

# 13 Soil Practices Program Adopted For Floyd Co.

Floydada. — Soil conservation practices for Floyd county in which the federal government will participate in the year of 1955 are classified under 13 general heads.

The list of these practices was adopted by the county ASC committee in collaboration with the other farm agencies including SCS, in the county last week and given formal approval by a representative of the state committee.

The program of soil conservation for the year is intended to reflect the need of the farmer to protect land taken out of production of allotment crops. The ACP program is presented with the hope that "Marginal land now in production will be put into protective cover as a part of needed long-term land-use adjustments. Other land taken temporarily out of production should be treated in 1955 to build up reserves of moisture and fertility so that it can best serve in meeting future production needs."

To encourage establishment of additional acreage of vegetative cover in crop rotation to retard erosion and improve soil structure, permeability, or water holding capacity, four practices will be encouraged and shared by the USDA.

For application of 20 per cent superphosphate, 200 pounds per acre, payment will be at the rate of 90 cents per 100 pounds; for 30 per cent superphosphate 150 pounds per acre, \$1.50 per 100 pounds; for 45 per cent superphosphate, 100 pounds per acre, \$2 per 100 pounds.

For biennial sweet clover, spring seeding, 11 pounds per acre, 10 cents per pound;

For alfalfa seeding, 16 pounds per acre, 15 cents per pound;

Under the grass seeding program perennial rye, orchard grass, brome, Kentucky fescue, weeping love and blue panic will be subsidized, at rates varying from 10 cents per pound for Kentucky fescue to \$1 per pound for weeping love grass.

**Controlling Competitive Shrubs**  
Controlling competitive shrubs is included on the program again this year, with mesquite and cedar the shrubs to be treated.

Maximum cost-sharing for spraying mesquite is set at \$1.50 per acre; and for mesquite, ciled, grubbed or bulldozed 12 cents per acre.

For grubbing or bulldozing cedar, \$1.20 per acre for infestation of 1 to 10 per cent, plus 12 cents per acre for each per cent infestation in excess of 10 per cent.

For constructing wells for live stock water, with as much as 80 acres of grassland involved, the maximum cost-share, wells with casing of 6 inches or more inside diameter and uncased wells with a bottom hole diameter of 6 3/8 inches or more \$1.25 per foot.

For dams and reservoirs constructed to meet the requirements of the Soil Conservation Service, maximum cost-share 10 cents per cubic foot.

**Runways for Run-Off Water**  
Waterway construction and for seeding the runway with approved vegetation the provision is 50 per cent of the cost of grading or shaping or filling, not to exceed \$15 per acre. Additionally seeding costs will be shared at varying rates as well as fertilizing. Alfalfa, western wheat grass, weeping love grass, sand drop and buffalo are provided for under this head, as well as fertilizing at 20 per cent, 30 per cent and 45 per cent with superphosphate.

For terracing cultivated lands the allowance is \$1.25 per 100 feet, where practice specifications of the Soil Conservation Service are followed.

Provision is also made for the construction of diversion terraces to intercept runoff and divert excess water, at a maximum federal cost-share of 4 cents per cubic yard.

**Reorganizing Irrigation System**

A practice that was popular in the current year and is likely to be also in 1955 is reorganization of farm irrigation systems. Cost-sharing is not authorized for repair or replacement of maintenance of existing structures, cleaning ditches or crossing installations, or for portable pipe. For approved plan concrete pipe, one and cost-share is 40 cents for 12 inch pipe, 50 cents for 15-

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## Latin American Charged With Murder Intent

A Latin American, Antonia Bursiago, 40 years of age, is in jail at Floydada charged with assault with intent to murder after he stabbed another man, Owen Lee Gray, at a residence in southwestern Floyd county Sunday evening.

Gray is in a serious condition in the Peoples Hospital at Floydada with two stab wounds in his back. He is 55 years of age and his home is in Pampa.

Witnesses said that a group was gathered in a bunkhouse on the John Alford farm two miles south of Harmony, when Bursiago came in and stabbed Gray without apparent cause. He was reported to be intoxicated. The Latin American's home is at Pearsall, Texas.

## Mrs. Ida L. Heard Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Ida L. Heard of Floydada, mother of Austin Heard of Lockney, passed away at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock at noon Monday. She had been seriously ill for a month and underwent a major operation just a week previous to her death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Dr. R. Earl Allen, pastor, and Rev. Joe Wilson, officiated. Burial was in the Floydada cemetery.

Mrs. Heard was 78 years of age. She was born in Georgia and the family moved to Floydada in 1920.

Survivors include her husband, T. J. Heard, a retired farmer, one son, Austin of Lockney; one daughter, Mrs. V. A. Readhimer of Amarillo; a sister, Mrs. W. T. South of Tennessee; a brother, Melvin Mooney of Georgia; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Fire Victim Related To Local People

The little Shamrock girl, Peggy Ruth O'Neal, who was burned to death in a cotton storehouse fire Monday afternoon, was the daughter of a cousin to Mrs. L. R. McCormick. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick attended funeral services for the little girl held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. in the First Baptist Church at Shamrock.

The little girl was burned to death when she, her brother and two neighbor children followed their dog into the cotton warehouse. They reported that the house burst into flames soon after they entered it. The little girl ran to the back of the building while the other children escaped by the door through which they had entered. Her brother suffered some burns in trying to rescue the girl.

The child's body was found in the back of the building holding the little dog. The dog was not dead but was so badly burned he had to be destroyed.

The child is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Neal, three brothers and two sisters, and her grandparents.

## ENTERS HOSPITAL

Summer Comer has entered the hospital at Sanitorium, Texas, for treatment friends reported here Wednesday. Mr. Comer has been in bad health for several years and suffered a stroke several months ago. Mrs. Comer is now staying with her daughter at Plainview.

Experience is a grand teacher; but a mighty hard way to acquire an education.

## Beacon To Publish Babson's Forecast

The Lockney Beacon will again publish the forecast of Roger W. Babson, noted economist and columnist. The forecast will be in the issue of December 30.

Checking Babson's predictions made in the business and financial forecast for 1954 shows that he was 86% correct. In the past 16 years Babson has ranged from 76% in 1940 when the war boom started to 95% correct in 1946 when the war ended.

Watch for the forecast on business and financial matters of this famous economist in our next issue.

## Four In Family Killed In Wreck

Four members of a South Floyd County family were killed in a tragic automobile wreck near Tulsahoma, N. M., late Tuesday evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer G. Jones, and their two children, a daughter, Phyllis Ann, age 6, and a son, James Richard, age 8. Another son, Clifford Watson, age 14, is in a critical condition in a hospital at Alamogordo, and attending physicians doubt his recovery.

Mrs. Jones is the daughter of former County Judge and Mrs. G. C. Tubbs. Mr. Jones is the son of Mrs. W. O. Jones and the late Mr. Jones, also of Floydada.

Three persons in the other car involved in the collision were also killed. They were two service men and a civilian.

The Jones family had left Floydada Monday to go to California to spend the Christmas holidays. They formerly lived in California but returned to Floyd county two years ago. They lived near Dougherty in South Floyd County.

New Mexico State Police said that the Jones car was traveling south when a Cadillac driven by one of the service men and traveling at a high rate of speed, swung out into the left hand lane to pass another car and the two collided head on. All apparently died instantly except the 14-year-old boy.

Mrs. Jones is survived by a sister in addition to her parents. Mr. Jones is survived by three brothers, Dalton T. of Lubbock, Dorris and Watson Jones, both of Floydada and a sister, Mrs. Mary Francis Christopher of Hobbs, N. M.

The bodies of the Jones family arrived in Floydada late Tuesday.

Funeral services for the Jones family have been tentatively set for 10:30 a. m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, Floydada. Dr. R. Earl Allen and Rev. H. T. Harris will officiate and burial will be in the Floydada cemetery.

## Gas Line Meeting Set At Lone Star

A meeting of farmers interested in a natural gas line for that area has been called for 2 p. m. Tuesday, January 4 at the Lone Star schoolhouse, according to Hubert Frizzell.

## E. D. TEUTON SOME BETTER

E. D. Teuton, who has been seriously ill in the Lockney General Hospital here for the past 10 days, is some better at this time according to a report from members of the family. Mrs. Teuton is suffering from a nervous breakdown, however, and is in the Plainview Hospital.

A CLEAN CITY IS A SAFE CITY

## Local Man Is Killed In Wreck

Earl Fortenberry, a resident of Lockney, was killed about 3 p. m. Wednesday in an auto wreck at Estelline, Texas, according to information received here. He had left here about two hours previous enroute to Arkansas to see about some land he owned there. His wife, who is employed at Medical & Surgical Hospital here, received a telephone call informing her of the accident, shortly after it happened.

The deceased man had been employed at the Floyd County Gin at South Plains. The family lived in one of the C. L. Anderson houses in North Lockney.

Although information was meager concerning the wreck it was reported that he was riding alone. The information furnished The Beacon said that the family at one time lived just north of Aiken where they farmed. They later sold this place and bought some land in Arkansas. They have been living here for about a year.

Information as to funeral services or survivors was unavailable at a late hour Wednesday.

## Sam L. Ramsey Is Buried Here

Sam Dave Ramsey, son of a pioneer couple who were among the first settlers of this area, was buried in the Lockney cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the Lockney Methodist Church at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Burgin Watkins and Rev. A. L. Shaw. Carter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Ramsey passed away in a Wichita Falls hospital Saturday at 9:15 p. m. He had been ill more than two years. He made his home in recent years with his brother, R. C. Ramsey of Borger.

Lockney Masonic Lodge No. 867 was in charge of graveside services. Mr. Ramsey had been a member of the Masonic Lodge for many years.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ramsey who settled on the Ramsey homestead, about 4 miles east of Lockney, in 1888. His father helped to organize Floyd County in 1890.

The deceased man was born October 6, 1884 at Tehuacana, Limestone County, Texas. He lived in Floyd County until about 1905 when he went to California and lived until 1926 when he moved to Borger. His profession was that of an oil field worker.

Survivors include two brothers, R. C. of Borger and G. B. of Phoenix, Arizona; one sister, Mrs. John Peters of Denver, Colo., and a number of nephews and nieces.

## R. E. Patterson In Galveston

R. E. Patterson is in John Sealy Hospital at Galveston where he is under treatment for an asthmatic condition. He spent a few days at home recently but went back to Galveston last week. Mr. Patterson left Tuesday to join him for the Christmas holidays. His condition was described as "pretty good" by members of the family.

## Student Night At Baptist Church

College students will be in charge of the student night service at the First Baptist Church here on next Wednesday evening, according to Rev. R. E. Wiley, pastor. Mrs. T. V. McClure will be in charge of the arrangements.



MR. AND MRS. ELBERT R. HARRIS of Lockney will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary with an open house at their home here from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday.

## Nativity Scene At Providence Church

The Providence Lutheran Church is displaying the nativity scene they show every year and it is attracting much attention. The scene is lighted and is visible from the road. It will be kept up until after Christmas.

Several pieces have been added to the scene this year and it is even more attractive than in past years.

The public is invited to drive out and see the scene, members of the church said.

## Stores Observe Double Holiday

The fact that Christmas comes on Saturday this year gives local stores an opportunity for a two-day holiday and most of them are taking it. Indications were this week that most stores would be closed both Saturday and Sunday.

Some establishments will begin observance of the Christmas holidays earlier, however. The post office will close its window at noon but rural routes will run on Friday. The post office will close at noon on New Year's Day also which is the following Saturday.

The First National Bank will close at noon on Friday for a 2 1/2 day holiday, they announced this week.

The White Rose Cafe and the Baker Hotel Coffee Shop will be closed both Saturday and Sunday.

The J&J Drive In on the Highway will be closed from Friday through January 3rd.

The Orchid Beauty Shop will be closed from Friday through the following Thursday.

## Aunt Fannie Brown Recovering From Fall

Aunt Fannie Brown, who is 94 years of age, is recuperating from a fall she suffered when the wind blew her from the sidewalk Wednesday, December 15. She has been confined to Medical and Surgical Hospital until Tuesday afternoon when she was returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Counts. Mrs. Brown had no broken bones and is recovering from bruises.

## Methodist Announce Communion Service

The First Methodist Church will hold a Christmas eve communion service it was announced this week by Rev. Burgin Watkins. Those desiring to participate may come to the church anytime between 7 and 8:30 p. m. on Friday, Rev. Watkins said.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

## County Ginnings Total 107,822 Bales Wed.

Floyd County gins had ginned a total of 107,822 bales of cotton from the 1954 crop up to Wednesday morning, according to a report to The Beacon from County Agent Bill Rodgers. As far as The Beacon could ascertain, this is an all-time record for ginnings for this county. It is probable that the county yield has exceeded the 1954 crop in years past but the total amount of ginnings have never passed 100,000 bales before.

Not only are the ginnings a record but the yield per acre this year was also an all-time record. In the survey made by Mr. Rodgers, giners estimated that they would gin another 564 bales. If this is accurate, and the giners estimate is usually very accurate, the county yield will total 108,442 bales. The county harvested cotton from 114,000 acres, Mr. Rodgers said. The county allotment was 121,000 but some of the cotton wasn't planted and some was destroyed and not available for harvest. Thus the 108,442 bales harvested from 114,000 acres gives this county an average of 95 of a bale per acre, an all-time record as far as yield per acre goes.

The north part of the county, including gins at Lockney, Lone Star, Sterley, South Plains, Aiken and Providence ginned 58,152 bales of the county's total while the south part of the county, including gins at Floydada and numerous rural points, ginned 49,730 bales. Actually the yield is better than the ginnings show even this year, Mr. Rodgers said, due to the fact that this county loses more cotton to borderline gins in other counties than its own borderline gins get from those counties.

Of the acres harvested 74,000 were in irrigated areas and 40,000 were dry land areas, Mr. Rodgers said.

## Mrs. E. E. Stimson Is Seriously Ill

Mrs. E. E. Stimson was reported to be very seriously ill in West Texas Hospital, Lubbock, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Stimson, a teacher in Lockney schools, and wife of the high school band director, had undergone an operation at West Texas Hospital last Saturday. She seemed to be doing nicely when her condition became critical at noon Wednesday. It was found that she had developed a blood clot in her lung and pneumonia had set up, according to word received here. She failed to rally to blood transfusions and was unconscious until 2 p. m.

Mr. Stimson was called at 1:00 o'clock and left Lockney with the couple's two small daughters and his mother. Last report here Wednesday evening was that Mrs. Stimson had regained consciousness and was breathing better.

## Legion Seeks Names Of Needy People

The Lockney Post, American Legion, is seeking names of needy people in order to provide for them with food and toys at Christmas time, members of that organization said this week. Those knowing of needy families are asked to call Bobby Jarrett, phone 3496.

## Singing Convention To Be Held Sunday

The regular Fourth Sunday Singing convention will be held at the City Auditorium Sunday afternoon, December 26, according to Joe Reeves, president.

## Will Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert R. Harris of Lockney will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home in South Lockney with an open house from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday. Their children are hosts for the occasion.

Friends and acquaintances are invited to call during the open house period and the couple are looking forward to the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have four sons living. They are Levis and Hollis of Lockney, Jack, who lives north of Lockney over in Briscoe County, and J. O. Harris of Pampa. All will be present for the occasion along with numerous grandchildren. Another son, Calvin, passed away in 1928.

The couple were married at Park Springs, Texas on December 29, 1904. They moved to Lockney in 1907, moved back to Wise County in 1909 but came back to this county to stay in 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris are well known in Floyd County. He served in the 2nd as commissioner for 10 years and for the past five years has been in the real estate business here.

## Two Injured In Wreck Friday

Warren Graham and Freddie Merrell were both injured late Friday afternoon when their cars collided at the intersection of West Willow and South West First street. Graham suffered spine injuries and is in the Lockney General Hospital where he will be confined for several weeks, relatives said.

Freddie suffered minor cuts and bruises but participated in a basketball game Friday night at Quitaque. He suffered an attack of appendicitis late Friday night and underwent an appendectomy Saturday afternoon at the Medical & Surgical Hospital here. His condition is reported as good this week.

Graham was driving a 1952 Chevrolet and Freddie was driving a 1950 Chevrolet convertible. Both cars were almost total losses.

## CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Visitors in the Lewis Bushy home here during the Christmas holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Armstrong and children of Cottage Grove, Arkansas, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Armstrong of Abilene. Christmas Day visitors will include Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mercha and sons of Canyon.

## Providence News

by Mrs. Wilfred Stoerner

Christmas is a time we remember our friends. Let us remember those who may not be our friends also.

Mrs. Bob Payne who has been seriously ill for awhile, has shown improvement. We wish her a speedy recovery.

### H. D. Christmas Party

Providence Home Demonstration club met for their Christmas party in the lovely home of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Anderson Tuesday afternoon. The entertaining room was decorated with a beautiful Christmas tree. A clever center piece made of plastic colored trains was very attractive and appreciated by the children. They held candy suckers.

The group sang several Christmas songs. Mrs. H. L. Anderson gave a very touching and impressive story of Christmas on the Plains. With background of organ music played by Mrs. Ted Boedecker. Mrs. Ben Brandes gave a reading on how the Christmas cards began. Several games were played, directed by Mrs. L. S. Brandes. Mrs. H. F. Quebe received a prize. Mrs. Ted Boedecker also. Gifts were exchanged. Mrs. H. L. Anderson gave Mrs. Ben Quebe out going president a nice planter with the ten commandments written in gold.

Mrs. L. B. Brandes pinned a Christmas corsage on every one present. Mrs. Bob Payne, who was unable to attend was sent a corsage. Mrs. H. L. Anderson served refreshments of fruit cake topped with whipped cream and hot coffee. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the party.

Those present were Meses Ben Quebe, Ben Brandes, E. M. Quebe, H. F. Quebe, Sam Jones, Marvin Scheele, Wilfred Stoerner, Virgil Brasler, Ted Boedecker, Charlie Boedecker, H. L. Anderson.

Officers for the year 1955 are Mrs. H. F. Quebe, president; vice president, Mrs. Ben Brandes; Sec. Treasurer, Mrs. Wilfred Stoerner; Council delegate, Mrs. Ben Quebe.

### Annual Party Held by Circle

The lovely home of Rev. H. L. Anderson of the Providence community was beautifully decorated Thursday afternoon for their annual Christmas party. The living room was graced with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Red candles and red and white carnations helped complete the Christmas motif.

The program opened with the singing of "Joy to The World." Rev. Anderson read the Bible story as found in the scriptures. Followed by prayer. Mrs. H. L. Anderson gave the impressive reading, "Christmas on The Plains," accompanied in the background on the Hammond

electric organ of Christmas music by Mrs. Ted Boedecker. The program was closed with singing "Silent Night, Holy Night." The entire group enjoyed games played for the children present. Merlin Boedecker won the prize in the children games. A game creating much excitement was a game played by the men, a quick exchange of ladies hats modeled by the men. Wilfred Stoerner won the prize. Other prize winners were Weldon Smith and Mrs. Ted Boedecker.

Mrs. Wilfred Stoerner, president, presented Rev. Anderson with a nice paper cutter from the members of Candle Light Circle for the spiritual guidance he has given the circle members during the past year. All the officers were remembered with a personal gift from the president. Members were remembered with a Womens Missionary Prayer Appointment calendar for 1955 which includes missionaries, church officials and government and national figures to remember in special prayers. This was a personal gift from Mrs. Wilfred Stoerner. Gifts were exchanged among the children, men and ladies.

The refreshment table was centered with a bowl of fruit graced on either side with tall red candles. Served was sandwiches gaily decorated cookies, Christmas candy, cake, hot coffee and cokes.

Those enjoying the evening were Rev. and Mrs. H. L. An-

derson, David and Stephen, Mrs. Ben Brandes, Mrs. Ben Quebe, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boedecker, Larry and Merlin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kelm, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stoerner, Larry and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Stoerner, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Sammann, Mrs. L. B. Brandes.

The first meeting will be held January 5, 1955 in the Educational unit of the church. Mrs. Leo Boedecker, hostess program chairman. Theme for the year will be My Christian Church. The first topic will be "Lets Look at Our Church" tracing its European background by Mrs. H. L. Anderson. Everyone interested in the Mission work of the church is most cordially invited to attend.

### Trinity Lutheran Church

H. L. Anderson, Pastor  
Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Received into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ through holy baptism Sunday morning was William Danny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don McLaughlin and Patsy Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Schultz.

The chancel of the church has been beautifully decorated for the Christmas season and the usual beautiful Christmas tree has been placed in the church. The green altar candles gracing the altar added beauty to services Sunday. The gold flower vases held red carnations. The

church was filled. Let us continue to fill our house of worship.

Calendar of week:  
Wednesday, Choir rehearsal 7:15 p. m. for Juniors, 8 p. m. for Seniors.

Thursday, Luther League Carolling and Christmas party, 6 p. m.

Friday, annual Christmas program, Dec. 24, 7 p. m. All those who are in Christmas program and have costumes please be

at the church by 6:15 p. m. Saturday, Christmas Day worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 a. m.

Visitors are urged to come and worship with us.



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## Council News

by Mrs. Verlon Wright

The Floyd County Home Demonstration Council met Saturday, December 18 in the council room of the court house at two o'clock for the annual Christmas party. There were forty-nine women and two children present.

Mrs. J. W. Day Jr. registered the guests as they arrived.

Mrs. Raymond Teeple, Mrs. John Fowler and Mrs. J. T. Spears served on the refreshment and decorating committees.

Mrs. L. T. Wood, Mrs. J. H. Davidson, and Mrs. W. O. Tye served on the program committee.

Mrs. Tye led a get acquainted game while guests were arriving.

Mrs. James Jefferess led the singing of Christmas carols.

Forner Council Chairman,

Mrs. W. R. Daniel installed the new officers for 1955.

Mrs. Daniels' reading was a parable of the officers to the flame of a candle burning steadily and upward, while casting a bright and pleasing light around it. The new officers are: Mrs. M. J. McNeill, Chairman; Mrs. Grigsby Milton, vice chairman; Mrs. J. T. Spears, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. McNeill appointed other committees for the new year.

Mrs. Harlin Day was recognized for her outstanding attendance. Mrs. Day hasn't missed a meeting of her club in seven years. She is a member of the Starkey Club.

Special visitors were Mrs. Walter Hannah of Harmony and her guests, Miss Margaret Robinson and Miss Winifred Allworth of New South Wales, Australia.

Mrs. Hannah told how she met

## Texas 4-H'ers Win National Honors

THREE Texas 4-H Club members were announced as national winners in the 1954 4-H award programs at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Each received a \$300 college scholarship. Their names, the programs in which they were honored, and the donors of their awards are:



Ernest Butler, 16, of Mahan, Soil Conservation, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

Carolyn Lindsey, 17, of Plainview, Garden, Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Tractor Division.

Ralph Swinford, Jr., 17, of Wichita Falls, Safety, General Motors.

Over 1,200 4-H Club boys and girls from the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Canada attended the Congress, along with young people and youth leaders from 25 foreign countries.

A highlight of the Congress was the major policy address by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at the opening banquet. Thus the 4-H'ers learned more of their Congress theme, "Working Together for World

Understanding," from the Nation's No. 1 diplomat.

During the week, the delegates participated in discussions, heard other outstanding speakers, met top stars in the sports world, enjoyed top-flight entertainment at banquets and major meal events, attended the International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Show, took part in press conferences, radio and TV appearances, toured the city and visited the museums, and attended a party at the Aragon Ballroom.

The National 4-H Club Congress is a cooperative effort of the Agricultural Extension Service, business and civic organizations, and the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, Chicago.

the girls and how they happened to be visiting in our community.

Miss Robinson spoke a few words on her country, and the places they've visited on their tour. Both girls live on the farm. They have modern conveniences at home, though not so many gadgets as we have. They felt right at home in our dusty weather as they have wind and dust storms in Australia too.

The girls thought it strange to have Christmas in winter because this is their summer time.

Miss Robinson said in Australia they have the C. W. A. (County Women's Association) which is the equivalent of our Home Demonstration Clubs.

Many lovely gifts were exchanged and displayed, and admired by all.

In closing, Miss Leila Petty led a prayer "At Christmas" by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Present were Misses J. T. Spears, James Jefferess, Sandhill; M. J. McNeill, Mrs. W. B. Jordan, Center; A. H. Kreis, Friendship; Turner Hunter, G. H. Day, J. W. Day Jr. and baby.

The greatest reward for a job well done is in having done it.

You can't push yourself forward by patting yourself on the back.

Starkey; Raymond Teeple, W. D. Nance, C. L. King, Lone Star; L. T. Wood, Grigsby Milton, R. G. Dunlap, South Plains; W. O. Tye, Floydada; W. R. Daniels, Elmer Norell, P. F. Bertrand, W. H. Bunch, Homebuilders; Wilfred Stoerner, H. F. Quebe, Ben Quebe, Ben Brandes, Providence; Weldon Smith, Vernon Gross, A. M. Dorsey, Pleasant Valley; W. E. Grimes, J. M. Daniel, Friendship; D. S. Battey, Walter Hannah, Zant Scott, Carrick Snodgrass, Loyce Turner, Harmony; W. Earl Edwards, Jim Owens, Verlon Wright, B. P. Neff, Lakeview; W. R. Ross, W. O. Jones, Jr., Dougherty; S. J. Latta, Sunnyside; Herman Huffman, Sterley; Raymond Watson and Rae, Emmett Tierce, R. W. Johnson and Garland Sams, Lockney; Miss Leila Petty, Floydada; Misses Margaret Robinson and Winifred Allworth, New South Wales, Australia.

## May Deduct Costs Of Conservation Under New Law

College Station. — Cash outlays for soil and water conservation can be charged as farm expense—rather than farm capital—under recent changes in the Internal Revenue Code, making them income tax deductible.

A host of land and water improvements are included in the change, says C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist, who urges farmers to check further into the new ruling. Costs of soil and water improvements are not deductible in excess of 25 percent of the gross farm income during the taxable year.

The remaining cost may be taken from the income in succeeding years at the rate of no more than 25 percent of gross earnings for each year. Amounts carried forward may go without limit until used up, Bates explains.

The specialist points to the phrase in the code "on land used in farming." He explains the ruling covers only land used by a taxpayer or his tenant, either before or at the time of the improvement for the production of crops, fruits or other agricultural products or for the raising of livestock.

The ruling covers costs of treatment of moving of earth, including leveling, grading and terracing and contour farming; the construction, control and protection and diversion of channels, drainage ditches, earthen dams, water courses, outlets and ponds; the eradication of brush; and the planting of windbreaks.

Costs for purchase, construction, installation or improvement of structures, appliances or facilities, however, which are subject to regular depreciation may not be taken as ordinary expense.

Farmers may use this "deduct" system in their 1954 returns for in the first taxable year in which such work is done; without special permission.

He says farmers interested in the ruling can obtain further information from the nearest office of the Internal Revenue Service.

THE LOCKNEY BEACON, LOCKNEY, TEXAS, DEC. 23, 1954

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It's been a pleasure to serve you and we invite your continued friendships.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**LONE STAR STORE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Jarrett

As Christmas approaches, we pause to commemorate the birth of the Christ-Child, and to wish each of you a most happy occasion.

Christmas, in all its sublime and solemn beauty, should mean more to all this year than ever before.

Season's greetings to everyone!

**BEST WISHES**

**LOCKNEY DRY GOODS**  
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**Lockney General Hospital Notes**

Mrs. Maude Golden is a medical patient.  
Ed Teuton is a medical patient.  
Mrs. A. L. Newton was admitted for medical treatment 12-13 and dismissed 12-16.  
S. R. Jones was admitted 12-13 and dismissed 12-16.  
R. L. Knox Sr. was admitted 12-17 for major surgery and dismissed on 12-21.  
Warren Graham, an accident victim was admitted 12-17 and is still receiving treatment.  
Tom Cope was admitted 12-19 and dismissed 12-22.  
W. B. Mobbs of South Plains was admitted 12-20 and dismissed 12-21.  
Baby Boy Flores, born 12-12 is still a medical patient.  
Mrs. E. A. Cox was admitted 12-21 for medical treatment.  
T. H. Boedeker was admitted 12-21 for medical treatment.  
Armando De Leon, baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo De Leon, Kress, Texas was admitted for medical treatment 12-22.  
**Births**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sabias Ribas, a daughter on Dec. 16. She was named Raquel Oralia and weighed 7 lbs. 9 ounces.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jones of Floydada, a baby girl on Dec. 19. She was named Diana Lyn and weighed 8 lbs.  
OFFICE SUPPLIES at The Beacon Office

**Medical-Surgical Hospital Notes**

E. O. Barrett was released on 12-9. Mr. Barrett was a medical patient.  
Mrs. Elias Garcia was released to her home at Route 2, Floydada. Baby Margarito, who weighed only 4 pounds, 8 ozs. will remain in hospital for a few more days.  
Mrs. Kate McCandless of Amarillo, Texas was admitted to hospital on 12-10 as medical patient.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ward on 12-10 a son, weighing 7 lbs. 1/2 oz.  
Beth McLaughlin was released from hospital on 12-12 following surgery.  
Mrs. L. A. Thompson of Floydada was admitted on 12-10 for surgery.  
Albert Cannon of Route 4, Floydada was admitted on 12-12 as medical patient and was released on 12-15.  
Mrs. Fannie Brown was admitted to hospital on 12-15 for medical care, was released to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Counts on 12-21.  
Guy R. Castrol, son of Mrs. W. E. Carey was admitted on 12-17 for surgery, was released 12-22 to his home.  
Freddie Merrell was admitted to hospital late Friday night the 18th for surgery.  
Mrs. Faye Pinner was admitted to hospital on 12-20 for medical care.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor:  
S-D Day  
I write this the day before S-D Day, but it will not reach the paper in which you read it until after that day.  
Many good suggestions have been broadcast for accomplishing what S-D Day is for, but I have seen or heard none that state the chief cause of automobile accidents is alcoholic drink — beer or any other — that has been swallowed by people — drivers or pedestrians.  
Until this situation is done away with we are deceiving ourselves, hoping against hope, in expecting the successful accomplishment of any other S-D Day.  
O. T. Harper,  
406 Wilson Street,  
Napa, California.

Dec. 12, 1954.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you this year? I hope you are getting ready for Christmas. I would like to give you my list: two guns, Fort Apache stockade, a swich that has a picture of superman, a bfeycle and a garbage truck.  
Please bring Jim Bob a remote control Buick, basketball and goal, a globe and some books.  
Mary Frances would like a doll, a triecyle and a piano.  
Please go to see all the boys and girls.  
Love,  
Charles Mac, Jim Bob and Mary Frances Gibson.  
Dec. 17, 1954  
Lockney, Texas  
Route 1.  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy six years old.

cept my mother and daddy think I have room for improvement. I would like to have a bullet gun, and holster, my sister wants a doll. We will leave some nuts, fruit and coffee, and we would like to have some nuts, fruit, candy. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Picilla, Wayland, Brenda Sue, Debbie Carthel.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 4 1/2 years old. Please bring me a great big doll, a set of guns, a make-up kit, a bathanette so I can give my doll a bath, and a telephone. I have been a pretty good girl this year and am looking forward to your visit. Please bring me some nuts and candy and fruit. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.  
Love,  
Sherry Carthel.

I want a Dale Evans cowgirl suit, and a dolly with rooved hair and some dishes.  
Carol Cooper.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Nix and family left Wednesday afternoon for Arkansas to spend Christmas holidays. They will be gone about ten days.

W. L. McMinn, former resident of Lockney and father of Mrs. Frank Messimer of Lockney, is some improved. Mrs. Messimer reported Wednesday, The McMinnns now live in Lubbock. His address there is 2018 Avenue M.  
Lots of people have great aims in life, but never pull the trigger.

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE!  
**GREETINGS**  
CASEY'S CONTINENTAL CAFE  
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**FRIENDS — NOTICE!**  
We now have some one to fix our flats and change your oil. Would appreciate your business. Come on out.  
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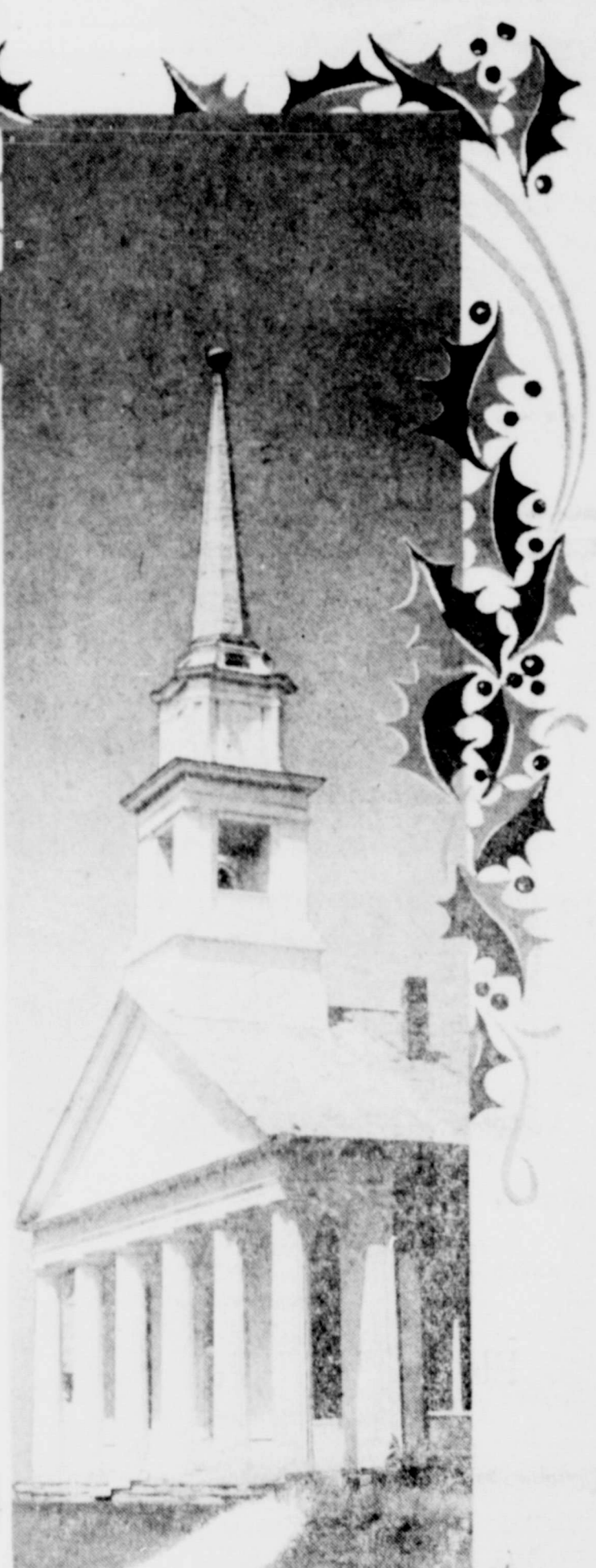
Bringing you hearty good wishes for CHRISTMAS  
**THE BEAUTY BAR**  
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**A JOYOUS SEASON**  
With its message of hope and peace, the Christmas star shines again. May the joy in its radiant light be reflected in your heart throughout the New Year.  
**U & I LAUNDRY**  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ragle

**Greetings OF THE SEASON**

What greater gift has been bestowed upon mankind than the capacity to revere anew the blessed spirit of this joyous season. In turn, the most precious gift we can extend our brothers is the bright example of Christian living enjoyed by those who cherish the spirit of Christmas in their hearts throughout the year...

*A Joyous Christmas and A Happy Year to All*



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FOR SALE — 3 bedroom house in southwest Lockney, large basement, on 2.4 acres with 4 inch irrigation well. (Will sell pump separate.) cow shed, etc. Also 100 acres farm land, good 8 inch well, tile line, 6 miles northeast of Lockney. See Troy Ray. 37-tfc.

tically new 4 rooms and bath. On lot, pavement on two sides. Would trade for smaller house. Geo. Jeffcoat. 37-Stp.  
You can sure bump into trouble trying to dodge duty.  
Remember: When the mercury slides, so does your car.

# Society

## Charming Cross Is Bride Of J. D. Woody

In a quiet ceremony performed in the home of the bride's parents, Saturday, December 18 at 6:30 p. m., Miss Charline Cross became the bride of Airman 3-c J. D. Woody of Floydada, Thomas McDonald, minister of Main Street Church of Christ, Lockney, read the vows for the double ring service.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charline Cross of Lockney are parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woody of Floydada are the bridegroom's parents.  
The bride wore a white faille dress, white hat and other accessories of smoke grey. She wore a corsage of white feathered mums and net. For the traditional something old she wore a rhinestone necklace belonging to her mother, new was her dress, borrowed was a class ring belonging to June Rigby, and blue was a touch of ribbon.  
Attending the bride as maid of honor, June Rigby of Silverton, formerly of Lockney, was attired in pink faille with black accessories. She wore a corsage of pink feathered carnations.  
C. O. Woody, brother of the groom acted as best man.  
Mrs. Cross, mother of the bride, was dressed in a white knit suit with brown accessories. Mrs. Woody, mother of the groom wore navy with black accessories.

## Calendar Proceeds To Benefit School

Members of the National Honor Society and senior class of Lockney High School are promoting the publication of a calendar to aid in giving a senior member of the Honor Society a scholarship and to defray part of the expenses of the class to New Orleans for their annual trip.  
The Calendar, published by Gordon Bernard Publishing Company, will begin with the month of April and will contain a picture of the high school, advertisements from thirty-six outstanding business concerns, vital information for residents of this community, dates of important meetings, birthdays and anniversaries of all your friends.  
These organizations will profit by your listing your birthday, anniversary, and club meetings, advertising, and purchasing of the calendar. This project will be continued in future years and be promoted by some school organization.

May the joys and Peace of Christmas be with you today and always



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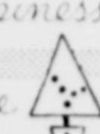
Wishing you much happiness AT CHRISTMAS



We will be closed from Friday noon until the following Thursday.

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To wish you every happiness at Christmas time and through the year ahead.



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## Valca Thomas Home Scene For Party

Members of the Pollyanna Club were entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Valca Thomas.  
Gifts of a comical nature were distributed from a huge red and white trimmed tree.  
Following games of canasta a midnight supper of ham sandwiches, relishes, coffee and pie were served to Mr. and Mrs. Olson Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wolford, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith, Mrs. W. R. Darnell and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.  
Next meeting will be with Mrs. Joe Parrish on Tuesday afternoon, January 11 at 2:30 o'clock.

## Reception

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents. The table was covered with lace and appointed with crystal. Centering the table was a three-tiered cake decorated in pink and white topped with a miniature bride and groom and flanked with white tapers. Mrs. Dorothy Frame, Plainview, served the cake and June Rigby served punch.  
Attending the wedding and reception were Mr. and Mrs. Pike Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woody and Nathan, Mrs. Doral Young, all of Floydada, Mrs. Dorothy Frame, Plainview, Mrs. S. J. Williams and Sherry, Mrs. Paul Beecher, Eugene Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cross and Gerald, and Ben Beecher, grandfather of the bride, all from Lockney.

## Priscilla Class Has Christmas Social

Members of the Priscilla Sunday School class and their husbands enjoyed a ham supper Friday night at the Baptist Church.  
Mrs. Bob Davis told a story, "The Littlest Angel." Mrs. Jerry Harder led the group singing of Christmas carols. Games were led by Mrs. Tom Moore and gifts were exchanged.  
In attendance were Messrs. and Mmes. Tom Moore, Tom Marr, Ross Cooper, Glen Cooper, Raymond Spencer, Dillon Patterson, Charles Hammit, Jerry Harder, T. V. McClure, N. S. Abbott, Wilburn Tannahill, Mrs. L. G. Rhine, teacher; Mrs. Bob Davis, Mrs. Edward Smith and Rev. R. E. Wiley.

## At the time of her marriage

the bride was a junior student in Lockney High School. Airman Woody is a graduate of Floydada High School and has been in the airforce the past eight months. He received his basic training at Lackland Airforce Base, San Antonio and has recently been stationed at Keester Airforce Base, Biloxi, Mississippi.  
After a wedding trip to Texas-Kanna, Texas the couple will be at home in Floydada until he leaves on January 17 for duty in Korea. After her husband leaves, Mrs. Woody plans to attend a business school in Plainview.

## Dinner Party Held In Griffith Home

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. Carl McAdams were hosts for a dinner party at the Griffith home Saturday night, Dec. 18.

## Christmas visitors who were due to arrive Thursday

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Waldroppe and Derrell will include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Totten, and Mrs. Waldroppe's niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fletcher and Butch, all of Lamar, Colorado. They will be here about a week.

It is easier to form a good character than reform a bad one.

Some people don't pay as they go — because they plan to go.

It's an I for an I when two geologists get together.



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

THANKS to everyone for your splendid patronage and we wish for you a very merry Christmas and prosperity through the New Year.

**Plains Floral Shop**  
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# Joy at CHRISTMAS



May the joy and faith of Christmas guide you into paths that lead to a happy and prosperous New Year.

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MR. AND MRS. HARLEY WORKMAN

# The Season's Greetings



AND ALL GOOD WISHES

To Our Friends and Customers

**AIKEN PHILLIPS "66"**  
R. L. (DICK) ELLISON

## Youth Go Caroling Sunday Evening

A group of Methodist and Baptist Intermediates went caroling together Sunday night after church services. They rode on a large truck belonging to and driven by Raymond Rucker. They were accompanied by Gerald Sams, Connie O'Brien, Hilburn Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rucker and Mrs. Edgar Hays.  
Refreshments were prepared by women of the two churches and served in the educational unit of the Baptist Church after returning from an hour of singing at the various homes over town.

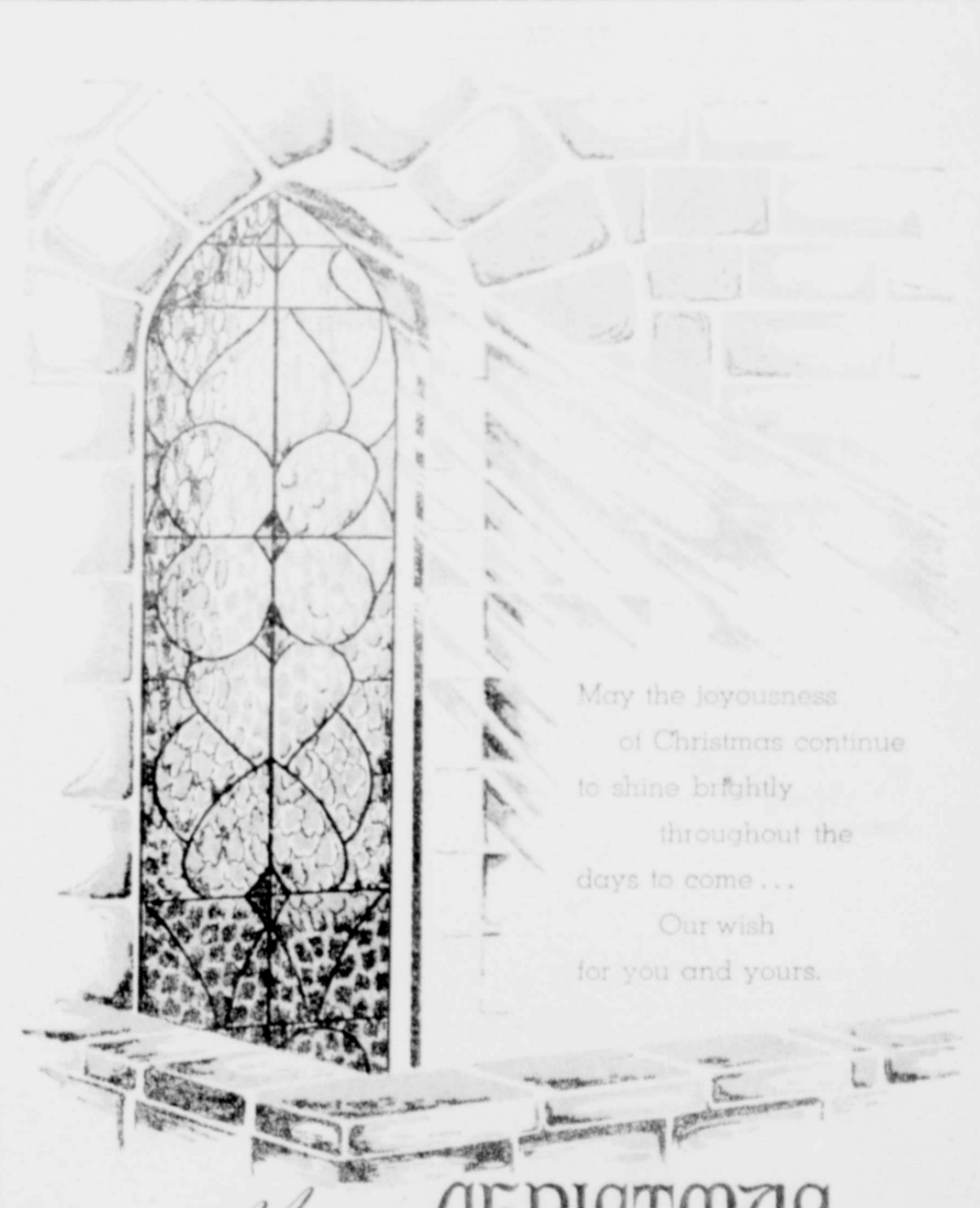
## "NIGHT BEFORE XMAS"

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.

## SANTA, INDIANA

The community of Santa Claus, Indiana owes its fame to its unusual name. At Christmas time its small post office is swamped with mail from throughout the world.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.



May the joyousness of Christmas continue to shine brightly throughout the days to come... Our wish for you and yours.

# Merry CHRISTMAS

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## Minute Editorials

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.

THE BEACON STAFF, as our custom is, joins with the other business and professional people of the area in wishing each of our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You will find a word of greeting from almost every business and professional person in the area in this issue of The Beacon. The greetings have been carefully selected by the advertiser to say what he or she wants to say and to express the heart-felt feelings of the individual. Take time to read each

one with the thought in mind that the expression is for you personally.

IT SEEMS FITTING that we add our voice to the many urging caution in Christmas driving. We remember in times past that Christmas trips have ended in tragedy for Lockney people. It behooves us all, therefore, that we drive carefully, within the speed limits and also drive "defensively" as one highway official said several years ago. That is to watch the other fellow. It may be that he is not as fit to drive as you are. So you must not only watch your own driving but that of the man in the other car.

THE BEACON has a policy that we do not publish poetry, not that we don't appreciate poetry but we at times have more than we can handle. However we are making an exception and publishing the following poem presented to us by R. V. Crouch:

**CHRISTMAS**  
Camels on the desert,  
Silver star a gleam,  
(Mary in a stable  
Haunted by a dream.)

Shepherds on the mountain,  
Angel in the sky,  
(Jesus in the manger—  
Mary's anxious sigh.)

Herod in his palace,  
Tossing on his bed,  
(The King of Kings is sleeping  
In a cattle shed!)

Bethlehem of Judah,  
Fortunate you are!  
(Famous shall your manger be  
In lands afar!)

World ever troubled,  
Sing a song that's new!  
(God has made a Christmas  
And given Christ to you!)

DON'T TAKE LIFE so seriously—  
you'll never get out of it  
alive anyway.

MOST FOLKS are about as  
happy as they make up their  
minds to be.—Abe Lincoln.

### 'SILENT NIGHT...'



### With Our EXCHANGES

**A SENSIBLE VIEW**  
Sen. William Knowland's remark that only "an ultimate Communist victory could result from our acceptance of Russia's suggestion of co-existence" may have shocked such worthies as Sen. William Fulbright and his Alabama colleague, John Sparkman, but they won't startle any plain American who can read, write and count to 10.  
Every time we have gone along with a Russian Suggestion—or demand—we have gotten it in the neck and there's no reason to believe we won't continue to similarly suffer. More men in high places, not fewer, should take public cognizance of the cold facts.  
Senator Fulbright, who never has recovered from his youthful experience of being a Rhodes scholar, and humbling Senator

Sparkman, who means well but has a peanut patch outlook, call Senator Knowland's observation "dangerous."

Ordinary Americans, however, will call it practical, intelligent—and in full keeping with the record.—Lubbock Avalanche.

**GETTING CRITICAL**  
Woodrow Wilson was reelected on the slogan, "He kept us out of war." Soon after the election came the sinking of the Lusitania, and the Congress of a Democracy declared a "State of War" existed. Eisenhower is trying to keep us out of war, though many believe he is using poor strategy. But the Red Campaign continues. Here one of our military planes is shot down over the open seas. There a coup-ette of American citizens are tried on trumped up charges of "spying." Today America is faced with the fact of thirteen military

men captured in uniform being tried and convicted on charges of spying after they crashed in a military plane. The Chinese scorn our protests in the case. We have shaken our heads and turned our back on the progressive violations of the practices of modern civilization until this has happened. If we pass this one up, we may hear next of one of our warships bombed and possibly sunk. Things are getting critical.—You Be The Judge in Crosbyton Review.

### TIME TO BEWARE

Once again Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield warns the public to be on the alert for suspicious merchandise offered through the mails, which are designed to get the Christmas trade. Last year the American public was bilked of more than \$10,000,000 through the mails.

Summerfield points out that despite a record of 98 per cent convictions in such fraud cases, illegal activities are on the increase. He points out there are a number of reputable firms and mail order houses doing business through the mails and these should not be confused with the suspicious types.

The public is urged to report to the Postoffice any suspicious circumstances in dealing with mail offers.—Lubbock Avalanche.

### HERE'S THE SOLUTION

A guy with a gun goes out and kills another guy who has no gun. Society then punishes the killer and the dead guy is buried. This is peace.

A guy with a gun goes out and kills another guy with a gun. Then three or more guys get into the brawl and pretty soon the alley is full of busted heads. This is war.

In both cases nobody is very happy. In both cases there are two things that use all the trouble: guys with guns.  
One solution is to abolish guns. That's been tried. It hasn't worked. The other is to abolish guys. It looks like that's what they're working on now.—Eddie Warren in Post Dispatch.

## Long Ago In Lockney

Items of interest from the files of The Lockney Beacon.

December 22, 1916

H. H. Trussell and Miss Modena Waller were married Friday night at eight o'clock by Elder Showalter. Mr. Trussell is connected with the oil industry at Holiday, Texas and Miss Waller is the daughter of Mrs. N. E. Waller and has been reared here. The couple will make their home in Holiday.

E. T. Pratt and Miss Lena Keys were married Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock with Rev. Sweeney at the Methodist parsonage reading the vows.

Buck Sams received a severe eye injury one day this week when he was struck by the end of a line as he was hitching up a wild horse. It is feared he may lose sight of the eye. He is in the Plainview sanitarium and has been suffering intensely.

E. T. Grant of Brady, Texas was here Monday and spoke to a small group of citizens in the interest of getting the Indian Trail, a national highway which is now laid off between Charleston, South Carolina and Los Angeles, Calif. He pointed out that Lockney is in direct line with the proposed route and that we can have it if the town will get behind the project.

December 25, 1924

Geo. T. Meriwether bought a half section of land near Lone

Star this week which belonged to H. Cook of Hedley and Mr. Cook becomes the owner of the Meriwether place near the Lockney High School building.

Luther Wofford has sold his residence property in northeast Lockney to O. J. Huggins. Mr. Wofford last week bought the Westbrook place in West Lockney and will move there soon.

December 25, 1942

A heavy coating of ice forming Sunday night ruined many trees in this section and disrupted telephone and electric service for a few hours. Some trees were stripped of all limbs with only the trunk left standing.

The home of "Uncle Joe" Allison in the east part of town was totally destroyed early Tuesday morning with its contents. Some furnishings belonging to Wilbur Miller were destroyed in the fire as well as all of "Uncle Joe's."

Sugar beet harvest ended here last week with a good yield for most of the farmers in this section who raised them. High sugar content was reported and a yield of 15 tons to the acre or more.

### INCOME TAX SERVICE

At my residence 1 block west of grade school.

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## Christmastime

is in the air



May your journey  
through the days ahead  
carry you over man

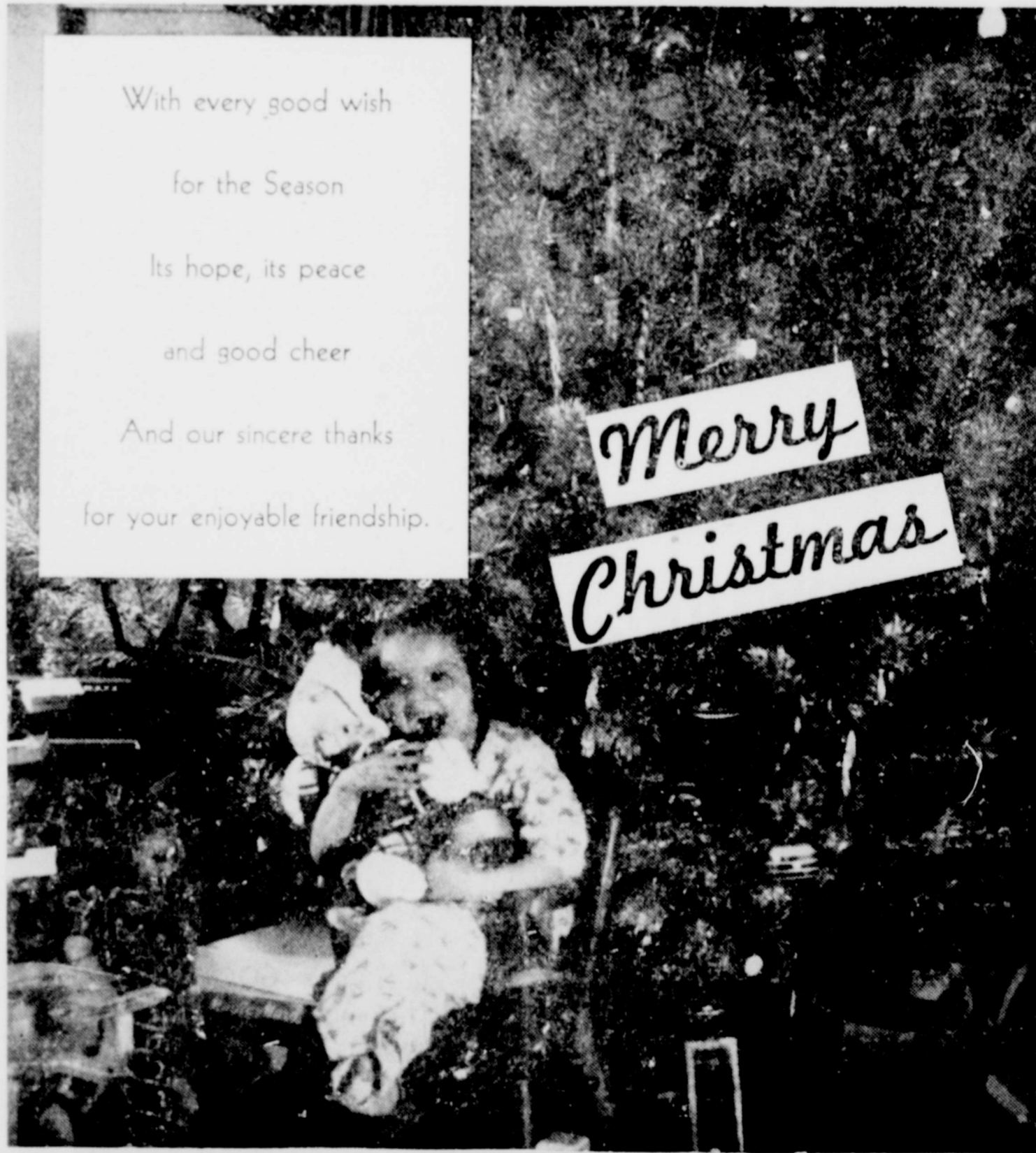
# Merry Christmas

## Lockney Automotive Supply

H. A. Kiser, Owner Arch Crager, Mgr.

With every good wish  
for the Season  
Its hope, its peace  
and good cheer  
And our sincere thanks  
for your enjoyable friendship.

# Merry Christmas



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GUY SMITH  
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FREDDIE MERRELL DON VERNON

He who is prejudiced is usually down on something he's not on.  
Handwriting on the wall usually means there's a child in the family.

**WANT ADS** TO BUY TO SELL TO RENT

**For Sale**

FOR SALE — Registered Duroc boar, available one week only. Chester Mitchell, phone 3447. 37-2tc.

FOR SALE — One 50 h. p. electric motor with Square D switch box. Chester Mitchell, phone 3447. 37-tfc.

FOR SALE — Cane bundles \$20 per ton. Chester Carthel, phone 3526. 37-2tc.

FOR SALE — One good used Burroughs adding machine, reasonable. See it at The Beacon office. 37-tfc.

FOR SALE — Five row Pamco power lift stalk cutter. L. P. Gray, two miles west, two north of Barwise. 37-tfc.

FOR SALE — G. E. clothes dryer, 6 months old. \$150.00. Joan Moody at Southwestern Public Service. 37-2tc.

FOR SALE OR TRADE — 4 room modern house, well located. See A. L. Phillips. 37-3tc.

FOR SALE — Girls bicycle, almost new. One Roper range, good condition. One gas Servel refrigerator in good condition. We want to buy your used furniture. Lockney Trading Post. 36-tfc.

FOR SALE — 1200 White Rock apt Northwest fryers. Will weigh 2 1/2 to 3 lbs. on foot. \$1 on foot, \$1.25 dressed. Also frozen fryers \$1.30 each. Archie Bybee, dial 3101, Sterley, Texas. 36-2tc.

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FOR SALE — Two John Deere breaking plows, 2 up and 2 down. Also one No. 289 Eversman Land Leveler, good condition and Barrett 3-disc plow with automatic lift to fit M Farmall, J. H. Widener, Route 2, Phone 3658. 36-2tc.

FOR SALE — Two 50 h. p. electric well motors with switch boxes. Good as new. \$975 each. See Boyce or Howard Mosley. 36-4tp.

FOR SALE — Hegari butts. See Don Murphy, 17 miles north, 3 miles west of Lockney or write Route 1, Kress, Texas. 36-3tp.

FOR TRADE — Chrysler 8, Ind. motor, drive shaft and gear head for 20 or 25 h. p. electric three phase motor and switch box. Allen N. Kellum, Silvertown, Texas, phone Bean Exchange 4452. 36-3tp.

FOR SALE — 6 rooms and bath in West Lockney, near pavement, very reasonable. Terms to right party. Inquire at The Beacon office. 37-tfc.

A TYPEWRITER FOR CHRISTMAS? See our new stock of Remington Portable typewriters. The Beacon office. 37-tfc.

FOR SALE — 50 Guineas, W. N. Scott, 2 miles southeast of Lockney, Route M. 32-tfc.

FOR GAIL RICHARDS COSMETICS see or call Mrs. Willa Mathis, Route 1, Lockney or phone 4-2055, Plainview. 25-tfc.

FOR SALE — 1951 Model G John Deere tractor, good shape, good tires. L. L. Rhodes, phone 4338. 25-tfc.

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**For Sale**

FOR SALE — In service, must sell equity in 1951 Pontiac 2 door sedan. Reasonable. See Clyde Stowe at Parker Furniture. 36-3tc.

FARMERS — A complete book-keeping and tax record system, made up especially for farmers, good for entire year, only \$3.95 at The Beacon office. 37-tfc.

AT LOCKNEY TRADING POST — You will find the best in mattresses. New cotton and inter-spring. 36-tfc.

ACCORIONS — I have the dealership for Lira and Trionfo accordions. In feather-weight for school children and heavier ones for other people. Mrs. C. L. Record, phone 2364, Lockney. 36-2tc.

REAL ESTATE — Houses in Lockney for sale. Also farm land. See me for beef at wholesale. V. D. Harris, dial 3847. 48-tfc.

NEED AN ADDING MACHINE? We have new Remington and Victor adding machines in stock at The Beacon office. 37-tfc.

SEE ME for Monuments and Curbing. I represent an old, reliable firm. Frank Dodson, phone 2240. 33-tfc.

The LOCKNEY TRADING POST has 9x12 new congoleum rugs. Price \$5.95. We buy, sell and trade. Remember us when you need something or have something you don't need. 32-tfc.

LOOK — Full length letter size storage files for your old records. Only \$4.50 each at The Beacon Office. 37-tfc.

RADIATOR TROUBLE? — Let us take care of your radiator trouble. We do all kinds of repairing and cleaning. Experienced workman. WESTERN RADIATOR SERVICE, Lockney, Phone 3800, day or night. 51-tfc.

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See me for ALUMA-KRAFT awnings, Cyclone fence, Humphreys Tension Sealed storm windows. L. L. Reecer, phone 2262. 17-tfc.

See me for AVON COSMETICS or call 2166. Mrs. Myrtle Lou Newton Munselle, Lockney representative. 20-tfc.

**For Rent**

FOR RENT — Furnished house, 2 rooms and bath. Mrs. W. I. Hightower, Phone 2302. 37-tfc.

FOR RENT — 3 room furnished apartment, private bath. S. H. Milwee, Phone 3845. 36-tfc.

FOR RENT — 2 room house with shower bath. Ross Cooper, phone 2245. 36-tfc.

FOR RENT — 2 rooms and glassed in back porch. Furnished. No children. Mrs. Frank Dodson. 36-2tc.

FOR RENT — Nice 5 room furnished apartment. Private bath. Living room carpeted wall to wall, inlaid linoleum in other rooms. Phone 2243. 33-tfc.

**Lost and Found**

LOST — Female Siamese cat. Finder please call Mrs. Ernest Tannahill, phone 3525. 1tp.

**Wanted**

WANTED — Farm job for year. Part crop. Experienced in irrigation. Can give references. Jesse Arjona, Box 621, Lockney, Texas. 37-3tp.

WANTED TO BUY — 300 or 500 gallon propane tank in good shape. See Chester Carthel or phone 3526. 37-2tc.

WANTED — Ironing. Mrs. W. L. Street, 3 1/2 blocks west of Carter Funeral Home. 36-4tc.

HELP WANTED — Quiet, refined lady to live in home and keep house. Mrs. Claude E. Jarrett, phone 3482, Lockney. 34-tfc.

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WORK WANTED — Man and son want work on farm. Experienced. Andres Guerra, Box 691, Lockney. 34-4tp.

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Prompt Inspection and Closing  
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WANTED — Winmill and pressure pump work. Call or see R. W. Johnson, dial 3381. 51-tfc.

PIANO TUNING — Drop a card to Luther Fowler, Box 66, Lockney or phone 2173. 46-tfc.

**NOT THE SAME MAN**

Last week The Beacon carried a story about a man by the name of H. H. Hines being convicted of possession of liquor for purpose of sale. Sheriff Earl Cooper said this week that there are two men by that name in this county, one living here and the other at Dougherty. The Dougherty man was not the one involved in the case, and Cooper emphasized that he was not the man convicted.

**ATTENDS WEDDING**

Misses Nancy and Patsy Holland, Mrs. Nettie Mae Hancock and children, Johnny and Gay, attended the wedding of Miss Betty Crawford and Kenneth McLendon at Hollis, Okla., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Harris of Loving, New Mexico spent Saturday and Sunday visiting in the home of his father, J. J. Harris and brother, Jesse Harris and family.

Treat bad stains before laundering, and thereby save your self both time and trouble. Make suds of warm water and bright bead bluing. Then rub the suds into the spots with a soft brush or sponge. Let the clothes soak about five minutes, and then wash and rinse as usual.

Season Greenery Will Make Home Echo Xmas Spirit

Did you ever notice that the prettiest homes around the community at Christmas are the ones decorated liberally with the green things of the season? Their festive appearance is obtained easily with proper display of such things as evergreens, berries, seed pods, and pine cones. These simple decorations are readily available to most everyone at no cost and to use an old expression: "The woods are full of them."

A trip into the country to gather them can also be turned into a pleasant excursion for the whole family and a brief rest period from the "getting ready" for Christmas company, parties, and holiday affairs.

One word of caution, however: Don't kill trees or bushes. Prune carefully when selecting your evergreens.

The Christmas tree — whether large or small — should be the center of the decorations. Place your tree in front of a window, so that its bright, cheerful glow can be seen from within and without. Dec-



orate the tree with balls of red, silver, blue and green, strands of popcorn and various decorations that are saved from year to year.

Be sure to hang a rope of evergreens, a spray or wreath on your front door — these signify to many who pass your home that you are celebrating this joyous season.

A rope of evergreens requires approximately four or five yards of rope. The place you plan to use it will determine the exact length. Next, you'll need several short lengths of wire, short sprays of evergreen, balls, bows, red berries or bells. Place a bunch of evergreen against the rope and fasten in place with the wire; repeat until the rope has been completely covered. The rope may be draped over the door frame, mantel, or along the stair rail. Pick out other spots where additional decorations, like berries, balls or bells will add to the effectiveness of over-all appearance.

**BEXRODE VISITORS**

Visitors in the home of Mrs. W. S. Bexrode during last week end were Rev. L. A. Blair, retired Baptist minister formerly of Sweetwater, now of Clovis, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Green, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, Hale Center; Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Garrett, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson and family, Lone Star; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johnson and family, Hale Center; Miss Larner Smith and Marvin Jones, Hale Center. On Sunday the group enjoyed an early Christmas dinner together.

A CLEAN CITY IS A SAFE CITY

Season's Greetings  
We've but one wish for you this Christmas — that it be better than any you've ever had before.  
A Happy Holiday to all of our friends!  
**STORIE GIN CO.**  
Lockney  
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Christmas Gift

Holiday Plants Need Special Care

Holiday plants require special care if they are to look their best. Just like human beings, they need bright light or sunlight, in the day and a proper amount of water.

Withering, leaf yellowing and burning, leaf drop and premature loss of flowers can be caused by under-watering or over-watering plants. Thorough watering is important as soon as plants are dry, but avoid leaving plants standing in water. Puncture the tin foil or heavy paper on pots at the drainage hole to provide necessary drainage.

Here are some further suggestions:

Lower the night temperature to prolong the life of blooms. Minimum night temperature for poinsettias and Christmas begonias should be 60 degrees. The desirable night temperatures for azaleas, Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums, cyclamen, Jerusalem cherry, Kalanchoe, ornamental peppers, potted bulbs and cut flowers are between 50 degrees and 60 degrees. High room temperatures hasten the maturity of flowers and shorten their life.

Avoid sudden temperature changes and drafts. Keep both plants and cut flowers away from radiators and heat registers and out of drafts. Poinsettias are especially sensitive to sudden temperature changes. They should never be left near a window sill as drafts will cause leaves to turn yellow and drop.

**ATTEND FUNERAL**

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Tannahill and Mrs. J. F. Morrison of Lockney attended funeral services for Mrs. Morrison's sister and Mrs. Tannahill's aunt, Mrs. J. W. Walker at Sulphur Springs, Texas, Tuesday of last week.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

**GREETINGS** With loads of good wishes

WE WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

**Baker Hotel Coffee Shop**  
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**GREETINGS**



AND BEST WISHES

FOR THE

Holidays

**LOCKNEY REAL ESTATE**

E. R. Harris

Bevis Harris

Merry Christmas  
May you receive many, many pleasant remembrances from friends and loved ones this Christmas — enough to make this occasion one of long lasting happiness and contentment for you and yours. We sincerely wish you the best of everything . . . this Christmas and always.

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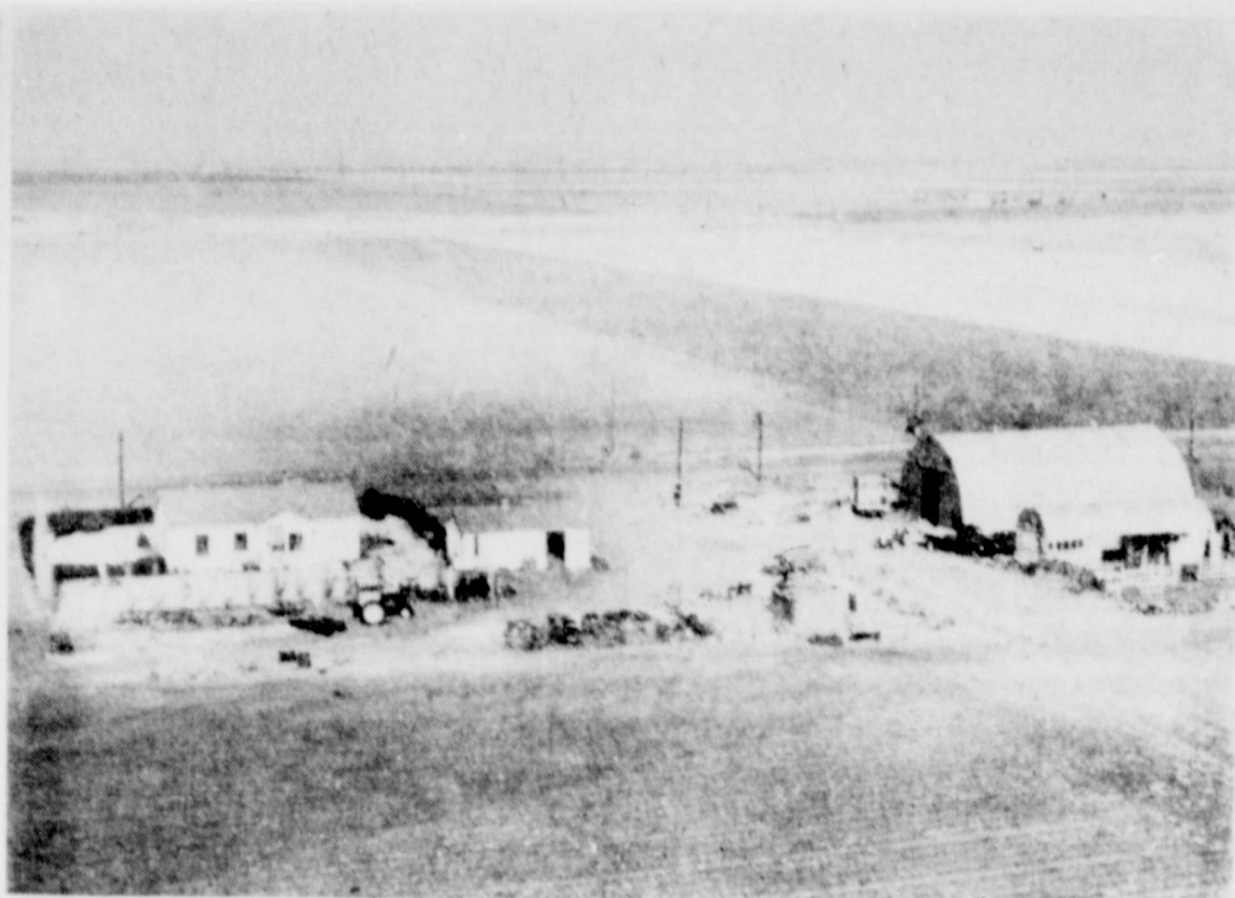
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kendall on Wedding anniversary of Mr. were among the many people of and Mrs. H. P. Howard at Sil- this area who attended the Gold- verton Sunday.



Hope you have  
a Merry Christmas



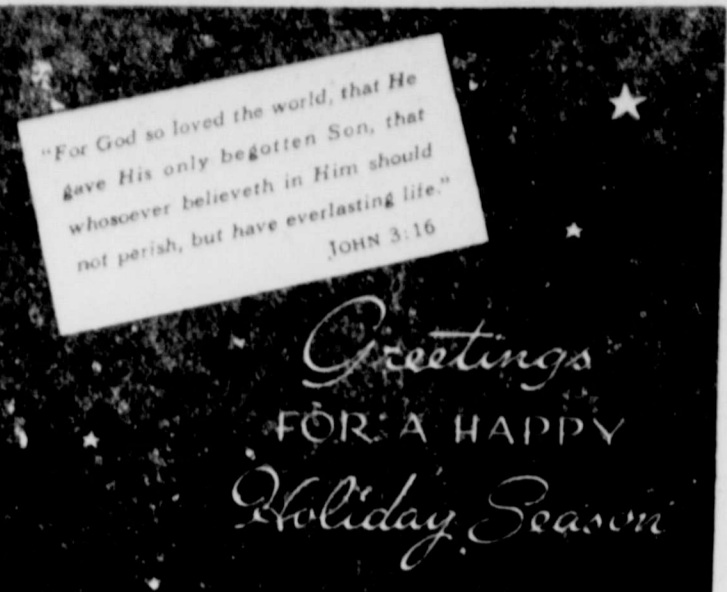
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Harve Pennington, Prop.



THE JOHN T. CARTEL FARM, pictured above, the mystery farm in the First National Bank advertisement last week, was first identified by Mrs. Donald Johnson. The farm is owned by John T. Carthel but it is farmed by his son, John Lee Carthel, and John Lee and his family occupy the house shown in the picture. Others identifying the place were Thurman Davis, Joe Huffman, Juanita Carthel and Mrs. Bill Canon.

The place is located about six miles northwest of Lockney, on the same section with the Prairie Chapel Church of Christ and school house. John T. Carthel owns another 400 acres lying south of this place which he works. John T. farms the 154 acres in this place and works another 160 which he owns. They have four irrigation wells on all the land. This particular place was purchased by John T. from E. E. Winn

of Plainview in 1945. They raise cotton, feed and some alfalfa and John T. goes in for Black Angus cattle on a small scale. Both families are members of the Floyd County Farm Bureau and attend the West Side Church of Christ. John Lee was married to Jo Ann Canon in June of 1947. The couple have three children, Susan Gale, age 6, Gary Lee, age 4 and Linda Je, age 2.



**TAYLOR'S HELPY-SELFY LAUNDRY**  
George Taylor



To all our patrons we extend our thanks... for a year filled with friendship and goodwill. It is our sincere hope that our ways—during the coming year—may once more follow similar paths. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

**BAKER MERCANTILE**  
DRY GOODS



**BARBER'S FARM STORE**  
MR. AND MRS. S. F. BARBER

**Library Notes**

By Ivy Pearl Reed.  
May you have a happy Christmas.  
May the Lord be good to you. May you have a fire to sit by. Food and shelter, comfort too. Love and laughter, hope and promise—  
May you have all that you need.  
May you have dear friends around you.  
And a lovely book to read!  
—Judith McVae.

If Santa Claus forgets the last item on that list, then the library can help you out. Our newest books are "The Power of Positive Thinking for Young People," "How to Make a Home Nature Museum," "Black Spanish Mystery," "The Golden Goose Book," "Adventures of Robin Hood," "The Gallant Heart, the story of a run horse," "This I Believe series 2," a new best-seller "My Brother's Keeper," and H. Allen Smith's "The Rebel Yell—being a carpetbagger's attempt to establish the truth concerning the speech of the Confederate soldier plus lesser matters appertaining to the peculiar habits of the South." We also have many old favorites such as "The Yearling" and "A Christmas Carol."

Mrs. Sabra Harmon, who was a library employee for some

time, was in the Central library this week. She and her husband are returning to California, and she wanted to give us some books before she left. We are grateful.

Story Hour was very well attended Saturday morning. Mrs. Billy Brown told the stories, read poems, and directed the children in a pantomime of the Journey to Bethlehem and the manger scene. Susan Hagood and Ronnie Amburn played the leading roles of Mary and Joseph, with other boys and girls as innkeepers, shepherds, and wise men. At the end of the hour, each child took a miniature sack of candy and nuts from the library Christmas tree. The next session of Story Hour will be on January 8, 1955.

Books have been given in memory of Mrs. Fannie Montague by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Welborn and Ann; in memory of Mrs. C. E. Colighitty by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnard and Barbara; in memory of Mrs. Mary A. Norton by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Britton; Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Welborn, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Norman; in memory of C. W. Thagard by his daughter, Sabra Thagard Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Griffith plan to leave Thursday for a visit with relatives in Greeley, Colorado.

**HERE FROM OREGON**

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Armstrong and children of Cottage Grove, Ore., arrived here Tuesday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Busby and her sister, Mrs. Nettie Mae Hancock and children. They are former residents but have been in Oregon six years.

**NEW ARRIVAL**

Mr. and Mrs. Egan Wofford of Anchorage, Alaska are parents of a baby daughter born Sunday, Dec. 19 at 1:30 p. m. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Wofford of Lockney.

Women should remember that it is easier to drive a man to drink than it is away from it.



Along with Christmas comes a natural reawakening of all the finer emotions of people. Friendships are renewed at Christmas time and there is a rekindling of the spirit of understanding and generosity toward all mankind.

To those whose pleasant association and friendly support during the past year has contributed so much to our welfare we extend cordial thanks. May your Christmas be happy.

**NOTICE — The bank will close at noon Friday.**  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
in Lockney  
M. W. WILEY, President



Blessings at Christmas

May we all experience the glorious feeling of peace and brotherly love this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

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BRINGING YOU  
THE SEASON'S  
Best Wishes

and a sincere word of appreciation for your fine patronage during the past.



**MODERN BEAUTY SHOP**  
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# Society News

## Baptist Beginners Have Xmas Party

The Beginner Department of the First Baptist Church was entertained with a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 15 at 2:30 in the educational unit of the church.

Children attending were Larry Mitchell, Charlotte Spence, Bobby Moore, Carolyn Race, Johnnie Williams, Judy Turner, Pat Tannahill, Vikkee Hammit, Shirlene Race, Carol Davis, Rodney Smith, Sandra Huggins, Dinah Hodel, Ronnie Marr and Mike Branscum.

Mothers present were Mrs. Tom Moore, Mrs. Wilburn Tannahill, Charles Hammit, Mrs. Edward Smith and Mrs. Curtis Williams.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mmes. F. U. Payne, Shirley Race, Hall Ferguson, and R. C. Mitchell.

## Builders Class Has Xmas Party

Builders Class of the First Methodist Church held a Christmas social Thursday evening at 7:30 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Johnson.

Each couple brought a gift for a White Christmas box to be packed for a needy family. Members of the class also presented the teacher, Ed Carter with a gift. Games of progressive "42" were played and refreshments of pie and coffee were served to Messrs. and Mmes. Ernest Tannahill, Oliver Holmes, Bailey Henderson, Clyde Hill, Milton Ashton, F. L. Brown, Joe Foster, Rev. Burgin Watkins, Ed Carter and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Johnson.

## Loy O'Brien Hostess For Christmas Party

Loy O'Brien, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Connie O'Brien entertained friends with a Christmas party and supper Saturday night at 6 o'clock in the O'Brien home in the Aiken community.

The Christmas motif was carried out in the table and house decorations. Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully lighted Christmas tree.

Enjoying the occasion were Sunny Lawson, Jean Wofford, Charlyne Brown, Gayle Racker, Kay Golden, Hope Cox, Kelly Harrison, Johnny Hanst, Kenneth Holt, Larry Hammit, Donald Farish, David Howell, Roland Watson, Jerry Williams, Clifford Hardy and the hostess.

## Howell Home Is Scene Of Yule Party

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Howell were hosts for a Christmas party Saturday night at their home. Guests included members of the Young Married People's Department, superintendent and pastor of the Baptist Church.

A going-away gift was presented Mr. and Mrs. Dean McCallum who are moving to Bovina. Christmas carols were sung and games of "42" were played.

Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, pickles, fruit cake and punch were served to Mr. and Mrs. Dean McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Abbott and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Thomas, Edgar Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huggins, Mrs. Gwennith Beedy, Mrs. John Munselle, Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Wiley, the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Howell and children.

## Esther And Ruth Classes Have Party

Members of the Esther and Ruth classes of the Intermediate Department of the Baptist Church enjoyed a social at the home of Mrs. Edgar Hays December 20 at 3:30.

Attending were Aleene Musser, Janice Hays, Shirley Mitchell, Peggy Ford, Nedra McQueen, Patsy Anderson, Mary Jean Catlin, Debra Ferguson, Linda Durham and teachers, Mrs. Chester Mitchell and Mrs. Edgar Hays.

## Nancy Nix Has Christmas Party

Nancy Nix entertained friends with a Christmas party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Nix Friday night.

Games were played and gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree. Favors of Christmas coronas were presented each girl.

Refreshments were served to Max Marble, Lane Poteet, Dwayne Poteet, Van Reese, Jimmy Minter, Joe Mack Holmes, Ronnie Harris, Jerry Lyn Wofford, Ann Griffith, Janice Hays, Debra Ferguson, Sue Adams, Peggy Ford, Linda Baxter, Rita Johnson, Linda Bennett, Pat Marshall and the hostess.

## Hand-In-Hand Class Party Held Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Johnson entertained the Hand-In-Hand Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church with a Christmas party at their home Friday evening at 6 o'clock. The teacher, Lavon Johnson was presented a gift. Gifts were brought for a white Christmas box to be given some needy family.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Barry Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Bybee and Dara, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Birdwell, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Whitfill, Judy and Cindy, Rev. and Mrs. Burgin Watkins, Jimmy and Mary Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Duvall and the hosts.

## Ruth Class Has Christmas Party

The Ruth Class members and their husbands enjoyed a Christmas party Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ford.

Gifts were brought for an orphan home. The teacher, Mrs. V. H. Kellison was presented a gift from the class. Mrs. G. C. Applewhite gave an interesting Christmas story. Games of "42" were played and refreshments served to Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Spence, Messrs. and Mmes. Gene Pigg, Edgar Hays, Chester Mitchell, Weldon Smith, R. W. Johnson, G. C. Applewhite, Frank Brown, O. E. Durham, V. H. Kellison, R. H. Ford, N. S. Abbott and Mrs. Aubrey Holt.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mmes. Holt, Brown and Durham.

## Whitfill Home Is Scene For Social

Baptist Women's Missionary Society enjoyed a Christmas social in the home of Mrs. Ed Whitfill Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Henry Moore and Mrs. T. B. Mitchell.

Mrs. Henry Moore brought the devotional. Gail Kellison provided organ music and Mrs. Guy Sams told a Christmas story, "The Unexpected Guest." Mrs. Raymond Spence, missionary to Japan, was presented a gift from the WMS.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Raymond Spence, Hilburn Casey, H. S. Calahan, Howard Cooper, Ross Cooper, Bob Davis, Tom Moore, Chester Mitchell, Hugh Carroll, Guy Sams, V. H. Kellison, Sid Thomas, E. J. Rogers, Harmon Handley, E. E. Wiley, Leslie Ferguson and the hostesses.

## Mrs. Bill Hodel Is El Progreso Hostess

El Progreso Study Club met Wednesday, December 15 with Mrs. Bill Hodel as hostess.

The house was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif accented with a brilliantly lighted white tree.

Mrs. Jesse Cox presented a paper on "Christmas in Other Lands."


Gifts were exchanged and refreshments in holiday colors were served to Mmes. G. M. Brunner, Hershel Carthel, Dee Copeland, Jesse Cox, Leslie Ferguson, Henry Hodel, J. C. Kemp, T. V. McClure, Chester Mitchell, T. B. Mitchell, Ewald Quebe, Guy Sams, Henry Schacht, Jack Taylor, Sid Thomas, Ed Whitfill and the hostess.

The next meeting will be on January 12 with Mrs. Burgin Watkins as hostess.

## FLY TO FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Daniel left by plane for Miami, Florida, Tuesday morning. They will visit their daughter, Joyce and her family there during the Christmas holidays.

As a man grows older and wiser he talks less and says more.



May we extend our

## BEST WISHES

For a Happy Holiday Season

to Each of

our good Friends.



### LOCKNEY VARIETY

# Wishing You

# a Joyous Season

May the warmth and glow of the season be as

comforting and pleasant as that of the traditional

Christmas candles — our wish for you and yours —



# Merry Christmas

## NATIONAL ALFALFA

Lockney

# Greetings!




TO EACH OF OUR GOOD FRIENDS

May this Holiday Season hold for you a heaping big measure of good cheer and happiness — that is our true wish for you.

## OLIVER JEWELRY

TED and LORRAINE OLIVER    MRS. ARTHUR BROWN  
CLARA LEE SMITH



### SEALE DRIVE- IN THEATRE

Located 2 1/2 miles west of Lockney on Plainview Highway.

SPEED LIMIT: 8 miles per hour within the Drive-In. Please slow down.

LAST TIME TODAY (Thursday):

## "Phantom Of The Rue Morgue"

with Karl Mailden and Claude Daphin  
Also CARTOON

FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
December 24 and 25

## "Three Hours To Kill"

with Dana Andrews, Donna Reed and Dianne Foster  
IN TECHNICOLOR

He was back for vengeance — and for her — the man with the rope scar on his neck — Andrews and Reed, academy award winner for "From Here To Eternity" in a spine-tingling western drama.

Also CARTOON

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY  
December 26, 27, 28

**BIG AS THE OCEAN!**  
**THE CAINE MUTINY**  
 HUMPHREY BOGART · JOSE FERRER · VAN JOHNSON · FRED McMURRAY  
 and starring ROBERT FRANCIS · MAY WYNN · TECHNICOLOR  
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At last on the screen — great as a book — as a picture, the greatest — Humphrey Bogart as Queeg, the captain.

Also CARTOON

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY  
December 29 and 30

## "Valley Of The King"

with Robert Taylor and Eleanor Parker  
IN COLOR

Today's headlines come to life — in the timeless, most thrilling picture of the year — a spectacular romantic adventure — filmed in Egypt in exotic color — don't miss the season's sensation.

Also CARTOON

### PLAINS THEATRE

Lockney

LAST TIME TODAY (Thursday):

## "Magnificent Obsession"

with Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson and Barbara Rush  
IN TECHNICOLOR  
Also CARTOON

FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
December 24 and 25

## "They Rode West"

with Robert Francis, Donna Reed, May Wynn and Phil Carey  
IN TECHNICOLOR

He staked his life for a cause he believed in and the woman he loved — the savage fury unleashed in a battle to the death — one cavalry troop against the savage hordes — hated by Indians and whites, Robert Francis fights alone.

Also CARTOON

SUNDAY and MONDAY  
December 26 and 27

**TOUGH COP vs. MOB VIOLENCE!**  
**Robert TAYLOR**  
**Janet LEIGH**  
**George RAFT**  
**ROGUE COP**

He stood behind the shield of the law — and leagued himself with mobsters and their molls — don't miss this hard-hitting dramatic bombshell — of a gun-happy cop — and a beautiful doll.

Also CARTOON and NEWS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY  
December 28, 29, 30

## Cinemascope "River Of No Return"

with Robert Mitchum and Marilyn Monroe  
IN TECHNICOLOR

A thrill-packed story of flaming adventure — and torrid romance brought to you in the glories of cinemascope.

Also CARTOON

Mrs. R. C. Bennett Writes To Friends

(Note: The following letter from Mrs. R. C. Bennett, pioneer of this area, will be of special interest to her friends, since she has been ill so long. She is now at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Barney Manning at 1204 Clark Street, Wichita Falls.)

Wichita Falls, Texas December 17, 1954.

Mr. Hays, Kind Sir and Friend:

I want to thank you and all my friends for all the nice cards. They do mean so much to me and the flowers—I haven't been without them for one day. I have received cards from old friends far away in other states. They saw my address in The Lockney Beacon. Thanks for that also. We

can't do without The Beacon. I am improving slowly, fast, I mean for my age. My heart ailment is better but the arthritis has got me to where I can't walk, can't stand alone. Someone has to hold me up to take a step, but I haven't given up yet.

I will be 84 years old January 11, 1955. I have the best of attention in every way. I tell them I can't get well and they won't let me die. So I am still here and I can't see why but I will try with patience to be as good as a person ever can be and a Merry Christmas to everyone. I hope some day to be home. I'll come and meet you friends who have been so kind, who I will always cherish and keep in mind.

Mrs. R. C. Bennett.

P. S. Mr. Hays, R. C. is much better and is back in the home of our daughter, Mrs. Crawford. They wanted me to go there but she has all she can do with her Dad and I didn't want to get any farther from home. I hope to get home some day.

Mrs. R. C. Bennett.

Try to convince a schoolboy that summer vacation days are longer than winter school days.

The driver who speeds along at 85 is literally killing time.

Notice

THE J&J DRIVE INN

will be closed from Friday evening of this week until January 3rd.

Season's Greetings to Everyone.

Just Arrived!

New items for Santa's Bag.

We have just received several new gift items you've been looking for.

Men's Sport Shirts

In the new colors—pink, brown, holo.

All Men's sizes— \$3.95 to \$4.95

Men's jackets

Basketweave, navy blue or tan, 100% wool. \$16.95

New selection of Men's TIES

We still have a nice selection of Men's ROBES and Nylon Stretchy SOCK

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Christmas



May all the exciting joys of Christmas remain with you and your loved ones every day of the New Year.

Pinner Insurance

JIMMY AND FAY



13 Soil Practices—

(Continued from page 1)

inch. Land not under irrigation prior to the 1953 crop is not eligible.

A summer practice that is approved is establishing additional acreage of legumes for protection against erosion. A good growth must be obtained and left on the land or turned under. Superphosphates must be applied at the rate of 200 pounds per acre of 20 per cent. Approval of legumes under this practice are Gair and Hubam Clover.

Land leveling for more efficient use of irrigation water and to prevent erosion is provided for in 1955. This practice is to alter the slope or topography to hold erosion to the minimum, obtain maximum use of rainfall, obtain efficient use of irrigation water, and facilitate water and soil management. Floating or restoration of grade not included. Maximum federal cost-share 50 per cent of cost not to exceed \$15 per acre.

For stubble mulching the federal cost-share will be \$1.25 per acre. Stubble must be left over winter and for sufficient time for another crop to cover the soil.

For contour listing the allowance will be 25 cents per acre. This includes contour chiseling, cross-slope chiseling, pit cultivation, or chiseling not on the contour for wind erosion control. Control of Bindweed.

There are seven practices which can be followed under windweed control program. They are:

Continuous sowing during the entire growing season; seed-living at intervals not to exceed 14 days; 37.50 per acre.

Treatment with sodium chlorate or calcium cyanide, 2 cents per gallon.

Treatment with 1, 2, 4-trichloro-benzene, 25 cents per gallon.

Treatment with carbon bisulfide, \$1.00 per gallon.

Treatment with borax, 1.6 cents per pound; Treatment with concentrated borax, 3 cents per pound; Treatment with polyborchlorate, 5 cents per pound.

R. C. Mitchell Is V-P Of State Group

At least three Plains swine breeders were named officials of the Texas Swine Breeders Association at the annual meeting and election of officers held at mid-October during the State Fair at Dallas.

R. C. Mitchell, Chester, White breeder of Lockney, was chosen vice president of the state group to serve with Marvin Bridges of Buffalo, Spotted Poland China breeder, who was elected president. E. M. Roggenbrot of College Station was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Two from the Plains area were named to the board of directors. They are G. S. Ballew, Hampshire breeder, of Clarender, and A. D. Wenzel, Berkshire breeder of Brownfield. Other board members are Mack Morgan of McKinney (Poland China); Leonard Aldahl of Dallas (Swift & Co.); M. U. May of Dallas (food manufacturer); L. T. Jones of San Antonio (banker and swine breeder); Riley Boren of McKinney (Duroc breeder); David L. Rasmisel of San Antonio (VA teacher); and Blakey Smith of Houston (Berkshire).

The association, organized in 1953, is made up of breeders of all types of hogs in the state, and seeks to promote the breeding, improvement, distribution and production of swine for breeding and marketing purposes.

The man who is down and out usually has friends who are up and out.

It is easy to leave the trade and not just the tricks.

Sidney B. Thomas On Honor Roll At Baylor University

Waco. — Women who are outnumbered 3 to 2 in the Baylor University student body, outdistanced men for scholastic honors during the Fall Quarter.

Dean Monroe S. Hill said that 82 women and 77 men won straight "A" records on their courses to gain places on the coveted Dean's Honor List.

Of the total 159 names, Freshmen led the list with 55, with sophomores placing 54, juniors 25, seniors 23, and graduates 19.

"Congratulations and an extra happy Christmas to each of you scholars," Dean Carroll told the group.

The list includes Sidney Barn Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Thomas of Lockney.

Some of the fellows who say they are "fit as a fiddle" sound more like a tuba.

The salesman who is lost in his work has found his future.

The daydreamer leads a daze-to-daze existence.

Fear is a darkroom where "negatives" are developed.

Ability and reliability make a good team.



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OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL

THE LOCKNEY BEACON, LOCKNEY, TEXAS, DEC. 23, 1954

## EDITORIAL The First Christmas

Luke 2:10-10.  
"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  
And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.  
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying.  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them unto heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.  
And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.  
And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.  
And all they that heard it wondered at those things which

## Longhornettes Win Thriller From Quitaque

The Lockney Longhornettes won a very closely contested game from the Quitaque girls Friday night. The final score was 46-45. The lead changed hands several times in the last half. With seconds left in the game Nell Cunyus shot a free throw. Nell was high point for the girls.  
The A boys lost their game 56-28. The Quitaque boys led the game all the way. The Lockney boys couldn't seem to find the basket and were unable to score but very little until the second half. Jimmy Chenault was high point with 14.  
The B boys won a very well played game from Quitaque; the score being 44-34 in favor of the Lockney boys. Jimmy Chenault was high point for the B boys scoring 24 points.

were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them."

## Senior Snapshot

Name — Jovonne Taylor.  
Nickname — Joie-Red.  
Born — July 24, 1936.  
Age — 18.  
Height — 5' 2"  
Weight — 90 pounds.  
Likes — Happy people and lots of fun.  
Dislikes — People who are unfriendly, and those who won't co-operate.  
Favorite: — Cooking and sewing.  
Hobby — "I'd Rather Have Jesus."  
Color — Blue.  
Subject — Speech.  
Show — "The Robe."  
Teacher — Miss Barnhart.  
Food — Fried chicken, steak, chocolate, lemon pie, ham, tea, and most everything else.  
Ambition — To see the senior class graduated; and to become a primary school teacher.  
Greatest achievement — Becoming a senior.  
Greatest mistake — Which one?  
Description of ideal boy — About so tall, dark hair, and dark eyes, with a very good personality. He should have about the same interest as I.

Dear Santa:  
I hope this letter reaches you even if it is a little late.  
I have been a pretty good little girl this year that is in comparison with some other little girls.  
I surely would like to have a big baby doll with blonde hair and blue eyes, or if you run out of those before you reach my home a tall dark, and handsome one will do. Oh yes, I'd like 'em about six feet tall. Since this is all I want, will you please bring Mrs. Cape some liniment for her aching back. For Mrs. "Z" a book on HOW TO REMEMBER NAMES (don't ya' know.) Santa please give Mr. Smith an automatic bell.  
We'll be lookin' for ya' Friday night.  
Lots of love,  
Jimmie Holt.  
P. S. If you have an extra Jaguar just drop it here.

## Senior Snapshot

Name — Jim Bob Reynolds.  
Nickname — "James Robert."  
Born — Tullia, Texas, August 30, 1937.  
Age — 17.  
Height — 5' 10"  
Weight — 180 pounds.  
Likes — Understanding and helpful teachers and pretty girls.  
Dislikes — Smart clerks and grippy people.  
Favorite: —  
Food — Fried chicken and chocolate cake.  
Hobby — Pestering teachers.  
Song — "Honey Love."  
Color — Blue.  
Subject — Typing.  
Show — All good ones.  
Teacher — Mrs. Mangum.  
Ambition — To be friends with everyone and get in the Honor Society.  
Greatest achievement — Getting to be a senior.  
Greatest mistake — Not studying enough.  
Description of ideal girl — 5' 4" blond hair, blue eyes, very good natured, smart (so they can help get your lessons), 110 pounds.

WHOZIT  
Last week's Whozit was not identified, so let's try again.  
— skill, expertness, a scheme or trick.  
— pile of things thrown together.  
— to point out.  
— to buy back.  
— pale, ghostly, shockingly vivid.  
— something you do around 12:00.  
— to produce; to coincide; to give away.  
— completely, entirely, totally.  
— to shun, keep away from, elude.  
— border, edge, margin.  
— a small stream or rivulet.  
— expressive, striking, marked by stress or voice.  
— necessity, urgent want.  
— lack of anything desired.

## Lotta Steer

By Jim and Don  
Neil and Bucky seemed to be having fun Sunday evening. Buck and Marsha were seen together Saturday. Larry and La Juan were seen Sunday afternoon. Royce and Foincine attended the Scale Friday night. Bill Edens and Pat Bybee were seen Tuesday night. Don and Eldora were seen together Tuesday night also. Fred has a very capable and beautiful nurse in the form of Barbara Hays. Jimmy M. and Ernestine were seen over the week end, also Dane and Joan. All of the '54 seniors will be seen around Lockney making the old rounds during the Christmas holidays. Roland and Sunny were reported by LaJuan, Kelly, Anita, Johnny and Jean were riding around Sunday evening. Bill Eden and Patsy attended the Soph party in style. Jan M. and Ray F. were seen Saturday and Sunday nights with Clara Lee. Darla and Marion were seen around town over the week end. Franklin, do you still go to Floydada? Gail was seen with a new boy in the form of Dorsey Lynn Baker.

## Betty Sams Wins Watch

Betty Mae Sams was the winner of the Junior class magazine sales. She received a 17 jewel Bulova wrist watch.  
Dee Nix was the second highest salesman.  
Those who received a certificate for selling more than \$30 were Betty Sams, Dee Nix, Janice Mathis, Dan Griffith, Sandra Sams, Gail Kellison, LaDora Ayres and Beth McLaughlin.  
The Junior class profits amounted to nearly \$400.  
If you haven't received your magazines yet, it is very likely that your subscription will begin soon. However, some of the magazines will not arrive for a few weeks so please be patient. Thanks!  
The Junior class is also selling autograph books to make money. The books are of the school colors. Any member of the Junior class will be glad to sell you one.  
OFFICE SUPPLIES at The Beacon Office

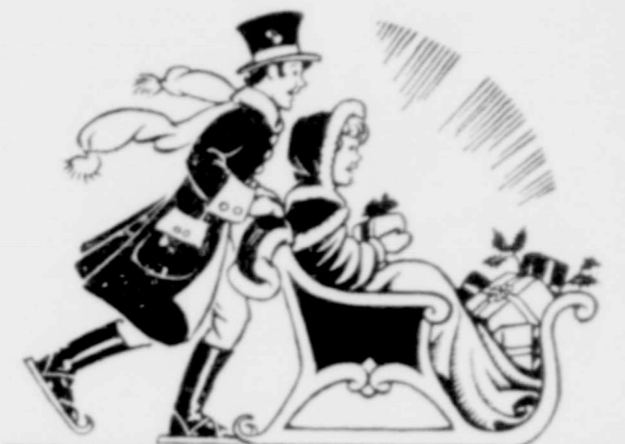
## Jean Wofford's Ideal Boy

Most Handsome — Johnnie Hanst.  
Eyes — David Frizzell.  
Hair — Larry Jarrett.  
Teeth — Kenneth Holt.  
Hands — David Howell.  
Lips — Jimmy Rankin.  
Height — Roland Watson.  
Physique — Bucky Duvall.  
Smile — Clifton Williams.  
Personality — Kelly Harrison.  
Cutest — Jerry Williams.  
Walk — Jerry Workman.  
Athletic ability — Clifford Hardy.

Best dressed — Donald Farish.  
Most likely to succeed — Joe Rigby.  
Best Natured — Don Hollums.  
Friendliest — Larry McCormick.  
**THINK IT OVER!**  
"Yes, you did, too!"  
"I did not!"  
Thus the little quarrel started.  
Thus by unkind words, two fond friends were parted.  
"I am sorry."  
"So am I."  
Thus the little quarrel ended, thus by living little words.  
Two fond hearts were mended.  
— Benjamin Keech.

Extending  
**CHEERY GREETINGS**  
of the Season

and Sincere Wishes for your  
Happiness and Prosperity.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**JACK & JUNE SHOP**  
Rex Hazel Betty

On this glorious Yuletide we are truly grateful for your friendship and for the many acts and words of kindness you have accorded us in the year just closing. May you enjoy to the fullest the contentment of lasting friendships, health and happiness.



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LUKE JOHNNY MILDRED TED

BEACON WANT ADS GET RESULTS

# GREETINGS

Here's our own special greeting to you as you observe this greatest of all Holidays. May it be one of true happiness for you and those about you. You have been very liberal with your friendships and patronage and we are truly grateful. Merry Christmas!

**Cassel Bros. Gin**  
Lone Star

## Johnnie Hanst's Ideal Girl

Most beautiful — Jean Wofford.  
Eyes — La Juan Henderson.  
Hair — Gail Kellison.  
Teeth — Anita Durham.  
Hands — Betty Graham.  
Lips — Gayle Rucker.  
Height — Clara Lee Smith.  
Figure — Barbara Hays.  
Smile — Joan Harris.  
Personality — Loy O'Brien.  
Cutest — Kay Golden.  
Walk — Sunny Lawson.  
Athletic ability — Nell Cunyus.  
Best Dressed — Katie Rucker.  
Most likely to succeed — Charlyne Brown.  
Best Natured — Mary Myers.  
Friendliest — Hope Cox.

## Question of The Week

What Does Christmas Mean to you?  
Mary Ann M. — Getting out of school and being rested from weary teachers.  
Frances Lemons — I guess it is to get out of school.  
Marvin Wells — Going to see my kinfolks and eating lots of good food.  
Jerry Workman — That's when Santa Claus comes to see "me." (I presume that he has been a good little boy.)  
Jim Bob R. — A time to have a good time as well as to be thankful.  
Edward Lemons — Get a recess from school.  
Louise Tomme — A time when I can run around with my sister.  
Jimmie Holt — It means a lot in big ways.  
Pat Reed — Presents and a flat billfold.  
Peggy Hall — Christmas parties and lots of other things.  
Frankie Sparkman — Celebration of the birth of Christ and happy thankful people.  
Jovonne Taylor — Birth of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Thomas, students of Baylor University, Waco are home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Thomas Sr., and with her parents in Amarillo.

It's important to know where we stand, but more important to know where we're going.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



**JACKSON TIRE COMPANY**

Dwight Richard B. J. Sam  
Keith and Jake

The man who continually boasts about his principles usually means his prejudices.

TO WISH YOU  
**Greetings of the Season**

And, may we add —  
**THANK YOU**  
For your Patronage

**LOCKNEY SERVICE STATION**

**KEEP WOOL SOCKS FROM SHRINKING**

You won't have to buy wool socks two sizes too large since proper washing will prevent shrinkage. Squeeze them gently through lukewarm soapsuds, without twisting, wringing or rubbing. If the feet need extra attention, work soapsuds directly into them with the fingertips. Then fold the socks with the soaped surface in and leave them in the suds for about five minutes. Rinse in water of the same temperature, blot in a towel, and stretch on a rack or drying form.

**FAST SETTING GELATIN**

There is a "quick set" method for a flavored gelatin salad if you're interested in a real fast preparation. After the gelatin has been dissolved completely in one cup boiling water, add 8 to 12 ice circles or cubes and stir constantly until it begins to thicken. Remove the unmelted ice, pop into the refrigerator and chill until firm.

The demand for farm products in foreign countries has strengthened in recent months and exports are expected to increase next year. May be up as much as 10 percent over last year.

**MODERN TRADITION**



A new Christmas tradition has been brought about in recent years or perhaps it should be called a pre-Christmas tradition.

At any rate, it's that time of the year again and safety organizations, insurance companies, fire department officials, even this newspaper give out with the perennial Yuletide warning: "Don't you have a Christmas tree fire this year."

Precautions against fire is especially urged during the Christmas season because of the hazards presented by decorations, gift wrapping, defective wiring for Christmas tree illumination, and the tree itself.

This warning is necessary because of the established fact that fire takes a toll of more than 7,000 lives each year in the United States, with mortality from this cause naturally reaching its peak during the winter months.

You can keep from having a Christmas tree fire in your home by being especially careful about two things: the tree and the lights. Choose your tree carefully. One that has been cut too long or stored in a warm place will lose its needles quickly and is a definite fire hazard. If possible cut your own tree or buy it directly from the grower, then keep it in a cool, shaded place out of the wind until you're ready to decorate it.

**Your Christmas Fireside Can Be Bright With Color**

If you wish to get as much "color" as possible in your Christmas observance, here's a novel idea.

Pine cones, small kindling or chips can be treated as to give off colored flames when burned in the fireplace. Dipped or soaked in a solution of various salts of certain metals, cones or chips will burn with a distinctive color. Cones will not readily absorb water, so salts must be suspended in a solution of turpentine.

Compounds which produce specific colors when burned are: Red—strontium chloride; green—barium chloride; blue-green—copper oxide or copper sulfate; orange—calcium chloride; lavender—potassium chloride; and yellow—sodium chloride.

A second method—if only cones are to be used—is to dip the cones in paraffin and before the paraffin hardens sprinkle with the following chemicals for desired color effect: Green—copper sulfate; red—strontium nitrate; orange—calcium nitrate, and yellow—sodium chloride.



**MERRY XMAS . . . It's an old costume but a new style Santa. Dancing Diane Sinclair tries on a suit for size.**

**Early Controversy Over Exact Christmas Date**

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances.

Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that it occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.

**LAMP SHADES NEED CARE**

Lamps are "inside windows," so keep shades clean. Paper or parchmentized shades cannot be submerged in water. Cleaning Paper shades should be dusted off only. However, if the paper is of good quality, it may be cleaned with a damp, soft cloth, then wiped with a cloth dampened in clear water and quickly wiped entirely dry. Silk and rayon shades can be cleaned by careful washing in warm sudsy water if the trimmings are stitched to the frame, not glued.

**GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

**Social Security For Farmers Set**

Recent amendments to the Social Security Act will bring federal old-age and survivors insurance to most Texas farm families.

Farm operators — people farming for themselves — have not previously been covered by the Social Security Law. Beginning January 1, all of them who make as much as \$400 profit in a year will have old-age and survivors insurance.

Farm employees — people doing farm work for others — are already covered by the law if they work regularly for one farm operator. But the new law will bring insurance protection to all farm workers who earn as much as \$100 cash pay in a year from any one farmer, whether the work is regular or not.

Both the farm operator or owner and his employees have long needed protection for themselves and their families against loss from death or old age. Beginning January 1, they will have this protection. Benefits will be paid to the living worker and his dependents when he reaches age 65 and retires and to his survivors when he dies.

Farm employees will pay a social security tax of two percent of their pay — two cents on each dollar of their pay up to \$1,200 a year. Their employer will pay another two percent and send the four percent total to the director of internal revenue.

The self-employed operator will make a report once a year and report the tax on his net earnings. This report is part of the income tax return. The farm operator will pay three percent on his net earnings up to \$1,200 a year.

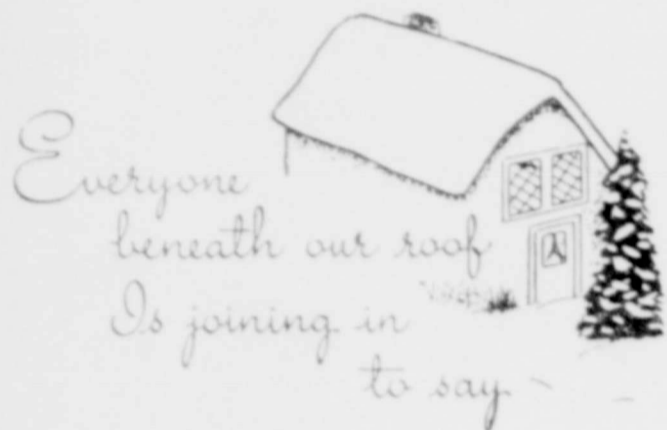
Farm operators who report their income tax on a cash basis and whose income is \$1,800 a year or less may report either their actual net earnings from farm self-employment or 50 percent of their gross earnings for social security purposes. Operators whose gross income from self-employment is more than \$1,800 will have to compute their net income. But if his net is less than \$900, the farmer can, if he wishes, report \$900. He will report his actual income if it is \$900 or more.

**Merry Christmas**



to Each of Our Good Friends and Customers

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**Merry Christmas**



**To YOU!**

From the Employees of

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We cherish the Happiness our old and new friends have given us over the years — and at this joyous and heartwarming season give you our sincerest wishes for Christmas Joy.

**Patterson Gin Company**

Bargain rates are now available on your daily paper at The Beacon office. In addition to saving on the daily paper rate The Beacon gives you a special combination rate, combining your daily paper and The Beacon, saving you still more money. Here are the daily bargain rates:

Amarillo Daily News, one full year, daily and Sunday for only \$9.95. This is the lowest rate the Amarillo News has had in years.

Lubbock Morning Avalanche, one year daily and Sunday \$12.95. Daily only \$11.00.

Fort Worth Star Telegram, one year daily and Sunday, \$13.95; daily only, \$12.60.

Wichita Falls Record News, daily and Sunday, \$10.75.

Abilene Reporter-News, daily and Sunday, one year, \$11.95; daily only \$10.95.

Remember — you can save money by subscribing for your daily paper at The Beacon office.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT TREAT

For a change, serve German apple pancakes for Sunday night supper. Use your favorite recipe for puff pancakes, and add 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon to the flour and 1 cup finely chopped pared apples to the batter before cooking on the built-in griddle of your gas range. These measurements are proportional for a batch of eight 4-inch pancakes, so if you intend to make double the quantity, increase the amounts of cinnamon and chopped apples to correspond.

Some people live by their wits — others — the lack of other people's wits.

*Greetings*

AND BEST WISHES

TO OUR MANY  
FRIENDS AND

CUSTOMERS

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Family



*May All  
the Joys of a  
Happy Christmas  
Be Yours to  
Enjoy*

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#### And Season Customs

"Twelfth Night," which many communities celebrate by a community burning of Christmas trees, is derived from the custom of early Christians who celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Christ for 12 days, placing special emphasis on the last or twelfth day. The "Twelfth Night" tree burning is also said to commemorate the light of the Star of Bethlehem.

The manufacture of toys for Christmas gifts and other uses last year required approximately 130,000 tons of steel products from all sources.

The first Christmas tree in San Francisco was made in 1850 from Douglas fir branches wired on a stick by a German wine shop proprietor.

Over three-fourths of the nation's Christmas trees come from the states bordering Canada.

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

The first Christmas cards were mailed in 1846 by Henry Cole, an Englishman. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and bore the now-famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

#### Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 16th century.

When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

#### MINCE PIE

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring in mince pie was said to represent the rich gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child.

A dash of lemon juice on slices of meat is a substitute for rich gravies, if you're counting calories. For people on salt-free diets, GAMA offers this lemon mint sauce recipe to make fish, boiled beef and bland meals more palatable: 1 cup sugar dissolved in 1/2 cup lemon juice. Combine with 1/4 cup finely minced mint leaves or if unavailable, with a few drops of liquid mint flavoring.



**JOY TO THE WORLD . . .** The famous boys' choir of St. Vincent Ferrer Church raises its collective voice in song during rehearsal of hymns which will be sung at Christmas Eve midnight mass. Boys are from eight to 14 years of age.

Lubbock.—The Texas Tech department of foreign languages has initiated a program to utilize tape recorders in aiding students with their homework.

The beginning French language class can go to the Tech library, put on a set of earphones and hear the next day's lesson being read in perfect French. By the beginning of the next semester, all lessons for the first-year French course will be on tape and available to students.

Although this mechanical study aid is being used solely by the language department, similar tapes can be used to teach English, music and many other subjects.

Dr. John H. Dowling, head of

foreign languages instructor, are developing the technique.

Present equipment consists of a tape player and eight sets of earphones. Proposed additions include a recorder, to permit students to compare their pronunciation with that of an expert, and listening booths to enable an entire class to drill simultaneously on the day's assignment.

Things are bound to come to the man who advertises while he waits.

angles.  
It would appear that the family tree of some confidence men must be a slippery elm.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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**Holy City Today Filled With Poor And Homeless**

As they have done since the first Christmas, Christians will this year follow the Star to the stable-grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem.

Always small and poor, Bethlehem is even poorer today than most people would believe. A recent visitor said, "Wanderers fill the streets—anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn."

Last Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem had to be especially watchful lest the sheep trap themselves in the barbed wire of the narrow no-man's land separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has as well been sorely affected by the hos-

crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehem's chief industry, the making and selling of objects of piety from olive wood, Dead Sea stone and mother-of-pearl. Except at Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit had gone from the business.

On Christmas Eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christian diplomats living in divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unused highway through no-man's land. Pilgrims from the Israeli side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

Pilgrims rich and poor alike, worship together in the fourth century Church of the Nativity. There is a High Mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through a series of underground chapels.

The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Manger. Outside, Christians from many lands will sing as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

**QUICK Xmas QUIZ**

1. Why are candles used during the Christmas season?
2. Who gets credit for origin of the custom of hanging Christmas stockings?
3. Is Kris Kringle and Santa Claus the same?
4. A familiar plant to us — what is the golden bough?
5. Who was Joel Poinsett?
6. Who sent the first Christmas cards?
7. Which state has a town named Santa Claus?
8. Legend says the crown of Thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
9. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
10. Who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas"?

**ANSWERS**

1. As symbols of the Star of Bethlehem. 2. Saint Nicholas once dropped some coins down the chimney of a poor family. The coins fell in a stocking hung up to dry. 3. Kris Kringle is recognized as Santa's helper. 4. Mistletoe. 5. The American statesman who brought the poinsettia from Mexico. 6. Henry Cole, an Englishman, in 1843. 7. Indiana. 8. Holly. 9. Christ Child. 10. Clement Moore.

white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep, blood red.

It was also a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once-prevalent belief, would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

**Once Plentiful Reindeer Dwindle In Numbers**

Santa's helpers—the reindeer—once were plentiful in their native habitats in the north. In recent years, however, their number dwindled so seriously that conservationists once feared the animals might become extinct.

Chief enemy of the reindeer, as of so many animals, is the wolf. Some experts estimate that wolves have destroyed over 500,000 reindeer within the last 15 years or so. It was estimated in 1950 that there were 50,000 reindeer left.

In the past few years American boys and girls have been forced to settle for "stand-ins" or native deer wherever Santa's sled with its eight helpers was used. The true reindeer are difficult to keep alive in temperate climate and with the supply so short, protective measures don't allow the reindeer to come southward for the holiday season.

**Like Mistletoe, Legend Surrounds Holly Plant**

Holly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet, there are some interesting superstitions regarding holly. They believed that its ever-green leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and



**HELPING HAND** — "Not a creature was stirring" except this two-year old who slipped downstairs to see what was up—or down. Guess who belongs to the boots.



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**GREETINGS**

*of the Season*



**Lockney Gin**

**Bill Stegall Has Busy Life In Alice School System**

Bill Stegall, a graduate of Lockney High School, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stegall, former residents of this community, is leading a busy life, according to press clippings handed The Beacon by friends of the family. Bill is student activity director of the Alice school system and has the confusing job of co-ordinating the activities of 30 organizations. His goal is to have every student participate in club activity within the school system. He has enlisted more

than 90 percent of students thus far. Bill attended Wayland College, spent some time in the U. S. Army during the war, and enrolled at Hardin-Simmons University after he left the Army in 1946. He received his degree there and also married Alice Todd while a student at Hardin-Simmons. He taught in the University of Corpus Christi five years and then moved to Alice where he accepted his present position. Bill and his wife are both active in church work, are members of the First Baptist Church at Alice and both teach Sunday school classes. They have three

**Proposed State Bond Issue To Build Highways**

Austin — A way to solve the headachy problem of highways in Texas has been proposed by James E. Taylor, executive director of the Texas Motor Transportation Association. "In my opinion," said Taylor, "we might well consider the soundness of bond financing of our present urgently needed highway system modernization. That's what you do in your own business."

Taylor advocated his plan at a meeting of the Exchange Club of Austin. He explained: "We have over a thousand miles of highways in Texas carrying more than 4,000 vehicles a day. They should be four-lane divided highways, engineers say. If we dedicated only one cent of our present 4-cent gas tax toward retiring 25-year, two per cent highway modernization

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bonds, we could finance the building of 1,000 miles of four-lane highways in Texas immediately.

"And the increased revenue from full use and license fees would pay the bonds — without new taxes and without tolls."

Taylor described toll roads as "doubtful solution" to the highway problem.

"Toll roads," he said, "may alleviate the situation in certain isolated cases, but they cannot effect a permanent cure."

The speaker predicted that motor transportation is going to expand because "we are going to have increasing population, and we are going to produce and consume more goods. Our industry and our population are going to be decentralized. That will call for more transportation and trucks will be called upon for an ever-increasing amount of hauling."

A man who refuses to try to help himself finds little sympathy when he seeks outside assistance.

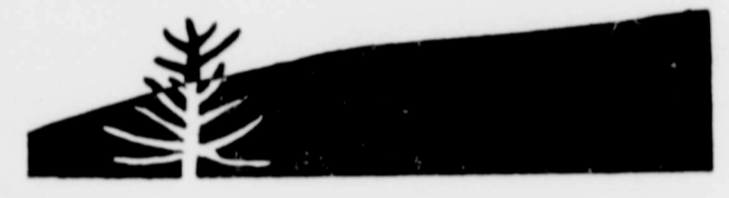
Trouble lies ahead for the person who decides he is a little too good for his job.

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**HAM WITH YAM SOUFFLE**

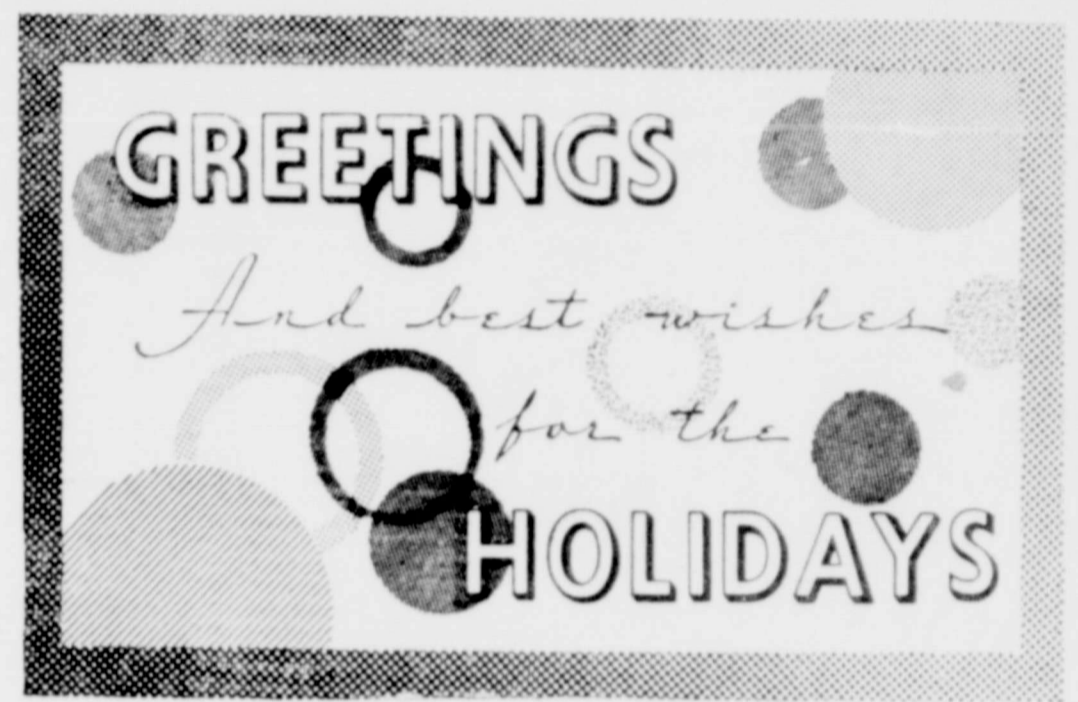
Ham is the hostess' solution to many a dinner problem. But accompany it with something different than potato salad. Make a yam souffle. Fill orange shells with this, add a sprinkle of orange flavored cordial then of brown sugar over all, and bake in a hot, 400 degree F oven for 15 minutes.

The reason some men are misunderstood is that they possess nothing worth studying.

children, two girls, seven and four years old, and a baby boy.

Opportunity sometimes comes to the man who waits, but the hustler secures a key to the door of success.

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### Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus:  
I've been a pretty good girl this year, as good as could be expected, that is.  
Please bring me a big Dy Dee Doll, bathanett, sleepy dog, record player and bicycle. I'll let other little boys and girls play with them.  
Please remember all the other children, especially those who are sick.  
Don't work too hard.  
I love you.  
Vikkee Carole Hammit.  
P. S. Daddy wants an electric train and mother wants a new car.

Dear Santa:  
Will you please bring me two guns and two seabards. Bring my little sister a doll.  
We have been good children, so bye.  
Troy Lee King.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me two guns, train, tools, a Christmas tree.  
Irvin Thirikill.

Lockney, Texas  
Dec. 13, 1954.

Dear Santa:  
I have been pretty good this year but I will try to be better next year.

Will you please bring me a tool set, big red wagon and stereoscope, be sure it has a reel of Roy Rogers. I would like to get an army rifle if you want me to get it.  
Remember all the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Ricky Lynn Kellison.

A CLEAN CITY IS A SAFE CITY

### Work In Armstrong And Briscoe Speed North-South Road

Floydada. — Steps which inch along on closing the last gaps in Armstrong and Briscoe counties on the Borger to Post highway have been taken in recent weeks, so that the job can be finished in the not too distant future, except for the bridge across Palo Duro canyon.

This bridge is a \$300,000 undertaking and the Highway Commission is under tremendous pressure for funds for other improvements throughout the area, as well as the rest of the state. It has not been indicated when the crossing of this colorful gap in the earth's surface will be put on the engineer's operations list.

The State Highway Commission recently authorized grading and structures for approximately 6.3 miles of this route—FM 284—in Armstrong county, from the Palo Duro canyon south to the Briscoe county line.

Also bids have been received recently by the commission for 5.092 miles of road in north Briscoe, north from San Jacinto, which will be in with the road now being constructed across Claude's crossing. This will complete the link of the route in Briscoe county.

Highway FM 284 has already been paved south from Claude to Palo Duro canyon.

When completed the route, in addition to its vast utilitarian use, will be one of the panhandle's most scenic routes.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who remembered me with a Christmas Card at Christmas time. Everyone is appreciated and cherished.

Mrs. Conde Davis

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Conde Davis Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox of Muleshoe, Wright Davis of Jacksboro and Sam Davis of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beall and baby of Amarillo spent Saturday night and Sunday in Lockney visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beall.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

### South Plains

by Mrs. Murray Julian

Mr. and Mrs. George Weast were hosts at a pre-Christmas dinner and all day gathering at their home Tuesday, Dec. 21. The guests will be nieces and nephews of Mrs. Weast and the list includes Mr. and Mrs. Selby and children from Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Montague and children from Tulla, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Montague and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Montague and children and Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Smith and family from Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smitherman went to Hart last Sunday to spend the day with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smitherman and family.

Mrs. Jack Crawford from Amarillo was in our vicinity last week visiting her brother and family, Johnny Wilson and Mrs. Ollie Wilson, her mother, in Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thames and children plan to spend part of their Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thames Sr. of Plainview, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morrow of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Beedy from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., will fly home for the Christmas holidays and will have five days leave which they will spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beedy and Eugene, and grandmother, Mrs. W. B. Wilson, then visit her parents in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Menard Field will have a pre-Christmas party and gathering for Friends at their home in Floydada on Friday evening, and among those who go from here will be Mr. and Mrs. George Weast.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Webb, Duane and Melinda will spend their holidays in Lorenzo with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aycock.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Smitherman and children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smitherman will be Christmas day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jackson in Floydada.

The Christmas program for the Baptist Church was held Wednesday evening at the church, December 22 with carols and readings by the children. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Julian and boys, Terry, Kendis and Bruce left Tuesday noon of last week for Florida where they will spend the Christmas holidays with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Julian, Arden, David and Billie of Hallandale. They will visit old friends in Miami and Saturday they will be staying with his niece, Mrs. J. E. Dickson and family in Fort Pierce, then on New Years day they plan to attend the Orange Bowl game in Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Taylor and family will have their Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Merrell of Quitaque.

Elmo Fortenberry will arrive home December 24 to spend the holidays here with his folks. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortenberry. They will meet him in Amarillo on Saturday and he will be home 14 days after which he will go to San Diego, Calif. where he is to be stationed in Communications division of the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Deral Young have purchased the Garland place and are buying a house in Lubbock preparatory to moving it on the farm where they will be located the coming year.

The South Plains School Christmas tree and program was held Friday night, Dec. 17 and the teachers, J. B. Thames, Mrs. Ray Smith and Mrs. Oscar Hewitt presented their pupils in plays and readings and songs. Santa Claus brought boys and candy to the children.

The Girls auxiliary of the Baptist Church had a banquet at the recreation room of the school house Tuesday evening, Dec. 14 at 7:30. Dr. B. P. Maddox gave the address at the banquet which was served by Mrs. H. L. Marble, L. T. Wood, J. P. Taylor and E. P. Pritchett. Kendis Julian sang a solo, and the entire group sang in unison. Rev. and Mrs. Larry Faus and Mrs. Allen with the guest speaker were guests of the auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bean plan to have the Christmas dinner this year at their home with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smitherman and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bean of Silverton as their guests.

Don Marble will be home for a 20 day furlough for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Marble and family.

Eddie Joe Foster, student at SMU, Dallas is home for the Christmas holidays.

Betty Vernon, a student nurse of Harris Memorial Hospital, Fort Worth is home for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Vernon and family.

Rosemary McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McDonald, and student of West Texas State College, Canyon is home for the holidays.

#### BOTTLE COVER

If your hot water bottle looks dowdy, dress it up in a print cosy. You can make one like a pillow case, and fasten it with a drawstring or bright ribbon around the throat of the bottle. The cosy insulates the contents and protects against extreme heat. Choose a washable fabric so you can keep it pretty — and sanitary — with hot water and soapsuds.

Cleaning a clay-tiled splash-back at the range is no problem at all, because all kinds of stains can be quickly wiped off with a damp cloth. To give the tile a bright shine, rub it briskly with a soft towel after cleaning.



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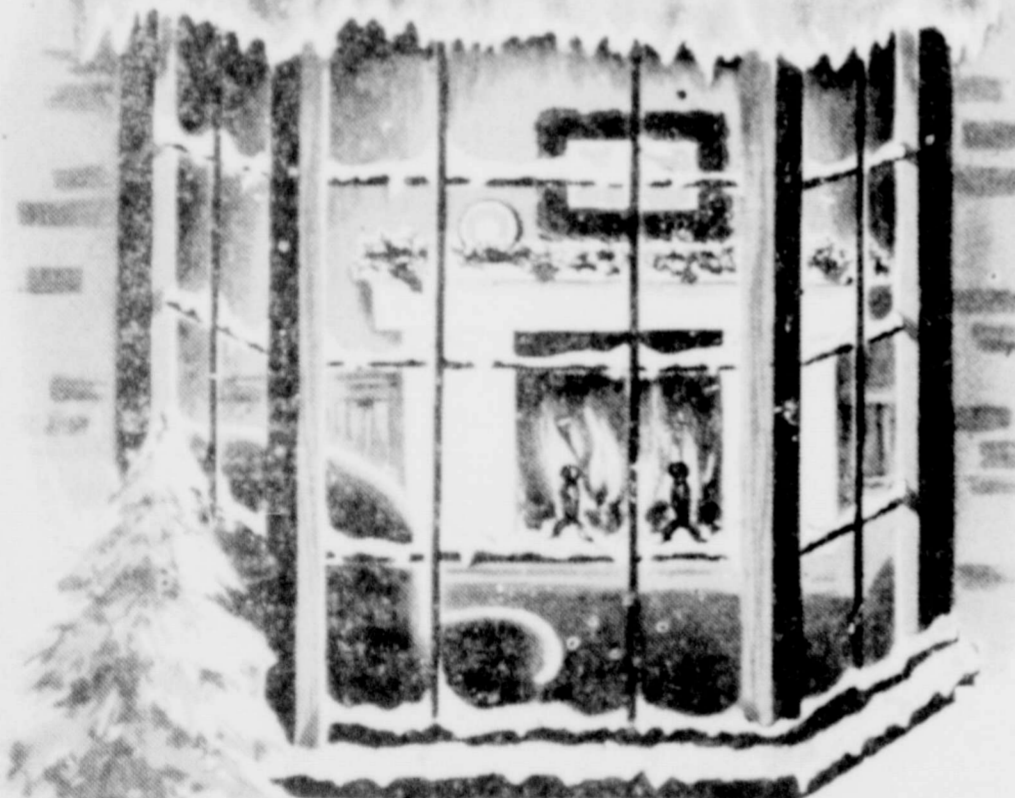


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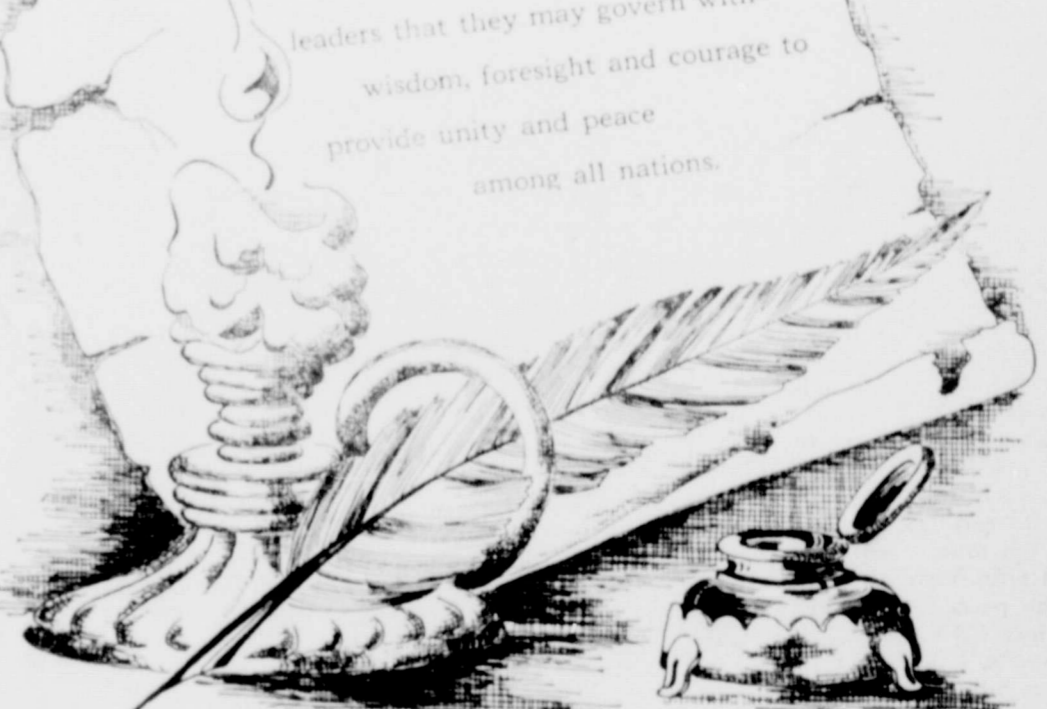
These Christmas wishes are meant for a happiness that will linger throughout the entire year. Thanks, too, for your good will and friendship in the past.

**BYRD PHARMACY**

Fred Virginia Carolyn Mary Ann

Greetings

As Americans, let us ever be mindful of our great privilege to worship God. This Christmas, let us give thanks for the Prince of Peace, whose birth brought new hope and understanding to the world. Let us again honor the Nativity of Christ. Let us pray for divine guidance to our country's leaders that they may govern with wisdom, foresight and courage to provide unity and peace among all nations.



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## Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1947, by Peter W. Crawford.

## Turkey Dinner

Planning a turkey dinner for Christmas? If you are, and you want to be sure it's a "good" bird when you place it on the festive table, then follow these tips in preparing that important part of your holiday meal.

Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled out easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other.

The drum stick can also be greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

Single your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in lukewarm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried.

Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

In roasting the turkey, you'll find that the wing-tips can be brought over the back and tied to make a "rack" on which the bird will rest in the roaster.

### XMAS CUSTOMS

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christian holidays, Christmas and New Year's had a long struggle to become firmly established.



LARGEST MANGER SCENE . . . Boy visitor is dwarfed by manger scene in stone and marble, by sculptor Vincenzo Ferri, in Rome. Each statue is from 8 to 12 feet tall, include the Madonna and infant; St. Joseph and the three wise kings bearing gifts.

## BEACON WANT ADS GET RESULTS

### COCONUT SAUCE

With a little light work on your part and the help of your automatic range, you can make this colorful coconut sauce with a dozen uses. Melt two tablespoons of butter in a pan over the low flame of your range, then add 1/2 cup shredded coconut and saute over the same low flame until golden brown, while you stir constantly. Then, whether your refrigerator is harboring ice cream for dinner, or a frosted cake, or chocolate pudding — you'll make your dessert even more delicious by spreading sauteed coconut on top.

Many a woman has discovered that once she buys a "Dior" dress she's flatbusted.

Odd isn't it, that a feller can reach a greater height if he has more depth.

A CLEAN CITY IS A SAFE CITY

Trouble with the crew hatout on an older guy is that too many of the crew have already bailed out. We learned long ago that the best way to make a fire with two sticks is to be sure one of them is a match.



and all good wishes for a

## HAPPY HOLIDAY

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## Gospel of Christ

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### HOW TO BE BAPTIZED

Are you interested in doing exactly what God says do in exactly the way He says do it? If so, this study concerning New Testament baptism will be of profit to you. Many religionists today frankly admit that immersion is Bible baptism but that it is not necessary to do it exactly as the Bible teaches in order to please God. Is this your attitude toward what the Bible commands? Accepted lexicographers agree that immersion or burial was the ancient meaning of the word baptism. Church historians agree that in New Testament days people were baptized by a burial. Here is the decision, therefore, you have to make. Either you are to be baptized by burial as were they in Bib's days or else be baptized by sprinkling or pouring believing that a substitute is just as good as what God has commanded.

Please study with us with an open sincere mind the following passages in the New Testament which show plainly how they baptized in those days. There is no need of interpreting or explaining. Merely consider seriously what the passages say. That alone will show clearly how they baptized then.

Turn first to Matthew, chapter 3, where baptism is introduced for the first time. Verses 5 and 6 reads, "Then went out to John the Baptist Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were BAPTIZED of him IN JORDAN confessing their sins". Where did John baptize? IN JORDAN. Not at or near. But in the Jordan. Why be in Jordan? Now read John 3:23, "John was baptized in Enon near to Salim, BECAUSE THERE WAS MUCH WATER THERE." If John went to a certain place on the Jordan because there was MUCH WATER there and baptized the candidates, in Jordan, how did he baptize?

Did you ever read and study carefully the conversion of the eunuch from Ethiopia recorded in Acts 8:26-39? Please read it again. A preacher by the name of Phillip was sent to meet this eunuch from Ethiopia on his return from Jerusalem. Together they are riding down the highway and Phillip is preaching Jesus to the man. Now then, verse 36 says, "They came UNTO A CERTAIN WATER; and the eunuch said, see here is water: what doth hinder me to be baptized?" When the eunuch had confessed his faith in Jesus Christ then Phillip is to baptize him. Notice verse 38 next, "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they WENT DOWN, both INTO THE WATER, both Phillip and the eunuch: and he baptized him." So, in Bible days in being baptized they came to water (much water), went down into the much water (Both preacher and the candidate), and while down in the much water the preacher baptized the person. Following this baptism according to Acts 8:39 they CAME UP OUT OF THE WATER. With this much before us, truthfully how do you believe they baptized people in Bible days? What happened while they were both down in the water? The Bible calls it baptism. That act carried out while down in the water to a penitent believer saves him (1 Peter 3:21) puts him in Christ (Romans 6:3) and adds him to the New Testament church (Acts 2:47). Let us read Romans 6:4 to find out how the act was carried out or exactly what happened while they were down in the water and before they came up out of the water. "Therefore we are BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM into death." Will you not accept this simple New Testament teaching?

Season's Greetings

The pleasures of the Christmas Season are enhanced greatly by the knowledge that, here, in this community, are the finest people on earth. We are grateful for the privilege of serving you and we trust we may continue to merit your thoughtfulness. Merry Christmas to you, our loyal friends.

## FARMER'S GIN

H. G. Hodges, Manager

Lone Star

Jack Dempsey, Owner



# Christmas is for the YOUNG

Christmas is for the young! How many times do we hear grown-ups make this statement? Much too often.

Christmas belongs to all of us, to share, to take part in the celebration of the birth of the Saviour, the greatest event in the history of the world.

It seems to some that Christmas belongs to the young because these few fail to realize that children are not engrossed with the troubles of everyday living in the fashion of their elders. They are young at heart.

For a true Christmas we need only renew our faith in the Saviour born at Christmas time. We, too, will then be young at heart.

## Did You Wonder Why Santa Drops Gifts Down Chimney?

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chimney?

For the answer to 'is common belief about Santa and Christmas, we must go back to Saint Nicholas, responsible for so many other customs related to Christmas.

There's a story about an impoverished nobleman who was unable to find husbands for his three daughters because he could not afford a dowry for each. He was about to sell the daughters into slavery when St. Nicholas heard about it. Silently, Old Saint Nick dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. All three daughters soon married and lived happily ever after.

Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 343 A.D. and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

It could be said that St. Nick and Dr. Clement Moore, who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" (now better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas") contributed most to our present concept of Santa Claus.

## Outdoor Decorations Should Not Harm Evergreen Shrubs

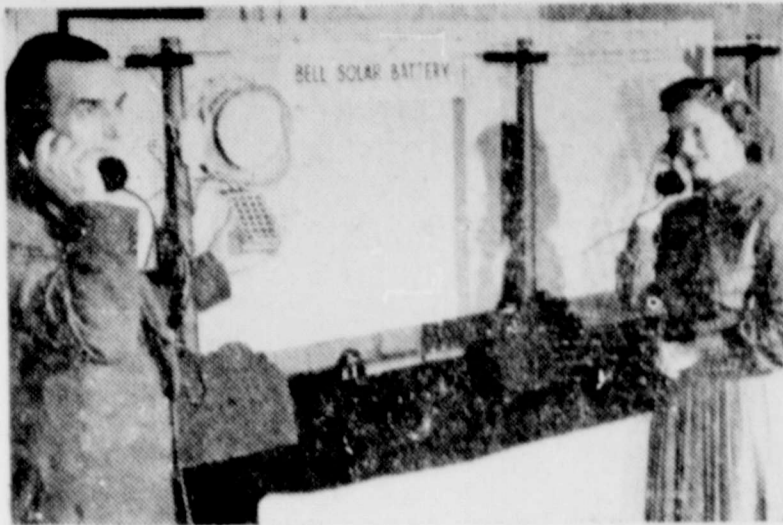
It won't be a chilly Christmas for many outdoor evergreens and shrubs this year, with outside home decorations expected to be even more popular than in past years.

It's nice to have bright decorations outside, tree experts say, but too many home owners give their some grounds evergreens a hot foot while stringing them with overly-powerful Christmas lights for a blinking, brilliant colorama.

They offer this advice to protect trees while utilizing them to the best advantage in achieving that beautiful outdoor display:

- Use only electrical fixtures designed to be strung on outdoor trees.
- Use bulbs no stronger than 15-watts. They're bright enough to be gay and colorful, yet don't generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.
- Check periodically to determine if needles or foliage are turning brown in vicinity of lights. If so, rearrange the lights. Not even a beautiful light display is worth marring valuable evergreens that are a source of beauty the year round.

John Paul Jones died in Paris.



Electrical current to transmit conversation over this demonstration telephone system is furnished from the Bell solar battery which Gerald L. Fearson, one of the co-inventors, is holding under artificial light. The battery transforms the light into electrical energy. See accompanying story.

## Telephones May Be Operated By Sun

Sunbeam-powered telephones may someday flash messages about crops, market prices and the weather between farm homes in this area, predicts Manager J. C. Oakley of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Information about a new invention of Bell Telephone scientists that may make sunlight energy usable to carry telephone messages and perform other tasks has just been received here by the district manager.

The new device, invented and presently being developed by Bell Telephone Laboratories, is called a solar battery. It can convert energy from light into electrical energy, which already has been used in experiments to power telephones, operate small electric motors and lights, and operate switches to turn various devices on or off.

Since its invention several months ago, scientists have improved the efficiency of the battery by one-third until it now has about eight per cent efficiency, Oakley reported. This compares with 10 per cent efficiency of standard diesel engines.

The battery in its present form is a simple-looking gadget made of razor-thin strips of silicon, principal ingredient of common sand, which are glued to a clear plastic plate. Sunlight or other light falling on these silicon strips is converted into electrical

energy, which is carried away on tiny wires connected to the silicon wafers.

At the moment, Bell scientists do not see the solar battery as a competitor for commercial power — its important use would be in places where commercial power was not readily available, and in communities where only a small amount of power is needed.

The battery in its present stage requires large amounts of space — one large enough to furnish power for an industrial plant might cover several acres; one large enough to furnish power for a city the size of Dallas would require about a square mile of surface.

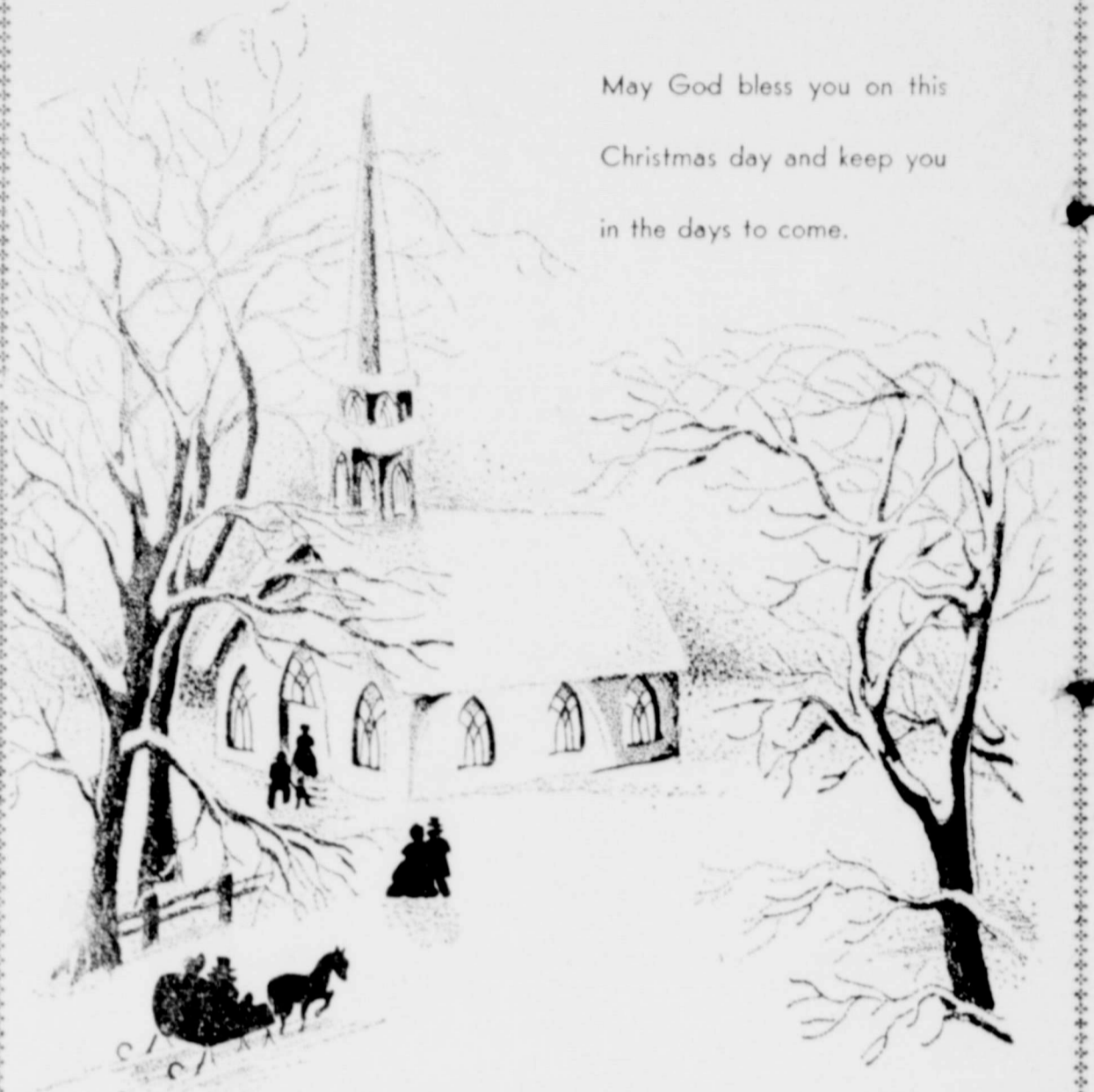
A number of future possibilities have been suggested for the new battery. If houses had silicon roofs, for instance, a battery this size might furnish current to run the refrigerator, lights and other electrical appliances. Authorities say there is already a demand for small solar power machines, up to five horsepower, for irrigation, heating and cooling of dwellings, charging batteries and other farm and ranch uses.

Immediate practical uses, however, would be in the communications business, such as powering rural telephones, mobile radio-telephone systems, or in army walkie-talkies.

Many a career is wrecked for lack of ambition to pole its boat through the rapids of life.

# A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

May God bless you on this Christmas day and keep you in the days to come.



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**LOCKNEY BUTANE CO.**

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What is the Real Significance of Christmas?

Is it the opportunity to gain and receive nice presents... to enjoy heaping Christmas dinners... to extend greetings to friends? All of these are traditional, of course, but the real significance should predominate our thinking today. Let us not forget we are observing the birth of Him whose teachings can make possible a world of lasting Peace and Happiness. May we become more and more aware of the true significance of Christmas.



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**On New Tax Law**

D. L. King, Administrative Officer in charge, of the Plainview Internal Revenue Service office announced today that the Internal Revenue Service plans to hold a school for company representatives of the Plainview area at Lubbock. The school being held in Lubbock is one of the fifteen schools being held throughout the North Texas Internal Revenue Service District. These are full-day 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. training sessions. The date is January 6 and 7 and the place is the Federal Building in Lubbock.

The Internal Revenue Service had invited 600 very large employers to send representatives to 2-day income tax schools during the month of December. These representatives will assist company employees by answering income tax questions and by assisting employees in preparing their tax returns. Mr. King stated that the response to Internal Revenue's invitation had been so large that the Internal

schools during January rather than December.

The Internal Revenue Service, because of the large number of inquiries received as a result of a November 10th press release, has decided to invite 2,000 other employers that were not issued a specific invitation except through the press. On the basis of the response already received, Mr. King stated that the Lubbock office expected approximately ten company representatives to attend the school.

Company representatives in the Lubbock area desiring to attend may secure further information by calling Mr. King at the Internal Revenue Service number, Plainview 4-5915 on December 13 or 20.

The man who looks before he leaps often gives the other fellow a chance to get in ahead of him.

Waiting for a lucky break wouldn't be a bad policy if pay days weren't so uncertain.



**Christmas Plant, Poinsettia, Named After Statesman**

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Poinsett was U.S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew the unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 63 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

**Mexican Custom Will Brighten Christmas Party**

If you're planning a Christmas party for the kiddies, why not brighten up the affair the Mexican way? Make plans for a "pinata" and we promise it will be the high spot of the gathering.

Widely used in Mexico throughout the year, the pinata is busiest at Christmas time, during the Mexican Christmas Festival which



lasts 21 days. It is constructed of thin, fragile clay, filled with sweetmeats and trinkets, then suspended from the ceiling as a form of decoration.

Sometime during the gathering, each of the guests is blindfolded and given a stick which is brandished in the air until the pinata is shattered and the delicious contents pour forth.

It's a wonderful way to entertain the kiddies, but the game may be—and often is—enjoyed by older folks.

**Cedars Of Lebanon Oldest Christmas Trees**

What some people consider to be the world's oldest Christmas trees have been standing on a Mediterranean plateau for centuries. These are the cedars of Lebanon, protected by both religion and by law.

Some of these magnificent trees have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

These trees were not always protected. Once, as the result of an agreement between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon, conscripted Hebrew laborers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem, as the contract stated "cedar trees without number."



**SANTA KNOWS** Boys will be boys, but Santa warns that time is growing short. Andrea Kleczek, who came from Poland to live in U.S. with parents, talks it over with Santa.

A spool of thread is known as a "reel of cotton" in England.



*Remembrance...*

... Like a candle, shines brightest at this festive time of year.

It is a real pleasure, therefore, in the spirit and friendliness of the holiday season to wish you

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Baker Hardware Company**

John Stalcup



May Christmas Day and every day bring you untold joy and happiness.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**TRUETT VARIETY STORE**

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Truett and John Perry

There is no Time quite like Christmas for remembering the Friendships we Cherish and there are no Wishes like the Old tried and True ones--

**Best Wishes for a**



**Brunnier Lumber Company**

MR. AND MRS. G. M. (BUD) BRUNNIER ROY ROLLING ED H. MUSSER



The bells of the Yuletide season ring out to herald the coming of another gala Yuletide season. As you cater into the observance of Christmas, we extend our best wishes to each of you. Whether a customer or not, as a citizen of this community, we wish you the best of everything.

**Knox Grocery & Market**

MR. AND MRS. R. L. KNOX SR. "SHORTY" NEIL CHARLES MR. AND MRS. R. L. KNOX JR. RONNIE BILL LOZELL

## Series Explains Social Security To Farm Families

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles prepared for farm families by the Lubbock, Texas, District Office of the Social Security Administration.)

Farmers, farm workers, ranchers, ranch hands, cotton ginners and their employees, and most other folks who make their living from what might be termed agricultural enterprise, make up the largest single group added to the Social Security family by the 1954 Amendments.

Because of the size of this group, and because the weekly newspaper is an excellent source of information, this series of short articles on how the farm family is affected by the 1954 amendments to the Social Security Act, has been prepared. Those who save this and following articles will have a ready reference source for most ques-

tions that may arise as to what actions are necessary by the self-employed farmer and his employees to comply with this compulsory coverage under the old-age and survivors insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. Accurate actions now can mean accurate and complete benefits within the framework of the law later; incorrect or incomplete actions at this time might mean loss of benefits otherwise due an individual and his family.

Mention will be made in later articles of the desire of your Social Security representatives that everyone know fully both his rights and his responsibilities under this Federal family insurance system, from which some 7 million persons are now receiving regular monthly checks based on the record of a retired or deceased individual who was insured by reason of his earnings record. This series, thanks to the cooperation of this newspaper, is one means of informing persons in this area. Writing or visiting your Social Security of-



"I am sorry, Mary. They tell me they have no room." And so it was that Joseph, the humble Galilean carpenter, and his queenly young wife Mary, took refuge in a stable near the edge of town. For them, there had been no room.

The population of Bethlehem was more than double, the descendants of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The journey had been a particularly tiresome one for Mary. The quietness of the stable and the small amount of warmth it provided was indeed welcomed by both she and Joseph. Near the hour of midnight, the darkened sky came to life with a star, a bright new star with the brilliance of a million candles. In the distance angels were heard in a great psalm:

"Glory in the highest, And on earth, peace to men of good will."

The quietness of the stable gives way to the sounds of camels and voices of men, and there appears a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the brightness of the star in search of a new-born king. They bring gifts of precious gold.

There in the stable wrapped in swaddling clothes, a manger for a his throne, they find the Christ light of ethereal beauty, above the Child.

### Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations.

Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

This was in the small village of Greccio, in Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

tion is another. Asking for a free booklet on the subject or question that most directly affects you is still another. Following articles will deal with coverage provisions for the farmer and his employees, definitions of farm earnings, benefit provisions, things that need to be done now, seasonal employees, the share-cropper and his standing as self-employed or employee, and eligibility for receiving monthly checks.

Although directed primarily to farm families, much of the information in this series as to eligibility for benefits, amounts of benefits, reporting requirements for the self-employed farmer etc. will also be of interest to architects, engineers, and accountants. Readers with questions are urged to send them to the Social Security Administration, Room 202, Vet. Adm. Bldg., Lubbock, Texas.

A free book, "Facts for Farm Families" may be secured by writing the office at Lubbock and asking for it.

WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR PATRONAGE AND GOOD WILL AND TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE

Merry Christmas

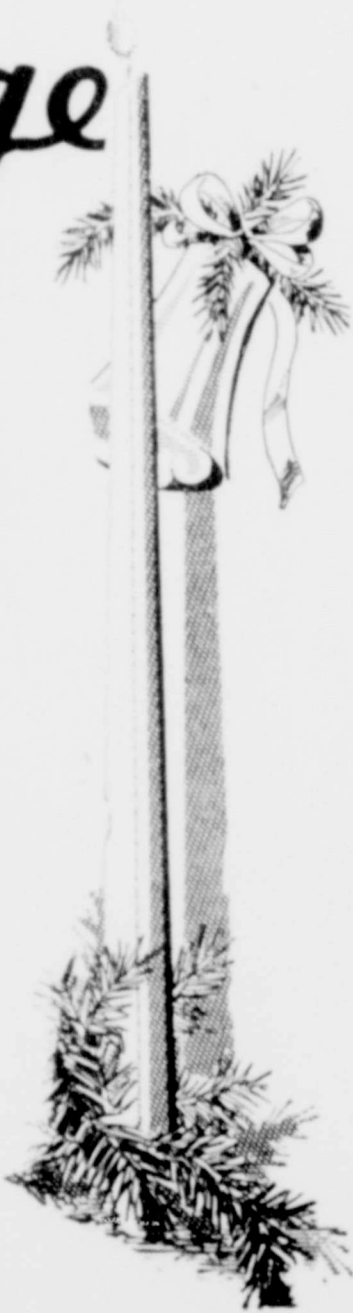


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DALE ROSS

# A Christmas Message

As another Christmas Season is ushered in, we deem it appropriate to express again our greetings and to say to you that our hearts are grateful for the share of fortune it has been our lot to enjoy. As we cannot see each of you personally to offer our best wishes, this message must suffice.

Season's Greetings



LOCKNEY LUMBER & SUPPLY  
Leon Frank Monroe

#### NEAT BEETS

Try this on your next bunch of beets. Cook beets as usual on the top burner of your range. Remove skins, slice, and serve them with seasoned sour cream. Once you've tried this, you'll have it again and again.

#### CURTAIN CARE

Ruffled curtains are pretty, but not when they're gray! Seems there's nothing that can soil so easily, either—so why not give your curtains a satin-smooth starchy next time you launder them? Be sure to use a little blue wax ironing aid in the starch solution. When you iron curtains starched like this, a thin protective film is pressed into the fabric. You'll be happy about the length of time such curtains stay clean.

#### EASY ON THE EYES

Here's a vegetable trick that's good: When your cauliflower is ready to serve, add a little finely chopped pimento to the melted butter. Looks wonderful—tastes even better.

Best Wishes for a happy holiday



FRANK PERKINS AGENCY



### Christmas BLESSINGS

May this Christmas bring you rich blessings from above, and all the peace and goodness you so richly deserve.

## Parker Furniture

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Wishing You A Merry Christmas



The Christmas Season, dedicated as it is to good will among men, is an especially appropriate time to voice our thanks for the friendliness you have shown throughout the year.

Baxter & Smith Grain Co.

**And I Quote . . .**

"The lazier a man is, the more he intends to do tomorrow." — Elmer G. Leterman.

"A good secretary laughs at her boss' jokes — not because they are clever, but because SHE IS." — H. C. Diefenbach.

"It may be true that man does not live by bread alone — but look at the guys getting along on crust!" — Craig (Colo.) Empire-Courier.

"There's a reason why you can't take it with you. It goes

before you do." — Buddy Satz.

"When fathers are asked to shell out, the kids usually expect more than peanuts." — Joseph Schroff.

**REDUCING SALAD DRESSING**  
A reducing salad dressing that tastes good, too! Just put 1/4 cup water and 4 teaspoons vinegar into a bowl. Then add 1/4 cup non-fat dry milk and a pinch of salt. Beat until stiff. Then beat in 1/4 cup chili sauce. Chill in the gas refrigerator and serve on lettuce or tomato salad. Make it fresh each time, rather than acquiring a quantity to keep on hand. It's more satisfactory.



Every year about this time we hear the same story: Christmas is getting too commercial.

Last year, in fact, some grown-ups rebelled and said because Christmas was getting "so commercial" they intended to tell their children that there was no Santa Claus.

Like little Virginia O'Hanion, who wrote the famous "Is there a Santa" letter to the editor of the New York Sun, children are very easily disillusioned. But, like Virginia, they need only reassurance from someone they believe in to sustain their wonderful belief. It is entirely wrong for us to shatter their dreams.

Christmas IS commercial in some aspects. Thousands of people earn a livelihood working the year around in toy shops or factories which produce Christmas specialties. This, in itself, does not make Christmas "too commercial" for toymakers have produced Christmas novelties for hundreds and hundreds of years. In

**Engineers Pool Talent To Assist Legislature With Water Problems**

Austin. — A thorough, study of Texas water problems, written in layman's language by the Water Education Committee of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, is nearing completion after six months of intensive research, it was announced today by Trigg Twitchell of Austin, committee chairman.

The study was authorized by the society at its annual meeting last January as an educational aid for the people, and as a document which may prove useful to Governor Allan Shivers and members of the 54th Legislature. The lawmakers will tackle the complex water resources problem when the regular legislative session gets under way next month.

After the publication has been presented to state officials — probably about Dec. 29 — the material will be distributed to the press in a series of brief articles, Twitchell said. A number of radio and perhaps televis-

ion programs on the subject of water also may be developed.

R. M. Dixon of Dallas is vice chairman of the committee. Both Dixon and Twitchell are strong champions of an educational effort to acquaint Texans with the significant facts about Texas' water supply, opportunities for its improvement and factors standing in the way of future development.

**Land Taxes Up Again In 1953**

College Station. — Taxes on Texas farm and ranch lands were 3.3 percent higher in 1953, the last year for which records are available, than in 1952.

This was the seventh year of consecutive land tax increases, according to a continuing tax study being conducted by L. F. Gabbard, agricultural economist of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The average tax per acre in 1946 was 17.3 cents and in 1953 it was 27.9 cents.

The absolute tax per acre is important to farmers and ranchmen, but is not as significant as the burden of the tax. The burden of farm and ranch taxes is shown by a ratio of farm taxes to farm prices.

The absolute average tax per acre increased only 3.3 percent in 1953 over 1952, but relatively the tax increased 26.7 percent. This was due to a slight increase in the tax per acre and to a substantial decline in farm prices. The index of farm prices of 332 in 1952 dropped to 273 in 1953. The ratio or burden of real estate taxes relative to farm prices increased from 90 in 1952 to 134 in 1953, or 26.7 percent. With an absolute increase in the tax per acre, however, there may be an appreciable decline in the tax burden. For example, in 1951, the tax per acre was half a cent higher than in 1950, but farm prices were sufficiently high in 1951 to actually lower the

tax burden relative to farm prices 18.5 percent.

There were no significant changes in the proportion of farm taxes levied in 1953 by the various types of governmental units over 1952.

OFFICE SUPPLIES at "The Beacon Office"

And now bath mats are nylon. The colors are luscious, too, and with modern methods it's so easy to keep them like new. The method recommended is to toss them in the washer before they get terribly dirty — and, as an aid to preserving the beautiful colors, add a handful of beads to the wash water. Rinse as usual.



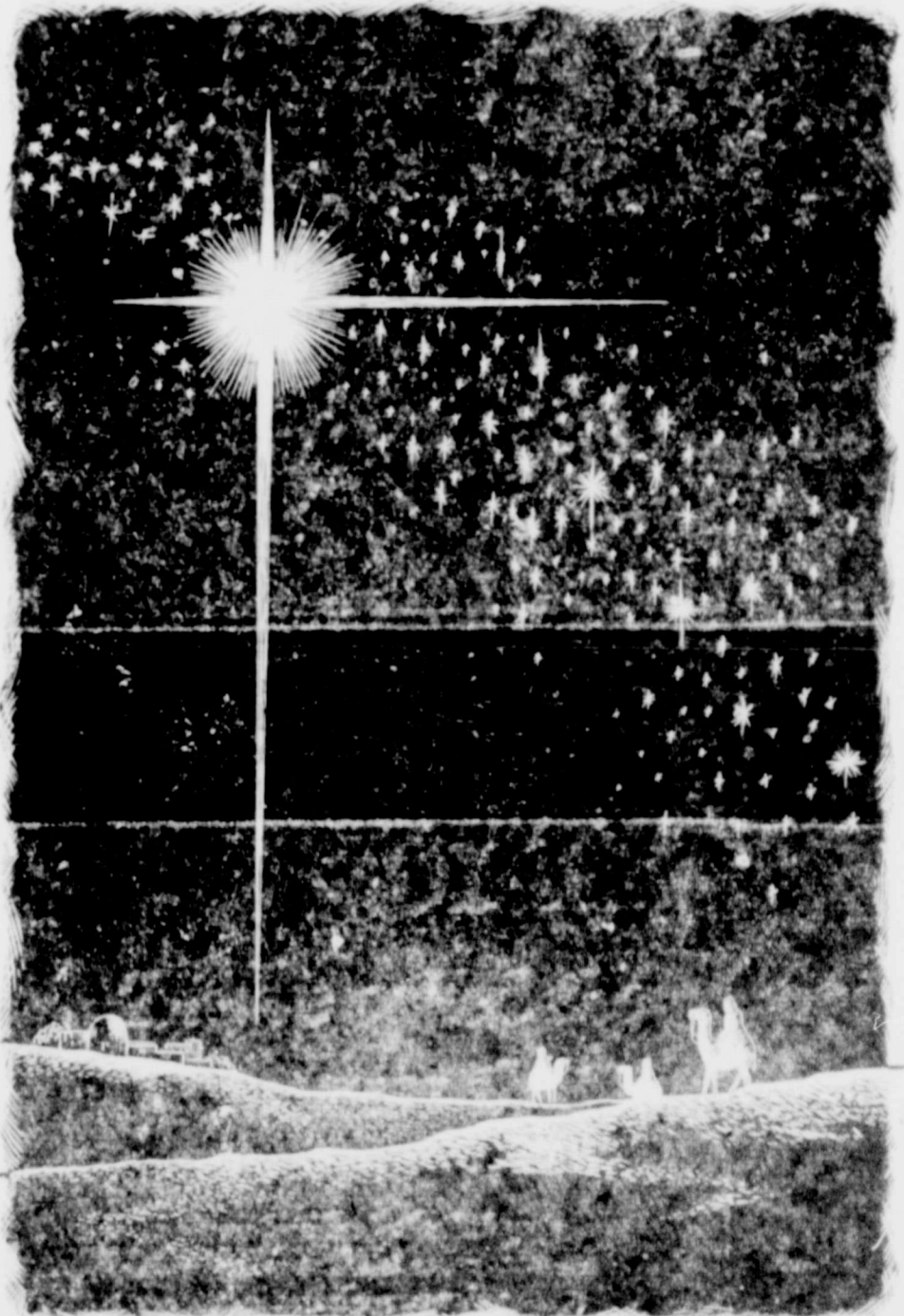
We are hoping that all the good things of life will be yours to enjoy this Christmas and for many days to come.

**MODERN RADIO & TV SERVICE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cox



**ADAMS TEXACO STATION**

*Christmas*



O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

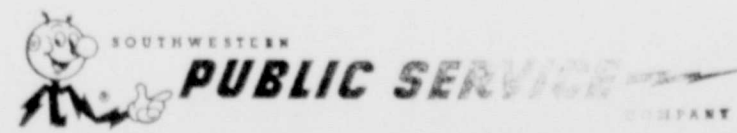
*Season's Greetings*

The heart of the Christmas season is friendship and we could ask for no finer friends than ours. It makes us happy to greet you at this grand time of the year.

**CONSUMERS FUEL ASSOCIATION**

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# Season's Greetings

With the approach of Christmas, our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose good will and confidence we have learned to treasure throughout the years. It is to these old friends and our many new ones that we wish to extend our warmest wishes for a cheerful and joyous Christmas—a happy and prosperous New Year.

## FLOYD COUNTY OFFICIALS

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