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## HELP WANTED

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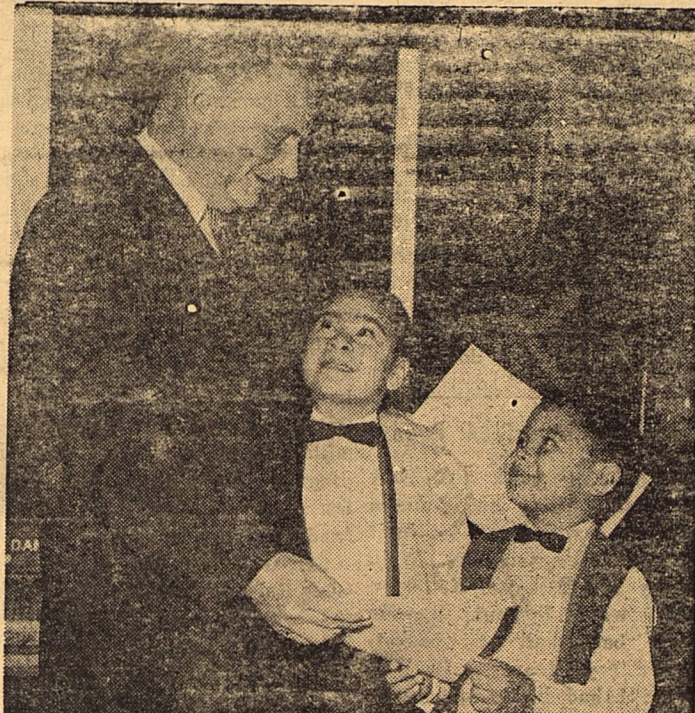
FOR SALE: 50 x 110-foot lot, Castle Heights Addition. Phone 24261 after five. tfn 12.

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## NOTICE

\$25.00 Reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of anyone removing, damaging or defacing grounds, equipment or other property of the Sonora Golf Club. 6 to 11.



GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS CHRISTMAS SEAL DAYS—Governor Price Daniel proclaimed Christmas Seal Days in Texas from November 13 to December 25, and urged all Texans to use Christmas Seals and thus support the TB-control work of the Texas Tuberculosis Association, and county TB associations. Shown with Governor Daniel on the occasion of signing the Christmas Seal proclamation are two brothers who have a real interest in TB-control. They are Albert (right) and Alfred Flores Jr. whose grandmother, Mrs. Hilaria Munoz, has been a TB patient hospitalized in Austin for more than a year. The boys took their grandmother's picture with them to show the governor. They have lived with their grandparents since their mother's death when Albert was born.

## Church Notices

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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6:30 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.  
Mid-Week Ser., Wed. 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Rev. Alanson Brown, Rector  
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Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.  
Church School 10:00 a.m.  
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. Doyle W. Morton, pastor  
Church School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
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Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Alvin Loiry, pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Mid Week Ser. Wed. 7:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN  
Rev. Allan Guthrie, pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST MEXICAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. Pedro Jalife, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Training Union 6:45 p.m.  
Worship Service 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday: WMU, Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Mr. Clifford Fehl, minister  
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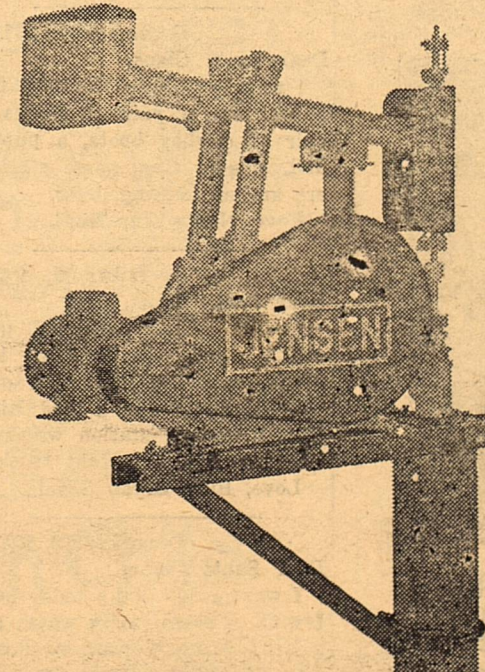
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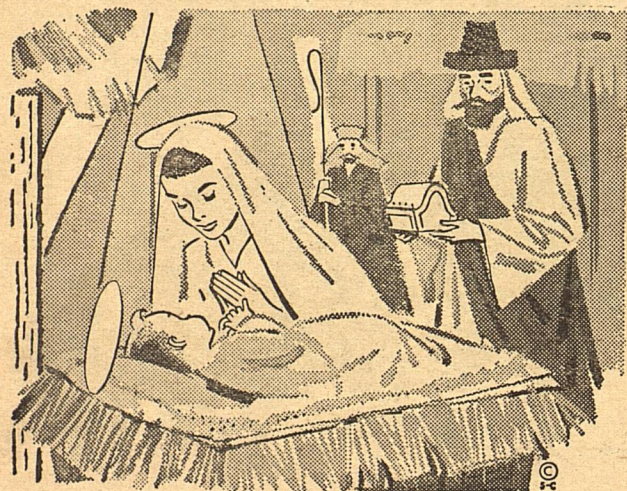
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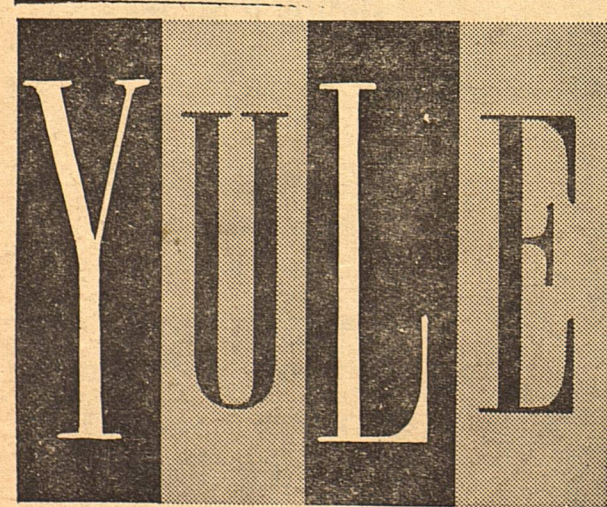
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Christmas Blessings

May the Christ Child bring joy to light this glorious, holy season.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMENTS

EVERYBODY- Dr. Chas. F. Brown, president of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, has called a meeting of the membership, and other interested parties, to meet on Thursday, January 11, 1962, at the Elementary Cafeteria. The meeting will start at 7 o'clock P.M.

It is planned to hold two membership meetings a year hereafter at which problems of the community will be discussed and plans made for solving these problems. A panel discussion will be had in the hope of bringing out the members thinking. Mark your calendar now, January 11, 1962, 7 P.M.

THANKS- The merchants of Sonora wish to thank, through this column, the City electric gang for their fast, efficient and pleasant installation of our Christmas street lighting system. This is quite a chore, painstaking and even dangerous. Joe D. Earl and their crew do a fine service for their community, not only in erecting the lights but in taking them down, as well. It is hoped that this street lighting project can be enlarged next year, to reach the highway. And speaking of highways and of lights, many in Sonora would like to see some street lights on the highway in west Sonora.

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school building going up. They have been working on it for a week now. I will get to go in it one year after this one. Well, I guess I had better tell you what I want. I would like to have a basketball and basketball net if you can get it. Well I guess I had better get ready to put up the Christmas tree, and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your friend, Billy Bob Ellington.

December 12, 1947

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a car bike and bandit suit, a toy truck for John Paul, and an electric radio for Turney. For Mother a comb and brush and hair tonic for Daddy.

Joe Thomas Friess.

December 7, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy. Please bring me a cowboy suit. I am seven years old in the second grade.

Love from W. H. Hill.

December 7, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl. I am in the second grade. Will you please bring me a doll, also bring my brother a game. He is eleven years old. Thank you.

Vicky Jo Savell.

December 14, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,  
When you come to my house will you please bring me a radio, a .22 automatic, a Boy Scout pocketknife, an army machine gun?

Your friend, Albert C. Ward.  
P.S. I have been a good boy this year. Thank you.

December 21, 1945

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a little Majorette doll. Bring my little twin brothers some spurs and cowboy hats.

I am 6 and they are 4.  
Your friend, Janis Sykes.

December 19, 1941

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Mickey Mouse watch, a tool set, a pair of skates, a pair of cowboy boots, a puppet doll, a gold ring, some stationery and an evening dress.

Love, Nancy Ann Neill.

December 19, 1941

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Red Ryder BB gun, and a cowboy suit. I want a black board and chalk. I want a pair of boots and a Red Rider belt. I want a station wagon. I want an Alamo freight truck.

Love, Billy Bryan Savell.

December 19, 1941

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll and a teddy bear. I want a stove, wrist watch and a little piano. I want a Christmas set and a coat.

Bobbie Ann Drennan.

December 8, 1950

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me some Juicy Fruit chewing gum and a funny book.

Jo Hess VanderStucken.

Sutton Bond Sales Reach 92.8% Quota Says Jack Neill

Sales of U. S. Savings Bonds in Sutton County totaled \$7,437.00 for the month of November, which represents 92.8 percent of the 1961 goal of \$80,000.00 for the county, George H. (Jack) Neill, county savings bonds chairman, reported.

Sales in Texas for the first 11 months of 1961 were \$144,386,615; Sales of E and H Bonds in the month of November totaled \$11,963,137.

the Fort Worth convention. Another good day's work was the election of Vestel Askew as 2nd vice-president of the TS&GRA. Jimmie Powell is the first vice and E. G. Cauble of Big Lake the new president. The immediate future of the Sheep and Goat Raiser Assn., is in good hands, we say.

LOOKS GOOD- We could be wrong but it seems to us that more Sonora people are shopping at home this Christmas. Some of the merchants agree. There is one lady in Sonora who wished she had. She is pretty irate. She went off looking for bargains, found one, it worked then, but won't now. She took it to a local dealer who informed her it would take a new element. The store who sold the hot bargain refuses to take it back or make it work. Attention, Santa Claus.

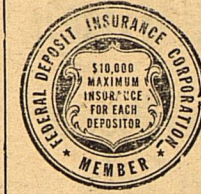
Home. The population of Sonora increased by some two dozen this week when the college kids came swarming in.

CAVERN- The new building at the Caverns of Sonora is being finished, and what a building. It is 32 x 82 with a ten-foot porch



1. Come into our bank soon - and
2. Open a checking account - and
3. Start paying bills with checks:

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on all four sides and not including the rest rooms facilities. Carl J. Cahill has begun work on the road to the Cavern, the exit tunnel is about ready for use, etc. HAVE YOU SEEN THE CAVERNS THIS YEAR? If you saw it last year and not this year you haven't seen anything for it is ten times prettier and more interesting this year. Why not

take the family and your friends through the 1961 Cavern during the holidays? A Dallas school is sending out a big bus load on December 27 and a 40-man football team from Amerillo is coming during the holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.



Hams ARMOUR'S SWIFT'S WILSON'S Cooked 59c  
1/2 or whole lb.

GOLD COAST PICKLED PEACHES - no. 2 1/2 can . . . . .	29c	DEL MONTE FRUIT COCKTAIL - 303 can . . . . .	25c
DEL MONTE PEAS - 303 can . . . . .	23c	SPECIAL DRESSING BROCKLES - pt. . . . .	69c
DEL MONTE PEARS - 303 can . . . . .	29c	THOUSAND ISLAND BROCKLES - pt. . . . .	59c

Milk GANDY'S 1/2 GAL. 45c

GIANT BOX TIDE or CHEER . . . . .	69c	80 COUNT NAPKINS - 2 boxes . . . . .	25c
NORTHERN TISSUE - 4 rolls . . . . .	39c	CUT RITE WAX PAPER - roll . . . . .	29c

Margarine DIAMOND lb. 15c



CRANBERRIES - lb. . . . .	29c	BEEF ROAST - good - lb. . . . .	49c
CELERY - large stalk . . . . .	19c	BEEF RIBS - good - lb. . . . .	33c
APPLES - red del. - lb. . . . .	19c	CHEESE - Wis. - lb. . . . .	59c
CARROTS - cello bag . . . . .	10c	BOLOGNA - all meat - lb. . . . .	45c
NEW POTATOES - lb. . . . .	9c	SALT BACON - no. 1 - lb. . . . .	35c

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BETHLEHEM OF JUDEA CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

Boy Called Jesus Christ; To Lead World to Peace



ROYAL VISITORS—Three "Wise Men" from the East are pictured as they neared Bethlehem today in their search for the newborn Saviour.

'Three Wise Men' Journey Here From the East, Bring Gifts to Newborn Saviour

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Three great men, kings in their own right, rode into this city today on camels, bringing gifts of myrrh, frankincense and gold for the babe born in a stable to the virgin Mary, wife of the Nazarene carpenter, Joseph.

without reporting back to Herod's palace. They also reported that during their conference with Herod, the King of Judea called on his court astrologer, Marto, for an explanation of the star which the Wise Men have been following.

Shepherds Find Child In Manger

By QUINTUS OVIDUS Special Staff Correspondent BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Joyous cries of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" rang out early this morning through the crowded streets of this ancient town of King David.

This correspondent was present when a great crowd of angels appeared in the frosty heavens, announcing the birth in a stable here of The Savior of the World and proclaiming him "Prince of Peace."

Originally I had gone into the fields to observe the work of the shepherds. They were tending their flocks. The night was clear and cold. Suddenly a brighter light than I had ever seen before blazed in the sky. The form of an angel appeared in the center. And a voice told us not to be afraid.

All of the group—the shepherds and your correspondent—were stunned by this strange happening. The voice continued speaking to us. "I bring you great news. For this day is born to you a Savior who is Christ the Lord. The child is wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Then the whole sky seemed to split apart. Through the opening we saw a great crowd of angels. They were all singing with joy "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."



BIRTH SCENE—Here is a view of the manger crib in a stable where the promised Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born early today. Sketched by an artist on the scene, the view shows the newborn Saviour, surrounded by his virgin mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph, a Nazarene carpenter.

Mother's Husband Is Nazarene Carpenter

NAZARETH, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Joseph, husband of the virgin Mary who gave birth in Bethlehem to the child hailed as the Son of God, owns a small carpenter's shop in this town nestled in the mountains on the busy trade route between Europe and Asia.

This is a noisy, boisterous little city, constantly teeming with the caravans which pass along its main thoroughfares. The inhabitants depend almost solely on these daily visitors for their latest news from the outside world. It was with great wonder they learned of the miraculous happening in Bethlehem.

Mary, the mother of the newborn Jesus, comes from an extremely religious family. Her father, Joachim, is generally considered a sort of sage in the vicinity. The devotion of the mother, Anna, to her child is well-known throughout the community.

A cousin of Mary, by the name of Elizabeth, is the wife of a priest in Ain Karim, a suburb of Jerusalem. This woman, the daughter of Anna's older sister, also gave birth to a child a few months ago under unusual circumstances.

After 40 years of childless marriage, Elizabeth and her husband, Zacharias, were told by the angel Gabriel that they would have a son. The boy has been named John. Prophets have announced that he is the fore-runner or messenger of the child born today in Bethlehem.

in the back of his shop and a simple grate on which he cooked his meals. Although only a poor workman, Joseph always has been proud to trace his ancestry back to David and beyond that to Isaac and Abraham. The home of Mary's parents is more pretentious. Constructed of mountain stones, covered with plaster, it has a second floor for living quarters. This part of the home opens onto a garden on the hillside in the rear.

The lower floor is usually cluttered with the family's livestock: goats, some chickens and a small flock of sheep. Since Mary's marriage to Joseph, the home has become a meeting place for the more devout. Here neighbors gather for evening prayers and their religious rituals.

Both families are considered poor. Yet there has been a profound sense of contentment that seemed to fill the entire country side. They are most respected in their community. There is no sense of doubt as to the prophetic meaning of last night's event.

People of this community seem to take it for granted, with an attitude that they "knew it was going to happen all the time."

Students Are Sure Child Is 'Messiah'

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Students of the prophets said today that the child born today in a stable in Bethlehem might well be the long-promised Messiah.

All of the prophecies concerning the coming of the Promised One apparently have been fulfilled in the manner of His birth, one scholar of the word of God declared.

Recalling the promise of God to King David more than 1000 years ago that the Saviour would be of his house, one genealogist quickly checked the lineage of the infant's parents. He announced that Joseph, the husband of Mary, is a 27th generation descendant of King David and a 41st descendant of Abraham.

Among the most-quoted prophecies is Isaiah. Scholars pointed out that two of his best-known prophecies were fulfilled yesterday: "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Prophecy Fulfilled By Strange Event In Little Bethlehem

Birth Brings New Hope For World Peace

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Righteous scholars in this city of David today acclaimed the birth of the long-promised Saviour of Peace.

They saw in this arrival of the prophesied Son of God the great hope for true peace in the world.

The Glorious One, the scholars say, will give to the world precepts, prayers and beatitudes, the teaching and practice of which will bring everlasting peace to the entire world.

The scholars also claim that through His teachings, men everywhere will become better fitted for the everlasting life. On His life, they say, will be built the foundations for a way of life precious to all mankind.

Infant Is Hailed As 'New King'

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Birth of a baby boy to a young virgin woman was reported here today. Scholars immediately proclaimed it the fulfillment of ancient Jewish prophecy.

According to the records of religious men, it was prophesied many years ago that the "Son of God" would some day be born to a virgin. The child has long been promised as the "New King" whose teachings and wisdom would bring peace to all mankind.

The divine birth took place, reports say, in a stable behind the inn here.

The mother of the child is a Nazarene by the name of Mary. Her husband, Joseph, a carpenter, substantiates her report of the immaculate conception.

Jesus Christ is the name given the child, reported by all who have seen him as extraordinarily different in appearance from any other newborn baby.

According to reports from the stable, Joseph and Mary arrived here yesterday after a laborious journey from Nazareth. They came to pay their taxes.

Finding all lodging places filled, Joseph finally persuaded the innkeeper to let him and his wife stay in the stable. Shortly after their arrival, the divine birth took place.

Details of occurrences leading up to the miraculous event were related by Joseph to visitors to the stable.

During the period of betrothal, he reported the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary one night and told her that she had been selected by God to give birth to the Holy Child.

This so startled Mary that she immediately left her home without saying anything either to Joseph or her parents. She stayed for several months with a cousin in another town.

Later, Mary returned to Nazareth and told Joseph she was going to have a baby.

On the night of Mary's return to Nazareth and the breaking of her news to Joseph, he had a dream. In it the angel of the Lord came to him and told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife, that the child had been conceived by the Holy Spirit, that the child would be called Jesus and that He was to save mankind from sin and bring peace to earth.

Joseph then married Mary. He described their life together as a perfect companionship, the yearning of soul for soul.

Although time for the great event was drawing near when the order came from the Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, that all inhabitants must gather in Bethlehem to be counted for taxation, Joseph and Mary were afraid not to obey. So it happened that their journey here and the Holy Birth coincided.

Word of the great event spread quickly through this city. The courtyard of the inn has been crowded ever since.

Groups of the curious have gathered on the streets discussing the reports. Many said they had seen an unusually bright star that appeared to move across the sky and come to rest over the stable, where the child Jesus was resting in a manger.

Best informed sources said that shepherds in nearby fields were first to learn of the birth. They were quoted as saying an angel appeared in the heavens and told them the great news.

Priest's Son Called Forerunner of Bethlehem Child

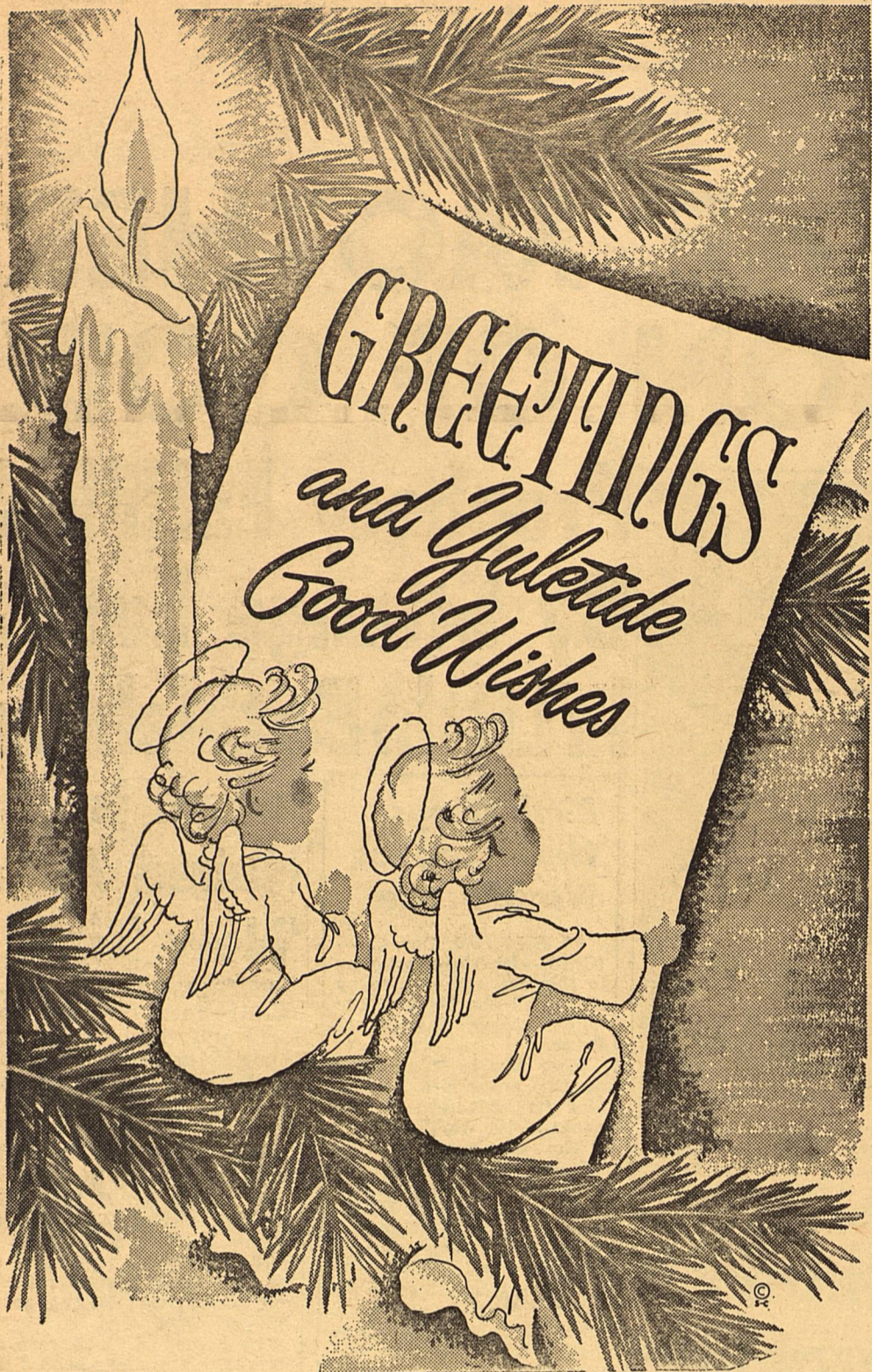
HEBRON, Judea—(CNS)—When word arrived here of the birth in Bethlehem of a child to a virgin, residents recalled a similar incident recently involving a local priest and his wife. About six months ago, Zacharias, the priest, and his wife, Elizabeth, both quite old and childless, became the parents of a son whom they named John.

Just as in the case of Mary, mother of the newborn Jesus, the angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias and told him Elizabeth would have a child who was to be called John. This happened more than a year ago when Zacharias, the priest, was in the temple offering incense. Zacharias reported that the angel told him his son would turn the hearts of fathers unto their children and the incredulous to the wisdom of the just; to prepare unto the Lord a perfect people.

Because he expressed doubt that he and his aged wife would have a child, Zacharias reportedly was stricken dumb by the Lord. Elizabeth in due time gave birth to a 10-pound son. When it came time for the naming, the relatives gathered and started to call the child Zacharias, after his father. But the priest motioned for a writing table and ordered that he be named John. Immediately Zacharias found

his voice again. According to local reports Mary, the mother of the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem, is a cousin of Elizabeth. Mary visited her cousin's home here a few months ago, at which time she reported that she, too, had been visited by the angel Gabriel who told her she would give birth to the Son of God. Even when Mary first arrived here, Elizabeth is said to have spoken to her at once as "the

mother of my Lord." By some strange method, God had made known to Elizabeth the great miracle he had wrought in her cousin. Mary stayed here with Elizabeth for almost three months. It was soon after her departure that John was born. Now at Bethlehem the second promise of the angel Gabriel apparently has been fulfilled. The child born to Mary is named Jesus.



**Modern-Way Gro.**

**Early Colonists Celebrated With English Customs**

Back in the early 1700's, when the United States were the Colonies, the settlers in Williamsburg, capital of Colonial Virginia, celebrated Christmas with the customs they had brought from England. There was no Santa Claus (a Dutch tradition), no Christmas trees (a German tradition), no Nativity creche (an Italian tradition), and no "chimney stockings" (an American adaptation).

Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg was primarily a holy day, but the atmosphere was not solemn. Churches and homes were decorated with greens, while candles burned in all the windows to welcome carolers.

There was public celebration, too. Musicians played special concerts, and fireworks and cannon were exploded to heighten the general merriment. Feasting, of the groaning board variety, was in order with dishes of roasted fowl and hare, marrow pudding, ham, oysters, sausage, shellfish, often capped by whole roast boar on a platter. Some gifts were given then as part of the Christmas celebration, but not nearly on the present day scale.

Today in Williamsburg a visitor can turn back the calendar two centuries and celebrate Christmas much as the colonists did. The old capital has been restored as closely as possible to its pre-Revolutionary appearance, and at Christmas time many of the old customs are carried out. Most familiar to twentieth century Americans would be caroling and the burning of the Yule log.

**YEARS AGO**

Saturday, March 2, 1895  
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Birtrong game a very enjoyable dance at their residence in West Sonora Thursday night.

Andrew Paterson, a bonny Scot, who has been all around the world for sport, has for some years been settled in the Sonora country, was in town this week. Mr. Paterson has a nice flock of sheep and is desirous of meeting his fate.

W. F. Decker will commence building a two story hotel on his property on Main street, shortly.

Saturday, March 9, 1895  
Sonora's school will close about May 24th and it has been suggested that on the Thursday night preceeding the closing of the school that an entertainment be given by the Sonora dramatic club for the benefit of the school library. Several ladies and gentlemen have signified a willingness to take part. In order to get the thing in shape those who will take part, or feel interested are requested to meet at the court house Thursday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of forming a club.

The muttons of the Sonora country are so fat and solid that some of them recently shipped east will be used for export trade.

Mrs. M. A. Traweck, proprietor of the Traweck House had an 8 foot Aermotor wind mill and steel tower put over the well on her property this week.

Saturday, March 16, 1895  
Mr. and Mrs. Al Collins returned from a trip through Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico Tuesday and are staying with Mrs. Collins parents Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wall at the ranch.

An Irish boy was heard to remark this week that the 17th of Ireland comes on the 18th of March this year.

Saturday, March 23, 1895  
The Sunbeam Society of the Baptist Church, will give an entertainment at the church on Friday night March 29th. Everybody invited.

The new town in Schleicher County has been named Wallick. This is intended as a genuine compliment to Sam Wallick one of the first merchants in West Texas.

S. D. Foote was named manager of the dramatic club at the meeting Tuesday night.

A minstrel company is organized and rehearsing for an early performance in Sonora.

The ladder of life is full of splinters, but you never realize it until you begin to slide down.



*Yuletide Wishes*

May all the warmth and cheer of Christmas abide with you.

**Commercial Cafe**



MAY PEACE WITHIN YOUR HEART ABIDE TO BLESS YOU EACH THIS CHRISTMASTIDE

**Sonora Feed & Supply**



Warm wishes full of good cheer that our many friends have a bright Christmas holiday.

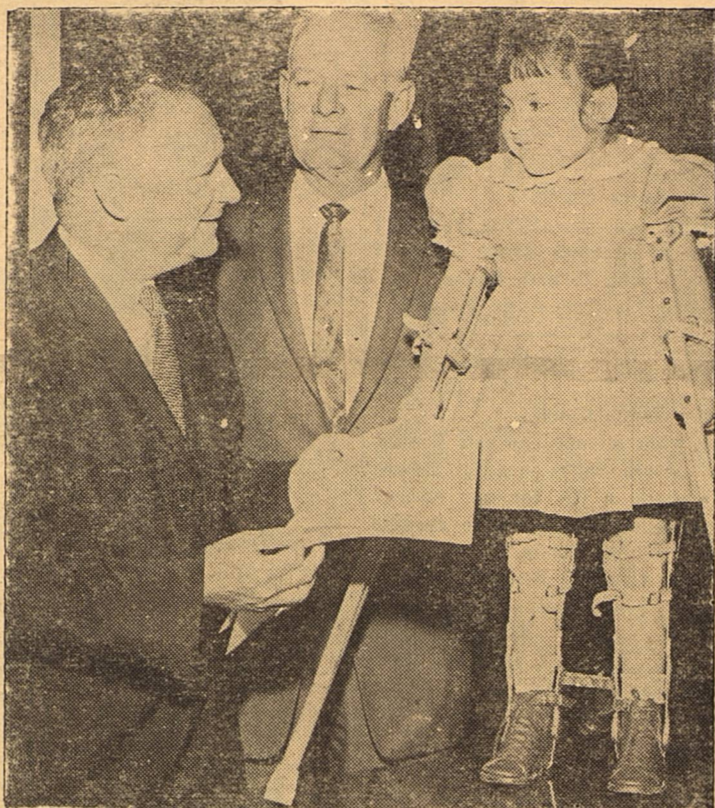
**Westerman Drug**

**PERSONALS**

Moore and Larry Bob.

Herman Moore, Jr., a student at Abilene Christian College, is spending the holidays with his family, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. of San Angelo.

**December Named Gonzales Month In Texas For Humanitarian Work**



DECEMBER IS PROCLAIMED as Gonzales Warm Springs Month in Texas by Governor Price Daniel in ceremonies at the State Capitol. The Governor explains to Maria Guerrero of George West, a patient at the Texas Rehabilitation Center of Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, that he has asked the people of Texas to contribute to the Foundation in Gonzales this month. Shown with Maria and the Governor is Rex Shields, a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

December has been designated as "Gonzales Warm Springs Month" in Texas by Governor Price Daniel in recognition of the humanitarian work in physical rehabilitation which is done by the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation.

The Governor urged all Texans to help provide funds for the Foundation, which is a non-profit, charitable organization—not a state institution.

Governor Daniel said, "The Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation was established in 1937 and in 1941 opened near Gonzales the treatment center known as the Texas Rehabilitation Center."

"The Texas Rehabilitation Center provides comprehensive physical rehabilitation for Tex-

ans of all ages who have been physically disabled following crippling accidents and diseases, regardless of race, creed, or ability to pay.

"The Month of December is the traditional time for generosity and deeds of charity. Therefore, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the month of December, 1961, as Gonzales Warm Springs Month in Texas, and urge the citizens of the State to respond to the urgent appeal for financial support which the Foundation is making during the month."

Contributions to the Foundation can be mailed to TRC, Box 58, Gonzales, Texas.

**Christmas Gifts Originated With The 3 Wise Men**

It all started with gold and frankincense and myrrh—

Since the time of the three wise men, Christians have celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by exchanging gifts. But the exotic fragrances have disappeared and the wise men have been almost crowded out of the Nativity scene.

In many European countries gifts are believed to come from Saint Nicholas. This kindly bishop lived in Asia Minor in the A.D. 300's and became famous for his generosity. Children receive toys and sweets on December 6, his feast day.

Americans added a bit of fur, a reindeer-driven sleigh and a few extra pounds to the saint to create Santa Claus. His name comes from the mispronunciation of the name which Dutch settlers in New York called the saint.

In Italy it's La Befana, a kind of aging fairy queen, who comes down the chimney, and in France the bearer of gifts is the Christ Child Himself, known as the Petit Noel.

Children in South America, however, still wait for the three wise men. And to compensate them for their long journey from the East, they leave water and hay on the doorstep for the wise men's camels.

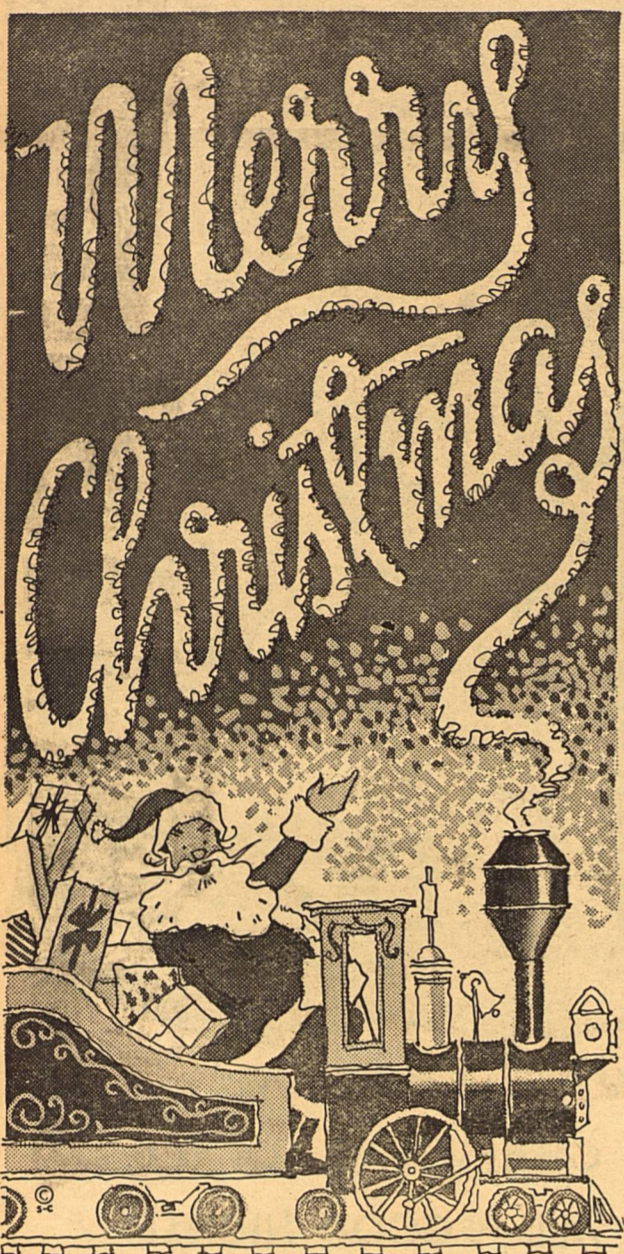
The famous Christmas expression "Peace on earth, good will towards men" actually is a mis-translation. The original Greek, as written by Saint Luke, reads: "Peace on earth to men of good will."

Life is much like Christmas—you are more apt to get what you expect than what you want.

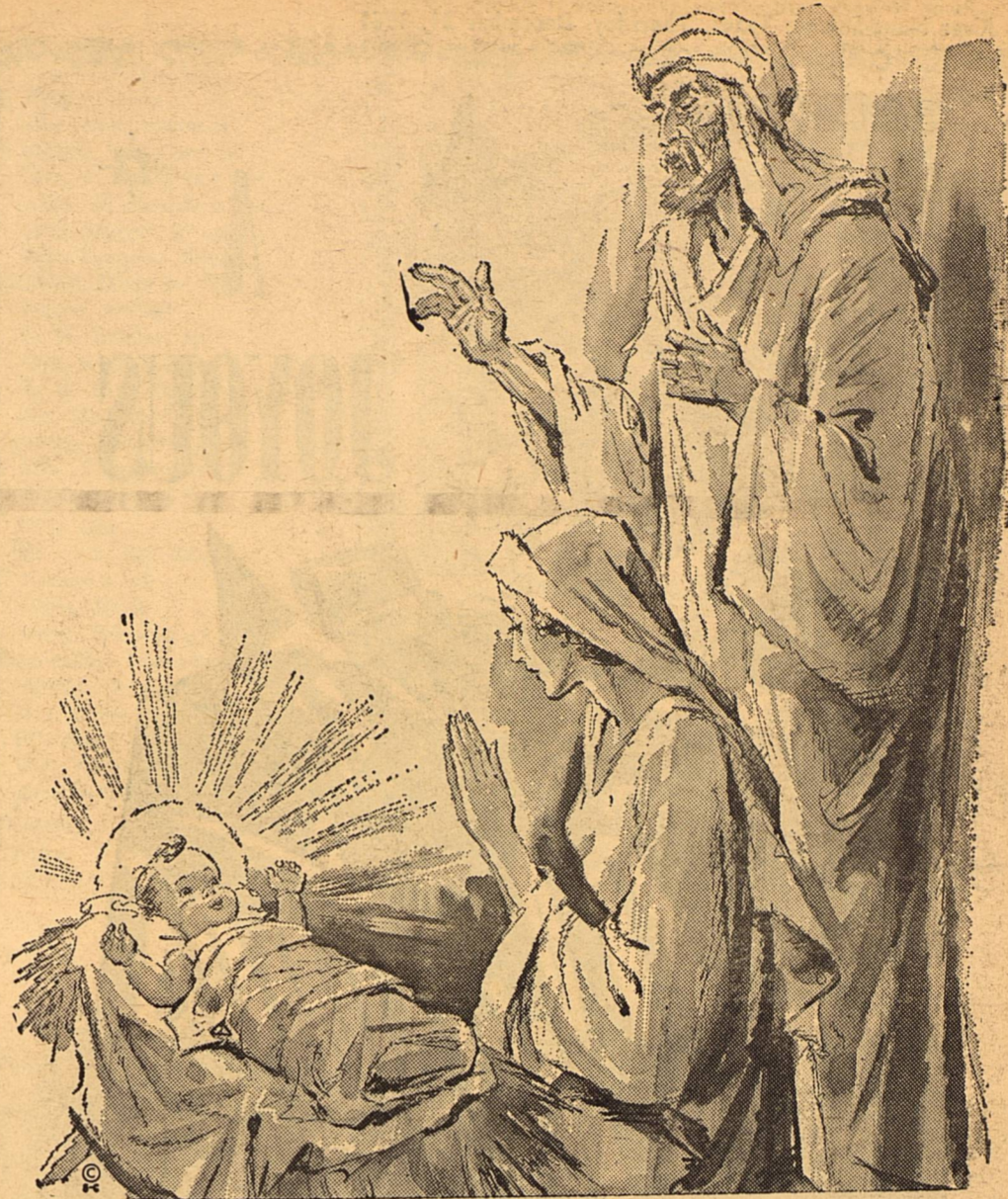
It is not necessary that we should all think exactly alike, but we should all think.

Uncle Daly says the man of the hour is the one whose wife told him to wait a minute.

Saint Francis of Assisi is known as the father Christmas caroling.



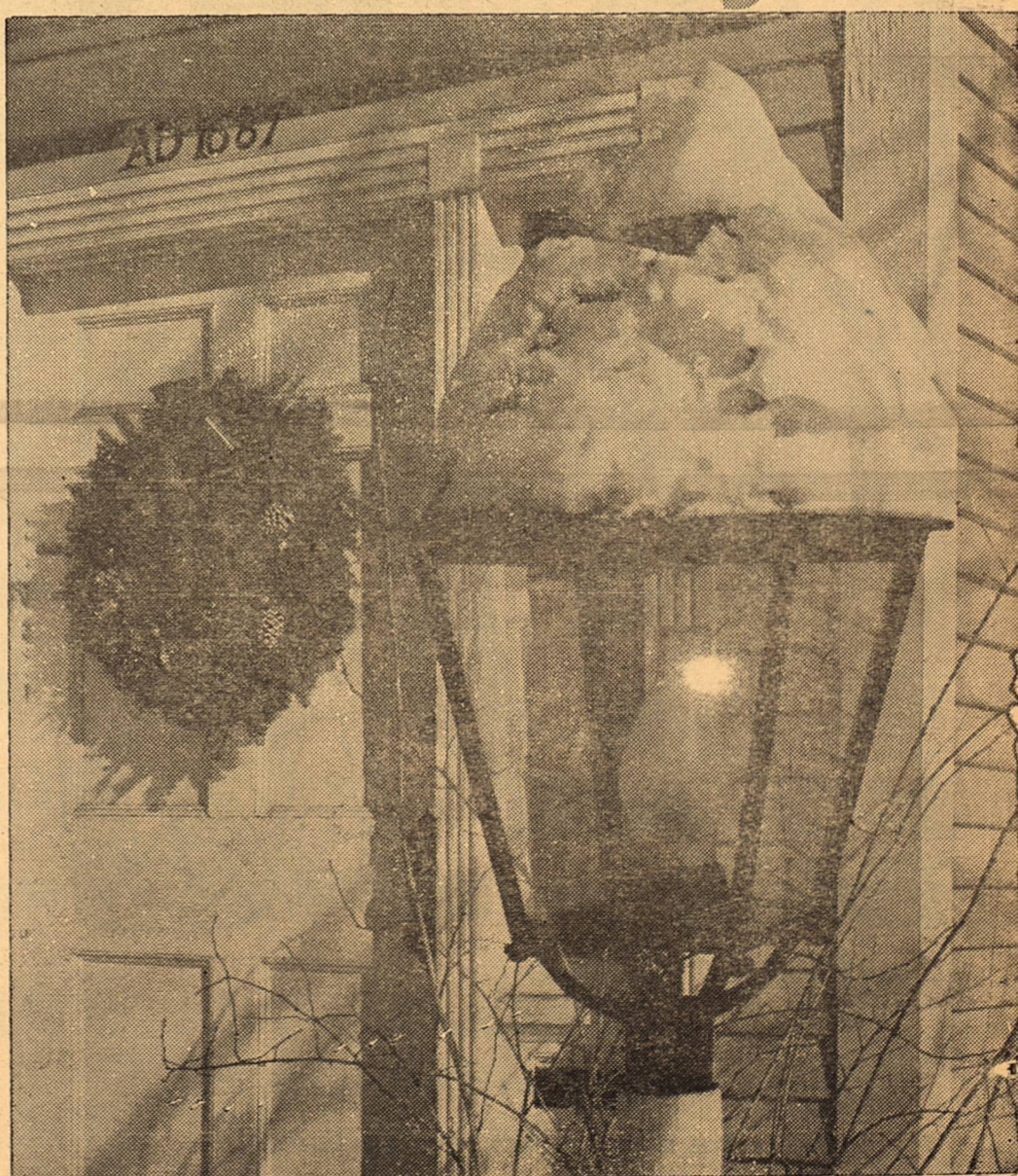
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*"...and on earth peace, good will toward men!"*

**Carl J. Cahill Inc.**

**happy holiday**



In the very best tradition, we wish our old and new friends a holiday filled with all the happiness of an old-fashioned Christmas!

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**Good Health,  
Good Hope, Good Cheer—  
May you receive them all!**

**Thorp's Laundry**

**LETTERS TO SANTA**

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please Santa I want boots.  
James.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you Santa? May I  
have a bridedoll Sanda? May I  
have a pink formal, Santa  
Love, Cynthia Anne Hopkins.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a race car set. I want  
a football. Santa is a fat fellow.  
We made a cat for our mother  
and father, and I have cookies  
and milk for Santa.  
Love Gregory Everett.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to be one of your  
helpers Santa, I would like a  
football set and a bb gun too.  
I would like a pump BB gun this  
Christmas. I like you Santa. I  
would like a fluffy stocking too  
Santa, I will see you at Christ-  
mas.  
Love, Bill.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring a beautician doll.  
And a blue formal. Santa, I  
want a real horse.  
Nancy Lynn Hawkins.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a play tiger and bicycle.  
If I do not get the bicycle  
I still want the play tiger. If  
you can get the bicycle too I  
still want it.  
Love, Linda.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl. I want a Thumb-  
elina doll and a Monopoly set  
and buggy that converts into a  
car seat.  
Your friend, Marilyn Morgan.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl. I want a Shirley  
Temple doll. I want cake set.  
Your friend, Nina Selzer.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a puppy one like Pup  
Pup Tiptin. And a balarena doll  
and clothes with her.  
Your friend, Robin Krueger.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,

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Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Thumbelina doll for  
Christmas and Shirley Temple  
doll. I can tell time may I have  
a wrist watch too? I like the  
Tiny Tears doll too. I want a  
coke machine too. I know I want  
a lot of things for Christmas,  
may I have a lot for things for  
Christmas?  
Elizabeth Boring.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a typewriter and a coke  
machine. I want a sewing mach-  
ine.  
Your Friend, Gail Moxley.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Calvary Little Men.  
Winchester.  
Mike Dillard.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baby doll. I want  
some baby clothes. I want a  
coke machine. I want some  
dishes. I want a house coat. I  
want some house shoes.  
Your friend, Brenda Zane  
Granger.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gun and holster, a pop-  
corn machine and a tool set. I  
want 9 dollars aand a monkey.  
Your friend, Bobby Granger.

No wonder mother gets a  
thrill out of watching the child-  
ren hang up their Christmas  
stockings; she's delighted to see  
them hang up anything.



Our wish to you is that of St. Nick's --  
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,  
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

**Stockmen's Feed Co.**

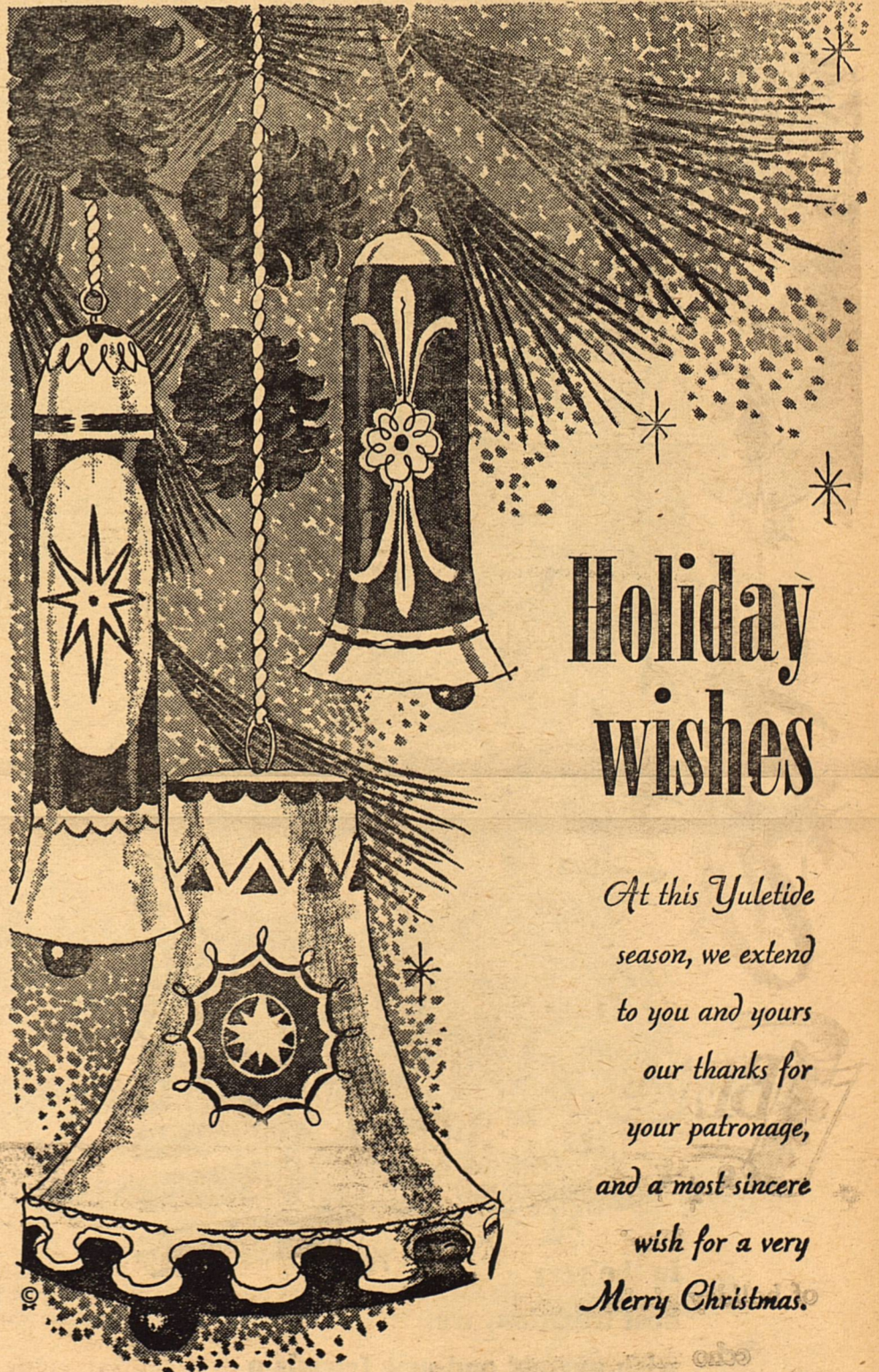
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DEAR FRIEND,  
Just a few lines to let you know we  
appreciate your loyal patronage, and  
wish you a very Merry Christmas!

**R. S. Teaff Oil Co.**

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**Holiday  
wishes**

At this Yuletide  
season, we extend  
to you and yours  
our thanks for  
your patronage,  
and a most sincere  
wish for a very  
Merry Christmas.

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*This message comes  
your house to tell you we  
appreciate your friendship,  
and to wish you and your  
family a Merry Christmas!*

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Hoping the joyful sounds  
of holiday gladness will  
echo through your home  
this Christmas!

**Home Hardware & Furniture**  
JACK AND SUE MACKEY

**LETTERS TO SANTA**

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you come for me. I hope  
you bring us some toys. I want  
a 3030. And shells and bank. I  
want a ranch set.  
Your friend, Rick Street.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking doll. I want  
a wrist watch. I want a play set.  
I want a cook set. I want a dress.  
I want a doll buggy, Tiny Tears  
Doll, Monopoly, Shirley Temple  
Doll and a game.  
Debra Reed.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl. I want a Thum-  
berlina doll, and a Monopoly set  
and buggy, and ice machine,  
Tiny Tears.  
Your friend, Kelley Sue Sen-  
tell.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a girl. I want Thum-  
berline. I want Tiny Tear, Coke  
machine and a typewriter.  
Your friend, Molly Morriss.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy. I want a football  
and a helmet. I want a Rebel set.  
I want a cocker spaniel and a  
holster and a Winchester rifle.  
David Holley.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I won't a Rebel suit and a ice  
Cream machine and typewriter  
and binoculars.  
Your friend, Gene.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a football suit and a  
football with a stand to it.  
Your friend, Richy

**I Give You Texas**

By Boyce House  
When I was a small boy, while  
my father was away on his duties  
as a traveling salesman, my  
mother was at home alone ex-  
cept for my little sister Vivian  
and me. One night, (I was then  
about four) while my father was  
away, two men stopped in front  
of our house. One, who had been  
drinking, said, "I believe I'll go  
in." His friend tried to dissuade  
him but he reiterated his inten-  
tion of entering. My mother  
flung the front door open and  
said, "I don't believe you will"  
and fired twice with my father's  
.38 Smith & Wesson. It is hard-  
ly necessary to add that the two  
men took to their heels.

Soon after my father became a  
traveling salesmaan, we moved  
to Benton, Ark. In Benton, I fell  
from my toy wagon, hit my chin  
on a stump and acquired a per-  
manent scar.

It was in Benton that I made  
my first appearance before the  
public—at a lawn fete, magni-  
ficent with Japanese lanterns  
where, of all things, I sang! My  
Aunt Agnes, wearing a shawl and  
a bonnet to appear much older  
than the girl she was, also took  
part in the dramatic scene where-  
in I warbled, "I'll Always Be  
Good to You, Grandma." I do  
not recall that an encore was  
necessary.

Marion was born in Benton.  
She inherited her dark hair,  
brown eyes and olive skin from  
our father. Vivian and I "took  
after" our mother.

It was while we were living in  
Benton that I took my first train  
trip alone—and forgot where I  
was going. Then I overheard a  
middle-aged couple (they were  
probably twenty-five or twenty-  
six) across the aisle say, "When  
we get to Little Rock—" and I  
said to myself, "That's where  
I'm going; I must remember."  
Little Rock was the State capital  
and the largest city in Arkansas  
and, furthermore, I couldn't have  
been carried past, for that was  
the end of the line.

My father was waiting when  
I stepped off the train, as trium-  
phant as Columbus or Magellan,  
for had I not successfully travel-  
ed thirty miles all by myself!

Christopher Morley has writ-  
ten many fine line. One of the  
best was about a column con-  
ductor on a New York newspaper  
who was, on this particular oc-  
casion, "in an unusually good  
humor for a humorist."

**Happy Birthday**

Friday, December 22,  
Ralph Tipton  
Lea Roy Aldwell  
Mrs. B. M. Halbert, Jr.  
Frank L. Moore, Jr.  
Naancy Reynolds  
Merry Lou Glascock  
Mrs. Harold Scherz  
Saturday, December 23,  
Benny Friend

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a race car. I want a  
box of dog food for my dogs. I  
have two dogs. I want two boxes  
of dog food.  
Have a Merry Christmas.  
Good bye Santa fro Frank.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I like you Santa, and I like  
Christmas too. I want a wood  
burning set for Christmas. I'd  
like a set for Christmas.  
I am Billy.

Mrs. Pete Ballard  
Mrs. Dock Rape  
Cynthia Green  
Joe Neal Wallace  
Peggy Grobe  
Kay Ann Saunders  
Sundaya, December 24,  
Mrs. J. W. Pepper, Jr.  
Alan W. Saunders  
Jack Darryl Moore  
John Douglas Moore  
Monday, December 25,  
Duard Archer  
G. W. Archer, Jr.  
Mrs. Herb McKee  
B. H. Cusenbary  
Jon Barton Dungan  
Tuesday, December 26,  
Mrs. C. D. Wyatt  
Lewis Rouache  
Glen Hay  
Mrs. Charles Baker  
Jimmy Black  
Claire Jones  
Betsy Schwiening  
Wednesday, December 27,  
Melinda Earwood  
Mrs. Jerry Shurley  
Bill McClelland  
Will Wallace  
Al Elliott  
Thursday, December 28,  
None.



**O HOLY  
NIGHT**

**THE BLESSING OF THE CHRIST CHILD  
BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THIS  
CHRISTMAS, BRINGING GOOD HEALTH.  
GREAT HOPE AND LASTING HAPPINESS.**

**Chamber Of Commerce**

# SEE *Texas* FIRST

One of Texas' finest, and most popular press rooms is in itself news worthy and truly a sight well worth seeing.

This press room accommodates 142 reporters and 20 photographers. As if that weren't enough, there are also facilities for six broadcast teams and 40 Morse and teletype operators. Nothing like getting the news out fast and with broad coverage.

Photos need to go out fast too, so two darkrooms are available for the use of the cameramen. There also are wire photo facilities for sending the photos direct from the press room.

Where is this great press room? In the Texas Capitol? Wrong.

This is the press box that hovers 130 feet above the playing field at the Cotton Bowl in the State Fair grounds at Dallas.

### Arch of Fun

Forming a 600 mile arch, the Texas coastline on the Gulf of Mexico is a paradise in fun and relaxation for year-round living.

Tremendous business opportunities have brought a huge upsurge of residents and development and the tourists increase every year.

Boating, fishing, swimming, shell collecting, gull feeding or just taking in the beauty of the area and enjoying life, the Gulf Coast is unsurpassed.

Not the least of the attractions is the fabulous Padre Island.

This 100 mile long sliver of sand dunes and beaches is the longest remaining stretch of undeveloped coast line in the nation. It's unspoiled beauty is in itself perhaps one of the most talked about assets of the Gulf Coast area.

Its attraction is none the less diminished by the tales of buried pirate treasure from the former inhabitant—the pirate Jean Lafitte.

Put Your Little Foot Right Here White man first set foot on Texas soil in 1528.

Since then, Texas soil has felt an ever increasing traffic of new feet. Between 1836 and 1845 for

### YEARS AGO

Saturday, March 30, 1895 Bishop J. S. Johnson of San Antonio, Episcopal bishop of this diocese, will be in Sonora Tuesday April 2nd, and will hold services at the church on that night. Bishop Johnson is an eloquent and forcible speaker and should have a large audience.

Mrs. Miss and Mr. McGregor of Ballinger, mother sister and brother of Mrs. E. C. Saunders arrived in Sonora Friday on a short visit.

The Mayer Bros. & Co. opening dance and supper at the court house Friday night was a grand success. The ladies were charming and in the best of spirits, the music furnished by the Mexican string band was grand and as everything was arranged for the comfort and enjoyment of those present the dancers were loath to leave. Supper being announced at 12 o'clock was a surprise of an agreeable nature to many. Mayer Bros. & Co. have the thanks and well wishes of many for such a delightful time.

Saturday, April 6, 1895 The measles have taken the town.

A large force of carpenters are at work on the Decker hotel.

J. W. Arhelger representing the Clipper Fire Extinguisher, manufactured by Parlin and Owendorff Co. of Dallas is in Sonora and will give an exhibition of the working of the Clipper Fire Extinguisher.

The public school is out, but don't neglect to send your children to the subscription school. A child will learn more in the next three months than he or she has in the past five.

C. J. Nichols, Sonora's contractor and builder, left on a business trip to Rocksprings Friday. It is said Edwards County intends building a new jail and Mr. Nichols will make a proposal on this trip.

Miss Sophie VanderStucken of Menardville, sister to Felix VanderStucken of the mercantile firm of Mayer Bros. & Co. is in Sonora on a short visit, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mayer.

Presiding judge was Nathaniel Burford.

A monument now marks the spot, some six miles north of Weatherford.

Want Cotton Bowl Tickets? Sorry, all sold out. These words have fallen on many a disappointed ear belonging to a would-be Cotton Bowl attendee.

To help decrease the number of disappointed, the Cotton Bowl has twice been expanded. Once in 1948 by adding 21,924 seats and again in 1949 by the addition of 7,073 seats!

Realizing the competition for tickets, sales for the bonds to finance the expansion of the Bowl were spurred by promising bond and option holders priority on tickets.

It worked, too. And now 19,982 Cotton Bowl seats are set aside and given priority to the holders of the bonds and options. These priorities last for 20 years.

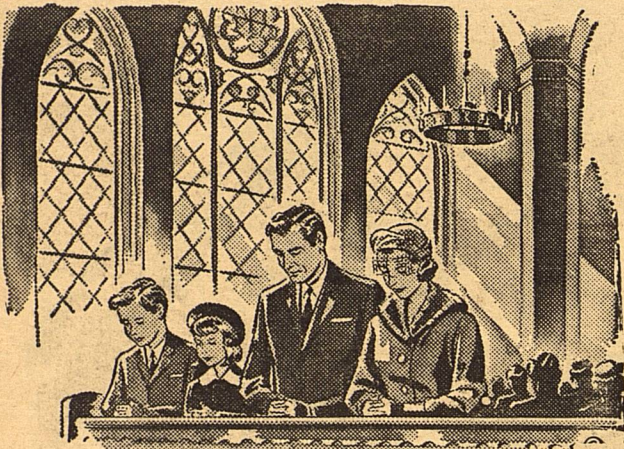
Bond holders of 1948 receive priority to buy one ticket for each \$100 bond held. The other priority goes to those who paid \$50 for a ticket option in 1949 to finance the construction of the east deck. The option holders priority is limited to the upper deck tickets.



To All Our Many Friends...

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE BARROW JEWELRY ESTABLISHED 1929



### OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR YOU AND YOURS

May your happiness be so great that you treasure forever the many wondrous memories of this Christmas.

Butane-Propane Gas Co.



OUR VERY BEST WISHES

TO ALL OF OUR

FRIENDS

The Holiday Host



W. A. Carroll, Texaco Consignee

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



As the Yuletide season draws near, we wish you lots of old-time holiday cheer.

## Evan's Foodway

# NOEL



Hope of heart and peace of mind beside you ever stay. That's our fondest wish for you at this Holiday.

## Humble Oil & Rfg. Co

MARION ELLIOTT, AGENT



## Christmas Sonora Wool & Mohair

### Adjust Driving To Weather For Traffic Safety

Many of the traffic delays and accidents that have occurred in the state during past winters have resulted from cars being stuck or skidding on slippery roads and bridges.

We can't just blame the weather. Actually, our streets, bridges and highways are maintained during winter in much safer condition than they were years ago—a fact which drivers with many years of experience will remember and affirm. Temporary warning signs go into use immediately when freezing rain, sleet or snow is imminent. Bridges are sanded for the motorists' protection, and if snow, snow plows start to work. It isn't possible for road crews to maintain all roads in bare and dry pavement condition all of the time; yet many drivers are able to drive all winter long, without undue delay or mishap.

This points up that it is not just the road condition itself. It is also our own ability or inability to adjust our driving

habits and utilize safety equipment to compensate for road conditions; yes, even not traveling if it gets bad enough. A simple thing like tire chains frequently makes the difference between getting stalled, having a skid-wreck—or getting through safely.

To help drivers learn from experience, without themselves going through the experience of causing a traffic blockade or having an accident we would do well to review some of the results of exhaustive winter driving tests conducted by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards.

During snow, reinforced tire chains provide 313 percent better traction than regular tires, and 409 percent more traction on ice.

Stopping ability is an extremely important factor in accident prevention. On dry pavement, a car equipped with regular tires and traveling at 20 miles per hour can be stopped in 21 feet. On loosely packed snow it takes 60 feet. In glare ice 200 feet. Reinforced tire chains cut the distance to 38 feet on snow and 77 feet on ice.

These facts, proved by scientific tests, give a driver reliable information on equipping and handling his car during various winter conditions.

The driver who comes through safely is the one who, in addition to equipping his car with recommended safety equipment, also readjusts his driving habits to fit the season and storm emergencies. He slows down on slippery streets and allows more distance between his car and the car ahead. He anticipates his stops, because he has a good idea of the distance he will require to stop safely. He also judges the snow depth, is familiar with the slippery hills and puts on chains ahead of need to avoid becoming stalled.

Once a car is stuck, or skids out of control, it's often too late. The time to do some serious thinking about the inadequate traction problem is before something happens. Smart drivers carry reinforced tire chains in the trunk and use them when needed to avoid causing dangerous traffic blockades.

### English Engraver Designed First Christmas Cards

Did you ever wonder who started the custom of sending Christmas cards? Historians give credit to a 16-year-old engraver, who lived in London in 1842, William Maw Egley. He designed a small card to send to his friends. Only one hundred copies were made of his quaintly cluttered design, which depicted a formal banquet, a dancing party and a group of skaters.

Beneath the illustration young Egley wrote: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You"—which still seems to be the most popular phrasing ever written.

The first Christmas card to win complete acceptance was sent in 1862 by a London publisher, Charles Goodall and Sons.

In the 32 years that intervened the idea had spread to the United States, and in 1874 a Boston lithographer, Louis Prang, issued his first Christmas card and an industry was launched.

Prang's cards were world famous for their beauty and craftsmanship. Their price ran to several dollars each.

He used few of the traditional Christmas scenes, so familiar today, but instead depicted spring flowers, harvest scenes and children at play.

### Santa Product Of Imagination Of Two Famous Men

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

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

The second man, who put the actual likeness of Santa on paper to illustrate Moore's poem, was Thomas Nast, a great cartoonist. Nast drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

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

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

Martin Luther is believed to be responsible for the lights on the Christmas tree. According to a popular story, Luther added the lights to represent the stars above Bethlehem on the night of Christ's birth.



## Joy to all

On this holiest of days, we extend our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas

The Ruth Shurley Jewelry

We will be closed December 24 through December 27



## Happy Holiday!

Heartfelt good cheer we wish you . . . our loyal customers.

CHRISTIE'S EL PASO STATION

## Christmas Blessings

TO YOU and YOURS...



WISHING YOU JOYS of the SEASON

## Joseph's Dept. Store

# Christmas Greetings



Western Motel



BLESSINGS OF THE YULETIDE TO EVERYONE

J. & S. MOTORS

## Devil's River Philosopher Wants Reporters Banned From All Other Planets To Escape More Crises

Editor's Note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitter-weed ranch on Devil's River discloses his problems in keeping up with world affairs, his letter this week indicates.

I haven't taken a public opinion poll, but my guess is that not over 3 percent of the people in the world understand what's going on in the Congo, China, France, Germany, South America, etc., and I guarantee you I'm not in that 3 percent.

Take just one segment of the world, take the Congo. Every day the newspapers are filled with big headlines and news articles about the current situation in the Congo, and I'm frank to say it's not clear in my mind yet

whether Tshombe is president of Katanga or Katanga is president of Tshombe, and when the articles get down to what's going on in Kolwezi and Jadotville, I turn to the sports pages or the latest murder.

Now I'll admit this may be regrettable, but I would like to point out that it's going to get worse, not better, on account of the limitations of a man's mind. The mind can handle just so much territory, and by the time I get through keeping up with this immediate locality, then this country, then this state, then part of the United States, then a few high points around the world, I haven't got any more time to spare and still get any work done. I can't even do it

and not get any work done.

But what's going to happen when man, as it looks now like he will, gets out to other planets and finally gets them populated? And the headlines start pouring back in about a political upheaval on the Moon, the downfall of a government on Venus, economic aid for the drought-stricken people on Mars? Etc.

I tell you, if man is smart, he'll pass a law right now making it illegal for any reporters ever to get off the earth. You let reporters scatter throughout the universe and before long the newspapers will be so jammed with crises from all over everywhere that the human mind will snap.

The world hasn't got many more problems now than it ever had, they're just better reported, and the better they're reported, the less of the total anybody understands.

If it wasn't for reporters and modern communications, this world still might not be any better off than it is, but everybody would think it was.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A.

... A LITTLE WISH WITH A LOT OF HEART ... TO YOU AND YOURS!

**Billies Beauty Shop**  
BILLIE & DELIA

### LETTERS TO SANTA

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a snow machine. I want the wise Jay Book. A Kisseby doll and some book I can read.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Send me some hunting shoes. Send me a bicycle pump. Send me a bicycle basket. May I have a bb gun. May I have a Collie dog, a big one.  
Merry Christmas Santa, Walter Pfluger.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
My brother wants a bicycle. I want a wood burning set. My brother and I want a cannon. My brother and I want a rocket that we can get in that runs on steam.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am going to get an backie for Christmas. And a baby doll too. And some make up.  
Love Barbara Granger.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a football.  
Andy.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Thumbalina doll, and I want a play puppy dog. I want a little organ.  
One more thing I want a Kisses doll and have a good Christmas.  
Pam Steed.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a play puppy dog. I want it pink. I hope you will bring it. I want it to put on my bed. We haven't got a chinney.  
Marcie.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a real pony for Christmas, and one for Robin too. I want some reins, too. I want a cowgirl suit, too. I want a saddle too.  
Love, Jessie.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? Will you get me this please? Here is what I want. A black hat, a two gun black holster set, and a battery train and a watch?

From Larry, to Santa, Merry Christmas Santa, and a happy New Year.

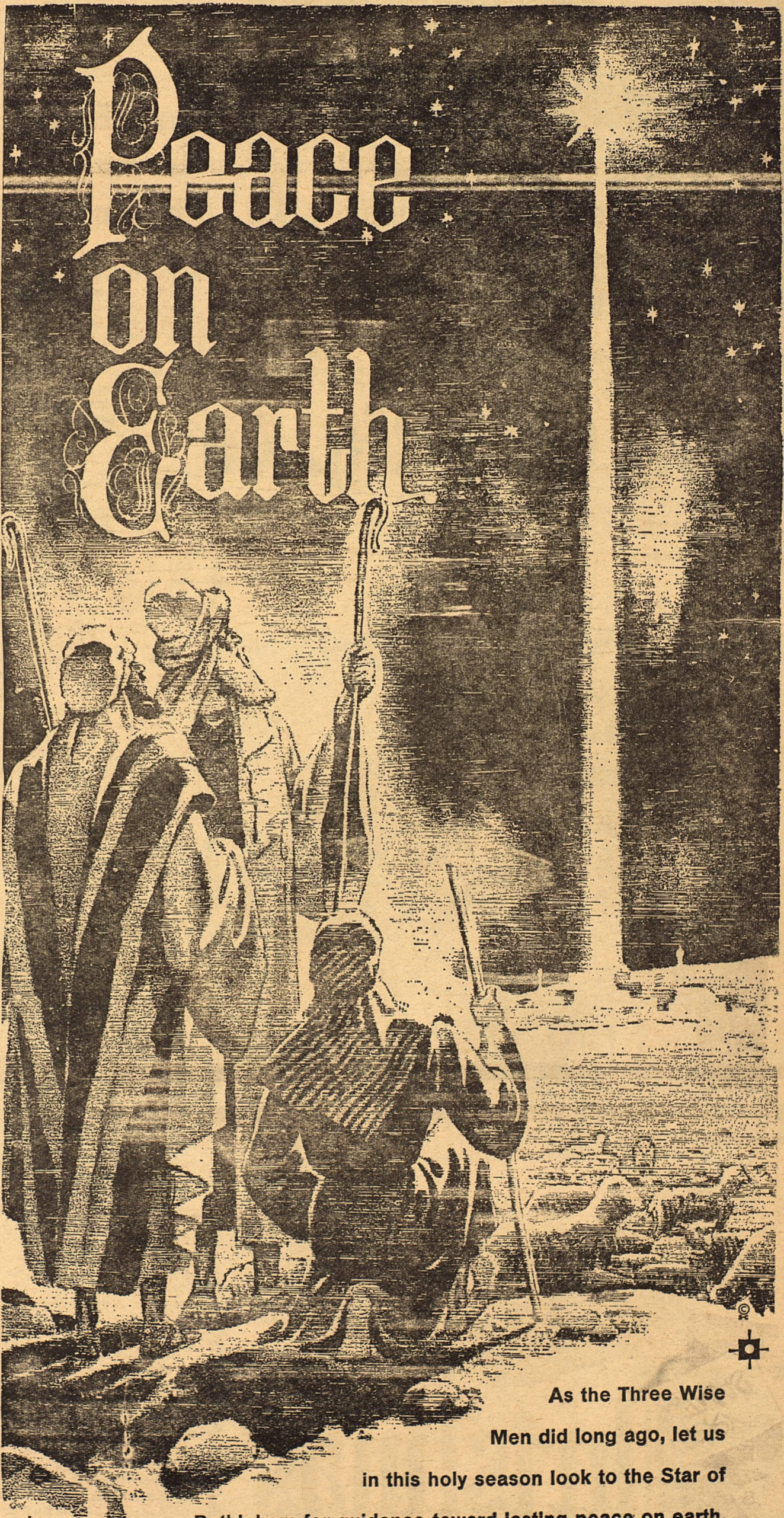
Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle. I want a cowboy gun. I want a cat, I want some shoes. Please may I have a pair of sigs.  
Glen Bricker.

Sonora, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1961

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle. I want three dolls. I want a playhouse. Do you like cookies I do.

ove, Selma Nelle Stutblefield.



As the Three Wise Men did long ago, let us in this holy season look to the Star of

Bethlehem for guidance toward lasting peace on earth.

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