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AROUND THE COUNTY



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The coming of the New Year brings the start of the stock show circuit for 4-H Club members. As usual, the show season begins this year with the Odessa show known as Sand Hills Hereford and Quarterhorse Show. Show date this year is January 2 through January 7.

Five Sterling County 4-H club members have fat lambs entered in the Odessa show. Three have registered Rambouilletts entered in this division of the show.

Barbara Clark, Cecilia McDonald, Jeanie McDonald, Reynolds Lee Foster and David Foster have lambs entered in the finewool fat lamb show. Barbara, Drew and David Durham have their Rambouilletts entered in the breeding sheep division of the show.

Judging of the fat lambs is scheduled for 8:00 A.M. Monday morning, January 2. Judging in the breeding sheep division is scheduled to get underway at the same time.

Other entrants in the Odessa show are L.F. and Clinton Hodges, who have entered their Rambouilletts.

4-H Club members also have entries in the San Antonio Livestock Show, February 10 through 19. Other shows that will be entered are Abilene and San Angelo.

At San Antonio nineteen fat lambs and thirteen Rambouilletts have been entered. Those entering lambs are David Foster, Reynolds Lee Foster, and Tommy Foster, who will show in the boys, or Junior, show.

Open show entrants are Mitsy Davis, Diana Cole, Cecilia McDonald, Jeanie McDonald and Ronsanne Foster.

Betty Jo Barrett, David, Barbara, and Drew Durham have entered their sheep in the Junior Rambouillet Show. In addition, David, Barbara and Betty Jo have entered wool fleeces in the first International Wool Show at San Antonio which is held at the same time under the show's sponsorship.

A limited number of copies of the Farmers' Tax Guide are now on hand in the office. Anyone desiring a copy can have it by coming by and picking up one, writing or calling for one.

This guide, published annually by the Internal Revenue Service, is designed to help

the rancher or farmer prepare his income tax return. It covers many of the situations found on the farm or ranch.

Topics included are how to handle soil bank payments, gasoline tax refunds, depreciation on equipment losses of diseased livestock and many others. There is also a short discussion of handling a son or daughter's 4-H or FFA project returns. One chapter deals with the self-employment social security tax.

This is the final column for the year. No column will be published next week as there will be no paper according to the editor and publisher.

If you are traveling over the holidays, be safety conscious. The Department of Public Safety is once again predicting a high number of highway accidents. Observe the speed limits, drive on your side of the road, and respect the other fellow—he may not be a safe driver. The director of the DPS says that last year's holiday accidents were largely caused by some violation of the law—seventy-two of the seventy-three fatal accidents were caused by some violation during the holiday season.

To everyone, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

Mrs. T. J. Finnegan
Mrs. Pepper Moreno and infant son, born Dec. 22
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week—
Mrs. J. H. Blackburn
Danny Bailey
Mrs. E. A. Medart
Ray Tindall
Larry Horwood
Cynthia Mendez

FOR SALE—Leghorn fryers, (on foot) 50c each. Mrs. C.W. Lightsey.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all my friends who remembered me with cards, flowers, gifts, etc while I was in the hospital. All were appreciated.

HENRY ZETTLER

Young Car Thieves BOYS CAUGHT AFTER CAR IS WRECKED NEAR HERE

Two Big Spring juveniles were in custody Tuesday after demolishing a stolen car and running through the countryside south of here in a wild chase with a Texas Ranger and state and county officers. Sheriff Jim Cantrell said the youths, 14 and 15 years old, said they stole the car in Forsan after becoming cold while hitchhiking from Big Spring to San Angelo.

Law officers were called when the youths left a Sterling City service station without paying for gas. They were in a high-speed race with Texas Ranger Jim Woods of Midland when the stolen 1954 model car turned over seven miles south of here.

Leaving the demolished car, the youths ran from the highway toward the river and were captured hiding in the weeds about 2:15 p.m. by officers. They were not injured in the wreck and were returned to Big Spring.

LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club met Wednesday noon in the community center for the regular weekly luncheon. A turkey dinner was served by Mrs. W. L. Martin.

Wayne Loury reported on the turkey shoot. He said \$130 was taken in and about \$75 was netted by the club.

No Meeting Next Week

There will not be a meeting of the club on Wednesday December 28, it was announced.

O. T. Jones showed a film for the program.

Christmas Program Held at Methodist Church Sunday

The First Methodist Sunday School held a Christmas program at the church last Sunday night. Carols were sung and a Bible reading read in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. and a Christmas tree, replete with Santa Claus, was held immediately following in the basement.

Ninety-four persons attended the program.

The pastor, Rev. John Gibbs, was in charge of the program upstairs and the teachers of the younger classes planned the tree portion of the program.

WMU Meets with Mrs. D. C. Durham

The Baptist WMU met at the home of Mrs. D. C. Durham on Monday. Ten persons were present.

The program included prayer and Christmas hymns. Mrs. Sherman Conner gave the Christmas story.

Tea time decorations were of the Christmas motif. Mrs. Homer Pearce was a guest.

Jackie Cole, son of Mrs. J. R. Dillard, was the escort of Miss Tonia Everman when she made her formal debut into society on December 16 at the Annual Steeplechase Ball held in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Jackie has been elected the social chairman and second vice-president of the Phi Kappa Sigma, a social fraternity at Texas Christian University.

School's Out for the Holidays

The Sterling School is out for the Christmas holidays. It let out Wednesday afternoon for the holidays and classes are scheduled to resume on Monday, January 2.

Alfred Chapple, son of the H. A. Chapples, and LeRuth Reed, daughter of the Lee Reeds and both students in Abilene Christian College, are home for the Christmas holidays.

LOST—Kitten, black with white feet and white under its neck. Please see or call Ginger Braswell, 8-3371.

PLEASE CASH YOUR COUNTY CHECKS

Mrs. Sallie Wallace, County treasurer, says she hopes that all the holders of County Warrants or checks will cash them before the first of the year. Then she can balance up the books better at the end of the year.

Mrs. Wallace says some people carry around their jury service checks for so long that they literally wear them out before cashing them. And other people are slow about cashing county checks.

So, if you have a check on Sterling County, cash it before the first of the year.

TROUBLE

The linotype acted up and we were unable to set some of the news and some of the Santa Claus letters this week. The type setting machine can always act up when we are the busiest. Anyway, a machinist from San Angelo came up to fix it Thursday night.

We are always glad to get the news items of your visits and your visitors. Compliment your guests by having their visit reported in the paper each time.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

There will not be a News-Record published next week on December 30. This is following our usual custom of not printing a paper on the week between Christmas and New Year. A number of the weekly newspapers over this area follow this custom.

The News-Record shop will be open and we will spend the time catching up on some printing and cleaning up the joint. Notices for subscriptions due will be gotten out and the time will be well used.

Jodie Emery, son of Mrs. Mildred Emery and a student in Texas Tech is home for the Christmas holidays.

The Worth Durhams are going to Amarillo for a short Christmas visit with relatives.

Sunday Morning Single Service at Methodist Church

There will be only a one service meeting at the Methodist Church this coming Sunday morning. The service will be from ten till eleven o'clock in the auditorium, said the pastor, John Gibbs.

In case of fire call 8-2121



Sterling City News-Record



His mission is usually the same—but not his looks and his name—that's the Story of Santa around the world.

Santa as we know him in America today pretty well follows the description given by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas." This truly familiar symbol of Christmas was a somewhat angular figure before Moore gave him a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly.

The idea of Santa Claus began with the Dutch and their "Santa Klaus," a contraction from St. Nicholas, legendary Bishop of Myra and the patron saint of children. Children in Holland may refer to either "Sinterklass" or "Saint Nickolas. Early settlers in America adopted the legendary figure and changed the name from "Saint Kicolous" to "Santa Kalouf" to "Santa Claus."

Pere Noel

In France, it is "Pere Noel" who visits the children, and he is usually pictured on a mule. British children, just as American, write letters to the Christmas giver of gifts, and prepare lists of the things they would like to receive. But, they direct their missives to "Father Christmas" and follow a tradition which might find favor with

of Christmas nearly everywhere. But, whether it's the Norwegian "Julenisse" or the Chinese "Lan Khoony-Khoong" (nice old father) "Santa," the gift-giver, is a part of Christmas nearly everywhere.



What happens the day after Christmas? Is the spirit of Christmas "spent" in lavish preparation and anticipation, enjoyed but briefly, then thrown aside with the wrapping paper and colored ribbon?

What happens the day after Christmas? Does one breathe a deep sigh and inwardly say, "I'm glad that it's over for another year?"

If this happens, then certainly we are not "keeping the Christmas." The Spirit of Christmas is superficial. Our Christmas symbols and ornaments, many of them pagan in their origin, are only decorative trappings for creating a festive spirit.

It Is Real

But Christmas is not superficial. Christmas is REAL. And so must observance of the holiday be REAL and not the mere matter of observing customs and practices as a matter of conformity.

The glitter is gone from evergreens and holly wreaths on the day after Christmas. The tree suddenly becomes old and drops its needles upon the carpet. No longer does the bright figure of Santa adorn the mantle or doorway; it simply hangs there, bereft of glamour and stirring little anticipation.

It Has Meaning

Unless we have "kept the Christmas" in preparations for, and observance of Christmas Day, then we have observed a meaningless holiday.

This year, let us keep the Christmas in a spirit that will keep the profound meaning of the holiday deep in our hearts for the remainder of the days after Christmas.

As we observe the Christmas, we must find time to meditate upon the great reality—that upon this day Christ was born, bringing to all mankind the promise of eternal salvation. This is the message of Christmas and the secret to the successful keeping of Christmas forever and ever.

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Santa Letters

(From Mrs. C. L. King's First Graders)

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cabinet for my dishes, a doll and some clothes for the doll. I want an icebox and a sink. I want a ballerina doll and a play house. I am Marilyn Foster. I live at Sterling City. I like school. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Marilyn Foster

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some glass dishes and a Queen Elizabeth doll. I want a big bride doll, a Betty Crocker Bakery set, some doll furniture and a Jeanette doll. I want a real live daschound dog and I want it to be a female, and I want it to be reddish brown. I live in Sterling City, and I like school very much. I want a trampoline.
Love,
Dede Reed

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll bag and a doll bottle. I want some doll shoes, some doll socks, and a doll blanket. I hope you have a merry Christmas dear Santa Claus.
Love,
Nancy Cox

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas. I want a Tiger set a BB pistol, a knife, and a .22. I want a shot gun and an electric train. Dear Santa Claus I hope you have a Heppy Christmas.
Love,
Alan Payne

Dear Santa,
I want a doll bed and a doll buggy. I want a doll, a Christmas tree, a book, some doll clothes and a play angel. I like school and I live in Sterling City. My name is Alice Marie McCleave.
Love,
Alice McCleave.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a BB gun, a ball, a bat and a .22. I want a wagon and a little motor car. Bring me a cap gun. Dear Santa Claus I hope your have a Merry Christmas. I want a train, an airplane and a shot gun.
Love,
Carrie Camp

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an airplane, and a plastic walking cane, and a gun. I want a train, a ball and that's all I want. Have a Happy Christmas.
Love,
David Gaston

Dear Santa,
I want a pistol, a shot gun, a service station set. I want a rubber ball and a plastic ball with nothing in it. That's all.
From
Kenenth BlaneK

Dear Santa,
I want a rifle, a pistol and a football suit. I want a thing that fixes telephone poles and a filling station set. Dear Santa, I hope you have a happy Christmas. I live at Sterling City on a ranch. It is called 7D.

Signed,
Payton Wilson

Dear Santa,
I am Bobby Bynum. I want a motor car and a Johnny Ringo gun, a shot gun and a .22. Dear Santa, I wish you a Merry Christmas. I like school. I hope you have a happy trip all through the year.
Love,
Bobby Bynum

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a toy train and a toy airplane, a toy pistol, an army pack and anything you might like to bring me. Have a Merry Christmas all through the year.
Brandt Badger

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Mary Sue Gartrell and I like school where I am going. I want some rubber dishes and a coloring book.

I love you.
Dear Santa Claus, I wish wish you a Merry Christmas.
I love you,
Mary Sue Gartrell

Dear Santa Claus,
I like school and I would like for you to bring me a football helmet and a football suit, a banjo and bring me a puppet and a dog. I want a BB gun.

I love you,
Allen Price

Dear Santa,
My name is Cheryl Butler. I would like for you to bring me a Grandma doll, and a set of dishes. I would like to have an organ, a pair of skates, a trampoline and some doll clothes for my doll. Bring me a doll bottle. I would like to have a set of paper dolls. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Cheryl Butler.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



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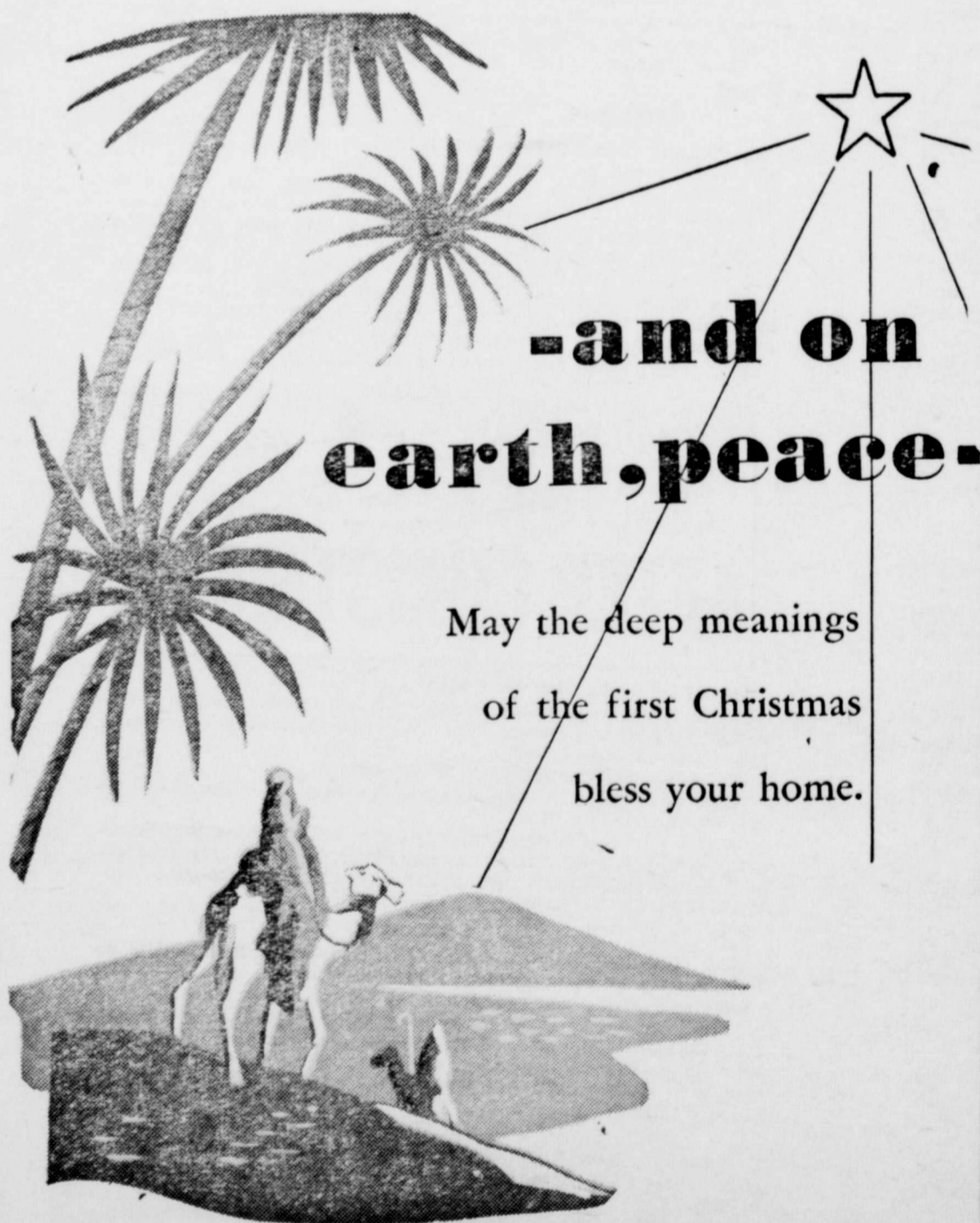
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The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmastime is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinas of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metallurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the Csar Kolokol." It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.

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HOW TO SAY Merry Christmas

As Christmas is the most universally celebrated of all world holidays, so is the expression "Merry Christmas" the most universal of all greetings. Here is an interesting game based upon this Yuletide salutation. See if you can match the greeting at left with the proper language on the right:

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|---------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. Buon Natale! | | Hawaiian |
| 2. Glad Julen! | | Japanese |
| 3. Tin Hao Nian! | | Italian |
| 4. Chrystovjna! | | Chinese |
| 5. Feliz Natal! | | Greek |
| 6. Joyeux Noel! | | Portuguese |
| 7. Kinge Shinnen! | | Swedish |
| 8. Mele Kalikimaka! | | French |

ANSWERS: 1. Italian; 2. Swedish; 3. Chinese; 4. Greek; 5. Portuguese; 6. French; 7. Japanese; 8. Hawaiian.



It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the boisterous song of Hessian Mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than wisdom. Christmas trees, first to be seen in America, dangled tinsel and toys. The cobbled streets were alive with laughter.

Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware.

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tattered soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peaceably to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

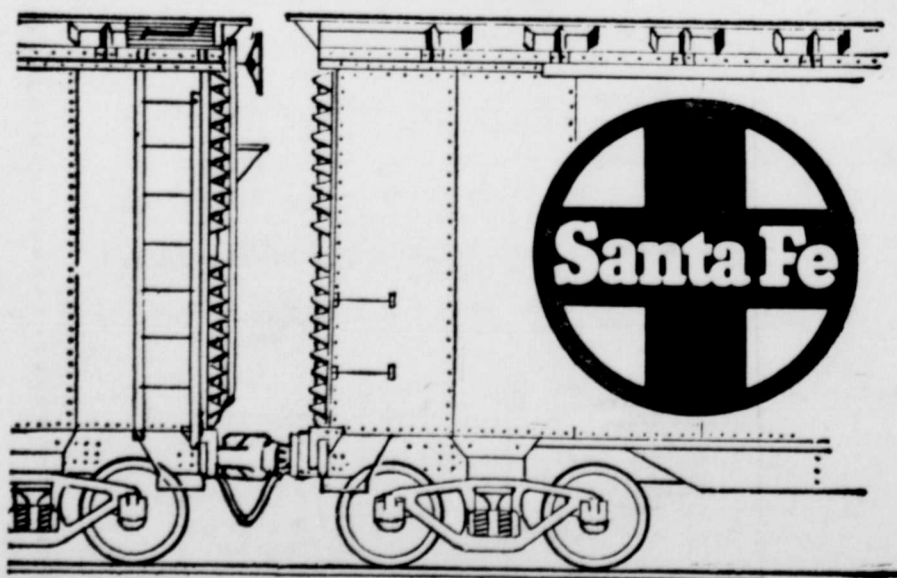
By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

When the church clock at Trenton struck 7 a.m. a young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rumble of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not foresee at the time that he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.

Ship the better way



No matter what you ship, call your local Santa Fe Agent and let the railroad that is always on the move toward a better way go to work for you.



Fruits, nuts, cookies and sweets delight the hearts of children everywhere at Christmas. Here, with a bow to our 50th state, is the recipe for a hot bread which should be of interest to the family cook:

Hawaiian Nut Bread (Makes 1 loaf)

- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ cup melted shortening
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup crushed canned pineapple (do not drain)

Beat eggs and sugar together; add shortening. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry ingredients to first mixture and blend. Add nuts and pineapple. Stir just enough to combine. Pour batter into a greased 4x8-inch loaf pan. Bake in a moderate (350° F.) oven for one hour. Let loaf cool thoroughly before slicing.

TIME FOR PEACE

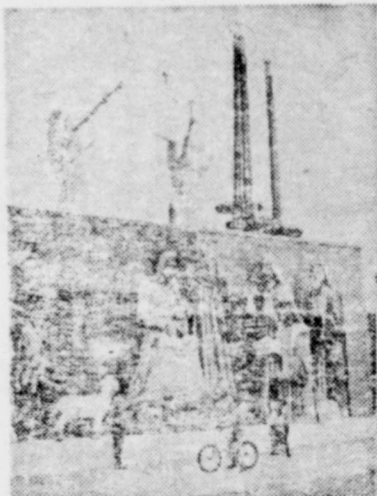
As fits the holy Christmas birth,
Be this, good friends our carol still—
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,
To men of gentle will.
—Thackery.

Mince Pie

The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born. The crust of the pie represents the gold brought by the three wise men, the many spices represent the frankincense and myrrh.

First Lighted Tree

The first electrically lighted Christmas tree in this country is believed to have been the one placed in the lobby of San Francisco's Palace Hotel in 1896. It had 500 lights and attracted widespread attention.



NATIVITY SCENE . . . This gigantic Nativity Scene was erected in front of a Chicago plant, which manufactures the displays for department stores and display companies. You can get an idea of the size of the figures in this display by comparing them with the children.

Holiday Custom

In Czechoslovakia, the Christmas tree is the center of much attention during the holiday season. The tree is decorated with many candles, assorted candies, nuts and fruits and is surrounded with singing and dancing until the New Year at which time the children eat the goodies before the head of the household discards the tree.

Greek Tradition

A traditional preparation in Greece is "Christpsomo" or "Bread of Christ." Before baking this holiday treat, the housewife makes a hand print on the surface of the dough and it is said that the hand print is proof of the birth of Christ.

YULE CUSTOMS

In Scandanavian families, all shoes are placed together on Christmas day—in the belief that this will cause harmonious living through the coming year. In Ireland, it is traditional that only a woman named Mary snuff the candles on Christmas Eve. In some countries, such as Nova Scotia, it is believed that bad luck will come if the Christmas tree is taken down before the end of New Year's Day.

ALL OF THE BEST TO YOU IN THIS JOYOUS SEASON



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MODERN VEHICLE . . . We don't think the reindeer and sleigh will ever be replaced, but the jolly old gent shown above appears to have dropped out of space via an earth satellite. He probably only wanted to show the modern generation that he was "on the ball." Come Christmas night, it's a safe bet he will return to his familiar and long-honored method of transportation.

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KEEPING Christmas

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

—Henry Van Dyke

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Traditionally, the preparations for Christmas are quite feverish. Preparing the decorations for the home and the tree, the extra hours that go into selecting and preparing good things to eat, the sometimes-perplexing problem of choosing the right gifts, and remembering everyone that we should—all of this has become "traditional." And still, an afterglow to all the merriment, Christmas Day usually ushers in comparative peace and quiet, a time when in silent reflection, the majority of us come face to face with the true meanings of Christmas and the spiritual blessings that attend the season.

CHRISTMAS IDEA

Would you like to make this Christmas a memorable one? You can do it by preparing a special gift for a "stranger." Usually, with so many people to remember, most of us get out pencil and paper and decide how many relatives and friends we "must" give presents. This year, why not select an "extra" gift and turn it over to some organization which has the task of helping to bring something of Christmas to the less fortunate. Such would be a true "gift"—one given with no idea of receiving something in return.

Outdoor Decorations Are Very Popular

Decorating outdoor trees and shrubbery with brightly-colored lights is becoming more and more an American tradition, but while outdoor lighting is attractive and colorful, it is also dangerous and may cause damage to trees and greenery.

Bulbs of 15 wattage are sufficient for use in outdoor lighting arrangements. Electrical fixtures should be of the weatherproof variety, specially designed for outdoor use, and the lights should always be placed so that they do not touch the needles.

Spruce, pines and firs, if they are not too large, are ideal for outdoor Yuletide lighting displays, although other varieties such as hemlock, yew, boxwood and abrotivae are more sensitive to heat and easily scorched if caution is not used.

IT'S STILL CHRISTMAS

In Spain they say, "El Natal."
In Italy, it is "Il Natal."
Hollanders say "Krest-Misse!"
In Germany, they refer to "Weismachten."
In the English-speaking nations, it is called, "Christmas."

WILL DO ironing in my home by the dozen \$1.50 or by the piece. 3 blocks south of the Cosden Station.
Mrs. E.M. Garwood

Who Really Sent That Very First Christmas Card?

What is generally conceded to be the first card specifically designed as a Christmas greeting—the card designed in England by J. Horsley for Sir Henry Cole (in 1843)—did not meet with an enthusiastic reception. Sent to his personal friends, Cole's card had side panels which depicted the feeding of the hungry and the clothing of the naked. This was well and good. The objections to the card arose from the illustration in the central panel—a scene in which a middle-class English family raised their wine glasses to toast an absent friend (obviously the recipient of the card). The scene so aroused temperance zealots that Cole never authored another card.

Still Looking

Actually the search for the "first" Christmas card is still going on. Although it bore no specific greeting, the New York Historical Society, some 30 years before the Horsley-Cole card, sent to members and friends of the society a woodcut of St. Nicholas, which bore a Christmas poem in both Dutch and English.

In 1932, Carl W. Drepperd discovered in a Pennsylvania attic a "broadsheet" issued about 1842 by John M. Wolff, Philadelphia printer. The sheet, 10 inches by 15 inches, featured a reproduction of C. C. Moore's "The Visit of St. Nicholas" and as well carried the greeting, "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

The first commercial venture into the Christmas card business was made in 1863 when an English firm hired Punch cartoonist C. H. Bennett to illustrate a series of cards which were sold in that year as "Christmas complimentary stationery."

Gingerbread Is Top Holiday Treat

Turkey and all the trimmings, fresh fruits, candies and nuts—all help to put a "sag" in the kitchen or dining room table during the Christmas season. Sweetbreads, rolls and other evidence of Mom's cooking artistry are usually in evidence. Despite the fact everyone gathers around for the big Christmas dinner, "nibbling" between meals is a custom nearly everywhere.

For such families, here is a "nibbler's" suggestion:

Honey Gingerbread
(Makes 1 loaf)

- ¼ cup shortening
 - ¼ cup sugar
 - 1 cup honey
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 2½ cups sifted flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon ginger
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - ½ teaspoon cloves
 - 1 cup boiling water
- Cream shortening and blend in sugar. Beat in honey and eggs until mixture is light. Mix and sift dry ingredients and add to honey mixture alternately with hot water. Turn into a greased 9-inch loaf pan and bake at moderate (375°F.) temperature for 20 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F. and bake 10 to 15 minutes longer.

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CHRISTMAS TREE . . . The holiday tree is as important to a good Christmas for the children as is the visit by Santa Claus. Bringing in the tree, like the ancient custom of bringing in the Yule Log, has become an American tradition cherished by the younger generation.



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City Election Set
City Election Set For
January 10

The City Council of Sterling City has set Tuesday, January 10, 1961 as a date for an election to name a city councilman for the unexpired term of mayor Lee Reed.

When Reed was elected as mayor and moved up from a councilman's spot, that made a vacancy on the council.

REWARD NOTICE

A reward of \$500.00 will be paid by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association to any person (other than law enforcement officers) giving information causing the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons found butchering or stealing any sheep or lambs or goats belonging to any Association member in good standing. When two or more persons give information, the above sum will be divided at the discretion of the Board of the Association. When two or more defendants are involved in a single crime, the total

reward is limited to \$500.00, but the conviction of one defendant, even though the other defendants are acquitted, will entitle the claimant or claimants to said sum of \$500.00. All claims must be submitted within ninety (90) days following conviction. If, upon conviction, a defendant confesses other thefts, no additional reward will be paid. All decisions concerning the payment of such reward and the conditions of payment will be made by the Board of Directors of the Association.

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**Aliens Must Register
In January**

J. W. Holland, District Director 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 1st each year must report their ad-

resses by the end of that month. The following classes of aliens are excused from this requirement: (1) Accredited Diplomats. (2) Persons accredited to certain international organizations; and (3) Those admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers. Forms with which to make the report can be obtained from any Post Office or Immigration Office during the month of January.

Mr. Holland said that the law provides severe penalties

for failure to comply with the reporting requirement.

POSTED NOTICE—The U Ranch in Sterling County is posted; No hunting or fishing; trespassers will be prosecuted. George McEntire, U Ranch

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YOUR Watkins business is appreciated. Marie Legg 2-9-61

Presbyterian Organ Fund

An Organ Fund has been begun for the First Presbyterian Church of Sterling City. Any offerings of tithes or memorials will be gratefully accepted, and may be placed in the fund through the regular offering at the church if marked **ORGAN FUND** or handed to Jim Coleman at the First National Bank.

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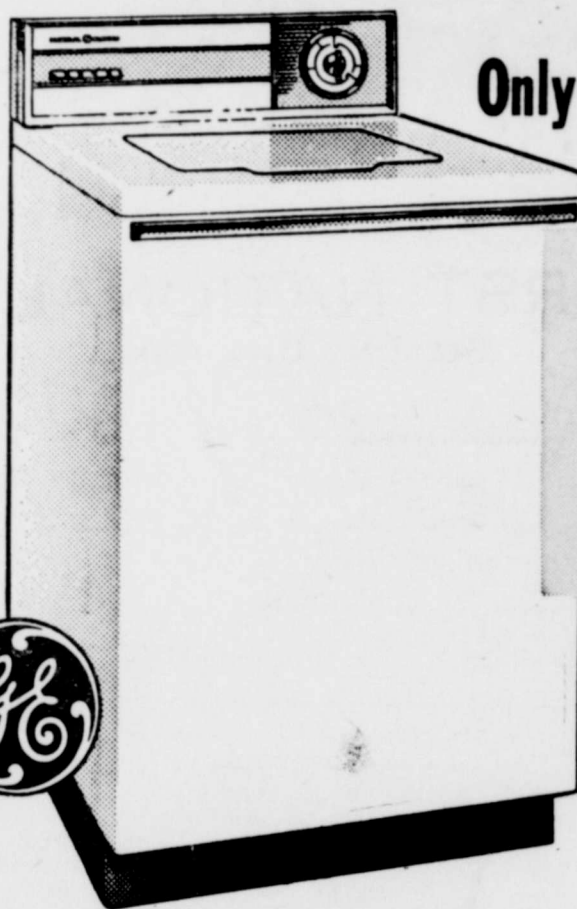
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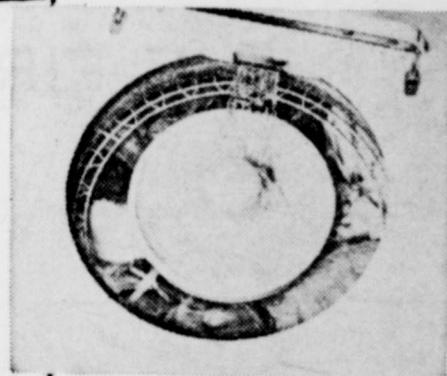
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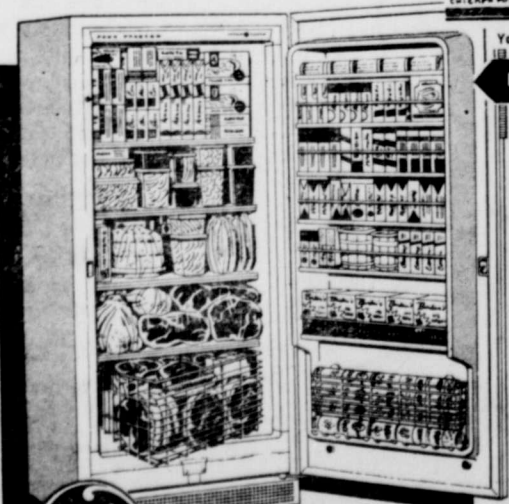
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What's Doing in the Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 John Gibbs, Pastor

Church school — 10:00 a.m.
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
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 Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Marion H. Hays, Minister

Bible school — 10:00 a.m.
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Classes — 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship — 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, Ladies Bible Class — 9:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Mid-Week Service — 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sherman Conner, Pastor

Sunday school — 10:00 a.m.
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
 Training Union — 6:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer — 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hubert C. Travis, Minister
 Sunday school — 10:00 a.m.
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.

Agricultural Census of Sterling County

The 1959 Census of Agriculture, conducted in Sterling County last fall, counted 75 farms, according to a preliminary report just issued by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. Total land in farms was 717,331 acres. The average size of farm was 9,564.4 acres. The average value of farms (land and buildings) in the county was \$207,506.

Of the county's farm operators, 25 owned their farms, 34 owned part of the land and rented additional acreage, and 13 were tenant farmers.

The average age of farm operators in the county was 53.4 years. There were 21 farm operators 65 or more years of age.

Of the 75 farms in the county, 55 were commercial farms. Detailed statistics on crops, livestock, equipment, etc., are presented in the preliminary report, with comparable statistics for 1954. Copies of the county report may be obtained for 10 cents each from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

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METHODIST CHRISTMAS PLANS

On Sunday, December 25, a Christmas worship program is to be held at 10:00 a.m. for all Sunday School classes and all who wish to attend. There will be no service at 11:00 a.m. or evening service.
 The Christmas offering for the Methodist Home in Waco and the Texas Mission Home and Training School in San Antonio will be received on one of these Sundays.

School Holidays

The Sterling School will turn out for the Christmas holidays on the afternoon of December 21, said superintendent O. T. Jones.

Classes are scheduled to be resumed on Monday, January 2, 1961, said Jones.

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Brucellosis Control Set for Sterling County

The Texas Animal Health Commission announces the receipt of Sterling County petition for Type II Brucellosis Control.

Proclamation by the Governor No. 138 has been issued and a hearing has been set for January 9, 1961, at 9:30 A.M. in the office of the Texas Animal Health Commission, State Office Building, Austin, Texas.

All those in favor of or in opposition to the designation of this County as a Type II Brucellosis Control Area are invited to attend. If no opposition is presented, Sterling County will be designated as a Type II Control Area effective February 24, 1961.

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Social Security Should Be Paid on Household Workers

Many housewives in this area may be depriving their household workers of social security protection according to a joint statement issued by S. Baker Mallett, Administrative Officer of the San Angelo Internal Revenue office and Floyd B. Ellington, Manager of the Social Security district office.

"Workers' earnings are credited to their social security account from reports of their employers, and most of the employers," Mr. Mallett said, "faithfully report these earnings year after year." Some household employers who only recently hired household help may not realize their responsibility, and their employees, in particular, should make sure they are protected. The next quarterly report is due by July 31.

"Postcard forms for checking you own account with social security are available at all social security offices and should be used as least every three years by all workers, added Ellington.

If statements returned by social security show that your earnings are not posted to your record, steps will be taken to correct the omission and make sure that your employers report promptly and properly.

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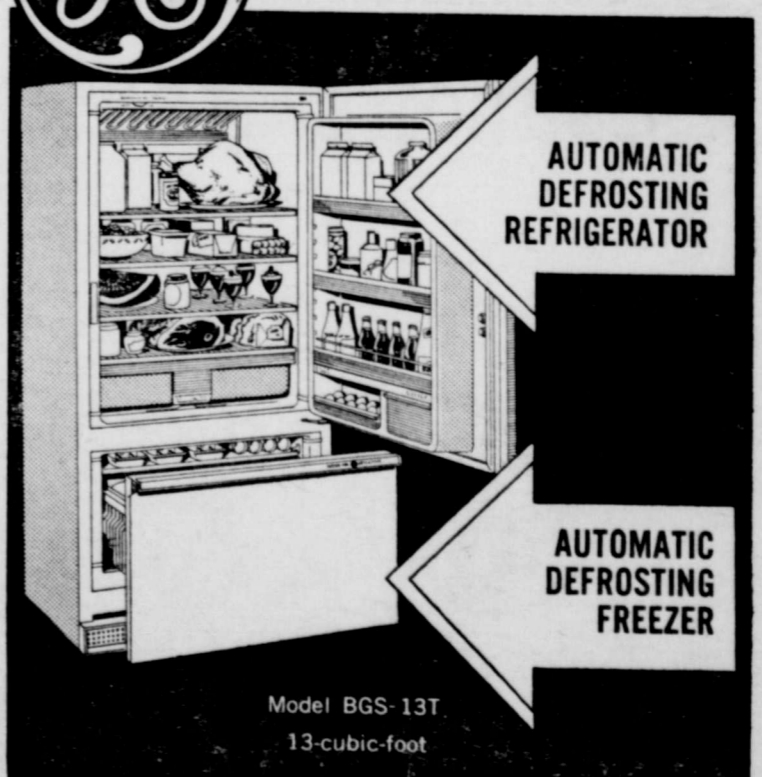
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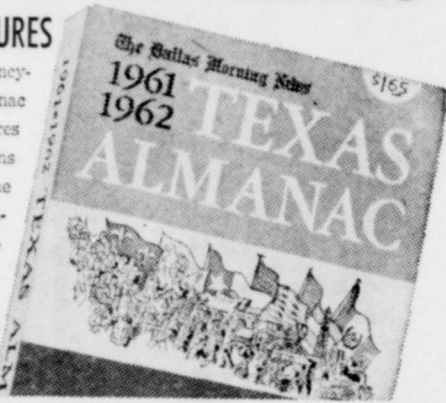
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Christmas: Our Great Holiday Began As Strictly Religious Festival

Although records indicate that the Christmas festival was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing, the exact age of the holiday is not known.

Christmas actually began as a strictly religious observance and was officially recognized in the fourth century as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ. And it is quite significant to note that until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births, so Christ's birthday was appropriately the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

It was many years after the first observance of Christ's Mass before gift-giving became a part of the festival season. The church finally condoned the practice, in remembrance of the Three Kings who had traveled far to present their gifts to the new-born Christ.

In other centuries, too, the feast of Christmas was to be the subject of controversy. In England, during the Reformation, many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day to be sacrilegious. The English Parliament, on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

Naturally, the edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people, but it had its effect and it was many years before Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

And England was not alone. The Puritans of Mass. bay colony had a law that imposed fines for observance of Christmas and Gov. Bradford once issued a statement publicly ridiculing certain young men who declined to work on Dec. 25, "ye day called Christmas."



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