

# Merry Christmas

## LISTEN TO LUKE

It all depends on how you look at it!



Joy

Our Christmas wish: that your heart shares the blessed joy of the shepherds.

All of the Gilbreaths

## Young People Give Program At Nursing Home

Mrs. R.R. McDonald and Mrs. Charles Hornsby took 22 local youths to Fort Stockton Saturday for a program at the Comanche View Nursing Home.

The Christmas story was presented in story and song with Jim Cash as the reader. Sheryl Stewart, Janice Carter, and Elaine Brown played their guitars for accompaniment for the Christmas hymns and carols.

Christmas tray favors made by the youths were taken to the home.

Also making the trip were Debra Druse, Kevin Phillips, Bryanann Stavley, Debra Tulk, Hanna Sullivan, Pandy Massey, Howard Dishman, Glenda Shoemaker, Jan Tatum, Wynne Massey, Leslie Hall, Paul Hinkle, Glenna Couch, Nancy Shoemaker, David Carter, Selene Farley, Ja Chriesman, and Susi Robbins.

## Local Youths Win At Sheffield Show Of Livestock

Terrell County youths had livestock in the show at Sheffield Saturday and placed in several divisions.

Malone Mitchell III and Scott Mitchell, sons of Mr. and Mrs. N.M. Mitchell Jr., had the only swine entries and had all of the ribbons for hogs; Scott winning 1st, 4th, and champion, and Malone winning 2nd, 3rd, and reserve champion.

Malone also had 10th and 12 place fine wool lambs, and 8th and 10th place crossbred lambs.

Scott had 7th place light cross lamb and 8th and 16th fine wool lamb.

Charlie Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Brown, had the 6th and 15th heavy fine wool lamb; 7th heavy crossbred lamb, and 10th light crossbred lamb.

Members of the 4-H Club baked cakes which were judged and auctioned off for proceeds toward financing next year's show. Barbecue lunch was served to about 100 people.

Terrell County residents at the show included N.M. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. N.M. Mitchell Jr. and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Brown and children, Austin Chriesman, Mr. and Mrs. G.K. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hayre, Mrs. Junior Rogers and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Glasscock and Jamie, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Owens and daughter.

## Lighting Contest Winners Named

The outside Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Young People's Chamber of Commerce ended Sunday evening with the judging between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. by Mrs. Miriam A. Lowrance of Alpine. She is chairman of the art department of Sul Ross State University.

The grand champion award went to the scene on the lawn at the First United Methodist Church which also won first place in the church and organization division and had no competition. The angel, shepherds, and sheep in the scene were made by youths of the church under the direction of Mrs. R.R. McDonald.

In the yard division, first place went to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Maldonado; second place to Joe and Mrs. Louise Causey; third place to Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Brown.

In home decorations, first place award went to Mr. and Mrs. Barton Massey; second place to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hernandez; third place to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Calzada.

Riggins Jewel and Gift Shop placed first in the business decorations; Desert Air Motel had second; Community Public Service Co. was third.

The first place and grand champion awards were trophies and ribbons were given for second and third places.

L.J. Hartzog was chairman of the project and he expressed his thanks and appreciation for all of the entries and his committee who worked diligently on the project: Mrs. Jerry Wenmohs and Mrs. Joe N. Brown.

It is hoped that the lighting contest may become an annual event anticipated for the added beauty to the town and the Yuletide season.

Send The Times to someone

## Fire at Conoco Causes Extensive Damage

A fire severely damaged the canopy over the drive and the building at Conoco Travel Center early Wednesday morning of last week. Local firemen were at the blaze about an hour and a half before the blaze was extinguished.

The blaze started when a car hit one of the dispensing pumps at the station and the

gasoline ignited immediately. Heat melted a faucet from a water line above the blaze and the water caused the gasoline to spread further than it might have and the heat and flames broke out several of the glass show windows and did some damage to the interior of the building. The metal canopy over the drive was damaged by the heat and smoke and it will be necessary to replace some of the structural steel of the canopy as well as most of the underside, the light fixtures, etc., according to Barton Massey, owner of the business.

According to Sheriff Dalton Hogg, Wilfredo C. Colon was arrested and charged with a felony in connection with the damage to the station as the driver of the car that hit the pump and immediately left the scene. Bond was set on the case at \$3,500.00 according to Sheriff Hogg. The bond was set by W.G. Shoemaker, justice of the peace. The rear fender was damaged by the fire that burst forth at the time of the accident, according to Hogg, and a tourist and his family who were in their car under the canopy at the time of the accident, were able to escape without injury to them or their vehicle.

The fire was extinguished almost immediately after the flow of gasoline was stopped from the storage tanks.

W.A. Cochran is shown with some help in dipping sheep at the ranch just east of town in about 1916. A lamb is being lifted into the vat by the man at the right and the boy and Mr. Cochran have poles to use in pushing the sheep under the surface of the dip for a thorough wetting. The animals walked up a ramp and out of the dipping vat to the left of the picture.

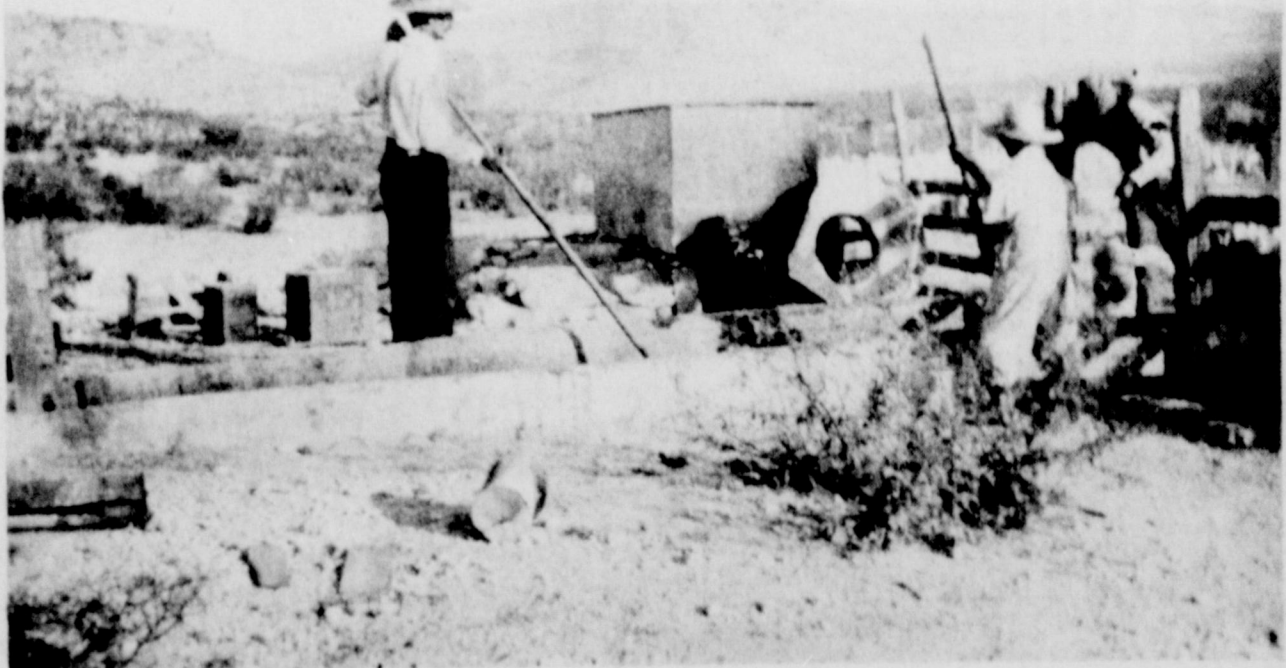
## Pageant Seen Sunday Night

The Presbyterian Church had their annual Christmas pageant Sunday night. Mrs. J.A. Gilbreath was in charge of the presentation; Mrs. Jolly Harkins supervised costuming; Mrs. R.S. Wilkinson, organist; Mrs. J.L. Whistler directed the singing; Mrs. Larry Choate directed the cast; J.A. Gilbreath installed the scenery.

Mrs. Tommy Hayre was the reader for the presentation of the six tableaux of the pageant. Pageant characters were represented by Tommy Hayre, Larry Choate, Jane Fisher, Maje Harrison, Hudson Kerr, Clay Mitchell, Tom Whistler, Marvin Sanchez, Michael Mitchell, Stacey Mitchell, Lynn Whistler, Ben Brown, Steve Young, Tracy Golden, Debbie Sanchez and Darlene Stegall were curtain attendants. Malone Mitchell III, Charlie Brown, and Scott Mitchell passed out candles, bulletins, and were the candlelighters during that part of the program directed by Mr. Gilbreath.

An open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Zuberbueller followed the pageant.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hahn left Friday of last week on their vacation going to Burnet and then Belton where they will attend a reunion of her family.

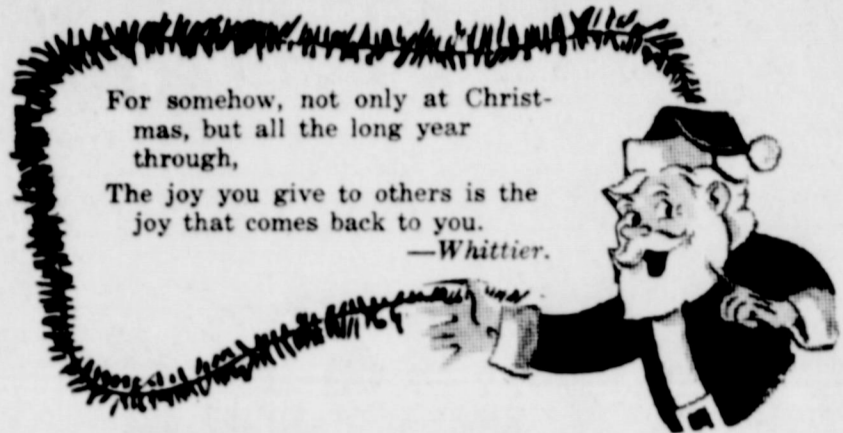


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For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through,  
The joy you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.  
—Whittier.



**EAGLES DROP RANKIN TILT**

The Eagle varsity team lost their opening district game to the Rankin Red Devils there Tuesday night of last week. The score was 56-61. Ike Billings led scoring with 17, Bill Mott had 16, Jake Murrah 9, Robert Kline 8, Floyd Watson 6, and Ricky Marquez also saw some action.

**EAGLETES LOSE OPENER**

The Eaglettes lost their district play opener against Rankin there Tuesday night of last week. The score was 43-37.

Peggy Louwien led the scoring with 23, Sheryl Stewart had 8, and Susi Robbins 6. The guards were Vonda Wallace, Alice Goldwire, and Janet Harrell. Girls making the trip who did not get to play were Janice Carter, Elaine Brown, and Paula Kilpatrick, forwards; and Delma Montalvo, Patti Hope, and Linda Hagelgans, guards.

**EAGLE JV LOSES TO RANKIN**

The Eagle junior varsity lost their game with Rankin by a 30-33 score. The game was played in Rankin Tuesday of last week.

Darrell Cooke led the scoring with 19; Bill Roberts, a new student in Sanderson High School, was second high with 16, the only double-figure scorers. Other players included David Carter, Ja Chriesman, Donald Jones, Kevin Phillips, Jimmy Davis; and those making the trip, but not playing, Billy Walton, Bobby Hunn, Paul Kinkle, Steve Couch, and Kevin Farley.

**MARFA BEATS EAGLES**

The Eagles met their second district foe Friday night in the local gym. Marfa took both varsity and junior varsity games.

The junior varsity of Marfa won their game 72-63. Darrell Cook took scoring honors with 19 points and Bill Roberts had 14 points, Steve Couch 6, Ja Chriesman 4, David Carter 4, Jimmy Davis and Paul Hinkle 2 each. Other players were Kevin Farley, Kevin Phillips, Donald Jones, Billy Walton, and Bobby Spence.

The score by quarters was:  
Sanderson 13 23 47 63  
Marfa 9 22 43 72

The Eagles led the first half of their game, but the quick-handed Shorthorns and the press they constantly employed reduced the advantage of

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7 p.m. tonight  
at courthouse

**NOTICE**

The Oasis Restaurant will be open Saturday, but closed Dec. 24, 25, and 26.

**R. L. Adams, 53, Buried in Del Rio**

Funeral services were in Del Rio last Thursday for Richard Lee Adams, 53-year-old S.P. railroad engineer of Del Rio. His death was attributed to a gunshot wound in the right portion of his head. He was found by his wife in their home when she returned home from a bridal shower and was rushed to the hospital.

He was born in San Angelo on April 25, 1919, and came to Del Rio with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Adams, in 1930, going to work for the railroad the next year. Besides his widow, he is survived by three sons, two granddaughters, two brothers and a sister.

**WILKINSONS RETURN**

Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Wilkinson returned home Friday afternoon from Cuero where they attended funeral services Thursday for her mother, Mrs. J.M. Bass, 88, who died in her sleep in a nursing home in that city Tuesday morning. She had been in failing health in recent years, living almost four and a half months without a "pacemaker" which had been used on account of a cardiac condition for several years. She had resided in Cuero for almost 50 years.

She is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Walter Reifert of Cuero and Mrs. M.P. Lester of Carrizo Springs, five grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cox have gone to Houston to spend the holidays with their son, Darrell G. Cox, and family.

Classes were dismissed Friday at Texas Tech in Lubbock and the second semester will begin January 14. Local students at home are Misses Vangie Calzada, Jackie Bob Riggs, and Rosalie Kerr; and Ronnie Stewart.

height held by the Eagles and the Shorthorns won 49-45.

Bill Mott led scoring with 15, Ike Billings had 9, Ricky Marquez and Jack Murrah 7 each, Robert Kline 4, and Floyd Watson 3. Carlos Munoz also some some action.

The score by quarters:  
Sanderson 14 32 36 45  
Marfa 10 27 38 49

**TALL OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS...**

Twenty-five years ago, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Underwood put seven small lights on the small living evergreen Christmas tree in the yard at their home. Last week for the 25th time, he decorated the tree but this year finds a myriad of lights strung to the top of the 20-foot tree. The second and third generation of some of the neighbors were on hand to admire the tree.



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

On this wonderful holiday of Peace and Joy we send our heartfelt greetings, and wishes for your Christmas to be merry and bright.

*Grace & Lowell Schwalbe*



**Merry Christmas**

Like the calm contentment of a snowy landscape, may you and yours have the serene peacefulness of Blessed Christmas.

*Ruth & Ruel Adams CHD*



**Joyous Christmas Greetings**

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As the world celebrates Christ's coming, we bring to you the joyous tidings of the season.

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**Dec. 31st**

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*Rev. White Installs Officers For Methodist United Women*

Rev. Richard White, pastor, installed the new officers for the United Methodist Women at their regular monthly business meeting in the sanctuary Monday afternoon. Mrs. H.E. Ezelle will serve as president; Mrs. L.G. Hinkle, vice-president; Mrs. Mark Duncan, secretary; Mrs. J.C. Halbert, treasurer; Mrs. Richard White, secretary of missionary education; Mrs. W.R. McDonald, chairman of local church activities; Miss Eva Billings, chairman of spiritual growth. Mrs. White, program leader, had outlined her program on red cardboard decorated in sprigs of holly. She gave a historical background of several Christmas carols and the carol was sung after each presentation, Mrs. Hinkle playing the organ accompan-

iment. The Mizpah Benediction was recited in closing. Mrs. Hinkle presided during a short business session. Announcement was made of the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial beginning January 8 with a special service at the church at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Duncan presented a gold past-president's pin to Mrs. Hinkle.

After adjournment the ladies went to the parsonage where Mrs. White served angel delight cake, beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif, with tea, coffee, nuts, and peppermints, during the social hour.

Also present were Mmes. L. H. Gilbreath, Wayland Taliaferro, and Clyde Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Marshall of Napa, Calif., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. F.D. Fisher, and family.

**H.W. CHAMBERLAIN'S MOTHER DIES WEDNESDAY**

Mrs. Jim Chamberlain, 93, died in a Brownwood hospital Wednesday evening after a short illness. Funeral services and burial were in that city Friday afternoon.

She was a long-time resident of Brokesmith and had made her home in recent months with a daughter in Brownwood.

Survivors include two daughters; five sons, including H.W. Chamberlain of Sanderson and Jim Chamberlain of Fort Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Kight, and their son attended the funeral services.

**MRS. WAYNE HARRELL, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES**

Funeral services were in Uvalde Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Wayne Harrell, 70, who died in a San Antonio hospital Saturday. She had surgery there several months ago for a malignancy and had been recuperating at home until she had to return to the hospital.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, three daughters, a brother, 16 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell are former residents here when he was minister of the Church of

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH**

There will be a candlelight Christmas Eve communion service at the First United Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. Richard White. Music will be furnished by a group of young people.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone in the community to attend.

Christ. They had been residing in Brackettville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen and Mrs. H.A. Mullings attended the funeral services.

**CHRISTMAS CHEER**



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**Merry Christmas**

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## Fireplace Claims Early Role in Yule Festivity

When Santa Claus comes sliding down the chimney on Christmas Eve, where will he land?

Right in the fireplace, an area that has been a traditional part of Christmas for more years than Santa has worn a red suit!

Before the turn of the century, Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, frequently wore a blue robe, although Clement Clarke Moore, in "A Visit from St. Nicholas," pictured him as "clad all in fur, from his head to his foot."

But for centuries, the fireplace has been a treasured and often vital part of the home.

The fireplace as it exists today—that is, the firebox along the wall, with a chimney instead of an open fire in the middle of the room—dates from about 1066.

### Built of Wood

Early fireplaces were built of wood or wicker, but they proved so dangerous that in the year 1419 the City of London decreed that henceforth

fireplaces be made of tiles, stone or plaster, under the penalty of being demolished.

A greatly improved system of making tiles was adopted by the Dutch from the Spaniards following the Treaty of Breda in 1609, and paved the way for more elaborately decorated ceramics on fireplace facings, walls and mantels.

The use of such tiles for fireplaces soon spread to England, and then to the Colonies.

Skilled Dutch craftsmen decorated ceramic tiles with designs of oranges, grapes, tulips, vases of flowers, ships, sea monsters, landscapes, horsemen and royal portraits.

The English used similar pictures and added many charming scenes designed by

renowned artists, including Kate Greenaway, famed for her Christmas card designs.

### Set a Precedent

These tiles were used both to line the fireplace and on mantels and other surfacings, setting a precedent for modern fireplaces.

In America, the Pilgrims built crude stone fireplaces, then constructed their log huts around them.

Today, as in those earlier years, ceramic tile remains a practical and decorative surfacing material for fireplaces, and the home owner has a far wider choice to work with than did early home builders.

More than 250 different ceramic tile sizes, shapes and textures are supplied by American manufacturers, says the Tile Council of America.

Just as in the early days, special decorative tiles give the fireplace a distinctive touch of elegance to greet Santa when he arrives, via the traditional route.

## Stocking Is Just Legend?

Did a spinster hang up the first Christmas stocking? Legend says yes, but history says no—or at most, "Maybe."

St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop, secretly gave gifts of gold for the dowries of poor spinsters. His method was to toss the gold down a chimney by night, at Christmas.

On one occasion, so legend says, the gift landed in a stocking, hung by the fireplace to dry.

History casts a dubious eye on this "origin" of the Christmas stocking custom. The spinster probably didn't have a stocking—not in the fourth century.

Knitted form-fitting hosiery was unknown until the thirteenth century. Earlier, people wrapped cloth or rags around their feet as substitute for modern stockings.

Even after William Lee invented the stocking frame, a more efficient method of production, in the late 1500's, it was some time before the poor could afford to buy stockings.

History makes one concession to the legend tellers. Paintings from Pompeii show that early Romans did wear some form of stockings, even before the birth of Christ.



## GREETINGS

In the Miracle of the manger, mankind finds joy eternal. May your Christmas be blessed.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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# Community Greet Christmas With Worship and Rejoicing

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly; 'tis the season to be jolly." Christmas is for joy and laughter; Christmas glows with merriment. Throughout this community, families are putting the finishing touches on plans for holiday get-togethers. Hideaways bulge with mysterious packages; kitchens are fragrant with the scents of special treats; homes are bright with gala decorations. Schools and clubs prepare their annual Christmas programs. Holiday party plans go forward. It is, indeed, the season to be jolly.

"Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright." Christmas is for prayer and peace; Christmas gleams with the light of the Star that shone so brightly, nearly two thousand years ago. And throughout this community, the deep spiritual significance of the holy season spreads comfort and cheer. In churches, the hours of worship reflect the coming joy as, during the weeks before Christmas, the story of Christ's coming is the subject of study, sermon, song and prayer, all building toward the special services of Christmas weekend.

## Uniting in Joy and Prayer

Christmas is a joyful season; Christmas is a prayerful season. Since the earliest celebrations of this Christian holiday, it has ever been so.

The twin spirits of Christmas—festive celebration and reverent worship—are woven together in all the lore of the season. History says that when the time now celebrated as Christmas was designated, in the fifth century A.D., early Christian leaders felt that the traditional winter merry-making of pagan festivals such as the Roman Saturnalia might be hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus, pagan peoples who had once looked to mythical sun gods as the source of the rebirth of life began to turn to religious observances of the Saviour's birth. Christmas lights symbolized faith, hope and life eternal.

Today, the glow of the tiniest candle—or the twinkling of the smallest electric bulb—still reflects, however humbly, the Light that Christ brought to the world.

## Severe Cold Hits This Area

An unusual cold snap hit this area Saturday plunging the thermometers down to a record low of 9 degrees, according to reports from several people.

Heavy ice was reported by most ranchmen contacted. Their was a heavy frost Friday, Sunday, and Monday mornings locally, the heaviest frost of the season thus far being on Monday morning.

The weather was a little warmer Sunday and Monday the temperature was in the 50s during the warmest part of the day.

Art Supplies at The Times

Mrs. Ruel Adams was brought home Friday from an Odessa hospital and is recovering satisfactorily after having major surgery there twice in the past two months. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Belger, of Hereford, is here.

Mrs. Edward Kerr and her daughters, Miss Rosalie Kerr and Jeanette, went to San Angelo last week for Jeanette to have orthodontistry Monday morning.

Mrs. Jolly Harkins left Thursday morning for Bertram and will pick up her sons, Barton, who attends Texas State Technical Institute at Waco, and Steve, who is doing graduate work at the University of Missouri, and they will go on to Houston to spend the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. W.H.

## Churches Echo With Yule Tale

*"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7.*

At Christmas, in church and home devotions, Christians turn again and again to the Biblical story of that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago.

From the words of two of his disciples, Luke and Matthew, they learn of humble shepherds watching in a field, of herald angels singing, of a Star that shone in the East to guide the Wise Men on their way.

In every word of the sacred story, the first Christmas lives anew. And most cherished of all are the words that tell of the simple manger scene, of Mary, and Joseph, and the Christ Child.

*"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."*

The words, as simple as the

Choice, and family. Mr. Harkins will join them later this week and return home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Hartzog and Ray Clifford went to Odessa last Friday and brought Mrs. Clifford home. She had been in the hospital over three weeks for medical treatment following a car wreck in which she received serious injuries. Their daughter, Mrs. Ernest Parten, will remain here for a while.

Al Word and Wayland Taliaferro were business visitors in Odessa Thursday.

Mrs. Burt Williams and children returned home Sunday evening from Austin where they had visited her mother over the weekend. Mrs. W.D. O'Bryant accompanied them on the trip and visited her aunt, Mrs. Althea Scott, and family.

scene, inspire awe and wonder, for the glory of the moment, for the miracle that was wrought. Yet the same words bring a homely comfort, too. It is a miracle that even a child may comprehend, for there, living again in the words, is the Baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

*"Because there no room for them in the inn."*

In the glory, there is poignancy, too.

*"No room in the inn."*

The words echo across the ages, and rejoicing is tinged with bittersweet. That—as in the words of the famous carol, "Away in a Manger,"—"the little Lord Jesus" had "no crib for His bed" weighs on the heart of Christianity.

Even here at the manger there is the shadow of suffering in store for the Son of God, of trials soon to begin with the flight into Egypt, and to end on the Cross.

But the glory prevails, in

the miracle of the humble manger, and ahead, through the shadows of the future, through anguish and agony, shines the radiance of Easter.

It is Christmas, and Christians everywhere rejoice at the words of the angel.

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."*



## New Arrivals . . .

To Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hall was born a son, their second child, in an Alpine hospital on Monday morning, December 18. His birth weight was eight pounds and his name is Christopher Bryan.

Mrs. Hall and the infant were brought home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stavley are the maternal grandparents of the new arrival.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bell attended the rodeo events of the National Finals in Oklahoma City last weekend. They made the trip by plane from Midland.

**ΑΘΑ Sorority**

Alpha Theta Alpha members and their families had a Christmas supper at the Legion Hall Saturday evening last week. The children sang Christmas songs, then were surprised to see Santa Claus walk in to deliver gifts to them.

Special guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Sudduth, and the following members and their families: Mmes. A.N. Farley, Bill McDonald, Charles Stavley, Joe Blatchford, Marvin Morris, Zane McDonald, Steve Young, Bill O'Rourke, Bob Siemer, and Barry Pendleton.

A tea on Sunday, December 10, in the home of Mrs. Barry Pendleton, honored three new pledges to Alpha Theta Alpha. Mrs. Donald Turk was among the guests. She has transferred from Sigma Delta of Fort Stockton to the local chapter.

Coffee, tea, and an assortment of cookies and candy were served.

Those present included the new pledges: Mmes. Ernie Ayers, Joe Blatchford, Marvin Morris; and members: Mmes. A.N. Farley, Bill O'Rourke, Zane McDonald, Steve Young, Charles Stavley, Johnny Hogg; and Mrs. Louise Causey, honorary member, and Mrs. W.W. Sudduth, sponsor.

Mrs. W.E. McSparran and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruby McSparran, were business visitors in Fort Stockton Friday.



*Yuletide bells peal out glad tidings, our hearts are filled with joy! May all the blessings of Christmas be yours!*

**Ray Hodgins**  
**Jolly Harkins Pelham Rose Stavley**  
**Marcella Harrison Manuel Maldonado**  
**Your Postal Employees**

*U. J. U. Auxiliary Has Six New Members*

The Auxiliary to the United Transportation Union met in the Masonic Hall on Monday, Dec. 11, in regular monthly business session.

Those attending were Mmes. Zane McDonald, Richard Aguilar, L.J. Hartzog, Julian Martinez, Joe Rouse, Raymond Fierro, Tommy Couch, A.C. Garner, J.D. Hogg, Gil Martinez, Barry Pendleton, Jimmy Davis, Charles Hornsby, Marvin Morris, Mike Conners, Sylvester Silvas, and R.R. McDonald.

At the previous meeting six new members were initiated into the organization, Mmes. Hartzog, Rouse, Ronnie Minica, Fierro, Aguilar, and Alex Escamilla. Mrs. Tommy Couch was initiated at the last meeting.

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Conners, hostesses, served pie, hot chocolate, and coffee in the hall during the social hour.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Greene Cooke made a business trip to Odessa Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hagelstein and children have moved to the home which they recently bought at 210 N. Persimmon. They are redecorating the house inside and out and made minor repairs and changes.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morris left Thursday for Knippa to make their home. Both are former members of the school faculty here and have resided here for many years. They have a home and rent property at Knippa and will be spending their retirement years there. Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Mendoza bought the Morris home at 610 N. Third and have moved there.

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*Silent night, holy night*

We raise our voices with the carolers to sing the praises of this happy season. A joyful Christmas to all!

**GANDY'S**

*To Greet You*



*at Christmas*

With fond hopes that all your holiday dreams come true, we send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

**KUT & KURL BEAUTY SHOP**  
 Helen and Ernest Massey



*Rejoice!*

At this joyous time may we offer you greetings and sincerest wishes for a peaceful and happy holiday! To you and yours... Merry Christmas!

**R. C.'s TV Service**  
 R.C., Jessie, and Rex

**Christmas Greetings**



We pause 'mid the holiday bustle to count our many blessings, and to express deep appreciation for the patronage you have given us. To you and yours, our fondest Christmas greetings!

**OASIS RESTAURANT** **CONOCO TRUCK STOP**

## Spirit of Giving Lives In Quebec's Colorful Tradition

The traditional spirit of giving that's world-wide at Christmastime takes on a special form and meaning in French Quebec. This year, as every year, will see the enactment of a masquerade known as "La Guignolee," to benefit all the poor of Quebec.

"La Guignolee" was begun by the first French colonists who settled in Quebec. But historians date the custom to the Druidic rite which celebrated the arrival of a new year: the cutting — with golden scythes — and the gathering of mistletoe that grew in the sacred forests.

### Dress Like Trappers

The French version of "La Guignolee" has been kept alive for modern Quebec by such organizations as the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It involves a door-to-door collection for the poor by "Les Guignoleurs."

Since 1901, the role of "Les Guignoleurs" has been played by members of the Commercial Travelers Club of Quebec, Inc.

These modern businessmen dress like the Canadian trappers of old, with their red knit caps and colorful sashes. Singing the song of "La Guignolee," they approach each householder with a long, red woolen stocking, to be filled by gifts for the poor.

"Les Guignoleurs" of early Quebec had a very different method of attaining their goal. Arriving at the homes of the villagers, they sang a song that asked for a contribution or threatened the abduction of the eldest daughter of the household.

### Fights Did Happen

The master and mistress of the house, or someone repre-

senting them, then opened the door and allowed "Les Guignoleurs" to enter.

Gifts were placed in a bag and later emptied into a cart that followed along behind them through the village, accompanied by a swarm of children and dogs.

Sometimes, when two different groups of "Les Guignoleurs" met, a fight ensued and the treasures of one cart would fill up the cart of the winners.

### Aiding the Needy

Originally, food and clothing as well as money was collected. But for the past twenty years it has been only money, and the generous people of Quebec have contributed as much as \$30,000 for the poor.

The money is deposited in a bank, and checks are issued to the parish priests of the city, who use the money to aid all the needy, regardless of religious denomination.

## 'White Christmas' Is Traditional As Plum Pudding

For a quarter of a century people have been sentimentally dreaming their way through a "White Christmas."

It was in 1941, the black-clouded war years had already begun, when Hollywood released a motion picture entitled: "Holiday Inn." The star of this movie was the ever-popular crooner, Bing Crosby. But perhaps the real star of "Holiday Inn" was the song written especially for the movie by Irving Berlin: "White Christmas."

Through the ensuing 25 years, over 100 versions of the song have been recorded by almost as many artists, yet

"White Christmas" is synonymous with the name of Bing Crosby.

The poignant Christmas message that's found in the song has made it popular 'round the world. It has been

translated into Italian, French, Chinese, German, Spanish, Hungarian, the Scandinavian languages, several Polynesian tongues and even Swahili.

The Danish Christmas Eve dinner features rice porridge, containing a "magic" almond that brings good luck to the one who finds it.

# GREETINGS

It's Christmas! and we're glad  
for the chance to  
sound off with warmest thanks to all  
our loyal customers, with  
an added "note"  
to have the merriest and best  
Christmas ever!



*Clayton Stubblefield*

YOUR MOBIL FRIEND

Merry  
Christmas



Happy  
New Year

# History Proves It—Yule Season Is Always a Memorable Time

For the children, this is the very best Christmas that ever was. The adults agree — but still, they look back a little wistfully at the Christmases of yesteryear, with nostalgic thoughts of "a good old-fashioned Christmas," or of a special Christmas memory.

Memories enhance the seasonal joys, and with good reason, for Christmas is a memorable time. Since the first Holy Night, some of the most important events of both religious and secular history have taken place at the Christmas season.

A look at the past reveals momentous occasions, joyous or poignant, as well as many of the little things that give bygone times living meaning — and all taking place on or about Christmas Day.

## December 24, 400 A.D.

In Italy, in the fifth century A.D., church bells rang on Christmas Eve to call Christians to worship.

This seemingly simple event had great significance, for it meant that Christians could worship in freedom, instead of in secret, as earlier suppression of Christianity had forced them to do.

## December 25, 600 A.D.

Traditionally, the first Christmas feast in England was held at the Round Table

of King Arthur. The actual date is unknown, but references to this legendary king have been traced to 600 A.D.

## December 24, 1223

St. Francis of Assisi set up the first creche or crib on Christmas Eve, 1223, in the mountain village of Greccio, Italy.

## December 25, 1492

Christopher Columbus and his crew celebrated the first Christmas in the New World in 1492. They were dinner guests of an Indian chief, ruler of the island of Haiti.

## December 25, 1535

Beset by cold and hunger, in fear of hostile Indians, the French explorer Jacques Cartier and his band of 110 settlers observed an early Canadian Christmas at a fortress near what is now the city of Quebec, in 1535.

The most precious of the scanty food supplies were set forth for a Christmas "feast" — in the courageous spirit that enabled the tiny band to hold out till spring.

## December 24-25, 1620

December 1620 marked the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. A site for the first home in the new settle-

ment was selected on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day construction began.

## December 25, 1776

On December 25-26, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware. He surprised, and put to rout, Hessian soldiers employed by George III.

The surprise attack was greatly assisted by the fact that the Hessians were sleeping off the effects of their Christmas celebrating!

## December 24, 1814

On Christmas Eve in 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was negotiated between the U. S. and Great Britain. This ended the War of 1812.

## December 24, 1871

First performance of Verdi's opera, "Aida," took place on Christmas Eve, 1871, in Egypt.

An English tradition of long ago says that sprigs of holly should be placed in beehives at Christmas. This stems from a legend that, at the Manger, bees gathered to hum a hymn of joy.



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

In the happy spirit of the holiday cheer that abounds, may we offer sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas to all our friends.


**CHEVRON TRUCK STOP**  
RODRIGO PEREZ



*it's*  
**Christmas!**

May Christmas bring you all the joys of the season and all the warm satisfactions of sincere friendships. We thank you for your generosity during the past year.

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THE CHAMBERLAINS



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Sleigh bells ring, voices sing out all through the land in friendly Christmas greetings. To these we add our own, extending to our faithful customers and friends the warmest holiday wishes, the sincerest "thank you" for your patronage.

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CENTRAL STORAGE COMPANY  
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### ♠ Thursday Bridge Club

Mrs. W.D. O'Bryant was hostess for the annual Christmas party and luncheon honoring the members of the Thursday Bridge Club last week.

### Legion Auxiliary Has Business Meet Last Tuesday Night

The Legion Auxiliary met in the Legion Hall last Tuesday evening in regular monthly business session.

After the opening ceremony, the National Anthem was sung with Mrs. T.W. McKenzie as pianist.

Plans were completed for the covered-dish Christmas supper to be given for the members of the Legion Thursday evening.

A committee was named to investigate the possibilities of putting carpet in the repose room, also having some reupholstering done on some of the chairs.

The Christmas decorations were put up in the hall also the Christmas tree was decorated.

During the social hour, the hostesses, Mrs. Greene Cooke and Mrs. Ruby McSparran, served pecan pie and pumpkin pies topped with whipped cream, tea, and coffee.

Also present were Mmes. Dalton Hogg, C.P. Peavy, L. H. Gilbreath, Mark Duncan, Jim Kerr, R.M. Hunn, Clyde Higgins, A.C. Garner, W.E. McSparran, W.H. Savage, and H.E. Ezelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schillick Jr. and baby were business visitors in Del Rio Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Moore were business visitors in Del Rio Wednesday.


Beautiful seasonal decorations were noted in the party rooms. The hand-painted nativity scene on the mantel, which was recently completed by the hostess, drew much comment from the guests.

Turkey, dressing, and the trimmings were served for the luncheon. Cookies and candy were available throughout the party.

Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree in the living room.

High score in the card games was held by Mrs. Weldon Cox, second high by Mrs. Mark Duncan, low by Mrs. Jack Riggs,


and slam by Mrs. C.H. Stavley and Mrs. Gilbert Bell. Also present were Mmes. W. H. Goldwire, Worth Odom, and Vic Littleton.



Blessings of Christmas

may the serenity of peace and a bounty of joy enter your life this blessed time... Merry Christmas!

**George's Barber Shop**  
George Escobar



merry christmas

We wish you, one and all a joyous, fun-filled holiday season.

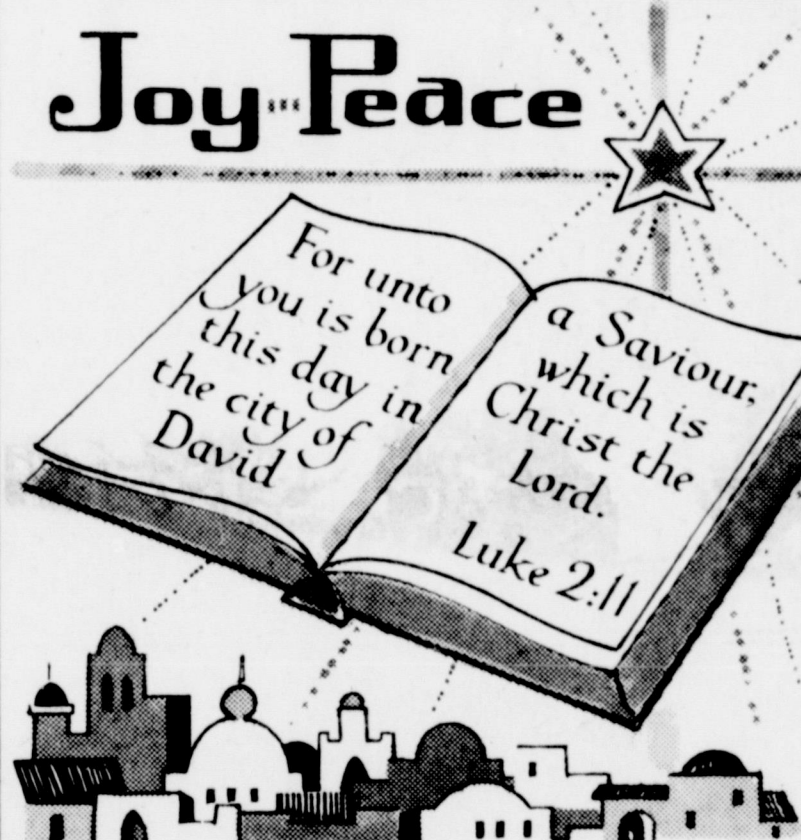
**PRINCESS THEATRE**



AT CHRISTMAS

We wish for good things to come into your life — and remain... the blessed season's gifts of serene good will, peace and joy, abiding love.

**Speedy's Body Shop**



Joy Peace

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

**Josephine's Coctus Shop**



We wish you a



Merry




Christmas

In the joyful Yuletide spirit, we sing out fondest greetings to our wonderful friends and neighbors.

*Riggins . . .*

Charlie, Teeler,  
Elaine,  
Missy, Mr. Smith



A Joyous Christmas

A most bountiful holiday is our wish for you; cherished friendships happy laughter of happy children, and the good will of all men.

Have the merriest of all Christmases!

*Eunice & 'Mac' McKenzie*

### Supper Honors Legion Members Last Thursday

The Legion Auxiliary invited the members of the Legion to a Christmas supper in the Legion Hall Thursday evening.

Seasonal decorations were noted in the hall. Red and white checked cloths were on the tables and white candles were in white holders decorated in holly sprays.

The invocation was given by Mrs. H.E. Ezelle.

Members brought covered dishes to add to the barbecued chicken provided for the supper.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mmes. A.C. Garner, Mark Duncan, H.E. Ezelle, Robert Hunn, W.H. Savage, Mmes.

### FORMER RESIDENTS HAVE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Several local friends received an invitation to the 30th wedding anniversary observance for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rath of Luling on Sunday, December 17. The open house at the Luling Country Club was hosted by the couple's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Evan W. Norton (she is the former Sheryl Rath) and their other daughter, Miss Melissa Rath. The Raths are former Sanderson residents when both were on the school faculty and he was also high school football coach.

### Flair Pens at The Times

J.A. Mansfield, George Garner, P.G. Harris Sr., L.H. Gilbreath, T.W. McKenzie, W. E. McSparran, C.P. Peavy, Dalton Hogg, Clyde Higgins, Ruby McSparran, and Jim Kerr.

### Bonhomie Club

The annual Christmas party for the members of the Bonhomie Club was in the home of Mrs. W.D. O'Bryant last Wednesday afternoon. Christmas decorations were noted throughout the house.

Cookies, mixed nuts, tea, coffee, cold drinks and homemade candy were available

### Mrs. T.W. McKenzie Honors Visitor at Party

Mrs. T.W. McKenzie entertained with a bridge party in her home Friday afternoon honoring Mrs. Lewis A. Dickson of San Antonio, a visitor here.

The Christmas motif afforded beautiful decorations in the party rooms.

Prizes for the card games were provided by Mrs. H.E. Ezelle and Mrs. Mark Duncan and went to Mrs. Duncan for high score; Mrs. Austin Nance, second high; Mrs. W.A. Banner, low; with Mrs. James Caroline and Mrs. Weldon Cox sharing slam.

Nuts, candy, tea, and coffee were available during the party. Fresh coconut cake and ice cream sundaes were served for refreshments.

Also present were Mmes. C. P. Peavy, Jim Kerr, J.A. Gilbreath, and Harvey Rogers.

### AMONG OUR SUBSCRIBERS

New subscribers to The Times include Odell Brotherton, San Antonio; Mrs. C.H. MacDonald, El Toro, Cal.; Willie Pena and Ascencion Pena, El Paso; Mrs. Meadie Boozer, Amado, Ariz.; Mrs. Grant Roberts, Glenwood, N.M.

Mrs. Harvey Rogers and her daughter, Mrs. Gene Black, were business visitors in Del Rio Thursday.

Mmes. Gus Flores, Pres Escamilla, and Cruz Marquez went to Andrews last week to visit their brother, Pedro Zepeda, who was hospitalized there.

during the party. Chicken salad, party crackers, pickles, olives, and pecan pie were served for refreshments.

Mrs. T.W. McKenzie was named club president for next year. Mrs. F.G. Grigsby is the retiring president.

Mrs. L.R. Hall was reinstated to membership in the club and Mrs. Herman Couch was welcomed as a new member.

Mrs. H.P. Boyd and Mrs. B.F. Dawson have resigned. The birthday of Mrs. W.J.

Ferguson Jr., was observed and she passed around her birthday cards.

The members' "secret pals" were revealed when gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree and names were drawn for "secret pals" for next year.

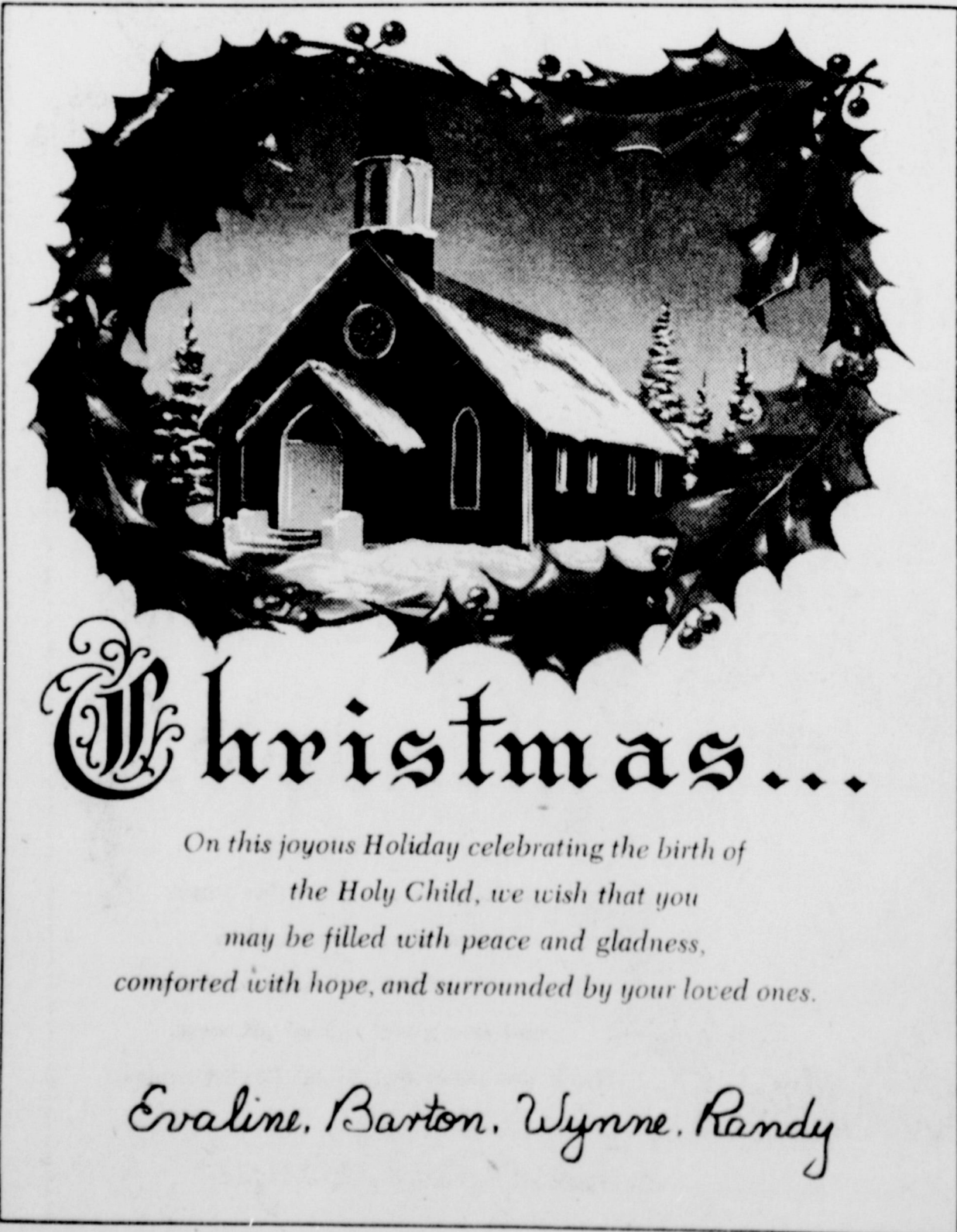
Also present were Mmes. J. W. Carruthers Jr., Ray Caldwell, O.J. Cresswell, Alfred Bendele, Harvey Rogers, Boyd, Dawson, McKenzie, and Ferguson.



**PEACE,  
GOOD WILL**

*That's the message from us to you, as we take this opportunity to thank you for another year of being a valued customer!*

**Kate and Walter Thorn and employees of  
DOUBLE-T GROCERY**



**Christmas...**

*On this joyous Holiday celebrating the birth of the Holy Child, we wish that you may be filled with peace and gladness, comforted with hope, and surrounded by your loved ones.*

*Evaline, Barton, Wynne, Randy*



**GREETINGS**

We bring good tidings and glad greetings to you and your kin, with wishes for happy holidays and a Merry Christmas.

*Mrs. E. Mrs. Lewis Cash*  
DRYDEN



**O, Holy Night**

Each year at Christmas, the sacred story lives anew. As we reflect upon that holy time, of a Child born in Bethlehem, may we find inspiration in His life, to guide us on our way. Sincere greetings to all.

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## Yule Customs Reveal Many Variations

Cherished memories, heart-felt joys, children's laughter — everywhere, these mean Christmas.

The spirit of Christmas knows no boundaries. It lives in the hearts of men in many lands. Though its message of joy is always the same, the legends and lore of the season are as varied as the peoples who celebrate the Holy Birth.

Customs of each country may be similar, yet marked by their own individual character.

### In New Mexico

The Santa Domingo Indian pueblo, in New Mexico, performs a four-day-long sacred ritual dance in honor of the Christmas season.

It begins at two A.M. Christmas day. After midnight mass, the Indians gather inside the church. They are clad in colorful costumes, adorned with everything from fox tails to evergreen branches.

The dancers carry on their ceremonials until daylight. At dawn the Indians move to their sacred plaza in the center of the village, where they continue dancing throughout Christmas day.

On the second day the children dance, and the older members of the tribe take over for the third day. On the last day the entire pueblo joins in the day-long ceremonies.

### In California

Communities as well as countries have their own special way of celebrating Christmas.

In Joshua Tree, Calif., this small community transforms itself into a replica of Bethlehem. The story of the first Christmas is re-enacted, with the main street serving as a giant stage.

### In Newfoundland

Citizens of Newfoundland show their Christian ethics with the Christmas custom known as "Fishing for the Church." On this day huge quantities of fish are caught and brought by the parishioners of a village to the church, where they are sold. Proceeds of the sale go toward buying firewood for the curate.

### In Czechoslovakia

It's customary among the Czechs to break off a cherry tree branch, at the beginning of Advent. The branch is placed in a pot of water in the kitchen and kept in the warm air.

At Christmas time, it's hoped, the twig will burst into bloom and make a festive decoration.

### In Scandinavia

The Jultomten is a friendly gnome, who not only brings gifts to Scandinavian children but guards the household and farm as well. To keep him happy, the children give the cattle extra fodder and leave sheaves of grain for the birds on Christmas Eve.

### In Norway

The Norwegian Christmas traditionally starts six months before December 24th. The celebration itself lasts three weeks. The period is known as the Julafred, or the Peace of Christmas.

### In Finland

Just before Christmas Day, families in Finland take a sauna bath. This is the traditional steam bath taken in a hut with a stone oven.

### In Turkey

A unique holiday tradition in Turkey requires the head of the church to throw a wooden

cross into the Bosphorus. On Christmas Day, three boys dive after it.

The finder takes the cross from house to house and receives in return food and gifts from those who are allowed to see the cross.

### WINNERS OF DECORATIONS ON SHS DOORS NAMED

The Sanderson Culture Club sponsored a contest of decorating the doors at Sanderson High School by the various classes and judging was last week.

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The following were declared winners of the contest: religious theme, the sophomore class; non-religious theme, senior home room

class; and the freshman class won the prize for overall decorations on a door.

Send The Times to someone



## A Joyous Christmas

May all the blessings and happiness of this holy season be bestowed on you and your family. Have a Joyous Holiday.

Peary-Drouse INSURANCE AGENCY



We're joining Santa and his reindeer in sending warmest wishes for a joyous holiday, rich in many blessings. Do have a wonderful Christmas!

SANDERSON GULF STATION

MR. & MRS. SAM MARQUEZ



## A Joyous Christmas

The glowing light of the wondrous star shone down upon a humble stable at Bethlehem, revealing to the Wise Men, and to all, the Hope and Promise of the world. We wish for you, on this Christmas Day, hearts happy and joyous as the Wise Men's.

Big Bend Gas Co.

RON & PAT KIGHT

## Honoring Christmas, In Poetry and Prose

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year."

So wrote Charles Dickens, for whom Christmas was a favorite topic — so much so that most people, asked to name someone who wrote about Christmas, would immediately answer, "Dickens."

Not only Dickens, but almost every writer, from the little-known to the famous, has been inspired at some time in his career to "honor Christmas" in prose or poetry. For instance —

*At Christmas I no more desire a rose  
Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth,  
But like of each thing that in season grows.*

William Shakespeare

*At Christmas play and make good cheer,  
For Christmas comes but once a year.*

Thomas Tusser

*For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through,*

*The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.*

John Greenleaf Whittier

*England was merry England, when*

*Old Christmas brought his sports again.*

Sir Walter Scott

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day*

*Their old familiar carols play,*

*And soft and sweet the words repeat,*

*"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep."*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*So shall we learn to understand*

*The simple faith of shepherds then,*

*And clasping kindly hand in hand,*

*Sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"*

James Russell Lowell

*"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."*

Clement Clarke Moore

May your hearth be happy and your heart content. We send this greeting with our thanks to all!

**Greetings**

**SANDERSON Pharmacy**

## People Plus Problems Add Holiday Lore

Friends who visited the Robert Reilly home last December got a real Christmas surprise. In this Grants Pass, Ore., household, the Christmas tree "grew" out of the ceiling — or at least, was suspended there, upside down.

Will it start a trend? Will more and more families hang their Christmas trees from the ceiling? Only time can tell!

Christmas customs start with people and, often, with problems. In the case of the upside-down Christmas tree, the problem was, "Where to put the tree?" and the humorous solution was reached when the family just couldn't decide.

### Creating Pudding

Many well-established traditions had their legendary beginnings in the inventive reaction of people to problems, large or small.

Take plum pudding, for example — as many people do at Christmastime! The very first plum pudding was an answer to adversity, so legend says.

An English king and his hunting party were lost in the forest on Christmas Eve. Commanded by the king, the cook prepared dinner, using the foods he had on hand — some meat from a stag, some bits of wild game, flour, birds' eggs, sugar, dried plums, ale and brandy.

The cook not only created a delicious emergency dish, he also invented plum pudding, which tradition says must contain these same ingredients if it is to be the "real thing."

### Lighting the Tree

A pleasant problem with a happy solution led to the custom of decorating the Christmas tree with lights.

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, returned from a Christmas Eve walk under a starlit sky inspired by a wish to reproduce the heavenly scene for his family.

How to show some small reflection of the glory of the heavens on the first Holy Night? Luther solved the problem by lighting candles and placing them on the boughs of an evergreen.



**BEST WISHES FOR Christmas**

The Christmas spirit glows brightly. Happy surprises come forth from the gaily-wrapped presents that express the sentiment and love that Christmas inspires, filling us all with the joy of giving and sharing. With this thought in mind, we would like to share with you the good will and good wishes of the season. Sincere greetings.

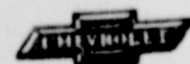


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### No Christmas!

"Hear ye, hear ye! Christmas will not be celebrated. All who observe that abominable day will be severely punished!"

An unlikely message for a town crier? Not in the time of Oliver Cromwell!

Cromwell and his Puritan Party did indeed consider Christmas an "abominable day," and on December 24, 1653, they succeeded in getting the English Parliament to pass a law making Christmas celebrations of any kind illegal.

Imprisonment or exile was the penalty for disobedience.

A few days before Christmas, town criers went through the streets warning against holiday celebrations.

In England, the ban lasted eight years — and even longer in the United States. The belief that Christmas merry-making was sinful came to the New World with the Pilgrims.

New England states outlawed Christmas observances until the middle of the nineteenth century. In Boston, for instance, Christmas was illegal until 1856!

### And Other 'Santas'

Though Santa Claus is today's most popular Christmas-season gifts giver, he still has plenty of help.

In Northern Europe, many children await the arrival of St. Nicholas, on the Eve of December 5th. In Spain and Latin America, the "Three Kings" traditionally bring gifts on Epiphany Eve, January 5th.

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen", actually means "God Keep You Merry, Gentlemen".

This stems from the history of boisterous celebrating of Christmas in England during the 1600's.



*Greetings*

A Star to guide them on their way,  
Wise Men came bearing gifts. Today  
the wonder glows anew, with gifts of  
joy to gladden every heart  
May yours be a blessed Christmas.

Sanderson  
Barber Shop

LORENZO FUENTEZ

### Of St. Nicholas

Long before Santa traveled by sleigh, St. Nicholas, special guardian of children, set forth on foot, or rode by horse or donkey, to bring gifts to European homes.

The good saint's day is December 6th, and "on the eve of his festival day," writes an Encyclopedia Americana authority, "St. Nicholas makes his tour, visiting palace and cottage."

The children place receptacles for the gifts, which St. Nicholas is expected to

let fall down the chimney. . . . Sometimes shoes are neatly polished for the purpose, at other times plates, or baskets, or stockings, or specially made shoes of porcelain.

"St. Nicholas' steed . . . is not forgotten. For him the children put water and hay, or carrot or potato peeling, or a piece of bread in the shoe, or basket, or stocking.

"In the morning from the tipped-over chairs and general disarray in the room it is evident that St. Nicholas has been present.

"Replacing the oats, or



*May all the peace, happiness and blessings of this holy season be bestowed upon you and yours. A very Merry Christmas to one and all.*

DAIRY KING

hay, or carrot are found sweets and playthings for children who have been good. For bad children, rods are left, and the fodder is untouched."

### Singing Carols

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Across the years since shepherds first harkened to an angelic chorus, Christmas rings with the sound of voices raised in joyful song.



"What would you suggest for a husband who gave his wife a vacuum cleaner last Christmas . . . ?"

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In France, it's traditional to serve a Christmas supper after midnight mass, but the main dish varies ac-

ording to the section of the country — roast goose in Alsace, turkey in Burgundy, oysters and sausages in Paris.

England has a mouth-watering array of traditional dishes for Christmas feasting, among them plum pudding. As the pudding is being prepared, it's customary for each member of the family to stir it, making

a wish for the New Year.

In Germany, the people bake long cakes for Christmas. The cakes are meant to symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes.



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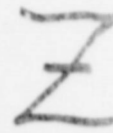
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**Christmas Wishes**

To Our Friends:

December 25th

As the Holiday Season approaches our thoughts turn to the true meaning of this happy time.

During the course of the year and in the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the real basis of all business relationships.

And so it is that we would like to set aside the routine of business and express our sincere hope that your Holiday Season will be Joyous and Happy and that the New Year will bring Good Health and Prosperity to You and Yours.

With Sincere Best Wishes,

CLAYTON STUBBLEFIELD, YOUR MOBIL FRIEND



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Our wish to you this happy season: days full of joyous holiday spirit, a heart brimming with good will for all, and a host of friends, both old and new. A very Merry Christmas to you and yours.

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# How Santa Travels, Looks Show Change



Genial, jovial, red-cheeked and white-bearded. As any child can tell you, that's how Santa Claus looks.

But the benevolent giver of presents has not always been pictured like this, nor has he always traveled by sleigh or brought his gifts on Christmas Eve. In fact, he has not always been named Santa Claus!

"Santa Claus" is in truth a child's euphonic way of expressing the Dutch "Saint

Nikolaas," or St. Nicholas, says The Encyclopedia Americana.

St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop, was later honored, in Europe, as a friend to children. Legend finds him making his rounds on December 5th, the eve of St. Nicholas Day, with gifts to reward children for good behavior.

Instead of a jolly red suit, St. Nicholas wore a robe, or tabard, and for that reason he really didn't need a sleigh, or even a horse. His robe enabled him to travel from place to place, instantly.

In Holland, however, he was said to use a horse for his journey at night over the roofs. Dutch settlers brought St.

Nicholas to the New World, where he gradually changed his name to Santa Claus and traded his horse and robe for reindeer and a red suit.

It was Clement C. Moore, in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas," who made Santa into a jolly elf "Saint Nick,"

who rides "in a miniature sleigh drawn by eight tiny reindeer."

In more recent years, St. Nicholas in his new guise as Santa Claus has journeyed to many parts of the world, becoming the most widely known of gift givers.

FATHER CHRISTMAS, a rather stern resident of the North Pole, appears on this turn-of-the-century greeting card.

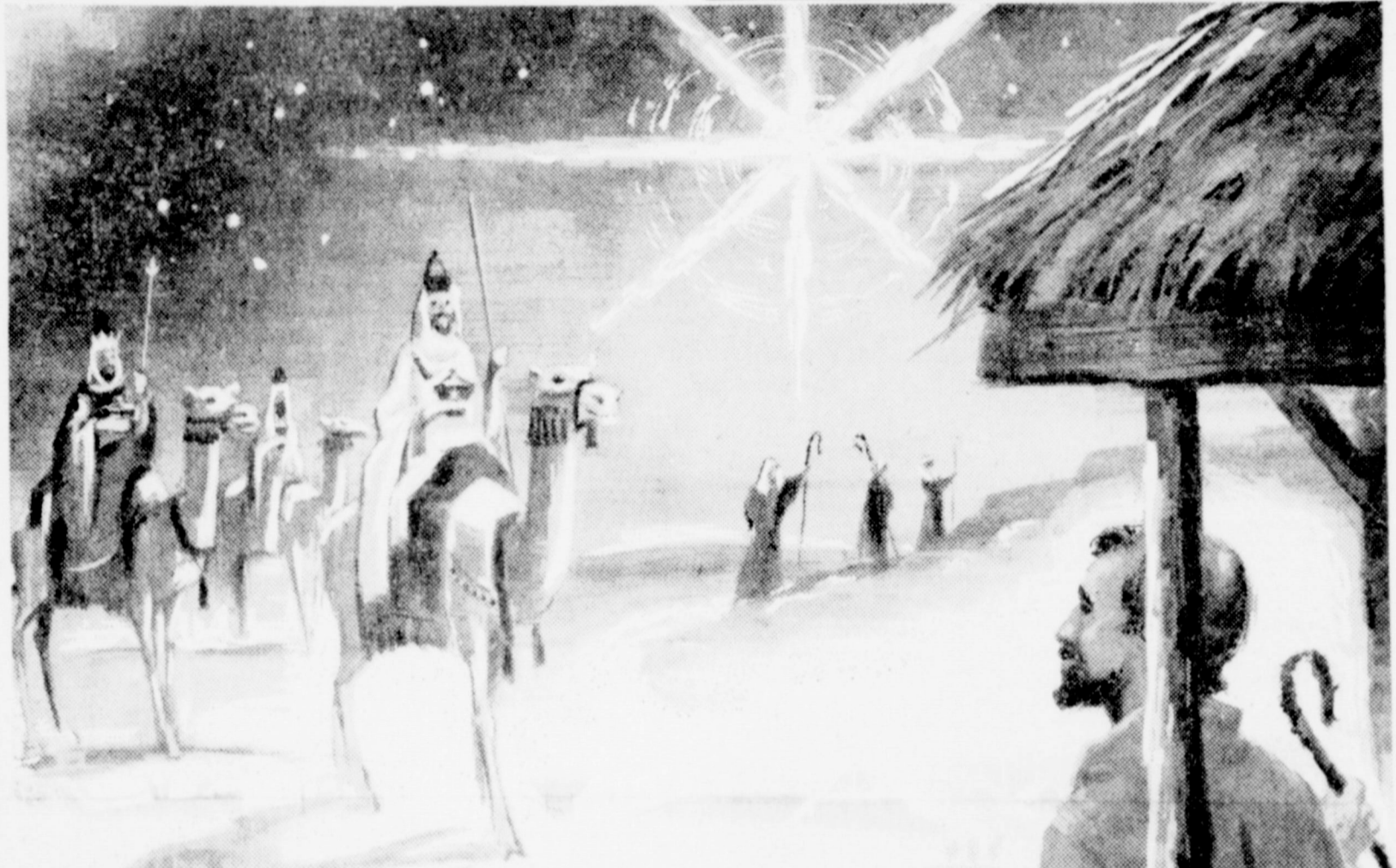


ST. NICHOLAS, who preceded Santa as a Christmas gift giver, was pictured on an 1870 greeting card as a monk-like figure.



Wishing you a Christmas filled with the laughter of children and the rewards of dreams come true.

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**CARD OF THANKS**  
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 The daughters and son of Edubijes Ochoa would like to extend their appreciation to all who were with them in their sorrow and thank those who gave the beautiful flowers. Thank you,  
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**NOTICE**  
 The Oasis Restaurant will be open Saturday, but closed Dec. 24, 25, & 26.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION:**  
 TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TERRELL COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 9th day of January, 1973, for the purpose of electing Directors of the Terrell County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

The polling place for the entire District for said election shall be the Terrell County Court House, Sanderson, Texas.

The following named persons will act as election officers: Carlton White, judge; Mrs. Cruz Marquez, Mrs. Jack Laughlin, clerks.  
 GREENE COOKE, President  
 EDWARD KERR, Secretary

## Band Concert Given Thursday

Despite the inclement weather, a large crowd attended the annual Christmas concert given by the Sanderson High School and Junior High bands in the high school auditorium Thursday evening. Joe Blatchford, director, introduced each group of band numbers on the program.

Six selections were played by the high school band, "The Star Spangled Banner" being the first number and "Marianchi" the last. The junior high band played four numbers all in the Christmas theme.

The Eagle Band then played the closing group of three selections with "Home For Christmas" as the last.

Mrs. Maria Villarreal and daughter, Gloria, left Tuesday for Longdale, Okla., to visit during the holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rodolfo Villarreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robbins went to El Paso Wednesday and met their daughter, Miss Kathleen

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 The thoughtfulness of friends expressed in calls, memorials, visits, flowers, cards, masses, and in so many ways at the time of our recent bereavement have been a source of comfort and strength for us. We will never forget your kindnesses.  
 The family of Rojelio Rodriguez.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 Ruel joins me in expressing heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors who have been so kind and thoughtful during the past two months when I had surgery twice. For the phone calls, visits, flowers, gifts, food, and prayers while I was in the hospital and when I have been at home, I am very grateful.  
 Ruth Adams.

Dear Santa:  
 Hi -- I had a really good year -- filled with countless blessings.  
 My Christmas Wish is:  
 Everyone's sincere wishes come true,  
 Everyone's selfish wishes be forgotten.  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
 P.S. How about the street lights, thanks to Y.P.C.C.  
 P.P.S. I locked Ms. Cat in the garage again, but just for one day.

Robbins of Tucson, Ariz., there to have an early Christmas celebration in the home of their son, John Ed Robbins, and family.

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