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Gets Jail Sentence On Serious Charge

Pleading guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Alton Otis Perrin, 22, of Ranger, Tex., was sentenced to six months in jail and given a fine of \$250 by Judge Bob L. Davis in Coke county court here Tuesday.

Perrin is said to have persuaded Jimmie Lee Johnson, 14 year old Silver girl, to run away with him last Wednesday. They left Robert Lee by bus and stopped at Eastland where they secured a marriage license. When they appeared at the office of a justice of peace to have the marriage performed, they were taken into custody by the Eastland county sheriff.

Perrin came to the Jameson oil field near Silver two weeks ago with the Beckman company which operates a workover drilling outfit. While employed there he made the acquaintance of the Johnson girl, who said she went away with him without undue persuasion.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Johnson, notified authorities when they discovered the couple had gone, and officers traced them at the bus stops. Sheriff Paul Good brought Perrin back from Eastland Thursday night and the Johnson girl was taken home by her relatives.

Investigation disclosed Perrin had been married previously and is contributing to the support of a small daughter.

District Attorney Ralph Logan was in Robert Lee Saturday conferring with officers in regard to the case, and the brief trial Tuesday was in charge of County Attorney G. L. Arnold. Maximum sentence for the offense is a year in jail and \$500 fine.

Silver WHD Club

The Silver Home Demonstration club met Dec. 16 at the Baptist church for a Christmas party. Mrs. R. B. Allen, club president, opened the meeting. Mrs. Curtis Walker read the program of work outlined by the state organization at its convention in Galveston last September. Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged. Those present were Mrs. R. B. Allen, Mrs. Will Carr, Mrs. Sherm Anderson and Mrs. G. B. Gebhart. Next meeting will be the second Tuesday in January at the Church of Christ and all members are asked to be present.

Rev. Fred Blake and family will leave Friday for Lubbock to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Howard. The Robert Lee folks will then go to Lemitar, N. Mex., where Rev. Blake will officiate at the marriage of his niece on Jan. 4. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blake, reside at Lemitar, as does also a sister, Mrs. T. R. Chancellor.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Havins came down from Big Spring for an over Sunday visit in the parental Fern Havins home. The Havins and Dooge Hallmark families enjoyed their Christmas dinner Sunday.



EVERY christmas season brings to us the recurring knowledge that mankind need not be destined for sorrow, dejection and strife. The spirit of Christmas captures us with its glory and teaches us that a lasting peace on earth is our highest goal.

If you will permit the publisher of this newspaper one wish at this Christmas time, let it be this: That the spirit of the Christmas star may be our perpetual guide and that we may meet our fellow men on the level of peace, trust and friendship. Not just until December 26, but for the rest of the year—for the rest of our lives.

It is in that spirit that this newspaper extends to all of you its hope for a truly

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Cumbie Ivey, Jr. In Auto-Train Crash

Cumbie Ivey, Jr., well known Robert Lee young man, had a miraculous escape from fatal injury late last Friday night at Dallas in a railroad crossing crash, involving a train and two automobiles.

Ivey, who is a student at north Texas College at Denton, was enroute home for the Christmas holidays when his car was bumped by an M-K-T train at Mockingbird Crossing in Dallas. The car then struck another waiting for the train to pass. Both cars burned after leaking gasoline from a broken tank was ignited.

Ivey was driving a nearly new Ford sedan owned by his father.

Also injured were Scott Snodgrass, Jr., 21 of San Angelo, and Keith Westerman, 21, of Vernon. Snodgrass is a student of SMU in Dallas, while the other two youths are students at the state college in Denton.

The injured were taken to a Dallas hospital and relatives were called. Ivey had a couple of serious head lacerations and slight burns about the head. Snodgrass suffered a fractured nose and smashed face.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey left immediately for Dallas after being notified of the accident, and they were expected to return to Robert Lee with their son Tuesday afternoon.

Farm Fire Extinguished

The Robert Lee fire truck made a quick run Tuesday morning to the Leslie Wink farm, 8 miles north of town, and extinguished a blaze in a large stack of bundle feed. Only a small portion of the stack was destroyed.

Folks You Know

S. R. Young, former publisher of The Observer, was taken to Shannon hospital Monday following several days of illness. He has an apparent stomach ailment.

Frank Percifull continues to improve at St. John's hospital in San Angelo where he has been a patient for more than two weeks. Reports are that he will be home for Christmas. Will Percifull is home for a vacation from Austin where he is a freshman at St. Edward University.

Editor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick are happy this week to have with them their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Dausch, and 10 months old son, Pete Eugene, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hillman, of Arlington, Va. Mrs. Kirkpatrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Owen, left Tuesday for their home at Allison, Iowa, after a visit of several weeks here. Mrs. Kirkpatrick was brought home from Shannon hospital Saturday and is showing much improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Counts and children are coming from Karval, Colo., for a holiday visit in the Roy Taylor and A. N. Counts homes. They recently moved to Colorado where J. Q. has a position on a ranch.

Billie Fay and Chloe Jane Ratliff of San Angelo are visiting this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Danford, while their mother, Mrs. Bill Ratliff, is helping in Olene's beauty shop.

Mrs. A. W. Littlefield and her B. T. U. Junior Class delivered fruit cookies and nuts to several homes in Robert Lee Monday afternoon.

Congressman O. C. Fisher To Speak Here Dec. 30

Congressman O. C. Fisher, who is on a holiday visit with his family in San Angelo, has been scheduled for an address in Robert Lee next Tuesday night, Dec. 30.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the public is invited. Since Congressman has just come



home from an important special session, and will return to Washington within a few days for the regular session starting Jan 5, his talk at this time will be of special interest.

Chamber of Commerce members are urged to attend the meeting and remain for a business session after the speech. The organization has not been active of late, but many important matters confront the citizens of Robert Lee, and it's time the business men pull together.

New oil development in the county brings up such vital matters as housing, roads, etc.

Good Oil Showing In Walker Test South of River

Bidding for a 4-mile southwest extension of the Jameson oil field near Silver or the opening of a new pool in northwestern Coke county, Sun Oil company No. 1 J. B. Walker was preparing to run tubing and complete this week. Seven inch casing had previously been set to 6,230 feet and a Schlumberger survey made to the total depth, 6,260 feet.

No. 1 J. B. Walker, wildcat test drilled by Sun 7-8 mile south of the Colorado River and 6 miles south and west of the Jameson discovery well, sprayed fluid for 55 minutes last Friday after the tool was closed to terminate a 15-minute drillstem test from 6,230-60 feet. Recovery when the drillpipe was broken down was 460 feet of clean oil and 10 feet of heavily oil cut and gas cut mud. The oil tested 44.9 gravity. There was no water.

The wildcat is 660 feet out of the southeast corner of Section 526, C. Brockhuysen survey. Several sections of Sun's 20,000 acre block in Coke county lay on the south side of the Colorado River.

No. 1 J. B. Walker topped the lime reef at 6,123 feet and the lime is said to correspond to that in the Jameson field.

Mathers Completed

No. 1 C. E. Mathers Monday had become the 13th completed producer in Sun's field in northwestern Coke county. The Mathers test flowed naturally 130 barrels of 48 gravity oil plus 8 per cent water on a 24-hour potential gauge through a quarter inch choke on 2-inch tubing set at 6,432 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 1,800-1.

The well topped the pay at 5,939 feet and was finished from open hole at 6,073 to 6,436 feet, the total depth. It is in the C NW NE Section 326-1A-H & TC, diagonal southwest offset to No. 2 Homer Jameson.

No. 1 J. S. Walker, half mile east of No. 1 Mathers flowed 153.7 barrels of oil and 4.64 barrels of water on a 9-hour test Monday. Gauge was through a quarter inch choke, with tubing pressure of 75 pounds.

No. 2 C. E. Mathers had set surface pipe at 1,463 feet and was waiting for cement to harden.

No. 5 Fred Jameson was preparing to run a drillstem test Tuesday from 6,020-40 feet.

No. 5 Homer Jameson was drilling Tuesday in shale at 5,312 feet.

No. 3 Willie I. Tubb was drilling at 3,100 feet in shale.

No Show In Arledge

No. 1 J. W. Arledge, Sun's wildcat test north of Sanco, was drilling Tuesday at 5,340 feet. A 60-minute drillstem test run Monday from 5,253-76 feet recovered 45 feet of drilling mud, with no oil showing. There was a slight blow to the surface in 4 minutes.

Christmas Programs

The Methodist Church presented two Christmas services Sunday.

The young people of the church had charge of the morning service, which featured traditional Christmas carols and a Christmas drama titled "No Room in the Inn," directed by Mrs. W. B. Clift. Those taking part in the drama were Misses Patty Taylor, Maudie Watson, Dixie Taylor, Colleen Varnadore, and James Jackson, Tommy Kirkpatrick, Marvin Simpson, Jr., Bruce Clift, Johnnie Ross, E. C. McDonald and Mrs. Clift.

The evening service featured a dramatic monologue also titled "No Room in the Inn" by the pastor, Rev. J. Howard Estes.

Music for the service consisted of Christmas carols by the congregation and a Polish Christmas carol given as a solo by Mrs. Bryan Yarbrough.

Notice

The ordinance regulating operation and parking of motor vehicles on streets of Robert Lee will be enforced.

All double-parking, parking in center of street, parking cars on sidewalks, parking trucks with trailers in business district and disregard of speed regulations is prohibited.

The co-operation of the operators of motor vehicles is respectfully solicited.

V. H. Simpson, Constable



While angels hovered overhead, the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to the Manger at Bethlehem. We cannot offer you their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gift must be restricted to the old, but heartfelt wish for all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

Roach's Dry Goods



To you and yours this Yuletide season, we extend our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you this joyous holiday season.

Sheriff Paul Good

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dodson, Jr. and little son of Denver City came last week for a holiday visit with Robert Lee relatives and friends.

W. B. Clift drove his ambulance to Dallas Tuesday and brought home Mr. and Mrs. Dan Campbell. The former had a cataract removed from an eye two weeks ago and is reported to be making a fine recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrus Davis, who are students at Sul Ross college at Alpine, will spend the Christmas vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sheppard.

Rial Denman of Texas City visited among relatives and friends here the last of the week.

E. C. Jones returned Monday from the Bronte hospital where he has been a patient the past week. His daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Ray Powell, of Colorado City has been here with him.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McMillan returned Saturday from Hastings, Nebr., where they attended the marriage of their son on Dec. 18. They made the trip by auto and report good weather enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wylie, Jr. spent Sunday with the Preston Fitzhughs at Ballinger. They also attended the Christmas cantata at the Baptist church in Ballinger Sunday night.

Mrs. Hubert Buchanan has taken a position as operator in Olene's beauty shop.



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Hubert Buchanan

CHRISTMAS remembrance



It would be difficult, indeed, to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas. We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

Club Cafe



ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

Merry Christmas to each and every one

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Plumbers Must Have Licenses After Jan. 5

Austin, Texas—December 23.—Texas plumbers who do not secure state license before January 5, 1948, will be violating the new Texas License Law. They will not only be subject to the penalties of the Act, but will also be required to take an examination, C. E. Belk, Administrator of the Texas Plumbing Board warned here today.

The law, as passed by the last legislature, provides for no extension beyond this date nor does it provide for any exceptions. He said applications on or before January 5, will make it unnecessary for qualified plumbers to take an examination, but after that date all new license would require an examination. State License now being issued are valid until February 1, 1949, and may be renewed without examination, Belk said.

A majority of Texas cities have already amended their plumbing ordinances to conform to the State Law, he continued, and it is expected that all corporate cities affected will complete conformance procedures by not later than January 5.

"It is not our desire to require any plumber to take the examination if he is already qualified," Belk said, "but the deadline is set by the Law. However, the Board has been conducting examinations since November, 25, and any person wishing to take the examination should make application im-

mediately. Examination machinery is established and individuals will be scheduled promptly upon application and fee. Application blanks have been furnished to mayors in all Texas cities and additional copies can be secured by writing to the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners, 306 West 15th, Austin, Texas."

J. S. Ross is spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Oklahoma, being a guest in the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Ayers, at Tishomingo and also his sister, Mrs. Jim Tillison, at Lawton. His grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Caston, took him to Tishomingo Saturday.

Mr and Mrs. J. W. Denman have moved into one of the duplex apartments recently constructed by Chism Brown.

Notice To Bidders

The Commissioners' Court of Coke County, Texas will receive bids until 10 o'clock A.M. January 12, 1948 at the Court House in Robert Lee, Texas for the purchase of one Motor Grader (Used machine thoroughly rebuilt and guaranteed will be considered); certified check in the amount of 5% of bid required, and the Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

If a contract is made the Commissioners' Court intends to issue warrants for all or any part thereof in amount not exceeding \$3,750.00, said warrants to bear interest at the rate of 4%, and the last maturity date to be not later than 1950.

Bob L. Davis,
County Judge Coke County, Texas.



AT CHRISTMAS TIME

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Joy Martin Marries Bruce Fly of Phillips

The marriage of Miss Joy LaDean Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Martin of Robert Lee, and Bruce Lee Fly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Fly of Phillips, took place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The double ring ceremony was performed in the Baptist parsonage by the Rev. Fred D. Blake, pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

The bride wore a two-piece dress of powder blue silk with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

Immediately following the cere-

mony the couple left for a week's trip to points in North Texas, including a visit to the bridegroom's parents in Phillips, after which they will be at home in Amarillo where Mr. Fly is employed with a construction company.

Miss Martin attended Robert Lee high school and was a co-owner of the City Cafe until a few months ago.

Mr. Fly is a graduate of Phillips high school. He served two years in the Army with an infantry division. He served overseas 18 months in the Pacific theatre.

Guests at the wedding were Misses Betty Jo Mauldin and Carrie Catherine Rabb, friends of the bride.

Folks You Know

Allen Roberts, who has been living in San Angelo for some time, moved this week with his family to Dublin, Texas, where he will be employed in a jewelry store and learn watch making. Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberts of Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vowell visited over the weekend at Abilene with his mother, Mrs. Eva Vowell, and his sister, Mrs. Dee T. McClesky, and family. Mrs. Vowell left this week to spend the holidays with relatives in San Antonio, while the McCleskys will visit in Bronte and Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lambert and little son, Tommy, came from Brownfield for a weekend visit in the parental Sumner B. Cragin home.

Mary Lou Weathers, who is attending the state university at Austin, is spending the holiday vacation here with her children and her mother, Mrs. Daisy McCutchen.

Miss Louise Hicks, home demonstration agent in Menard county, visited over the weekend with her father, County Agent Travis Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ashworth and daughter of Abilene will spend Christmas with the Fred Ashworths at Edith. The Roy Hoeds will also be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fields spent Sunday at Goldsboro where they were guests of relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, who formerly resided there.

The B & H Cedar Yard, south of jail one block. Everything in cedar. w2p



• At Christmastime we greet good friends.

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pies... the Christmas tree
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beneath... May you enjoy
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SCRIPTURE: Jude 24, 25; Revelation 16:22; Matthew 2.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 145:1-13.

God's Eternal Rule

Lesson for December 28, 1947

THE last Sunday of another year brings us to a very fitting lesson, based on passages of Scripture found in Jude 24, 25, Revelation 16-22, and Matthew 2. The devotional reading is Psalm 145:1-13.



Dr. Newton

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen," Jude 24, 25.

With this benediction, let us pause at the rapidly ebbing shoreline of the departing year, asking the meaning of God's goodness and mercy as reflected in the Christmas season and through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage.

As the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Divine Babe in Bethlehem, let us today wisely appraise his gifts to us during the past year, and examine our hearts to see if we are duly grateful.

Rich Gifts for Jesus

READ again the second chapter of Matthew, particularly the section which describes how the Wise Men brought their gifts—rare and precious gifts—to the Son of God. They were rich gifts, meaning that they were costly. We dare not bring anything to Jesus that does not represent a measure of sacrifice.

Contemplating the days ahead, what shall be the test of our gifts to Jesus? Shall we give him our left-over time? Shall we be satisfied to bring him a pittance of material gifts? Or shall our gifts, like the gifts of the Wise Men, be the first fruits of all his increase? He asks for our love, our loyalty, our glad and sincere devotion.

The Long Look

NOW we come to the heart of Sunday's lesson in Revelation 21:3: "He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples." God's eternal rule will be gladly acknowledged and received if all place their hands in his hand at the gate of another year.

Nineteen forty-eight holds many question marks. People are afraid. They are confused. And here comes the message of Sunday's lesson—"He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples."

The world is passing away, the just thereof, but they that put their trust in God shall abide forever and ever. God's eternal rule has been vindicated in history.

We shall do well to read again and again the chapters in Revelation, 16-22, and see how all who walked with God were victorious, and how all who forgot him and forsook his ways, were destroyed.

God's Eternal Rule

LET us turn now to the verse in Psalm 145, which reads: "Thy Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."

Every thoughtful person is today wistfully searching for certitude—for the assurance that behind these dark clouds that lower over our frightened world the sun still shines. Better, that the sun shall break through these clouds.

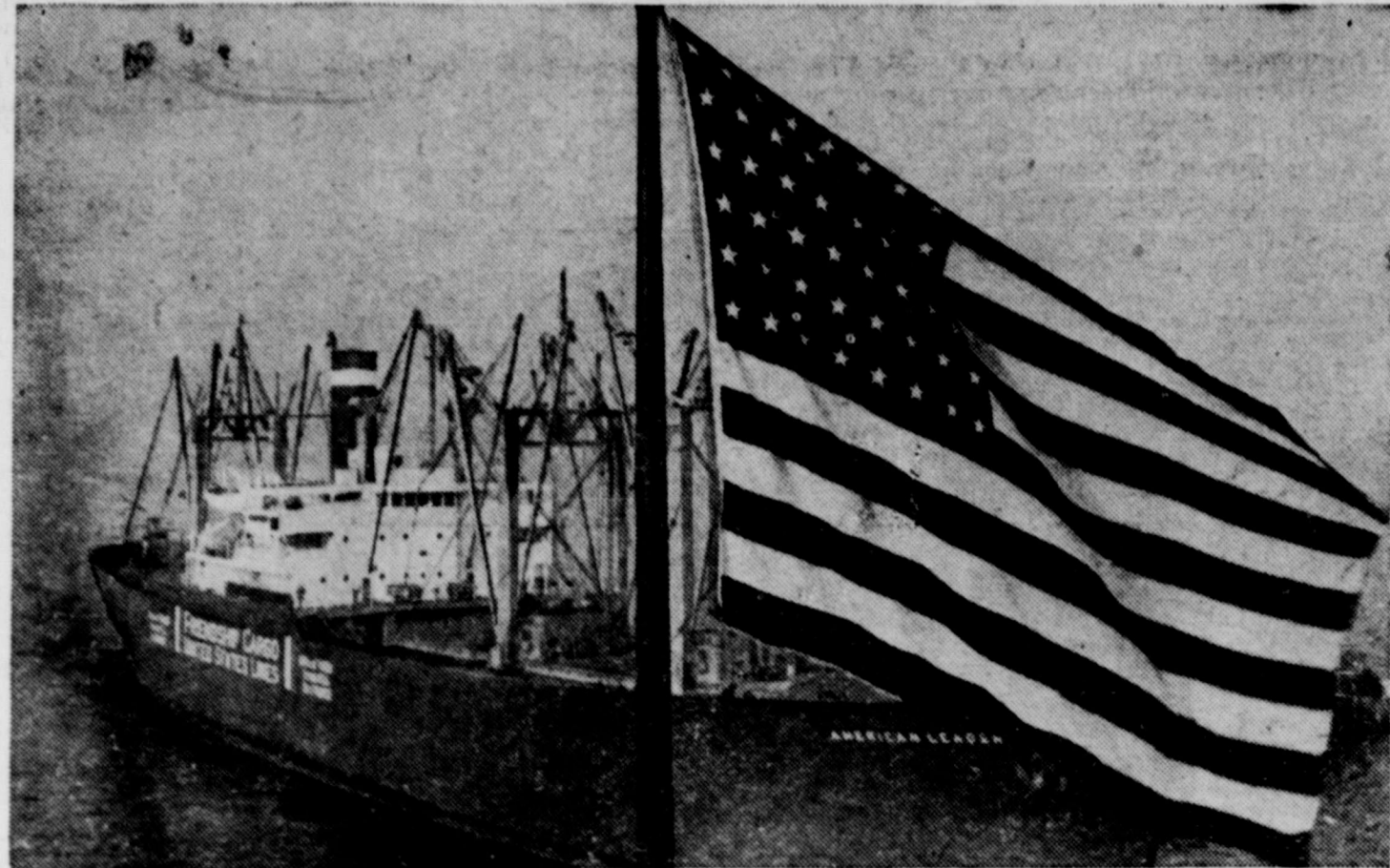
Our lesson gives that very assurance. This is our Father's world. He lives! He reigns! And he waits to reveal himself to us in wisdom and power. He will not force himself upon us. We must open the door to him. He stands and knocks.

Is that not enough to bring us to our knees in the fervent prayer, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven."

Beginning in the home, and spreading into every area of life, may the truth of Sunday's lesson become the watchword of America and of all lands as we enter upon the New Year.

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WORLD VIEWS



FRIENDSHIP AND FLAG OF FRIENDSHIP . . . With the flag of the United States waving in the foreground, the S. S. American Leader, which carried the cargo collected by the Friendship Train to Europe's needy, is shown as she set out on her philanthropic Atlantic voyage. The ship loaded 3 million pounds of food in Philadelphia and picked up an additional 5.4 million pounds in New York before she set sail for Europe.



IF STATESMEN COPIED THEIR CHILDREN . . . One of the comments on the wranglings that frequently occur in the august councils of the United Nations is that the statesmen behave like children. If they really did so, there would be fewer quarrels, for the children of the delegates get along fine together at the U. N. nursery school at Lake Success, N. Y. For instance, at left here Anna Storoyev of Russia looks down from her perch on the rope ladder into the laughing face of Catherine Houlbregue of France, and neither of them gives a whoop what their dads are fighting over. In center Stephanie Singer of the United Kingdom and Florence Wu (right) of China prove that East can meet West in harmony. At the right pensive Linda Linder of the U. S. is trying to decide nothing more profound than whether she should take her nap or keep on enjoying her picture book.



OLYMPIC SKIERS FOR UNCLE SAM . . . The numerals on the backs of these four women skiers, shown at Sun Valley, Ida., symbolize their selection by the Olympic committee to compete on the U. S. Olympic team at St. Moritz, Switzerland, in 1948. Left to right, they are: Gretchen Fraser, Vancouver, Wash.; Andrea Mead, Rutland, Vt.; Paula Kann, North Conway, N. H., and Brynhild Grasmoen, Merced, Calif.



N. A. M. PREXY . . . Earl Bunting (left), whose term as president of the National Association of Manufacturers expires December 31, congratulates Morris Sayre, who takes over the office on January 1.

Ain't It So?

Flattery, like perfume, should be smelled but not swallowed.

There's a lot of talk about raising the standard of living. But we don't seem to get it any higher than half mast.

Those who jump to conclusions invariably jump too far.

Definition of middle age: That period in life when you'd do anything to feel better except giving up what's hurting you.

A man's mind is like a woman's face— not much good to him till it's made up.

Shop Handles Dinosaur Footprints at \$12 to \$70

One of the world's most unusual shops is Nash's Dinosaur Track Establishment in South Hadley, Massachusetts, which handles only the footprints of these extinct reptiles for individuals who purchase them for decorating walks, terraces, fireplaces, etc. Started in 1939, the store carries 15 types of dinosaur tracks which range in length from 1 to 23 inches and in price from \$12 to \$70.

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Freedom is everybody's job!

Gems of Thought

NO MAN can possibly improve in any company for which he has not respect enough to be under some degree of restraint.—Chesterfield.

The worst misfortune that can happen to an ordinary man is to have an extraordinary father.

A lean compromise is better than a fat lawsuit.

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one less rascal in the world.—Carlyle.

A good heart is better than all the heads in the world.

Spanish Matador Poses Unarmed to Fool Bull

Spain has recently revived a dangerous form of bullfighting, according to Collier's, in which the matador is unarmed and does not fight, but attempts to make the bull believe that he is a statue as he poses, dressed in white clothes, on a small white pedestal in the center of the ring.

Out of every 10 bulls engaged, approximately 7 are fooled at the first glance and walk away, while the others are not deceived until they push the statuesque matador down off the pedestal and see his body motionless on the ground. Occasionally, a bull is not duped at all and the matador has to run for his life.

Astride Lion

Among the rare circus acts which are now being performed in this country is that of a wild-animal trainer who makes a full-grown lion gallop around a ring while he rides on its back, steady himself by clutching its mane.

WITH THE COLUMNISTS

WALTER SHEAD

Threat to Free Enterprise

"I WISH someone would explain what kind of free enterprise it is that compels a free enterpriser to buy from his competitor or close up shop."

The speaker was J. P. Seiberling, president of Seiberling Rubber company, before a house committee's hearing on sale of government-owned rubber plants. Seiberling was voicing opposition to the same sort of thing independent steel, aluminum, glass and other industries have complained about in the sale of other government-owned plants to private industry—when the only private industry big enough to buy is the already monopolistic, powerful, competitive "big industry."

As a matter of fact, there is no such thing as free enterprise in this country in the several branches of industry where the big boys have a throttlehold on competition.

Seiberling declared, first, that these government owned synthetic rubber plants which cost the taxpayers a half billion dollars should not be sold until a national emergency rubber stockpile is built, nor so long as the government requires mandatory use of synthetic rubber in tires. He pointed out that companies of moderate size which could not buy the plants would be required to purchase synthetic rubber from their competitors, which would give the big rubber manufacturers a "real and possibly decisive competitive advantage."

WALTER WINCHELL

Doodling on the Typewriter

Great description of "news" by a leader of India: "News is anything that is bad." . . . Eisenhower's appearance on the newsreel screens entices the lustiest applause. . . The posies Vicki Cummings gets backstage at "Love or Money" are from the stagdoorkeepers of her last four flops.

Headline: "King George Outquips Bob Hope." Blimey! What's is bloody 'hooper? . . . Hope presented their Majesties with autographed pictures. They'd have preferred autographed checks.

Gloria Swanson may be the next of the syndicated columnists—out of

DREW PEARSON

Voluntary Price Control Fails

FEDERAL RESERVE board insiders report that more and more of the country's big business leaders are coming to the view that voluntary controls on prices will not work and that congress eventually will have to enact the President's 10-point program of compulsory controls on prices, credits, allocations, et cetera, if the war on inflation is to be won.

Typical example of the ineffectiveness of voluntary controls—or self-policing by industry—is the wild competitive war that has broken out in the mail-order industry since expiration of Regulation W, under which the government required a one-third down payment and a year to pay for goods purchased on the installment plan.

Bowing to competition within the industry, major mail order houses have slashed the down payment to 10 per cent on most merchandise. Meantime, many other installment firms are requiring no down payment at all. It was such "easy credit" buying that led to the last depression, and that is why more and more of the nation's business leaders reluctantly are coming around to the view that the only realistic way to deal with mounting prices, credit expansion and other inflation germs is by returning to compulsory controls.

H. I. PHILLIPS

Love and Pickets

This department hasn't been intrigued by anything in years as much as it has by the case of a New York woman who, claiming that her sweetie-pie wasn't living up to his promise to wed her, picketed his home. She marched up and down before the house bearing the equivalent of "Unfair" banners. The idea opens infinite possibilities in the world of romance.

It may be difficult to tell from a couple's actions whether they are making love or just going through arbitration proceedings.

Who will be able to observe any boy and girl and say for certain whether they are going together or just talking over their latest jurisdictional dispute?

WESTBROOK PEGLER

Politics in Teamsters' Union

A HOSTILE agent with intent to unmask the boss politicians of the Teamsters' union and to make them appear ridiculous and mean could not conjure more effective bombast than they proudly publish in their own journals. The ignorance expressed in some of the royal and imperial bulls of Dan Tobin, the "international" president, is stupidly artless.

Dave Beck of Seattle, Tobin's assigned protector in the Northwestern province, has the sense to employ professional talent in mixing the hogwash published in his Washington Teamster. Tobin edits his own International Teamster.

Beck is the aspirant to Tobin's throne. The old bumbler thought Beck seemed a little too eager when he called off the vandal goons in the Oakland general strike last winter. Tobin already had called them off and was awaiting acclaim when word came that Beck was the man of the hour. The old flannel-mouth's own message had been held up while Beck beat him to the streets with the order to cease and desist.

Then last August the union held, in San Francisco, its great international convention of dukes, princes and barons, come from near and far on lavish expense accounts.

With Old Dan's blessing, Beck put through a constitutional amendment creating the special office of executive vice-president with plenary powers. That being done, Beck's only remaining uncertainty lay in the risk that Tobin might name someone else to this job.

town at first. Girl-talk stuff. . . . B'way bookies now betcha on the total points two teams score in basketball.

The Gen. Bennett Meyers war fraud thing (and the way he dragged in a married woman's name) recalls the Harry K. Thaw murder case. . . . Thaw shot architect Stanford White dead (on the Madison Square Garden roof) for "seducing" Mrs. Thaw, showgirl Evelyn Nesbit. . . . The millionaire-killer beat the chair by doing a bit in the daffy house until the public cooled off. . . . The N. Y. World (a respectable newspaper) "tried the case in the papers" by running a contest before the trial offering \$500 for the best letter telling why Thaw should die. . . . The winning letter: "Any man who, to save his own skin, would drag the good name of a woman into the case, doesn't deserve to live."

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The Questions

1. Who threw the first curved ball in a baseball game?
2. The Basques are a very ancient people inhabiting what mountains?
3. How much does it take to feed a circus elephant every day?
4. What was the name of the witch in the Bible who was consulted by Saul?
5. The familiar cross used by the Red Cross is sometimes called what?
6. What is the dividing-line age of the population of this country?

7. Does the human eye ever stop growing?

The Answers

1. Arthur "Candy" Cummings, pitcher for the "Stars" of Brooklyn, in 1867.
2. Pyrenees.
3. 125 pounds of hay and 7 pounds of bran.
4. Endor.
5. A Geneva cross.
6. Thirty. Half are older, half are younger than 30.
7. Yes, the eye stops growing, but the lens of the eye continues to grow throughout life.

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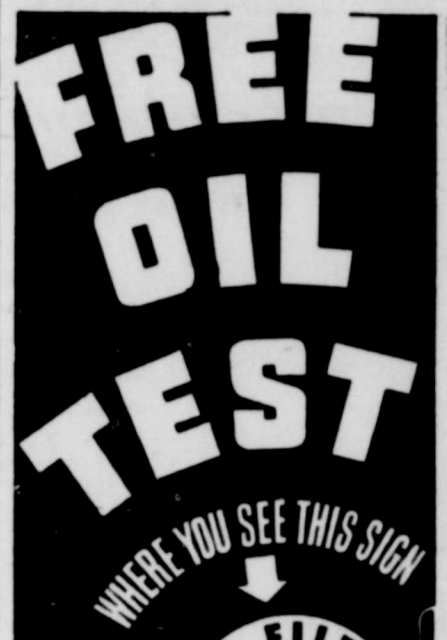
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"It's his own fault, Ma. He turned around."

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He was about to leave for the office when his wife handed him a small parcel.
"What's this, dear?" he asked.
"A bottle of hair tonic."
"That's very nice of you, but—er—"
"Oh, it's not for you!" she replied.
"It's for your typist. Her hair is coming out badly on your coat."

Ban National Anthem

The playing of the Star Spangled Banner on the organ in New York's Grand Central terminal has been prohibited since December 8, 1941, when we had declared war on Japan and the organist played the anthem. As everyone dutifully stood at attention, the unexpected delay caused several hundred persons to miss their trains.

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Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. S. Smith have retired from their ranch near Edith and are now nicely settled in their fine new home in the north part of town. They purchased one of the good army buildings at Camp Barkeley and remodeled it into an attractive 6-room modern dwelling.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Kay and his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Kay, of Alpine visited in the A. J. Bilbo home this week. They continued to Fort Worth to spend Christmas with relatives and will return home the last of the week.

Sgt. and Mrs. L. G. Bernard and son of Ft. Worth are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bernard, in Bronte and with his sister, Mrs. A. W. Littlefield, in Robert Lee. Ted Bernard and family of Dallas will also join the family group this week.

H. L. Scott came in Sunday from Phoenix, Ariz., where he has been the past month looking after business interests. Horace Scott and family will come from Del Rio for a Christmas visit.

Mrs. Fred Campbell returned home Sunday after spending three days in the hospital at Bronte where she was treated for bronchial pneumonia.

Miss Gwendolyn King Is Bride of Harry Anderson

In a ceremony performed at 2 o'clock p. m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Miss Gwendolyn King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. King of Edith, became the bride of Mr. Harry Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Anderson of Odessa.

The vows were solemnized before a bank of gladiolas, ferns and other plants at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Joe Bradley, pastor of the Assembly of God church in Ft. Stockton, performed the ceremony.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a royal blue tunic effect dress trimmed in blue sequins with black accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations clasped by a pin which belonged to her great grandmother. She carried a bouquet of white carnations.

After the wedding a reception was held with sixty-three relatives and friends being present. The three tiered wedding cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom and the background was of white and pink roses.

The bride is a 1946 graduate of Robert Lee high school where she achieved high honors. During the past few months she has been employed at the Robert Lee State Bank.

The couple left immediately for a week's honeymoon trip after which they will make their home in Sanderson where Mr. Anderson is employed by the Bethlehem Supply company.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lackey have moved to Eldorado where the former will be employed on the ranch operated by his brother-in-law, Wm. Blaylock.



A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community . . . the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

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Whether it's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas, let us hail the patron saint of children on this day of days.

Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood—away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the every-day world towards the joys of giving and sharing.

It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Clift

Married 58 Years
Monday marked the 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon of Robert Lee. They were married Dec. 22, 1889, at the home of the bride's parents, 3

miles north of Dublin in Erath county. Before her marriage Mrs. Harmon was Sarah Ellen Powers. The Harmons have resided in Coke county 48 years and lived in the Edith community before moving to Robert Lee.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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**Fire Precautions Urged
During Holiday Season**

AUSTIN, Dec. 23—In urging Texans to remember fire prevention in their preparations for Christmas, Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, says that one of the greatest causes of holiday fires is flammable decorations.

"Elaborate decorations are the main feature of holiday festivities when families, friends and groups gather in homes, churches and schools, and they can be made fire safe in a few simple rules are followed," he stated.

1. Decorate with incombustible materials such as glass, metal and asbestos. Flammable materials can be made flameproof by saturating them in a solution of nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid to one gallon of water. The fabric should be well saturated with the solution, drained and hung up to dry.

2. Do not use the fire hazardous cotton, paper and pyroxylin in decorating.

3. Do not permit decorations to be around or near to chairs and other places where people may smoke. It is preferable to have them up near the ceiling, well above the head of anyone standing up.

4. If lights are desired in windows or on tables, use electric light bulbs. Never use candles. Keep curtains and other flammable material pulled back at least six inches from any light.

5. Special lighting effects should be installed and watched carefully.

6. Open fire places should be screened and mantel scenic effects should be well secured and at least three feet away from any open flame.

7. Package wrapping should be disposed of the minute the "Christmas tree" is over.

8. Decorative fall leaves and red berries should be disposed of as soon as they begin to turn brown or wither.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*May the spirit
of the First Christmas
gladden your hearts
this
Christmas season.*

Havins & Vowell

Fern

Charlie



Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

WILLIS SMITH
County and District Clerk

Folks You Know

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gibbins and daughter, Beverly, arrived Sunday from Lubbock for a holiday visit among Robert Lee relatives. Mrs. Gibbins is a daughter of Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lloyd of Austin are holiday guests of Robert Lee relatives. Mrs. Lloyd is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Burgess. Bill is studying dentistry at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks and children of El Paso are enjoying a Christmas visit in the parental Lem Cowley and Mrs. E. C. Sparks homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Javan Vosberg of El Paso are here for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Davis.

Mrs. Baylor Walker was taken to the Bronte hospital Sunday night in the Clift ambulance.

Mrs. A. W. Littlefield was hostess at a Christmas Party at her home Tuesday night. A variety of games were enjoyed and refreshments were served. Five couples were invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield accompanied Freddie Lee Roe to Abilene over the weekend. Mr. Roe took part in the polo matches and Jarvis helped care for his horses.

SANCO NEWS

By Mrs. Sam Fowler

There will be a program at the Sanco Bible Church Christmas night and a tree for the children. Everyone is invited.

Glad to see Mrs. McGallian at Sunday School last week.

Sunday will be Church Day at the Baptist church. A Christmas box will be presented to Bro. and Mrs. McClanahan. Just an old fashioned "pounding" at Christmas time.

Bryan Gartman was on the sick list last weekend.

Looks like there won't be any snow here Christmas for Santa to come down with his sled and reindeer. Guess he will have to use his airplane.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carwile, Sr., were happily surprised Friday night to have Billy Carwile and family drive up. They are moving to San Angelo.

Birthdays Honored

Lanny and Terry Gebhart celebrated their fourth and fifth birthdays Dec. 6 when their mother entertained at a party at the G. B. Gebhart home at Silver. Bubble gum and plastic car favors were presented to the guests. A birthday cake, jello, whipped chocolate and coffee was served. Guests included Jamie Lovi Legg, Larry and Glen Jameson, Dwain, Linda and John Douglas-Walker, Billie, Susie and Donna Jameson, Elina Jameson and four mothers. Don and Dick Asher and Janet Aston sent gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Coke Austin and little son, Tommy, left Tuesday for Comanche to spend Christmas with Mrs. Austin's mother, Mrs. A. J. Roberts.



• We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

RADIO JIM



Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

Key Feed Store



Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

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Merriest Christmas of them all!

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That's Ambition

It was the job of Joey, the village dillard, as "Keeper of the Cannon," to polish the antique cannon in the village square. During a celebration, the mayor commented on the brightness of the brasswork and suggested the crowd give Joey a rousing vote of thanks. Joey beamed all the way home. "Maw," he boasted to his wife, "the mayor said what a nice job I been doin' on the cannon. Everybody gave me three cheers!"

"You know," said his wife, "I've been thinkin'. You been on that job more'n 40 years and got no place. Why don't you buy a cannon and go into business for yourself?"

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Greet the New Year With a Buffet Supper!
(See recipes below.)

Welcome the New Year

Do you like to fix big platters of food and set a large table? If you do, then this is the time to have a feast. Invite some of your friends with whom you'd like to welcome the new year, and serve them a snack buffet style.

Naturally, this can be on the eve of the New Year itself, or at any time in the afternoon or early evening of the day itself. You'll have fun, too, because there's the feeling of turning a clean page in your life, and it's only natural you should want to start out such an occasion with your friends.

Your menu does not need to be expensive. Select one of these menus and work it out with your linens and dishes.



LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

Platter of Cold Sliced Turkey, Beef or Ham with Assorted Cheese Potatoes Au Gratin Molded Vegetable Slaw Speeded Pears Crisp Celery Plum Pudding Hard Sauce Beverage

Combine, beat or shake thoroughly before using. Pour over crisp wedges of lettuce.

With the price of tender cuts of meat so high, you may feel you'd like to have a beef cut for New Years because of its traditional place on the menu, but would rather forego roast beef itself.



Then why not plan a menu of this kind?

Menu II. Danish Pot Roast

Brown Gravy Boiled Potatoes Celery Pickles Olives Corn in Pepper Rings Luxury Cake

The combination of seasonings will make this beef roast very interesting and pleasing.

Danish Pot Roast. (Serves 6 to 8)

3 1/2 pounds chuck roast of beef Flour for dredging Lard for browning 2 tablespoons brown sugar 1/2 cup vinegar Salt and pepper

Dredge meat with flour and brown on all sides in hot lard. Season with salt and pepper, sprinkle with brown sugar and add vinegar. Add 1 cup hot water. Cover tightly and cook slowly until done. Remove pot

roast onto hot platter and thicken the liquid for gravy (3 tablespoons of flour stirred smooth in 1/2 cup water).

Surround the meat with the vegetable dish suggested in the menu:

Corn in Pepper Rings. (Serves 6)

2 cups cooked whole kernel corn 1 green pepper Butter Salt and pepper
Heat the corn with butter, salt and pepper. Cut green pepper into six rings and place around the meat. When ready to serve, spoon corn into rings.

Luxury Cake. (Serves 6)

1 quart vanilla ice cream 1/2 cup chopped pecan meats 1 cup hot chocolate sauce 6 squares sponge cake

Split cake in two; place a slice of vanilla ice cream between the cake. Put another bit of ice cream on top of cake and pour hot sauce over it. Sprinkle nutmeats just before serving the cake.

Hot Chocolate Sauce: Melt 1 square bitter chocolate in double boiler, add 1 tablespoon of butter and 1 1/2 cups sugar. Add 6 tablespoons hot water slowly and blend. Add 3/4 cup rich milk and stir well; boil 10 minutes, watching carefully. Cook to soft ball stage, remove from fire and add a pinch of salt and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Cool slightly, then beat until creamy. Keep warm in top of double boiler.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

If a small amount of vaseline is rubbed on the hinge of a new umbrella before using, it helps prevent rusting.

When using scotch tape, fold over the end on the spool. Then the next time the tape is to be used, cut off the folded part, and it's ready for use.

When baking bread and the crust becomes burnt, use a small grater and rub it lightly over the burnt crust. You'll be surprised with how easily it is removed.

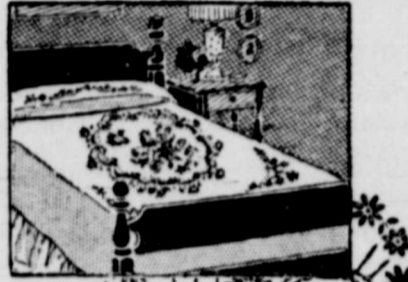
Improvise a sleeve board by taking the kitchen rolling pin and wrap it with several clean towels. This forms a firm padded surface to slip into the sleeve and iron over.

Do not wash the bag of your vacuum cleaner. Washing removes the special finish that makes the bag dustproof. Brush the bag instead.

Turn the broom from time to time when sweeping so the bristles wear evenly.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

CITY DRUG STORE

Mrs. Freeman Clark, Mrs. W. H. Bell and Mrs. Bill Craddock of Colorado City went to Ballinger on Sunday where they visited in the R. M. Lowry home. They were happy to greet Lieut. Robert Lowry, Jr. and wife who were home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Turner were birthday dinner guests Sunday in the home of his brother, D. W. Turner, and family at Norton.

For Sale—1937 Ford 2-door. Good condition. See Bob Fields. 1p

Marvin Smith and family came over from DeQueen, Ark., this week for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends. The Smiths moved to a farm near DeQueen three months ago and Marvin says it has rained 30 inches during the time they have lived there.

Byron Griffith and son, Byron, Jr., of Galveston and Mrs. D. W. Parrish of Abilene were guests the last of the week in the parental home of Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Griffith. Byron has charge of a life insurance general office at Galveston and is one of the top agents in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Cumbie Ivey and Wanda Mauldin spent a couple of days last week in Dallas. They drove back a new Ford sedan.

Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"

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For Sale—6,000 bd. ft. 2 x 8 at 7 40, 3,000 bd. ft. 1 x 4 at 8.20, all lengths, also some 1 x 12, 2 x 4s, flooring, siding. Mesquite.

For Sale—One good oil heater, and one oil cook stove, both in good condition. Phone Mrs. J. I. Murtishaw. 25w2

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Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good.

The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.



The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roe, Jr. and baby of Honey Grove are here for a holiday visit among Robert Lee relatives and friends. Mrs. Roe was the former Fay Croslin, who served as Coke county's first home demonstration agent.



TO GREET YOU AT
Christmas

If we could—

we would say "Merry Christmas" to each of you personally. Since we can't, the next best thing is to put our greetings in print.

J. C. Snead, Jr.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.



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