

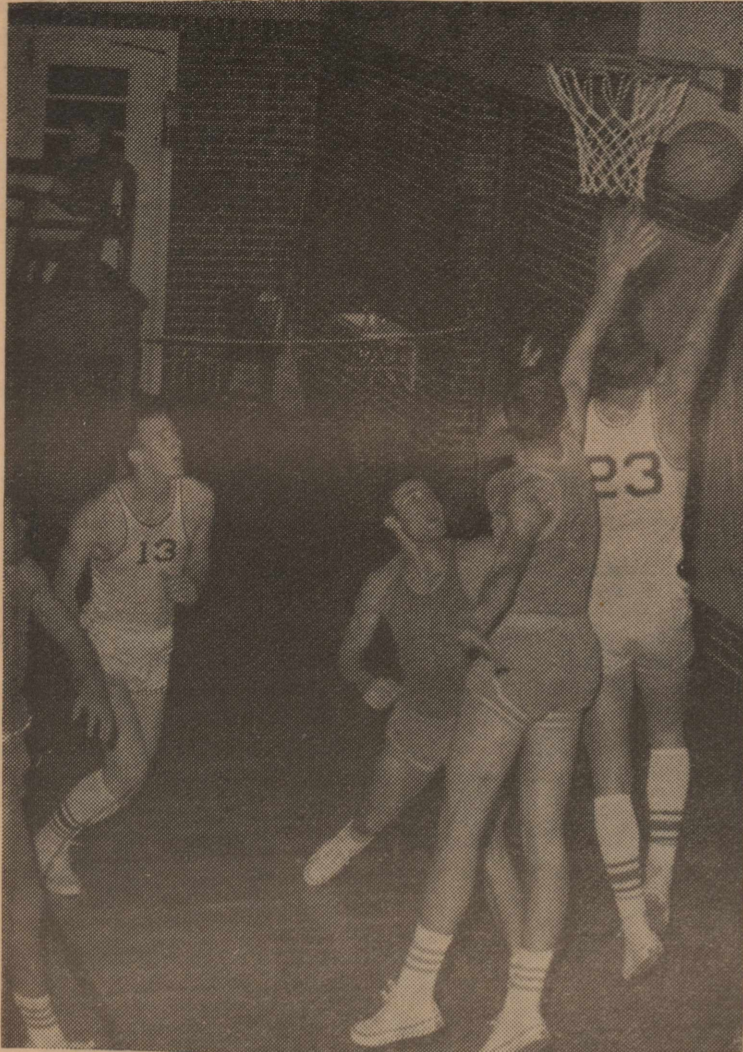
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ACTION in the Big Lake Sonora game played here last Friday was fast and furious as this picture illustrates. Mike Wuest (23) goes high for a lay-up while Grady Roe (13) cuts in for the rebound and Big Lake defenders try to cut Wuest off. Big Lake won the game by only one point, 60-59.

Owls Overcome Broncos By One-Point Margin

by Gary McGilvray

The Sonora Broncos met the Big Lake Owls in the second game played in Sonora this year. The Broncos won the format to the varsity contest in winning the "B" team game by a score of 50 to 43.

This was the first win for the "B" team in the new season. The game was very well played and Mitch Trainer led in scoring, dropping in some 22 points.

Following the "B" game the Broncos and the Owls began a game which resembled very closely the District 8-A championship game played last year in Ozona.

Big Lake opened up the scoring with three quick baskets for an early lead of 6 points. Sonora then settled down and played excellent ball to come back and take the lead 19-17 as the first quarter ended.

The second quarter proved to be almost identical to the first with not quite as much scoring. Big Lake got the advantage, however, and managed to score 2 points just before the buzzer to tie the score at halftime, 29-29.

The Owls kept up the scoring in the nip and tuck battle and pulled out to a 4 point lead early in the final period of play after maintaining their 2 point advantage throughout the third quarter. Sonora came back in the last two minutes of the ball game to knot the score which stayed the same for nearly a minute until Big Lake's top scorer, Bum McReavy, dropped in a basket to make the score 60 to 58 in favor of Big Lake.

Sonora's Mike Wuest was then able to steal the ball from Big Lake while they were trying to stall the game. He raced in for a lay-up but was banged hard against the wall by McReavy before he could get a good shot off. He then was given two free shots in which he made the first good but the second fell short and the game ended with Big Lake still on top 60 to 59.

Wuest led the scoring for the Broncos by netting some 19 points. Three other Broncos were also in the double figures: Grady Roe with 13, Eddie Howell with 12 and Laney Cook with 10. The scoring honors went, however, to McReavy with 31 points.

Despite the loss, Coach Bob

Painter said that he was extremely pleased with the teams progress and felt that now Sonora would get on the winning track.

Score By Quarters:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Sonora	19	10	13	17	59
Big Lake	17	12	15	16	60

J. Dutton To Play At New Year's Eve Firemen's Dance

Johnny Dutton and his Western Stringbillies will play at the annual Firemen's dance to be held New Year's eve at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company.

Admission for the dance, which lasts from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., is \$3 for men. Women are admitted without charge.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from members of the Sonora Fire Department or at the door.

Joneses' Playhouse Scene Wins Decorating Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Jones and Taylor were named first place winners of the Christmas decorating contest sponsored by the Downtown Lions Club, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, and the Sonora Woman's Club.

Second-place winners were the Frutoso Chavarrias and the Tho-

mas Morrissons won third place in the judging which was based on beauty and originality of exterior decoration of private homes for the Christmas season.

The Jones home's landscaping on the side of the hill is centered with a brightly decorated miniature house. Santa is in the front

yard and a white picket fence surrounds the house. Children's faces can be seen peering out of the window, "awaiting the arrival of Santa."

The Chavarria decorations consist of a window scene with a Christmas tree and a door scene with Santa and his sleigh that gives the impression of being three dimensional.

A window decoration of the three wise men, a religious scene, at the Thomas Morris home won the third place.

The decision was announced Saturday afternoon in downtown Sonora. A judging committee from the Sonora Woman's Club made the final decision.

Mrs. Ray Robbins Dies in Kerrville

Mrs. Ray Robbins, 44, of Junction died December 17 in a Kerrville hospital.

Mrs. Robbins was born Nov. 11, 1921. She was a member of the

Episcopal Church and had lived in Junction three years. She was a former resident of Sonora.

Services were held Monday in the Hodges-File Funeral Chapel in Junction with burial in Red Creek Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Joe Morrison of Fort Worth and Mrs. H. L. Garrett of Junction; two sons, Robert Taylor of Bandera and Cecil Robbins of Norfolk, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. O. O. Edwards of Chanelling, Mrs. Dennis Johnson of Santa Rosa, Calif., Mrs. Wesley Waltrip of Live Oak, Calif., Mrs. Lester St. Clair of Dallas; and four grandchildren.

Lee Patrick Named Sonora Fire Chief

Members of the Sonora Fire Department elected Lee Patrick as fire chief at the organization's last meeting of the year, Dec. 15, at the Fire Hall.

Cashes W. Taylor was chosen as first assistant chief and E. L. Harrell was named second assistant chief.

Jim Hugh Richardson was elected president of the department, while William Randle Jr. was named vice-president.

Other officers elected included J. C. Luttrell, secretary-treasurer; Rev. George Stewart, chaplain; Lester Byer and Frank Adkins, directors; and George Barrow, retirement trustee.

Boatrights Enter Fort Worth Show

Michael and Randal Boatright, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Boatright, have entered one steer each in competition at the 1966 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 28-February 6.

W. R. Watt, Fort Worth Stock Show president and manager, expects the final list of 1966 livestock entries to top the 1965 record of over 11,000.

Mail order ticket applications for the 1966 edition of the "World's Original Indoor Rodeo" are now being taken at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth, announced Watt.

St. John's Slates Holiday Services

A program including Holy Communion, Christmas carol singing, and a sermon has been planned for Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. services at the St. John's Episcopal Church. Christmas day services at 10 a.m. will include Holy Communion and a sermon.

The Rev. Rollin Polk, rector, has set an 11 a.m. service for Sunday, January 2. This service will feature a festival of nine lessons and carols conducted by the youth and children of the parish.

Rev. Polk invites persons of all faiths to attend these services.

Santa is Coming To Town, Again!

Santa Claus had such a nice time in Sonora December 11, that he has decided to pay the children another visit.

Santa will be downtown December 24, Christmas Eve, at 4:30 p.m. He will have plenty of candy on hand for all the boys and girls in Sonora.

SOMEONE NEEDS YOUR HELP, NOW

Your father is in the hospital and unable to work, you and your nine brothers and sisters have dropped out of school because you have no shoes to cover your feet, and there is literally no food in the house—none at all. How merry would your Christmas be?

But surely, you say, this must be a description of a family in some far off country. Not at all. This is a description of a family in Sonora, like many others, that needs help—help from you.

Again this year, as in Christmases past, the Sonora Welfare Council will try to bring a little of the warmth of Christmas into the homes of needy Sonorans through the distribution of boxes of food topped off with toys for the children.

The members of the Council cannot accomplish these things by themselves, they need your help.

There are three things you can do to help the welfare council carry on its job this year. You can give money to the council, give food and clothing (good, usable clothing—not some

forgotten rag), or stand good for a pair of shoes to keep some child's feet warm (it is hard to imagine that some children in Sonora are not attending school because they have no shoes).

Deposits of money can be made to the welfare council at the First National Bank.

Food (non-perishable items like canned goods, flour, shortening, pecans, beans, and potatoes) can be left at the Chamber of Commerce office. Meats can be transferred from your locker to the locker of the Welfare Council at the Sonora Food Locker.

Clothing, for children from infancy to high school age, may be left with Mrs. Ernest McClelland or she will pick it up. And make no mistake, this clothing is urgently needed.

Shoes may be promised by contacting the Devil's River News, or Mrs. McClelland.

Enjoy this Christmas more and most by sharing with those who would otherwise find Christmas just another cold, hungry day.

7 4-H Boys Quality Lambs for Odessa

Sutton County 4-H Club members who qualified finewool lambs for the Odessa Fat Stock Show at the preliminary showing at the 4-H Center Saturday included Sam Thompson, two lambs; Roger Langford, two lambs; Ray Glasscock, one lamb; Randal Boatright, one lamb; Bill Thompson, one lamb; Mark Jacoby, one lamb; and Tony Renfro, two lambs.

Each county is limited to the showing of ten finewool lambs at the Odessa show to be held January 5. Jim Gray, Extension sheep and goat specialist from San Angelo, judged the 31 sheep entered Saturday.

Lutheran Children Set Yule Program

The Hope Lutheran Church will present a children's Christmas program December 24, 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Arno Melz, pastor, invites the public to attend this program and to hear the Christmas story through song and recitation. The program will be centered around a film entitled "A Great and Mighty One."



SOMETHING DIFFERENT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE. While most persons decorate under their Christmas tree with packages, Rev. and Mrs. Rodney Dowdy decorate with a miniature town. But this is no ordinary town—it

is a collection of 18 years. Eighteen years ago the Dowdys started a small town and each year it grew. It now includes a railroad track, city hall, church, supermarket, fire department homes, and many other buildings.

Texas Population To Show Increase

More than 30 million persons are expected to be living in Texas by the year 2020. Two-thirds of them will be living in the more urbanized counties by that time—fifteen counties in all. Seven of the 15 counties will have a population of more than 1,000,000 persons each, the other eight from 400,000 to 1,000,000 persons each.

These are the findings released recently by the Texas Water Development Board in conjunction with the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. The population study is directly related to the forthcoming State Water Plan, due to be presented to the public in late spring of 1966, and will be the basis for water-requirement projections to the year 2020.

In a breakdown of Texas' counties' population for the year 1960 and population projection estimates for Sutton County were the following: 1960, 3,738; 1980, 3,576; 2,000, 3,798; and 2020, 4,033.

ADDITIONAL HOSTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley Jr. were also among the hosts and hostesses of the La Tarantella Dance Club's Christmas Dance.



MANY SONORANS DECORATED their homes this year, and this nativity scene at the home of

the Rev. and Mrs. Rodney C. Dowdy is typical of the beautiful decorations about town.

CHRISTMAS

It is Christmas again and all the world over hearts and minds as one search for the sign of awakening—a rebirth of Peace on Earth . . . Good Will to Men.

Down through the centuries comes the wonderful story of Christmas. It is an age-old story, yet somehow always new—ever rich in inspiration and hope.

Nearly two thousand years ago in Bethlehem, a troubled people rejoiced in the coming of a new Messiah.

Through wars and plagues and all the ills which have scourged the world, He whose birthday we now observe has continued to serve as a beacon light, keeping our faith steadfast and our hopes alive.

And again this year, we set aside for a time the cares of business, forgetting as best we can the strife and turmoil which besets the world, that we may honor in simple fashion the nativity of Christ.

So today Christmas means a season of gift-giving, of charity, of spiritual wealth and renewal, a season when truth and meekness should be reflected in one's living, and when 'perfect faith' is evident, not only in church rituals, but also in the faith of little children in the beautiful legend of Santa Claus.

The Christmas season, primarily a holy sea-

son, is a combination of the reverence and beauty of the Gospel story; of gaiety of children's happiness in Santa Claus; of adult's enjoyment of social affairs; and of music and colorful decorations.

Christmas is the one day in the year when we universally become mindful of our neighbor by the bearing of gifts.

The entire year and the whole world could use more of the spirit of Christmas. It is the priceless spirit of friendliness and good will when old friends reach back across the years to renew their best wishes, families gather to exchange gifts, total strangers smile a friendly greeting.

The Christmas spirit is simply the warm, human spirit that once each year shines through our busy workaday world.

Let us give thanks for the privilege of being free men—free to worship and to conduct our daily lives without fear of persecution.

This year let the true spirit of Christmas bring us hope. That, through the faith and courage of our people, the spirit of Christmas shall ever live to guide the destinies of men. —M. M. Moody

WEATHER

Compiled by J. E. Eldridge

	Rain	Hi	Lo
Wednesday, Dec. 15	.00	59	42
Thursday, Dec. 16	.00	60	40
Friday, Dec. 17	.06	54	43
Saturday, Dec. 18	.10	53	40
Sunday, Dec. 19	.00	40	38
Monday, Dec. 20	.00	62	22

Rain for the month, 1.33; for the year, 23.63.

Sutton Co. Totals 9 Nov. Accidents

Traffic accident reports for Sutton County for the month of November, according to the Texas Department of Safety records, show nine accidents with property damage in the amount of \$1,915.

Four out of these nine accidents involved personal injuries, while the remaining five were property damage accidents. No fatalities were reported for this month.

Welfare Council Contributors

First National Bank
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
Services at the church of your choice

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
Christmas Holidays Basketball Tournament begins at San Angelo Coliseum

12 noon, Downtown Lions Club meeting in fellowship hall of First Methodist Church

7:30 p.m., West Side Lions Club meeting at Lions Cage

7:30 p.m., Boy Scout meeting at Scouthall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
Holidays Tournament continues 3-5 p.m., Sonora Woman's Club Library open

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
Holidays Tournament ends



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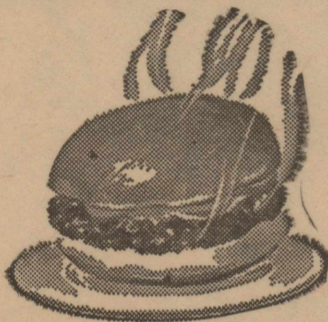
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CHRISTMAS AND CHILDREN

Christmas is for children. For a child, so much is anticipation. The days before are filled with the surprise of snow, the mystery of hidden gifts, the promise of rewards for good behavior, and the busy rites of preparation shared by the whole family.

All senses tingle. Gayest are the sounds of Christmas: the triumphant chorus of the hymns,

the brass-clanging bell of the Salvation Army, the squeals of children in the early morning.

When we say that Christmas has become too commercialized, that obligations have replaced self-giving, we forget that for every child, Christmas is still a soaring moment of pure delight.

—The Open Door

Philosopher Discovers Christmas Is Upon Him

Editor's note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitterweed ranch on Dry Devil's River has ratified Christmas again, his letter this week indicates.

Dear editor:

I picked up a copy of the newspaper which had blown against the side of my house the other day, at first I thought it was a loose board, and could tell by how heavy it was that Christmas was bound to be getting close, so I went inside and got down my calendar and tore off September, October and November, which I had been planning on doing anyway for some time now, and sure enough it's here.

Some people say Christmas gets here too soon the older they get, but I don't think it gets here any sooner than Christmas Eve, or Thanksgiving or New Year's or August or the opening of Congress or the discovery of a new world crisis.

Speaking of a world crisis some people have the notion they ought to feel guilty about enjoying Christmas when the world is fraught with danger and is maybe on the brink of something worse, but if you're waiting till every-

thing is just right in the world before enjoying Christmas or any other day, you'll never get to it.

There never was a time when the world wasn't on the brink of something or other, and the way it looks from this bitterweed ranch, we've got a long way to go before it isn't. Therefore, as far as I can tell, things are normal, which is to say average, and everybody might as well go ahead and enjoy Christmas, if their credit holds out. I've long contended that if the government was on its toes it'd allow a man to figure up what he spent on Christmas presents for others and what the gifts he got from others came to, and if it didn't balance, if he went in the hole, the government would make up the difference, but I've never been able to get a Congressman to introduce the bill, and I have about given up on it, at least until they get the shrubbery planted around the junk yards.

Here's hoping everybody connected with The Devil's River News has a Merry Christmas. Personally, I intend to.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

Cookies Turn Out Perfect Each Time

One of the easiest and most delightful looking cookies for the holiday season is the drop cookie made with party colored chocolate candies. Actually these multi-colored candies make excellent decorations for cakes, and for cupcakes, also for pudding toppings such as old-fashioned bread pudding, and old-fashioned rice pudding.

Party Cookies are a cookie that can be turned over to a teen-ager for making food gifts from your house. They always turn out perfect, in fact so perfect that it might be well to make two batches instead of one, because they are wonderful for afternoon snacks with a glass of milk.

- EASY PARTY COOKIES**
- 1 cup shortening
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
 - 2 eggs
 - 2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 1/2 cups M&M's Plain Chocolate Candies

Blend shortening and sugars. Beat in vanilla and eggs. Sift remaining dry ingredients together; add to the sugar and egg mixture. Mix well. Stir in 1/2 cup of the candies, reserving the remaining candies for decoration. Drop from teaspoon onto ungreased cookie sheet, decorate tops of cookies with remaining candies as desired. Bake in a 375 F. oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. After baking, some of the candies may be slightly cracked. This adds texture and interest to your cookies. Makes about 6 dozen 2 1/2-inch cookies.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Even in this era of large-scale research, a surprising number of inventions still come from the tinkering individual. Valuable patents are still being won by "basement inventors" ingenious enough to come up with something new.

However, to be entitled to a patent, an invention must be not only new but also—in the wording of the United States Constitution—"useful." What kind of an invention is useful?

First of all, it must be able to work.

One man invented a "perpetual motion machine" complete with a dazzling array of doodads and thingumabobs. But his invention was held not patentable because, being contrary to the laws of nature, it could not possibly do the job it was meant for.

Second, to qualify as useful, the invention must do something that is beneficial, not harmful, to society.

Thus, courts have denied patent rights to a device for faking the quality of tobacco leaves, and to a gadget for "curing" disease by mysterious vibrations. Both inventions were found to be useful for the purpose of cheating only—hence, not useful in the Constitutional sense.

What if an invention, while useful for evil, is also useful for

good? That is enough basis for a patent.

For example, an improved pistol could be patented. Although an instrument for evil in the hands of a robber, it could also be an instrument for good in the hands of a policeman.

A third requirement, for an invention to be considered useful, is that it must be more than a mere frivolity.

Of course, what is frivolous to one generation might not be to the next. A century ago a federal court said that a hoop skirt could not be patented, because it had no serious value to society. But today's courts are not likely to be that prim and proper.

As for what might be called "oddball" inventions, the patent office generally takes a tolerant view. For instance, it has issued patents for an automatic hat-tipper, a shield for grapefruit-eaters, and a gun for shooting down flies.

For who can be sure that the oddity of today won't be the success of tomorrow? Wise men scoffed, too, at Alexander Graham Bell's talking toy—one of the most useful, and profitable, inventions of all time.

A public service feature of the State Bar of Texas. Written by Will Bernard.

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December 23, 1955
Game Warden Nolan Johnson and his family won't really need a Christmas tree this year. They could hang ornaments and lights on the 18 points of the antlers on the big buck Johnson bagged in Edwards County earlier in the season.

December 28, 1945
Guests in the Vernon Hamilton home for the past week have been Mr. and Mrs. Heber Wyatt of San Antonio.

December 27, 1935
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones and daughter, Miss Harva, and Miss Emma Sessions were in San Angelo Monday.

56 YEARS AGO
Lum Heflin represented the Sol Mayer ranch during the Christmas holidays.

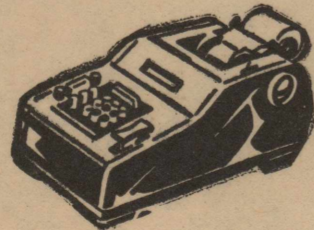
Marion Stokes was having a good time this week.

Ed Wall and sons, R. E. and Andy, were in from their farm and ranch in the Franks Defeat country Tuesday on business.

Miss Jessie Smith, who is teaching school at Earwood's ranch, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Smith.

Mrs. Arthur Stuart and boys arrived home Thursday for a visit to friends and relatives in Brady.

Just an intimate few knew anything about it. Even the bride and groom while their intentions were mutually understood, made a miscalculation and they had to go to Eldorado to be married, because the preacher and county judge were out of town Thursday. The auto makes a difference in West Texas distances and the consequence was that Ed Mayfield and Miss Zena Wheat were married at Eldorado Thursday afternoon, by Rev. H. J. Holland.



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Telephone Excise Tax Due Reduction

All telephone bills will be reduced effective January 1, 1966, E. H. Danner, president of General Telephone of the Southwest and Southwestern States Telephone Companies, reminded telephone customers recently.

The federal excise tax on local telephone service and long distance calls will be lowered from the present 10 percent to 3 percent as a result of legislation approved by Congress and signed into law last summer.

On each succeeding January 1 an additional 1 percent cut will occur so that by 1969 the entire 10 percent federal excise tax on telephone service will be ended.

"We are pleased that the resulting savings will be received by our customers," the president commented.

Danner reminded customers that no excise tax revenues have ever gone to the telephone company. "The telephone company has merely collected the money for the United States government since the tax was put into effect as a 'temporary' measure during World War II," Danner stated.

"We are pleased to have contributed to the efforts to end this discriminatory tax and believe that the legislators who assisted are to be commended," Danner commented.

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Scientists Study Pesticide Buildup

A pesticide monitoring program, that has just completed its first year of operation, has shown that there is no appreciable buildup of pesticide residue in soil, sediment and water, according to John C. White, commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The commissioner said, "A new phase in the monitoring program in Texas will be opened in January when a new \$30,000 mobile test lab is put in operation by the department." The new lab is completely equipped for testing insecticide residue on fruits, vegetables, and other crops.

White said that recent research has shown that pesticide buildup does not occur even in cotton fields which have received large amounts of pesticides over a period of several years.

Endrin and DDT have been recovered from fields, but only in small and harmless amounts, White said.

The researchers monitored soils, sediment, water, crops, livestock, and certain aquatic and land animals and special attention is given to pesticide affects on beneficial insects such as honey bees, White said.

Water and sediment samples collected at periodic intervals and after rains when runoff is at its peak help scientists determine how much pesticide is moving from treated fields into water sources, the commissioner explained.

White said that trace amounts of BHC, aldrin, and dieldrin were removed from test samples although appreciable amounts of these chemicals had not been used in the testing area for several years.

"The monitoring program gives us an insight for planning pest-control research, recommendations, and regulatory work and aids the chemical industry and development of pesticides," White said.

"Continuous programs such as this, help the farmer produce larger crops of higher quality, while insuring complete safety for the consumer," the commissioner said.

ACCENT ON HEALTH Growing Old Can Be Graceful Process

No fountain of youth can stop time. Time marches on, and so does your age.

A new leaflet from the American Medical Association outlines a six-step program—starting now—that can help you grow old gracefully.

Plan for action—You're never too old to exercise. Exercise can be as vigorous as a game of badminton, as relaxing as gardening, or as unorganized as an evening walk. But it must be regular. You'll benefit from improved muscle tone, better circulation and respiration, good digestion, and relief from mental and physical tensions.

Think about food—As your body ages, it needs less food. (fewer calories) than when you were younger. Other nutritional needs remain about the same. For necessary daily nutrients, continue to select foods from the four basic food groups: meat and meat substitutes; milk and milk products; fruits and vegetables; and, breads and cereals.

Watch your waistline—Staying

slim is good for more than vanity. Statistics show a 13 percent increase in death rate for individuals 10 percent overweight, a 25 percent increase for those 20 percent overweight. Excess weight also increases chances of heart disease.

Rest up for days ahead—Don't be a sleep cheat. Adequate rest benefits adults as much as young children.

Check up on health—Illnesses don't just happen. Many of them can be prevented or controlled by early medical care and good health maintenance. Periodic visits to your physician and dentist as they recommend will keep tabs on your health as you mature. Persons over 50 may need a checkup more often.

Don't just stand there—Don't wait until retirement to join the church club, develop a hobby, or participate in civic affairs. Now is the time to begin activities that will add more life to your years.

Carelessness Labeled Chief Fire Cause

People across the nation are urged by J. Dewey Dorsett, president of the American Insurance Association, to use care with fire this holiday season.

The Association, successor to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, said today that fire losses in the United States this year will exceed \$1 billion for the ninth year in a row, and fire fatalities, as during the past eight years, are expected to exceed 11,000.

"By using ordinary care, we can hold down our tragic toll," Dorsett said.

"Throughout the years, according to our statistics, three out of every four fires are the result of carelessness.

"Carelessness can take many forms. A fire can start from such a little thing as an unextinguished match or a lighted cigarette carelessly discarded. In fact, every fifth fire is caused by matches and smoking.

"Another fifth of all fires is caused by misuse of electricity consumer," the commissioner said.

As a matter of just good common sense, you owe it to yourself to keep your appliances in good working order, and if they are not operating properly, have them repaired by a qualified service man."

Dorsett added that fire prevention, while important at the holiday season, should be made a year-around affair.

"Fire is a perpetual threat, and at no time can we relent in our efforts to achieve fire safety," he added.

Proper name for the ordinary house cat is "Domestic Shorthair."

GOOSENECK TRAILERS

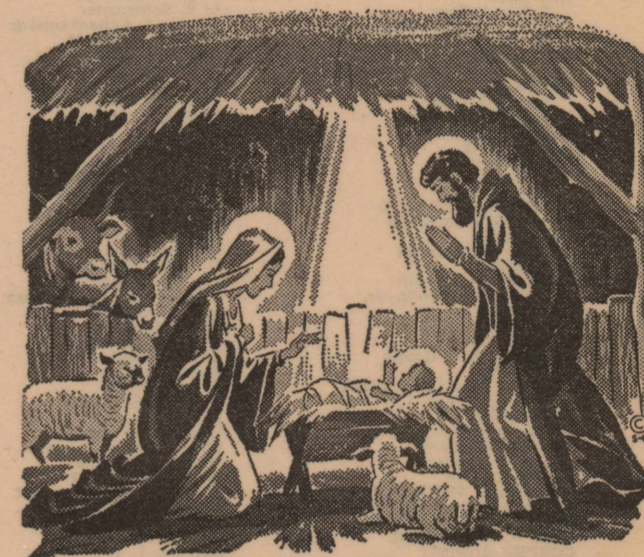
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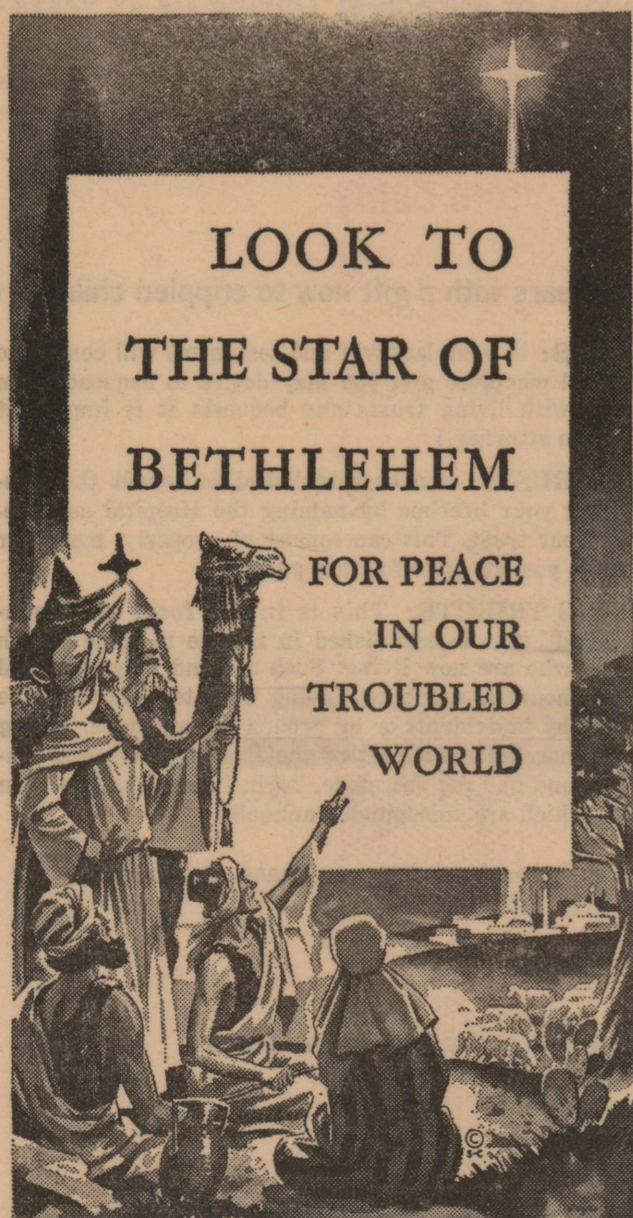


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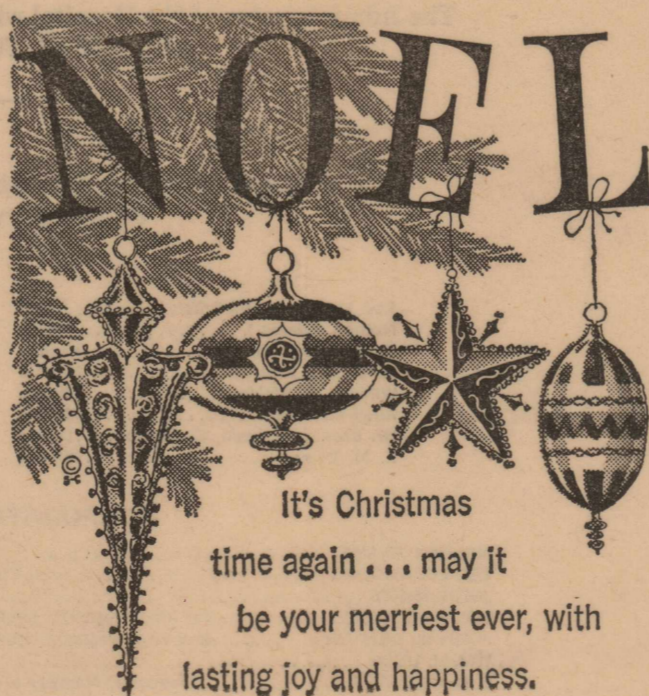
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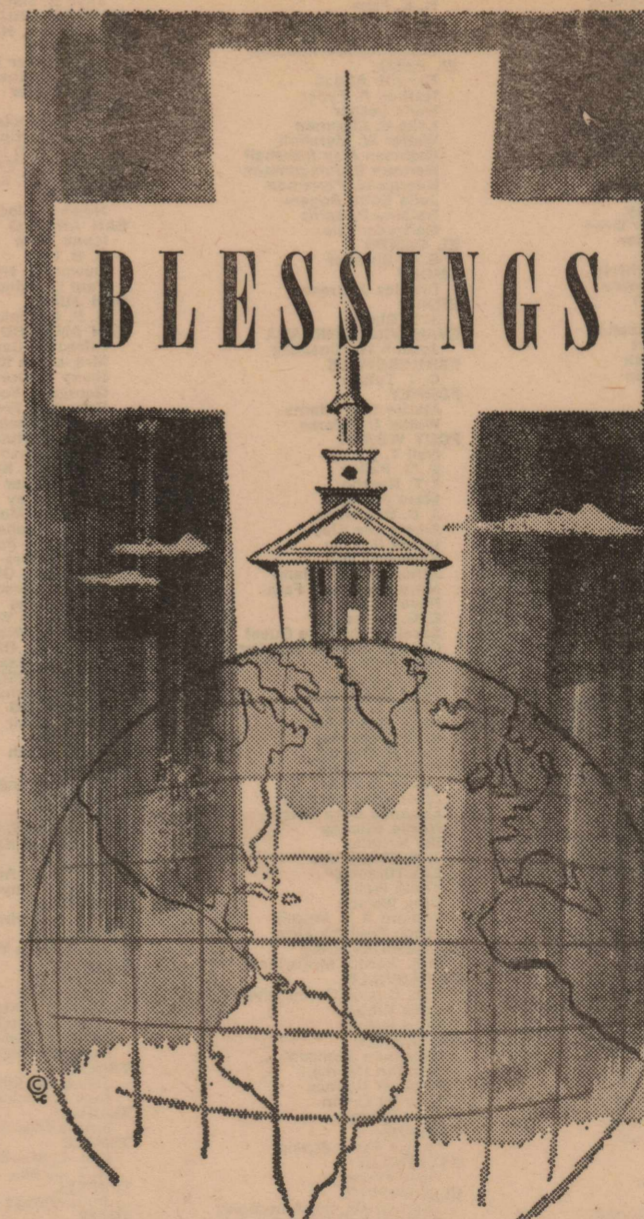
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Debt Free: For many years now the Hospital has been free of debt so that every penny of each gift

is used explicitly to provide for the rehabilitation of Texas crippled children.

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Admission: Texas crippled children are admitted on the basis of need. The prime requirement for admission is a rehabilitative need on the part of the child, and a contemporary inability on the part of the parents or guardians to pay for treatments at a pay institution.

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YOUR MINISTER SAYS

by the Rev. Arno Melz
Hope Lutheran Church

"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 Savior, which is Christ the Lord".

Luke 2:10-11

In the words the angel is comforting the fears of the shepherds as it appeared to them on Christmas Eve. The angel said, this is not a time for fear this is a time for great joy. The source of joy is the birth of Jesus the Savior of the World.

Today much of our society behaves as did the shepherds, they are filled with fear when reminded of the presence of God. How else would you explain the various activities which detract from the real meaning of Christmas: for example, Santa Claus, emphasis on parties, big dinners, and expensive gifts. Meanwhile, Church services, singing of carols and the reading of the Christmas story will be sadly neglected.

To our society the angel says,

fear not, this is a time of great joy. Not an artificial joy, which we try to create with our bright lights and cheery greetings of Merry Christmas. Our joy comes from our hearts because we have received God's love in the form of a little babe, born of a virgin, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

With God's love comes lasting peace. Now we don't hesitate to speak of God because we know He loves us. The feeling of guilt which has separated us from God has been removed by Jesus, our Savior. What greater peace could come to us than the assurance of God's love and forgiveness? What could cause greater joy than the knowledge of God's love?

Don't try to hide the real meaning of Christmas: for example, Santa Claus, emphasis on parties, big dinners, and expensive gifts. God is giving His Son as our Savior, which is for all people. That includes you and me. Receive this Christmas joy and peace today by accepting God's Great Gift. Amen!

Snips, Quips, and Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker

The things you'll find in this column are not all original, as you can see—

But these "snips, quips and lifts" I've gathered—

And you get them all here for free.

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ASTROLOGERS OR KINGS?

The Three Wise Men were astrologers—not really kings. Their names—Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar—are familiar to millions of people, and their colorful robes are pictured on thousands of Greeting cards and pageants throughout the U.S. But were these three Magi really Kings, as song and story proclaim?

Researchers for the Encyclopedia Americana have found that the title of "kings" stems from a Second Century legend rather than fact.

The three travelers who followed the star were not temporal kings, but were actually astrologers, just as stated in the New Testament account of the star that led the "wise men from the east."

The term "Magi" is accurate, as it originally stood for the priestly caste of the Persian Zoroastrian religion.

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"For Christmas she sent me green socks and red ties; her heart's in the right place, but where are her eyes?"

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There are a lot of stories and legends about the jolly old Christmas gentleman we call Santa Claus. But do you know why he is often pictured as coming down the chimney?

One story goes back to pre-Christian Germany. Hertha, the Goddess of the home, was supposed to descend through the smoke of the fires that were kindled in winter, and bring good luck. The legend carried over into Old England, where Santa was accredited with coming down the chimney to clear it of soot so good luck could come in.

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"May the Giver of gifts give unto you That which is good and that which is true. The will to try, the courage to do, Whether the skies be gray or the skies be blue—

May the Giver of gifts give these to you."

—§—

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK

"The right train of thought can take you to a better station in life."



WHO ARE THESE LITTLE DARLINGS? All are students at Sonora schools. Look for the answer in next week's Teen Scene.

Teen Scene

By Margaret Bundy



Everybody is glad to have a little time off from school for a few days. Christmas seems to be dripping from the air, and everyone is in real good spirits for the holiday season. The dance Tuesday started the holiday gaiety. The Library Club and Student Council sponsored the dance, and the admission price was a gift for a child. These gifts are given to the Sonora Welfare Council and are in turn distributed to the needy children in Sonora.

School dismissed Wednesday with a program given by the Speech Class and the Choral Club. The Speech Class presented a nativity scene. Kathy Grelle took the part of Mary; Tom Trainer portrayed Joseph; Robert Brown, Eddie Howell, and Mike Gosney played the wise men; the shepherds were Keith Nolan, Bill Green, Billy Sam Chadwick, and Monte Dillard; Thurston McCutchen played the shepherd boy; Debbie Galbreath was the angel; and Eddie Sawyer was the narrator. The Choral Club presented a version of "The Night Before Christmas" in western style, and sang several carols.

Several college kids were home last weekend. Many more are sure to arrive this weekend. Among these who came home early were Dick McMillan, Jimmy Wilson, Bill Elliott, Mary Davis, Dick Hardgrave, Larry Bob Moore, Irene Davis, Carla Whitworth, and Cleve T. Jones.

Last week's "Guess Who" was Eddie Howell. This week's picture contains two juniors, four freshmen, and an eighth grader. Of the juniors, one has brown hair, and one has red hair (dead give away!). The freshmen girls are three blonds and one brunette. The red-headed junior is a cheer-leader this year, and usually an honor roll student. The brown-headed junior is active in several clubs. Two of the freshmen are active in speech work. Another has the cutest little puppy dog. The eighth grader is a blond and can always

be seen at lunch in front of the junior high.

Kathy Grelle was gone several days last week visiting some relatives. Jackie Cargill was in Kerrville over the weekend.

High score winner at the Idle Hour Bridge Club's party in the home of Mrs. R. A. Halbert, Dec. 14, was Mrs. Edwin Mayer and second high score winner was Mrs. G. H. Davis.

Mrs. Sterling Baker won the slam prize, while Mrs. J. F. Howell won bingo.

Miss Kathryn Emmott of Houston was a guest and members present included Mmes. Rex Cusenbary, Ben Cusenbary, Frankie Gibson, Thomas Morris, J. B. Ross, and R. C. Vicars.

Mrs. Halbert served salad plates. She decorated the bridge room with potted plants.



The Devil's River News

J. McKee Heads Scottish Rite Hospital

John McKee of Dallas, 11 years president of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Cripple Children, has advanced the cause of this hospital through his tireless efforts.

This institution cares for its

42 Fun Club Has Christmas Party

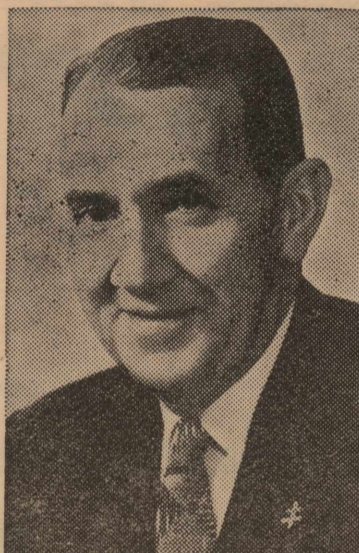
Members of the 42 Fun Club exchanged gifts at the Club's Christmas party Dec. 17, held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lano Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Louin Martin had the high score.

A Christmas dinner was served to Messrs. and Mmes. A. W. Awalt, W. O. Critch, Leon Neely, R. C. Nance, S. M. Loeffler, M. C. Scott of San Angelo, and Martin.

The Mayans invented their calendar about 300 B. C.

Harold, last Saxon king of England, was slain in 1066.



JOHN MCKEE

young charges without aid from any state or federal agency, any voluntary health organizations or even from hospitalization insurance.

Under McKee's guidance, the hospital has recently added a new area, the Dean Memorial Division, to not only treat children with neurological disorders but also to train teachers for them.

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EXTRA copies of the 75th anniversary edition of the Devil's River News are still available. The 100-page souvenir edition may be purchased for \$1.00 at the News office or mailed anywhere in the United States for \$1.50. Come by today for your extra copy. tft52

FOR SALE — 1958 Chevy pick-up. Call 2-1351. tft8

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the people who were so nice to me and so generous with flowers, gifts, cards, letters, and food while I was in Hudspeth and Shannon hospitals. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all. Mrs. Belle Steen 1c15



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Thrifty Cow Herd Produces Good Calves Mrs. A. G. Roe Leads

The time of year to have calves dropped depends on local feed, labor, and climate, says County Agent D. C. Langford.

Calves may be held over to clean up stubble fields and other cheap roughages, then sold the following spring.

Producers should have their cows drop calves as early as conditions here in Sutton County will allow, said Langford, although some cattlemen prefer time breeding so the cows will drop their calves in the spring of the year.

This practice has several advantages and disadvantages, he said, including the following:

Advantages
Cows are in good shape for breeding due to abundance of early spring feed.

Dry, pregnant cows winter with less feed expense than cows with calves at side.

There is little trouble at calving time, due to an abundance of feed.

Disadvantages
Milk flow is stimulated to the extent that calves cannot take all of the milk from some cows. This causes extra labor in milking the cows or risking spoiled udders.

Many calves develop scours. At about the time the calves get old enough to consume all the milk, dry weather begins and the milk flow decreases. As a result, calves do not continue to develop rapidly. There usually are more flies, lice, ticks and screwworms in the spring and summer.

But regardless of the season when calves are dropped, it is advisable to keep the cow herd in a good thrifty condition to produce thrifty calves, concluded Langford.

WSCS Yule Program

Christmas in art symbols and music was the theme of the program led by Mrs. Allen G. Roe at the Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting held in the home of Mrs. G. H. Davis December 15.

Mrs. Roe showed a series of slides of paintings of contemporary Christian artists and Mrs. Dennie Hays sang two Christmas selections, accompanied by Mrs. James Wilson. Mrs. W. L. Davis read scripture passages.

Mrs. Alvis Johnson, president, presided over a brief business meeting and announced that the members of the WSCS would be the guests of the Wesleyan Service Guild at the Guild's January meeting. This meeting will be in observance of Guild month.

Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Johnson assisted Mrs. Davis with the serving of refreshments to 30 persons.

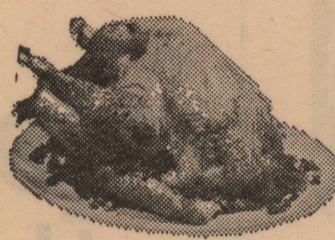


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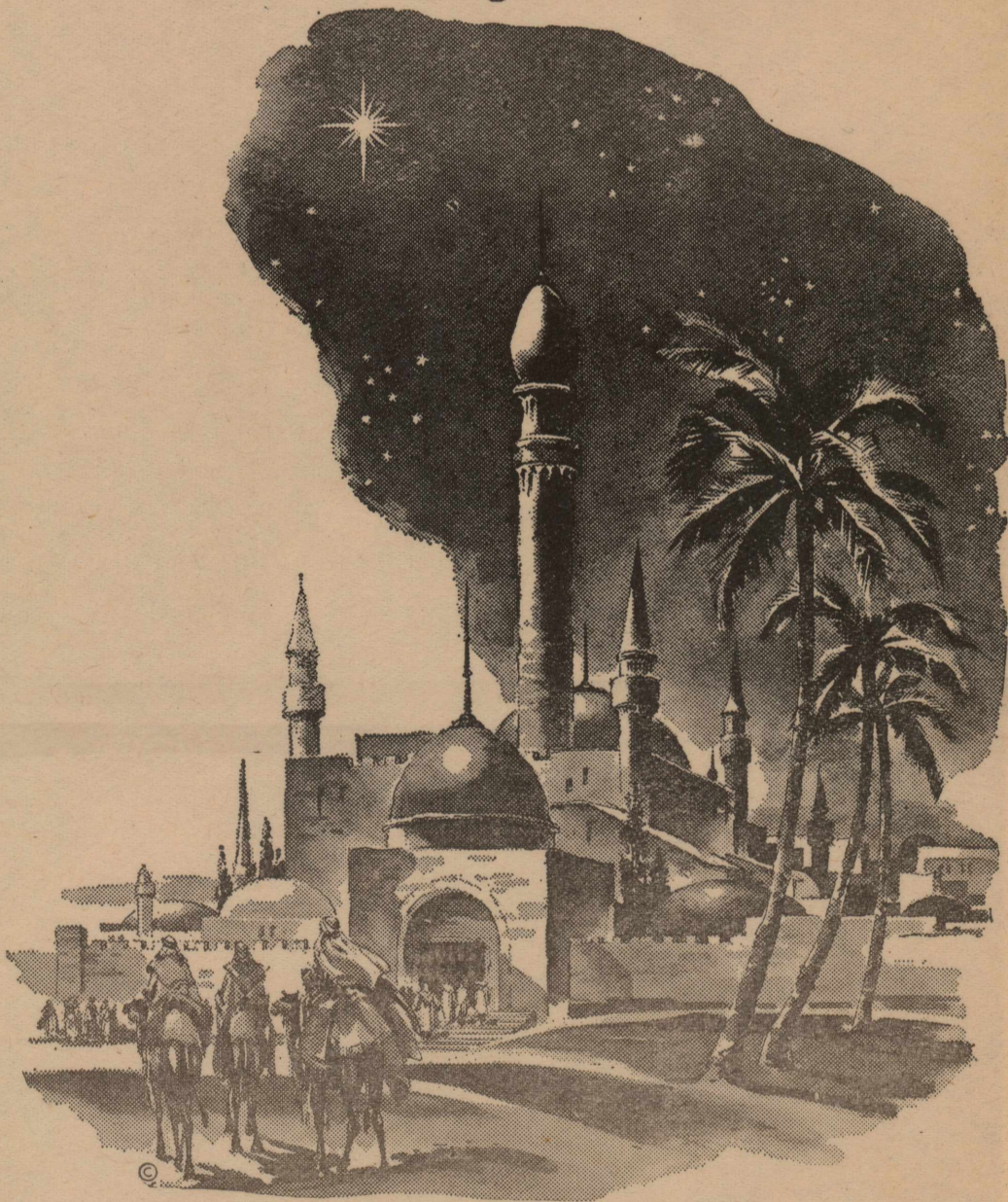
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Holy Communion and Sermon

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2ND, 11 A.M.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Two Buzzard Species Observed in Area

by E. B. Keng
Soil Conservation Service
Conservation of soil, water plant and wildlife resources is the stated objective of the Edwards Plateau soil and water conservation district. Soil and water resources have received much attention, and will constantly become more important as population increases demand more food, clothing and shelter.

Wildlife, too, is receiving increased emphasis during recent years—particularly from the standpoint of economic value. The value of wildlife from a human interest or beauty standpoint is too frequently overlooked.

The observation and study of wildlife in the Edwards Plateau SCD can be a particularly rewarding hobby or field of interest. Wildlife—animals, birds and reptiles—is perhaps as abundant in the Sonora area as anywhere in the United States.

The identification and behavior of wildlife can raise many interesting discussions. A local ranchman, for example, recently advanced the belief that we have only one kind of buzzard in the area—the common red-headed turkey buzzard. He believed that the smaller, black headed buzzards were immature turkey buzzards. (The plumage of many young birds, incidentally, bears little resemblance to their adult plumage).

Bird authorities list two distinct species or kinds of buzzards for this area—the turkey vulture and

the black vulture. The turkey vulture is larger, with a wing spread of six feet. The mature birds have red heads, while young have "blackish" heads. This buzzard has a deliberate flap when rising from the ground or a perch, but is usually observed "soaring" or gliding.

The black vulture, often called Mexican buzzard locally, has a wing spread of under five feet. It can be identified by a short, square tail and by a whitish patch on each wing near the tip. It can also be spotted in flight by its quick, labored flapping of several rapid flaps and a short glide. It flaps faster and much more often, and glides less than the larger turkey buzzard.

Both species of buzzards migrate south each fall and return between March 15 and 20. With the screw-worm control program greatly reducing the usual food supply, competition between birds for carrion along highways was more noticeable this year. Some hungry birds required considerable "honking" to make them leave their meal before the car approached.

Mrs. Wipff Honored With Baby Shower

Mrs. E. J. Wipff was honored with a baby shower December 10 in the home of Mrs. Charles Fisher. Co-hosting the shower with Mrs. Fisher was Mrs. E. L. Harrell.

Guests included Mmes. Horace Hill, Frank Adkins, Gorman Welch, Horace Day, Gene Adams, Clifford Fehl, Charles Howard, C. W. Cockrell, Sam Adams, Pat Jungk, Lee Roy Valliant, Melvin Cooper, F. M. Mayhew, Lila Mae Wilson, and Ben Berry.

Happy Birthday Calendar

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
Mrs. J. W. Pepper Jr.
Alan W. Saunders
Jack Moore
John Moore
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
Duard Archer
G. W. Archer Jr.
Mrs. Herb McKee
B. H. Cusenbary
Jon Barton Dungan
David Ray Mathis
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
Lewis Roueche
Glen Hay
Mrs. Charles Baker
Jimmy Black
Mrs. Mickey Powers
Albert M. Everett
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
Melinda Earwood
Mrs. Jerry N. Shurley
Bill McClelland
Will Wallace
Al Elliott
Mrs. Lin Hicks
Edna Gonzales

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
Tyra Lea Hamilton
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
J. B. Renfro
George L. Hearn
Bob Tolliver
Adam Delrie
Charles W. West
David Wuest
Gary Henderson
Mary Esquivel
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
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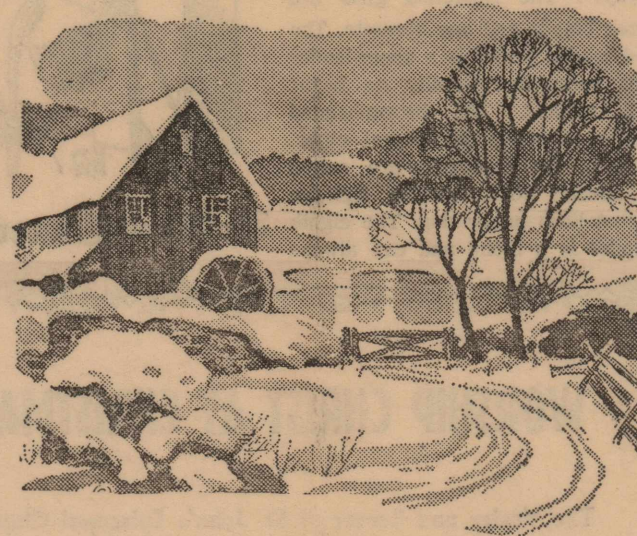
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Love,
Alice
Dear Santa,
My name is Cindy Cavaness. This year I don't want a doll. I would like clothes more than anything. I also would like a watch band. My little sister wants a big baby doll. I will be at my grandmother's house in Gatesville, Texas. She has a chimney but it is closed up. Merry Christmas to you
Cindy Cavaness

Dear Santa,
I am Suzanne Shurley and am 10 years old. I want a record player and clothes more than anything.
Love,
Suzanne

Dear Santa,
I don't want much this Christmas. I only want a Cinderella doll with both suits. May I have a radio? Because my other one got

broken. I want some shelves I can set on the floor so I can put some of my dolls on them. The last thing I want is a shaggy dog like the pink one in the C. G. Morrison store.

Sincerely,
Derry Lynn

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa I am ten years old. I want a baton for Christmas and a stuffed animal. I also want a ring and a necklace with a cross on it. I hope I can get a bracelet. Last year I got a Barbie doll. This year I want some clothes for it.
Sincerely yours,
Janice Sue Nance
P. S. — My brother wants a truck.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a record player and some pants for Christmas and some socks.
Sincerely
Ciria

Management Pays Off for Sheepmen Says Extension Farm Management Specialist

COLLEGE STATION — Some realistic figures on annual ewe costs and returns have been released by Texas A&M University agricultural economists. In the study to get these figures, the state was divided into four general areas— to provide guidelines for analyzing sheep operations in each geographic area.

The areas are: Pecos River area, West Texas area, Central Texas area, and East Texas area. The study was done by Tom E. Prater, College Station; Robert H. Kensing, San Angelo; and Charles A. Taylor, Fort Stockton. All are extension farm management specialists for Texas A&M.

The following are the results of their study:

Pecos River area. Sheep generally do well in this semi-arid country. Predators can be controlled and parasites are a relatively minor problem. The most costly items are feed, land, and replacement animals. The total annual cost for carrying a ewe in the Pecos River area was \$12.50, figured at a 12 animal unit per section stocking rate (five sheep make an animal unit). The return to labor and management was \$1 per ewe at the same stocking rate.

West Texas area. This includes most of the Edwards Plateau, the Hill Country, and a portion of the Rolling Plains. It's bounded on the east by the Colorado River. Many ranches in this area are stocked with a combination of sheep, cattle and goats. At 40 animal units per section, total annual cost for carrying a ewe was \$14.30, and return to labor and management was 80 cents per ewe.

Central Texas area. This area lies east of the Colorado River and includes some of the Blacklands. Most sheep in the area are found on stockfarms. They are often run with cattle, and in some instances with goats. Internal parasites are a major problem for producers in this area. The area has the advantage of abundant forage production, but disease, parasites, and predators stress the need for expert management. It cost \$16.05 to carry a ewe annually at a 60 animal unit per section stocking rate in the Central Texas area. The return to labor and management was only 10 cents per ewe. But there will be years when there is income from small grains harvested—and net return will be higher.

East Texas area. Sheep production in this area is based on small farm flocks. Because of the nature of the area, penning is necessary at night because of predators. Disease rate and parasite infestation generally is higher than other areas, because of the higher rainfall and higher concentrations of sheep on fewer acres. At a stocking rate of 1 animal unit per four and one-half acres, annual cost per ewe

was \$14.20 and returns to labor and management was 30 cents per ewe.

In each of the four areas, a higher stocking rate gave a lower net return.

Tom Prater, extension farm management specialist at A&M, said there was a wide range in the study — better managers are getting higher returns than the average figures given here, through higher lamb crop percentages, higher wool weight, and better utilization of land.

He said many changes in management do not necessarily add to the costs of production. For example, a deferred rotation grazing system and a selective breeding program are practically free of cost, yet either practice is certain to result in increased production of lambs and wool. Additional production can be gained when both practices are used.

With better management and selection, it is reasonable to expect increases in lamb crop percent, weaning weight, and wool weights, said Prater. Some operators report 20 percent or more increase in lamb crop, additional weaning weight, and wool production. With only five percent increase in lamb crop percentage, noted Prater, lambs should weigh at least five pounds or more per ewe. This in production is worth \$1.32 from lamb (at 16 cents per pound), and \$1 from wool (at 50 cents per pound).

This \$2.32 addition to net returns may be used to make other changes in management that will either increase production or reduce costs.

Aliens Required To Report Address

J. W. Holland of the Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that aliens in the United States will be required to report their addresses to the attorney general within the near future.

All aliens, with few exceptions, who are in the United States on January 1 each year must report their addresses by the end of that month. Only the following classes of aliens are excused from this requirement: (1) Accredited Diplomats; and (2) Persons accredited to certain international organizations.

Forms with which to make the report can be obtained from any post office or immigration office during the month of January.

Holland said that the law provides severe penalties for failure to comply with the reporting requirement.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients receiving treatment at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital during the period from Tuesday, December 14 through Monday, December 20 included the following:

- Narda Ramirez, Ozona*
- Kate Kiser, Ozona
- Mildred Cauthorn*
- Harry Lightfoot, Junction*
- Sue McIntyre
- Dorothy Harris, Eldorado*
- Ernest Guerra*
- Jackie Shurley*
- Nancy Montgomery, Eldorado*
- Jackie Shurley*
- Louise Rowan, Ozona*
- Brenda McCutchen*
- James R. Rucker Jr., Roosevelt
- Maria Espinosa
- Jerry Shurley*
- Mantela Baltazar*
- Pedro Sausedo*
- W. C. Parks, Eldorado
- Robert Herrera*
- John Miller*
- Perfecta Arispe, Eldorado
- Lillian Fisher*
- Armer F. Earwood
- Jessie Garcia
- Maria Gutierrez

*Patients dismissed during the same period.



Yule Cheer

Christmastime draws near and each of us here wishes to extend our greetings of good cheer to our many friends so dear.

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Christmas Greetings



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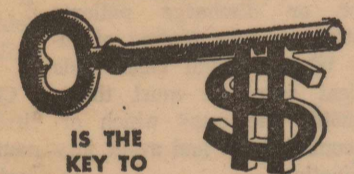
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Hudspeth Memorial Hospital



Greetings

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO ALL

THORP'S
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Operation Deathwatch Set During Ten-Day Yuletide

by—Vern Sanford
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN—About 110 persons will be killed in Texas traffic accidents during the ten-day Christmas-New Year holiday. That's the prediction of Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

In addition, the DPS chief says statistics indicate there will be 43 homicides and suicides. Also 42 deaths from accidents other than traffic. This means a total violent death toll of 195 if Garrison's predictions come true.

He appealed again to drivers to make an all-out effort to reduce the traffic toll by observing traffic laws and rules of safety.

Every available highway patrolman will be on duty throughout the holiday period, Garrison said. Several other organizations and state agencies are cooperating to focus attention on the need for safe-driving practices.

The annual Operation Deathwatch will begin at 12:01 a.m. Dec. 24, and will continue through 11:59 p.m. Jan. 2, to remind motorists of the dangers of holiday travel.

HIGHWAY BUILDING SOARS—Texas Highway Department expects to close out the year with total construction running more than \$329,000,000. It's the second highest year for road building in Texas' history. Last year's expenditure for highways was more than \$340,000,000—a record.

At contract lettings last week the State Highway Commission tabulated low bid of \$23,300,000

on 38 projects. About \$4,100,000 will go to develop or improve 125 Farm-to-Market roads.

Included were the following: Construction of a west frontage road on Interstate 35 from Laredo to near U.S. Highway 83 in Webb County, with an estimated cost of \$1,070,000;

Surfacing on a 19-mile section of Interstate 20 near Monahans in Ward County at an estimated \$962,000 cost;

Construction of a street type section of Farm-to-Market Road 105 in Vidor in Orange County, including grading, structures, and surfacing;

Grading, structures, and surfacing estimated at \$1,600,000, aimed at making a complete expressway facility of 1.6 mile section of Interstate 35 near Elm Mott in McLennan County;

An estimated \$120,000 will go for embankments along U.S. Highway 59 in Fort Bend County near Sharpstown.

Commission heard a variety of new-project proposals including a Padre Island road and causeway from Port Mansfield; ramps and overpasses on U.S. Highway 75 to aid industrial development in the Sherman area; construction of U.S. 59 through Montgomery County; a multi-lane divided U.S. 87 from San Antonio's east city limits to the Wilson County line; and expansion of highway routes in Del Rio.

NEW RULES PROPOSED—

Strong objections to new rules proposed by the State Board of Insurance have come under a lot of fire by representatives of burial

associations and other mutual associations.

Rules would require deficiency funds—those showing the gap between actual reserves to pay claims and the total amount of possible claims—to be inked down in book-keeping.

Purpose is to find out what type of insurance has more policies out than there are dollars to pay, should these policies all come due.

APPOINTMENTS—Gov. John Connally has made four appointments to the State Advisory Hospital Council. It assists the State Health Department in administering the Hill-Burton hospital construction aid program.

Named were Joe Albritton of Houston, Ray Hurst of Austin, Frank Oltorf of Marlin, and Sister Elizabeth of Dallas. Hurst is a reappointment.

Hill Baggett of Lubbock was sworn in as a member of the Board for Lease of State Parks Land following his appointment by Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr.

LEASES TOTAL MILLIONS—Board of Lease for University lands leased 45,471 acres for \$8,500,000 or an average of \$188 per acre. This was the most profitable oil-and-gas-lease sale by the agency in years.

Humble Oil Company bid \$2,800,000, on a drilling block in Ward County. There a single tract brought \$338,000 and another \$336,000.

These receipts boosted the University permanent fund to over \$459,271,630. Of this sum \$35,700,000 was added in 1965. Next lease sale is set for June 23, 1966, in Austin.

COURTS SPEAK—State Supreme Court gave the City of San Antonio another chance to argue its case for water from Canyon Dam. This dam is located on the Guadalupe River near Braunfels.

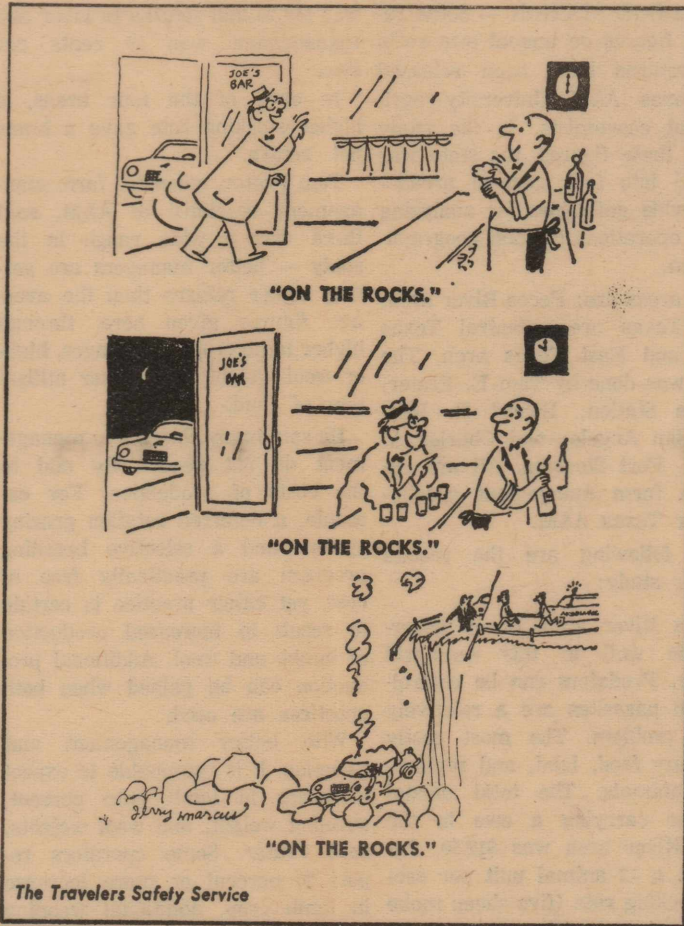
Court granted application for writ of error sought by the city in its long-standing fight with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority over Canyon waters. Hearing was set for February 23.

San Antonio is challenging the old Texas Water Commission's order which awarded the river authority 50,000-acre-feet of water per year from the reservoir. San Antonio challenges the lower court rulings that the Commission is authorized to allow G-BRA to make releases to cities downstream on the Guadalupe.

High court, in ruling on a case involving tax on vending machines at Fort Hood near Killeen, said the state cannot tax property on military reservations ceded to the federal government.

Court of Criminal Appeals af-

The Casualty Count by Jerry Marcus



Drinking drivers are a menace on the highway.

firming the death penalty assessed by Calvin Sellars in the torture robbery of Mr. and Mrs. Mair J. Schepps, wealthy Houstonites.

ELEVEN NEW SENATORS—It looks like Texas is going to have at least 11 new Senators after 1966 elections, and the redistricting of the state into 31 new districts.

Ambition for higher office, as well as redistricting, will contribute to the turnover, but the redistricting will account for most of it.

The new districts will pit some of the giants of the Senate against each other, as the once separate districts now are fused into one, and the Senators of the old districts must compete against one another under the new plan.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES—In three separate opinions, Attorney General Carr interpreted provisions of the controversial new Code of Criminal Procedure which becomes effective January 1.

Carr held that: 1. A prisoner arrested at night does not have to be taken before a magistrate until regular daylight office hours.

2. Examining trials must be made a matter of record, but the record can be prepared by a magistrate or anyone the magistrate appoints for the purpose.

3. After January 1, State Mental Hospital heads cannot furlough, transfer or discharge patients committed on jury finding of insanity. When hospital chief finds a patient sane, he must thereafter notify the court which ordered commitment and await jury determination.

Carr, in answering a question

raised by Comptroller Robert S. Calvert, concluded that the State Parks and Wildlife Commission can buy and fly a new \$72,700 twin-engine aircraft for official use.

He also ruled that an election judge who delivers returns to authorities within 24 hours after polls close is entitled to a \$5 fee.

Also that probation cannot be granted in driver-license suspensions.

DRAFT SLIGHTLY DOWN—Col. Morris S. Schwartz, selective service director for Texas, says a total of 1,475 men are to be drafted into the armed forces in January. Draft will include single and childless married men ages 19-25.

December's call was for 1,523 men and November's 1,456. According to Schwartz, no married man with children is in danger during the January call.

A total of 9,575 men will be called for the draft physical and mental examination.

SHORT SNORTS—Twenty-five cities are moving to set up community mental health and retardation centers under a \$1,350,000 program authorized by the Legislature.

A group of businessmen at Aldine, in Harris County, is applying for a state bank charter.

State Department of Public Safety now has a "pop-up" radio antenna, buried 23 feet underground to resist nuclear blast, yet capable of forcing its way out through debris to the height of a ten-story building.

City of Kountze received the first check from the Texas Aeronautics Commission under the airport aid program. It was \$5,340 installment on a \$7,500 grant.

COW POKES By Ace Reid



"Jake, I told you if you didn't tighten that clothes line somebody wuz gonna break their neck on it!"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at
SONORA WOOL & MOHAIR COMPANY
Handling Texas' Finest Wool and Mohair

Merry Christmas feasting



Happy Holidays

We sincerely hope that you and your family have a grand, carefree Christmas holiday.

Swift's - Wilson's - 1/2 or whole lb. **Hams fully cooked 85c**

BEEF ROAST - good - lb. 55c
BEEF RIBS - good - lb. 29c
WENIERS - Swift's - lb. 59c
BOLOGNA - all meat - lb. 45c
CHEESE - Longhorn - lb. 59c

SUGAR

Imperial - 5 lbs. **49c**

Milk
Gandy's - Borden's - 1/2 Gal. **47c**

SUNKIST lb.
Oranges **19c**
RED - Texas lb.
Grapefruit **12c**
LARGE STALK
Celery **23c**
CELLO BAG
Carrots **10c**
YELLOW lb.
Onions **8c**

GIANT BOX
TIDE **69c**
NORTHERN - 4 rolls
TISSUE **39c**
FRESH - 10 oz. pkg.
DATES **39c**
RIPE - Large - Pitted - 303
OLIVES **39c**



Quick-Fix TREATS

GOLD COAST
SPICED PEACHES - No. 2 1/2 **29c**
HEARTS DELIGHT
WHITE CHERRIES - No. 303 **49c**
DEL MONTE
DARK SWEET CHERRIES - No. 303 **49c**
MONARCH
APPLE CIDER - 1/2 gal. **69c**
OCEAN SPRAY
CRANBERRY SAUCE - No. 303 **29c**

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May we invite you to visit us for Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. And we look forward to knowing each of you better in 1966.

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"Christmas Blessings and Best Wishes"

May you have a joyous Christmas surrounded by all that's dearest to you. And may the Season bring you all the success and happiness that make for a rich, meaningful life.

John — Della — Lee Ann — Wanda — Santana — Bob — Frank — Gary

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