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Whoa, Now!

"All's quiet on the Hospital front" this week as the whole county paused for the Christmas and New Year season. But possibly this breathing spell will give interested citizens a chance to size up just what has happened, and wake up to what is happening in our county.

Boil it all down and it amounts to about this: Citizens of Spur, on their own expense made a trip to Austin to talk to State Health Officials about a hospital in Spur. The officials agreed heartily that this area is in dire need of a hospital and agreed heartily that Spur was an ideal location for one. They even earmarked \$125,000.00 for such a hospital. Citizens of Spur contacted an established bonding house concerning the preparation and propagation of a petition, concerning the best-for-all method of getting a hospital in our county.

Citizens of Spur voted for the hospital at the polls with enough strength to carry the election even if all other votes in the county had against it.

AND, then, after nursing the idea from its infancy, and bringing it to its reality, the citizens of Spur sat back and watched the commissioners court vote to build the hospital in Dickens.

It has been said more than once that the SPUR has turned a cold shoulder to the north part of the county. This is a misconception in that we are interested in seeing the thing done in Dickens county that will benefit the most people and must stand against those whose ideas about the best for everyone are contrary to ours. It is obvious that this column expresses the sentiments primarily of the citizens of Spur and the southern part of the county, but a study of the voting in the recent bond election will indicate that the sentiments of Spur are the sentiments of the majority. It is highly possible for one to stand for his convictions and differ with his adversaries without turning any "cold shoulders".

Comments on this subject from interested citizens either pro or con which are respectfully submitted and signed will gladly be published in the SPUR for the information of all.

Our next thought is "What next?" County Judge C. A. Sharp

Local A. L. Post Joins "Tide of Toys"

The local American Legion Post is joining the posts all over the nation in a "Tide of Toys", according to Commander M. P. Vannoy.

The program includes the collection of toys from local families to be sent through CARE to the needy children in war-torn Europe.

In a recent letter to Vannoy from National Commander Geo. N. Craig, he was informed that "Millions of European children will have no toys this winter. They are better fed, thanks to the Marshall Plan, but the joys that make Christmas gay over here are still very much lacking over there. On the other hand many American children would be glad to spare a toy the day after Christmas. And even if those toys arrive late in Europe, they will be appreciated just as much."

The local post is spark-plugging and leading the drive in Spur. It will continue through New Year's Day.

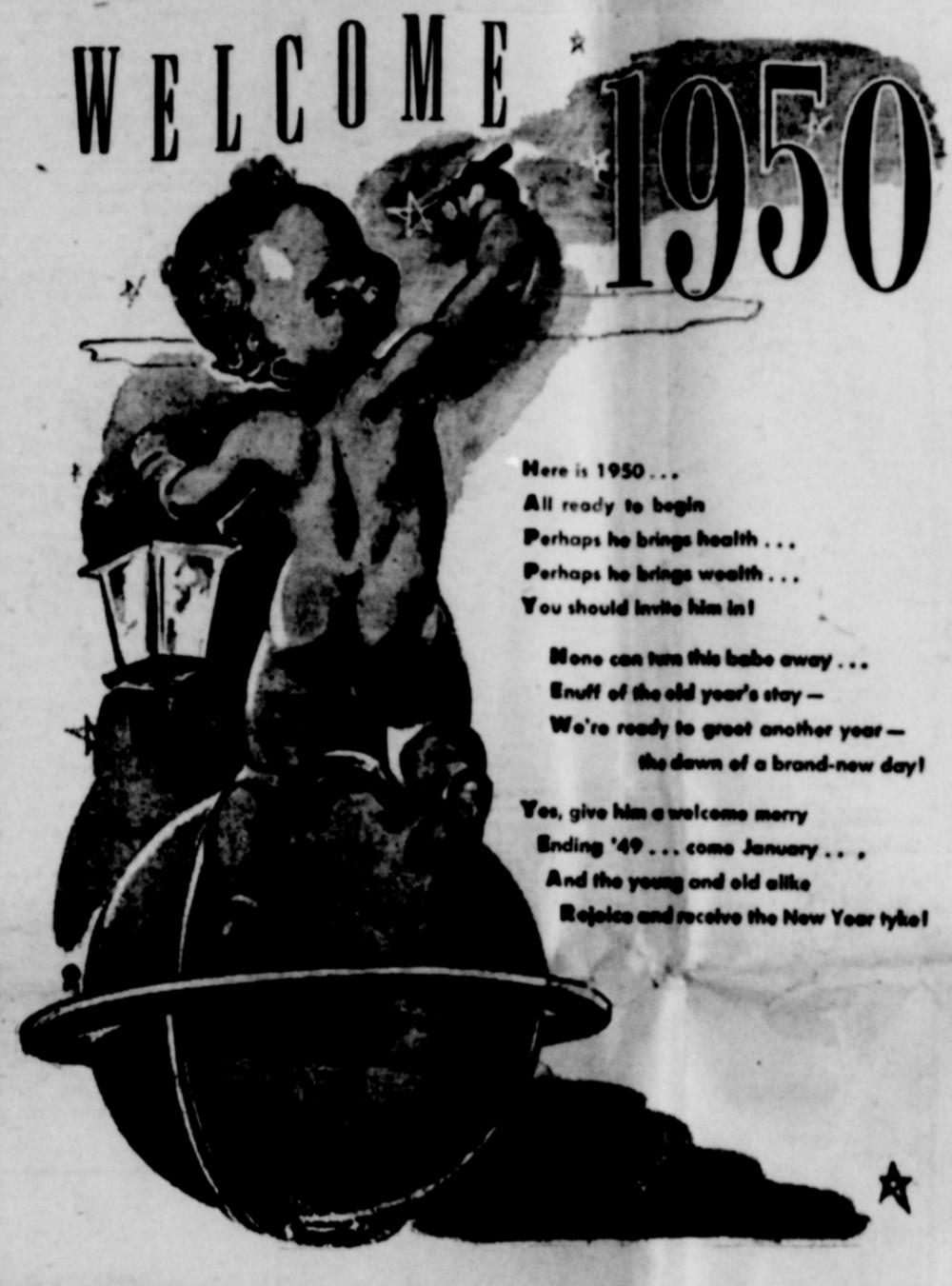
"Let's remember that for years the playgrounds of Europe's children have been bomb-pits; and it is the grizzly trophies of war. Let's remember also that Government-to-Government Aid must necessarily be cold and remote, and that the Legion can supply the warmth and personal touch.

If we all pull together on "Tide of Toys" we can help to make them our friends."

Mrs. C. A. Fagan and Jake Commander spent the Christmas holidays in Ladonia, Dallas and Ft. Worth visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Innes and family of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hughes.

has prepared the application for the government grant. If the grant is made, which seems unlikely, the hospital that the citizens of Spur promoted will be built in Dickens. If the grant is refused, it will be up to the commissioners court whether to build a \$125,000.00 hospital in Dickens without the government aid or to change their minds and build a \$125,000.00 hospital with the same \$125,000.00 county money in Spur.



Here is 1950...
All ready to begin
Perhaps he brings health...
Perhaps he brings wealth...
You should invite him in!
None can turn this babe away...
Snuff of the old year's stay—
We're ready to greet another year—
the dawn of a brand-new day!
Yes, give him a welcome merry
Ending '49... come January...
And the young and old alike
Rejoice and receive the New Year tyhol

Littlefield Takes Mexia 13-0 For Texas Class "A" Football Champs

Littlefield High School had power enough to crash through Spur, Lefors, Ballinger, Garland and then to take Mexia for a 13-0 ride for the Class A football Champions of Texas, Monday Dec. 26 at Fair Park Stadium in Abilene.

The new champ, replacing Monahan as titlist, tried only one aerial, failed to complete it, but they made up for that with a vast superiority on the ground. Littlefield rolled up 283 yards rushing and so vicious was its defense that Mexia netted only 17 on the ground.

The Wildcats waited until the second period and scored two touchdowns in one minute and 46 seconds and then coasted the rest of the way while battling down a field full of Mexia passers.

Early in the fourth Mexia came alive by recovering a fumble on the Mexia 41, then started the onlookers and pleased the Black Cat followers by springing a 27 yard pass gain on the first play.

Cain losses out in the flat to Bruce Outlaw. The publicized freshman, who was racing in the clear on the 40, parallel to the scrimmage line. Outlaw sprinted down the west sidelines 27 yards to the Littlefield 32. Then on the next play Derrell Carlisle picked up seven on a delayed buck.

A Cain to Lawrence Davis aerial netted three yards and a first down on the 22 but Gage intercepted the next pass and returned it out to the 11 to halt the threat.

With less than two minutes to

Enlistments Open In Local O.R.C.

Maj. Oran J. Barron, commanding officer of the 4279th Replacement Bn. Hq. & Hq. Detachment, Spur's O.R.C. unit, announced that the unit has now assigned 5 officers and 5 enlisted men with 1 officer and 20 men still needed to bring the 4279th up to strength.

Maj. James H. Samel, unit instructor for the Lubbock district, will be in Spur, Sat., Dec. 31 at the Texas Agriculture Exp. Station to enlist men in the reserve corps. Pay for attending drill meetings will also be discussed.

The next meeting of the local unit will be Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Exp. Sta. All reservists are urged to attend.

Spur Youths Narrowly Escape Tragedy In Wreck

Three Spur youths narrowly escaped death or serious injury early Wednesday evening about one-half mile east of the Soldier Mound Baptist Church.

Tommy Aldredge, Charles Lee and Clyde Blair walked away from a badly mauled automobile with just a few scratches.

The car, a 1946 Chevrolet two-door sedan, driven by Aldredge, turned over at least once, slid on its top into a field and turned up-right before coming to a stop.

According to Aldredge, the boys were going east on the gravel road that meets the Dickens Highway at the Soldier Mound Baptist Church. Approaching a bridge about one-half mile from the church, Aldredge said that he realized that he was going too fast to safely cross the narrow, rough bridge. He alleged that he applied the breaks and skidded on the loose gravel across the bridge.

Aldredge reports that they skidded into the ditch, turned over— "We still don't know how many times"—then slid on the top of the car about twenty feet, hit something and were carried over into an upright position.

The youths walked away from the wreck and were soon picked up by Mr. Nally, a farmer who lives near the scene of the accident.

Nally brought the boys back to town to the barber shop of Aldredge's father, C. A. Aldredge.

Lee and Blair are both letter-men on this year's Spur Building football team and Aldredge, a last year star, is now attending Texas Tech.

The car was towed to Spur by the Spur Motor Co. wrecker. It was badly smashed with the radiator and hood caved in and the rear part of the top crushed down into the back seat of the car. Fortunately, all three boys were riding in the front seat.

Know Some News? SPUR Needs It

Is there news of your community in this issue of the Spur? If there isn't, then here's why—our limited staff and large territory prevents us from gathering all the news from all the communities.

The SPUR needs correspondents to write news from the communities around Spur, so here's our offer:

We'll pay a per inch rate for all news gathered, sent in and published, and will pay a commission on subscriptions and renewals for correspondents who will represent their community with a weekly column about happenings such as marriages, visits, trips, visitors, births, deaths and other items of interest to your neighbors.

Those interested in this proposition and desiring further information may contact the editor by phone, mail or in person.

Bessie Eubanks Is A-Day Winner

Bessie Eubanks carried off 10 per cent of the Appreciation Day fund Wednesday. The gift amounted to \$28.00 in certificates.

Other names called and the percentage had they been present at the meeting were, W. B. Francis 10 percent, Velma Rogers 10 percent, O. S. Harvey 10 percent, and J. E. Matthews 5 percent.

Next week the Appreciation Day fund will be \$290.00 a portion of which will be given to some customer of an Appreciation Day merchant.

Local Firemen Answer Call

The Spur Volunteer Fire department answered a call late Tuesday afternoon at the Consumer Fuel Co.

A gasoline fire in the bar ditch was quickly extinguished and no damage was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Caudle and family visited with friends and relatives in Avoca during the Christmas weekend.

Babson Urges Farmers To Diversify, Save, Expect Lower Prices For Products In 1950

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1950
By Roger W. Babson

1. The total volume of business for 1950 will be less than that of 1949, due primarily to the unfortunate labor conflicts. Considering that the innocent consumer will be the chief sufferer and will be obliged to pay the bills, it seems too bad that labor troubles should upset the applicant.

LABOR OUTLOOK

2. Even with all the threats, there will be wage increases during 1950. On the other hand, all labor negotiations take the minds of both the employees and the management off their regular business. However these negotiations come out, they result in a loss from the standpoint of the country as a whole.

3. There will be fewer strikes in 1950 than in 1949, but there will not be fewer extended negotiations which are very expensive in themselves.

4. The Taft-Hartley Law will continue to stand throughout 1950, although many schemes for detouring this law will be devised.

5. The great drive against the big companies will be for pension and/or for sick and other benefits. These will probably be helpful to the workers and may aid in ironing out the business cycle, but they will be paid for by consumers.

6. It is hoped that all parties will begin to realize during 1950 that the real road to national progress is through increasing production and greater efficiency. This is the bright light we see in the labor situation.

COMMODITY PRICES

7. Movements in commodity prices during 1950 will vary with different groups of industries and of products, but altogether there will be a general lowering during 1950.

8. We, therefore, advise going easy on inventories. 1950 is a time to get out of debt and stay out of debt. Speculation in commodities should be discouraged in 1950.

9. We believe that the cost of living index has turned down for the present. The average for 1950 will be less than for 1949.

10. Practically all retail prices will average less in 1950 than in 1949, notwithstanding the excess of money mentioned under 27-28 and 29 below.

FARM OUTLOOK

11. The total farm income for 1950 should be less than that of 1949, which means lower prices on the average for wheat, corn, pork, poultry, eggs and certain dairy products. Farmers should diversify more in 1950, get out of debt and put their surplus money into savings, in preparation for the next crop failure.

12. The supply of certain canned vegetables and fruits (except citrus) should be greater during 1950 than at the same time during 1949. The prices of these products should fall off, barring some weather, insect or blight catastrophe.

13. Poultry and dairy products will especially increase in volume during 1950 with prices averaging less than in 1949.

14. Farmers will continue to work to hold present subsidies. It is popular to criticize the vast amount of crops which the Government owns or is making loans on, but this surplus in storage may be a great blessing when the next crop failure or war comes.

TAKES

15. The Federal Budget will be increased during 1950 over that for 1949.

16. Over-all Federal Taxes will not be increased during 1950 and there may even be some adjustments to encourage venture capital. Moreover, some of the nuisance taxes may be eliminated or reduced.

17. The long-term capital gains tax of 25% will remain unchanged.

18. There will be many increases in local and state taxes, and more reaching for called by "sales" taxes or other forms of raising needed funds.

RETAIL TRADE

19. Goods on consignment will be of better grade in 1950 than they were in 1949.

20. Markdown sales will continue during 1950 as a means of spending stocks due to a decline in employment and other factors.

21. The dollar value of all retail sales in 1950 will be less than in 1949.

22. Less will be spent on new building and equipment by stores and factories during 1950.

23. Our exports will go down

during 1950 and our imports will be up during 1950—comparing both with 1949. This will partly be accounted for by the devaluation of the English Pound and other foreign currencies.

24. Foreign credits will continue to be granted during 1950, but some of these will be direct by American business firms and investors. If our Government will get foreign governments to agree that such investments will be exempt from any NEW tax or other legislation by the foreign country in which the investments are made, considerable progress would be noticeable along foreign trade channels.

25. American interests will have more competition from foreign producers of raw materials and of manufactured goods during 1950 than they had during 1949. This will benefit some American concerns, but be harmful to others.

26. Fear of war with Russia will not start during 1950. Those in large vulnerable cities should use these years of peace to get some small farm or country home to which they can go in case of war. Such places will be almost unobtainable when war actually comes.

DEFICIT FINANCING

27. The supply of money will be increased during 1950, but the price of Government bonds will not change much one way or the other during 1950.

28. In addition to the anticipated Federal deficit the \$3,000,000,000 being distributed as insurance refunds to veterans will be mostly spent.

29. Congress will not change the price of gold during 1950.

30. Most stocks will work up and down in about the same range during 1950 as during 1949.

31. Stocks of companies with assets mostly in natural resources, known as inflation stocks, should have the greatest demand. There will be more investment buying for income during 1950 and utilities and companies making labor-saving machinery will be more popular than other industrials or railroads.

32. The wisest investors will keep a fair amount of their funds liquid throughout 1950 pending the great break in stock prices which will come someday.

BONDS

33. High-grade taxable corporate bonds bearing low coupon rate should continue at about the same prices during 1950, but of course, they will sell for much lower prices when money rates increase.

34. 1950 will see a further fading off in certain tax-exempt bonds due to the new Housing Authority Obligations to be issued during 1950.

35. The Federal Reserve will continue during 1950 the same general policy which it followed in 1949.

36. The importance of diversification will be given more attention in 1950 and wise investors will watch their bond maturities to see that they are either short or systematically staggered.

REAL ESTATE

37. The city real estate outlook is uncertain. It should continue to hold firm throughout 1950 due to less available rental space caused by pulling down old structures to save taxes and to provide parking spaces. Owing to high costs and the fear of World War III, there will be little inclination to build new city property. On the other hand, the continual movement out of our large cities—in the interest of decentralization—may cause prices to soften.

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40. There will be some change during 1950 in industrial and private building. The cost of such building will decline a little and the quality of workmanship will improve. There should be an increase during 1950 in publicly financed building.

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45. Many business concerns find their operations sliding down toward the break-even point. There will not be as much margin between costs and selling prices during 1950 as during 1949. Unemployment will gradually increase due to the installation of labor saving machinery and other causes.

46. Military preparedness will continue to bolster general business and employment during 1950, but this is not a healthy development.

47. Excluding Government owned commodities, the physical stock piles of manufacturers will remain about the same during 1950 as during 1949.

POLITICS

48. 1950 will be an election year. The Republican Party will remain in the doghouse. The Administration will continue to talk radically against Wall Street and the so-called "Selfish Interests", but at heart the Administration will be fairly conservative. Its bark will be far worse than its bite.

49. The Administration will continue to be sympathetic to organized labor unless someone like John L. Lewis goes too far. In that event, such a man will be made the whipping boy, but with the consent of other prominent labor leaders.

50. The Congressional elections of 1950 will not change the political status of Congress to any great extent.

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

To clean a scorched pan, put soap and cold water in the pan and simmer—then you can remove the scorched spots without scratching the surface of the pan.

Cook lard over a moderate fire and stir to prevent sticking or scorching. Keep the temperature below 245 degrees Fahrenheit.

HEALTH NOTES

Austin, Dec. 22 By this time you're aware that heater weather has definitely hit Texas.

State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox, commenting on the above mentioned fact, said Thursday there is no doubt that carbon monoxide—associated with gas heaters—is one of the most lethal and least publicized of all the poisonous gases.

Carbon monoxide, the doctor explained, is formed when there is not enough oxygen mixed with burning gas, or when the design or operation of gas burning equipment is faulty.

"With a toxicity comparable to the gases used in warfare, not enough attention is paid to the deadly effect of prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide," the veteran health officer said. He indicated that carbon monoxide claims more than its fair share of accidental deaths in Texas, but for some inexplicable reason it is not held in the same perspective as other accidents.

Dr. Cox believes this "killer" is due an explanation, and make the following recommendations for users of gas heaters:

- (1) Make sure the heater is properly adjusted, by a gas serviceman if possible.
- (2) Use metal tubing for connecting the stove to the gas line, and check for leaks before the

stove is used.

(3) Always ventilate a room where a heater is burning. Even if no carbon monoxide is being formed, oxygen is being consumed.

(4) Never operate a stove at its highest burning rate.

(5) Do not use propane or butane gas in a heater designed for natural gas.

(6) Never let the stove burn all night. When other people using the same fuel line turn their stoves off, the line pressure will increase, and the flame of the burning stove will increase to the point where carbon monoxide may be produced.

Carbon monoxide expelled by an automobile exhaust is a big health hazard in winter, too, Cox warned. He said many motorists have wrecked their cars and been

listed as a highway death, when carbon monoxide was really the killing agent.

North Texas School Of Music Presents 'Handel's Messiah'

DENTON, Tex., Dec. 22—An hour and a half radio broadcast of Handel's Messiah was presented by the North Texas State College School of Music Dec. 17 over WFAA at 3 p.m.

The following day the 60-piece Sympathy Orchestra, the 200-voice Great Chorus, four faculty soloists, and a harpist repeated their per-

formance on the NTSC campus at 3 p.m.

For the radio performance John Rosenfield, Dallas Morning News amusements editor, gave an introduction to the Messiah during the opening overture and a comparison of the first and second parts at the beginning of the second part.

Messiah, which consists of 59 musical numbers, has been shortened for both performances. This has been done by omitting some solos and choruses, Dr. W. H. Hodgson, dean of the School of Music and director of the Messiah, has announced.

North Texas State faculty soloists are Barbara Stevenson, soprano; Ruth Thompson, alto; James Carley, tenor, and Ralph Appleman, bass. Evelyn De-Long is the harpichordist.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means to thank all our friends and neighbors for their wonderful help and kind words of sympathy during the loss of our dear husband and father. May God bless ever one of you.

Mrs. J. T. Cozby
Mr. and Mrs. Orie Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cannon and son

For a safe and sane Christmas, don't court trouble by making fire hazards or creating situations that can lead to serious accidents. Keep open flames away from the Christmas tree, check all electrical connections on the tree lights and avoid accumulations of combustible decorations on or beneath the tree.

Idolatrous Rites Caused Ancient New Year Ban

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

Finally, after December 25 had been fixed as the date of Christ's nativity, the church made January 1 a religious festival. This has been observed in the Roman church since 457 and in the Anglican church since 1549.

WANT ADS GET RESULTS

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

Biblical Characters Are Portrayed On NTSC Campus

DENTON, TEX., Dec. 22—Santa and his reindeer, Jesus, Joseph and Mary and the Three Wise Men, along with other Yule characters, moved from the North Texas State College campus recently to make spotlighted appearances in downtown Denton for the Christmas season.

The life-sized characters were made by merchandising arts classes of the NTSC School of Business, along with 12 special holiday windows for as many downtown stores.

Included in the three Christmas scenes are Santa, his sleigh and eight reindeer, the eastward trip of the Three Wise Men, and the nativity scene with Jesus, Joseph, Mary and a kneeling shepherd, all transformed from wood, old newspapers, and wire mesh to natural, real-size characters through use of paint and hours of work.

Christmas trees, reindeer and baby angels for the store windows were made of pastel shades of spun glass, gold metallic bells and expanding silver metals.

George Walker, student at Texas university is visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Walker for the holiday.

Look for essentials rather than style when buying household equipment.

Raw vegetables and fruits will stay crisp longer if washed and wrapped in waxed paper or a dry cloth.

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Regular \$19.95 — \$13.90
Regular \$22.95 — \$15.90
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Regular \$29.95 — \$19.90
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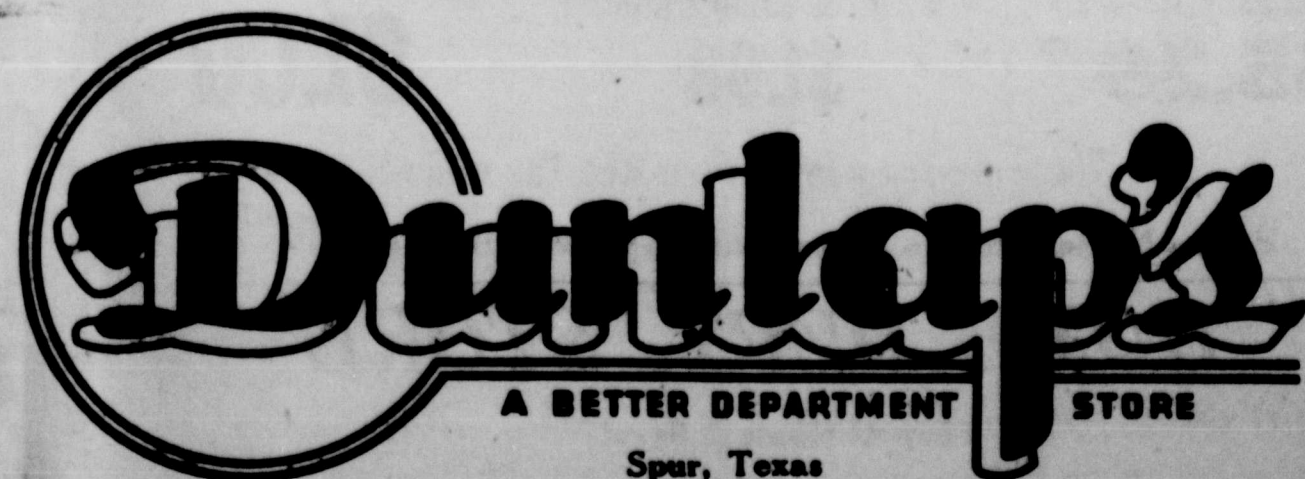
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Society-Club News

Double Ring Ceremony Unites Joyce Bilberry And Harley Turbyfill

Miss Joyce Bilberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bilberry of Dickens, became the bride of Harley Turbyfill of Calgary, Dec. 24 at 11 a. m. in the home of the bridegroom's parents. The impressive double ring ceremony was read by Rev. Dock Love, of Spur.

The bride was attired in a blue satin street length dress with blue accessories. For the traditional something old, she wore her mother's wedding ring; something borrowed was a string of pearls belonging to the bridegroom's mother; something new was a lace handkerchief and she wore a new penny in her shoe for luck.

The bride's only attendant was Miss Shirley Pierce who wore a blue taffeta street length dress with blue and white accessories. Edger Witt served as the groom's best man.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. The bride's table was laid with a three tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom. Cake and punch were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bilberry, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Turbyfill, Mrs. Doyle Hinson, Wright Hinson, David Sprayberry, Elouise Turbyfill, Frieda Sue Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fry, and Duane, Hale Dean Turbyfill, J. D. Hinson, and Jessie Hyatt.

Local Girls Included In Traveling Band

Fifty members of the McMurry College Indian band of Abilene have been selected to make up the traveling band which will accompany the McMurry football team to Galveston January 2 for the Oleander Bowl, according to Raymond T. Bynum director. Band members will return to the McMurry campus one week early, on December 29, to begin preparation of half-time activities for the Galveston game, which will be played by McMurry playing Misouri Valley College.

Included in the traveling band for Galveston trip will be Betty and Norma Sechrist, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sechrist of Spur.

This will be the second major trip of the Indian band this school term. The band recently took an 800-mile tour of West Central Texas, playing concerts in Winters, Coleman, Ballinger, San Angelo, Mason, Brady, Brownwood, Santa Anna, and Cisco. The group will go to Mineral Wells in February to present a concert at the Texas Music Educators Association meeting. A 1000-mile spring tour will round out the year's activities. Other appearances made by the band this year have been in Haskell, Abilene, Eden, Big Spring, Monahans, and Canyon.

Pritchetts Hosts Young People

The modernistic farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pritchett was the scene of an old fashion "42" party, Friday Dec. 23 at 7 p. m. Christmas decorations included wreaths of holly and mistletoe and the Christmas tree brought out the Yuletide motif.

The many guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett and their family. Games of "winkum", "spin the bottle", "42" and "snap" were enjoyed. Christmas carols were also sang by the guest as refreshments were served.

Those attending were Graden Bass, Zella Watson, Billie Hindman, Dewey L. Watson, Jean Calvert, Jane Holloway, Mac Brannen, Bill McMahon, Bill Swearingen, Bonnie James, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Williams and girls, Frances Holloway, Alton Delisle, Dorothy Williams, Joyce Johnson, Don Hindman, Jane Brannen, Neida Hindman, Patsy Hyatt, Jimmie Draper, Billy Joe McDaniel, Austin Watson, Jerry Calvert, Glenn Williams, Wendell Parker, Gay Nell Bass, Ada Lou Chambers, Maxine Williams, Barbara Nalley, Danny Lee, Mary Beth Lee, Mrs. Floy Watson, Howard Wilson, Margie Campbell, Neal A. Chastain, Haden Moore, John E. Roberts, Foster Cook, Jr., Joe Randall Simpson, Laverne Wilson, John L. Jones, Tommy Alldredge, Jackie Jones, Cotton Johnson, Morrison Denson, JuDon and Ju Ron Rickels, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carlisle, Kent Carlisle, Jiggs Aston, Bill Dyess, William Gollibar, Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp and host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pritchett and family.

Miss LaJuana Jones, of Albany has been staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Love for the past week.

J. Vic Allen Visits Parents

J. Vic Allen arrived by plane Thursday to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen. The three left Monday to visit his grandparents in Brazos before returning to Washington, D. C., where he is Chief Auditor for the Hotel Carlton.

During the past 2 1/2 years Vic has been in Washington he has done graduate work in Foreign Affairs at the George Washington University while associated with Kappa Sigma Fraternity, initiated into Kappa Kappa Psi national honorary music fraternity, and the University Band.

He has been connected with the Hotel Carlton, a subsidiary of Washington Properties, Inc., for the last year and a half, being promoted to his present position in May of this year. He has recently been completed as Chairman of the membership committee of the Democratic Club of the District of Columbia, and as Secretary of the Hotel Accountants Association.

George Austin Hosts Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. George Austin entertained relatives Dec. 23 with those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Veto Austin, Billy Joe and Dickie, of Dumont; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Austin, Duffy Jean and Ann of Spur; Mrs. Pearl Ehard and Charles of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newby and son of Snyder, and Mrs. John Randall of Spur.

Mrs. Velma Owens and son, Roy, of Lubbock, have been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Perry for the Christmas holidays.

Classmates Feted Informal Coffee

Mrs. E. D. Engleman was hostess to a few former students and classmates of Spur High School, Saturday Dec. 24 at 10 a. m.

The receiving room was decorated with holly and red carnations to represent the Christmas season. Coffee, fruit cake, and salted nuts were served to Betty Weaver, Bobby Hermanly, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Vernon, of College Station, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vernon and daughter of Borger; James V. Allen, of Washington; Bea Barclay of San Antonio; Jane Brannen of Austin; George Walker of Austin; Mrs. Alfred Walker of Spur; Ju Don and Ju Ron Rickels of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brannen; Ann Hull and Patsy McNeill of Austin; Virginia Shugart of Waco; Billy Ray Barrett, of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Henley, Jr. and hostess Mrs. E. D. Engleman.

Local Couple Wed In New Mexico

Miss Billie Lois Hammonds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hammonds became the bride of J. W. Wilson son of Mr. and Mrs. Ains Wilson, Friday Dec. 23 at 4:30 p. m. in Clovis, N. M. Sarge, minister of the Church of Christ performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in a blue street length suit with matching grey accessories. She wore a small grey hat for something borrowed a white blouse for something new, and a pair of blue garters for something blue.

Following a brief wedding trip the bride and groom will be at home in Brownfield, where Mr. Wilson is employed with a seismograph company.

Adult T. U. Has Christmas Party

The Adult Department of the Training Union of the First Baptist Church held a Christmas party at the church Thursday night, December 22.

Games including Santa's Portrait, the Reindeer Hoofbeat and Christmas candle relay were played by the twenty persons present.

Mrs. Hazel Young, in charge of refreshments, served apple pie with whipped cream and coffee.

Frances Holloway Elected Club Officer

Stephenville, Texas, Dec. 29. Frances Holloway, of Spur, was recently elected vice-president of the home economics club at Tarleton State College in Stephenville. Frances, who is a junior, is a home economics major at Tarleton.

Farm Implement Bulletin

At The Farmall House

A New M (Diesel) Farmall tractor with adjustable front wheels, complete four row equipment.

One new H Farmall tractor and two row equipment.

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One F-20 Farmall tractor with two row equipment Price \$430.

Farmall regular with two row equipment Price \$299

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One Lot Ladies' Shoes \$3.98 to \$5.49 Values **\$1.00**

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**New Year Needs
Farm Planning**

COLLEGE STATION.—Farmers and farm families are faced with a challenge that can be met most successfully through planning and efficient production. The level of farm prices is edging downward and acreage allotments are being made and these conditions will make necessary changes in farm operations.

Farm living standards have improved during the last 10 years and good management will be necessary to maintain them, says C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist of Texas A. & M. College.

He reports that county extension agents are assisting farm families in setting up plans for further improvement of farm production practices and suggests that the following management phases of crop production be considered when you start on your future plans.

Select and use the highest yielding adaptable crop varieties and don't forget the new corn hybrids. The most productive parts of the farm should be planted to cash crops. If you are in an area of the state where commercial fertilizers can be successfully used, get your known cultural practices and these should include soil-building and moisture conserving measures. Be on the alert for insects and disease hazards and if they show up use control measures for control pays-off in greater production and better quality in the crops. Then store or market your produce to get the highest market prices—generally quality.

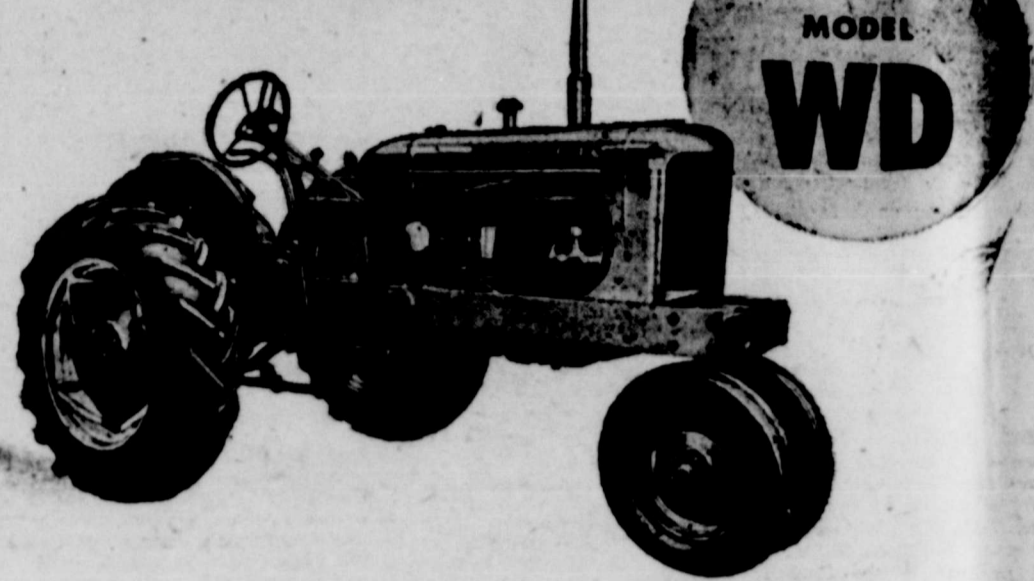
Bates says another item you'll not want to overlook is to do the necessary work at the time when it will be most beneficial and timesaving. The use of proper sized tractors and equipment with well trained operators may eliminate costly hand labor by permitting early cultivation of crops.

Finally, he says the use of good business methods in farming areas essential to the farmer as they are to a modern factory operation. Competition will "weed out" the inefficient producer. Farm records, he points out, are an aid to better farm planning for they are the "eyes and ears" of your farming business and can help you make the kind of plans that will increase farm profits and maintain the present high standards of living.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson, Miss Nina Grace and Mrs. Helen Williams entertained Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Grace and sons of Whitney; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burrow, and daughter of Kerrville; Mrs. Willie Austin and Miss LaNelle Austin of Austin; Mrs. B. C. Burrows of Stamford; Mrs. Trudy Dickson, daughters Marcia and Ray and Miss Tillie Hill all of Lubbock over the Christmas holidays.

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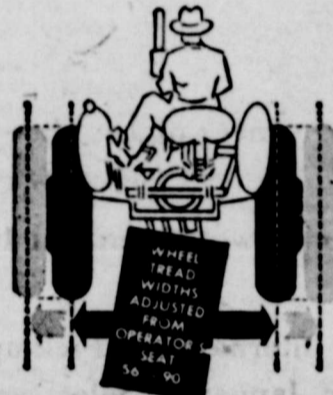
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- 4 room & bath, Corner lot \$5,450.00
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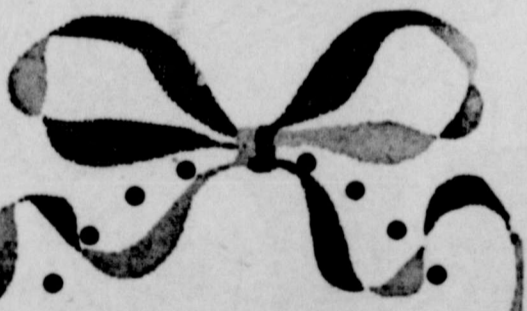
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Mr. and Mrs. Laton Webb of Rocky spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shugart. Mrs. Laton Webb is the former Lou Emma Shugart.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ball of Lubbock spent the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ball of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell East and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson East and family and Dean Watson all of Spur; and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lawrence, Bob and Tommy Frank Smith all of Grandisland were among many of the people to see the Littlefield and Mexia football game at Abilene Monday.

WANT ADS GET RESULTS GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.



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National Poll Says Christ And United Nations Hold Lasting Peace

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 24.—What is the most important thing that can be done to bring about lasting peace?

To weary statesmen groping to find the answer, here it is as a Christmas present from the people of Texas: the most important thing is to pray and observe the teachings of Christ.

This prescription for peace topped every other idea offered by a representative cross section of adults in a statewide survey by The Texas Poll. It was the feeling of one out of every three that prayer, trust in God, living according to the precepts of Christ were the real road to peace.

Less than one out of every ten suggested strengthening the United Nations or military preparedness as "the most important thing."

Thus, while other polls have shown that Texans favor the United Nations and a strong national defense establishment, this survey points out they have greater faith in religion as a war preventive. This appeal of religion, moreover, appears consistently among all classes, men and women alike, a fall educational level.

But in spite of everything that is being done to insure peace, most Texans believe the world is moving toward another war. This view is held by a majority of men and women, and by the upper educational level as well as the lower level. It is more pronounced, however, among women and the less educated.

In the tables below, opinions are compared by sex and educational levels. The "more educated" group includes persons who graduated from high school, while the "less educated" group is limited to those who did not finish high school. The way things look to you, do you think the world is moving in the general direction of peace or another war?

	Men	Women	All
Toward war	37%	64%	61%
Toward peace	31	17	29
No opinion	22	19	20
	100%	100%	100%

More Educated Less Educated

Toward war	55%	64%
Toward peace	29	11
No opinion	16	25
	100%	100%

"In your opinion, what is the most important thing that can be done to bring about lasting peace?"

	Men	Women	All
Prayer, Christian living	26%	38%	32%
Strengthen UN	7	5	6
Mind our own business, stop meddling	6	4	5
Keep well armed	6	2	4
Be firm with Russia	6	3	3
Cooperation among nations	3	2	3
Whip Russia now	2	1	2
Misc. ideas	11	10	11
No idea	32	37	34
	100%	100%	100%

A dash in the above tables signifies less than one-half of one per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lawrence, Bobby and Tommy and Frank Smith spent the last few days with Mr. and Mrs. Russell East. They returned to their home in Grandisland today.

Mrs. Leonard Joplin was called to the bedside of her father Mr. A. Biggs, a former resident of Spur, at the Brownfield Hospital. Mr. Biggs is seriously ill with a heart attack.

HEALTH NOTES

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Take all deaths among children from 1 to 4 years old caused by the so-called childhood diseases, and they would total a little more than half the child deaths caused by accidents.

Figures released by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Texas State Department of Health, show accidental deaths in 1948 killed 593 children under 4 years of age, 213 of them under one year, while the combined deaths from diseases of childhood—scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, measles, poliomyelitis, and epidemic meningitis—killed only 324 children in the same age group.

The report shows one of every three deaths in the 5-9 age group is accidental; four of ten deaths in the 10-19 age group is accidental, and very little decline is noted in that rate through the other age groups under 30.

State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox said, "State and local health officials can prevent epidemic diseases, and safeguard food and water supplies, but it is up to the individual citizen to protect himself from untimely death by accident."

According to the report of 100 accidental deaths, 30 involve motor vehicles, 12 are due to falling or crushing, 5 are due to drowning, and 4 are due to burns.

And despite frequent reports of death resulting from "not knowing it was loaded," only three of every 100 accidental deaths involve firearms, the Health Department report revealed.

The state health officer pointed out that only diarrhea and enteritis, and pneumonia exceed accidents as a cause of death in the first four years of life.

"We made remarkable progress in prolonging life during the last decade," Cox asserted. "But apparently we've prolonged it only to have it snuffed out in accidents—mostly foolish accidents."

State Director Explains Aspects Of 1950 Cotton Marketing Quotas

Dickens County cotton farmers will have to take cotton marketing quotas under consideration in planning their 1950 farming operations, B. F. Vance, State Production and Marketing Administration director, has pointed out.

Approval of cotton marketing quotas by more than two-thirds of the nation's cotton farmers in the December 15 referendum means that the quotas will be in effect on the 1950 crop.

A cotton farmer who plants within his cotton acreage allotment can market all of his cotton without penalty. His marketing quota is the production from his acreage allotment. He also can obtain a government loan on his cotton at 90 percent of parity, and he will be eligible to receive conservation assistance payments from the FMA.

A cotton farmer who plants more land to cotton than his acreage allotment must pay a penalty amounting to one-half parity price on any excess cotton which he sells. Current parity price is about 30 cents which would mean a penalty of about 15 cents a pound on excess cotton if marketing quotas were in effect on this year's crop. Parity changes, and so the marketing penalty will change from month to month.

Under the law, excess cotton subject to a penalty is that cotton produced from the acres in excess of the allotment. The amount of cotton subject to penalty will be determined by multiplying the number of overplanted acres by the normal cotton yield of the farm.

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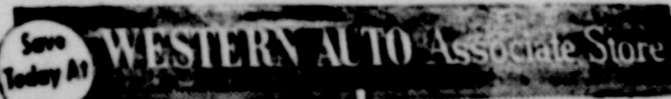
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Good Luck to all 1950

May each peal of New Year's bells bring hope and good cheer to your fireside... is our wish for you at this happy New Year season.



Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Scott



Marie Wilson (CBS' My Friend Irma) now has 75 bathing suits, all gifts from swim suit manufacturers. One even sent a suit for her dog.

The drive for funds for The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis being conducted on the Horace Heidt CBS and Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" NBC shows has won the guest appearance endorsements of Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, General Clay, G-Man Hoover, Bernard Baruch, Helen Hayes, UN President Romulo, Harold Stassen and Jackie Robinson.

Only time **Bernie Lenrow**, ex-Iowa State College prof, doesn't appear as Capt. Logan on CBS' Crime Photographer is when the script doesn't include a murder. That's happened only twice in 52 weeks.

Look for **Amosandra**, the doll named after the baby born to Amos 'n' Andy show, to break all sales records this Yuletide.

NBC's Big Town star, **Ed Pawley**, won NY County Agents' prize for the alfalfa crop on his upstate farm. His was one of the few successful experiments with the crop in the lime deficient soil.

Walter Kierman (ABC's One Man's Opinion) celebrating his 25th year as a newspaperman. He formerly edited a Connecticut weekly, "Junior Miss," the Saturday CBS program which has been delighting teenagers for the last 2 years is ready to move into television.

Says Allen Funt, of CBS-TV's Candid Camera: "Tell an average man there are 30,999,383,011 stars in the universe & he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has just been painted & he'll have to investigate."

Johnny Olson of ABC's Ladies Be Seated show has been elected as radio's best dressed emcee.

NBC's Bob Hope quips: "I've come to believe the practice of Christmas shopping is really a combination of 'Peace on earth, Goodwill to men' and 'Step on his head again, Mabel. I think he's still breathing.'"

Isn't One New Year's Day Enough? TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF SIX

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

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

In conclusion, were you in Jerusalem on October 2, you would have arrived in time to help celebrate New Year's Day there—or Rosh Hoshana, as it is called, the Hebrew "head of the year."

IT HAPPENED ON JAN. 1

- 1963 Emancipation of Negro slaves became effective by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.
- 1907 U. S. pure food law put into effect.
- 1913 Parcel post system inaugurated.
- 1928 New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.

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PRESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS TREE . . . This was the annual community Christmas tree in Washington, D. C., as it blazed with light last year. President Truman, at his home in Independence, Mo., pushed a button to turn on this holiday brilliance by remote control. The White House shows dimly in the background, framed by the tree and huge Christmas candles.



Romans Began Custom Of Gifts at New Year

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

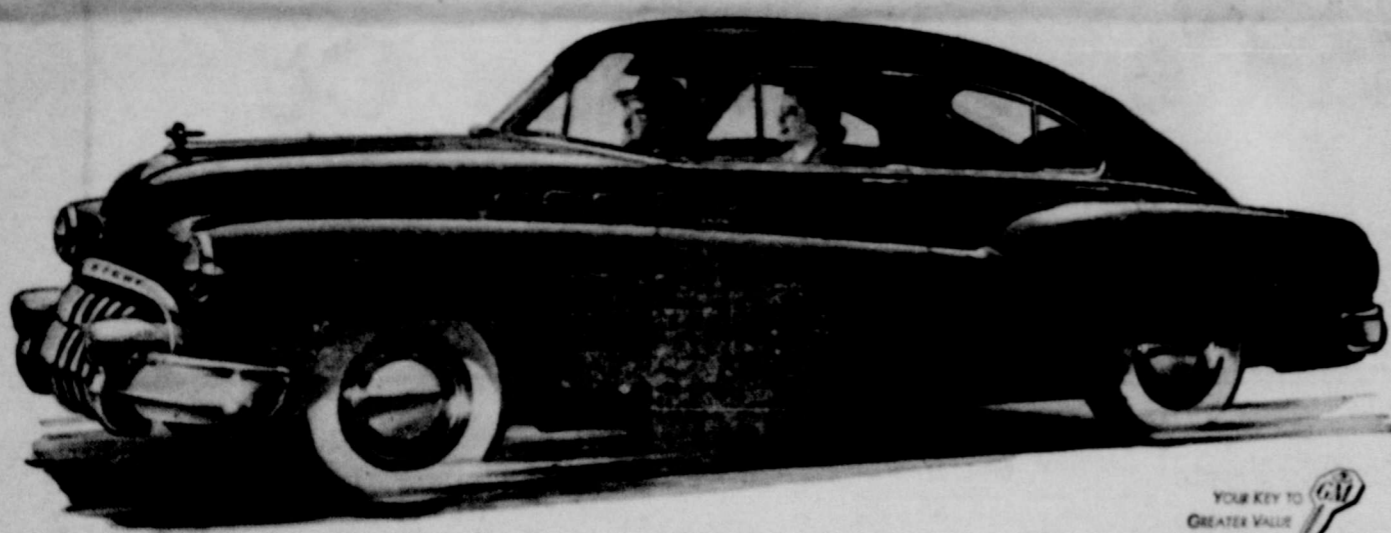
Medieval royalty, who were not as wealthy as they were reported to be, revived the custom as a means of replenishing the royal wardrobes, treasuries and even larders. Queen Elizabeth relied on the custom for new petticoats, mantles, silk stockings, bracelets, necklaces, precious jewels, etc. Peers, bishops,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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Anderson and Don of Lombardo, Ill. are visiting their daughter and her family Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Grueben and Corbye.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Fowles and daughter Beverly of Lubbock spent Christmas Holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Aldredge.

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Happy New Year!

Let joy be unconfined. This is 1950 coming up. May it be a year of happy destiny for you.

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

From the precise instruments of the naval observatory in Washington, and through the great Arlington radio towers, America and much of the world will learn the exact instant when the old year has passed and 1950 has taken its place. And it is from another haunt of science in the capital, The National Geographic Society, that one learns when and where the new year begins.

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

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

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

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

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

Archaeologists' Findings Bear Out Bible Stories

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ, the archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

MEASURED TIME

The ancient Egyptians were among the first people to figure out any so-called "exact" measurement of time: Their calendar of 365 days was divided into 12 periods of 30 days each, with the remaining five days tacked on to the last period or month without any provision for leap years.

Actually, the solar year consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. Consequently, a well-ordered system of Leap Years is necessary to keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent.

The Gregorian calendar, devised and presented to the world in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, provides that years divisible by four—exclusive of the years numbering the centuries—shall have 366 days, and the century marking years shall be leap years only if they are divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

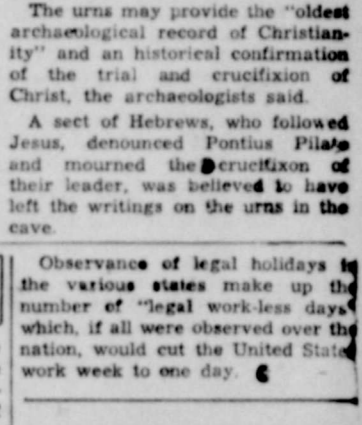
This system guarantees the accuracy of the Gregorian calendar until, at least, 2500 A.D.

And if this accuracy is unique, the Muslim calendar is unique because of its inaccuracy—or rather, its regressive accuracy.

The 12 lunar months which comprise the Mohammedan year begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep the months geared to the solar equinoxes. Thus, the months regress through the entire solar year in about 33 1/4 years.

WITCHING HOUR . . . All across the land, as the hands of the clock approach midnight on Saturday, December 31, young ladies—and other people, too—will be pointing out the time and saying, "Look, it's almost 1950." They probably won't be wearing swim suits, however.

Observance of legal holidays in the various states make up the number of "legal work-less days" which, if all were observed over the nation, would cut the United States work week to one day.



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A Happy New Year? Then Pay All Debts

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

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



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

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

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

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

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

Happy Holiday

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