

The Ranger Times

Weather Report
Continued fair with mild temperatures. Low Thursday night between 35 and 40. High Friday 65 to 70.

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The Pathfinder

by Lee Harr

At this time of the year everyone else sits down and writes a letter to old Saint Nick and in general just tells him what he wants for Christmas.

Pathfinder, still a little childish in some respects, feels that he should not be left out when the old fellow comes calling Friday night, so he jotted down a few lines to the jolly gentleman up north. He began.

Dear Santa,

While you're off down this way Friday night you might make a big hit with us if you could just drop off a list of coming events destined for next year so that we may be on the spot when they occur. Just a few lines in advance so that we do not have to revert to stalking in dark alleys after dark, or begin setting buildings afire just to be able to get a decent news story occasionally.

Also, we need a new pair of shoes to replace the old ones that we have worn out tramping up and down the sidewalks hunting news stories this year.

Being as you're going to make the trip anyway, you might as well throw in anything else you might think that we'll need next year. (With the exception of a new editor.)

We're pretty easy to please this year. Just fulfill the wishes of the other brow-beaten, withering old editors around the country and we'll all be happy.

See you Friday.

Pathfinder

P.S. Please don't forget that Fairchild engraver that we talked to about when you were here for the parade.

Write on the subject of our society editor. We will need a new one. He will need a next year's list. We will need a next year's list. We will need a next year's list.



... AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE!
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"HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER"

Ranger Wins Nation In Observing Christmas

Most Stores Here To Close Saturday

Our Celebration of Christmas centers chiefly, if not entirely, around the infant Jesus and the story of the birth in Bethlehem.

Christmas emphasizes the cult of home, motherhood and the child. But Christmas ought to have a deeper significance as well. It is not enough to glorify or worship the Babe, bringing adoration like the shepherds and gifts like the Wise Men.

The note of tragedy, crowned with glory and triumph, is in the story of Christmas. It began in sadness as well as joy, as Mary pondered in her heart the strange sayings and the prophecy of the sword that should pierce through her own heart.

That prophecy was fulfilled as she followed her Son to Calvary and stood by the cross, a marvelous revelation of strength, courage and devotion.

In that hour on Calvary one could see the climax of that problem of suffering, set forth so poignantly in the portrayal of the Suffering Servant in the third chapter of Isaiah.

That suffering could not be in vain, but could be a part of the divine plan of blessing and redemption, was the message of that chapter, confirmed and fulfilled in the suffering and triumph of the Christ.

Whether or not the portrayal referred to some earlier Suffering Servant, or to the suffering remnants of Israel, or directly to the coming Christ, the fulfillment in the life, death and resurrection of the Master is none the less real.

Even in the dark hour as the cross awaited Him, Jesus could say to the disciples, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

So, let our Christmas celebration be one of joy and beauty, of rejoicing in the glorious birth, of the sanctity of love and home and children—of the Christ who took them up in his arms and blessed them!

But let it be also a celebration of victory and triumph, the Christmas of a Christ who died that we, and all men, might live.

A warning came from Police Chief Pop Founds as Christmas Day neared. Founds reminded Rangers that the city has an ordinance prohibiting the sale or shooting of fireworks in certain sections of the city limits.

And traffic officers warned that strict traffic laws would be upheld during the holiday rush. A spokesman said, "We are not going to let people kill themselves if we can help it."

A late release from the North Pole from Santa's headquarters indicated that Santa's flight plan is complete. He is due in Ranger sometime after midnight Christmas Eve.

Stores here will stay open until 7 p.m. Christmas Eve to aid last minute shoppers.

And on the more serious vein, several churches plan special midnight services, and most all will have special Christmas services Sunday.

Police Patients To Visit Family Here For Sale

Mary Jane Lee, daughter of Mrs. J. L. Maddox of Ranger, who was stricken with polio this summer, will be home a few days during the Christmas holidays, it was announced here today.

Mary Jane and Robert Lee were admitted to the Gonzalez Warm Springs Foundation on September 29 where they have been receiving extensive physical therapy.

Mary Jane was stricken with polio July 27 and Robert Lee came ill with the same disease Aug. 2.

The Gonzalez Warm Springs Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization for the treatment of post-acute poliomyelitis cases suffering from the after effects of the disease, and also of those improvable cases resulting from many other crippling conditions. The average length of stay at the Foundation is 20 days, unless the involvement is severe, and then a longer period of hospitalization is necessary.

After a brief visit with their family, Robert Lee and Mary Jane will return to Gonzalez to resume their treatment program.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Saint Nick,
I love you Saint Nick. I want you to bring me a bike and Mr. Potato Head and toy sewing machine. That is all for now.
Please bring the other boys what they want, Saint Nick.
With love,
Regina Linda Fawcett

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in school now.
Would you please bring me a doll, a doll buggy and a set of dishes and a piano.
Love,
Mary Craig

Hearing Delays Brown Execution

AUSTIN (Sp.)—The convicted murderer of Edwin Joe Campbell of Ranger, Donald Hawkins Brown, gained another few precious days Tuesday when the State Board of Pardons and Paroles here announced that another hearing will be held early in January, with both the defense and District Attorney Henry Wade represented.

The announcement came after Brown's wife and mother pleaded with the Board not to let him be executed.

Brown is sentenced to die in the electric chair on Jan. 12 for slaying Campbell, collector for a Dallas loan company.

Since July 6, the Pardons Board has been delaying the execution.

"If it takes the rest of my life, I will prove he is innocent," said Brown's mother, Mrs. Doris Farkes. "If you execute him on a thing like this it will certainly be an injustice. . . I would gladly exchange places with my boy. He is worth saving."

Both the mother and Brown's attractive young wife described him as a sober, affectionate person who had never before been in trouble.

Joe McLemore, Dallas attorney, said he was helping the family without pay.

McLemore promised to bring to the next hearing a former waitress whose testimony Brown wants to use to establish that he was with his wife at a White Rock Lake restaurant the evening that Campbell was killed on New Year's Eve, 1952.

Yule Reunion Is Scheduled December 26

A Christmas reunion for the older citizens of Ranger and those who resided here in earlier days will be held Dec. 26.

The program will be inaugurated with an 8 o'clock breakfast at the Paramount Coffee Shop. Church services will be held from 10 to 12 and a noon meal and meeting is scheduled at 1 o'clock at the Community Club House.

Everyone has been invited to attend. Further information may be secured by calling Mrs. Agnes Hamilton, Ranger.

Santa Visits Police With New Uniforms

Santa Claus came early this year! He came early as far as the Ranger Police Department was concerned anyway.

All of the regular patrolmen wore bright, sharp new uniforms Wednesday morning after Patrolman Ed Freeman returned Tuesday night from Dallas with the clothing order which was placed over three weeks ago.

The new uniforms, made of gray wool, are trimmed with light blue accessories and red stripes. They are also equipped with shoulder patches and "hash" marks denoting the length of service each policeman has performed.

Previous to this, each officer was required to purchase his uniforms at his own expense.

Each officer is being equipped with the new uniform which somewhat resembles the ensemble of the state's highway patrol.

Rev. Lavender Former Minister Here Knocks Negligence of Respect for Deceased

Rev. Garland Lavender, former pastor of the First Methodist Church in Ranger, today rapped the sparse attendance at funerals that he had encountered at Ranger recently in "that we no longer have time to pay proper respect to our 'old' deceased citizens."

In a letter addressed to the citizens of Ranger, Rev. Garland said:

"Yesterday morning (Monday) at 10:00 o'clock in the First Methodist Church in your city, all of 60 people (including relatives) gathered to pay their last tribute to as good a man as has ever walked your streets. This was the third such funeral that this writer has been called back to conduct in the First Methodist Church. There were still fewer residents of your fair city who attended similar services for the two other elderly men."

"What is the present day trend? Does such gross indifference indicate that we no longer respect old age? Are we so terribly busy that we cannot leave our business, shops, homes, clubs, social engagements, etc., to give our aged a decent funeral? The people of Ranger are not so neglectful toward the younger who die. This writer has conducted other funerals in the same church where every seat was taken. One of America's besetting sins is her

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Ranger Times Staff Extends Season Wishes

From year to year, we of the Ranger Times staff have attempted to convey a special Christmas greeting to our readers. We have used pictures, words, and every other device we can think of.

Our good friends have sent our kindest greetings, and that there is a spirit equal that ships ship—and the boys they have passed on our message passed on their cherished position.

In the hazy days of the year, which each one of us, Joe Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harr, editor, publisher, and staff, Betty Vena Van Halton, editor, assistant Dwayne Dennis, typist, operator, Harold Turner and Grady Shook, printer; Buzz Foster, printer; Hale Danson, printer; Jackie Neely, printer and all the carrier boys are Teddie, Jerry, Basham, and Shaw.

What is a part time professor at the college.

Employees Of College Awarded Christmas Bonus

The District of Ranger has granted a Christmas bonus that will vary from \$25 to \$100 for teachers and employees of the school, it was announced today.

Regular, full-time teachers received \$100 checks, regular employees, such as caretakers, and cafeteria directors, received \$50 and part time and night instructors were awarded \$25 on the Christmas bonus plan.

Approval was given the plan at the Board of Regents meeting last week but official notice was not released until each individual concerned had received their checks.

There were approximately 23 teachers and 25 employees who received the bonus.

Heaviest Mail Load In 30 Years Hits Post Office

The Christmas season, beginning Dec. 16 has furnished the Ranger Post Office with the heaviest mail traffic in the last 30 years, A. E. Crawley, announcer today.

Postmaster Crawley said that the post-office cancellation machine showed that 153,330 letters had been sent through the office here during the nine day period. This number does not include packages.

He added that the help of two extra employees and regular employees have not been required to work overtime in handling the thousands of mail that has accumulated each day, and that all mail handling and delivering had been completed each night with the exception of Monday, which was the heaviest day this year.

Postal receipts were some \$1,000 to \$1,200 higher than for the same period last year.

The Postmaster said that the employees would conclude the Christmas mail by Thursday night, and that only the stamp and general delivery windows would be open Friday. Also, the entire post office will be closed Saturday and Sunday.

One Apiece Bulldogs Even Series With 45-36 Win Over Comanche Hoopsters

Operating as a smooth oiled machine in a few spots in the first half, the Ranger Bulldogs hardwood quintet, downed Comanche 45-36 Tuesday night in the local gym.

The Bulldogs proved themselves masters at ball control, a weak spot in recent encounters. However, the percentage of field goal completions was still slightly below par but a definite improvement in other contests of the season.

Ranger's scoring was nearly evenly divided between the five regular members of the squad. Scott Farney led with 12 tallies, Jimmy Littlefield followed with 11, Ronald Bush meshed two field goals and five free throws for nine points, Paul Hinds collected eight points and John Rush added five.

In a B team game before the regular encounter, Comanche blasted the Bulldog B team 37-25. Jerry Wharton led the losers with ten points while James Caulter led Comanche with 16 tallies.

Jerry Rushing Departs Sunday For Air Force

Jerry Rushing, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Rushing, 456 Pine St., Ranger will leave for Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Sunday.

He enlisted in the Air Force on December 16 but delayed his entrance into the service until after Christmas.

Rushing graduated from Ranger High School in 1953.

Ranger B (25)	FG	FT	F	TP
Wharton	2	4	1	19
Gray	0	2	5	2
Watson	2	1	1	5
Robinson	1	0	3	2
Koenig	0	1	0	1
Hatfield	1	3	1	5
	7	13	11	25

Comanche B (37)	FG	FT	F	TP
Prie	0	1	5	1
Gaforth	4	0	4	8
Brewster	0	2	1	2
Caulter	7	2	3	18
McRee	3	1	1	7
Carpenter	1	0	2	2
	15	6	16	31

2 MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

Eastland Woman Critically Ill

Eastland, Tex. (Sp.)—Mrs. J. P. Brush, 54-year-old woman, is critically ill.



TWENTY-FIVE YEAR MEN—From left to right are Veon Howard, treasurer of Pipkin Grocery Co., Grady Pipkin, president, and Homer Meeks, market manager of the Eastland Store. The three are the first 25-year men at the Piggly Wiggly chain, which operates 12 stores in West Texas with headquarters in Eastland. (Telegram Staff Photo)

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One year by mail in state 4.95
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CLASSIFIED

Miscellaneous Wanted
WANTED: Listeners To The New Hi Fidelity Phonographs, come in and hear the new sound in Music! The Hop Shop — Cisco, Texas

Miscellaneous For Sale
FOR SALE: Nice fat turkeys. Claud Bearden, Route 2, Ranger.

WHAT BETTER WAY to say Merry Christmas than with a friendly, merry pedigreed cocker puppy? C. B. Wyatt, Strawn, Texas. Phone 3591, Box 213.

FOR SALE: 1 nice little girl's coat, size 11. In excellent condition. Call 147 after 5 o'clock.

WHY DELAY! Use our convenient terms, repair or modernize now, pay later. Burton-Lingo Co.

FOR SALE: Rare, talking, Arizona parrot. \$75. Also 120-bass accordion and case. \$75. Call 565-J.

FOR SALE: Registered Pekinese puppy. Ideal Christmas gift. Call 629-J. See at 601 Appie.

FOR QUICK SALE: 3 room modern house, 11 lots, on highway. \$2650.00. C. E. Maddocks & Co. Phone 282.

REAL ESTATE
FOR SALE: G.I. financed, 5-room home. Young Addition. \$750 down payment. Balance, small, monthly payments. C. E. MAY.

MODERN, four-room house. Mrs. Needham. 429 S. Marston. Phone 464-J.

LOST & FOUND
LOST: Blue parakeet. Call 753-J.
REWARD: Hydraulic jack left on Terrell St. Finder please call 222-W or 318.

LOST: Tangerine belt on Main St. Finder please call 663-R.

Help Wanted - Female
MAKE extra money. Address, Mail postcards spare time every week. BICO, 143 Belmont, Belmont, Mass.

RENTALS
FOR RENT: Rooms and apartments. Gholson Hotel. Phone #606.
FOR RENT: Two and four room furnished or unfurnished apartments. Phone 521. If no answer call 318. Joseph's Fireproof Apartments.

FOR RENT: Neatly furnished apartment. Bills paid. Two blocks from Main. 309 Elm.

SPECIAL NOTICES
OPEN FOR BUSINESS — Joe's, Shoe and Boot Repair Shop, 109 No. Austin. All work guaranteed. Prices reasonable. J. A. Hale.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Strictly confidential. Phone 831, Box 131.

FOREIGN Employment Construction Work. If interested in foreign projects with high pay, write Foreign Service Bureau, Box 295, Metuchen, N. J.

At Your Ranger Theatres
TOWER
Last Times Thursday
DANNY KAY KNOCK ON WOOD
Friday - Saturday
They Rode West
Sunday - Monday
Track of the Cat
Cinemascope

RANGER DRIVE IN
Friday - Saturday
Audie Murphy Tumbleweed
Technicolor
Freevue Saturday Night
Sunday Monday
Mickey Rooney The Atomic Kid

First Christmas Cards Ridiculed But Now They Are Yule Tradition

Christmas cards are so much a part of our Yule-tide observance that it is difficult to imagine a holiday season without them.

Yet the custom of sending these greetings is little more than 100 years old.

The practice originated in England in 1846. It was suggested by Sir Henry Cole to Joseph Cundall, a London Artist, who had a drawing made and lithographed in black and white. About 1000 copies were produced and colored by hand. They sold for a shilling each.

Just as the folks laughed at the Wright Brothers when they first

tried to fly an airplane, and at other new ideas the first card was ridiculed. It also was criticized, on the grounds that it encouraged drinking.

The main scene showed a homely family party of three generations. The principals were toasting, with red wine, the health of the "absent friend" — the addressee. The side panels represented the traditional Christmas charities. On one, the poor were being fed. On the other, they were being given clothing.

It was not until about 18 years after the first card made its appearance that the custom became popular. Drawing costs for designs delayed wide use. Artists received large sums because mechanical methods of reproduction had not been developed on a large scale.

But when the nobility adopted the custom, employing distinguished artists to paint appropriate cards, the industry boomed in England. Etchings, both plain and tinted, became popular overnight. Other countries notably Germany and Austria, began to import cards.

The Christmas card was introduced in America by Marcus Ward and Co. of London in the late seventies. The firm had a monopoly for a time. Then a Boston engraving firm began to compete.

In the spring of 1880, the lithographic firm founded by Louis Prang offered prizes for the best designs. (Writing greeting messages and creating such designs still is a lucrative business for free lancers.)

Nearly 600 persons submitted entries. Cards flooded the American market about a month before Christmas. Now, stores start taking orders in July, for, over the years, senders have turned to cards styled to individual tastes.

NEW JOY FOR THE Hard of Hearing
With the New **Beltone Transistor HEARING AID FREE HEARING CLINIC**

Mr. J. B. Morgan will show the NEW TINY BELTONE "ALLEGRO" Model Transistor Hearing Aid at the Gholson Hotel on Tuesday, Dec. 28 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Come in and see this Beltone All New Miniature Hide-Away Triple Transistor Hearing Aid which operates without the "B" Battery and practically pays for itself through amazing battery savings.

—ADV.

'Kiss Crop' Is Short This Year, Quinn Reports

Romance will take a set back this Christmas. At least that's the indication of a report issued by Guy Quinn Thursday.

Quinn, who through the years has made Eastland the "Kiss Incentive Capital" of the world by sending out thousands of pounds of mistletoe, sent out only 1,000 pounds of the "legal kiss greenery" this year. He indicated that he was lucky to get that much.

"I'll send only A-1 mistletoe out to my customers," he said, "and that's scarce this year." Quinn said he had orders for approximately 30,000 pounds.

Quinn explained that it takes three years for mistletoe to mature, and that the drought had cut the supply. He made a suggestion to folks wanting to make a little extra spending money at Christmas. "Mistletoe can be transplanted and grown on undesirable trees," he said. And there's a definite market for it.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their help and kindness during the illness and death of our dear mother a true grandmother, Mrs. A. F. Gann. The Family of Mrs. Gann.

Marshmallow Fruit Cake Right For A Simple Holiday Dessert

Are you looking for something delicious and easy to prepare for your holiday entertaining? Well, unbaked fruit cake is just right.

All you do to prepare this dessert is mixed candied fruit with marshmallows, cream and graham cracker crumbs. After forming into a loaf and an over night chilling in your refrigerator, it will be right for slicing.

Here is the recipe:
MARSHMALLOW FRUIT CAKE
32 marshmallows
1 cup coffee cream
4 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 cup chopped candied cherries
1 cup chopped candied pineapple
1 cup pecans
2 tablespoons grated orange rind
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Heat marshmallows and coffee cream over low heat, folding constantly until marshmallows are about half melted. Remove from heat and continue folding until marshmallows have formed a smooth, fluffy mixture. Cool.

Add three and one-half cups of graham cracker crumbs and other ingredients. Blend well. Sprinkle remaining one-fourth cup graham cracker crumbs in well oiled loaf

pan and pack mixture in pan. Chill in refrigerator over night. Slice and serve with whipped cream.

A slab of whipped cream and a bright red cherry tops it off to perfection.

Massengale Home On Yule Leave

A-C Carroll W. Massengale stationed at Bainbridge Air Base, Bainbridge, Georgia, where he is undergoing training to become a pilot in the United States Air Force, is spending a Christmas leave at his home.

This leave is an annual occurrence, granted by the United States Air Force so that all personnel so desiring, can spend the Christmas Holidays with their families. Upon termination of the leave, he will continue his pilot training.

NEWS FROM STAFF

By Mrs. M. O. Hazard

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Crosby and young daughter from Fort Worth were the weekend visitors of Mr. Crosby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alben Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Downing visited recently in the home of their son, Rev. E. M. Hilliard and family in Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were business visitors in Eastland Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. Fox was a visitor in Abilene on last Monday.

The new Staff farm-market road is nearing completion. Work on topping the road is in progress now and the new bridge is completed.

Mrs. Nora Woods of Eastland was visiting Saturday with Mrs. Georgia Morton, who has been ill for the past several weeks in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jeff Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Don from Eastland were in the Community Sunday afternoon to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Henderson had as guests Thursday, Mrs.

Hendersog's sister, Mrs. Era Slaughter of Abilene and Mrs. Leo Blythe from Odessa and Joe Wallis, who is in the service and stationed in California.

home Thursday night.
Mrs. Jeff Woods was snuggling in Eastland Saturday.

A fine shower of rain fell here Saturday afternoon. But we could use a lot more in the grain crops and pastures.

West Texas Clinic and Hospital

Greetings
It is our pleasure once again to say Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors.
TONY'S BARBER SHOP
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lewis

Season's Greetings
Glad tidings to all our friends and patrons. We wish for the fulfillment of your hopes and prayers, now and always.
RANGER JEWELRY CO.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ervin and Diane

Best Wishes
May this Holiday Season be a joyous and healthful one for our many friends.
WINNIE'S BEAUTY SHOPPE
Mr. and Mrs. Nath Pirkle
611 Breckenridge Road Phone 784

Christmas Special!
RCA VICTOR 21 inch Console TV
only \$289.95
Say "Merry Christmas" with the new Trafline—RCA Victor's lowest priced 21-inch console! New "Magic Monitor" chassis automatically ties "All-Clear" picture to "Golden Throat" Fidelity Sound.
Roy McCleskey Service Station
Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCleskey
Phone 29 — Ranger

GREETINGS
The best of everything for you and your family...not only during the Holiday Season, but always...this is our sincere wish.
Roy McCleskey Service Station
Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCleskey

with warmest best wishes
Merry Christmas
and a Happy and Prosperous New Year
COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
Dependable Gas Service
ON SALE NOW
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AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT • DISCOUNT BONUS WITH EACH BOOK!
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Season's Greetings AND BEST WISHES TO ALL

C. E. MAY
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE
C. E. and Jane Mrs. C. E. May, Sr.
Mrs. Johnnie King

Personal Items

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Pirkle are spending Christmas in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hooks and family.

Major and Mrs. Frank Hatton and children, Frances Ann, Pat and Bobby of Greenville, South Carolina, are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Swaney. Willard Swaney and his fiancée, Miss Ann Sadler of Fort Worth, will visit in the Swaney home on Christmas day.

Mrs. J. Way Harmon of Fort Worth and Ranger is spending the holidays in Galveston with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Schott and family.

The Herschel Eyley family of Tyler will spend the holiday week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eyley.

Florence Ashcraft is home from Texas Tech at Lubbock for the Christmas holidays, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ashcraft.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dempsey are spending Christmas in Jalisco, New Mexico with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Browning. Mrs. Browning is the former Joyce Dempsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Halbrooks and daughter, Sandra will spend Christmas in Vernon visiting Mr. and Mrs. Melton Price and son Carl. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Browning will accompany them.

Bill Brazda arrived home Sunday night from SMU and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Howe and Becky of Dallas arrived Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Brazda.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith left Friday for Livermore, Calif. to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, the John F. Henderson and other relatives.

Holiday guests in the Carroll Room home will be Mrs. Hoon's mother, Mrs. Garland Baird and brother, James Earl Baird and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore, Jr., all of Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horton and Charles left today to spend about 10 days visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davlin in San Antonio. On the return trip they will visit Mrs. Horton's parents, the A. C. Kunkle's in Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Arterburn and son, Mike, of Albuquerque, N. M., arrived last week end to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, the E. F. Arterburns and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brashier and sons will leave for Hungerford

in Waco with her father, J. F. Patten and Christmas day in Gatesville visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weaver.

The Jess Weavers have as their guests for Christmas their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crabtree and children.

The Jim Crabtrees are also visiting his mother, Mrs. W. B. Crabtree and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Bargaley.

Charles Franklin, RJC student, is spending his Christmas vacation with his family in Big Spring.

Another RJC student, Sherman Adeock, is visiting his parents in Hillsboro during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pearsall have as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pearsall and sons, David and Mark of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neusche and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Simonsen of Ft. Worth. The Pearsalls and sons will remain for a few days after Christmas.

RJC students, Beverly and Mary Frances Cary are spending their holiday with their parents in Vernon.

Also in Vernon for the holidays with her parents is Gloria Wages.

RJC students spending Christmas in Austin with their families are: Della Joiner, Glen Clifton, Diane Koenig, W. H. White, Jo Ann Crider, and Jim Shurtliff.

Holiday guests in the J. A. Bates home will be Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bates of Henrietta, Tex.; Miss Rena Bates, Mrs. J. W. Ray, Miss Nell Ray, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Ray, Pamela and David, all of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Brock and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ray, Rosalie, Carol and Mickey, all of Kermit.

Lanell Rowell is spending Christmas with her parents in Seymour.

Bill Spears, another RJC student, is spending the holiday with his family in Wichita Falls.

Charles Smith and Charles Leonard are both spending Christmas with their families in Denver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Everheart will spend Christmas in Abilene with his sister and family, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Hamilton and son.

Joyce Steel and Kenneth Scott are spending their holiday in Anson with their respective families.

RJC student, Barbara Emerson is visiting her parents in Graham during the Christmas vacation.

Marshall Camp is spending his holiday in Brownwood visiting family and friends.

The Floyd Killingsworth's will entertain, during the holidays, Mrs. Killingsworth's sisters and their families from Dallas. They are Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phillips and daughters, Sherry and Carolyn and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pounds, Jr. and Diane.

Guests in the Rip Galloway home during the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Watson and children, Vin, Jim and Kay of New Orleans; Dr. and Mrs. R. Jack Galloway and daughters, Mary Margaret and Ann of Kingsville; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cearley of Amarillo; Miss Marie Galloway of San Antonio; Robert L. Galloway of Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Galloway and sons, Dick, Don and Dan of Odessa.

Louaine Shaffer, who is attending St. Edwards in Austin, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Shaffer.

Cosky Kirkpatrick is home from North Texas at Denton for the holiday with her parents the Sam Kirkpatrick's.

Visitors in the Jesse Smith home last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith and children, Stanley, Rene and Mike of Levelland; and Ed Creman of Ft. Worth.



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The house you've been dreaming about can be yours now. Whatever your home plan, consult us. Our reputation is built on integrity, long experience, knowledge. We can build the home of your dreams just as you want it at the most reasonable prices to be found anywhere.

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Lynn and Harold Roberts, RJC students, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Roberts in Vernon.

Nancy Hamilton of RJC is spending the first week of her holiday in Fort Worth with an aunt and the remainder at her home in Moran.

Holiday guests in the J. E. Matthews home are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood and Billy, all of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Butler and sons, Jimmy and Christopher of McAllen, Texas.

Home to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bourdeau and Bill are John Bourdeau of Midland and Cecilia Mooney, Texas U. student.

Miss Rheta Beth Perstein is home from the University of Texas to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Saul Perstein, and the Calvin Lipkins.

Carolyn Fruet is also home from Texas U. for the Christmas holidays with her parents, the C. B. Fruets.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williams are spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. M. C. Keck in Seymour.

Mr. L. E. Wolfe will spend Christmas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ellis in Fort Worth. Other guests will be Capt. Jim Hillis and wife and daughter of Waco.

John Thurman is spending Christmas with friends in Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. D. Conway is spending the holiday in St. Louis with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sherman and children.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. May, Jr. will have as their guests for the holiday, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Burns also, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hayter, all of Ft. Worth.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Weaver and boys will spend Christmas Eve

in Waco with her father, J. F. Patten and Christmas day in Gatesville visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weaver.

The Jess Weavers have as their guests for Christmas their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crabtree and children.

The Jim Crabtrees are also visiting his mother, Mrs. W. B. Crabtree and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Bargaley.

Charles Franklin, RJC student, is spending his Christmas vacation with his family in Big Spring.

Another RJC student, Sherman Adeock, is visiting his parents in Hillsboro during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pearsall have as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pearsall and sons, David and Mark of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neusche and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Simonsen of Ft. Worth. The Pearsalls and sons will remain for a few days after Christmas.

RJC students, Beverly and Mary Frances Cary are spending their holiday with their parents in Vernon.

Also in Vernon for the holidays with her parents is Gloria Wages.

RJC students spending Christmas in Austin with their families are: Della Joiner, Glen Clifton, Diane Koenig, W. H. White, Jo Ann Crider, and Jim Shurtliff.

Holiday guests in the J. A. Bates home will be Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bates of Henrietta, Tex.; Miss Rena Bates, Mrs. J. W. Ray, Miss Nell Ray, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Ray, Pamela and David, all of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Brock and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ray, Rosalie, Carol and Mickey, all of Kermit.

Lanell Rowell is spending Christmas with her parents in Seymour.

Bill Spears, another RJC student, is spending the holiday with his family in Wichita Falls.

Charles Smith and Charles Leonard are both spending Christmas with their families in Denver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Everheart will spend Christmas in Abilene with his sister and family, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Hamilton and son.

Joyce Steel and Kenneth Scott are spending their holiday in Anson with their respective families.

RJC student, Barbara Emerson is visiting her parents in Graham during the Christmas vacation.

Marshall Camp is spending his holiday in Brownwood visiting family and friends.

The Floyd Killingsworth's will entertain, during the holidays, Mrs. Killingsworth's sisters and their families from Dallas. They are Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phillips and daughters, Sherry and Carolyn and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pounds, Jr. and Diane.

Guests in the Rip Galloway home during the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Watson and children, Vin, Jim and Kay of New Orleans; Dr. and Mrs. R. Jack Galloway and daughters, Mary Margaret and Ann of Kingsville; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cearley of Amarillo; Miss Marie Galloway of San Antonio; Robert L. Galloway of Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Galloway and sons, Dick, Don and Dan of Odessa.

Louaine Shaffer, who is attending St. Edwards in Austin, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Shaffer.

Cosky Kirkpatrick is home from North Texas at Denton for the holiday with her parents the Sam Kirkpatrick's.

Visitors in the Jesse Smith home last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith and children, Stanley, Rene and Mike of Levelland; and Ed Creman of Ft. Worth.

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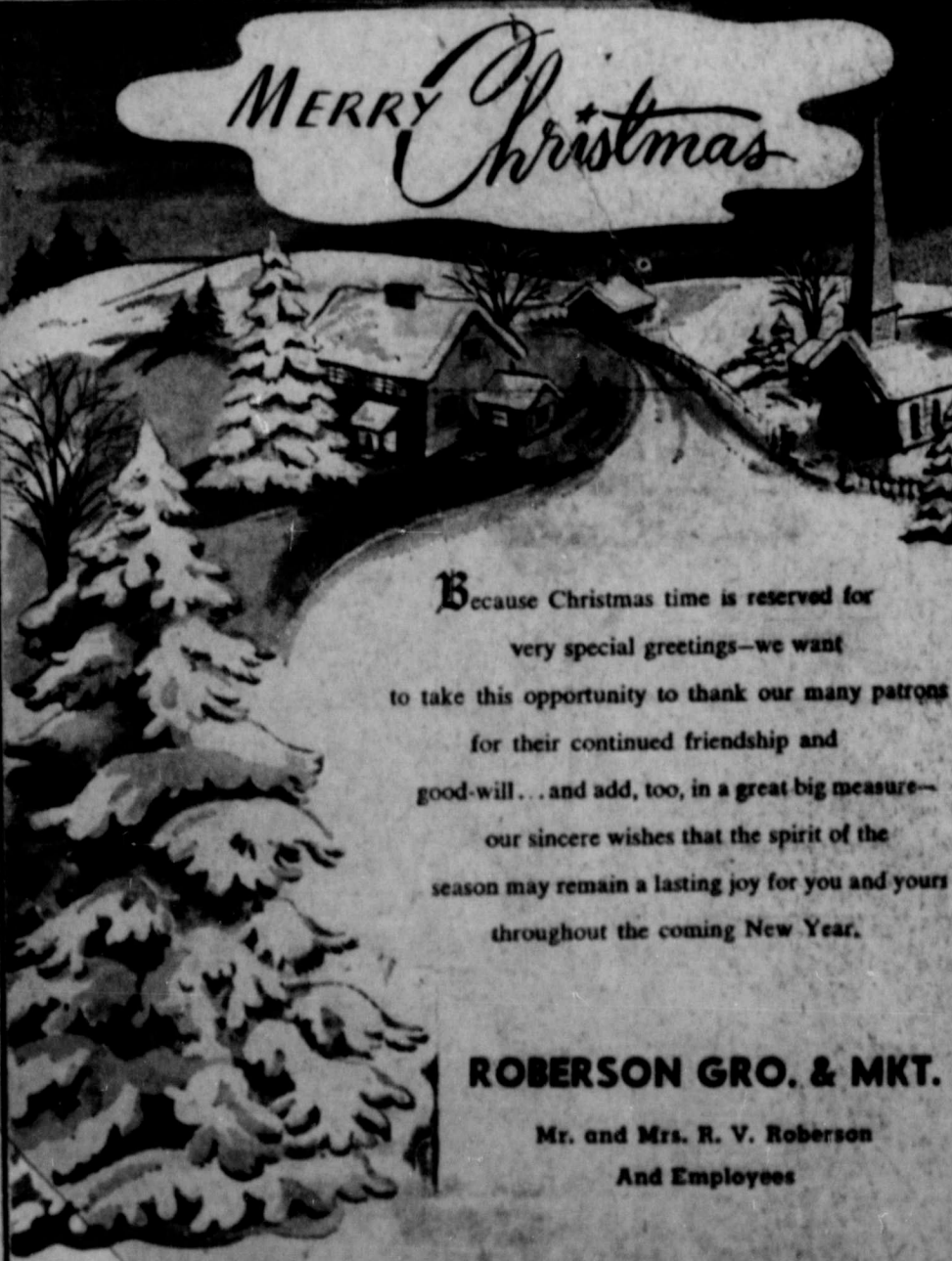


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Rev. Brian And Family Leave For California

Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Brian and children, Gayle, Dalton and Billy, left Ranger Monday, bound for Indio, California, where Rev. Brian will be pastor of the Thermal Baptist Church.

While in Ranger Rev. Brian, besides being pastor of the Second Baptist Church, was president of the Ministerial Alliance, vice moderator of the Cisco Baptist Association and pastor - advisor of the Cisco Baptist Training Union. He is a graduate of Howard-Payne College in Brownwood.

Services Set At Second Baptist

A goal of 225 in Sunday School next Sunday morning has been set by Superintendent Gene Falk, at Second Baptist Church. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

Rev. C. O. Clement of Gorman will preach at both the morning and evening services, the morning worship beginning at 11 o'clock. Training Union begins at 6:15 p.m., according to director, Mrs. Carl White. The evening worship service begins at 7:30 p.m.

Teachers and officers meeting will be held at 6:45 Wednesday evening, with prayer meeting beginning at 7:45.

Jimmy Cole To Preach Sunday, First Baptist

Rev. Jimmy Cole ministerial student in Hardin-Simmons University will bring the eleven o'clock message in the First Baptist Church Sunday morning. Jimmy is a licensed preacher and a graduate of Ranger High school and Junior College. Jimmy launched the Youth Week program last spring that led to one of the greatest Youth Revivals in this section of the state.

The Sunday school department will be ready for the folk at 9:45 and this Lord's day ought to bring the attendance back to a high record. Many teachers and members will be out of the city and it will require all of the folk at home in attendance to make the services what they should be. Training Union will meet at 6:30 and at 7:30 the "Student Night Program" will be presented by the T.U. department with the assistance of the B.S.U. Mr. Walter Arterburn will be in charge of the entire evening program. Youth fellowship will follow the evening worship program.

First Baptist WMS Meets For Bible Study

Members of the woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church met at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the church for Bible study and a business meeting.

Mrs. Ralph Perkins gave the invocation and the third chapter of "Baptist Fundamentals".

Mrs. Ronald Pruet presided over the business session and gave the benediction. There were 6 members present.

The 11-wing force of B-52 jet bombers now building for the Air Force will cost an estimated \$4.3 billion.

Witnesses To Meet Sunday In Eastland

"What Hope for Permanent World Peace?" will be the subject of a Bible lecture to be given in Eastland, Sunday, Dec. 26, at 3 p.m.

This lecture is sponsored by the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and will be held at their Kingdom Hall, 209 Neblett Street in Eastland.

The guest speaker will be Mr.

J. R. Gilla, representative of the Watchtower Society and minister of Jehovah's witnesses, of Graham.

Mrs. Zettye Parrack, presiding minister here announced that this lecture will be free and the public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Parrack pointed out that the war shattered world years for peace. A united, calm world of plenty is the hope of mankind. Civilization is terrified by past wars and future threats. Why have all sincere effort to bring peace failed? Will permanent peace ever be a reality, not just a dream?

East Side Chapel Services Are Set

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 Sunday morning at the East Side Baptist Chapel, according to Superintendent Lewis Green. Church services begin at 10:45, with Charles Massagee and Jackie Heath as co-pastors.

Training Union begins at 6:30 p.m. with the preaching service at 7:30 p.m.

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unto us a son is given; and the
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shoulder; and His name shall be
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Christ in Christmas, A-men.

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Advertisement for Lee's Service Station featuring a bell illustration and the text 'Wishing you Christmas Joy' and 'Our wishes ring out for a season filled with joy...with love...with peace.' Includes address: Gormon Morton, Operator, Highway 80, East.

Travel On Agenda For Times Staff Holidays

By Times Staff Writer The people responsible for printing your Ranger Times will be journeying in various directions for the Christmas holidays after the Christmas edition comes off the press today. Those of us who are staying at home are expecting our families at some time during the holiday period.

The publisher, Joe Dennis and circulation manager, Mrs. Dennis, are expecting their oldest son, Norman and his wife, Maxine and daughter, Jo Ann, to arrive from Lubbock sometime Thursday night. Dwayne Dennis, shop foreman, his wife, Virginia and daughter, Pam, will spend Christmas with his parents and with her parents, the Wayne Whites in Staff.

The Times editor, Lee Harr, wife, Mary and little daughter, Sandy, are leaving for Eagle Pass to spend their holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harr, Society Editor, Betti Huffman,

husband, Norman and children, Terry and Caeryl will entertain his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Huffman and Madrin of Fort Worth. His sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Pierce and Dana of Fort Worth will also visit during the holiday.

Miss Jenna Vee Hatton, part time proofreader, will spend Christmas with her family here in Ranger, and all of her brothers and sisters and their families will be here.

Doyle Sims, ace linotype operator, is going to Jacksonville to pick up his son, Lyle, and will then go to Midlothian to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sims and his sister, Mrs. Geo. Bradley and family.

Hale Dunson, job printer, his wife, Bobbie, and children, Daniel Lee, Daisy Marie and David Hale will spend Christmas in Dallas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pinkston. They will also visit Mr.

and Mrs. Floyce Clowers and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Coates. Floorman Harold Turner will take his wife, June and children, Harold James, Janie and Michael to Coleman to spend the holidays with her sister and family, the K. M. Colemans.

Franklin "Buz" Foster, pressman, when asked about his Christmas plans, replied that he would probably be walking the floor. Seems as though a little income tax exemption is due to arrive Dec. 25. His folks, the W. R. Fosters of Newcastle and his wife, Cora Lee's parents, the W. E. Brutons of Elbert, Tex. are expected to be here for the occasion.

Grady Shook, floorman, tells us that he and his wife, Loretta and baby daughter, Deborah, are going to spend Christmas at home. They will have as their guests, Mrs. Shook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tudor of Hamlin.

Jackie Neeley, the boy we just couldn't do without, is just going to spend Christmas at home with his parents, the C. R. Neeleys, brother, Teddy Joe and little sister, Peggy.

Speaking for the entire Ranger Times family, we wish for each and everyone of our readers a happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



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Acreeage Quotas Lower For New Year Crops

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. — Support prices and acreage allotments tell the story of cotton production in Texas for 1955.

The state's share of national production next year must come from 7,612,779 acres, which is the '55 allotment for Texas. This is compared with 7,624,000 acres harvested this year. National production for next year is set at 10,600,000 bales of upland and 30,000 bales of long staple cotton.

The support price for upland cotton will range from \$2.590 percent of parity.

John G. McHaney, extension agricultural economist says the total carryover of cotton in the U. S. on August 1, 1955—about the time Texas farmers harvest their new crop—is estimated at 9,200,000 bales. This compares with a carryover of 9,600,000 bales on August 1 this year. Total cotton supply for 1954-55 is estimated at 25,000,000 bales, including the carryover. Last Year's total was 22,000,000.

The economist says domestic mills to consume more cotton this year. Exports are predicted to jump, 700,000 bales over last year. Smaller foreign stocks and a higher rate of consumption abroad are the reasons for the expected export increase.

The Agricultural Act of 1954 calls for a "set-aside" of some 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 bales in '55. McHaney explains the amount put in set-aside will be counted when marketing quotas are computed but excluded when price supports are being figured.

Melt shortening and brown meat, green pepper and onion. Lower heat; add tomato sauce, salt, pepper, wine and water and bring to a boil. Stir in corn meal and cook 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add corn and 3-4 cup cheese. Cover and cook 20 minutes over low heat. Serve hot.

Who Is Santa?

And why does he continue to be the Number One American hero? Santa Claus is the personification of that old commandment, love your neighbor, and the American people, who are the kindest and most sentimental tribe on earth, include everyone in the Christmas spirit — those citizens ranging in age from a few minutes to those with only a few days left. Everybody gets in on Santa's act.

It is difficult to find Christmas stories in the pre-Revolution Colonies. Perhaps the English settlers in Virginia or the Dutch in New Amsterdam popularized St. Nicholas as he was then called. About the middle of the fourth century there was a great bishop named Nicholas. Six hundred years after the death of Nicholas, Vladimir of Russia came to Constantinople and brought the Faith back to Russia whence it spread to the Lapps and the Samoyeds, the people of the reindeer. No doubt the reindeers which our modern Santa Claus drives through the clouds come from these northern people.

An American cartoonist, Thomas Nast, in Harper's Illustrated Weekly about 1880, gave us the modern conception of Santa Claus in his red suit with fur trimmings. Nast was also the first cartoonist to reach national prominence as he originated the G.O.P. Elephant, the Democratic Donkey and the Tammany Tiger, but his colorful Santa continues at the peak of his popularity.

1954 Income Tax Booklet Available Soon

"Your Federal Income Tax, 1954," the official Government tax guide, will be ready for distribution soon after January 1st, the Superintendent of Documents announced today.

Issued each year by the Internal Revenue Service, this helpful booklet is designed especially to aid taxpayers in preparing and filing their individual returns.

This year's edition includes the important personal income tax provisions incorporated in the new Internal Revenue Code. Among the variety of subjects covered are — who must file a return; when and where; exemptions; deductions; and collections and refunds.

Although "Your Federal Income Tax" is still in press, orders are being accepted for future delivery by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. Price of the booklet is 25 cents a copy.

Advertisement for Gillette Blue Blades featuring the text 'Shaving Is Slicker — Blade Changing Quicker' and 'BUY Gillette BLUE BLADES IN HANDY DISPENSER' with prices 20 for 98¢ and 10 for 49¢.

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(Continued from Page 1) lack of genuine respect for old age — Ranger included. "One of your business men told this writer that he dressed appropriately for the Parnell funeral, but forgot it. This bears mute testimony to the present day trend. It is a sad commentary indeed

when we become so concerned our little businesses that we longer have time to pay proper respect to our "old" deceased cizens. When a man like C. M. P. nell dies, your whole town co well afford to close up for hour. Most of you spend that mu time every day drinking coffee attending some club."

Advertisement for Season's Greetings featuring a wreath illustration and the text 'Season's Greetings' and 'At this happy time our best wishes go out to all our friends and neighbors: may peace, health and good will be with you always.' Includes name 'Burton Lingo Co. J. D. and David'.

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troop and son of Dallas will join the Loyd Landtroops and the G. F. Landtroops in the Hershel Angus home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Langford and Dickie will spend their Christmas holiday in Lawn, Tex. visiting his parents, the C. R. Langfords and in Denton with her parents, the A. P. Dooleys.

J. Lewis Gregg of Toronto, Canada, has arrived to spend the holiday with his mother, Mrs. Saunders Gregg.

Home to spend Christmas with their parents, the Homer Gays, are their three boys, Johnny who is attending the University of Texas, Ralph who is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gay, Jr. and children of Kermit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gay, Jr. and children of Kermit are also visiting her parents, the R. W. Gordons.

Betty Lou Hagaman is home from the University of Texas to spend the holidays with her parents, the Leslie Hagamans.

Also home from Texas U. is Jerry Simmans who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Simmans at Premier Camp.

Mrs. Gwen Meacham of Dallas will be a Christmas guest in the home of her sister and family, the Dave Pickrells.

Mrs. M. G. Mixon of Altus, Oklahoma is spending Christmas with her daughter and family, the Roy McCleskeys. Other holiday guests will be the Glen McCleskeys of Dallas.

Bill Yung is home from Texas Christian University to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yung.

Also home from TCU to spend Christmas with his family is Chico Mendoza.

Holiday guests in the Gorman Morton home are Mrs. Boyce Bryan of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. John McKelvain and Ken of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Keck of Knox City and Mrs. Briggs Owen of Eastland.

Sarah Beth King, who is attending Southwestern University at Georgetown, is home for the holidays with her parents, the M. L. Kings.

Also home from Southwestern is Eugene "Socks" Sutton, visiting his parents, the Charles Suttons.

Dan Mitchell is spending his holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell. Dan is a freshman student at Rice Institute.

Christmas guests in the R. E. Johnson home will be their two sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and Warren of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Johnson, Gary and Sid of Brownfield.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins and children are going to spend Christmas in Texarkana with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Newmon who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Rev. Perkins will preach at the morning service of the Malta Baptist Church in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams and baby daughter of Cisco spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williams.

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The day before Christmas should be a day of preparation for the little things that take up so much time. Of course you've decided on your menu and have your supplies already in — especially staples like flour, sugar, vegetable shortening, spices, seasonings, and so on. If you have the "makings" for the main course and your dessert, you're all set. Make things easier for yourself by using canned food like pumpkin and corn syrup for pumpkin pie; canned cranberry sauce; olives; frozen or canned vegetables. Fresh fruit makes a good centerpiece.

Shag rugs here — shag rugs there! And wherever they are, they're lovely; but they do get dirty. If you keep them fresh, they'll last much longer and they'll look better too.

Never throw away a piece of furniture just because it looks seedy. Instead, follow the example of the woman who almost decided to toss out a small bookcase because the wood was dull, soiled and ugly to look at. With a sudden burst of enthusiasm, she tried washing it with thick soapuds. Well, it looked so much prettier that she washed it a second time. After rinsing and drying it with a piece of cheese-cloth, she applied a heavy polish. Now that very same bookcase graces her front hall. As a result, when in doubt, her first thought is to try soap.

Children learn valuable lessons from dishwashing time, if it is made pleasant with talk and laughter. Even though their help may at times be doubtful and mother may have to re-do, the habits of trying to help, of training in cleanliness and cooperation will last their lifetime.

If the budget is stretched to its utmost, a lovely luxury gift for your little girl is to homesew a pretty wool flannel bathrobe. She will look like a little princess in shell pink or sunshine yellow, and you eliminate cleaning bills by choosing one of the new washable flannels. Scallop the collar, cuffs and front for style detail.

W. B. Stewart Has Birthday Party Monday

Willie B. Stewart of Strawn, observed his 89th birthday Monday with a party at the West Texas Hospital, where he has been a patient for the past year.

He received three birthday cakes and numerous gifts. Ice cream and cake was served to Mr. Stewart's family and the nurses.

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Rebekah Lodge Has Christmas Supper Tuesday

Members of the Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 and their families met at the IOOF hall Tuesday evening at 6:30 for a covered dish supper.

After the meal, a short business session presided over by Noble Grand, Winnie Pirkle.

The program was opened with a Christmas song by the audience. This was followed by a talk on the meaning of Christmas and Oddfellowship by A. H. Williams.

Music furnished by Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Rutherford of Breckenridge, Lee Wheat and C. E. Bell of Ranger, was enjoyed throughout the evening.

Gifts were distributed from a gallily decorated Christmas tree to everyone present.

The Christmas motif was carried out in the hall decorations. About 40 members and friends were present for the affair.

Weekly Schedule For St. Rita's Catholic Church

The following is the weekly schedule for St. Rita's Catholic Church:

Holy Mass every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Evening devotions on Sundays at 7 p.m.

Study club for the high school students Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m.

Study club for the Junior College students Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Religion class for the grade school students at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Rev. Fr. Boesmans, pastor of St. Rita's Catholic Church, is always available to give information and to explain the Catholic faith to those who want to know more about it. This information is given without any obligation whatsoever and without prejudice against any other religion.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bryant of Olden are the parents of a 7 pound 12 ounce girl, born at 12:32 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Kim announce the birth of a 7 pound 7 ounce girl at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at West Texas Hospital. They have named her Vicki Ann.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kim. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wolford.

GREETINGS

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20 marshmallows
1 small bottle maraschino cherries
1 cup drained crushed pineapple
2 cups whipping cream
Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in well beaten eggs. Spread one half of vanilla wafer crumbs in bottom of pan (8"x12"). Spread creamed mixture over crumbs. Place in refrigerator to chill.

Cut marshmallows into quarters and chop cherries. Whip the cream. Fold marshmallows, cherries and drained pineapple into whipped cream. Pour over chilled mixture. Sprinkle remaining crumbs over top. Place in refrigerator to chill. This is a perfect dessert for your home freezer.

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Big dealers in trees can't afford bad forest practices, and, as a result, they are directly concerned with reforestation. In reforestation, "parent" trees are left standing so that seedlings will grow up around them. Thousands

of these tiny trees may pop up, many only six inches apart. After a few years, this over-crowding would be fatal for the trees, so the stand must be thinned. Thus, trees that reach your home from these areas are those that would have died from root and sunlight starvation if they had not been cut.

Foresters who grow saw-log trees generally divide cut-over land into four classes. Christmas-tree land is the lowest classification. It won't grow good forests, but it is ideal for Christmas trees since it barely supports tree life. The tree, in its struggle to exist, throws out thick and frequent branches.

On such land are the Christmas-tree farms, such as those operated by Paul Kirk of Tacoma, Washington, sometimes called the "Christmas tree king." He distributes 4 to 5 million trees a year

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The last two or three weeks before Christmas are about the busiest of Paul Kirk's year, for those carefully grown trees simply have to arrive at their destination on time. It isn't unusual for him to tour dozens of cities checking on shipments before he gets home at the last moment to gether with his family around the Kirks' huge white-sprayed tree.

A plan to stop cellular growth in potatoes by exposure to atomic radiation, so as to make them salable all year around, has been proposed by a University of Michigan scientist.

National Park Service officials recently turned down plans designed by noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright for a new restaurant in Yosemite National Park because it was too eye-catching.

Christian Science

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Christian Science churches this Sunday.

The following words of Jesus from I John (14:12) will be read, along with other passages from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

The Lesson will bring out that the healing work accomplished by Christian Science today operates on the same Principle that Jesus used. In speaking of Christian Science as the "scientific system of divine healing," Mary Baker Eddy, its Discoverer and Founder, writes that it is "the proof, by present demonstration, that the so-called miracles of Jesus did not specially belong to a dispensation now ended, but that they illustrated an ever-operative divine Principle" (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, page 123)



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Mrs. Bill Tucker

Another milestone is reached in a year of progress for each of us, a stepping stone to the new year just ahead, how will we have lived it?

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Blackwell were boasting a new granddaughter on Dec. 10. The little lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blackwell, of Qaanaa, and has been named Kim Renie, and is their first child.

Visiting here in the Ben Freeman home last week with her sister, Mrs. Freeman, was Mrs. Etta Brittain and her daughter and children, Mrs. Wanda Frasier, Becky, Donna, and Billy Bob, all of Graham, Texas.

Mrs. John Love was reported ill and unable to attend church on Sunday. Mrs. Mary Tucker is spending this week in Ranger with her daughter, Mrs. Ima Howard.

Mesdames Maud Dean, Sophie Freeman, Etta Brittain and Wanda Frasier, all visited during the week with their brother and uncle, Dick Weekes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller, of west Texas are here for a several days stay with the John Tuckers.

The Milton Underwoods of Fort Worth, spent the week-end here with the parental Will Underwoods and with her mother Mrs. Sarah Wilson, who for a time has been making her home with Mrs. L. Z. Melton, also her daughter.

The Bill Reid home is resplendent at night with jolly Saint Nick and a foursome of reindeer and sleigh atop the roof, in keeping with the holiday.

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Christmas Is More Fun When Shared With Children; So Is Vacation

Christmas, it's pretty generally agreed, is more fun when you share it with some of the wide-eyed and outspoken younger set. For a holiday guaranteed to boost you out of that sophisticated rut, take the youngsters along on your winter trip this year. They'll have you seeing new depths in a smooth-worn world.

One of the most exciting vacation spots for the young people in your house is Washington, D.C., chosen by thousands of school children each year for their own school trips. From the Hill where the Capitol stands to the banks of the Potomac, every street of the nation's capital makes history, civics and geography come alive for youngsters. And there are always special thrills, like when the person sitting next to you in the Statler lobby turns out to be a sheik in a turban.

The clean shaft of the Washington Monument is taller when seen through the eyes of a youngster. (The kids will be telling you stories about the way Monument "breathes" because of its shape, how sometimes condensation makes rain so hard inside the Monument that attendants have to wear raincoats.) You'll find something particularly impressive about the way your clamoring brood quiets down as you climb the steps toward the majestic, homely Lincoln statue.

Young horse lovers will enjoy dozens of equestrian statues in Washington's parks. (You will, of course, have to be an authority on the generals thereon. You can raise your stock by pointing out that the figure of General Winfield Scott at Scott Circle really is bigger than his horse, because "Great Scott" was such a big man that he dwarfed his steeds.) And the famous Washington Zoo has a spindly baby giraffe and a real

Christmas-y family of white reindeer.

Junior G-men can go on daily tours of the F.B.I. and the Senate subway is one of the best train rides anywhere. The Smithsonian Institution—the biggest attic in the whole United States—is packed with treasures like the "Spirit of St. Louis." For other days, there are football games, or the kick to be had from skating on the Reflecting Pool.

The guided sightseeing tours of the Gray Line put a famous variety of out-of-town spots well within that indefinable pre-flight zone. There are bus trips to Mount Vernon (the kids will be surprised to read in the family Bible that George Washington was not born on February 22); Annapolis to watch the parade of Midsheepers, exploration trips to the mountains and the caves of Shenandoah National Park, and even a trip back to the 18th Century—Gray Line buses run to Colonial Williamsburg in neighboring Virginia.

Washington is accustomed to being explored by small fry and rather proud like Washington's famous Statler. Here, each youngster's arrival is celebrated with a basket of fruit sent to his room. Children's meals are ordered from a special menu, with prices and portions trimmed to size, and there's special silver and china. Every meal is a party and there's a free balloon and a box of animal crackers at the end. For the youngest travelers, Statler chefs happily concoct formulae with that certain something.

To encourage family travel, the Statler bases room charges on the regular rate for the adults occupying a room, regardless of how many children share it with them. And where a family requires more than one room for their youngsters, the single rate applies for the second room used. In other words, there is no room charge for children under 14 who stay at the hotel with their parents.

Washington offers much for parents, too, and the radio and TV sets in each air conditioned Statler room are a boon for children when the older generation wants to take its turn at dining and dancing. Baby sitting services are also available while mother and dad browse along the cobbled streets of Colonial Georgetown or in smart downtown shops, look at the mobilia and wire sculpture at the Corcoran Gallery, or attend Broadway Truans of excellent plays.

A Washington trip with the children never ends when the family returns home. You'll notice quite a difference in the homework crowd when they're studying things they know first hand. And after the vacation is over, they'll be turning on the TV set and telling the neighbors, "That's where we were... last week we walked down the same street the President is on right now."

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CHRISTMAS THROUGHOUT THE AGES

By Rev. F. Poesman, Pastor, Catholic Church

"While all things were in quietude and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy Almighty Word leapt down from heaven from Thy royal throne." Book of Wisdom, XVIII: 14-15. Christmas, the magic word, with its inexhaustible beauty and simplicity, with its warmth and glamour, is here again. Its influence upon the modern world is enormous. It has the power to bring individuals and families and nations closer together. It has the magic power to inspire individuals to perform deeds of kindness and unselfishness. It has been an inspiration for artists of every description: painters, musicians and literati. Its commercial powers are unrivaled.

... What is the meaning of Christmas?

"Il Natale." In German "Weihnachtsfest," from the preceding night. The term "Yule" is of disputed origin.

Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church. When we check and study the old documents and writings of the Church fathers, then we come to the conclusion right quick that in the first three or four centuries, there was nothing but confusion and contradiction as far as the celebration of this feast is concerned; the same can be said about the date of its celebrations. In the early days of Christianity, it would be celebrated in the middle of the summer as well as in the heart of the winter. It was a time of frantic search to determine when Christ actually was born. In determining the date of Christ's birth, the Gospels give no help; indeed, upon their date, contradictory arguments are based. Some will argue that the census mentioned in the Bible would have been impossible in the winter; a whole population could not then be put in motion. Again, in the winter it

must have been, others claim, then he put in motion. Again, in the winter it must have been, others claim, then only field labor was suspended. But Rome was not thus considerate. Authorities, moreover, as to whether shepherds could or would keep flocks exposed during the nights of the rainy season. Many more different proofs to place Christmas at different times have been put forward, although without any substantial and convincing power.

Then, there were the diverging dates between the East (Constantinople) and the West (Rome). Some will say that the pagan celebration, centering around the pagan gods and which took place during the winter months, convinced the Christian world to supplant this pagan celebration with a Christian celebration. Anyhow, even if we do not know with the least sign of certainty when the Savior was born, it is a fact that Christianity, under the inspired leadership of Rome, finally agreed on a fixed date, which puts Christmas in the heart of the winter, and, in so doing, has an added emotional power upon the hearts and souls of the faithful.

That was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, and the light shined in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but he was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto his own, and his own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name. Who are born, not of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we saw his glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

Yes, that is the meaning, the real meaning, of Christmas. On Christmas, once a year, we celebrate a historical fact — the fact that the Son of God, the promised Messiah, became man some 2000 years ago, to bring salvation to all who accept Him as their Savior. When we observe the present day celebrations of Christmas, then we are a long cry from its original meaning. Millions celebrate Christmas without knowing what it means; many of our young people think about Christmas in the terms of presents, in the terms of getting something. Our modern society thinks about Christmas in terms of business and dollars. All this has nothing to do with the real Christmas. Christmas is a feast of love, a feast of giving. "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Begotten Son." Christmas is the real and only manifestation of God to the world up to the time of Christ, the pagan world and even the enlightened Jews (in matters of religion) thought about God in terms of a tyrant, bloodthirsty, and ready to punish. His elected people were so afraid of Him that they did not even dare, and were not allowed, to pronounce His real name. Only the high priest was permitted to pronounce his real name, God, and that once a year. Jahweh or Jehova was God's name. All the other people would use a substitute for Jahweh, I am who am, namely, "Adonai," which means Lord and Master. God was the fearful ruler. It was the time that the human race was waiting for the promised redeemer, promised right away after the fateful fall of our first parents (Genesis, iii, 15): "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel." For thousands of years, the human race had to wait for this promise to be fulfilled. Right away, the human race fell into horrible forms of idolatry and paganism. A little spark of the Redeemer to come was kept alive

in the chosen people of God, the Jews. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Isaiah, and many more, kept that promise alive; but their knowledge of the true and one God was so rude and defective. They obeyed Him out of fear. When the fullness of time finally had come, like Saint Paul puts it, then the promised Redeemer came. The woman from the Genesis, the Virgin conceived a son.

And the angel being come in, said unto her: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus." And when Mary, who had made a vow of virginity, was very much confused about this, asked the angel: "How shall this be done because I know not man?" Then the angel made it known to her, the greatness of God's love and wisdom: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Then the Virgin consented and said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word." (Luke, i:28-35).

That is the mystery of the Incarnation, "God-Made-Man," and God appeared among us as one of us, in the form of a baby, full of innocence, totally depending upon the care of his mother. God came to us, with His hands outstretched. The God of fear from the Old Testament made room for the God of love; His reign would be a reign of love; His rule and law, the rule and law of love. The only force He will use is the force of His love. From the first moment of his life, He shows us clearly what He expects from his followers: Sacrifice — self denial. "If you want to be my disciples, take up your cross and follow me." From the crib, as from the cross, we learn the redeeming value of humility, the charm of simplicity, the heroism of pain patiently endured, and the very depths of charity. Is it that which our young generation learns about Christmas? Is it that which we grown-ups know about Christmas? And is Christmas something more than a sentimental up-flair of emotions which will enable us to be kind and good maybe for a day or a week, but which fails to have enduring results? When the Savior was born, the course of the human history was changed. From outcasts we became redeemed; but this redemption would only come to those of good will. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

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Around the year 1000, we see then that Christmas was a purely religious celebration, centered in and around the church, with prayers and Masses, with the Midnight Mass taking the precedence, appealing as it did to the tender emotions of those Christians of the Middle Ages. We even see that the Advent fasting dates to those early days. It was Saint Francis of Assisi who, in 1223, originated the present day crib; the presence of the ox and ass are misinterpretations of Is. i, 3 and Hab. ii, 2. The history of the Christmas tree is of a more recent date yet than the Christmas crib. We know that around the year 1000 all kinds of pagan beliefs tried to bring green into the Christmas scene. Some believed that trees and flowers blossomed on this night. The mistletoe cut by the Druids (pagan priests) tried to find its way also into the Christmas scene but was strictly forbidden by Bishops and Archbishops of these areas. The first official Christmas tree dates back to 1605, and had its origin in Strasburg and found its way into France and England. It was in these very Middle Ages, so full of deep and simple faith, that these famous monuments in music, painting and literature were created, products of a vivid and a pious imagination. It was the time of Christmas plays, portraying the beauty of the mother, her simplicity and faith, the great love of the Savior for the poor, children of Adam and Eve, a love which forced him to be born in the middle of winter, unknown, persecuted but not recognized, persecuted from the first moment he appeared on this earth. All this was basically Biblical; the settings were the fruits of a rich, a deep religious imagination. St. John says it so beautifully (St. John, i:1-14):

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him and without Him was made nothing

that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, and the light shined in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but he was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto his own, and his own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name. Who are born, not of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we saw his glory, the glory as it were of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

That is the mystery of the Incarnation, "God-Made-Man," and God appeared among us as one of us, in the form of a baby, full of innocence, totally depending upon the care of his mother. God came to us, with His hands outstretched. The God of fear from the Old Testament made room for the God of love; His reign would be a reign of love; His rule and law, the rule and law of love. The only force He will use is the force of His love. From the first moment of his life, He shows us clearly what He expects from his followers: Sacrifice — self denial. "If you want to be my disciples, take up your cross and follow me." From the crib, as from the cross, we learn the redeeming value of humility, the charm of simplicity, the heroism of pain patiently endured, and the very depths of charity. Is it that which our young generation learns about Christmas? Is it that which we grown-ups know about Christmas? And is Christmas something more than a sentimental up-flair of emotions which will enable us to be kind and good maybe for a day or a week, but which fails to have enduring results? When the Savior was born, the course of the human history was changed. From outcasts we became redeemed; but this redemption would only come to those of good will. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

It is not surprising that this good will was not to be found in the palaces of the rich and powerful, but well among the simple and



GREETINGS

Along with our warm Christmas Greetings we send to you and those dear to you every good wish for a joyous season filled with good health, good cheer, and contentment. And may your Holiday happiness extend throughout the New Year.

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In the warm and cheerful atmosphere of this wonderful Christmas season when families are gathered together — when spirits are refreshed, hearts uplifted and all the world is suddenly full of smiling people — we want to offer to one and all our very best wishes for the happiest holiday you've ever enjoyed.

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Season's Greetings



May the "Peace that passeth all understanding" enter into your heart Christmas. In the spirit of Him, whose Natal Day we celebrate, may you find the hope, faith and courage to hold steadfast to the bright promise of a world in which peace and good will shall reign forevermore.

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Wolters AFB Personnel Plan Operation 'Toys For Joy' For Xmas

A Christmas for some kids who might not have had one otherwise, is the object of Wolters' Air Force Base, Operation "Toys for Joy." The Maintenance men and the Aviation Engineers stationed at the base who are used to working on some of the world's biggest air strip building equipment, including giant caterpillar tractors, huge cranes and trucks have turned their efforts to kiddie-car size tractors and toy cranes. At the same time they are keeping the heavy equipment on the base operating.

"Toys for Joy" began when several local people from Mineral Wells asked if Wolters Air Force Base would help in rehabilitating old toys for distribution to underprivileged children throughout the area.

As an example of armed forces-community cooperation, the personnel at Wolters agreed to renovate the toys if the people in the surrounding communities would turn in old toys to the base.

After the toy appeal was made through the radio and press, trucks began making rounds throughout the area. Some of the trucks came from Wolters, and some from civilians. Boy Scouts aided in the toy pickup. School children were contacted and turned in their old toys to the schools for collection. A special "Toy Call" telephone operator was established on the base for local people to contact if they had toys to be picked up.

On the base itself, personnel left toys at their unit day rooms where they were collected and taken to the two rehabilitation shops located on the base.

Toys that were gathered from outside areas were repaired by men from the Maintenance and Supply Squadron, 2274th Air Base Group. The Air Installations Office and members of the Base Fire department also participated in the renovation.

For those toys that were gathered from personnel on the base, the 884th Engineer Aviation Maintenance Company did the repair work and painting.

Wives in the local communities and wives of base personnel took batches of old dolls, repairing and making new clothes for them.

When new parts were needed for the toys, the men working on them usually bought them through their own donations. Money donated by people who had no toys to give was also used in purchasing new parts.

As the truck loads of toys began rolling in, assembly line production was set up in the Maintenance Shops. Since then, new looking toys, bright with paint,

have been rolling off the lines at the rate of several truck loads per week.

Along with the rehabilitated toys, some merchants in the communities have donated new ones to the drive.

When "Toys for Joy" is finished, they will be turned over to the Wolters Air Force Base Chaplain who will supervise their distribution throughout the area.

The cost to the government: nothing in dollars and comparatively few man hours in time.

CORNELL HAS OWN SUN FOR EXPERIMENTS

ITHACA, N. Y. — Cornell University has produced its own "sun" to shine on small-scale architectural models.

The artificial sun, called the solatron, simulates the position of the sun for any latitude, season, and time of day.

College architects said the solatron could, for example, be used to show how an overhanging roof should be designed to cut off the direct rays of the high summer sun but let in the low rays of the winter sun. It will be used for such problems as designing sun control devices and studying the sun's effect on housing projects and buildings.



"CANDY" BRINGS SWEET PRICE—Bonnie Jean Fassett, 11, goes for a \$7320 ride at Kansas City, Mo., on "Candy," judged Grand Champion Steer of the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. Auctioned at \$6.05 a pound, the 1210-pound Black Angus brought owner Eugene Fassett, right, of Alexandria, Ill., the jackpot price.

BEST WISHES



SEASON'S GREETINGS

FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

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Packaging Simple But Effective For Home-Made Yuletide Cookies

Once you have the tested recipes that are included with this article, the next thing to consider is how you'll "gift wrap" them. A toy drum full of cookies is heaven to a child. A woman would like a little wagon decorated with peasant motifs in which she can set a plant after the cookies are gone. If you have a friend far away you'd like to mail a box of your home-made cookies to, our Semi-Sweet Chocolate Bar Cookies are designed to travel well because they pack snugly. Other chocolate specialties festive for Christmas

are the Polka Dot Meringues and the Chocolate Crunch Cookies that are America's favorite. There is a new size jumbo bag of semi-sweet chocolate morsels just on the market that contain twice as much as the ordinary size bag. It contains 12 ozs., or 2 cups, of morsels, which gives you a cup in reserve for that second batch of Chocolate Crunch Cookies, or other semi-sweet chocolate treats you'll make this Christmas.

Semi-Sweet Chocolate Bar Cookies
1 jumbo package (12 ozs.), or 2 6 oz. packages (2 cups) semi-

sweet chocolate morsels
2-3 cup shorting
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1-2 teaspoon salt
1-3 cup whole pecans (approx.)
1-4 cup chopped nuts

In top of double boiler put semi-sweet chocolate morsels and shorting. Heat over hot water until melted and mix until smooth. Turn into bowl. Add sugar; mix thoroughly. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt; add to chocolate mixture and mix until blended. Turn into a greased 10 x 15 x 3-4-inch pan. Place pecan halves in rows on top of one-half batter. Sprinkle chopped nuts over remaining half. Bake in a moderate oven (375°F.) 25 minutes. When cool, cut into bars approximately 2 1/2 x 1-inch.

Chocolate Crunch Cookies
1-2 cup butter or margarine
6 tablespoons white sugar
6 tablespoons brown sugar
1 egg
1 1/8 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1-2 teaspoon baking soda
1-2 teaspoon salt
Few drops hot water
1-2 cup chopped nuts

1 package (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1-2 teaspoon vanilla
Cream butter, add white and brown sugar gradually, blending together until light and fluffy. Add egg, beat thoroughly. Sift together flour, baking soda and salt; add to mixture; mix well. Add a few drops of hot water and mix together until well blended. Stir in nuts, semi-sweet chocolate morsels and vanilla. Drop by half teaspoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (375°F.) about 10 to 12 minutes.
YIELD: 50 cookies.

Polka Dot Meringues
1-4 teaspoon salt
2 egg whites
1 cup sugar
1-4 teaspoon vanilla
1-2 cup chopped nuts
1-2 cups corn flakes
1 package (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
Add salt to egg whites and beat until frothy. Add sugar, about two teaspoon at a time and continue to beat until very thick. Beat in vanilla. Fold in nuts, corn flakes and 2-3 package of semi-sweet chocolate morsels. Drop by teaspoons on a greased cookie sheet. Top each meringue with 2 or 3 chocolate morsels. Bake in a very slow oven (300°F.) 20 minutes.

HEREFORD PRIZE-WINNER
HALEYVILLE, Ala. — Larry Domino 56th, a \$20,000 Hereford, has the right to give other cattle a glassy stare. He is the possessor of a glass eye.

Larry Domino came out the loser in an engagement with a barbed wire fence, but his owner, Dr. R. F. Flake, was not going to let the loss of an eye bar the hefty Hereford from future prizes.

A veterinarian, Dr. Hershell Burgess, and an optical company operator, Jim Clay, combined efforts to design an artificial eye. An ophthalmologist, who preferred to remain anonymous, performed a series of operations to remove the useless eye and replace it with the artificial one.



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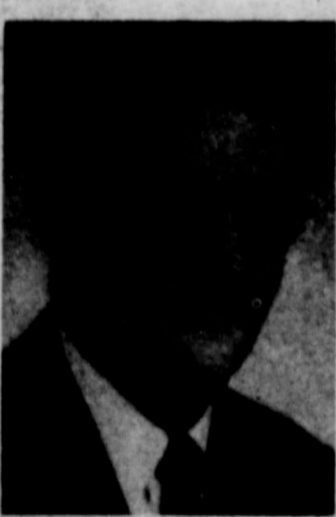
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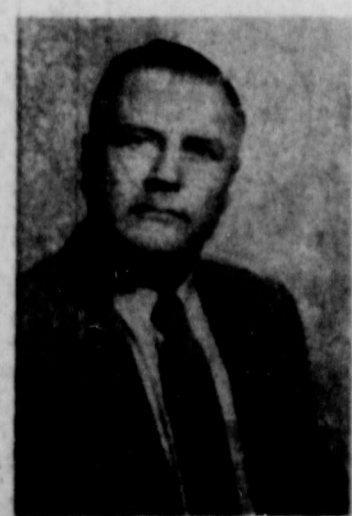


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For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
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Supporting All of Christ's Program All the Year

Experts Criticize Parent's Use Of TV Set As Baby Sitter

Because most parents use their television set as a baby-sitter, children are failing to develop good taste about the programs they watch. That is the criticism of television's effect on the home given by a group of prominent social welfare authorities in the December issue of Parents' Magazine.

Children are not to blame for choosing poor television entertainment, the experts declare. If parents would watch children's programs and discuss them in the family circle, the youngsters would soon become more viewing conscious. Eighteen experts contributed to the survey on television and children prepared by Dr. Robert

M. Goldenson, assistant professor of psychology at Hunter College. Art television program responsible for juvenile delinquency? No, according to the majority of answers. However, some programs, the authorities reported, would be overstimulating to children already mentally disturbed.

All felt that though no one program is disturbing to all children, nevertheless it is best to steer them away from anything "unduly anxiety-provoking." Westerns were found generally acceptable, but many thought that children were seeing too many crime and detective programs. It was suggested that the latter be programmed lat-

er at night or taken off the air entirely.

In reply to a question about the effect of television on school work, one of the respondents pointed out that television seems to be stimulating classroom interest among children of high ability while those of lower intelligence are falling down in their school work as a result of watching it too many hours a day.

The panel was unanimous in its feeling that parents should control the amount of time children spend on television, but most felt that children should have freedom in the choice of programs. "That does not mean," one expert declared, "that children should be turned loose to a steady diet of crime programs. But they should be permitted to sample a wide variety of programs and should be helped to choose discriminatingly."

Among the contributors to the Parents' Magazine survey are: Clark W. Blackburn, general director, Family Service Association of America; Gunnar Dybwad, director, Child Study Association of America; Lawrence K. and Mary Frank, authors of "How to Help Your Child at School;" Frances L. Iig, Gesell Institute, New Haven, Conn.; J. Edgar Hoover, director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Paul Popenoe, director, American Institute of Family Relations; Dr. William C. Menninger, the Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas; Dr. Benjamin Spock, famous pediatric specialist; Luther Woodward, New York State Department of Mental Hygiene; and George Stevenson, medical director of the National Association of Mental Health.

Gallant Girl TB Patient Fights For Life; Christmas Seals Help

AUSTIN — Christmas, somehow, has taken on a new meaning this year. A gallant girl in a hospital bed 250 miles away is giving it a special glow.

Out in McKnight Sanatorium, near San Angelo, a very short time ago Lora Simpkins' life hung on the outcome of a hazardous lung operation. The odds were fairly heavy that she wouldn't see this Christmas dawn.

But she will . . . and that is what makes Christmas, 1954, different. Lora is just one of thousands of Texans who have TB, but to this erstwhile occupant of a newsdesk her audacious defiance of the deadly bacillus has made her a sort of symbol for all of them.

With Lora it isn't borrowed courage either. Tuberculosis has taken seven years out of her life. It hit when she was 21 and she has cheerfully refused to observe a birthday since then.

There have been times in those seven years that she appeared well on the road to recovery and a

normal life only to find the tough little bug gaining the upper hand again.

She's had the works in medical treatment. Bed rest, surgery, miracle drugs, pneumotherapy. To some of these measures she responded with marked improvement . . . for a time.

And every time her hopes of health were dashed, she shrugged off the disappointment, refused to admit defeat.

Perhaps it is that innate fortitude . . . or maybe it is just the way she screens it with a rapier wit . . .

Whatever it is, and without any effort of her own, Lora became the emblem for this writer's personal quarrel with tuberculosis and what it does to Texans.

Late last year she was making such strides toward recovery she was allowed limited activity, part of which was editing the hospital paper.

Then came bad news. Lora was not doing so well. She was back on strict bed rest. Eventually the only

alternative appeared . . . more surgery.

She'd been there before. She knew the odds. But she sent a cheerful reassurance along to the Texas TB Association where her bubbling good humor has sparked a wealth of anecdotes.

On her way to the operating room, they say, she wagered her doctor a steak dinner that she would be well enough for medical discharge in six months. It was by no means that simple.

For two days and a night the issue was in doubt.

Then came the heart-warming news, "Lora made it. She is going to live."

That was mid November but somehow the words had the song of Christmas bells.

Last week Lora was sitting up in bed, and although breathing with difficulty, was helping direct plans for a pageant of The Nativity she wrote last year.

And somewhere in the hospital Christmas program, with the inimitable Lora touch, there will appear her flippant parody of a familiar Yuletide classic. It begins, " 'Twas the night before Christmas in Dorm Number 16 . . . "

Christmas? It's wonderful!



FIGHTS FOR LIFE—Lora Simpkins knows what Christmas really means. For she has had to fight to stay alive to see the Christmas dawn this year. For Lora is a TB patient at McKnight Sanatorium and only recently underwent a hazardous lung operation.

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Methodist Home Shelters Unfortunate Waifs

By Staff Writer

One of the greatest humanitarian stories of all times has been unfolded in Waco, the site of the Methodist Home for children. It is a mecca of warmth for youngsters who have never known the true value and meaning of what the average person describes when he says "home."

With over 440 underprivileged children dwelling on the grounds, the home this year is celebrating its sixty-fourth birthday. Hubert Johnson, superintendent, says that there has never been a divorce among those who have been released from the home nor has there ever been a conviction for crime among them.

Organized by Bishop Joseph S. Key in 1890, the institution serves as a refuge for children in Texas and New Mexico. Non-denominational, the home is supported by free-will offerings taken in

Methodist churches during the month of December.

NEEDS OF SERVICE
Children are admitted to the home on the basis of their need for the services provided and because of the basis of admission there constantly remains a large backlog of applicants.

Officials of the establishment say that most children entering the home are in need of some health services and some require the services of trained psychiatrist. All medical defaults are corrected with the aid of local medical personnel.

The home places special emphasis on keeping family groups together and sisters are allowed to remain together in one building and brothers likewise, are afforded the same privileges in another building.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING
All of the children are assigned chores appropriate to



METHODIST HOME CHOIR

their age and ability which contributes to the "home life" of the entire group. Also, the members of the home are directed in some type of vocational training, to the extent that some types of the training lead to a profession when they are released from the institution.

Contrary to some beliefs, the children all attend public schools when the correct ages are realized. Those under school age attend a nursery school maintained on the campus.

Once a child is admitted to the institution, he is permitted to stay as long as he needs the services provided at the home. Many stay until they have finished college or vocational training, and enter some trade to earn their own livelihood. If a child's home is rehabilitated, he can be released upon establishment of the fact by the parents.

An endowment fund has been started for the home with gifts received from wills and other similar bequests. Under the management of 16 directors, the costs of the maintenance and upkeep of the 25 buildings on the campus has become a problem for the officials. The directors hope that the endowment fund will eventually become large enough so that the dividends received from the investment will offset the expenditures.

Children of the home present a musical program titled "These Are Your Children" that is heard over most radio stations in this area each Sunday morning from 8:15 to 8:30.



GREETINGS

At this festive time of year we want to pause for a moment to say: Thank You for your patronage—and may you have a merry, happy Holiday!

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May the blessings of this joyous season surround you. May your holiday be merry and your happiness enduring.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our friends... May this Holiday Season be the happiest one you've ever enjoyed.

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Season's Greetings ... Everything's ready for another merry Holiday season ... including our warmest greetings to all our friends!

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Tuberculosis Patient Gets 'Greatest Gift'

SANATORIUM, Texas — "So you see, I already have the greatest Christmas gift of all. . . . That was Mrs. J. B. Carroll of Ladonia, Texas, speaking from the quiet hospital room in McKnight sanatorium. She has been there since February when a two-year

illness finally was diagnosed as tuberculosis.

That was the reason for Mrs. Carroll's concern. The two years she had spent with her family before she learned it was tuberculosis causing the fever, the coughing, the weight loss, the steadily mounting illness.

After her disease was found and she started on the road to recovery, a letter informed her that her son, Glendon Eugene, 13, and her daughter, Mary Louise, 10, were "draggling around and not feeling well."

Mrs. Carroll worried, as mothers

do. She remembered the previous summer they had been feverish, ill.

Fears and uneasiness haunting a tuberculosis patient can be a major handicap to medical treatment. Mrs. Carroll's progress slowed. The hospital staff looked for reasons.

Finally she confided her concerns to Mrs. Elnor Norwood, the hospital's medical social worker whom the patients have dubbed "the worry lady."

Mrs. Norwood wrote the Fannin County TB Association, asking Miss Billy Barnette, the executive secretary, to have the children X-rayed.

Very soon there came the welcome letter from Mr. Carroll. "Hoo, the doctor says there is nothing to worry about. Both mine and the children's X-rays are clear."

The wonderful news! The reassurance that her loved family was free of TB put Mrs. Carroll back on the road to recovery.

She had weighed 92 pounds when she came to McKnight. As she told this story of what Christmas Seals had done, she calmly said, "Now I weigh 107."

Her father, J. M. Stalley of Wolfe City in adjoining Hunt county, was visiting her. His eyes sparkled over his daughter's improvement and the good report he could take home, "Mary is getting well."

There is a prospect of surgery ahead for Mrs. Carroll. But that will only speed her on her way back to health and home.

She isn't unduly disturbed about the surgery of "Christmas in the sun." Because another Christmas she expects to be decorating the



Mrs. J. B. Carroll . . . "greatest Christmas gift of all."

tree at home in Ladonia, a typical Texas community where she was born and has spent her life. And as she puts it, ". . . you see, I already have the greatest Christmas gift of all. I know my children and my husband don't have tuberculosis."



Peace on Earth

To one and all, we wish a Season bright as the Star of Christmas morn.

HOUGHTON GARAGE
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ductible in succeeding years, but in each year the entire deduction is limited to 25 per cent of gross income.

This liberalizing provision does not allow the deduction of expenditures for the purchase, construction, improvement or installation of depreciable machinery, tile, masonry, metal or wood structures, appliances and facilities such as tanks, pipes, reservoirs, canals, dams, wells, pumps and conduits. Such expenditures, as under the prior law, must be capitalized and deducted over the estimated useful life of the asset.

ing, grading, terracing, contour furrowing, construction, control and protection of diversion canals, drainage ditches, earthen dams, water works, outlets and ponds, brush removal and planting of windbreaks and other treatment or moving of earth, provided that these expenditures are incurred for the prevention of erosion of farm lands.

A farmer may elect to deduct these expenses incurred in 1954 on his 1954 tax return, or if no such expenses were incurred in 1954, may make the election on his tax return for the first year in which such expenditures are in-

curring. However, if the election is not made at that time, the taxpayer must obtain the consent of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue before being allowed to expense these items.

Once made, an election is binding for all subsequent years, unless the taxpayer requests and obtains authority to make the change.

(This column, based on Federal law, is written to inform — not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts because the facts may change the application of the law.)

GREETINGS

The loyalty of our many friends gives to us added confidence and much promise for the future. We wish a Joyful Christmas and Successful New Year to all.

A. H. POWELL GROCERY
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell

GREETINGS

May this Holiday season be well remembered for the joy and happiness it brings to you, your family and friends.

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GREETINGS

At this joyous Christmas season . . . we extend to everybody our best wishes for a happy holiday, a prosperous New Year.

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HAVE A WONDERFUL Christmas

We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, full of wonderful surprises!

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SOIL-SAVING FARMERS GET TAX BREAK UNDER NEW LAW

Expenses incurred by farmers in the prevention of soil erosion have been given favorable tax treatment under the new 1954 Internal Revenue Code.

Prior to enactment of this new provision, the Internal Revenue Service had attempted, with varying success, to require the capitalization of expenses incurred in contour farming, terracing and other soil erosion work. Under this rule, expenditures could be deducted over a period of years, but the courts in some instances had allowed farmers to deduct these expenses in the year incurred.

The new law permits farmers to deduct in each year all expenditures incurred in that year for "soil or water conservation in respect of land used in farming, or for the prevention of erosion of land used in farming."

This deduction is limited, however, to 25 per cent of the gross income derived from farming for the taxable year. Any excess over and above the 25 per cent is de-

NO NOEL

A Christmas Greeting to Our Wonderful Community

. . . We'd like to shake the hand of every one of you. We'd like to wish you all a personal Merry Christmas. But, please take the thought for the act and accept our sincere good wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity now and always!

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Mr. and Mrs. John Ussery

Warm Wishes at Christmas

May this happy Yuletide season brim over with all good things — with surprises as merry and pleasing as the findings under your Christmas tree. To all our friends, both old and new, go our warmest and sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

RANGER CLINIC

The Greatest Gift Was Jesus

AN EDITORIAL

Many people have forgotten and want to forget Christ on Christmas. Have we in our own homes forgotten too? Have we become imbued with the spirit of the age and regard Christmas as a time for partying, drinking and celebrating with our friends and neighbors without giving a thought to the birth in the stable? Do we think of the gifts before we think of the manger?

cost as much as the one she will give us? Do we buy expensive gifts which we can't afford, and for which we will be paying for the next six months? Christmas has been so commercialized with a Santa on every corner in the larger cities, that we, too often, seem to have lost the true spirit and meaning of the word.

The giving of gifts at Christmas is in itself a beautiful custom and dear to the hearts of both parents and children. But in giving we must realize that Christ is the Gift.

or of all good gifts and without Him what will gifts avail? Without Him there would be no shepherds, no choir of angels to rejoice at His coming; there would be no Mary and Joseph to fondle and worship Him; there would be no redemption and no salvation; in short, without Christ there would be no Christmas, for Christmas means Christ.

Christmas is Christ's birthday. He was born more than 1900 years ago in a stable at Bethlehem and it is this event that we are remembering and celebrating on December 25 each year.

Let us recall the real story of the birth of Christ. When God made the world and everything in it, He also made Adam and Eve our first parents.

God wanted them to be happy and obedient to Him and He placed them in a beautiful garden with all the pleasures they could desire. But the devil came and tempted them, and they were disobedient to God.

God was very angry and drove Adam and Eve out of the lovely garden and told them they would have to suffer and Heaven would be closed until, in time, He would send some one to make up for the

wrong they had done. Now the only one who could satisfy God's justice, would be God and so He decided to send His only Son, Jesus, to redeem us and open the gates of heaven once again.

To prepare for the coming of His son on earth God selected a family which would be worthy of Him. God chose the family of Abraham and told them their descendants would possess a new country and their children would be as numerous as the stars. He told them also to keep alive the great truth that there was but one God and that some day from the family, someone would be chosen who would save the world. The descendants of Abraham were called the "Chosen People" and to day we know them as the Jewish people.

After many many years, God's promise was made good and an angel appeared to a little Jewish maiden named Mary, who was engaged to marry a man named Joseph, and told her that she was to become the mother of God's own Son. He told her that the baby would be called Jesus and He would save the people from their sins.

The Roman Emperor, Caesar

Augustus issued an order that all the people had to be registered. So Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to obey the command. While they were there the time came for Jesus to be born, and when Joseph and Mary could not find any room at the Inn in the town, they went to a stable. When the baby was born, Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and placed Him in the manger.

In that country there were shepherds watching their flocks and an angel appeared to them. The shepherds were greatly frightened but the angel told them not to be afraid because he was bringing good news of great joy for today a Saviour was born to them who is Christ the Lord, and they would find Him in a stable at Bethlehem. The shepherds hurried over to Bethlehem and they found the Babe just as the angel had told them wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Herod, the King, when he heard of the birth of the King of Jews, sent three wise men to find and worship Him and take gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him. A star appeared in the east and guided the wise men to the stable. King Herod intended to have the baby Jesus killed, but an angel appeared to Joseph and warned him to flee with the mother and child.

This, then, is the story of the birth of Jesus, who came into the world for love of us and to repair the wrong done by Adam and Eve. He did this when, thirty-three years later, He suffered the horrible death of Crucifixion.

The coming of Jesus brought Love into the world. It showed God's great love for us and His desire that all men love one another. We express this love by giving gifts at Christmas time to commemorate the gifts brought by the wise men to the baby Jesus.

Let's put Christ back into Christmas.

Yule Customs Of Many Lands

Americans, although of many nationalities, are completely in unison about Christmas customs in the United States.

We adopt the symbol of Santa Claus from Holland, the Christmas tree from Germany, Christmas (shoes) and stockings from Belgium and Christmas cards and Merry Christmas greetings from England. America has contributed the turkey dinner and the poinsettia as a decoration.


All over the world Christmas bells peal forth the birth of Christ and the nativity is the great holy picture carried in the hearts of the faithful on Christmas morning.

Many of our customs are of English origin and in England these old traditional customs still are observed. In olden days English manor houses were open to all and tables were laden with sirloins of beef, mince pies and foaming ale. Today, although our menu is varied, we still leave our homes and hearts opened during the yuletide.



In the spirit of the first Noel... a very merry Christmas to our wonderful friends and neighbors!

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May your home be bright and your heart be light with the Holiday spirit... may you enjoy the fullest measure of health and happiness throughout the New Year!

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our friends we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Holiday Season.

JACK'S BARBER SHOP

Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree seems to have originated in Germany, and can be traced back with certainty to the year 1604. There is a pretty legend in connection with it which gives credit to St. Winfrid as the inventor of the idea. "In the midst of a crowd of converts he hewed down a giant oak which had formerly been the object of their Druidic worship. As it fell backward like a tower, growing as it split asunder in four pieces, there stood just behind it, unharmed by the ruin, a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the stars.

Winfrid let the axe drop, and turned to speak to the people. "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are called the tree of the Christchild; gather about it, not in the wild-wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts, and rites of kindness."

The Christmas tree was introduced into the Court of St. James about 1840, by Prince Consort Albert of Sax-Coburg, and the custom spread rapidly among the aristocratic families of London, and was almost immediately adopted by all classes throughout England.



Christmas Greetings

Our sincere wishes come in a big package...big enough to contain loads of cheer and good will for all our friends and neighbors.

Happy Holiday to all!

from the folks at... **COZBY PONTIAC**
Ranger, Texas



O come, all ye faithful...

Joyful and triumphant, the message of Christmas echoes once more throughout the world, lifting every heart with its glorious promise. May the infinite blessings of the Day surround you and your family and abide with you throughout the years to come.

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT

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CHRISTMAS

Blessings of the season upon you and yours. May the Christmas Spirit bring you great joy.



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111 Main



Merry Christmas

May the joyous spirit of Christmas come to dwell in your home during this glorious season and remain to brighten your life throughout the New Year...

Mr. and Mrs. William N. Bourdeau
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John Bourdeau

"The Cowboys' Christmas Ball"

A poem to the ranchmen of Texas written about 1890
By "Larry" Chittenden Post-Ranchman of Anson City, Texas

Way out in Western Texas, where the Clear Fork's waters flow,
Where the cattle are 'a brownin' an' the Spanish Ponies grow;
Where the northers 'come a whistlin' from beyond the neutral strip
And the Prairie dogs are sneezin' as if they had 'the grip'
Where the coyotes come a-howlin' 'round the Ranches after dark,
And the mocking-birds are singin' to the lovely 'Medder lark';
Where the 'possum and the badger and rattlesnake abound,
And the monstrous Stars are winkin' O'er Wilderness profound
Where Lonesome tawny prairies melt into airy streams,
While the double mountains slumber, in heavenly kind of dreams
Where the Antelope is grazin' and the lonely plevers call—
It was there that I attended 'The Cowboys' Christmas Ball.'
The town was Anson City, old Jones County Seat
Where they raise Polled Angus cattle, and waving Whiskered wheat;
Where the air is soft and 'bauney' an' 'dry' an' 'ful of health
And the prairies is explodin' with agricultural Wealth;
Where they print the 'Texas Western' that Hec McCann supplies
With News and yarns and stories ov' most amazin' size
Where Frank Smith 'pulls the badger' on knowin' tenderfeet
And Democracy's triumphant an' mighty hard to beat
Where lives that good old hunter John Milsap from Lamar
Who used to be the Sheriff back east in Paris Sah'
T'was there I say at Anson, with the lively Widder Wall
That I went to the reception 'The Cowboys' Christmas Ball.'
The boys had left the ranches and come to town in piles
The ladies 'Kinder scatterin' had gathered in for miles
And yet the place was crowded as I remember well
T'was got for the occasion at the 'Morning Star Hotel'
The music was a fiddle and a lively tambourine
And a 'viol came imported 'by the Stage' from Abilene
The room was togged out gorgeous with Mistletoe an' Shawls
And Candles flickered frescoe's around the airy walls
The 'wimmin folks' looked lovely—the boys looked kinder treed
Till their leader commenced yellin'; Whoa fellers, lets stampeed
And the music started sighin' an' awailin' through the hall
As a kinder introduction to the 'Cowboys' Christmas Ball.'
The leader was a feller that came from Swenson's Ranch
They called him 'Windy Billie' from little Deadman's Branch
His rig was 'kinder Keerless' big spurs and high heeled boots
He had the reputation that comes when 'fellers Shoots'
His voice was like a bugle upon the mountain bright
His feet were animated an' a mighty movin' sight
When he commenced to holler 'Neow Fellers' stake your pen'
Lock horns ter all them heifers; an' rusele 'em like men
Saloot yer lovely critters; neow swing and let 'em go
Climb the grapevine 'round 'em — all hands Do-De-Do'
You Maverricks jine the round up — just skip her waterfall
HUH hit was gettin' happy 'The Cowboys' Christmas Ball.'
The boys were tolerable skittish, the Ladies powerful neat
That old bass 'viols music just got there with both feet
That wallin' frisky fiddle, I never shall forget
And Windy kept a singin' — I think I hear him yet
O Xes chase your squirrels, an' cut 'em to our side
Spur Treadwell to the center with Cross P. Charley's bride
Doc Hollis down the middle, an' twine the ladies Chain
Varn Andrews pen the fillies Big T Diamonds train
All pull your freight tergather, Neow — swallow Fork an' Change
Big Boston lead the trail herd through little Pitchforks Range
Purr 'round yer gentle pussies, Neow rope 'em, balance all
HUH hit was gettin' active 'The Cowboys' Christmas Ball.'
The dust ris fast an' furious, we all just galloped round
Till the scenery got so giddy that Z-Bar Dick was downed
We buckled to our partners, an' told 'em to hold on
Then shook our hoofs like lightning, until the early dawn
Don't tell me 'bout cottillions, or german's No Sir-ee
That whirl at Anson City just takes the cake with me
I'm sick of lazy shufflin's of them I've had my fill
Give me a frontier break-down, backed up by Windy Bill
McAllister aint nowhar, when Windy Bill leads the show
I've seen 'em both in harness, an' so I sorter know
Oh, Bill, I shant forget yer, an' I often times recall
That lively gaited sworray 'The Cowboys' Christmas Ball.'

For Merrier Christmas, Safety Council Calls For Safe Driving

CHICAGO — For a merrier Christmas, drive with reason during the holiday season.

This appeal was made to motorists today by the National Safety Council as it opened its annual Christmas safety campaign.

The Christmas-New Year holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year, according to the Council. Twice as many persons are killed in traffic accidents at this time as on the same days of the preceding two weeks.

Causes of the extra dangers and higher tolls are heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season, plus the usual winter hazards of bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness.

In an effort to reduce these yuletide accidents to a minimum, city and state officials, civic leaders, safety councils and 163 organizations again are joining with the Council in enlisting the cooperation of every motorist and pedestrian.

In addition, the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety has designated Wednesday, Dec. 15, as "S-D Day" or "Safe Driving Day." Purpose of the day will be to show that motorists and pedestrians can reduce traffic accidents by their own actions, and to demonstrate that the community is the place to attack the traffic safety problem. An all-out national effort will be made to hold traffic accidents to a minimum.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council, said the Christmas season can be faced with optimism

but not complacency. He pointed out that the Fourth of July and Labor Day holiday periods brought substantially fewer deaths than had been expected.

"No one waved a magic wand for the Fourth of July or Labor Day," Mr. Dearborn said. "The good records came about because motorists generally recognized that holidays are hazard days. Christmas, the most dangerous of all our major holidays, will require the same care on the highway."

Specifically, the Council offered the following tips for holiday driving:

1. Respect the weather. Adjust your speed to road and weather conditions.
2. Keep windshield clear, and use tire chains for severe snow and ice conditions.
3. Brake intermittently — don't lock the wheels — when the road surface is slippery.
4. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance.
5. Allow plenty of time to make your trip without hurrying.
6. By all means, don't drive after drinking.

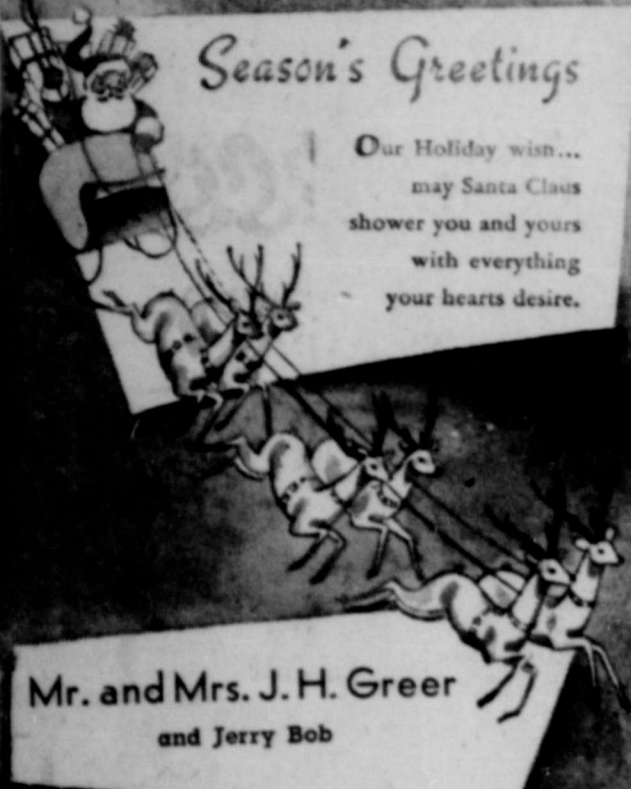
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GREETINGS

May the season's joys follow you throughout a happy New Year.

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Season's Greetings

Our Holiday wish... may Santa Claus shower you and yours with everything your hearts desire.

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Greetings

A cheery word for a cheery season... may your Holiday be a merry one!

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Greetings

for Christmas.

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Hi!

To all our friends and neighbors, we extend our heartiest good wishes for a merry Holiday Season and a bountiful year to come.

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Happy Christmas

Again it's time for us to wish all our friends and neighbors a full and overflowing measure of the Season's good cheer and happiness.

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Lukie and Jim Smith



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Bruce



Peace on earth

Joy to the world through a new spirit of Peace and Good Will... this was the message of the first Christmas. May that spirit be rekindled in your heart today... and brighten your life with a deep and abiding happiness.

FIXIT SHOP
Mr. and Mrs. Addie Williams and Ruth



Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

Comes Christmas... and warmly we welcome another opportunity to extend best wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a very happy Holiday Season, filled to overflowing with all of the best things in life.

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY
A. N. Larson, Mgr.

The World's Most Decisive Baby

Rev. Bruce Weaver, Pastor First Methodist Church
A few years ago I stood in the maternity ward of one of the city's largest hospitals and looked through the glass at a mass of humanity in the form of fifty three newborn babies. Those fifty three babies represented the hopes and dreams of their fathers and mothers. The disappointments that were in store for those little fellows would make one of the longest books that could ever be written. To some parent each of those babies represented the:

"*Leaves and tears of all the year.*"
The prophet Isaiah penned the first Christmas message nearly seven hundred and twenty five years before the coming of Jesus. He was uttering a song of joy to his people when he penned the words of Isaiah 9:6:
"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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

This announced the first coming of a Messiah or Savior through the years many decisive babies have been born into the world. Among them would be Alexander the Great, son of Philip of Macedon, born in about the year 395 B. C. His life was one that merged the east with the west. He caused many of his Generals to be married to Persian women thus bringing together a fusion of the Greeks and Persians. Julius Caesar led the Roman Empire into a World Dominion that saw civilization spread on into the northern part of Europe. We could name many others, but the Most Decisive Baby was the babe born in Bethlehem's Manger.

This babe of Bethlehem led no great armies. He did not preside at great peace conferences. No great scientific discoveries may be attributed to his research. He left behind no writings for us to read. He amassed no great wealth or worldly possessions. He did not live on earth long enough to see the organization he started become a physical reality. And yet, he lived at the crossroads of civilization. We date all historical events by his coming into the world.

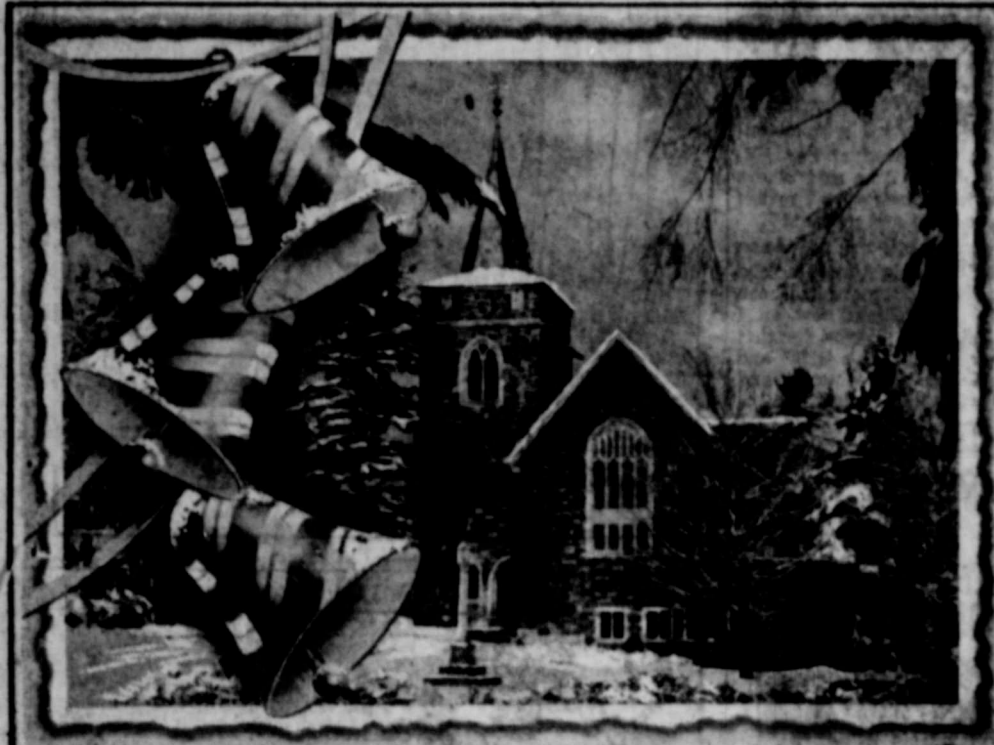
He revealed to a world the true nature of God. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son..." reveals that God is love and that love was revealed through Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem. He brought the teaching of peace into a world that knew no peace. He came to be the Saviour of mankind who knew no saviour. Jesus was the world's most decisive baby that has ever been born into human society. "Peace on earth; good will to men," is a result of Jesus, Bethlehem's Babe.

A Night of Christmas

Through the blue and frosty heavens Christmas stars were shining bright; Glistening lamps throughout the City Almost matched their gleaming light; While the winter snow was lying, And the winter winds were sighing, Long ago, one Christmas night, While, from every tower and steeply, Pealing bells were sounding clear, (Never with such tones of gladness, Save when Christmas time is near), Many a one that night was merry Who had toiled through all the year, That night saw old wrongs forgiven, Friends, long parted, reconciled, Voices all unused to laughter, Mournful eyes that rarely Trembling hearts that feared the morrow, From their anxious thoughts beguiled, Rich and poor felt love and blessing, From the gracious season fall; Joy and plenty in the cottage, Peace and feasting in the hall; And the voices of the children Ringing clear above it all!
Adelaide Ann Proctor



"When the spinach is gone, I'll be back—and that's final!"



Season's Greetings

TINKLING BELLS, holly wreaths, winter scenes with evergreens; logs on hearth, candles bright, little faces beam delight... these, to us, are all warm reminders that a very special time is here... so a very special wish is due... May this Holiday Season bring you abounding stores of good cheer, peace and happiness.

BRAZDA CLINIC
RANGER, TEXAS

MERRY Christmas

The Yuletide Season brings with it so many happy things... glad hearted greetings, good fellowship, family reunions and a deep feeling of contentment. May all of these joys be yours this Christmas.

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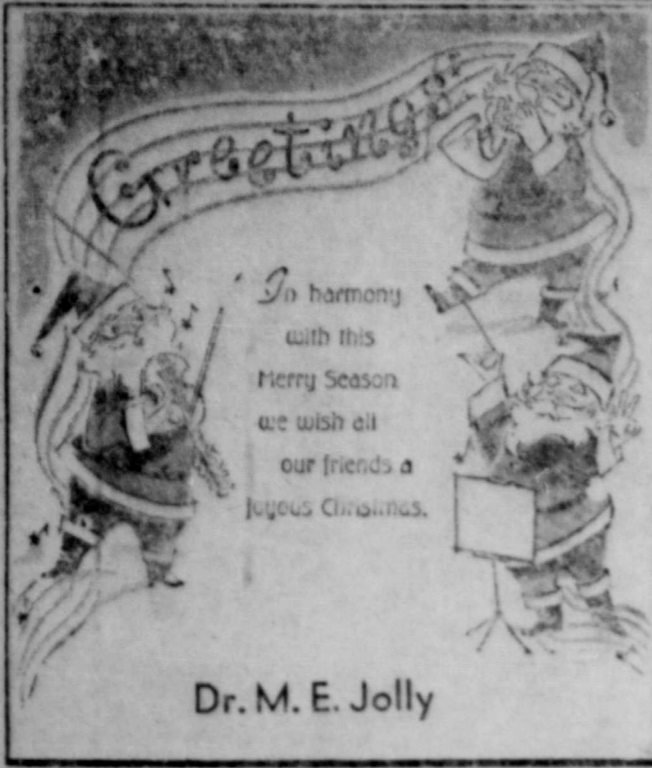
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In harmony with this Merry Season we wish all our friends a joyous Christmas.

Dr. M. E. Jolly

Merry Christmas



and good wishes for a happy holiday season

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harrell

YULETIDE AROUND THE WORLD New Holiday

MEXICO

A pretty custom of Mexico is the game of the "pinata" in which the children find great joy. The "pinata" is an elaborate and colorful earthenware bowl resembling a face or an animal, filled with fresh fruits, peanuts, candy and good luck charms. The children gather around in a circle and one after another is blindfolded and has his turn at breaking the "pinata." After many attempts, it

is finally broken, and the scramble begins with each child keeping whatever he manages to find.

BULGARIA

A large round cake, called KRAVAL, which is decorated with the figures of a bird, a flower, and a cross breaks the two week fast on Christmas Eve in Bulgaria. After church on Christmas Day the children receive their gifts from Grandpa Koleda — the Bulgarian Santa Claus. The father of the family brings in the yule log, while the other members of the family sprinkle him with corn — a custom which is followed to bring health to all and a plentiful crop the following year.

HOLLAND

In order to provide food and water for St. Nick's good white horse on Christmas Eve, the little children of Holland stuff their clean wooden shoes with hay and carrots and place them on the window sills with a dish of water alongside them. The children are always pleased on Christmas to see that St. Nick has replaced the hay and carrots with small gifts and toys.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Christmas to the people of Czechoslovakia means the ending of all quarrels and the beginning of a new year among friends. It is the custom for all people to visit their friends and foes and forgive any misunderstandings that may have arisen during the year. A legend still believed in is the belief that St. Nick descends from a golden cord, led by a white-clad angel.

NORWAY

One of the most charming customs of Norway is the remembrance of the animals and birds since they were the only ones present at the birth of the Holy Babe. The farm beasts are carefully tended, and the cattle are given extra fodder. The especially cleaned sheaf, saved from the fall harvest, is placed on top of a tall pole in the yard, and on Christmas morning, every eable, gate-way and barn door is decorated with a bundle of grain — the birds' Christmas dinner.

December Is Accident-Month

December, a high highway-accident month because of early darkness and bad weather, may wipe out the nation's six per cent decline in traffic death totals as compared to 1953, warns the National Safety Council. It urges motorists and pedestrians alike to exercise extreme care.



happy holidays

May your hearts be filled with happiness throughout this joyous season



Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Galloway

section. doesn't cling to the head, so shampoo brush hair thoroughly but gently. Clean, fresh hair is fluffier and pos frequently. Massage scalp and every day.

Hairstyles

NEW YORK — Give yourself a new hairdo for Christmas to star: the New Year right.

That's the beauty advice of the December issue of "Seventeen" which features these seven holiday hairdos to help you choose one for you! All were developed by leading New York hairstylists specially for "Seventeen."

High Brow — To show off a pretty forehead and hairline, hair is swept back smoothly without a part and then is turned under sleekly.

Peter Pan — A pert elfin look is becoming to small features. Hair swirls out from part into feathery curls in front, head-fitting shape in back.

Classic Pageboy — This tailored medium-long style with flattering top height camouflages irregular hairline, minimizes square jaw.

Chanel Cut — Head-fitting and in step with the new soft lines of Paris fashion, this tapered cloche-like style is at home with bulky knits or bouffants.

Modern Victorian — Youthful yet sophisticated, this is a feminine, medium-length do. Featured are pierceat bangs and back softness.

Baby Flapper — This is a neat practical style for growing out a short hairdo. Lift at crown adds height, side dips peep out from new deep-crowned hats.

Party Pony Tail — The dressed-up pony tail is softly curled and head-fitting. Tail is worn at an angle so hair contours the face flatteringly on one side.

Tricks To Make Thin Hair Look Thicker

NEW YORK — To give your hair a thicker appearance, choose a fairly short style, on the full side, advises the December "Seventeen." It will look even fuller than the style allows if you first brush it back and upward. Then, with your comb, pickup just the top layer and comb it smoothly over the roughed-up underneath



GREETINGS

May the spirit of Peace and Good Will that came into the world with Him on that first Christmas, abide with you and those dear to you.

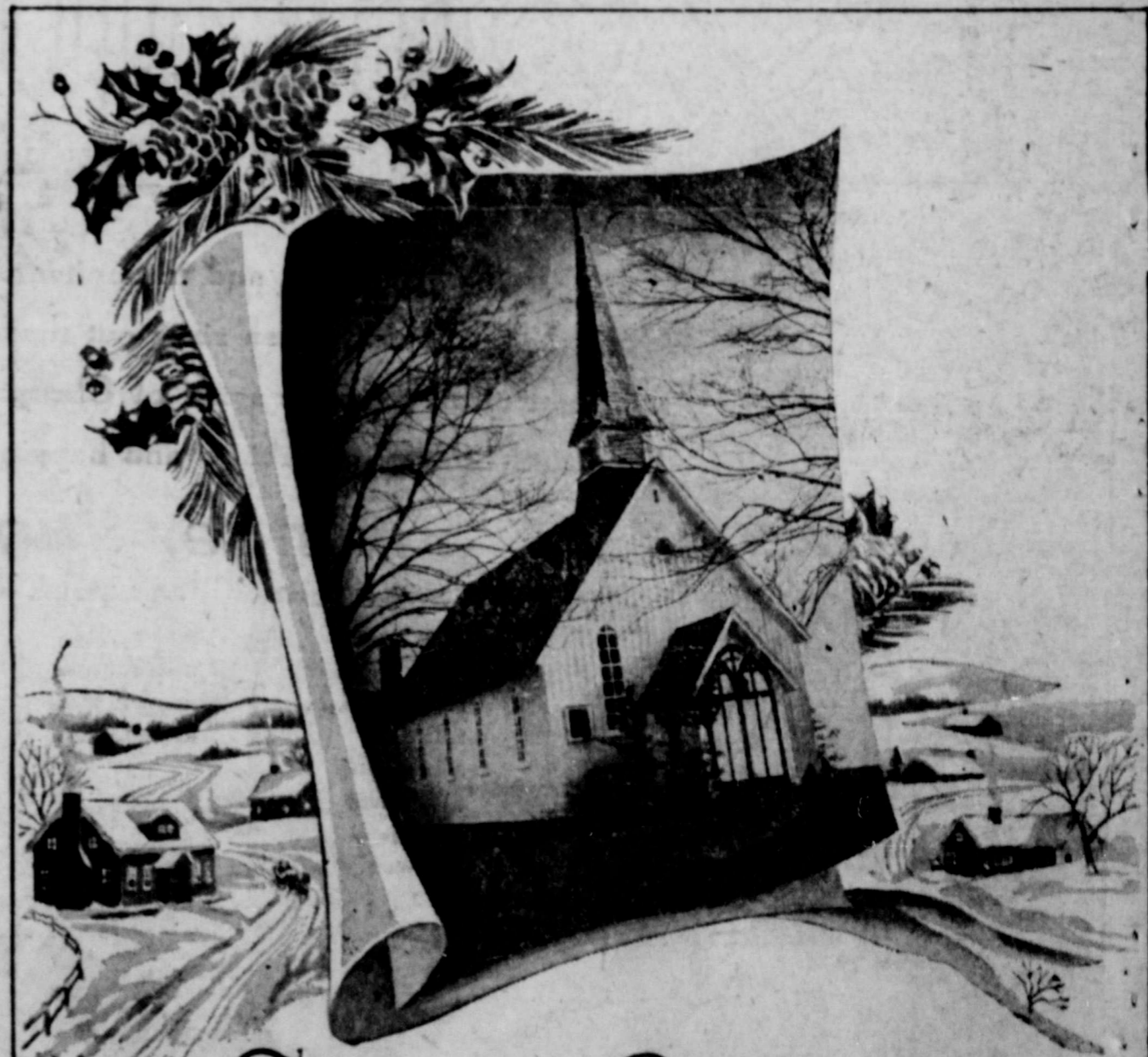
JOSEPH'S DRY GOODS
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Greetings

Whatever else might be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas. Let us hold close this day, remembering family and friends. May yours be a very joyous Holiday, surrounded by all whose love and friendship you cherish.

Ranger Lumber & Supply Co.
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Season's Greetings

As we approach the season that symbolizes peace and good will, we recall with gratitude the friendships we have made in the years that have passed. May this greeting serve to carry the wish that your Christmas be joyous and the New Year hold all that you desire.

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