



# Merry Christmas



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Contributed, by an uninvited guest, presumably for the gripe department of this column, and we quote:

"Housed in the Castro County News Edifice is a man known to all. A person in his own opinion a vital cog in the affairs of the community but in the opinion of others a man lacking somewhat in breeding. The word breeding meaning training in the amenities and courtesies of life. By what right, rule, or sanction has this so-called editor to slur and blast other peoples ideas and actions? I refer to such remarks made as of late in regard to the Supt. of Schools, Mr. Cluck, the local band director and many others too numerous to mention. When the editor fails to find a victim for his weekly editorials we are forced to listen to his opinions on just how many bales of cotton the country will produce; who is going to win what ball game and by how many points; who is going to run for president and why; and a wealth of other foolish predictions. To add insult to injury we are forced to hear about his golf scores, his broken glasses, and his lost breeches. Is there one soul in Castro County that actually cares if the editor lost his breeches? The weekly dissertation on Major is becoming about as boring as Mrs. Roosevelt and her dog Fala! Why not a new column entitled "My Day With Major?" One editorial refers to the local temporary band director. Whether the band director is temporary or not seems to be up to the Board of Education, and not the local country-editor. As in regard to the derogatory remark made to the directors moustache, our form of rebuttal is that to my knowledge the local director has never been seen running around town with his hair hanging in his face and a "crop" of whiskers. It is true that the editor has the right to run his own newspaper any way he wants to but there is some feeling around town that he could tone up his column a bit if he would just take a few tips from some of his readers and write an editorial once in awhile that would be a credit to himself, his town and his county. The Amarillo Daily News makes it a habit to print such letters as these, I wonder if the Castro County News will be as big and print same? Mr. Editor (and I say Mr. with some reservations) I DARE you to print this—prove to me you are either man or mouse!"

The writer of the above quoted and unquoted got his idea from a notice which appeared in a current issue of the Amarillo Daily News inviting the people of Amarillo, or at least the readers of that metropolitan daily, to express their opinion in writing in a "letter to the editor column." The notice, which appeared in the neighboring paper, accompanied the above dissertation and in one paragraph invited criticism, if any, of that paper. We read the notice a second time but couldn't find any place where they mentioned that criticism of the Castro County News or this column would be welcome. On second thought, however, we feel flattered that at least one delinquent subscriber has been reading this column carefully enough to be called on to challenge our policy. We are happy to divulge enough space in this department for any gripes our readers care to make, in fact we invite 'em.

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Many people will drive carefully during the next few days to avoid being the millionth traffic fatality, but we will wager that just as soon as they hear of that unfortunate individual's untimely demise they will step on the gas again with reckless abandon because they know that 999,999 will have to be killed before the second millionth victim will be in any (Continued on Page 7)

### Final Rites Held For Walter Wall Jobe

Final rites for Walter Wall Jobe, 82-year-old retired farmer, were conducted Saturday afternoon at the Tulia First Methodist church with Rev. Lloyd Mayhew officiating. Rev. J. B. Thompson of Tulia assisted. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Jobe died Thursday noon at his home in Tulia. He had been in failing health since January. He was born April 7, 1869, at Cornith, Miss., and came to Texas in 1877, locating in Grayson county. There he met Miss Eunice Mullins whom he married Dec. 13, 1891.

The couple moved to Stamford in 1905 and to Hart one year later where they lived for 45 years until he retired in 1948 and moved to Tulia.

One of the first settlers in Castro county, he bought an unimproved farm and hauled lumber from Hereford to build his house. Building was a slow process as it took a week to make the round trip to Hereford and back in a wagon. The closest neighbor was J. R. Riley who lived five miles away.

Nearest doctor was Dr. Stapleton of Dimmitt, a village which boasted two stores, owned and operated by T. H. Beech and J. R. Gollehor.

Mr. Jobe helped build the first school at Hart. It was located three miles south of the present town of Hart, and the teacher was Joe Hart. T. W. Hart was the postmaster and operated the post office in his own home. Mr. Jobe served on the Hart school board for 18 years. Although he was a Presbyterian when he moved to Hart, he joined the Methodist church since no church of his faith had been organized in that locality. He served as a steward in the Hart Methodist church.

The couple often reminisced about their pioneering days. They saw the country grow from a prairie ranching country into a thickly settled farming country. Survivors include his widow; two sons, Ewel Jobe of Hart and M. H. Jobe of Tulia; four daughters, Mrs. Joe Vaughn, Tulia, Mrs. Frank Brown, Amarillo, Mrs. Lester Oler, Happy, and Mrs. C. J. Hardy, Tulia; a brother, A. T. Jobe of Winters; five sisters, Mrs. Luther Seavage, Sherman, Mrs. Hughes, Olustee, Okla., and Mrs. Henry Groner, Sherman, Mrs. John Nelson, Denison, Mrs. Mary Betty Campbell, Tulsa, Okla.; 23 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

### Former Cleo Resident Dies In Lubbock

Word was received here this week of the death of Mr. Jeff Chandler who passed away Thursday, December 13, at 1:00 a. m. at Lubbock where he made his home at 611 Ave. L. Mr. Chandler was a former resident of the Cleo community in Castro county.

### Death Claims Relatives Of Local Family

Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Brashear of Dimmitt received word of the death of two of their relatives during the past week. Mr. J. H. Johnson of Joplin, Mo., an uncle of Mrs. Brashear died Wednesday of last week, and Mr. A. C. Brashear, brother of Rev. Brashear, died at the family home in Fort Smith, Ark., Saturday. Rev. Brashear is recovering from injuries suffered in a highway accident making it impossible for them to attend the funeral services.

### Judge Griffin To Be Honored In Hawkins Home

Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Hawkins, Sr., will hold open house at their home in Hart on Wednesday, December 26th, 1951 from 1 to 6 in the afternoon to honor Judge and Mrs. Meade F. Griffin of Austin. All Friends are invited.

### Minimum Rate Lowered For REA Customers

According to an announcement by officials of the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative effective January 1, 1952, all minimum rates, which have been in excess of \$5.00, for REA customers will be lowered to \$5.00. The new rate was established at a meeting of the board of directors of the organization held December 7.

The new minimum rate, which will effect people living in the more thinly settled areas where rates are usually higher, will be in effect for five years under the new order.

Due to the fact that the peak load during the spring and summer irrigation seasons exceeds the capacity of REA facilities, reduced irrigation rates have been established to encourage winter irrigation, according to the announcement. As a public service to farmers of the area the Deaf Smith County Electric Cooperative has made arrangements for an irrigation short course to be held on February 4, at which time irrigation specialists will point out the types of crops that benefit most from winter irrigation. All farmers are invited to attend the short course.

### Nativity Scene Depicted On M. E. Church Lawn

The Young Peoples Class of the Methodist Sunday School has added to the Christmas atmosphere of the town by erecting a cardboard Nativity scene on the church lawn. The various characters of the original nativity are depicted with the necessary props for atmosphere.

### Will Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Skipworth are invited to attend the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary which will be held in the parlor of the First Methodist church in Plainview Sunday, Dec. 23 from 2 until 5 p. m. Place of the celebration was changed from the Skipworth home in Dimmitt to Plainview due to recent illness in the family.

### Dimmitt P. T. A. Holds Meeting

The Dimmitt P.T.A. met at the high school Tuesday, December 18th, 1951. The Farm Bureau Chorus led by Mr. Ray Bearden was enjoyed by all. The children were entertained with a show. The next P.T.A. meeting will be held the third Tuesday in January. Be sure and attend so as not to miss any of these interesting features.

### Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party for the George and Hance families of Dimmitt was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. George, Sr., December 14.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hance and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hance and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. George and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. George, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack George and Chick, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy George and Shelly and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. George, Sr. The evening began with a buffet supper. Kent Hance gave a reading, followed by the hostess leading the group in the Lord's Prayer. Last was the presentation of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Erdman and family of Golden Valley, N. D., arrived here Wednesday for a Christmas visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Skipworth. They report that the temperature was 35 degrees below zero when they left Golden Valley.

Mr. J. R. Harris left Monday for an extended visit with his brother, J. L. Harris, at Columbia, Tenn.



During The Many Years That Old Santa Has Been Visiting The Little Boys And Girls of Dimmitt This Year Will Be The First Time He Has Ever Made The Trip Driving Honest to Goodness Reindeer He Will Be In Dimmitt Friday at 2:00 P. M. To Greet All Of His Friends Young And Old

### Last Rites Held At Earth For County Pioneer

Funeral services for O. C. Axtell, pioneer Castro county farmer, were conducted at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Methodist church at Earth, with the pastor, J. R. Wood officiating. Burial was made in the Springlake cemetery under direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Axtell, 81 years old, died Saturday morning in the Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, which he had entered for treatment of a heart ailment.

Mr. Axtell, a native of Kansas, moved to Castro county in 1908. He settled on a farm about fourteen miles south of Dimmitt where he resided continuously until his death.

Survivors are his wife, four children, H. F. Axtell, Dimmitt, R. A. Axtell, Springlake, Mrs. Norman Cleavinger, Springlake, and Mrs. S. Cleavinger, Alhambra, Calif. He is survived by one brother, Burton Axtell of Sterling, Kansas, and a sister, Mrs. M. E. Hinman, Sylvia, Kan. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren.

### KC'S Contribute Books To Library

According to an announcement today by Mrs. J. F. Easter, librarian, members of the Knights of Columbus of Nazareth contributed five new books to the County Library this week. Mrs. Easter declared that the Knights of Columbus, other organizations and individuals of the Nazareth community have made numerous contributions of books to the library in the past. The books, delivered to the library by Mr. Francis Wilhelm, Faithful Navigator of the Knights of Columbus, were: "The President's Lady," "The Country Wife," "Bride's Island," "Seven Story Mountain" and "Peace of Mind."

Mrs. C. B. Finch received word Saturday of the sudden death of her uncle, Mr. J. B. Puckett who died of a heart attack in Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. Finch and her mother, Mrs. C. H. Puckett attended the funeral services which were held at Sayre, Okla., Monday.

Mrs. John Crum and Mrs. Arthur McJimpsey visited in Hereford Tuesday.

Mrs. John Crum and Raymond made a business trip to Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Conard and family are at Sylvester, Georgia, for a Christmas visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. C. T. Kilcrease, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Autry and Kelly and Mrs. Jimmy George and Shelly left Monday for Crystal City, Texas, for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Carpenter and Pat.

### Wheat Producers Urge Continuous Insect Control

According to a report this week by Mr. Leo Witkowski, member of the board of directors of the Wheat Producers Association of Texas, the following recommendations were adopted, at a meeting of the board on December 5, and sent to the State Extension Service at College Station, in an effort to secure the full time services of an insect specialist for the Plains-Panhandle area to be located at Amarillo.

The report and recommendations, in part, follow: It is past history now that the Panhandle of Texas raised very little wheat the summer of 1951. Most experts now agree that there are several reasons why our wheat died in the fields in January, February, and March in 1951. These main causes were:

1. Dry weather in some sections.
2. Mosaic root rot.
3. Cut worms.
4. Greenbugs.

I believe most wheat growers feel that the greenbug and the cut worm are our main enemies. Not only was the Texas Panhandle affected by this infestation of greenbugs and cut worms, but Western Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Nebraska also had heavy infestations and the estimated loss to wheat growers in these six states is five hundred million dollars.

In May of 1951 the above six states sent representatives from their wheat growers associations to Washington, and this group presented their problem to various USDA leaders and also to a senate sub committee. We found that the USDA had only one man out of 2200 working on the greenbug problem. As a direct result of this trip to Washington \$40,000 was earmarked for the study of greenbugs and other insects.

On December 5, 1951 the Board of Directors of the Wheat Producers Association of Texas held a meeting in Amarillo. Present at that meeting was Dr. Chada who works out of Denton, Texas with the USDA. He is an insect specialist and was making a trip through the Panhandle checking in various fields to see if he could find signs of infestation of greenbugs or cut worms.

Dr. Chada told the group that it was because of the wheat growers sending delegates to Washington and making additional funds available that he was here in the Panhandle making spot checks for greenbugs. He reported that he had found very few signs of greenbugs, and did not believe there would be a heavy infestation of greenbugs next spring; however he emphasized the fact that it is very important to have a continuous research program on greenbugs and other insects in order that we might be forewarned of their approach and that we might be ready to use whatever control measures are available.

### Plains Memorial Hospital News

PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL: Ramon Mancha Harold Wilkerson B. A. Fuller E. H. Smith Lewis Beason Mrs. Tom Tate Mrs. Carlos Calvert PATIENTS DISMISSED SINCE LAST REPORT Baby Williamson Mrs. Fanny Rice Mrs. Ernest Calhoun Mrs. Dick Greathouse Bob West Deborah Anderson Mrs. Mae Claborn Mrs. Marie Martinez and baby girl Mrs. B. L. Smith Mary Lou Waggoner Mrs. Fibio Crispin Barbara Jean Lilley

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### Large Crowd Attends 6th Annual 4-H Christmas Party

Five Hundred members, adult leaders, parents, and guests attended the 6th annual Castro County 4-H Club Christmas Party that was held at the Dimmitt High School, Tuesday night, Dec. 13th. This was the largest number yet to attend this annual gathering of 4-H members, leaders, parents and guests to enjoy movies, games, talent contest, group singing and exchange of gifts. Seventy-seven members participated in the talent contest, and 200 feet of 16mm colored movies were made of the gala affair.

The evenings activities included registration at 6:30; 7:15 p.m. Mr. Frank Huseman showed a colored movie of the 4-H Rally Day held in July and the Fair parade in September. At 7:45 the 4-H members and parents went to the gym for games under the direction of 4-H members and Extension Agents. Games played included Herr Schmidt, Seven Jumps, Scavenger Hunt and Pinatas. At 8:45 the group returned to the auditorium for the talent contest. Sixty different talent entries extended the program until 11:00 p. m.

### Mrs. Pinckert Dies Sunday Afternoon Of Gunshot Wounds

Mrs. Juanita Pinckert, 37 years old, died at 1:10 o'clock Sunday afternoon, shortly after being admitted to the Deaf Smith County Hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds.

Justice of the Peace Andy Thomas returned a verdict of death by self-inflicted gunshot wounds. Officers said a pistol was found near Mrs. Pinckert's body at her home in East Hereford.

She had been in ill health for sometime and had been dismissed from the hospital about a week ago.

Mrs. Pinckert was born at Carter, Okla. She was married Aug. 9, 1932 to Chester D. Pinckert and the couple moved to Hereford about 12 years ago from the Jumbo community, south of here in Castro County.

She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, three sons, Richard, Donnie and Jack; her father, Ed McGinnis of Fort Worth, and two brothers, Charles McGinnis of San Antonio and Bill Hargett, of Cotter, Ark.

### Mrs. Paul Jordan Presents Pupils In Christmas Recital

Mrs. Paul Jordan presented her expression pupils in a Christmas recital at the Dimmitt Baptist Church Monday night. A large crowd was present and enjoyed the elaborate program in which the expression pupils were assisted by a cast of ten adults. The recital was very impressive and the pantomime of the story "Why the Chimes Ring" caused those present to feel that they had witnessed a very vivid enactment of the Nativity scene.

Readings for the Manger Scene were given by the following expression pupils of the Jordan School of Expression: Lu Ann Hays, Gayle Elder, Susan Youts, Darla Sue Jordan, La Dawn Kemp, Nancy Carol Hays, Paula Dawn Jordan, Joe Burkett, David Hays, Lowell Neumayer, Charles Youts, Kent Hance, Donna Sue Hendrix, Deborah Buckmaster, Janice Curry, Rommie Buckmaster, Carl Lee Kemp, Paula Howell, Ruby Mae Clingsmith, Kay Simms, Sharon Rothwell, Peggy Gilbreath, Linda Gladman.

### Local Veteran Visits Parents

After four years in Germany Sgt. Carl Adams was home on a recent furlough, visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Adams and other relatives. He left Friday for Fort Ord, Calif. for reassignment. He has about five more years left of his present enlistment. Sgt. Adams has been in service since 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Foster and children of Loop spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Crum. Little Jimmie Foster had spent the past week with his grandparents.

The best girl performers were Sandra Sanders and Edith Rue Smitherman of Hart doing a tap dance number.

The best boy performer was Keith Lowe playing the guitar and singing "Wondering."

All other winners were as follows:

Junior Girls:

1st—Trio—Jonalyn Alldridge, Ann Gollehor and Oneta Bradley singing "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

2nd—Chorus—the fifth and sixth grade girls of Dimmitt, singing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

3rd—Reading—Arlene Lienen, "Birdies."

4th—Piano Solo—Sandra Leeth, "White Christmas."

5th—Piano Solo—Faye Anren, "School Picture."

Junior Boys:

1st—Guitar and Song—"Wondering" by Keith Lowe.

2nd—Christmas Carol—by Neal Honea.

3rd—"Beautiful Brown Eyes," duet by Jerry Cluck and Zay Gilbreath.

5th—"Steal Guitar Rag," by William Stone.

Senior Girls:

1st—Tap dance by Sandra Sanders and Edith Rue Smitherman.

2nd—Trio "Silver Bells," by June DeWolfe, Gail Cooper and Mary Wilton Ivey.

3rd—Duet, "Silver Bells" DeLores and Evelyn Stork.

4th—Piano Solo, "Tarrantella" Mildred Conrad.

5th—Solo, "Winter Wonderland" by Gaylia Anderson of Hart. Senior Boys:

1st—Yuke and Song, "Freckles," by George Ray.

2nd—Piano Solo, "Down Younder," Ivan Sinclair.

3rd—Piano Solo, "Under the Stars and Stripes," by Ted Conrad.

4th—Duet, "Joy to the World," by Jack and Tom Acker.

Mr. James (Rosy) Bates served as master of ceremonies for the talent contest and did a grand job handling the 60 different talent entries and the crowd of 500 people.

Mr. Ray Bearden led the audience in group singing before and during the talent contest. Mr. Bearden also had the State winning Farm Bureau Chorus on hand to sing "It Is No Secret" and "White Christmas."

Following the group singing and talent contest the various winners had an opportunity to select prizes donated by 60 business men of Castro County.

Santa Claus was on hand to help give out gifts, and sacks of candy and apples after the talent contest. 200 feet of 16mm colored movies and a roll of 35mm colored slides were made of the annual affair. Mr. Olin Huff of Dimmitt made the pictures for the 4-H club members.

The Castro County 4-H club Council, with Bob Hill of Hart, as chairman and the 4-H adult leaders did much in planning and carrying out this 6th annual affair. Others assisting with the party included Jack Cartwright, Neil Blagg, Sammie Lamb, Harold Stephens, Mrs. H. H. Smith, Mrs. Glenn May, Paul Jordan, Giles Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Goldman Dyer, John McFarland and others.

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**Miss Dudley Sue Dinwiddie Becomes Bride of R. Elfvin**

Centennial, Wyoming—The marriage of Miss Dudley Sue Dinwiddie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Dinwiddie of Hart, Texas to Russell Elfvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Elfvin of Kenmore New York was solemnized at noon on December 15 at the ranch home of the bride's uncle, Jack Dinwiddie.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her only attendant was her aunt, Mrs. Violet Dinwiddie. The groom's father acted as best man. Mrs. Jack Markley of Centennial played traditional wedding music and sang "Because."

For her wedding the bride wore a brown suit with matching accessories. Her corsage was of Orpheus roses. The matron of honor wore a grey and blue jersey dress with an orchid carnation corsage. The bride's mother chose a royal blue suit while the groom's mother wore a grey suit. The mothers wore gardenia corsages. The wedding vows were read by Rev. McConnell, Presbyterian minister. Several very close friends of the young couple witnessed the ceremony.

Immediately following the ceremony a luncheon was served to the wedding party and guests in the Jack Dinwiddie home. The bride and groom then entrained for Euclid, Ohio where they will be at home at 24590 Lakeshore Boulevard.

Mrs. Elfvin is a graduate of Hart high school and Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas. She has been employed for the past several years by Continental Air Lines of Denver, Colo. The groom is an engineering graduate of Purdue University. He is now employed as an engineer in the Lincoln Electrical Manufacturing Company.

**Home Wedding Unites Lillian Hamm And William Holland, Jr.**

In a double ring ceremony performed Sunday afternoon, December 9th at 3:00 p. m. in the home of the bride's parents, Miss Lillian B. Hamm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hamm of Hart, became the bride of Mr. William P. Holland Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Holland Sr. of Amherst. Rev. Joe B. Scrimshire, uncle of the bride performed the ceremony as the couple stood in front of an improvised altar decorated with baskets of white mums and gladiolas, placed in front of double tiered candelabra.

Mr. Joe Percy Hart, cousin of the bride and pianist, played appropriate selections and the traditional wedding marches and accompanied Miss Colline Brown when she sang "Always," "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her brother, Melvin, the bride wore a white satin gown she made herself. It was designed with a full skirt which ended in a chapel train. The high neckline was fashioned with a stand-up collar and the long sleeves fitted over the wrists with a bias cuff. She wore a

white nylon net veil. For something old, the bride carried a handkerchief of her great aunt's; for something new, pearls, a gift from the groom; for something borrowed, earrings belonging to Colline Brown, a blue garter and the traditional penny in her shoe. Her bouquet was a white orchid with satin streamers.

Attending as matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Gerald Coffey of Amherst, who wore a rose satin fashioned with off-the-

shoulder bertha, fitted bodice and full skirt. She wore a sweetheart fashioned headdress and carried a bouquet of pink mums.

Miss Joyce Holland, sister of the groom, attended as bridesmaid. She wore a green satin fashioned identical to the matron of honor's and carried a bouquet of yellow mums.

Misses Barbara Coffey, niece of the bride, and Jan Holland, cousin of the groom were flower girls. They were dressed identical in or-

chid taffeta, and pink with orchid headdresses. They carried bouquets of orchid mums.

Charles Hinds of Amherst acted as bestman and Edward Bennett of Hart was usher.

Mrs. Hamm, mother of the bride, chose a rose lace over taffeta dress with black accessories, and a corsage of rose colored roses. The groom's mother, Mrs. Holland, wore a gray crepe dress with black accessories and a corsage of rose colored roses.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was given by the bride's mother. The buffet was decorated with a large bouquet of white mums with white candles on either side. The bride's table was laid with a lace cloth. Silver and crystal appointments were used. The three tiered wedding cake, decorated in white, topped by a miniature bride and groom was the focal point of interest on the table. Napkins with silver wedding bells completed the

table detail. Mrs. Melvin Hamm of Dimmitt, sister-in-law of the bride cut and served the cake. Miss Colline Brown of Canyon served the punch.

Out of town guests were present from Albuquerque, N. M., Amarillo, Canyon, Dimmitt, Amherst and Hale Center.

For her honeymoon the bride wore a gold colored dress with brown accessories and a white topper. Her orchid corsage was fashioned from her bridal bouquet.

After a short honeymoon trip to points in New Mexico the couple will be at home near Dimmitt where the groom is engaged in farming.

The bride attended West Texas State College at Canyon and was employed at the bank in Hale Center prior to her marriage. The groom attended Texas Tech at Lubbock; he also served in the occupational army in Korea. He was engaged in farming near Amherst before his marriage.

*Happy Holiday*



As the wonder of Christmas comes again to our homes we pray that the gracious and bountiful spirit of the season may extend fully into all your lives - - now and for all the days hereafter.

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# CHRISTMAS CAMELIA

By John Scott Douglas

STENOGRAPHERS hovered around as Marta Manning unwrapped the package that had just reached the law offices. There were startled gasps of admiration when the paper fell away, revealing a potted camelia. Large and pure white, except for crimson-touched petals, its heart was filled with delicate golden stamens.

"Oh, how beautiful!" Tessie gasped. "Who sent it, Martha?"

"My boy friend," Marta said, her tone warm with happiness.

"I didn't know camelias bloomed in time for Christmas," said Bess.

"The Dai Kaugura does," said Marta. "But it's all crimson. This must be a new hybrid that Colby Blake stocked for the Christmas trade."

Could Colby have developed it himself? she wondered. She remembered the day, when he had been showing her around his nursery, that she started to enter a small new lath house at the back. "D



On the point of refusal, she remembered the broken date. "I'd be glad to, Mr. Ladd."

go in there, Marta!" And then he'd been embarrassed as only a big, redheaded outdoor man can be embarrassed by his own rudness. "Forgive me for speaking so sharply, darling. You'll understand, some day."

In the two years since then, he'd never explained his strange words. It was but one of the things that had marred a more perfect understanding. The many broken dates were another. Engagements he could not keep because a truckload of plants must suddenly be delivered, or a customer must be seen

about the laying out of a new garden.

"For you, Marta," said the switchboard girl. The girls dispersed as she picked up the phone. She heard Colby's voice.

"I feel terribly to beg off on another date, darling. But Roberts sprained his back lifting a tubed tree, and had to go home. About twenty customers are coming in to pick up Christmas plants this evening, and someone must be here. Let me explain about that camelia—"

SICK WITH disappointment, she said, "Never mind," and hung up. Tears pricked her eyes. Wasn't she ever as important as a customer?

"Garral Ladd wants you to take a letter," said the switchboard girl. Any of the other girls would have gone into a tizzy if he'd suggested a date. Only Marta had had the chance to refuse him, not once but many times. For to her, he wasn't quite real.

Now, with a confident smile, he dictated: "To do the town on Christmas Eve with a lovely young blonde like you would make this my most wonderful Christmas. Will you say, 'Yes?' Devotedly, Garral Ladd."

"To whom shall I address it?" asked Marta.

"To Miss Marta Manning." Her cheeks grew warm. On the point of refusal, she remembered the broken date. "I'd be glad to, Mr. Ladd."

That evening, on her way home to dress, she stopped at a nursery to buy a small tree for her apartment. The tree, she recalled with a pang of disappointment, that Colby had promised to bring when he called. A woman loaded with bundles was leaving the nursery with a plant identical to the one Marta had received that morning.

"Isn't it lovely?" the woman asked, noticing Marta's glance. "It's the new hybrid developed by the Blake nursery." And she told Marta its name.

Marta stood stunned when the woman left. Then, abruptly, she turned back to her car, thinking, "I can call Garral Ladd later."

She found Colby wrapping red paper around a pot holding one of the new Christmas camelias.

"Can you forgive me, Colby?" she asked humbly. "I'll help wait on customers so we can be together Christmas Eve. You've made me so proud and happy."

"It was the only name for a flower so beautiful, darling."

She felt a touch of awe as she stared at the camelia he was wrapping. How like Colby to express his love by naming it the Marta Manning!

NEWS Want Ads get good results

## Mrs. Axtell Speaker at Dimmitt Book Club

At a recent meeting of the Dimmitt Book Club, Mrs. D. G. Axtell, speaker for the afternoon, suggested that members of the book club collect all possible data concerning the history of Castro County with a view toward compiling a book. The club voted to make every effort to get information from those who have personal knowledge of early hap-

penings and personalities and place such data in a file in the county library. Mr. Ray Axtell, president of the club, appointed Mrs. B. J. Brannan, Mrs. Sam Hunter and Mrs. Barber Eubanks as a committee to promote such action. Anyone knowing interesting facts concerning this section of the county is requested to get in touch with some member of the club or place a written record of the events with the librarian, Mrs. Easter.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a bike and my brother a bicycle and a choo choo and a pistol and a jeep and some boxing gloves and a little dump truck.

Love,  
Burris McRee

Dimmitt, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1951

Dear Santa:  
Please send me a little tractor, plow, combine, and a trailer, also

a football.  
My little brother wants a doll.  
Thank you very much Santa.  
Love,  
Gary Eubanks

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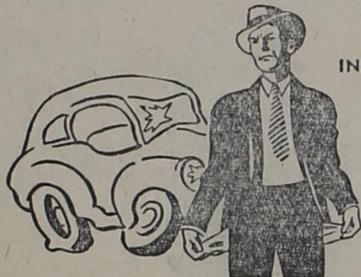
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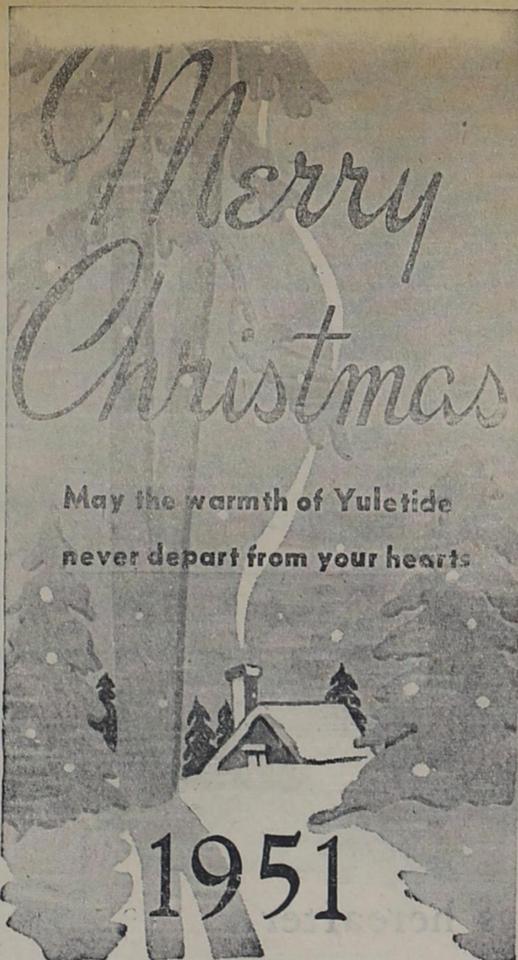
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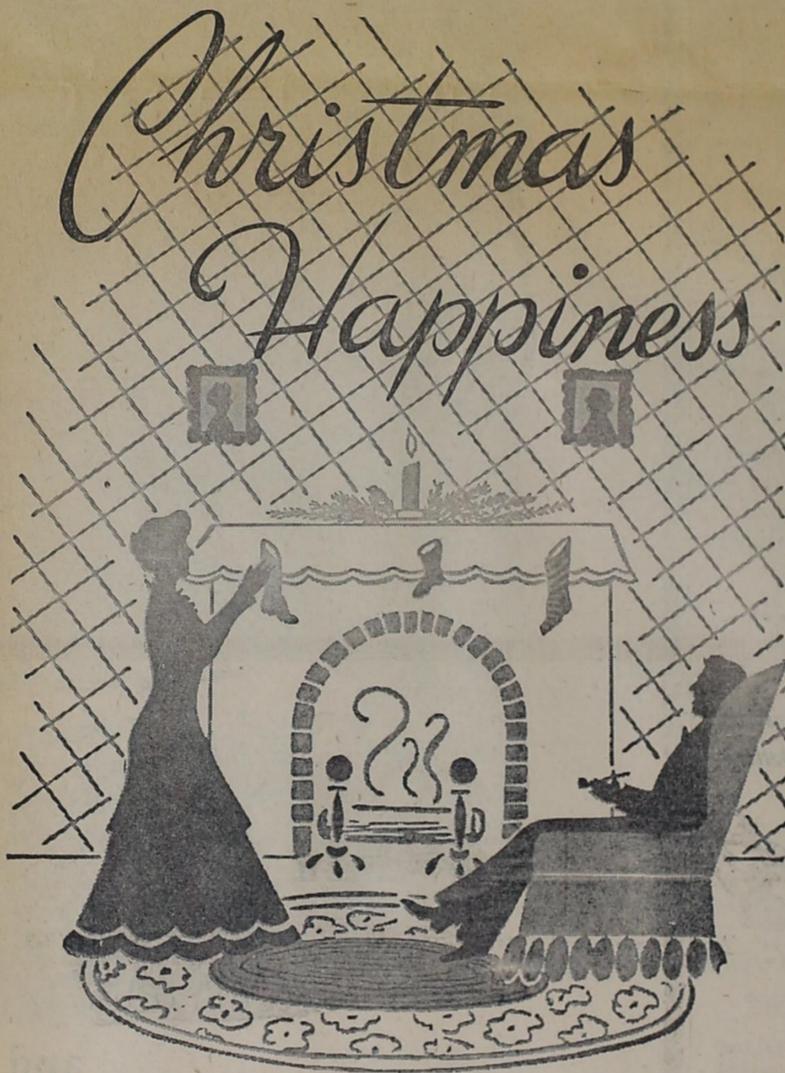
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May the warmth of Yuletide never depart from your hearts

## DIMMITT FOOD BANK



1951

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### Danger of Fire Is Greatly Enhanced By Christmas Tree

THE AVERAGE CHRISTMAS tree can go up in smoke in only two minutes. That doesn't leave much time for the fire department to get there.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what it lacks in size.

Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to set it up inside. When you bring it in, keep it in the coolest part of the house with the radiator nearest it turned off.

Use nonflammable aluminum foil—not cotton or paper—to conceal container in which tree is "planted." Use nonflammable trimmings on the tree.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

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



**GNOMES AT WORK . . .** Three little gnomes diligently prepare for Christmas under the watchful eye of Santa Claus in his workshop at Santa Claus, Indiana. They are building, waxing and polishing toys to go into Santa's pack on Christmas eve.

### THE LAW AND YOU

By Robert (Bob) Kirk

**DO YOU KNOW** when you must file your Income Tax Return?

If you are a business man, operating your own business, on a calendar year basis of accounting, by January 15, 1952, you must file a final estimated return and pay in not less than 80% of your esti-

ated tax, or if you have already been making quarterly payments, revise your fourth quarterly payment, if needed, and pay the fourth quarterly payment. This will give you until March 15th to make your final return, and pay the balance of your tax. You need not make an estimated tax if you file your final return prior to January 15, 1952, and pay your tax at that time.

If you are a farmer operating on a calendar year basis of accounting, you must file an estimate and pay your tax by January 15, 1952, if you desire to extend the time for filing your return until March 15, 1952. If a farmer does not desire to make an estimate and pay the tax on the estimate, he has until January 31st, 1952, to make his final return, and make no estimate.

If you are an individual on a salary, and taxes are withheld from your salary, and you do not have any other source of income, you do not have to file an Income Tax Return until March 15, 1952. If you should be entitled to a refund, it would probably be advisable to file your return at the earliest possible time, so that your refund would come back sooner. If you have income outside of your salary, you may be required to make an estimate by January 15, 1952.

For those who have made quarterly estimates throughout the year 1951, and their estimate is within 80% of what their tax would have been, except for the increase due to the 1951 Revenue Act, they may pay the 4th Quarterly Installment of Estimated

Tax on January 15, 1952, and then have until March 15, 1952, to make their final return and pay the balance due thereunder. There are penalties prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code for failure to make an estimate, when you are required to do so, or for making too low an estimate.

For those operating on a fiscal year, their final estimates must be made within 15 days of the close of the fiscal year and their final return made by the 15th day of the 3rd month after the close of the fiscal year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT, SEE YOUR LOCAL ATTORNEY, OR CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Golden Valley, North Dakota December 4, 1951

Dear Santa:

We are three children that live in North Dakota, but if we don't get too much snow we will be at our grandmother's in Texas for Christmas, so you can visit us there. I, Donald, am six years old and I would like a ranch set. Jarr Marie, my sister, is four years old and she wants a big doll that sleeps and cries and some doll clothes. Karan, my brother, wants a gun and holster. Please Santa

**Drs. Wood & Armistead**  
OPTOMETRISTS  
406 LFD Drive Lufkinfield  
Phons 328

remember the other children on Christmas Eve and don't forget we will be in Texas instead of at home.

Your friends,  
Donald, Zan Marie and  
Karan Erdman



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Here's a spirited hope that you have a wonderful holiday

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Best Wishes

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| No. 2 1/2 can            |             |
| PEACHES . . . . .        | 25c         |
| in Heavy Syrup           |             |
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| PUMPKIN . . . . .        | 25c         |
| Bestyett                 | Pt.         |
| SALAD DRESSING . . . . . | 29c         |
| Raceland                 | large can   |
| SALMON . . . . .         | 39c         |
| Pure Cane                | 10 lb. sack |
| SUGAR . . . . .          | 89c         |
| Corn King, Sliced        | lb.         |
| BACON . . . . .          | 37c         |
| Large Papershell         | 3 lbs.      |
| PECANS . . . . .         | \$1.00      |
| Tokay                    | 2 lbs.      |
| GRAPES . . . . .         | 27c         |
| Fresh                    | bunch       |
| RADISHES . . . . .       | 5c          |
| Large Crisp              |             |
| CELERY . . . . .         | 2 for 35c   |

All Kinds of Christmas Fruits, Nuts and Candy

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CHRISTMAS is a kindly and reverent season! It is the one time in the year to forgive and forget . . . when we can give vent to our innermost feelings of thanks and appreciation . . . when we can pause to ponder the past and plan for the future.

In America, we have every reason to be thankful. Our System of Free Enterprise is stronger than ever. It has been said that "In America the people own everything . . . including the Government. In the countries bent under the yoke of dictatorship, the Government owns everything, including the people." For all these things . . . for this land of plenty in which we live . . . for Democratic way of life which gives us freedom, liberty and the right to pursue happiness in our own way . . . we give our grateful thanks.

So, in a joyous mood, to you and yours, all of us at A. J. HARRIS AND SONS extend every good wish for a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Mere words cannot express our deep and sincere appreciation for the hearty cooperation which you have extended to us during the year just closing. We are thankful for true, loyal friends and will diligently seek to justify the friendship and confidence reposed in us.

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 Hereford Glass Company  
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 Through A NEWS Want Ad

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FOR SALE—Practically new I.H.C. 9 3/4 ft. heavy duty offset disc. Also John Deere drag type 3-row lister on rubber with planting attachments, chisels and markers. Good condition.  
 6-8tp  
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 Phone 12, Dimmitt, Texas

**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—Good 8 ft Gleaner Combine with grain loader and hydraulic lift. Priced to sell.  
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 K & V Tractor Co.  
 Dimmitt, Texas

FOR SALE—9 ft. Frigidaire and blond RCA console model radio, AM and FM. See this at Jumbo school.  
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FOR SALE—One 1948 model used Ferguson tractor. Priced to sell.  
 Auto Salvage & Sales Company  
 51-tfc

FOR SALE—Firestone Tractor Tires and Tubes for all model tractors.  
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 Sales Sold and Clerked  
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FOR SALE—4-room residence with bath and garage, on pavement. See  
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FOR SALE—Modern two-bedroom home, frame and stucco, practically new. Recently redecorated. Garage and service porch attached.  
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 Herman Acker

FOR SALE—Four room house, to be moved.  
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 Odessa, Texas

FOR SALE—Black Angus Bulls, also barley seed.  
 2-8tp  
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 7 mi. W., 1 mi. S. of Hart

FOR SALE—At a bargain. 2 houses in northwest part of Dimmitt. One 5-room with bath, and one new 7-room with bath. On good terms.  
 J. D. Williamson  
 10 miles Northeast of Dimmitt  
 49-tc

FOR SALE—Three registered Black Angus, coming two year old. Bulls. Can be seen at L. W. Baccus farm. For details see \*  
 6-3tc  
 Ward Golden

FOR SALE—Four room modern stucco house, on pavement. Located on rear part of 60 x 150 ft. lot with ample space at front for lot for larger home if desired.  
 2-tfc  
 Mike Powell

FOR SALE—Several Good used Butane Gas Ranges.  
 3-tfc  
 Blanton Butane, Inc.

FOR SALE—Assortment of roses, flowering shrubs, shade trees, hedge and bulbs.  
 Mrs. J. F. Ward  
 North Main, Hereford, Texas  
 1-tfc

FOR SALE—6 cubic ft. G. E. Refrigerator, \$150.00; one 1949 model Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner, \$40.00. Both in perfect condition.  
 Mrs. Howard Scoggin  
 Phone H-52 Box 234  
 5 mi. E., 1 1/2 mi. S. of Dimmitt  
 1-tfc

FOR SALE—Three-bedroom house, attached garage, wash room, small barr, pressure pump on two acres land. Trade for farming equipment and rent land or for cash lease on land.  
 Joe Young, Star Rt. 1  
 Littlefield, Texas  
 Phone 904F11  
 4-5tp

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

FOR SALE—75 tons of good ear corn.  
 6-2tp  
 Jack Cartwright

FOR SALE—Girl's Jr. Bicycle, good condition, balancers included, \$20.00.  
 5-2tp  
 W. T. Sanders  
 Phone 26, Hart, Texas

**RENTALS AND REAL ESTATE**

FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment. Apply at tfc-21  
 Cooper Implement Co.

FOR RENT—Two rooms and bath, unfurnished. See  
 6-3tc  
 Fannie Burnam  
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 6-3tc  
 Mrs. R. V. McMahon Sr.

**WANTED**

WANTED—Clean Rags.  
 tfc  
 Castro Motor Co.

WANTED—Pasture for six head of heifers, wheat or stalk pasture preferred. Inquire at  
 Home Demonstration Office  
 6-2tp

STRAYED—from my farm east of Dimmitt cow branded open "A bar" on left hip.  
 4-tfc  
 Charley Kent

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**SHOE SERVICE**—polish, dye, suede dressing, foot comforts, moccasins in school colors. Satisfaction guaranteed. Open 7:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.  
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 5-tfc  
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ALL KINDS of Insurance. List your land with me. Farm & Ranch Loans 4 1/2 %  
 J. C. Rawlings  
 Rawlings Hotel  
 35-tfc

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**COMPLETE Radiator Service**  
 Castro Motor Co.

**Due To Conditions Beyond Our Control**

We are forced to increase Telephone Rentals

On Both Residential and Business Phones

**Effective January 1, 1952**

Continued increases in the cost of maintaining and operating our business have made it necessary for us to announce slightly higher telephone rates effective January 1. Investigation reveals that after our proposed increase in telephone rates, local subscribers will still receive service at a considerable lower cost than those in neighboring towns of comparable size.

**West Texas Telephone Co.**

From all of us!... **The Merriest of Christmases to you!**

Just Received A Shipment of (\$15.00 Value) Brenda Dolls—While They Last, each \$6.95

<b>COFFEE</b> Folgers lb. <b>79c</b>	<b>BACON</b> Gold Coin, lb. <b>39c</b>	
<b>PECANS</b> Wunder Shelled, lb. pkg. <b>99c</b>	<b>PORK ROAST</b> Fresh Boston Butts, lb. <b>45c</b>	
<b>OLEO</b> Admiral, lb. <b>23c</b>		
<b>CHEESE</b> Velveeta, 2 lb. box <b>89c</b>		
<b>PEACHES</b> Hunts, No. 2 1/2 can, 2 for <b>59c</b>		
<b>FLOUR</b> Gold Medal 10 lb. Bag <b>89c</b>		
<b>ORANGES</b> Calif. Navals, 2 lbs. <b>29c</b>	<b>PORK &amp; BEANS</b> Campfire, 3 cans <b>25c</b>	
<b>GRAPES</b> Tokays, 2 lbs. <b>25c</b>	<b>VIENNAS</b> Campfire, 3 cans <b>25c</b>	
	<b>CHERRIES</b> Sturgeon Bay, No. 2 can, 3 for <b>69c</b>	
	We have a good supply of Xmas Candy Fruit and Nuts. All at Low Prices	
<b>CRISCO</b> 3 lb. can <b>89c</b>		

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 MORE SHOPPERS FIND MORE SAVINGS HERE EVERY DAY!

OUT OF WORK OR ON SHORTER HOURS? Write us immediately regarding opportunities to sell consumers nearby Rawleigh Products, full time. No experience needed to start. For interview, write Rawleigh's Dept., TXL-220-198 Memphis, Tenn.  
 6-1tp

Expert Radiator Service.  
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 Castro Motor Co.

WANTED — 100,000 rats and mice to kill with Ray's Warfarin Rat Killer, also Squill. Harmless to humans and pets. Sold by Dimmitt Wheat Growers and Dimmitt Drug.  
 2-8tp-4tc

WANTED—Will pay 5c each for potato bags and 5c each for meal bags.  
 37-tfc  
 Auto Salvage & Supply

WANTED TO BUY—One-half section of good land in vicinity of Dimmitt. Write  
 Box 988, Littlefield, Texas  
 4-3tp

**STRAYED**

STRAYED — Two Whiteface calves. Strayed from Gibson farm southeast of Dimmitt, right ears cropped. Notify Bob McLean  
 42-tfc

STRAYED—Young cocker spaniel, answers to name of Sandy. Reward. Walter Hodges 42-tfc

**Auto Salvage & Sales Co.**

Used Automobile Parts of all Kinds  
 Complete Radiator Shop  
 Sell Us Your Wrecks

We Have Purchased 300 Old Model New Radiators  
 Closing out as low as \$15.00 Exchange

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**M. W. LEMONS BURIAL ASSOCIATION**  
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 Write For Complete Information  
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**Merry Christmas**

For you may the day be as bright and hopeful as its name.

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 danger. Maybe some sort of explanation is in order about the very noticeable lack of public Christmas decorations in Dimmitt. A committee was appointed at a meeting of the Lions Club, several weeks ago, to cooperate with a Chamber of Commerce committee in arranging for the usual Christmas decorations. Investigation revealed that wind and ice storm during the past two years had damaged the city's decorating equipment to the extent that it was altogether inadequate. Calls by local electricians to supply houses failed to locate the necessary wire, bulbs, sockets, etc. However, one company did call back this week to notify Mr. Earl Brock of the Southwestern Public Service Company that they had located ample lighting equipment to decorate the town, but it would have to be shipped from some Eastern city which, of course, would make its arrival too late to be of any use this year.

adacc  
 Eldon Lilley says we overlooked a very important part of the story about the two bale per acre cotton on the King farm. Now Lilley tells us that 200 head of geese were grazed on that cotton patch giving the owner a nice profit on his poultry venture. Geese will eat the tender grass blades and while gaining weight they cut down cultivation costs.

Dimmitt merchants report a wonderful Christmas business. They have made special efforts to supply the Christmas shopping needs of the people of the area. One good thing about doing your Christmas shopping at home is the fact that if you are not satisfied with your purchases you have someone nearby to make your complaints and gripes to, that little convenience, we notice also applies to subscribers to the local newspaper.

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 There is a good chance that this will be a White Christmas.

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 I wonder how many times in the cotton country of the Deep South are on record when the gins hummed while the snow fell.

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 Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth and other towns of this area should start in right after the first of the year in planning for the biggest business year in their history. There will be a bumper wheat crop in the summer, and in the fall there will be a much larger cotton crop than was raised this year. We must be ready to take care of the business of a diversified farming area or we will be guilty of dereliction of duty to our customers and our community and as a result our towns will suffer the loss of business that is rightfully theirs.

adacc  
 The publisher and the employees of the News wish for our readers and all men everywhere a Very Merry Christmas with the hope that peace will again be restored to the world.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

I Have Severed My Relations With  
 The Plains Memorial Hospital  
 And In The Near Future  
 Will Open Private Offices  
 In Dimmitt  
 For the Practice of General Medicine  
 And Surgery

DR. JAMES T. ROUNTREE



MERRY CHRISTMAS

MAY YOU ALL ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF THIS SEASON OF DEEP JOY



1951

CITY DRUG  
 S & H Green Stamps

#### WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Congressman Walter Rogers



This newsletter is to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish that I could greet all of you personally or send each of you a Christmas card, but that is impossible. I thought you might be interested in the editorial that was published in the New York Sun on September 21, 1897, in answer to the letter of a little eight year-old girl. It is still as true today as it was then.

"IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?"  
 "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 West ninety-fifth street.

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be man'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 enjoyment, 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 coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees SANTA CLAUS, but that is no sign 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. It is all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No SANTA CLAUS! Thank GOD! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Latimer and children will go to Higgins Friday for a Christmas visit with relatives. They will return home Wednesday.

## Merry Christmas



1951  
 CASTRO CLEANERS

# BIG STAGE SHOW

STARING THE  
**Mayfield Brothers**

and

**HERKIMER TORSNOFF, COMEDIAN**

Stars Of KSEL Western Jamboree

Wednesday, December 26th, 1951

**Dimmitt High School**

Doors Open 7:00 — — Show Stars 8:00

Adults 75c

Children 25c



JOE COWEN AGENCY

# HART NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Maples and children spent Thursday through Saturday in Dallas where he attended the Texas Turkey Growers Association meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Maples have just finished marketing about 15 birds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perry and Lynton returned to their home in Denver on Thursday.

Mr. E. H. Bowden was very painfully burned about the arms,

## Dr. James L. Cross VETERINARIAN

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Phone 669

TULIA, TEXAS

side and back on Wednesday evening, December 12th when gasoline on his clothing became ignited. He was rushed to the Olton Hospital where he remained until Monday afternoon. It is expected that he will have to remain in bed at home for several weeks. Visiting Mr. Bowden in the hospital and the children at Hart were his sisters, Mesdames A. E. Davis, Carl Oats and Kendrick and Mrs. Bowden's sisters Mesdames W. G. Robertson and Fred Motley and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robertson, all of Lubbock. Mrs. Bowden has been constantly at the bedside of her husband. O'Lysia, Joyce and Bob returned to Lubbock for a week end visit with relatives.

A large number of people from Hart attended the 4-H Club Christmas party in Dimmitt Thursday night. Ray Joe Riley was ill the last of the week.

Little Miss Connie Bowden is staying with the Homer Garrison family in Plainview this week.

Mrs. S. C. Dunn of Weatherford visited the last of the week with her brother, Howard Bridges and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Robnett and sons attended funeral services at Springlake on Thursday for Mr. Robnett's mother who had been ill for some time at the home of a daughter in Plainview.

Joe Percy Hart of Texas Tech spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cox returned on Monday from a business trip to El Paso.

Miss Sarah Alice Garrison of Plainview visited Miss Peggy Davis Sunday afternoon.

Mr. T. R. Davis lost an uncle in Plainview early last week and an aunt in Fort Worth three days later. He and Mrs. Davis attended funeral services for both relatives.

J. D. Murray attended to business in Childress on Thursday. H. T. Gardner of Morton visited the J. D. Murrays on Friday. Rev. R. O. Browder performed

a double wedding service in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jackson on Saturday evening when their son Bob Jackson and Miss Edna Pool of Olton and Kenneth Covington and Miss Marilyn Stone were married in the presence of members of the families of the four contracting parties. It is understood that both young couples will live in Hart after returning from short wedding trips.

The Zealot Club had its annual Christmas supper and party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Hawkins, Sr., on Wednesday night December 12th. Mesdames Glyn Reid and Deward Armstrong had charge of the food. Mrs. Rodney Smith did the decorations, and Mrs. Willis A. Hawkins Jr. helped prepare the house. Husbands of the young matrons were special guests. About 40 people were present. Canasta and "42" were played after supper.

Hart Senior Home Demonstration Club entertained its families with its annual Christmas Supper and tree in the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Glen Maples on Sunday evening, December 16th. After supper the men played "42" while the women exchanged recipes. Then Santa Claus distributed the gifts which were largely made by members of the club. A special box had been set up for Mrs. Bowden's husband and it was filled with useful and enjoyable gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Barber Eubanks were special guests. Seventeen members with their husbands and families were present.

We are having very cool weather with no moisture. Farmers and gins are still plugging away at the

cotton.

Mr. W. S. Hembree and daughter, Mrs. Pauline Boore left Wednesday for California to visit Earl Hembree and family.

Mrs. R. B. Boren and Mrs. Myrtle Wright left last week end for Rockport where they expect to

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## 'Grandpa Frost' Helps Russians Celebrate Midwinter Festival

Although Christmas is no longer a holiday in Soviet Russia, a non-religious midwinter festival is celebrated and children receive gifts from "Grandpa Frost."

In Czarist Russia, it was customary for well-to-do families with large homes to entertain lavishly on Christmas day. The invitations were extremely formal and begged the invited to consider that

"... for thousands of years it has been so; with us it has not commenced, with us it will not cease. Do not, therefore, disturb the festival; do not bring the good people to despair. Without you there will be no maiden festival at Anna Karpowna's."

In planning these houseparties, hostesses gave particular attention to the selection of partners for the young ladies. The selection was sometimes very satisfactory and sometimes left something to be desired.

Arrival of the "fair maidens," each with her mother and retinue, bringing cake and sweetmeats and gifts for everyone, proceeded according to prescribed ritual: the guests sooner freezing in their sleds before the gate than to alight before receiving the greeting of the host and hostess.

Having been ceremoniously welcomed, the guests offered prayers before the icon (sacred picture) and then proceeded to the feasting and festivities arranged for them.

## GREETINGS to All at Christmastime



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### Christmas Candles Have Been Used By Many Peoples

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle", burned in the window of Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

During the early history of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:  
"To learn you luck for the year they say,  
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day.  
If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,  
Good luck will be yours throughout the year."

### FRIO NEWS

By Mrs. Owen Andrews

The Frio Home Makers Club met Wednesday of last week for the Christmas party in the home of Mrs. E. F. Vogler. Mrs. Frank Robbins had charge of the program. A Christmas story entitled "Scrooges Nephew Wins Again" was read by Mrs. E. H. Little and an article entitled "More Than

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Meets the Eye," was read by Mrs. Robbins. Those present were Mesdames C. N. McClure, Glenn Gripp Gene Noel, Joe Deavenport, Floyd Cole, T. L. Sparkman, Jr., H. F. Benson, Owen Andrews, E. H. Little, Henry Dobbs, Frank Robbins, T. L. Sparkman, Sr., W. A. Springer, Spicer Gripp, Miss Alma Ardrews, the hostess and her mother, Mrs. Drager, who was a visitor.

Mrs. Vogler will also have the next meeting which will be on January 9th and will feature a demonstration on making and baking a plain cake.

The R. L. Shannons were moved on Tuesday of last week to Rankin. A van from Amarillo was employed to move their household goods. They had planned to move the week before but because of the cold weather it was postponed. Before leaving the Shannons were honored with a gift party, after a sandwich supper at the church. They received many nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ellis moved last week to their home ten miles north and three miles east of Hereford. They will be missed from the community.

H. D. and Frank Robbins were at Wichita, Kansas, and Breckenridge, Mo., attending cattle sales the week end before last. They returned on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simpson and Nell spent the week end at Dumas visiting Mrs. Simpson's sisters and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dowdy of Tullia, visited his sister, Mrs. Leonard Irwin and family Sunday afternoon.

Tommy Irwin went to Oklahoma last week and will stay to spend Christmas with his relatives there.

Rev. Swanner of Plainview, who is District Missionary, was visiting preacher at the Frio Baptist church Sunday. He took dinner with the Henry Dobbs and supper at the Owen Andrews home.

Mrs. Olin Parris went to Lubbock Wednesday and her mother, Mrs. Geo. Parker came home with her for a day or two of visiting.

The Olin Parrises spent Monday night at Tahoka in the home of

### Hawaiian Christmas Is Elaborate Affair

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair, enjoyed in the privacy of the home behind locked doors and drawn blinds. Any open-house hospitality is an economic impossibility; if the shades were not drawn and the doors not locked, homes would be invaded by hordes of strangers—all expecting food and drink.

Gift-giving is the order of the day as everyone exchanges inexpensive presents. Even the servants in hotels expect and receive gifts from over-night guests.

Mrs. Parris' sister, Mrs. David Yandell and family.

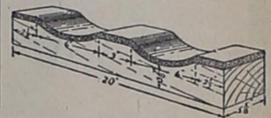
Mrs. Henry Dobbs and Miss Lamerlas Berryman entertained the Sunday School Beginners class with a Christmas party Sunday afternoon. Treats were passed out to all the little folks from the gaily decorated tree.

A Christmas program is being planned for the traditional Christmas Eve Community event at Frio. Only once so far as anyone

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around here 'can remember has the event been held on any other night except Christmas Eve. The general opinion has always been that only on that night, is it proper and fitting for Santa to appear and climax all other festivities. The program being planned will consist of a pageant presented by primary and junior aged children with a choir of older girls and several readings. Santa is expected to appear at the close of the program and distribute gifts and treats to all the good little girls and boys. (There aren't any bad one at Christmas-time). The whole community is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dobbs and Larry, Mrs. E. B. Berryman, Miss Lamerlas Berryman were shopping in Amarillo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Benson and girls were visiting Mrs. Benson's relatives at Pampa Sunday.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I take this means to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the many kind friends and neighbors.

As I dictate this from my hospital bed my heart is heavy, yet, I pray to prove worthy of fellowship in such a wonderful community.

May God bless and keep you.  
Mrs. Tom Tate and Tom.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haberer attended the presentation of "The Messiah" at St. Johns Methodist church in Lubbock Sunday evening.

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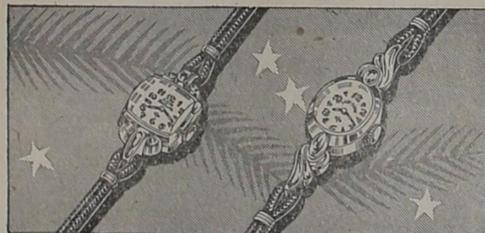


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his ears a sound, but this may cause him to lie closer rather than flee.

Work the cover very thoroughly. Some places can't be done by one person, in which case don't waste your time without a companion. Don't walk in plain view anywhere that you can avoid it. Skulk like the buck, skirt the edges, move slowly around new exposed views and keep out of sight and sound until the last minute. Look for fresh sign, whether it be droppings, urinations, new tracks or brush croppings, for deer leave much sign near the bedding area.

Study your objectives before you move up on them. Above all else, go slowly. Try to figure where the buck is apt to be lying and how to approach him from his blindest spot. A deer's eyes are not too sharp at best, and even quite close he will seldom identify anything that is still even though he may be aware of its presence.

#### Soap Flake Snow

Trimming the Christmas tree with fluffy snow is easy if you use soap flakes. It won't melt either.

Here's how it's done: Use three or four cups of soap flakes to one cup of warm water. Beat with electric beater or hand beater until smooth and fluffy. Then spread immediately over branches of tree, scattering it on with hands.

For sparkle, spread on some artificial glistening snow.

#### 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.



## Sports Afield

By Ted Kesting

K. M. Bradford, a really experienced outdoorsman, pointed out a new angle on deer hunting the other day. He says that if you can find a buck's bed before the season, you'll get a buck during the season.

How do you hunt bedded deer, you ask? Doesn't the deer have all the advantages, lying alert and

quiet, hearing every sound near him? Well, he has an advantage all right, enough so a bungler will seldom see or even hear him when he gets up and gits. On the other hand, he can be had, and all it takes is a reasonable amount of brains, care and experience.

First, of course, pick country that should hold bucks. Maybe it

is a series of high pockets on a ridge, always a favorite spot. Maybe it's a deep dry canyon on a hot or windy day. Maybe it's a cedar thicket or a rocky point, or a dense stand of myrtle. Wherever and whatever it is, hunt it as if you knew that was a buck inside.

Taking advantage of wind and cover, move ever so slowly, stopping often to look and listen. Make no big sounds or quick movements which hand the advantage to the deer. Even if he suspects a foreigner, he doesn't necessarily up and leave, particularly if he doesn't know just where you are. His nose may give him a whiff, or

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# Christmas Greetings



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We hail the season with hymns of praise  
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## Manning's Department Store

### Health Officer Urges Safety During The Christmas Season

AUSTIN—Christmas, the season of joy and happiness, will soon be with us and Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, urges every one to do their utmost to prevent accidents in order that the season of merriment be not changed to one of sorrow or suffering.

This season of the year brings with it an increase in the motor vehicle traffic. Thousands of per-

sons, enjoying a vacation, are on the highways at this time. Like public health, and a great many other things, traffic safety depends upon effective partnership. Whether you are at the wheel or on the highway or street, your safety and that of the other fellow, depends upon both of you.

The speed mania and reckless driving, and all that they imply, in the lack of self control, disregard for laws and for the rights and lives of others, are responsible for a large part of the tragic deaths and unnecessary suffering.

In the face of the hazards involved, absent-mindedness on the part of the driver or pedestrian, also be of the driver or pedestrian, also becomes a vice, with notorious record for destructive consequences. Motor transportation has become an inherent part of our daily lives. To reduce the hazards for ourselves and for others the least we can do is to admit our obligation as partners in the Safety Traffic business, and to accept our responsibility as drivers and as pedestrians.

One would not wish all persons to be in a state of constant dread to the extent that every act be considered a source of possible accident; but we can be sensible and intelligent and since we are creatures of habit we can teach ourselves and our young people to recognize certain situations which represent hazards and to act in such a way as to prevent them.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fowlkes visited their son, Tommy Fowlkes and family at Fort Worth last week.



### England's Puritans Banned Christmas As Frivolous Time

Christmas was outlawed in England by the Puritan government of England in 1643 and, although the restoration of the Stuarts brought a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in contrast to the lavish feasting and boisterous merry-making of olden times.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing



Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters' customers, 'Christmas Boxes' were collected on St. Stephen's day.

Thus, the children receive their presents, in boxes, as do old servants, the postman, and everyone else. And reminiscent of the Roman Saturnalia, householders dance with the servants and, toward evening, there is revelling in the streets as groups of merry-makers gather on street corners or ride about London-town dancing on the 'flats' of trucks.

the ox and the ass," Father Martin continued and recommended that we:

"Leave the man in the red suit to those who have nothing better for whom life must end in disillusion and despair."

Father Martin's sentiments are reminiscent of Martin Luther's vigorous campaign against neglect of the central idea of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus. So, German children have been taught that the Christkind brings the presents—Christkind being depicted as the messenger of the Infant Jesus sent earthward at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children.

The modern conception of Santa Claus is, of course, 99 per cent fictional and strictly American. But the spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness as typified by Santa Claus is neither sugar daddy-ish nor essentially American. Unfortunately not all children who await Santa have learned from their mothers' lips the story of the Holy Child.

### A Prayer for Christmas

We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the hope with which we expect the morrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives delightful, and for our friends in all parts of the earth. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies. Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors. If it may not, give us the strength to encounter that which is to come, that we be brave in peril, constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath, and in all changes of fortune, and down to the gates of death, loyal and loving one to another.

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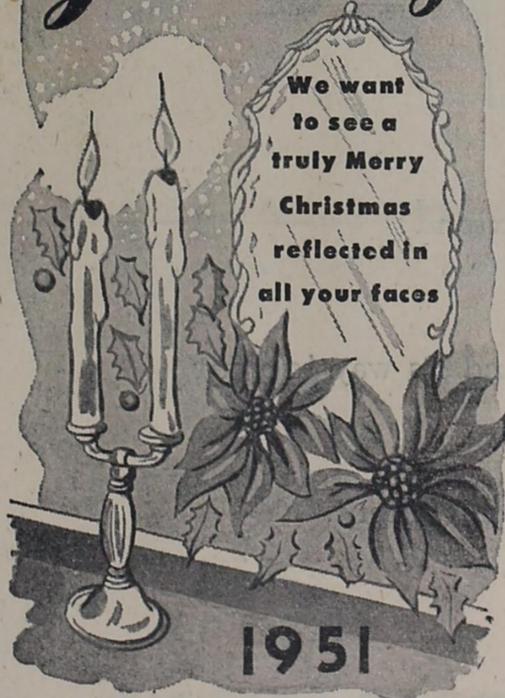
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The abiding joy of Christmas be yours this happy season

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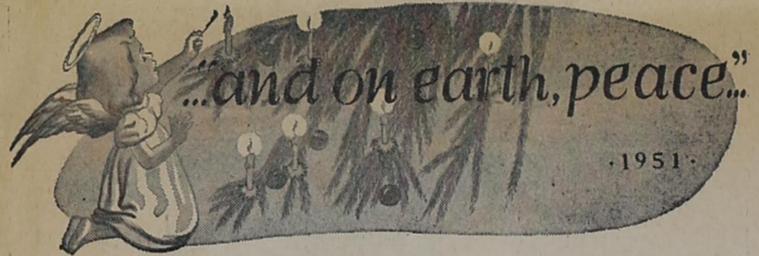


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# A Merry Christmas to All...



In this season of Holiday Joy we extend our best wishes to you, your family and friends.

May the true spirit of the season find its way to your home and hearth, bringing with it days of quiet happiness and peaceful content.

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**Christmas Time**

Once again we come to the season of the year when all is "peace on earth, good will toward men." Our recent snow has served as an aid in helping most of us really get into the Yuletide spirit. Since Christmas is so near, many are rushing around doing last minute shopping. Old Santa is probably hurrying a little, too.

Of course, this is the time we all wish our fellow man "an abundant blessing and a happy season." We want all to be joyous, but let us not forget the great and true meaning of Christmas and what our Savior's birth has meant to the world. Let us offer our gifts as the "wise men" once offered theirs.

The BOBCAT TALES staff wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Fads**

While walking down the hall this morning with a few friends, the idea of writing a feature story on fads dawned on me. If you're wondering why the idea, all of a sudden, I'll tell you.

Turning my head toward the east I stopped in amazement for there, directly in front of me was a man dressed up to look exactly like Roy Rogers. The only difference in appearance was that Rogers seems to have a little better build, and I'm not sure but I think he is a little better looking. His boots were first class, with brown and red and all of the other bright colors. His hat was about ten gallon, and his western shirt and levis finished his costume. I looked around and up and down the stairs; every where there were more cowboys.

Looking toward the bulletin board, I noticed a small piece of paper tacked above the board. Coming closer I read, "Wear your overalls on every Wednesday" another fad.

Girls, girls, and more girls passed me in the hall: I noticed something unusual and finally I figured out what it was. Every girl had on ear rings that made them look like refugees from an Indian tribe.

Later on in the year there will probably be still more fads. There is always the yo-yo fad; sometimes we have turtle neck sweater and no telling what other fads; but these fads, along with our other school memories, will be treasured in our hearts in years to come.

**Grade School News**

Mrs. Loyd's 5th Grade room had a meeting last Thursday afternoon to organize a "Good American Club."

The following officers were elected: President, Mary Lynn Hendrix; Vice President, Boyce Wayne Tate; Secretary, Donald Renfro; Reporter, Judith Ann Maples.

The 5th Grade have their Christmas tree up. We are making things for our mother's.

Mary pupils made the honor roll this past 6 weeks.

A Honor Roll: Don Gregory, Donald Renfro, Marilyn Campbell, Mary Beth English, Judith Ann Maples, and Tommy Sheffy.

A and B Honor Roll: Patricia Brock, Cecelis Etehr, Olela Farmer, Laverne Beavers, Morris Westberry, James Rogers, Jerry Don Belnap, and Darrel Poe.

Judith Maples, Reporter.

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**Exchange News**

The Bobcat Tales very proudly reprints the following from "The Abernathy Weekly Review."

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The Dimmitt Bobcats showed us they could take the 1-point loss like good sports. Their exhibition of sportsman ship after the game with the Antelopes, and at Jones Stadium last Friday in standing by the Antelopes in our defeat, is an example to be followed.

On Thursday before our game with Wink, local school officials received a letter signed by 50 Dimmitt citizens wishing the Antelopes success, and on the day of our game with Wink, a telegram signed by the Dimmitt Bobcats was received by the Antelope team.

Anytime AHS is not in competition with Dimmitt, you'll find Abernathy rooting for the D.H.S. Bobcats and their school.

Our experience with Dimmitt stands out as the brightest spot of the entire football season.

Editorial, Abernathy Weekly Review.

**Teacher of The Week**

Mr. Newman is one of the English teachers in DHS. He has been here for two years. Mr. Newman is a graduate of Texas Tech, he is now working on his Master's Degree at Canyon. Some of his favorites are:

Color—Purple and White  
 Song—Home Sweet Home  
 Subject—English  
 Sport—Basketball  
 Pastime—Fly tying, Trout Fishing.

Pet Peeve—Late English Papers  
 His summer work is in Yellow Stone National Park.

**School Calendar**

Dec. 21—School dismisses for Christmas.  
 Friday—Eighth grade party in Band Hall—Christmas Programs.  
 Dec. 31—Back from Christmas holidays.  
 Jan. 1—Sunray (Here).  
 Jan. 3—Football banquet at 7:30 p. m. in gymnasium.

**Who's Who**

Connie McRee is a senior in Dimmitt High and she has attended Dimmitt Schools twelve years. She has been Drum Major in the Bobcat band three years and played on the basketball team four years. She has brown eyes and brown hair and is 5 feet 4 1/2 inches tall.

Her favorites are:  
 Subject—Band  
 Color—Red  
 Food—Combination salad with French dressing and lemon chiffon pie  
 Actor—Gordon McRae  
 Actress—Doris Day.

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**Bobcats, Bobbies Win Sudan Tournament**

**Bobbies Down Springlake**

The Bobbies came through with flying colors to come out champions of the Sudan Tournament. Their first game came Thursday night with Whitharral, the Bobbies winning 43-29, next was with Bula 74-51 and the finals was played with our close neighbors, Springlake, the girls beat them 53-30.

In the Whitharral game Nelson was high scorer with 18 points, Odum next with 16. Dennis did a wonderful job in guarding. Winning this game brought us into the semi-finals against Bula. The score 74-51 does much to tell the story. The Dimmitt girls scored at will, and after the substitute guard went in Bula scored just as freely. Lometa Odum, holding a state record of 47 points in one game broke the record with 54 points for the night. Bula's Wanda Hall was high scorer for their team. All three of Dimmitt's first string guards did a marvelous job.

In the final game with Springlake, the Bobbies thought they were going to have a hard time, but they came out on top 53-30. Odum was high scorer with 21 points and Nelson next with 18 points. All of Dimmitt's guards were very good in hawking the ball.

There were three members of the Dimmitt Bobbies placed on the all tournament team. They were: Lometa Adom, Mary Nelson and Decimae Dennis.

**Bobbies 37 - Hale Center 26**

The Dimmitt Bobbies met and downed the Hale Center crew to the tune of 37 to 26 here Tuesday night. High scorer for the Bobbies was Odum with 28 points. All the guards did a fine job.

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 Sunnye—I would make snow balls out of it.  
 Mr. Lester—I would bottle it up and use it in Biology.  
 Lometa—I would ride it to California this week  
 Beth—I would let it teach me shorthand and English  
 Connie—Let it take my Chemistry test  
 Dalia—Give it to Billy  
 Mr. Day—I would take it to the Chemistry Lab  
 Farren—I would stick it in my hat  
 Mr. Bates—Take it home and feed it to LaVern  
 Margaret—I would take it to California  
 Faye—I would let it be my boy friend  
 Regene—I would let it lead me around.  
 Monette—I would throw it away  
 Sonya Kay—I would shoot myself  
 Dean—I would take it to school with me  
 Jimmy—I would give it to W.A.M.  
 Walda—I would work my algebra with it  
 George Ray—I would throw it out  
 Mr. Loyd—I would probably wring its neck  
 Billy—I would comb Dalia's hair with it  
 Don Glenn—I would give it to Mr. Loyd  
 Shirley—I would ride in it to meet Earl Dee  
 Katy—I would present it to Mr. Bates  
 The EMBALLONURIDAE is a species of bat.

**Football Banquet To Be Held On Thurs., January 3**

The plans for the big football banquet are on their way. It is to be held January 3, 1952 in the high school gym for the football boys and their parents.

Mrs. Sam Hunter has met with the six cheerleaders and the Pep Squad president to plan decorations and serving. The Pep Squad girls seemed to be very enthusiastic over being asked to serve.

This banquet is being sponsored by the football mothers.

**Frozen Food Demonstration**

The Hays Implement Company played host to the Dimmitt F.H.A. Wednesday afternoon by sponsoring Mrs. Evelyn Altmon from the International Company house.

Mrs. Altmon spoke on the preparation and freezing of foods. The F.H.A. girls were very interested and were enthusiastic about the refreshments of stuffed weiners, hot rolls, cookies, and lemonade.

The girls wish to extend their thanks to Hays Implement Company for sponsoring Mrs. Altmon, and for the use of the International freezer and refrigerator.

**Play Postponed**

The Junior play has been postponed until January 24th and 25th. The play was put off because Mr. Bates thought he could produce a more polished product if the cast had more time to work.

Rehearsals have been discontinued until January 2nd, when

**Broadie's Breeze**

In case you are wondering about the change in title of this column, it is on the suggestion of the second-generation journalist "Doc" Nelson.

In this coming Yuletide season there will be many varied ways of celebrating. Many will try to celebrate in entirely the wrong spirit for this joyous season. Some will celebrate the real Christmas way by remembering the Birth of Christ. Others will have remembrance by giving and receiving gifts of all varied kinds and uses. I will celebrate, as many of my fellow students, by writing my 15-page Chemistry theme. I much prefer the Christian way. I have picked a subject that will be hard to concentrate on during the cold weather—"Heat".

We have had so many laws read to us in that Chemistry class you would think Congress was in session. I almost learned one of them. I said "almost" . . .

My roommate, Don Z., as I have said before, apparently still in the form of evolution from a lower stage, is increasing in knowledge. He plainly said a three syllable word without any prompting. I cannot recall the word, but I am sure it was a good one. Perhaps it is from living around me, that he is so rapidly increasing in knowledge.

I am about to get all of my pictures taken. Then I can go to meetings and sporting events without lugging that 15 lb. case and camera; although, without it, I cannot get in free. Speaking of cameras, for the first time this morning, my camera blew up in my face, much to the amazement of me and the Horror Society.

They will begin work again without the use of books. The cast will be expected to know the lines of all three acts when they resume rehearsals next week.

**Bobcats Slip Past Levelland**

The Dimmitt Bobcats pulled the first major upset of the young 1951 basketball season Saturday night when they defeated the high flying Levelland Lobos 36-31, for the championship of the Sudan Invitational Basketball Tournament. This was the second defeat the Lobos have suffered this season. The other coming from AAAA Abilene 41-40 in the Hardin Simmons Tournament. The Bobcats were behind 17-18 at the half. Then right after the half Dimmitt pulled ahead and was never behind again. At the start of the 4th quarter Dimmitt had a 6 point lead and began stalling the ball. Levelland cut the margin to 3 points but the Bobcats showed too much determination to let go of the ball. Then with 4 seconds to go, two free shots were made to make the final score 36 to 31. Douglas Dennis was high scorer with 16 points. Phelan was high scorer for Levelland with 14.

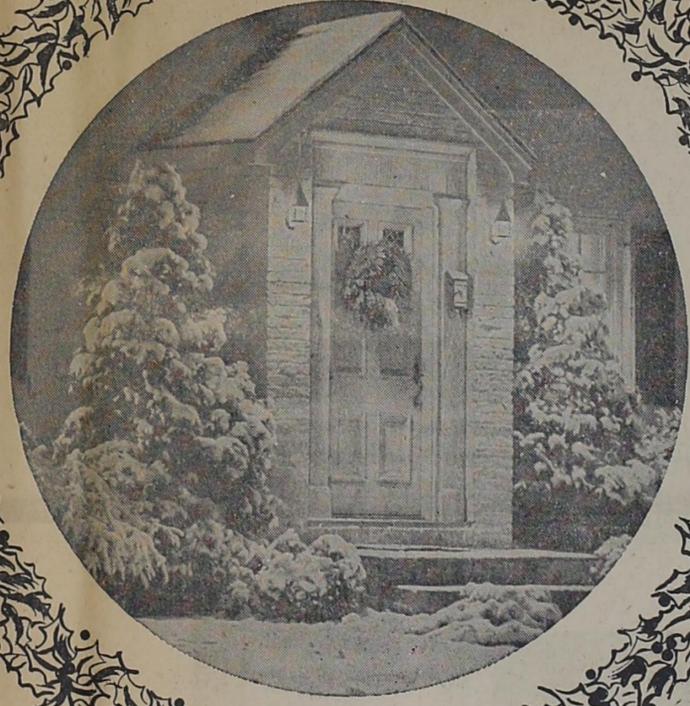
Dimmitt reached the finals by defeating Amherst 55-30 and then Sudan 38-29. In the Amherst game Billy Gregory was high point man with 17 points, Nutall led Amherst with 16. In the Sudan game Billy Gregory and Douglas Dennis led the Dimmitt parade with 12 points each, Patterson paced the Hornets with 14.

The Bobcats placed two men on the all tournament team. They are Douglas Dennis and Marvin Axe. Other members were Langford Sneed of Levelland, Patterson of Sudan. The winning team's coach of the girls and boys division received a wrist watch. Since Mr. Blaine got both watches he changed one to a woman's watch and gave it to Mrs. Blaine.

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1951



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## BETHEL NEWS

The annual Christmas party was held at the church Thursday afternoon, everyone had a delightful afternoon. Games were played, gifts were exchanged, and refreshments of home made candy and cookies were enjoyed by 32 ladies and a number of children. From the community and from Dimmitt we always enjoy having the Dimmitt ladies.

Mrs. Wanda Byrd and sons of Santa Fe, N. M., are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell made a business and shopping trip to Clovis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Warren were in Plainview Friday and also visited the Gregg family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams visited relatives in Tucumcari, N. M., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith were in Plainview Wednesday and

visited their daughter, Elzada.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell were shopping in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mrs. R. M. Warren had the misfortune of falling on the ice, but had the good fortune of not being seriously hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell and Mrs. Bobby Warren were in Hereford Monday afternoon.

Mr. Byran Sinclair, Fate Shannon and Albert Sinclair enjoyed several games of "42" with Harry Rothwell Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Damron of Plainview were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Dove Foster and son spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Warren.

Lewis Warren and a friend of Monte Vesta, Colorado, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warren Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Benton of Mountainair, N. M., made a short visit with the Harry Rothwells Wednesday. Mr. Benton was on his way home from a visit with his sister and other relatives at San Antonio.

Zella Vee Smith spent Sunday

with Nelda Jean Bagwell. Sunday afternoon callers of the Ivor Bag-

wells were Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Froehner and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bagwell and Latrelle, and Mr. and Mrs. George Bagwell.

Wesley Smith is on the sick list for the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lust and Glenn were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lust and their father, Mr. Wm. H. Branson, it being Mr. Branson's birthday.

Sanda Neumayer of Dimmitt spent Sunday with Carolyn Bagwell.

Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lust were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Givan, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Sinclair and Mr. and Mrs. Loy Stone.

Sue Bagwell spent Sunday with Nancy Neumayer of Dimmitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell and Bobby Warren made a business trip to Plainview Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell and children were shopping in Amar-

illo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts were Saturday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Morgan and Diane.

Mrs. R. M. Warren and Mrs. Bobby Warren were in Friona and Hereford Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts were in Hereford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moran and children of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bagwell and Latrelle, were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lust called in the home of their sister, Mrs. Glenn Stiles and Mr. Stiles of Big Square Friday evening.

Mr. Earl Lust made a business trip to Lubbock Friday afternoon.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for every act of kindness extended to us during the illness and death of our Husband and Father.

Mrs. W. W. Jobe and Family.

Mrs. Walter Royalty of Lubbock was here last week end for a visit with her sister, Mrs. E. B. Wright and family. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Sandra Royalty and her daughter, Miss Kathryn Royalty.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford made a business trip to Lubbock Monday and also visited their daughter.

### NOTICE

In order to give all members of our staff an opportunity to spend Christmas at home, we will be

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# NOTICE

We will be closed Monday, December, 24th, and Tuesday, December 25th, in observance of Christmas.

Thanks

**Dimmitt Food Bank**



**SANTA CHECKS ONE OF HIS STEEDS . . .** Rodney, who might be a stand-in for Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, gets an early briefing from old Saint Nick as the bearded old gent prepares for his annual visit. Rodney normally inhabits a Chicago zoo.

session of said property, claiming the same under the five, the ten and the twenty-five year Statutes of Limitation, and Plaintiff further prays that the cloud cast on the title to the property above described by Defendants be removed and said title vested in the Plaintiff.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The Officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dimmitt, Texas, this the 14th day of December, A. D. 1951.

Ola Murphy, Clerk District Court, Castro County, Texas.

Sonya Lowe spent last week end visiting her sister and family at Sudar.

David Behrends and Jack Dyer

were home from Tech last week end for a visit with home folks.

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December 27 - 28

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### LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: The Bedford Town and Land Company, a joint stock company; Stockholders of the said Bedford Town and Land Company, whose names are unknown; E. S. Jones and if ever married Mrs. E. S. Jones; E. F. Halsell and if ever married Mrs. E. F. Halsell; G. M. Etter and if ever married Mrs. G. M. Etter; R. R. Dulin and if ever married Mrs. R. R. Dulin; A. R. Andrews and if ever married Mrs. A. R. Andrews; J. B. Stinson and if ever married Mrs. J. B. Stinson; R. L. Belsler and if ever married Mrs. R. L. Belsler; W. H. Bean and if ever married Mrs. W. H. Bean; W. C. Dimmitt and if ever married Mrs. W. C. Dimmitt; H. G. Bedford and if ever married Mrs. H. G. Bedford; J. W. Hinton and if ever married Mrs. J. W. Hinton; I. E. Pritchett and if ever married Mrs. I. E. Pritchett; Jacob Helfner and if ever married Mrs. Jacob Helfner; Rufus Bedford and if ever married Mrs. Rufus Bedford, and if any or all of the above named parties are deceased, their heirs, their unknown heirs and legal representatives of each and all of them; H. G. Bedford, Trustee, R. R. Dulin, Trustee, and G. M. Etter, Trustee, and their successors as trustees of the Bedford Town and Land Company, and any and all persons owning or claiming any interest in the property hereinafter described, all of whom are DEFENDANTS, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Castro County, at

the Court House thereof, in Dimmitt, Texas, at or before 10:00 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this Citation, same being the 28th day of January, A. D. 1952, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1951, in this cause, numbered 2077 on the docket of said Court and styled R. E. Holland VS Bedford Town and Land Company, Et Al, as Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for the title to and the possession of the following described real estate situated in Castro County, Texas, to-wit: Being all of Lots Nos. 8 and 10, Block No. 155, of the original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat of said Town of record in the Deed Records of Castro County, Texas. Plaintiff alleges that he is entitled to the title to and the pos-



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### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

Karen would like to have a Bonnie braids doll. And I would like to have a toni doll, and if it is possible bring a buggy. We will use it together. And we would be happy with any thing else.

Love,

Mary Ka and Karen Jo Estes

Dimmitt, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1951

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Pam Johnson and my brother is Mike.

We have been good children all year and we love you. I would like to have a Brenda Doll and a sewing machine and nurse set.



Once upon a medieval Yuletide, King Richard III of England celebrated at Litchfield—and during the festivities 2,000 oxen and 200 tons of wine were consumed.

Of course, the feudal set-up provided the great lords with the wherewithal for magnificence—the lords received gifts from their tenants and kings received gifts from their nobles; and the graduated scale for giving and receiving was as well ascertained as the quiddam honorarium of any barrister or physician.

Queen Elizabeth received a large part of her wardrobe as gifts from her courtiers, and if the quality or quantity was not satisfactory, the donors were unceremoniously informed of the situation.

When Henry III entertained a thousand knights, peers, and assorted nobles who came to attend the Yuletide marriage of the Princess Margaret, his majesty received a royal Christmas gift of 2,700 pounds, plus 600 fat oxen from the Archbishop of York.

With similar assistance, whether exhorted or given in the spirit of generosity appropriate to the season, his majesty could well afford to give Christmas feasts for the poor like the one given in West-

minster Hall in 1243, which lasted a week.

Striving to outdo his predecessors and give his successors something to shoot at, Henry VIII kept one Yuletide at which the cost of gold cloth that was used amount to 600 pounds alone. He had tents erected and artificial gardens plotted within the spacious hall of his palace. Knights came out of the tents to joust in tournaments and fantastically dressed dancers, covered from head to foot with gay ribbon streamers, emerged from the gardens to entertain the guests.

Preparation for the feasting on such occasions is perfectly appalling to epicures of the 20th century—and can only be vaguely comprehended by considering that Richard II normally employed 2,000 cooks to prepare food for the 10,000 persons who dined—irrespective of special feasting—at his expense every day.

Mike wants a doctor set and a bike with a wagon on it. How is Mrs. Santa Claus and all of the Elfs and how is Rudolph? We all love you and don't forget mother and daddy. I will have some coffee and doughnuts for you.

Sending my love to you,  
Pam Johnson.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a blackboard and lots of chalk. My little brother wants a police car he can ride in.

Landol and Jerry Frazier

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a boxing bag and a pair of boxing gloves for Christmas. My sister wants a pair of boots. My little sister is six years old and in the first grade. My big sister is ten years old and in the fifth grade. I am in the third grade and I am eight years old.

With love,  
Wilbert English

Dear Santa:

I'm a little boy 3 years old and



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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

You are invited to our Christmas Party, Sunday, 3 p. m., Dec. 23rd. Every child born in Castro County in 1951 is invited to be our honored guest. There will be a souvenir for each 1951 baby.

A Dexter Automatic Washer will be given away as a Grand Prize Absolutely Free.

We'll be expecting you.

Your friends,  
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For our many good friends we wish only that they may share fully in it.

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# Christmas Greetings

Let our community rejoice with deep reverence on this most blessed of days

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### Lucia Day Starts Christmas Season In Swedish Custom

Celebration of Lucia Day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304, A. D., and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnivals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "handmaidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

In addition to beauty, other qualifications for "Lucias" or "light queens" are fair hair, a nice disposition and high character.

Dressed in long white robes, wearing crowns of lighted candles (the traditional costume for "Lucias") the girls present gifts and the traditional Lucy day coffee and rolls to hospital patients, etc. The queen and her maidens, enthroned in a star spangled horse-drawn chariot, lead festive processions around the village squares and through city streets.

Parade participants depict alternate scenes from Sweden's picturesque Lapland and the Wild West of the United States, while musicians in multi-colored costume alternate playing northern folk tunes and American jazz.

### Legends Associate Mule, Gentle Camel of Jesus With Gift-Giving Custom

Syrian legends have associated the Magic Mule and the Gentle Camel of Jesus with gift-giving, for reasons that are at once different, and yet similar in their association with the Christ Child.

It seems a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree when he went into an inn for refreshment on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy Infant, the mule was caught up on the rebound and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning master.

The youngest camel of the three ridden by the Wise Men was exhausted by the pressing journey and was blessed with immortality by the baby Jesus as it lay moaning near the Nativity scene.



dumped in alleys and vacant lots; and they constitute fire hazards on back porches and in basement areas.

So, Waukegan held its first annual Twelfth Night observances.



committing the trees to a community bonfire amid the chorusing of carols.

And the custom has waxed. Residents of several communities, choruses, soloists, etc., participating as the spirits of the Christmas trees are dispatched to some fir Valhalla to return to bless a future Yuletide.

Most any business man can handle a big deal, but it takes an executive to dispose of the little deals.

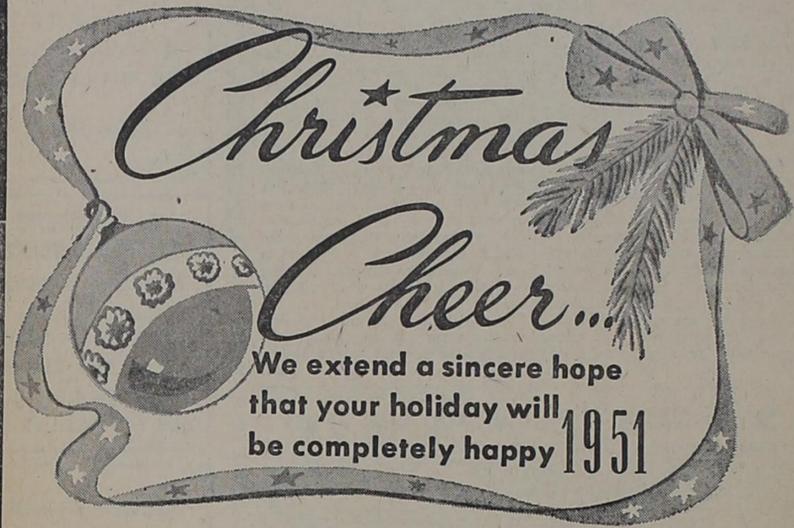


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Let's all do our best to have the happiest holiday of our lives

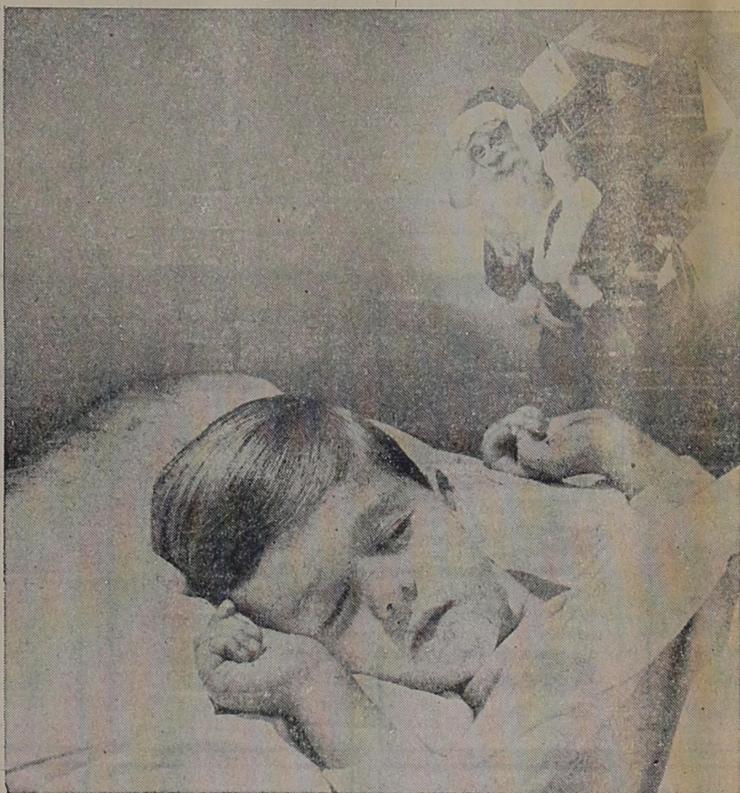
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What dreams may come must give you joy in this bright holiday season

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## Nativity Theme Dominates Cards

Modern Christmas cards feature literally hundreds of interpretations of the popular Nativity theme. Many of these are reproductions from the old masters, while many others have been created especially for the Christmas card industry.

The Nativity theme, which naturally lends itself to an almost endless variety of interpretations and a wealth of detail, long has been a favorite subject of Christian artists. Many of the details, based upon certain Bible texts, have fostered various legends—such as those concerning the Magi—which grew until the Wise Men were identified and given kingdoms.

The Annunciation is among the earliest subjects represented in Christian art, antedating the Madonna and Child theme by several centuries, and it is interesting to note that the fathers of the Church determined how the Madonna should be portrayed: her dress and mantle are usually blue and red.

## Letters to 'Santa Claus' Come From World Over

Postoffice officials in Santa Claus, Ind., are accustomed to overloaded sacks of mail during the pre-Christmas rush. Senders want their cards and gifts stamped with the famous Santa Claus postmark, plus thousands of wistful letters addressed in childish scrawl to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind." And then there is the annual crop of "Santa Claus" letters written by youngsters in far-away places who haven't heard about Santa's permanent address in Indiana, U.S.A. At least a dozen versions of the time honored note-in-the-bottle story find their way into metropolitan newspapers every year.

The notes, sealed in small bottles and securely tied to Christmas trees, are discovered by Christmas tree dealers, housewives; and even enlisted men at naval centers and military barracks: they come from places like Renous, a village in New Brunswick, Canada, boasting a total population of 85 inhabitants.

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mamma doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of overshoes.

professional medical advice in order to keep the healing from interfering with the efficient mechanism of those organs.

One of the first winter cares of the hands is to keep the natural oils that serve as lubricants from drying out; outdoor cold and indoor heat have a tendency to rob the hands of those natural oils, making them rough and red which not only robs them of their beauty but also of their peak of efficiency. A bland hand cream or softener will usually overcome those difficulties.

Fingernail biting is not confined to winter or to small children. It is not a pretty habit, however, either from the looks of the biter or the looks of the hands. And if the hands are busy enough, the

nails can't be chewed upon.

The doctors consider nail gnawing as a nervous habit due to fear or anxiety. The child who chews nails while listening to the radio or watching a movie is probably getting too much blood and thunder in his entertainment diet and a little milder form of amusement, preferably one that brings the hands into use, may do away with the chewing.

Anxiety about school often leads to nailchewing in the first grade, which may last up until about the sixth grade if the child doesn't feel at home at school before then. If a child doesn't bite his nails before he's 12 years old, he's not likely to ever pick it up; but those who start the habit as youngsters may return to it in later life even

though they have broken the habit once.

Sometimes the nails are evidence of other ailments besides nervousness. When your doctor looks at your fingernails he may find a signal of a number of different diseases or potential diseases elsewhere in your body. A short time ago the medical profession was stumped over an "epidemic" of fingernails that turned dark in spots and hurt pretty bad before separating from the quick. They investigated to see if it were caused by a fungus like ringworm which often has similar symptoms or a number of other diseases that cause the separation of nails from the bed. Finally they traced the "epidemic" to a kind of undercoat to nail polish; it seems many ladies

were allergic to the undercoat and that caused the reaction.

Psoriasis and eczema any place on the body may show up in a yellowish, pitted nail that sticks out from the quick. Any kind of pit-

ted or ridged nails or brittleness of the ends of the nails may be just a local fingernail problem or a sign to your doctor that something is wrong someplace else in your system.

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MY STARS! THAT SAMPLE CERTAINLY LOOKS NICE, BUT MY HUSBAND SAYS—OH WELL...  
WHAT, YOU PAID \$22.00 FOR THESE PAINT-SMEARED TWO-BIT PHOTOGRAPHS? GLAMOUR! HA! THESE HAVE ABOUT AS MUCH GLAMOUR AS THIS CIGAR BUTT! WHAT'S THEIR ADDRESS?  
BOO-HOO! IT'S TOO LATE NOW, GEORGE, THEY'VE ALREADY LEFT TOWN... BUT I PROMISE, IF I EVER GET UP ENOUGH COURAGE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED AGAIN, THE PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN BY A PHOTOGRAPHER IN DIMMITT

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## Santa Claus Makes a Stop Out West



## Health Talks

Making fruit cakes and Christmas goodies, wrapping packages, opening a wedge through shopping crowds, and shaking hands with friends and relatives in holiday goodwill all bring those hands of yours into constant motion at this busiest time of the year. So much activity of the hands, in fact, might make you wish you had a couple of extra ones.

Those hands you have are mighty wonderful things, however. The hands, the erect posture and the reasoning brain are the three things that make the difference between man and beast. And the brain devotes the largest part of

its area concerned with motion to the function of the hands, the most exposed part of the body and the most highly developed for motion. Hands are the eyes of the blind and the ear and voice of the deaf and mute.

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**Local Cager On Indian Frosh Team**

ABILENE—Jim Jowell, former Dimmitt High School athlete now enrolled at McMurry College is playing with the Freshman Basketball team at the college this season.

The Paposes, as the frosh team is called, met defeat in their two openers. First Howard County

Junior College took them 56-36 and then San Angelo Junior College defeated them 46-43.

Definitely scheduled dates set up for the squad include: Jan. 4, Clarendon Junior College, Cisco; Jan. 5, Cisco Junior College, Cisco; Jan. 21, Clarendon Junior College, Clarendon; Feb. 6, Howard County Junior College, Abilene; Feb. 11, San Angelo Junior College, San Angelo; Feb. 14, Cisco Junior College, Abilene; Feb. 19, Wayland

College "B", Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck Wyer were here from Santa Rosa, N. M. Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Carol Gregory arrived home last week end from A.C.C., Abilene, to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregory.

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**Nazareth 4-H Club Holds Meeting**

The 4-H Club meeting started at 20 minutes after 10 on Dec. 5 at Nazareth school. The 4-H boys and girls met in the gymnasium. Jack led the pledge and motto. Mr. McLeroy was chairman. We discussed Christmas party plans for Dec. 13. Eleven entered the Talent Show. We sang

the 4-H pastoral. Mr. McLeroy discussed plans for a sign to be put out on the road saying Nazareth 4-H Clubs welcome you. The meeting adjourned at 11:15. Reporter, Carolyn Huseman.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Nelson and Misses Carolyn Rothwell and Mary Nelson attended the presentation of "The Messiah" at St. Johns Methodist church in Lubbock Sunday evening.

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When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child. . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel said unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Donnell visited his parents at Abernathy last week end.



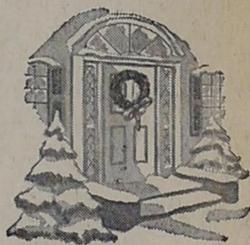
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### Nazareth News

Father Fidel, OFM, of San Angelo, gave a series of Cana conferences in Holy Family parish, on December 12, 13, and 14. Conferences were held each morning and evening during that time. Those who took part in the conferences, the first Cana conferences held in the parish, found

them very inspiring. They also enjoyed learning about various books and other articles which would enable them to live a fuller Christian family life.

On December 13 Father Fidel spoke to the high school students. The basement floor in the church has recently been cemented, in order that it may be furnished as a meeting room for the various parish societies. The work on the basement was done by vol-

unteers, under the direction of the church trustees.

On December 10 those parishioners who helped in finishing the basement were entertained with a party.

The Children of Mary sodality held its annual Christmas party on the evening of December 8. After Benediction and the reception of new members, the sodalists gathered for a party and the exchange of gifts.

The new members received into the sodality included Josetta Acker, Walter Acker, Gladys Annen, Vincent Ehly, Carol Birkenfeld, Dolores Stork, Dolores Huseman, Norita Schulte, Richard Hoelting, Dorothy Gerber, Charles Heck, Della Mae Pohmeier, and Betty Mae Leinen.

On the evening of December 9 the members of the Catholic Daughters and their guests were entertained at a Christmas party. The evening's entertainment was planned by a committee under the direction of Mrs. William Hochstein.

The PTA met December 14 for its regular meeting and Christmas entertainment. The members were able to see their project for the

year in the process of completion, the project being the painting of the walls of the gymnasium. The committee members, Ed Drerup, Ed Brockman, and Leo Dobmeier, with the help of Paul Venhaus, Andy Schumacher, and Arnold Brockman have worked for some time on the painting, and have found it an even more difficult task than they had anticipated.

The PTA group also made plans for the annual children's Christmas party. Mrs. Ray Annen was in charge of the refreshments for the PTA party.

The senior class of Hart high school presented its play, "Aunt Emma Sees it Through," in the Nazareth auditorium on December 11. Many who saw the play

expressed their appreciation of the really good acting it displayed.

Rena Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dobmeier, was baptized December 9, in Holy Family church. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hochstein, of Hartington, Neb.

Andrew Acker recently made a short business trip to Artlers, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hastings and family left Saturday for Pickens, S. C., where they will spend a month visiting with her sister, Mrs. John Gant and Mr. Gant.

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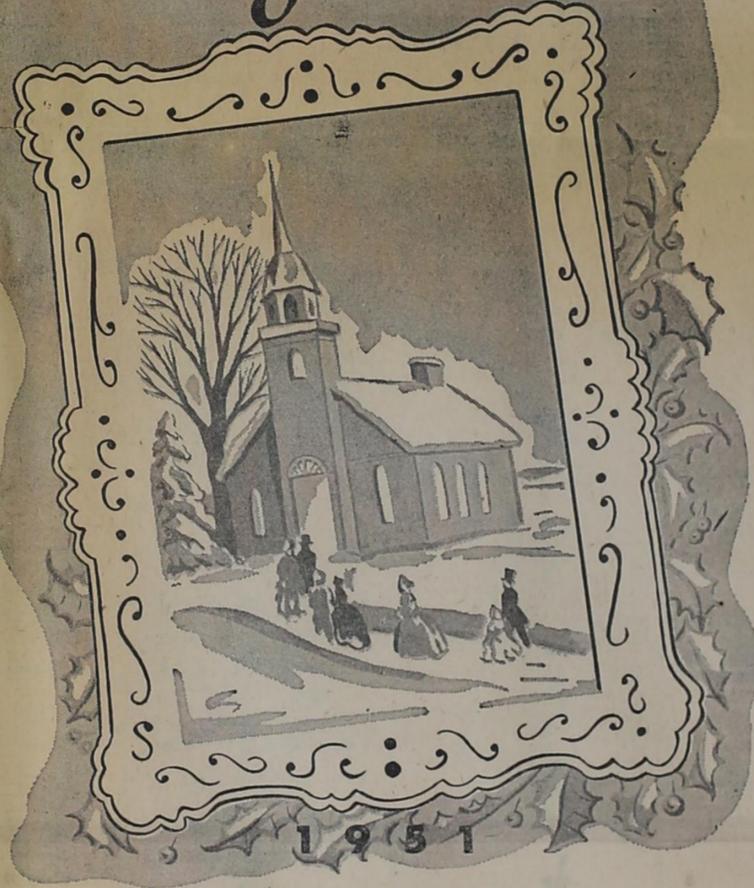
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