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One Is Former Dimmitt Resident Men With Identical Names Attend Classes At University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, Ark.—Two men with exactly the same name—William Dewey Powell, Jr.—are enrolled this year in the University of Arkansas. To confuse the matter more, the Powell from Springdale (formerly from Dimmitt) and the Powell from Fort Smith are both commonly called "Bill."

There are numerous University students with two identical names; but only the Powells have names completely alike, down to the Jr.

The Fort Smith Powell first heard of his namesake when he applied to the office of the University registrar for admission to the College of Arts and Sciences. He then wrote to the Springdale Powell, who took his post card as a joke friends were playing on him, and didn't answer.

The two men met in the office of the veteran's coordinator on the University campus this fall. Their paths had nearly crossed last summer, when the Fort Smith Powell had a job as radio announcer on radio station KBRS in Springdale. At the time, the Powell who resides in Springdale thought it strange when a friend asked if he had gone to work for the radio station.

Both had known other Bill Powells before, and the Springdale student had even known several William D. Powells, but none whose middle name was Dewey.

Bill Powell of Springdale is a native of Dimmitt, Texas, where his parents live. He was graduated from the high school there, then entered the Army. For 18 months he was in Japan, where he supervised Japanese workers in a Diesel injection shop, after which he was sent to Korea to serve with the Combat Engineers.

While the native Texan came to Arkansas to enter the University, the Fort Smith Powell began his university career at Texas Christian University. After two year's study there, he went into the Air Force, serving with the flight service branch. He is a graduate of Fort Smith Senior High School.

The likeness in name is not car-

tastes despite the common idea that as his name is, so is the man.

The Fort Smith Powell is a senior majoring in political science, while the other is a second year student in the College of Engineering, majoring in mechanical engineering.

The two men have different hobbies. The Fort Smith student lists radio as a hobby. He has been on the University's Intercollegiate Debate Team. He likes golf for recreation, while the Springdale Powell prefers hunting and fishing. Football and baseball are favorite sports of the latter, and he played both in high school and in the Army.

Both men are married. Their wives, at least, have different names. Patricia Powell of Springdale is a registered nurse, while Dewena Powell, wife of the Fort Smith student, is a teacher.

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Measle Near Epidemic Stage, Dr. Cox Warns

Measles in Texas is reaching a mild epidemic stage at present, with outbreaks following closely the main lines of travel across the state, according to information made public today by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. The number of cases reported to the State Health Department last week are much above the average.

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spread of measles re-emphasizes the fact that it is a contagious disease, passed on from one person to another," Dr. Cox said. "Guard against exposure by avoiding acontact with measles patients."

Dr. Cox said that measles alone is not necessarily a dangerous disease, but dangerous complications, such as streptococcal infections, mastoiditis, and pneumonia which may follow, make it a disease to be carefully nursed, with close attention from a doctor.

"Unskilled treatment of a plain case of measles can result in dangerous complications," Dr. Cox warned, "and it is not to be regarded lightly as simply another childhood disease."

Dr. Cox urged parents to carefully watch children exposed, and at the first sign of temperature, flushed face, sniffles, or watering eyes, advised that the child be put to bed immediately and placed under a doctor's care.

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Giant boy

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Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel. You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

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Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Castro County, Texas, in the Court-house thereof in Dimmitt, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date

of issuance of this citation, same being the 1st day of February, 1954, then and there to answer in writing Plaintiff's petition filed in said court on the 17th day of December, 1953, in this cause numbered 2162 on the docket of said Court and styled, Gladys Ramsey Howard, et vir, vs. Bedford Town and Land Company, et. al., a brief statement of the nature of said suit being as follows:

Suit in statutory form of trespass to try title, and for costs by Gladys Ramsey Howard, joined by her husband, Joe Howard, Plaintiffs, against those persons who are first named in this citation and to whom it is directed, as Defendants, and the unknown spouses and heirs and legal representatives of the said named persons and each of them, the names and residences of whom are alleged to be unknown to the Plaintiffs, the Plaintiffs suing for title and possession of the following described real estate lying and being situated in Castro County,

Texas, to-wit:
Lot No. Twelve (12), in Block No. 49,
Lot No. Seventeen (17), in Block No. 72,
Lot No. Twenty (20), in Block No. 82,
Lot No. Eight (8), in Block No. 86,
Lot No. Nine (9), in Block No. 101,
Lot No. Fifteen (15), in Block No. 112,
Lot No. One (1), in Block No. 158,
Lot No. Five (5), in Block No. 158,
Lot No. Two (2), in Block No. 167.

Plaintiffs allege that they are entitled to the title and the possession of said property, claiming under the five, the ten and the twenty-five year Statutes of Limitations, and Plaintiff further pray that the cloud cast on the title to the property above described by Defendants be removed and said title vested in the Plaintiffs, all as is more fully shown

WCS Has Recent Christmas Social

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service observed their last regular meeting with a Christmas social in the home of Mrs. Sam Gilbreath. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Earl Lust and Mrs. George Bagwell.

After the financial report was given by Mrs. E. B. Wright, the group sang several Christmas songs with Mrs. Margaret Wilson serving as song leader. The group decided earlier to make a contribution to the Castro County Hospital rather than exchange Christmas gifts. The money was to be used for the purchasing of sheets and other supplies for the hospital.

Climaxing the social was the reading of a Christmas story by Mrs. Earl Lust. Refreshments were served to 24 members present for the occasion.

Grindstuffs in Los Angeles
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Grindstaff and son left for Los Angeles Friday, where they will visit his parents during the Christmas holidays.

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(SEAL)
ATTEST: Neva Hastings
Clerk of the District Court,
Castro County, Texas

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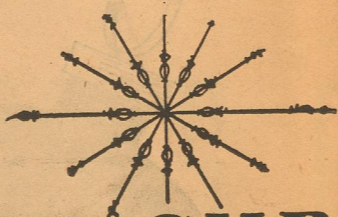
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Just as the Wise Men of old were guided
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I am a little boy five years old. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me some boxing gloves and a wrist watch. Bring my little brother a little car and a doll.
Rodney Hutts

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a tiny tear's doll and some clothes for her, this Christmas and a buggy, but most of all I would like to see all the boys and girls get what they want for Christmas.
Love,
Wanda Stine

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be as good as I can. I want a bicycle and a planet patrol, but if you can't give them both to me, I want a bicycle. I am seven years old.
Tom Nelson

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me guns, a train, a tractor, and plows. I have been a good little boy.
Love,
Larry Max Fields

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a desk for Christmas. I have been a good boy. I am six years old. Remember all the little girls and boys.
Paul Easterwood

Dear Santa Claus,
Love to you. I would like for you to bring my nieces Jackie and Karen Sue a toy puppy and a toy squirrel. Please bring me a warobe doll with brown braids and a nurse set.
Thank you.
Love,
Betty Book

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll buggy, little puppy dog and a pair of moccasins. I've been a pretty good girl.
Paula Lorddes

Dear Santa,
We are a little girl named Molly and is five years old and a little boy Lee who is three. Our mother says we have been pretty good children. Molly wants a tiny tear baby, with a diaper bag and clothes. Lee wants a wind-up train and bridge. We have a big sister, Meta who wants a basket ball jacket and a big brother Carl, who wants a toy filling station and a semi-truck. Santa there is a little boy, named Glen Smith living by us who wants a fire truck to ride. Remember all the other boys and

girls. We'd like some fruits and nuts too.
Your little friends
Molly and Lee Bradley

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a Gene Austry two Holster and Gun set, and some house shoes size 11, a cowboy shirt and some boots and if you have some candy and fruit left leave some at our house I am in the first grade and I am making good grades. My name is Jackie Lee Schnieder and I live in Dimmitt Texas.

Dear Santa,
I am six years old and in the first grade like school I want a gun that shoots caps and a rope and some spurs and a cowboy suit. Please them to me.
Love,
Gary Winkle

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl and I would like for you to bring me a walking doll and a doll bed to put her in.
I am six years old and I love you very much, also don't forget the other boys and girls.
Thank you
Sandra Drake
P. S.—Also bring some nuts and candy.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. I am really good most of the time. Would you please bring me a little power driven tractor, and dear Santa Claus, please bring me a typewriter and a Mr. Potato Head and any thing else you would like to bring me.
I Love you
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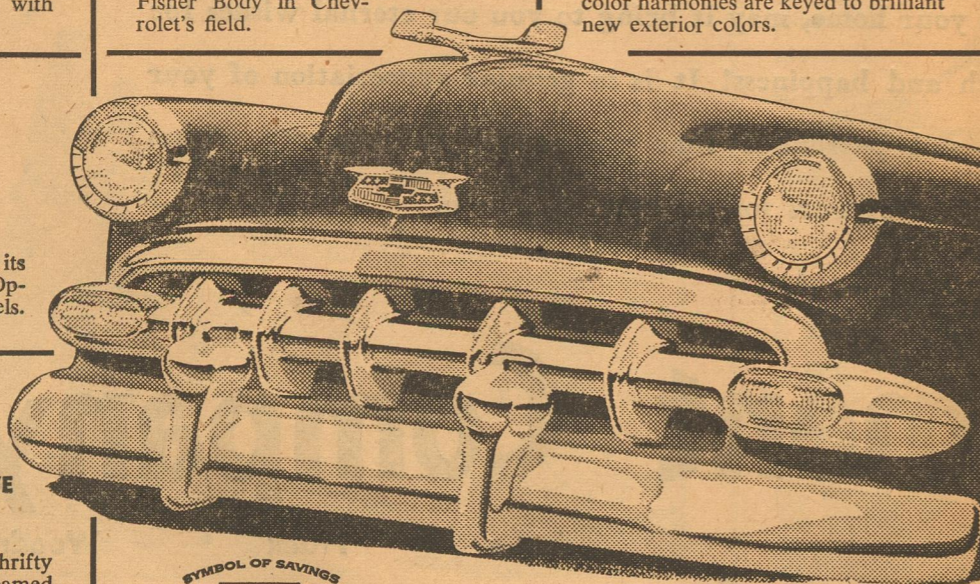
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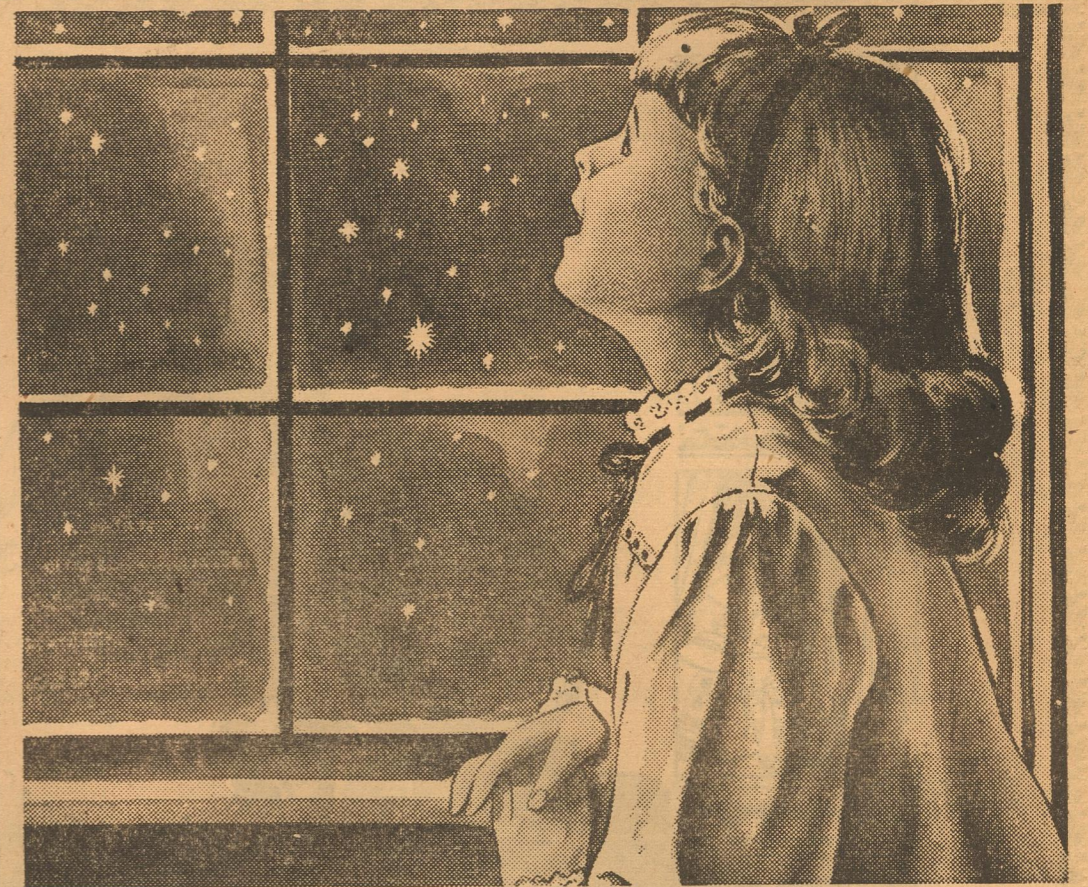
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Wilson Super Market



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Good friends . . . gifts given and received . . . gay voices ringing out — bells caroling "Merry Christmas" — These are the many things that add up to the true and rich spirit of the holy day — To all our friends, we say "The best of cheer for the holidays."

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BETHEL NEWS

Williams and children.
Mrs. Ivor Bagwell and Bro.
George Ray made a business trip

Mrs. Ira Brown left Monday for San Diego, Calif. to meet her daughter, Mrs. Helen Carreia and baby, who will return home with her to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Brooks Sinclair and girls left Wednesday for California, where they will spend the holidays with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell were in Clovis Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts entertained in their home Saturday evening with a luscious supper for Mr. and Mrs. Buster Morgan and Diana, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Underwood, Darla and Debra. Santa Claus coming was the main event of the evening.

Mrs. Harry Rothwell was a Saturday afternoon caller in the Vern Lust home in Dimmitt.

Paul Stanford of Abernathy and Douglas Dennis, home from Waco, were Saturday visitors of Milton Bagwell.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lust were Mr. and Mrs. Byran Sinclair, Ivan Earl and O. C. Renfro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams, Mrs. Vernon Williams and girls were in Hereford Friday, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn

to Plainview Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Junion Wolfington and children had Sunday dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams. There were also a number of other relatives present.

Glen and Lloyd Lust were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Stone.

Lloyd Lust from Pratt, Kansas, is home for the holidays. Glen Lust, Fred and Carl Bruegel are home from Texas Tech for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fink of Tullia spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. Houston Lust, and family.

Mrs. George Bagwell, Mrs. Kay Roberts, and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell attended a tea in the L. C. Dennis home Sunday afternoon, announcing the marriage of the Dennis' daughter, Ginger, to Joe Wallis.

Milton Bagwell from WT is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bagwell were Wednesday evening visitors of the Ivor Bagwells and watched

television.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell, Sue and Nelda were among the group of friends and relatives of about twenty who enjoyed turkey and all the trimmings in the Elmer Youts home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dunn of Longmont, Colorado, nephew of Mr. R. M. Dunn, were Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith, Elbert, Wesley, and Zella Vee were Tuesday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith and boys in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Ivor Bagwell served as one of the hostesses to the bridal shower given Peggy Messenger in the Elmer Youts home Saturday afternoon.

**Dr. R. F. McCasland
DENTIST**

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Heard and Jones Building

WESLEYAN CLASS

The Wesleyan Class of the local Methodist Church enjoyed a Christmas dinner of specially prepared Italian spaghetti, Friday.

The dinner, prepared by Joseph Acknovosa, was served in the church banquet hall. A good attendance, which included the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond VanZandt, was reported for the event.

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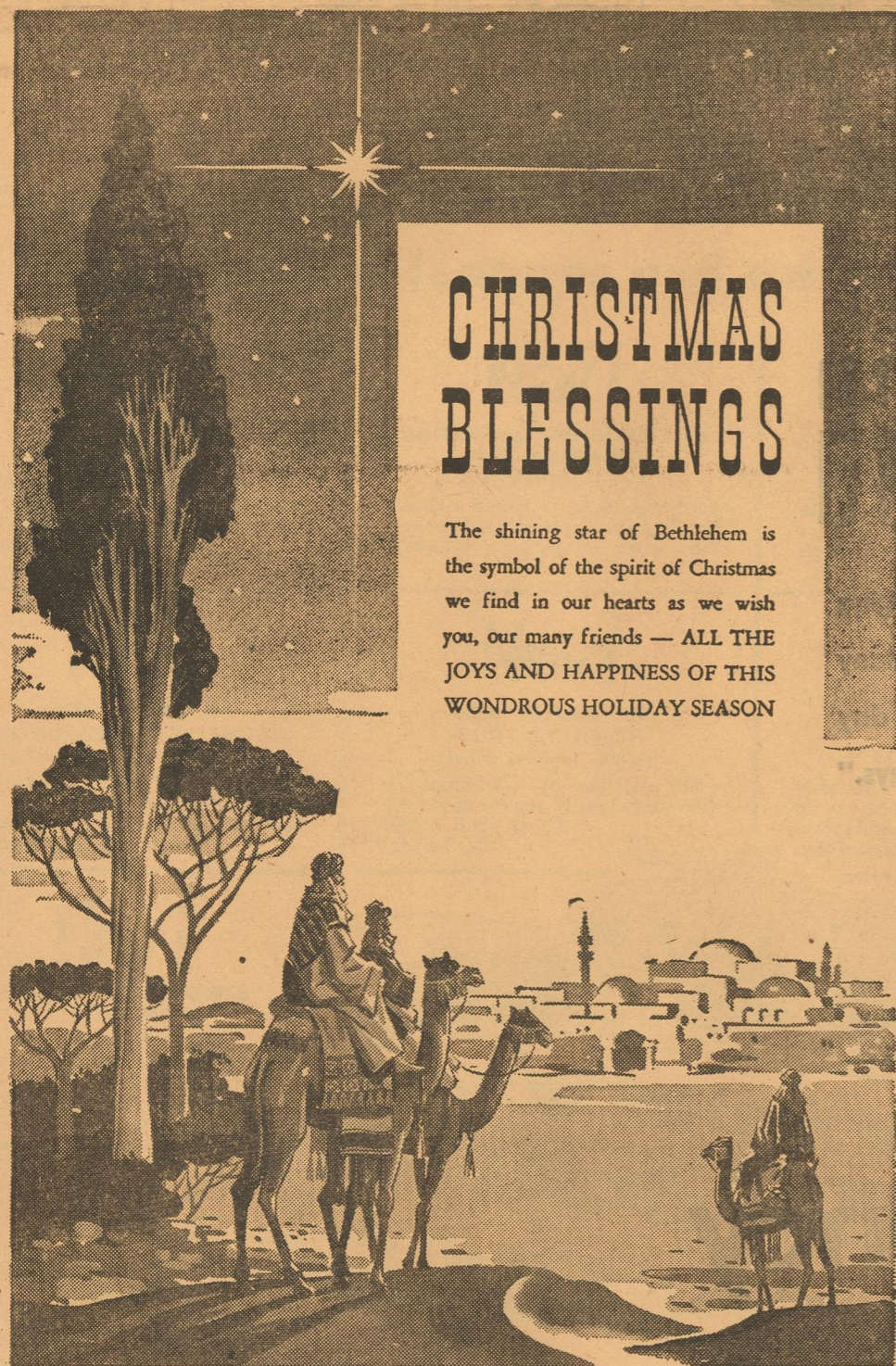
Merry Christmas, Neighbor!

May you and your family enjoy a happy, joyful Christmas. It may not be possible for us to extend greetings in person. Most of us will be at work on Christmas Day because throughout the Southwest people need gas to warm their homes and to cook their turkeys. Natural gas pipeline operation is a never-ending job. Day and night, winter and summer, good weather and bad, we are always at work to fill the needs of the Southwest for fuel. We hope that our efforts will contribute to the comfort and pleasure of this holiday.

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BLESSINGS**

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Gene's Service Station

News of Our Neighbors

MEMPHIS—(from the Memphis Democrat) Funeral services for John B. Russell, well-known Hall County farmer and former county judge, were held Thursday (Dec. 17) in the First Presbyterian Church at Childress. Burial was in the Childress cemetery. Mr. Rus-

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sell died at his home Wednesday, four miles west of Estelline. He served as judge of Hall County for one term in 1947-48, and was appointed to the same position the latter part of last year to fulfill the unexpired term of county judge-elect A. O. Gidden, who died. Mr. Russell was 59. He was born in the Estelline Community and lived there all of his life.

CHILDRESS—(from the Childress Reporter) The Greenbelt Hereford Breeders show and sale here picked up speed in the afternoon bidding to gross \$14,000 on 48 lots of registered Herefords consigned to the association's second annual sale. Statistics showed an average price of \$291.66 per lot for a \$32 increase over the

first sale last spring. The 1952 sale brought \$12,000 for about \$259 per lot. Thirty bulls sold for \$9,250, averaging \$308.33 per lot.

FARWELL—(from the State Line Tribune) E. T. Cummings, Canyon, was appointed by commissioner's court recently as Farmer County auditor. He will work on a contract basis for \$50 per month. He has been instructed to complete the 1953 audit and will receive a consideration of \$500 for this service.

SUDAN—(from the Sudan News) As of December 15, Lamb County gins have ginned a total of 168,966 bales of cotton, divided as follows: irrigation cotton, 87,612, and dry land cotton, 81,354 bales. The harvest this year is

expected to exceed the 176,800 bales of last year and may even pass the previous record of 192,277 made in the bumper crop year of 1949.

WELLINGTON—(from the Wellington Leader) Collingsworth County farmers approved cotton marketing quotas 375 to 23. This represents 96.15 percent approval. The percentage for approval in the state was 90 percent. There were 19 challenged votes, meaning the voter cast his ballot in the wrong box.

FRIONA—(from the Friona Star) A special meeting was held here December 18 to discuss the ways and means of building a community hospital. The present hospital, according to officials, is well equipped and known over the state but inadequate for the growing communities of the county. Members of the hospital board reportedly are receptive to the idea of a building program, possibly the enlargement of present facilities.

HALE CENTER—(from the Hale Center American) a GI veterans agricultural school for Korea vets will be established in Hale County January 1, according to J. D. Strickland of Plainview. Instructors hope to make arrangements for the school to open January 13. Those interested in enrolling should contact instructors at their earliest convenience.

Income Tax Change For '54 Revealed

Commissioner of Internal Revenue T. Coleman Andrews has announced in Washington that the law provides for changes on January 1, 1954, in the rates for Federal income tax withholding and for employer tax and employee tax under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (for old age and survivors insurance).

This was reported this week by District Director of Internal Revenue R. L. Phinney, who explained that the rate of income tax withholding will be reduced from 20 percent to 18 percent and that the law increases the employer tax and the employee tax from 1½ percent for each tax to 2 percent for each tax.

"These rates will apply to wages paid on or after January 1, 1954, even though the wages were earned in 1953," Director Phinney added.

"Tax tables for income tax withholding and for employee tax deductions on and after January 1, 1954, are included in a new revision of Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide," Director Phinney said. "District Directors of Internal Revenue will mail Circular E before December 31 to those employers who have been reporting the taxes each quarter on Form 941."



To our friends — serving you has been a real pleasure — "Merry Christmas, everyone!"

George Bradford

COTTON

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Not because of custom only, but from our hearts — we extend our best wishes to you for a wondrous, joyful Holiday!

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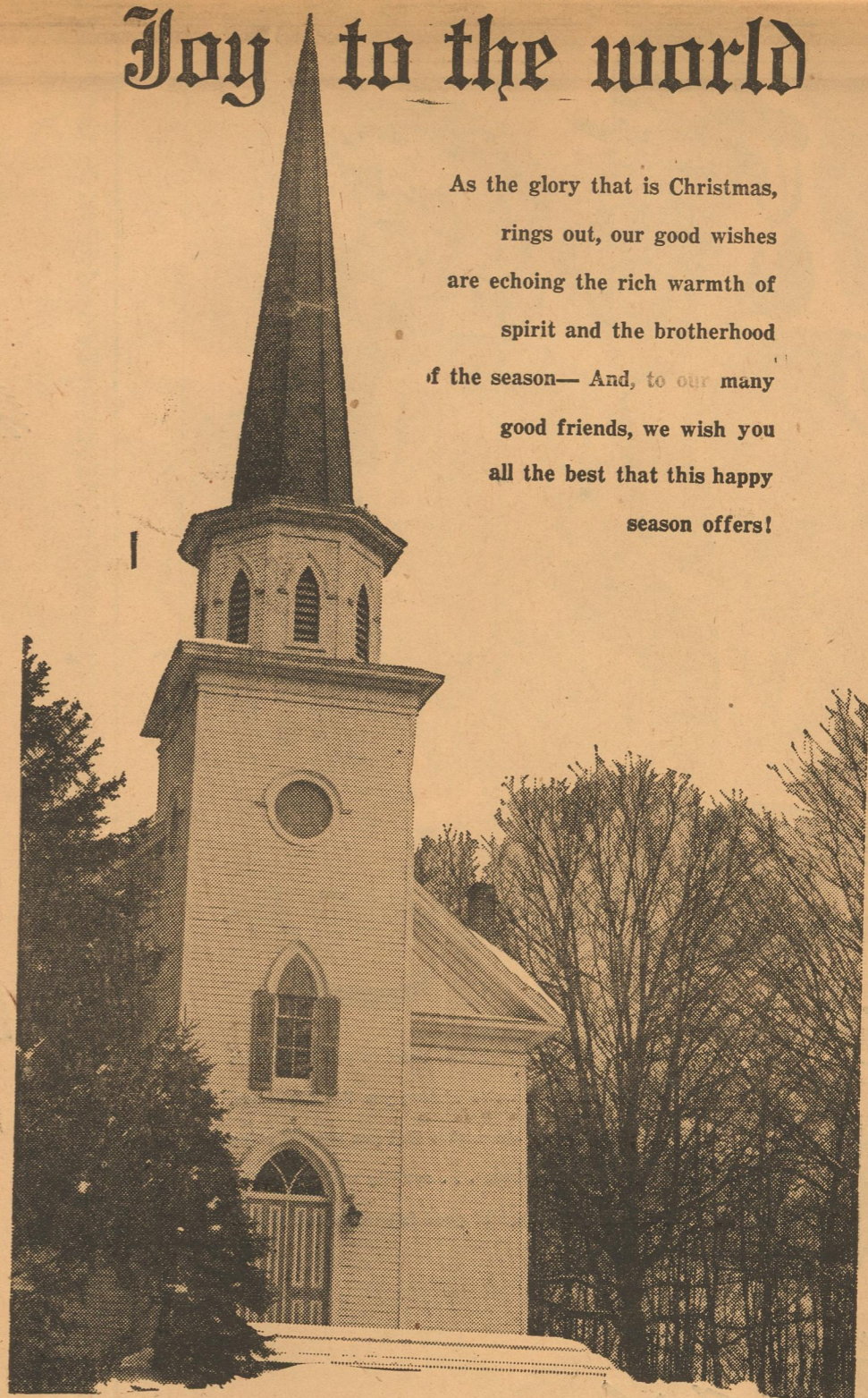
Merry Christmas

To every one — everywhere — we offer this age-old wish . . . That the magic peace, contentment and happiness of the Yuletide linger on and bring joy to you and yours for all time to come.

Castro County Grain Co.

Joy to the world

As the glory that is Christmas, rings out, our good wishes are echoing the rich warmth of spirit and the brotherhood of the season— And, to our many good friends, we wish you all the best that this happy season offers!



Blanton Butane Co.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

I would like it very much if you would bring me a new Cadillac convertible and a little red wagon. I want two Roy Rogers guns so that I can protect myself during World History Class.

Yours truly,
Jerry Brown
Sophomore Class.

Dear Santa:

I've been a good girl for years and years so will you please bring me a baby doll for Christmas? I know just where you can find the one that I want. This doll is so unique I think I had better tell you some things about it so that you will make no mistake. It is 5' 7 1/2". It has dark brown hair and brown eyes. It weighs about 155 lbs. You can find it at Cameron College in Lawton, Oklahoma from Monday morning until Saturday evening. Please try to get it sometime during this time because from Saturday until Monday he is with his parents and they are quite attached to him and might not let him go if you went to get him while he was at home.

This doll is rather old, 19 years, so please handle it with care.

Santa this is all I want for Christmas so please bring it to me. Thank you loads and loads.

Eileen Ballard
Senior Class

P. S. Don't forget all the other little girls.

Dear Santa:

This year for Christmas I would like to have a radio and a black and white Ford to come home from college. I have been a real good girl as you probably already know.

Don't forget the other little girls and boys. So until Christmas night it's so long, and please help everyone that you can.

Yours truly,
Shirley Tucker
Junior Class

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a football filled with gunpowder so that next year at the first kick-off, the season will start with a bang. I also want for Christmas, sixteen pieces of bubble gum ((that's all I can hold in my mouth at one time)) I want an owl very much, because I want somebody to give a hoot about me. I've been a real good girl and I've been real careful about being caught.

With love,
Mary Coke
P. S. If it's not askin' too

much could you bring Mr. Bates a new voice.

Dear Santy:

Being two full-blooded, genuine American boys, we are writing our annual letter to you.

All year long we have chopped the wood, wiped the dishes, milked the cows, fed the chickens, got all our homework (never missed a lesson) was never absent or tardy from school, and always did what we were told. Not only this Santy, we also won two contests in prevarication.

And so Santy, after us being such good little fellows, we feel free to ask you for two volumes of Einsteins theory of Relativity, all available information on Von Braun's speculation on Inter-Planetary travel, Wilhouski's album of symphonies, a catalogue of Massachussets Institute of Technology, One reprint of Leonard De Vinci's Mona Lisa, One formula for the Hydrogen Bomb, and the latest copy of Bugs Bunny Comies.

Yours truly,
Bullet Adams
Jack Dye
Senior Class.

Dear Santa Claus

Every year about this time I always like to collect my thoughts together and write you a very personal and special letter.

This year, Santa, I've been especially good and I've worked

very hard—well, pretty hard at least. Therefore just these few things I want maybe you'll see fit to obtain them for me. First of all, Santa, I would like to have seventy-seven real interested and attentive students, especially Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. Next of all, Santa, check around to see that all the "kids" of DHS get their hearts' desires because they are really swell and deserve the best, especially the Junior class.

Oh yes, if you happen to have a tall, handsome, blond fellow with blue eyes about 24 or 25, please Santa, give him my address. The last thing on my list, dear Santa, is for everyone to have a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Yours until next year,
Charlene Potts

P. S.—You'll find your favorite pie awaiting you Christmas Eve on the dining room table.

I also want to add to my list a new jaw tooth. I broke the other one eating popcorn.

Dear Santa Claus

We are two little boys and we are sure that we have been very good all year. Our average age is 18. Between the two of us, we have been making fair grades in school.

We now ask for so much this year, so will you just bring us a Cadillac convertible and a gasoline credit card, and two 18 year old babies.

Love,
Barton Clowdus
Robert Yates

Dear Santa Claus

Santa I've tried to be a good girl this year. Tho' everyone makes a few mistakes but I know a great big handsome man like you would forgive me for those it'sy-bitsy mistakes. I'm not asking for much, but Belva and I got together and decided on these few items. One blond headed boy with blue eyes, a black headed boy with dark eyes, and a brown headed boy with blue-gray eyes. Santa we also thought maybe a Cadillac convertible would help us a little too.

Thanks a lot,
LaNette Hoyle
Sophomore Class

Dear Santa Claus

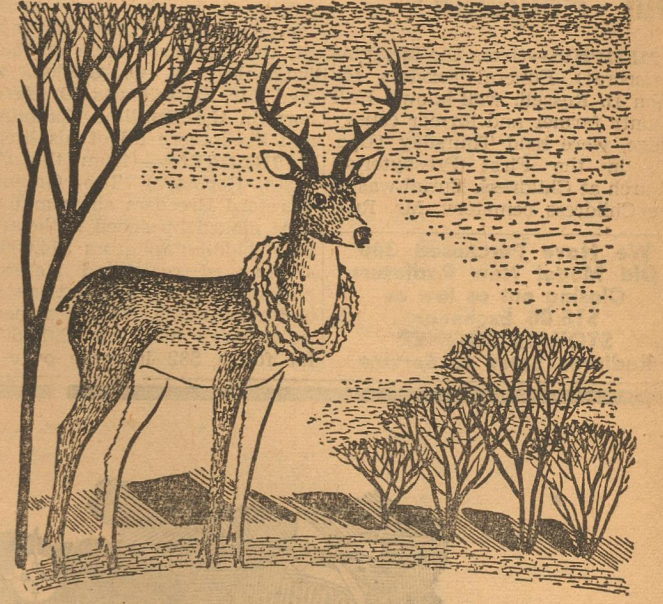
I would like very much to have a gun just like Shan's for Christmas. If I had that I would be a very happy little boy. If you give me a gun then I would like to have a horse to ride, even a stick horse would be fine.

Thanks a lot,
George Ray
Junior Class

P. S.—If you have a little money left over you might just pitch in Marilyn Monroe.

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And to our many customers so loyal,
We wish you all the best of luck and cheer,
And happiness to make your Christmas royal!

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Cheers

We can not think of a better way
To greet you all on this holiday —
Than with this phrase, tho' hardly new,
That sends our sincerest wish to you
FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



McGOWAN'S AUTO REPAIR



Greetings

We've made up our own Christmas carol to put into words
the very nice things we're wishing you this Christmas.
We're singing out our wishes that you may all enjoy
health and happiness . . . security and prosperity
. . . and the many blessings of good fellowship and peace!

West Texas Telephone Co.



Greetings

At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff! May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season . . . Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

Harrison Insurance Agency
T. E. HARRISON
THOMAS HARRISON



FIRST STATE BANK



Merry Christmas

When Santa unloads his gift-laden pack
 at your home, we know that you'll find
 our many good wishes tucked into your every happy treasure!
 Tho' we can't personally greet each of you at this time — we
 extend to all of our friends this warm-hearted wish that your
 Christmas Holiday will bless you with all of life's good things!

Dimmitt Implement Co.

Far-Off Lands Come to Life In Yule Toys

GEOGRAPHY comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve.

In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands. Beside a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U.S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which, when set on an incline, proudly walks down the slope. Another is a recent gadget from Denmark called a "flippe top," a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.

News From The Running Water Soil Con. District

by Olen Mitchell
 The following Castro county soil conservation district cooperators have had some good results with soil improving crops.

Clayton Graef, who farms in the southwest part of the county, has had good results with Austrian Winter peas. He first planted Austrian Winter peas in 1948 and has maintained an estimated 20 to 25 percent increase in grain sorghum yields for the past five crops, since planting that first crop of peas. Graef plans on continuing soil improving practices and will interplant cowpeas with milo this spring.

Charles Noland, in the northwest section of the county, reports Castor Beans and Milo following a crop of vetch. The 1952 Castor Bean crop following vetch yielded \$168 per acre. Those on land where no vetch had been grown yielded \$128 per acre. Milo following vetch yielded 4200 pounds per acre. Milo not following vetch yielded 3800 pounds per acre. This gave him an increase of \$40 per acre on Castor Beans

and about \$9 per acre increase on milo. Frank Annen, in the northeast section of the county, broadcast acres of Soy Beans last year. He did not water them and grazed them in the fall. As a result he had very little greener manure to turn under. Annen did have nitrogen added to his soil by the Soy Beans and this showed up in this year's crop. He produced an average of 908 pounds of Castor Beans

per acre. Some of the beans were on land following Soy Beans and some were on land where no Soy Beans had not been planted. Annen estimated 150 pounds more per acre yield on those following Soy Beans.

The post of Chief of Naval Operations was established by Congress in March 1915.

Try a News Want Ad



Bundles of
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 To all . . .

Tucked into your every Christmas package, and into every gay card you receive, is our hope that you will find the many blessings of Christmas, and the fulfillment of your desires.

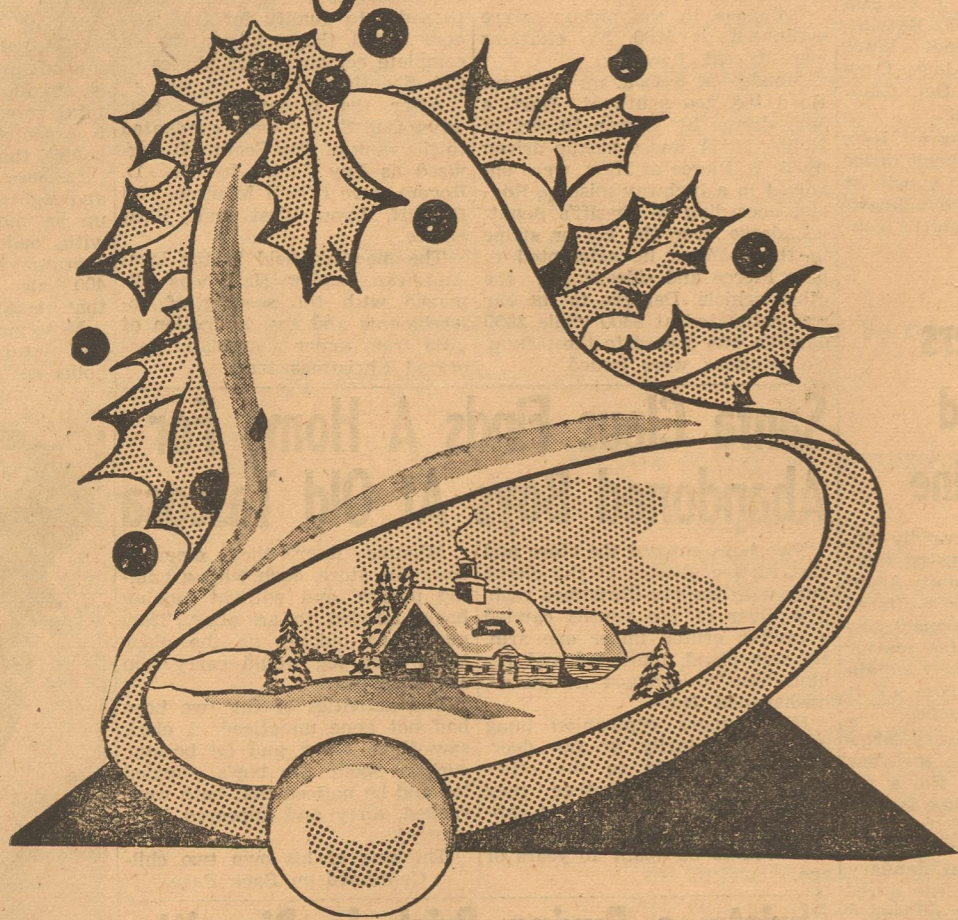
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To the many greetings that come your way at Christmas time, we take this opportunity to add ours, with a note of thanks for your continuing friendship and patronage — we say,
 A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
 TO OUR MANY FRIENDS!

WRIGHT FURNITURE STORE
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Merry Christmas



Brown-Martin Gin



IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

. . . we take pleasure at this holy time in putting aside business to send our many friends the heartiest and most sincere wishes for the rich joys of the CHRISTMAS SEASON . . .

Reuben's Welding & Machine Shop

More Bobcat Tales

1897 ARTICLE ANSWERS OLD QUESTION: 'IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?'

(Reprinted verbatim from "The Plainsman," Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.)

Way back in 1897, three months before Christmas that year, an 8-year-old girl named Virginia O'Hanlon was told by schoolmates in New York City that "there isn't any Santa Claus."

Childlike, Virginia was puzzled and took the story home with her. There she unfolded it to her father.

Mr. O'Hanlon was up a stump when it came to an answer. Then he was bitten by the germ of an idea.

"Write a letter," he said, "to the editor of the New York Sun. Ask him if there's a Santa Claus, and whatever he says will be true."

Virginia followed her Dad's advice—and there was born the basis for the most frequently reprinted editorial in the history of American journalism.

Virginia's letter didn't get to the editor of the Sun—the great Charles A. Dana. But it did get to one of Mr. Dana's assistants, a young fellow named Francis Pharellus Church, up to that

time just one of the thousands of unknown, unsung newspapermen in the land.

Mr. Church pondered the letter; saw its possibilities—and, although he didn't know it at the time, it was his springboard to fame. His answer to Virginia O'Hanlon made him known throughout the balance of his life; until this good day, and probably for as long as this nation celebrates Christmas.

On September 21, 1897, Virginia's letter and Mr. Church's answer appeared in the Sun. As has been The Plainsman's custom for more than two decades and in keeping with the desires of many South Plains readers who annually request it—we reproduce the famous article just as it originally appeared in New York and as it has been reprinted upon thousands of occasions since in American newspapers, large and small, from border to border and coast to coast.

Mr. Church writing: "We take pleasure in answering at once, and thus prominently, the communication below, expressing at the same time our great

gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.

"Dear Editor:

"I am 8 years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says 'if you see it in The Sun, it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"Virginia O'Hanlon,

"115 W. 95th St.

"Virginia, (wrote Church) your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no joyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus, that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of The Virginia O'Hanlon of 1897 is now Dr. Laura V. Douglas. Now 63 and three times a grandmother,

Dr. Douglas looks just like you'd expect a grown-up Virginia to look; a fairy-godmother type with soft white hair, laughing crinkles around her blue eyes and a generous soft smile. She is assistant principal of a New York School.

When she was a little girl, Dr. Douglas recalls, 8-year-olds were much younger than they are now.

"My daughter started worrying about Santa when she was 7," she says, "and wanted to know why Santa had to use reindeer when an automobile or airplane would get him around much faster."

Virginia remembers now that the whole affair of the letter put her in line for quite a lot of teasing. Of course, whenever the question about Santa came up, she could always point to Francis P. Church's editorial and prove there was a Santa. But her friends twitted her about it, and for quite a while, 8-year-old Virginia didn't appreciate what it said.

Santa "exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion

CLEO NEWS

Mrs. Robert Gollehon is home after a stay in the hospital for several weeks from an injury received in a car wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houtchens Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harley Dodd and Mrs.

exist. . . . Thank God, he lives and lives forever."

Now many years later, the grown up Virginia understands.

So there, once more, is retold one of the greatest and most touching of all Christmas stories—an American tradition of the finest order.

The story is a good one to read and re-read. The lessons it teaches are good to remember; should never be forgotten by boys and girls, even after age has dimmed their eyes and whitened their hair.

It lends emphasis to the Christmas message: "And on Earth, peace to men of Good Will."

A. A. Dodd were shopping in Hereford Thursday.

Mrs. Alma Aldridge visited Mrs. Trellis Summers Monday.

Mrs. Marvin Boyd and Mrs. Percy Merritt from Clovis visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houtchens, their mother and father last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dodd and girls and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dodd had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Dodd.

It looks like we might have a cold Christmas instead of a white Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith went to Petersburg and spent two days last week with Mrs. Smith's mother and sisters. Mrs. Roy Smith attended the club Christmas party in Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Melvir Summers and boys Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Shortie Oldham and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Summers and boys Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burch attended a funeral of a friend, Mr.

Tilford Taylor, in Floydada Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Summers made a business trip to Lockrey Thursday.

Mrs. George Burch helped her sister, Mrs. Ester Noble, quilt Monday.

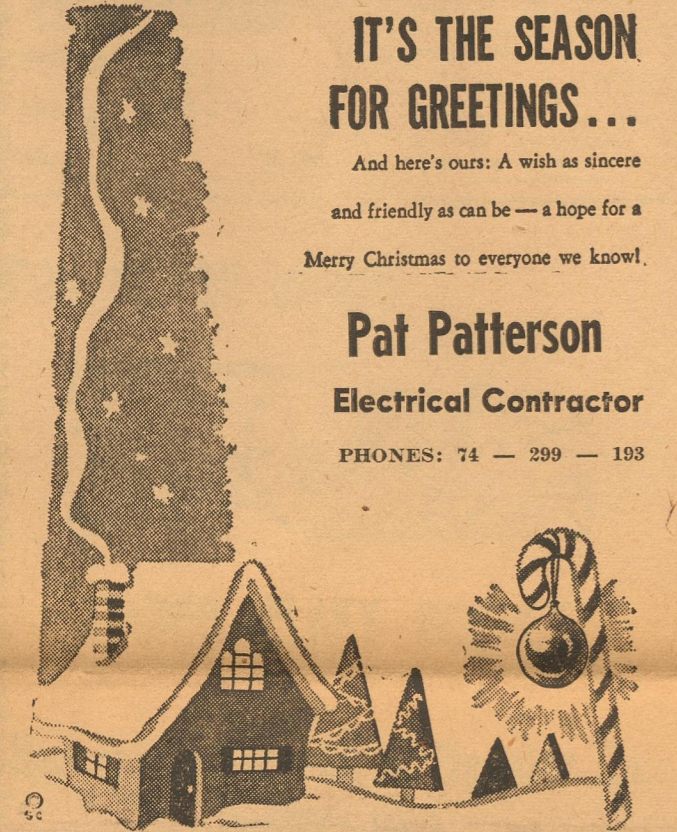
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gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.



"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

In the holy spirit of the true Christmas, with the warmth and benevolence of His Day — we say to all our many friends — May your holiday be rich with many blessings!

Castro Co-op Gin



Each year we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the Christmas season because in it we find the opportunity to express again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Dimmitt Lumber Co.

The "diamond horseshoe" is the first tier of boxes at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City.

Giotto, the artist, once painted a perfect circle with a single brush stroke to demonstrate his skill.

The X-Ray was so named because its discover was uncertain

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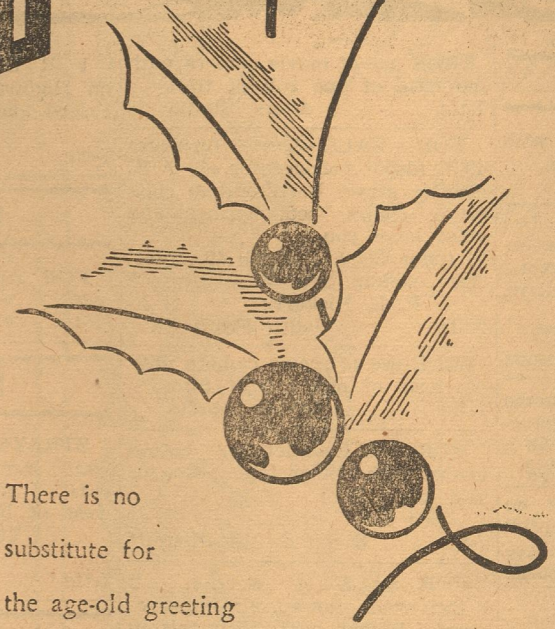


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SEARS GRAIN CO.



Christmas Cheer

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H. J. THOMAS FURNITURE CO.

Dimmitt, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
You will be real nice if you will bring me a "Bonnie Braids" doll. Just sit her under the Christmas tree.
With love from,
Twila Lilley

Season's Greetings



Direct from our heart
-a wish for a very
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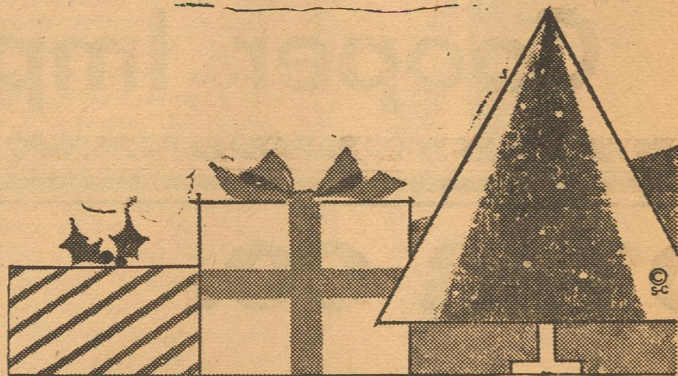
We hope you will derive as much pleasure from our greeting to you, as we do in extending it -
MAY THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS BE YOURS!

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Season's Greetings

A greeting, small,
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May you have the very best
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FOR SALE—Shade trees, fruit trees, evergreens, shrubs, roses, hedge, and other nursery stock. Mrs. J. F. Ward 6-tfc North Main, Hereford.

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FOR SALE—New furniture 49 Coldspot refrigerator, 49 ABC electric stove, Used butane cook stove, chairs, bed, springs and what have you. 41 tudor Chev., 41 with 49 motor, Chev. pickup. See R. H. Rickert 6-4tp South Front St.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF HERMAN ANTHONY LANGE, DECEASED. Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Herman Anthony Lange, deceased, were granted to us, the undersigned, on the 23rd day of November, 1953, by the county court of Castro County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to us, or either of us, within the time prescribed by law. Our residences and post office addresses are Nazareth, Texas. Ray Schulte Joe E. Lange, Administrators of the Estates of Herman Anthony Lange, Deceased.

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All Kinds of INSURANCE

List your land with me. I need listings and have lots of buyers.

4 1/2% MONEY J. C. Rawlings

Christmas Party Is Held In Frazier Home

Mrs. Norman's Sunday School

store has to ask you to give back the goods that were sold to you because it didn't want to sell them after all.

Suppose you buy a coat in one store and find that another company has it on sale for five dollars less. Must the store where you bought it take back the coat and give you a refund, or refund the difference in price? The seller is under no obligation to refund the difference, any more than he could make you pay the difference if he discovered that a competitor offered the same coat at a higher price than he had charged for it.

Much the same rules apply to the refund of deposits. Unless it is the policy of a store to refund deposits on articles, or at least apply the amount on the purchase of some other item, the buyer is obligated to go through

with the terms of the contract, even though he has changed his mind about the purchase.

When one selects, orders, and deposits money on the purchase of an article, the store is under no obligation to deliver the article in accordance with the terms of the sale. If the buyer refuses to accept the article or pay the remainder of the purchase price, the seller can take legal action against him, according to the terms of the contract.

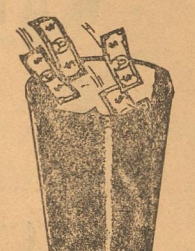
The same principles apply to a trade-in allowance on used merchandise towards the purchase of a new article. Such a trade-in allowance is considered the same as a deposit.

Class met for its annual Christmas party Tuesday night, (Dec. 15) in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Frazier.

Games of Canasta and 42 were played, and gifts were exchanged. Pie and coffee were served to sixteen guests.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. V. McMahon Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Dorit Smiley, Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Denis Williams, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Odom, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier.

Try a NEWS Want Ad



DOLLARS

GOING TO WASTE?

Of course, no one makes a point of throwing cash away—but somehow, many dollars do manage to disappear without contributing their share towards better living, if you don't have a savings plan. What's needed is a good, safe place for "storage of dollars"—such as a savings account. Not only are your savings insured to \$10,000 here, but they also earn a liberal return. Why not start your savings account now?

First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n of Clovis

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80 ACRES: On the pavement, 1/2-mile of town, near natural gas line, all will irrigate, down payment, balance, terms. Price per acre \$165.00.

160 ACRES: On pavement 1 mile from town, all will irrigate, near gas line, down payment, balance, terms. Price per acre \$165.00.

HALF SECTION: All in cultivation, all good clean land, all will irrigate. Two 8" irrigation wells. Good 6-room modern home, on REA, school bus line. Possession. Down payment, balance long term loan. Price per acre \$225.

165 ACRES: Good 8" irrigation well, all in cultivation. 3-room home, big steel granary, one mile from pavement. \$13,000 down, balance 15 years at 5% interest.

FARM & RANCH LOANS: 20 years to pay, low interest rate. Come in and see about this good plan.

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THREE ROOM HOME: On the pavement, good location, you will like this one. Down payment, balance loan.

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SCOGGIN, Real Estate
OFFICE—BANK BLDG. Tel. 148

GOOD CITY LOTS
I have numerous, good title city lots for sale. Paved and unpaved. Most will abstract.
PERCY ESTES

WANTED—middle-aged lady for companion and housekeeper for elderly lady. Must have good recommendations and be unincumbered. Prefer lady able to drive car. Permanent and good pay. Contact James G. Cowan or W. C. Cowan, Sr., at Tulla, Texas, phone 5-2226—P. O. Box 685A 4tp-8

WANTED—Steady farm job, capable, courteous and efficient. Can supply recommendations. See Morris Medford c/o Farmers Gin Hereford, Texas 3tp 8

Rent It—Buy It—Sell It Through a NEWS Want Ad

Merry Christmas

Fulfillment of every one of your most eager expectations is our sincere Yuletide wish for you. May the happiness we hope will engulf your home and your family this Christmas continue through a prosperous New Year...

PIGGLY WIGGLY

LOOK!

Bring your dull scissors and knives to City Drug for sharpening. Satisfaction assured.

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4 1/2% MONEY
J. C. Rawlings

A FRIENDLY MESSAGE FROM GOOD OLD SAINT NICK:

Christmas is many things beautiful! It is the excitement of happy children... the silent reverence of folks at prayer... the family gatherings... the carolers singing... the feeling of well-being... peace and good-will of man to man! Above all — Christmas is people! And to you, dear folks who are our friends and customers: HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

Cooper Implement Co.

CASTRO MOTOR CO.
Sales and Service
Ray Bearden Phone 75 Clarence Bearden

Smith Home Is Scene Of Christmas Party

The Dimmitt Bridge Club recently held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Ralph Smith.

After enjoying a Christmas dinner the group played bridge and

exchanged gifts. Present for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crum, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ziegler, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Umberson, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Singer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson and the hosts.

Death Lurks On Highways For Holiday Traffic Violators; Drive Carefully!

(EDITOR'S NOE: The following story was contributed to the News by a donor who wishes to have his name withheld. The News is publishing this article in the hope that it will help curb holiday traffic accidents and serve as a reminder of the consequences that come from fast and reckless driving.)

We are constantly reminded of our traffic fatality figures and how it is constantly increasing. It is true that the figures are rising each year and there is nothing so permanent as death for those of us who become victims.

We are however, improving and the following figures obtained from the Federal Bureau of Public Roads and State Highway Departments reflect this trend:

- 1925—18 fatalities per 100 million miles
- 1938—12 fatalities per 100 million miles
- 1945—11 fatalities per 100 million miles
- 1946—9.8 fatalities per 100 million miles
- 1952—7.3 fatalities per 100 million miles

The average speed of all vehicles on rural roads in 1952 was 47 1/2 mph.

The average speed of all pass-

enger cars 49 mph
The average speed of all buses 48 1/2 mph

The average speed of all trucks 43 mph.

46% of buses go over 50 mph
42 percent of automobiles go over 50 mph.

16 percent of trucks go over 50 mph.

Only 8 percent of all vehicles go over 60 mph.

Still we lost 35,000 precious lives in 1950; 90,000 brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers were crippled for life and more than a million suffered less severe injuries.

It hasn't happened to us, yet, because we are expert drivers—

RANCE HD

Members of the Rance Home Demonstration club entertained their husbands with a Christmas party December 18th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman.

The living room was decorated with a beautiful Christmas tree. Gifts were exchanged by all, following a dinner of turkey and all the trimmings.

Games of "42" were enjoyed also. The following were present: Mesdames and Messrs. H. G. Behrends, L. J. Counselman, Roy Botkin, Jack Streun, George DeLozier, Clifton Harper, Forbus Blakemore, Melvin Hamm, and J. C. Clearman.

NOTICE TO BIDDEES

NOICE is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Castro County, Texas will receive bids for the following described road machinery until 10:00 A. M. Monday, January 11, 1954, at which time the bids will be opened:

One Motor Grader with 100 HP diesel engine with tandem drive and with 1300x24 12ply tires on all wheels. Grader will be equipped with cab, cab heater, 14 ft. Moldboard, one 2 ft. extension for moldboard, steering booster and electric starting motor for gasoline starting engine for the Diesel motor.

The County offers to trade in one A D 4 Allis Chalmers Motor Grader, Serial Number AD-1808.

The County will issue time warrants in payment therefor not to exceed twelve (12) thousand dollars at 4% interest and to mature not later than May 1, 1958.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

A cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid price must accompany each bid.

FOR THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Robert Estes, County Judge
Castro County, Texas

Dr. B. T. Paine
Naturopathic
Physician
PHONE 334

Christmas greetings to all my friends. May you be blessed now and through the New Year.
Mrs. C. F. Kerr

No Dead Furrows
with a No. 33 Plow for Contours, Hill sides, Level Land



The Massey-Harris No. 33 Roll-Over Plow is the efficient plow for contours and hillsides. It throws all furrows in the same direction. On level land it eliminates those troublesome dead furrows and expensive trips across big headlands. The No. 33 gives you a sturdy, efficient, 2-way mounted plow that's easy to operate. It's lifted and lowered by Depth-O-Matic hydraulic power. A gauge wheel helps maintain uniform depth. You can change from left-hand to right-hand plows instantly.

Come in and see the new Massey-Harris No. 33. We'll be glad to give you a free demonstration.

Make it a Massey-Harris

HONEA
Equipment Co.

or have been just plain lucky?

I am going to drive carefully, especially during the approaching holidays. Are you?

The hand that lifts the drink from the bar will not in six hours

touch the wheel of my car.

It is officially recorded that two automobiles crashed head-on in Kansas City when there were only two automobiles in the entire town!

Ends Milking Test

Hazel-Mar Daybreak's Carlotta, a registered Brown Swiss cow owned by Vincent Braddock of Dimmitt, has recently completed a 305 day lactation record

on Herd Test of 13440.2 pounds 4.07 percent 547.47. Fat on two times a day milking, according to Fred S. Idtse, Secretary of The Brown Swiss Cattle Breeder's Association, Beloit, Wisconsin.

We extend our sincerest wish that your holiday be filled with spiritual joys and all the happiness that express the deepest significance of the blessed Yuletide....

CITY DRUG

Holiday Greetings

We're wrapping up every good wish for you with a bit of holiday cheer that says—
"May you all enjoy many Christmas blessings."

Castro Cleaners

We're sending you our very best wishes, gift-wrapped in a beautiful Christmas package, and tied firmly with a generous bow of enduring friendship.

TRIMBELL BARBER & BEAUTY SHOP

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

In the spirit of friendliness and good cheer of the Christmas Season — we thank you for the many favors, and wish you all an old-fashioned Yule abounding with cheer and happiness.

DENNIS FUNERAL HOME and FLORAL SHOP

MANY, MANY THANKS

FOR YOUR LOYALTY, GOODWILL

Merry Christmas

E. L. IVEY
Farm Bureau Insurance Agent

Greetings!

Merry Christmas

The twinkle of tree ornaments, the glow of warm hearths and the bright sparkle of holiday greenery — all reflect our gay, friendly wishes for your Happy Holiday!

Kirkpatrick Sales Company, Inc.



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Your friendship to us in

our business association

is indeed gratifying — and, we say,

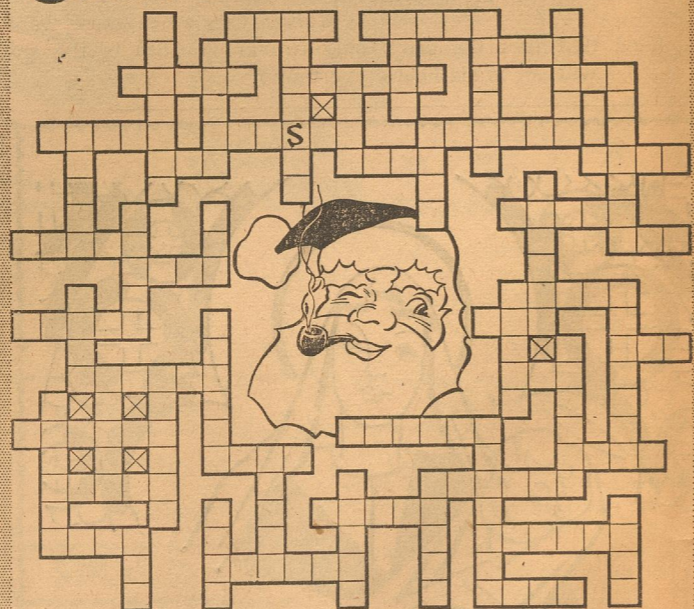
A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



DIMMITT FOOD BANK

News Want Ads Get Immediate Results

Christmas criss-cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fill the words into the right spaces. One letter "C" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL BOB EVE FUN GAY HUN KUP RUP RUN SLID SNOW AWAY DOLL EACH GOLD HALL	LOVE NOEL NOSE RAFT RING ROOF SLIP SNOW YIELD CANDY CHICK	CHILD COMET CUPID KAYE MOTEL NIGHT MAYBE PEACE YIELD SANTA SHEEP	SPELL TRAIN VIRIN WITTE ANGELS CANDLE DANCER DASHER FRANCO FLOCKS GOSPEL	INFANT MANAGER SEASON SILENT SLEIGH TINSEL WREATH WHYATH WOODS HOLIDAY FRANCIS TIDINGS
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Answer



NEWS Classified Ads Get Results

Currier and Ives Cards

Commercial production of Christmas cards in the United States began about 1835 with the founding and developing of the partnership of Currier and Ives in New York.

For more than a century American painters have aided the industry by painting Christmas themes on order or by selling reproduction rights to the art which is now conservatively estimated as worth \$10,000,000 annually.

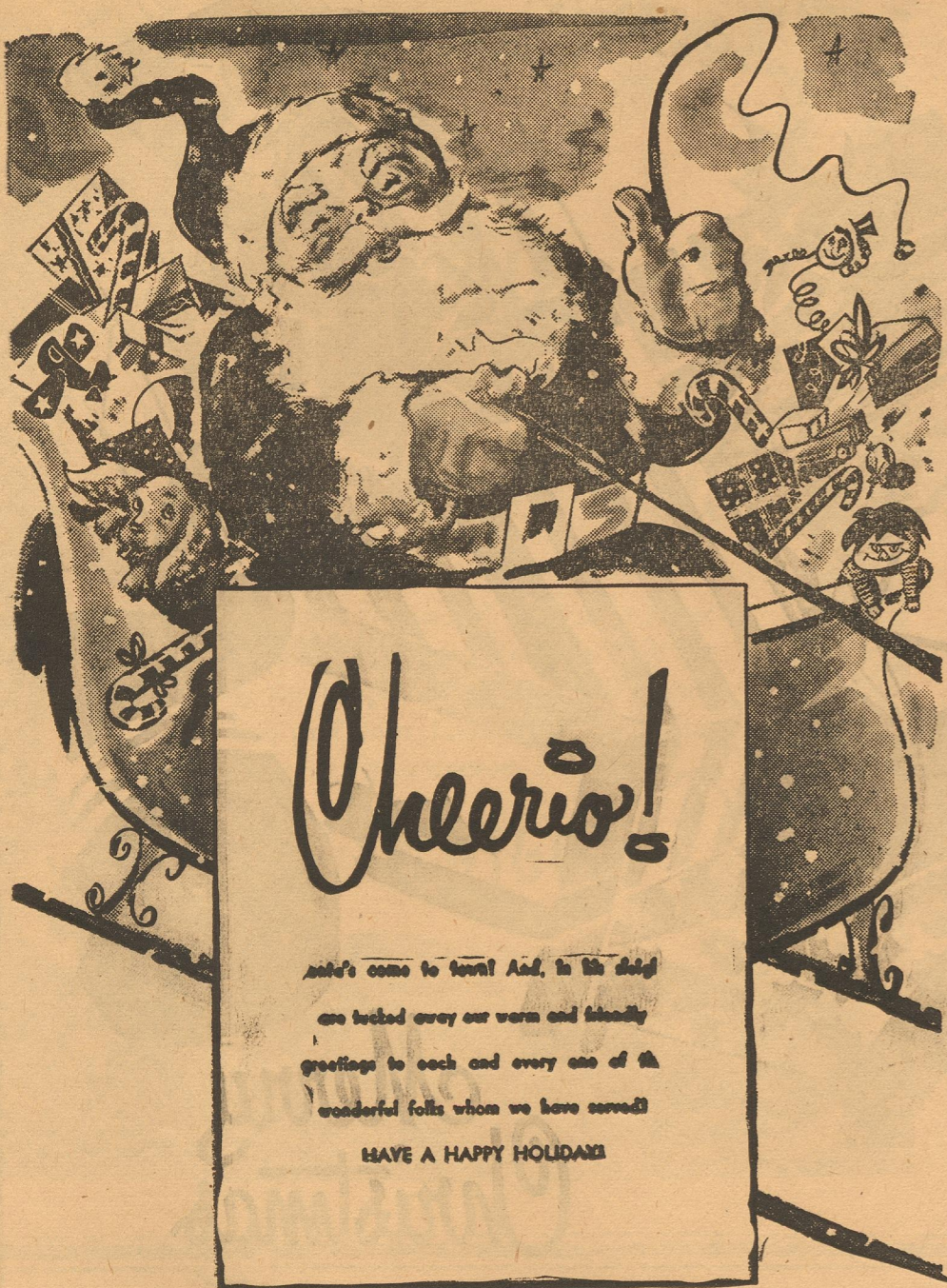
The favorite Nativity theme is represented by hundreds of interpretations. Winter scenes are next in popularity, some of them dating back to the Puritans of New England, the German forests whence St. Nicholas emerged, and even to the Druids of pre-Christian England.

The battleship USS West Virginia, commissioned Dec. 1, 1923, was the last battleship to take to the seas until the North Carolina was commissioned April 9, 1941.



That JOY be with you this happy season — is the sincere wish we extend to all of our many friends! "Merry Christmas" is still the warmest greeting of the season.

Dimmitt Wheat Growers, Inc.



Cheerio!

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY

DIMMITT PARTS & SUPPLY CO., Inc.
KENNETH McGEE LINDON WOLFE

**First Christmas Card
Was Created in 1842**

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces." From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards. The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley. In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870's and 80's Prang produced thousands of beautiful cards and has become known as the grandfather of the business.

**Yule Tree Business
Figured in Millions**

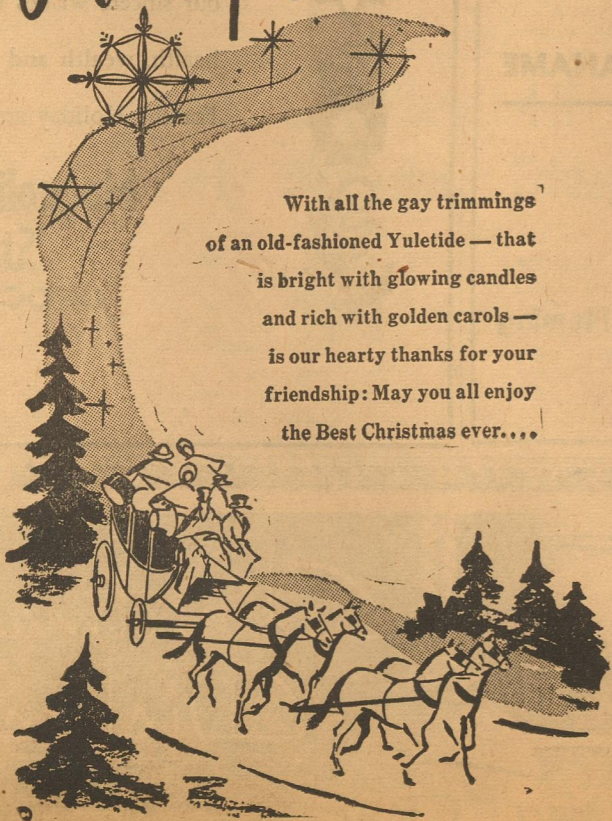
CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money. A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used. The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming. In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used. The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets. Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees. Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

**History of
Christmas Seals**

When you see the Christmas seal do you ever wonder how it started? It was born in Denmark, home of the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen. Einar Holboell, a Copenhagen postal clerk, was sorting mail one snowy afternoon before Christmas, 1903, when he thought of the idea of a penny stamp to swell a fund for children's hospitals. Authorized by King Christian, the first Christian seals were sold in Copenhagen in 1904. Holboell's scheme outgrew his wildest imaginings, for before his death in 1927, he lived to see it spread to 45 countries. The seals found their way to America on letters and packages and first attracted the attention of Jacob Riis who wrote an article about them. Few people, however, were interested in the idea. Then, in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a public health worker, concerned about the fate of a small sanatorium, recalled the article and sat down to sketch America's first Christmas seal, a wreath of holly encircling the words "Merry Christmas." With 50,000 stamps printed and nowhere to sell them, Miss Bissell at last enlisted the aid of a columnist on a Philadelphia newspaper. The idea caught and within a few weeks \$3,000 was collected. The first nation-wide sale was held the following year and was backed by newspapers all over the country, religious and civic groups, and sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association.

**A VERY
Merry Christmas**



With all the gay trimmings of an old-fashioned Yuletide — that is bright with glowing candles and rich with golden carols — is our hearty thanks for your friendship: May you all enjoy the Best Christmas ever....



INFLATION . . . Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.

Honea Equipment Co.

A Christmas thought

☆ Let us be thankful for this land which allows our hearts to be warm and happy on Christmas.

**MANNING'S
DEPARTMENT STORE**



Carlile Theatre



**Bundles
of Joy to You!**

We have the very best of holiday wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year all tied up — just for you!

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.



TO ALL OUR
MANY FRIENDS—
OLD AND NEW

We're going all out to wish our very good friends and customers the very best that the season offers — may you and yours enjoy the merriest Christmas ever.
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**Rawlings Hotel
and
Coffee Shop**

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they use this means of conveying to their customers and friends the age old but ever new Merry Christmas greetings and to publicly express their desire for peace and good will throughout the world.

—adacc—
And along about here we would like to stop and let the old typewriter cool off just a little while we wish for our readers, our friends and all men everywhere a very Merry Christmas filled with the spirit that not only makes Christmas a happy season but is the only hope for lasting peace and contentment throughout the year. All of us at the News establishment, including Viola, Bascom, Jr., Don, Mary, H. D., Bill, P. M. and myself apologize for the many typographical errors and grammatical blunders, and our many other shortcomings, that appear in and out of print during the year, but we have all proofread the following statement and pronounce it correct and a true expression of our wish for you and yours, "Merry Christmas."

DIMMITT CAGE . . .
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ney championship, held a commanding lead throughout the contest, leading 28-15 at the end of the first quarter, 45-28 at half-time and 61-42 as the third period ended. Brock led his teammates with 15 points, closely followed by DeWayne Brown with 14.
The Wayland Flying Queens of Plainview run into some tough competition in the evening final against Kansas City. The Queens battled the speedy Kansas City crew on ever terms in the first half and not until the fourth quarter did they put the game on ice. The final score was 46-34 with Ruth Cannon taking scoring honors, closely followed by Lometa Odom, former Dimmitt cage star.

The Dimmitt boys and girls play Farwell here in their next regularly scheduled game on the night of December 29.

**High Plains Counties
Have Gravel Deposits**

The Texas High Plains have deposits of sand, gravel and cement materials which may merit investigation by industry, the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology reports. Principal cement materials sources appear to be Lynn, Garza, Borden, Dawson, Hockley, Lamb and Bailey Counties; sand and gravel sources—Borden, Garza, Dawson, Lynn and Lubbock Counties.

Santa Claus Finds . . .
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dren at home, the clerk called the county sheriff. "Those boys need help," he said.

It was a small town and the big lawman had little trouble picking up the trail of the fugitives. Their route was plainly marked in the soft earth of the alley by a dragging foot. He traced them to the edge of town and out along the city dump road.

There in a small abandoned shack he found the two boys. He lifted aside a large piece of tin that served as a door and peered inside. They sat on the floor gorging themselves on a can of beans and crackers. Each had an apple by his side for dessert.

Outside the wild December wind whistled and swept through the gaping sideboards of the shack. The sheriff pulled his coat tighter about his throat, sat on a box and listened while the boys told their story and as they talked the sheriff thought about it being only a few days before Christmas.

The story was an old story, one that has been told hundreds of times before. The boys had been abandoned by their parents and at the ages of 11 and 9 they had been left to shift for themselves. They felt fortunate when they found the abandoned shack despite the thousands of holes in the roof. They had eaten whatever they could steal.

Sure it had been rough, the older boy confessed. "But my little brother had to eat. He's been pretty sick and my leg hurt awful bad too sometimes."

He reached down to rub his leg and the sheriff saw that it bore the twisted trademark of polio. The big lawman rubbed his eyes. What could he do? These two kids had never had a chance and here it was almost Christmas.

A short time later the phone rang in the office of Cal Farley, an Amarillo businessman. Farley had founded America's First Boys' Ranch at the West Texas "ghost town" of Old Tascosa on the banks of the Canadian River. His Boys' Ranch was a home for boys who had no home or who had been in trouble with the law. It was a "shirt tail for boys to hang onto" until they could take care of themselves. Over 1,000 boys from practically every state and several foreign countries had, at one time or another, clung to that "shirt tail."

"Sheriff . . . two boys . . . abandoned . . . in a shack . . . stole food to eat . . . I'll be right there." Farley hung up the phone, grabbed his hat and hurried from his office.

Rent It—Buy It—Sell It
Through A NEWS Want Ad

CARLILE THEATRE

Dimmitt, Texas

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 26

GUN BELT

George Montgomery

Tab Hunter

SUNDAY and MONDAY
December 27 and 28

LITTLE BOY LOST
BING CROSBY

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

December 29 and 30

THE BIG HEAT

GLEN FORD

GLORIA GRAHAME

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

December 31 and January 1

INFERNO

Robert Ryan

Rhonda Fleming

IN TECHNICOLOR



**Merry
Christmas**

With heartfelt appreciation,
for your kind patronage,
this year, as always — we are
happy to send you our
Greetings of the season with
our sincere wishes for your
health, wealth and happiness
For the Holiday and long, thereafter!

**Magnolia Service
Station
CHOCK LAY**



To Our Friends:

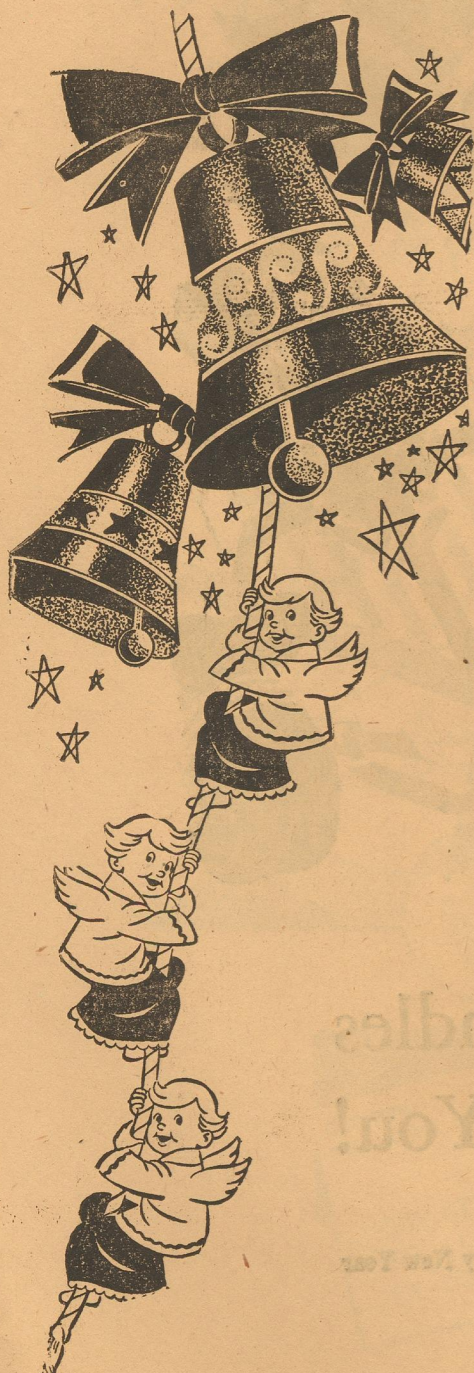
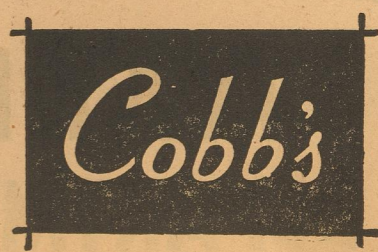
There are days for selling you Merchandise,
And days to send you a bill,
But this is one day of all the year
We send you just GOOD WILL.

Yes, it is Christmas-time again. And we want to take this opportunity of saying "Thank You" for all the favors you have shown us . . . and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We've sincerely appreciated the business you have given us since we opened our Store in Dimmitt, and we'll try mighty hard to merit your continued good will all through 1954.

And may you and yours have a wonderful Holiday Season, with 1954 the very finest year of your whole life. That is our Christmas wish for you.

Sincerely,



Dear Friends:

As this time of year comes around, it gives us joy and appreciation that we live in a land such as our's, and enjoy the American way of life and it's heritage.

So naturally: Next we think of our friends and associates, and the better things of life.

The following has been called to our minds, and may we pass them on to you for thought

Twelve things to remember:

- The value of time
- The success in perseverance
- The pleasure of working
- The dignity of simplicity
- The worth of character
- The power of kindness
- The influence of example
- The obligation of duty
- The wisdom of economy
- The virtue of patience
- The importance of talent
- The joy of originating

We wish you and your's the happiest and merriest of holidays.

Killingsworth Construction Co.

WOODROW and CREW



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Officials Announce '54 Football Slate

School officials and coaches have just released the announcement of the 1954 Bobcat football schedule with five home games, five away, and two open dates.

The Schedule:
September:
 3 Open
 10 Silverton, there
 17 Lockney, there
 24 Hale Center, there
October:
 1 Abernathy, here
 8 Open
 15 Sudan, there
 22 Kress, there
 29 Friona, there
November:
 5 Springlake, here
 12 Happy, here
 19 Amherst, here

5th Grade Makes Christmas Cards

The fifth grade class has its tree decorated and is making Christmas cards in art periods. We are really full of the Christmas spirit.

We enjoyed the Christmas Cantata put on in Assembly Wednesday by the seventh and eighth grades.

Tuesday the fifth grade girls played the sixth grade girls in basketball. The fifth grade girls were defeated 7-0. They plan to play again Thursday.

Leta Mundell hurt her knee Thursday morning while practicing basketball.

Janice Wesson has been absent from school the past few days on account of a sore throat.

Peggy Goldsmith, one of the fifth grade pupils, moved to Portales, N. M., Tuesday.

The fifth grade class is looking forward to the Christmas holidays starting Friday, December 18. We will come back to school January 4.

'Cats Lose to Potent Hale Center, 57-35

Dimmitt Bobcats offered little resistance as a strong Hale Center team rolled past them 57-35 last Tuesday night. The game was played on the home court.

Harold Hoffman won the scoring honors for the night. Bobby Brock was high man for the Bobcats with 14 points. Others scoring for Dimmitt were "Wimpy" Witt, Richard Wood, Edgar Dennis and Ted Robb.

The second half of the 'Cats were no match for the fired up Owls as they poured in field goals from all corners of the court.

Tuesday's game brought the 'Cats' won-and-lost record to 2 and 2.

Bobcats Sporting New Purple Suits

The Bobcats are sporting brand new playing uniforms which arrived last week. The suits are white with purple trim. In purple are the numbers, team name BOBCATS, and the striped knit at the bottom of the vests. You will be seeing the uniforms on the court again on December 29 when both boys and girls meet Farwell here.

Faculty, Mothers Honored with Tea

The teachers were recently honored with a coffee prepared for them by the sophomore homemaking class. Approximately 30 faculty members were served in the dining room from 9:30 to 10:30. The dining room was beautifully decorated with a sugar plumb tree and candles and stars. The faculty was served coffee, punch, and brownies decorated to resemble Christmas ideas.

The mothers of the seventh period freshman homemaking class were also honored with a tea. Ten mothers were served punch and decorated cakes.

Miss Potts, homemaking teacher, announced that the freshman class won the decorating contest held between the classes on decorating the department. They displayed their decorations in the kitchen of the department.

Bobbies Turn Back Potent Hale Center And Vega in Non-conference Clashes

The Bobbies defeated a strong Hale Center team December 15 with the final score standing 51-31. This was a non-conference tilt for the teams played on Dimmitt's home court.

Shirley DeLozier led the Bobbies all the way by dumping in 10 field goals for a total of 20 points. Mary Nelson, Darlene Cates, and Margaret Odom contributed 11, 8, and 6 points respectively.

The score at the end of the first three quarters stood 20-10, 30-14, and 42-22.

Guards Mary Ann Witt, Dalvia Howard, and Sorya Kay Lowe, turned in outstanding performances with good floor play during the game.

For their second game of the

week the Bobbies outlasted a mighty Vega team Dec. 19 by netting a total score of 59 to Vega's 38 points. It looked like the Bobbies had met their match after a cold first quarter as the Vega girls went ahead. The Bobbies began to catch up the second quarter with the score reading at halftime 24-16.

Shirley DeLozier again led her team to victory by scoring 24 points. Darlene Cates and Margaret Odom ran a close race for second high scoring honors with 13 and 10 points respectively.

The next game for the Bobbies will be December 29 when they meet Farwell on their home court.

Bobcats Beaten In Sudan Tourney

The Dimmitt Bobcats suffered one of its greatest defeats of the season and were dropped from the Sudan tournament Thursday, Dec. 17 when they were stopped by Bovina, 79-57.

The game was not as one-sided as the score indicates as the Bobcats played an outstanding offensive ball game. Bovina took the lead early in the first quarter and the Bobcats could never seem to catch up.

Bobby Brock took the scoring honors for Dimmitt with 15 points. Derrell Reed led Bovina with 17 points.

This game eliminated the Bobcats after having drawn a bye for the first day of the tournament.



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'Memories of the Holy Night' Given In Assembly by Junior High Choir

The Seventh and Eighth Grade Choir of 145 voices was presented by Miss Thelma McMinn in her original Christmas Cantata in Assembly last Wednesday.

The Cantata-Pageant, "Memories of the Holy Night," was aptly named, for the pageant of the story of the birth of Jesus was enacted on a specially lighted stage while the choir sang from the balcony of the auditorium. Both high school and junior high school students were surprised and delighted to hear their friends and classmates in a program intended for high school choirs.

Following the Solovox Prelude by Miss McMinn, Betty Robertson and Judith Maples lighted the arrangements of candles on the stage. Narrator, Marilyn Howell, read the story of the first Christmas. A background theme of "Silent Night" played on the Solovox continued throughout the cantata. It also became a counterpart of some of the other selections. Each pageant scene was accompanied by solo, ensemble, or choir selections. These were made more impressive by the balcony arrangement of all the singers. Titles of the selections and numbers on the printed program really told the story of the birth of the Christ Child.

Other personnel of the pageant were Una Kirby as Mary, Eldon Mandrell as Joseph, Karol Waggoner as the Angel; Stanley Henderson, Larry Brittain, and Kenneth Wolfe as the Wise Men; Edd Dowty, David Cole, Gaylon Moore, and Dale Russell as Shepherds; Olvis Spencer, Georgene Blanton, Harold Golden, Ken Horn, Janet Buckley, and Connie Lee Goodwin as Bethlehem Children.

Soloists from the choir were William Stone, Anona Board, Keith Lowe, Carl Hodges, and Ann Gollehon.

On the program were one boy's, two girls', and one mixed ensemble. The all girl choir and the all boy choir each sang one selection.

Members of the ensembles were Evelyn Cummins, Hazel Rogers, Ometa Bradley, Ann Gollehon, Keith Lowe, Carl Hodges, William Stone, and Jimmy Tate, Mixed Octet No. 1; Virginia Brown, Linda Hance, Mary Lynn Hendrix, Judy Boothe,

EDITOR, STAFF, DHS IDLE UNTIL JAN. 8

Because of vacation through January 3 there will be no Bobcat Tales next week. The Castro County News will cover school events until our next issue, January 8.

The Bobcat Tales staff wishes each of you a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Poets Corner

MY OLD CAR
 By Billy Gafford

I use to have
 An old black car.
 She was too old
 To go very far.
 The Carburetor
 It was no good.
 She had two flats
 And had no hood.
 She used a lot
 Of oil and gas
 She was too slow
 To run very fast.
 Her top speed was
 Around fifteen.
 And boy she sure
 Did blow up steam.
 Then one day I
 Gave her away
 You see she was
 Just in the way.

MY OLD CAR
 By Sandra Hance

My car is an old Chevrolet;
 But it was a dandy in its day.
 My daddy says it's a "38";
 But still it's kinda out of date.
 He says that it cost "95";
 But it has cost "50" to keep it alive.
 It looks funny all rust and black;
 It makes me wonder if I'll get there and back.
 When I'm out with a crowd
 And everyone is real loud
 There it shivers, it has a flat
 And I'm wondering where I'm at.
 My heart is as light as air;
 To know that "Lizzy" has a spare.
 Then I look and it is down;
 I just start looking for a way to town.
 But it is beginning to get very late;
 To go home at this hour I do hate.
 I'll just let daddy drag it in;
 Because on him I can depend.

THE NIGHT SANTA COULDN'T COME

Mom had just tucked me in and turned out the light,
 On Christmas Eve this cold winter night,
 When I heard the clock chime eleven,
 I crept out of bed and stared at heaven.
 No Santa I saw! What if I'd missed him?
 Downstairs I ran, but in the moonlight dim,
 No toys I saw nor neither him!
 Where could he be? Sh-h-h, there's some one in the hall!
 Could it be Santa after all?
 But in came Dad and Mom instead of him—
 Carrying lots of presents, then Brother Jim
 Came toddling down to see what was going on.
 We both watched what took place with surprise,
 We were thrilled over the boxes of great size!
 No doubt Santa Claus couldn't get around tonight
 So he gave the gifts to Mom and Dad, which was quite all right,
 For Santa must have been awful busy that certain Christmas night!

Lanelle Blanton
 Age 11
 Sixth Grade

Question of the Week: ... And What Do You Want For Christmas?

What do you want for Christmas?
 Carolyn Rothwell—A dime-one Joe Lee—Marilyn Monroe
 O. C. Renfro—Striped book covers
 Van Connard—Pen cushion
 Winston—New history teacher
 Gaylon—Santa Claus to take Robert and Monk home with him.
 Bud Dye—One little B.B.
 Dor J.—A roof for my jeep
 Mr. Newman—A new car
 Lorina—A MAN!
 Jerry Brown—A little red wagon
 Jamie Smith—A new Cadillac
 Carol Herring—Marilyn Monroe
 Ted Godfrey—A big moose license
 Christine—A cedar chest
 Jimmy—A watch
 Claude Ray—Two front teeth
 Troy Gene—A red Cadillac convertible
 Mrs. Leeth—A Universal coffee maker
 Ray Dell Stire—Anything Santa's got left after visiting other houses.
 Louise—Mr. and Mrs. Smith to take us to Dallas in February.
 Monette—A little Pekinese dog
 Richard—Sharon
 Dee—My sailor to come home
 Don Mobley—Jane Russell
 Alton Whitworth—Beat S.L. next year
 Darlene—REX!
 Kieth Taylor—Fawayne to quit calling me teacher.
 Fawayne—Learn Kieth's technique.
 Chad—What was left from last Christmas (preferably some girls)
 Myrna and Nancy—Santa to bring us anything.
 Mr. Bates—Marilyn Monroe
 Robert Yates—Cad. convertible and lots of gas.
 Barton Clowdus—One of the girls Chad does not get.
 Mary Nelson—Some Hydrochloric acid to pour on Barton, Robert, and Gaylon in study hall.
 Don Hardy—I give up. What? Jack Dye—A dolly about 5' 5 1/2".
 Bob—A new suit
 DeWayne—A new chemistry teacher
 Oran Howell—A new milking machine
 Mr. White—Some fair weather.

Striking Senior

Eighteen years ago this December a cute little girl with brown hair and blue eyes called on Editor and Mrs. Nelson. They named her Mary.

Mary is president of F.H.A., basketball co-captain, Editor of the Bobcat Tales, and Secretary of the Senior Class. You can see Mary is one of the busiest members of DHS. She plans to attend Texas Tech when she graduates.

Mary came to Dimmitt from Olton when she was in the first grade.

Mary likes broiled steak, chemistry, and recess. In her pastime she prefers basketball and dancing. Mary dislikes conceited people and Don Hardy.

Mary says the best movie she has ever seen was "The Greatest Show on Earth." Her favorite actor is Robert Mitchum, and her favorite actress is Jane Russell.

Miss McMinn Directs Her Original Cantata

The keen attention of the audience last week was its expression of appreciation for "Memories of the Holy Night." This cantata was written by Miss McMinn as her master thesis at West Texas State College.

Although she had written the work for high school choirs and had given it twice with high school choirs, the presentation by the Dimmitt Seventh and Eighth Grade Choir was complimented by a host of students and parents after each performance.

High school students were free with their compliments and discussions in the halls and classrooms, and the meaning and feeling of Christmas was well planted at the beginning of the season.

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Barbara Stevens Ideal Boy

Most Handsome—Mr. Sallis
 Hair—Jack Dye
 Eyes—Bud Dye
 Teeth—Joe Ber Mitchell
 Best Dressed—DeWayne Brown
 Disposition—Bruce Faust
 Physique—Edgar Dennis
 Nose—Ted Godfrey
 Lips—Don Sheffy
 Hands—Gaylon Patterson
 Walk—Don Johnston
 Smile—David Adams
 Height—Harley Worrell
 Athletic Ability—Richard Wood.
 Personality—Barton Clowdus
 Most Likely to Succeed—Bob Anthony.

O. C. Renfro's Ideal Girl

Most Beautiful—Melba Curry
 Hair—Peggy Dixon
 Eyes—Carolyn Rothwell
 Teeth—Lanette Hoyle
 Best Dressed—Pat Wilson
 Disposition—Monette Kenmore
 Figure—Jimmie Hyatt
 Nose—Belva Warren
 Lips—Myrtle Trimble
 Hands—Melba Chism
 Walk—Gwen Smith
 Smile—Sharon Wesson
 Height—Shirley Tucker
 Athletic Ability—Dalvia Howard
 Personality—Louise Simpson
 Most Likely to Succeed—Margaret Odom

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