



AROUND
THE
COUNTY
by



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

Notice has been received that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Grain Sorghum Producers' Association along with Texas Technological College is again sponsoring a livestock feeding and grain marketing tour. The areas to be visited are Tucson and Casa Grande, Arizona; Los Angeles, Stockton, and San Francisco, California.

Dates for this year's tour are January 17-23. Method of travel will be by Santa Fe special train. Cost of the trip is \$245 from Lubbock. This cost includes Pullman, hotels, chartered buses, insurance, two meals, and tips.

More information on the trip will be forthcoming after January 1.

Purpose of the trip is to familiarize producers and grain sorghum producers with the problems of their allied business and how to cope with them for mutual benefit.

We are once again reminded that the Christmas season, the gayest season of the year, often turns out to be the grimmiest for many families. Operation Deathwatch, the Department of Public Safety's predictions of the holiday toll, predicts that 180 Texans will die during the period December 22 to January 1.

Of the 180, 92 will die in traffic accidents, 42 in suicides and murders, and 46 from other causes. Many of these could be prevented. This is one time that the Department would like to be wrong and their estimate be high.

They recommend that all who are driving exercise caution. Drive defensively so that you may be in a better position to prevent wrong movements of other drivers. Leave a little earlier for your trips so you that won't have to rush. Stop and rest, walk around the car a couple of times to prevent sleepiness.

In the home, check your tree to see that it isn't drying out excessively and creating a fire hazard. Place water in the containers built for it in the tree stands--this keeps the leaves green; helps cut down the chance of fires from the lights. And always switch off the lights when leaving the house for any period of time. The little bulbs get very hot and can ignite paper, tree needles, and other ornaments.

In short live the holidays as if you really intended to enjoy the new year.

Screwworm specimens sent to the Mission laboratory continue to decline. Last week only 492 were submitted; only 879 cases were reported without samples being sent to the lab.

All producers are urged to send in every specimen now. This is the critical time of the year for the program. If there are localized outbreaks, the program is now in condition to cope with them and keep the flies from overwintering in the area.

Last week, 77,576,450 sterile flies were released. Since both male and female flies are released, at least half of those released were males.

Plans are being made to extend the barrier so that it will stretch along the international border from Brownsville to the New Mexico-Arizona state line. If weather conditions permit, it will be in place by February 15. Purpose of the barrier is to prevent the movement of flies from south of the border. Fifty million flies will be needed to maintain the barrier. Other flies will be used to wipe out flies as they occur above the barrier in the overwintering area.

This is the last column for 1962. To each and every reader, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—
Mrs. Ida Brown
Adela Estrada
Jeannine Jones
Sue Blair
Antonio Munoz, Jr.
Billy Blair
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week—
Douglas Ritchie

Methodist Pastor Leaving

The Rev. John Gibbs, pastor of the First Methodist Church here the past two and one-half years, is leaving for a church in San Antonio on January 3. He is going to the Coker Methodist Church, which is out near the airport north of the city.

Coming here will be the Rev. Leo Ross from Pettus. It is understood that he and Mrs. Ross have three children.

The death of the district superintendent of the Corpus Christi district, set off the changes or moves, which totaled to thirteen.

The Gibbsses have made a host of friends here and the feeling is one of regret that the local church is losing the pastor and his family.

Attend Gift Tea for Bride Elect

A gift tea, honoring Miss Wanda Lee Craig, was held in Nolan last Saturday evening. She is the bride elect of Marvin Foster of Sterling City. Miss Craig is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Craig of Nolan. Marvin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Foster.

The couple plan to be married December 27 at the First Baptist Church in Nolan.

Attending the tea honoring Miss Craig last Saturday from here were Mrs. Rufus Foster, Mrs. Temp Foster, Mrs. Robert Foster, Mrs. Martin Reed, Mrs. Joe Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Foster. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Victor McCabe of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Aiken, Jr. and Mrs. Edwin Aiken all of Sweetwater.

DINNER BRIDGE PARTY AT DAVID GLASSES

The women's bridge group held their annual Christmas dinner bridge meeting for the group and husbands at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Glass Monday evening of this week.

Present at the affair were Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Temp Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McEntire and Mrs. Marvin Frances Dayvault.

BILL CANTRELL, FATHER OF LOCAL SHERIFF, DEAD

Bill Cantrell of Graham, the father of Sterling County sheriff and tax assessor and collector, died at his home on Sunday morning. He was found dead in bed, the victim of a heart attack.

The Jim Cantrells left here Sunday afternoon for Graham to attend the services.

Services were held in Weatherford Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Leroy Churchill, Jeannine and Kent Jones, students in Texas Tech at Lubbock, are home for the holidays.

Boy Scout Court of Honor Held Here

A Court of Honor for the Scouts of Troop 12 here was held Monday night at the Legion Hut. Presiding were Scoutmaster Richard Reed, assistant Scoutmaster Kenneth Peel and also on the program were Leslie Payne and Bill McRee. Payne holds the Order of the Arrow award and McRee is the Scout executive for this district.

The colors were presented by Johnny Copeland. Jack Peel gave the invocation.

Mike Payne gave a resume of the local troop activities at the camp last June at the camp in the Davis Mountains. Mike has been to the camp the past three summers.

Collin Douthit gave a report on the group's overnight campout at Big Spring two weeks ago.

At the Court of Honor 2nd Class Scout pins were awarded to Johnny Copeland and Collin Douthit. Scoutmaster Richard Reed made the presentations.

Assistant Scoutmaster Peel presented merit badges to the boys as follows:

Collin Douthit, 6 badges—Printing, Painting, Stamp Collecting, Coin Collecting, Geology and Indian Lore.

Johnny Copeland—Painting, Horsemanship, Architecture, and Coin Collecting.

Corwin Collins—Horsemanship.

Mike Payne—Fishing, Indian Lore, Sheep Farming, Dog Care and Cooking.

Not present to receive their badges were James Morgan, Coin Collecting and David Coleman.

Reed announced that there would be another Court of Honor next March. Bill McRee told of the coming district Scout activities. He said that a first aid meet would be held in February and another Spring Camporee in April. The local troop will go to the summer camp near Fort Davis the second week in June.

Present at the Court of Honor were those mentioned above and Randy Mixon, Larry Wilson, Randy Peel, Mrs. Richard Reed and daughter, Mrs. McRee, Ross Foster, John Gibbs and Jack Douthit.

Christmas Greeting Ads from Merchants

The merchants of Sterling City are running their Christmas greeting ads in this issue of the paper. All the business men here use the ads to wish their friends and customers season's greetings.

Local merchants are in business to make a profit, of course, but they help the community in many ways. They pay taxes here, they donate to the calls for civic and community betterment and are usually ready to do their part on any local project.

They deserve your support. If they fail to get enough support, they eventually fold up and move away—or something and a like business is hesitant to open here.

So, in this issue of the paper is MERRY CHRISTMAS from your local merchants.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING

The annual Christmas program will be held at the First Methodist Church here Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. A program of Christmas will be held in the sanctuary first and a Christmas tree and Santa Claus will follow in the basement afterwards.

Eighth Grade Has Skating Party

The students of the eighth grade class at the school had a skating party at the rink in San Angelo Tuesday evening. J.R. Dillard, class teacher, took the group on the party. Before returning home the group ate supper in San Angelo.

School Holidays Begin

The Sterling Public schools holiday for Christmas began today, December 21 and will last until January 2. On that day students will return to their classes.

Classes had Christmas trees or parties in their rooms today, marking the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The businesses of the town will be closed here on Tuesday December 25, taking the usual Christmas holiday. The bank, post office, stores, etc. will observe the holiday.

No Paper Next Week

Following our usual custom, we will not put out a NewsRecord next week on Friday, December 28. This is the week we always take off to catch up on office work, make out expiration notices, get everything in shape for a new year, and clean up the shop.

A growing number of weekly newspapers over the state do not publish papers on the last week of the year. This gives them a vacation that otherwise they would not get and gives workers off a few days during the holiday season. We plan to be open most of the week but might possibly be closed next weekend. Expiration notices on the News-Record will be mailed during the week and all job work on hand completed.

The next issue of the paper will be on January 4, 1963.

Jackie Canada To Play Organ Here Monday

Jackie Canada, ten year old of Ballinger, who plays the electric organ, will play at Brock's Grocery here next Monday afternoon, from two o'clock on, said owner John Brock.

Jackie is a niece of Mrs. Brooks, and has quite a reputation for organ playing over this area.

Seen in Sterling City

The Christmas lights strung up over the main thoroughfare . . . The Christmas decorations over town at the various homes; A big lighted window in front of Art Watley's home . . . The big lighted outside tree at the Will Meyers home . . .

The neon lights of the new truck stop lighting up the whole west end of town . . . Floyd Ellington the social security man, up from San Angelo . . . Charlie Coombes, West Texas Utilities district manager, up from San Angelo to mix and mingle . . . Seth Bailey washing his store windows each morning without fail . . . Lots of big trucks parked up in the west end of town by the two truck stops . . . Henry Merrell standing in front of his barber shop . . . The Christmas trees hanging in front of the grocery stores . . . The package runs getting bigger each day in the post office . . . Roland Lowe making it to the post office with letters to mail each day just before the mail leaves . . . Jim Duke waiting daily for the bus with the San Angelo daily papers, so he can distribute 'em . . . crowds of school kids filling the restaurants each day after school . . . Postmaster Hal Knight or one of the clerks putting up the flag out front each morning about eight.

MYF PARTY SET FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

The senior group of the Methodist Youth Fellowship have a Christmas party all planned for this Saturday evening at the community center. The affair is the annual Christmas party and dance held by the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Foster are home from Sul Ross College for the holidays.

750 Get Second Polio Vaccine

Lions Hold Christmas Auction

The Sterling City Lions Club held its annual Christmas auction at the Wednesday luncheon. Nearly \$200 was bid in for the gifts, that were in turn donated back for the Christmas cheer boxes.

The club voted to use one third of the money raised for the Christmas cheer boxes, and the remainder for club projects throughout the coming year.

Riley King acted as auctioneer for the club. Guests present at the auction and dinner were King, Jake Traylor, Martin Reed, Larry Moore, Mrs. Stanley Horwood and R.D. Garrett.

No Meeting Next Week
It was announced that there would be no meeting next week on December 26 due to the holiday season.

Mrs. D. C. Durham OBSERVES 91ST BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK.

Mrs. D. C. Durham of this city was 91 years old on Monday, the 17th. Both Sunday and Monday friends and family called, honoring her on her anniversary.

Guests in here home on Sunday were of her family, her daughters, Mrs. Roy Morgan, Mrs. Clyde Davis, San Angelo; also Mr. Davis and her grandson, Bill Davis and Mrs. Davis and Roy Morgan. From Big Spring Mr. and Mrs. John Nutt—Mrs. Nutt is a granddaughter. With them was Mrs. Durham's great granddaughter, Nancy Neyro of Wichita Falls.

Gayle and Donna Davis of San Angelo and James Morgan were grand children present. Others calling were Mrs. Fred McCabe, Sr. and Robert Lee and Mrs. H.L. Pearce; from Big Spring came the mother and grandmother of Judson Beck, who is music director for the First Baptist Church; with them was Mrs. Jones of Big Spring. Evening carolers from the Baptist choir sang Christmas carols for Mrs. Durham.

Monday was her 91st anniversary and calling were Worth B. Durham, her son, his wife and Barbara and Drew. Also Mrs. W. B. Allen and Mrs. Robert Ritchie.

Hay Ride and Barn Dance

Members of the junior high set were entertained with a hay ride and barn dance last Friday night. Hostesses were Lynn Alexander and Karen Jackson.

The group met at the lumber yard and rode a truck to the Jeff Davis picnic barn and there they had a Weiner roast, barn dance and singing of Christmas songs.

The Jim Butlers attended funeral services in Corpus Christi for a granddaughter last week; she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Butler. Also attending the rites were the Leroy Butlers and the Elroy Butlers of Sterling.

Abilene Christian College students home for the holidays include Alfred Chapple, Johnny Augustine and LeRuth Reed.

A&M students home for the holidays include Reynolds Lee Foster, C. L. King, Jr., Don McDonald and Danny Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barlemann plan to spend Christmas in San Antonio with his parents.

David Durham, student in Texas University, is home for the Christmas holidays.

729 Last Sunday; Rest in Make Up

729 persons got their second dose of Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine at the Sterling County Hospital here Sunday afternoon. This totaled 63.5 per cent of the county population, said Mrs. Neal J. Reed, local chairman for the program.

The 729 compares with 368 that got the first dose of the vaccine here on November 11. Later on that week in November in make up does, the total hit nearly 900. Persons that missed the dose here on Sunday can get their make up dose during this week at the hospital, said Mrs. Joe Emery, local hospital administrator.

\$170 was donated by persons Sunday afternoon as they got the vaccine. The money donated will go toward defraying the cost of the vaccine and expenses.

Mrs. Dovie Reed Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Dovie Reed, 67, a resident here for 30 years, died at her home here Saturday afternoon with a heart attack. Visiting with her at the time was a neighbor, Mrs. Owen Armstrong.

Mrs. Reed was born May 11, 1895 in Fort McKavett, and was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Her husband, Arthur Reed, died several years ago.

Services were held here on Tuesday at the graveyard in the Montvale Cemetery. Lowe Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Marion Hays, minister of the local Church of Christ, officiated at the services.

Pallbearers were Sam Simmons, Delbert Dearen, Cledis Smith, O. T. Jones, Frank Ward and John Brock.

Among the survivors are three daughters, Mrs. E. M. Wright of Valdosta, Ga.; Mrs. D. W. Bush of Pomona, Calif.; and Mrs. L. W. Creswell of Perryton, Texas; three sons, Maxwell J. Reed of Orlando, Florida, W. A. Reed of Big Spring and Theodore Reed of Pomona, Calif.; two brothers, Ed Riley of Eden and Claude Riley of Lake Buchanan; a sister and 12 grandchildren.

Christmas P.T.A. Program Held

The P.T.A. of Sterling schools met Monday afternoon in the school auditorium. A Christmas program was put on by students of the fourth and the fifth grades, under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Barlemann and Mrs. Jack Douthit. Mrs. Dick Mitchell was in charge of the musical part of the program.

Cecilia McDonald gave the devotional and Marion Hays talked on "Good Citizenship; Faith Through Moral and Spiritual Growth."

Daughter To the Charles Allens

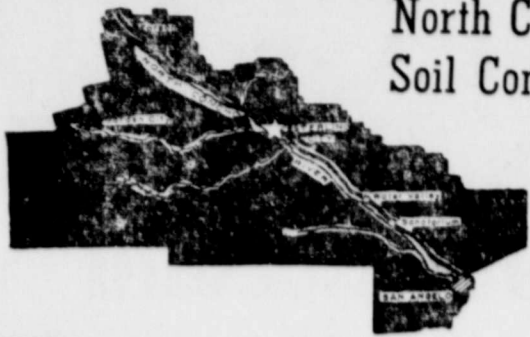
A daughter, named Nellie Mae, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen on December 9 in a Big Spring hospital.

Papa Charles works for the Soil Conservation office here and the couple has one other child, Phillis Ann, age 2.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Werner of Odessa and Mrs. Bob McElroy of Alpine.

Home from Sul Ross College, Alpine, for the Christmas holidays are Thelbert Asbill and Sam Nance, Jr.

T.C.U. students home for Christmas include Willene Glass and Elizabeth Cole.



North Concho River Soil Conservation

GEORGE SKEETE NAMED CHAIRMAN.

George M. Skeete of Water Valley was elected chairman of the board of supervisors in a recent meeting of the supervisors. Neal J. Reed is secretary-treasurer and Ernest Michalewicz of San Angelo is vice-chairman.

George Skeete got a good showing of grass seedlings on treedozed land in the 1962

growing season. Skeete seeded a mixture of sideoats grama and green sprangletop on 250 acres in June of 1962. The seeded pastures were deferred throughout the growing season.

Roy E. Glass located west of Sterling City also got a good showing of grasses following treedozing and seeding in the spring of 1962. Glass plans more seeding in 1963.

Elliott Mendenhall has completed dozing mesquite on 1 section on the divide. Plans are to defer the pasture during the growing season of 1963.

W. N. & L. R. Reed have almost completed cedar dozing and cactus grubbing in 2 pastures on the ranch.

J. V. Sanders is preparing to level eighty-six acres of land for better distribution of water. Sanders farm is located 23 miles out on the Big Spring highway. Alfalfa is now established on ninety-three acres of land which was leveled in 1961. The eighty-six acres to be leveled will be established in Midland or Coastal Bermuda grass.

Farmers in the St. Lawrence area have begun installing underground irrigation pipelines. E. J. Bednar is installing 1831 feet of 4-inch plastic and Charles J. Jureck is installing 1440 feet of six-inch plastic. The underground pipe reduces water loss by leakage and facilitates efficient distribution of water.

Home from Stephens College for the holidays are Janet Westbrook and Lynda Allen.



May the bough of your tree bend low with good things

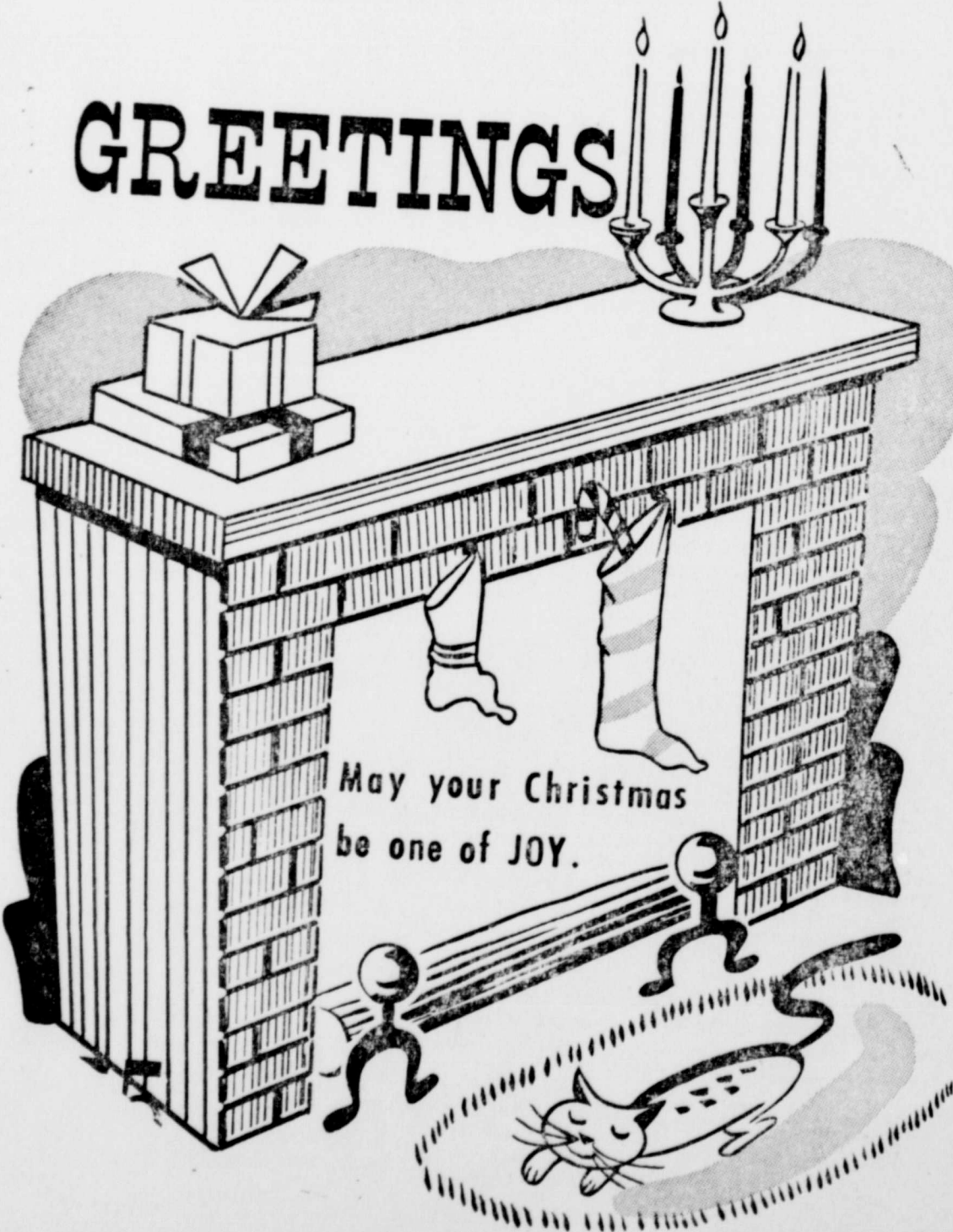
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GREETINGS



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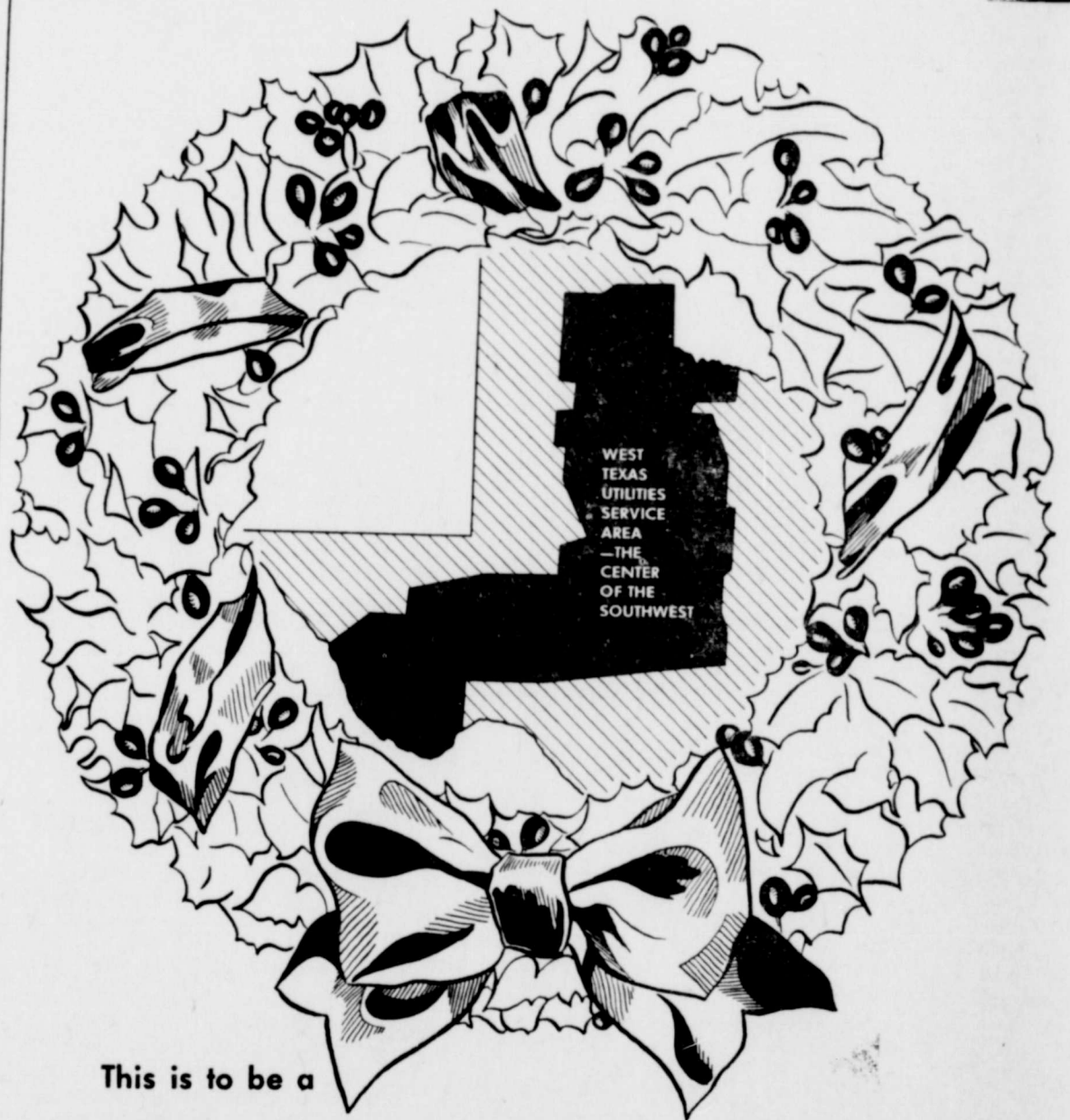
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Sterling County Livestock Show Here January 14

The Sterling County Livestock show has been set by the association for Monday, January 14. The school board has confirmed this date.

Officers of the Sterling Livestock Association are Clinton Hodges, president; Ross Foster, vice-president; Billy R. Bynum, treasurer and Arthur Barlemann secretary.

The 1963 show will have classes for light, heavy and pens of three crossbred lambs; light, heavy and pens of three finewool lambs; champion and reserve champion crossbred lambs and champion and reserve champion finewool lambs. As in the past shows, there will be a class for registered Rambouillet rams,

lambs, and two tooth, and a class for registered Rambouillet ewes, lambs and two tooth. New classes for the 1963 show will include a class for registered Suffolk rams, lambs and two tooth; a class for registered Suffolk ewes, lambs and two tooth. The pen of three range ewe lambs has been reinstated for the 1963 show. This class has also been reinstated in the San Angelo Fat Stock Show to be held in March.

Ribbons and money prizes will be awarded to the exhibitors of the first eight lambs in each of the crossbred lamb classes and three places will be given in the pens of three crossbred lambs. The top ten lambs in each of the finewool classes will receive ribbons and money prizes, and the top five pens of three finewool lambs will receive ribbons and money prizes. Three money and ribbons will be awarded in each of the Rambouillet Suffolk and range ewe lamb classes.

The trophies for the champions has been changed for the 1963 show. Trophies and donors for the following classes have been confirmed to date:

- Champion Suffolk Ram—Ralph Davis
 - Champion Suffolk Ewe—Chesley McDonald
 - Champion Range Ewe Lambs—William & J. Q. Foster
 - Champion Crossbred Lamb—Alvie Cole
 - Champion Finewool Lamb—L.R. Reed rotating plaque. Won 1st year by Fred Fields
 - Champion Finewool Lamb—Mrs. Lelah Bird
 - Champion Rambouillet Ram—Noratadata Club
 - Champion Rambouillet Ewe—Epsilon Zeta Club
- Chesley McDonald will be superintendent of the show with Gene Alley as assistant. Worth Durham will serve as sales clerk, assisted by Eddie Braswell. Riley King will be the auctioneer for the lamb

sale which has been set for 1:00 p.m. so the buyers will have time to go on to Robert Lee for the Coke County show which is the same date. The Methodist ladies will serve dinner in the community center, and the local 4-H Club and FFA chapter will have the concession stand operated in the show barn.

Members of the Sterling County Livestock Association are taking contributions from anyone wanting to help with the local show, and anyone interested in contributing to the showfund, which includes money to pay for the ribbons, prize money for winning lambs and breeding sheep, money to pay the judge and other incidental expenses may contact any member of the association. They are Dayton Barrett, Gene Alley, Ralph Davis, Worth Durham, Forrest Foster, Bubba Foster, Tommy Foster, Reynolds Foster, Ross Foster, William Foster, Clinton Hodges, Riley King, Chesley McDonald, Ewing McEntire, Roland Lowe, Neal J. Reed and Billy Ralph Bynum.

Livestock Show Judge Named

Thomas C. Newman, assistant County agent of Midland County, has been secured as judge for the Sterling County Livestock Show on January 14 according to Arthur Barlemann, Jr. Newman will judge all classes at the county show.

Tommy is a Coleman native. A graduate of A&M College, he was a member of the college livestock judging team and took part in judging contests at Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Fort Worth and other places. After graduation he went to Midland County where he is assistant county agent. During the time he has been in Midland, he has worked with a number of good lamb feeders and has produced winners in a number of state and district shows.

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 deviations 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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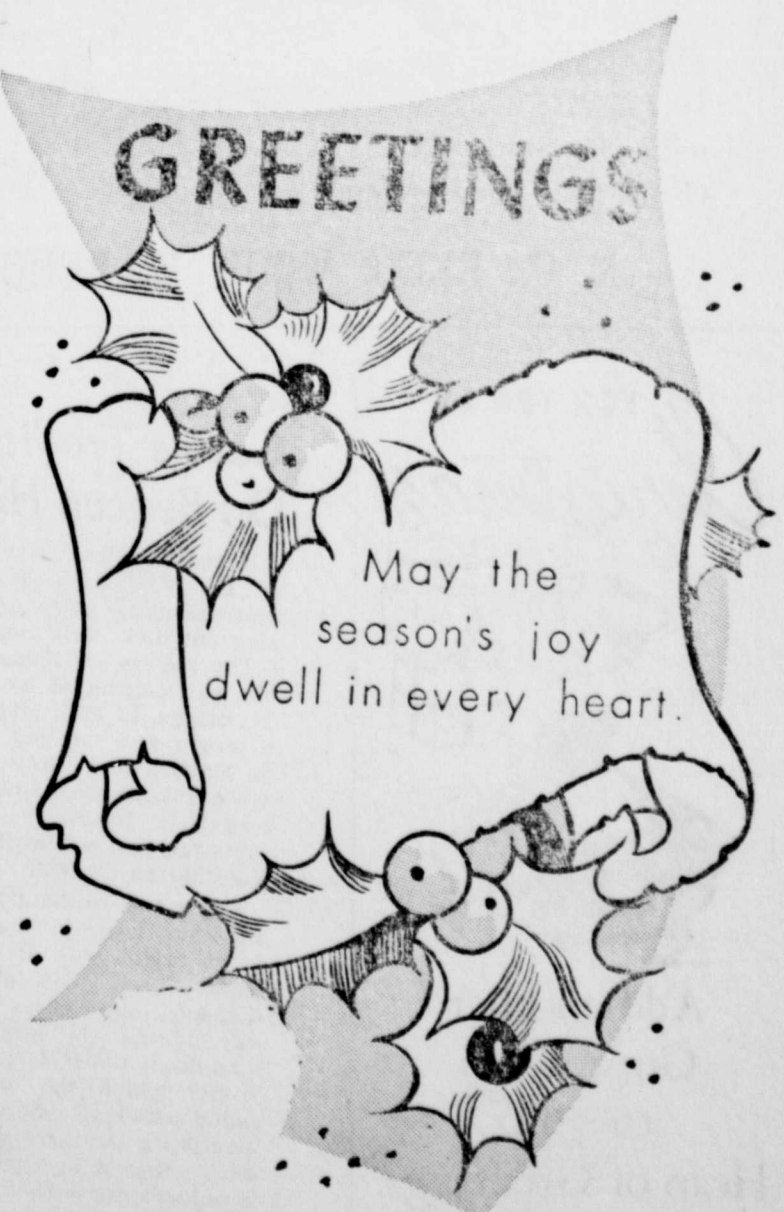
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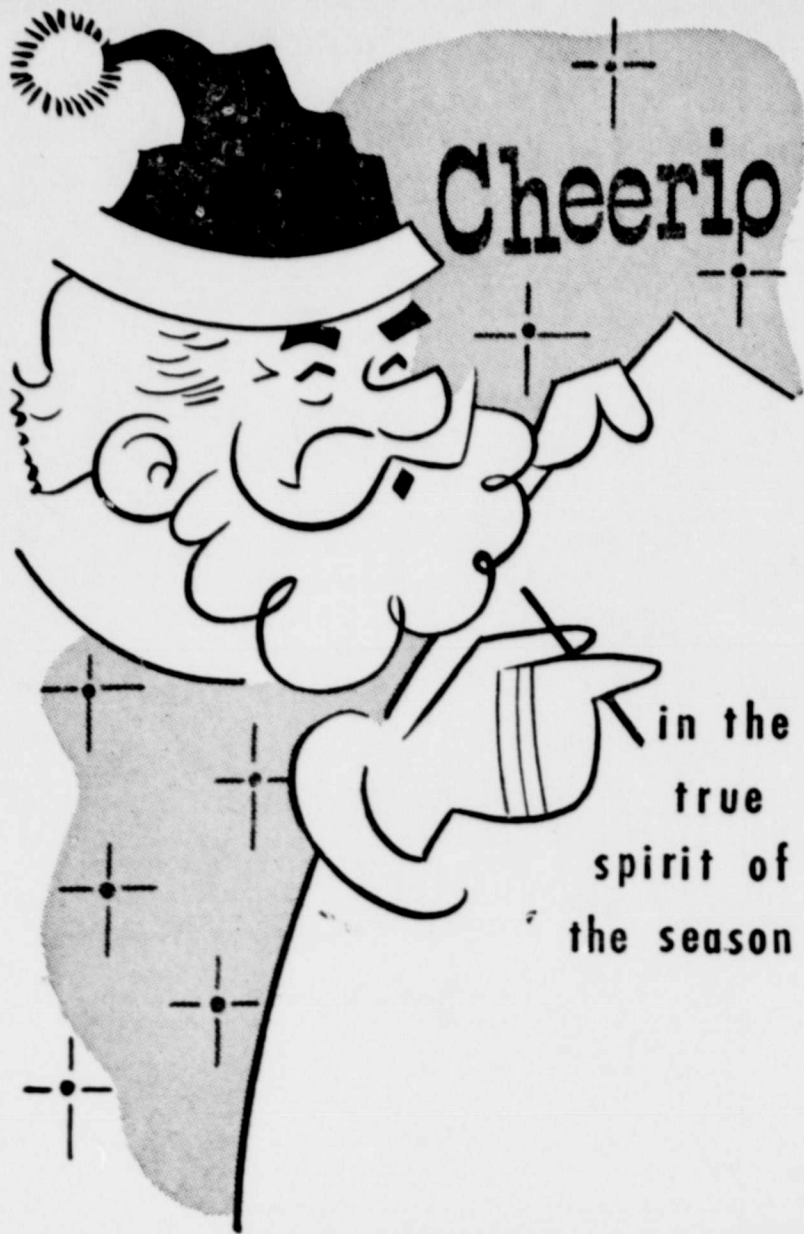
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Every Christmas Eve the lights of Boston's Beacon Hill shine more brightly as happy carolers sing out their Yuletide greetings.

The custom of Beacon Hill carols was originated by Frederick W. Briggs, in 1895, after spending a merry and musical evening in an English town. In recent years some 150,000 Christmas celebrators have joined the wandering minstrels in celebrating Joyous Yuletide on the Hill.

From the brilliantly illuminated State House to Charles Street, from aristocratic Beacon Street right over the Hill into the slum districts, old houses beam holiday tidings. Carolers stream up and down the Hill, past mansion fronts which are gaily illuminated with vari-colored lights. At Louisburg Square, guests toast each other with eggnog and the evening rings with the sounds of good fellowship and the echo of happy Yuletide greetings.

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Charles Dickens' famous Christmas Carol was not the most popular of his Christmas stories during his lifetime, nor was it the one he hoped to be remembered by.

Dr. Ada Nisbet, who did extensive research for a book on the famous English author, states that the most popular of Dickens' Christmas stories in his day was "The Cricket on the Hearth," a poignant story of a father who tries to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life.

"It outdid Dickens' familiar tale of Scrooge and Tiny Tim by two to one," says Dr. Nisbet, an associate professor of English on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California. "Two weeks after its appearance in 1845 dramatic versions of 'The Cricket' were playing at 12 different theatres in London alone."

Dickens' own favorite of his many Christmas stories, and the one he hoped would give him lasting fame, was "The Chimes." As he was writing it, he enthusiastically wrote a friend that it "would knock 'The Carol' out of the field."

But the public did not take to "The Chimes," probably because it was filled with uncomfortable topical satire. "The Christmas Carol" survived and became increasingly popular, Dr. Nisbet believes, because it is cheerful and "Christmasy," with a social doctrine shapeless enough to be acceptable to all.

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."



TALKING TO SANTA . . . It's an old, old story that's new every year for thousands of children, this visiting Santa in the big department store to talk about what's to be in the Christmas stocking. Most always, there's a proud parent standing nearby to do a little prompting if necessary.



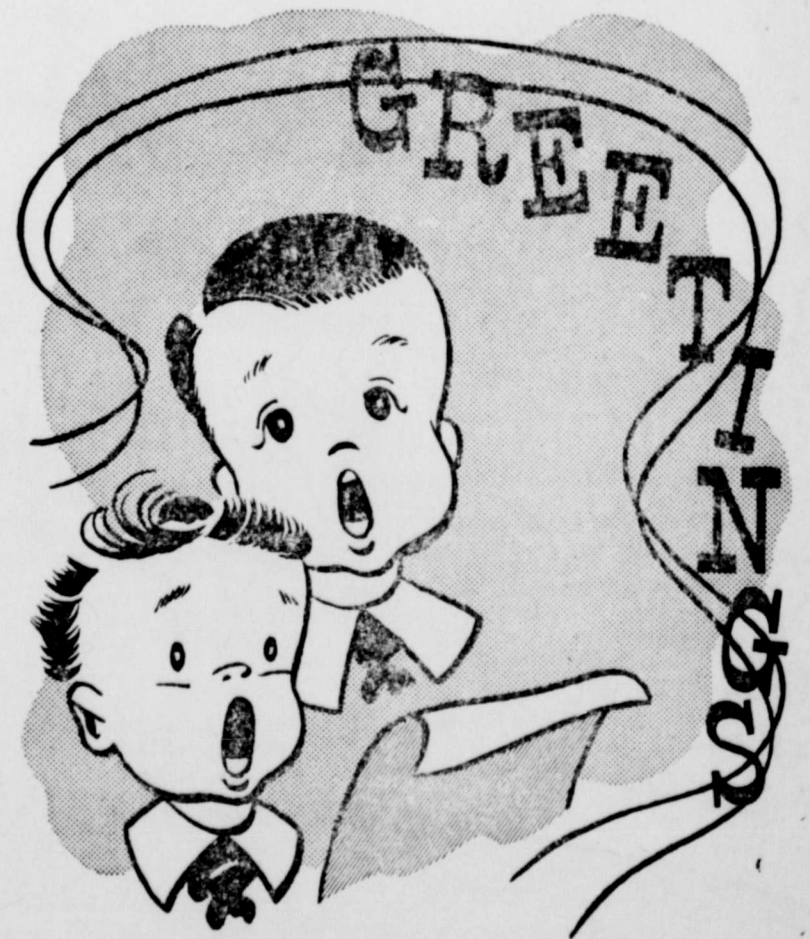
As Christmas is the most universally celebrated of all world holidays, so is the expression "Merry Christmas" the most universal of all greetings. Here is an interesting game based upon this Yuletide salutation. See if you can match the greeting at left with the proper language on the right:

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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.



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SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS

The appearance of holiday decorations on streets and in windows of stores and homes is a sure sign, but there are also other ways to tell that Christmas is not too far away. You can count the days until Christmas on your fingers when:

Department store clerks are "extra" friendly and courteous. Strangers begin to smile and speak to you on the street.

Children never fail to say "Sir" and "Ma'am."

The bus driver sees you running—and waits an extra minute.

The grouchy neighbor across the street smiles and waves as you go by.

Someone offers to help Mom do the dishes.

You find yourself suddenly feeling fine and looking at the world through rose colored glasses.



NOEL, NOEL . . . There is plenty of expression in the singing of these youngsters, members of the choir at a Washington, D. C., infant home.

Mistletoe Facts

Mistletoe traditions are said to have begun with the ancient Druids, who attributed great powers to the plant. It was supposed to keep away witches and prevent diseases, to encourage fertility and good luck. Mistletoe means "all heal."

Animals and Christmas

Possibly because animals have always been associated with the scene of the birth of the Child Jesus, children in some parts of France believe that animals are given the power to speak at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Trimming the Tree

The manner in which it is decorated can take away or add to the appearance of the most beautiful Christmas tree. Too often, the number of lights used to trim a tree is arrived at by guesswork and the results are disappointingly "spotty" or "lopsided." Professionals achieve good lighting effects by using this formula: Height of tree (in feet) x width of tree at base (in feet) x 3. If your tree is 6 feet high and 4½ feet wide at the base, the formula goes like this: 6 x 4½ x 3 = 81 lights for a good lighting effect.



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS . . . In olden days, carolers were as much a part of the Christmas scene as holly and mistletoe and each year this custom of bringing the songs of the season from house to house is finding new popularity.

**'Hansel and Gretel'
Join the Procession**

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Englebert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes — Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.

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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.

Merry Christmas



May we knock
on your door
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our Holiday Greeting?

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What's Doing in the Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Marion H. Hays, Minister
Bible school 10:00 a.m.
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Classes 6:00 p.m.
Night Worship 7:00 p.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.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. 7:00 p.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
John Gibbs, Pastor
Church school 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

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

ST. PASCHAL BAYLON CATHOLIC CHURCH
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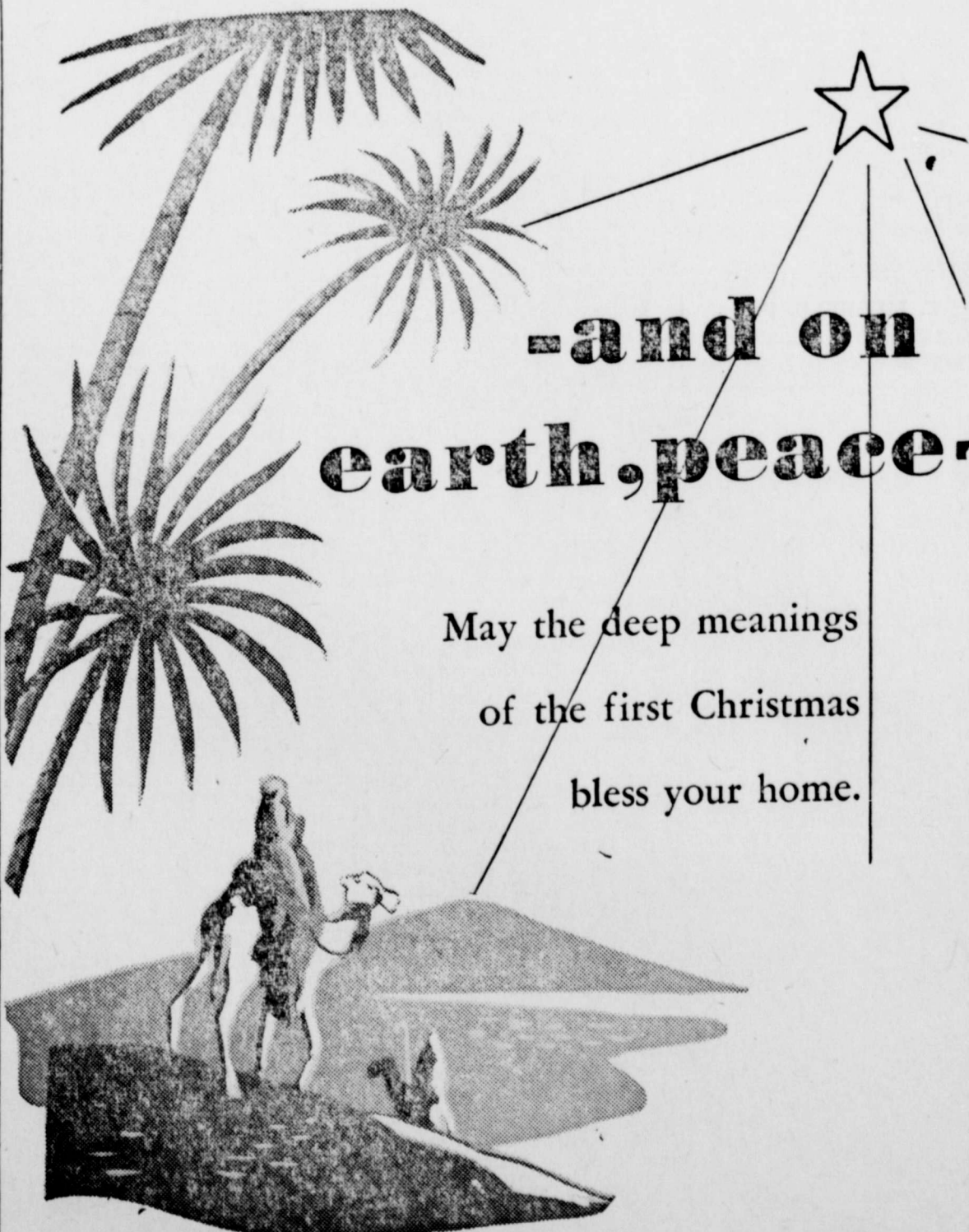
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Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.



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The Federal Land Bank of Houston has announced that effective on January 1, 1963, it will reduce temporarily to 5% the interest rate on all outstanding loans which presently bear a rate in excess of 5%. The contract rate on new loans will continue to be 5 1/2% but interest on loans closed on and after December 1, 1962, will be billed at 5% until further notice by the bank.

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 The children of Arthur and Dovie Reed.

Garrett Beauty Shop To Be Open Monday
 Betty Garrett, owner of the Garrett Beauty Shop here, announced this week that her beauty shop would be open on Monday, December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moore and family of Sidney, Nebraska have been here visiting his parents, the M.D. Moores.

Jack Asbill, student at McMurry College, Abilene, is home for Christmas.

Charlie Coombes, district manager of the West Texas Utilities Co. was here on a business and goodwill tour Monday afternoon. Charlie comes up to check up on local manager Wayne Loury.

FOR SALE—20 Victor steel traps ironing board, iron, 2 vacuum cleaners, gas heaters and electric cook stove or range. T.H. Murrell, 8-4221.

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Social Security
 Over fifty million people have worked long enough under social security to qualify for cash disability benefits if they become disabled. This means that they have social security credits for five years (20 quarters) out of the past ten years, Floyd B. Ellington, district manager of the San Angelo Social Security office said. In the case of a severe disability, the worker and his dependents may be eligible for monthly cash social security disability benefits if he meets this work requirement. It is not necessary to be completely helpless to qualify for social security disability benefits. These benefits are payable to those who suffer from a crippling disease or a severe impairment which makes them unable to do any substantial work.
 Disabled adult sons and daughters of retired, deceased, or disabled workers may also receive childhood disability benefits if they become disabled before they reached age 18.
 Anyone suffering a severe disability which prevents him from doing any substantial work should get in touch with the local social security office to determine his eligibility under the Social Security disability program, Ellington stated. He may be losing benefits if he fails to apply for them promptly. The social security district office will explain to disabled workers and their families their rights under the law.

ABOUT READY TO RETIRE?
 Are you about to retire? Then ask the social security office for their new booklet, "Now That You Are Retiring." It contains advice and useful information for persons nearing retirement.
 Floyd B. Ellington, social security district manager in San Angelo, said the publication was prepared because of numerous requests from persons at retirement age. They wanted information that would help them get full satisfaction and enjoyment from their later years. The



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