

A MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!



CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

CROSS PLAINS' OLDEST BUSINESS INSTITUTION — LARGEST CIRCULATION IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

LOCAL NEWS
EXCLUSIVELY

DECEMBER THIRTY-NINE

7¢ Per Copy

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, CHRISTMAS EDITION 1963

7¢ Per Copy

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

Home Towner BY JACK SCOTT

C. V. Dickson's friends around the Petroleum Club in Abilene might be surprised to know the Cross Plains oilman and distributor of petroleum chemicals is also a farmer of renown. Turnips grown at his place, one mile east of town, are exceptional this year. A parcel of them averaging two pounds apiece, was exhibited this week. Some measured as much as a foot and a half in circumference.

Exact date of the original Christmas remains a mystery. Imagine celebrating Christmas in August!

Christmas might well have been in that month, for many scholars estimate that the true date of Christ's Birth falls late in August or in early September.

The exact month, day and even the year of Christ's Birth has been disputed for centuries. It will probably never be known because the Bible offers few clues, ancient manuscripts differ, and calendars have been changed too often.

The setting of the Day as December 25 was not even made until 354 A.D. The date was decided by the Church, then under Pope Junius I.

It is not known for sure why December 25th was chosen as the day, but it is thought that Christian leaders hoped that by celebrating Christmas at the same times as the Roman holiday, Saturnalia, and the European Winter Solstice, the impact of the pagans' festival would be lessened.

Also, a very early Christian tradition, recorded by St. Chrysostom and other writers, held that Christ's Birthday was December 25.

And December was the time of many winter festivities in civilized lands.

Even now not everyone celebrates Christmas on the same day. At one time and another, the festivities have been held in January, March, April, May, October and November. And almost every month has been "proven" by some scholar to be the month of the great event.

Today, many people celebrate His Birth on December and January 6. And other days in December and January are "Christmas" in some ways.

But no matter when Christmas is celebrated, it is always, everywhere, a time of rejoicing and feasting in honor of that happiest of all days.

Christmas Spirit Reigns Here

Ex-Local Man Top Witness In Threat To President Trial

Charles E. Kunkel, formerly of Cross Plains, now a secret service agent for the federal government, was the principal witness in Fort Worth in a case which charged Russell W. McLarry, 21-year-old Arlington State College student, with having made threats on the life of the late John F. Kennedy, then president of the United States.

Kunkel said at a preliminary hearing before U.S. Commissioner Bill Atkins that McLarry told him "he was not sorry the President was killed. He said he was proud — no, glad — that the President had been killed."

McLarry said he recalled making a statement that might have been construed as a threat.

"I don't remember exactly what I said. The statement I made was a joke. If I can be tried for a joke and found guilty — well, that's the extent of it," he said.

Conviction carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$1,000 fine. The case will be brought before a federal grand jury Jan. 6 in Amarillo, Tex., according to Bill Hughes, chief assistant U.S. attorney in Sanders' office.

Kunkel, a Cross Plains High School graduate, is married to the former Miss Joan Hall, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira H. Hall of this city. The couple and their two children live in Arlington.

Courthouse Closes 3 Days At Yuletide

Callahan County courthouse will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Officials and employees will exchange presents from a tree in the courthouse lobby Monday afternoon at 2:30, as has been the custom for more than 20 years.

All offices will be open for the regular transaction of business again Friday morning.

ALTON WHITE WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION

G. A. (Alton) White of Putnam has announced that he will be a candidate for reelection as commissioner from precinct three.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gray and daughter of San Antonio are to spend the holidays in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gray and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. King.

Restaurant Makes Vast Improvement

Finishing touches are being added to a complete redecorating project at Sisters Cafe on West Highway 36 here.

Booths and chairs have been reupholstered in an attractive combination of brown colors, the work being done by craftsmen at Kenneth Jordan's Upholstery Shop.

Interior of the building has been enhanced with a tile floor and improvements made at the entranceway.

The concern is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dodds.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Long and little son of McCamey spent Saturday here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norrell Long. Sammy is a Highway Patrolman and had to report home for duty during the busy Christmas season.

O. M. Bailey Who Has Seen Many Changes In Mail Service Retiring As Rural Carrier

More than four decades of rural mail carrying is ending for O. M. Bailey of Cross Plains. He will be officially mustered out of the mail service and enter retirement the end of this month.

"It's been a long, interesting road; I wish I was starting all over," said the genial route-carrier yesterday.

Bailey came home from World War I and farmed two years in Dickens County. On Nov. 21, 1921, he was appointed carrier for Rural Route 1 out of the McAdoo post office and began a career in the mail service that was to span 42 years, one month and eight days. The job paid \$158 a month then. Now it is more than four times that amount.

Bailey recalled yesterday that when he first began, the 26 miles daily were made with a horse and buggy. Later came the model T's and problems of negotiating muddy, ungraded roads.

"The cars were fine, an improvement over the horse-drawn vehicles", Bailey says, "but the roads presented real problems."

He recalls spending all night one Christmas Eve in a muddy baspit in Dickens County, still trying to negotiate his appointed rounds.

There have been many changes in the mail service since Bailey began. Forty years ago Christmas was not a holiday, the mail went to rural homes the same as any workday. Once during the mid-1920's Bailey made his route twice on Christmas day, the volume being too heavy for a single trip. It was almost a case of his playing Santa Claus, for at many country homes parents were waiting for packages to place on trees and in children's stockings.

Evidencing that man is more enduring than beasts or machines, Bailey recounts that he wore out three horses and about 38 automobiles on the routes he served.

In 1939 M. C. Baum who was carrying the mail out of the Cross Plains post office, exchanged routes with Bailey. Baum went to McAdoo and Bailey came here and took over Route 2.

Asked yesterday if any single experience stood out in his

recollection as the most unusual during his long career, Bailey thought momentarily and said:

"There was one day I'll never forget. Two Oklahoma badmen broke jail in Dickens County and were on the loose in the territory where I delivered mail. They stopped and stole an automobile just ahead of me but fortunately I was not bothered."

Bailey has seen the one-cent postcard inflated to four cents and the two-cent letter advance to five. Five different presidents have occupied the White House during his career in federal service. He has served under four postmasters.

Perhaps his fondest recollections of the long and eventful career are of the people, at whose mail boxes he made regular stops during the 42-year span. He remembers them as some of the nicest persons and finest friends on earth.

"I'll miss my contact with patrons and fellow workers," he said yesterday, "but like the three old horses and 38 automobiles the time has come for me to quit."

New Post Office To Be Built At Baird

Bids are now being sought for a new post office building to be constructed at Baird.

Bidding documents may be obtained from V. E. Bell, Real Estate Officer, P. O. Box 1386, Lubock, Texas 79408. He will supply bidding forms, specifications, lease provisions and other information.

3 SPEND CHRISTMAS IN CALLAHAN JAIL

At least three men will spend Christmas in Callahan County jail, Sheriff Homer Price reported yesterday that he had that number of prisoners for certain.

"We won't serve turkey and dressing," he said, "but will provide a good, wholesome meal, probably baked ham, turnips and greens and pumpkin pie."

White Christmas Is Said Possible Here

Prospects for a white Christmas in Cross Plains loomed possible late Saturday as flurries of snow fell over most of this area.

The snow melted almost on contact with the wet earth, however, weather conditions were reported favorable for more

Returning of former citizens to Cross Plains to spend Christmas with families and friends has given this city an atmosphere of homecoming this Yuletide.

Late Sunday the influx of people became particularly noticeable. Many homes were already crowded with returnees and fire-sides were warm and cheerful. Grandchildren were asking in the affection of their grandparents and eager for the arrival of Christmas Eve and the opening of packages. Most every home in town appeared ready for the year's happiest season.

Food Baskets

In the hope that the spirit and gaiety of the occasion will not be absent anywhere in the Cross Plains area, plans were complete to distribute food and other necessities to persons in need. Money for the undertaking came from the United Fund, a charitable organization which has enjoyed the enthusiastic support of a large percent of the firms and individuals residing and doing business here. In charge of distribution of Christmas baskets was E. K. Coppinger, who has been making ready for the chore the past 10 days.

Local businessmen report Christmas buying has been heavier than normal. Late shoppers Monday and Tuesday may swell retail sales to an all-time high here.

Officers On Alert

Highway Patrolmen report holiday traffic, although exceptionally heavy, is moving orderly with few infractions here.

"We're hoping for a sane, safe observance of Christmas," declared Highway Patrolman Bill Vineyard, who is maintaining a constant vigil over local traffic lanes. Deputy Sheriff N. L. Long, Jr., and City Marshal Bob Patterson are also putting in additional hours in the hope of keeping the holiday season a happy one.

Wayne McDonald will spend Christmas in the home of his brother at Lubock.

Old German Legend Describes Origin Of The Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree! Today we regard it as a central decoration for our season's festivities... a focal point around which our loved ones gather. Why, the Tree just seems as if it always belonged to the Christmas celebration! Yet, we find that this cheery heart-warmer has not really been with us so very long after all.

The Christmas Tree originat-

ed in the 16th century Germany from where this beautiful folk-tale of its beginning comes.

A poor wood-cutter, his wife and son lived deep in the forest. One stormy Christmas Eve while they were enjoying their simple fare, they heard knocking at the door.

When they opened it they found a cold and hungry little boy outside. The family welcomed the tattered stranger, shared their frugal meal with him, and

their young son Hans insisted on giving up his own bed to the pitiful child.

In the morning, the family was awakened by the singing of angels and looking for their young guest they found he was none other than the Child Jesus!

"I have accepted your gifts, and here is Mine to you," He said as He broke off a branch from a fir tree and set it in the ground. "This shall always bear its fruit at Christmas, and you

will always have abundance."

To Martin Luther has been attributed the first putting of lights on the Tree.

One evening, the story goes, Martin was inspired by the stars' reflection on the snow-laden branches of a tree. Wishing to re-create for his family the beauty he had seen, he brought home a small tree and affixed lighted candles to the branches.

Because of the linkage with Luther, the custom of the Christ-

mas Tree spread more rapidly in Protestant areas, but we find it all over Europe by the 1800s.

The use of the Christmas Tree first came to our shores during the American Revolution with the Germans.

Christian tradition has endowed the Tree with rich significance. It is an evergreen, symbol of eternal life, and the lights are to be reminders that the Babe in the manger is the Light of the world.

Today in more than two-thirds of U. S. homes, as well as throughout Christendom, the Christmas Tree is a happy part of the Holiday tradition.

Bayberry candles, which are said to foretell good luck for the coming year if they burn bright at Christmas, were first made by early settlers in America. They dipped bayberry branches in wax and burned them through the holidays.



Merry Christmas
To One and All!

THE HAROLD HINKLES
YOUR TELEVISION MERCHANTS



We hope you have
a happy holiday!

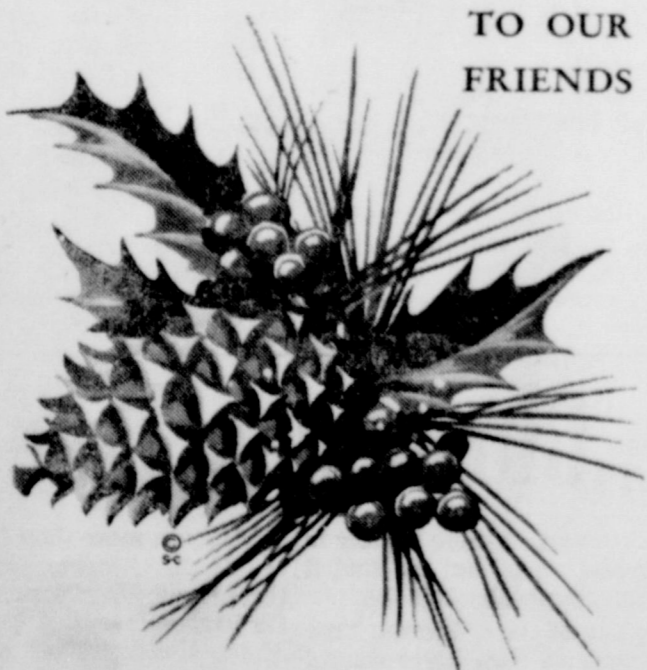
WELLS OIL FIELD SUPPLY



KING GROCERY

MR. AND MRS. HUEY L. KING

YULETIDE GREETINGS
TO OUR
FRIENDS



MARINELLO BEAUTY SHOP

MYRTLE DAVIS

Atwell Lady Recalls Bygone Christmases

MRS. ALTON TATOM, genial Atwell reporter, wishes everyone a happy holiday season and asks that people of that community continue advising her of items of interest.



As I think of other Christmases it is still the birth of the Christ Child that we celebrate, but in different ways. In the larger cities they have people in for coffee. I remember when the Community Christmas Tree at the Baptist Church was the greatest event in the year. As Mrs. Dayton Sessions remarked, "Christmas Eve was the longest day of the year."

It would take six men to handle the tree, and all day to put popcorn, ropes and the presents on it. The dolls and little wagons were hung on unwrapped. It was prettier than our present Christmas tree trimmings.

Santa would be busy going from house to house and he would have someone, usually Guy Brashear, to be his helper.

All the men wondered who would get the pig tail that year. But everybody got a gift. We had a good program and fellowship and everybody went home happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lovelady are planning on spending Christmas with Lavern and family, here or at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McKinley and sons have invited the children of the late Gus Black to have Christmas dinner with them in the Owens community.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom were in Abilene on Monday of last week.

This news is a little late. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dean and Janie visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Black on Sunday about two weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Williams from Weatherford visited them last week.

Letters To Santa Of Other Years

December 20, 1936
Dear Santa,

We thank you for the things you brought us last year. We don't want very much this Christmas; just bring us anything. We will be pleased with whatever you think we should have.

Don't forget the other little boys and girls and dear Santa please remember Jack Scott, for we know he is a good boy because he publishes the good old Cross Plains Review. From it we learn the news of the old home town. Mother and father think his paper is great.

We have not got to start to school yet but hope to soon. Please be good to the teacher. One of us will be in the fourth grade and the other two in the second.

Santa Claus, we especially beg that you remember the little boys and girls who have no father and mother. Bring them lots of things this Christmas.

Your three little friends,
Pauline, Lawrence and
Ralph Lee

December 21, 1942

Dear Santa,
Bring me a baton and a blackboard and some candy. Bring my little brother some candy too. Bring me a bicycle too. I have been a very good girl. I want some clothes too.

Your friend,
La Homa Yvonne White

Sherrie Dewbre visited Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hutchins Monday night of last week. Jim went to Coleman to National Guard meeting and the wives were invited to the Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Sessions are expecting Shirley and family on Friday night, and Ted and family will be here Saturday. Sybil and family will be here Sunday. Edgar and family moved to Kingsville and are not expected to come home for Christmas this year.

A Christmas thought. Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world, stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death, and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the eternal love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

More Santa Letters From Other Times

December 21, 1942

Dear Santa,
Please bring mother a handkerchief for Christmas. Bring daddy a necktie. My sister wouldn't like a doll. My brother wants a big ball and my biggest brother wants a doll.
Good bye,
Maxine Simons

December 19, 1939

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a bicycle and Roy a bottle and a nipple.

Robert Gordon Clark

December 19, 1939

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a football, a pair of gloves, and a game of some kind. Then I want some fruits, some nuts and some candy. I will thank you very much.
C. M. Gray

Mrs. Brooke Eubank, teacher in Big Spring schools, and her son, Robert, student at Texas A&M at Bryan, will spend the Christmas holidays at their home here.

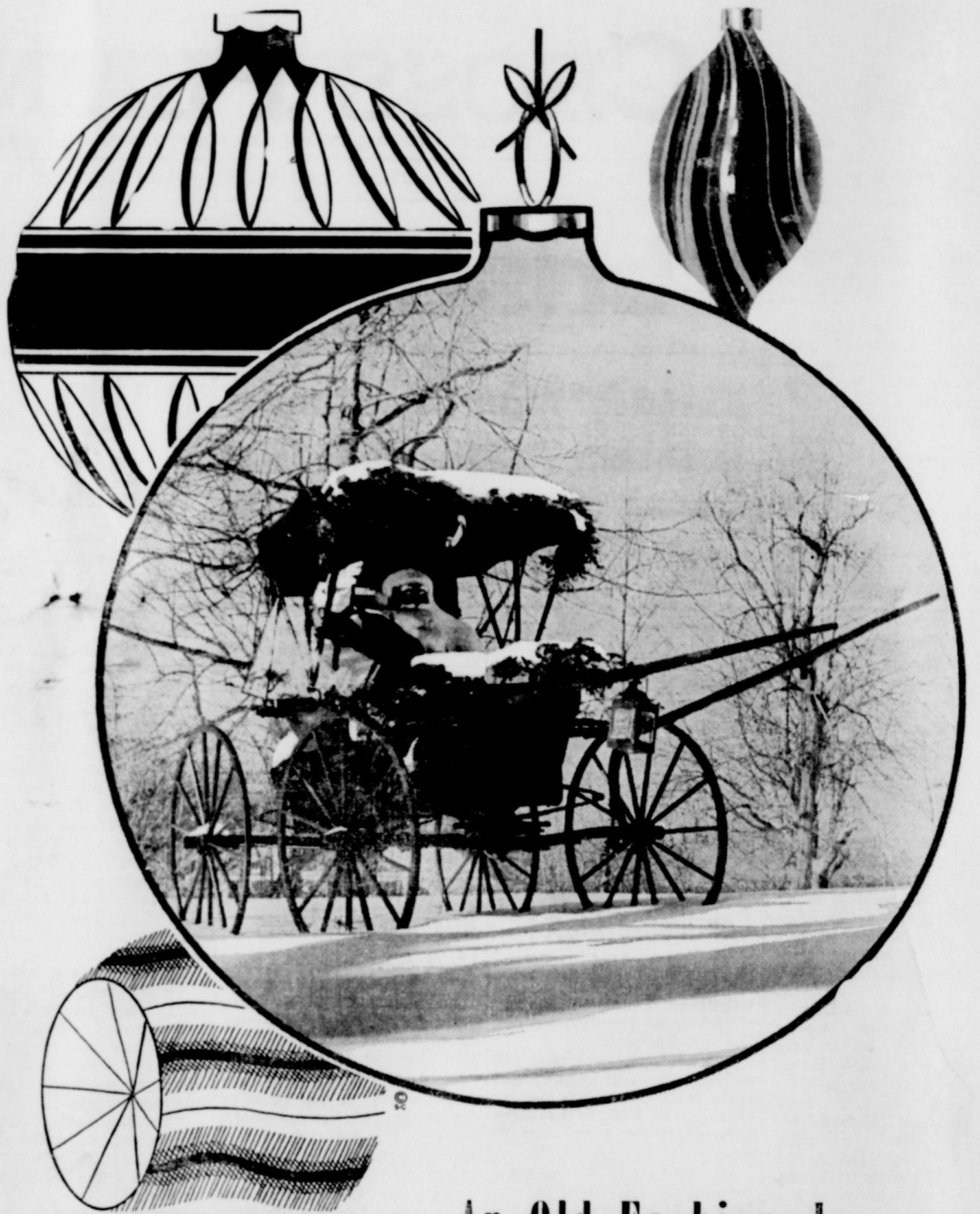
Cross Plains Review

Merry Christmas Edition



Our entire staff wishes you
a very merry, merry Christmas

Mrs. Bertha Weiler
MOTEL 36



An Old Fashioned Christmas Greeting!

May your Yuletide be enriched with all the blessings of a traditional Christmas -- Peace, as quiet as new-fallen snow . . . the heartwarming Joy of a family together . . . Good Will for all! This is our old-fashioned wish for our friends and customers -- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Higginbotham's

Letters To Santa In Long Ago

Letters to Santa Claus written by Plains area children of various ages and generations ago possess more interest today than when originally published. Hereunder are a few gathered at random from 1836 to 1948.

December 20, 1936
Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a doll typewriter, plenty nuts, apples and oranges.
I am eight years old.
With love,
Bobbie Lou Woten

December 20, 1936
Dear Santa,
I want a football and a BB gun, also want a punching bag.
Your friend,
Tom Minton, Jr.

December 20, 1936
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old and am in the second grade. I have been a good boy. I want to bring me a toy speed double holster set, some soldiers, candy, nuts and
Your friend,
Billy Adams

December 20, 1936
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and some candy and a watch and some skates.
Your friend,
Joyce McMillan

December 20, 1936
Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a buggy, table and chairs.
With love,
Wanda Jean Hall

December 20, 1936
Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a BB gun, some firecrackers and some fruits, nuts, and candy.
James Douglas Brown

December 19, 1939
Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. Please bring me a football, a BB gun, some firecrackers and some fruits, nuts, and candy.
Joyce Nell Neeb

December 19, 1939
Dear Santa Claus,
Please don't forget me. I don't want much but this is what I want. A bee-gee gun, a Dr. set, a six shooter with pearl handles, and some fireworks.
Yours truly,
A. W. Booth

December 19, 1939
Dear Santa,
Please come to see me Christmas. I want a little train, a little truck, and a little gun. Please bring me some fruit.
Your little friend,
Bobby Dillard

December 19, 1939
Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I could get a bicycle, a toy tractor, a football, a gun and scabbard, and a suit, candy and nuts, and many other things, but I cannot get them.
Robert Smith

December 19, 1939
Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a box of candy and some nuts and a football and I also want some fruits and don't forget the other children. I have been a good boy as long as school has been going on.
Billy Charles McMillan

December 19, 1939
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good boy and I would like to have a 50c pistol and scabbard and a truck for Christmas too. I want some fruits and some fireworks for Christmas. I would like to have some nuts too. I want some things for mother and daddy too.
Charles Mac Holdridge

December 21, 1942
Dear Santa,
I would like some boxing gloves, a jack in the box, a truck, a knife and a pony.
Love,
Morris Ray Cavanaugh

December 21, 1942
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. Please bring me a doll and a set of dishes, a little candy and some fruit. Don't forget the other little children.
Joyce Nell Neeb

December 21, 1942
Dear Santa,
I am almost seven years old. I have been a pretty good boy. I go to school and like it fine. Please bring me a top and cord and a large wagon, candy and nuts.
Love,
Sammy Drew Hill

December 21, 1942
Dear Santa,
I want a football, a funny book, a farm set, a set of tinker toys, a drum, a greyhound bus and a target with a gun. I have a sister in San Antonio so please don't forget her. I also want fruit, candy, and nuts please for my teacher and friends.
Waylon Smith

December 19, 1939
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a fiddle and some toys and my brother wants a croquet set. Santa, don't forget the other children.
Delbert Kinnard

December 18, 1945
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please bring me a doll buggy, doll bed, and high chair. I love you very much.
Your little friend,
Martha Barnard

December 18, 1945
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football, a bow and arrow set and a knife for Christmas. Don't forget the other boys and girls and I guess that is all.
Edwin Franke

December 18, 1945
Dear Santa,
I want a football suit and a football. Please bring me a BB gun and a pocket knife, some nuts and candy. Please bring my little sister a doll that will say ma-ma.
Billy Sam Sipes

December 18, 1945
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a wagon for I have been a very good little boy. I am in the second grade in school.
Your little friend,
Paul Ray Lane

December 18, 1945
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I am in the second grade and I want you to bring me an army suit. I love you very much.
Robert H. Falkner

December 20, 1948
Dear Santa Claus,
We are two brothers and have been good all year. Could you please bring us a cap and a pair of gloves apiece and any kind of play toy. Don't forget our friends either.
Love,
Jackie Ray and
Johnny Arnett Pancake

December 19, 1939
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun and a bicycle. I want a belt. Goodbye dear Santa.
Roy Andrews

December 20, 1936
Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade. My name is Margie Nell Hudson. Bring me lots of candy and not very many toys and please don't forget the poor little children. I have made the honor roll twice. I sure am glad when Christmas comes. Everybody is happy when Christmas comes.
With love,
Margie Nell Hudson

December 19, 1939
Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me some football equipment and a football. I want a wrist watch. Please send me some oranges, apples and nuts. Please send my two year old brother a tricycle and a little truck. I am eight years old.
Your friend,
Gordon Chambers

December 20, 1948
Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Micky Mouse wrist watch, a good football that wont burst so easy, and anything else you can bring.
Don't forget my little nephew Jimmy Cotten. He wants some cowboy boots, hat, and a toy horse.
Your friend,
Doyle Oliver

December 20, 1936
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I am a pretty good girl. Please do not forget me. I want a doll, a doll buggy, a set of dishes and a bicycle. I have two little sisters. Don't forget them. I sure will be good if you will come to see me.
Bobbie Jean Webb

December 21, 1942
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a wagon, BB gun, candy, nuts and fruit.
John Walton Wagner

December 21, 1942
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old. I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me a doll with a few doll dresses and lots of candy and nuts. Don't forget the poor children. Bye Santa.
Your little friend,
Virginia Lee Wooten
December 19, 1939

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year. I want you to bring me a guitar, football and a gun, some candy, apples, oranges and nuts.
John Eugene Fore



Merry Christmas

TO ALL OF
OUR MANY, MANY
GOOD FRIENDS

Christmas is a time
for counting our blessings,
for acknowledging with gratitude the
loyalty of our friends, and for expressing
appreciation and good wishes that the
coming Holiday will be a happy one!

Season's Greetings To All

J.R.B. SUPER MARKET



At His Birth the Angels sang, "Peace on earth to men of good will." May this same peace, the gift of the Prince of Peace, be yours this Christmas and may it fill your life with joy!

Neal Drug



We'd like to gaily-bedeck your Christmas tree with ornaments of Health, Wealth, and Laughter!

WORTHY'S GROCERY & STATION

FONIA & SYBIL

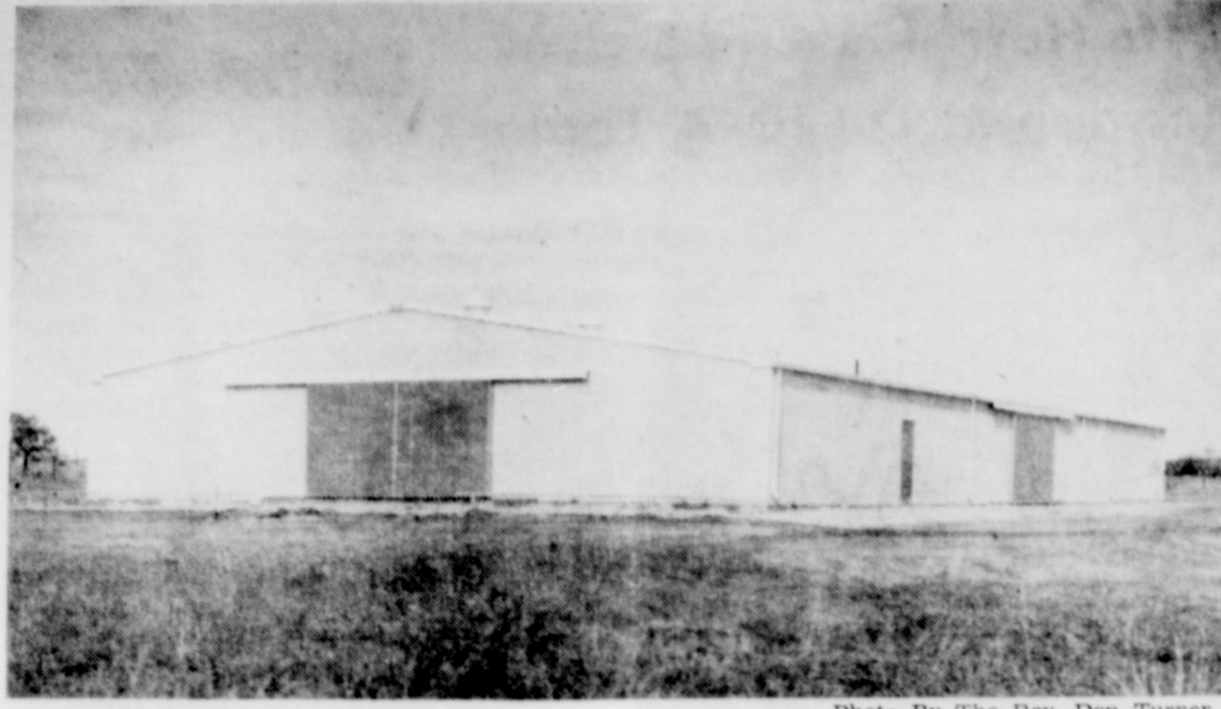


Photo By The Rev. Don Turner

NEW SHOW BARN — One of the major accomplishments of Cross Plains civic organizations during the year now nearing completion was the successful erection of a livestock exhibition barn here to house the annual Callahan County Junior Livestock Show, yearly scheduled in January. Land for the facility, pictured above, was donated by Mrs. E. I. Vestal and members of her family, and funds for the building were provided by friends of the stock show, including many who reside beyond the confines of Callahan County. Total value of the local exhibition property is said to be \$20,000, all of which is paid.

Visitors From Afar At Burkett During The Christmas Season

Kathryn Craven had as her guest Wednesday to Saturday her niece, Anita Priest of Los Angeles, daughter of the late Elbert Cochran, formerly of Burkett. Mrs. Priest, professor of

music at Los Angeles City College, organist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and organist and pianist in films, television and radio, is enroute home from a year's sabbatical leave in Europe and Middle East. She attended several musical festivals in Germany and Austria and studied harpsichord at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. She has spent some time with a number of relatives since arriving in the United States a few weeks ago, including: Mrs. Lela Cochran Hill of St. Louis and Fred Coshran and family of Oklahoma City.



MRS. MERRIL BURKETT, Review correspondent in Burkett, includes her wish for all to have a merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

Mrs. E. B. Webb and Mrs. Mattie Webb were business visitors in Abilene Thursday.

Velma Byers will leave Monday, Dec. 23, for Cozad, Neb., to spend a week with the Bob Stalder family.

The Gilder Adams family and Mrs. Hattie Adams spent last Saturday in Abilene.

The Virgil Tension family moved to the Lon Gray house in Burkett from the J. C. Bowden ranch where he was employed the past year. He plans to do oil field work now.

Debby Adams attended the Girl Scout Christmas party in Coleman Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Keller of Coleman Friday. The Harris received news from their son, R. E., of Knox City, saying he has accepted a position with the Chevrolet Co. in Longview, where he will go immediately. Mrs. Harris and Bobby will join him there at the end of the school term.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. (Heavy) Adams of Fort Worth visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Walker, and two brothers, Charlie Burkett and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Burkett, and other relatives Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Morgan of Rule, Jim Pennington of Haskell and L. L. Morgan of Brownwood attended the A. B. Hunter funeral last week and visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morgan afterwards.

Skipper Nichols left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays

in Dallas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cranz Nichols.

Holiday guests in the C. D. Baker home will include the Bob Baker and Nelson Andrews families of Fort Worth and the Earl Baker family of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. McCormick and family of Fort Worth arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Evans.

Christmas holiday guests already here and expected in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Adams are: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Adams and children of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Bohnstedt and girls of Burkett.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Evans are expecting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Key and children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lucko and children of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Clark to spend Christmas with them.

All of the Carl Burns family are expected to arrive to welcome Santa. Already here are: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanders and son of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pace and son of Fort Worth, Geraldine and Lanette of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gene Burns and son of Breckenridge and Richard Burns of Lubbock.



Oh Holy Night...

...with "tidings of great joy!" Again the Savior is reborn in the hearts of all mankind! May love and peace light your way this Christmas!

BEST WISHES FROM EVERYONE AT

Foster's Grocery



Merry Christmas, one and all!

BETTY'S STYLING SHOP
BETTY FORTUNE



May the Holy Season bring blessings of peace

K-OIL WELL SERVICE
L. D. KOENIG

PAY TAXES NOW

Payments made on state taxes in October receive 3 per cent discount, those in November 2 per cent and December payments 1 per cent.

Discount applies only to state tax.

ALBERT LOVELL
County Tax Assessor-Collector



"DECK THE HALLS"

We hope your home and heart will be filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad Holiday season—
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CROSS PLAINS MOTOR CO.

R. C. (Cliff) GILMORE

Spell Quiz

Which of the following is spelled correctly?

frankencense frankinsence frankincense
(Meaning: a fragrant gum resin.)

(Answer on Back Page)



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

May each of you
have a holiday
full of cheer,
enough to last
all through
the year!

CROSS PLAINS FROZEN FOOD LOCKER

SISTERS CAFE

Will close Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 2 p.m.
Will reopen Thursday, Dec. 26 at 6 a.m.

We Wish To Take This Opportunity To
THANK Each and Every One Of Our
CUSTOMERS And FRIENDS For Their
Loyal Patronage Through The Year, And
Wish For All Of You A MERRY CHRIST-
MAS And A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THANK YOU



STAR-LIGHT,
STAR-BRIGHT!

Shine down and
Cheer each child.
Each home,
This Christmas Night!

Cross Plains Frozen Food Locker Plant
LINDSEY TYSON

Buffs Hutchins And Stover Mentioned On 10-A Team

Jay Hutchins and Reggie Stover were the only two players from Cross Plains High School Buffaloes to be noted in the recently released District 10-A All-District football teams.

Both local gridlers received honorable mention in the selection made recently by coaches of the conference.

Hutchins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charnel Hutchins of the Atwell community, is a senior three year letterman. He was a mainstay in the Herd line last season playing both offense and defense, and filled positions at both guard and tackle.

Stover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stover of the Pioneer community, is a two year letter earner and is a junior student. He capably handled the duties of right halfback in the recent grid campaign and was the hisson's leading scorer. He doubled at safety on defense.

Of the 23-man offensive and defensive teams Albany placed 14, Clyde four, Ranger and Baird two each and Eastland

one. Those who were chosen on both elite squads were: quarter-back-linebacker Johnnie Woodward, guard-linebacker Dick Shelton, guard-middle guard Joe Tucker, center-tackle Willard Boyett and fullback-end Charles Brewster, all of Albany, and halfback-safety Rick Dennis of Clyde.

Offensive Team

Ends: Ronnie Hinds, Ranger, and Larry Barte, Albany.

Tackles: Tommy Koneczak, Clyde, and Jim Sullivan, Albany.

Guards: Dick Shelton, Albany, Johnny Comancho, Ranger, and Joe Tucker, Albany.

Center: Wilard Boyett, Albany.

Backs: Rick Dennis, Clyde, Johnnie Woodward, Albany, Charles Brewster, Albany, and Richard Windham, Baird.

Defensive Team

Ends: Brewster, Albany, and Bruce Bell, Baird.

Tackles: Boyett, Albany, and Bob Oliver, Albany.

Middle Guard: Tucker, Albany.

Linebackers: Woodward and Shelton, Albany.

Corner Backs: George Dyer, Clyde, and Joe Cooper, Eastland.

Safeties: Dennis Clyde, and Gary Hise, Albany.

Honorable Mention

Albany: Garry Barte and Joe Williams.

Baird: Danny Ross, Pat McKennon, Wally Harris, Eddie Childers, Freddie Alexander, and Douglas Jagers.

Eastland: Jim Moylan and Don Griffin.

Cross Plains: Jay Hutchins and Reggie Stover.

Clyde: Danny Blanks and Buddy Howe.

Ranger: Jesse Renteria, Ray Newnham, Johnny McGee and Douglass Browning.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Edgar Jones here Saturday were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jones and two sons, of Chickasha, Okla., who were enroute to Odessa.

Cottonwood

By Hazel I. Respass



HAZEL I. RESPASS, news reporter for the Review at Cottonwood, wishes for all her many readers a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Miss Connie Breeding came home Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Fortune left Friday for Longview to spend Christmas with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Willis and children, Maewyn and Keith, of Little Rock, Ark., came to Cross Plains Saturday to spend the holidays before leaving for Denver, Colo., where they will live for a few months. He is an instructor at an air missile base.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Myrick are expecting all of their children home for Christmas.

Marylen Murry was on the sick list last Friday and missed school.

Edd Strahan is able to be up and around again after being confined in his home from a heart ailment for several weeks.

CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to every one for their kind remembrances and cards. Best wishes to every one. Cross Plains should be proud of Colonial Oaks.

Mrs. W. F. (Jennie) Baum



This wish, Santa framed for you,
Spells out Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays, too!

CROSS PLAINS MACHINE CO.
JAMES HICKMAN

Merry Christmas

To The Finest Folks On Earth

The People
Of Callahan County

From Those Of Us Who Are
Honored To Serve You

BYRON RICHARDSON, County Judge

ROSCOE SHELNU, Commissioner Precinct 1

GLEN SWOR, Commissioner Precinct 2

ALTON WHITE, Commissioner Precinct 3

DUKE MITCHELL, Commissioner Precinct 4

JAMES PAUL SHANKS, County Attorney

L. C. CASH, County School Superintendent

PAT GARNER, County Agent

BEATRICE DEAL, County Clerk

ALBERT LOVELL, County Tax Assessor-Collector

HOMER PRICE, Sheriff

HAZEL REYNOLDS, County Treasurer

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY FAVORS RECEIVED AT YOUR HANDS

Read and Use the Want Ads

Cross Plains Review

Merry Christmas Edition 1963

CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

JACK SCOTT and JACK McCARTY, Publishers
Published Every Thursday at Cross Plains, Texas
By The Review Publishing Co.

Jack Scott Editor
Benny Glover Sports

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES Entered as second-class mail matter at the post office at Cross Plains, Texas, April 2, 1960, under act of year elsewhere in the United States. Congress of March 3, 1879.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be gladly and promptly corrected upon calling the attention of the editor to the article in question.



GENERAL ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Legal and classified advertising is 3 cents per word for first insertion and 2 cents per word for subsequent insertions. All classified and legal advertising rate cash in advance, unless billed to established account. "Blind" or unsigned advertisements accepted only upon approval of the publishers. Resolutions submitted for publication are charged at the regular word rate.

FOR SALE: 1963 Chevy II, 2-door hardtop Nova. Has only 7,000 miles, factory-air. See Herman Aiken or E. K. Coppinger at Bishop Chevrolet Co. 37 3tc

FOR SALE: Loe's double-duty fully guaranteed outside white house paint, \$4.45 per gallon. Vinyl-latex wall paint, your choice of 360 colors, \$4.60 per gallon. Bowden Lumber Co. 13 26tp

ONE WAYING, flat raking or grain sewing done by the acre. See J. R. Rector, Jr. at Sabanno. 38 3tc

FOR SALE: Ultra modern home, super location. Business building with good revenue. Box 224 or phone 725-4561. 37 3tp

BUYING PECANS at highest prices: Bring them to Glenn Vaughn Grocery on West Highway 36. 27 ttc

FOR SALE: Creep fed calves for food freezer. Half or Whole. Telephone 725-3931. 38-2tp

HAVE Texas veterans with papers, also cash buyers. Need listings on both large and small tracts of land for sale. J. C. Traweek, Bangs, Telephone PL 2376, or Ray Traweek, Brownwood, Telephone MI 3-5844. 37-4tc

SEND A COPY OF the world-famous book "Nubbin Ridge," for an appreciated Christmas gift. Mailed anywhere for \$4.00. The Review 37 ttc

FOR SALE: 140 acre grass lease and 8 cows. Telephone 725-3931. 38-2tp

FOR SALE: Up-right piano. Call 725-3828 after 5 p.m. 38-3tp

FOR SALE: Desirable 6-room house, furnished or unfurnished, in Rising Star, on 90' x 140' lot; garage, concrete storm cellar, orchard, garden. Immediate possession, reasonably priced. Tom Brown, P. O. Box 246, Rising Star. Phone business 643-2481; residence 643-2591. 37 3tp

IF YOU WANT to trade for a Falcon or anything fine, See Bryan Bennett. (37-3tc)

NEED FARMS AND RANCHES

Have Buyers for Land Large or Small Tracts Cash or Tax Saving Terms

See or Call
W. K. Miller
Night OW 2-0247

J. B. Gladden
OR 4-5897 Night OW 2-9515
2636 S. 14, Abilene

LEDDY'S ARE BUILDING A COMPLETE NEW HOME ALL present stock must be sold.



YOU CAN SAVE NOW
LEDDY BOOT SHOP
450 Pine - Downtown Abilene

ENJOY BETTER MEAT?

Bring us your calves, yearlings, and hogs to be processed for your deep freeze.

Beef For Sale By Half or Whole
Sunrise Sausage

W. L. (Lee) IVEY
Tel. 4-1506 Baird, Texas

Machine Repairs
Alton's Sewing
PFAFF Dealer

We buy, sell, trade or repair commercial and domestic machines. Full line of Presser Feet and Parts.

734 Sunset Phone 3-1708
Abilene, Texas



For Quality Flowers for Every Occasion, Call . . .

725-4421

MAYES
Flower Shop
Next Door to Post Office

POSTS, POSTS, POSTS: See Ralph Pancake or Red Huckaby. Have a full truck load of 2 years old seasoned posts, sizes from 3 inch tops to 6 inch tops. Plenty of 8 and 9 feet corners. Will suit the best of ranchers. 38 2tp

BUTANE AND PROPANE: for prompt gas service, day or night, call 725-3221. We also have propane for bottle service. Rose Butane Gas Service, one mile east of town on Hwy. 36, Cross Plains. (tfc)

FREE: You may win \$1.00 if we call you after Fulton Lewis Jr.'s radio broadcast on KWKC (1340) at 6:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday and you can correctly answer a question regarding the program. CALLAHAN COMMITTEE FOR GOD AND COUNTRY. (36-9tp)

PECANS: choice of 10 soft-shelled varieties; finest quality, large, tasty and ideal for Christmas use. Doss Alexander Farm, 4 miles east of Cross Plains on Highway 36.

FOR SALE: 2 houses and lots in city limits on highway 36. Priced for quick sale. Call 725-4625 or see G. R. Merrill. Would trade for acreage. 27 ttc

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom house, 12x23 living room with wall to wall carpeting. Drive in grocery building in front. 2 acres on Highway 36 west part of Cross Plains. Price \$4,800. Terms. Call 725-4801. Tobe Taylor. 25 ttc

CARPETS and life too can be beautiful if you use Blue Lustre for cleaning. Higginbotham's. 1tc

Classified Advertisements, 40c

Carl J. Sohns, D. O.
PHYSICIAN and SURGEON
Office Phone 725-2281 Res. Phone 725-2851

Krell Insurance Agency
—Fire —Windstorm
—Casualty —Automobile
Office at
500 South Main Street

Dr. E. H. Henning, Jr.
OPTOMETRIST
117 Commercial Phone 8944
Coleman, Texas
Office Hours, 9 to 5
Saturdays, 9 to 12

RUSSELL-SURLES
ABSTRACT CO.

Prompt and Dependable
Abstract Service
Office: 337 Market Street
Baird, Texas

VADA WHITE BENNETT,
Owner

W. O. W. CAMP No. 4242
Cross Plains, Texas
Meets second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month.

ROY COX, C. C.
VERNON FALKNER, Sec.

Dr. Ellis & Ellis
OPTOMETRISTS

Dependable Optical Service
in Brownwood for 29 years
Dial MI 3-0184
For Appointment
Citizens National Bank Bldg.
BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

FOR SALE

131½ acres, 83 acres in cultivation, modern 5 room house. Price \$100 per acre, ½ minerals. 3 bed room modern house, 1½ acres land, water well, out-building. Price \$4,000, nice location. 2 bed room modern house, 2 acres of land, more or less. Price \$7,000, good location.

J. M. McMILLAN
Real Estate Broker
Cross Plains, Texas



Greetings

May your Christmas be filled with good will, abundance, and the tranquility of faith.

Tatom Barber Shop



Our best wishes for the very happiest of Holiday Seasons!
231 XG '59 Form 15

Strength Body Shop

For COLDS take 666

EL - FOOD PRODUCTS



COX'S FARMER'S MARKET
FOSTER GROCERY
SOUDER GROCERY
COFFEY'S GRO., Cottonwood
GARY'S GROCERY, Rowden

ADVERTISING PAYS!

FARMERS - RANCHERS FISHERMEN

. . . here are the boats you have been wanting! Aluminum fishing boats for tanks, lakes and stream fishing.

Come in today and let us show you our new models, priced as low as . . .

129.50

BISHOP CHEVROLET COMPANY

BACKACHE & NERVE TENSION
SECONDARY TO KIDNEY IRRITATION
After 22 common kidney or bladder irritations affect twice as many women as men and may make you tense and nervous from too frequent, burning or itching urination both day and night. Secondly, you may lose sleep and suffer from headaches, backache and feel old, tired, depressed. In such irritation, CYSTEX usually brings fast, relaxing comfort by curbing irritating germs in urine, acid urine and by analgesic pain relief. Get CYSTEX at drugists. Feel better fast.

VERNON FALKNER'S GARAGE
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

INSURANCE AND BONDS
FOR EVERY PURPOSE

Be safe as a babe in a feather bed,
Buy all your insurance from Ted

McCuin
INSURANCE AGENCY
"Every Insurance Protection"
Phone 5-2091
717 MAIN ST.
Cross Plains, Tex.

Low-cost Bank

AUTO FINANCE LOANS

Hold down the cost of your new car by financing it with a loan from the Citizens State Bank. LOW RATES. You'll be pleasantly surprised at the money you save.

No hidden charges and at this bank you enjoy prompt, courteous, personal service. There's no tape here in arranging a low-cost auto loan.

Before you buy or trade, stop in and see us.

Citizens State Bank

City Taxes for 1963

May be paid at the City Hall
Cross Plains, Texas

PAY NOW AND SAVE PENALTY AND INTEREST

MRS. AVA CHILDERS
City Tax Collector

Cross Plains, Texas

1963 School Taxes Due

Deadline for paying 1963 School Taxes will be January 31, 1964, and patrons are urged to get their payments in early this year to avoid penalty.

Office Is Open Daily

From 8:00 until 5:00 o'clock from Oct. 1, until January 31, 1964, at McCuin Insurance Agency, Cross Plains.

DON'T LET YOUR SCHOOL TAXES GO DELINQUENT

A. J. McCUIN, Collector



YOU COULD BE NEXT!

Most fires can be prevented by practicing caution . . . but not all. Play it safe . . . be sure you have adequate fire insurance to cover everything you own . . . us today!

F. V. Tunnell Insurance Agency

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHOOTING FIREWORKS IN THE CITY LIMITS IS IN VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCES.

PLEASE OBSERVE THIS LAW

THE CITY COUNCIL

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!

McNeel Supply Co.

Grandeur Of Christmas In Evidence At Pioneer



By Mrs. Delma Dean
MRS. DELMA DEAN, Review correspondent in Pioneer, wishes each and everyone who reads her column, a very happy and joyous Christmas and the best in the new year.

PIONEER DRIVE-IN THEATRE

CROSS PLAINS - RISING STAR Highway 36 Phone 725-4701

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Conn Wish Each and Everyone A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY
December 25 - 26
"THE SECRET PASSION"

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
December 27 - 28
"DAY OF THE BAD MAN"
Fred MacMurray

SUN. - MON. - TUES.
December 29 - 30 - 31
"TAMMY & THE BACHELOR"

Christmas is in the air every where. Carolers singing, mistle-toe hanging, tinsel shining, picture windows aglow with many colored lights on beautifully decorated Christmas trees. Lovely wrapped Christmas packages are being placed beneath the tree. Each mail is laden with lovely cards from friends and relatives from near and far. Even the weather man seems to be promising a white Christmas. People are rushing here and there buying last minute items, planning menus, getting everything in readiness. But let us pause and take time out from all our excitement, and thank God for the greatest gift of all, his son Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, born in far off Bethlehem on that first Christmas night long ago. Remember, His son Jesus Christ, the Savior it is His birthday that we are celebrating.

Pete and Jean Fore visited with Jane and Estelle Huntington Thursday night in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Merrill visited his brother, Glen Merrill of Cross Plains, in the Comanche hospital Wednesday. Glen underwent surgery earlier in the week.

J. D. Justice is visiting in the home of his daughter, Ophelia Merrill, for a few days.

Doss Alexander took a load of pecans to Midland, Tex., one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris were business visitors in Stamford Sunday.

Jess Brown entered the Comanche hospital Thursday. We hope he can soon be well and home again.

Mrs. Joe Brown has gone to El Frida, Arizona to be with her husband who is in the cotton harvest there.

Sam and Grace Eakins are expecting their children in for the holidays. They are Elaine Ratliff and family of Jal, N.M., R. C. (Giggs) Eakin and wife of Burkesville, Ky. and Captain Ben Eakin of Del Rio, Texas.

Carol Parson entered the Comanche hospital Wednesday afternoon and had surgery for appendicitis early Thursday a.m. Wanetta and Helen Parson visited her Thursday evening. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. R. L. Carey's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sherril of De Leon visited them Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker visited in the Carey home Thursday.

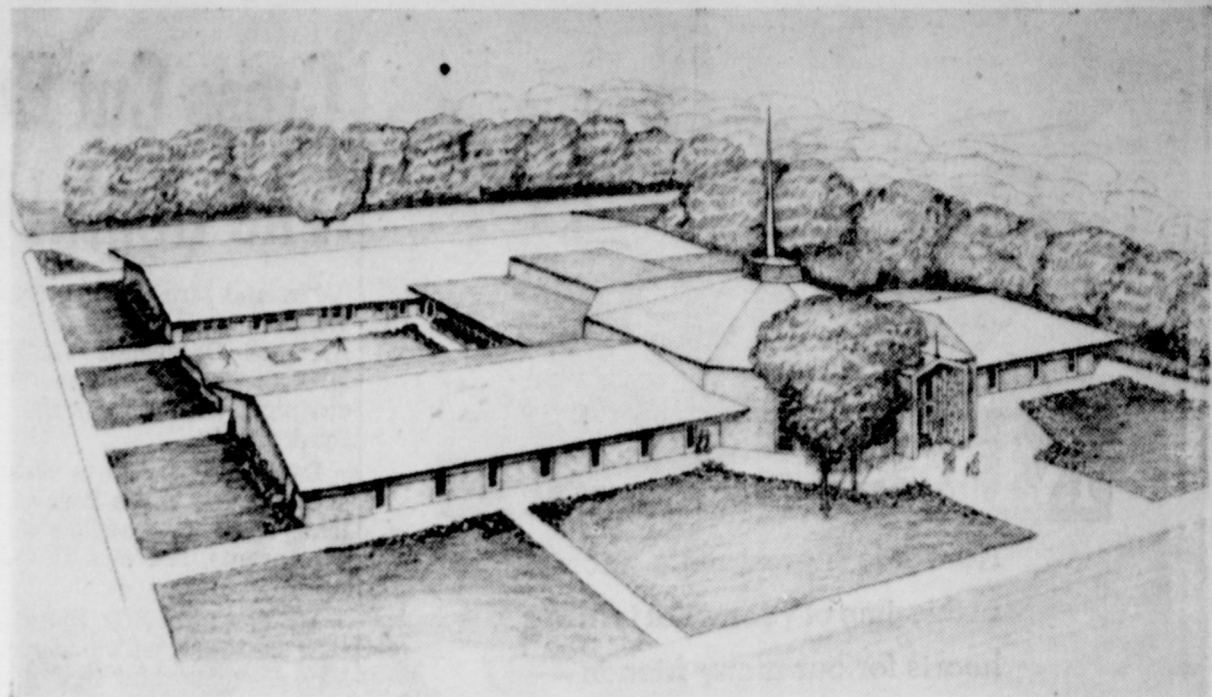
Ethel heard from Lida Robbins again and she hasn't improved any yet. She is at her sons house in Houston, but under the care of a doctor there.

Sterling White is still in the Rising Star hospital. The doctor was having more X-rays taken of him Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Roberts of New Castle spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gray. Mrs. Roberts is a sister of Lonnie's.

Mr. and Mrs. Delma Dean visited Joe, Lorine and Bill Bryson Tuesday night.

I'd like to compliment Mrs. Edwin Erwin of Sabanno, on her column last week. It was very interesting.



Merry Christmas

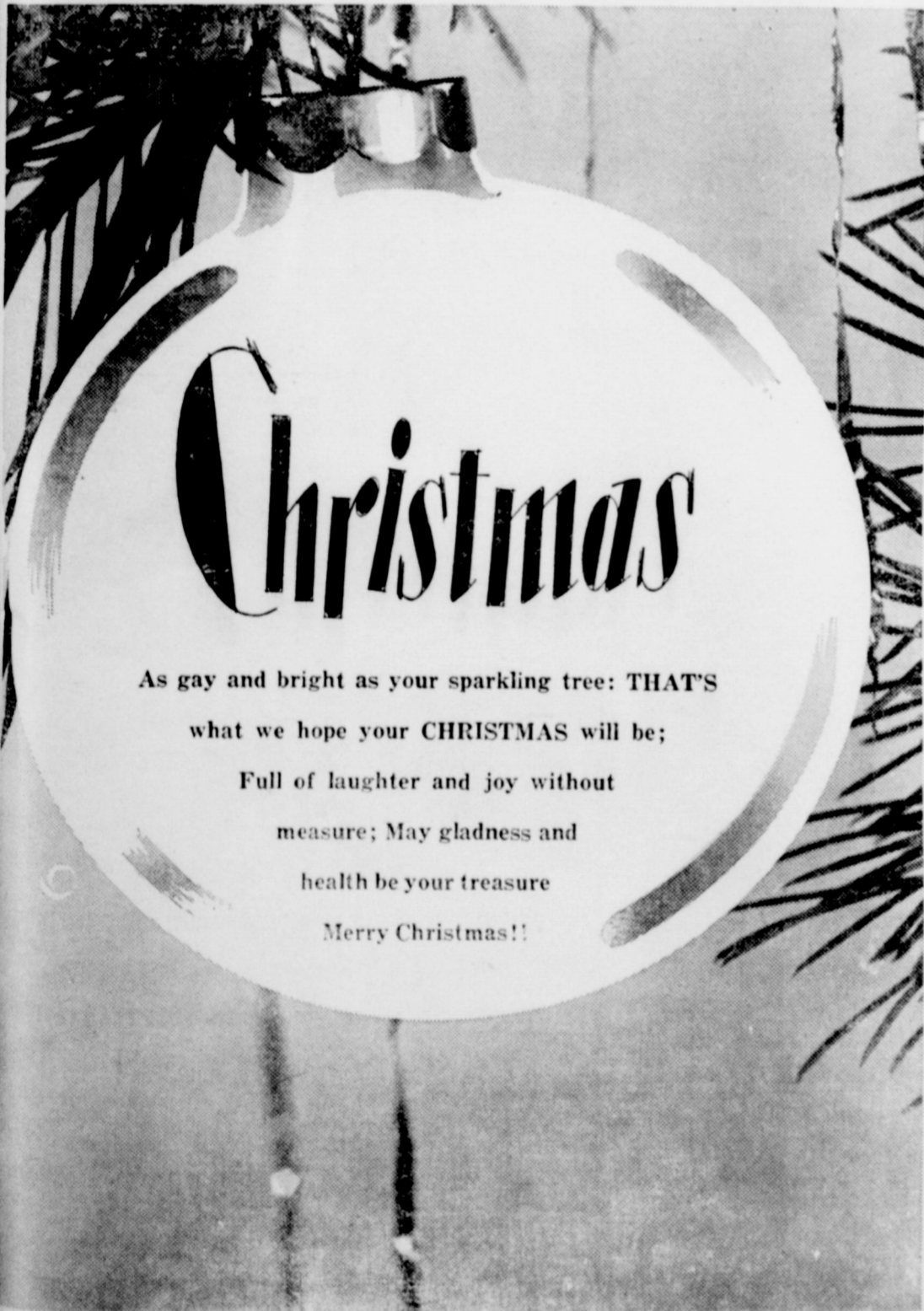
To All Who Ever Worshiped On These Premises

AND A CORDIAL INVITATION TO OTHERS TO ATTEND SERVICES HERE REGULARLY

First Baptist Church

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

DON TURNER, Pastor



As gay and bright as your sparkling tree: THAT'S what we hope your CHRISTMAS will be; Full of laughter and joy without measure; May gladness and health be your treasure Merry Christmas!!



CHEERY WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!
240XG '59 Form 15

OTIS PURVIS
Phillips 66 Station



Dillard Mobil Service Station

Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
"OWNED BY THOSE IT SERVES"



MERRY CHRISTMAS

No words express more sincerely at this time of year what is in our hearts for our many friends — than the good old fashioned "Merry, Merry Christmas!"

Jennings' Service Station

Phone 725-2251 Cross Plains, Texas Highway 36



Jim Settle Dry Cleaning



Our prayer is for your happiness this Season!

HORNSBY ELECTRIC CO.

Cross Cut Homes Ready For The Joyful Holiday Season

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Byrd of Waco and Mises Opal and Oscie Byrd of Grosvenor visited in Mrs. Elvie Byrd's home Saturday night with her and the O. B. Byrd family.

David Riley, who is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riley spent this week end with her mother, Mrs. Roy Newton, in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Haun and children of Eastland spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith and children of Austin have recently visited with his mither, Mrs. Edna Smith.

Terry Watkins, who is attending school in Chicago, arrived home Saturday night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watkins and brothers, Don and Keith, who are also home from San Angelo and Stephenville respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Newton left for Oklahoma last Thursday where they will visit a few days with her brother and her sister. They will go from there to Chicago to visit another brother, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Watts and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Byrd, Judy and Alan, are here from Austin spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Les Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDermott.

Mr. and Mrs. Arcie Hubbard and two sons and Mrs. Merlin Hutchins and children of Odessa are here to spend Christmas with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Byrd, and other relatives close by.

Misses Mable Eubank of Brownwood and Lydia of Dallas are enjoying staying in their new home during the Christmas holidays.



By Mrs. Les Byrd

MRS. LES BYRD extends to all readers of the Cross Cut News, a regular feature in the Review, warmest wishes for a merry Christmas and happy new year.

The Christmas party and tree at the Community Center last Monday night was well attended and enjoyed very much.

Joe Cookus of Port Orchard, Wash., is visiting his niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and Paula. Coming for the week are another uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cookus of Cleburne, their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Harris and Michael, of Granbury, and their son, Russell, and wife and daughter of Early.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brum of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. Ross Newton last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Byrd, Guy Lynn and Wanda, arrived from Crane Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Byrd and Lawrence.

Judy and Alan Byrd were visiting friends in Sweetwater Monday and Monday night.

Rowden

By Mrs. B. Crow



MRS. B. CROW, longtime Review correspondent from Rowden, wishes for everyone who reads her column, a very happy holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boen attended funeral services for Mrs. J. H. Bone at the Eula Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Bone was a relative of Mrs. Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Henderson of Lubbock were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Adair recently.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow enjoyed a pre-Christmas dinner at the home of her sister and family at Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Sterling Odom, Mrs. Leila Gibbs, Mrs. Voncille Gibbs, Mrs. Warren Price and Mrs. B. Crow attended the all-day quilting at the home of Mrs. J. D. Cauthen at Admiral Wednesday. Our visitor for the day was a sister of Mrs. B. Crow's, Mrs. W. J. Hannaford of Clyde. A nice day was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sikes visited Mr. and Mrs. Crow Wednesday night.

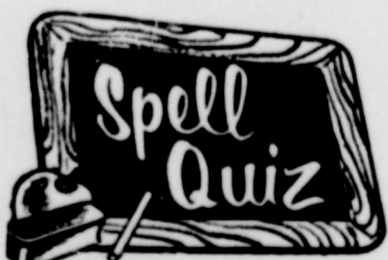
Mrs. Sterling Odom, Mrs. Voncille Gibbs and Mrs. Leila Gibbs all attended Sunday school socials at Cross Plains Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow visited Mr. and Mrs. Ross Farmer at Eula Tuesday afternoon. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson of Baird.

Personals

Darvel Hutchins of Odessa will spend the Christmas holidays here in the home of his parents.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley McCowen over the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCowen and family from San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horton from Lubbock.

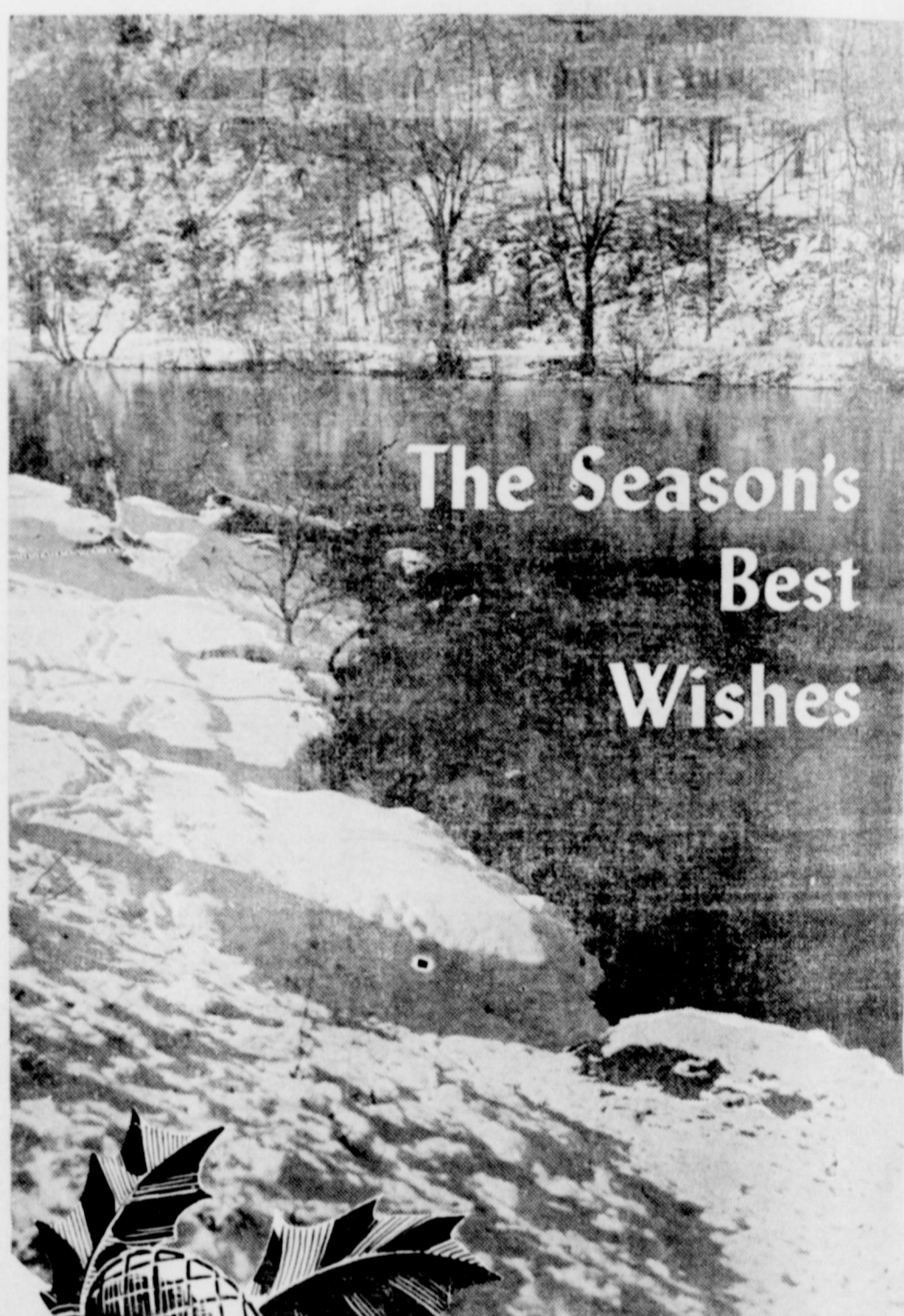


Correct answer is: frankincense



It is indeed a pleasure to thank all of you -- who are our loyal customers -- for your continued patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you! And it is a pleasure now to extend to you -- our warmest wishes for all that's bright and gay IN THIS WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON...

Juanita, Billy and Rex Mayes



The Season's Best Wishes

We sincerely wish our many customers and friends all the blessings of this happy season, and extend our thanks for their patronage through the year!



W. T. COX FARMERS MARKET

Phone 5-3841

Cross Plains

THE FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION OF COLEMAN

Callahan And Coleman Counties

LESLIE BRYANT, Manager, Coleman

JACK CORN, Asst. Manager, Baird



CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

LOCAL NEWS
EXCLUSIVELY

CROSS PLAINS' OLDEST BUSINESS INSTITUTION — LARGEST CIRCULATION IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

NUMBER THIRTY-NINE

7¢ Per Copy

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, CHRISTMAS EDITION 1963

7¢ Per Copy

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

Any Of Us Might Write

Dear Santa:

It has been a long time since I have written to you.

I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt that stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

All of the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken, tarnished or tear-stained.

Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had: the shining baubles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lodestar of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate these priceless treasures or care for them as I should have, but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas. I will hang my empty heart right by the chimney, Santa. And please, this is what I want.

Give me a large basket of forgetfulness with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a large box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears.

Leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy. Tuck in a little song of cheer and, please, Santa, leave quite a lot of plain, old-fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness and tolerance that I can share with my neighbors.

Sincerely and thankfully,

A Grown-Up Child



W. B. Williams



Mrs. W. B. Williams



Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams
on Their Wedding Date 50 Years Ago

Local Couple To Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 26th

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber B. Williams will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home on Thursday, Dec. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. All friends of the popular couple are invited to attend.

Hosts for the reception will be their four children, Mrs. Hollis E. Galloway, Brownwood; Miss Ida Nell Williams, Austin; Mrs. R. G. Hopson, Duman; and Roger Williams, Ogden, Utah. There are also four grandchildren to help them mark their golden wedding anniversary.

Miss Carrie Belle Tyson and Wilber Williams were married Dec. 25, 1913, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Tyson in Cross Plains with the Rev. E. L. Sisk performing the ceremony. Attendants at the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. Austin Payne of Cross Plains, Mrs. Tom King of Rising Star and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce of Abilene.

Mr. Williams was born in Thayer County, Neb., the second child of frontier parents; the father coming to that locality when it was held by the Indians. His father homesteaded land and drove a stage coach on route going west toward Colorado. Their land later became the townsite of Belvidere, Neb. In 1900 Mr. Williams came with his parents to Chambers County, Texas, to the town of Anahuac. At that time, not having public schools in the county, he attended a subscription

school which was held in the famous old "General Chambers" house. In the latter part of 1902 he went to work as an apprentice carpenter. He also worked as journeyman carpenter in several places in Texas, coming to Cross Plains in the fall of 1910 just before the coming of the railroad. Mr. Williams helped construct the original store buildings in the townsite of Cross Plains as well as many area residences. Since that time he has been actively employed in the building and wood working business.

Carrie Belle Tyson, the daughter

of Dr. and Mrs. John Tyson, was born in Santa Anna, Tex. She attended school there and also in the Dressy community before moving with her family to Cross Plains. She also spent some time of her young life in the state of Arkansas. One of the favorite hobbies of Mrs. Williams during her young life was that of painting. She was a member of a local art class for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams extend a cordial invitation to all their friends to help them observe their anniversary on the above date.

McNeel Home Scene Of Sew And So Club Party

Members of the Sew and So Club met in the home of Mrs. Craig McNeel Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. Wood as co-hostess.

Mrs. Vollie McDonough and Mary Coppinger entertained with Christmas readings, and the members enjoyed a gift exchange.

Refreshments were served to Mes. O. M. Bailey, Jeff Clark, Mary Coppinger, J. W. Dunlap, C. D. Lane, W. S. McCann, Pat McNeel, Sr., Claude McAnally, Vollie McDonough, E. C. Neeb, C. L. Smith, Marvin Smith, W. R. Thompson, L. W. Westerman, W. B. Williams, J. E. Wood, H. A. Young and the hostesses and

a guest, Mrs. Mae Lawrence, of Kermit.

Next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 2 in the home of Mrs. Henry McCoy.

COUNTY BOND SALES ONE-HALF OF QUOTA

U. S. Savings bonds sales in Callahan County through the first 11 months of the year totaled \$88,824, less than one-half the amount expected to be bought by local residents during 1963. November sales in Callahan were \$4,968.

The quota assigned this county for the current year is \$190,000.



... COME LET US ADORE HIM THIS DAY

ALL OF US AT YOUR HOME TOWN BANK

WISH ALL OF YOU

A GENUINE OLD-FASHIONED

Merry Christmas

DURING THE YEAR AHEAD MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH HEALTH,
HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY IN ABUNDANCE



Citizens State Bank

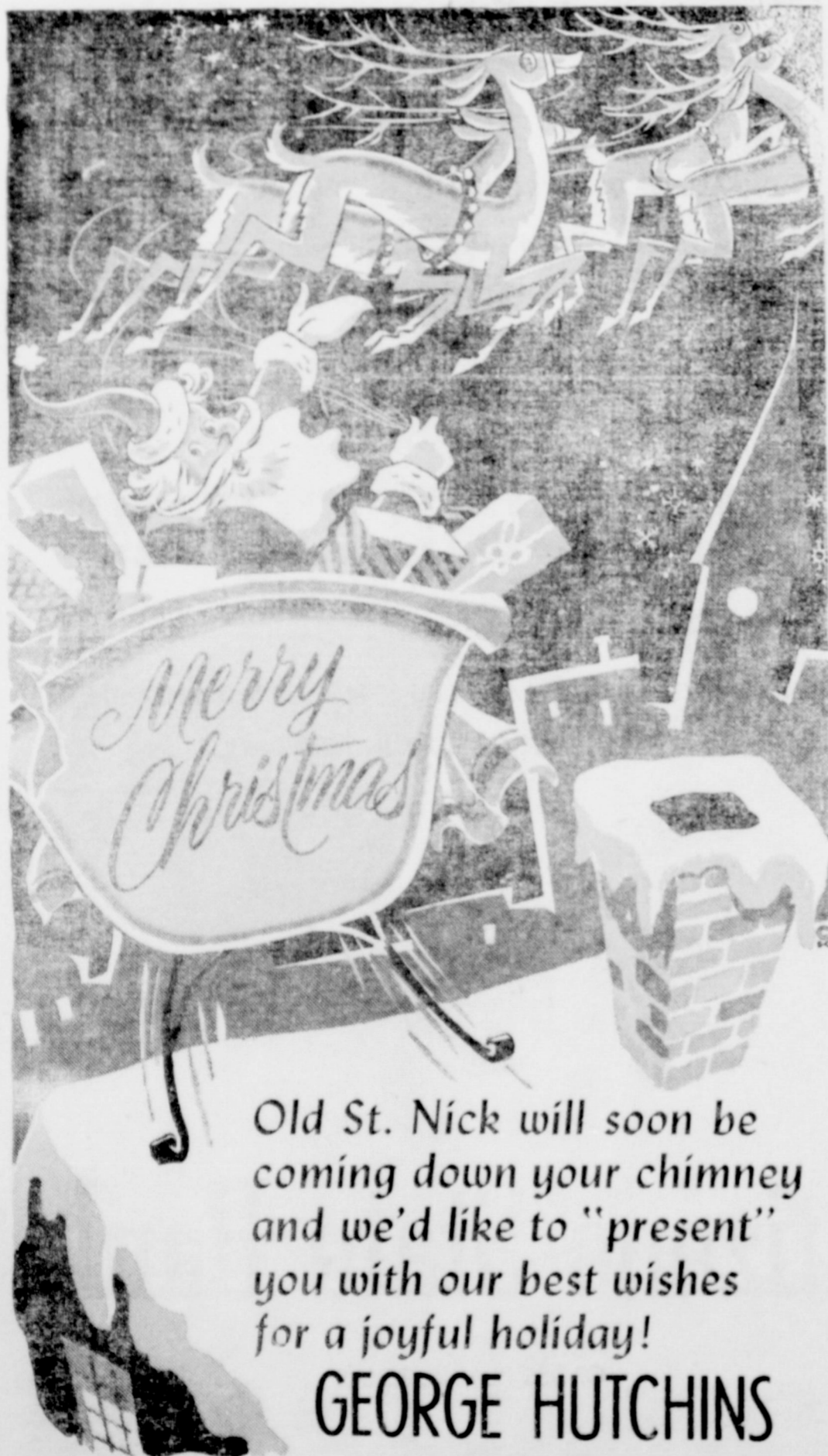
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS



... To all of you whom we have so enjoyed serving: we say thanks for your patronage - And, may everything that's bright and gay, Bless your household on Christmas Day!

McCuin Insurance Agency

WHERE YOUR BUSINESS IS APPRECIATED
EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR



Old St. Nick will soon be coming down your chimney and we'd like to "present" you with our best wishes for a joyful holiday!

GEORGE HUTCHINS

MOBIL PRODUCTS

Personals

Mrs. Dave Hargrove was a visitor in Abilene Thursday.

Mrs. Edgar Jones visited her sister, Mrs. Roy Nichols, in Snyder last week.

Miss Edna Krell will spend Christmas with her mother in Fort Worth.

Paul Lutzenberger was a business visitor in Abilene Thursday of last week.

Miss Ruth Applin of Denver, Colo., visited her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Dan Applin, here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Nabers of Brownwood are visiting here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Givens and two children of Loraine will visit in Cross Plains and Burkett during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thate and daughter of Abilene plan to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bryan, here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tunnell will leave Tuesday for Ardmore, Okla., to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Butler and children.

Mrs. Anna Myrl McGowen of of Monahans will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. George Scott, and other relatives in Cross Plains.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles J. McAfee and children will leave Tuesday for Corsicana, where they will spend Christmas with his mother. They plan to be back in Cross Plains next Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Newton and daughter, Angela, of Bryan arrived here Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCuin, and in Cross Cut with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boyle and children of Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and son of Knox City, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kunkle and children of Arlington and James Hall and son of Olton will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hall, here.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called from us our beloved friend, Lucille Westerman (Mrs. C. C.) who has stood for all that is highest and best in our social, cultural and religious life.

Whereas, Mrs. Lucille Westerman has been a worthy and loyal member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Whereas, Members of Beta Upsilon Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society remember Mrs. Lucille Westerman with deep affection and gratitude for the many contributions she made to the activities and progress of the organization, and

Whereas, It is the desire of Beta Upsilon Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society to pay tribute to the useful and inspirational life of Mrs. Lucille Westerman and to extend our sympathy to her family, now therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, Beta Upsilon Chapter, Callahan and Eastland Counties of Texas, of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society do express our profound sorrow and deep sense of loss in the death of one who was dear to us; that we express and record our deep appreciation for all that she has contributed to our organization, to the different communities in which she has lived; and to the many individuals who through the years were privileged to call her friend and teacher; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary of Beta Upsilon Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society communicate copies of this resolution to the press and transmit copies to the family of the deceased, and that a copy be placed in the minutes of Beta Upsilon Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Resolutions
Mrs. O. L. Stamey,
Chairman,
December 2, 1963

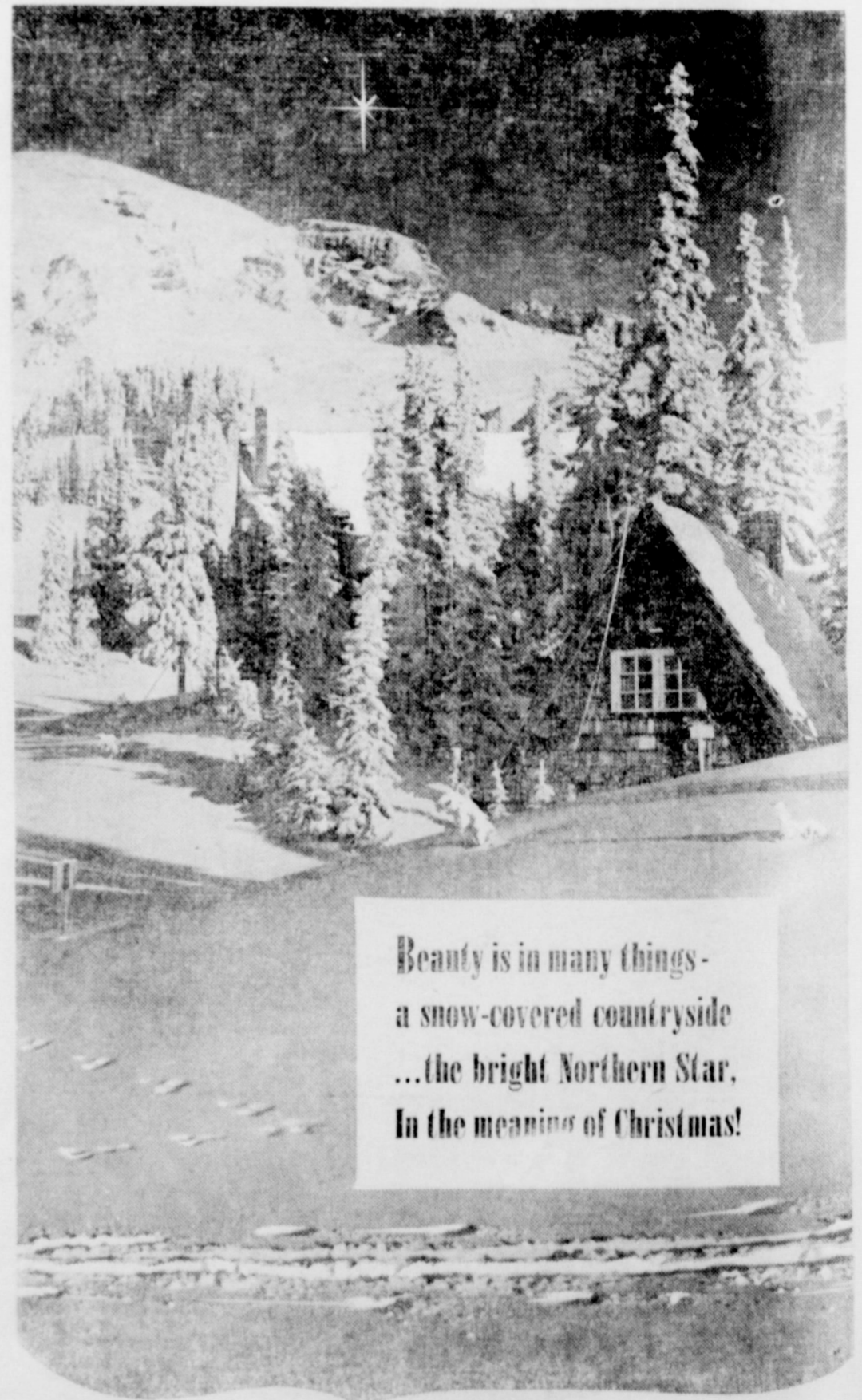


'Tis the season for carol singing, for gay wreaths of holly, glowing candles, and sugar plums. It's Christmas! Time to wish you all the

HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS

FROM ALL THE BOYS AT

D. C. Lee's Gulf Station



Beauty is in many things -
a snow-covered countryside
...the bright Northern Star,
In the meaning of Christmas!

Bishop Chevrolet

NORTH MAIN STREET

TELEPHONE RA 5-3121

CROSS PLAINS, TEX.



Like the Wise Men of old,
may you find treasures of the
heart and the spirit this Noel!

Christmas Greetings!

Dorothy, Morris and All The Folks At

ODOM'S Night & Day Cafe

**The Season's
Best Wishes**



May the highways and byways of life
lead to a Happy Holiday for you and
yours! May we at this time express our
gratitude to all of our many friends
for their loyal patronage . . . To All

—A Very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Bryan Variety Store

**New Oil Strike
Hit Near Eula**

A wildcat drilled three miles southwest of Eula in Callahan County has been completed as a Flippen Sand discovery.

Operator has requested that the strike be prorated in the regular field.

It is Copaz Oil & Gas Corp. of Baird and Abilene No. 1 Clyde Sanger, Section 42, LAL, Survey.

No. 1 Sanger had a six-hour potential of 37.92 barrels of 40 gravity oil. This gave it calculated daily potential of 151.72 barrels of oil.

Flow was through a 12-64-inch choke with 105 pounds of casing and 20 pounds tubing pressures. It is producing from 20 perforations at 1,774-77 feet with the 4 1/2-inch casing set at 1,850 feet, having a gas-oil ratio of 600-1. The well is bottomed at 2,000 feet.

Personals

Tony Dodds, a student at Abilene Christian College, arrived here Thursday to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Lucille Rich of Cross Plains will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Seth Burkett of Burkett to Waco where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell E. Wright, Jr., and children of Coleman will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cook here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McDermott and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Foster plan to spend Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Foster in Toyahvale.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McMillan are to have as their guests during the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMillan of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle McMillan and family of Bisbee, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Alford McMillan and family of Fort Worth.

**SCHOOLS TAKING 12
DAYS FOR YULETIDE**

Cross Plains schools dismissed for a 12-day Christmas recess Friday afternoon. Classes will be resumed Thursday morning, Jan. 2.

Dear Santa,

We are very nice children. There are 8 of us in the family. We will not have any Christmas because our father has just been out of the hospital for a couple of weeks and it has put us in debt. If you want us to have any Christmas you can either bring it to our home out in the country or to our grandmothers, Mrs. Ella Dillard, and she will receive them for us. We will appreciate anything you offer us. We aren't choosy.

Here are our ages from the oldest to the youngest: 15, 12, 10, 6, 4, 6 months.

Yours Truly,
The John Dillard
Children

Staughton Moor,
Great Staughton,
Hunts, England
2 Dec. 1963

Dear Santa,

We are living in England now, so please don't forget us this year. We have been pretty good.

The children over here call you Father Christmas. They are all getting ready for you to visit them.

Please bring me a piano, my brother Wayne, wants a big tractor to ride, and my little sister Traci, wants a tricycle.

We are usually with our Grandpa and Granny Clark for Christmas, but we will be over here for the next three years.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls over here especially our little friend, Stephanie Smith, who wants a little elephant.

Thank you very much,
We love you,
Terri, Wayne, and
Traci Woody

Cross Plains, Texas
December 21, 1963

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have two picture sets and a Bozok and a Navy suit.

Your friend,
Jackie

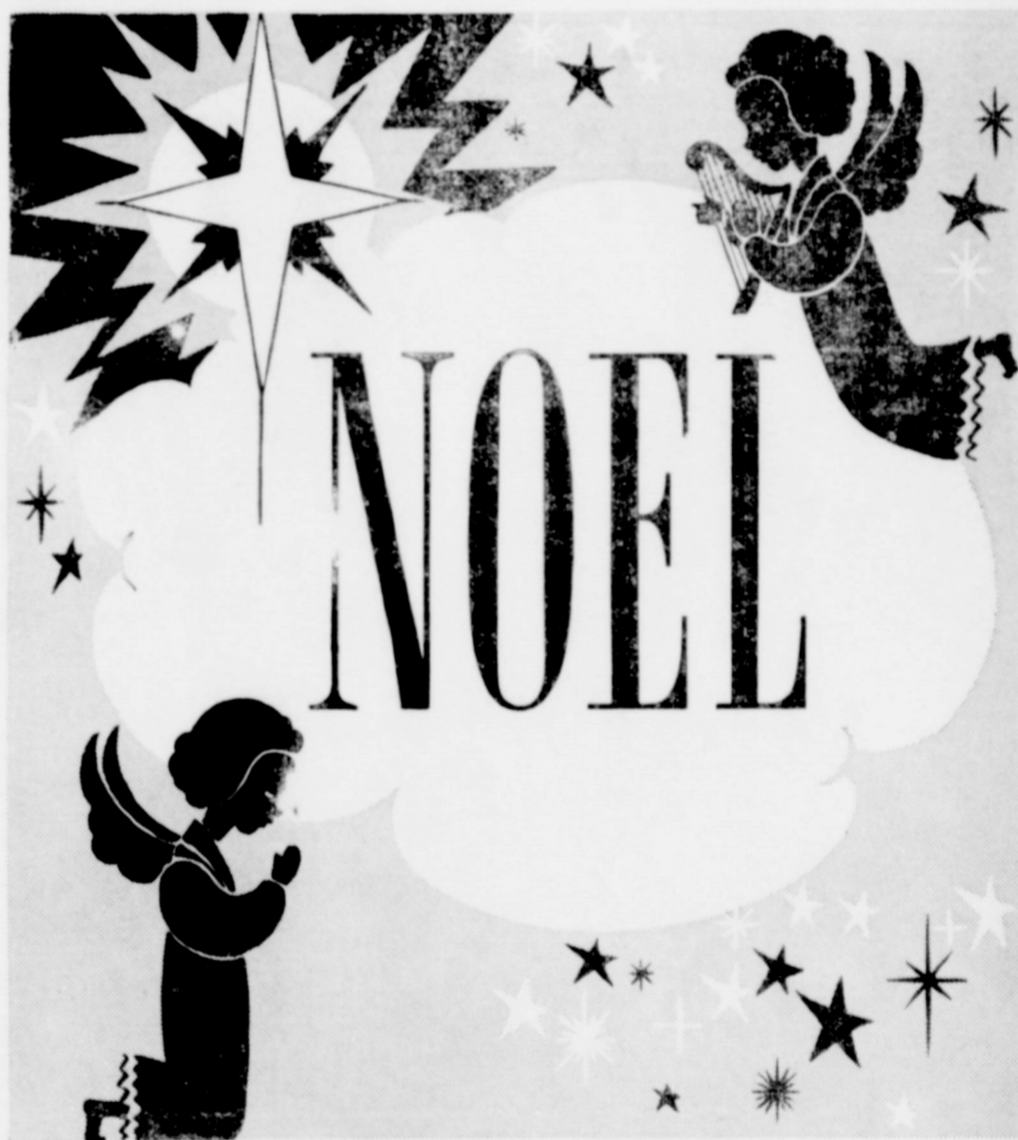


TO OUR FRIENDS:

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

Midge and Don McCall

WISHING THE VERY BEST TO ALL OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE



A joyous carol sends our Greetings!

May your Christmas be blessed with
the joys you love best, and may all your
days, too, be most happy for you...

MERRY CHRISTMAS

SEWALT SALES

PETE GOLSON, Local Manager

Do You Remember?...

Dec. 21, 1945: Mrs. M. L. Hughes of Baird, the former Earline Smith, has been on the sick list this week but is now reported doing well. She was taken to an Abilene hospital for treatment.

Dec. 20, 1946: A new improved loaf of bread, one pound in size and selling for 12 cents was introduced this week by the Good Eats Bakery in Cross Plains.

Dec. 27, 1946: A pear tree at the Champion laundry on eighth street and Ave. C is making a strenuous effort to bear its second crop of fruit in one season. A bumper crop of fruit was picked from the tree in September but the branches are again yielding small clusters of fruit.

Dec. 26, 1947: Billy Wagner Jr and Neil Wolf, who are employed with a seismograph crew near Hamlin arrived here last week to spend Christmas with their families.

To the delight of hundreds of children, Old Santa Claus arrived here by airplane Saturday afternoon at two thirty.

Dec. 24, 1948: Miss Gloria Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Strickland of Cross Plains became the bride of Ray Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Curry Sr. of Pioneer, Saturday, December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Socrates Walker of Westbrook are the parents of a baby boy born Wednesday in a Colorado City hospital. The little boy has been named Ronald.

Dec. 23, 1949: Cross Plains merchants will treat local children to a theatre party here Saturday morning. No ticket is needed, the exhibition being free to all.

Merlin Hutchins, who is stationed in Paris Island, South Carolina arrived here this week to spend the Christmas holidays.

Dec. 21, 1950: Cross Plains reaction to President Trumans declaration of national emergency, Saturday, was one of sober contemplations, accompanied by no rush buying of short items. Most merchants described Saturday as a "business as usual" day.

Dec. 20, 1951: In a regular meeting of the City Council,

a resolution, banning center parking on Main Street, from held Tuesday councilmen passed the bank corner north effective immediately.

Dec. 25, 1952: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom returned here last week from Fort Riley, Kan., to make their home. Roy Neil has been discharged from the Army after having served two years at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Riley.

Dec. 23, 1954: Mrs. J. W. Chapman, Kathryn and Bill arrived the past week to spend the holidays here with Rev. Chapman and after the first of the year Rev. Chapman will accompany his family to Norman, Okla., where they will make their home.

Dec. 22, 1955: Fire, thought to have been caused by electrical wiring, broke out in the Edwin Baum home here Thursday of last week and did considerable damage before being brought under control by the fire department.

Dec. 20, 1956: James Barr son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barr of this city, left Fort Lewis, Washington Friday of last week for the Far East where he will be stationed.

Dec. 26, 1957: Sgt. 1c and Mrs. Dean Womack have recently returned from Frankfort, Germany, where he has been serving with the armed forces.

Dec. 25, 1958: Miss Lynda Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tyler was recently selected as "Miss Cross Plains High School" by members of the student body of the school and Johnny Pancake, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pancake was selected as "Mr. Cross Plains High School" in the same meeting. Both are members of the senior class.

Dec. 22, 1960: Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Crockett are announcing the birth of a seven pound son born December 15, in a Abilene hospital.



JOLLY ST. NICK IS HERE AGAIN! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Yocham

YOUR TEXACO PEOPLE

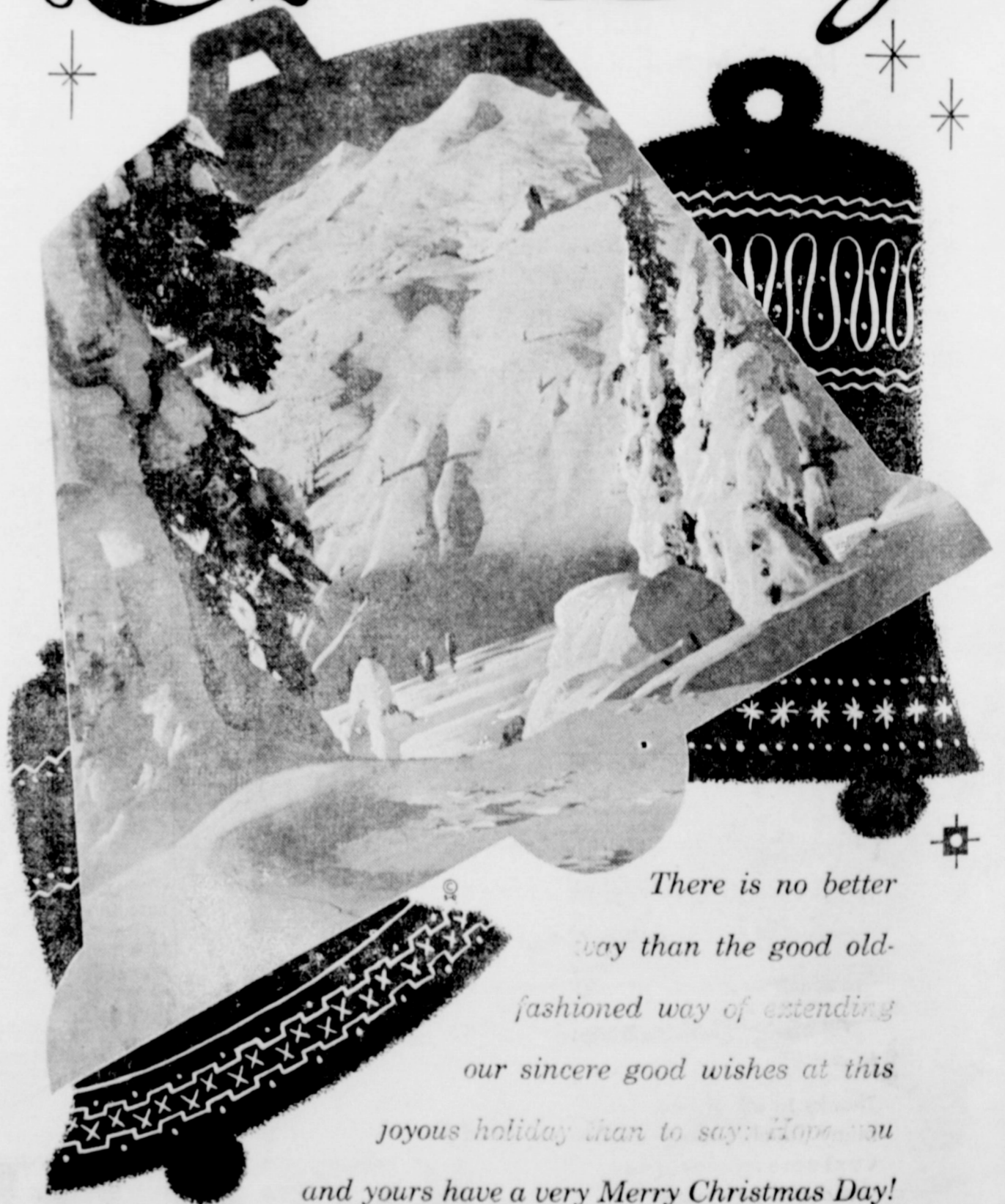


Today, business leaders of the Nation know more about the WTU service area than they did a year ago. That is because we have promoted the business and industrial advantages extensively throughout the year. Our promotional efforts have reached attentive eyes and ears, too. So much so that we are encouraged to continue the area development program in 1964 with added enthusiasm. So much so that this is, in reality, a Merry Christmas for our service area — the region that faces GROWTH UNLIMITED. It is in this spirit that all the West Texas Utilities folks send you greetings for a —

Merry Christmas

West Texas Utilities Company

Greetings



We're spelling out for you our best wishes for a Christmas that's festive and fun — and filled with good cheer for everyone...

MR. AND MRS. DAN JOHNSTON AND ALL THE PEOPLE AT

Johnston Truck & Supply

There is no better way than the good old-fashioned way of extending our sincere good wishes at this joyous holiday than to say: *Happy Christmas* and yours have a very Merry Christmas Day!

City Utilities, Cross Plains, Texas

Johnston Truck Quintet Cares Bowling Crown

Johnston Truck & Supply won the first round championship of Cross Plains Bowling last Thursday night. Johnston's team came back in the last two games by margins after challenging. The place Higginbothams had up a big victory margin in the initial game. The mer made the first game spread stand for total pin but the match was 2-2, and the Truckers preserved the two-game and took the crown home, the first time in league a match was forfeited. Hutchins Mobil quintet Mayes Flower Shop four when an inadequate number of the Mobil team failed to

493 aggregate, averaging of 164. Sisters took the lion's share of team honors. The team coupled its record breaking performance with third high game of 728 and collected 2,181 pins for the high team series banner. Gulf's 750 game was runner-up to Sisters and the quintet's 2,058 pin series was also second. Mayes Flower shop was third with 1,996 pins.

The keggers will not meet Thursday night, Dec. 26, but will begin the second round of the current season Jan. 2.

	W	L	Pct.
Johnston	37	23	.617
Higginbothams	35	25	.583
Mayes	33	27	.550
Sisters	29	31	.483
Gulf	26	34	.433
Mobil	20	40	.333

MRS. KATE POWELL ENTERTAINS CLASS

The Willing Workers Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held their Christmas social Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Kate Powell with eleven members in attendance.

Mrs. Ira H. Hall and Mrs. Fred Long directed a program dealing with the Christmas theme.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served to Mes. Hall, Long, Ross Respass, W. H. Coppinger, L. W. Westerman, Lettie Rhodes, M. F. Dill, Lela Gibbs, Walter Rose and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Goble were Abilene visitors Thursday.

A. G. Waggoner of Baird was a visitor here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cunningham will spend Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Richardson in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDermett will have as their guest during the holidays their children, Mrs. Clara Nell Barr and two children of Angleton, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Byrd and two children of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McDermett and two children of Balmorhea.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bonner will have as their guest during the holidays, his mother, Mrs. G. C. Bonner of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Edmondson attended the basket ball tournament at Brownwood high school Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farmer and children will spend Christmas holidays in Odessa in the home of her parents.

Tuesday noon is deadline for news and advertising in Review.

Mrs. Jim Miller left Friday for Killeen where she will visit in the home of her daughter during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Coppinger and son, Paul, of Eula will spend Christmas here in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Fonia Worthy and Mrs. W. H. Coppinger.

Miss Barbara Purvis, a student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene will spend Christmas here in the home of her parents.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL MY FRIENDS
BOTH LARGE AND SMALL
WHERE EVER THEY MAY BE

W. A. (Walter) Crutchmer

THANK YOU . . .

Our Customers, for A Year of Business in Cross Plains. Without YOU, We Could not Stay.

BEST AND WARMEST WISHES
FOR YOU AT CHRISTMAS AND
THROUGH THE NEW YEAR!

Come in to See Us for All Your Repair Work.

Mr. & Mrs. Cal Long

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Is Here And We Extend Our SEASON'S GREETINGS To Our Customers, Neighbors And Friends Of The Cross Plains Trade Territory With BEST WISHES For A HAPPY And PROSPEROUS New Year.

FARM & RANCH SUPPLY

Bill, Ethel and Glenn



Thanks to all of you, our many loyal friends and customers, for your wonderful patronage.

Insurance Agency



This is the season of the year when gladness and joy prevails—and most especially for us, when we look back over the past and realize how much you have contributed to our success. To our many good friends and good customers . . .

OUR BEST HOLIDAY WISHES

KIZER TELEPHONE COMPANY

Cross Plains • May • Rising Star



Hi! Just to wish you
the wonderful things that a
very Merry Christmas will bring!

JOYOUS HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Souder Grocery

3 Local Teachers Present Program

The Victorian trend was evidenced in a recent Christmas program given by members of Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Mrs. Raymond DeBusk presented Mrs. Roy Stambaugh who told the story "The Peterkins Christmas Tree" by Lucretia Peabody Hale. The spirit of Christmas past was truly portrayed in the popular story that swept America during the 1880's. The fanciful custom of having the Christmas tree in Christmas Eve was one of warmth and humor.

Mrs. Lindsey Tyson directed the musical portion of the program. Mrs. Charlotte Griffith was featured in solo parts, joined by others in the singing of the traditional Christmas carols. Mrs. Ruth Poe Herring was accompanist.

The party was held in the home of Mrs. Josephine Clemets at Cisco. The festive air of the season was beautifully carried out in the predominantly red and green color of candles, berries and evergreens. The tea table cloth of green net with red cloth underlay formed the background for silver service and other silver appointments. Centering the table was a pyramid arrangement of styfoam figures and holiday greenery.

Couple Known Here Emplane For Japan

Captain and Mrs. Read Miner left San Francisco Sunday by plane for Japan, where he is to be stationed by the Air Force. Mrs. Miner is the former Mary Alice Applin, eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Dan Applin of Cross Plains.

Capt. Miner was called back to military duty a year ago and he and Mrs. Miner have been residing at Denver, while he was in school at Lowry Air Force Base. In Japan the Miners will be at Tachikawa, which is about 30 miles from Tokyo.

Mrs. A. C. Billingsley will have as her guests during Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Max Lovett of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson of Big Spring.



Have a heavenly Christmas! We hope that it is merry and gay - one to recall as a heavenly day!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL THE PEOPLE AT

PANCAKE Truck Stop



May you have an enchanting Christmas... with carols and cheer, glitter and glow and our Best Wishes for a Heavenly Holiday Time!

Adair Dry Goods Co.



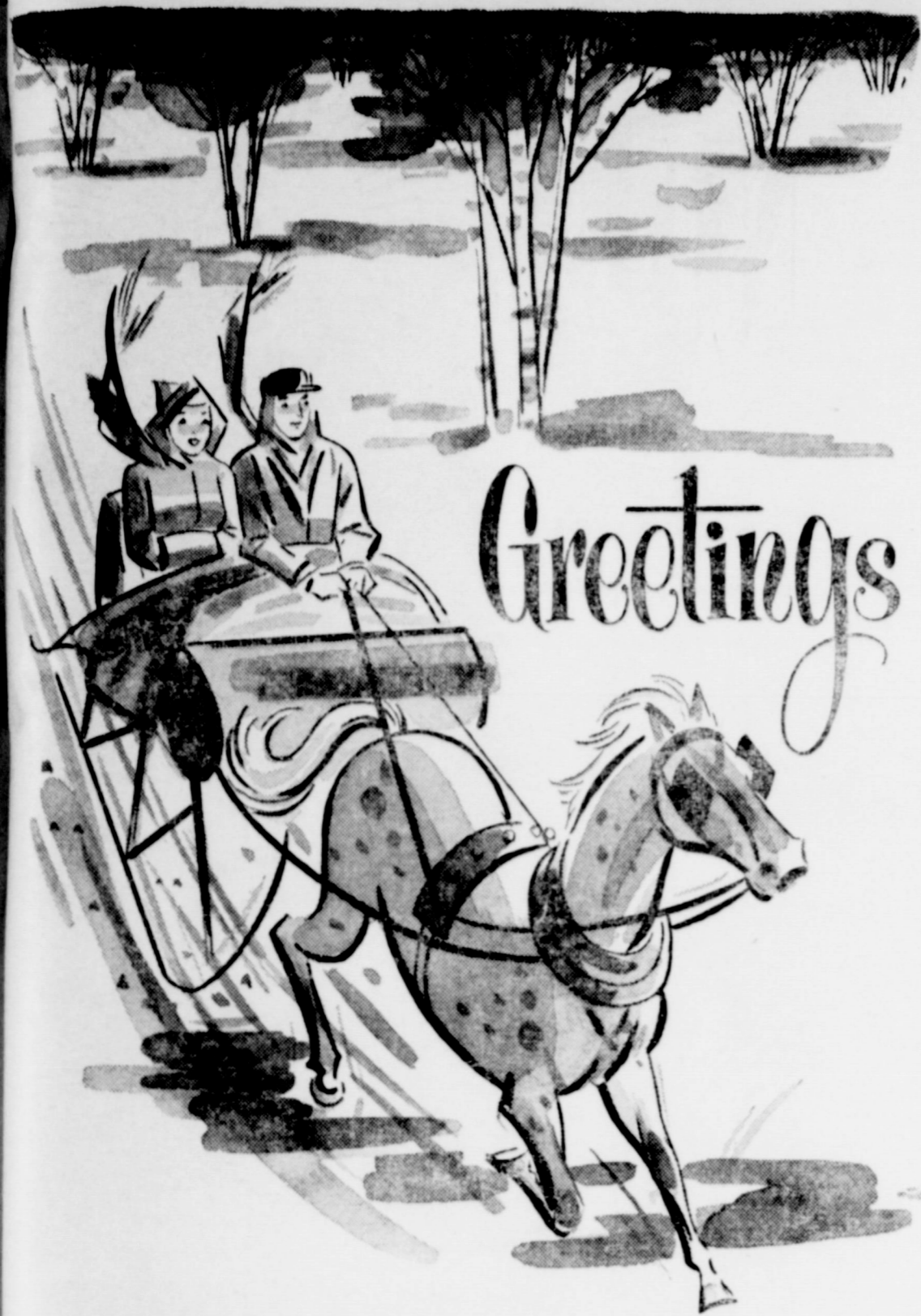
Season's Greetings

Callahan County Farmers Cooperative, Inc.

Cross Plains, Baird and Clyde

DEEL EDINGTON, Local Mgr.

A. G. BLACK, General Mgr.



Greetings

Comanche County Electric Cooperative

WILLIAM J. (Bill) PARKS

Serving More Than 5,000 Farms and Ranches in Comanche, Eastland, Mills, Callahan and Stephens Counties

Personals

L. C. Cash of Baird was a visitor here last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fortune and sons will spend Christmas in the home of her mother in Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Harding of Abilene visited here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fortune last week.

Sammy Odom, a student at Abilene Christian College in Abilene, arrived here Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lutzenberger and daughter, Judy, left Sunday for Missouri to spend the holidays in the home of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Obanion and little daughter were recent visitors in the home of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Dan Applin in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox will spend the holidays in the home of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Underwood, in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Womack have as their guests during the holidays, their son, Dean, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Dean Womack and son have been visiting here in the Jess Womack home for the past six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hawkins and family of Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Moore and family of Abilene will spend the Christmas holidays here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Baum are expecting their children and their families for the Christmas holidays. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henderson, Lisa, Mark and Tod of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Baum and Ronda of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Warner T. Killough of Houston.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 26:
 W. F. Kilgore
 W. A. Payne
 Ethel Anderson
 Richard Keith Illingworth
 Jay Ringhaffuer
 Mrs. Joe Bryson
 Claude Foster
 Bill Slate

December 27:
 Mrs. Jack Little
 Mickey Freeman
 Mrs. Elmer Wilson
 Dickie Nowell
 Mrs. Lottie Kennard
 Royce Lawrence
 Bobby Lawrence

December 28:
 Mrs. John Harper
 Don F. McCall
 Mrs. Katherine Swindle
 Marion Peevy
 Mrs. Ben Riffe
 Mrs. Glen Vaughn
 Michael Ingram
 Mrs. Billy Paul Golson
 C. A. Walker
 Pauline Collins

December 29:
 Dianne Johnson
 Joe Wilcoxon
 Mrs. Earl Allen
 Johnnie Strickland
 Kenneth D. Brown

December 30:
 Eric Lovell
 Mrs. Bob Dean
 Gertrude Johnson
 Wanda Jennings
 Billy King
 Lawrence A. Lee
 Nancy Sheppard
 F. L. Merrill
 Sambo Fleming

December 31:
 J. M. McMillan
 Eldon Gregg
 Mrs. Leila Foster
 Sam Hill
 Mrs. Norman Farr
 Mrs. Fred Long
 George Randel Dickey
 Vickie Hickman
 Paul Golson
 Mrs. M. L. Foster

January 1:
 Teddy Souder
 Johnny Bagley
 Charles Barr
 Mrs. S. D. DeBusk
 Dillard Gregg

January 2:
 Jessie Ray Harris
 Jimmy Harris
 Emma Jane Hobson
 Cheryl Fleming
 Mrs. Willie Koenig
 Mrs. Tip Elder
 Mrs. W. O. Rachels



Come All Ye Faithful

... COME LET US ADORE HIM THIS DAY

REMEMBERING THE TRUE AND LASTING

MEANING OF THIS HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON.

MAY YOU FIND THE BLESSINGS YOU SEEK!

Big D Drilling Co. And Well Servicing Division



Black's Food Store

BAIRD, TEXAS



May the true meaning of the season come alive in your heart with joy and happiness for a truly Merry Christmas!

Dan Falkner's Texaco Station



BEST WISHES FROM EVERYONE AT

SISTERS CAFE

GAYNA AND HARRY DODDS

Junior High Cagers Defeat Santa Anna

Cross Plains Junior High cage teams took double wins at Santa Anna Monday night of last week. The Mighty Mites dumped the hosts 23-16. Jerry Strickland paced the locals' attack with eight points. He was followed by Tim Rose with six and Robert McMillan and Mike Bright with four each.

Cross Plains junior girls rolled to an easy 28-10 triumph over their Santa Anna counterparts. Coach Lee King stated that he was proud of the job his starting guards did. They are: Vickie Hickman, Peggy Erwin and Rene Gary.

Barbara Renfro bucketed 11 points to lead the local lassies in scoring. Rounding out the tallying were: Valeta Edington with eight, Vickie Hargrove with five and Roberta Scott with four.

The girls have posted a 5-2 season mark and the Mites have won two while losing four.

Pancake's Paces Women Keglers

Pancake's Truck Stop extended its lead to six games in Cross Plains Ladies Bowling League Monday night of last week.

Pancake's gained a single tilt on second place West Texas Utilities by dumping Hightower's Boot Shop 3-1. WTU jumped from fourth to second place by clipping Johnston Truck & Supply by the same 3-1 tally. Foster's Grocery remained in the number three position although Lucille's Beauty Salon halved the match.

Jimmie Montgomery took top honors in both high series and high game. She compiled a 413 total, an average of 137, rolled a 161 game. Peggy Golson was runner-up high gamer with a 154 effort.

Next week finds Foster's meeting Johnston's, Lucille's battling Pancake's and West Texas skirmishing Hightower's.

	W	L
Pancake's	21	7
West Texas	15	13
Foster's	14	14
Hightower's	14	14
Lucille's	12	16
Johnston's	8	20

Personals

Mrs. A. Abbott left Thursday for Shawnee, Okla., where she will spend the next two weeks.

Mrs. J. Peyton Smith will spend Christmas in the home of her sister at Kempner.

Mr. and Mrs. Exal McMillan will spend Christmas Day with friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Farr of Wichita Falls will visit friends and relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Elliott Bryant will leave Monday for Pine Bluff, Ark., where they will visit in the home of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Jefferies and family of Paducah will spend the holidays here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer.

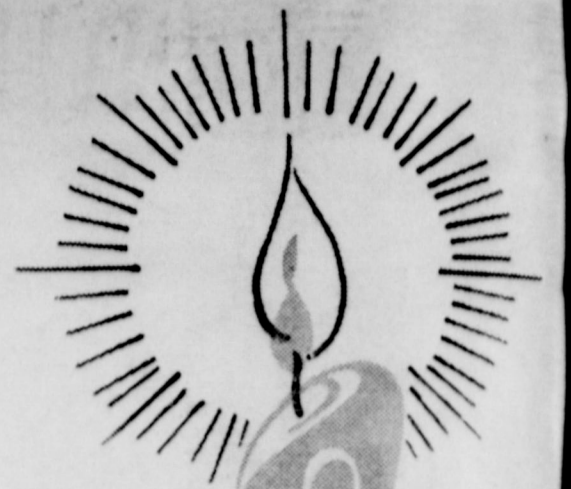
Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Lerner and Jay Thomas Lerner of Morgan Mill will spend Christmas in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Don Turner in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Frank Spencer and baby of Friona will spend part of the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer.

Mark Miller, two-year-old son of Mrs. Nona Miller, was returned home here Thursday afternoon from Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene where he was hospitalized three days with an antibiotic reaction.

Mrs. Bertha Weiler will have as her guests for dinner Christmas night: Mr. and Mrs. Norrel Long, Mrs. Carl Klutts, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Odom and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Long, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Long, Jr., and son, all of Cross Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. George Christie of Abilene, Miss Vickie Finley of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Burns and daughter of Burkett, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Odom of Cottinwood, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Henderson of Burkett.

NOEL



To our many friends:

Merry Christmas Greetings

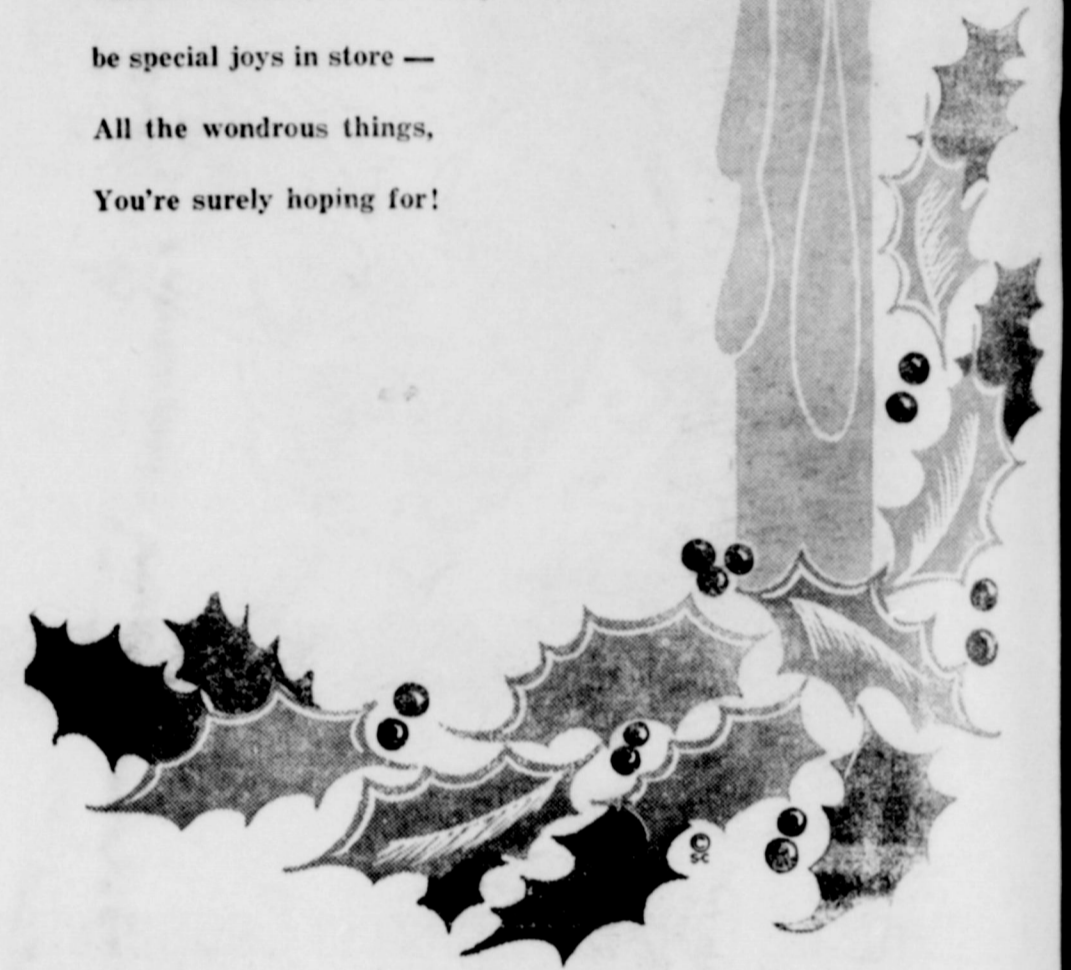
we send to you — And, our

warmest wishes, too . . . May they

be special joys in store —

All the wondrous things,

You're surely hoping for!



RISING STAR HOSPITAL

as gay as Christmas

Wrapped up in every package with our label and gift ties, are the spirited wishes of

all here who have served you in

the past year . . . we say to you: Have a

GAY, EXCITING CHRISTMAS!



Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

MERKEL, TEXAS



White and light and

lovely is the day. There's peace! And we

pray it will always stay. The bells ring clear in the new

crisp air, and with every true note falls a care.

The day is Christmas and it's lovely.

ROSE BUTANE SERVICE

MR. AND MRS. VERNER ROSE