

# Merry Christmas to You!

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### SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT CHILDREN IN MORTON FRI.

Santa Claus is due in Morton for the annual Christmas party at four o'clock Friday afternoon, members of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas program reported this week.

All arrangements have been made to have Santa fly in here Friday afternoon. All youngsters of the area are invited, according to L. B. Childs, president of Morton's Chamber of Commerce.

Santa Claus will be escorted by members of the fire department from the Cochran County Airport to the Court House square where treats will be presented to each child.

### GOVERNMENT COTTON PROGRAM GETS HEAVY SUPPORT IN COCHRAN COUNTY THURSDAY

Cochran County cotton farmers Thursday overwhelmingly approved the 1950 federal government's cotton price and acreage allotment program.

Out of votes cast in the county, only five voted against the 1950 plan. In other words almost 100 per cent of the voting farmers of the county voted for the control program.

These figures were released Monday by the Cochran County ACA.

On a national scale, farmers voted about the same. Almost complete returns released by the Agriculture Department showed that some 90 per cent of the cotton farmers voting cast their ballot in favor of controls.

In Texas early reports indicate that cotton farmers were greatly in favor of the program. Some 90,745 cast votes for the program as compared to some 14,881 who voted against it.

Early returns from the nation, made up mostly of 18 of the 20 producing cotton states, showed some 554,097 votes for control as against 64,769.

Only Lubbock and Dawson Counties will receive larger acreages of cotton under the allotment system, it was announced.

Each cotton grower in the county has already been mailed and probably received his allotted acres for 1950 which he may seed to cotton under the program okayed by the voters on Thursday.

Under the allotment referendum approved by the cotton voters on a national vote, farmers cooperating with the plan will receive 90 per cent of parity, up to the limit of the quota—set at some 11,733,750 bales by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan on October 13.

Cotton produced above this will sell at a penalty.

### STORES TO CLOSE IN MORTON ON DECEMBER 26TH

Practically all Morton business firms are planning to remain closed on Monday, December 26, observing the Christmas holiday, it was reported this week following a survey of local merchants.

It is expected that some cafes will be open, as well as one or more gasoline service stations.

There is no general agreement on closing Monday, January 2. Some firms plan to close on that date, and others will be open for business.

While stores will be closed Sunday and Monday all will be open later each night from now through Saturday.

### Contest Winners Announced for Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest

Winners in the outdoor Christmas decorating contest, sponsored for the first time in Morton, were announced last Saturday by Mrs. Lester Baccus, following the judging Friday night by five out of town judges.

The first prize, ten dollars in cash, given by Ben Franklin Store, was awarded Don Davis for the most artistically illuminated tree. Don, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis, decorated a spruce on the front lawn of his home.

First place in the most beautifully decorated home was given to the M. C. Ledbetter and H. B. Bedwell entries. Judges could not agree on a single entry so decided to split the first prize between these two.

Award for the best decorated door goes to Mrs. Raymond C. Ross while the winning window was designed and executed by Mrs. Hessie B. Spotts.

Judges agreed that all the entries were beautiful and that decisions were difficult to make. They congratulated the Garden Club and Morton in general for a good start toward making the outdoor decorating contest an annual event.

The contest was sponsored by the Cochran County Garden Club, the Morton Tribune and Ben Franklin Store.

### Last Rites for R. S. Spence Held Here Monday

Funeral services for Robert S. Spence were held here Monday afternoon at the Church of Christ with J. V. Davis, of Levelland Church of Christ, officiating.

The body was then taken to Southland for burial.

Mr. Spence, 24, was fatally shot Saturday night in Lubbock. Survivors include the wife and three small children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Spence, of Levelland; and four brothers, three of whom live in Levelland and another in Tacoma, Washington.

### VISITED FRIENDS HERE

Horace Barker, former Morton resident, visited friends and relatives in Morton this week.

Following the judging Friday night the visiting ladies were treated to refreshments at the Albert Morrow home.

Flash pictures of the winning places were made later that night by Mrs. Baccus, president of the Garden Club, and Mrs. Hessie B. Spotts. These pictures will be used in the club's scrap book.

### First Baptist Church Launches Building Fund Campaign For Erection of New Steel and Brick Church Structure

The Sunday morning service of the local First Baptist church was dedicated to the raising of cash and subscriptions to the building of a new church edifice. Approximately thirteen thousand five hundred dollars were added to the building fund in cash and pledges.

It is expected that this will reach over twenty thousand within the next thirty days. This with money on hand will bring the fund to a total of thirty thousand dollars. The first unit that the church has voted to erect will be the main auditorium and adjoining educational units for elementary groups.

These include three nurseries with reception room and kitchen. Two departments for four and five year old children and departments for 6, 7, and 8 year olds. Also included in the first unit will be a large church parlor, Pastor's study, a large, well-equipped church office. The auditorium will have a seating capacity of eight hundred, exclusive of the choir. The structure will be of steel and brick and of a modified Gothic design.

The old buildings will be used for additional educational space for the immediate time. It is hoped that the construction of

new unit will begin in the near future as plans and finances will permit.

The construction committee consists of W. B. Evans, chairman; Keith Kennedy, Fred Crow, Glen Thompson and A. R. (Pete) Lindsey. The finance committee is R. K. (Cap) Lindsey, Jack Rice, William Zuber, Elmo Smith, and Tom Greer.

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Mrs. Charles Albrecht and the 1950 Custom model Crosley Shelvador won recently in a nationwide contest. Jeter Hardware, local Crosley dealer, sponsored the contest here. (annepic)

### Guests Attending Veterans Benefit Party Thursday Enjoy Variety Show

Guests attending the Veterans Benefit party last Thursday night enjoyed an outstanding variety show. George Warner, Lubbock pianist, was presented in a number of piano numbers ranging from semi-classical to boogie-woogie.

Mr. Warner, gave brief histories of Jazz, Ragtime and Boogie-woogie, illustrating each with

piano selections. Other numbers played by Warner were "Tonight We Love", "Tea for Two" and the ever popular "St. Louis Blues". He also played several requests. J. R. Eagan introduced the performers; prefacing the introduction he gave a resume of rehabilitation work done by the American Legion and V. F. W.

Joe Meador, publicity manager of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, was Master of Ceremonies for the show.

Bob Parkinson, a Texas Tech Junior student majoring in education, was presented in several vocal numbers, including "Shine On Harvest Moon" and "Frankie and Johnny."

Approximately \$30.00 was realized from games of Bingo played during the evening. Proceeds of the party will be used by the two Veterans organizations in providing Christmas gifts for hospitalized veterans.

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### Wallace Theatre Sponsoring Free Movie Saturday

A free movie will be shown here Christmas eve by the Wallace Theatre. The show will start at 10 a. m. and last for two hours.

Children are asked to bring a can of food or a toy to be distributed to needy families of Cochran County by the V. F. W. Auxiliary.

Feature picture for the two hour show is "Michael O'Halloran", plus such popular cartoon characters as Tom and Jerry, Popeye and many others.

Every child in the community is cordially invited to attend this show. Remember the day and time—Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

### VFW Sponsoring Benefit Dance

Veterans of Foreign Wars are sponsoring a benefit dance at Veterans Hall, Thursday night, December 22. The general public is invited.

### 31,571 Bales Cotton Ginned in County

Census report shows that 31,571 bales of cotton were ginned in Cochran County from the crop of 1949 prior to December 1, as compared with 12,032 bales for the crop of 1948.

### MRS. JORDAN VISITED BRIEFLY IN MORTON LAST WEEK

Mrs. Charles Jordan visited here briefly last week. She has been making her home in Tucson, Arizona, but is moving to Oakland, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan lived in Morton prior to his death two years ago.

### Garage at Willis Trailer Court Burned Monday

A fire of undetermined origin partially destroyed a garage at the Boyd Willis trailer camp Monday afternoon around four o'clock.

The garage, used chiefly for storage purposes, was completely charred on the inside before the fire was detected. The roof on the garage and extending over an attached sleeping room was completely destroyed.

Burning tires stored in the garage caused a great deal of smoke. Canned goods and clothing stored in the building were removed before damaged too much.

### DAVID TODD TAKEN TO WEST PLAINS HOSPITAL SATURDAY

David Todd was taken to West Plains Hospital last Saturday, where he was found to be suffering from virus pneumonia.

Mrs. Todd is taking care of the store while David is hospitalized. Michael, young son of the Todds, is visiting with his grandparents in Slaton, Texas.

### Last Minute Shoppers Are Scurrying Around in Dead Earnest This Week

Shoppers who have waited until the last minute to do their Christmas buying are scurrying around in dead earnest this week.

While goods is considerably picked over most all stores have or are receiving new merchandise every day and choice items are still to be found.

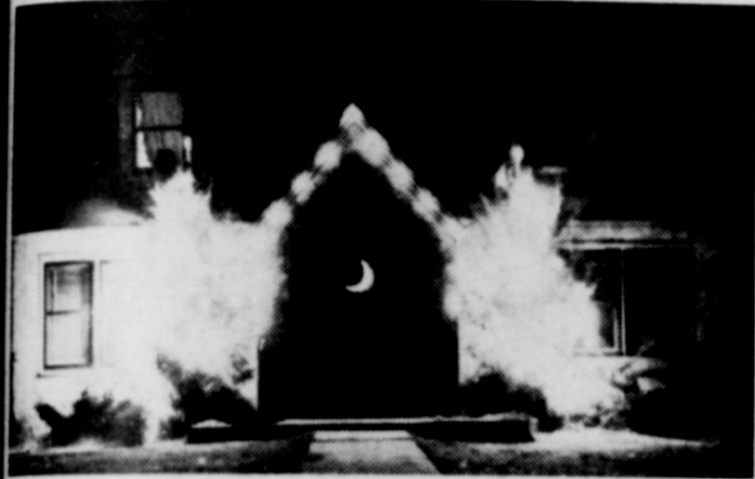
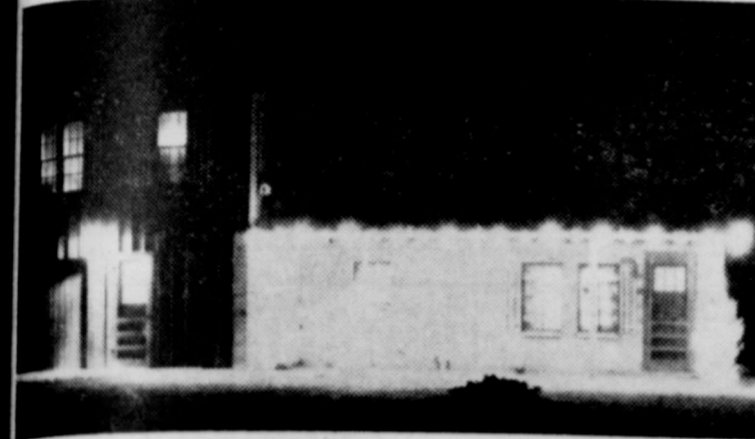
Christmas programs by various clubs and organizations are being held. The Wallace Theatre is showing a free movie Saturday morning for children in this area; the only request is that each child bring a toy or can of food to be used by the V.F.W. in providing Christmas baskets for the more unfortunate; it is under-

stood tho that no child will be turned back at the theatre door if he does not bring a good-will gift.

Neal Rose, owner of Western Auto Supply, and his family, will be at the store all afternoon on Christmas eve, to pass out free pop corn to all who visit the store.

Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in Morton Friday afternoon for the annual community wide Christmas party. Santa will greet the youngsters on the lawn of the Court House.

Stores will remain open later from now until late closing hours Saturday night, according to a survey of local business firms.



Among entries in the outdoor Christmas decorating contest are three of the outstandingly beautiful ones. Top: the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Nairn; second: the Willard B. Cox home and bottom the home of Mayor and Mrs. T. L. McAlister.



FIRST PLACE WINNER—Front of the M. C. Ledbetter home, representing a fire place with decorated mantle, was one of the first place winners in the Tribune, Ben Franklin, Garden Club sponsored outdoor contest. The Ledbetter entry tied for first place with the H. B. Bedwell home.



BEAUTIFUL WINDOW—decorated window at the James St. Clair home. Pictured above, a beautifully

### LIVESTOCK LIFE-LINES

There is no cure for Newcastle disease in poultry.

Many livestock diseases are spread through community sales. Irregular feedings is a common cause of digestive upsets in farm animals.

Some animals die of rabies without ever showing the furious symptoms of the disease.

Undue exposure to cold and dampness paves the way for outbreaks of influenza and pneumonia in swine herds.

Use of boars infected with brucellosis often results in smaller litters, and occasionally this disease makes the boars themselves completely sterile.

Care of the horse's teeth is important because even the best rations will not nourish an animal that is unable to chew properly.

Surplus colostrum diluted with warm water—2 parts of colostrum and 1 part of water—is said to be a satisfactory replacement for whole milk in feeding young calves.

When sows lose their pigs a month to six weeks before normal farrowing time, iodine deficiency should be suspected, particularly if the herd has not been troubled with brucellosis or influenza and if hairless pigs have ever been born in the area or in the herd.

### FLEW TO AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Baker flew to Amarillo Saturday where they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Nairn. The quartet returned Sunday.

### PRIMARY STUDENTS PREPARE FOR SANTA

Seems as if Christmas week will be celebrated by the primary students and Jr. high school. The different classes and their plans are:

The two second grades will celebrate by having a tree and a party given to them by their room mothers.

The two third grades will give a preview of the year's work at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. All the room mothers were invited. They plan to entertain their mothers with their tree, songs, the program, games and a Christmas Pageant.

The fourth grades drew names and will exchange gifts Wednesday. Four-two made their mothers gifts in class while four-one is making decorations for their Christmas tree, plate favors to send to the hospital to be used during Christmas.

The fifth grades drew names and will exchange their gifts and will have short programs. In five one the students are making sock dolls for Jr. Red Cross and will send 10 of them to Waco State Home. They also made a fireplace with the tree as centerpiece.

The six grades will have their tree and games and will give their mothers presents.

The two seventh grades will have a party.

The eight one class will have a Christmas party at Mrs. Morrison's Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. They will have their tree and exchange presents. Eight-two will have a White Christmas and will exchange gifts. The room will be fixed as a fairyland. They will have their party Wednesday.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENT



By Shirley Sargent

**THE SMALL KITTEN** called Tupid watched preparations for Christmas dully. Only the middle boy, one Archie Raymond, noticed his apathy. The tree, in all its green splendor, stood tall in the living room bedecked with an increasing number of ornaments.

"Careful," Marcia Raymond admonished her son sharply. "Don't hang those big balls down so low. The kitten will break them."

Gently Archie lifted them to a higher bough, drawing in the pungent scent of the pine. Only he saw that the kitten walked slowly under the tree unaware of the boughs tickling her furry back. His youngest brother had named the roly-poly butterscotch kitten Tupid. Young Billy was easily aroused to fits of anger. His favorite expression, under stress, was a lisped, "You 'tupid, you big 'tupid."

Archie, his ten-year-old brother, Joe, and his parents laughed at the little boy's wrath and, because the kitten was slower than the others in



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the litter, they named him, most affectionately, Tupid.

"Archie," Mrs. Raymond was flurried from all the excitement. "That blue globe is much too low. Tupid will get it. I don't doubt," she added pessimistically, "that we will lose half of our globes."

Archie could see that Tupid had no interest either in the swaying boughs or the brilliant-colored fragile balls. For two days Tupid had wandered carelessly about the house and yard. He wasn't playful or friendly and he had stopped purring. Only Archie sensed that the kitten was lonesome for his sisters and brothers and his mother. At first there had been four balls of fur and a proud old alley cat mother. As they grew, they had become playful, pattering swiftly through the house. But now they were all gone, including the mother. Just Tupid was left to keep. Even the black imp with shoe-button eyes had been given away. Tar Baby, who had been the boss of the litter, had been gone barely two days, and Tupid missed him.

"Well," his father's voice boomed again, as he climbed down the ladder. "All done in time for Christmas Eve. Come here, Joe, Archie, you too Billy. I want you to see this fine tree."

Mrs. Raymond switched the lights off and Archie shivered in delighted excitement as the tree blazed, illuminated by the strings of lights and balls. The magic moment was shattered by the sharp ring of the doorbell.

A rush of cold air came in as Mr. Raymond flung open the door wide to admit a bundled figure. "My father says I can't keep the kitten," Gerald Parks recited automatically, close to tears. "I have to give it back because it gives my father hay fever." Gerald went out in another rush of frosty air, but not before Mrs. Raymond had pressed a fat candy cane into his mittened hand.

Tar Baby huddled in the middle of the floor. "Watch it, boys," Mr. Raymond warned. "Let's just watch him. He feels strange here now; he'll be all right in a while."

Archie saw Tupid jump from the sofa with a purr of delight. Tupid circled and smelled at the black kitten until he was satisfied. Then his tongue flicked out to lick the kitten. Tupid's paws caressed him as his tongue washed him. The black kitten stood passive, as Tupid showered his pent-up love on him.

"Thay, mornny," Billy lisped, "Tupid's kissing him, isn't he?" "Um," Mrs. Raymond agreed. "Tar Baby's Tupid's Christmas present."

Mr. Raymond's eyes swept his sons' awe-struck faces. "No," he said firmly, "He's our Christmas present too."

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### Letters to Santa

—From the War Whoop

#### DEAR SANTA,

All I want for Christmas is a 1950 model black Buick convertible and a boy about 5' 10" tall, hazel eyes and light brown hair.

I have been a good girl, (sometimes). Bring all the other little boys and girls in the "Fish" dept. of MHS what they want.

Love—Doris.

#### DEAR SANTA,

Will you please bring me a little bike for Christmas or a rubber skin doll. I'm going to school in Morton, my age is 8 years old.

Estella Escalante.

#### DEAR SANTA,

I have tried to be a good girl. I want a little record player. Please bring me some good records to play on it. I would like to have a blackboard. I want a set of dishes and anything you might want to give me.

Hope to see you Christmas.

Good-bye—Phyllis Gardner

#### DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a football suit. My brother wants a football suit. Fill my stockings full of fruit and nuts. I love you Santa.

Love—Douglas Williamson.

#### DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a bicycle and a camera and a doll. Santa I love you.—Mary Hill Fuqua.

#### DEAR SANTA,

I want a bicycle, boxing gloves and punching bag. Also some candy, nuts, oranges and apples. And please do not forget my brother, Ricki, who wants a tricycle, a pop gun, a fire truck, and a tractor that plows.

Gary Ken Coffman.

#### DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a doll and a bicycle and a camera and some nuts and fruit. I love you Santa Claus.—Anita Willim.

#### DEAR SANTA,

I am a little girl seven years old. Please bring me a big doll called Baby Blue Eyes, and a doll buggy and blackboard. And please bring Kilroy a big truck and big rubber ball and lots of fruit and candy and nuts and everything else you have for both of us. Kilroy is my little brother.

Love—Sue Cooper.

#### DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a bicycle. And bring my little brother a be-be gun. And get my big brother a camera. And bring big sister a wrist watch. And bring mother an iron and bring daddy a Bible.

Good-bye—Carl.

#### DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me two guns and scabords, and please bring Doris a doll and doll bed. I love you very much Santa.

Gene Fleenor.

#### DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a road grader. Fill my stockings. I love you Santa.

Your friend—Butch Nairn.

#### DEAR SANTA,

Please bring me a little baby doll. Fill my stocking with candy and nuts and fruit. Don't forget my little sister and don't forget my little brother. I love you Santa.

Love—Billie Joyce Seat.

#### NEW STUDENT

Addierene Short, a sophomore, has just moved here from Roosevelt, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Mrs. W. E. Short.

Addierene is fifteen, has blue eyes, brown hair, and is 5'3". Her favorite color is red, favorite food is pineapple pie, and her favorite subjects are Home Economics and history.

**BEST WISHES for Christmas**

We offer our most sincere greetings to friends and patrons for a Joyful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year, too!

**Odell Smith**

**With Best Wishes for Christmas**

**L. A. COCHRAN** Texaco and Conoco

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Roy and Dorthea Weekes

**Greetings for Christmas**

May this Christmas-tide possess scores of wonderful surprises and pleasures for you to enjoy and remember!

Closed Christmas Day and December 26.

**The Steak House**

In the glorious spirit of Christmas—we extend to you—one and all—our heartiest wishes that this Yuletide season will be your merriest—and that the coming New Year will prove one of true joy, health and prosperity.

**E. L. Banks Company**

International Harvester

**--annegrams** — by ann england —

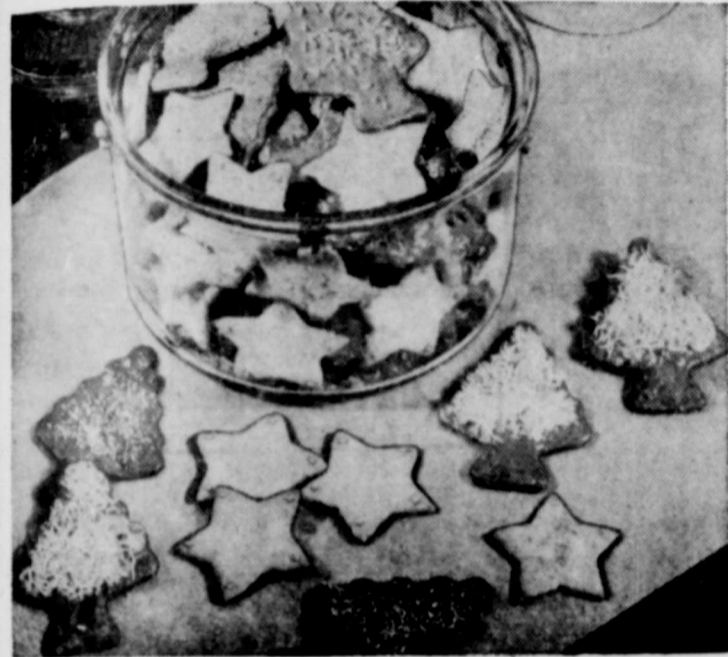


Alice Jeanette Childs, winsome, eight months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Childs.

Jeanette is the adored baby cousin of the W. B. Cox children, Carolyn, Merlyn and Willard, jr., and Minnie Ola Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. English Cox.

**GUEST OF MARK KENNEDYS**

Dodie Kennedy of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kennedy over the week-end.



**HOLIDAY COOKIES**

Fun to make — these little vanilla and chocolate cookies, decorated with coconut and other good things. Package them attractively for gifts; trim the Christmas tree with them; and keep the cookie jar filled — if you can!

- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter or other shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg, unbeaten
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 square unsweetened chocolate, melted

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg and milk and beat well. Add flour, a small amount at a time, mixing well after each addition. Divide dough in two parts. To one part, add chocolate and blend. If necessary, chill until firm enough to roll.

Roll each half on floured waxed paper into rectangular sheet, 1/4-inch thick. Using a floured star-shaped cutter, cut vanilla dough in star shapes. Cut chocolate dough in Christmas-tree shapes with floured cutter. Place on ungreased baking sheet and brush with glaze made by mixing 1 beaten egg with 1 cup milk. Decorate cookies with tiny colored candies, coconut, and silver dragees. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 10 minutes, or until done. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

The other night at the Guild party Ellie Barnard served the most delicious fruit cake and several of the gals asked us to put it in an ice box so all would have it so here goes:

1 lb. box graham crackers; 2 cups nuts; 2 cups candied cherries; 2 cups marshmallows; 1 cup candied pineapple; 2 cups raisins; 2 cups dates and 1/2 pint thick cream, whipped.

Mix well, until marshmallows are almost melted. Pack in loaf pan lined with waxed paper, store in ice box for one week before serving.

While we were discussing the cake, Katie Lee Ross said that she had made it and stored in freezing unit for just a short time if she wanted to serve it in less than a week.

Believe Ellie told us that she got the recipe from her sister, Bessie (Mrs. Tilger) who had gotten it from Mrs. Earl Crum. It is one of the best we've ever tasted and if nothing happens we plan on trying the recipe soon.

Visited a little while with Mrs. Ann Williams a few days ago. Hadn't seen her in months. Mrs.

W. isn't very well and doesn't get into town very often. Since we'd last seen her she'd been away for a complete medical check-up and treatment of a gall bladder disorder.

After writing down recipe for Ellie's cake we got hungry for one so about 7 Saturday night started in on it. The directions were quite brief and our first thought was buy the ingredients, dump them together and in a few days there'd be a delicious cake. In mean time we'd talked to Mattie Ramby about it and she suggested all the candied stuff, nuts etcetera should be cut up fairly fine.

Anyway at 7 Saturday we started—got half box of graham crackers crumbled in the largest mixing bowl we own—saw right then we'd have to halve the recipe—to make a long story short the sticky, gooey mess wound up in the dish pan and later in loaf pans in the ice box—only to be transferred Sunday to corsage boxes (now I know why I've been hoarding them.)

The transfer was made necessary by our sudden desire to make some Coffee Devil's Food cakes and we needed the loaf pans. This is one cake we can make even with variations and it always (well nearly) turns out well.

Since it is simple to construct and quite good I'll pass it on:

2 cups sugar creamed with 1/2 cup butter; 4 eggs, 1 cup strong coffee to which has been added 1 teaspoon soda; 3/4 cup melted bitter chocolate, 2 cups flour, 1 cup nuts and 1 teaspoon vanilla (I invariably forget this). Fruits too may be added and the cakes I made Sunday have both pecan meats and candied fruit.

Add the eggs one at a time to the sugar-butter mixture, adding a little flour and coffee until it is all used, then the nuts and vanilla. Bake in loaf pans or layers.

Guess Ellie mixed her cake for the Wesleyan Guild party in a wash tub. Otherwise don't see how she ever got enough made. Ours is good—we have sampled it.

Since we've been kind of puny lately decided to take it easy at home Sunday. Didn't do much—roasted a hen, made dressing, cooked fresh green beans and creamed enough potatoes to last until next year (after all that isn't too far off).

Have had a terrible cough which we blamed in part on the cotton fire and our attempt to make pictures of same. Anyway after nights of coughing finally came up with pain in left chest, could be indigestion, heart trouble or pneumonia (preferably the latter as the doctors seem to know how to cure it). Hence our taking it easy Sunday.

Oh, we did write a bunch of cut lines for the pictures being used in this edition of the Tribune. Will say here and now that those engravers at McCormick Company in Amarillo deserve an orchid and if we had one would most certainly send it to them. Those contest pictures were made Thursday night—developed along during the late hours by Ethel Mae Harris and dispatched on the afternoon mail Friday and the engravings were back here on Sunday's noon mail.

It's probably just as well that we were unable to accompany the judges when they inspected the decorations. Actually we think every door, window and home entered should have first prize. They are all beautiful. There are any number of really gorgeous exteriors, lighted and decorated in a novel way that were not entered in the contest but are certainly worth a drive around town to see.

On top of all our troubles (both fancied and real) we got a splinter in a finger while dumping the garbage Sunday a. m. Been trying for ages to get back in the hospital, maybe we'll make it this time.

However it appears that our doctors know our susceptibility to hospitalitis and they generally make it a point to get us up and out in record time.

Nearly New Year and time again for resolutions. We never go in for a long list but do usually try to make ONE and stick to it. This year we want to develop more patience and understanding and kindness. Have noticed lately that we've been unusually cross with friends and loved ones.

Peace in the heart and universal peace among mankind is not born of misunderstanding, crossness and bitterness; but is kindness, consideration and love for all by "the better angels of our nature." There is no great-



Perry Lee Crockett, son of Mrs. P. L. Crockett and the late Mr. Crockett.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crockett.

Perry's picture was made at Veteran's Hall, Friday night, December 9, where he had gone with his mother, two sisters and Grandmother Holt, to see a Christmas movie.

er lesson for any of us to learn—and to learn thoroughly—that just to be kind—and that is to be our New Year resolution starting on it right now.

The Christmas cards and letters have been coming in the past few days in great numbers and we love them—so many friends that we only hear from at Christmas time.

One of our cherished friends, Clara (Mrs. Charles Rickett) is fortunate in being able to spend the winter in Florida. She and her husband live in Illinois. We don't begrudge Clara this lovely winter resort trip because she has battled that old devil tuberculosis for all the years we've known her. Even so she has found the time to do many wonderful things for a lot of people. For friends we have in common we will give her address: 304 Palmway, Kissimmee, Florida.

Another of the choicest greetings comes from Waggoner Carr, a personal note which reads: Mr. and Mrs. Carl England: Dear Folks:

I have thought a lot about how to word this Christmas letter to you. What I want to say may best be expressed simply: Thank you for being friends of mine. Merry Christmas to you both. Sincerely yours, Waggoner.

Too, we have greetings from the spouse's baby sister, Joyce, and her family in Colorado. We only hear from them once a year and this is it.

We'd like to extend our personal greetings to all the folks who have made life pleasant for us, namely our friends and customers around Morton; the various business firms out of town with whom we do business, and each one who crosses our life in any way—each has contributed something. We especially want to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the spouse who bears with us continuously; and to Bill Garrett, the Tribune linotype operator and mechanical supervisor, who not only does his job thoroughly and well but who in all the time we've known him has not uttered a cross word or made a complaint.

To Verdie Pace, apprentice on the Tribune staff, who comes in after school to help. "Thanks" for the errands, the odd jobs along with the regular work which has been done satisfactorily since coming to us in the fall.

To our many many friends everywhere both in and out of the business, we say, "Merry Christmas" and the very "Happiest New Year" ever and may God Bless Us All.

**Morton Church of Christ Parsonage Under Construction**

A three bedroom residence, estimated to cost about \$8,000.00 is under construction for the Church of Christ, to be used as a home for the church preacher and family.

E. R. Watson, Evangelist of Abilene, Texas, who has been conducting services here since the resignation of Alan Bryan last fall, will preach his last sermon in the local church on Christmas day.

Ralph Givins, new preacher engaged by the Church of Christ, now in Chillicothe, Texas, is expected to arrive in Morton around the middle of January. Mr. Givins is married and has three children, a daughter and two sons.

**LUBBOCK BUSINESS VISITORS**

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cox and son, Willard, jr., were business visitors in Lubbock Tuesday.

JO ANN LACKEY, of ENMU, Portales, is visiting her parents, MR. and MRS. WESLEY LACKEY over the holidays.



Susan Watson, middle daughter of the Wendell Watsons. Susan, looking very much like a Christmas angel, was among the hundreds of children who attended a Christmas movie at Veterans Hall December 9. (annepic).

**VISITED PARENTS HERE**

Grace Ann Hawkins, student at Texas Tech, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hawkins over the week-end.

**VISITED IN McALISTER HOME**

Bill McAlister, student at Eastern New Mexico University, was a Morton guest with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McAlister over the week-end.

**HOLIDAY VISITOR HERE**

Sidney Glenn, a student at Eastern New Mexico University, is here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glenn.

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Our heart-felt thanks for your patronage, and our best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

**HERB'S SERVICE STATION**

**FAMULINER COMMUNITY NEWS**

By Mrs. O. D. Chesshir

**GOOD NEIGHBORS MEET**

The Good Neighbor Club of Famuliner Community met Tuesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chandler for a Christmas party.

Traditional decorations, including a gaily decorated tree and Santa Claus, were used. Members present exchanged gifts. Children of members were made happy with many remembrances.

Christmas games, directed by Mesdames Chandler, D. A. Ramsey and O. D. Chesshir, were participated in by the group.

Richard Key, president of the club and Mrs. O. D. Chesshir, secretary, were surprised with gifts of lovely lamps. Mrs. Frances Cunningham made the presentation from the community and expressed "thanks" in behalf of the group for the fine work in the organization done by the recipients.

**Sullivan Receives 2nd All-Campus Honor at SMSC**

Joe Ed Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sullivan, of Morton has received his second all-campus honor of the fall semester.

Sullivan was recently named in a selection of 20 outstanding students at Sam Houston State who will make up the "Who's Who on the Campus" section in the Alcalde, campus yearbook.

The senior agriculture major was elected all-college favorite in a campus-wide election in November.

Qualifications for the "Who's Who" selected, according to Alcalde Editor John Dunn, were participation in extracurricular and school activities, a C average, and at least thirty-two semester hours credit.

The 20 students will appear in their own section in the 1950 edition of the yearbook.

The selections were made by a committee composed of Dean Roy H. Adams; Mrs. Florence King, dean of women; Truitt Creager, dean of men; one representative from each of the student publications, The Houstonian and the Alcalde; one representative from the student council, and one representative from each class appointed by the class presidents.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD THURSDAY**

The Friendship Club held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Jack Gunnells last Thursday.



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**GUEST OF WILLIAMSONS**

Billye Lee Williamson, a student at Texas Tech, is a visitor in the home of her father, Mr. Bill Williamson and Mrs. Williamson.



We wish all our friends continued health, success and happiness.

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**Homemakers Club Meeting Held with Mrs. M. Chandler**

Mrs. Melvin Chandler was hostess to the Homemakers Club for an all day quilting at her home last Wednesday. Members each brought a covered dish for dinner.

The quilt was finished and given to Mrs. J. E. Trice as a Christmas gift from the club. Mrs. Trice, who has been ill for several months, is recovering nicely but is still unable to do very much work.

Secret pals were revealed and gifts exchanged. The club will meet with Mrs. Clyde Shue on January 11, at which time Miss Manley will discuss and demonstrate roses suitable for growing in West Texas.

**FROM TEXAS TECH**

Herman Bedwell who is attending Texas Tech, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bedwell last week-end.

**Riding Circle Around Whitefaces**

by Art. N. Wall

Mr. Capps, local barber and liceman of Whiteface, will leave for Shawnee, Oklahoma about the 23rd of December to spend Christmas with relatives and friends. Mrs. Capps will accompany Mr. Capps on the trip.

Leaving for Shreveport, Louisiana to spend Christmas with relatives and friends are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Spurlock and family. Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock will drive through to Shreveport on about the 22nd of this month and return home on the 26th.

Visiting in Gorman, Texas with her mother and father through the Christmas holidays are Mrs. Cecil Thompson and son Delbert.

Master Bobby Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neal of Whiteface, has pneumonia. Bobby, of all times of the year to get pneumonia. Anyhow, you will probably be up and feeling fine by Christmas.

Mrs. Gerald L. Crupper will have in her home visiting through the Christmas holidays, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Brock of Borger, Texas.

On Wednesday night at 21st of Christmas carols will be sung at the school auditorium. These carols will be sung by the students of the school. Everyone is invited.

Over the radio, through newspapers, and from friends we hear of this person and that person dying of a heart attack. People from forty-five to sixty-four naturally have a right to worry about their own health when every day we hear of some friend or someone who has died from heart disease. This following report from U. S. News and World Report dated December 16th '49 may relieve us of some worry: "Concern over heart disease is not due to any recent or unexpected increase in the number of heart cases. Researchers doubt that heart trouble occurs any more often today than it ever did in a given age group. The reason why there are more heart cases is that there are more older people in the population. Medical science has succeeded in controlling most infectious diseases, such as smallpox and pneumonia, through improved sanitation and new drugs. The result is that people live longer and become more susceptible to heart disease. During middle age, when heart disease begins to strike hardest a woman's chances of surviving an initial attack are almost twice as great as a man's. Women also are less likely than men to be disabled by heart trouble." This article also states that from January, February, October, November, and December, heart attacks or recurring attacks are the greatest. Heart trouble remains the No. 1 medical problem. An estimated 9.2 million persons are suffering from one or another disease of the heart. We here in our community probably do not realize that heart disease takes so many lives as those people who live in a more thickly populated community.

Mr. C. W. Word, operator of collies and cocker spaniel kennels, in Whiteface, plans to sell off all of his dogs in the near future. Mr. Word has some beautiful collies. Many of them are blue ribbon winners. This would be a good opportunity for anyone to start a collie kennel by purchasing these dogs. Mr. Word's reason for selling his dogs is due to his age. As he said, "I am seventy-two years old. I want to take it easy for a while. Because of the attention my dogs require I feel that I am getting too old to give them proper attention. Also I have crowded quarters here for my dogs. They need more room."

I do know that Mr. Word raises some dogs with sharp teeth. Due to my boy losing his dog Butch I got him a little collie. I judge the pup is only two months old. I picked him up. He picked up my right hand with his teeth. In

other words he will let me know when he is ready to be picked up. As far as I am concerned he can take over the house. Last night he stayed in the garage and outside of the garden tools which he tried to chew up he practically ate everything else up. All he has to do now is look at me and let him know easily like that he is the boss.

Now the Christmas tree is up and decorated. Now the Christmas cards are coming through the mail. Old friends once more write if only a card to let you know good cheer. Time goes on. Since last Christmas we have made new friends. Since last Christmas old friends, a few, have gone. We wish through this column, good cheer, a good New Year, and a Merry Christmas to all.

**Meet the Morton School Students**

—From the War Whoop

**JOLLY JUNIOR**

Nena Lois Bledsoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bledsoe, was born July 2, 1934 at Richerson, Texas.

Nena is a junior and moved to Morton last year at mid-term. Before she moved to Morton she attended schools in Dallas and New Home. Nena has participated in the pep squad the 1 year she has lived here.

Nena's favorite pastime is reading.

**SUPER SOPHOMORE**

Billie Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ford, was born May 14, 1934 at Olton, Texas.

Billie has brown eyes and brown hair and classified as a sophomore. Billie is 15 years old. Billie's favorite food is fried chicken and her most enjoyed pastime is reading.

Billie has been in the FFA club two years and in the pep club. Billie is now employed at West Plains Hospital as a Nurses' Aid.

**SUPERIOR SENIOR**

Bunky Hargrove chosen as Senior of the week, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hargrove. Bunky was born in Dimmitt, Texas, December 30, 1932. He has been going to school here ever since he was in the first grade.

Bunky has taken part in the Choral Club, Band, Track, Annual staff, and War Whoop staff. He works in the Morton Drug store on Saturdays, Sundays, and after school during the week.

His hobby is going places in his car; his favorite foods are, everything except celery; his favorite colors are, red and blue; and his favorite pastime is hanging around town.

**Grade School Highlights**

Mrs. Glenn Thompson gave Mrs. Gray's first grade a party. She served punch and ice cream comes to the students.

7-2 elected new officers, they are: president, Gerald Ramsey; secretary, Betty House; reporter, Marda Vey Robertson.

Mrs. Stockdale's first grade has a new student this week, Dalton Slaw from Monroe, Utah.

Mrs. Miller's second grade will be entertained with a party from their room mother's 2:00 Wednesday. The mothers will serve hot chocolate and sugar cookies and there will be a surprise package for each child under the tree. The children will sing Christmas carols and read Christmas stories. All the mothers are invited and the little brothers and sisters of the students. The girls will bring a gift for girls and the boys will bring a gift for boy. They will draw names and exchange gifts.

Mrs. Williams second grade has two new students this week. They are: Jo Ellen Henderson from Globe, Arizona and Linda Faye Smith from Plainview. The attendance to this class is 100%.

Mrs. Cravy's third grade had their geography picture show for the third time this week, which the class has made themselves.

Mrs. Watson's fourth grade has two new students: Jimmy Sanders from Houston and Freddy Shaw from Monroe, Utah.

Mrs. Love's fifth grade has two new students: Dickey Mav Sanders from Houston and Richard Haren from Neely Ward.

The 8-2 class has finished their room. It represents a fairland and is covered in silver. On Open House Day, the girls will dress as fairies and show the parents around the school. The girls who will help are Patsy Shafer, Tommie Baker, Nancy Corder, Carolyn Steed, Allene Webb, and Bootsie Shakespeare.

**SANITARY**

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**Sudan Defeats Morton 36 to 29**

by Saradel Lilljedahl

Last Tuesday evening the black and gold girls team of Sudan beat the black and gold girls teams of Morton 36 to 29. The Sudan gymnasium was packed and the doors were blocked making it hard for anyone to get in or out.

In this tussle, the first conference meeting of the two rivals this year, Sudan had been rated a high favorite over Morton, for Sudan won third place in the Levelland tournament and Morton has lost six games this season.

In the return game Morton will certainly have to be on the alert for Williams of Sudan who made 22 points, 14 points on field goals and 8 free shots.

Janelle Jones led Mortons scoring with 12 points while Peggy Lilljedahl was close behind with 9. The score at the half was 14 to 16 in Mortons favor but Morton couldn't seem to hold their lead.

Three girls from Morton fouled off while only one fouled off for Sudan. There were 50 fouls called during the entire game with Morton making 33 of them. The girls fouling off for Morton were Mona Monroe, Saradel Lilljedahl, and Nell Brown.

All-in-all they played a good ball game. "Good?" Well, they played a ball game. "Ball game?" Well, anyhow they played. "Played?" All right so let's forget it, shall we?

**SUNDAY VISITORS IN HOME OF MR. AND MRS. R. J. MERRITT**

Mr. and Mrs. William Bynum and family of Lovington, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Prathers, of Kress, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Audrie J. Morris were visitors in the R. J. Merritt home Sunday.

**VISITED IN MORTON**

Mrs. Winnie Jordan, former Morton resident, visited friends in Morton this week.

Adding machine paper at the Tribune Office.

**Orders Placed for Pictures**

Sue Smith, business manager for the Lohah, has announced that 17 orders have been made for the pictures which have been on display and for sale in the trophy case, since November 26.

Sixteen of the large pictures have been sold and one small one which makes the total of receipts \$12.50. "These pictures will be ordered immediately and should be received back in approximately 2 weeks," stated Sue.

Included in these pictures are the following groups and organizations: Majorette Corp. A string football team, Sextet, Office girls, Library girls, Choral, Pep squad, F. F. A., Journalism class, High school football team, F. H. A., 4-1 girls, and the Annual staff.

—from the War Whoop

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1/2 pound for . . . . . <b>15c</b>	in mesh bag 10 pounds for . . . . . <b>49c</b>	
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Large Firm Heads <b>LETTUCE</b> . . . . . <b>15c</b>	Large Stalk <b>CELERY</b> . . . . . <b>15c</b>	
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# The First Christmas

THE MAJESTIC STORY OF BETHLEHEM HAS INSPIRED MANKIND FOR CENTURIES. ITS GLORIOUS SCENES LIVE AGAIN ON THIS YEAR'S RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH THEIR REVERENT SENTIMENTS...

AGAIN HAS COME THE SEASON OF THE BLESSED SAVIOUR'S BIRTH, WHEN PEACE AND LOVE AND KINDNESS ENCIRCLE ALL THE EARTH



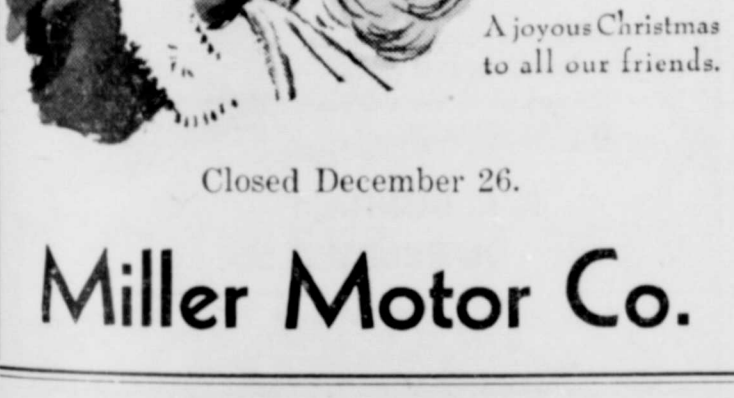
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## THE VILLAGE HAS A HEART

Dorothy Boys Kilian

THE CLOCK struck nine as Nola hung the last bauble on the fragrant green Christmas tree. Without even stepping back to admire the finished effect she went to the front window and peered out. A cold white moon illumined a cold white earth. She shivered. How lonely she had been in this tiny, quiet village!

When she had written Jim two months before that she was being evicted from their apartment in Chicago he had answered, "I'm hoping against hope to be home from occupation duty in time for Christmas, and I can't think of any place more perfect than Pineville to spend the holidays and my terminal leave. Remember my telling you what happy summers I spent there as a child, and how I'd always wanted to see it in winter? Do investigate this, as a Christmas present for me, Nola darling."

So she had come here and found a house. But somehow she felt that the villagers had ignored her as an outsider.

And now it was Christmas Eve. "He's not going to make it and that's that," Nola thought miserably. She knew that he had landed at San Francisco three days before and had been trying desperately to get a seat on a train or plane.



"It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. My wife thought I'd better take you over."

The telephone rang. "There's a telegram just come for you, Mrs. West, down here at the drug store. Very important."

"Yes?" Nola breathed.

"Chicago, 8 P.M. Am catching train. Get off Shoreham five miles east of Pineville 10 P.M. love Jim."

Nola leaned heavily against the wall and stared at the phone.

"Mrs. West, are you there?" Mr. Trotter, the druggist, sounded anxious. "Listen, you go out in the garage and get your car motor to warming up. My wife'll be up there in five minutes to stay with your little boy. Hurry now."

In joyous haste Nola peeked in at Jimmy—"Santa Claus is bringing you your Daddy, honey"—powdered her nose and put on her fur coat and boots.

The garage door stuck in its icy groove although she bent her whole weight against it. Suddenly, out of the darkness, a voice called.

"It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. I'm so used to driving out in all kinds of weather, my wife thought I'd better take you over."

"Dr. Ryan, I didn't realize 'til just now how I dreaded that trip alone."

A train whistle shrilled through the cold thin air as they drove up to the little depot.

"We made it!" Nola cried exultingly. "Come on." She held open the door.

But Doc muttered, "I'll stay here and keep my feet warm."

Now the huge black engine roared past, slowed down and slid to a stop. A coach vestibule door opened, and before the conductor could step down, a khaki-clad figure leaped onto the platform.

"Oh, darling, darling, darling," Nola's heart throbbed as she felt once more the thrilling warmth of Jim's arms around her.

"Nola!" Jim said everything in that word.

A few moments later as they walked to the car a voice boomed from within, "Glad you made it."

"Whoever you are—thanks," Jim answered. "It's people like you who made me want Nola to come to Pineville to wait for me."

"Get in and close the door. You're freezing me out." Doc grinned as he raced the motor.

"Christmas Eve," Jim said softly as they squeezed in with Doc. "You beside me, our baby just a few miles away, and a Christmas card place like Pineville to welcome us. Don't you love it there, darling?"

Nola glanced at Doc, thought of Mrs. Trotter and the others "Yes, Jim, I do," she whispered. "I surely do."

Adding machine paper at the Tribune Office.

## ENMU Student Union Building to Open February 1

With the opening of the Eastern New Mexico University Student Union Building scheduled by February 1, an administrative committee headed by David Stratton, Tucumcari junior.

The committee will be responsible for setting up rules and policies for the operation of the building. Other members of the committee are Al Whitehead, Roswell sophomore, vice chairman; Betty Crozier, Portales sophomore, secretary; Miss Irma Poole, counselor of student Affairs; and A. E. Hunt, University business manager.

Ex-officio members of the committee are President Floyd D. Golden and Andy Carter, student president.

The \$250,000 building is nearing completion and will be one of the most beautiful buildings on the University campus. The \$250,000 includes new furnishings in addition to the furniture and fountain which will be moved from the temporary student union.

Various rooms in the new building are arranged around a glassed passageway and terrace on a flag stone patio. A banquet room, snack bar, lounge, ballroom, game room, book store, and student offices are included in the building. On the second floor are six bedrooms and baths for guests of the University.

## PERSONALITIES FROM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Helen Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly is the chosen 8th grader for interview this week.

Helen was born November 16, 1935, in Morton, Texas. She has participated in basketball for some indefinite time and was in the J. High pep squad during football season. Weighing 99 lbs. and standing 5'1", Helen has light brown hair and brown eyes.

Her favorite pastime is going with boys and she says she likes them all. Her favorite color is blue and favorite food is fried chicken. She chooses skating as her hobby and football as her favorite sport. She likes speech as her "best-loved" subject.

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**SHELBY BEWLEY MEMBER OF UNIVERSITY CLUB**

West Texans in the University of Texas have their own regional organization composed of students living in that part of the state.

Members of the West Texas Club include:  
Shelby Bewley of Morton.



Jacqueline and Helen Louise Love, daughters of the R. C. Loves, were among guests at a Tribune sponsored Christmas movie, Thursday night, December 8. (annepic)

**Roy D. Greer Wins \$20.00 in Guessing Contest at Arnn's**

Roy D. Greer is twenty dollars richer as a result of winning the bean guessing contest conducted by Arnn Motor Company. The contest ended last Wednesday noon with about 100 persons having entered the contest. Greer guessed the jar to contain 4500 beans—actual count of beans was 4577.

**ERVIN J. SAYLES, USN, TOOK PART IN CEREMONIES HONORING THE SHAH OF IRAN**

Ervin J. Sayles, Jr., steward, USN, of Morton, recently took part in the ceremonies honoring the Shah of Iran, when that potentate visited the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge at San Diego, California. The Shah was received aboard the carrier with a 21-gun salute and was presented with a model of the ship by Capt. H. B. Temple USN, Commanding Officer. The visit aboard the Valley Forge was a point of the Shah's tour of this country as a guest of the State Department.

**SUNDAY GUESTS**

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hollinsworth of Lubbock were visitors in the Nile Weed home, Sunday.

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**Letters to Santa Claus**

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS,**

Please bring us some nuts, candy, and fruit for Christmas and some fireworks too. We will go out of town to shoot them if you will.

Please bring Raymond and Jamie a Roy Rogers two gun set with a wide belt. Bring them new cowboy boots and some kind of cow toys.

Bring me a senior erector set, cow boy boots, and some other toys to play with.

We have been good boys most of the time.

Please remember all the rest of the children all over the world.

Your friends,  
Donald, Raymond, and Jamie Davis.

**DEAR SANTA,**

I am nearly 6 years old and have been a very good girl.

Please bring me a cowboy gun, black board, doll and some skates.

Look under my tree for your big cup of hot chocolate Christmas Eve.

Love,  
Patsy Ann Walden.

**DEAR SANTA,**

I'm a little boy 5 years old. I've been a good boy this year. Please bring me a football and pump, a wind-up train and a little telephone and lots of fruits, nuts and candy. Don't forget other little boys and girls.

Love,  
Curtis Chapman, Jr.

**DEAR SANTA,**

Please don't forget to leave me a tricycle and doll for Christmas.

I am nearly 3 years old and have been very good.

I'll leave you a cup of hot chocolate under my tree so you will fill my wishes.

Love,  
Reva Carol Walden.

**DEAR SANTA,**

I am a little girl 8 years old, and I am in the third grade. My little sisters, Louretta and Carol, want a tricycle for Christmas. Please don't forget them. I want a 26 inch bicycle. We also want a doctor set and we will take anything else you want to bring us.

Love,  
Judy McCuiston.

**DEAR SANTA,**

I am a little girl 10 years old. I want a doll, dishes and leather note book. I have 4 sisters. Yvonne is 14 years old, she wants a slack suit and sweater suit. Mauna Lou is 12 years old, she wants a watch and leather note book. Christine is 7, she wants a doll, dishes and washing machine. My baby sister is 2 years old, she wants a doll, tricycle. Oh no that isn't all of us, I have a little brother, Paul Jr., who is 3 years old and he wants a train like his daddy's that goes through Lehman every day. He also wants a tricycle and a truck. We are average about being good. I mean so we will look for you and will leave the door unlocked and lock the dog (Champ) up for he may not know who you are.

Love,  
Paula May Liles.  
P. S.: Would like some candy, nuts and fruit and Santa remember all the other children too.

**DEAR SANTA,**

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a tricycle and a gun.

Love,  
Carolyn Houston.

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS,**

Please bring me a fancy seahard, a pair of cowboy gloves with fringe on them and a sand hauler. I am a good boy.

Love,  
Mike Houston.

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS,**

I am a little boy nine years old. All I ask for is some cowboy boots, and candy, nuts, fruits, apples and oranges.

I have a sister. She is eleven. She wants a basketball and a goal.

Don't forget the other boys and girls. Bring them some candy, nuts and fruits.

Love to Santa,  
Butch Wilson.

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS,**

I want a doll and a bassinet.

Love,  
Nancy Thomas.

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS,**

I think I'd better tell you that some times I wasn't good, but I can't believe that all the boys and girls that say they are good were good every day of the year.

Can you? I do, go to Sunday

School nearly every Sunday so I can learn to grow up to be good. But do you think a four year girl who has two brothers to bother her a lot could stay in a good humor all the time? My brothers are Sharon and Max and they should bring them one or two things 'cause, really, I guess they just act like all boys.

Santa, I think we'll be at home on Christmas Eve but if we are not we will be at my Grandma and Granddad Alexander's home at Weatherford.

Before I tell you what toys I want I'd like to ask for a white Christmas, 'cause I've been looking for snow every day; even when the sun is shining, I ask my mother if it's snowing today.

Now, just to mention what I'd really like to have, I'd like a big tricycle, and a folding table, chairs and I want a big, big doll or twin dolls, and I really like candy and chewing gum. And Santa do you think I should open my present from Judy Lawson before Christmas?

I must hurry and mail this as it's nearly Christmas.

I love you,  
Jan Hawthorne.

**DEAR SANTA,**

I have been a very good little boy, please bring me a football, a western suit with horses and ropes on the shirt; some jeans, jean shirt; nuts, fruit and candy, and oh, yes a two gunner.

As always Santa, I will have your coffee and cake for you when you come to my house.

Bill Bledsoe, Route 2  
Morton, Texas.

**DEAR SANTA,**

I am 3 years old and have been fairly good little boy and I want you to bring me a tricycle, little cars and gun.

Also some candy, fruit and nuts.

Your friend,  
Ernest Gene Chesshir.

**DEAREST SANTA,**

I am a boy 11 years old and for Christmas I would like for you to bring me a B. B. gun and something to go in my bedroom as you know we will be moving into our new home right after Christmas and I would appreciate something for my bedroom.

Your little friend,  
Donald Rhea Chesshir.

**DUB GRANTHAM HERE FOR HOLIDAYS FROM NAVY**

Dub Grantham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grantham, is spending the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Dub is in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Grantham and daughter, Sherry, visited last week-end in Albuquerque with another daughter Mrs. W. E. Rogers and Mr. Rogers and Dub met them there, returning to Morton with them Monday.

Tribune Want Ads Get Results.  
Bees have four wings.

**Texas Leads Other States in Correcting Vision Problems of its School Children**

Texas is one of the few states in the United States which corrects the vision problems of its school children.

Dr. Darrell B. Harmon, director of the Division of Educational Services of the State department of health, has conducted an outstanding state-wide survey of visual problems of Texas school children, writes Albert Q. Maisel in the January Woman's Home Companion.

There are thousands of children in schools in America who have been labeled "dull" only because they cannot see properly. There are few states which have given thorough and effective tests to their children to test their eyesight. Texas is one of these states, states Mr. Maisel.

"The failure to adopt reasonable vision-testing practices," writes Mr. Maisel, "in most schools is part of the large failure to provide decent visual environment. School superintendents and school boards are a generation behind the present level of scientific knowledge about school construction, school lighting, classroom painting and desk arrangement."



Some of the youngsters who attended the Tribune's Christmas movie and later were guests at a family party at Methodist Church are: Susan Watson, Carolyn Houston, Judy Lawson, Curtis Chapman, jr., Betty Lou and Charles Coleman Ledbetter. (annepic)

**TEL Sunday School Class Meet Held In Ward Home Fri.**

The T. E. L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. J. R. Ward, Friday night, December 16 for a Christmas party. Christmas carols were sung, and a devotional on the "Birth of Christ" was given by Mrs. W. A. Lindsey, followed by a Christmas story, "Christmas in Mexico," told by Mrs. McKenzie.

Games were enjoyed and gifts exchanged after which refreshments of delicious Christmas cake and coffee were served to Mesdames Wartes, Barrett, Whitner, Barnett, Lindsey, Angely, Wood, Horn, McKenzie, Angely, Greer, Marrell, Hawthorne, and the hostess.

**PTA Open House Well Attended**

Open House in the Morton School last Sunday afternoon, sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association, was well attended. Guests visited individual rooms each of which was appropriately decorated for the holiday season. Programs were presented by various classes in home rooms.

J. E. CULPEPPER is vacationing in Pinebluff, Arkansas.

**Hospital News**

**New Babies:**

Twin daughters, Linda Kay and Brenda Gay, weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces and 5 pounds 6 ounces, born December 13th at 1:45 and 1:55 a. m. to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Shorter of Morton.

A son, James Harvey, weighing 9 pounds 4 ounces, born December 17th at 5:40 a. m. to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Walker of Morton.

A son, Antonio, weighing 7 pounds, born December 18th at 4:20 a. m. to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Davila of Morton.

**Medical Patients:**

Mrs. Tom Rathbun, Morton; Mrs. J. A. Petree, Morton; Mrs. L. Bridges, Morton; Justener Green, Morton; Joe W. Greene, Morton; David Todd, Morton; W. A. Lindsey, Morton; Mrs. Floyd Bell, Morton; Mrs. J. P. Romans, Morton; Mrs. Duke Walker, Morton; Mrs. Joe Wilbanks, Morton; Mrs. Minnie Acosta, Morton.

Accident Victim: J. H. Cartwright, Morton.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**

A Christmas program will be given at the Assembly of God Church Thursday night, 7:30, December 22. The public is invited.

**FRED HOOD IS ILL**

Friends of Mr. Fred Hood will be sorry to hear that he is ill in the home of his sister at Amherst.

Of pastures tested, alfalfa has proved to be the most valuable for pigs.

A permanent pasture for dairy cows should be convenient to the barn.

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Bees have four wings.

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Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas

Our sincerest hopes for a Happy New Year

**L. M. Baldwin**

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

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### G. Smith Resigns as Executive Director of T. R. R. Assn.

Jim Cantrell, Princeton banker and President of the Texas Rural Roads Association, announced the resignation of Gilbert Smith who has been Executive Director of the Association for one year. Judge Smith tendered his resignation effective January 1st to the Executive Committee in a meeting at Waco last week, to accept a position with the Texas Railroad Association.

Robert G. Dillard, Austin, was named by the Committee to succeed Mr. Smith. A native Texan, Mr. Dillard has been in organizational and association work for ten years.

Mr. Cantrell expressed keen interest in losing the services of Judge Smith, stating that the association had made excellent progress under his direction.

### FROM ENMC, PORTALES

Kenneth Willis, of Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Willis, last week-end.

### H. B. BEDWELL made a business trip to Lubbock Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Harris and Mrs. Elmer Riley and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brannan and son.

### BOARD OF THANKS

To our friends, your kindness and sympathy is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express. Our sincerest wish for you, that in your dark hour of need, there may be those who will be as tender, kind and faithful to you as you have been to us. May God bless each of you in our sincere prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Harris and Mrs. Elmer Riley and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brannan and son.

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### Cornerstone Laying Ceremony Held Dec. 13 at Girlstown Near Whiteface

A cornerstone was laid "in our realm of social structure that has never been laid before," Rev. W. H. Bryant, pastor of Whiteface Baptist church, said at the cornerstone laying ceremony at sunset December 13.

He was referring to the unique nature of Girlstown, U. S. A., which provides a home for neglected and homeless girls.

Rev. Bryant, who gave the prayer and quoted scripture at the ceremony, paid tribute to the vision of the founder and director, Miss Amelia Anthony.

Items were placed in the cornerstone by Miss Anthony. They included notes by the founder, photographs and clippings. She said stipulation that the cornerstone be opened in 50 years would be placed in Girlstown files.

"I'll be 62 then," said a 12-year old resident of Girlstown. Other girls laughingly figured what their ages would be when the cornerstone is opened.

One little girl visiting Girlstown with her parents said, "I wish you had a big family like that" to her mother, referring to the 10 girls in Girlstown.

**Residents to be Increased**

The number of residents will be increased immediately to 64 upon completion of the 32-bed-room residence within a few weeks. Miss Anthony has said girls will observe Christmas in the living room of Plains residence, although bedrooms may not be ready for occupancy.

The ceremony took place on the ninth monthly anniversary of the founding of Girlstown March 13 at Buffalo Gap. The 13th has become a significant date in Girlstown history. Girlstown received a gift of its ranch site on

### Barn to be Built

The next building will be a barn which will be used as a dining place for Girlstown and as an assembly place for South Plains groups.

Groundbreaking for the barn was not conducted on Dec. 13 as had been considered, because various details have not been worked out. They apply largely to labor.

"From the Plains area, at least seven girls a day are being brought to our home and that makes it necessary that all available labor be utilized in completion of Plains residence," said Miss Anthony.

When the residence is completed, smaller buildings now occupied by children and adult members of the Girlstown family will be vacated and made available to workmen on the barn, so daily trips will not be necessary.

Under the plan of operation in building the barn, sub-contracts will be let on a time basis, in order to assure that the building will be completed in a specified time, said Miss Anthony.

The list of 1,500 to receive partnership cards includes around 1,000 who have contributed in kind and in service. Those who have contributed in kind, said the director, have given blankets, quilts and linens, for the most part. Those who have contributed in service include various members of labor unions who have contributed labor on Saturdays and "working partners" in Plainview, Midland, Whiteface, Levelland, Lubbock and Dallas who have rendered different services along the line of public relations in behalf of young girls.

**Money is Given**

The remaining estimated 500 on the list have given cash contributions averaging about \$10 each. Mrs. Lillie B. Hall of Lubbock gave \$1,000 and sends a \$50 monthly contribution, which is the largest from any individual. Two organizations send monthly contributions. They are the Lubbock Business and Professional Women's club, which sends \$50 monthly, and the nursing staff of the Veterans administration at Waco hospital, which sends monthly gifts in varying amounts ranging from \$56 to \$75.

The partnership card, said Miss Anthony, is given to persons who have made definite contributions and displayed interest in the home, being given "only to individuals who have become part of the home."

Issuance of the cards is "our manner of expression of gratitude for help in making and molding our home in a home according to their desires—as a home for homeless and neglected young girls."

### JUDGE R. B. STANFORD VISITED IN MORTON

Judge R. B. Stanford of Waco visited in Morton and Cochran County Monday and Tuesday. Enroute home he stopped in Lubbock where he was joined by his daughter, Marie, Texas Tech student, who accompanied him home to spend the Christmas holidays.

While out here Judge Stanford was a guest in the A. T. Taylor home.

### Miss Crow and Mr. Smith United in Marriage Monday

Miss Helen Pearl Crow became the bride of Doyle La Verne Smith in an impressive double ring ceremony, Monday at five o'clock, December 19.

The wedding was performed by Rev. John Quesenberry of Goodlet, Texas, at the First Baptist Church, Morton. An arch of white gladiola and greenery, flanked by lighted tapers and baskets of gladiola formed the background for the bridal scene.

Music was furnished by Justine Bryant, vocalist, and Mrs. Mary Lindsey, pianist. Ushers were Noel Crow and J. L. Maddox, Lazbuddy, Tex.; they also lighted the candles.

Mrs. L. T. Lemons served as her sister's matron of honor. Barry Lovett of Clovis, New Mexico, attended the groom as best man. Mrs. Lemons wore a grey sharkskin suit, black accessories and a shoulder corsage of white carnations.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a dark brown tailored suit, winter pink hat with veil and accessories of brown. Her bridal corsage was fashioned of sweetheart roses and satin ribbons carried on a white Bible.

Carrying out the traditional "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" was a gold two and a half piece worn on chain by the bride. She borrowed hat pins, her suit was new and she wore blue garters, she also had a lucky penny in her shoe.

Following the ceremony twenty five guests attended a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crow, parents of the bride. Punch and the bridal confection was served from a lace covered table.

The bride is an honor graduate of Morton High School, attended Wyaland Baptist College at Plainview and is a senior student at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

Mr. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Smith of Friona, Texas, is a graduate of Lazbuddy High School, and is a student at Hardin-Simmons University.

### Take a Tip from The Professional Truck Drivers

Holiday driving calls for everyday thinking!

"So, take a tip from the country's safest drivers, the professional truck drivers, and drive more carefully during the next three weeks," Fred Gillette, President of the Texas Motor Transportation Association, said.

"The average over-the-road driver and even some city truck drivers cover more than three times as many miles as the average passenger car driver so they are in good position to offer some holiday driving advice," he said.

Professional truck drivers realize that winter driving calls for everyday thinking plus experience to cope with the special problems of winter. For example, they know that it takes from three to twelve times as long to stop on slick, wet pavement, as it does on dry surfaces. For safe holiday driving, certain driving precautions should be taken.

Among other things, for safe holiday driving, your car should be in top mechanical condition. The professional truck driver is required to see that his truck is in perfect mechanical condition all year 'round, and such things as heater, brakes, windshield wipers, and defroster are given special attention during the winter months. The windshield wiper is especially important in light of the fact that statistics prove that one out of every 5 fatal motor vehicle accidents are caused by the driver's vision being obscured. And, about two-fifths of these accidents are caused by rain, sleet, or snow on the windshield and rear window.

An additional hazard of holiday driving is the tipsy pedestrian or motorist, therefore, the careful motorist like the professional truck driver, should be constantly on the alert for them during the coming holiday season, Mr. Gillette concluded.

### Adding machine paper at the Tribune Office.

### FLOWERS For All Occasions

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### "Who Said That?"

By Robert Trout



Robert Trout

How well do you retain the news stories you read every day? NBC's Saturday evening television quiz show, "Who Said That?" tests the memories of its panel of "experts"—as well as its viewers—every week with a selection of memorable quotes from the world's news. As m. e. I toss the queries at regular panel member John Cameron Swayze and the guests. Last week post-wit Ogden Nash, humorist S. J. Perelman, and famous photographer Margaret Bourke-White joined John, and their average was high on the following:

1. Who said . . . "I detected some of my work in his score . . . I could sue that guy Puccini for plagiarism, but I'll let it go . . . I say, 'live and let live!'"
2. Who said . . . "The charge that she is a spy is fantastic. She is

much too much a woman to keep a secret."

3. Who said . . . "No, I am not fighting exhibitions to revive interest in boxing. There is money in exhibitions. I am fighting exhibitions for money."
4. Who said . . . "A woman may be as wicked as she likes, but if she isn't pretty it won't do her much good . . ."
5. Who said . . . "I think I have found the man who started Goldwynisms . . . it was Winchell. If Goldwyn were smart enough to think up all those Goldwynisms, he would be able to be in some other business."
6. "There are too many Phi Beta Kappa members in government today. I shudder to think what the boys with the Harvard accents have cost the country in the last sixteen years."
7. "I accept no responsibility for the verbiage . . . These were private conversations and ought not to have been published by Mr. Morgenthau."

### ANSWERS

1. Jimmy Durante
2. Said of Metro-
3. Sam Goldwyn, himself
4. Louis
5. Joe
6. by her manager Jack Adams
7. J. P. Morgan

### Only 33 More Days Left to Pay Poll Tax; Deadline Jan. 31st

The time is growing short for payment of your poll tax for voting in the 1950 elections. Only 33 more days are left before the Jan. 31 deadline.

H. D. Crockett, county assessor-collector, announced this week that only a few receipts had been issued from his office. The usual voting strength of the county during election years is around 2000. Crockett and other county officials were hopeful that sale of poll taxes would pick up materially before the end of the week.

Poll taxes sell for only \$1.75.

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<b>PICKLES</b>	FULL QTS. . . . . <b>25¢</b>
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Hearts Delight In Heavy Syrup NO. 2 1/2 CAN . . . . . <b>33c</b>	Solid Pack Gallon . . . . . <b>55c</b>
<b>COCOANUT</b>	Shredded 1/2 LB. . . . . <b>29c</b>
<b>SALAD DRESSING</b>	<b>— CATSUP —</b>
Wonder Whip Full quarts . . . . . <b>39c</b>	Hunts—bottle . . . . . <b>14c</b>
Monarch Extra Fancy CORN No. 2 can . . . . . <b>20c</b>	Monarch Extra Small PEAS No. 1 can . . . . . <b>25c</b>
<b>SYRUP</b>	White— FULL 1/2 GAL. . . . . <b>35¢</b>
<b>POWDERED SUGAR</b>	<b>CHOCOLATE CHIPS</b>
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More Hollywood memories (of 1940):

A sign, "June, the Fur Man"; another sign, "Violet Ray Ice."

Architectural nightmare, the Los Angeles city hall. It starts off as a skyscraper, attempts to become a Grecian temple and has a Mayan pyramid on top.

In the Los Angeles harbor the day I sailed to Catalina Island were two square-riggers, right out of a Robert Louis Stevenson novel, they looked like; an English vessel with two cannons mounted; a Swedish ship with several planes on deck.

On the "voyage", the distance is 26 miles, we saw flying fish (two), the same kind that Kipling saw on the way to Mandalay, and porpoises which rode the waves. As we approached Catalina Island, there was the blue-est bay, and the steepest mountains and colored buildings hanging to the sides of the mountains and chimneys welcomed us. And as we docked, a string band played, "I met my love at Avalon".

A visitor once said, "Nature has been kind to San Francisco." That is an under-statement. San Francisco with its Nob Hill and Telegraph Hill and a hundred other hills and its bay and the rock which is Alcatraz and the Golden Gate is one of the most remarkable spots on earth.

At the time of my visit, it cost 7 cents to ride on the little cable cars but only a nickle on big, new street cars. An enterprising stand bore a sign, "Parsley juice, good for the memory." A man lay unconscious on the sidewalk—from drinking but not parsley juice. Crouched beside him was his faithful police dog. I would have disliked being the officer who had to pick up that man and place him in a patrol car.

Some of the side streets in San Francisco's business district had cobblestones. Perhaps they had known the tread of Stevenson, Ambrose Bierce, Mark Twain, Rudyard Kipling (who, then an unknown, had tried unsuccessfully to sell a short story to a Sunday newspaper), Joaquin Miller and Henry George.

And if you visit San Francisco don't call the city "Frisco" if you want to get along with the citizens!

STRAY SHOTS . . . by Clarence Moore

Morton's basketball quintet started off their bid for the district championship Tuesday night in a bad way. They absorbed a 38 to 28 shelacking from Sudan. But, after taking things into consideration perhaps it was not so bad after all. Sudan is a big favorite to take the district crown and go on to the state meet. A team that can hold the Hornets to a 20 point margin on their own court should not do too badly in the district race.

But wait! How will the Indians take this defeat? Will they collapse like a folding chair or will they take the defeat in stride and go on to a successful season? To my thinking the squad as a whole is a group of level headed boys who have their minds set on winning games. Thus far they have played the games as they came to them. If they continue to do this they will no doubt have a better season than that of last year.

Pigs that farrowed early—in February—are usually preferred for home butchering.



May Christmas and the New Year be bright with happiness for you RAMSEY SHOE SHOP



By Dorothy Boys Kilian

IT WAS Christmas Eve but the group of people sitting on the floor in the Reeds' living-room certainly weren't in a festive mood.

"Doggonit," Dad exclaimed as he stared gloomily at the shiny tracks and the motionless cars of a new electric train. "What's wrong with this thing anyway?"

"We've put it together exactly according to directions, I'm sure we have," fifteen-year-old Rick insisted.

"Well, something's got to be done," said Mom, looking in from the kitchen where she was stuffing the turkey. "Little Jackie's been praying for that train for months, and how'll he feel tomorrow morning if the thing won't run?"

"Maybe Ralph can help. He's coming by for me in a few minutes, you know," said Wilma, the pretty big sister of the family.

"Oh, him!" Rick was scornful. "That guy from the big city with his socks and ties and handker-



chiefs that match! What does he know about motors?"

"Rick!" Mom reproved. "Oh, I know you all think of him as an outsider," Wilma said. "If you only really knew him better! Mom, I do wish you'd let me ask him to breakfast tomorrow."

"I'm sorry dear, but I just don't think he'd fit in."

The doorbell rang. Wilma answered it and she and Ralph exchanged happy hellos.

Rick immediately threw out the challenge to the tall, blond, well-dressed young man. "We can't make this train go. Can you tell what's wrong with it?"

"Maybe," Ralph said quietly. "I used to have a train something like this."

"Look out, that cotton batting stuff will stick to your trousers," Dad warned.

"That's snow, and the snow around here is clean."

Dad looked slightly startled.

Wilma smiled. She remembered how impressed Ralph had been by the whiteness of the drifts even on Main street last night.

"The flakes are practically sooty before they even reach the ground in Chicago," he had said.

"Tracks are O.K.," Ralph straightened up. Then he picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

"The professional touch!" Rick muttered.

"There may be oil in the commutator," Ralph said. "That sometimes happens with a new engine. I'll see if I can get it out."

"I'll get you a rag, Ralph, just a minute," Wilma got up and started for the kitchen.

"Never mind, this'll do," Ralph answered, pulling his perfectly folded wine-colored handkerchief out of his jacket pocket.

He worked quietly for a moment, gently poking the corner of the handkerchief into the inside of the engine. Then he set the engine carefully down on the track and said "Turn on the juice, will you Rick?"

Rick meekly moved forward the black lever at the transformer. There was a whirring sound, the wheels began to move, and the little puffer-billy whizzed and clacked around the curve.

"Praises be!" Dad heaved a loud sigh of relief.

Ralph quietly got up from the floor and turned to Wilma. "Maybe we'd better go now, if we want to catch the gang."

"Alright, Ralph," Wilma said. Her eyes turned pleadingly to Mrs. Reed. "Mom—"

"Oh, yes, Wilma," Mom interrupted. Turning to Ralph she said heartily, "In all the excitement we almost forgot to ask you to be sure to come over for late breakfast with us tomorrow. It's just a simple family affair, but we surely would like to have you with us."

"You bet," Dad's eyes twinkled. "Something might go wrong with it again and we'd feel safer with you around to fix it."

A single constructive suggestion earned a Navy civilian employee \$5,550.

"It Is Better To Give Than To..."

In Nashville, Tenn., two of the country's most enthusiastic packers of Junior Red Cross gift boxes are Moses and Malka Penner, 9 and 7 years old.

There is good reason for their enthusiasm. Moses and Malka are newcomers to America. Once they were on the receiving end of these same gift boxes, 496,000 of which were sent overseas last year.

A year ago the Penner youngsters and their parents were Polish refugees, living at a Displaced Persons camp in Bremen, Germany.

It was at the DP camp that Moses and Malka received their first Junior Red Cross gift boxes.

They were given another set when they boarded ship seven months ago to come to America.

When Malka's teacher at Murphy School in Nashville brought in the JRC gift cartons, it was only natural that the dimple-cheeked blonde should jump excitedly from her seat and yell, "I got one, I got one!"

Then, with shining eyes, Malka told her classmates how much the gifts of soap, wash cloths, toothpaste, toothbrush, pencils, crayons and other useful items had meant to her and Moses when they were refugees.

With full realization of what their efforts mean to needy youngsters around the world,

JIGGS BAKER BUYS PLANE

Jiggs Baker, owner of the Steak House, is now owner of a two place Cessna airplane.

Baker, who has been taking flying lessons for some time, holds a private pilot's license.

He bought the Cessna, a 1946 model, recently in Lubbock.

LUBBOCK BUSINESS VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Hume Russell attended to business in Lubbock Saturday.

GENE WILLIAMSON, student at Texas Tech, visited his parents this week-end.

Moses and Malka now are always first to volunteer to pack JRC boxes.

Morton Drops Two Games to Sudan

Coach Francis Smith's Sudan Hornets opened defense of their District 4-A basketball crown Tuesday night with a 48 to 28 victory over Morton's Indians.

With Donald Lance hitting 14 points and Cal Foster getting 13, the Hornets went into a commanding lead early in the game and were never seriously threatened. The Indians fought hard but could not overcome the snappy seasoned Hornets.

Sudan's quintet boasts four of the five regulars who last year went to the regional finals before dropping a two-point decision to Memphis, the eventual state

class A titlist.

The clash was the first conference game of the season for Morton and Sudan. It was Morton's first defeat for the season against three victories.

Sudan's second string proved to be too much for them. Darrel Bowman led Morton crew splitting the game for 10 points. He received assistance from Freddy St. dale who garnered 8 tallies.

Silage does not have enough feeding value for its bulk when fed to younger heifers.



A Very Merry Christmas to All our friends and a Happy New Year, too!

Once again, at the close of another year we are mindful of the importance of your good will and friendship. With the holiday season at hand we are most anxious to wish everyone the Merriest Christmas ever and a New Year filled with happiness and success.

FIRST STATE BANK

MORTON, TEXAS



## SERMONETTE

By Joseph Brieg  
WAITING FOR CHRISTMAS

"Daddy," says Betty. "I can hardly wait for Christmas."  
"Same here, Dad," says Joe. "I wish we could see the star of Bethlehem," says Betty. "Same here," says Joe.

The words fall frozen from their lips, giving forth little white ghosts to vanish in the dark. Frost has plucked the last of the flowers. Now the earth, virginal with snow, can bring forth nothing. Nothing but Christmas!

"Daddy, I can hardly wait..."  
"I wish we could see the Star..."  
Children, children! You can hardly wait? Child, you have Christmas with you always. You ARE Christmas. Christ lives in you, and you in Him. Never for a moment need you know the homesickness which covered all the earth before the first Christmas.

"Betty and Joe," I say to them, holding their gloved hands in mine. "Keep on wishing for Christmas. Keep on advertising Christmas."  
They look at me wonderingly in the starlight, their eyes shining.

"The world," I tell them, "is always trying to forget Christ. But the children of this earth won't let them. Every year at this time, hundreds of millions of boys and girls say over and over: 'Daddy, Mommy, Uncle, Aunt—we can hardly wait for Christmas; we wish we could see the star of Bethlehem.'"  
I bend a little closer to them, and whisper: "I can see the Star. I can see it in your eyes. As long as there are children, the star of Bethlehem will shine, and Christ will never be forgotten. Betty and Joe, you are the herald angels, telling us each year that Christ is born."



Sincerest greetings of the Season to our many friends and their families.

R. T. TARVER



**HAPPY Holiday WISHES**

*We feel genuinely pleased and privileged to extend sincere Holiday greetings to our many friends. In the spirit of appreciation for the confidence you have shown in us, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

**West Plains Hospital and Clinic**



*Best Wishes for CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR too!*

**Morton Lumber and Supply, Inc.**

## Such Lovely FLAMES

By John Scott Douglas

FRED DOBSON plugged in the string of lights and then stood back to admire the blue and red and green candle globes on the Christmas tree. Ellen left the table to be setting to study the effect.

"Nice little tree, Fred. Seems a shame, though, not to be sharing it with someone. This was our year—"

And then she stopped, and her face, still pretty in middle age, grew pink. Fred knew she'd been about to say that it was their year to have the Robbins to Christmas dinner. Every year since their children had married and left they had either entertained their neighbors or had been their guests.

But now, by mutual consent, the quarrel with the Robbins was not mentioned. It was characteristic of Ellen not to blame Fred. And that took forbearance because Martha Robbins had been her dearest friend.

Ellen sighed. "Goodness! the turkey must be almost ready."



He was back in a moment with a rake. Lifting the smoldering tree with the tines, he hurled it out onto the snowy lawn.

Fred thought of their quarrel, which had started because of a cocker puppy which wouldn't stay home. Tom, with his usual consideration for his neighbors, had started to build a fence to keep the dog out of the Dobson's garden. Fred thought the fence was a foot within his own property line, and jokingly said so.

Tom had laughed. "Who's paying for it?"  
"I'll pay half," Fred had said. "If you'll buy the strip you're using."

The joke, within a matter of days, had taken on an edge, and then they gave up speaking. No longer did they fish and hunt together, or play in their usual Saturday four-somes.

By then, beginning to fume at Tom's high-handedness, Fred had his property surveyed, only to discover that his garden had in reality extended onto his neighbor's property. The fence was where it belonged.

Fred wanted to apologize, but every time he stepped outside, Tom walked into the house.

Within a matter of seconds, Fred was too busy to think of the quarrel. The little Christmas tree was on fire and crackling fiercely. He flung open the door and screamed. "Fire! help! help!" And then, snatching up the hall runner he'd been planning to replace, he knocked over the tree and began beating out the flames.

Behind him Tom called. "Stay with it, pal—I'll get something."  
He was back in a moment with a rake. Lifting the smoldering tree with the tines, he hurled it out onto the snowy lawn.

Martha Robbins had appeared by then. Seeing Ellen staring dazedly at the cloud of smoke and the blackened wall where the tree had stood, she opened the windows and then slipped her arm around Ellen's shoulders.

"Poor dear! And just when you were sitting down to your Christmas dinner. After the smoke has thinned out, this room will be freezing. You and Fred are having dinner with us."

Ellen looked happy but flustered. "But this was our year—"  
"Nonsense!" Tom said heartily. "We'll eat with you next year."  
"That will be swell," Fred said, beaming.

When they started Martha Robbins' bountiful dinner, there was at first a little stiffness. But Tom was soon joking about Fred's "high forehead," and Fred was asking Tom if he'd considered selling his hair to a wire-brush factory.

As they said hearty farewells later, Tom remarked, "Can't say I'm sorry about that fire. We've sure missed you folks."

"And it was all my fault," Fred said. "I was wrong about—"  
"Aw, forget it," Tom interrupted. "How about some golf Saturday?"

When they reached home, Fred looked at the blackened wall speculatively. "No real damage done, Ellen. A coat of paint will fix it up."

"How do you suppose the tree ever caught fire?" Ellen asked. Fred grinned sheepishly. "A match and a bunch of tissue paper may have helped."

BILL McDANIEL visited his parents over the week-end.



CROWDED AND FALLING APART are many of the buildings at the Mexia State School, shown above, which houses the young feeble-minded of the State and senile men and women. The picture above shows a group of patients crowded on a porch (an attendant is in the foreground) because they have no other place to sit. Below, is one of the old tar-paper shacks at Mexia, which in 1943 was used to house war prisoners. The photo shows how it is falling apart at the seams, yet it is still being used to house mentally deficient children.

*Yuletide Greetings*

To our many friends a Christmas abundant with all good things, and a heart brimming with the satisfying glow of the Season.

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Mabry Brown

**SEASON'S GREETINGS . . .**

**Higginbotham-Bartlett**

**Season's Greetings**

And to you—our friends—we make a toast for happiness and well-being during the coming holiday season.

With the deep-felt wish that this may be the merriest, cheeriest Christmas of them all! And that the coming fifty-two weeks of the New Year give you and yours health, joy and prosperity.

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EVERYTHING FOR THE BUILDER

# Tribune Want Ads

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**—2 Good Milk Cows; One Butchering Hog—Bo Tisdale, Famuliner Ranch. 44p

**FOR SALE**—M-M R Tractor and Cotton Loader, practically new—Robert C. Cross. 2t 44c

**FOR SALE**—Solid 2 burner Hot Plate; 9x12 blue wool rug; beat-up high chair and bassinet with cover—Call 4761. 43c

**FOR SALE**—173 9/10 acre Farm, reasonable price; 5 miles east of Morton—See A. L. Johnson 45p

**FOR SALE**—\$75.00 Baby Bed, light brown varnished wood, bargain at half price—Dr. Sander's Clinic, Phone 5691. 43p

**FOR SALE**—Nice Fat Hens and Fryers—See Mrs. Carl Williams, Morton. 43p

cultivation, improvements, 1 mile **FOR SALE**—160 acre Farm in south and 2 east of Maple—F. F. Warton. 44p

**FOR RENT SALE OR TRADE**—Small House and two lots. Northwest part of Morton. Will consider John Deere Tractor, Address Lovington, N. M., Box 949. 44p

**FOR SALE**—New 3 room House with bath—Inquire at Morton Lumber and Supply. 38 rtnc

**FOR SALE**—1,000 Bundles of Sudan Grass—Earl Crum, Morton, Texas. 2t/42c

**FOR SALE**—Four room modern house, floor furnace, weather stripping, completely insulated, also garage with attached room. Two blocks west of square—See Glenn W. Thompson. 41 rtnc

**FOR SALE**—160 acre Farm; five miles north and three east of Morton, irrigated district—P. D. Wilson. 44p

**FOR SALE**—2 wheel Trailer at Pat's Courts, south on Lehman highway. 42 rtnc

**FOR SALE**—242 acres of Land, Fair house and outbuildings. On REA, pavement, school and mail route. Located 5 miles northeast of Morton, an Morton-Littlefield pavement. In irrigation district—See or write V. V. Williamson, Morton, Texas. 3t/44c

**FOR SALE**—New A, B and G John Deere Tractors and equipment. Available for cash or financed terms—McALISTER-HUGGINS, Morton. 41 rtnc

**FOR SALE**—My two Farms, 120 acres and 140 acres, 4 miles southwest of Portales, N. M.; shallow water, fair improvements, good red land, some sandy. If interested, see or write Edwin Neutzler, Maple, Texas. If you have REAL ESTATE to sell, your listings are appreciated. Thanks. 36 rtnc

**FOR SALE**—Used Tractors: U. T. U's; G. M. John Deeres and M Farmalls—Ed says, "all at bargain prices."—E. L. BANKS, International Harvester Dealer, rtnc

**FOR SALE**—Floor Sweep for asphalt tile, wood and all type floors—Rays' Hardware. rtnc

**SELL IT THROUGH A WANT AD!**

## MISCELLANEOUS

**GET YOUR Spring Toothed Chisels** at McAlister-Huggins. 42 rtnc

**WANTED**—Custom work with John Deere Boll Puller and Trailers—Merlin and Vern Roberts, Phone 5051, Morton. 41 rtnc

**Adding machine paper** at the Tribune Office Supply Dept.

**WANTED**—A chance to buy those Fat Calves—Truett's Grocery and Market. 41 rtnc

**Auto Glass** At Cliff Davis Service Station. 29 rtnc

**TRY US FOR USED Cars and Pickups**—Every one must be as we claim—ARNN MOTOR COMPANY. rtnc

**FOR LEASE**—Land for grazing purposes only. Write Dorothy Grey, 974 Ottawa Avenue, St. Paul, 7, Minnesota. 43c

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**Any Kind of Auto Glass**—If We Don't Have It, We Can Cut It To Order—Davis Service Station. rtnc

**IF YOU ARE ANTICIPATING AN Auction Sale** in the near future see Hazel Hancock, now clerking for Ken Bozeman in Cochran County. 30 rtnc

**WANTED**—Mechanic's Helper—See Tom Arnn at Arnn Motor Company. 27 rtnc

**GOOD, DEPENDABLE CHILD CARE** day or night in my home—Mrs. J. M. Alexander, 1 block east Morton Floral, last stucco house on right. 26 rtnc

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**WANTED**—Fat Calves—See Elma Seaney at H. and S. Grocery and Market. 20 rtnc

**Adding Machine Paper** at the Tribune Office.

## Idolatrous Rites Caused Ancient New Year Ban

Although it is not generally recalled, Christians at one time were prohibited from participating in the social customs prevailing at the season of the New Year. The reason for this was that while the Christian emperors kept up the custom of observing the New Year, the people continued so many idolatrous rites that the church applied a ban upon participation in the rites.

Finally, after December 25 had been fixed as the date of Christ's nativity, the church made January 1 a religious festival. This has been observed in the Roman church since 487 and in the Anglican church since 1549.

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<b>CRANBERRIES</b> 1 lb. celo. pkg. . . . .	<b>23c</b>	<b>WILL BE CLOSED</b> Monday, Dec. 26th MERRY CHRISTMAS	
<b>CELERY</b> Nice Large stalk	<b>15c</b>	<b>HONEY</b> Worth 5 POUND BUCKET	<b>79c</b>
<b>Heinz Fresh Cucumber</b>	<b>29c</b>	<b>APPLES</b> Delicious pound	<b>12½c</b>
<b>CHIPS</b> 24 OZ. JAR	<b>29c</b>	<b>CHERRIES</b> Milk Chocolate Covered 1 POUND BOX	<b>49c</b>

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<b>15c</b>	<b>Red and White CATSUP</b> 14 oz. bottle . . .	<b>17c</b>
<b>COFFEE</b> WHITE SWAN— Drip or Reg. 1 lb. can . . . . .	<b>BISQUICK</b> 40 oz. box . . .	<b>39c</b>
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## XMAS HAMS, TURKEYS, HENS, FRYERS, BACON, ETC.

<b>White Swan SPECIAL— GIFT CHEST</b> Complete with Coffee, Luncheon Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Cocktail, Tea Bags, Elberta Peaches, Mince Meat, Blackeyed Peas, Salad Dressing, Country Gentlemen Corn, Whole String Beans ALL FOR . . . . .	<b>\$3.29</b>	<b>BACON, Armours Dexter</b> 1 lb. pkg. . . . .	<b>49c</b>
		<b>CHEESE, Velveeta</b> 2 lb. box . . . . .	<b>79c</b>
		<b>PICNIC HAMS</b> Pound . . . . .	<b>39c</b>
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This is not a desert picture, it is, instead, a picture of a wild stallion, photographed in technicolor, and written by Will James, who also wrote "Smokey". If you love horses and good, wholesome entertainment, you should see this picture.

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# YES, VIRGINIA

"Yes, indeed! Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike 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? No body sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those 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 that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? — ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



One December day in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the New York Sun "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?" The answer to Virginia O'Hanlon's question, written in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament reflecting two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.

## Indians Win One, Drop One in Levelland Tournament

### SANTA WILL VISIT LUNCH ROOM WED.

Santa Claus will visit the school lunch room, this Wednesday, with a lunch consisting of turkey and dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls and apple sauce cake.

The lunch room is decorated with red and green Christmas trees and Christmas fern adorns the serving window. Bubble lights are inserted in the fern.

Santa Claus will visit during the meal and distribute candy, nuts and fruit, according to Mrs. R. Redmond, manager of the lunch room.

If you plan to eat in the lunch room Wednesday, please notify Wendell Watson, principal by Tuesday.

### Morton gained the second round of play in the Levelland tourney Friday as they defeated O'Donnell in a 28 to 27 thriller.

It was a close game all the way with the lead changing hands many times. Morton took an early lead but trailed six and two at the quarter. Both teams repeatedly missed good shots but Morton began to warm up during the second quarter and led 16 to 12 at the intermission.

In their second game Morton went against Muleshoe and were edged out 33 to 28.

The Indians spotted Muleshoe a big lead in the first quarter and could never quite catch up though they once made the count 30 to 28. It was Muleshoe's superior height that made the final difference as they controlled both backboards.

This loss threw Morton into a game with Levelland Saturday night. The winner of this game was awarded a trophy.

### Home Ec. Classes Prepare for Christmas

The Home Ec II girls are decorating the department for Christmas with native plants and materials.

Attractive arrangements will be made of tumble weed, mosquito bush, pine cones, wild beans, bare grass, okra, asparagus, wasp nests, grain, and other plants and materials. Different colors of paint, aluminum foil, and Christmas ornaments will add color to the arrangements.

Small Christmas trees are being made of candy gum drops and one is to be made of cookies.

Most of this material was brought by the girls who live on farms or who have gardens in town.

### VISITED IN SOUTHWEST TEXAS AND CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Baker visited this week in Southwest Texas and Chihuahua, Mexico.

The two little Baker girls, Donna and Kay, stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morgan, Muleshoe, while their parents were away.

### ATTEND PLYMOUTH SHOWING

W. L. Miller and J. C. Reynolds were in Dallas early this week for a showing of the new 1950 Plymouth.

## Friendly Greetings

To all our many friends, we extend the wish that this Christmas be a truly Merry one, and the coming New Year a happy one!

Closed—Dec. 26.

### Morton Drug

### B BOYS AND GIRLS TRY HARD BUT FAIL AT THREE WAY

Playing an outstanding game the Three Way girls beat the Morton girls 31 to 41 last Friday night in the Three Way tournament. Saradel Lilljedahl and Janelle Jones tied for the high point scoring for Morton.

Three Way played Sudan for second place Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. The winner of the game then played Whiteface for first place last Saturday night. Morton after losing to Three Way played Bula Saturday night for consolation.

The Morton B team boys lost to Three Way A team boys last Thursday in the Three Way tournament putting the Morton boys in the consolation bracket to play Sudan B team at 10:00 Saturday morning.

Jimmy Robertson has received his barber's apprentice license and is now practicing in the shop with his father, Paulie Robertson.

# Morton Tribune

"TEXAS' LAST FRONTIER"  
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"TIME, YOU OLD GYPSY MAN" . . . Every 12 months, as the earth spins along its course, we fondly re-enact the cherished old conceit of the aged and worn man, representing the Old Year, meeting for a brief instant with his cherubic successor, the New Year. For in that bit of make-believe are embodied the resolutions we would make for ourselves, our faith in the future and our hope that things will be better next year.

## Junior Red Cross Gives Santa Help With Christmas Needy Families

Santa Claus will get an assist from the Junior Red Cross this Christmas on his visits to many of the country's needy families.

Junior Red Cross members have stocked special toyshops for parents who cannot afford to buy Christmas gifts for their children. The only requisite for obtaining the free toys is that the family's need be established by the Red Cross or some welfare agency.

Cities having the most active such programs include Tacoma, Wash.; Cambridge, Mass.; Tucson and Phoenix, Ariz., and Los Angeles, Modesto and Berkeley, California.

For weeks Junior Red Cross girls have been making doll clothes in their school sewing classes while boys in shop classes have been making toys, miniature furniture and puzzles. Other students have donated dolls, games and other articles for the toyland shops. Colorful wrappings have also been supplied to insure the final Christmas touch to each child's gift.

Most any day now hospital patients throughout the land will see a Christmas tree suddenly appear on their ward and a group of Junior Red Cross members decorate it with hand-made ornaments. Last year Junior Red Cross members trimmed 50 trees in the Dayton, O., Veterans' Center. In the Kecoughtan, Va., Veterans' Center they decorated 30

## Texas CROP Friendship Food and Fiber Train Includes 22 Carloads for Abroad

Twenty-two carloads of farm commodities in bulk are now part of the Texas CROP Friendship Food and Fiber Train. Commodity and cash contribution reports from only forty-four Texas counties add up to the 22 carloads for the suffering hungry and cold destitute overseas.

Daniel Russell, Chairman of the Texas CROP Committee, in expressing his appreciation for the generosity shown by rural folks so far said that he hoped it was only the beginning of this outpouring of compassion for the less fortunate.

Completion at the State CROP Office in Taylor showed that the 22 carloads will include cotton, wheat, rice, cotton oil products, peanuts and peanut products, blackeyed peas, corn, grain sorghums, and wool and mohair.

Texas was leading in cotton donations at this point in the national campaign, having shipped twice as many bales as the rest of the cotton states put together.

CROP is church sponsored and the commodities it collects and assembles for export shipment are for overseas relief.



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### FARMERS PROGRESS by Walter New

The F. F. A. boys are buying 200 chickens as a project. Each boy will feed and care for the chickens in turn. The chickens will be used for a Parent and Son Banquet or they will be sold and the money put in the chapter fund. The project will be purchased at Lindsey Feed and Seed December 17, the boys will use their own chicken house.

The boys save also been working in the shop this week on some of their own projects, they have been building things that will be of some use around the farm and home and getting lots of practice at the same time.

## New Year Resolutions Silly So Say Psychiatrists

In the opinion of some of the nation's leading psychiatrists, the practice of making New Year resolutions is "silly."

They believe that any person going around making resolutions and informing all and sundry of his decision is something of an exhibitionist and, in addition, is being childish.

The experts add that these persons "probably never carry out the resolutions anyway."

Some agree that New Year resolutions have little value. They feel that resolutions aren't the best way of curbing difficulties and correcting one's self. They point out that, instead, the best method is giving thought to what causes trouble and trying rationally to correct these faults.

Children especially, the experts argue, should not be encouraged in "making resolutions." They contend a "child should be taught to do the best he can at all times and not save his difficulties for any particular time, and attempt to tear them all up by one superhuman effort that is almost sure to fail."

## Extending the Greetings of the Season

It is our fondest hope that this Christmas Day be filled with many warm and pleasant moments for you! And that the New Year brings you the fulfillment of all the sincere wishes that have been extended to you in the spirit of the Holiday Season!

Closed—Monday, December 26

### L. B. and Minnie Childs

**Morton and Whiteface Bands Practice Songs**

The Morton School band went to Whiteface last Monday night to practice some new songs with the Whiteface band. The bands played numbers such as "Golden Harvest", "Mandala", "Sunbeam", "The Children's Prayer", "Starlet". After the bands had played and practiced together, the Whiteface band officers served refreshments which consisted of soda pops and cookies.

Wyoming granted women suffrage in 1869.



To all of our good friends—we extend a sincere wish for a memorable holiday.

**Glenn Electric**

*A Joy No Earthly Wealth Can Give*

There is an old tale which becomes apropos chiefly at the Christmas time.

An agnostic—a disbeliever in God—made this offer to a nine-year old:

"I will give you an orange if you will tell me where God is." The youngster was equal to the challenge. "I will give you two oranges," he said, "if you will tell me where He is not."

Many great men have always felt the spirituality of Christmas, and some have managed to put it into words. For instance, when Woodrow Wilson was asked to prove the greatness of Christianity, whose founder was the Christ-child, he said simply, "Try it."

Cardinal Spellman had a Christmas gift for the mind when he said:

"The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is a joy of the soul, and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is a union with Him who has overcome the world."

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt once illustrated the spirit of Christmas with this story:

"A thief broke into the home of a priest and stole his purse. That night the priest wrote in his diary: 'Let me be thankful. First because I was never robbed before. Second because although he took my purse, he never took my life. Third because although he took all I had it was not much. And fourth because it was he who stole, and not I.'"

**SERVICEMEN, FAMILIES AIDED**

Approximately 12,600 paid and volunteer Red Cross workers provided help last year in 793,600 cases involving servicemen and their dependents.

*Away in a Manger*

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the airy porticos—complete with plaster of paris animals and adoring shepherds—so dear to the heart of modern Christendom.

With comfort increasing throughout the western world, the poverty of the Nativity scene simultaneously startles and fascinates us—as perhaps Matthew, the publican, was impressed by the story of the Wise Men; and St. Luke, who had been a ship's doctor and probably knew very little about shepherds, was charmed by the shepherds abiding in the field.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable; a place of shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and Judean travelers—frequently 'put up' in such caves—welcomed rather than disdained joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth, while the guests inside the inn had no heat at all.

The cave, which was the birthplace of the Saviour, is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity; and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has been unwilling to maintain its poverty and has covered the entire surface with costly ornamentation.

CARL ENGLAND made a business trip to Lubbock and Levelland last Thursday.

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New Year's Day, aside from its festive connection, may not seem very momentous to the average citizen, but in the past it figured prominently in the making of history.

It saw the unfurling of the first American flag by George Washington, and the emancipation of Negro slaves.

Here is a list of important events that have occurred on New Year's day throughout the ages:

January 1  
38 B. C. The era of the Caesars began.

1349 A. D. Edward III, king of England, defeated the French before Calais with great slaughter.

1735 Paul Revere born.

1757 Calcutta, India, captured by the British.

330 DISASTERS  
Approximately 228,000 victims of 330 disasters were helped by the Red Cross last year.

HIGHWAY FIRST AID  
The Red Cross maintains over 2,000 highway first aid stations and more than 10,000 mobile first aid units.

**J. C. REYNOLDS ATTENDED SHOWING OF NEW DODGE**

J. C. Reynolds attended a showing of the new Dodge in Oklahoma City last week.

He was accompanied to Oklahoma by Mrs. Rolly Hill and Mrs. Roy Hill.

**HELP FOR VETERANS**

A monthly average of 20,000 Red Cross volunteers gave 1,732,991 hours of service to VA patients in 113 hospitals and other institutions last year.

**NURSING CERTIFICATES**

A total of 3,080,853 Red Cross nursing certificates have been issued since 1914.

**SENATOR KILMER B. CORBIN VISITED MORTON THURSDAY**

Senator Kilmer B. Corbin, Mr. Corbin and their small daughter visited briefly in Morton last Thursday.

Mr. Corbin visited in the Tribune office and while here said that he hoped to be back out the way soon to spend more time and visit with friends in this area.



*an old-fashioned*  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Old times and the carefree pleasures of other days are recalled as we enter another Holiday Season. In the spirit of remembering friends and associations of the past, we extend our greetings to all!

Closed December 26.

**HAWKINS OLDSMOBILE CO.**  
— and —  
**HAWKINS GRAIN CO.**



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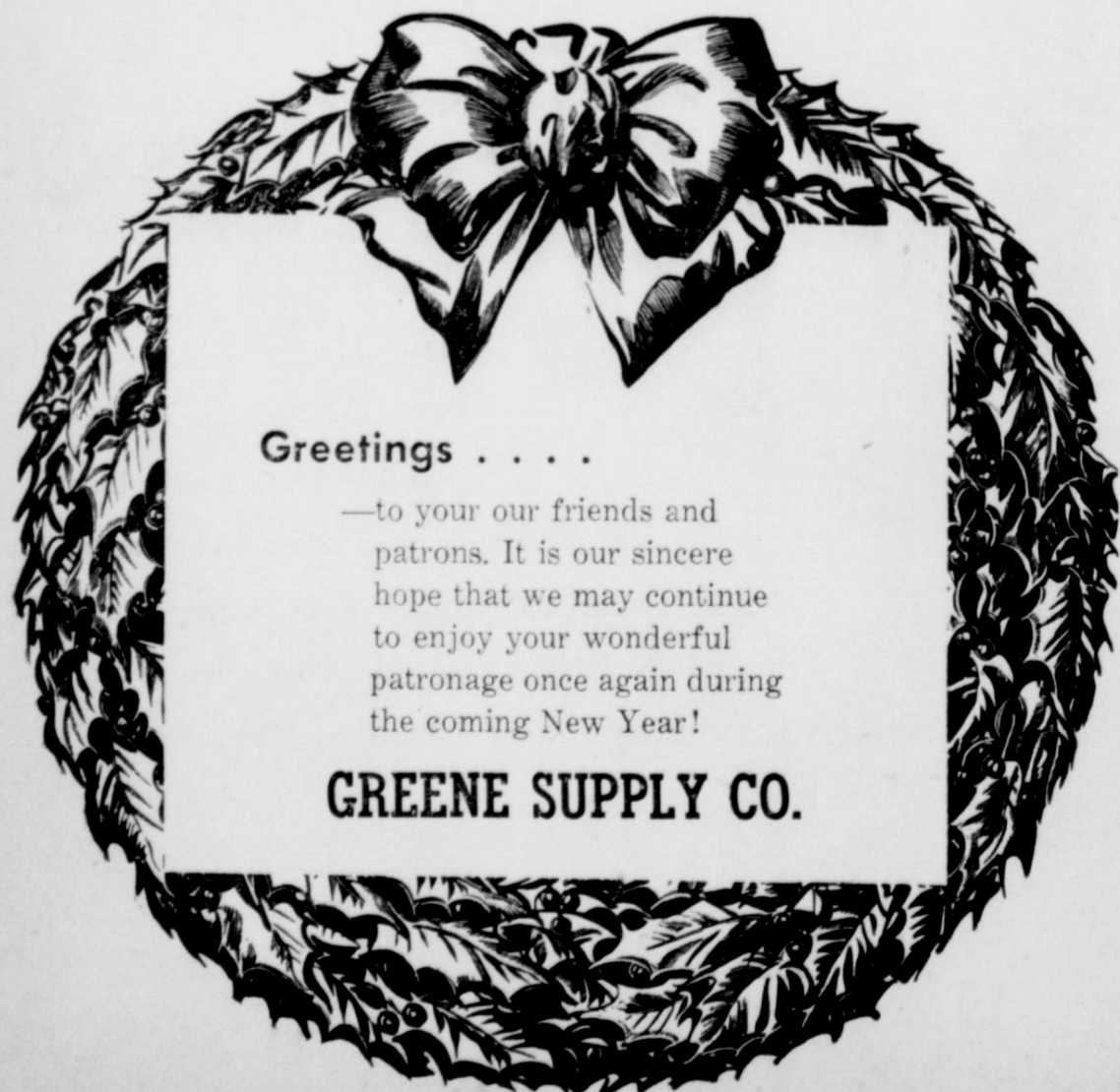
We look forward each year to sharing with our many friends the brightness and good will of the holiday season.

**MODERN BEAUTY SHOP**

MRS. L. A. COCHRAN

Billye Taylor Weed Edna Ashbrook

*Christmas Greetings*



Greetings . . . .

—to your our friends and patrons. It is our sincere hope that we may continue to enjoy your wonderful patronage once again during the coming New Year!

**GREENE SUPPLY CO.**



*Best Wishes*

May the cheer of the holiday season sweep you along in its merry whirl of festivities and excitement . . . making this Christmas and New Year the gayest you've ever celebrated!

Closed—Monday,  
December 26

**COBB'S** Department Store



# Greetings

We join the merry carolers to wish our friends the best of Christmas Cheer.

Todd Furniture



**HERALD ANGELS** . . . Rehearsing for the annual Christmas candlelight service, the children choristers of the Crawford Methodist Memorial church in the Bronx, New York, make an impressive picture when viewed through a Christmas wreath in the foreground.

**WHO SWEEPS OUT?**  
Red Cross volunteers working in VA hospitals serve as nurse's aides, performing such services as taking temperatures and pulse counts, making beds, giving baths, helping dress and feed patients, and applying hot and cold packs.

## History of the New Year Goes Back as Far as Ancient Egypt

Everywhere throughout the world for thousands of years man has celebrated the passing of time. He has done so in various seasons and to the accompaniment of different customs — but always the holiday has been one of gladness and joy, of hope and brightness, of light and laughter.

The history of the celebration of New Year's day goes far back into antiquity. It is only in relatively recent times that New Year's day has been observed on January 1. The holiday has been a movable one and various races have marked it in different seasons. For instance, the ancient Persians and Egyptians celebrated New Year's on September 22, the autumnal equinox, while the Greeks did so at the winter solstice, December 21. The vernal equinox, March 22, marked the beginning of the year for the Jews.

At the New Year season through the ages, man has taken new stock of himself, and has pledged himself to higher, finer things and has resolved that ere the year ends, he will have done those things which would move him nearer Utopia.

New Year's Day has always been actively celebrated in the United States and from Colonial times to the present it has been a day of great significance. Presidents have received the public at great receptions on that day, and the custom of visiting friends and relatives is one which has survived until the present.

New Year's eve seems to be growing in popularity as a time of jollity and good fellowship and the average American feels lost unless he can "go somewhere" and "do something" on the turn of the year.

Of the many legends and traditions which have grown around the significance of the New Year, the one most persistent is that what you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen in the months to follow.

As an example, to open a bank account at New Year's was considered lucky in old England.

So deep-seated was the general belief in the "first thing" determining "future things" that even after the festival was declared a general holiday, many clung to their old-time beliefs, and to insure work for the coming year would set the pace by spending at least an hour or two in some useful pursuit.

The first day of the year has been more generally observed than any other holiday and over a longer period.

Omens of good luck have always been associated with the new year, all founded more or less upon the belief that a supreme power was vested in some unseen deity who could bring good luck if properly appeased, or mete out punishments.

The Romans named their new year in honor of Janus, the two-faced god, who had the power to look back over the past and also, in a prophetic way, could look into the future.

He was represented with a key in his hand symbolizing his power to open doors and gateways, and this holiday was one of great gayety lasting several days.

The festival was not observed in midwinter, but in the spring, when the Roman year began, and had only 10 months. Later, when two months were added to the calendar, January and February were placed at the beginning of the year and New Year was celebrated on the first of January.

The "first foot" — the first person to enter the house on New Year's day — plays a significant role in the family's future fortunes, according to several old superstitions concerning the beginning of a new year.

To bring good luck, the first arrival must be a dark man, but if he also brings a gift and "carries in" more than he "takes out" then the house is assured peace and plenty for a whole year. The most auspicious gift as luck bringer is a lump of coal or a red herring.

### Tuberculosis is Preventable, Curable, Not Inherited, Says Health Officer

Do you know that tuberculosis is preventable? Curable? Not inherited?

Tuberculosis is contracted from another active case. It is a "catching disease." It is caused by a germ which usually attacks the lungs, but may attack other parts of the body, says Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Tuberculosis is spread from an infected person to others in several ways, some of which are: through nose and throat discharges by coughing and spitting; through using dishes, linens and other articles soiled by an infected person. Tuberculosis infection usually is the result of continued close contact with an active case; therefore, it is a "family disease."

How do we know who has tuberculosis? Early TB is without symptoms. It is no respecter of persons. It occurs in all walks of life and at any age, but is least likely to be present in serious form between ages of 4 and 14 years.

If coughing and loss of weight are present, the disease is well advanced, and a person has lost his best chance for complete recovery.

How can we protect our families? Go to your physician for an examination, including a chest x-ray. When the Mobile x-ray unit comes to your town, have a free chest x-ray. X-ray surveys have been conducted in 132 counties and 18 institutions during the past year and over 514,400 persons have been x-rayed. Protect your home from tuberculosis.

*Best Wishes for Christmas*

As all hearts echo and re-echo the joyous words "Merry Christmas", we wish to join in the spirit of the season and add our greetings to all the rest. And may the New Year bring you every happiness, too!

**THE FAIR STORE**

*Merry Christmas*

Once again we pause as another joy-filled Yuletide season arrives, to wish our many patrons and friends prosperity, health, contentment and peace this Christmas Day and throughout the year to follow.

**MORTON MOTOR COMPANY**  
— and —  
**REYNOLDS TIRE COMPANY**

**Season's Greetings**

To the many greetings that come your way, we should like to add ours—to wish you a truly Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

**J. W. McDermott**  
Liquefied Gas

*Merry Christmas!*

May your holiday be merry, your tree laden with good things and your happiness unending. Simple pleasures of the old-fashioned, homespun variety are still the most enjoyable at Christmas time, even in this streamlined age! So in the modern manner, with old-fashioned sincerity, we say, "Merry, Merry Christmas."

**MORTON**  
**POWER and LIGHT**



The Scots have always made a big fuss over New Years, and no wonder. The wassail bowl goes 'round at New Year's time, filled with savory liquid and nostalgic memories.

Traditionally, the wassail bowl itself should be an ornament of graceful design; its contents should be warm and spicy—with sweetened wine, ale, sugar, and nutmeg.

Custom dictates that at the stroke of 12 on New Year's Eve, the head of the household should sip the mixture and then pass it among those present. A favorite custom of the Scots has been to pile into wagons or sleighs carrying kettles full of the wassail, cheese and buns. The party stops at various houses in the community and the refreshments go 'round at each stop without paying much attention to the approaching dawn.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was quite the vogue in the United States around the turn of the 20th century. Newspapers carried columns of 'at home' notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. And having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions and joined the procession of callers at other 'open houses.'

Human nature being what it is, receptions were often 'crashed' by strangers prompted by the accessibility of free punch, and a succession of several 'open houses' sometimes resulted in the most welcome guests arriving in excessively boisterous or mellow moods and contributed to the abandonment of the publicly announced 'open house.' But intimates still toast each other around a private wassail bowl and "drink a cup of kindness yet for Auld Lang Syne".

**SCHOOL FOR DENTAL AIDES**

The Venezuelan Red Cross operates a school for dental hygienists and dental assistants to help fill the shortage of trained personnel in that country. Assistants take two full terms of study at the school, followed by a year's practical work with a qualified dentist.

May the  
Joy  
and Peace  
of  
Christmas  
be with you  
always.

**Fotoshop**  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Bill Harris

**Pilgrims Deplored  
"Ye Christmas Day"**

Puritan disapproval of Christmas celebrations disembarked on the Mayflower with the Pilgrims in 1621 and, accordingly, Governor Bradford issued a statement publicly rebuking certain young men who declined to work on December 25, "ye day called Christmas."

This first New England Christmas—or non-observance thereof—should not be credited as the first Christmas on American soil, since Leif Eriksen spent a winter or two on the North American continent around the turn of the 11th century.

Leif was a Christian, and it is likely that members of his crew were Christians, too; although it is quite possible that some had accepted the faith without remodeling their pagan natures, since King Olaf's methods were ruthless and his command "Be baptized, or else!" left them little choice.

Undoubtedly, flagons of crude, raw wine fermented from the grapes of Leif's Vinland were passed around and the celebration may have been rather boisterous, but in all fairness to Leif—who, according to excellent testimony, was a sincere convert—it is reasonable to assume that there was a trace of religious observance.

Perhaps Leif remembered the few words of Latin prayer he learned at the time of his conversion and recited them in honor of the birthday of the Redeemer he had accepted. . . Thus, the first Christmas in America was observed.

The first Christmas card was designed in 1843.

Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat, botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.

**Texas ORC Officers Identification Cards Available**

Letters to 11,000 active Organized Reserve Corps Officers of Texas are now being mailed from the Texas Military District to inform them that their identification cards are now available. Major James R. Samsel, Instructor, ORC, Lubbock, announced.

Only the active Reserve officers are now being circulated as the forms used as an inclosure to the letter are limited. As soon as additional forms become available, 5,000 inactive and honorary Organized Reserve Corps officers will be notified.

The letter itself is a certificate authorizing the Reserve officer to obtain the identification card. To each letter is attached two forms. After the forms are filled out, Reserve officers will be able to present the letter and the forms, either in person, or by mail, to a designated Regular Army post to obtain the laminated identification card.

In general, all reserve officers of West Texas and the Panhandle will be able to obtain their cards from Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

**Jr. High Teams Lose One And Win One Game**

The Jr. High Papooses journeyed to Pettit Tuesday afternoon to drop one game out of two with the girls losing a 23-26 thriller and the boys winning an easy 19-16 victory.

Bootise Shakespeare and Betty Emb tied for high point honors with 7 points each for the Morton girls.

The hard playing little Indian boys that are undefeated this season have a high scoring average with the high point man, D. J. Peters, who shot a 50% average, making 13 points.

The boys held a large margin all the way. All of D. J.'s teammates played very good ball.

Investment for equipment varies from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per turkey

**Texas Baptists to be Hosts at Sunday School Conference in Dallas Dec. 27-30**

Texas Baptists will be hosts to Sunday School workers from twenty-two states at a Southwide conference in Dallas, December 27-30.

Six thousand Baptists from all over the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to attend the meeting. The purpose is to report on the progress of Sunday School work during the past year and project plans for reaching goals set up earlier by state secretaries. The goals include an increase in Sunday School enrollment of 500,000.

The conference is for pastors, Sunday School superintendents and teachers, educational directors, associational missionaries, and other Sunday School workers.

Headquarters for the meeting will be the First Baptist church, Dallas, with auxiliary conferences being held in the First Presbyterian and First Christian

churches. In charge of local arrangements is Andrew Q. Allen, director of Sunday School activities for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

This is to be the first of the Southwide Sunday School conference to be held since World War II. They usually convene every four years.

**MONDAY IN LITTLEFIELD**

Mrs. Elizabeth Greer, her daughter, Mrs. L. F. Hargrove; Mrs. Roy Hill and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds visited Monday in Littlefield, Texas.

**LEGAL AID FOR VETS**

More than 1,250,000 veterans and dependents of deceased veterans have given the Red Cross power of attorney to represent them in development and presentation of claims for government benefits.

**ENMU Women to Have Christmas Parties Dec. 21st**

Eastern New Mexico University women living in the dormitories will have Christmas parties Wednesday evening. Women in the North Hall, to replace the usual gift exchange, have each purchased a gift for children at the Baptist Home in Portales. Students in the Annex have "adopted" three needy Portales families and will present each with a Christmas dinner and toys for the children of the family.

Students in charge of the North Hall party are Mary Harding, Texico; Sidney Glenn, Morton, Texas; Elizabeth Peters, Roswell; and Caroline Carr, Hobbs.

**JOE GREENE RETURNS TO HOME IN LAMESA**

Joe Greene, who was confined for several days last week at West Plains Hospital was taken to his home in Lamesa Saturday night by his son, Van.

Wishing  
you all  
a very  
Merry Christmas!

**Worley - McCulloch**



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

We hope that this Christmas brings  
fulfillment of your every wish and that it finds  
you happily surrounded by the things  
and people you love. For this is what  
makes for contentment—and nothing is more  
precious! And if our greetings were to add one iota  
to your enjoyment of the holiday,  
then our Christmas will be happier too!

Allsup Chevrolet Company

South Main Street



Morton, Texas

Holiday  
Greetings  
to  
All

Morton Electrical Supply

# COOKIES AND CANDIES & CHRISTMAS

Like Santa's pack, your stock of holiday goodies should be plentiful and interesting. Since callers will be as much present as holly and gifts during the holidays, do your baking of cakes and cookies, your cupboard will be ready for any who might drop in.

Home-made delicacies served during Christmas and New Year's are as heart-warming as the sound of the yule log crackling on the hearth. If you have a fruit cake, a variety of cookies and perhaps a few candies, and if you serve these with a festive beverage, you will have gone a long way in spelling holiday cheer to those who come to say "Merry Christmas" at your home.

Here is a simple type fruit cake which does not need the aging that a traditional cake requires. The recipe makes two 9x4x3 inch loaves and is the perfect answer as to what should be served during the holidays:

**Raisin Fruit Cake**  
(Makes 2 loaves)  
4 cups seeded raisins  
2 tablespoons grated lemon rind  
1 tablespoon cinnamon  
1 tablespoon allspice  
1/2 cup liquid  
1/2 cup chopped nutmeats  
4 cups sifted cake flour  
2 teaspoons double acting baking powder  
2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup butter or shortening  
2 eggs, well beaten  
2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine raisins, lemon rind, spices and water in a saucepan. Cover and simmer gently for eight minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid and add water or coffee to make one and one-half cups, and reserve. Grind raisins with nutmeats.

Sift flour once, measure and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift three times. Cream butter thoroughly and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir until all flour is dampened. Beat vigorously for two minutes. Add nutmeat mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into two 9x4x3 inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper and then greased again. Bake in a moderate (325°) oven for one hour and 15

minutes, or until done. Let stand five minutes on cake rack, then remove from pan, leaving paper attached until ready to serve. Cool. Wrap in a clean cloth and store in tin container to keep moist.

\*The liquid may be water or leftover coffee.

**Kris Kringle Cookies**  
(Makes 30 balls)  
1 cup butter cookie crumbs  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
1 cup finely chopped, pitted dates  
1 cup black walnuts, chopped  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

Combine cookie crumbs, salt, baking powder and flour. Add dates and nuts. Add sugar gradually to



**RAISIN FRUIT CAKE**  
*for a spicy holiday*  
beaten eggs. Blend in cookie crumb mixture and vanilla. Bake in a greased and floured nine-inch square pan and bake in a slow (325°) oven for 30 minutes. While still warm, cut into 30 squares. Roll each square into a ball, turning the top, crusty portion inwards as you roll. Place confectioners' sugar in a bag. Shake the balls in the sugar to coat evenly.



**NOTICE!**  
8 BIG DAYS OF XMAS SPECIALS: from DEC. 16th thru DEC. 24th. STORE WILL BE—  
**CLOSED**  
Sun., Dec. 17th  
Sun. and Mon. Dec. 25 and 26th.

**Cherries**  
Red, Sour Pitted  
No. 2 can for **25c**

**FRUITS and VEGETABLES**  
for Fancy Fixin's  
— CELERY —  
Nice Large stalk . . . . . **15c**

— CRANBERRIES —  
EATMOR  
1 pound cello bag . . . . . **23c**

— PEPPER —  
Sweet Bell—Pound . . . . . **14c**

— FROZEN FOODS —  
Boneless Fillets  
PERCH pound . . . . . **39c**  
Fresh Frozen—Can  
ORANGE JUICE . . . . . **29c**

**Christmas SPECIALS**

— DATES —  
Pitted  
6 ounce package . . . . . **21c**

— POP-CORN —  
T.N.T. or Georgie Peorgie  
10 ounce can for . . . . . **19c**

— HERSHEY'S —  
DAINTIES—package . . . . . **19c**

— CANDY —  
Chases Fancy—CHOCOLATE  
Covered Cherries—Box . . . . . **53c**  
Assorted Xmas Wrap  
CHOCOLATES lb. . . . . **89c**  
2lb. **\$1.79** 5lb. **\$2.95**

See Us For Box Apples, Oranges, Nuts and Christmas Candies at Money Saving Prices.

59c Measuring Cup for only 25c with purchase of 3 lb. can  
**Shortening** **69¢**  
SHURFINE — 3 POUND CAN

**BUY HERE FOR BIG HOLIDAY VALUES!**  
*Quality Meats*  
Order Your **TURKEY EARLY!**  
— Thanks —  
Fancy Sliced  
**BACON, Puritan** pound . . . . . **49c**  
Fancy  
**SAUSAGE, Pork, links** pound . . . . . **54c**  
**TURKEYS** Fresh Dressed—Priced Right ?  
Colored  
**OLEO, Southern Maid** pound . . . . . **35c**

**PUMPKIN** —SHURFINE—  
2 tall cans . . . . . **25c**  
**PINEAPPLE**  
Shurfine—Crushed  
No. 2 can . . . . . **25c**  
Hearts Delight or  
Monarch—Crushed  
NO. 2 CAN . . . . . **29c**

**Cocoanut**  
BAKERS  
4 oz. pkg. . . . . **15c**  
Premium Shred  
8 oz. pkg. . . . . **29c**

**Holiday Hits!**  
— CIGARS —  
Roitans, Melbas, John Ruskins or Y. B.'s  
**10% Discount by the Box.**

**GIVE CALIFORNIA POTTERY FOR CHRISTMAS**  
WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY  
WHITE SWAN—  
**GIFT BOX SPECIAL**  
Ready To Go  
per box . . . . . **\$3.29**  
— PEARS —  
Triumph  
No. 2 1/2 can . . . . . **25c**  
Hunts  
Tall can . . . . . **19c**

**MILK** Sunny Brand  
4 cans . . . . . **25¢**

**CAKE FLOUR, Swans Down** box . . . . . **39c**

**COFFEE** Chase and Sanborn  
1 lb. tin . . . . . **69¢**

— SYRUP —  
Worth Waffle  
Quart for only . . . . . **35c**  
— HONEY —  
Worth Strained  
1/2 gallon . . . . . **79c**

**PIGGLY WIGGLY** FINEST FOODS GREATEST SAVINGS

## Thirty-seven Lions and Four Guests Attend Christmas Party December 14

Thirty seven Lions and four guests were present for the Dec. 14 meeting of Morton Lions Club. The club will not meet for two weeks during the holiday season. Carols were sung with Mrs. L. Hargrove playing piano accompaniment. The Pledge to the Flag was given and C. M. Cravy gave the invocation. A traditional Christmas dinner was served by ladies of the Methodist Church. Tables were decorated with small Christmas trees.

Guests introduced were Zed Robinson, Enochs; Harlan Black, Anton; Mac Woodrum, Lubbock and M. C. Horton, also of Lubbock. Mr. Horton, representative of Texas State Fire Insurance Commission, spoke to the group on fire laws and rating standards as established by Insurance Underwriters. The meeting closed with Lions exchanging gifts. T. L. McAllister and J. W. McDermott had charge of the program.

**Christmas GREETINGS**

May the pleasures you derive from the exciting moments 'round the Christmas tree with your dear ones, linger and provide a host of wonderful memories to make the coming year a very happy one!

**R. J. MERRITT and SONS**  
Magnolia Distributor

## -then came Three Wise Men

Legend not only has identified the Wise Men as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, it has crowned them and given them the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia. It has symbolized their gifts as symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest and myrrh for a great physician.

The Gospel text's specific wise men from the east logically identifies them with Zoroastrianism—an ancient monotheistic religion of Persia. Zoroastrian priests were called Magi; they were powerful in public and private life since they, and they alone, possessed the priestly mysteries involved in the worship of Mazda—who represented the Zoroastrian power for good.

The Magi may or may not have been fabulously wealthy; St. Matthew does not elaborate their treasures nor the amount of gold, frankincense and myrrh which they presented to the Christ Child. The gifts may have been mere tokens of their treasures, or the sum and substance thereof.

And if they were soothsayers, mystics and possibly clairvoyants they were also truly wise—in as much as they did not return to Herod, but departed into their own country by a different route.



**HOPE THAT SUSTAINS THE WORLD . . .** If there is anything more touching and inspiring than the sight of a little boy or girl waiting patiently for the arrival of his beloved Santa Claus, the world has yet to produce it. With boundless hope, after hanging up his stocking, he finally goes to bed, knowing as surely as he knows his own mother and father, that the Giftbringer will have been there when he awakens.

### SANTA BRINGS NEW CLARINET CASE TO BAND MEMBER

"My horn is gone. I can't find it anywhere!" wailed Jowynn Chesher last Tuesday afternoon in sixth period band.

She and Juanice Cooper searched frantically for the lost clarinet. Her case wasn't to be found so then the explorers started opening other cases.

Finally, after a lengthy and thorough search, the clarinet was found in a new black case with flame velvet lining.

The card read, "Merry Christmas to Jowynn from Santa Claus."

*A Happy New Year?  
Then Pay All Debts*

Want to assure yourself a happy and prosperous New Year?

Well, first of all make sure that all debts are paid before midnight on New Year's Eve. This ancient Chinese custom is designed to start the New Year off with a clean slate and, although its origin is lost in antiquity, solvency is still a good foundation for prosperity and friendly business relations.

If you are unmarried and would like to remove the "un" from your status, be sure to put on the left stocking before putting on the right one when you dress New Year's morning—and try to be as left-handed as possible during the day, thereby increasing the potency of the charm which is supposed to aid



love's progress. Marriageable maidens who look out the window on New Year's morning, can anticipate being married before the year is out if they see a man before they see a woman.

Be sure to wish everyone a "Happy New Year," but keep your fingers crossed for luck while giving or receiving the greetings; and don't forget to say "rabbits" as soon as you wake up in the morning.

An old English custom, presumably founded on the superstition that whatever you do on New Year's Day is indicative of your fortune during the ensuing year, advises opening a bank account on January 1.

Since your New Year will be, to a certain extent, what you make it, resolve to make it a happy and prosperous one.



# GREETINGS

With the realization that each passing year brings a fuller appreciation of old friends and pleasant associations, we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CLOSED—  
MONDAY, DEC. 26.

## Stricklands Cleaners

*Christmas.*

With the approach of the Yuletide Season, our thoughts turn to those whose friendship we cherish so much, May your every wish be fulfilled this Christmas, and may your New Year be healthful and happy.

CLOSED—  
Monday, Dec. 26

### Ramby's Pharmacy

*A Merry Christmas*

Riches and expensive gifts do not alone make a Christmas merry. The simple, familiar wishes of neighbors and friends are just as important for a full enjoyment of the holiday. Mindful of this we are anxious to voice our homey, old-fashioned greeting: "To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

## Arnn Motor Company

"Personal Service"

Closed—December 26

*Merry Christmas*

Since we cannot shake each one of you by the hand to give you our good wishes personally—we want to take this opportunity to express our hopes that this Christmas and the coming New Year be one of joy and goodness for each and every one of you, our friends and patrons.

**RAY'S HARDWARE**

CLOSED—  
Monday, Dec. 26



## Isn't One New Year's Day Enough?

TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF SIX

Six New Year's Days in one year! The New Year's Day of January comes twice a year. In that part of the Occident whence lies America and sundry other places, January 1 comes on January 1; but in that part of the Occident wherein the orthodox Greek faith prevails, January 1 falls upon January 13. In China, the New Year falls upon February 8. Continuing in the east, it once reached Siam on April 1, he would discover he had arrived on New Year's Day.

Suppose the mythical traveler reached Arabia on September 4. He would find a great salaaming, gift-giving and a general air of festivity. The reason: New Year's Day, Mohammedan version. And that isn't all. In Abyssinia, New Year's Day falls upon September 10.

In conclusion, were you in Jerusalem on October 3, you would have arrived in time to help celebrate New Year's Day there—or Rosh Hoshana, as it is called, the Hebrew "head of the year."



GLOBAL OUTLOOK . . . When you stop to think of it, the first day of 1950 probably is a good time to climb up on top of the world and take a look around. It might do a lot of good if enough people, including grown-ups, gave it a serious try.

### Romans Began Custom Of Gifts at New Year

Some authorities claim that the invading Roman legions introduced the custom of gift-giving at New Year's time into England by 'commandeering' a la Caesar, gifts and sums of money from the populace.

Medieval royalty, who were not as wealthy as they were reported to be, revived the custom as a means of replenishing the royal wardrobes, treasuries and even larders. Queen Elizabeth relied on the custom for new petticoats, mantles, silk stockings, bracelets, necklaces, precious jewels, etc. Peers, bishops, clerics, ladies-in-waiting, physicians, cooks, everybody contributed.

Oliver Cromwell's Puritan government outlawed the custom, but it was re-revived when the Stuarts were restored to the throne. Individual circumstances governed the gift-giving among ordinary citizens and, since common pins were expensive in those days, middle class gentlemen usually gave their wives and daughters pins or 'pin money.'

Idiomatically, 'pin money' has survived the days of the expensive pin, while the custom of gift-giving at New Year's time has deteriorated into obsolescence in England and the United States.

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### Rubber Stamps At The Tribune Office

Merry Christmas



Here are our three

Yuletide wishes . . . may

they all come true for you!

GOOD HEALTH! GOOD CHEER! GOOD FORTUNE!

Joe's Grocery and Market

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The season of hope and good cheer is at hand, and to friends and neighbors we send our sincere greetings.



Bowman's Cleaners

Closed—December 26

## Let EVERY HEART

By Vera Tarpley

"BUT THEY don't believe in Christmas, Jim—you know that." Laura wished she hadn't spoken quite so loudly; her remark had stopped in midstream three rapid-running conversations. Her guests studied the rug pattern. Jim merely looked at his wife in silence.

"I mean, after all," she went on, "it's not their religion. . . so I assumed it would be embarrassing—to them—to invite them to our Christmas party." She swallowed uncomfortably.

"And I assumed that this party was for all the fellows in our office, including Ben." He smiled then, but didn't soften the accusation. Everyone in the room knew of the close friendship between Jim and Ben—they only guessed at his wife's resentment of the friendship.



"He asked us to sing 'Silent Night' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies."

Mr. Adams, office manager, broke the silence next. "I wouldn't worry about it too much, Jim. After all, Christmas is . . ." He emptied his glass and returned it to the coffee-table. "And we all feel a little differently about the holidays than they do."

About nine o'clock carolers came to the door, singing lustily and slightly off-key. "Let every heart prepare him room . . ." The oldest caroler was scarcely twelve. He rattled a box full of coins. Mr. Adams snatched the donation box from him, ceremoniously deposited nine pennies, and passed from guest to guest, bowing after each donation. Everyone put in nickels and dimes. Jim put in a five-dollar bill and everyone shouted "Show-off!" Laura was annoyed but kept still. Laura and Jim's little girl, Bonny, was out caroling too, but her group covered a different neighborhood.

No one noticed much when the telephone rang later in the evening and Jim went to answer it. But they noticed Jim's face when he returned to the living-room—it was white and twitched unpleasantly. Laura walked over to him. "Who was it, dear?"

"It was Ben—he called to apologize for not coming tonight."

"His daughter's been in Children's Hospital for the past month, you know."

Adams broke in. "Say, that's right—Ben said she was pulling out of it—that was last week I believe. How's she doing, did he say?"

"She died this afternoon."

Nobody seemed to have anything more to say after that. The party broke up within the next half-hour.

Just as the Adamses were leaving, Bonny came in from caroling. She was flushed with happiness and excitement. Laura clutched her in her arms convulsively.

"Did your group make a big haul tonight, Bonny?"

"Did we!" she gasped. "We got more than any other group I bet! And Mom, we sang for that Mr. Ben at Daddy's office, and—"

"Oh but you shouldn't have!" Laura looked at Jim with alarm.

"Why not, Mom? He asked us to sing 'Silent Night,' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies, and gee, they're nice! And I told them hello from you and Daddy, and you know what? She cried! Isn't that funny, mother?"

Jim looked at his stricken wife and wanted to take her in his arms, but Mr. and Mrs. Adams were standing there with their mouths open, so he merely grasped her hand firmly. Bonny babbled on happily.

"And you know what else? Mr. Ben asked me what the donations went for, and when I told him he took all the money out of his wallet and put it in our box, can you imagine? And then I asked him if he had any boys or girls like us and would they like to go caroling with us and he said no. And then she started crying again and we left. Wasn't that funny?"

Mr. Adams cleared his throat. "By the way, Bonny, just what were those donations for anyway? I forgot to notice when they came around here."

"Why, for the Children's Hospital fund—or something like that—it was all printed on the box."

Three states in the Union have four-letter names—Ohio, Iowa and Utah.

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### Morton Brownies Club Organized

The Brownies, a national organization, have been recently organized by Mrs. Connie Gray, leader, and Mrs. Glenn Thompson, co-leader. This organization is for girls between the ages 7-10. They meet each Tuesday from 4:00-5:00 and are instructed in arts, crafts, helping others, studying safety, health and our community and county needs.

Members pay \$1.00 dues and are as follows: Ann Boxx, Barbara Ramby, Kay Doss, Carolyn Johnson, Mary Ruth Henry, Carrie Ann Mullinax.

Christene Gray, Myrlyn Cox, Marilyn Sue Hawkins, Imogene Betts, Marka Kennedy, Sherry Grantham, D'Rene Danforth, Henrietta Bedwell, Margaret Gardner, Mary Ledbetter, Mary Hill Fuqua, Mary Ann Gast, Judy

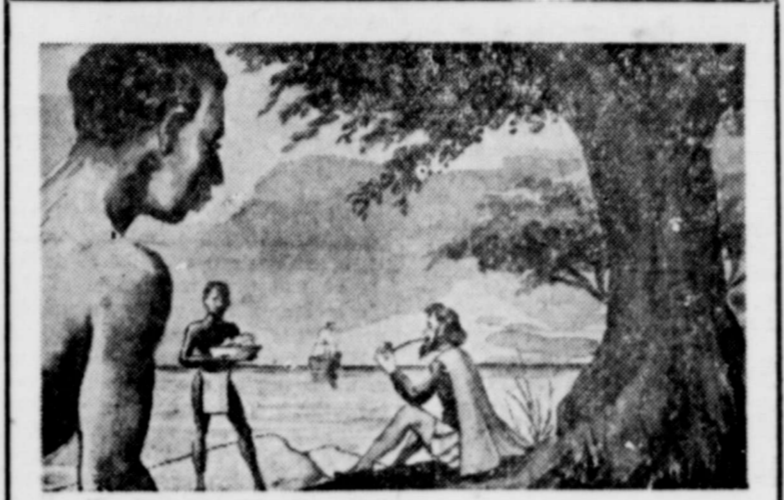
McCustion, Florine Corder, Sharon Long, Towana Cravens. This group is sponsored by mothers, Mrs. P. B. Ramby, Mrs. M. C. Ledbetter, Mrs. T. Doss, and Mrs. Frank Barker.

The Brownies were honored with a Christmas party, Tuesday, Dec. 13 and exchanged gifts. They made cook books for their mothers for Christmas. Mrs. T. McCustion served Christmas candy to the members.

### FIFTEEN DAY VACATION

Miss Mabel Ann Manley is spending a fifteen day vacation with friends and relatives in Ft. Worth and vicinity.

Flies are carriers of turkey diseases.



Christopher Columbus was the first white man to celebrate New Year's day in the western hemisphere.

While his ships were being repaired on January 1, 1493, he enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti.

After his meal, historians say, the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco.

3,746 RED CROSS CHAPTERS

LOANS FOR SERVICEMEN

There are 3,746 Red Cross chapters and 5,000 branches in the United States.

Members of the armed forces received \$2,670,000 in loans from the Red Cross last year.



The merry twinkle in Santa's eye conveys the spirit of our wish that Christmas Day be a happy one for all!

Farmer's Supply



## Merry Christmas to All

MAY the spirit of hospitality and friendliness, so typical of the Christmas Season, remain with you throughout the year and brighten the associations you share with others.

CLOSED—Monday, December 26

St. CLAIR'S  
Department Store

ST. CLAIR'S  
BEN FRANKLIN

*A Christmas Wish*

May the joyful pleasures of your Christmas Holiday become the core of happy memories for the coming year!

**MINYARD-ORMAND**

ADDING MACHINE PAPER AT TRIBUNE OFFICE.

## PERPETUAL CALENDAR

In 1918 in a high school classroom, a 15-year old sophomore, confused by discussion of the calendar, asked his teacher: "Didn't the Caesars mess up the calendar?" She snapped back: "Do you think you could make a better one?"

The boy, Willard Edwards, went home that night and thought up six calendars, one of which he considered superior to any he knew. One of them was up for discussion by Congress. It was presented to and received favorably by delegates at the world security conference at San Francisco. Edwards sees a possibility that his perpetual calendar soon may be the international calendar.

Edwards, a navy veteran of action in the Pacific, outlined his plans for the calendar. It would simplify the present system by a switch that would involve a change in only two days.

In the Edwards perpetual calendar, the year would have 364 days plus New Year's day completely apart from any month or week. It would be followed by Monday, the first day of the year. There would be 12 months, falling into a regular rhythmic pattern of 30, 30, 31 days.

Monday, which psychologically is regarded as the first day of the week, would actually be first in the proposed calendar.

Leap Year day, like New Year's day, would be an international holiday, completely apart from any month. It would come following Sunday, June 31.

Labor Day and Christmas, for instance, would always be on Monday. With the possibility of a fixed Easter, there would be six three-day holidays. This, Edwards contends, would be of great advantage in planning vacations, transportation schedules, school terms, and especially to business concerns.

And for those of superstitious persuasion, there would be no Friday the 13th to worry about.

**RUSSELLS TO CALIFORNIA**

Mrs. N. J. Russell, daughter and son, Beth and Jack of Slaton, left Sunday for Barstow, California, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their son and brother, Snookie.

### Sudan, Sundown Rejected for 4-A Bid Wednesday

Sundown, Sudan and Seagraves High schools were rejected re-admittance to district 4-A at a district executive meeting held in Levelland last Thursday and will therefore have to compete in class B competition next year.

The schools had been dropped from the district by TIL because their individual enrollments were not enough to keep them in class A competition and therefore it has been necessary to vote them back into the district each year. This year their application for re-admittance was turned down.

A unanimous vote was necessary for them to regain admittance to class A competition and each of the schools failed to get a unanimous vote, so therefore they will have to go into class B competition next year.

Since these three teams will be eliminated from district 4-A the district will more than likely not be split next year as has been heretofore and it will put Slaton, Post, Tahoka, O'Donnell, Levelland, Littlefield, Morton and Muleshoe in conference play.

Brownfield does not have enough scholastics to stay in class AA competition and if they fail to be voted back into class AA.

### U.S. Stands Low On List of Nations Getting New Year

From the precise instruments of the naval observatory in Washington, and through the great Arlington radio towers, America and much of the world will learn the exact instant when the old year has passed and 1935 has taken its place. And it is from another haunt of science in the capital, The National Geographic Society, that one learns when and where the new year begins.

The United States, accustomed to ranking itself pretty highly in world esteem, has to content itself with being about sixth-rate in the eyes of Father Time, the society points out. For time serves up the new year to Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe and most of South America before he gets around to the first of our citizens in Maine.

Then, for three more hours, the people of California must munch the crusts and pick the bones of the old year before they receive a fresh helping of time; and the residents of Alaska must wait two more hours beyond that.

When the New Year actually is born it will be 7 a. m. December 31 in our eastern cities; 6 a. m. in the central time zone; 5 a. m. in the mountain zone, and 4 a. m. in the Pacific coast states.

While the New Year celebrations in all countries are basically similar, there are many interesting variations and special features. For example, in Great Britain the king's honor list provides a large topic of conversation on New Year's day. The wassail bowl is an important part of the New Year observance in England, and "open house" is generally kept in town as well as country.

New Year's customs always have had a joyful theme. Few tears ever mark the death of the old year, but there is always gladness at the advent of the new era which mankind always hopes will prove to be better than the old one.

*Merry Christmas*

May this Yuletide hold everything that's wonderful and dear! The warmth and cheer of your own hearth-side . . . the fun of trimming the tree . . . the joy of being surrounded by your family . . . the true Christmas spirit of friends coming to call to extend their best wishes!

**McAlister-Huggins**

*Greetings*

...and sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...

**Cook Radio Service**

Orlan Cook

*Season's Greetings*

...to our many friends and neighbors whom we have so happily served through the years. A Very Merry Christmas To All!

A BOOK full of sentiments would barely express our heartfelt wishes and hopes for a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year

**SMITH FURNITURE and APPLIANCES**

Floyd and Roy Smith

*Merry Christmas*

The season of glad cheer and good fellowship is with us once again — and everywhere we go we see as well as hear and feel this wonderful spirit! We see it in the gaily adorned shop windows . . . the colorfully lighted trees . . . and on the smiling faces of the people about us. We hear it in the well-wishing greetings of friend to friend . . . stranger to stranger . . . in the church bells resounding magnificently through our community. We feel it in our every activity—be it home or business. And we extend it also in our own sincere heartfelt wishes to you our friends and patrons—that this may be a truly memorable Christmas and a happy, happy New Year!

**MORTON TRIBUNE**