

Austin—Purchasers of insurance policies from U. S. Trust and Guaranty Co. are advised to buy other coverage, for their own safety.

That's the recommendation of Garland Smith, chairman of the Texas Board of Insurance Commissioners.

District Judge Charles O. Betts has appointed State Liquidator J. D. Wheeler, as temporary receiver, to take over operation of the multi-million dollar Waco firm which the insurance commissioners have declared insolvent.

U. S. Trust and Guaranty Co. closed last week at Judge Betts' order, has sold fidelity, security, guaranty, fire auto, general liability and all forms of casualty insurance except workmen's compensation.

Attorney General John Ben Shepperd filed the suit against the firm. Action was necessary to prevent future loss to depositors and other creditors, said the insurance board.

U. S. Automotive Service and Arkansas Fire and Marine Insurance Co., alleged subsidiaries, also were covered by Judge Betts' order.

Offices of the firm re-located at Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Ft. Worth, Hillsboro, Houston, Lubbock, Sherman, San Antonio, Tyler and Waco.

J. B. Alderdice, chief of the safety responsibility division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said that the department would accept, in lieu of cash security, any automobile liability insurance policy issued by the company up to the date when and if the company finally is placed in receivership.

"However," said Alderdice, "if a suit and judgement obtained against the holder of such a policy, as the result of a motor vehicle accident, and the judgement is not satisfied by either the company or the policy holder, it will be necessary for the department to suspend the driver's license and vehicle registration until the judgement has been satisfied and proof of financial responsibility for the future is furnished."

More Land Suits
Six suits seeking recovery of \$288,489 on loans made under the (Continued on back page)

Bayou Philosopher Amazed To Find Christmas Is Here Again. But Falls Into Season's Spirit

Dear editor:

It doesn't seem like a month since last Christmas but I see by the calendar another one is almost on us. Unless it's the due date on a note, nothing comes around faster than Christmas these days, and while some people attribute this to the speed we're going at, it doesn't apply to me, as I'm going at the same rate of speed I've been going at for years. It's hard to vary your speed when you're sitting under a tree in the summer or a rocking chair by the fire in the winter reading a newspaper. Oh, I'll admit I can still read your paper for example faster than I can The Abilene Reporter, but just because a cow can eat a pound of cottonseed cake faster than she can a bale of Johnson grass hay is no sign she's gonna come out any more thoroughly nourished, so you can see speed has nothing to do with it.

However, to tell the truth, I'm not sorry Christmas is here again. I know there are people who claim the day has been made into a racket, but there's nothing original in their thinking. Ole Scrooge claimed the same thing a hundred years ago.

Also, I know the world is about as far from peace as it was the day Christmas was started, that is, some parts of it is, but not this part out here on this Johnson grass farm. If everybody in the world was as peaceful as I am, there'd be a lot of hydrogen bombs as rusty as my tractor and as little used.

At any rate, at this particular season, I can't be bothered about the foreign situation, and I want to say I have appreciated your publishing my letters in 1955, it means a lot to a man to have something to do to take the place of plowing, thinking may be hard work, but I've never failed to choose it when it came to a choice of it or plowing, you can't plow stretched out dozing under a tree. I know some people say they do their best thinking while they're plowing, but it's

not true in my case, nor have I ever done my best plowing while I was thinking. Come to think of it, I've never done my best plowing at any time, and I hope I can get by with the same system in 1956.

In the mean time, Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

TEXAS IN REVIEW TO FEATURE HELIUM PLANT

The production and processing of helium at the Bureau of Mines' plant at Amarillo will be featured next week on The Humble Company's TV program, Texas in Review.

Helium is a relatively rare gas not as inflammable as hydrogen. It is used in lighter-than-air flying craft and is used as a safety factor in certain industrial processes and in hospitals to minimize danger of explosion. It is found in association with natural gas in the Texas Panhandle.

Another interesting feature will be films of the 3rd Annual Golden Wedding meeting in Seguin. For this year's meeting some 80 couples married more than 50 years attended. Three of the couples attending were married in 1896.

BAND NEWS

Reporter
The Cross Plains Band under the direction of Pop Stanley will render concert in the program planned for the community Christmas tree downtown, Thursday night, Dec. 22. Members of the band are looking forward to having a part on the program.

Mrs. Beulah DeLay and Mr. and Mrs. David Adkins of Riverside, California arrived in Cross Plains Tuesday to spend the holidays with their sister and aunt, Mrs. Pat McNeel, Sr. and family, and other relatives.

Christmas Seal Report

The Christmas Seal returns to date have reached a total of \$810.95. This is still quite a long way from the \$1500 needed to carry on the TB work for 1956.

In the rush of getting ready for Christmas, have you forgotten to answer your letter?

The seal sale has two weeks to run. Won't you look up your letter and answer it to-day?

Dillard Completes Flowing Well On J. L. Baum Tract

A McGraw (Cross Plains Sand) Field well was completed four miles West of Cross Plains. It is N. M. Dillard, et al, of Cross Plains No. 4 J. L. Baum, Montgomery Survey 853.

Daily potential was 103 barrels of 42.3 gravity oil, flowing through a 14-64 inch choke with packer set on casing and 120 pounds tubing pressure. It is producing from 56 perforations at 1,614-28 feet with the casing set on bottom at 1,645 feet.

Saddler Drilling Corp. of Abilene staked three new locations five miles west of Cross Plains in the McKinney Cross Plains Field. All are on the Barney Klutts lease in Block 4, G. M. Vigil Survey 798 and are slated for 1,775 feet with rotary.

No. 2 Klutts spots 570 feet from the north and 450 feet from the east lines of Block 4. No. 3 Klutts will be 570 feet from the north and 850 feet from the east lines. No. 4 Klutts spots 570 feet from the north and 1,250 feet from the east lines.

Staked as a new project four miles west of Cross Plains in the McGraw (Cross Plains) Field was Morty Freedman of Dallas No. 1 J. L. Baum.

Slated for 1,650 feet with rotary, it spots 250 feet from the north and 1,485 feet from the west lines of Block 96, Comal CSL Survey 181.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON!

Ft. Worth Steer Show Expected To Be Biggest Yet

Fort Worth—With livestock space materially increased due to a new building, the greatest steer show in the history of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show is predicted by exposition officials. Stock Show dates are Jan. 27 through Feb. 5.

It is probable that no phase of livestock judging is followed with keener interest than the steer competition, which includes of course the selection of junior and open show champions and the climax, the choosing of the grand champion of the entire show. In addition to the cash awards, banners, ribbons and trophies, there is the reward bestowed through "the Auction of Champions." Last year's grand champion sold for \$6,300.

If the grand champion steer is a Polled Hereford, there is a special prize of \$5,500 awaiting the owner. The American Polled Hereford Association and the National Western Polled Hereford Association jointly offered this prize for the first Polled Hereford chosen grand champion at any one of four designated shows, of which Fort Worth is one. Should the grand champion be a Hereford (and this includes Polled Hereford), \$500 will be given by the American Hereford Association. A prize of \$250 is offered by the American Shorthorn Breeders Association should the grand championship go to a Shorthorn, and \$250 will be given by the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association if an Angus is grand champion.

In the junior steer show, if a Hereford is the champion, \$250 will be given by the American Hereford Association; if an Angus, \$100 by the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association; if a Shorthorn, \$100 by the American Shorthorn Breeders Association; if a Polled Hereford, \$135 by the American Polled Hereford Association, this

SAFETY HEAD URGES MOTORISTS TO BE CAREFUL DRIVING DURING CHRISTMAS

Davis Montgomery Honored On 88th Birthday

Davis Montgomery was honored with a dinner on his 88th birthday, Sunday, at his home. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Westerman, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Montgomery, Mrs. Mina Conlee and John D. Montgomery and Randy and Mike.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Pete Moore of Cross Cut was carried to Memorial Hospital in Brownwood Saturday night by V. C. Walker in a Higginbotham Bros. & Co. ambulance following a fall at his home in which he suffered a fractured hip.

Mrs. W. L. Bryan left Sunday for Phoenix, Ariz. where she will visit her son, Herman Bryan and family, during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMillan were here from Bisbee, Ariz. one day the past week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McMillan, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harlow and family of Livingston, N. M. spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foster of the Atwell community with his sister, Mrs. Pete Fore and husband, Miss Vi Harlow of Dallas visited here Sunday and they all enjoyed the day in the Foster home.

Mrs. Clyde Sims, Mrs. Peyton Smith, Mrs. B. K. Eubank, Mrs. Ralph McNeel, Mrs. Raymond DeBusk and Robert Eubank and David Flynn attended a concert rendered by Alexander Bralowsky, noted pianist, at the Elmwood High School Auditorium in Abilene last week.

latter award being in addition to the \$250 which the American Hereford Association would give.

"Don't wreck your Christmas celebration with a traffic accident!"

This plea was made to Texas drivers today by Mrs. E. C. McFadden, President, Texas Safety Association, as he urged them to support the current Holiday Hazards program of the Texas Safety Association, the Department of Public Safety and the National Safety Council.

"Christmas falls on Sunday this year, which means that many people will make a holiday week-end trip to visit out-of-town relatives," Mr. McFadden said. "Such a trip can become a sad journey if the driver relaxes his vigilance for a moment."

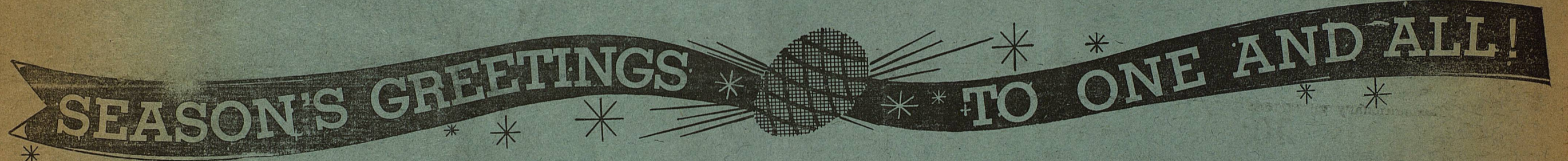
He said that the main hazards likely to threaten a holiday motor trip are: inclement weather which makes visibility poor and roadways treacherous, more hours of darkness, and the holiday mood which is likely to make drivers less alert than usual.

He offers these rules for a safe trip:

1. Plan your trip so that as much of the driving possible will be accomplished during the light hours of the day.
2. Postpone your trip entirely when the weather is particularly rainy, snowy, or when sleet and hail is in the weather forecast. Be sure to consult a weather forecast for the area to which you're driving.
3. Be certain your car is in top mechanical condition before attempting to take any sort of a trip.
4. Use tire chains at all times when the road is covered with snow or ice.
5. Most important of all: Adjust your speed to conditions.

Donald Illingworth of Houston is spending the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Illingworth.

Mrs. David Chappell of Odessa is here spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith.



In the Spirit of the . . .

Christmas Season

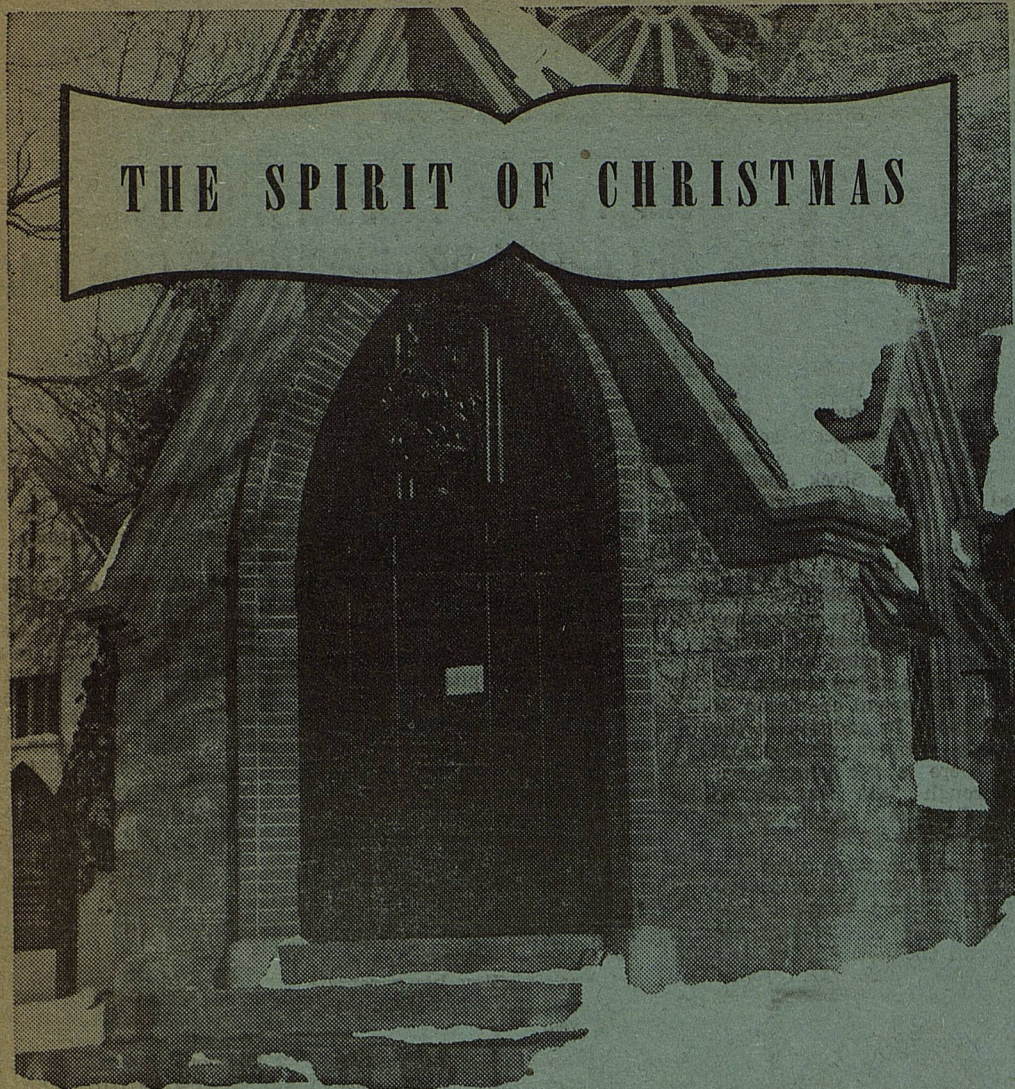
We want to rejoice with you and your family during this most blessed of Seasons . . . And to wish each and every one of our many friends and customers . . . the merriest Christmas ever!

FROM THE . . .

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS and EMPLOYEES
Of The

Citizens State Bank

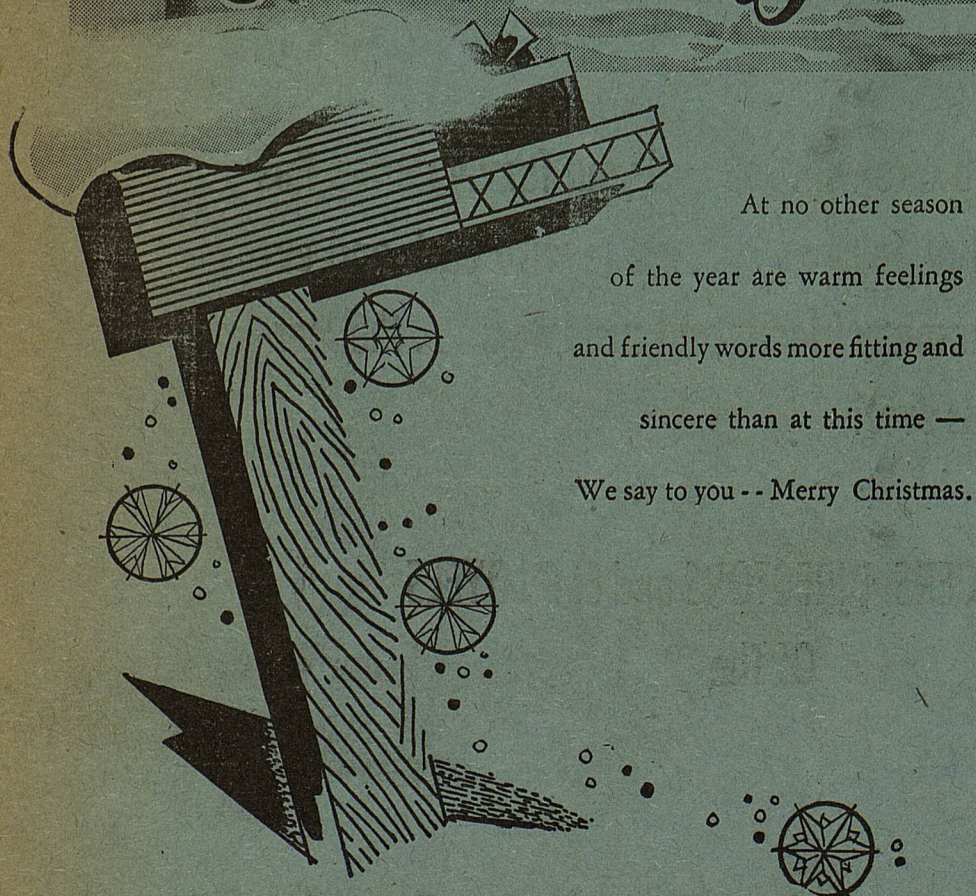




THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

With reverent hearts we pay tribute to Him on this Christmas and hope that His teachings of Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men will find expression throughout the world. May your family enjoy the many rich blessings of Christmas!

Cross Plains Tractor Service



At no other season of the year are warm feelings and friendly words more fitting and sincere than at this time — We say to you -- Merry Christmas.

BRYAN VARIETY STORE
LLOYD AND MOZELLE BRYAN

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. For Christmas I want a tiny Tears doll, a cornet, blackboard and a fountain pen. I also want a clown music box. Don't forget my two brothers and all the other boys and girls.

Thank you,
Kathy Sue Payne.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can read now. Please bring me some guns and a holster. I want a football and a b-b gun.

I love you.
Mack Ingram

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can read now. Please bring me a doll, a little mix-master and a doll suitcase and a play cabinet.

I love you.
Jean McFerrin

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a mix-master, a doll and some doll dresses. I can read now.

I love you.
Garnet McCowan.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a two gun holster set and a rope.

Willmon.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll and doll buggy and a ball. I have been good.

Fannie Watkins.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a jump rope and baton.

Wanda.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a two gun Roy Rogers set and a cowboy hat. I have been good.

Sammy Balkum.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bus and two guns. I have been nice.

Larry Smith.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Roy Rogers set.

Jackie.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good so please bring me a ball, a two gun holster and a bicycle and cowboy hat.

Billy Lee.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a cowgirl skirt and walking doll.

Tena.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can read now. Please bring me a doll and a play cabinet and a toy ice box. Bring doll dishes too.

Judy Priest.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can read now. Please bring me some guns. I want a train and horse and buggy. I will help you with others.

Randy Walker.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I can read now. Please bring me a baby doll. I want a little mixmaster and a play cabinet. I will help you with others.

I love you.
Linda Purvis.

Dear Santa,
I have been good and can read now. Please bring me a doll, I also want a doll suitcase, a little mix-master and a play cabinet. I love you.

LaNeil Dillard.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and I can read now. Please bring me a doll, a little mixmaster and a play cabinet.

I love you.
Sharlotte McCowan.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can write now. I know I have been good so please bring me a doll. I want a dress and some doll clothes.

I love you.
Betty Purvis.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I can read and write now. Please bring me some guns. I want a b-b gun, a football and a dart gun too.

Eddy Clarke Burkett

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can read now. Please bring me a doll. I want a little mix master and a play ice box.

I love you.
Vanda Anderson

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can read now. Please bring me a doll and a toy piano and a baton.

Linda Switzer.

Dear Santa,
I have been good and can read now. Please bring me a doll. I want a little mixmaster and doll dresses.

Kathleen Gregg.

Dear Santa,
I can read and write now and I have been good. Please bring me a doll, a little play cabinet and some doll dresses too.

I love you.
Estoline Gimore.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I do good work at school. Please bring me a doll. I want a play cabinet, some dresses and blanket for the doll too.

I love you.
Aleshia Newberry.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can read now. Please bring me guns, a cowboy suit and I need some boots too.

I love you.
Boyd Dillard.

An english brewery offered to help the Red Cross blood-donor drive by exchanging beer, pint for pint, for blood.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a walking doll and skates I have been nice

Darylene Hargrove

Dear Santa:
I go to school now. I work and play. Please bring me a bee bee gun, a football and a dump truck.

Johnny Wooten

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a jump rope and a stove. I have been good.

Mary Ellen Duncan.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a walking doll.

Patricia.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a train. I have been good.

Rex Archer

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a buggy and doll.

Barbara.

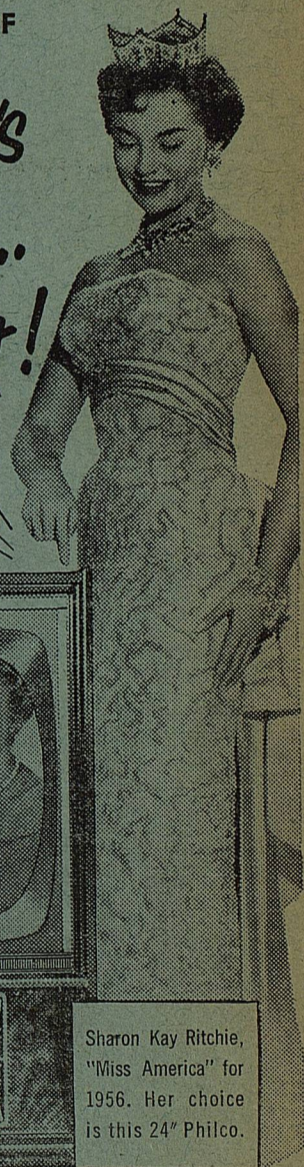
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TV with TOP TOUCH TUNING

Just a touch turns the set on. Just a touch changes stations automatically. Just a touch turns it off. Nothing matches the fabulous Mahogany veneer console for advanced features, performance, value and styling.



Even from across the room, just touch the control and change stations. You never have to leave your easy chair.

Hornsby Electric Company



TO OUR FRIENDS: We hope your Christmas is a merry one - Chock-full of cheer and lots of fun!

Plains - Pioneer Drive-In Theatres

R. L. VAUGH, Awner-Mgr.



In the spirit of friendliness and good cheer ... we thank you for your many favors and sincerely wish to each of you the blessings of peace ... good will ... good health and happiness - at Christmas time!

GEORGE HUTCHINS' STATION

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a walking doll. Georgia Lou Foster

I hope you will bring me a bicycle, Santa. I like you, will you come and see me? I'm a good boy. Your friend, Ronnie Rhodes.

Please bring me a bicycle and a walking doll for Christmas. My little brother wants a train for Christmas. Your friend Judy Cloud.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a walking doll, dishes, nurse suit and set, shoes, candy, record player, doll clothes and some games. Your friend, Judy Fortune.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. Your friend, Connie Ann Goble.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me some boots and some guns and fireworks and a football set and this is all, but I want a cow bell. This is all. Your friend, Jimmy Freeman.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll and baby bed too and doll clothes. Santa Claus I go to school and I like to go to school. Your friend, Ruby Dorce.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll, a doll bed, a nurse set, a make up set and some dishes. Your friend, Sandra Apple

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring a set of guns and a pair of boots and a dump truck. Please bring me a hat. Your friend, Jimmy Brown.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a pretty doll and a Jr. Max set and also a rattler for my little brother and don't forget the other boy's and girls. Your Friends, Norma Jean Franke.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a football and electric train, a gun, a bow and arrow and some firecrackers. Your friend, Elmer Duncan.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a gun. I want Santa to bring me a dog. Dear Santa will you bring me a bicycle. I want a cat. I'd like to have a truck. Your friend, Pat.

Dear Santa, I want you to come and see me. When you come I want you to bring me a doll, dollbed and some clothes. Will you please bring me a dollhouse too. Your friend, Peggy Lane.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll and dollbed and some cook mix, too. I would like to have a bicycle and some clothes. MERRY CHRISTMAS. Your friend, Beth.

Dear Santa, Santa, I want an electric train and a dump truck and a big play teddy bear with colors brown and yellow. I wish I had a cowboy shirt and pants and a bicycle. I want a blackboard and a Davy Crockett record player. Your friend, Charles.

Dear Santa, Bring me a truck, bring me an electric train; let me have a stocking, I want a dump truck, bring a bicycle; I want a pair of guns. I want a drum and I want a Santa Claus suit. Your friend, Jay.

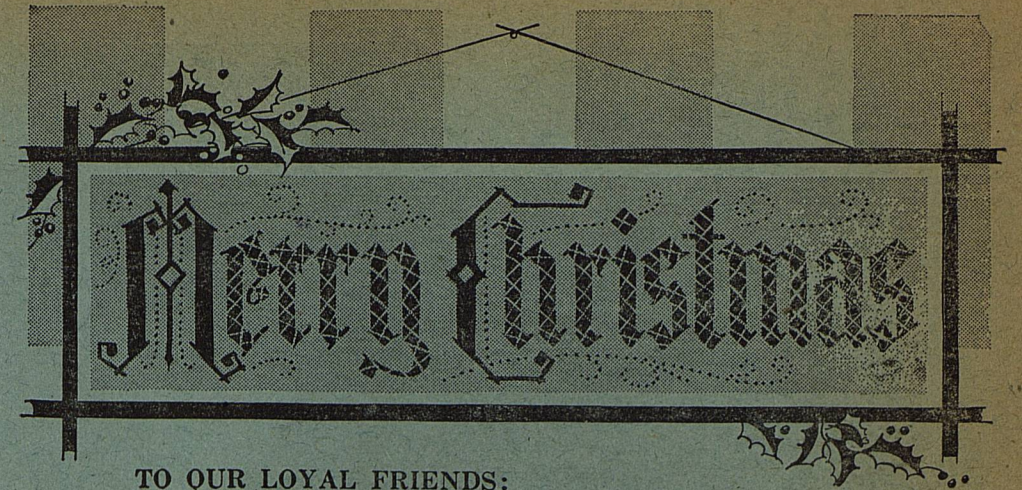
Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle and a pair of guns. I want a pair of gloves, and electric train, a dump truck, a cowboy suit and a cowboy hat. Your Friend, Kenneth Muse.

Dear Santa, I wish you would bring me a baby doll and if you have a watch left give it to me, and I want a sweater. I want a necklace, and I want another doll too. I would like to have a bicycle, but mother says no and daddy too! And I want a stocking of nuts and candy and I want some new shoes and a basketball and I want some games too, and I will give you a good lunch too! I wish you a Merry Christmas and everybody in the north Pole too. A Merry Christmas. Your friend, Pauleta Hicks.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle and a dump truck. I want a pair of guns and a football and a pair of gloves. Please, Santa, bring me a pair of spurs and a pair of boots. I want a cowboy hat and a cowboy suit. Your friend, Dickie.

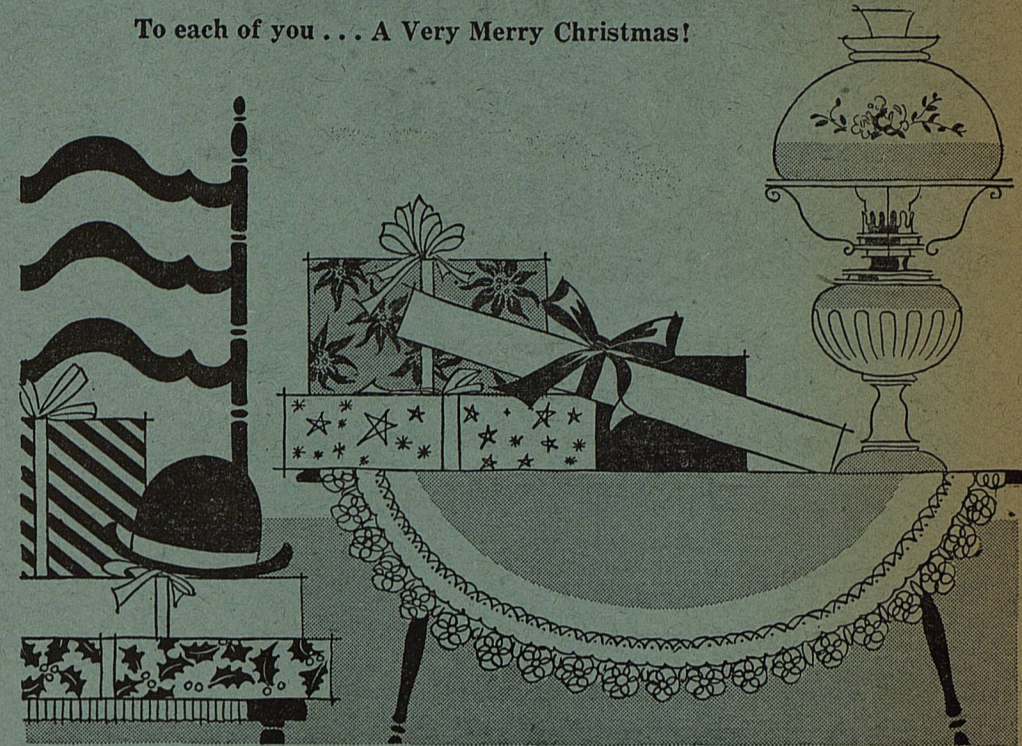
Dear Santa, Would you bring me a bicycle for Christmas? I'm a good boy. I like you Santa. Your friend, Donnie Rhodes.

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. Please bring me an electric train and a typewriter and I would like to have a bicycle. Your friend, James Switzer.



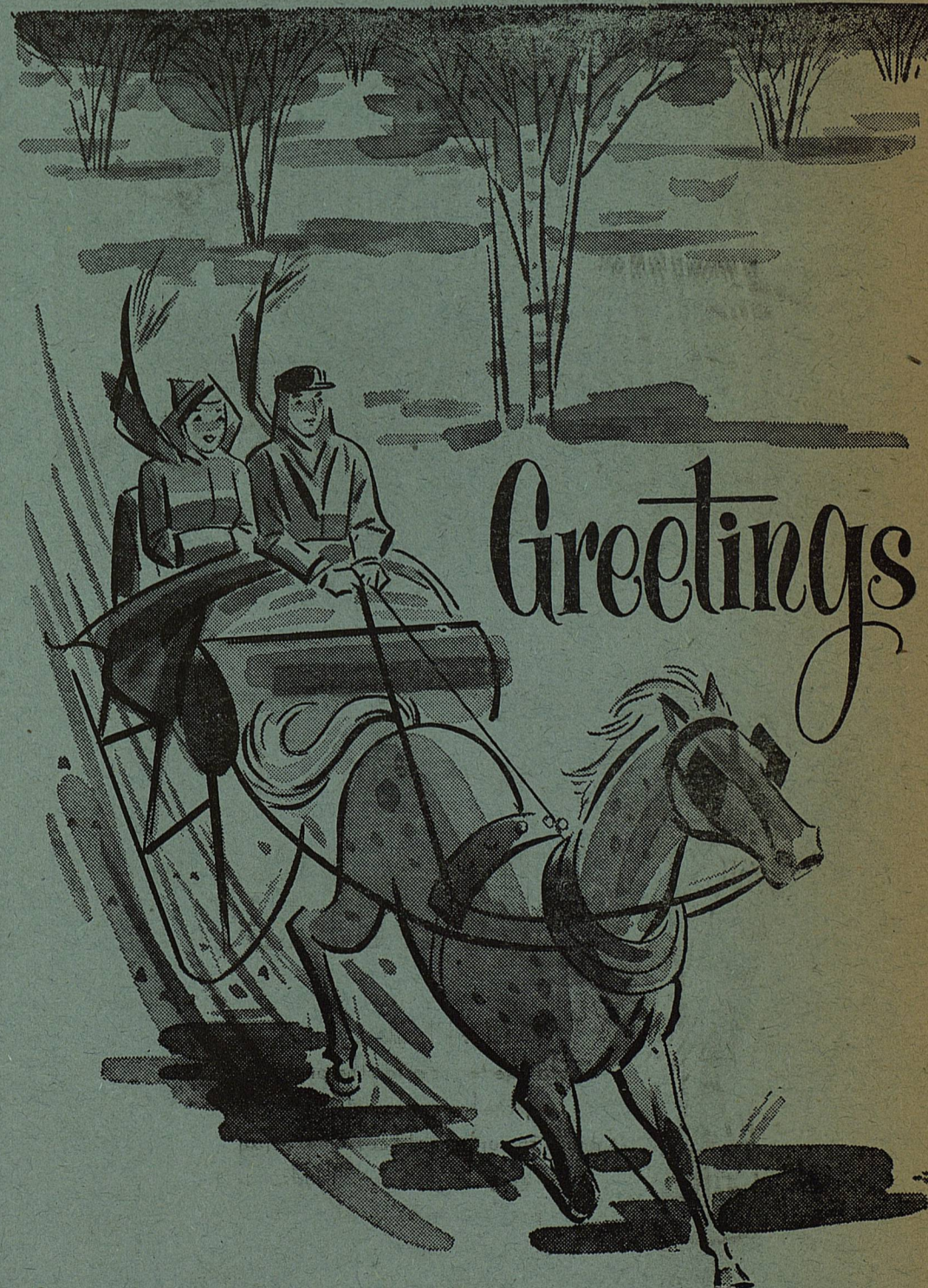
TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS:

In this busy old world, it may often appear that we neglect or forget those we hold dear, But at Christmas time, we take this space to say That we value your friendship each and every day! To each of you ... A Very Merry Christmas!



Koenig Grocery & Station

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Koenig



Greetings

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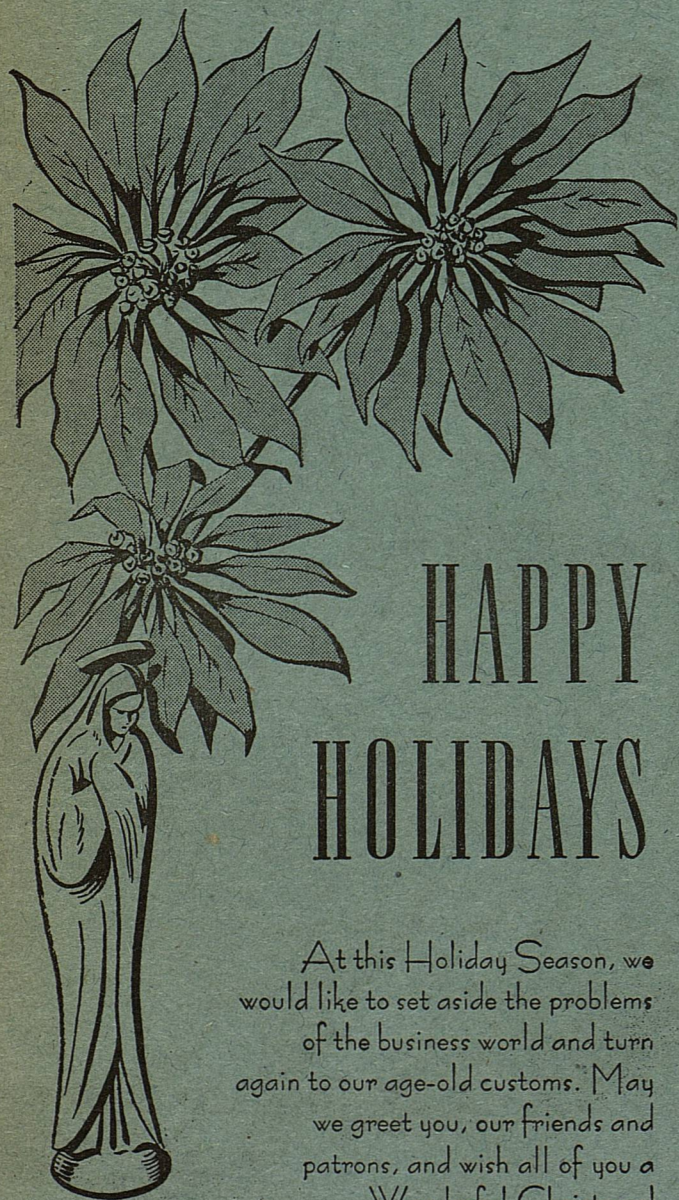
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our many friends: we wish you the Happiest Holiday & the Merriest Christmas, ever —thanks for your patronage!

S. N. Foster & Son Grocery



At this Holiday Season, we would like to set aside the problems of the business world and turn again to our age-old customs. May we greet you, our friends and patrons, and wish all of you a Wonderful Christmas!

Hornsby Electric Company

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll.
Your friend,
Christy Ann Chesshir

Dear Santa,
Bring me a bicycle and a truck and electric train and a football.
Your friend,
Jimmie.

Dear Santa,
Bring me a bicycle for Christmas and I would like a drum too. Santa you are good to me and my brother wants an electric train for Christmas and my mother wants an electric blanket and my daddy wants a brand new car for Christmas.
Your friend,
Danny.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a drink wet doll and a doll bed. Please bring me a buggy, I would like to have some dishes.
Your friend,
Mary.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and bring me a doll bed too. Bring me a ring and I want a dress, too, and a ballet suit too.
Your friend,
Barbara Shocklee.

Dear Santa,
Bring me a bicycle. The bicycle is pretty. It has three wheels at the back, one wheel is at the front.
Your friend,
Michael.

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a pair of guns too. I would like a dump truck. I will keep the stove on so that you will not get cold. There is one more thing I would like to have and it is a football.
Santa Claus, I hope you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Mack Ingram.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and sewing set. I would like a nurse kit, too!
Your friend,
Jean McFerrin.

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and bring me a car. I want a dump truck. Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend,
Jacky.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Horseman fairy skin doll and a bicycle, a box of dishes and a drum. Please bring me a dress.
Your friend,
Jodee.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little walking doll in a suit case, a doll house with furniture and lots of other toys. Bring something nice for Big Mama and Papap, too.
Your friend,
Debra Lynn Dillard.

President Woodrow Wilson was football coach at Princeton in 1890.

Cross Plains Review

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a ball and a Roy Rogers set. I have been good.
Rex.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith of Rising Star and Fred V. Tunnell of this city visited relatives in Snyder and Levelland Sunday.

Thursday, December 22, 1955

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big truck, a dancing monkey and some pulling toys. Remember all the other boys and girls too.

Your friend,
Billy Dale Dillard, Jr.

Read the Classified Ads

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

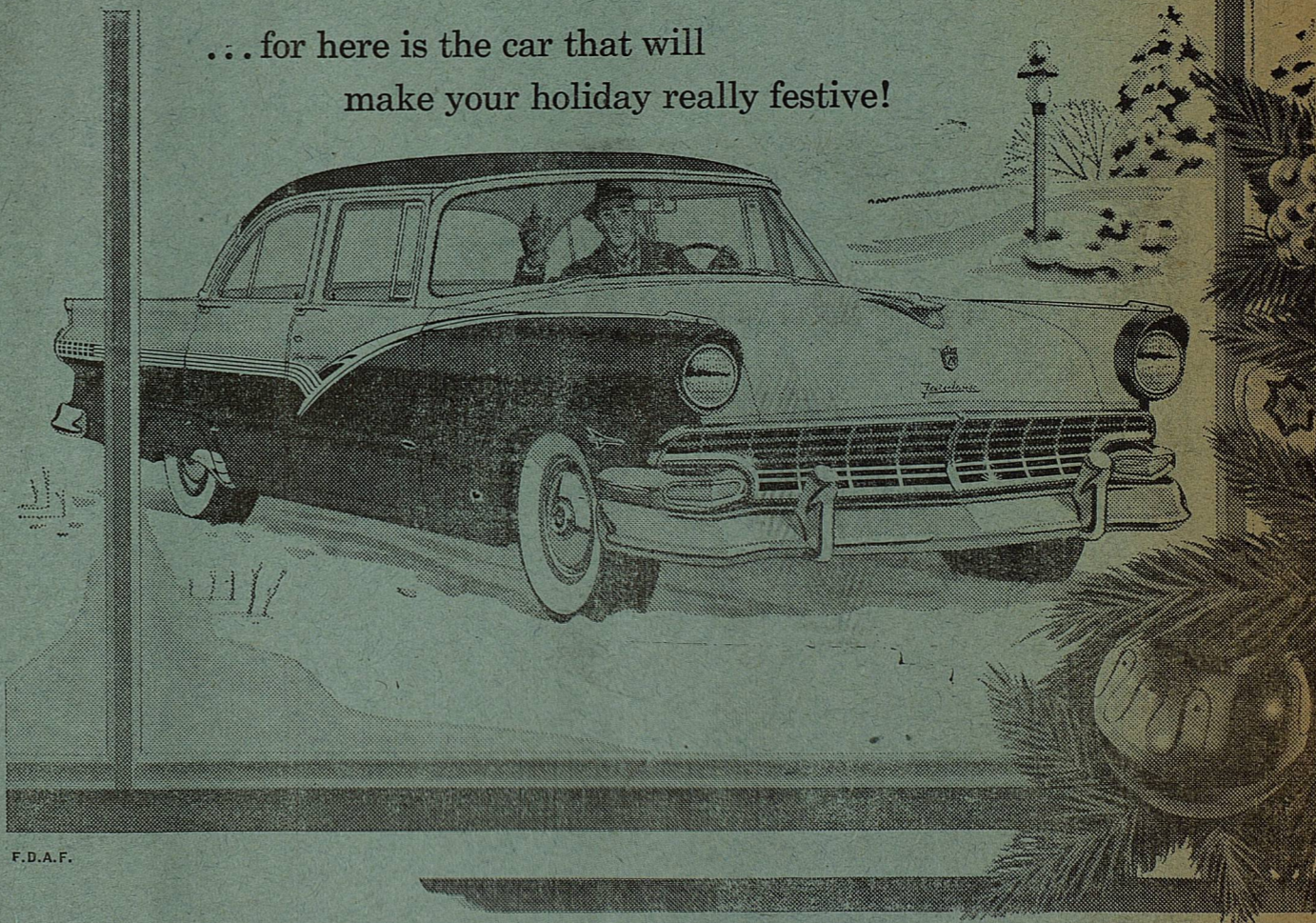


As another year rolls around we express our thanks for your past patronage and wish you all . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Coleman Furniture Store

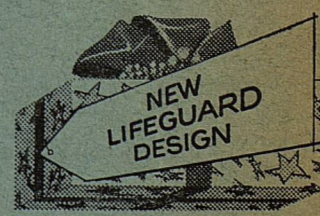
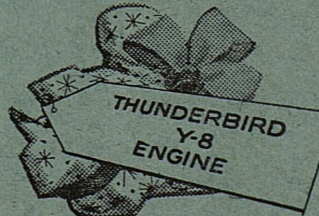
Give your family a Ford for Christmas

... for here is the car that will make your holiday really festive!



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You'll know there's a Santa Claus when you get a **FORD** The fine car at half the fine-car price!



Nothing could be finer. That Thunderbird look gift-wraps all the many wonderful advances in all 18 of the beautiful, new '56 Fords. It makes your Ford distinctive beyond any car at, or even near Ford's price.

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To give you new protection against accident injuries, Ford has Lifeguard Design. It includes a new deep-center steering wheel, new double-grip door latches, new optional instrument panel and sun visor padding and seat belts.

Rockey Motor Company

BAIRD, TEXAS

Summary of the 1955 Texas Corn Tests

College Station—Four hybrids led all others in the 1955 Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's corn performance tests with an average yield of 60 bushels per acre. These were Texas 26, 28, 30 and 32. All were developed and released by the Station. The tests were conducted in 15 locations throughout the state.

Texas 30 and 32 were most resistant to lodging and stalk breaking and are recommended particularly where high yields are expected. Texas 30 was more resistant to insects and diseases than other hybrids. The Texas 28 and 26 hybrids are recommended where moisture and temperature may seriously limit yields.

The highest-yielding white hybrid in 1955 tests with an average yield of 54.5 bushels per acre, was Texas 15W, but Texas 17W outyielded it in those tests with lower yield levels.

With the exception of the below-freezing temperatures during the last week in March, the remainder of the season was favorable to corn growth and the state-wide average yield was 23.5 bushels per acre. This was the highest since 1908. Adequate rainfall and moderate temperatures during June were primarily responsible.

Top yields were obtained at practically all locations where tests were conducted. Texas hybrids 26, 32, 28 and 30 may be expected to give good yields in all major corn-growing areas in the state. Texas 30 and 32, because of their greater resistance to lodging, may be preferred where lodging is a serious problem. Texas 30 is recommended for areas of higher humidity and rainfall.

To conduct the tests, the state divided into five areas—Southeastern, Northeastern, South-central, North-central, and Western. Texas 26, 28, and 32 led all hybrids in average yields for the Southeastern area. The highest yielding hybrids in the Northeastern area were Texas 26 and 32. They had an average yield of 60 bushels per acre. Texas 15W was the highest yielding white hybrid with an average of 51.5 bushels per acre. Texas 30 is the recommended hybrid for this area.

Texas 30, 26, 32 and 28 led tests with yields averaging over 70 bushels per acre in the South-central area. Texas 15W was again highest producing white hybrid in the area. In the North-central area of the state, Texas 28, 26 and 32 were leading

yellow hybrids, following closely by Texas 30. Texas 15W and 17W were about equal in yield, but 17W may be preferred because of emphasis on larger grain size for white hybrids.

Texas 32 was highest producing hybrid in the Western area of the state. Under irrigated conditions on the High Plains, however, Texas 30 is recommended because of its superior resistance to lodging and insects. Texas 17W and Asgrow 103

led all white hybrids with an average of more than 39 bushels per acre.

The 1955 test information contained a Progress Report 1829, available from the Agricultural Information office, College Station, Texas.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell visited Sunday with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Duke Mitchell. She is now visiting with relatives in Abilene.

Doyle Ferrell and son of Plainview spent Sunday night here with their father and grandfather, John Ferrell. Mr. Ferrell accompanied his son home Monday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Tyson and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Freeman, Jr. and children visited in Gorman Sunday with Mrs. F. C. Newton who is seriously ill in the Gorman Hospital.



It Doesn't Seem Long...



Christmas comes, is enjoyed and is gone. This old world spins and whirls awhile, events come and pass and then first thing you know, why it's time for that festive season again.

It seems only yesterday that we were wrapping presents and wishing everyone a Joyous Holiday. That time is here again, so here's our wish for a Merry Christmas.

It's Christmas!

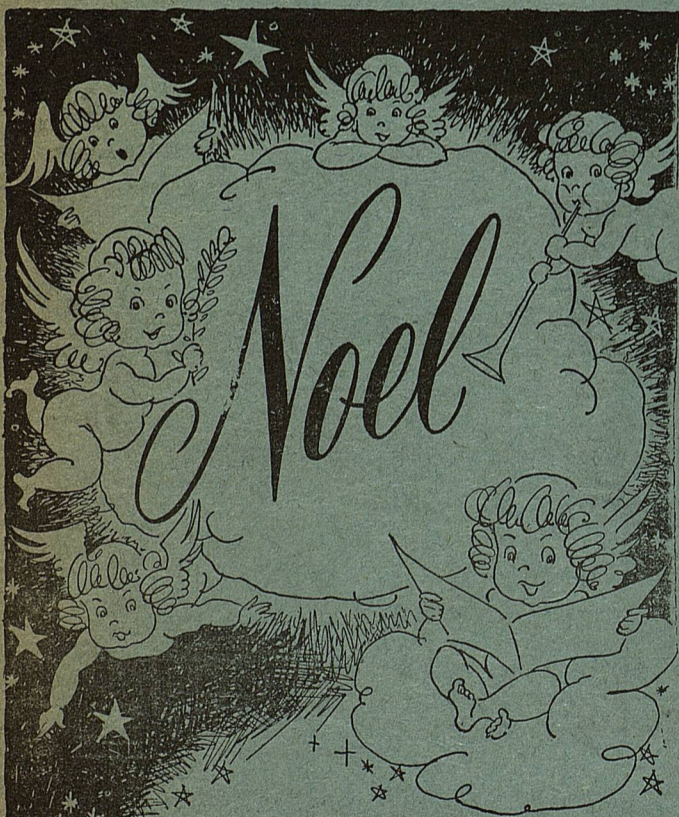
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This Year

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Please bring me a checker board,
two guns and a walking doll.
Marlene

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a train. I have
been good.
Larry Bowman.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll. I have
been good.
Cathy.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and jump-
ing rope. I have been good.
Cathy Jo.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a drum, a doll.
Please bring a rope and lunch pail.
Your friend,
Ella Sus Duncan.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I can read now.
Please bring me a doll, a little mix-
master and a toy ice box.
I love you.
Terry Baum

Dear Santa,
I have been good and can read
now. Please bring me a gun, a foot-
ball and a Davy Crockett set.
Terry Bell

Dear Santa,
I have been good and can read
now. Please bring me a cowboy suit
and a Davy Crockett set.
Buford Searcy

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and a baby
bed and a bicycle and some dishes.
Your friend,
Connie Bowman

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll
and some dishes, a baby bed and
some dandy.
Your friend,
Mary Ruth Coggin.

I have been good. I can read now
and write too. Please bring me a
football and also a truck.
I love you.
Joe Pope.

Dear Santa:
I have been good. I can read now.
Please bring me a doll. I want a doll
suit case.
I love you,
Barbara Clark

I have been good. I can read now.
Please bring me a doll, I want some
dresses for my doll and a doll suit-
case.
Carolyn Tunnell

Dear Santa:
I have been good. I can read now.
Please bring me some guns. I want
a cowboy suit and a two gun scab-
bard gun.
I love you,
Joe Pierce

Dear Santa:
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and some
skates and a nurse kit. I have been
good.
Marcia Lynn

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and skates.
Thank you. I have been good.
Peggy Edwin.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me two guns and a
big football and a basketball.
Johnny Chesshir.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll. I have been
nice. Thank you.
Claudia Lou

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me two Roy Rogers
Guns and also a Roy Rogers suit. I
have been good.
Larry Franke.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle, a train
and Roy Rodgers guns. I have
been good. I also want a football and
a basketball. I like you Santa.
Perry Jay Cloud.

Cross Plains, Texas
December 8, 1956

Dear Santa:
I am trying to be a good girl, so
please bring me a blackboard and
guitar, some fruit, candy and nuts.
Please remember by little brother,
Donny, with something nice and
all the other little boys and girls.
With lots of love,
Barbara Renfro

Dear Santa:
My name is Dale Priest. I want
a football and some parts to my
electric train. My brother, Eddy,
wants a slide and a toy turtle and
a toy dump truck. My name is Terry
and I want a bike and a baton
and a little slip and my sister,
Judy wants a toy ice box and a toy
cabinet and some toy dishes.
Love,
Judy, Eddy, Terry and Dale.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a set of guns, a
dump truck and a B-B gun.
Your friend,
David Grider.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bow and arrow.
Your friend,
Tommy Dewbre.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a wagon and a
fire engine.
Your friend,
Rickey Latson.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and two
guns and an electric train and some
fireworks and a bow and arrow.
Your friend,
Tommy Wayne Cowan

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and a baby
bed and a bicycle for Christmas.
Your friend,
Dorothy Fay Aiken



Greetings

We hope Santa will fill your sock right to the top
With a host of blessings that never stop—and to all:
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Cross Plains, Texas



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Do You Remember?...

December 20, 1940

Announcement has been made of the October marriage of Miss Barbara Riley, of Coleman, and Bevo Webb, of Webb ranch Southwest of Cross Plains. The ceremony was solemnized at Paint Rock.

Miss Winnie Ruth Payne, of this city, and J. C. Grantham, of Oplin, were united in marriage at the First Methodist Church in Moran Saturday evening, December 14, at 9:30 with Rev. J. C. Scoggins, former Cross Plains pastor, solemnizing the single ring ceremony.

Winter spread icy tentacles across this area the past week end, interrupted communications and doing considerable damage to shrubbery, bringing discomfort to citizens and danger to motorists.

Fred Stacy is recovering this week from chest injuries received in a head on auto collision Saturday night on the road between Cottonwood and Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burkett are the parents of a baby boy born Friday, December 13th. The baby has been named Joe Everett. Burkett news.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holland are the parents of a baby girl born Monday

December 9th. Burkett news.

The quilting club met at the home of Mrs. George Wright last Wednesday. A covered luncheon was served to fifteen guests. Cross Cut news.

Mrs. J. E. Hanke and Mrs. G. L. Hanke were hostesses Tuesday evening from one to four o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. E. Hanke honoring Mrs. Allen Young, nee Miss Gladys Hanke.

Keelon Riffe and Miss Nell Bailey of Soranton were united in marriage Monday night, Dec. 16, at the Mendon McWilliams home. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Author Bailey of Soranton and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Riffe of this place. Atwell news.

Frenchie Bennett of A&M is home for the holidays, his school dismissed early on account of flu. Cottonwood news.

Four members of the debate club of Cross Plains high school, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Settle, attended the debate institute at the University of Texas, Austin, last Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14. The debaters making the trip were Madeline McAnally, Leona Plumber, Edwin Neeb, Jr., and Jim

Wilson.
Cross Plains merchants this week expressed elation at Yuletide sales this year, with articles flowing over their counters at a rate unsurpassed in recent history.

December 20, 1935

The city of Cross Plains has launched a drive for the collection of delinquent taxes.

Miss Ruth McGowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. McGowan and A. G. Merryman of this place were married Wednesday at Coleman.

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends both here and at Burkett, was the marriage Monday night of Miss Mosell Swafford, of this place and Don Helberg of Burkett.

J. L. Settle was named president of the Loyalty Club at the regular semi-annual election of the group Tuesday noon, in the dining room of the Presbyterian church.

Tom Bryant, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryant of Cross Plains, is expected home for Christmas about Dec. 20. Young Bryant is a Junior College student at New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell.

Cross Cut girls and the Soranton boys emerged victorious in their respective divisions of the Pioneer annual invitation basketball tournament.

A long desired extension of Cross Plains rural route number one causing 14 more families to be served with delivery service will go into effect January first. Families to be served by the new route are Joe Pierce, Jim Barr, Tom Bryant, George Neel, A. G. Foster, T. M. Shuford, Edgar Jones, Charlie Smith, J. C. Holt, W. M. Wright, Charlie Barr, Davis Montgomery, Elmer Vestal and R. M. Meador.

Miss Helen Younglove and Miss George Cox honored Mrs. A. G.

Merryman with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Arlis Webb the past week.

Clara Nell McDermott of Cross Plains is listed among the 103 honor students of John Tarleton College who made 80 or above in all subjects for second preliminary report.

Miss Jennie Laura Jackson, student in Daniel Baker College and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jackson of this place is among the honor students for the term just opening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gage of near Nimrod, are parents of a ten pound baby girl born December sixth.

PAY TAXES NOW

Payments made before February 1st will not be subject to additional fees for interest and penalties, and to accomodate property owners this office has mailed statements of 1955 taxes.

Don't forget that if you wish to vote during 1956 your poll tax must be paid before February first. You will not want to be disfranchised for the need of a poll tax receipt, so attend to this detail at once. Poll taxes may be paid at the Citizens State Bank in Cross as well as at the office of

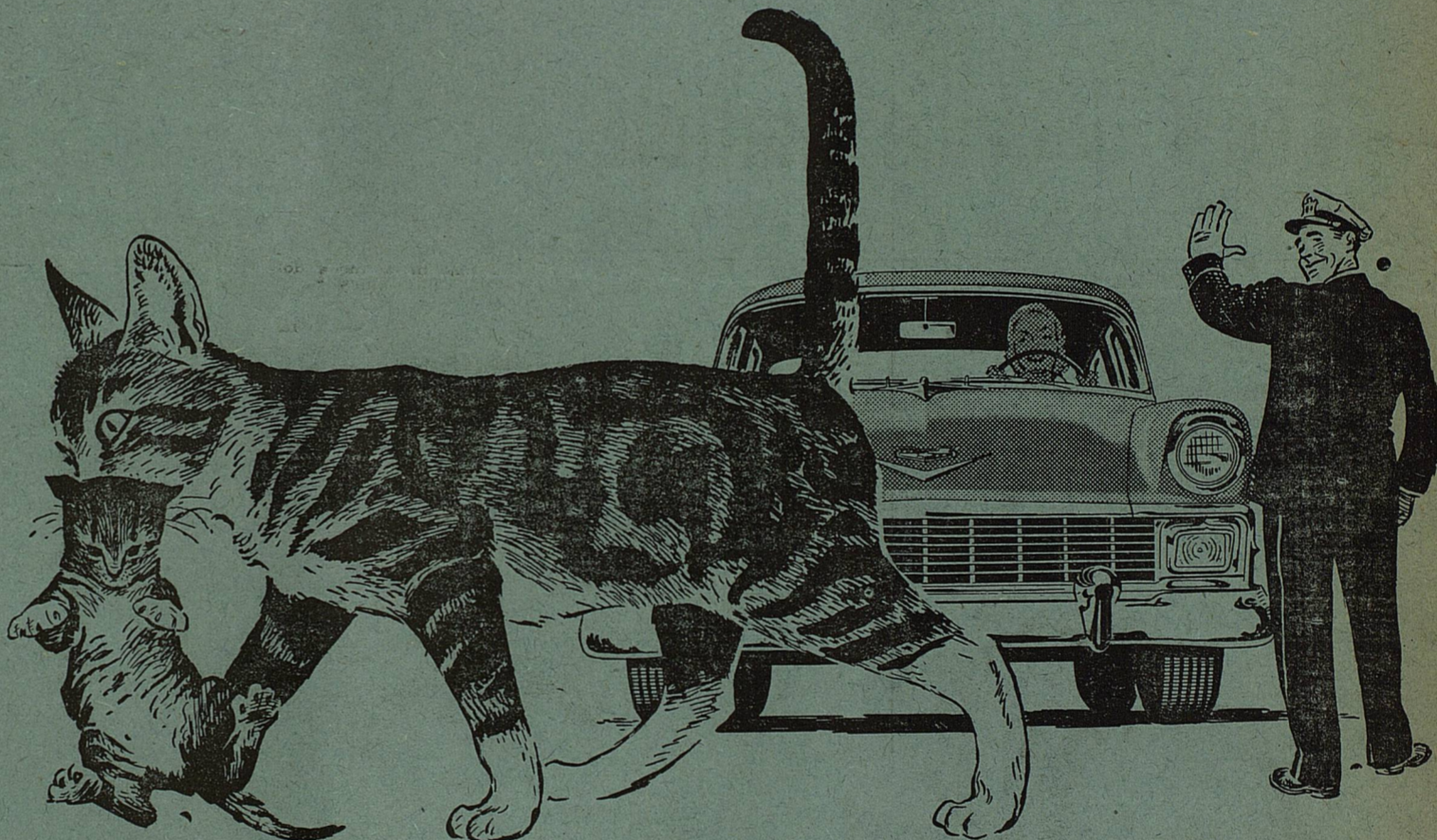
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veterans land program were filed in Austin last week by Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd.

The land is located in Dimmit, Zavalla and Uvalde counties. Suits pertaining to block deals made with 42 veterans, mostly Latin-Americans. Ten south Texas land promoters were listed as defendants.

This makes a total of 30 such civil suits brought by the state. Total recovery sought is \$2,945,381. Total recovery to date, in five suits, is \$381,032.

Anti-Parr Forces Win
Anti-George Parr forces are one step nearer their goal of prosecuting

the South Texas political boss on charges of misappropriation of Duval County funds.

Last week the State Supreme Court unanimously upheld the suspension of a Duval County Commissioner, Mrs. Estella G. Garcia. This shifted the balance of power to a commissioners court that sides with the state on where and how Parr shall be tried for recovery of about \$1,000,000.

Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd termed the ruling "a heartening and far fetching victory."

Texas Leads in Dope
Texas leads all other states in illegal narcotics traffic. So says Charles F. Herring of Austin. He stated that pushers find it easy to obtain dope in Mexico-Texas border

towns.
Herring is a former U. S. District Attorney. He testified at hearings in San Antonio, before U. S. Senator Price Daniel's subcommittee on dope traffic.

Both the Texas Department of Public Safety and federal units along the border are "seriously undermanned," said Herring. He recommended more men and equipment . . . with stiffer laws.

Short Snorts
Charles M. Rogers of Amarillo has been reappointed a member of the Teacher Retirement Board of Trustees by Gov. Allan Shivers.

Only 15,000 of the state's 38,000 employers have taken steps to comply with the state's new unemployment compensation law which takes effect January 1. The new law includes employers of four or more persons. Previously only employers of eight or more had to pay unemployment taxes.

Bids totaling \$6,886,390.57 on 155 miles of road construction were tabulated last week by the State Highway Commission.

Contracts let thus far on the Dallas-Fort Worth toll road will total \$13,524,321 after awards are

made this week for six bridges. Low bid submitted to the Texas Turnpike Authority was by Harry Neyton, Inc., of Graham, for \$2,196,273.

Lack of moisture, recurrent freezes and strong dusty winds are slowly strangling wheat prospects in the Plains Country, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

Six Texas hospital construction projects have been qualified to receive more than \$1,000,000 in federal aid. Approved by the State Board of Health were: Donley County Hospital at Clarendon, Texarkana Hospital, Llano County Hospital at Llano, Joint City-County Public Health Center at Ft. Worth and Wichita General Hospital at Wichita Falls.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety predicts violent deaths for 204 Texans during the Christmas-New Year's holiday. He estimated 112 traffic deaths, 39 murders and suicides and 53 other accidental deaths. Last year's traffic prediction and final count was 108.

Bright factors in the Texas Employment Commission's annual report to the governor: (1) Unemployment hit a new low in August. (2) Workers covered by unemploy-

ment compensation increased 5.1 per cent. (3) Earnings of production workers increased, to average \$75.42 weekly.

Infestation of pink bollworm is worse this year than last, says State Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. He warns farmers to plow up fields of cotton stalks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McIntosh have returned home for the Holidays from Marathon, Texas where he has been employed for the past six weeks.

A-2 Joe Garrett of Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McIntosh of Cross Plains and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Maddox of Cottonwood.

David Dallas and Betty Montgomery both students at Abilene Christian College came home Thursdays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Montgomery.

O. G. Curl of Fort Worth was a visitor here Saturday of the past week with Fred V. Tunnell.

Dear Santa,

I am 4 years old. I want some guns and holsters, a ranch set with animals, and a doll.

Love,
Sue Oliver.

Dear Santa,

I am six years old. I want a doll, some dishes and silverware, and a sewing machine. Don't forget my sisters toys.

Judy Oliver.

**NOTICE
BANK PATRONS**

. . . effective February 1, 1956, this bank will close at noon on Saturdays.

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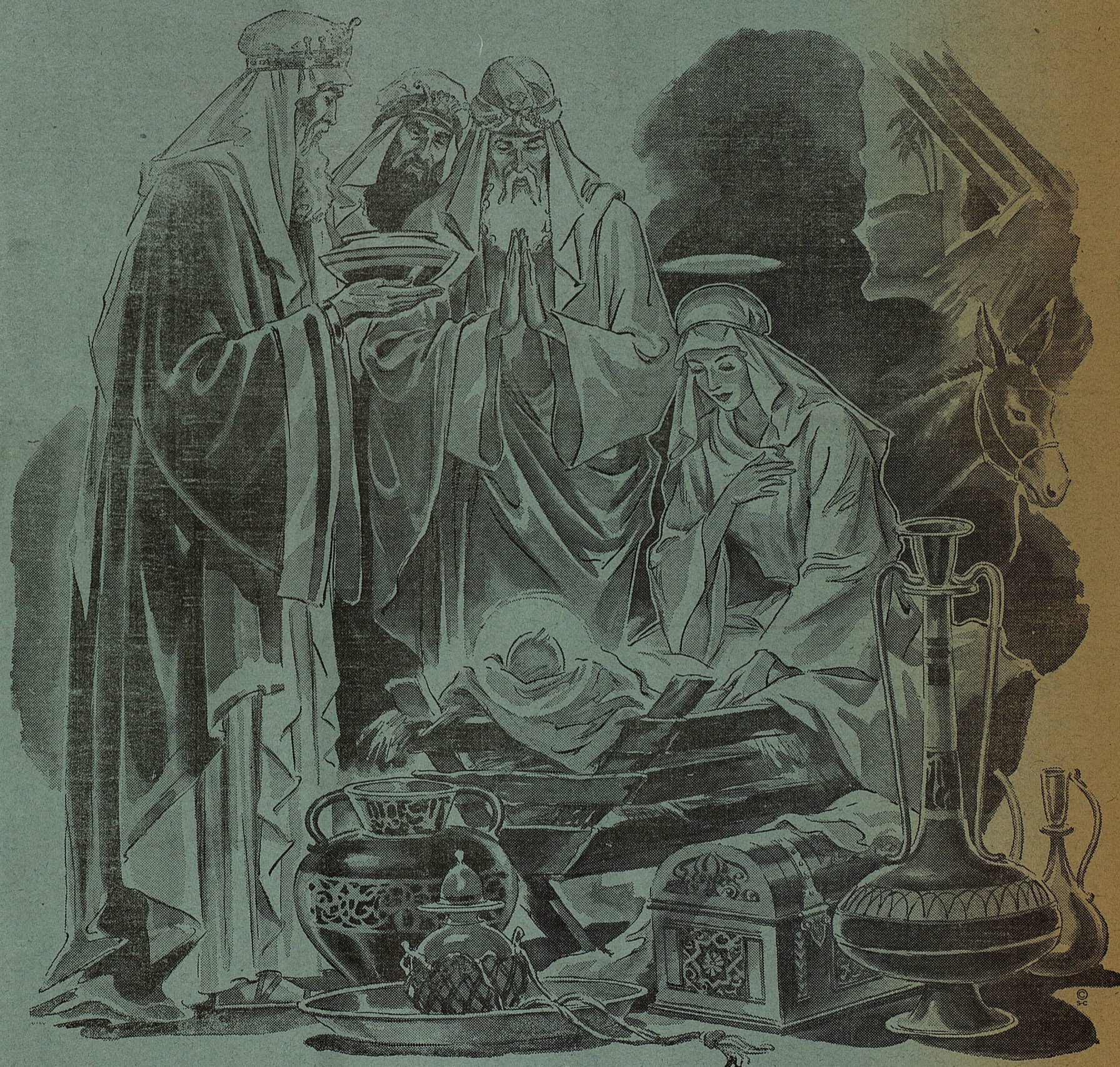
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Greetings

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of old fashioned greetings to
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patronage, and to hope you'll have
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Bufs Win Baird Tourney

Coach James Alexander's Cross Plains Buffaloes won their second straight basketball tournament at Baird last Saturday night when they whipped the Clyde Bulldogs by a score of 61-31 in the final game. The girls team, coached by Farrell, lost their second game of the tournament to Clyde by a score of 66-60.

In the first game the boys won over Lawn, 38-35, with Pat Moore leading the scoring with 12 points. The Buffs tangled with Moran in their second game and won 47-31. Moore again led the scoring with 18 points.

Final game score was 61-31, with Terry Watkins scoring 23 points for high score honors.

In their first game of the tournament, the local girls downed Moran, 68-54. Lois Phillips led the scoring with 33 points. They lost their second game to Clyde, 66-60. Phillips again led the scoring with 34 points.

Make Tournament Team. Clark Baum was named to the all-tournament boys team and Lois Phillips and Carolyn Illingworth were named to the girls team.

Played Clyde Tuesday. The local team were hosts to the Clyde teams here Tuesday night of this week.

The boys won their game, 44-35, and the local girls lost, 51-49. Watkins and Moore tied for high point honors for the boys with 16 points each and Vonda Dillard led the girls with 32 points.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
Your Mayor, Freight Vendor, Paper Boy has been out of town and several have asked that I tell something of my trip.

To begin with the opportunity was a gratuity out of the generosity of that commendable publication, the Abilene Reporter-News.

Our company consisted of 16 people who spend part of their time in serving you with the Reporter-News. Men and women who drive the highways at night, meet the early and late trains and busses, facing inclement weather and the vicissitudes of life with joy and pleasure that you, the great and worthy should have the latest edition with your morning Java.

Our transportation was via the Texas and Pacific Railway Lines. We had at our disposal and command one of the company's beautiful Blue Eagle coaches and with their schedules and excellent service we had a joyful ride.

Arriving in New Orleans we were confronted with the charming characteristics passed by no other American city. In New Orleans you envision life as it was lived in the colorful days of more than two centuries ago.

The record that the city was founded in 1718 by one Bevilille. This would be 98 years later than that other Christmas time. "That bore the Mayflower up and poured among New England's hills the treasures of her cup". The relic of that early day would indicate that these men bore burdens as great as did our Puritan fathers and that the women bore even greater burdens, for in addition to bearing the burdens that the men bore, the women had to endure the fathers.

In the Cabildo, known as the house of the Louisiana State Museum, built in 1795 as a meeting place for the Spanish legislature, are many of the relics portraying the history of the city. It was here that the formal transfer of Louisiana to the United States consummated the Louisiana purchase made in 1803. Such men as Lafayette, Henry Clay, Zachary Taylor, Mark Twain, Theodore Roosevelt, Andrew Jackson, Jean and Perre LaFitte and other immortals galore passed this way.

Historic as the city is, engaging at the story of Jackson's victory on the plains of Charrette, with all of its renowned French quarters, it is also a modern city. Covering 200 square miles, it is the fourth largest city in the United States in land area, a southern industrial center of the first magnitude, leading wholesale and retail market of the South as well as one of the great financial centers. Site of Tulane and Loyola Universities with a public free school system second to none. Her beautiful Church edifices run the gamut from that historic shrine, the St. Louis Cathedral, to the most modern in architecture, beauty and convenience, representing innumerable sects and denominations.

With all the pleasures that I enjoyed fresh in my memory and a heart filled with gratitude for the privilege that has been mine to live out more than three score and ten allotment that is accorded to any of us, in the same community and with the same people, I hereby tender my sincere thanks. At this yuletide season on the verge of the Christmas festivities I am wishing for each and all of you the very best that life has in store. May the incoming year be the best that we have ever experienced and it will be if we all here and now highly resolve that we will do all that we can to keep the world bright and cheery and lovable, don't you know.

S. Foster Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Pillans of Austin visited with relatives and friends in Cross Plains Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Recent visitors in the Sub Peavy home were Mr. and Mrs. Orea Peavy and daughter of Toas, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Peavy and daughter of Abilene.

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SANTA WILL BE HERE TONIGHT

Edwin Baum Home Damaged By Fire

Fire, thought to have been caused by electrical wiring, broke out in the Edwin Baum home here Thursday afternoon of last week and did considerable damage before being brought under control by the local volunteer fire department.

The fire broke out in the roof over the kitchen and spread throughout the attic before being controlled.

All of the contents were saved but much of the furniture is damaged beyond repair.

Baum stated that he had insurance and hoped that it would cover the loss. He stated that he planned to repair the damage and move back home as soon as possible. The family is now residing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Baum, on East Eighth Street.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON!

Bob Garrett Buried At Gouldbusk Wednesday

Funeral services for Robert L. (Bob) Garrett, 78, of Bangs were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Gouldbusk Baptist Church, with the Rev. Jack Skelton and Rev. Paul Smith officiating.

Mr. Garrett, father of T. J. Garrett of Cross Plains, was born in Bosque County and lived in Gouldbusk a number of years before moving to Bangs eight years ago. He died December 20, 1955 in the Over-all Memorial Hospital in Coleman. Burial was made in the Gouldbusk Cemetery.

Survivors include four sons, three daughters; two sisters; 29 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Buddy Hardin of Abilene visited here Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lutzenberger and Judy and Mrs. George Lutzenberger of Salem, Mo. visited with friends in Abilene Sunday.

Nephew of Local Women Dies In California

Earnie Smith, nephew of Mrs. M. F. Ray and Mrs. T. M. Shuford of this city, died Dec. 5, in Los Angeles, Calif. where he had lived for several years.

The Smith family made their home in Cross Plains before moving to California in 1933.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. J. M. Smith, six brothers and five sisters.

COX FAMILY ENJOY GET TOGETHER SUNDAY

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cox met the American Legion Hall Sunday for their annual Christmas get-together, with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox of this city, serving as host to the relatives. A delicious barbecue dinner with all the trimmings was served at the noon hour to the 49 attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones and family visited the L. G. Jennings family over the week end.

Burkett Baptist Church Has Christmas Pageant

The Burkett Baptist Church presented a Christmas Pageant at the church Sunday evening, December 18, at 7:30, with the pastor the Rev. P. A. Voss, director.

The theme of the pageant was "Once I Was Blind but Now I See". Characters were Gilder Adams, Corene Adams, Andy Neff, Lanette Burns, Dusty Godwin, Tommy Knight, Nita Walker, Hank Hunter, Thaniel Porter, Rebecca Burkett, Brenda Cason, Roy Rhodes, L. E. Cox, Alan Rhodes, Andrew Walker, Tommy Gene Burns, Bill Koenig, Dewey Cason, Seth Burkett, John Pricer, Buel Neff, Geraldine Burns and Paul Voss.

LOCAL MAN RECEIVES HIS HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Petty Officer O. T. Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Newton of this city, recently received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy Forces at Corpus Christi, and has returned to his home at Baird.

Record Crowd Expected Here For Annual Community Christmas Tree Party Tonight

Monday, Dec. 26, Will be Observed as Full Holiday

Since Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year, local business firms will follow their usual custom and observe Sunday, Dec. 26, as a full holiday, thereby allowing themselves and their employees a long week end to celebrate the greatest of all holidays.

Another Monday holiday will be observed by local firms on Jan. 2, 1956 when virtually all firms will be closed in observance of New Year's Day.

School will be out both days, so that families can use the days to visit or entertain visitors.

The next scheduled holiday in Cross Plains will be July Fourth.

John Whiteside of Abilene visited in Cross Plains over the week end.

Lloyd Bryan, general chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas party stated this week that a record crowd is expected to be present tonight to take part in the big community Christmas program and all of the kids are reminded that good old Santa Claus will be on hand to visit with them and distribute sacks of goodies.

The program will be, as follows: "God Bless America," by the Buffalo Band.

Prayer, Rev. D. R. Phillee, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Choral group, led by Mrs. Clyde Bunnell.

A 15-minute Christmas concert by the Band.

Audience will sing, "Jingle Bells".

Quartet, "O Little Town of Bethlehem".

Audience, "Silent Night".

Audience, "O Come All Ye Faithful".

"Santa Clause Is Coming to Town," Mike Pruet.

The program will be closed with the crowd singing, "Here Comes Santa Claus," at which time Old St. Nick will show up in the crowd.

Mrs. B. K. Eubank will serve as pianist and Jack McCarty will be master of ceremonies.

Lighting Contest Winners

John Pruet, chairman of the lighting contests, stated this week that a panel of out-of-town judges made a tour of the city last Friday night and picked the winners in the lighting contests and results will be announced at the program tonight (Thursday).

Goodfellows Need Help

E. K. Coppinger, chairman of the Goodfellow committee, stated this week that a large number of needy has been found in our community and still more financial help was needed if all were to receive a visit from Santa. If you haven't bade your contribution to this worthy cause, won't you drop by the Citizens State Bank or mail your contribution today? It will make your Christmas happier to know that you have helped an unfortunate family or child to have a happy Christmas.

Hall Feed Store To Be Housed In New Home

In a real estate trade made here last week, Ira Hall, owner and operator of Hall's Feed Store here traded his home on East Seventh St. to By Montgomery for his home on Highway 36, just east of the traffic light, and workmen are now busy with the foundation work for a new building to be erected on the Montgomery tract, which when completed will house the Hall Feed Store and ice dock.

Hall stated that the new building will house a large store room in the front for his feed business, together with an ice vault and cold storage room and three rooms will be partitioned off at the rear of the building for living quarters for the Halls.

The new building will be constructed of haydite tile and will be modern in every respect, it was said.

AREA OIL NEWS

Two Brown County Regular Field wells have been guaged.

Completed one mile south of Cross Cut was Texas Crude Oil Co. of Fort Worth No. 2 George M. & Annie Wright, W. B. Travis Survey 148.

Daily potential was 42 barrels of 40.2 gravity oil, plus 34 per cent water. It is pumping from 64 perforations at 1,352-58 feet where the formation was ruptured. The hole is bottomed at 1,449 feet.

Other well is Q Petroleum & Paul Callahan No. 2 W. T. Wright, S. Jones Survey 282, one mile southwest of Cross Cut.

No. 2 Wright had a daily potential of 76 barrels of 40.5 gravity oil, plus 12 percent water. It is pumping from an open hole at 1,449-50 feet, pay topped at 1,403 feet. The well was treated with 250 gallons of acid.

R. K. Stokes of Cross Plains No. 3-B McGraw Estate was spotted 31-2 miles west of Cross Plains. The proposed 1,700 foot rotary project is in the McGraw (Cross Plains Sand) Field.

It spots 3,813 feet from the south and 250 feet from the west lines of Robert Henderson Survey 852.

I. A. Parmer & L. H. Hudspeth of Abilene spotted No. 1 W. M. Gilliam in the regular field.

Location is six miles west of Cross Plains, 2,498 feet from the west and 4,455 feet from the south lines of G. B. Vigil Survey 798. Permit depth calls for 1,999 feet with rotary.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Edmondson and son, Eddy Don, left Thursday, (today) to spend the holidays in Palestine with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Edmondson. The Edmondson family will return home Monday.



Greetings

To all of you who have favored us with your patronage. Best wishes for a jolly, fun-filled holiday from our entire staff!

D. J. "Jack" McCARTY

LOIS McCARTY

JOHN WATSON

BENNY GLOVER

DANNY McCARTY

DAVID DALLAS

January Plentiful Foods List A Big One

Pork, beef and grapefruit top the list of plentiful feeds for January.

Mae Belle Smith, extension specialist in consumer education, says shoppers will find a wide variety of kinds and cuts of pork and beef to suit the taste and family budget.

Grapefruit is important in the daily diet for it is rich in vitamin C, a vitamin that everyone needs each day.

Eggs are on the plentiful list for the first time in several months and are an excellent source of several needed elements.

If more calcium is needed in the diet, milk and other dairy products should be considered.

Rounding out the January list are canned tuna and the vegetable fats and oils. Food prices, says the specialist, will stay high in 1956.

Song of Christmas

The long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem... a new Star in the sky... heavenly music above the hills of Judea...

From these inspiring things the Song of Christmas was fashioned more than twenty centuries ago. The years have added new notes of happiness.

No great symphony of composition can match the Song of Christmas. It rises above the clatter and roar of the city; it throbs through the scattered town and hamlet.

Before its magic the hosts of darkness take flight. It touches the slumbering chords of memory; it heals old hurts and scars; it binds loved ones in a closer and deeper tie.

Veterans ? Box

Q—Two years ago, a friend of mine applied for disability compensation. VA asked him to report for a physical examination, but he failed to show up.

A—Since more than a year has elapsed from the time VA asked him to report for an examination, he will have to file a new application.

Q—As the widow of a World War I veteran, I am receiving a VA pension. I also am receiving Federal Old Age and Survivor's Insurance based on my husband's former employment.

A—Yes. The payments must be considered as income in computing your total yearly income for VA pension purposes.

Q—During my active service, premiums on my GI term insurance policy were under waiver. I recently was discharged, and I decided to reinlist within 120 days of my discharge date.

A—Yes. So long as you returned to active duty within 120 days after discharge, VA will continue to waive your premiums during your new period of service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stanley were Brownwood visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bush and Gene spent the week end in Phillips with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bush and family.

NOW THAT IT'S ABOUT OVER...



HALL FEED STORE

IRA HALL, Owner

Silent Night Holy Night!



Christmas... the Holy Holiday in celebration of the birthday of a King. A time for happiness and joy combined with the reverence of the Christmas spirit and the thoughts of others.

Rising Star Hospital

West Texas Utilities Company



And a Merry, Merry Christmas to one and all

SIMS DRUG STORE



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you from all of us at W.T.U.



TOM LEWIS
RISING STAR, TEXAS

Christmas Pearls

By Royce Fields

THE JOLLY SANTA, ringing his bell in an appeal for contributions for the needy, grinned his thanks as Dick Slater dropped a bill into the kettle. The donation was a salute, not only to the Yuletide spirit, but to Dick's own good fortune. He had a home, a lovely wife named Jean, and a smaller reproduction of himself named Pete. What more could a man want?

One other thing made this a great day for Dick. He was on his way to fulfill a dream. While they were still engaged, he had bought a strand of simulated pearls for Jean. Somehow the feeling had grown on him that, until he could replace the phoney baubles with a string of real ones, he wouldn't be a success in the eyes of his dark-haired, brown-eyed Jean.

"Put this card on the outside of the package," he told the clerk who wrapped his gift. On the card he had written: TO A REAL PEARL—A STRING OF THEM!

It was beginning to get dark when Dick got off the train in suburban Roseville where he lived. He started to walk briskly toward his home, two blocks away. Happy in the glow of having at last, realized his cherished dream, he didn't see the figure lurking in the dark alley till the man stepped out and thrust the gun into his abdomen.

"This is a stickup!" the thug snapped hoarsely. "Turn around and get your hands up!"

A feeling of relief flooded Dick as he remembered he had spent most of his money on the necklace. Then the thought hit him — the necklace itself was in his pocket!

"Listen fellow," he pleaded, over his shoulder, with the gunman. "I have a Christmas present for my wife in my pocket. Take my money, but leave me that."

The hoodlum didn't answer. Methodically, he continued taking everything out of Dick's pockets. As his hand started to remove the precious little package, Dick Slater went wild! He whirled, slapping with his left hand at about where he thought the gun would be. He caught nothing. The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

AS THE DARKNESS cleared away, Dick became aware that he was in a hospital. Gradually, he realized Jean and little Pete were beside his bed.

"Oh Dick!" Jean half sobbed, half laughed. "I've been scared! The doctor says you only have a slight concussion, though, and you're going to be all right!"

As his head continued to clear, the realization of his loss overwhelmed Dick.



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"I had a present for you, Jean . . ." he began.

"I know, Foolish," his wife cut in, "and you almost lost your life trying to save it."

"But it was the string of real pearls I've always wanted you to have, Jean. You know how much they meant to me!"

"Yes, I've known the silly obsession you've had about my wearing simulated pearls," Jean said almost sternly. "It never seemed to occur to you that my husband and little Pete were the real pearls in my life!"

"Well, this is going to be a bum Christmas for you," Dick said glumly, "and I thought it would be the best yet."

"It's going to be," Jean told him. "Look!"

She put her arm under his shoulder and lifted him to a sitting position. In one corner of the room was a beautiful little Christmas tree. Piled high under it were the gifts he and Jean had wrapped for little Pete. Jean went over and brought back two of the packages. One was her present to him—a watch he had wanted. The other package . . . Suddenly, he recognized it—the pearls!

"Yes," Jean said, "my pearls. When the police caught the thief, he hadn't time to open them even."

Cross Plains, Texas
December 19, 1955

Dearest Santa Claus;

I am a little girl five years old. I can't write very well yet so my mommy is writing for me. I have tried very hard to be a good little girl. I help my mommy when I can and always say my prayers at night, but I try extra hard to be good when I know you are coming to see me. Mommy told me you always know if little girls and boys have been good or bad, and I know you do, because you can do anything.

I saw and talked to you in Abilene last week. I climbed up in your sleigh, sat in your lap and told you what I wanted, but I better tell you again so you won't forget. I want a great big baby doll, with real hair and a big doll bed for her to sleep in. I also want a record player and some records of my own. Please don't forget my little brother, David, he has been pretty good too most of the time, and don't forget Paula and Penny, they live in Rising Star, they love you too.

Santa please remember all the other boys and girls in this big old world. Don't forget a single one of them.

Love,
Linda Joyce Gambill

Cross Plains, Texas
December 19, 1955

Hi there Santa Claus,

Bet you remember me don't you? I saw and talked to you in Abilene last week, and I know you never forget any good little boy. I am real good most of the time, sometimes I get into trouble, but I guess most little boys do once in awhile.

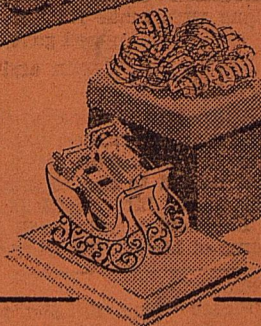
Santa, I want a train that runs on a large track, and I want a big road grader that can scrape up dirt. Anything else you can spare that a little boy of three might like. I also want some candy, fruit and just anything that's good to eat.

Please remember all of our friends, Santa, they don't all live here in Cross Plains—some of them live at Rising Star. They love you too.

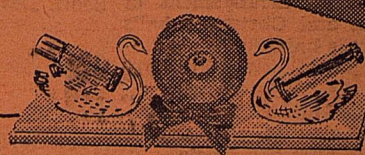
Love,
David Dradley Gambill

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cook were in Winters over the week end visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. A. Stone, and family. Sunday Mr. Cook became ill and was returned to his home here Sunday night where he is confined to his bed.

COTY CHRISTMAS PLAYHOUSE

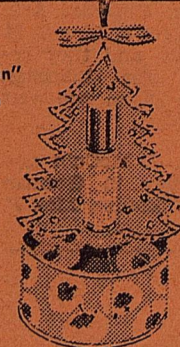


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Fidelis Matrons Sunday School Class Has Party

The Fidelis Matron's Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Ralph McNeel Monday evening, December 19.

The house was beautifully decorated in pink. The dining table was centered with an arrangement of pink reindeer, and Christmas balls and pink angel's hair. Brass candleabra held the pink tapers. Pink candles and angel's hair were used on the TV and the Mantle was decorated with white candles, pink angels, silver balls and pink angel hair.

The program was opened with the group singing, "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night", followed by a prayer led by Mrs. V. L. Hobby. A business meeting has held and the group joined in singing "White Christmas". Mrs. Homer Moon, teacher of the class brought the devotional.

As has been the custom of the class for many years, a love offering in the amount of \$21 was made. It was voted to place half of the money in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions and donate the other half to the Mary

Howser Fund.

Santa made his appearance and delivered gifts to everyone from a beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments of chicken salad, pecan pie and coffee was served to the following: Mmes. Homer Moon, Dick Montgomery, A. J. McQuin, O. B. Edmondson, D. R. Phillely, J. H. Balkum, Otis Purvis, Exal McMillan, John McFerrin, Rufus Renfro, Kenneth Holt, Lawrence Powell, Jack Scott, Dave Lee, V. L. Hobby, Lonnie Dillard, J. P. McCord, Chester Glover, Tom Cox, Hadden Payne, A. Webb, Norrell Long, L. F. Foster, Lindsey Tyson, Peyton Smith and McNeel.

Hostesses were Mmes. McNeel, McQuin, McMillan, McFerrin, Edmondson, McCord and Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Allen, who recently moved here from Irving, left Tuesday of this week to spend the Christmas holidays with their son and family in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. Allen is a sister of Mrs. C. H. Dawson of this city and they recently purchased the Edington home on Highway 36, in the west part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McQuin and family spent Sunday in Gorman with Mr. McQuin's mother, Mrs. F. A. Newell.

Sew And So Club Enjoys Christmas Party, Dec. 16

The Sew and So Club met Dec. 16 in the home of Mrs. A. D. Petty for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Marvin Smith, club president, was in charge of the meeting which opened with the singing of the club song. The secretary report was given and the roll called. After a short discussion of old business, some plans were made for the new year. Mrs. Mack Campbell gave a reading.

Names were drawn and gifts exchanged.

A delicious plate consisting of congealed tuna, cranberry salad, cheese Ritz crackers, fruit cake and coffee was passed to the 16 members and one guest, Mrs. McClellan present. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. J. W. Dunlap.

Dear Santa,

Please bring all the good boys and girls some toys. I would like to have a holster set with two guns, a pair of skates, and a little wooden train.

Richard Neal Wilson.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a red bicycle, a holster set with two guns, and a pair of skates. I would also like for you to bring my little brother James some toys.

Donny Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fonia Worthy and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mayes and sons visited in Abilene Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Overstreet.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mike Pruet was released from the Rising Star Hospital Monday morning of this week after receiving treatment for a virus infection.

Little Susan Ann McNeel, nine month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat McNeel, Jr., is reported to be much improved in the Rising Star Hospital where she has been a patient for several days.

Bruce Johnson baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Johnson of Cross Plains is in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene where he is believed to be slowly improving after having been seriously ill during the week. Bruce is suffering from pneumonia and other complications.

Mrs. F. C. Newton who has been critically ill in the Gorman Hospital

for several days is reported to be slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Renfro of Abilene visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Kilgore was in Denton Saturday to get her daughter, Billie Ann, a NTSTC Student who returned home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mike and Shorty Turner of Fort Worth arrived in Cross Plains Sunday to spend the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wyatt.

Carl McCord who is attending Howard Payne College, has arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCord and Charles.



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May all the joys of the Holiday Season
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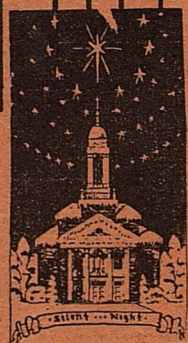
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CHRISTMAS



It's good to know that Christmas holds the same old warmth, the same note of good cheer and good fellowship, that makes this season the most glorious of them all.

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Sheriff - Tax Assessor - Collector

Claude Faster

Commissioner, Precinct 4

Bert Brown

Precinct Constable

Corrie Driskill

District Clerk

Safety Head Warns Against "Holidaze"

E. C. McFadden of Dallas, President of the Texas Safety Association, Inc., today warned Texas pedestrians and drivers against "holidaze", a dangerous malady which, Mr. McFadden said, brings death and injury to many motorists and pedestrians each year.

According to Mr. McFadden, "holidaze" is a state of mental confusion brought about by a combination of holiday spirit, frantic Christmas shopping, party going and crowded streets.

Mr. McFadden's warning was issued as part of the Holiday Hazards program being sponsored during December by the Texas Safety Association, the Department of Public Safety and the National Safety Council.

"During the holiday season," Mr.

McFadden said, "people are likely to be so preoccupied with holiday plans, preparations and activities that they let their guard down in traffic. And this goes for both walkers and drivers."

He said that at this time of year, when streets are crowded with vehicular and pedestrian traffic, road surfaces may be slippery and visibility poor because of inclement weather, all travelers should increase their vigilance.

Mr. McFadden warned pedestrians not to carry packages or umbrellas in a manner that will obstruct their vision and not to cross streets in mid-block or against the lights. He urges drivers to keep a sharp eye out for pedestrians who may be indulging in these pastimes.

"Safety in traffic is a two-way business; it calls for cooperation between driver and walker," he said. "It's better to lose your right of way than to lose a life—your own or the other fellow's."

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Vestal visited in Priddy one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Vestal and sons.

Alaska once was known as "Seward's Folly."

The University of Texas has a permanent fund which is increasing by approximately \$17 million a year.

Texas A. and M. College furnished more officers to the Army in World War II than did West Point.

Tyler, Texas, raises more than two-thirds of the commercial rose bushes grown in the United States.

Because there had been no mention, in the contract, of a cornerstone for the Texas State Capitol, Gus Wilke, the contractor, paid for it out of his own pocket.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our heartfelt thanks to members of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, friends and neighbors for your quick response in helping us save our home and furnishings from fire last week.

Your timely help and offers of help will always be remembered and may you have the same type of true friends and neighbors in your hour of need, is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Baum and children.

Truett Hobby of Houston visited his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby over the week end.

Richard Illingworth of Dallas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Illingworth, over the week end.

Mrs. Peyton Smith visited with relatives in Temple over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bruan visited in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Charles Kilgore of Pampa is here spending the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Harmon Rudloff visited with relatives in Brownwood the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Falkner were in Rule Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Riley Falkner.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhodes visited with relatives in Snyder over the week end.

J. C. Claborn of Rising Star was a business visitor in Cross Plains Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Lewis Mayfield of Louisiana and Miss Bill Shults of Rising Star were visiting in Cross Plains Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest McAnally are visiting the Calvin Long family who live on the Plains, during the holidays.

Small But MIGHTY WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Fat Plymouth Rock hens. Mrs. R. B. Jordan.

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INSURANCE: For fire, auto liability and life insurance, contact the McCuin Insurance Agency, Cross Plains, Texas. (tfc-49)

WANT TO BUY: Green Oak wood n 24 in. lengths. Any amount. Dan Johnston, Cross Plains. 33-11tc

FOR RENT OR SALE: 4-room house on Main Street also have other property for rent. C. H. Dawson. 34-tfc

REPOSESSED NECHI automatic sewing machine in vicinity, to take up payments. Runs and looks like new. For complete information write Bennett's Sewing Machine Mart, Box 577, 727 Cypress, Abilene, Texas. 28-4tc

LOST: Hereford calves, weigh about 450 pounds, all dehorned, heads freshly sheared. Notify Raymond DeBusk. 38-2tp

NOTICE: We have sold the B&B Station and Garage and will from this date, December 7, 1955, not be responsible for any debts assumed by the company. Bill Belyeu and Dee R. Brooker. 28-4tp

LOST: Small black female dog with white spot on chest. Answers to name of Black Jack. Reward for her return. Contact O. B. Edmondson or call 5-2734.

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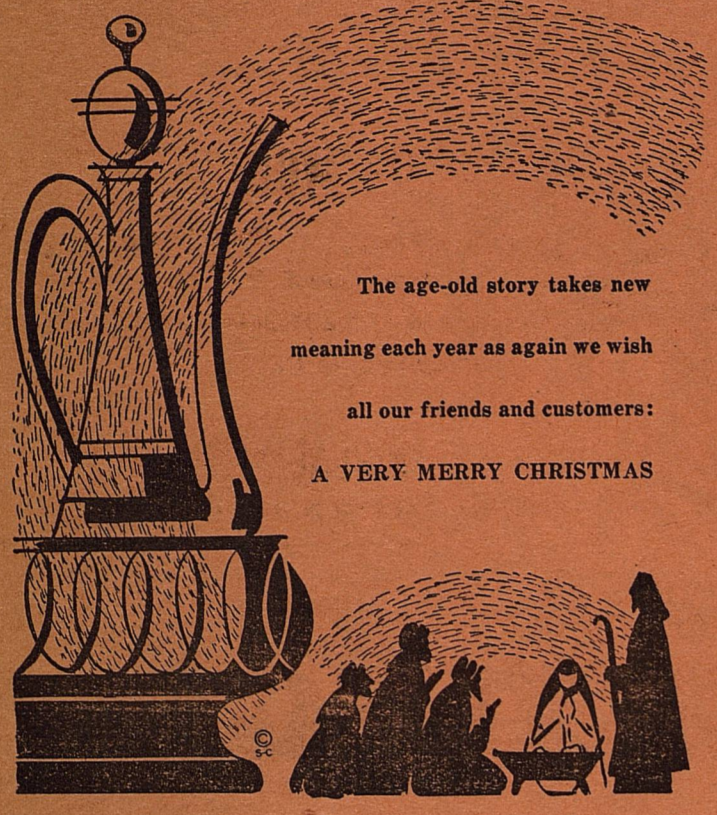
LAUNDRY SERVICE: For complete laundry service, call 5-3333 in Cross Plains. Free pick-up and delivery service every Tuesday and Friday. Browning's Southside Laundry & Dry Cleaning, Brownwood, Texas. 34-tfc

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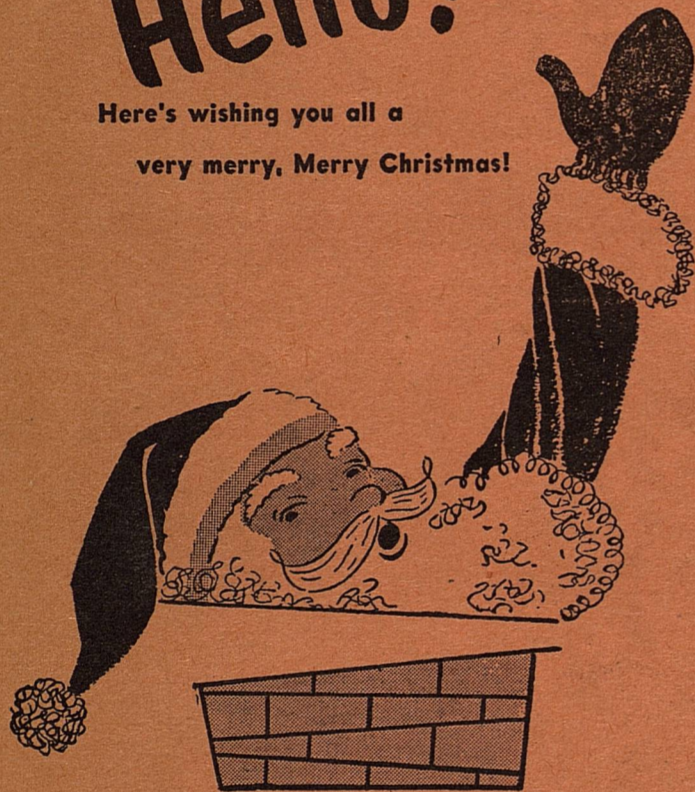
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Hello!

Here's wishing you all a very merry, Merry Christmas!



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SATURDAY

December 24

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SUNDAY - MONDAY

December 25-26

HOWARD HAWKES'

"LAND OF THE PHAROHS"

CinemaScope
(In Warnercolor)

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

December 27-28

JOAN COLLINS
GEORGE COLE

"THE ADVENTURES OF SADIE"

(In Color)

THURSDAY - FRIDAY

December 29-30

JOAN CRAWFORD
JEFF CHANDLER
JAN STERLING
CECIL KELLAWAY
CHARLES DRAKE
JUDY EVELYN

"FEMALE ON THE BEACH"

NOTICE

I regret to inform my patrons that I will be unable to be in my shop the remainder of this week due to an injured wrist which I received in a fall Monday afternoon.

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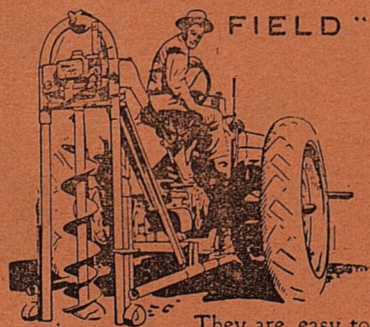
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BISHOP CHEVROLET COMPANY

Miss May Alexander a student at ACG is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doss Alexander, during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. L. F. Hounshell spent the week end in Baird with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hounshell.

W. D. Smith visited in Fort Worth Sunday with his daughter Miss Lyma Smith and together they visited in Dallas during the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Childress and family.

Mrs. Mickey Shelton of Abilene spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Whitehorn. Mrs. Buford Tyson and daughter of Baird visited with her parents, Sunday.

The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled "the First Christmas" may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist. From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

Mrs. Ben Atwood and June and Joe and Mrs. Darwin Anderson and Vanda visited the Bill Edington Family in Albany Sunday afternoon.

Joe Tunnell of Levelland visited relatives here and in Rising Star during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Pierce and Mrs. Warren Everett of Cisco attended the Singing at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon and later visited in the Ben Pierce home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bayley of Goldthwaite visited in the Jack McCarty home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pumphrey of Winters visited in Cross Plains Sunday.

James Henry Brown of Kermit is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown of Pioneer.

Miss Mary Applin, a teacher in Harlingen school system, is spending the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Dan Applin.

Miss Joe Veda, Fleming of Pampa and Glenn Fleming a student at Howard Payne College, Brownwood are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleming and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Balkum visited in Abilene Sunday afternoon with her nephew, Bruce Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Sealey Johnson, who has been seriously ill.



Christmas Greetings

For Our Community
We Wish
the Blessings
of the
First Christmas

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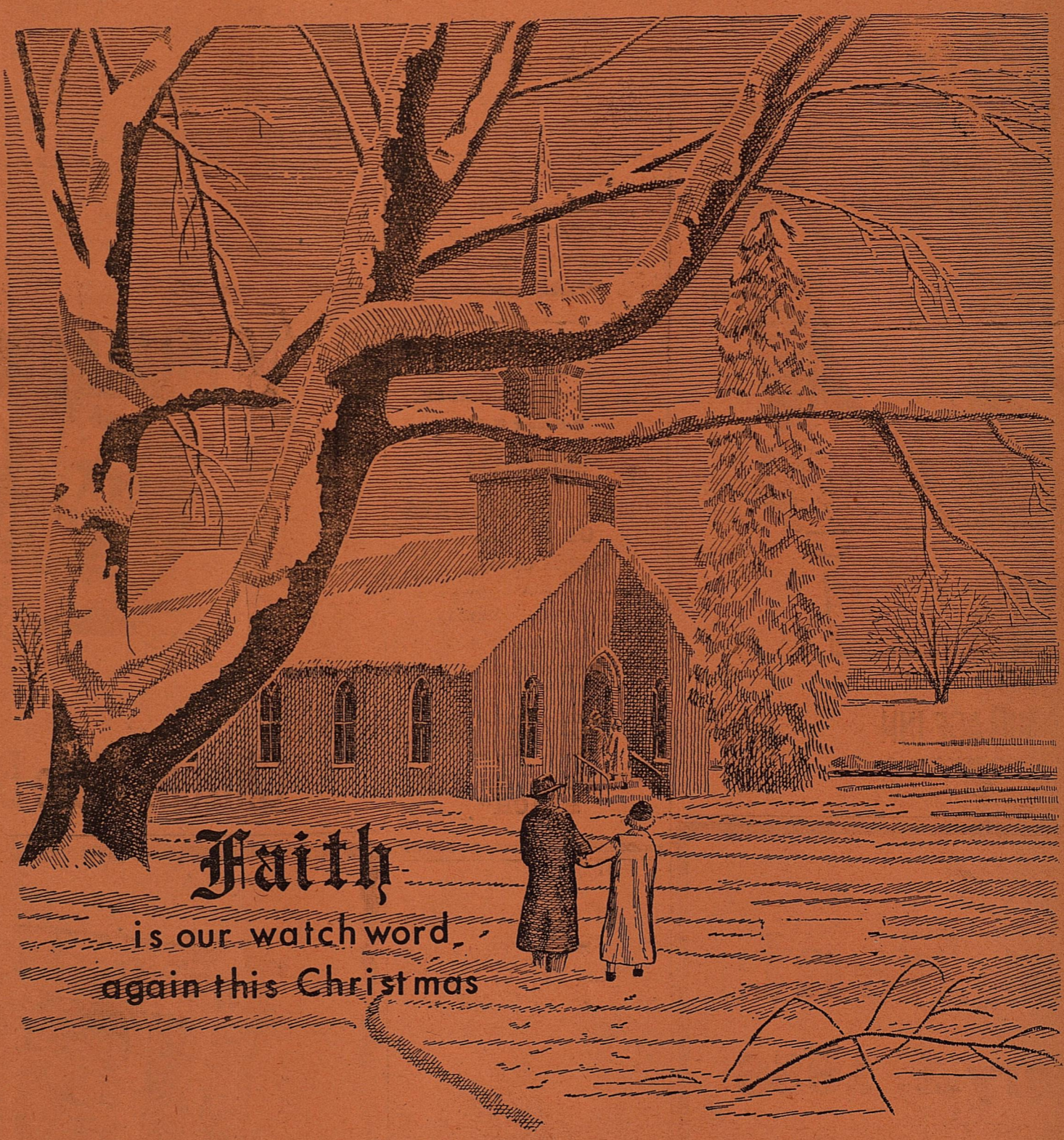
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SHIRLEY MIMS, T. P. CARPENTER EXCHANGE DOUBLE RING VOWS

Relatives and close friends witnessed the wedding of Shirley Ochanee Mims and Thomas Pierce Carpenter at 7 o'clock Friday evening in the home of the bride's parents.

Bobby R. Key, cousin of the bride, officiated for the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mims, Rt. 1, Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carpenter of Cross Plains are parents of the bridegroom.

Ruth Crawford, organist, played "Indian Love Call," "Because" and "At Dawning."

The wedding party stood before an archway decorated with feather fern and pom-pom mums. At each side were candelabra holding red candles.

Jimmy Coffey of Dallas was best man and Mrs. Billy W. Davis, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Jimmy Key, cousin of the bride, lighted the candles.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of net and chantilly lace over satin. Over the strapless bodice she wore a jacket of lace. The jacket was styled with a rolled collar and long sleeves extending to points over her hands. Tiers of net over satin fashioned the skirt.

Her veil of illusion cascaded from a plateau cap of chantilly lace. She carried white roses encircled by red garnet roses atop a white Bible.

Mrs. Davis wore a red net over taffeta dress, made with shirred, strapless bodice and a matching jacket. She carried an arrangement of red carnations atop a white poinsettia made of satin.

Reception was in the home. Mrs. James Carpenter served the wedding cake and Peggy Carpenter poured punch. Guests were registered by Jane Echols. Mrs. Bert Clemmer assisted in receiving guests.

The two tiered wedding cake was topped with a miniature bridal couple and was placed in the lace covered table. The matron of honor's bouquet was floral accent.

When the couple left on the wedding trip to Oklahoma, Mrs. Carpenter had changed to a black fitted gabardine suit styled with a wide rolled collar and a peplum. Her shoes and bag were black suede and her hat and gloves, white. She also wore the corsage of white roses from her bridal bouquet.

They will live at 1441 Walnut St. Abilene when they return Dec. 21. Mrs. Carpenter was graduated from Abilene Christian High School and Abilene Christian College, where she was a member of the Cadettes. She is now a third grade teacher in the Abilene public schools. Carpenter, a graduate of Cross Plains High School, attended Draughon's Business College before entering the U. S. Army. After two years' service, he is associated with his brother and father at Central Texas Tool Co.

ROWDEN NEWS

By MRS. BERNARD CROW

Sonny Bain of Texas Tech, Lubbock, will be home Wednesday, Dec. 21st to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Bain and Sue.

The ladies enjoyed a quilting at the Community Center, Wednesday. Mrs. Linnie Stephens visited Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Crow last Sunday.

Miss Thelda Crow, a student at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, is spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Mrs. Lillie Swafford is now at her home in Baird where her children will visit her during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. Odie Cmedley Sunday.

ATWELL NEWS

By Mrs. Alton Tatom

There will be a Christmas tree and a short program beginning at 7:30 Wednesday night at the Missionary Baptist Church. Everybody is invited to come.

Edgar Sessions was home over the week end. He is working in Abilene now.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom and baby were in Brownwood Saturday.

Jim Hutchins from Big Spring visited at Atwell last week and attended church services Sunday.

Gerald Foster from Sweetwater attended church Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Tatom.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Scott recently visited Maggie and Myrtle Wilson.

Stevie Foster spent Sunday with Bobby Hutchins.

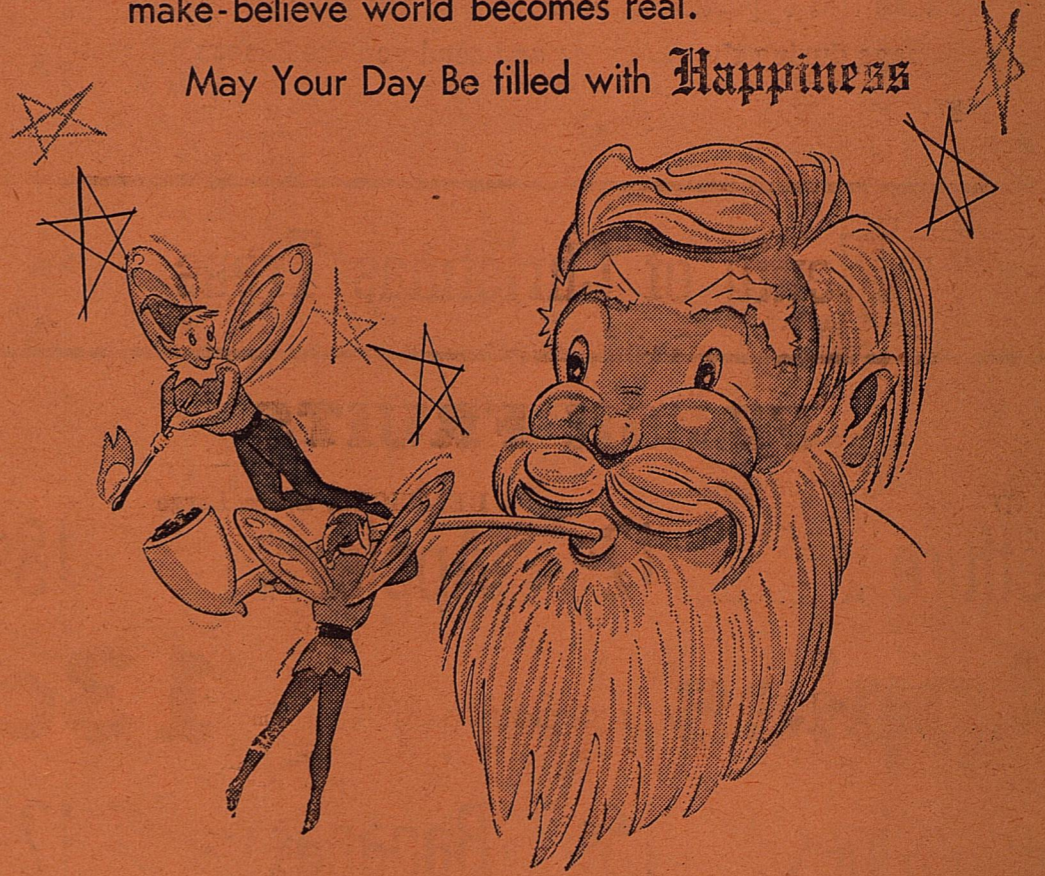
Rev. and Mrs. Don Love and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom Sunday.

There will be no preaching service Christmas day as Rev. Love will be out of town.

Lynette Hutchins visited Cheri Morgan, Sunday.

Christmas is a time when the
make-believe world becomes real.

May Your Day Be filled with **Happiness**



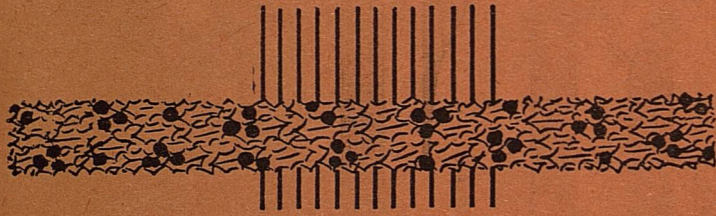
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GREETINGS

May the warmth and friendship of the Christmas Spirit be with you at this wonderful Holiday Season!

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Every holiday occasion has its significance but none can compare with the Christmas Season. It is the one time of the year when all are united in one common attitude of good will toward fellowmen.

Christmas is always a welcome event with us. The reasons are twofold, first, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that predominates everywhere, second, because it affords us an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to those whom we serve, for their cooperation in the past. It is also fitting that we, at the same time, invite your continued patronage, as well as the consideration of those whom it has not been our pleasure to serve.

We hope this will be a Merry Christmas for you, one and all. We also wish you all the joys of a happy, successful New Year, one in which you will see the fulfillment of your every ambition. Best wishes to everyone!



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QUALITY MEATS

PORK Chops lb. 39c	SEVEN Roast lb. 39c
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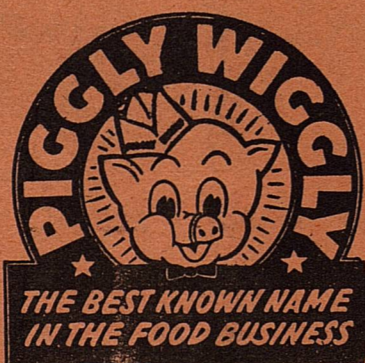
Turkeys lb.59

Hens lb. 49c	Fryers lb. 45c
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BURKETT NEWS

By Mrs. T. C. Strickland

The Christmas pageant "Once I Was Blind, but Now I See" that was presented at the Baptist church Sunday night was well attended. Sunday will be the last Sunday for Rev. Jim Bales to fill his appointment at the Burkett Methodist Church. He and Mrs. Bales will move to Bethany soon. The pastor for Burkett will be supplied soon. The local basketball teams won the Mozelle tournament over the week end. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burkett and Joe Everett of Aransas Pass were week end visitors of Mrs. Carrie Cross and attended church Sunday. Miss Zelma Strickland of McMurry is home for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. T. C. Strickland was in Coleman Hospital from Monday through Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Jessie Honts and Dale Weeks attended the funeral Friday evening of L. K. Fields of Wheeler at Wheeler. He was the brother-in-law of Mrs. Honts.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and a doll buggy also a play watch. Bring Rhonda (my little sister) the same things.

Bring Leland (my little brother) some toys and bring Kathy Jo a doll and teddy bear.

We have been as good as we can be.

Love,
Thalia, Rhonda and
Leland Wilcoxon

COTTONWOOD

By Hazel I. Respass

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McIntosh have returned from Marathon and Mrs. McIntosh's son Joe Garrett, who is stationed at Roswell, New Mexico, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Maddox, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey of Stephenville visited Mrs. J. F. Coffey Sunday. Mrs. Sam Swafford and Hazel I. Respass attended the open house at the Methodist pastor's home, Rev. Joe Block, at Putnam Saturday night. Mrs. Sam Swafford visited her son and family, Alfred Thate in Abilene and accompanied them to San Antonio and other points recently. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Arvin of Baird visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varner Sunday. Mrs. Molly Murry and V. L. visited her brother, John Jenson and family of Cisco last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swafford visited her sister, Mrs. Emmett Boyette and husband in Houston, last week. Mrs. John Burnam of Dallas is spending the holidays with Mrs. W. B. Gilleland. Mrs. W. B. Gilleland, Mrs. Burnam, Beulah and Hazel Respass had supper with Miss Eunice Hembree at Scranton Monday night. Rev. and Mrs. C. Myrick have moved into their new home they have recently built. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Puckett and two daughters of Big Lake spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Riley.



SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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