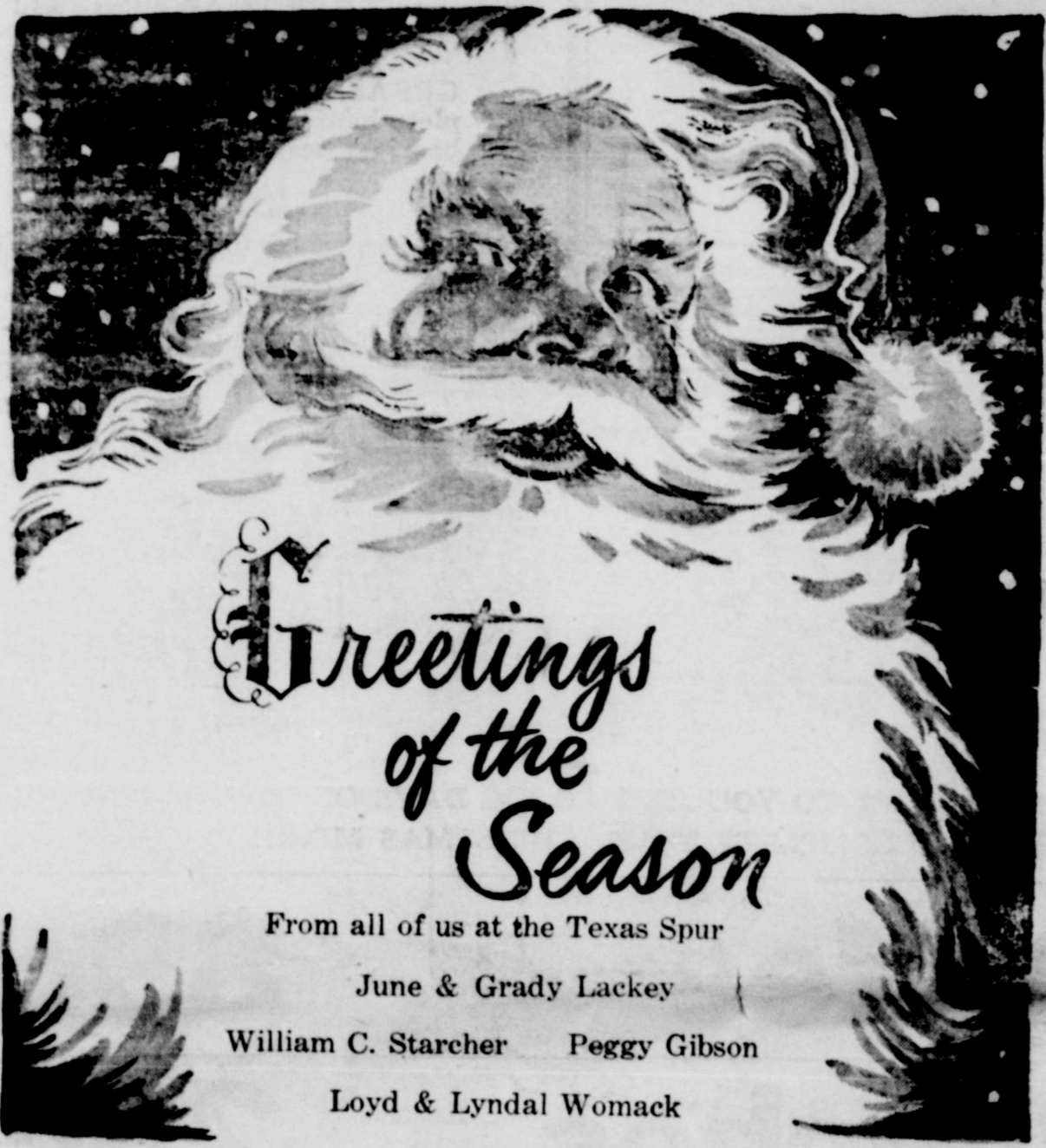


Here's Wishing you A **MERRY CHRISTMAS** Everyone

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Greetings of the Season
 From all of us at the Texas Spur
 June & Grady Lackey
 William C. Starcher Peggy Gibson
 Loyd & Lyndal Womack

Story of Christ's Birth Re-Told

Alexander Home Is Decorations Winner

The R. L. Alexander home repeated as winner of the chamber of commerce home decorations contest in Spur with a beautiful display of the Nativity, a trio of carolers and a Christmas tree surrounded by toys.

Second place was won by Mrs. Pat Soloday who displays a life-size Santa Claus with his sleigh and reindeer and a lighted Christmas tree.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawis Lee won third place in the contest with a beautifully decorated picture window and front door.

Prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 were awarded these winners.

Honorable mention was made the J. R. Laine home, the P. C. Nichols home, the C. P. Scudder home and the James B. Reed home.

Judging was done the first part of this week by a judging team appointed by the chamber of commerce committee in charge of the contest. The names of the judges was not revealed.

Basketeers Win 2, Lose 1 To Jayton

Last Thursday night in the local gym the Spur Bulldogs again succumbed to the fancy ball-hawking of the Jayton Jaybirds, losing 39-49 to the visitors.

However, the girls team and the B boys helped even the score by both winning their games.

The girls won by a 41-21 margin and the B boys won the opener 43-27.

Following the Christmas holidays, the three teams will renew hardwood activity next Thursday as they go to Jayton for another round with the Jaybirds.

On Jan. 1 and 2 the boys will go to Levelland for the tournament of champs there.

CITY EMPLOYEES HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

The City of Spur employees and their families enjoyed their annual Christmas party and dinner Friday, Dec. 18, at the Dyeess Tea Room.

A musical program was presented by Miss Faye Middlebrooks and a sextet of boys, and then Mayor George Gabriel made a short talk. Inexpensive gifts were exchanged before the party was over.

EAST WARD STUDENTS PRESENT ROTARY PROGRAM

The Rotary Club was entertained Thursday at their noon meeting by students from the East Ward School. Two piano selections were played, a tap dance number was presented, and a boys' sextet sang several songs, accompanied by Miss Faye Middlebrooks.

The invocation was given by E. S. Lee and Lynn Buzbee was chairman.

LIONS HEAR MEMBERS OF SHS BAND TUESDAY

Cecil Green, Spur High School band director, presented a group of his band members in a short concert for the Spur Lions Club Tuesday of this week.

As program chairman for the day, Green explained some basic fundamentals of band music.

The program also included several choral numbers by the group.

Franklin Gabriel is spending the Christmas holidays here with his family. He is a freshman student at Baylor University.

John Rankin, student at Tarleton, is home for the holidays.

CITY FIRE MARSHALL ISSUES WARNING ABOUT FIREWORKS IN CITY

Spur City Fire Marshall Joe Wolff issued a warning this week that there is a city ordinance prohibiting the setting off of fireworks within the fire zone of the city.

He adds that the ordinance will be enforced strictly by city, county and state lawmen, both to prevent fires and to prevent bodily injuries.

Although the ordinance does not include the entire city in the ban, the fire marshal personally asks that extreme caution and strict supervision by parents if fireworks are to be used.

ANGELS HERALD MIRACULOUS BIRTH; SHEPHERDS, WISE MEN SEE CHRIST CHILD IN BETHLEHEM

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

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The Flight into Egypt
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When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt, have I called my son.

COACHES RECEIVE TV SETS

Supporters and fans of the Spur Bulldogs gave Coach Sam Hawkes and Coach Billy Hahn television sets for Christmas.

Both coaches have asked that their thanks and appreciation be extended to everyone who had a part in the gifts.

They added that they also appreciate the wonderful support offered them and the athletic program of Spur High School.

POSSIBILITY OF WHITE CHRISTMAS SAYS W-MAN

Sub-freezing temperatures in the Spur and adjoining areas continue to keep a White Christmas entirely within possibilities this morning. Although the area weathermen call for no moisture in the immediate future, the much-needed snow remains possible in the area.

With winter officially arriving Monday, Spur has been made full aware that it is here. The mercury dropped to a seasonal low of 12 this morning. The high yesterday was 29 and the high today will probably be in the 28-32 range.

Lawrence and Foster Cook, both Texas Tech students, are visiting in the home of their parents, the C. F. Cooks.

Some Will, Some Won't Close Dec. 26

The merchants of Spur have not agreed on Saturday, Dec. 26 as or not a holiday, so some will be open and others will be closed.

The bank and the post office will both be open their usual Saturday half day.

Spur Super Market will be closed, but Mac's Food Market and Safeway will be open.

Proctor's and Gabriel's department stores will both be closed.

Rickels Motor Co. will close tonight, Wed. 23 and remain closed until Monday morning.

Burt's Magnolia Station will remain open for the week end, including Christmas day.

Norton Barrett, manager of the Spur Chamber of Commerce, recommends that those who intend to do business in Spur on Saturday to check beforehand with merchants. He adds that it was not possible to compile a complete list of who would open and who would close.

SANTA CLAUS TO MAKE FINAL VISIT HERE THURS. AFTERNOON

Norton Barrett, C-C Mgr. Old Santa certainly did enjoy seeing so many boys and girls in town last Friday afternoon. He has been in town very afternoon since then and will be here today and tomorrow (Wednesday and Thursday).

We want to thank C. C. York for flying Santa to Spur. We know Santa enjoyed the ride as we've heard him comment about it several times.

Also, we'd like to thank the high school boys who helped last Friday in passing out the candy. Also, thanks to Grady Lackey and Homer Hindman for helping with the chickens and turkeys that were given away last Saturday.

Santa wants every boy and girl around here to come to town and see him by Christmas Eve. He will be on the street every afternoon until Christmas.

Winners of turkeys in our chicken-chasing contests last Saturday and Tuesday were H. T. Stanaland, W. W. Hodges, H. E. Usery, Charles Martin and Frank Martinez.

Congratulations to the Alexanders, Mrs. Soloday and the Lawis Lees for their Christmas decorations. Congratulations, also to everyone in town who has added beauty and color to our little city for the Christmas season.

We've visited several other cities and towns our size or larger recently and we are proud to report that Spur has far more Christmas decorations in the residential districts than most.

Some time ago we all saw the pictures of the irrigation wells that had been completed north of Spur along Duck Creek. We understand that there have recently been two more completed

L. E. Ponder Is Claimed By Death

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 11, at Fort Worth for L. E. Ponder, 54, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder of Spur. Ponder was found Wednesday, Dec. 9, dying in his home, by a friend who worked with him. He was rushed to a hospital but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Levi came to Spur with his parents in March of 1918. He was a pharmacist at the Red Front Drug Store before moving to Fort Worth in 1922. At the time of his death he was employed at the A. L. Davis Drug Store in Fort Worth.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Ponder of Fort Worth; one daughter, Margaret Williams of Mexico; one son, Wiley of Fort Worth; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder of Spur; one brother, Cecil Ponder of California; four sisters, Mrs. Carl Peninger of Spur, Mrs. Lee Peninger, Mrs. L. J. Phillips, and Miss Sophronia Ponder, all of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cumble spent the week end in Lubbock visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Littlefield and Robert.

Mrs. L. W. Langston left this week for an extended visit in Amarillo with her sister and family.

Mrs. E. G. Mobley of Amarillo, formerly Daisy Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franklin, is visiting here thru the Christmas holidays.

Rudolph Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cunningham, is home for Christmas. He has been stationed at Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kan. Last Christmas he was in the combat zone in Korea.

Services Are Held For O. P. Dupree

Funeral services for Odus Poleman Dupree were conducted Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Tommie Allen officiated, assisted by Rev. H. L. Burnham.

Dupree was born Jan. 20, 1876 in Oakfield, Ga. He died on Dec. 19, 1953. He came to Texas in 1922, lived in Olney and Henderson and then came to Spur. He was married to Minnie Irene Dinifan on Jan. 6, 1931 at Spur. He was converted early in life and was a member of the Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Irene Dupree; two daughters, Mrs. Pinnie Simms of Spur, and Mrs. Patti Thompson of Abilene; one step-daughter, Mrs. Anza Lee Sullivan of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren and one brother, C. L. Durree of Spartanborough, S. C.

Pallbearers were Fred Neaves, Marlon Jordan, George Austin, Jerry Ensey, Dempsey Simms, and Jesse Powell. Honorary pallbearers were George Sloan, Joe Long, Penn Shugart, Garvey Boothe, W. J. Ball and Frank Sonnemaker.

Interment was in the Spur cemetery under the direction of Campbell's Funeral Chapel.

Dale Franklin, formerly of Spur, now of Richmond, California, visited his brother, J. W. Franklin, in Spur last week.

Rang Thornton of Roaring Springs visited Mrs. J. W. Franklin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ensey are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ensey.

Joe King, son of Mrs. Nina King, has just arrived home from Cuba, where he has been stationed. He will be here thru the Christmas holidays.

Kent Courthouse Removal Is Likely

Clairemont's muchly-disputed courthouse will go to the more populated Jayton if a decision by Associate Justice Milburn S. Long of the 11th Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland is upheld.

Election of whether to move the courthouse from centrally located Clairemont to Jayton was held on March 29, 1952.

Tabulations for the election were 610 for moving the courthouse to Jayton, and 308 for keeping it in Clairemont. Jayton needed a two-thirds majority to win.

A revised total later issued by the Commissioners' Court declared 32 votes for Jayton and 31 for Clairemont illegal. That made 578 for removal and 277 for retaining it.

The Clairemont side maintains that the votes are legal.

COURT HOUSE TO BE CLOSED THREE DAYS

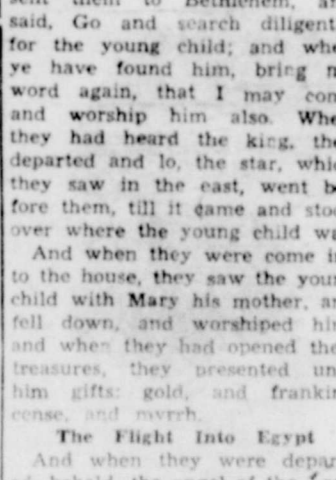
The Dickens County Court House will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 for the Christmas holidays.



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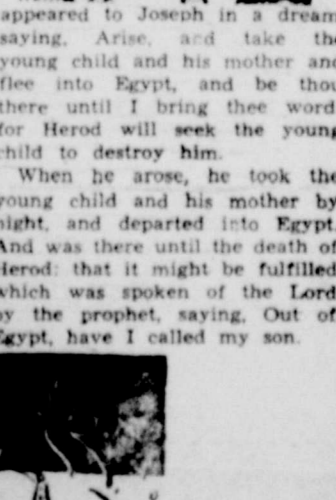
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And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Visit of the Wise Men
 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?



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Responsibility of Divorced Fathers Explained by Bar

A father always is responsible for the support of his minor children. This is true even though the father and mother are divorced, and either or both have remarried again.

For example, take the hypothetical case of a man named John Smith. When he and his wife Susan were divorced, the decree contained an order requiring John to pay Susan \$100 each month for the support of their two minor children, both of whom were under 16 years of age.

John paid the money every month for a year. Then he heard that Susan had married again, so he discontinued the monthly payments. Six months later he was served with an order citing

him into court for failing to pay the money. He also was arrested and charged with family desertion, which is a felony and punishable by imprisonment.

John protested bitterly to his attorney that his former wife was married again, his children had a father, and that he no longer should be held responsible for the children. But John learned that his understanding of the law was faulty.

The attorney explained that John still was the father of his children and was as responsible for their welfare as he had ever been. This would continue until the step-father or some other person should adopt the children, or until the children became of age. But because Susan's second husband had not adopted the children, John still was liable for the support money payments and could be punished by the court, even by imprisonment if necessary, for his refusal to comply with the court order.

Equally faulty in his conception of the law was another factional father we shall call James Jones. A Texas court awarded his divorced wife \$75 per month for support of their minor child. Jones paid the support money each month for some time.

Recently, however, Jones remarried, and, in the financial strain of establishing a new home, decided to cut down on the payments. Instead of sending his former wife \$75 each month, he sent \$10. He thought he was staying within the law because he was, after all, giving something toward his child's support.

Jones was dismayed, therefore, to learn that he not only was liable for the back payments under civil action, but that his conduct was found to constitute contempt.

Other reluctant fathers have learned that in 1951 the Texas Legislature adopted the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act which is designed to make it possible and practical to enforce both the civil and criminal provisions of our law relating to the support of children against fathers who leave Texas in an effort to avoid their legal and natural obligation to support their children.

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LEGAL EFFECTS OF "BILL OF RIGHTS" EXPLAINED

Since December 16 has for several years been observed as "Bill of Rights Day" throughout the nation, perhaps it would be well to consider the importance of this occasion from a legal standpoint.

The American "Bill of Rights", consisting of the first ten amendments to our federal constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civil rights of the individual citizens. Unaltered by subsequent amendments, and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be respected by our governing body today.

Among the most familiar of our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech, and of the press. The same article protects the right of peaceable assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense, against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case, and against having his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for a capital (death penalty) or other infamous crime, unless upon a presentment or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without orderly court procedure, on due process of law.

The right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights."

Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII. Other articles insure the right to bear arms and ban quartering of soldiers in private homes during peace time.

Then, to make quite clear to our governing bodies the underlying intent of the preceding provisions, the Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes this basic theory by providing "The powers not

delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Thus, that fundamental philosophy expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that men are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," has been carried forward into the highest law of our land.

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Season's Greetings

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W. B. FRANCIS GIN
Girard, Texas

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COTTON DUCK IS THE BEST MAKE THE BANKS SACKS BECAUSE THE DUCK IS STRONG AND DURABLE.

COTTON CANDY

The feminine look is going to be the thing in next summer's swim suits. Here, complete with leopard shade shading and a ruffled top is a new swim suit by Billings in Everglaze printed cotton. The swimsuit is as fitted as a corset at the gay neckline. Get this cotton suit is definitely 1954!

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Merry Christmas

HERE'S OUR GIFT TO YOU... TWO BIG DAYS OF MONEY - SAVING BARGAINS TO COMPLETE YOUR CHRISTMAS MENU!

Coffee	White Swan	89c
	1 lb. can	
Peaches	Mission	25c
	No. 2 1/2 can	

Market Specials!

HAMS

Half or whole. lb. **65c**

LOIN or T-BONES L.B. **45c**

STEAK

BABY BEEF, 4 - 5 lb. aver. **73c**

TURKEYS lb

Armour's, Swift, or Hormel **65c**

lb. Tray pack

JOWLS Sugar Cured L.B. **29c**

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Fresh. 4 to 5 lb. av. lb. **48c**

HENS

Fresh. 4 to 5 lb. av. lb. **48c**

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ORANGES

5 lb. sack **35c**

TOKAY L.B. **12 1/2c**

GRAPES

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Tangerines

FIRM HEADS L.B. **10c**

Lettoce

TEXAS L.B. **7 1/2c**

ORANGES

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Fresh, crisp. lb. **10c**

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CHIPPED BEEF, RICE MAKE TASTY CASSEROLE



An economical and appetizing dinner menu can be planned around a casserole dish which combines baked chipped beef and rice. Although chipped beef is one of the cheaper meats, it is an excellent source of protein. Use individual casseroles for serving this tasty, inexpensive main dish.

3 cups hot cooked rice
 4 ounces dried beef
 2 cups medium white sauce (omit salt)

2 tablespoons margarine
 1 tablespoon dried onion
 1 cup bread crumbs

Separate dried beef into chips. Melt margarine in a skillet over low heat. Add chipped beef and cook in margarine until the edges curl and beef is slightly browned. Add chipped beef to white sauce, and then taste for seasoning. Adjust seasoning, adding a small amount of salt, if needed. Place alternate layers of cooked rice and chipped beef sauce in six margined individual 8 or 10-ounce casseroles (all 8x8 1/2 baking dish may be used). Melt margarine in a skillet over low heat. Add the onion and cook lightly. Add bread crumbs. Stir to coat crumbs. Sprinkle crumbs over top of casseroles. Bake in a 350 degree oven until crumbs are slightly browned (about 20 minutes). This recipe makes six servings.

Reclassifying of Cotton to Be Changed

WACO—The procedure for obtaining a reclassification of cotton under the Smith-Doxey Act will be changed if a new recommendation of the Texas Farm Bureau is adopted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

President J. Walter Hammond of the state farm organization has forwarded to the USDA a resolution which was adopted at the recent TFB convention in Mineral Wells. He has discussed the beneficial aspects of the resolution with high Department officials, who now have it under consideration.

The TFB proposes to modify the present reclassification procedure by requiring that compress bonded samples collect and destroy the original class card before sending another sample to the classing office for reclassification.

There has been considerable criticism of the present procedure under provisions of the Smith-Doxey Act, the bonded samples now required to collect the class card from the grower and forward it along with the new sample. Farmer dissatisfaction has stemmed from the fact that the classing office, when it returns to the original grower, is influenced to give the lowest sample the same grade as the original.

The TFB resolution on Smith-Doxey service also asks that more emphasis be placed on the qualifications and training of cotton classers employed by classing offices, that an attempt be made to attract more young men to the classing service by increasing salaries and lengthening periods of employment, that further research be instituted to develop and improve existing mechanical cotton-classing devices to expedite classing and eliminate the element of human error, and that a minimum moisture condition for cotton be set and standardized throughout the U. S. before it is graded.

It's the "itchy finger hunter" endangers the lives of others and causes needless damage to wildlife. Unless a few simple safety rules are followed, many hunters will experience a serious accident. Two-thirds of all hunting accidents result from three common causes; humans in the line of fire, mistaking humans for animals, and hunting with a gun's safety catch off.

Dick Bartell, a former short-stop with five major league baseball clubs, Friday agreed to be a coach for the Cincinnati Redlegs next season.

The average man is always looking either backward or forward. He is determined not to enjoy the present.

Coming to PALACE Tuesday



in
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THINGS TO TALK ABOUT
 BY FRANKLIN J. MORGAN
 Editor, American Peoples Encyclopedia



AN OVEN WHICH INSTANTLY COOKS CHICKENS, TURKEYS AND OTHER POULTRY IN THAT ORDER - BUT CANNOT BE BROKEN FROM COOKING TO SPICES IN REVERSE ORDER.

A collapsible one-man student helicopter was developed recently for the Army. The tiny helicopter can be assembled in 10 minutes and disassembled in 10 minutes.

REFUGEES FROM CHINA ESTIMATE 50 MILES PER HOUR AS THE MINIMUM SPEED FOR YEARS ON THE HEAVY-COMPLETED CHANGING-ORIENTED BRIDGES.

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Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.


Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

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Looking over the Santa situation, this well-dressed little nose speculates on what goodies she is going to find in her Christmas stocking. Her dress of turquoise broadcloth has its own tiny shaggy sweater, just like the grown-ups wear. The cotton broadcloth dress by Cinderella Frocks has a tight-fitting waist and the bodice has dinner-shirt rickings. The dainty shaggy sweater is a cotton knit.

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Gamma Chapter Meets in Paducah

A Christmas program highlighted by vocal and piano numbers by Dorothea Fish, music pupil of the hostess, Mrs. Clifford Graves, preceded a social hour of Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Paducah Saturday.

The holiday love offering was placed around a miniature tree and voted to be sent to Girls' Town at White Face.

Mrs. Deva King read the Christmas story and group singing was enjoyed. Three honorary members, Mrs. John H. Davis and Mrs. L. L. West, vocalists, and Mrs. Graves, piano accompanist, played the first recording of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Mrs. Graves served refreshments to the following members: Miss Margaret Elliot, Spur; Mrs. King and Mrs. W. H. Marshall, Roaring Springs; Mrs. Clark Forbis, Afton; Mrs. Ora J. Raymond, Crosbyton; Mrs. Fred Mullings and Mrs. D. E. Wells, Ralls; Miss Della Cowan, Mrs. S. M. Jolly, Mrs. C. Stubbins, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. West, Miss Katherine Simmons and Mrs. Jessie Thomas, Paducah.

Mrs. D. E. Wells of Ralls will be hostess to the chapter in February.

Study Club Meets With Mrs. Simmons

The home of Mrs. A. C. Sharp was the scene of a regular meeting for the Daughters of the 1933 Study Club. Mrs. Paul Simmons acted as official hostess.

The program for the afternoon was presented by Mrs. Dick Walker and Mrs. W. C. Gruben and it was a quiz program. Prizes were given to each team of contestants.

Refreshments were served to Jane Anne Albin, Janie Alexander, Nan L. Alexander, Merle Beza Foreman, Gail Buzbee, Marion Carlisle, Alice Crockett, Wanda Cunningham, Lois Dunwoody, Betty Dress, Gwyn Ford, Billie Sue Gregory, Ginger Hord, Carolyn Kelley, Kathleen Kelley, Sue King, Genevieve Taylor, Frances Wilson, Mrs. C. F. Cook, Mrs. Dick Walker, Mrs. W. C. Gruben and the hostess, Mrs. Simmons.

Exchange Club Has Christmas Party

The Claude Neaves' home was the scene of a Christmas party for the Exchange Club Tuesday night, December 13, at 7:30.

Games of dominoes and "42" were played.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. and Misses C. V. Allen, A. C. Sharp, Lord Robertson, C. O. Fox, Jr., Buck Carlisle, Walter Carlisle, Dale Hagins and Neaves, Misses Ebb Smith Arner Watson, Bill Chambliss, G. W. Justice and Powell.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. V. O'Keefe and Mrs. Norman Hahn.

Alathean Class Has Christmas Party

Members of the Alathean Class of the First Baptist Church and their husbands enjoyed the evening of Dec. 11 at their annual Christmas party.

Christmas music was rendered by Mrs. W. T. Andrews. The invocation was given by Mrs. E. C. Clinkscapes. By decorative candle light a delicious dinner was served, then with Mrs. Rex Holder serving as mistress of ceremonies, the program proceeded.

The Junior High School Choral Club sang Christmas carols, directed by Mrs. H. M. Allison and accompanied by Judy Bragg.

The class presented gifts to its teacher, Mrs. J. E. Berry, and assistant teacher, Mrs. J. R. Whitmore.

Mrs. Alfred Walker gave a vivid and inspirational review of the book entitled "The Day They Gave Babies Away."

Concluding the program, Mrs. George Gabriel led the group singing "Silent Night."

Birthday Party Is For Kevin Clifton

Kevin Ray Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Clifton, was honored on his fourth birthday with a party Thursday, Dec. 17, at his home.

A Christmas theme was used and favors were candy canes, Christmas cookies and punch were also served.

Those present were Billy and Sharon Hale, Charles and Sharon Soloday, Sue and Lee Standford, Greg Francis, Steve Scudler, Tommie Joe and Adell Allen, David Godfrey, Leon and Triene Patterson, Don Hale, Dora Wayne and Clauette Jo Kithena, Brenda and Vicki Clifton, Janie Ensey, Patricia Foreman, Martha Faye Bailey, Linda and Kay Lackey, Patsy and Judy Johnson.

Wynelle Steele and Halls Francis sent gifts but could not attend.

Jr. Harmony Club Meets Recently

The Junior Harmony Club met in the home of Miss Gail Williams recently with Arnetta Hale and Texasita Sechrist as co-hostesses.

Kathleen Kelley, president, presided over the business meeting. Ralph Gibson, Bruce Long, Gail Williams and Dean Reagan sang in a quartet and then Kathy Rector sang "Prayer Perfect", accompanied by Gail Williams. Kathleen Kelley closed the program by playing a piano selection. Mr. Cecil Green was the director for this program.

Refreshments were served to Kathleen and Carolyn Kelley, Dean and Ann Reagan, LaNelle Marc, Bruce Long, Ralph Gibson, Jane Ann Albin, Norma Gilcrease, Louise Williamson, Lois Ann Callan, Annetta Hale, Texasita Sechrist, Sue King, Alice Crockett, Mr. Green, and the hostess.

Morris Family Has Family Reunion Sun.

The Morris family had their annual family reunion and Christmas party Sunday, December 13, at the Slide Community House near Lubbock. Gifts were exchanged, games were played and a wonderful lunch was served at noon.

Those attending were Mrs. O. B. Morris, Sr. of Spur, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morris and Joyce of McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Morris, Michael and Miles of Wink, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Morris, Dale, Gwen, Jim of New Mexico, M. and Mrs. M. B. Morris and Gay of Childress, Mrs. J. R. Morris, Rickey, Ronny and Kim of Wolfport, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Morris, Jr., Larry, Lance and Phil of McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Littleton of Ralls, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill of R. B. and Penny of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shaffer of Pecos, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Witt of Calgary and several families of grandchildren were also present. Fifty-two were registered.

Louis Head of Floydada was here Saturday visiting and looking after business.

Circle Meeting Is In Conner Home

Mrs. Bob Conner was hostess for the Catherine Fite Circle when it met Monday at 3:30 p. m.

The assembly room was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and holly. The serving table was especially attractive with red cloth and Christmas bell decor. A milk white punch bowl centered it. Mrs. Clyde Bingham served the punch and fruit cake.

Mrs. Thomas P. Johnston read the scripture and Mrs. J. M. Nuttall read the Christmas story which is found in the second chapter of Luke.

At the close of the meditation hour Mrs. Max Echols and Mrs. Jim Harrow were given gifts of appreciation.

Those present were Misses Lela Evans, J. A. Koon, Weldon Skinner, W. R. Blair, Bingham, Nuttall, W. S. Campbell, Cal C. Wright, Echols, Johnston, Harrow and Conner.

Wes Moore of Dallas has been here visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore.

Simpsons Have Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Lela Simpson entertained the Gilpin Home Demonstration Club and their families with a Christmas party in their home on Friday night. Games of "42" and canasta were played and refreshments were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smithy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hagins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Swearingen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Driggers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hollingshead and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Fincher and daughter, Mrs. Wayne Beadle, Mrs. Joe Jeffers and the host and hostess, and A. B.

Sue King Hosts Harmony Club

The Junior Harmony Club met at the home of Sue King Thursday, December 17. Kathleen Kelley presided over the meeting.

Mr. Cecil Green sang "Little Sweet Jesus Boy", accompanied by Mrs. Sam Hawkes. Carols

were sung and while refreshments were served, Gail Williams sang.

These present were Sadie Watson, Louise Williamson, Barbara Turbyville, Bruce Long, Mac Fry, Jane Albin, Dean Reagan, Ralph Gibson, Norma Gilcrease, Kathleen Kelley, Gail Williams, Texasita Sechrist, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Green and the hostess.

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TECHNICOLOR THRILLER DEPICTS LIFE IN CONGO

For pulse-stirring adventure few pictures have come along with more impact than "White Witch Doctor," which opens Sunday at the Palace Theatre. The strange beauty of lush jungle atmosphere, masterfully photographed in color by Technicolor, and the glimpses into the secrets of the Belgian Congo are breath-taking. The human conflict of greed, sacrifice, smoldering emotion and love add much to the gripping power and fascination of this Twentieth Century-Fox production, which turns out to be thrilling entertainment.

Susan Hayward, as an American nurse who is determined to forget a broken heart by helping to heal jungle natives, and Robert Mitchum, a white hunter, who uses her as a dupe to get into forbidden native territory where gold is hidden, are the chief protagonists in this pulsating story. Their performances are most convincing and amazingly moving. The teaming of Miss Hayward and Mitchum, their second appearance together, proved to be a most happy combination for the producer of "White Witch Doctor." Also colorful are the performances of Walter Szek, as Mitchum's accomplice in the plan to trick the Bakubas of their gold, and a group of African natives who play chiefs, warriors and villagers in the picture. As many as a thousand natives appear in the course of the varied scenes which give the picture the authenticity that makes it so unusually intriguing for the audience.

Henry Hathaway directed the picture with keen insight to its visual and demotional qualities, emphasizing particularly the brooding sinister jungle atmosphere, its menacing relations between whites and natives, its tribal dances, its panoramic splendor and its foreboding suspense. He has kept these values in proportion so that the picture carries the beholder away. One of these scenes which give the picture much of its chilling suspense shows the attempt of a native witch doctor to kill Miss Hayward by putting a deadly tarantula in her cot while she is sleeping in a jungle camp.

Leon Shamroy's magic with his Technicolor cameras gives the picture a photographic richness that lifts it high above the average motion picture. Credits also must be given to Producer Otto Lang and Scenarists Ivan Goff and Ben Roberts, who adapted Louise A. Stinetor's novel, for the over-all excellence of the picture in production and story values. "White Witch Doctor."

BUSY BEE QUILTING CLUB HAS TWO MEETINGS

The Busy Bee Quilting Club met last Thursday in the home of Mrs. Grogan. Nine members were present and two quilts were completed. This club met again Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Ussery. Two quilts were also made at this meeting. Those present were Mrs. Bob Westerman, Sally Shockley, W. D. Blair, Meadow, W. M. Suddeth and Mrs. Sam McCaughy.

Drive And Walk With Care During Holidays This Year

"Pity the traffic officer in this Christmas rush -- and help him by driving and walking extra carefully."

That plea was made by Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, President of the Texas Safety Association, and Service Advisor for the Gulf Oil Corporation today. He was discussing the local traffic situation and the current holiday hazards program which the Texas Safety Association is conducting in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"The job of the traffic officer becomes more difficult as the holidays draw nearer," Col. Tilley explained. "People aren't too conscious of traffic laws any day in the year. And when the holiday mania gets their blood, they are inclined to forget rules and regulations altogether."

He believes people in the grip of holiday mania have a one-track mind when they use the streets or sidewalks. "They're grimly intent on getting from where they are to where they want to go," he said, "and neither hail, rain nor traffic is going to keep them from their appointed course."

According to Col. Tilley, this leads to much confusion. Motorists seem oblivious to traffic signals and speed regulations, and they often weave through traffic craning their necks in search of parking places. Pedestrians scurry along sidewalks at break-neck pace, sometimes almost hidden behind umbrellas or piles of packages.

They dash out into the street in mid-block. When they do use crosswalks, they often fail to look out for cars before stepping from the curb. "The traffic officer is sort of a middleman in this whole picture," he said. "He's got to bring order out of this traffic chaos. He must persuade walkers to stay on the curb until it's safe to cross, keep added motorists from snarling up traffic, and answer all sorts of sensible and senseless questions into the bargain. Walkers and drivers should give themselves and the traffic officers a break this Christmas by staying alert and alive in traffic."

CARD OF THANKS

We humbly want to thank each and everyone for all the kind deeds, flowers and food sent to the L. C. Ponders of Spur and the L. E. Ponders of Fort Worth during their recent loss. May the Lord bless each one.

Pearl Ponder and Wiley Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder Mrs. Margaret Williams Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ponder and family Mr. and Mrs. Lee Penninger and family Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peninger Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Phillips Miss Sophronia Ponder

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Induction Call For Jan. To Be 1,314

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 24 -- Four thousand Texas youths will be sent for draft pre-induction physical examinations in January, the largest number to go in any one month since the past May.

Local boards will be sent the order the first week in December, Brigadier General Paul L. Wakefield, state Selective Service director, said Tuesday. At the same time, General Wakefield announced a January induction call of 1,314.

Pre-induction physical examinations have run under 2,000 a month since the past July. General Wakefield gave two reasons for the increase: (1) The pool of examined and acceptable men has decreased, and (2) induction calls are expected to rise sometime during the first half of 1949.

Pre-induction physical examination quotas for the state originate under authority of the state director of Selective Service. State quotas for induction come from the national director.

General Wakefield said that local board quotas for the January induction call should be in the office of local boards by December 1. State induction quotas have run from 1,250 to 1,800 since the past June.

Local boards must fill their January call with men 20 years old or older if they have them. If necessary to reach its quota, a board may send men under 20 for induction. Eighty-three men out of every 100 inducted in October were 20 years old or older.

Since beginning of the Selective Service act in 1948, a total of 75,435 Texas men have been inducted under the law. All but about 1,450 of these have gone into service since the fight in Korea began in 1950.

Since beginning of the 1948 act, Texas has delivered 173,986 men for pre-induction physical examination.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely wish to thank each and everyone for their thoughtfulness, kindness, the lovely flowers and food during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. The G. F. Smith family

Highway News

Anyone wishing to write Pfc. Tommy D. Hemphill, son of Mrs. Edna Hemphill, may write: Pfc. Tommy D. Hemphill RA 18437997 Col. 23rd Inf. Regt. San Francisco, Calif. Tommy would be so glad to hear from his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hahn of Lubbock spent the day Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tree. Other dinner guests in the Tree home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Putman and Ann and Nelda Hahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Morgan and children are enjoying a new television set.

The families of Ray Lee Stanley and Wilbur Stanley were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stanley in Spur, who celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary, Sunday, December 13.

Billie Ray Stanley, who is in the Navy, is visiting his parents.

"Mac vs The Bible" was the subject of Bro. Loyd Womack's sermon Sunday morning.

Spring flowers will be healthier and earlier if beds are prepared now. Soak the soil and leave it rough to absorb more winter rain and snow. A thick coating of leaves or straw will increase the organic content of beds resulting in healthier flowers next spring.

"BANKER'S SHIRT"



The classic blouse is an asset in any woman's wardrobe. This blouse, called a "banker's shirt," is designed in a colorful, available women's stripe chambray trimmed with coordinated solid cotton. This fabric is typical of the smart new cottons with texture innovated, the National Cotton Council reports.

Dry Lake Community News...

The Dry Lake MD Club met in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Russell Williams Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas Party.

Those attending were Mrs. McMahon, E. J. Lasseter, W. M. Calvert, Lon Bass, Jeff Smith, J. B. Karr, Archer Powell, Bob Pickens, Buck Ballard, Ethel Ballard, J. R. Stanley, Billy Bingham, Ellis Draper and the hostess.

The next meeting will be January 13 in the home of Mrs. Jeff Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lasseter and Mrs. Coy Dopson drove to Lubbock Thursday.

There will be church services at the Foreman Chapel Church Sunday, December 27. Everyone is urged to be there.

John Johnson, who had major surgery at the Amarillo Hospital, is visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dopson, over the holidays.

Ann Kissing and Mary Jo Calvert were Sunday dinner guests of Barbara Wright.

Fay Del Gordon of Levelland visited Ann Kissing, Mary Jo Calvert and Barbara Wright Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lasseter

were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dopson Sunday.

Mrs. Archer Powell was winner of the HD club game prize for the year.

Archer Powell will be home with his family for Christmas.

The Methodist Men's Fellowship has been postponed until the first Monday night in January. It will be at the Foreman Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aston visited her sister, Miss Francis Crump, in Crosbyton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy McMahan and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey James left Monday for California to visit their children, Mr. and Mrs. Billy McMahan.

The Dry Lake Baptist Church had a Christmas program Sunday night.

Miss Shelly Williams was a Saturday night guest of Miss Nancy Powell.

Mrs. Archer Powell and girls attended the church program at the First Christian Church Sunday night.

Mrs. Jack Lackey visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dopson, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bingham attended the Dry Lake Baptist Christmas program Sunday night.

Mrs. Mary Francis has returned from Gainsville where she has been visiting her brother who is ill.



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You know, Santa Claus is one thing the Russians did invent! Well, almost — and we hope the Senate doesn't investigate us for saying so. You see, St. Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia, or he was until Mr. Lenin got elected to his old job.

St. Nicholas didn't look a thing like Santa Claus. He was a kindly old bishop back in ancient Rome who was celebrated for his good deeds. He didn't wear a red suit. He went around in a cope and mitre just like any other bishop.

It was the Russians who first told the story of how he used to leave gifts for the children of the poor on Christmas Eve. And that's how it all started, way back before Moscow folks knew a soviet from a samovar.

Soon kind St. Nicholas was reputed to be leaving presents everywhere from the Volga to the Thames on Christmas Eve — for people in other countries liked the gift idea very much. Among these people were the Dutch. And when they bought New York from the Indians for \$24 and moved in on lower Broadway they brought the gentle legend along with them.

Only they called the old saint San Nicolaas. That's Dutch, you see. And the name stuck for a long time, until Brooklyn got settled. People there had their own interesting way of talking and soon San Nicolaas became Santa Claus. In a little while folks across the river in New York were saying Santa Claus, too, and year after year the saint's new name moved uptown, to Washington Square, Murray Hill, Central Park — and then all over America.

Till about 1870 Santa was depicted as a thin old fellow in a long robe. He still looked a little like the old bishop. Then an American artist figured Santa would look merrier if he was shorter, fatter and chubbier. That, in turn, meant designing a new costume for him: jacket, breeches, boots, belt and stocking cap. In a jiffy we had our modern Santa Claus.

So — if you go back far enough — Santa came out of Russia. But he is not that kind of a Russian. No, indeed. The only thing red about Santa Claus, Senator, is his suit!

The Texas Spur

The Merry, Merry Time!



McAdoo News...

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Fox and Peggie visited in the E. C. Rich home Wednesday. Mrs. Lucy Fox returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Buckner, Jr. and son, Rex, who have been living in Nebraska, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Buckner.

Mrs. Raymond Harris of Halls visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wallace and Mrs. Holly Harris, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Barton visited in Lubbock Saturday.

T. J. Holmes, Barbara and Ruth Ann of Clyde, spent Saturday night and Sunday in the

C. C. Nealey home. Mrs. Holmes returned home with them after spending two weeks with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barton and girls of Munday visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Roxanna Van Meter, who has been ill, is in the Crosbyton Hospital.

Elaine Taylor returned from the Hospital Saturday, after being ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. VanLeer, Mrs. Palo Grissom and Mrs. Jim Earley were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Morris and boys and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morris and Joyce attended a reunion of the Morris family in Lubbock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bass and Gene of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Burrow of Amarillo were visitors in the L. E. Bass home during the week end.



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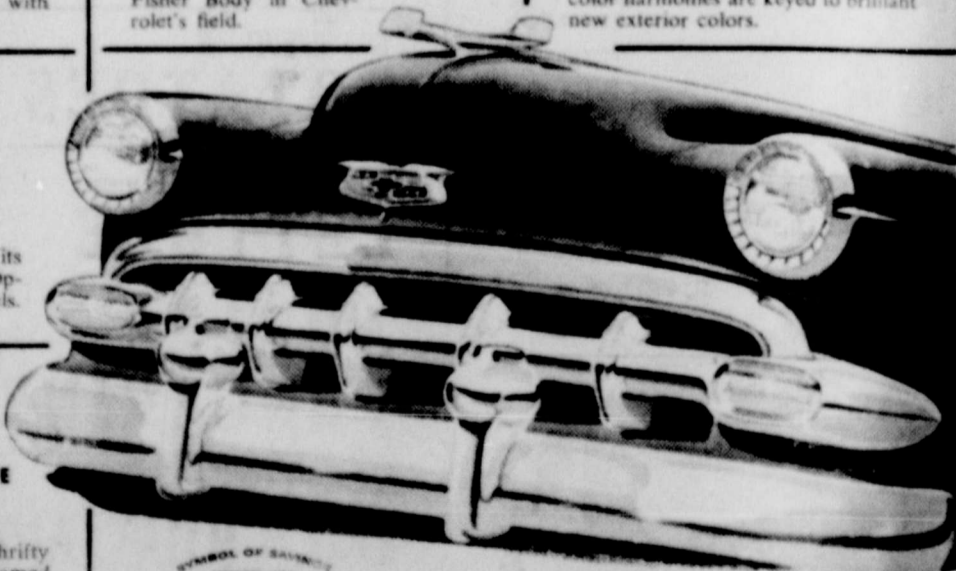
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Carlene Coffey of Lubbock visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Joe Coffey, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lumsden of Springlake spent the week end in the home of their daughter, the Bobby Hardins and the Dale Neffs.

Mable Laughlin of Springlake visited friends over the week end.

Sandra and Lamell Allen spent last week end in Halls with the Hilton Jones family, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Allen, made a trip to Arkansas and visited relatives.

Mrs. Billy Harris, Mrs. John Burrow and Mrs. Jim Earley were shopping in Lubbock Tuesday.

Mrs. Loyd Hickman and Mrs. Rusty McWilliams and boys visited in Lubbock Saturday with the Rad Parkinsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward of Dickens were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Griffin.

Graig Graham of Buffalo, Oklahoma is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Graham.

Mrs. E. W. Harris entertained the Secret Pals in her home Tuesday, November 8, Mrs. Raymond Harris was co-hostess.

Mrs. William Gardner of Abilene spent Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brantley and Camillo.

Tad Toland, who is employed in Big Springs, spent the night at home.

FASHION-AT-HOME



One of the most popular at home fashions for college, career girl, or young homemaker this season is a corduroy ensemble of turtleneck pants and vest, the National Cotton Council reports. This smart and comfortable design teams heavy pleats and printed corduroy in an outfit ideal for lounging or tv sessions.

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Miscellaneous

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FEC And SCS Issue Joint Statement

WASHINGTON, D. C. DEC. 14 - Administrator C. M. Ferguson and D. A. Williams of the Federal Extension Service and Soil Conservation Service, respectively, today released a joint statement dealing with the relationship of the two services.

"We regard," they said, "this statement as a significant expression of the cooperative relationship between the two agencies."

Their statement follows: "The conservation and proper care and development of our soils is basic to the economic well-being of families now farming and prospecting and those who are to follow. It is essential to the future of the Nation's food supply and to the continued expansion of efficient food and fiber production to meet our ever-growing population needs.

The reorganization of the Soil Conservation Service is designed to carry forward a more effective national program and to strengthen the work in each state. It does not change in any way the functions of the SCS in carrying out a national program of soil and water conservation primarily through soil conservation districts. The Soil Conservation Service and the Extension Service continue to have the responsibility for effective cooperation at county, State and national levels. Both services

will look to the State experiment stations and to the Agricultural Research Service of the Department for improved technology through which to assist local people in handling their programs.

The work of the Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service will succeed only with the enthusiastic, whole-hearted support and efforts of farm and ranch people. Both require the continued development of well-informed leadership in soil conservation districts, farm organizations, planning committees, and other such groups.

The use of the soil and water resources must dovetail into and provide a base for sound farm management, cropping practice, livestock management, machine requirements, building needs and marketing opportunities, while at the same time conserving and improving those basic resources.

These objectives will be accomplished only through the closest possible kind of teamwork between the technical assistance of the Soil Conservation Service and Extension's teaching through demonstration and other means of education to encourage farmers to adopt farm practices consistent with the sound use of land and water resources. Such teamwork will result only from harmonious inter-agency relations. These relations do not occur by chance. They develop and come to full

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Cooked Picnics 1-Lb. 43.49	Fresh Coconuts 1-Lb. 10c
Pork Roast 1-Lb. 49c	Tangy Tangerines 1-Lb. 10c
Standard Oysters 1-Lb. 85c	Bananas 1-Lb. 14c
	Texas Yams 1-Lb. 12 1/2c
	Fresh Dates 1-Lb. 35c
	Yellow Onions 1-Lb. 5c
	Florida Oranges 1-Lb. 55c
	Grapefruit 1-Lb. 49c
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CHRISTMAS GREETING SECTION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1953

HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS IS TOLD

By Lyndell O. Harris

The Christmas story centers in the Christ-child of Bethlehem. However, this fascinating story had its beginning in ancient Mesopotamia, the cradle of the race, and the probable site of Eden.

The "twelve days" of Christmas, exchanging of gifts, brightly decorated floats, merry-making, singing from house to house, feasting, and religious processions were all found in Mesopotamia over four thousand years ago.

The New Year's festival lasted twelve days, as the Christmas season is supposed to do. It was a time of crisis for the people as the old year died and the New Year was born.

Marduk, their chief god, had

overcome the monsters of chaos in creation, but this struggle was renewed each year.

The empty brown of the fields told the story that life was dying. Marduk must fight to renew the world.

The people considered it their duty to help Marduk in any way that they could. Accordingly, much of the festival consisted in this support by the people.

The Mesopotamian faced a threefold problem: purification from the sins of the past year, the finding of a substitute who would take the consequences of those sins, and the renewal of strength which the old year had taken away.

An important part of the festival was the recitation of the Creation story, re-enacting the creation of the world by Mar-

duk. As part of the drama the king must "die" at the end of the year and go into the underworld with Marduk in order to battle at his side.

However, a "mock" king saved the life of the real king by substituting for him. The "mock" king was dressed in royal robes, given homage, and then slain in place of the real king.

At last came the moment of the festival when Marduk began to prevail over the powers of evil in great rejecting the people drew large floats down the streets.

Many masquerades in gay costumes. Friends exchanged gifts with one another.

Such was the festival spirit of this ancient land.

These ancient festivals found their way westward to Greece and Rome. It was in Rome that the festival of the Saturnalia was conducted with such boisterous rejoicing.

It began around the middle of December and lasted until January first. In the midst was December 25, the day when the sun was at its lowest ebb, but soon ready to increase again and send its rays of warmth and growth to the earth.

Saturnalia was a time of drunken revelry for many Romans. For others it was simply a time of making merry. Jolly crowds masqueraded through the streets, ate big dinners, and visited their friends.

They exchanged gifts and wished one another good luck. Moreover, the Romans decorated their houses this time with boughs of laurel and green trees and with lighted candles and lamps.

Slaves and masters ate together, often exchanging places, the masters waiting on the slaves.

The early Christmas tried to prevent the celebration of the Saturnalia, but in vain. What happened in history was that the festival was purged of its crude and immoral elements, and made to honor the Christ-child of Bethlehem.

After a battle of centuries the thoughts of the people were turned from the pagan gods to

the worship of the Lord.

The festival spirit of pagan merry-making became the glad rejoicing over the birth of a Saviour.

When was Jesus born? No one knows the exact historical date of his birth. The observance of December 25 as the birthday of Christ was chosen several centuries after his death.

In fact, the early Christians were not interested in the date of his birth. The important thing to them was his death and resurrection.

In the early Church the deity of Christ was stressed much more than his humanity. As soon as the Church had settled to some extent the question of his deity, it continued with the question of his humanity.

As Christ was born divine, so could every infant receive the grace of God in a miraculous manner in baptism. Along with this, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was regarded in a new light. Up until now she had been revered with other great Christians of the Apostolic Church.

Since she was the mother of Jesus, she was regarded as having done something that no other woman had ever done. In addition to this, the idea of motherhood represented something tender and endearing to every heart. Adoration very easily become worship.

Why was December 25 chosen as the day to celebrate the birth of Christ? This date was probably chosen because some of the ancient pagan festivals occurred at this time.

The ancient Zagnuk and Saccia festivals of the Mesopotamians, the Saturnalia in Rome, and the winter solstice celebrations of the Northern European peoples made their contributions.

All these celebrations came in the last days of the old year and the dawning of the New Year.

December 25 came in the midst of these various celebrations. In the process of time Christianity was able to lead the world to direct the thinking behind these celebrations to the worship and celebration of the birth of Christ.

Jesus was finally given a birthday. The Christmas story, after a long voyage of many centuries through many lands, has centered its message in the birth of the Christ-child.

Today, it is a story that has become sacred to untold millions, not because of its ancient pagan background, but because of its meaning to every Christian.

It means that over nineteen hundred years ago the supratemporal Christ broke into the stream of human history by taking unto himself a human nature and being born of a human mother.

It means that God has revealed himself to man.

It means that God has come near man.

It means that God has become man, the divine and human God-man.

It means that the song of the angels was true.

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

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you would bring me an electric train, a little truck, a farm house, a chemistry set, a little car and a bread truck.

Love,
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Dear Santa,
Please bring Jimmy two guns and holster and a pair of boots, size 1.
Bring Carol two guns and holster and boots size 7 1/2 and also a little doll.
Anything else you leave for us will be fine and be nice to all the other children.
Don't forget to put some fruit, nuts and candy in our stockings.
We will be at our grandmother's for Christmas.
Love,
Jimmy and Carol

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that cries, blows bubbles and takes a bath, a doll house and a little piano and groceries.
Thank you,
Sharon Soladay

Dear Santa,
I want an electric football set. That is all. Thank you. I wrote this letter.
Charles Soladay

Dear Santa,
Please come to see me and bring me a pretty baby doll and a bottle.
Don't forget my brother and sister.
I have been good,
Rosita Dias
Love

Dear Santa,
I am a boy of ten and I have two sisters. Their names are Jeana Kay and Jan. They are 7 and 3 years old. They both want a doll, and a set of plastic dishes.

I want a space academy and a monopoly set. We would like some fruit, nuts and candy.
Love,
Randy Cole

Dear Santa,
I think I have been a good little girl and I like you very much. I am five years old.
Would you please bring me a tiny tear doll, a doll house with a garage and car, a set of dums, a telephone operator set and a little piano if you have one.
Please fill my stocking with good things and don't forget my big sisters.
Love,
Patricia Foreman

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll for Christmas.
Please remember all the other little children.
Love,
Carmen Starcher

Dear Santa,
I am three years old and I try to be pretty good. For Christmas bring me a Hopalong Cassidy gun set and some boxing gloves.
Thank you,
Bill Starcher

Dear Santa,
My name is Kathleen. I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have a teddy bear, a record player and some records. Thank you.
Love,
Kathleen Williams

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I want a doll and a nurse set for Christmas.
I have a little brother 4 years old. Please bring him a truck and farm set.
Judy Carol Bingham

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a piano and a doll bed. I also want some candy and nuts. I am a good girl and I love you.
Lois Putman

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old and I would like a dy-dee-doll that has short hair and blows bubbles.
I have a little brother two and one-half months old and so please bring him a teeter baby chair and some baby toys.
Also remember my little cousin, Carolyn, who lives at Girard.
Love,
Connie Carlisle

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THE SNACK SHACK



Merry Christmas

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Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Scott



Greetings of the holiday season.

Our wishes for you, most sincere . . .

Have a Christmas that is merry and a New Year filled with cheer.

Starcher Insurance Agency
Nona and Bill Starcher



Gruben Radio & TV Center

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 6 years old. I have been a very good boy. All I want for Christmas is a trumpet, a xylophone and some fireworks.
Thank you very much,
Ronnie Phillips

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and a fuzzy housecoat, size 5. I would also like to have a doll house and furniture.
I hope you don't get into a snow storm coming to our house. I will be a good girl and will be looking for you.
Love,
Karen Morrison

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a road-grader, and two guns on a holster. Please be nice to all the other boys and girls.
Love,
Jessie Roy Ware

Dear Santa,

I am a boy seven years old. My little brother Johnny is four. We want a service station, a box of tinkertoys, two guns and some candy, nuts and fruit. We are good boys most of the time and help Mother every day. We will have coco and cookies waiting for you, so come to see us.
Jerry Randall

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be a good boy this year. If you can Santa, please bring me a pair of boots. I would also like a train, and a calvary suit.
Your little friend,
Rickey Ball

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a middle-sized walking doll and a pair of loafers, size 11B. Please Santa, bring my sister something nice too.
I love you,
Diana Innes

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 6 years old and I want an airplane set and Indian set and also some more records.
My brother wants a bicycle.
With love,
Handy Westfall

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a football and football helmet? Be sure to not pass me by, because I will be waiting.
I like you very much,
Dwayne Fry

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me two guns, a football suit, a cowboy hat, boots and chaps. I'll take good care of them Santa.
Love
Leslie Hurst

Dear Santa,

I saw your letter on the school window. I want a global stamp album, an army gun that shoots pellets, and army fort with a cannon and 200 men and if you have a space helmet, I would like that too.
Bill Jones

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a cowboy shirt with rhinestone buttons and a bow and arrow.
Remember Leslie who lives down the street.
Fred C. Haile

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll and a piano. I have been drinking lots of milk.
Love
Sandra Ann



McCLURKINS JEWELRY

Spur - Rotan



O. K. RUBBER WELDERS



Brazelton Lumber Company



Quality Cleaners



From All The Guys At
GODFREY MOTOR COMPANY
Spur, Texas

Merry Christmas

MAY ALL OF YOU ENJOY THE
HOLIDAYS WITH ALL YOUR
LOVED ONES AOROUND YOU!
MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT BE YOURS . . .



The Employees Of The

Spur Security Bank

Member F. D. I. C.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Holiday happiness to all our friends.
May joy and prosperity never end.

A & B BARBER SHOP



Best Wishes

H. S. HOLLY AGENCY

CHRISTMAS, 1953, DIFFERS FROM ORIGINAL NATIVITY SCENE

by Keith Parks
Professor of Bible

Hardin-Simmons University

A six-year-old boy of my acquaintance was so amazed at hearing a teacher explain the historical meaning of Christmas that he could hardly wait to announce his discovery to his mother. "Did you know," he questioned with wide eyes, "that Christmas is God's birthday?"

If no one explained that this day of celebration commemorated an obscure birth in a manger, how many Americans would recognize the fact? Somehow the sudden forests of firs and cedars on corner lots, the rotund figures in white beards and red suits, the bright lights, the frenzied buying, the loud noises and gaudy decorations seem entirely related to the manger scene of Bethlehem.

A borrowed manger is the first of many indications that Jesus of Nazareth lived a life of simplicity and even poverty.

The pomp and splendor which kings (and more recently, queens) receive did not accompany the early life of the King of Kings.

But in contrast today, his birth is no longer associated with the simple quietness and lack of material riches. These are buried under an avalanche of wealth and glitter which defies description. Apparently Christmas has become the slave of commercialization.

Many who decry such exploration of His birthday point an accusing finger at business enterprises and naively charge them with total guilt.

A quick glance at bold headlines, full-page advertisements, tempting displays, unbelievable bargains and easy lay-away plans seems to uphold this accusation.

But a deeper probe provokes the realization that these agencies could not accomplish such a phenomenal feat alone. The money to pay for all this comes

from the pay check of the average American family. Admittedly, agencies which thrive on selling have promoted increased Christmas buying.

Starting with mid-summer campaigns to put dolls or jewelry in lay-away for Christmas, they add an ever-increasing pressure in early November to promote the exchange of goods for as much money as possible. Consequently, clever minds of promotion and advertising are not blameless for the commercialization of Christmas. But, in reality, the attitudes and activities of business men are mere reflections of the current American philosophy.

Before children of this generation are capable of reasoning or developing individual opinions, they are besieged with puerilities about what they expect from Santa Claus.

For the next few blissfully innocent years they write extended lists of requests to him and impatiently wait for his nocturnal visit.

The desire for toys on Christmas is so deeply imbedded in young hearts that even the rowdiest find enough incentive to behave "angel like" for at least a few days.

And with the dawn of the eventful day youngsters attack bountiful treasures of presents and Christmas is spent hilariously displaying and experimenting with them. Accompanying this is an overabundance of too-rich food which produces some regret and quantities of bicarbonate of soda.

Somewhere in the middle of this tradition—suddenly, almost shattering—some parent, religious teacher or preacher exclaims to the little ones that all this is not the real meaning of Christmas.

The simple story of the Christ child is abruptly introduced into mid-December and the confused little minds are left to reconcile the theoretical view to the familiar observance of Christmas.

The child says little but looks quizzically and with bewilderment at the action of his elders.

He sees them dashing with frowns and set jaws down crowded streets and feels the tension mounting in those last few days before December 25.

He is pressed by the unsympathetic crowd as he is pulled from one store to another. He sees furrowed brows and dejected, sometimes exasperated, faces as gift lists and bank accounts are compared. He hears talk of money borrowed and charge accounts opened.

He puzzles as gifts are gauged to equal or better those received last year from particular relatives and friends. His wonder increases as presents are given to those from whom one is expected.

Finally Christmas comes and the child looks at the worn-out adults who have overspent their money, time, nerves and patience. He hears the discharge of enough explosives to destroy dozens of tin cans, several fingers and the calm composure of everyone in his block.

Again somebody repeats that this is an observance of the birthday of Jesus, but the child's conception is fixed. He reaches

adulthood and passes it on to his children. The joy and success of Christmas are measured in material returns, but lip service must be given to its religious meaning.

Some shrug and say nothing can be done—so just enjoy it.

Others develop a disapproval attitude and condemn the multitudes. Still others wonder if these are the only approaches and contemplate constructive

steps to de-commercialize Christmas.

If followed, a few simple steps could change the prevailing condition. If the true spirit of giving is re-installed at Christmas, we will seek to give to the needy, the forgotten and others from whom there is no return. Second, instead of the exhaustive expenditures of self or physical excitement, we can pause for the quietness of a sacred time spent in the presence of the central Figure of Christmas. Reading the story of His birth and portions of His life would be rewarding. And third, we can give ourselves and part of our substance to the One for whom Christmas is named. Again, a little child expressed wisdom beyond her years when she asked, "If it's Jesus' birthday, where is His presents?"

Dear Santa,
I am 11 years old. I live in Dickens. I would like a watch for Christmas. My little cousin, Ricky, wants a tractor.
Love,
Patricia and Rickey Richards

There is still time to plant a winter cover crop. For the sake of the soil give it protection during the winter months.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



CITY CLEANERS
Richard Ensey



MERRY CHRISTMAS

During this season of quiet joy and reverence
We'd like to add our heartfelt wishes for
continued good health and happiness.

AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Proctor's



Merry Christmas

AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas would not be complete without expressing our deep appreciation for your patronage and wishing you and yours Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all...

Wilson & Young
Lumber Co.
Spur, Texas



Christmas

TOY TO YOU

We wish for you and yours the very merriest of Christmases. And we hope our friendship will grow stronger throughout the coming year.

CHASTAIN IMPLEMENTS



Christmas Greetings

In the spirit of brotherhood expressed by the Day itself the hopes and prayers of all mankind are for peace on earth . . . to which we would like to add our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and for the coming year may we say, "Happy New Year!"

MASSEY GIN
Arner Watson

Merry, Merry Christmas



RICKELS MOTOR CO.

WE WILL BE CLOSED FROM
6 p. m. DEC. 23 UNTIL 8 a. m.
DEC. 28

The Highway Christmas party was held Friday night at the community center. Mrs. Wilbur Stanley supervised the games for the young people and Mrs.

Kelcy Putman was in charge of the games for the older people. The Chamber of Commerce furnished candy for the party, and the women served pigs and

coffee. Buford Stanley of Lubbock spent the week with the Wilbur Stanley family.

Highway Community News ...

Mrs. Forrest Martin spent the week in Floydada visiting her father.

Forrest Martin lit his oven this last week and then went to the radio to hear the news. Just as the news went off, the stove blew up, doing considerable damage to his kitchen. He was lucky not to be burned or have his house burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lee and daughter of Spur spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Glen Hahn.

Martin Thomason went to Hereford with Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Thomason and spent four days then returned home with Cecil Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hahn, who have been working at Rochester, have come home for the holidays. Mrs. Hahn has come home for good.

Ray Do Thomason and Jerry Thomason went to Hereford with Cecil Estep Sunday to stay until Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Estep and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Martin attended the Wyatt and Turner wedding Saturday night in the Girard Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith went to Lubbock Friday on business.

Miss Zola Craft of Swenson is spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Jim Hahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin and children of Dickens spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olson and Linda of Floydada were here Saturday visiting friends and relatives and looking after business.



...Good will To Men

May the light of the star of Bethlehem shine down through the ages to spread peace and happiness upon you in this season of great joy... Merry Christmas.

DIXIE DOG DRIVE INN



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and season's best wishes to all our friends

Yandell & Cherry Station



Grubens Jewelry

BILLY RAY STANLEY VISITS PARENTS

Billy Ray Stanley AN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stanley of the Highway Community, was visiting here on his leave last week.

He returned to his new base at Norfolk, Virginia, Friday. Billy Ray received his diploma in Photography December 4 and

has been assigned to the Air Craft Carrier USS Midway. His new address is: Billy Ray Stanley AN, USS Midway (C. V. A-12), Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.

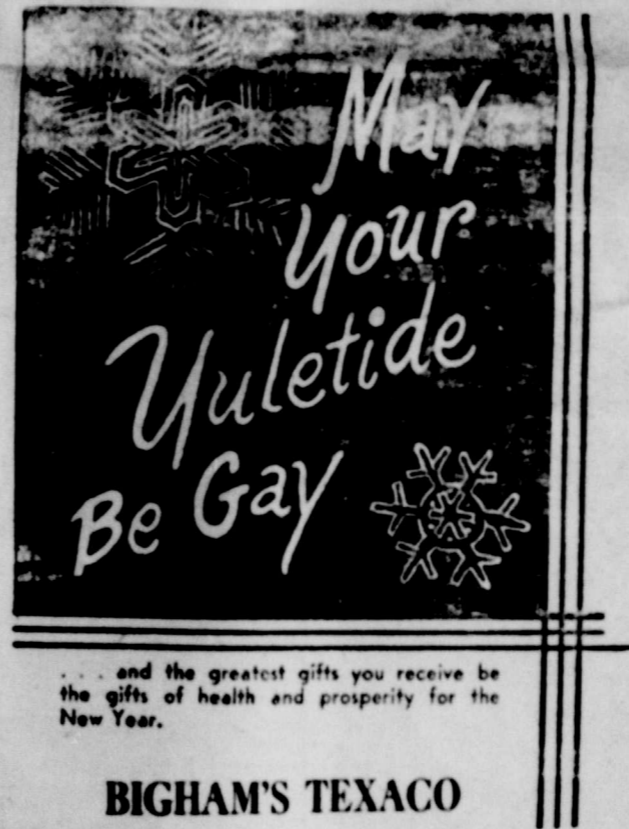
Miss Hazel Bridges and J. M. Carpenter were in Paducah Monday looking after business.



Greetings

CITY DRUG CO.

Joe B. Long
Jerry Ensey



May Your Yuletide Be Gay

... and the greatest gifts you receive be the gifts of health and prosperity for the New Year.

BIGHAM'S TEXACO



A Merry Christmas

May your heart be filled with the joy of Christmas... tree-trimming with the whole family... opening gifts Christmas morning... a thankful prayer before the family dinner... may all these dreams come true when we say, "Merry Christmas."

Gabriel's Mr. and Mrs. George Gabriel and Boys



WE'RE WISHING YOU Merry Christmas

RITER HARDWARE CO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**GARNER'S
& Spur Butane**

Girl Scouts

TROOP VI

The girls of troop VI met on December 16 and enjoyed a Christmas party. The hostesses for the troop received candy, cookies and punch as the girls arrived with their results of a cook badge and later served all members of the troop, their leader, and a former leader, Mrs. Lane Bachman.

At the previous meeting names had been drawn for gifts which were presented at this meeting. Brownie Scouts Carolyn McKinney presented sticks of decorated Christmas candy.

The next meeting will be on January 6, 1954.

TROOP VII

Fourteen members of Troop VII and two visitors who had been scouts, met on December 17 for a Christmas party. After roll call and a brief business meeting, the girls selected projects for badges and made plans for work in the new year.

Three girls had made cookies and three other girls brought punch. These treats were made to demonstrate the ability of girls to become second class scouts. Punch had been made by two other girls so that when all the cooking results were collected, the girls had a lovely refreshment plate which lent a party spirit to the Christmas meeting.

Several girls in the troop have reported owning new handbooks. Other girls have sent a special request to Santa.

The next meeting of this troop will be on January 7.

Dear Santa,
I am three years old. I want a jell that can walk, a doll dresser and some dishes. I will try to be good.
Bring my sister and mother

something too.
Love,
Jenice Middlebrooks

Read the Want Ads

Dear Santa Claus,
We are a little boy and girl who have tried to be good. I, Stanley Bruce am five years old. I would like a dump truck and maybe a tricycle.

I, Cherry, am four years old. I would like a pretty doll and a set of dishes.
We love you very much Santa. If you will know on the dining room table when you come to

our house, we will leave you some candy, nuts and fruit.
Love,
Stanley and Cherry Bateman

Go to Church Sunday

Greetings

TO YOU and YOURS

TRI-COUNTY LUMBER CO.

PEACE ON EARTH

This is our way of saying to everyone in Spur and Spur territory

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

ALL THE DYESSES

Merry Christmas

to all of our many friends we wish Season's Greetings, with the hope that our friendship will increase during the coming year.

ALLEN AUTO SUPPLY

Phone 12 Spur, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas

FARMER'S CO-OP GIN

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish the best of everything to you and yours at this Joyous Christmas Time and throughout the Coming New Year...

TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US

AT THE

CITY of SPUR

Commissioners
Walter Gruben
David McAteer

Mayor
George Gabriel

City Secretary
Homer Hindman



Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tractor, a truck and some lincoln logs. Thank you.
Your friend,
Doris Ray Whitmire

Dear Santa,
I would like two guns, a hat and a stick horse so I can play cowboy.
Love
Mike Adcock

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. Will you please bring me some toys, fruit, nuts and candy. Please don't forget my brother, Kenneth Ray and my little sister, Martha Janette, and all the other children.
Yours truly,
Betty Jean

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I do not want much. Just bring me a cuddly baby doll and some nuts and candy.
Ruby Gatlin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby doll and nurse set. Have a merry Christmas.
Helen Blair

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old and in the first grade. I would like to have a gun and holster set.
My little sister is four years old and she would like to have a doll. I have a sister in the fourth grade, but she will write you.
Remember my teacher, Miss Whitaker, my mother and father and all the other little girls and boys.
Your friend,
Jesse Loy Powell

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 19 months old. I try to be good, but the older people in my family just won't let me have my way. I'll tell you what I'd like for Christmas if you see fit to bring it to me. I would like a tricycle, doll, telephone, and a puppy. Also some candy and fruit.
Don't forget all the other little kiddies.
I love you,
Paula Hagins

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old in the first grade. My teacher is Miss Whitaker.
I would like to have a doll and doll buggy, a peddle car and some candy, fruit and nuts. Remember my three brothers and all the other little boys and girls.
Love to you,
Dorothy Kendrick

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old. Please bring me a lumber truck and trailer, a set of guns and a tractor with plows. Please bring all the other little boys and girls some toys too.
Love,
Mike Thomas



Spur Mattress Co.

Merry Christmas

SPUR AUTO CO.
Tom & Pete Kizer

Merry Christmas

May we add our voice to the chorus calling for abiding hope and peace.

Slim Metteer's SPUR BOOT & SHOE SHOP

Merry Christmas

Binghams Laundry

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I would like a tiny doll that cries real tears, some dishes and a new dress.
Norma Kay Singleton

Dear Santa Claus,
This is for you. Please, I want a plumbers truck with all kinds of tools, a fix-it convertible car, a caterpillar, a stopper gun and a work bench.
Thank you for everything.
Jim

Merry Christmas

Right at the top of our Christmas wish list... our sincere, good wishes to each and every one.

"66" SERVICE STATION

Merry Christmas

...to our dearest friends and patrons. Joy and happiness during the coming year.

Dorothy's

MERRY CHRISTMAS

JONES MOTOR CO.
Dodge - Plymouth

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We all wish to extend to you Christmas greetings and good will, and may boundless Holiday cheer be yours. To our ever-widening circle of friends we are especially grateful this year.

MORGAN STUDIO

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAGINS' Grocery & Station

Season's Greetings to you

Whatever it is you're wishing for That's our heartfelt wish for you... May Peace, Good Health and Happiness Be Yours the New Year Through.

REAGAN MOTOR CO.
Pontiac - GMC - Cadillac

We send you this cheery Holiday Greeting and hope our paths will cross during the coming year.

Spur Milk & Ice Cream

Holiday Greetings

The Employees Of The Palace Theatre
Entertainment For The Family

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Guinn and daughter, Bonnie, shopped in Spur Thursday. Leon Purvin of Petesburg was here Saturday looking after business.



At Christmas
... we wish you joy and happiness, health and prosperity for the coming year.

RAND'S FEED STORE

Roaring Springs News . . .

By Mrs. L. E. Cooper Phone 981

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Spradberry shopped in Lubbock Friday.

Seaman and Mrs. Joiner Lynch are announcing the birth of a son, Hugh Benett, at the Stanley Clinic in Matador on December 15. Seaman Lynch, who has been on the USS Iowa, is enroute home and will receive his discharge soon.

Lee Havis of Slaton and son Leon of Maryland were here Thursday visiting with friends and looking after business.

Roy Bradford and Van Earl and Bang Thornion made a business trip to Amarillo Saturday.

L. I. and Mrs. Louis Jones of Sherman are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Robinson of Haskell spent Saturday night here with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Hicks. Sunday they all drove to Petesburg where the annual Christmas party and Hicks family reunion was held.

Mrs. Homer Kingery and Mrs. Hazel Bridges drove to Amarillo Saturday, where Mrs. Bridges flew to California to spend the holidays with her sons.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jordan and sons of Jacksonville, Florida, are here for a pre-Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis. Another daughter, Mrs. Frank Capshaw, of Lubbock, was a week end guest.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harmon and children of Quitaque visited here Sunday with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble McKibbin and girls are spending the holidays in Oklahoma with relatives.

A community Christmas party was held at the Baptist Church in Afton Wednesday evening. M. L. Kelly had charge of the program and the Patton Springs band furnished the music. Refreshments were served to a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Ogle and children of Dallas spent the week end with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Henley and children of Arizona were recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roller.

Aubrey Davis of Las Vegas, N. M. was here on business Saturday.

Misses Shirley Dav's and Carolyn Wilhite of Lubbock spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rigby.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Guthrie and children of Lubbock were week end guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Durham.

Robert Forbes, a student at Texas Tech, is home for the holidays.

Miss Sue Norris of Lubbock is a holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Norris.

Pvt Oscar Dale Sedgwick of Fort Sill Oklahoma, is home on a furlough visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sedgwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and

Ronie are spending the holidays in Hearne with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Staley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harmon and children of Quitaque visited here Sunday with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Homer Kingery entertained the Wesleyan Service Guild and the WSCS with a Christmas party Wednesday, December 9. There were 25 members present. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Mathis were called to Lubbock Monday to be with his brother who underwent surgery in a Lubbock hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Wine-

gar and daughters spent the week end in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brazell.

ENFN Fletcher, Jr. is here on leave visiting his father, J. N. Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams announce the birth of a son at the Stanley Clinic Wednesday, December 9.



Christmas JOY
... and much happiness to all our good friends.

RAMSEY'S GARAGE



Merry Christmas

Your good-will and friendship have been invaluable to us, and we take this time to extend

DeLuxe Beauty Shop



Merry Christmas

BELL'S CAFE
Since 1919

Greetings



OF THE SEASON TO YOU AND YOURS

SPUR LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS



Merry Christmas

J. D. Hopkins
Texaco Station

Christmas



As Another Year Passes By, we wish to thank each and every one of our friends for their kind favors and support! May the spirit of Christmas enrich your lives throughout the coming year! May there be peace and goodwill among all men!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
SPUR CHAMBER of COMMERCE

- DIRECTORS:**
- Norton Barrett, Mgr.
- Shorty Burt
 - Cecil Godfrey
 - D. J. Dyess
 - Jerry Ensey
 - Spencer Campbell
 - Lloyd Hindman

- Buddy Hoover
- S. C. Reynolds
- Johnnie Scudder
- Bill Andrews
- Oscar Kelley
- Lewis Lee



Yuletide GREETINGS

STAR FEED STORE

Here's Wishing you A MERRY CHRISTMAS... Everyone

TEXAS THE SPUR

SERVING A RICH FARM CROP, STOCK AND POULTRY RAISING TERRITORY OF WEST TEXAS.

VOLUME 48

The Dickens Item and Dickens County Times Absorbed by Purchase
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1953

NUMBER 9



Greetings of the Season

From all of us at the Texas Spur

June & ...
William C. Starcher Peggy Gibson
Lloyd & Lyndal Womack

Story of Christ's Birth Re-Told

Alexander Home Is Decorations Winner

The R. L. Alexander home repeated as winner of the chamber of commerce home decorations contest in Spur with a beautiful display of the Nativity, a trio of carolers and a Christmas tree surrounded by toys.

Second place was won by Mrs. Pat Soladay who displays a life-size Santa Claus with his sleigh and reindeer and a lighted Christmas tree.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawis Lee won third place in the contest with a beautifully decorated picture window and front door.

Prizes of \$18, \$10 and \$5 were awarded these winners.

Honorable mention was made the J. R. Laine home, the P. C. Nichols home, the C. P. Scudder home and the James B. Reed home.

Judging was done the first part of this week by a judging team appointed by the chamber of commerce committee in charge of the contest. The names of the judges was not revealed.

COACHES RECEIVE TV SETS

Both coaches have asked that their thanks and appreciation be extended to everyone who had a part in the gifts.

They added that they also appreciate the wonderful support offered them and the athletic program of Spur High School.

CITY EMPLOYEES HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

The City of Spur employees and their families enjoyed their annual Christmas party and dinner Friday, Dec. 18, at the Dyeas Tea Room.

A musical program was presented by Miss Faye Middlebrooks and a sextet of boys, and then Mayor George Gabriel made a short talk. Inexpensive gifts were exchanged before the party was over.

EAST WARD STUDENTS PRESENT ROTARY PROGRAM

The Rotary Club was entertained Thursday at their meeting by students from the East Ward School. Two piano selections were played, a tap dance number was presented, and a boys' sextet sang several songs, accompanied by Miss Faye Middlebrooks.

The invocation was given by E. S. Lee and Lynn Buzbee was chairman.

LIONS HEAR MEMBERS OF SONS BAND TUESDAY

Cecil Green, Spur High School band director, presented a group of his band members in a short concert for the Spur Lions Club Tuesday of this week.

As program chairman for the day, Green explained some basic fundamentals of band music. The program also included several choral numbers by the group.

Franklin Gabriel is spending the Christmas holidays here with his family. He is a freshman student at Baylor University.

John Rankin, student at Tarleton, is home for the holidays.

CITY FIRE MARSHALL ISSUES WARNING ABOUT FIREWORKS IN CITY

Spur City Fire Marshall Joe Wolff issued a warning this week that there is a city ordinance prohibiting the setting off of fireworks within the fire zone of the city.

He adds that the ordinance will be enforced strictly by city, county and state lawmen, both to prevent fires and to prevent bodily injuries.

Although the ordinance does not include the entire city in the ban, the fire marshal personally strict supervision by parents if fireworks are to be used.

Basketeers Win 2, Lose 1 To Jayton

Last Thursday night in the local gym the Spur Bulldogs again succumbed to the fancy ball-hawking of the Jayton Jaybirds, losing 39-49 to the visitors.

However, the girls team and the B boys helped even the score by both winning their new hardwood activity next Thursday as they go to Jayton for another round with the Jaybirds.

On Jan. 1 and 2 the boys will go to Levelland for the tournament of champs there.

POSSIBILITY OF WHITE CHRISTMAS SAYS W-MAN

Sub-freezing temperatures in the Spur and adjoining areas continue to keep a White Christmas entirely within possibilities this morning. Although the area weathermen call for no moisture in the immediate future, the much-needed snow remains possible in the area.

With winter officially arriving Monday, Spur has been made full aware that it is here. The mercury dropped to a seasonal low of 12 this morning. The high today will probably be in the 28-32 range.

Lawrence and Foster Cook, both Texas Tech students, are visiting in the home of their parents, the C. F. Cooks.

Some Will, Some Won't Close Dec. 26

The merchants of Spur have not agreed on Saturday, Dec. 26 as or as not a holiday, so some will be open and others will be closed.

The bank and the post office will both be open their usual Saturday half day.

Spur Super Market will be closed, but Mac's Food Market and Safeway will be open.

Proctor's and Gabriel's department stores will both be closed. Rickels Motor co. will close tonight, Wed. 23 and remain closed until Monday morning.

Burt's Magnolia Station will remain open for the week end, including Christmas day.

Norton Barrett, manager of the Spur Chamber of Commerce, recommends that those who intend to do business in Spur on Saturday to check beforehand with merchants. He adds that it was not possible to compile a complete list of who would open and who would close.

ANGELS HERALD MIRACULOUS BIRTH; SHEPHERDS, WISE MEN SEE CHRIST CHILD IN BETHLEHEM

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And when he had gathered all of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of these shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

The Flight into Egypt. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. And was there until the death of Herod; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt, have I called my son.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David); to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

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Chamber of Commerce

SANTA CLAUS TO MAKE FINAL VISIT HERE THURS. AFTERNOON

Norton Barrett, C-C Mgr. Old Santa certainly did enjoy seeing so many hoops and girls in town last Friday afternoon. He has been in town very afternoon since then and will be here today and tomorrow (Wednesday and Thursday).

We want to thank C. C. York for flying Santa to Spur. We know Santa enjoyed the ride as we've heard him comment about it several times.

Also, we'd like to thank the high school boys who helped last Friday in passing out the candy. Also, thanks to Grady Lackey and Homer Hindman for helping with the chickens and turkeys that were given away last Saturday.

Santa wants every boy and girl around here to come to town and see him by Christmas Eve. He will be on the street every afternoon until Christmas. Winners of turkeys in our chicken-chasing contests last Saturday and Tuesday were H. T. Stanaland, W. W. Hodges, H. E. Usery, Charles Martin and Frank Martinez.

Congratulations to the Alexanders, Mrs. Soloday and the Lawis Lees for their Christmas decorations. Congratulations, also to everyone in town who has added beauty and color to our little city for the Christmas season.

We've visited several other cities and towns our size or larger recently and we are proud to report that Spur has far more Christmas decorations in the residential districts than most.

Some time ago we all saw the pictures of the irrigation wells that had been completed north of Spur along Duck Creek. We understand that there have recently been two more completed

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on C. C. Hall's place north of Spur. He states that these will be used next year. We do not know off hand just how many wells are now in Dickens county. We do know that several farmers in the north part of the county have good wells and that some are pumping from the creek for irrigation purposes.

As this comparatively new enterprise starts developing in our area, we recognize the value of it and fondly anticipate its continued growth.

Kent Courthouse Removal Is Likely

Clairemont's muchly-disputed courthouse will go to the more populated Jayton, if a decision by Associate Justice Milburn S. Long of the 11th Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland is upheld.

Election of whether to move the courthouse from centrally located Clairemont to Jayton was held on March 29, 1952. Tabulations for the election were 610 for moving the courthouse to Jayton, and 408 for keeping it in Clairemont. Jayton needed a two-thirds majority to win.

A revised total later issued by the Commissioners' Court declared 32 votes for Jayton and 51 for Clairemont illegal. That made 578 for removal and 277 for retaining it.

The Clairemont side maintains that the votes are legal.

COURT HOUSE TO BE CLOSED THREE DAYS

The Dickens County Court House will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 for the Christmas holidays.

L. E. Ponder Is Claimed By Death

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 11, at Fort Worth for L. E. Ponder, 54, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder of Spur. Ponder was found Wednesday, Dec. 9, dying in his home, by a friend who worked with him. He was rushed to a hospital but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Levi came to Spur with his parents in March of 1918. He was a pharmacist at the Red Front Drug Store before moving to Fort Worth in 1922. At the time of his death he was employed at the A. L. Davis Drug Store in Fort Worth.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Ponder of Fort Worth; one daughter, Margaret Williams of Mexico; one son, Wiley of Fort Worth; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder of Spur; one brother, Cecil Ponder of California; four sisters, Mrs. Carl Peninger of Spur, Mrs. Lee Peninger, Mrs. L. J. Phillips, and Miss Sophronia Bond, all of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cumble spent the week end in Lubbock visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Littlefield and Robert.

Mrs. L. W. Langston left this week for an extended visit in Amarillo with her sister and family.

Mrs. E. G. Mobley of Amarillo, formerly Daisy Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franklin, is visiting here through the Christmas holidays.

Rudolph Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cunningham, is home for Christmas. He has been stationed at Forbes Air Force Base, Topeka, Kan. Last Christmas he was in the combat zone in Korea.

Services Are Held For O. P. Dupree

Funeral services for Odus Poleman Dupree were conducted Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Tommie Allen officiated, assisted by Rev. H. L. Burnham.

Dupree was born Jan. 20, 1876 in Oakfield, Ga. He died on Dec. 19, 1953. He came to Texas in 1922, lived in Olney and Henderson and then came to Spur. He was married to Minnie Irene Dinifan on Jan. 6, 1931 at Spur. He was converted early in life and was a member of the Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Irene Dupree; two daughters, Mrs. Pinnie Simms of Spur, and Mrs. Patti Thompson of Abilene; one step-daughter, Mrs. Amza Lee Sullivan of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren and one brother, C. L. Durree of Spartanburg, S. C.

Pallbearers were Fred Neaves, Marion Jordan, George Austin, Jerry Ensey, Dempsey Simms, and Jesse Powell. Honorary pallbearers were George Sloan, Joe Long, Penn Shugart, Garvey Boothe, W. J. Ball and Frank Sonnamaker.

Interment was in the Spur cemetery under the direction of Campbell's Funeral Chapel.

Dale Franklin, formerly of Spur, now of Richmond, California, visited his brother, J. W. Franklin, in Spur last week.

Rang Thornton of Roaring Springs visited Mrs. J. W. Franklin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ensey are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ensey.

Joe King, son of Mrs. Nina King, has just arrived home from Cuba, where he has been stationed. He will be here through the Christmas holidays.





Responsibility of Divorced Fathers Explained by Bar

A father always is responsible for the support of his minor children. This is true even though the father and mother are divorced, and either or both have married again.

For example, take the hypothetical case of a man named John Smith. When he and his wife Susan were divorced, the decree contained an order requiring John to pay Susan \$100 each month for the support of their two minor children, both of whom were under 16 years of age.

John paid the money every month for a year. Then he heard that Susan had married again, so he discontinued the monthly payments. Six months later he was served with an order citing

him into court for failing to pay the money. He also was arrested and charged with family desertion, which is a felony and punishable by imprisonment.

John protested bitterly to his attorney that his former wife was married again, his children had a father, and that he no longer should be held responsible for the children. But John learned that his understanding of the law was faulty.

The attorney explained that John still was the father of his children and was as responsible for their welfare as he had ever been. This would continue until the step-father or some other person should adopt the children, or until the children became of age. But because Susan's second husband had not adopted the children, John still was liable for the support money payments and could be punished by the court, even by imprisonment if necessary, for his refusal to comply with the court order.

Equally faulty in his conception of the law was another fictional father we shall call James Jones. A Texas court awarded his divorced wife \$75 per month for support of their minor child. Jones paid the support money each month for some time.

Recently, however, Jones remarried, and, in the financial strain of establishing a new home, decided to cut down on the payments. Instead of sending his former wife \$75 each month, he sent \$10. He thought he was staying within the law because he was, after all, giving something toward his child's support.

Jones was dismayed, therefore, to learn that he not only was liable for the back payments under civil action, but that his conduct was found to constitute contempt.

Other reluctant fathers have learned that in 1931 the Texas Legislature adopted the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act which is designed to make it possible and practical to enforce both the civil and criminal provisions of our law relating to the support of children. It is an effort to avoid their legal and natural obligation to support their children.

(This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform and advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts because the facts may change the application of the law.)

OF RIGHTS" EXPLAINED

Since December 15 has for several years been observed as "Bill of Rights Day" throughout the nation, perhaps it would be well to consider the importance of this occasion from a legal standpoint.

The American "Bill of Rights," consisting of the first ten amendments to our federal constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civil rights of the individual citizens. Unaltered by subsequent amendments and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be respected by our governing body today.

Among the most familiar of our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech, and of the press. The same article protects the right of peaceable assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense, against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case, and against having his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for a capital (death penalty) or other infamous crime, unless upon a presentment or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without orderly court procedure, on due process of law.

The right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights."

Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII. Other articles insure the right to bear arms and ban quartering of soldiers in private homes during peace time.

Then, to make quite clear to our governing bodies the underlying intent of the preceding provisions, the Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes this basic theory by providing: "The powers not

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delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Thus, that fundamental philosophy expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that men are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that "to se-

ure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," has been carried forward into the highest law of our land.

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Laying hens need 12 to 14 hours of light daily to maintain top egg production. One 40-watt bulb for each 200 square feet of floor space is sufficient. Commence using lights now and increase the lighting period as the days become shorter. Early morning lights are recommended. All night lights are satisfactory, but egg production is not increased after 14 hours.

The carryover of cotton by the end of the present harvest season will be the largest for any postwar year. Cotton farmers will vote on marketing quotas on December 15.

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COTTON CANDY



The feminine look is going to be the thing in next summer's swim suits. Here, complete with lampshade shirring and a ruffled top is a new swimsuit by Brilliant in Everglaze printed cotton. The mesh is as fitted as a corset of the gay twenties, but this cotton suit is definitely 1954!

COTTON QUIZ

HOW DOES COTTON HELP BANKS TAKE CARE OF MONEY?



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BABY BEEF, 4 - 5 lb. aver. TURKEYS lb 73c

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Fresh, 4 to 5 lb. av. lb. 48c

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WHITE KARO SYRUP PINT 21c

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CHIPPED BEEF, RICE MAKE TASTY CASSEROLE



An economical and appetizing dinner menu can be planned around a casserole dish which combines baked chipped beef and rice. Although chipped beef is one of the cheaper meats, it is an excellent source of protein. Use individual casseroles for serving this tasty, inexpensive main dish.

2 cups hot cooked rice
3 cups dried beef
2 cups medium white sauce (omit salt)

2 tablespoons margarine
1 tablespoon onion
1/2 cup bread crumbs

Separate dried beef into chips. Melt margarine in a skillet over low heat. Add chipped beef and cook in margarine until the edges curl and beef is slightly browned. Add chipped beef to white sauce, and then taste for seasoning. Adjust seasoning, adding a small amount of salt, if needed. Place alternate layers of cooked rice and chipped beef sauce in six margined individual 8 or 10-ounce casseroles (an 8x8x2 baking dish may be used). Melt margarine in a skillet over low heat. Add the onion and cook lightly. Add bread crumbs. Stir to coat crumbs. Sprinkle crumbs over top of casseroles. Bake in a 400 degree oven until crumbs are slightly browned (about 20 minutes). This recipe makes six servings.

Reclassing of Cotton to Be Changed

WACO—The procedure for obtaining a re-classification of cotton under the Smith-Doxey act will be changed if a new system of classification of the Texas Farm Bureau is adopted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

President J. Walter Hammond of the state farm organization was forwarded to the USDA a resolution which was adopted at the recent TFB convention in Mineral Wells. He has discussed the beneficial aspects of the resolution with high Department officials, who now have it under consideration.

The TFB proposes to modify the present re-classification procedure by requiring that compress bonded samples be collected and destroyed the original class card before sending another sample to the classing office for re-classification.

It has been considerable time since the present procedure under provisions of the Smith-Doxey Act, the bonded samples now required to collect the class card from the farmer and forward it along with the new sample. Farmers have stemmed from the fact that the classing office would be influenced to give a lower class to the same cotton as the original.

The TFB resolution on Smith-Doxey service also asks that more emphasis be placed on the qualifications and training of cotton classers employed by classing offices, that an attempt be made to attract more young men to the classing service by increasing salaries and lengthening periods of employment. That further research be instituted to develop and improve existing mechanical cotton-classing devices to expedite classing and eliminate the element of human error, and that a minimum moisture condition for cotton be set and standardized throughout the U. S. before it is graded.

It's the "itchy finger hunter" endangers the lives of others and causes needless damage to wildlife. Unless a few simple safety rules are followed, many hunters will experience a serious accident. Two-thirds of all hunting accidents result from three common causes; humans in the line of fire, mistaking humans for animals, and hunting with a gun's safety catch off.

Dick Bartell, a former shortstop with five major league baseball clubs, Friday agreed to be a coach for the Cincinnati Redlegs next season.

The average man is always looking either backward or forward. He is determined not to enjoy the present.

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THINGS TO TALK ABOUT
BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE
Editor, American Peoples Encyclopedia

AN ORO WING RECENTLY ISOLATED CAN PERFECTLY CHARGE TEN BATTERIES AND THEN RECHARGE THEM IN THAT ORDER - BUT CANNOT BE RECHARGED FROM BATTERIES TO BATTERIES IN REVERSE ORDER.

A collapsible one-man motor helicopter was developed recently by the Army. The new jet motor can be assembled in 10 minutes and weighs only 300 lbs.

REFUGEES FROM CONTINENTAL CHINA ESTIMATE 20 MILES PER HOUR AS THE MAXIMUM SPEED FOR TRAINS ON THE NEWLY-COMPLETED CHUNGKING-CHENGTU RAILROAD.

Proper winter protection for machinery will prolong its useful life and cut repair and maintenance costs. Machinery sheds are a sound investment.

Low producing Bermuda and Johnsongrass pasture can be improved by a rotating program. A combination of tillage, fertilization and seeding will do wonders for pastures on the down grade.

Giant boy

Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.

Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer appears to be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.

Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

You can put your confidence in—
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LOOKING THINGS OVER!

Looking over the Santa situation, this well-dressed little miss speculates on what goodies she is going to find in her Christmas stocking. Her dress of turquoise broadcloth has its own tiny shrug sweater, just like a grown-up's wear. The cotton broadcloth dress by Cinderella Frocks has a tight-fitting waist and the bodice has dinner-shirt tuckings. The dainty shrug sweater is a cotton knit.

COTTON QUIZ

HOW MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN REDUCING LABOR IN COTTON PRODUCTION SINCE 1940?

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Gamma Chapter Meets in Paducah

A high-spirited and piano music by Dorothy Pitt, music pupil of the Institute. Mrs. Clifford Graves, president of Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Paducah Saturday.

The holiday love offering was placed around a miniature tree and voted to be sent to Girls' Town at White Face.

Mrs. Dave King read the Christmas story and group singing was enjoyed. Three honorary members, Mrs. John H. Davis and Mrs. L. L. West, vocalists, and Mrs. Graves, piano accompanist, played their new recording of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Mrs. Graves served refreshments to the following members: Miss Margaret Elliot, Spur; Mrs. King and Mrs. W. H. Marshall, Roaring Springs; Mrs. Clark Forbis, Afton; Mrs. John Belaska, Glenn; Mrs. Ora J. Raymond, Crosbyton; Mrs. Fred Mullings and Mrs. D. E. Wells, Rails; Miss Della Cowan, Mrs. S. M. Jolly, Mrs. W. C. Stubbs, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. West, Miss Katherine Simmons and Mrs. Jessie Thomas, Paducah.

Mrs. D. E. Wells of Rails will be hostess to the chapter in February.

Study Club Meets With Mrs. Simmons

The home of Mrs. A. C. Sharp was the scene of a regular meeting for the Daughters of the 1933 Study Club. Mrs. Paul Simmons acted as official hostess.

The program for the afternoon was presented by Mrs. Dick Walker and Mrs. W. C. Gruben and it was a quiz program. Prizes were given to each team of contestants.

Refreshments were served to Jane Anne Albin, Janie Alexander, Nan L. Alexander, Merla Beas Foreman, Gail Blumberg, Marion Carlisle, Alice Crockett, Wanda Cunningham, Lois Dunwoody, Betty Dyess, Gwen Ford, Billie Sue Gregory, Ginger Ford, Carolyn Kelley, Kathleen Kelley, Sue King, Genoyce Taylor, Frances Wilson, Mrs. C. F. Cook, Mrs. Dick Walker, Mrs. W. C. Gruben and the hostess, Mrs. Simmons.

Exchange Club Has Christmas Party

The Claude Neaves' home was the scene of a Christmas party for the Exchange Club Tuesday night, December 15, at 7:30.

Games of dominos and "42" were played.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. and Misses C. V. Allen, A. C. Sharp, Loyd Robertson, C. O. Fox, Jr., Buck Carlisle, Walter Carlisle, Dale Hagins and Neaves, Misses Ebb Smith, Arner Watson, Bill Chambliss, G. W. Justice and Powell.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. V. O'Keefe and Mrs. Norman Mahn.

Alathoon Class Has Christmas Party

Members of the Alathoon Class of the First Baptist Church and their husbands enjoyed the evening of Dec. 11 at their annual Christmas party.

Christmas music was rendered by Mrs. W. T. Andrews.

The invocation was given by Mrs. E. C. Clinkscales.

By decorative candle light a delicious dinner was served, then with Mrs. Rex Holder serving as mistress of ceremonies, the program proceeded.

The Junior High School Choral Club sang Christmas carols, directed by Mrs. H. M. Allison and accompanied by Judy Bragg.

The class presented gifts to its teacher, Mrs. J. E. Berry, and assistant teacher, Mrs. J. R. Whitmore.

Mrs. Alfred Walker gave a vivid and inspirational review of the book entitled "The Day They Gave Babies Away."

Concluding the program, Mrs. George Gabriel led the group singing "Silent Night."

Birthday Party Is For Kevin Clifton

Kevin Ray Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Clifton, was honored on his fourth birthday with a party Thursday, Dec. 17, at his home.

A Christmas theme was used and favors were candy canes, Christmas cookies and punch were also served.

Those present were Billy and Sharon Hale, Charles and Sharon Soloday, Sue and Lee Stanford, Greg Francis, Steve Scudler, Tommie Joe and Adell Allen, David Godfrey, Leon and Erlene Patterson, Don Hale, Dovie Wayne and Clautte Jo Kittens, Brenda and Vicki Clifton, Janie Ensey, Patricia Foreman, Martha Faye Bailey, Linda and Kay Lackey, Patsy and Judy Johnson.

Wynelle Steele and Halls Francis sent gifts but could not attend.

Jr. Harmony Club Meets Recently

The Junior Harmony Club met in the home of Miss Gail Williams recently with Annetta Haile and Texanita Sechrist as co-hostesses.

Kathleen Kelley, president, presided over the business meeting. Ralph Gibson, Bruce Long, Gail Williams and Dean Reagan sang in a quartet and then Kathy Reeder sang "Prayer Perfect," accompanied by Gail Williams.

Kathleen Kelley closed the program by playing a piano selection. Mr. Cecil Green was the director for this program.

Refreshments were served to Kathleen and Carolyn Kelley, Dean and Ann Reagan, LaNelle Marcv, Bruce Long, Ralph Gibson, Jane Ann Albin, Norma Gilcrease, Louise Williamson, Lois Ann Callan, Annetta Haile, Texanita Sechrist, Sue King, Alice Crockett, Mr. Green, and the hostess.

Morris Family Has Family Reunion Sun.

The Morris family had their annual family reunion and Christmas party Sunday, December 13, at the Slide Community House near Lubbock.

Gifts were exchanged, games were played and a wonderful lunch was served at noon.

Those attending were Mrs. G. B. Morris, Sr. of Spur, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morris and Joyce of MeAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Morris, Micheal and Miles of Wink, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Morris, Dale, Gwen, Jim of New Mexico, M. and Mrs. M. B. Morris and Gay of Childress, Mrs. J. R. Morris, Rickey, Ronny and Kim of Wolfport, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Morris, Jr., Larry, Lance and Phil of MeAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Littleton of Rails, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hill, I. B. and Penny of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shafter of Pacon, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Witt of Calgary and several families of grandchildren were also present. Fifty-two were registered.

At the close of the meditation hour Mrs. Max Echols and Mrs. Jim Barron were given gifts of appreciation.

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Circle Meeting Is In Conner Home

Mrs. Bob Conner was hostess for the Catherine Vito Circle when it met Monday at 3:30 p. m.

The assembly room was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and holly. The serving table was especially attractive with red cloth and Christmas bell decor.

A milk white punch bowl centered it. Mrs. Clyde Bingham served the punch and fruit cake.

Mrs. Thomas P. Johnston read the scripture and Mrs. J. M. Nuttall read the Christmas story which is found in the second chapter of Luke.

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Simpsons Have Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Leva Simpson entertained the Gilpin Home Demonstration Club and their families with a Christmas party in their home on Friday night.

Games of "42" and canasta were played and refreshments were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smathy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hagins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Swearingen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Driggers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hollingshead and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gale, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Fincher and daughter, Mrs. Wayne Beadle, Mrs. Joe Jeffers and the host and hostess, and A. B.

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Mr. and Mrs. Polly Cochran, Jr. and friends of Brownwood were week end guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blev.

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TECHNICOLOR THRILLER DEPICTS LIFE IN CONGO

For pulse-stirring adventure few pictures have come along with more impact than "White Witch Doctor," which opens Sunday at the Palace Theatre. The strange beauty of lush jungle atmosphere, masterfully photographed in color by Technicolor, and the glimpses into the secrets of the Belgian Congo are breath-taking. The human conflict of greed, sacrifice, smoldering emotion and love add much to the gripping power and fascination of this Twentieth Century-Fox production, which turns out to be thrilling entertainment.

Susan Hayward, as an American nurse who is determined to forget a broken heart by helping to heal jungle natives, and Robert Mitchum, a white hunter, who uses her as a guinea pig to get into forbidden native territory where gold is hidden, are the chief protagonists in this pulsating story. Their performances are most convincing in a damazingly moving scene. The teaming of Miss Hayward and Mitchum, their second appearance together, proved to be a most happy combination for the producer, of "White Witch Doctor." Also colorful are the performances of Walter Slezak, as Mitchum's accomplice in the plan to trick the Bakubas of their gold, and a group of African natives who play chiefs, warriors and villagers in the picture. As many as a thousand natives appear in the course of the varied scenes which give the picture the authenticity that makes it so unusually intriguing for the audience.

Henry Hathaway directed the picture with keen insight to its visual and demotional qualities, emphasizing particularly the brooding sinister jungle atmosphere, its menacing relations between whites and natives, its tribal dances, its panoramic splendor and its foreboding suspense. He has kept these values in proportion so that the picture carries the beholder away. One of these scenes which give the picture much of its chilling suspense shows the attempt of a native witch doctor to kill Miss Hayward by putting a deadly tarantula in her cot while she is sleeping in a jungle camp.

Leon Shamroy's magic with his Technicolor cameras gives the picture a photographic richness that lifts it high above the average motion picture. Credits also must be given to Producer Otto Lang and Scenarists Ivan Goff and Ben Roberts, who adapted Louise A. Stinetor's novel, for the over-all excellence of the picture in production and story values. "White Witch Doctor."

BUSY BEE QUILTING CLUB HAS TWO MEETINGS

The Busy Bee Quilting Club met last Thursday in the home of Mrs. Grogan. Nine members were present and two quilts were completed.

This club met again Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Ussey. Two quilts were also made at this meeting. Those present were Mrs. Bob Westerman, Sally Shockley, W. D. Blair, Meadow, W. M. Suddeth and Mrs. Sam McGaughy.

Drive And Walk With Care During Holidays This Year

"Pity the traffic officer in this Christmas rush -- and help him by driving and walking extra carefully."

That plea was made by Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, President of the Texas Safety Association, and Service Advisor for the Gulf Oil Corporation today. He was discussing the local traffic situation and the current holiday hazards program which the Texas Safety Association is conducting in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"The job of the traffic officer becomes more difficult as the holidays draw nearer," Col. Tilley explained. "People aren't too conscious of traffic laws any day in the year. And when the holiday mania gets into their blood, they are inclined to forget rules and regulations altogether."

He believes people in the grip of holiday mania have a one-track mind when they use the streets or sidewalks. "They're grimly intent on getting from where they are to where they want to go," he said, "and neither hail, rain nor traffic is going to keep them from their appointed course."

According to Col. Tilley, this leads to much confusion. Motorists seem oblivious to traffic signals and speed regulations, and they often weave through traffic craning their necks in search of parking places. Pedestrians scurry along sidewalks at break-neck pace, sometimes almost hidden behind umbrellas or piles of packages.

They dash out into the street in mid-block. When they do use crosswalks, they often fail to look out for cars before stepping from the curb.

"The traffic officer is sort of a middleman in this whole picture," he said. "He's got to bring order out of this traffic chaos. He must persuade walkers to stay on the curb until it's safe to cross, keep added motorists from snarling up traffic, and answer all sorts of sensible and senseless questions into the bargain. Walkers and drivers should give themselves and the traffic officers a break this Christmas by staying alert and alive in traffic."

CARD OF THANKS
We humbly want to thank each and everyone for all the kind deeds, flowers and food sent to the L. C. Ponder of Spur and the L. E. Ponder of Fort Worth during their recent loss. May the Lord bless each one. Pearl Ponder and Wiley Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ponder Mrs. Margaret Williams Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ponder and family Mr. and Mrs. Lee Penninger and family Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peninger Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Phillips Miss Sophronia Ponder

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Induction Call For Jan. To Be 1,314

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 24 -- Four thousand Texas youths will be sent for draft pre-induction physical examinations in January, the largest number to go in any one month since the past May.

Local boards will be sent the order the first week in December. Brigadier General Paul L. Wakefield, state Selective Service director, said Tuesday. At the same time, General Wakefield announced a January induction call of 1,314.

Pre-induction physical examinations have run under 2,000 a month since the past July. General Wakefield gave two reasons for the increase: (1) The pool of examined and acceptable men has decreased, and (2) induction calls are expected to rise sometime during the first half of 1954.

Pre-induction physical examination quotas for the state originate under authority of the state director of Selective Service. State quotas for induction come from the national director.

General Wakefield said that local board quotas for the January induction call should be in the office of local boards by December 1. State induction quotas have run from 1,250 to 1,800 since the past June.

Local boards must fill their January call with men 20 years old or older if they have them. If necessary to reach its quota, a board may send men under 20 for induction. Eighty-three men out of every 100 inducted in October were 20 years old or older.

Since beginning of the Selective Service act in 1948, a total of 75,435 Texas men have been inducted under the law. All but about 1,450 of these have gone into service since the fight in Korea began in 1950.

Since beginning of the 1948 act, Texas has delivered 173,986 men for pre-induction physical examination.

CARD OF THANKS
We sincerely wish to thank each and everyone for their thoughtfulness, kindness, the lovely flowers and food during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. The G. F. Smith family

Highway News

Anyone wishing to write Pfc. Tommy D. Hemphill, son of Mrs. Edna Hemphill, may write: Pfc. Tommy D. Hemphill RA 18437997 Col. 23rd Inf. Regt. San Francisco, Calif. Tommy would be so glad to hear from his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hahn of Lubbock spent the day Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tree. Other dinner guests in the Tree home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Putman and Ann and Nella Hahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Morgan and children are enjoying a new television set.

The families of Ray Lee Stanley and Wilbur Stanley were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stanley in Spur, who celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary, Sunday, December 13.

Billie Ray Stanley, who is in the Navy, is visiting his parents.

"Man vs The Bible" was the subject of Bro. Lovd Womack's sermon Sunday morning.

Spring flowers will be healthier and earlier if beds are prepared now. Smooth the soil and leave it rough to absorb more winter rain and snow. A thick coating of leaves or straw will increase the organic content of beds resulting in healthier flowers next spring.

"BANKER'S SUIT"



The classic blouse is an asset to any woman's wardrobe. This blouse, called a "Banker's Suit," is designed in a colorful Avondale over an elastic stretch chambray trimmed with coordinated solid cotton. This fabric is typical of the country new cottons with texture interest, the National Cotton Council reports.

Dry Lake Community News...

The Dry Lake MD Club met in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Russell Williams Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas Party.

Carols were sung and Mrs. J. B. Kerr led in prayer. Several games were enjoyed and these gifts were exchanged.

Those attending were Messrs. Ivy McMahan, E. J. Lassetter, W. M. Calvert, Len Ross, Jeff Smith, J. B. Kerr, Archer Powell, Bob Pichens, Buck Ballard, Ethel Ballard, J. R. Stoney, Billy Bingham, Ellis Draper and the hostess.

The next meeting will be January 13 in the home of Mrs. Jeff Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lassetter and Mrs. Coy Dopsan drove to Lubbock Thursday.

There will be church services at the Foreman Chapel Church Sunday, December 27. Everyone is urged to be there.

John Johnson, who had major surgery at the Amarillo Hospital, is visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dopsan, over the holidays.

Ann Kissinger and Mary Jo Calvert were Sunday dinner guests of Barbara Wright.

Fay Del Gordon of Levelland visited Ann Kissinger, Mary Jo Calvert and Barbara Wright Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lassetter

were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dopsan Sunday.

Mrs. Archer Powell was winner of the HD club game prize for the year.

Archer Powell will be home with his family for Christmas.

The Methodist Men's Fellowship has been postponed until the first Monday night in January. It will be at the Foreman Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aston visited her sister, Miss Francis Crump, in Crosbyton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy McMahan and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hames left Monday for California to visit their children. Mr. and Mrs. Billy McMahan.

The Dry Lake Baptist Church had a Christmas program Sunday night.

Miss Shelly Williams was a Saturday night guest of Miss Nancy Powell.

Mrs. Archer Powell and girls attended the church program at the First Christian Church Sunday night.

Mrs. Jack Lackey visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Dopsan, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bingham attended the Dry Lake Baptist Christmas program Sunday night.

Mrs. Mary Francis has returned from Gainesville where she has been visiting her brother who is ill.



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- CREAMO - Made with cream OLEO lb. **26c**
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- Genuine WISCONSIN Aged CHEESE 2 lb. horn **99c**
- ARMOUR'S BANNER BACON 1 lb. trapak **59c**

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- SUN SPUN Pie CHERRIES 303 can **23c**
- KLEENEX 200 sheet **14c** CATSUP Sun Spun **15c**
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- OUR VALUE PEARS No. 2 1/2 can **29c**

- FOLGERS COFFEE 1 lb. can **91c**
- GIANT TIDE box **67c**
- LIBBY'S PUMPKIN No. 2 1/2 can **19c**
- BAKER'S COCONUT can **18c**

- PRODUCE SPECIALS!
- FRESH CRISP STALK CELERY lb. **9c**
- EATMORE CRANBERRIES full quart **23c**
- RUSSET POTATOES 10 lb. bag **39c**
- FRESH CRISP LETTUCE lb. **10c**
- APPLES ORANGES TANGERINES NUTS
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Mac's Food Market

McAdoo News...

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Fox and Puggie visited in the E. C. Rich home Wednesday. Mrs. Lucy Fox returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Buckner, Jr. and son, Ron, who have been living in Nebraska, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Buckner.

Mrs. Raymond Harris of Balda visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wallace and Mrs. Holly Harris, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Barton visited in Lubbock Saturday.

T. J. Holmes, Barbara and Ruth Ann of Clyde, spent Saturday night and Sunday in the

C. C. Nealey home. Mrs. Hobson returned home with them after spending two weeks with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barton and girls of Munday visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Roxanna Van Meter, who has been ill, is in the Crosbyton Hospital.

Elaine Taylor returned from the Hospital Saturday, after being ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Umiker, Mrs. Fale Grisman and Mrs. Jim Early were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harris and boys and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morris and Joyce attended a reunion of the Harris family in Lubbock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bass and Gene of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Burrow of Amarillo were visitors in the L. E. Bass home during the week end.

BIG DECISION AT CHRISTMAS TIME!



"Wrapping Christmas presents is serious business," says this young man who has to make the big decision of which ribbon to put on his father's gift package. When Daddy finds this gift under the Christmas tree, he won't have room for any more shower-time complaints about "little towels." One of his Christmas gifts is a luxurious cotton towel made by Martex—so big that it's called a "bath sheet." And since Daddy is an avid fisherman, his towel "sheet" is appropriately monogrammed with a fish design.

Carlene Coffey of Lubbock visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Joe Coffey, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lumsden of Springlake spent the week end in the home of their daughter, the Bobby Hardins and the Dale Neffs.

Mable Laughlin of Springlake visited friends over the week end.

Sandra and Lanell Allen spent last week end in Balda with the Hilton Jones family, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Allen, made a trip to Arkansas and visited relatives.

Mrs. Billy Harris, Mrs. John Burrow and Mrs. Jim Early were shopping in Lubbock Tuesday.

Mrs. Loyd Hickman and Mrs. Rusty McWilliams and boys visited in Lubbock Saturday with the Rad Parkinsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward of Dickens were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Griffin.

Graig Graham of Buffalo, Oklahoma is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Graham.

Mrs. E. W. Harris entertained the Secret Pals in her home Tuesday, November 8. Mrs. Raymond Harris was co-hostess.

Mrs. William Gardner of Abilene spent Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brantley and Camillo.

Tad Toland, who is employed in Big Springs, spent the night at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Smith and Mary Ann and Mrs. Dale Thomas, Linda and Mark of Whiteface, visited recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller.

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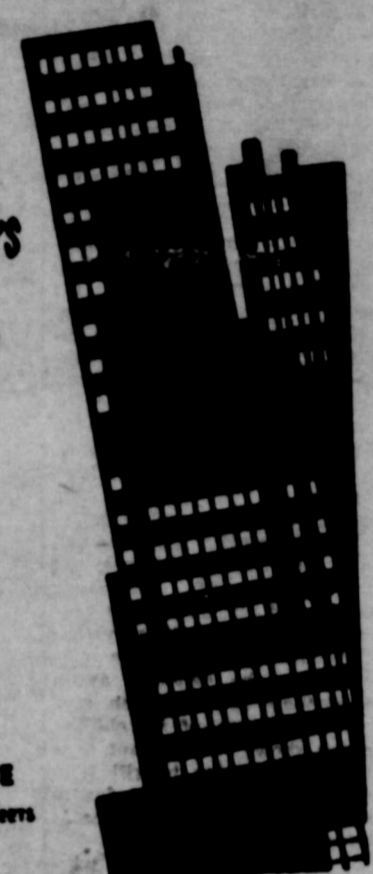
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Christmas



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You know, Santa Claus is one thing the Russians did invent! Well, almost — and we hope the Senate doesn't investigate us for saying so. You see, St. Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia, or he was until Mr. Lenin got elected to his old job.

St. Nicholas didn't look a thing like Santa Claus. He was a kindly old bishop back in ancient Rome who was celebrated for his good deeds. He didn't wear a red suit. He went around in a cope and mitre just like any other bishop.

It was the Russians who first told the story of how he used to leave gifts for the children of the poor on Christmas Eve. And that's how it all started, 'way back before Moscow folks knew a soviet from a samovar.

Soon kind St. Nicholas was reputed to be leaving presents everywhere from the Volga to the Thames on Christmas Eve — for people in other countries liked the gift idea very much. Among these people were the Dutch. And when they bought New York from the Indians for \$24 and moved in on lower Broadway they brought the gentle legend along with them.

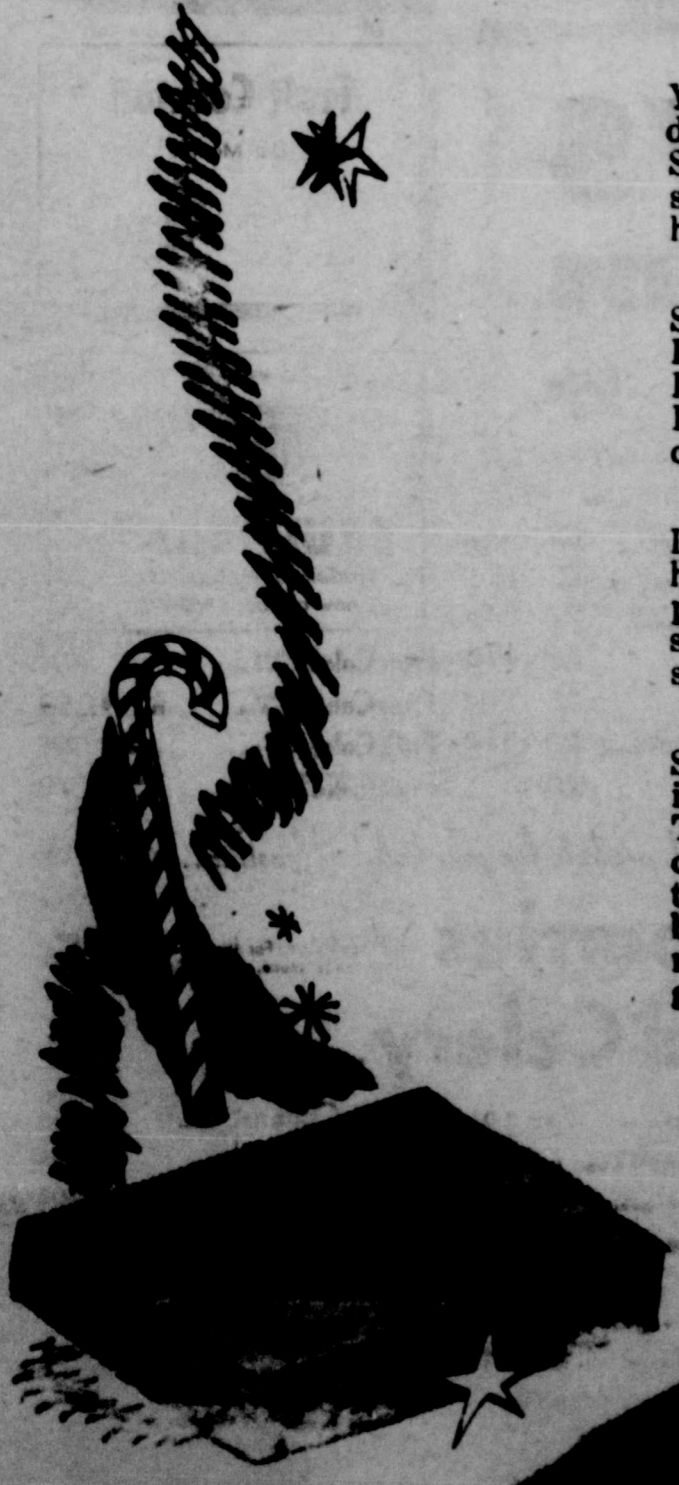
Only they called the old saint San Nicolaas. That's Dutch, you see. And the name stuck for a long time, until Brooklyn got settled. People there had their own interesting way of talking and soon San Nicolaas became Santa Claus. In a little while folks across the river in New York were saying Santa Claus, too, and year after year the saint's new name moved uptown, to Washington Square, Murray Hill, Central Park — and then all over America.

Till about 1870 Santa was depicted as a thin old fellow in a long robe. He still looked a little like the old bishop. Then an American artist figured Santa would look merrier if he was shorter, fatter and chubbier. That, in turn, meant designing a new costume for him: jacket, breeches, boots, belt and stocking cap. In a jiffy we had our modern Santa Claus.

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The Texas Spur

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FEC And SCS Issue Joint Statement
WASHINGTON, D. C. DEC. 14 - Administrator C. M. Ferguson and D. A. Williams of the Federal Extension Service and Soil Conservation Service, respectively, today released a joint statement dealing with the relationship of the two services.
"We regard," they said, "this statement as a significant expression of the cooperative relationship between the two agencies."
Their statement follows: "The conservation and proper care and development of our soils is basic to the economic well-being of families now farming and hereafter and those who are to follow. It is essential to the future of the Nation's food supply and to the continued expansion of efficient food and fiber production to meet our ever-growing population needs."
The reorganization of the Soil Conservation Service is designed to carry forward a more effective national program and to strengthen the work in each state. It does not change in any way the functions of the SCS in carrying out a national program of soil and water conservation primarily through soil conservation districts. The Soil Conservation Service and the Extension Service continue to have the responsibility for effective cooperation at county, State and national levels. Both services

will look to the State experiment stations and to the Agricultural Research Service of the Department for improved technology through which to assist local people in handling their programs.
The work of the Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service will succeed only with the enthusiastic, whole-hearted support and efforts of farm and ranch people. Both require the continued development of well-informed leadership in soil conservation districts, farm organizations, planning committees, and other such groups.
The use of the soil and water resources must dovetail into and provide a base for sound farm management, cropping practice, livestock management, machine requirements, building, roads, and marketing opportunities, while at the same time conserving and improving those basic resources.
These objectives will be accomplished only through the most possible kind of teamwork between the technical assistance of the Soil Conservation Service and Extension Service, through demonstration and other means of education to encourage farmers to adopt farm practices consistent with the sound use of land and water resources. Such teamwork will result only from harmonious interagency relations. These relations do not occur by chance. They develop and come to full

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