

# BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

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## Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

### Community Unites To Bring Cheer To Needy

#### Foodstuffs, Toys, and Clothing Being Gathered Together

It is Christmas Time for practically everyone in this vicinity. There are, however, more families than we think for, right in this community, to whom Christmas Day will be just another day, unless active steps are taken at once to bring them a part of the Christmas cheer that is every American's right.

It is with this idea in mind that the churches have united, and are cooperating with the community in general, in gathering food, clothing, toys, and other things, to be delivered to the needy on Christmas Eve.

The County Welfare Office, according to the chairman, Mrs. Pearl Simpson, will be used as headquarters for compiling the articles and money to be given. The Welfare Office, has several families on the roll, who are being helped regularly through this office. It is hoped that many more families may be helped this Christmas through the community, churches and lodges cooperation.

Already, something over fifty dollars has been given in cash for Christmas relief, and the names of these donors will be found on the large "Go to Church Christmas" advertisement to be found on an inside page of this paper.

If you have any clothing, outgrown or outstayed, or any other gift, that you would like to donate, tell any of the ministers, or the case worker, and a car will call for the articles. Old clothing, useable toys, foodstuffs, canned goods, magazines are among the things you might find in your home, that will make some more unfortunate person happy.

While most of the folks have made their needs partly known to the case worker, there are several others, no doubt, who will have a very bare Christmas unless the "helping hand movement" reaches them also. If you know of any person or family who are in need, but for various reasons have never made their needs known, turn the name in to the County Welfare office or any church and the committee will see that a basket is sent.

Be a good fellow this Christmas!

**Swisher Farmer Killed**  
A freak accident claimed the life of Clyde King, Swisher wheat farmer last week. While working on his car in an Estelline garage, his head was crushed when the car fell from the jack. He was a World War veteran, according to the Tulia Herald.

#### NEWS BITS

Neighboring Newspapers

**Year Old Girl Robber**  
Oliver, 15, showed no remorse, says the Donley County sheriff, when she was returned to prison to await trial for the robbery of a Clarendon filling station by three men, one of whom she had confessed. The girl's net worth was \$7,500.

**Claude Man Dead**  
Claude Knight, 79-year-old Claude man, died last Tuesday after a short illness. He was one of the old timers of the community and was associated with the Farmall-Harold Hardware, which was located in the Claude territory for forty years.

**Matador Fires**  
Two fires last night destroyed the Matador entirely, including the contents of Joe Smith. The fire occurred while the Matador was at church. The fire broke out at the Farmall-Harold Hardware, but was brought under control before serious damage was done.

#### MIMSLEY - TIPTON

The wedding of the Calvary Church was the scene of a joyous affair, Wednesday, Dec. 6, when Miss Annabelle Mimsley and Mr. Chafe Tipton were united in marriage by Rev. H. H. Tipton.

Tipton is the daughter of Mrs. L. A. McJimmey of Silverton. She graduated from the Silverton with the class of 1939. She is a charming, accomplished young lady, who has a circle of friends in and out of Silverton.

Tipton came here a year ago and is now in the employ of the F. M. Autrey place southeast of Silverton. She has made many friends here and is sure to be remembered here after the first of the year.

#### Antelope Flat News

Edna and son Jack took a short trip to the Fort Worth market last week.

Antelope Flat School bus driver Lakewood busser carried school children to Memphis for Santa Claus parade Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mr. Dan Dean and Zack Lutz were in Memphis Friday. Mrs. J. C. Bullock spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bullock of Vigo Park.

Mrs. Elmer Sanders, Mrs. Sanders and son Leon were in Memphis Friday. Mrs. Sim Rhoades attended a dance in the Joe Ritter hall at Clarendon on Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Brown and Betty Jean were in Memphis Saturday.

J. C. Bullock and children and Mary Jo, and Emma Graves were in Memphis Saturday. Clinton and Mary attended band practice while in Memphis.

Henry Foster of Lakeview and the J. C. Bullock home were in Memphis Saturday.

Mrs. C. S. Graves and Earl were in Memphis Saturday.

Bullock and son Gail were in Memphis Saturday. Charles and they home.

A dollar offer is nearly over!



### "Shoppers Guide"

This special Christmas Merchandising Edition of the Briscoe County News, is we believe, one of the best papers we have ever published. It contains twenty-four pages of news and ads, and it is intended that every home in the county receive a copy. The Briscoe County News force wishes to thank everyone who has helped make this paper possible... and that means in particular, the merchants who are using it to send you their "Christmas Story".

Has Sent Word For All Kiddles To Meet Him Here at 2:30

#### Plenty of Candy For All The Youngsters

Definite word was received Thursday from Mr. S. Claus, of the North Pole country, that he would arrive in Silverton about two-thirty Saturday afternoon, with plenty of Christmas treats for all the kids. In fact he has already sent the candy on ahead, in order that he might travel easier. He didn't say word about how he was coming, but it is supposed that he will make the trip in his invisible sky-going sleigh which is pulled by the invisible reindeer. He said that he would meet the band here somewhere, and march into town with the Silverton band. Here on this page we are printing a picture of Santa Claus and the reindeer. The picture was made several years ago, back in the days when there was snow on the ground at Christmas time.

The Silverton band, under the direction of Mr. Terry, has worked out a nice program to present while Old Santa and his helpers distribute the treats.

The Briscoe County News this week is just loaded with advertisements from the live merchants of the town, telling you of their Christmas merchandise and prices. Come to Silverton Saturday and do your Christmas shopping, and bring the kiddies to see Santa Claus and hear a good band concert.

Old Santa put a P. S. on his letter, saying that there are only eight more shopping days, and also said that selection of gifts, will be comparatively simple, if you let your home town merchants help you make selection in their stores. Let's take Old Santa at his word, when he says, "Mail this a Trade at Home Christmas."

#### AGGIE BRIEFS

By LOOE MILLER  
Secretary Briscoe Co. Committee

##### Special Notice

All farmers in Briscoe County are urged to be present at the election to be held Monday, December 18, at 2:00 P. M. The Silverton Community will meet at the District Court Room. The Quitaque Community will meet in the High School Auditorium. The Chairman of the Community Committee will be in charge of the election. The purpose of this meeting is to elect community committeemen and a delegate from each community who will in turn appoint the county committeemen.

The result of the Marketing Quota Referendum of Briscoe County is as follows:

FOR	AGAINST
84 Silverton Community	35
103 Quitaque Community	11
14 Antelope Community	1

The above results gave 81 per cent in Briscoe County in favor of marketing quota.

We observe from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the incomplete report of the State is 81.3 per cent in favor over the State. Approximately 50 per cent of the eligible voters of the county voted.

**Ever-Normal Granary**  
Briscoe County has 294 all-risk wheat insurance policies, with an insured production of 202,413 bushels for 1940. This insurance as premium. Most insurance is for costing the farmer 45,017 bushels covers 31,490 acres in the county 75 per cent coverage of the normal yield. In 1939 we put 46,579 bushels under the 1939 wheat loan. We also had indemnities paid on 130 out of 139 policies sold in the county on the 1939 crop. Farmers collected 71,702 bushels for loss or the cash equivalent of \$33,237.

Wheat stored as premiums on crop insurance under the loan is part of the Ever-Normal Granary and serves to alleviate economic distress among producers and consumers caused by crop failures due to drought and other causes.

Wheat paid in as premiums on crop insurance is held in reserve

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#### ROUTE BOX HOLDERS SHOULD GET MAIL IN BOX

According to Postmaster Clay Fowler, the custom of handing out route mail through the office window must be discontinued for a short while during the Christmas mail rush. It will be a big favor to the post office force, he says, if those with boxes on the route, will wait for their mail to come out on the route.

Christmas time is undoubtedly the busiest time of the year for the post office employees. All packages must be wrapped this year, in plain wrapping paper, according to government regulation. All packages of value should be insured. All packages too, must have the address printed plainly, and with the sender's name and return address given.

Millions and millions of pieces of mail pass through the post offices of the nation during the holidays, and with very few mistakes made. You can do your part toward accurate mail service by observing the above regulations.

Mrs. Elma Baker of Plainview visited this week in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Newman and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watters.

#### Letters to Santa:

##### MRS W. COFFEE, JR. HONORED

Mrs. W. Coffee, Jr. was awarded a life membership in the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. This was given her at the zone meeting of the society at Tulia, December 7th. The reward came from the fine work which she has done in the society. She will receive a pin from the society.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gregg and Miss Lizzie Gregg were in Plainview Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson and victor spent the week end in Clovis, New Mexico visiting relatives.

Mrs. Edna Doak came Tuesday to spend a few days with her mother Mrs. J. B. Porter. They are leaving Saturday to visit a daughter in Kellerville and will go from there to Mrs. Doak's home at Grady, New Mexico.

Note to Santa—renew your friends' subscription while it is still a dollar.

#### NATIONAL AAU CHAMPS TO PLAY IN PANHANDLE

Basket ball fans will be treated with some of the best basket ball ever played in this section when the Galveston Anicos, National AAU Champions, meets the Wayside High School girls in the Tulia High School Gym at eight o'clock Friday night, Saturday night in Burton Gym, Canyon, Texas, and Monday night in the Happy High School gym. The charges will be 15c and 35c. These two teams met in a two game series at Galveston last November 29 and 30. The American Nationals won the series but not until after the Wayside girls had given them a good scare. The last game went into the final period with the American Nationals trailing 9 to 12, only to have them forge ahead in the last few minutes of play to win, 23-13.

The American Nationals' team is made up of All-American and All-State players. They have several All-Americans who have helped win the National Championship for two straight years. Among them are Ruth Dean, forward; Lottie Jackson, a pivot player, and one of the best in the world; Oleta Jones, a forward from Allison, Texas, and Helen Cathcart, a guard. Jamie Ruth Deardard of Meadow, Texas is also a flash who will see a great deal of service.

The Wayside girls have two all-state players, Lahoma Payne, a five foot ten inch guard, and Lucille Moore a five foot seven inch forward.

Fans will see more All-American and All-State players in action these three nights than ever before in the history of this section.

Mrs. John Kitchens had as her guest over the week end, Miss Ann Weaver of Fort Worth, who is a friend of Mr. Buck Pool. Miss Weaver is a very talented young lady, being a graduate registered nurse and is employed by the All Saints Hospital, Fort Worth.

The First Baptist W. M. U. met Monday afternoon in Royal Service. Mrs. Hugh Stodghill, as Royal Service chairman had arranged a very interesting program. Seventeen members were present. Next Monday is regular Mission Study day.

Mrs. R. E. Douglas and Mrs. Wynne Bomar visited Wednesday and Thursday with their daughters, Gaynelle and Wynona who are attending W. T. S. T. C.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy that lives 8 miles east of Silverton and I want you to bring me a little red wagon with rubber tires, rubber tractor and car, and a farm.

Carroll Dean Welch

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a doctor and nurse set if you cannot bring me a bicycle. Please bring my big sister a camera.

Your little friend,  
Lanette Sherman

Dear Santa:

I want a doll, a lot of candy and fruit, a cedar chest and a doll house. I hope you are good to everybody and happy Christmas for you.

Your friend,  
Glyn Marie Carthel

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a wrist watch, a house coat, some house shoes, a cedar chest, and some little dishes. Also bring me some candy and nuts. I have been a very good little girl and I hope to see you on the twenty-fifth.

Betty Laverna Dickerson

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a pretty doll, a color book, a little iron, and some candy, apples and nuts. I hope you will bring all the little boys and girls something. Thank you.

Helen Beth Joiner

Dear Santa:

I would like very much to have a ring and a Betsy-Wetsy doll and also some oranges, apples, nuts and candy.

Yours truly,  
Betty Lou Olive

Dear Santa Claus:

It is Christmas time again and I am going to tell you what I want. I want a doll, a house coat, a buggy, and a jumping rope. I have been a very good little girl, and I hope to see you Christmas, as I see you every year in Silverton. Goodbye, I must close.

Jo Ann Ziegler

Louie Kitchens and Miss Gaynelle Douglas, accompanied by Buck Pool and Miss Ann Weaver of Fort Worth enjoyed an outing Sunday, visiting in Amarillo, Canyon, and Palo Duro Park.

#### WANT ADS

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—General Motors electric radio, and DeLaval Junior cream separator. 37-1tc

See SILAS ELLIS

**FOR SALE** - good used butane gas stove; one natural gas range. I have some real bargains in new farm gas plants. 361f

FOWLER APPLIANCE CO.

**WANTED TO BUY** - used oil cook stove. Inquire at the News office. 35 ?

#### GOOD USED CARS for sale

One 39 DeLuxe V-8 Ford  
One 39 Tudor Chevrolet  
One 37 Tudor V-8 Ford  
One 38 Tudor V-8 Ford  
One 38 1-ton V-8 Ford pickup  
One 37 Half-ton Pickup  
All in good shape and priced to sell. FOWLER MOTOR CO. 36

**FOR SALE**—565 acres improved land 2 miles east and 4 north of Silverton. \$19 per acre. 37-1tp  
Irvin F. Allen, 209 W. Oakenwald Dallas, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Good electric range. Good shape. 37-1tc  
J. V. Peeler, Texas-N. M. Utilities

#### HAPPY LANDING?



Charming Frock  
For Little Ladies

THIS frock (8587) is so devastatingly becoming to fashion-wise moppets that you needn't be surprised if your own small daughter develops a slight superiority complex when she puts it on! From a high waistline, the full skirt ripples about her dimpled knees. The sleeves puff out like little balloons. There's ador-



able quaintness in the cut of the top. Pattern includes panties, and it's quick and easy to make.

Gingham, linen, batiste or challis are pretty everyday materials for this frock. A party version will be sweet in organdy or taffeta, dimity or dotted Swiss, with ribbon instead of braid for trimming.

Pattern No. 8587 is designed for sizes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years. Size 3 requires 1 1/2 yards of 35-inch fabric for the dress; 3/4 yard for panties. To trim with two rows of braid or bias fold requires 8 1/2 yards.

Send your order with 15 cents (in coins) To The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., Room 1324, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. (Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)



Object of Government

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.—Jefferson.

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Don't risk scarring your skin and spreading infection by squeezing unsightly pimples and blackheads. Just apply powerfully soothing Zemo—amazingly successful Doctor's formula which quickly relieves itching soreness and starts right in to help nature promote FAST healing. Results from few days' use of Zemo should thrill you! Its marvelous medication has long been approved by leading skin specialists. So clean, dainty—yet so EFFECTIVE. Ointment or Liquid form. Used in best homes yet costs only 35¢, 60¢, \$1.

Weak Consciences

It is not because men's desires are strong that they act ill; it is because their consciences are weak.—J. S. Mill.



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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Sharper World Power Lineup  
Results From Russ-Finn Clash;  
Japan, Italy Maintain Silence

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)  
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INTERNATIONAL:

Finlandia

Russia's invasion of Finland provided the first authentic touch of fierce conflict which observers have seen in the European cat-and-dog fight which started September 1. Carnage was spreading but so was peace talk, because most of the civilized world (except Germany and Japan) was outspoken in its denunciation of Soviet aggression.

Plucky, even though pathetically outnumbered, the Finns surprised most military experts by stalemating the enemy along a 750-mile front. Off Hango, one Russian de-



RUSSIAN WEAPON

Top photo shows how Soviet troops are bedded down in wing compartments. Over site of attack they are parachuted (below) to the ground.

stroyer was sunk and two others badly damaged by coastal batteries. While civilians fled bomb-wrecked Helsingfors, hardy soldiers fought off the Soviet advance in the north. They even drove the invader from snow-bound Petsamo after the Russians had taken that city with a new weapon—soldiers dropped by parachute.

There was no hope for negotiation, nor did Finland expect to hold out very long. Foreign Minister Vaino Tanner appealed to the world for "effective help" as well as sympathy. Later he tried to reopen negotiations with Moscow through the Swedish minister there, but only a few hours earlier the Soviet had made its own peace—with a puppet "democratic" republic of Finland. Finally, in desperation, Finland appealed to the League of Nations.

Embarrassment

For three years the frightened league has "played dead" whenever a political question was broached. Last spring Secretary-General Joseph A. C. Avenol ignored Albania's protest during the Italian invasion, and a recently scheduled meeting to hear Poland's protest over her Russian-German invasion was politely called off for fear of embarrassing the Kremlin. Reason: Russia's Ivan Maisky is league president.

This time the league had its last chance to gain international respect. Secretary Avenol dispatched the Finnish protest under pressure from France and Britain, who saw a chance of forcing Russia to show her hand. This hope was dashed when Russia announced she would not attend the meeting. Nor did any observer expect the lesser neutral nations to support either side in this controversy.

Instead the peace seekers looked to Italy, a non-leaguer, and Japan, whose foreign policy since Septem-

ber 1 has been as coherent as the gibberish of a Mongolian idiot. Officially the Italian government was sphynx-like, but there was no doubt about the feelings of a mob of uniformed Fascists who cheered before Rome's Finnish legation and hooted before the Soviet embassy. Though moving softly, the fine Italian hand was seen encouraging formation of an anti-Communist bloc in the Balkan states, where the Soviet bear will positively strike next.

Germany was silent, and with good reason. To denounce the Reds after Adolf Hitler's great show of friendship with Moscow would mean either (1) the repudiation of Der Fuehrer and a subsequent admission that the allies are right, or (2) a simultaneous war on two fronts against two hostile enemies (Russia on the east and the allies on the west). But a good sign of the average Nazi's sentiments was the profane demonstration in Hungary's parliament.

How about Japan? Britain believed the recent Jap-Russian truce had paved the way for Finland's invasion, but Shanghai and Tokyo observers thought otherwise. Said an anonymous Jap army major: "It is a good lesson. It proves that we have always suspected, that Russia cannot be trusted."

Japan, Italy and Russia were obviously the nations to be watched, but no one could accurately predict their moves.

The Other War

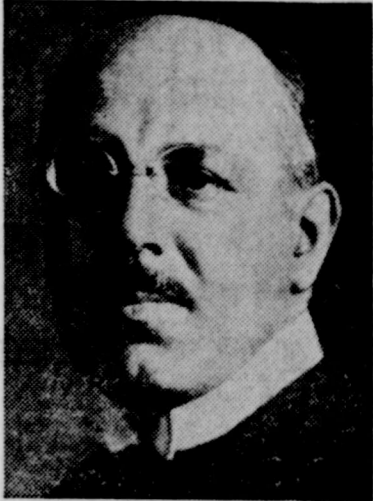
Thousands of older French soldiers were released from the western front as the allies settled on their new strategy: Fighting Germany with seapower and economics instead of land offensives. There was no great show of seapower, although the disastrous allied shipping losses from Germany's magnetic mines had apparently been stopped. British aviators bombed Heligoland, the Reich's North sea naval base, claiming they had scored direct hits on several warships. But the biggest news was the new allied blockade on all German exports, designed to strangle the Reich's sources of foreign exchange. In the middle of this strange warfare the Vatican dropped an even stranger—though promising—note. Pope Pius XII suggested the warring nations declare a Christmas truce.

American Reaction

Thoroughly startled when Russia ignored his plea that civilian bombings be avoided in the Soviet-Finnish invasion, President Roosevelt issued an unprecedented statement: "Despite efforts made to solve the dispute by peaceful methods . . . one power has chosen to resort to arms."

This silenced spiteful critics who hoped to capitalize by pointing out how the President had erred in recognizing Russia back in 1933. But it didn't silence New York's Communist *Daily Worker*, whose front-page editorial accused the U. S. of provoking war against Russia "by using Finland as a pawn."

Next the President asked manufacturers and exporters of planes to remember "the unprovoked bombing



LEAGUE'S AVENOL  
Last chance?

and machine-gunning of civilian populations from the air" before negotiating any more contracts with the Soviet. Not content with this "moral embargo," many a congressional leader began yelling for severance of diplomatic relations with Russia. First among them was Texas' red-baiting Rep. Martin Dies. Idaho's Sen. William Borah, on the other hand, felt the U. S. "can best serve the cause of peace . . . by making every reasonable effort to maintain normal relations with all warring nations."

Comment from Britain's publicity-wise George Bernard Shaw: "Finland would probably not have refused the Russian offer . . . had she been acting . . . in her own interests, but Russia believes that Finland thinks she has the backing of America and other western powers."

Meanwhile, the Finnish legation in Washington announced calmly that its ever-prompt war debt payment of \$234,693 will be made as due this month.

NEWS QUIZ

(Know your news? One hundred is perfect score, and deduct 20 for each question you miss. Any score below 60 isn't to be bragged about.)



1. This man is eating breakfast. Who is he, and what important political step did he recently take?
2. In New York, George ("Romeo") Lowther III, whose wooing of Eileen ("Juliet") Herrick was opposed by her parents, obtained a court order and a 10-day truce after which he was supposed to be free to marry the girl. Did he?
3. Princess Louise of England, daughter of the late Queen Victoria, made news in what way?
4. What swept across the Philippines: (A) a diphtheria epidemic; (B) a typhoon; (C) a spirit of independence.
5. Petsamo, in northern Finland, site of a fierce Finnish-Russian battle, has a temperate climate even though it's inside the Arctic circle. Why?

POLITICS:

Norris Advice

Not until the Jackson day dinners January 8—if not later—is President Roosevelt expected to say yes or no on the third-term issue. Early this month, while Washington correspondents did their best to trip up the President on a commitment, Nebraska's sage old Sen. George Norris gave the White House some advice: Say nothing "No other leader . . . until a commitment is unavoidable. His reasoning:

"The President is the ideal leader of the common man, and if he should be eliminated from the scene now, no other leader could unite the progressive people . . . in a fight against a united, reactionary enemy . . . The progressive element would be divided into groups which would go down to defeat in a convention where the united opposition might succeed in nominating a reactionary . . ."

COURTS:

Labor Defeat

Painful to 57 corporations, individuals and organizations was the Supreme court's decision upholding a justice department anti-trust suit. The decision held them liable to prosecution, charged with fixing milk prices, controlling supply and suppressing competition in the Chicago area. Most pained, however, was labor. Reason: One defendant is the milk wagon drivers union.

Thus is Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold freed to prosecute organized labor in his investigation of building trades, a probe which was opposed by A. F. of L.'s President William Green on the ground that unions are exempted from such anti-trust prosecution by the Clayton act.

But labor's fear goes deeper than that. If the justice department is upheld against labor unions in its building trades conspiracy case, the unions can be prosecuted in restraint of trade every time they call a strike.

MISCELLANY:

Ouster

Dragged from his office and fired because Gov. E. D. Rivers said he was using the "prestige" of his office to further his political ambitions, Georgia's Highway Commissioner W. Linton Miller began fighting for reinstatement.

Terminal

At Kansas City, four railway companies (Santa Fe, Burlington, Rock Island and Missouri Pacific) planned to spend \$1,000,000 on a new produce terminal, making the city a mid-western market center.

Subsoil

In Mexico's supreme court, where is being argued that nation's right to expropriate oil holdings of foreign countries, Justice Jose Maria Truchuelo argued that subsoil belongs to the nation; therefore foreign oil companies never really owned the oil.

News Quiz Answers

1. Tom Dewey, New York district attorney, who announced his 1940 G. O. P. presidential candidacy.
2. No. Though legally free, "Juliet" claimed she was still held captive.
3. She died.
4. (B) is correct. It was the worst hurricane there since 1903.
5. The Gulf Stream, which originates in the Caribbean sea some 8,000 miles away.

THE CROWDED INN

By HELEN CLARK WENTWORTH

ALL day long they had been going by the inn, camels and donkeys stirring up dust, weary men and women resting by the stream outside the inn yard. The little country maid had never seen so much travel.

Just outside the city of Jerusalem, near by the village of Bethlehem, there were plenty of people who stopped for refreshment. And Jeremiah kept a good inn. He was a good man, too. But he was hard, sparing neither man nor beast. And his niece Rebecca was hard put to do the tasks that were set before her.

"Why are there so many travelers today?" she asked the little slave girl who helped her prepare the evening meal.

"The tribesmen," replied Fatima, "are going to Jerusalem to be numbered, so that they may pay their taxes. And this will continue for years. These are not times of rejoicing and feasting for us!"

Rebecca looked up as a bearded man, leading an ass on which a young woman rode, entered the courtyard. "Is the inn keeper here?" he asked gently. "My wife and I seek shelter."

"There are no rooms left," Fatima told him, going on with her work. But Rebecca looked up at the woman, whose face was weary and touched with pain.

"I will see what provision can be made," the little maid exclaimed. Her eyes never left the young woman's sweet face. The woman smiled at Rebecca, and her husband smiled too. Rebecca's face lightened eagerly and even Fatima found herself softening.

Rebecca had some difficulty finding her uncle, busy as he was with many things. Then it was hard to make him listen. "There must be some place, uncle. That new stable, with the clean straw, would be warm and comfortable. She cannot go farther, I know."

"So be it," he answered. Then, as they neared the group, he too was impressed by the young woman's beauty and the lovely warmth of her smile. "There is naught but the stable," he told them, "but Re-



Don't Marry the Girl

Day After Christmas

If you believe the early monks, don't select the day after Christmas to get married, start a new job or put on that new suit. It's Childermas day, commemorating the slaughter of the Holy Innocents by Herod, and in the early days was considered an occasion of the greatest ill-omen.

Children, according to legend, were soundly whipped Childermas day to impress on their minds the story of the baby martyrs.

So intense was the fear of this unfortunate festival that the coronation of England's King Edward IV was postponed in order to avoid the fatal date.

White House Maintains

Traditions 139 Years Old

WASHINGTON—Santa Claus makes his 139th visit to the White House this Christmas, carrying on a tradition started December 25, 1800, when Kris Kingle called on little Suzannah, granddaughter of President John Adams from Massachusetts.

The White House in those days was in an unfinished state and the great barnlike rooms were only scantily furnished, providing a great contrast to the beautifully appointed mansion of today. Yet the same joyous spirit prevailed on that Christmas morning, more than a century and a quarter ago, as that found in the White House this Yuletide.

From early years of our country, Presidents have set aside the heavy burden of state and made merry Christmas day with their families.

Christmas Tree Useful

During Rest of Winter

AMHERST, MASS.—In northern states where Christmas heralds the coming of cold winter weather, the tree that warms the living room December 25 is being put to work the balance of the winter outdoors. According to Arnold M. Davis, extension horticulturist at Massachusetts state college, fir trees can make excellent "feeding stations" for birds and offer them cozy shelter on frosty winter nights. Suet is often tied to the branches. The tree is also used to protect climbing plants, or the branches can be ripped off and laid as a mulch over low-growing plants or bulbs. Northern beekeepers find the trees handy as windbreaks.

becca will seek to make you comfortable there."

Even after she had done everything she could, and had crept into her own dark corner for the night, Rebecca found she could not forget the couple in the stable. Mary, the man had called his wife. There was such a radiance about her. "I wonder what makes her so different," Rebecca thought. And she opened her eyes.

In amazement she saw light in the courtyard, so much that it seemed the dawn must have come. But the light came from a star that shone just about the stable. Out into the yard the girl crept, and suddenly she heard a child's cry, a cooing, happy sound.

Rebecca looked about. No one was stirring. Far off, on the hillside she saw what looked like a group of men, shadowy, indistinct, seemingly moving toward Bethlehem. It must be her imagination. Possibly it was Ephraim's vineyard she saw. Soon she stood in the stable doorway.

There, lighted by a lantern, was Joseph, bending over the young woman and holding in his arms a tiny baby—her firstborn. At Rebecca's exclamation he turned, and into her outstretched arms he handed the little figure and showed her the snowy lengths of swaddling cloth. Tenderly the maid clothed the infant and laid it beside the mother.

"Thank you," Mary whispered. "For the child's sake and in His name, I thank you for what you have done. We thank her, don't we, Jesus?"

The baby opened his eyes and smiled.

"He smiled at me," Rebecca exclaimed. "I shall never forget, a new born babe smiled into my face to say thank you."

Mary drew the child into the shelter of her arms. Her eyes closed. Joseph walked to the doorway and watched Rebecca as she returned to her room. He, too, saw the clump of trees or vines, or was it a group of men on the hillside? Then he returned to the manger and settled down beside Mary and the sleeping Jesus.

Ask Me An  
A General

The Questions

1. What and where are the lairs of Hercules?
2. The cross is to Christians what is to Mohammedans?
3. In what direction earth revolve?
4. How many words Bible contain?
5. Who said, "The future race marches forward on the feet of little children?"
6. Are many wills broken litigation?
7. What is the largest insurance risk in the world?
8. What is a mucknuk?
9. What is the oldest known language?

The Answers

1. The opposite rocks of the straits to the Mediterranean at Gibraltar, known as the tar rock and Mount Hacho.
2. The crescent.
3. The earth revolves to the east.
4. The Bible contains 44,000 words.
5. Phillips Brooks.
6. Fewer than ten thousand are broken through litigation.
7. The San Francisco bridge. Two of its pillars, suffering property damage and occupancy, amount 900,000.
8. A male elephant tusks.
9. The doll.

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# THE SILVERTON OWLET

DECEMBER 14, 1939

The Voice of Silverton Students

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Let ALLIS-CHALMERS show you the way to BETTER LIVING, BETTER FARMING, MORE PROFIT.

Your Allis Chalmers Dealers Send GREETINGS:

Once again another Christmas Season has arrived, and we are glad of the opportunity to tell our friends and customers in Briscoe County that we wish them the Merriest Christmas they have ever had.

We'd like to see you personally, but since we can't, we send you our Heartiest Christmas Greetings!

Brookshier & Minyard  
R. E. Brookshier J. E. Minyard

SILVERTON, TEXAS

## OWLS TROUCE CROSBYTON IN EASY CAGE VICTORY

The Silverton Owls invaded the Crosbyton Indian territory Tuesday night and brought the bacon home with them. From the first blow of the whistle the Owls jumped into a lead and held a safe margin throughout the game. The Owls proved their superiority both in their offensive maneuvers as well in their firm resistance while on the opposite end of the court defending the Indian's goal.

The favorite sharpshooter of the evening was Jack Burleson whose accuracy in tossing the ball thru the scoring area piled up a total of ten points, making him the high point man of the game. Captain Grady Martin proved himself as a capable leader of the team by making repeated sacrifices to his team mates near the Owl basket as well as regaining possession of the ball getting it out of the danger zone by taking it off of the Indian's backboard.

Hank Brown distinguished himself as an outstanding player both offensively and defensively, using the same brand of ball on the cage court as he uses on the gridiron. Gene Arnold turned in a good game for the Owls putting up a fight against the Redskins from beginning to end. Bruce Burleson fitted into the Owl combination perfectly bringing up his end of the plays on the offensive as well as on the defense. All in all, the Owls turned in a good record for their first game of the season. The Owls will invade the Turks battleground Friday and Saturday for week end maneuvers.

Mrs. Burleson: "How did you break that dinner plate, Vivian?"  
Vivian: Well, mother, you see I threw down the towel, and then I found it was in the other hand."

## BASKETBALL NEWS

Twenty-three boys have been reporting for basketball for two weeks and are rapidly improving. They are as follows: (\* indicate the number of years player has lettered.)

- \*\*Grady Martin
- \*\*Hank Brown
- \*\*Bruce Burleson
- \*Jack Burleson
- \*W. L. Perry
- Gene Arnold
- Fred Brannon
- Robert Brooks
- O. C. Rampley
- R. H. Stodghill
- Rex Douglas
- John Henry Crow
- John Ed Bain
- Alvy Gardner
- Roy Mack Walker
- Guinn Williamson
- Billy Rampley
- Billy Gregg
- Bill Edd Stodghill
- Junior Brannon
- Monty Bob Moore
- Bobby Olive
- Lynn Welch
- Riley Yates

Six new playing uniforms have been purchased. The trunks and tops are made of satin and are maroon and white colored. The sweat suits are a bright red, trimmed in white. They are made of mole skin. You should be present and see the Owls in action at their first home game. Date will be announced later.

## SOPHOMORE PARTY

The Sophomores enjoyed a party in the Home Ec Building Saturday night. There were fourteen students and the sponsors, Mr. Terry and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon and son. Cocoa and cookies were served.



"MISTER TWEETY TWEETS"

The chances have just begun, For the best jobs haven't been started. The best work hasn't been done. — Berton Braley

Perhaps you have heard this one—if you have you can't stop me! . . . The story is about the sactimonious Presbyterian preacher (I'm a Presbyterian so I can let this one out) who after announcing to his congregation the previous Sunday that he would try to answer their questions and problems that were bothering them at the time. He received a letter. It was from a young 17-year-old girl in his congregation:

"Dear Reverend: I am wondering if it is the Christian thing to do, or is it right to let the young man (after he has escorted you to church on Sunday nite) kiss you goodnight as he leaves you at the door?"

Yours very truly,  
Mary

P. S. Please answer this before next Sunday nite.

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at the school house—and listen, folks, that bunch of red shirts are not bad. Now, if Perry didn't have a little gal with a sore thumb on his mind, and if Martin hadn't found out that he was quite handsome in last week's issue, and if one or two other things hadn't happened—oh, well you did miss something by not seeing them do their stuff Monday night. Oh, yeah, I was afraid of that!

's'all for this one!  
— Tweety

## THEFT IS AW'UL THING

From the earliest recollection of man, theft has played an important part in the development of mankind. And, today, the meaning of the word has not been changed.

Time after time, different articles have been stolen in Silverton High School. Probably the ones responsible, did not realize just how wrong and sinful such an act becomes.

Last year some of the football equipment was stolen. Then we have had money disappear—also, a few of last year's "Owlet" copies were stolen—however, one of the copies has been located, and we sincerely hope that the person will return the copy, or pay the one dollar balance due.

Theft also plays just as an important part in our everyday life in other ways. Remember, regardless of whether or not you are young or old, that theft is a direct road to sorrow—regardless of what is involved.

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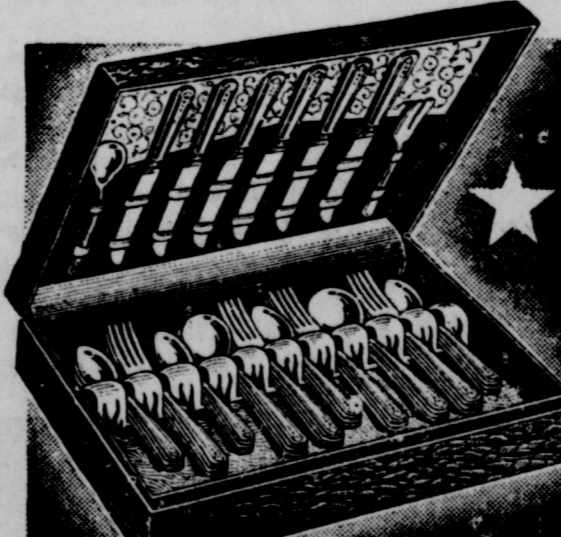
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**BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS**

"Official City and County News"

**ROY W. HAHN**  
Editor and Publisher

**James L. Altred** Sports Editor



WELL, HERE IS your Christmas opening Edition. We hope you e it. There's plenty of Christmas gains listed in this paper and i can save yourself some money you will read (and heed) the

FOLKS HERE HAVE the real Christmas Spirit, I do believe. That rit, after all, is to help those : fortunate than ourselves. And : year, there are plenty of un- fortunate folks . . . and right here our own community. In this is- you will find an ad headed, me to Church Christmas", and w it are listed the names of the s who paid for the ad. Every t of the money (something over y dollars) will be used in uging cheer to the needy. And ides that money folks are con- sulting clothing, groceries, and forth. If you have something t can be used, leave word with case worker, at the News Of- , or with any of the preachers a car will call for it.

ND BY THE way, there are at i three folks who names were given in the ad mentioned a- e. They are L. T. Wood, J. T. e, and Cowart Variety Store.

F COURSE A fellow can find or in most anything (if he s for it) and it is remarkable i keeps one out of the dumps. of times when you see me stling down the street, I am whistling to keep from crying, t the same kind of a pucker ther I whistle or whether I

UT WHAT I started to tell was it a lady who was asking the

Commissioners Court for aid for her family. (I wouldn't say for sure, but I think it happened right here). The lady was putting every ounce of feeling she could muster into telling just how hard up she was. Her husband was sick. Her crops had failed. Two horses had died . . . and so on. And so she said, "I feel that I must have help. Besides all my misfortune, I have four children to support." . . . and then she hastened to add, "But of course I don't blame the commissioners for that."

IF YOU HAVEN'T thought of it, you haven't much longer to get in on the dollar offer. And every subscriber who hasn't paid by the first of the year, will be relieved of the monotony of taking it home from the post office. My news- print bill is too high anyway.

THIS TIME NEXT week, I hope, the two big Hahns and the little Hahn will be on their way to Kan- sas to see the folks. I have already written for money to come on, but I might not get it. And so, there are several of the boys this week end who will probably be glad to see me waving that little pink statement.

WE EXPECT TO be gone while two papers come off the press. Which means that Cranberry will be hard pressed to get it done. Various little things such as early copy, extra news, and so forth will help a lot the next two weeks.

THE OWLET THIS week looks a trifle floozy. It happened that way after the fourth bottle . . . Now you'll have to buy an annual from the kids to find out the rest of the school news for the week.

I JUST HAPPENED to go by Miss Lizzie's desk yesterday and saw a bunch of county checks. The top one was to Mr. M. Ward and for a nice sum . . . trade in Sil- verton? Teh, Teh!

WELL, BRISCOE County, and the whole state too, voted for the cotton program again. Which was as expected. With nearly every farmer living pretty meagerly, those checks are very handy things to get.

WHERE IT WILL finally lead to, is something to think about, however I don't know much about cotton growing I'll admit, but I wonder who we really are helping, ourselves or the foreign countries? Black and white figures show that during the three years preceding the program, that this country averaged producing 15,120,000 bales per year; and that foreign growers produced 10,546,000 bales . . . During the last three years foreign countries produced 17,465,000 bales

per year; and the United States produced only 14,817,000. In the first case we grew 60 per cent of the world supply; in the last case, we produced only 45 per cent of the world supply.

increase theirs . . . And they like it. And I guess from the election result last week, we like it too.

**Rock Creek News**

WHY? WELL, AS I said, I don't know but I have the good old American right to my personal opinion. We've reduced our acre- age. Foreign countries have in- creased theirs accordingly. In this country, the grower who does not get into the program is fined about fifteen dollars per bale, which almost forces him into the program. BUT, as yet we haven't found any way to FINE the foreign growers, and they are learning fast. In two sentences: We have forced our far- mer to lower his production. We have forced foreign countries to

Rev. John Tucker will preach here Sunday, December 17. Ser- vices will begin at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill visited in the E. E. Davis home Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McDaniel, Jr., and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Fore. Those visiting in the Reid home way to FINE the foreign growers, and they are learning fast. In two sentences: We have forced our far- mer to lower his production. We have forced foreign countries to

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Mrs. C. C. Biggs made a busi- ness trip to Amarillo Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Peugh's son and family from Tucumcari, New Mexico were visiting here a few days ago. Mrs. W. W. Reid and Percy were

visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dee Reid Saturday night.

Mrs. Ruth B. Cline left Wednes- day for Corsicana to spend the holidays with her daughter, Sarah Jane Cline.

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Dear Santa:  
I want a football, knife, wagon and some nuts and candy. Please don't forget the other children.  
Your friend,  
Alvie Morris

Dear Santa:  
I want a blue comb, a mirror set. Please bring me a sister a red table and two chairs. Bring us both some candy and fruit.  
Your friend,  
Mildred Wesley

Dear Santa:  
I am a boy eleven years old. For Christmas I want an electric train, a set, autograph book, fire set, fruit and nuts of all kinds, a checker board and wrist watch.  
With love,  
Paul Howard Webb

Dear Santa:  
I would like to take time to write my letter and see what I want you to bring a football, some candy, and some fire crackers. I hope that you don't forget.  
With love,  
L. B. Garvin

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll, bed, ball chair and some candy, and some fruit. That is all. I hope you will bring it for me next year. Don't forget the other children.  
Yours sincerely,  
Fern Norris

Dear Santa:  
I want a doll and a washing machine set. I also want some candy and fruits. I want some dishes too.  
Your friend,  
Pauline Chitty

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am 8 years old. I am in the first grade. Will you please bring me a baseball, bat and little truck, and lots of candy, apples, and oranges. I hope you have a happy time Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Wayne Kindrick

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you bring me a pair of skates, a football, and a BB gun. Remember my baby brother.  
Love,  
Bobbie Kindrick

Dear Santa:  
I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a little red wagon and a bike. Don't forget Dot.  
Wayne

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you bring me a train that you wind up. Bring my little brother a car and a rabbit and a big ball. Bring us also fruit and candy and nuts. That is all I want.  
Love,  
Lawanda Garvin

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a wagon and blackboard. Bring me some fruit and nuts too. I have been a good boy. I am six years old.  
Gene Hardin

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a ball, a tractor, and an airplane, also some candy, nuts and apples and oranges.  
With love,  
Ted

Dear Santa:  
I think I have been a good boy, and I would like for you to bring me a football, red wagon, a writing desk, and a blackboard. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
I love you,  
Don Brown

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a dolly. I want a bed and chair for it.  
Your friend,  
Gynelda

I am a little boy six years old. I go to school and like it just fine, and I am a pretty good boy. Now I would like for you to bring me a jumping rope, coloring book and football. Don't forget to leave me plenty of nuts, candy and fruit of all kinds.  
Lots of love,  
Billy Ray Webb

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want some candy, nuts and fruit. I want a pretty doll, and a doctor and nurse set. Please Santa, be good to the other little children.  
Marian Arnold

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please come to see me and bring me some toys. I am seven years old and in the second grade and I try to be a good boy. I want an air rifle and a French Harp to play with. Also bring me some story books and candy and fruit.  
Edwin Jowell

Dear Santa:  
I wish you would bring my little sister and me a doctor and nurse set. I also want a horn so I can be in the band. I would like to have a wrist watch. Bring mother a set of chinese checkers. Please bring daddy a tie. Don't forget to leave some candy and nuts and fruit. Don't forget the other children.  
Yours sincerely,  
Welma Louise Russell

Dear Santa:  
For Christmas I want a bicycle, a wrist watch, a kodak, an autograph book, and some candy, nuts and fruit. I wish you a very Merry Christmas.  
Sincerely yours,  
Clenda Joyce Arnold

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doctor and nurse set, a sewing set and a doll. Don't forget to bring some fruit, nuts, and candy. Do not forget the children that are not going to get many things.  
With love,  
Patsy Ruth Grimland

Dear Santa:  
Merry Christmas. Please bring me a watch, skates, football, basketball, and some candy, nuts, and fruit. And don't forget father and mother and all the other children.  
With love,  
Ronce Stephens

Dear Santa:  
I haven't seen you in a long time. I was just going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a fountain pen, rope, saddle, kodak and pearl handled gun. I also want some nuts, fruit, and fire crackers. My little baby brother wants a rope. Please be good to the other children.  
Yours truly,  
John Arthur Arnold

Dear Santa Claus:  
Merry Christmas to you. Will you please bring me a mickey mouse wrist watch, some skates, and a toy cash register. Please don't forget my mother and daddy. I am a little girl in the fourth grade. I have been a good little girl. Now I want you to bring me

some candy, fruits and nuts,  
Yours sincerely,  
Ruby Jewel Chappell

Dear Santa Claus:  
As it almost Christmas again I had better tell you what I would like to have you bring me. Please bring two rubber baby dolls that go to sleep and drink from their bottles. One for me and one for my little sister Lucille. We each want a set of doll dishes and we would like to have a table and 3 chairs so Buford can play tea party with us. I don't know what Buford Don wants but please bring him something nice. We all want candy, fruit and nuts, please. And don't forget mother, daddy, Roma Lee and Gene. Please, Santa remember to leave something for every little boy and girl in the world. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa Claus.  
Your friend,  
Joan Clemmer

Dear Santa Claus:  
Bring me a set of Tinker Toys, a set of wrenches and a truck, and lots of candy and nuts.  
Roy Armbrister

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please send me a wetsy-betsy doll, a doll bed, a doll chair, and a set of dishes. Send me a ball too. Also candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget mother and daddy either, or anyone else.  
Your little friend,  
Frances Norris

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a football, some candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget all the poor little children, and don't forget mother, daddy, brother and sister.  
Your friend,  
Vinoka Sanders

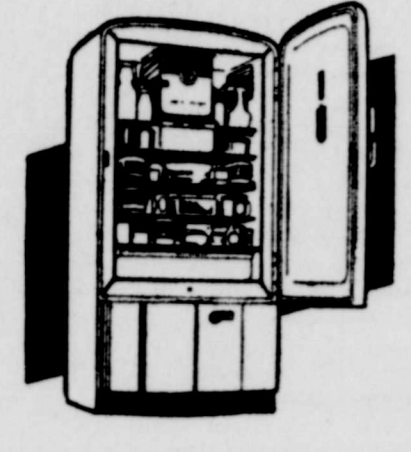
Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a dolly with clothes, a real good Mother Goose story book, a paste book and a pretty pair of house slippers and if you have an extra coloring book I would like to have one. I like to go to school very much and am learning to spell.  
Lots of love,  
Peggy Wimberly

Dear Santa Claus:  
It is almost Christmas time. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want an electric train, a set of tools, and a BB gun, and nuts, candy, and fruit. I am five years old. I will be a school boy next year. I have been a very, very nice boy this year, and hope to see you on the twenty-fourth. Goodbye. I must close.  
Riley Joe Ziegler

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a football, rubber bricks, and a blackboard. Bring me some fruit and nuts. I have been a good boy.  
Jim Hardin

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll, a little guitar also some candy, fruit and nuts. I have been a good little girl.  
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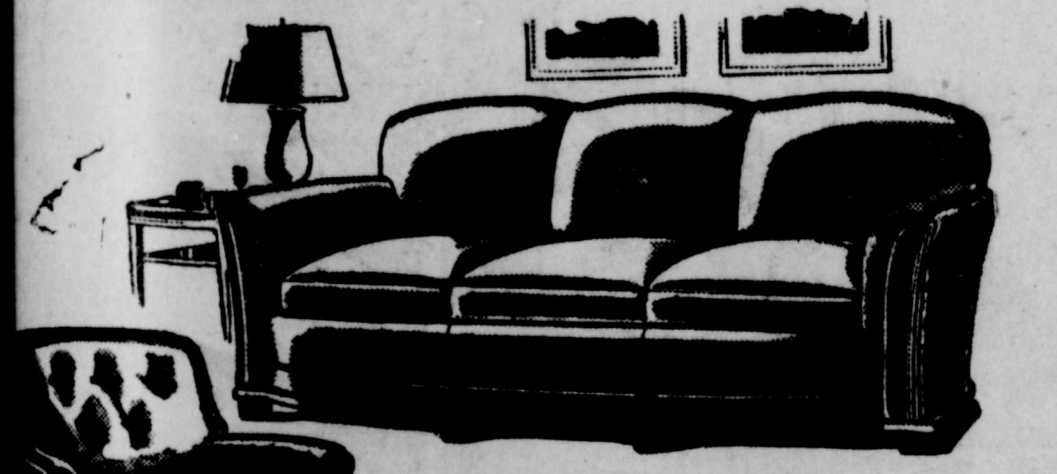
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# Letters to Santa:

**Dear Santa:**  
I have been a good boy. I want an art set, a couple of goals and a basketball and a toy town. I hope my socks will be full.  
Your friend,  
Charles Rogers

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me a doll, a typewriter, a set of dishes and a doctor set. I also want some candy and some nuts and apples. Please do not forget to bring these things.  
Your friend,  
Joy Belle Deavenport

**Dear Santa:**  
I want a BB gun and a wagon. I am 7 years old. I live on a farm.  
Your friend,  
Kenneth Bowenn

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me a pair of boxing gloves, a bow and arrow, and an Indian suit.  
Your friend,  
Don Burson

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring my sister and me a big doll and a set of dishes and some fruit and lots of nuts and candy.  
Your friend,  
Betty Jean Bradley

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me a copin saw and some blades. I want a base ball bat and base ball and some nuts and some fruit and some oranges and apples.  
Your friend,  
William Lee Toler

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Bring me a big doll, a book, a stove, a set of dishes, lots of candy, apples, oranges and nuts, Bring little sister and brother some toys too.  
With love,  
Elwana Armbrister

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me a truck, train, a machine gun and a pair of roller

skates. Bring some candy too.  
Your friend,  
Richard Turner

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me a steam shovel. Please bring me a fire truck and a basketball.  
Your friend,  
Carl Graham

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring my little sister and me a big doll apiece. We want a rocking chair too, and lots of nuts, candy and fruit.  
Your friend,  
Vyondell Byrd

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me some roller skates. Will you please bring me a bay doll. I also want a black board and some candy and fruit.  
Your friend,  
LaRue Gilkeyson

**Dear Santa:**  
I wish you would send me some skates and a big doll and some dishes  
Your friend,  
Jemmilla Turner

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me a buggy and a nurse set. Bring me a black board, too, and don't forget the other little children.  
Your friend,  
Ima Jean Morris

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me an erector set that has a motor in it, a wagon, a bicycle with a light and horn on it, a carving set and a little toy racer. Please do not forget the candy and nuts.  
Yours truly,  
Jim Edd Mercer

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Bring me a doll, a telephone and lots of candy, nuts, apples, and oranges.  
Georgia Armbrister

**Dear Santa:**  
I am a boy 7 years old. I am in

the second grade. Please bring me a tractor set and a football, some fruit, nuts and candy. Please bring my little 4 year old brother Tommie Lee, a se of Toy Town building blocks.  
Yours,  
Theadore Strange

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I have been a good boy. I want a pair of skates and a scooter. Bring some candy and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Bobby Baird

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me a football and lots of fruit and candy.  
Your friend,  
Don Chitty

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me a pair of skates, a-bay doll, a toy dog that is named Pluto, that runs when you wind him, an accordion, a doctor and nurse set, a kodak, a bicycle, and some candy, nuts and fruit.  
Your friend,  
Betty Ruth Arnold

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please Santa will you bring me a doll, a car, and bring me some nuts and candy.  
Your friend,  
Eddie Wesley

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me a BB gun, a pair of boxing gloves and some fire crackers.  
Your friend,  
Billy Joe Boling

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Will you please bring me a football, a gun, and a story book. I have been a good boy. Please bring some nuts and oranges too.  
Your friend,  
Willie Ray Fanning

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me a pair of roller skates, a doctor set, and a football suit.  
Your friend,  
Flynoy Hutsell

**Dear Santa:**  
I have been a good little girl this year. Will you please bring me a Dy-Dee doll, a buggy, some nuts,

candy and fruit. Please do not forget my little cousin, Don Ledbetter. Bring him a red wagon, nuts, candy and fruit.  
Yours very truly,  
Margaret Ann Ledbetter

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me a big doll, a doll house, and a ball Also, bring some fruit candy and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Mary Evelyn Vinson

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me a big doll and please bring me a buggy and some candy, fruit and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Louise Wood

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I would like for you to bring me a gun and scabbord, all kinds of fruit, nuts, and candy. I am a little boy 9 years old. I go to school every day. I like to ride and see after stock.  
Yours truly,  
Billie Braz Gregg

**Dear Santa:**  
I want a triycle, a little car, some firecrackers, some nuts, and candy, and all kinds of fruit.  
Yours truly,  
Clarence Ray Tiner

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me a blackboard, a doll, a pair of roller skates, and a sewing kit. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.  
Your friend,  
Joan Ziegler

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I wish you would bring me a big big Shirley Temple doll and some skates. Please bring some candy, fruit and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Shirley Haynes

**Dear Santa:**  
Please bring me a bicycle, a doctor and nurses set, a diary, a set of china dishes and an autograph book. Please do not forget the candy and nuts. Bring all the other children things they want. But most of all don't forget mother, father, and Jim.  
Yours sincerely,  
Thelma Gean Mercer

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me a piano, a doll and doll buggy, some snow shoes, a bicycle, and a nurses set. I would like some nuts, candy and fruit. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Your friend,  
Juanita Edwards

**Dear Santa:**  
I have been a very good boy. Bring me a Chinese Checker Board, a train, a cowboy suit, a BB gun, bicycle, nuts, candy, and fruit.  
Yours truly,  
Gene Ledbetter

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please bring me a sewing set, doctor set, a little Betsy-Wetsy doll, and a little green bed. Bring fruit, candy and nuts. That is all I want.  
Love,  
Joyce Carter

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Please, Santa Claus, bring me a BB gun, snowshoes, bicycle, some candy, nuts and fruit.  
Love,  
William Alvie Francis

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I wish you would bring me a gun, skates, a football and a little car for my little brother. That will be all.  
With love,  
Dwain Gale Steele

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I want you to bring me a bicycle, a big doll that will open and close her eyes, a set of dishes and a pair of skates. And Dear Santa, bring some nuts, candy and fruit.  
With lots of love,  
Dorothy Rosemary Leverett

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Will you bring me a doctor set, a jumping rope, a book, and a Shirley Temple doll? Also some candy, oranges, apples and nuts.  
With love,  
Hazel Chitty

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I want a doll that wets, a nurse set, a pair of house shoes, a house coat, and a watch. I want some candy, apples, oranges and some nuts. That is all I want.  
Love,  
Frances Maye

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I want you to bring me a big big doll, a pair of houseshoes, and a jumping rope. I want you to fill my stocking with oranges, nuts, and candy too. That is all, Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Lona Anne Stephens

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
I want a doll, nurse set, a watch, a pair of house shoes and a house

coat. I want you to bring brother a watch, too. Also candy, oranges, apples and nuts. That is all I want.  
Love,  
Ellie Mae Freeman

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Will you bring me a skates and a big doll with little wagon. Please rem everybody. Bring lots of nuts. That is all, Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Joyce Kindrick

**Dear Santa Claus:**  
Will you please bring me doll, sewing set, candy, nut fruit?  
Love  
Mary Elizabeth W

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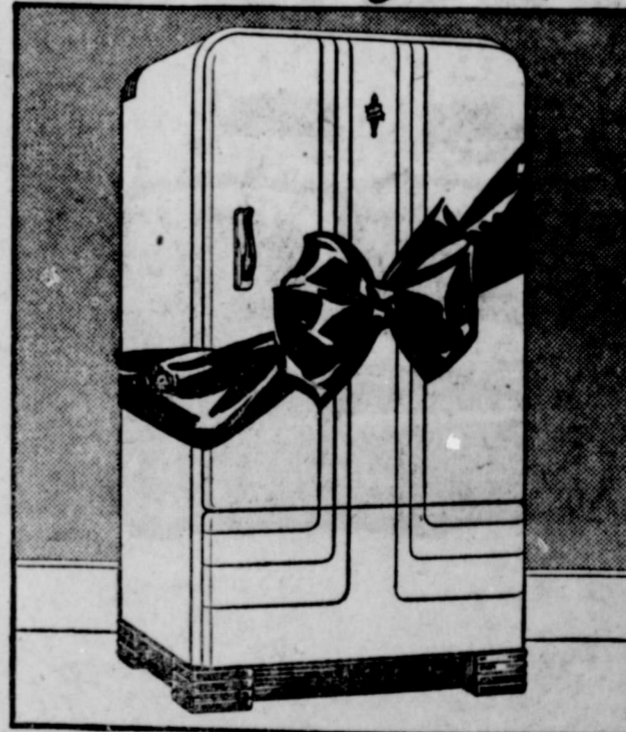
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# Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doctor and nurse set, a doll with a long dress and lots of dresses and doll furniture. Also some candy, fruit, and nuts.  
Love,  
Anna Lou Autry

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a little car also some candy and fruit. That is all.  
Love,  
Tommy Len Autry

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me some skates and a pair of chaps, and a pair of boots. You might bring some fruit and nuts too.  
With love,  
Jack Davis

Dear Santa:  
Will you bring me a pair of shoes, a sewing set, a big doll bed and some fruit, nuts, and candy?  
Love,  
Osha Lynn Graham

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a doll, doctor and nurse set, a Chinese Checker Board, and some candy, nuts, and fruit.  
With love,  
Betty Lynn Marshall

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a doll house, table, bed, chairs, skates, and a chair.  
Yours truly,  
Dorothy Sue McLeland

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a doctor and nurse kit, a set, nuts, fruit and candy.  
Love,  
Fayree McMinn

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a big doll, a ring rope, a wrist watch, and a set of dishes. Please bring some fruit and candy.  
Love,  
Georgia Fae Witcher

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl three years old. I have tried to be a good girl. I want a baby doll, a cradle for my

doll, and some fruit, candy and nuts. I'll be looking for you on Christmas Eve.  
Your little friend,  
Patsy Jean Crass

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a bicycle, some candy, nuts and fruit.  
With love,  
Ocell McCain

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a piano, a dutch doll, and a bicycle tire. Please bring me some candy and fruit.  
Your friend,  
Hazel Dee McGavock

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a football, a pair of chaps, and a pair of boots. Bring plenty of candy, oranges, apples, and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Clayton Wood

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a baseball and bat, a pair of skates and a watch. Also candy and fruit. That is all I want.  
With love,  
Raymond McJimsey

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a pair of skates, a football, bicycle, some candy, apples, oranges and nuts.  
With love,  
J. C. Kindrick

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me a football, a pair of skates, and a box of BB shells? Also some fruit, nuts and candy.  
Love,  
Jerry Stallings

Dear Santa Claus:  
Bring me a BB gun, a saddle, a blanket, BB shells, and boots. Also some fruit, candy and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Chester Lee Rowell

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl. Please

bring me a doll and hood. Also fruit, candy and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Ann Brown

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a lunch pail, hood and also candy, fruit and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Joy Bell Brown

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a big rubber doll that wets, a bicycle, a pair of skates, and a doctor set. That is all I want.  
With love,  
Billie Hand

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a pair of house shoes, a set of dishes, a ring, necklace, lotion, and a big ball. Bring me lots of candy, nuts and fruit.  
With love,  
Nelda Montague

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a pair of skates, a BB gun, and a tool set. Bring everybody lots of things.  
Love,  
Clifton Stodghill

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a pair of skates, a cowboy suit, a 22 gun, 22 bullets, a drum, a train with a track, a play machine gun, and a bicycle. Also some nuts, candy, and fruit. Please be good to the other children.  
Love,  
Fred Arnold

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a bicycle, a doctor set, a Betsy-Wetsy doll to go with my doctor set, and a pair of snow shoes. Also some candy, nuts, and fruit.  
Love,  
Betty Jean Russell

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll, a little broom, and a jumping rope. I have been a very good little girl all the year through. I hope to see you soon.  
Your friend,  
Foy Marie Ziegler

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a big ball, a doctor and

nurse set, a doll, a doll buggy, and some fruit, nuts and candy. That is all that I want. And please don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Your friend,  
Alma Jewell Leuty

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a ball and a bat, a knife, a Chinese Checker Board, and an airplane.  
Your friend,  
Leland Norris

Dear Santa:  
Please bring a little car with lights that really burn. Bring me a big ball and anything else you want to.  
Your little friend,  
Billie Don Stevenson  
P. S. And I forgot to say I have been a real nice boy.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll, a bible story book, some alphabet blocks, and a car that I can drive if you can bring it. I also want some fruit, candy and nuts. I hope you will come to see all the children.  
Love to you,  
Bonnie Jean Simmons  
P. S. I'll try to meet you in Silverton.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy three years old. I have been a good boy this year and would like for you to bring me some toys and candy and fruit and nuts. I want a little car that I can ride in, a stick horse with a head and wheels that ring, a football and a scooter. That is all I want. Please bring all the other little boys and girls toys, fruit, nuts and candy.  
With love,  
Bobby Wayne Ellis

Dear Old Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a big coaster wagon and tricycle, lots of nuts and candy and please don't forget Mama and Daddy, and my Grandma, aunt Helen, and poor Uncle Robert, for he is sick in bed. Yes and some fruit for us all.  
Yours truly,  
Rondie Gale Price

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl almost six years old. I have been a good girl and I would like for you to bring me a doll, a nurse and doctor set, and a pair of house shoes. I hope you come to see all the little boys and girls.  
Your little friend,  
Teresa Bell Crass

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me a sewing set, a pair of skates, a bicycle, a set of dishes, a Chinese Checker Board, and a big bag of candy, fruit and nuts.  
Love,  
Edna Lee Dunn

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a Shirley Temple doll, china dishes, house keeping set, a doll house, snow shoes, roller skates, cowgirl dress, a fruit cake, bicycle, fountain pen and ever-sharp, table set, and candy, nuts, and fruit.  
With love,  
Lorraine Houghton

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you bring me a doctor set and two pair of gloves? Bring me some candy, nuts, and fruit too.  
Love,  
Dorothy Mae Garvin

Dear Santa Claus:  
I've been a good girl. Please bring me a book for Christmas.  
Your little friend,  
Nina Zell Cantwell

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a train and track and a tractor.  
Your little friend,  
Elton Cantwell

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pearl handled gun, scabbard, and a cowboy suit.  
Your little friend,  
Wilbur Troy Wilson

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a toy typewriter, toy telephone, and toy bank register.  
Your friend,  
Wanda Mae Wilson

Dear Santa:  
We want some boxing gloves, a football, some cars, and colors, snow suits and overshoes. Be good to all of our little friends.  
Thank you,  
Don and Ralph Dickenson  
Blue Springs, Missouri

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy three years old. I have been very good and I wish you would bring me a wagon, a tricycle, and some candy, nuts and fruit. My little brother, Donald Duck, (Royce) is very small, but I am sure he would like a rattler. Please be good to all the other little boys and girls.  
Your little friend  
Darroll Shelton

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please don't forget mother and daddy. For Christmas, bring me a volley ball, a dish set, an electric stove, a cooking set, and a photograph book. I will thank you for everything.  
Lots of love,  
Betty Nan Burson

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me a punching bag, a pair of boxing gloves, a football, and a book named "Heidi Grows Up". Please  
bring me some fire works, candy, and fruit. I hope all the boys and girls have a very nice Christmas.  
With love,  
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**Marshall Cream Station**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES**

Services were well attended at the First Baptist Church last Sunday, one of the most spiritual days we have had. The spirit was splendid in all services. God is wonderfully blessing us. Though we had a goodly number present, we missed many who should have been present and are hoping and praying that the day may soon hasten when the people of our little town and community may come to realize with the leaders of our great government that the hope of our country is not in wealth government provision for our folk, not the things of the world, nor worldly pleasures of life but a return to the principles and practice of the great religious ideal as taught by our loving Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ and realize this to the extent that we shall heed the injunction of Holy Writ until there shall be none who will find in their plans to forsake the assembling ourselves together for the purpose

of worshipping God. All that we have and are comes from the bountiful supply and hand of God and we owe him our very best that through our efforts, under the leadership of God, we may soon -om 'uau jo s'raey ouj ouj joun men and children the kingdom of God.

We set the date of our summer revival for 1940. The revival is to begin the eighteenth day of August and the Lord willing shall continue for two weeks. We have secured the services of one of the greatest evangelists in all the Southland in the person of evangelist W. Y. Pond, who is one of our own state evangelists. We are requesting that every Christian put this revival on his or her prayer list that there may be had in our midst a far reaching revival.

We extend to one and all a most cordial invitation to be in our regular services. If you are not in attendance elsewhere, why not come worship with us. Sunday School and B. U. every Sunday also a warm message from the Sacred

old book. We shall be looking for you next Sunday.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church Saturday night December 23rd. We extend an invitation to all who will to come and help make this event a success. We shall have a good program in connection.

Jesse B. Leverett, Pastor

**"APPLES" PER DAY**

Discriminating apple eaters have abandoned their slogans about "an apple a day" and are thinking in terms of larger quantities, now that a big crop of apples is on the way to market. So far the price of apples has been relatively low.

A good apple buyer thinks first of selecting the fruit according to the purpose for which it is to be used. Some apples are better to eat raw, especially the Delicious varieties; the more tart and firm one are better for preserving. The latter group is abundant, and this is good news for those who were unable to fill their pantry shelves

with canned fruit during the summer.

Miss Grace I. Neely, specialist in food preservation for the A. and M. College Extension Service, offers this suggestion: "Apples for canning should have firm, white flesh and a tart taste. Apples which lose their shape during cooking are best used for sauce or apple butter, while apples that darken in processing are undesirable for canning."

Buyers are warned against purchase of dirty looking apples as possible bearers of excessive spray residue. A good buyer can discern the difference between blemishes that mean waste and the surface marks that mean nothing but lower prices. Medium-sized apples are generally a better buy with less waste.

Several Texas counties are producing their own apples such as King David, Jonathan, Red Delicious, and Golden Delicious, but the majority of Texas apple eaters must still depend on buying apples shipped from other states.

Jonathan and Red Delicious are generally available in the early fall, the specialist says, and a little later the Winesap and the Arkansas Black will appear. A few other varieties can be found at this season in some of the larger markets.

**Francis Locals**

Mrs. Jack Jowell and son left Thursday for Cleburne.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Fore Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Simmons and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDaniel and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McDaniel, and Mrs. Abner Wimberly and Peggy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bood Myers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisch.

Mrs. O. B. Fore and Gordon Leon visited Mrs. R. N. McDaniel, Jr. Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass and Patsy, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Simmons and Bonnie Jean were in Lubbock Wednesday.

Mrs. O. B. Fore was in Lockney for treatment Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer and Junis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fish and Mr. Edwards were in Plainview Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis were shopping in Plainview Monday.

Mrs. U. D. Brown and Mrs. W. C. Roberson visited Mrs. Joe Rogers Sunday afternoon.

Several from Francis Community went to Prairie Chapel Sunday to hear Bro. Alva Johnson preach.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass and

Patsy and W. E. Burleson visited in Quitaua Monday.

Mrs. U. D. Brown gave the school children and their teacher a surprise treat of pop corn balls and apples Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roberson visited in Plainview, Olton, and Littlefield Tuesday and Wednesday.

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY ENTERTAINED**

Mrs. L. T. Wood entertained with a Christmas Party for the Young Womens Missionary Society at her home Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in playing games. Sunshine Sisters were revealed at the close of the party with each member presenting her sunshine sister with a gift. Lovely refreshments were served by the hostess, Mr. Wood.

Anis Fowler of Lubbock spent the week end in Silvertown.



*Thousands and Thousands of*  
**Christmas GIFTS**

**Right here in Briscoe County**

*This Christmas ...*  
Co-operate With Briscoe County Merchants To Build A GREATER COMMUNITY



*This Christmas ...*  
Buy Everything You Need In Briscoe County And Get COMPLETE SATISFACTION

There's a certain feeling of satisfaction, other than material benefits, that one gets when shopping at home. Some say it is a civic duty. Others claim it's the natural thing to do . . . "It just ain't right to buy out of our own town," they say. However, there are concrete reasons why buying at home will help YOU and help our County . . . why your cooperation will give you immediate and eventual satisfaction! First, your own case. Home merchants make every effort to please you. Fair, truthful representation of merchandise, careful selection . . . friendly atmosphere . . . courteous sales staffs . . . complete style and size varieties of merchandise . . . and

fair, economical prices. All these things tend to give you MATERIAL, personal satisfaction. Now let's look at trade-at-home from the viewpoint of "community satisfaction" and eventually YOUR OWN satisfaction. On the simple theory of "buying cooperation" hinges the future of Briscoe County. If we are to build a greater community, we all must cooperate. We've got to buy at home! Adequate educational facilities, civic improvements, employment and the county's general welfare depend upon your "Buy at Home" cooperation! Keep these things in mind when doing your Christmas Shopping!

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**BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS**

"Each week the live merchants of Silvertown are giving you concrete, money saving reasons why you should trade at home. Read the ads."—Roy W. Hahn, Ed.



# Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa Claus:  
I hope you will come down our chimney and bring some toys. I would like to have some books to read and some fire crackers and nuts. I hope I have been good boy so I can have some. I don't want to much but I do not want to others. I want a horse for Christmas, a shovel car and lots of other things.

Your friend,  
Tommy Howell Allday

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a gun, a dump truck, two footballs and a black board.

With love,  
Rex Montague

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a magic puzzle, a book and I want you to bring my little sister a rubber doll. Don't forget the children who will not

With love,  
Billie Gene Toler

Dear Santa:  
I want a fountain pen, coping saw, fire crackers, a package of BB's, candy and nuts. Please remember the rest of the children, and don't forget my teachers. Remember to bring mother gum,

candy and nuts. Don't come down the chimney because you will get dirty.

Your friend,  
Rex Long

Dear Santa:  
I want a football, and a fountain pen, a tool set, an electric wood burning set, and some fruit, nuts, and fireworks. Don't forget mother and father.

With love,  
Archie Ray Martin

Dear Santa:  
How are you Santa? I read everything you said in the Silver-ton paper. You said you would like to see our letters to you. So I am writing mine to you. I want some boxing gloves, a football, and a watch for Christmas. Give everyone else a merry Christmas too.

Your friend,  
A. D. Chitty

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a bicycle, a set

of china dishes, a doll, an auto-graph book, a nurses set, a kodak, and a wrist watch. Also I want some fruit, nuts and candy. I hope other children a merry Christmas too. Best of all don't forget mother, father, and my sisters and brothers.

With love,  
Francess Modin: Yates

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a set of dishes, a book of paper doll cut-outs, a doctor and nurse set, kodak, fountain pen, finger nail polish and wrist watch. So many things I want but I will leave the other things for the other children. I hope I get what I want, and the other men, women, and children get what they want.

Sincerely yours,  
Estelle Witcher

Dear Santa:  
I hope you give everyone all they want. I hope you bring me all I want. I want a BB gun, a doctor set, a bicycle, and a football. Bring

me some fruit, candy, and nuts. Please don't forget the other children. I hope you have a merry merry Christmas.

With lots of love,  
Charles Herbert Carthel

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me a football suit, a football, and some nuts, candy and fruit? And don't forget the other children.

With love,  
Jesse Grimland

Dear Santa Claus:  
I hope you a happy Christmas. Also, I hope you do not forget me. I will not ask for much. All I want is a football, nuts, candy, and firecrackers. Do not forget the others.

With love  
Leroy Vardell

Dear Santa Claus:  
Santa Claus, will you please bring me a football, skates, carpenter tools, pearl handled gun, fountain pen, Chinese Checkers, fire crackers, watch and black board? I hope you don't forget mother and father and the children.

With love,  
Carl Lucius Tidwell

candy, nuts, and fruit also. I thank you if you will bring me that. And don't forget mother and father and the other children.

Your friend,  
W. E. Autry

Dear Santa Claus:  
Christmas is nearly here, so I want to tell you what I want. I want a football, and some candy and fruit. Please bring me some fire crackers.

Your friend,  
Milton Whiteheag

Dear Santa Claus:  
This year I want a bicycle, some nuts, and candy. Please do not forget mother and daddy and the other little children.

With love,  
Hansel Sanders

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a doll, a doll buggy, a

doctor and nurse set, a big ball, and machine. That is all I want. Do not forget the other boys and girls.

Your friend,  
Alma Jewel Leuty

Dear Santa Claus:  
Would you bring me a watch for Christmas, and one other thing is a kodak. Please don't forget mother and father. Don't forget the other children, bring them something too.

Yours sincerely,  
Nelma Joyce Chappell

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a little truck with electric lights. I want a football and glove and bat and ball. I want some nuts, fruit, and candy. I want some fire crackers and a Chinese Checker set. That is all.

Your friend,  
Fred Strange



A real treat for the whole family... and a special treat for mother... she will appreciate having more time during this busy season.

Eat here more often. The food is of the best — and the price is low. We invite you to Silverton and to

## Bain's Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. John Bain



# Come to Church CHRISTMAS

There's more to Christmas than the mere exchanging of gifts. To really appreciate the full significance of this most joyous of holidays... to enjoy the holiday to the utmost... the spiritual side must be considered as well. You'll double your enjoyment of the day if you make it a point to devote part of the day to Christian worship. No matter what denomination, attend church Christmas!

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Wrapped, Ready For  
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PLAINVIEW

**GOURD DECORATION**

That ancient art of gourd decoration has survived and in Texas especially, farm and ranch people are growing gourds of all shapes and sizes this year. Mrs. Isla Mae Chapman, specialist in home industries for the A & M. College Extension Service, comments that many rural women are combining gourds with seed pods, pine cones and the like, that are made into charm strings for sale to tourists. Some have gone so far as to make mail boxes, containers for candies, dates and other sweets, vases, bowls, lamp bases, water jugs and bird houses from dried gourds, she says.

**BEHIND THE OVEN DOOR**

Behind the oven door lies the secret of successful baking. When cakes fall, roasts shrivel or the biscuits scorch the oven can be blamed in most instances. For this reason, Nora Ellen Elliott, specialist in food preparation for the A & M. College Extension Service, advises homemakers to check their ovens and thermostats to insure success in roasting or baking.

It shouldn't be necessary to keep peeping into the oven to check progress of the food being cooked," she says. For stoves not equipped with thermostats, inexpensive thermometers can be used with good results.

**SEAR POINSETTA STEMS**

Here is advice to persons who will have cut poinsettias around the house at Christmas time. Experts in the United States Department of Agriculture suggest that the flower stems be seared, immediately after cutting if they are to retain their beauty. The stems may be seared in the flame of a candle or lamp or by being placed in hot water.

**FROM THE OWLET**

The following jokes were compiled for last week's Owlet, but were crowded out from their regular school page.

W. L.: "When I arrived in Washington I didn't have a single cent

**JOHN NANCE GARNER**

**CARRIES OWN BEER TO CAMP 1938; OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST, FEARLESS CHAMPION OF THE RIGHT; ALWAYS ON THE JOB, IN COW CAMP OR CAPITOL. "CACTUS JACK" GARNER CAN BE DEPENDED UPON, ONLY LIVING MAN WHO HAS BEEN PRESIDING OFFICER, BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.**

**JOHN NANCE GARNER WAS BORN NOV. 22, 1869 - EDUCATED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, LAW EDUCATION IN PRIVATE OFFICE. ADMITTED BAR 1890. EDITED UVALDE LEADER, PUBLIC LIFE BEGAN 1894 AS COUNTY JUDGE TWO TERMS TEXAS LEGISLATURE. MARRIED MISS MARIETTE RHEINER, NOV. 25, '95 - ONE SON.**

**ELECTED 58<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS 1903 - SERVING TO '33 - BECAME VICE-PRESIDENT. SINCE START OF CAREER, MRS. GARNER HAS BEEN HIS SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON'S MOST REMARKABLE POLITICAL PARTNERSHIP. HE HAS BROAD COMPREHENSION OF NATION'S POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, GAINED FROM SERVICE ON MOST IMPORTANT WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE UNDER WOODROW WILSON. SOUND JUDGMENT AND UNEQUALLED LEADERSHIP.**

**AT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 1932 - GARNER HELD MORE THAN 90 VOTES FOR PRESIDENT - BUT RELEASED TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA DELEGATIONS TO FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, SHATTERING PRECEDENTS A GARNER TRADITION. TODAY RANKS AS FOREMOST PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY OF THE NATION.**

**JOHN NANCE GARNER HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSISTENT IN HIS EVERY ATTITUDE TOWARD NATIONAL POLITICS - AND THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE. HIS PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT IS SIMPLE HE EXPRESSED IT IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH IN 1932: "THERE ARE JUST TWO THINGS TO THIS GOVERNMENT AS I SEE IT, THE FIRST IS TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF OUR PEOPLE, THE SECOND IS TO INSURE THAT EACH OF US HAS A CHANCE TO WORK OUT HIS DESTINY ACCORDING TO HIS TALENTS, THIS INVOLVES PROTECTING HIM FROM BEING INJURED OR OPPRESSED BY THOSE OF SUPERIOR ACQUISITIVENESS AND PERHAPS LESS CONSCIENCE."**

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in my pockets. In fact, I didn't have any pockets."  
 Ima Jean: "How did that happen?"  
 W. L.: "Oh, I was born there."  
 Miss Murphy: "Which ruler of today commands the most respect?"  
 Gene: "The one you're holding in your hand, ma'am."  
 Pascal: "Well, what did you find out about my family tree?"  
 James: "That the entire crop was a failure."  
 Rex: "What's an Operetta?"  
 Roberta: "Don't be foolish, it's

a girl who works for the telephone company."  
 Mr. Durham: "Huber, are you yawning?"  
 Huber: "No sir. That was a silent Indian war whoop."  
 Bernard: "What does 'not transferable' on this ticket mean?"  
 Mr. Harmon: "It means no person will be admitted to any game unless he comes himself."  
 O. C.: "Dad, I've a notion to try raising chickens."  
 Mr. Rampley: "Try Owls. Their hours will suit you better."

Rastus went to the doctor's office and asked the medical man just what ailed him.  
 Doc: How are your kidneys?"  
 Rastus: "Well, sah, dey is all right, now, I guess, but most of them is married."  
 Two farm boys, Charles Francis and Alva C. Jasper, were arguing whether it was correct to say of a hen: "She is sitting" or "she is setting". Gene Arnold, another yokel, butted in to say, "That question don't interest me at all. What I want to know when I hear a hen cackle is whether she's laying or lying."

**Santa Says:**  
 "GIVE THE WIFE  
 A REAL TREAT  
 ... A FINE GIFT"

**Santa Advises:**  
 "TAKE THE FAMILY  
 TO KIRK'S...  
 for Good Food!"

During the next few busy Shopping Days, you will find many times that it is more convenient and economical to eat out. We want to invite you to eat here. We believe that you will agree that our meals are tasty, and very reasonable in price.

Our Christmas Dinner will be a dandy. Turkey, and all the trimmings and still at the same old price... 35c.

**KIRK'S CAFE**  
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**All Ready for Christmas**

At last the most joyous time of the year, for the kiddies is here. Our store this year is a regular toyland for boys and girls. We have

**Hundreds of Gifts for Everyone!**

Bring the kiddies to our store. We get a real pleasure in watching them when they see our Christmas toys. We have toys of every price range, and our dolls will delight any little girl. We invite you to "Toyland".

**Cowart Variety Store**  
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**OUR LAST GINNING DATE - - - DECEMBER 22ND**

**Santa Claus PICKS COTTON GIFTS**

**MAKE THIS A COTTON CHRISTMAS**

We want to join with the Texas Cotton Growers this year in urging that you pick cotton gifts for this Christmas. The past few years have seen our cotton market dwindling for lack of users. The past few years, too, have seen cotton goods being made more durable, beautiful and fashionable.

It looks like a drop in the bucket maybe, to think that your buying gifts made from cotton will help. BUT, if we will do our bit toward helping in the disposal of this great Texas crop, then that much sooner will prosperity return to the cotton grower.

**- We Want To Buy Your 1938-39 Loan Cotton -**

**AND NOW, WE WANT TO USE THE REST OF OUR AD SPACE IN WISHING YOU A**

**Merry Christmas**

**AND TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYALTY AND PATRONAGE TO THIS FIRM DURING THE PAST YEAR**

**Silverton Gin Co.**  
 Boots Bryant, Manager

tesy card has just been received. A new national magazine has made its appearance. "Drilling" is published in Dallas and the editor is Ted W. Mayborn, formerly of Temple. The publication appeals especially to drilling, contractors, drillers and tool-dressers. What could be more enjoyable than a chicken barbecue at the home of a friend? The question was prompted by such an occasion in Cisco where N. D. Gallagher, oil operator, has a pit in the backyard. This chronicler ate an entire barbecued chicken and then a half — which probably is a world's record.

Another Texas has emerged into national prominence. "Time" last week published a picture of Jerry Sadler and a two-column article which characterized the State Railroad Commissioner as a "snuff-dippin', vote-gettin' man," and quoted from a speech in which he said: "Smoke is the ghost of tobacco; chewing tobacco is the body but snuff is the soul of nicotine—the mark of men with hair on their chests and women who raise breast-fed babies that make the nation's statesmen and soldiers."

A favorite story: A backwoodsman who had a nagging wife was at the nearby settlement when a small boy ran up and gasped, "A wildcat just went in the house where your wife is." When the man just stood there, the boy asked, "Ain't you gonna do anything about it?" The husband drawled, "Naw; that wildcat went in there of his own free will and accord, and he'll just have to look out for himself."

You've heard of "salted" gold mines but did you ever hear of a



NEWS ITEM — SLOW-DOWN STRIKES TAKE PLACE OF OUTLAWED SIT-DOWN STRIKES.

salted oil well? Mayor Hall Walker of Ranger tells an amusing story of one.

The first test drilled at Ranger was on the Walker farm and young Hall worked on the well, at first as a roustabout and then as a tool-dresser.

Out of respect for religious considerations in the little town, no drilling was done on Sunday. So, one Sunday afternoon, an idea for a joke occurred to Walker. Fuel oil was being used to fire the boiler and Walker dipped a rag in

this oil, then dropped it in the hole. Next day, when the boiler was run, a "rainbow" appeared on the slush-pit. News spread that the well had hit a showing of oil and Walker chuckled until he heard that men were getting ready to pay real money for leases. He decided the joke was going too far, so he told what the "rainbow" really was.

As things turned out, the test hit a heavy flow of gas later on and finally blew itself into a big oil well.

**Phone**  
Your News and Ads  
**Briscoe County News**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 68th Judicial District Court of Texas in and for Dallas County, on the 20th day of November, 1939, in the case of Home Owners' Loan Corporation versus T. C. Bomar, Nannie Bomar, R. B. Burleson, Ruth Burleson, Noel T. Landers, Fannie Landers, Loren E. Landers, John Pierce Bruns, guardian of the estate of Mary P. Bruns, and administrator of the estate of Louise McNally Bruns, Phillips Petroleum Company, The Texas Company, Dorsey Baker, and Willson and Son Lumber Company are defendants, No. 43330-C, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 22nd day of November, A. D. 1939 and will between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock, P. M., on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1940, it being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door of Briscoe County, Texas, in the City of Silverton, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which T. C. Bomar, Nannie Bomar, R. B. Burleson, Noel T. Landers, Fannie Landers, Dorsey Baker, Willson and Son Lumber Company, the Texas Company and Phillips Petroleum Company, had on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1934, or at any time thereafter, or in and to the following described property to-wit:

A tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Briscoe County, Texas; beginning at a point eighty (80) feet due North of the N. W. Corner of Block Number Seven (7) in the town of Silverton, Texas; thence North three hundred thirteen (313) feet; thence West fifty (50) feet; thence South three hundred (313) feet; thence East Fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning.

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Free Book Tells of Home Treatment that Must Help or it Will Cost You Nothing  
Over one million bottles of the WILLARD TREATMENT have been sold for relief of symptoms of distress arising from Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Excess Acid—Poor Digestion, Sour or Upset Stomach, Gassiness, Heartburn, Sleeplessness, etc., due to Excess Acid. Sold on 15 days' trial! Ask for "Willard's Message" which fully explains this treatment—free—at

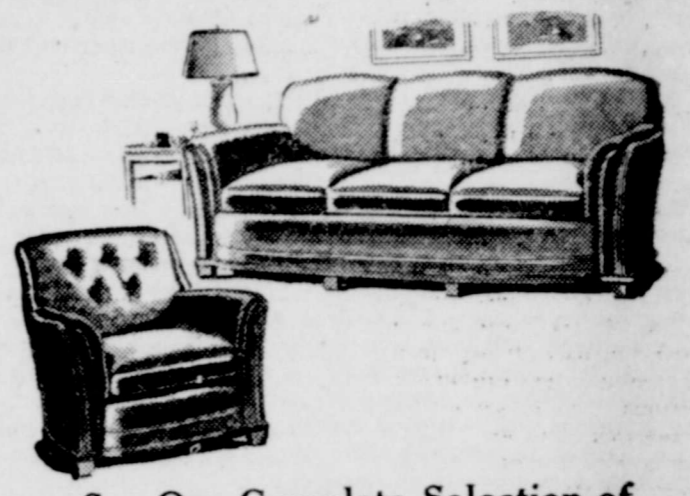
Wood Drug Store

Said property being levied on as the property of said above named persons, and will be sold to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,789.65 against T. C. Bomar, Nannie Bomar, R. B. Burleson, Noel T. Landers, Fannie Landers, Dorsey Baker, Willson and Son Lumber Company, The Texas Company and Phillips Petroleum Company, together with interest at the rate of 5% per annum from the 6th day of October, 1939, in favor of HOME OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION, and costs of court and the further costs of executing this writ:  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND this 27th day of November, A. D. 1939  
N. R. HONEA, Sheriff  
Briscoe County, Texas  
(First published in the Briscoe County News, Nov. 30, 1939) 31

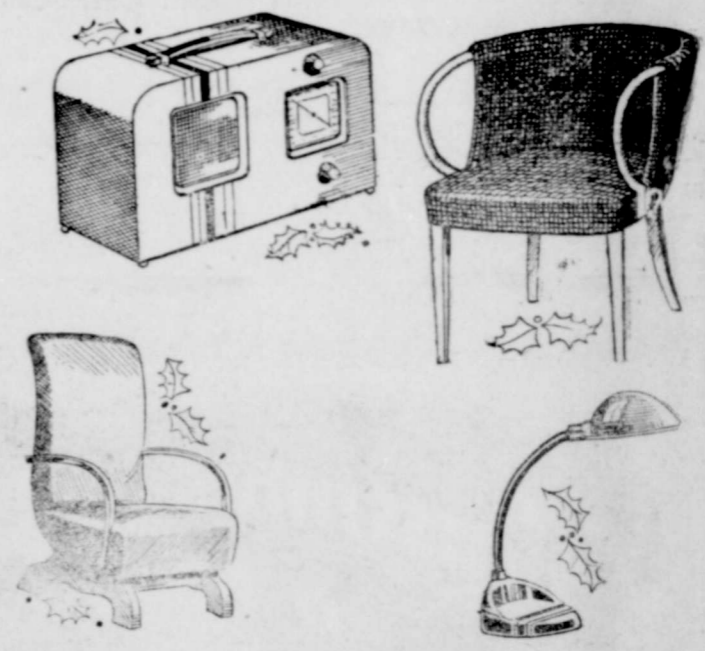
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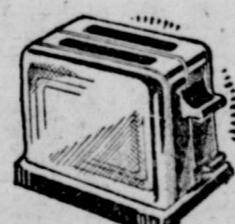
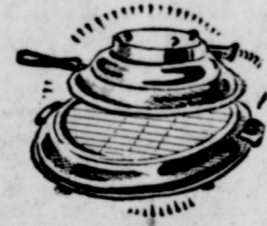


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PLAINVIEW

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... and be sure that they are -- **Electrical GIFTS**

... for those who enjoy the art of living ... and get the most out of life ... no gift could be more appropriate than 'something electrical' ... We suggest that you visit our new office and make your selections early. Any employee will be glad to assist you with your Christmas Shopping and "lay-a-way" your gift until Christmas Eve.



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"It's Time To Check Your Home For Improvements ..."



- Roofing:** Gutters, downspouts, roof sheathing, flashing, tile, shingles.
- Painting:** Exterior walls and trim; interior walls, floors, ceiling, and trim.
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FHA-insured Modernization Loans may be used for repairs, redecorating, or remodeling; for structural changes; for the installation of modern conveniences; for some types of new construction such as a garage; and for landscaping. Payments are made conveniently out of monthly income.



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ARMY LIFE BETTER THAN IN OTHER YEARS

It never rains on the army—at least not enough to cut into a soldier's pay.

Sergeant R. C. Wylie, United States Army recruiting representative stationed at Plainview, Texas, pointed out today that young men from this area who enlist in the army will not lose time because of bad weather or sickness. The pay goes on just the same.

"And the pay", Sergeant Wylie declared, "is a lot better than some people think it is. It varies from \$21. to \$157.50 a month, but that is only part of the picture.

"A soldier doesn't worry about the cost of clothing, food or rents. Neither does he have to think about doctor's or dentist's bills—Uncle Sam takes care of all that. Out of his regular pay the soldier pays only for his haircuts and laundry—leaving a pretty neat net."

The recruiting representative, who has been around the army many years and knows most of the answers, can't figure out why young men worry along with hardly a dime in their pockets when vacancies exist in various branches of the army.

"Any enlisted man may learn a trade that would bring him a good income if he left the army", he explained.

"Much of the army is motorized today. There are excellent schools for radio operators, motor mechanics, and numerous specialists schools for the air corps. The medical department will train men as x-ray, dental or general laboratory technicians. There are dozens of other opportunities open—and the soldier gets paid while he learns.

"There's a lot more to our modern army than shoulder-arms and squads right".

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Texas farmers and ranchmen cooperating in the AAA program will gather in community meetings in all parts of the state Monday, December 18, to elect local committeemen to administer the program. George Slaughter, chairman of the state Agricultural Conservation Association committee, has announced.

In the same meetings the cooperating producers will elect delegates to county conventions who will, in turn, elect county committeemen. Conventions in most counties will meet the day following the community meetings, Slaughter declared.

Committeemen elected, both local and county, will serve for one year, Slaughter said, and must be cooperating with the program to qualify for office.

"The basis of the entire program is the community and county committee set-up," the chairman explained. "The members of these committees are administrators who must make important decisions on policy and administration. They are part of the democratic organization of the AAA which is turning more and more to farmer-control of the program."

Slaughter advised the producers participating in the elections to remember that they were "electing administrators, not performance reporters."

"The committees can hire good performance reporters when needed but the committeemen are elected for their ability to properly administer the program," Slaughter pointed out.

The farmer-chairman urged the producers to follow the Association regulation for holding elections so as to avoid any questions as to legality. The date and place must be advertised prior to the election, he pointed out.

"If the folks in the program will just realize that these men they elect will be settling problems vital to the interest of every farmer and . . . ranchmen in the county, then they'll be extra careful about their selections," Slaughter declared.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wimberly and children spent Saturday in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Coffee, Jr. and Evelyn spent Saturday night and Sunday in Amarillo visiting relatives.

Rev. Brittan of Plainview suffered a stroke last week at his home in Plainview.

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE by TOPPS

**WOODEN SHOES**  
HAVE BEEN A MENACE FOR CENTURIES BUT THE SOLDIER HAS TO WEAR THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONLY KIND SUITABLE FOR THE WET AND SOON SO.

**RAPID AMERICAN PROGRESS**  
IN 1920, ONLY ABOUT 500000 VEHICLES WERE USED OUT IN THIS COUNTRY. TODAY, THIS NUMBER IS APPROXIMATELY 10,000,000 WITH A POPULATION OF 30,000,000.

**A JOB IN ONE INDUSTRY CREATES JOBS IN OTHER INDUSTRIES.**  
FOR EVERY 10 MEN EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING, 30 MORE ARE KEPT AT WORK SUPPORTING THEM WITH BUYING MATERIALS.

**IN BOSTON IT'S USUAL TO HAVE A DOG WITH YOU. A DOG IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANYING YOU AS YOU GO THROUGH THE CITY.**

**THE ANNUAL COST OF ALL OPERATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES IS EQUAL TO THE TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED BY ALL INDIVIDUALS IN OVER FOUR FIFTHS OF THE POPULATION.**

PICK BEEF ROAST FOR CHRISTMAS

Yorkshire Pudding is a Favorite Accompaniment on This Festive Occasion

Dinner on Christmas Day is one of the most memorable events of the year in most homes and those Christmas dinners are apt to remain shining like a row of candles, in our memories. Therefore, the planning of this feast is a real responsibility since every detail must be perfect.

The experienced homemaker knows that besides all the fancy decorations which are so much fun to plan and prepare and so beautiful to see, it is the food which makes the feast. The main part of the menu, especially the meat dish, must be just right; then the success of the party is assured. The "fixings," the nuts and candies and fruits, are the holiday extras, not the essential part.

DOG POINTERS

"When housebreaking a puppy, it is advisable to keep him on the kitchen linoleum as much as possible until he learns what is expected of him," says A. H. Leonard, head of the Dog Department of Purina Mills. "Open newspapers—perhaps over an entire floor the first few days—should be provided. Gradually the amount of space covered by newspapers can be reduced until the puppy has only a single newspaper pad in one corner," Leonard says. "After the puppy learns to use the paper, both puppy and paper may be placed outdoors after each meal, the last thing at night, and first thing in the morning. When the puppy has learned to make use of the paper both indoors and outdoors the job of housebreaking is complete."

Unsaturated oils rich in Vitamin F should be included in dog food since they help prevent the itchy nutritional eczema from which so many dogs suffer. Infections and mites may bring on certain types of eczema but the nutritional kind of eczema is caused by improper feeding and can be prevented by feeding a complete, balanced feed such as Purina Dog Chow, which includes special additional oils rich in Vitamin F.

All puppies should be wormed between the time they are two months and one year old, according to Purina dog specialists. Large roundworms are very common, and most dogs, particularly puppies, pick them up. Worms cause loss of weight, run-down condition, rough hair, and erratic appetites. In severe cases of worms dogs are often subject to fits. A veterinarian may be called upon to do the worming, or it may be done at home by using a 3 m.m. size testule, obtainable from any Purina feed dealer. These testules work rapidly and efficiently and when administered according to directions on the box will efficiently rid the puppy of worms.

"Fleas and dogs were never meant to live together," says A. H. Leonard, head of the Dog Department of Purina Mills. "Only the carelessness of man has made them cohabit. Fleas are easily eliminated when dog owners realize that they multiply from eggs dropped in the kennel, in a bed of weeds, or in dust where dogs often pass. Sources of infestation should be eliminated as much as possible by disinfecting with Purina Cresofec, a powerful cresol disinfectant which prevents eggs from hatching. If the dog is already infested, a thorough dusting with Purina Insect Powder is recommended. Dogs subject to fleas should be thoroughly sprinkled at least once a week."

usually includes children as well as grown-ups, that is an advantage. Then it can be purchased in a size sufficient to take care of a large party, second helpings and all, and still there will be a leftover portion to serve at succeeding meals. And every homemaker knows what a great help that is at a busy season like Christmas.

Besides these advantages, roast beef is one of the easiest dishes to prepare, and with the new methods of roasting it requires little watching and no basting or searing.

**Either Rolled or Standing Rib**  
In selecting the roast, you will have a choice of a rib roast with the bones left in or one which has been boned and rolled. If you are using a fairly large roast, you may find the standing rib roast preferable. It makes a very fine appearing dish. It needs no other garnish than a row of spiced apples or other fruit arranged about it. There is no difference in flavor between the boned roast and one which contains the bones, but you will find that the latter cooks a little more quickly than the rolled roast because the bones act as a conductor of heat.

In preparing the standing rib roast of beef, place it in the oven with the bones forming a rack and the fat side uppermost. But in serving it, place it on the platter with the cut surface up. In carving, slice across the cut surface toward the ribs. The slice is then loosened by cutting along the bone

**Yorkshire Pudding**  
1 cup flour  
¼ teaspoon salt  
1 cup milk  
2 eggs  
Beef drippings  
Combine flour and salt and add milk gradually, stirring to form a smooth paste. Then add eggs and beat for two minutes with an egg beater. Pour into beef drippings to a depth of about ½ inch. Put in hot oven (450 degrees F.) and bake for twenty to thirty minutes, decreasing the heat as the baking is done. Cut into squares and serve with roast beef.

Mr. Williamson was called again to the bedside of his mother at Haskell on Saturday afternoon. Little hope is held for her recovery.

**MRS. BRYANT HOSTESS STUDY CLUB**  
The March of time Junior Study Club met in its regular session on December 7th with Mrs. Bryant. The program for the evening was on the Bible. Roll Characters. The story of David was given by Mrs. Alvin Bryant. Mrs. Marvin Tull's names drawn for the Christmas Party members were welcomed to club, Mesdames R. D. White, Gatewood Lusk, Aulton Dugan and Victor Harmon.

**SEWING CLUB ENTERTAINMENT**  
Mrs. Aulton Durham entertained the Sewing Club at their Christmas Party Tuesday afternoon. Gift exchange was enjoyed which lovely refreshments served to the following: Mesdames T. T. Crass, Roy Maurice Foust, L. T. Wood, Nett Haley, Ware Fogerson, Ward Brown, Bob Hill, J. T. Tim Moore, and Dutch Taylor.

**HARMONY CLUB MEETING**  
Mrs. Roy Hahn entertained the Harmony Club on Wednesday afternoon of this week. A program was given, after the members enjoyed a Christmas tree. Lovely refreshments served by the hostess.

# Gifts

And Many Special Prices to Help Your Xmas Budget

**JACKETS**  
\$3.95

**Handkerchiefs**  
Fancy Boxed  
Ladies' 15c - 49c  
Men's 25 - 49c  
Childrens' 10c - 25c

**HOUSE COATS**  
\$1.95 to \$4.95

**Special on Skirts**  
\$1.95 value — \$1.29

**DRESS SPECIALS**  
Groups  
I    II    III  
\$1.00 \$2.95 \$4.95

**MUFFLERS**  
Silk and Wool  
59c - 79c

**ROLLINS HOSE**  
short, medium, long  
Suede Gift Boxes  
79c to \$1.35  
(13th Pair Free)

**Ladies HATS**  
Complete Stock  
Choice — \$1.00

**GARZA SHEETING**  
SPECIAL, — 25c yd.

**House Shoes**  
Children's — 59c  
Ladies' — \$1.00  
Men's — \$1.50

**COTTON BATTES**  
Plainview Snowwhite  
2 lbs. — 36c

**SHIRTS, E. & V**  
Xmas Boxed  
\$1.00 and \$1.50

**LINGERIE**  
Slips — 59c-\$1.  
Dancettes 79c-\$1.  
Gowns — \$1.00-\$1.  
Pajamas \$1.00 - \$1.

**NEW PRINTS**  
Pepperell Cloth  
Special — 15c yd.  
(Limit 10 yards)

**ANKLETS**  
All sizes — 05c

# Christmas at Wood Drug Store

**VALUES**

IT'S EASY TO SHOP HERE!

We have a wide assortment of Christmas Gifts for all. Bring in your shopping list and run right through it. We'll be glad to help you select.

**Manicure Sets \$1.25**

CUTEX SETS — \$1.25  
Schiek RAZORS, blades & cream — 49c  
Mennen's Shaving Sets — \$1.50  
MEN'S SETS, Fitches — \$1.50  
LIPSTICKS — 50c

**Lovely Bath Sets \$1.50**

BATH SALTS — 50c  
18th Century BATH SET — \$1.50  
BATH POWDERS — 50c  
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**Box Camera, only \$1.00**

FLASH CAMERAS — \$5.95  
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Men's Pipes  
Heating Pads  
Harmonicas  
Hot Water Bottles  
Clocks  
Wrist Watches  
Pocket Watches  
Sewing Kits  
Razors  
Pen and Pencil Sets  
Fountain Pens  
Hair Brushes  
Table Tennis Sets  
Painting Sets  
Bibles  
Tea Serving Sets  
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**While Shopping, Refresh Yourself at our Fountain**

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## Silverton Dry Goods

W. H. Cash      Save Cash at Cash's      Silverton, Tex.

# HOME TOWN NEWS



Mrs. Ed Brown of Floydada, also a sister of Mrs. Brown's, Mrs. Smith, and a niece, Mrs. Dillard.

Mr. and Mrs. Looe Miller had as their guests Monday Mr. Ty Allen of Spur, and Mrs. Sarton of Rotan.

John Bain of Sunray came in Monday to spend a few days with his family. Mr. Bain has a bowling alley in Sunray.

D. H. Yancy, Jr. left Friday for Fort Bliss where he will enter Army Camp after a months visit here with relatives and friends. His parents and wife accompanied him to House, New Mexico where they were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vera Vaughan and family. Mrs. Vaughan is a sister of D. H.'s. They drove to Clovis, New Mexico later where D. H. took the train for Fort Bliss.

Mrs. Mazie Garvin and sister, Mrs. Charles Dunn of Lubbock, spent the week end with their brother, Roy Allard and family at Antelope.

Mrs. Cecil James from Hamilton came Tuesday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bain.

Mrs. Crawford of Tulia visited her daughter, Mrs. John Bain and family, Thursday.

Mr. Crippendorf of Amarillo was transacting business here Monday.

Miss Leo Simpson of Amarillo was visiting friends here Monday.

Mrs. Jack Blocker visited friends in Crosbyton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. King has as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Albert King and family of Lockney.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Peeler December 10, at the Littlefield Hospital, an 8½ pound boy.

Billie Joe Womack has gone on a trip to Fort Worth and Houston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Womack

Mr. Robert Turner and Mable Turner spent Saturday night in the H. D. Love home in the Love Community.

Helen Poole and Eunice McCain spent the week end in the Lone Star Community with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Turner visited Mrs. Bob Turner Sunday. Mrs. Bob Turner's mother at Quannah, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teeter and Mrs. McDonald were bed time guests in the G. W. Seaney home Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Helvy McMurtry and children spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Cowser.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Graves and Littleton, and Rev. and Mrs. Jackson visited in the J. L. Watters home Sunday afternoon.

Nona Lee Deavenport, J. S. Long, Durene Strickland, Pascal Garrison and Marvin Montague were dinner guests with Donaleta Seaney Sunday.

Speaking of the old joke contest, there's the one about the man who ordered fish for lunch. After waiting a good while, he asked the waiter, "What kind of bait are they using?" The twin to this one deals with the man who ordered half a friend chicken. He too, waited a long time and the waiter explained, "We're waiting about killing the chicken till somebody comes in and orders the other half."

Bill Bryant left Saturday to spend the winter in Krum, Texas.

Mesdames Jim Bomar, Roy S. Brown, and L. K. Gilkeyson were in Amarillo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, Jr. and son spent the week end in Quannah with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas.

Mr. Bert Smith of Lorenzo, was here Wednesday buying horses and mules and visiting in the home of his cousin, Joe H. Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McPherson of Lockney were Sunday visitors in the Joe H. Smith home southwest of Silverton.

### North Ward News

Those who were bed time guests in the J. L. Watters home Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCain and children, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ledbetter and children, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Boling and children.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Seaney and children, and Mrs. S. A. Shearer and Elbert were bed time guests in the R. M. Haverty home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg spent last Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. A. A. Boling and family.

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Practice Limited to Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat  
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**BARGAINS**  
in the Panhandle  
in slightly used  
**OIL HEATERS**  
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**COOK STOVES**  
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Real Good Stoves  
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Real Low Prices  
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**BAKER  
MERCANTILE  
COMPANY**  
Lockney, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. King, were in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Garrison spent Tuesday in Fiomot with Mr. Garrison's mother.

J. A. Ziegler left Tuesday for Wichita, Kansas where he will enter the Veteran's Hospital.

Those attending the Floyd County B. T. U. meeting at Floydada Sunday afternoon were Rev. B. P. Harrison and Misses Lola Fern Foust, Doris June Brown, Cleo and Charlene Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Hughes, Misses Grace Hughes, Eunice Cox, and Grace Harvey attended the singing at South Plains Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Brown were visiting in Plainview Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Bomar and Coleen Bomar were in Plainview Saturday night.

Rev. B. P. Harrison and Rev. W. R. Derr of Ralls attended a District Board meeting in Lubbock Monday.

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**Dr. O. T. Bundy**  
—PHYSICIAN—  
Silverton, Texas

asked whether he was guilty or not guilty, said, "Judge, ain't that what we got the jury here to decide?" And that other defendant whose lawyer made such an eloquent speech that he was turned loose and a friend said afterward, "Confidentially, John, did you steal that horse?" And John replied, "Well, I thought I did till I heard my lawyer's speech; now, I have my doubts."

**Silverton Undertaking Co.**  
WE HANDLE ALL BURIAL POLICIES  
If You Have a Policy in Good Standing, we Will Accept It At Face Value  
**T. C. and D. O. Bomar**  
Day and Night Ambulance Service



Have you provided for the time—which must, and will, come to every one of us—when it will be necessary to meet funeral expense in your family?—Whether it be the father—the mother—or one of the children—this need should be provided for in advance, for few incomes can stand the strain of unexpected funeral expense.—How safe and secure you will feel if you take out a "family group coverage" Funeral Payment Plan policy with the Provident American Insurance Company.—This plan brings you funeral insurance for every member of the family, between the ages of 1 and 70, at low cost and on easy monthly payments.— It is NON-ASSESSABLE and pays the FULL AMOUNT OF THE POLICY, in QUICK CASH, to the beneficiary, AT THE TIME OF NEED! So, be THRIFTY—be WISE—be THOUGHTFUL!

**H. C. "CURTIS" KING**  
SILVERTON, TEXAS  
AGENT FOR PROVIDENT AMERICAN INSURANCE CO.

Herbert Davis of ... visited with his ... Mrs. W. T. Davis are teaching ... schools.

E. C. Smith of ... who have relatives here for ... to their home ... Mrs. Smith here for many ... friends were ... them again.

Roscoe Fort of Matador was transacting business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Strickland and daughter Jean of Lubbock were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Strickland and family over the week end.

The Intermediates of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday evening to decorate their new class room. They were sponsored by their teachers, Mrs. Howard Cash and Mrs. Milton Perry. Delicious refreshments were served to about 15 members.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Roy Brown had as their guests Sunday Mr and

### SEASONS GREETINGS

From  
**CAFÉ**  
Texas

LONG DISTANCE  
RING ...  
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RING ...  
Hello  
Everybody

What a world this has turned out to be . . . here I can to the phone, say 'Long Distance', and within a few minutes I can actually be talking to anyone in the world. Just called you up this morning to remind you that Christmas is only a few days away, and that you can make it a merrier, more convenient Christmas if you use a telephone in your home."—Santa

**SANTA IS RIGHT!** Not only at Christmas time, all through the year, you will enjoy the convenience of a telephone . . . and it isn't just a convenience either! In times of sickness it becomes a necessity. And for the busy business man, many valuable hours and dollars are saved.

If you do not have a telephone, call on your local operator today, and have one installed. You will find that the cost is small. It will make a swell Christmas Gift.

You can't be with your loved ones this Christmas, but you can be with them by phone. We have special long distance rates for Christmas calls.

Now we will ring off by wishing you a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**Western Associated Telephone Co.**  
Silverton                      Quitaque                      Turkey

A Gift of  
**VALUES**  
For a REAL  
**Christmas DINNER**

**THESE PRICES ARE GOOD, Dec. 15th to Dec. 23rd**

**SPECIAL, Cheez-Its, Smacks, Gingersnaps, 30c val.**  
All three for **23c**  
**PEACHES, DelMonte, h'vy syrup, No. 2½ can, 2 for 35c**  
**COFFEE, White Swan, 2 lb. can 55c**  
**SUGAR, 10 lb. cloth bag 53c**  
**Early June PEAS, good quality, No. 2 can, 3 cans 29c**  
**PORK & BEANS, delicious, 1 pound can 05c**  
**Crystal White SOAP, "perfect family soap, 7 bars 25c**  
**JELL-O, all-American dessert, any flavor, per box 05c**  
**Great Northern BEANS, real value, 10 lb bag 59c**  
**TOMATOES, full of flavor, 2 cans 15c**  
**Brimful Golden SYRUP, gallon 59c**  
**MATCHES, "satin tip" 6 box carton 19c**  
**Green BEANS, cut stringless, No. 2 can, 3 cans 25c**  
**Mexican Style BEANS, chili sauce, 15 oz can 3 cans 23c**  
**CORN, White Swan, fancy Sugar Corn, 2 cans 25c**

**QUALITY MEATS**  
**BREAKFAST BACON, sliced per pound 19c**  
**T-Bone & Loin STEAK, per pound 19c**  
**ROUND STEAK, per pound 25c**  
**BE WISE — and Give Groceries for Christmas**

**GET OUR PRICES ON  
CIGARS, CIGARETTES, CANDIES, NUTS, FRUITS**

**Farmers Food Store**  
SILVERTON, TEXAS

Rich Rug to Crochet In Exclusive Design



Pattern 2051.

You can have this thick-piled rug suitable for various rooms and show it as your handiwork. It's crocheted in squares which makes it excellent pick-up work. Pattern 2051 contains directions and charts for making rug; illustration of it and of stitches; materials required.

Send 15 cents in coins for this pattern to The Sewing Circle Needlecraft Dept., 82 Eighth Ave., New York, N. Y.

HE KNEW HER WELL ENOUGH TO TELL HER



Alkalize quick with these mint-like tablets the instant you feel acid indigestion distress.

The old days of embarrassment are gone! Now at the first sign of "acid indigestion" distress—quick, take 2 Phillips' Milk of Magnesia Tablets that you carry right in your pocket or purse.

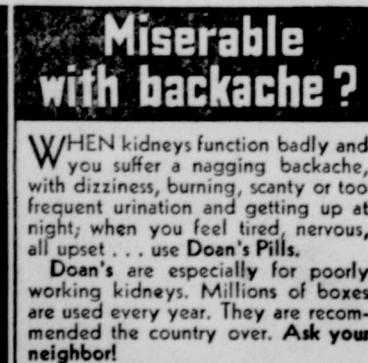
PHILLIPS' MILK OF MAGNESIA TABLETS

Great Unknown

The world knows nothing of its greatest men.—Sir Henry Taylor.



Culture's Effect The value of culture is its effect on character.—Maugham.



WHEN kidneys function badly and you suffer a nagging backache, with dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent urination and getting up at night, when you feel tired, nervous, all upset... use Doan's Pills.

DOAN'S PILLS

SHOPPING Tour The best place to start your shopping tour is in your favorite easy-chair, with an open newspaper.

THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

Clean Comics That Will Amuse Both Old and Young

By ED WHEELAN



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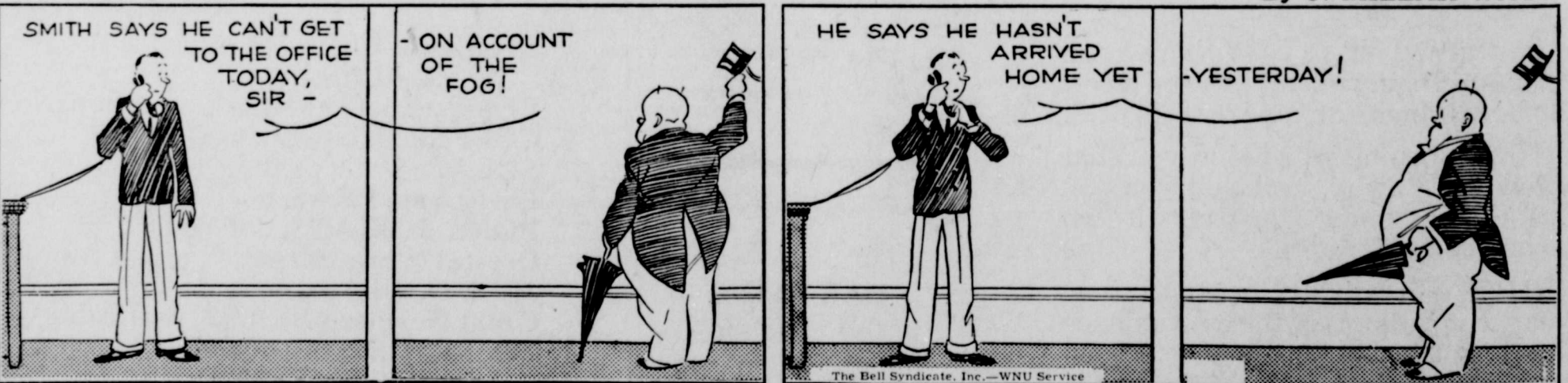
'SMATTER POP— Young William Tell Hits the Apple By C. M. PAYNE



MESCAL IKE By S. L. HUNTLEY

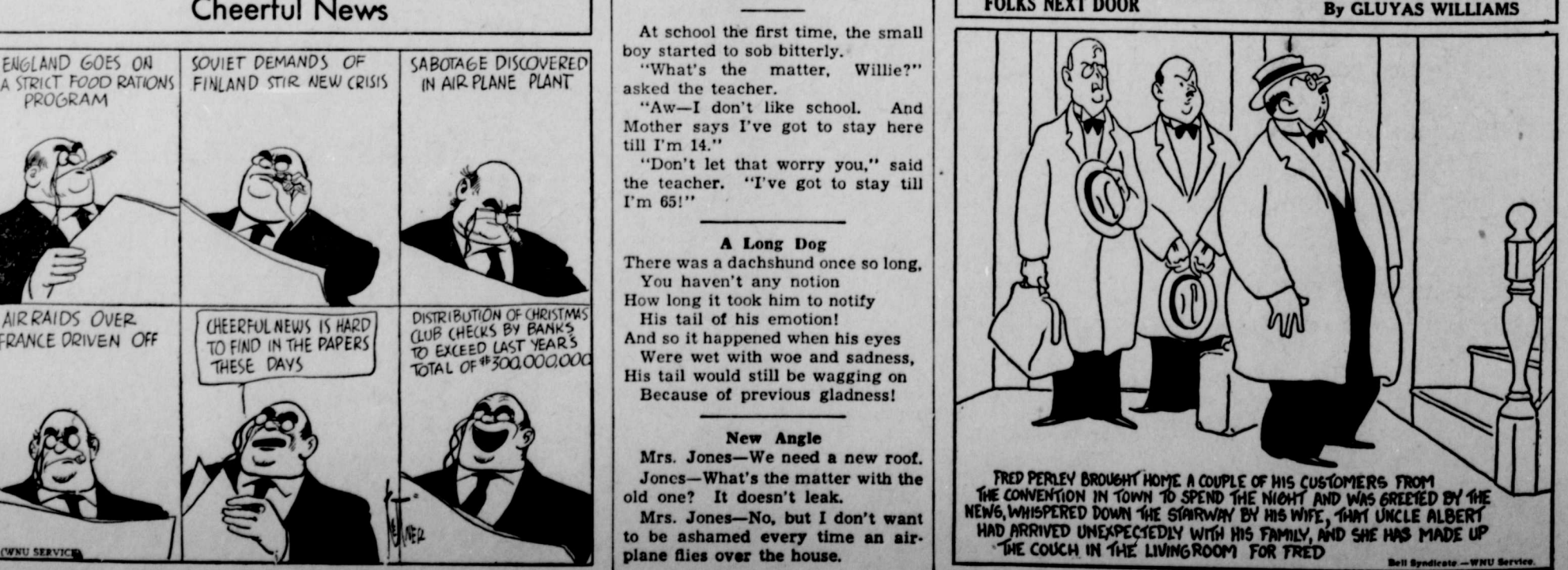


The After Effect



By J. MILLAR WATT

Cheerful News



By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

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# The Honorable Uncle Lancy

By ETHEL HUESTON

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THE STORY THUS FAR

Left orphans by a tragic automobile accident which claimed the lives of their mother and father, three sisters, Helen, Adele and "Limpy," are visited by their Aunt Olympia, politically minded wife of Senator Alencon Delaporte Slopshire. She insists that the girls return with her to Washington, to make their home with them. In addition to loving the girls, Aunt Olympia knows they will be a Wilkie, a minister, whose political campaign is furthered by seven "unspeakable" brats who sit on the rostrum with him while he makes speeches. Aunt Olympia and the Senator, kind and loving, nevertheless know that their three nieces will depend on the astuteness of his wife, prepares for their coming. Though Limpy, the youngest, is 16, and Helen, the oldest, is 21, the Senator buys them all the toys and gifts he can find, feeling that "children" should be occupied.

CHAPTER III—Continued

"An apartment is part of a house and home is what you make it," Olympia contradicted the Senator. "And an apartment is closer together, more intimate. I want them to be intimate. I want them to get used to seeing you around and being with you and—if possible—to like you as if you were their very own..." Before the campaign starts," she added significantly.

It must be said for the Senator that never once had he remotely thought of the children as latent campaign material.

"Oh, they've got plenty of time to get used to me," he said mildly.

"Well, it took me a good many years to get used to you and even now sometimes I'm surprised. Very much surprised! Besides, a hotel apartment is more accessible. Photographers as well as constituents will be with them. They are very sad. Such a tragedy! But their uncle and I will do what we can to comfort them."

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She saw everyone, she accepted every invitation, she resumed attendance at all her neglected clubs. She gave a large luncheon. She even went calling on just the right people. She talked constantly of "my poor dear children." She showed pictures of them, the most flattering ones. She apologized for her constant rush by saying she wanted to get everything of a social nature off her calendar before the poor dear children arrived. "Naturally, then, my place will be with them. They are very sad. Such a tragedy! But their uncle and I will do what we can to comfort them."

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Due largely to these tireless and effectual preliminaries, the Senator got a very good press on his benign adoption of the three young orphans. He, along with Olympia and a crowd of newspapermen and photographers, met them on their arrival at Union Station. Uncle Lancy was photographed with them in many interesting poses; kissing Limpy, the youngest; patting the grave Helen paternally on the shoulder; chucking the beautiful Adele under her highly photographic chin. He was photographed, too, wiping the moisture from his glasses with a very large, very white handkerchief. It was genuine moisture. The picture was appropriately captioned "Senator Weeps Over Pretty, Patriotic Young Wards."

Even Aunt Olympia pronounced the arrival a complete success. Senator Slopshire was neither large, nor tall, nor handsome, being instead rather jauntily rotund with a ruddy pink skin. He was slightly bald and the top of his head was of a ruddy pinkness. He was definitely dapper, punctilious in every detail of dress, manner and speech.

The girls found, to their delighted relief, that, for all her robust energy, Aunt Olympia was easy to live with. She was always alert, always humorously sarcastic, even bitter, but her pleasure in the girls' presence was obvious and she was flattered to rosy flushes by their spontaneous laughter at her remarks. She gave them almost unlimited freedom. She said that, in her opinion, "people should do as they pleased." If they wanted to get up for breakfast, they could. If they didn't, they could stay abed. If they wanted to come in when there were callers, she was glad to have them; if they were disinclined, she made voluble excuse for them. Best of all, she was not snoopy and she never pried. Anything that

came naturally within range of her eyes or ears went immediately into her storehouse of knowledge and was used to telling effect. But she never snooped.

Helen sometimes wondered uneasily if all this "doing as she pleased" was quite the best training for Limpy, at such a tender age. After all, she was only a child. One evening, as they sat together before the fireplace in the big living room, part of Olympia's persistent campaign to "make them intimate," Helen said:

"Auntie, have you inquired about a school for Limpy? The second semester should begin very soon now, I think."

"Yes," said Olympia promptly. "I have a list of all the girls' schools in the District and I know just what they're good for. All Limpy has to do is to decide whether she wants to educate herself up to society, to the night clubs, to get married, or go into business."

The Senator took off his glasses, wiped them thoroughly and coughed deprecatingly.

"My dear, do you think it's wise starting the child into school in the middle of the year, and such a very hard year? In my opinion, she needs a rest and a change and a little vacation. She looks thin and pale to me!"

The girls and Olympia turned shocked eyes to inspect the astonished Limpy, whose face turned a deep rose from delighted excitement at thought of escaping school.

"Limpy, don't you feel well? You do look feverish!" ejaculated Aunt Olympia, in a panic of alarm.

"Of course she's feverish," said the Senator. "And pale, too, for that matter. Why shouldn't she be pale and feverish? Look at all she's gone through! Too much study doesn't do a young mind any good. I say let her come around with me and see the sights and get a good rest. She can get enough schooling next year."

Aunt Olympia was more than distressed; she was terrified. This was Limpy!

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never before shown temper, except verbally.

"Len Hardesty! That louse! That snake-in-the-grass! I won't see him! Don't you let him cross my threshold! Tell him I'm not at home."

"Sure you're home, Ollie Slop, old top," drawled a low voice, and Len Hardesty stood in the door. "I was afraid you'd be in one of your little pre-campaign moods, so I told them to announce me in five minutes and I came right on up and tapped at the side door and a very nice young lady at the telephone let me in and motioned me down here, and here I am."

"Oh, hello, Len," said Aunt Olympia, not at all unpleasantly but rather cordially.

"How lovely and serene you are today, with the Record at your feet," he went on coolly. "Where's Slop?"

"If you mean the Senator, he is where he should be, trying to bring some order out of a chaotic Congress."

Her eyes went unconsciously to the motionless figure in black and white between the blue curtains. Quietly she turned her gaze followed hers.

Swiftly his eyes widened. Inelegantly, his jaw dropped. Wordless for once he gaped at the vision between the curtains. Then he flung his hat to the floor and clutched his head in both hands.

"My little niece, Adele, the Senator's middle ward," announced Olympia, with a smirk of smug complacency.

"Not one of the orphans! Ollie, you wouldn't do that to an old pal! You couldn't be that low—not even you could be as low as that! You wouldn't sack your old buddy onto seven brats and a tin trumpet and then double-cross me with—heaven-on-earth! Would you do that?"

"Oh, that's only one of them," said Aunt Olympia happily. "We have three! They adore the Senator!"

"You couldn't have three! There couldn't be three. There are no miracles, not even in politics. She's not flesh and blood anyhow. She's wax. She's an automaton you've rigged up to throw a scare into me—and successfully. I admit that, most successfully!"

Adele, being stared at, dropped a very slight curtsy and smiled.

"You pulled a wire!" Len Hardesty accused Aunt Olympia. "You know you pulled a wire. She's a female Charlie McCarthy, that's what she is; but much better-looking."

"Well, what of it? Charlie seems to be doing all right for himself. And so Adele, if you ask me!... Sit down, darling." The warmth of her smile for Adele was beatific.

"Ollie, I want to make a deal with you," said Len Hardesty earnestly. "I'll swap you the brats, all seven of 'em, and the bellwether too, for this one; just this one. You can keep the others."

"Not interested. Definitely not interested," said Aunt Olympia. "You admit, then, that when I pick campaign material, I pick it."

"I'll throw in two of Brother Wilkie's best sermons and the tin trumpet. I'll throw in the cane, too."

Aunt Olympia waved the idea from her with a happy gesture.

Len Hardesty took another look at the smiling Adele. "To tell you the truth, Ollie," he said, humbly, "I'm not sure but I'll throw in the Governor... Yes, come to think of it, I will! I'll throw in the Governor."

Improved Universal International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON LESSON FOR DECEMBER 17

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PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM LESSON TEXT—Matthew 13:3-8, 31-33, 44-46. GOLDEN TEXT—Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live.—Isaiah 55:3.

Teaching by parable, a method so often used by our Lord Jesus Christ, has many advantages. A parable (which is a story relating events in common life to teach or illustrate spiritual truth) is useful in stimulating interest and attention, in making the truth clear, in fixing it in the hearer's memory, and in attracting for further instruction those who are interested even as it eliminates those who make no response. Jesus was the master of this art of teaching. Others have learned from Him.

The interpretation of the parables of Jesus has brought forth much difference of opinion. The important point to bear in mind is that the interpretation must be one consistent with other scripture, as well as with our Lord's own revelation of its meaning when given. We have His own interpretation of the parable of the Sower (Matt. 13:18-23), but He did not interpret the other parables of our lesson, leaving it for us to carefully seek their meaning and gladly receive their instruction.

I. Take Heed How You Hear (vv. 3-8). This parable is rightly called the parable of the Sower for our Lord so named it (v. 18), but as we read it we see that the lesson it teaches relates primarily to the four kinds of hearers of the Word of God.

There are some who hear and their hearts and minds have so long been the common road over which every worldly influence has passed, that it has become so hard the Word of God finds no lodgment, but is quickly carried away by the birds, which are the "cultures of worldliness" and wickedness (see v. 19). Reader, if your heart is like that, ask God to break it up. Let us all shun those hardening influences which destroy our susceptibility to God's Word.

Others there are who hear and the seed takes root, but the soil is so shallow that it has only a quick growth which soon withers. These are those whose life is largely emotional, thrilling to a new experience, but not ready to face trials and the responsibilities of life (v. 21). As long as the Christian life looks attractive such shallow folk want to be counted in, but when they learn that it involves sacrifice, they are gone. Shallow souls, pray God to give your life depth and real meaning and worth.

Others hear and receive the truth, but soon permit the cares of life to choke and destroy it (see v. 22). This pictures modern life so aptly that one could dwell with profit on the vital lessons here taught.

Thank God, some of the seed brings forth a rich harvest! There is encouragement for every teacher and preacher of the Word of God. Notice (vv. 8, 23) that if we should bring forth a hundred-fold it would be tragic to bear only thirty or sixty.

II. Beware of the Power of Evil (vv. 31-33). Just as the mustard plant was never intended to grow into a tree in which the birds would dwell, so Christianity was never intended to be a nominally Christianized world empire in which ungodly men, the dark birds of the evil one (v. 19), should find comfortable lodgment. Unfortunately, that is what much of professing Christianity has become. Let those of us who love the Lord beware that we are not misled by it.

The parable of the leaven teaches the same lesson. Always in the New Testament leaven stands for evil (see such passages as Matt. 22:16-21, Gal. 5:9). It is any influence that weakens testimony, encourages hypocrisy, formalism or worldliness. Who can deny that this leaven has spread throughout the Church? The Evil One is powerful. Let us beware of his power and of his leaven.

III. Value Redemption Aright (vv. 44-46). In interpreting this parable we observe that obviously the sinner had served to sell with which to buy salvation, even if it were to be bought, which we know it is not (Eph. 2:8). We do give up some things to follow Christ, but are they not the worthless and degrading things? On the other hand, He gave us His all, even to the shameful death of the cross. This He did for His own people, Israel, and what we are even more interested in, for the Church.

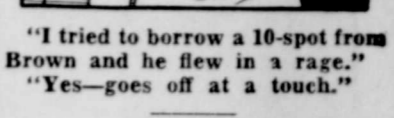
Let us value our redemption highly. We have been purchased with the unspeakable price, the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us then heed the admonition of the apostle Paul, "Ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:20).

(TO BE CONTINUED)



Rare Treat "The paper says you pleased a large audience at the banquet last night." "Why I did not appear. The paper is certainly wrong." "Maybe not."

Perfectly Frank Clara—There goes Mabel. I wish I were half as pretty as she. Frank—Oh, but you are.

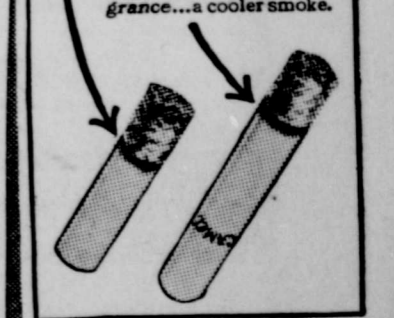


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By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

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Wordless Poem

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**AGGIE BRIEFS**  
(Continued from Front page)

to pay indemnities. Both the insurance and the loan help keep

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lize producers' incomes.

Of course crop insurance and loans are not the only features of the Ever-Normal Granary. Actually, the Granary has many parts. Adequate supply of good soil is as important as adequate current supplies of commodities. In this field, as in other, the AAA, Extension Service, SCS and other departmental agencies are contributing to the Ever-Normal Granary.

The Ever-Normal Granary does not apply only to wheat but to all agricultural products in that the Department of Agriculture is attempting to maintain a normal supply from year to year for the benefit of both producer and consumer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Garrison were in Plainview Thursday.

**Claude Crossing News**

In honor of Donaleta Seaney, a party was given in the Gene Long home Saturday night. Games were played and enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Strickland and Durene; Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Garrison and two sons Don and Pascal; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lightsey, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Seaney and Cecil; Lavern and Velma Lois Young of South Plains; Nona Lee Deavenport, Novalene Byrd, Frances Simmons, J. S. Long, Marvin Montague, Curtis Wilson of Blackwell, Texas; Alva C. Jasper, Purlynn Hodges, O. C. Rampley, Alton and Roy Mack Walker, Montie Pitts, Albert Myers, W. L. Perry, Thomas and Bobby Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Long and sons, Minyard, Bill and George and the

honoree, Donaleta Seaney, who was presented with a wrist watch from her many friends.

Mrs. Don Garrison spent a few days last week with her family in Monte Vista, Colorado.

Several of Mrs. Gid Mayfield's and Mrs. G. Mayfield's friends presented them each with a friendship quilt and other small gifts in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lightsey last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison and two daughters were dinner guests in the Gabe Garrison home Sunday.

Mr. Pascal Garrison was among the dinner guests in the G. W. Seaney home Sunday.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Silverton, Texas  
December 14, 1939

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF BRISCOE,  
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Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All must be in the office of the County Judge by ten o'clock A. M. January 8, 1940. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

W. Coffee, Jr.,  
County Judge,  
Briscoe County, Texas  
(First published in the Briscoe County News December 14,

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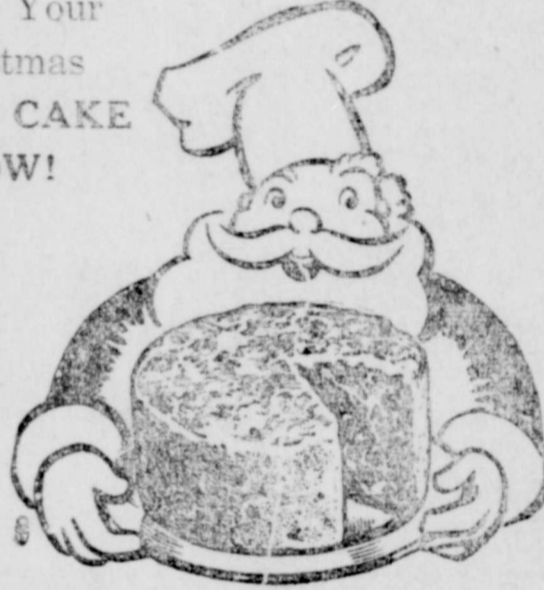
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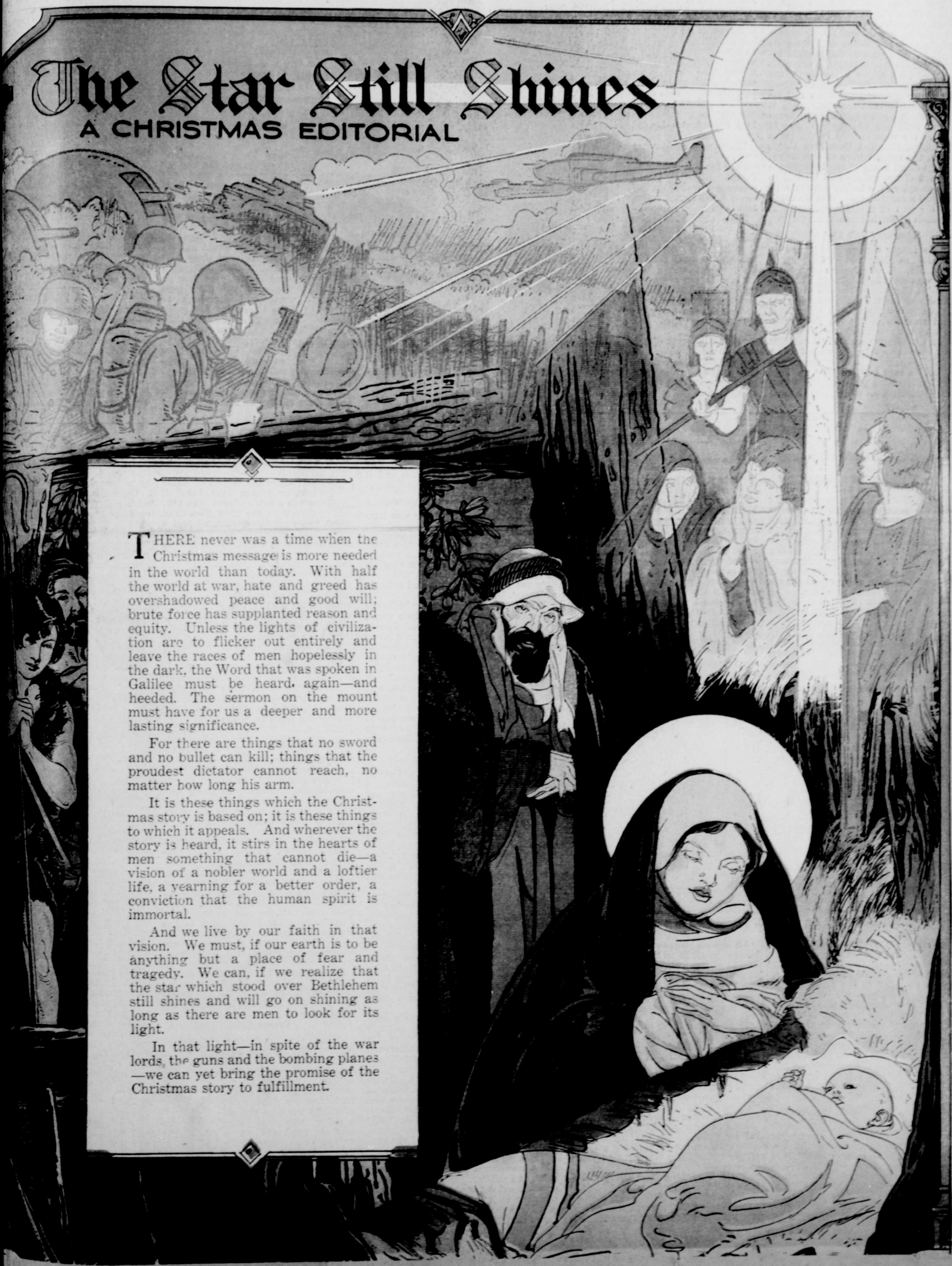
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## The Star Still Shines

A CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL



THERE never was a time when the Christmas message is more needed in the world than today. With half the world at war, hate and greed has overshadowed peace and good will; brute force has supplanted reason and equity. Unless the lights of civilization are to flicker out entirely and leave the races of men hopelessly in the dark, the Word that was spoken in Galilee must be heard, again—and heeded. The sermon on the mount must have for us a deeper and more lasting significance.

For there are things that no sword and no bullet can kill; things that the proudest dictator cannot reach, no matter how long his arm.

It is these things which the Christmas story is based on; it is these things to which it appeals. And wherever the story is heard, it stirs in the hearts of men something that cannot die—a vision of a nobler world and a loftier life, a yearning for a better order, a conviction that the human spirit is immortal.

And we live by our faith in that vision. We must, if our earth is to be anything but a place of fear and tragedy. We can, if we realize that the star which stood over Bethlehem still shines and will go on shining as long as there are men to look for its light.

In that light—in spite of the war lords, the guns and the bombing planes—we can yet bring the promise of the Christmas story to fulfillment.

# An Old Ranger Talks About a Swell Christmas

By GARLAND A. FARMER  
Henderson, Texas.

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It was while serving with the rangers back in 1878," said Frank Dalton, 91 years old and now living in Sweetwater, Texas, "that I experienced my jolliest and happiest Christmas.

"The ranger force was kept pretty busy those days chasing organized bands of rustlers who would often steal whole herds of cattle or horses in Texas and run them across the Rio Grande into Mexico. There were a few desperate characters among these rustlers who could shoot as well as any ranger and in a pitched battle with them we could figure on one or two rustlers being either killed or wounded. These rustlers had been active all through the early fall, but as the Christmas holidays drew near they quieted down and we rangers had a brief breathing spell. It looked as though we might be able to enjoy at least one Christmas dinner in peace. We were camped in the Davis mountains, 60 miles from Fort Davis, Texas, the nearest town to civilization. Going to Fort Davis to spend Christmas was out of the question as we had to keep an eye on the border lest the rustlers pull a surprise raid. Yet we didn't like the idea of a lonely Christmas in the wilds of Davis mountains.

## Mountain Folk Invited

"The ranger captain asked for suggestions as how we should spend Christmas. No one had an idea worth a whoop except Jeff Johnson. He suggested a Christmas tree and a Christmas dinner for the mountain folk. At that early day there were a few scattered ranchers in the Big Bend country with their women folk and children. But a Christmas tree without presents on it would be a flop. So we got into a huddle, discussed the problem and decided to send two rangers to Fort Davis to buy some presents for the tree. "Volunteers were called upon to make

the trip. Of course, everyone volunteered, but it was agreed to send the two who had been off patrol the longest. That meant me and Jeff Johnson. We started out, taking along two pack mules. Nothing happened on the trip except one of the pack mules Jeff was leading got cantankerous and jerked him off his horse. Jeff landed in some prickly pear, got mad at the mule and gave the animal a terrible beating. Then he got mad at me because I laughed at him and wanted to fight, but I jolied him out of it.

"Arriving at Fort Davis, we proceeded to do some shopping, but it wasn't at all easy. We had to buy something appropriate to hang on the Christmas tree for the women and children. We argued a long time about it and finally compromised by buying all the toys and candy that one store had in stock and all the handkerchiefs and shawls.

## Two Pack Mules Loaded With Gifts

"Then we bought what was needed in the way of fill ins for the Christmas dinner. When all things were got together we had about all two pack mules could carry.

"The storekeeper also had a Santa Claus costume with white whiskers that fit Jeff perfectly, but was too small for me. We bought it.

"Late in the afternoon we left Fort Davis. Riding all night, we hit camp just as the sun was coming up—two tired but happy men.

"Meantime some of the rangers went hunting and had bagged a half dozen wild turkeys, a deer and an antelope. Other rangers rode for miles around inviting the ranchers and their families

to come to the ranger camp and join us in celebrating Christmas. And they came—from as far away as 60 miles—some horseback, some in buckboards, some in wagons. By 2 p. m. Christmas Eve there was a sizable crowd of men, women and children, all happy and

gry and rarin' to eat. The camp cook, assisted by the women, had been busy broiling venison and antelope steaks, and cooking bread in an old Dutch oven. The day before he had baked a lot of pies and cakes. If you never ate pies and cakes baked in a Dutch oven you have missed something. The six turkeys were reserved for dinner Christmas day, to be stuffed with pecan-filled dressing.

"After supper came time for the Christmas tree. All gathered around the tree in jolly anticipation. Jeff Johnson developed a case of stage fright at the last minute and we had to get some one else to act as Santa Claus. Luckily there was an ex-preacher among our guests who had been accustomed to appearing in public, and he volunteered to take Jeff's place as Santa Claus. Everything was now ok, the Christmas tree program got off to a good start and it turned out to be a howling success.

"No child was forgotten. There was a gift of some kind on the tree for every boy and girl and woman. I can still see the happy faces of the children when Santy called their names and they were handed a toy or a sack of candy. And the little girls would go into ecstasies over their dolls—real dolls that opened and closed their eyes. Some of the little girls who lived far back in the mountains had never known any but rag dolls made at home by their mothers.

"That Christmas Eve we sure kept the campfires burning well into the night. Groups sat around the campfires swapping jokes and telling about their experiences since coming to the Big Bend

country. It was late when we in to get some sleep before Christmas morning. The women and children slept in the tents, the men outside under tarpaulins under the stars.

## Six-Shooters and Rifles Pop

"As the sun rose over the mountains next morning—ushering in the Day in all its glory—six-shooter rifles began to pop. It reminded some battles we rangers had fought with the rustlers. But this time firing was peaceful and was meant to celebrate the dawn of another Christmas day—the birth of a Christ O. "Well, by noon we had all worked a ravenous appetite—since riding back over the mountains or climbing one of the high peaks of the range—we were all set for that Christmas dinner of stuffed turkey, roast, Dutch oven bread, baked 'taters, pumpkin pie, ginger cake coffee. There was plenty for everybody and, believe me, everybody plenty.

"About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the children began to tune up and the stars started. Such old tunes as 'Tut the Straw,' 'Arkansas Traveler,' 'Blue Danube,' kept nimble feet to and fro all that afternoon, night well toward morning.

"Sixty-one years have passed that Christmas celebration, and I see many Christmases come and go but no Christmas can I recall with much satisfaction and happiness as one of 1878 in the Davis mountains West Texas."

## A PRAYER

Dear Father, for a wounded world, O send again to hearts of men Thy Christ, this Christmas Day. To those who watch through dark hours, As at the Saviour's birth, O grant that they may hear as Thy "Good will, Peace on earth."



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eager to take part in the yuletide festivities.

"A large cedar tree had been cut from the mountain side, brought in and set up in the middle of the camp ground. The women folk began to sort out the toys, candies and other gifts and place them on the tree. The tree was decorated with many-colored leaves and vines that grew in the mountains. At last all gifts were on the tree and it looked mighty pretty and Christmasy.

## Venison and Antelope Steaks

"By supertime everybody was hun-

an ancient kingliness about the shepherd as he swings up from a pasture to the road. His loose garments, open at the neck, accent his grace, even when they are topped by a discarded military greatcoat.

Mediterranean shepherds, whether in the Greek highlands or Libyan oases, delight to swathe themselves. Judean shepherds wear a tunic to their knees and a striped outer garment, seamless and hand-woven, with a white square folded into a veil held in place by a black goatshair ring, or "agal." If shoes are used, they are home-made of rawhide. The whole effect is more classic than that of the felt-hatted Roman shepherd guarding gray-wooled sheep along the Appian Way, or even the kilned Greek or smoked Rumanian herdsman.

## The Shepherd's Rod

The shepherd's rod, short and stout, with rounded ends, is carried over his right shoulder. By it the sheep are guided. Under it they pass at night to be counted. A kidskin sack is worn over the shepherd's left shoulder and contains the food brought from home—for few shepherds like to cook in the open, except at festivals. The guardian of the sheep is content with dry barley bread, cheese, olives, grapes, tomatoes, onions.

As in the time of Rachel who met Isaac when she came to water her father Laban's flocks at Haran, wells still have a strategic place in shepherd life. Wise Men's Well, on the edge of Bethlehem, is a favorite halting place where shepherd's meet to exchange gossip and to water flocks on the edge of olive groves where tradition says, the three Kings who had lost their guiding star, found it reflected as they gave their thirsty camels drink.

Usually a huge stone covers a good well and it is too much trouble to lift it until several flocks have gathered. (It is marvelous how the flocks afterward disentangle themselves, for each knows the voice of its own shepherd: "a stranger they will not follow"). Beside the stone well curb there is a hollowed stone basin from which the sheep and goats comfortably drink water dipped up by the shepherds. This is the "cup" referred to in the Twenty-third Psalm, as "running over," because of the generosity of the shepherd.

The shepherds and their flocks still add a quaintness and an old world touch to Palestine. But they are being crowded out by modern agriculturists, who, due to irrigation, plant thousands of pasture land acres to crops that afford abundant grazing for their sheep.

# Shepherds Guard Flocks As of Old

By MADELEINE S. MILLER  
(New York Times)

SHEPHERDS still watch their flocks on the rugged slopes below Bethlehem of Judea, "abiding in the field" by night, just as did the shepherds of long ago who saw "the angel of the Lord" and heard the first Christmas message. Centuries have not greatly changed the pastoral scene or the habits of life round the little town where Christ was born.

It is not hard to believe that the flocks of today resemble those of 2,000 years ago. Deep-fleeced, stout of body and tail, and caramel-colored, the sheep the traveler sees at Bethlehem blend softly into backgrounds of olive trees, rock-strewn hills and verdant valleys. Huddling close about their shepherd,



Patient shepherds still stand their peaceful guard in Palestine.

they contribute a tranquil note that befits the land of biblical days.

At the time of the birth of Christ legions of Rome stood guard as those of Britain do today in the little town of Bethlehem. Perhaps the weary sentries of Caesar Augustus, who maintained an era of peace by arms, overheard the rapture of Christmas shepherds as they came "with haste"—unusual for them—up to the inn on the edge of the hill, spurred on by the revelation of the Christmas angel: "Be not afraid... for there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

## Arab Shepherds Watch the Flocks

The shepherds who today watch their flocks on the rough ground below the town of Bethlehem, avoiding the terraced vineyards and the well-cultivated fields of grain and vegetables, are Arab shepherds, some of them numbered among the 70,000 Christian Arabs of the country. Many have a dreamy awareness of their succession to the Christmas watchers and take mystical

pride in it, as Oberammergau villagers take pride in their Passion Play roles. Yet never a Christmas comes to Manger Square, Bethlehem, but silent shepherds fringe the throng in the courtyard of the Basilica of the Nativity. At the carol-sing in the historic Field of the Shepherds, reverent keepers of the flocks share with strangers the brilliance of their Judean stars. And sometimes they climb with the group up the sheep-walks their ancestors followed when they "found both Mary and Joseph and the babe."

Nowhere in Palestine are shepherd scenes more lovely than here in the Emir Abdullah's roomy Arab country. No wonder the shepherd has difficulty in rousing his resting flock from still waters.

He himself loves to loll under a bridge before the climb up to the broad tablelands where, thirty centuries ago, Moses led God's people "like a flock" and found space for his wandering Jews enroute to their Promised Land.

## As in Days of King Moab

Trans-Jordan today can feed flocks as large as those of Mesha, King of Moab, who was a sheepmaster—he who "rendered unto the King of Israel the wool of 100,000 lambs and of 100,000 rams"—with plenty of acreage for golden grain and herds of white camels. Occasionally a prosperous shepherd rides on a donkey as he leads his flock to distant pastures or richer grazing.

Good shepherds still "prepare tables" for their flocks, not only by heaving good pastures but by plucking wisps of tender grasses for "those that have their young."

There is nothing comparable to the contentment of sheep when they feel their shepherd in their midst. Their dependence gives their guardian a right royal tread, despite his rags. There is

# The Legend of Santa Claus

DO you know the legend of Santa Claus, or do you even know if there is a Santa Claus? An 1897 editorial in the New York Sun, which is frequently quoted, advised a questioning child: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exists, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias."

But this brief editorial could only attempt to reassure a child's temporary doubtfulness. It couldn't, in its limited space, trace the history of the popular figure, his sleigh and reindeer racing down from the North Pole.

## Santa's History

Santa Claus goes back to a legendary origin in the Fourth century. Then he was Saint Nicholas. In fact he's still Saint Nicholas, but in America the Dutch equivalent of his name (Sint Klaas or Santa Claus) has gained a more universal use.

Like other legendary figures, the arrival of Saint Nicholas had its preview in a visitation to his parents. "Nicholas," they were warned, "was coming and he wasn't just going to be an ordinary child." Nor was he ordinary. To his parents, enjoying the usual pride of a new son, he was much superior to other infants born in the city of Parara, in Lycia, Asia Minor.

To more impartial observers, Nicholas was equally superior. While other infants were squirming in cribs, he rose to astonish his parents by thanking the Almighty that he had come into the world. Soon afterward he pledged himself to help God by helping his people.

## Patron Saint

After this promising beginning, Nicholas' life becomes somewhat misty. Greater things, perhaps, than humans are able to accomplish, were attributed to him. Certainly all reports were to his credit. He became the patron saint of sailors when he revived a sailor who had been washed overboard on a voyage to Jerusalem. He became the patron saint of maidens by dropping three pouches filled with gold into the impoverished presence of a nobleman of Parara, who had three daughters and three hundred doubts as to his abil-

ty to provide them with a

Certainly Nicholas was credited with gift-giving at Christmas because of his habit of distributing gold to girls who were not married. Naturally, too, this generosity him the title of patron saint of maiden ladies. Gradually, as blurred his real or imagined

## Ancient Beliefs in Connection With the Holly

The ancients believed that the possessed some mystic power which enabled it to freeze water and subdue animals. The peasants of Ireland, ever stitious, used to decorate their with holly to propitiate the fairies gain their favor. In rural English districts there two types of holly—prickly and prickly. They were distinguished "he" and "she" holly, though to sex was assigned the prickly holly was not designated.

It is further stated that according to the holly brought into the home Christmas, decorations being round smooth, the wife or the husband rule for the coming year.

Some maintain that the holly bush from which the crown of was torn that Jesus wore on the during His crucifixion. Indeed name of the tree signifies holly was only through shortening of vowel that it came to

we knew it. The holly was considered an ancient times to be a symbol of the life of nature. For reason, in some countries became almost an official worship. It was held in veneration by the pagan Zoroaster, as they believed that the sun never cast shadow from it.

Do you believe in the Son of God? John 9:35



# CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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## Broader Than Any Creed

The Spirit of Christmas does not belong to any land. Not among the adherents of any creed. Not forever in any human heart. For there are many things and has many things of Christian faith it has. For those of Christian faith it has. For those of Christian faith it has. For those of Christian faith it has. For those of Christian faith it has.

mosphere, this Christmas will not pass without a good deal of serious reflection. And not all of the ramifying thoughts which the day brings forth will center upon immediate disturbances. Many students of current affairs, whether or not of a religious turn of mind, will ask themselves if our civilization has lost the moral force once found in Christ's teachings.

To a very large degree the modern world is shaped by materialistic influences. As a whole the people are pre-occupied with war, economic problems, social betterment and political evolution. Nowhere, in any of these fields, is there to be found an equivalent for the moral and spiritual forces derived from the Christian philosophy.

It would be the capstone of irony if mankind should lose the cohesive forces upon which modern civilization depends. The need for a greater degree of morality is keenly felt today in international affairs, in the relations of management and labor and between individuals. That force is not to be found in science, or in any of the doctrines which focus on material benefits.

Many contemporary thinkers are earnestly seeking a means by which the cohesive influence of the past may be revived through cultivation of spiritual qualities. The comments of many current world thinkers and writers appeal for return to the simple virtues associated with the Christian religion.

If the moral and spiritual forces of Christianity were lost, the world would have to find some other concept of brotherhood, unity or common interest. To date, however, mankind has found no co-ordinating influence which has a fraction of the efficacy of religious faith. It may well be, therefore, that Christmas will gain more profound significance year by year and that this anniversary of 1939 is far more important than many of its celebrants realize.

## Message to the World

A fine way to express Christmas cheer is to decorate the homes. The practice is extending year by year and should be encouraged. Particularly now, when American home life in its freedom of self-expression, its peaceful atmosphere and its priceless individuality so strikingly contrasts with conditions in some other countries.

Extravagant display is not necessary. A wreath in the window, an illuminated motto, a string of colored lights sparkling in the branches of the evergreen on the lawn, say to the passing stranger: "This is a home, and those safely sheltered within it extend to all the joyous good wishes of the Christmas season."

Such a seasonal message from the household to the world cannot fail of inspirational and encouraging effect.

## 12-Month Red Cross Record

It is timely at this season of the year to review the work done by the Red Cross for the twelve-month period ended last June 30. A summary of this agency's work, in its annual report, listed 217 catastrophes in the United States and its insular possessions for which relief was rendered, including relief granted to sufferers of the Chilean earthquake last January and to refugees of the Spanish civil war and the Sino-Japanese conflict.

In meeting relief needs in the United States, the report said, the Red Cross spent \$2,187,279 for the aid of 130,000 persons in forty-three States and Alaska. The only States which did not have disasters large enough to warrant aid from the organization were Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming, it added.

Types of catastrophes in which the Red Cross gave aid, said the report, included sixty tornadoes, twenty-five fires, thirty-one floods, ten cloudbursts, four epidemics, three forest fires, fifteen wind and hail storms and nine disasters of other types. In these, it was asserted, 30,693 buildings were destroyed or damaged, 706 persons were killed and 1,990 were injured.

In lives lost and property destroyed, the New York-New England hurricane was found to be the most disastrous, calling for an expenditure of \$1,682,000.

a retired Chicago multi-millionaire. It is a 128-room mansion with 30 bath rooms, some of which have gold-plated fixtures. Verily, this man laid up for himself treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt. He also laid up on earth a colossal folly that will be pointed out as a vain show and a prodigal waste of money.

Admiral Byrd is beating it back to the South Pole in his staunch ship to spend another year down there in scientific research. The Admiral, a great discoverer of ice, snow and penguins, is hardly as great a discoverer as Columbus, but is deserving of praise for having discovered land without people on it to start trouble. Poor Columbus was not so lucky. The land he discovered had Indians on it that started trouble. Later the land was inhabited by whites that started trouble. Later the whites, after getting rid of the Indians, started trouble among themselves and have been at it ever since.

Seventeen thousand new laws were passed this year by the legislators of all the various States. We already had too many laws on the statute books. America has more laws and more law violators than any country in the world. Why? Because about half of the law violators go unpunished. I read a statement in the Chicago Tribune recently which said that half of the crimes committed in Chicago were committed by repeaters—men who formerly had been convicted of violating the law. Small wonder that Chicago is one of the most lawless cities in the United States. Maybe the answer is a return to the whipping post for punishment of crime. Many young criminals are just spoiled children who need a good sound whipping.

Here is a poem I came across the other day and shall pass on to my readers. It blends in with the holiday season:

## FOR LITTLE THINGS

We thank Thee, Lord,  
For little things,  
Like sunset-gold,  
Or pumpkins hanging on a frosty vine;  
Or gentle rain,  
Or echoes from a lovely song.  
For little secrets that the world will never know;  
For poems in our hearts that never shall be rhymed,  
Or blue—just plain sky blue—  
For these we thank Thee, Lord,  
We might include the carols mother used to sing,  
Or Santa Claus,  
Or gifts at Christmastime;  
For every little thing that makes the universe.  
We thank Thee, Lord—  
Thank thee reverently,  
For little things.

—Donald Dunn.

## Harnessing Solar Heat

Dr. C. G. Abbot, secretary of Smithsonian Institute, who more than a decade ago built a solar cookstove at Mount Wilson Observatory, and continued experiments in harnessing the sun's rays, now reports:

"Both solar cooking and solar distilling of non-potable water are practicable and efficient propositions, and likely will be in common use before very long, if the necessary outfits can be produced at attractive prices. Solar water heaters are now used considerably in Florida and California.

"New Mexico could supply from solar radiation," he declares, "over ten trillion horsepower hours per year of mechanical power, which compares with the power possibilities of all coal, oil and water at present used annually for heat, light and power combined in the United States."

Dr. Abbot, who also has devised solar boilers, suggests the sun's heat could be converted into electricity and stored in batteries or water could be pumped by solar power to a high-level reservoir, later to be used in a hydro-electric plant.

"It is possible that so long as coal is cheap and abundant there will be no extensive use for solar power. However, small installations of two to five horsepower units may be profitable under favorable conditions," he said.

## Christmas Everywhere

"Everywhere—everywhere, Christmas tonight! Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine. Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine. Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white. Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright. Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight."

And it is truly. No matter whether the observance is by people speaking our language or one of dozens of other tongues; whether they are snowed in or are shading themselves from the burning sun—wherever people are rejoicing in the birth of Christ, it is Christmas.

Observances of this occasion always first and foremost religious, have for hundreds of years been accompanied by certain festivities, centered in some instances in the season and almost always in the promotion of kindness and good feeling in the family circle and among friends and acquaintances.

In addition to its sacred rites, the charm of Christmas traditions is dear to everyone at this time. Trains, boats, planes, buses and automobiles have been overtaken with hordes hurrying home to be with their families Christmas day. For the past week, more and more decorations of lights and greenery and color have appeared outside and inside.

Last Christmas the President lighted a Christmas tree for the nation in Lafayette Park, Washington, D. C. Everywhere—Christmas; and everywhere rejoicing in the glad tidings of nineteen hundred years ago, and the Christmas spirit which pervades home and friends and abides with us always at this happy season.

## The Yule Log

In England the Yule log was a huge section of birch which was cut from a tree selected on Candlemas-day, which was the last day of the Christmas holidays. On the following Christmas it was dragged in and placed upon the hearth with great ceremony, the merry-makers pulling with a will and singing a Christmas carol. It was also kindled with an old brand, linking each Christmas to the one before and the next.

The Yule log must be watched carefully, wherever the custom still survives of burning it on Christmas Eve. Some lore says the Yule log is from Scandinavian sources where, at their feast on the winter solstice, they kindled huge bonfires in honor of their god Thor. The huge log was full of good promises and bringing it in from the woods where it had seasoned all year was a noteworthy observance of Christmas Eve. Its flame burned out old wrongs and heartburnings, so it was believed.

Mention of the Yule log brings to mind the ceremony of bringing in the boar's head, the procession which used to mark the beginning of the feasting in the northern European countries. At Oxford it was carried

in by the strongest of the guardsmen singing a Christmas carol, preceded by a forester, a huntsman and a couple of pages carrying the mustard (then a luxury).

## The Carolers

The United States is always enthusiastic about any idea which it takes unto itself and a habit quickly grows. Statistics say that in 1918 less than 40 cities made any special point of carol singing, but ten years later more than two thousand took some definite part in this beautiful Christmas observance. Several thousand more must have joined the great parade in the past ten years. In Williamsburg, Va., for instance, the Colonial Carolers from William and Mary College, in picturesque costumes and accompanied by instrumental players, serenaded with old English and Latin carols.

"While the stars, that oversprinkle All the heavens, seem to twinkle With a crystalline delight; Keeping time, time, time, In a sort of Runic rhyme, To the tintinnabulation that so musically wells From the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells— From the jingling and the twinkling of the— bells."

Thus did Edgar Allan Poe describe some of the thrill we feel when the Christmas bells ring out their peans of praise and joy, accompanied by thousands of carol singers. All over this world, and especially in the United States, the bells of churches have been ringing out the glad tidings, echoed by the chimes and re-echoed by the carillons—reaching across the hills and valleys, thrilling the listeners miles away.

## Our Bill of Rights

We of Texas are thankful there are no blackouts in our towns. Main street still is lighted at night as Christmas shoppers come and go in peace and gladness. Our rights of assembly have not been denied. Anyone still can get up and express himself regarding the present administration without fear of being executed or thrown into prison. There is no goose-step in Texas. School children in thickly populated sections have not been sent into the rural districts lest enemy bombers drop death on them. Despite a certain amount of criticism and heckling (a great American institution), we know the foundation of our government is intact.

We of Texas are thankful we are allowed to worship as we please. Racial prejudice has not entered into our daily lives. Our neighbor, be he Jew or Gentile, still is our neighbor, and there is nothing to keep us from running over in the morning to borrow a cup of sugar or coffee from him. We have maintained our tolerance while other nations have lost their sense of reason.

A Czech exile in America—a professional man who fled from Czechoslovakia at the time of the German seizure of the country last March—commented as follows after his arrival in the United States:

"America," he said, quite simply and earnestly, "saved my life. Now it gives me the wonderful protection of your great Bill of Rights. I wonder if you here in America realize what that means. You are so used to it. You take it for granted. In large parts of Europe there is no Bill of Rights today. We Europeans know what it is to live without freedom of religion, freedom of speech and of the press and freedom to do anything to correct our grievances. I am grateful to your country. I appreciate what it is doing for the world in maintaining freedom."

## The Great American Home



"IT MAY BE FRICASSEE OF TENDER LOIN TIPS AT YOUR COOKING SCHOOL, YOUNG LADY!! BUT TO ME, IT'S JUST PLAIN OLD FASHIONED SLUNGULLION LIKE WE HAD IN THE ARMY!!!"

## Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY  
Winnboro, Texas.

CHRISTMAS bells will soon ring out and again we shall be wishing each other a "MERRY CHRISTMAS!" Seems not long ago I celebrated the last Christmas. The years pass swiftly by. As a habit to hang up my stocking night Christmas would never seem weeks, weeks and months before Santa answered my letter. I brought me the air, bugle, drum and may all seem come true.



on the subject of Christmas, it is well to remember that there will be a lean Christmas. Salvation Army and other charitable organizations may overlook worthy one who is needy and too poor to let his wants be known. These ones the Saviour must have taken of when He said, "Blessed poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." My happiest would be an opportunity to such worthy ones and befriend I should like to speak cheery kindly words to them. I should like them up, to imbue them with faith and faith to meet and overcome the vicissitudes of life.

After Christmas comes New Year. We call it new year but it is continuation of the old year with its aches and pains. We will have a cover of national problems—such as unemployment, strikes, neutrality and what not. Let us New Year will not add to these but rather give us wisdom and leading to meet them resolutely solve them.

silver lining looms out of the fog. Business as a whole about the United States has been upswing. Corporate earnings first three-quarters of 1939 are up of the first three-quarters of 1938. When big business makes money signs of better times. It would

not surprise me if America staged a comeback toward prosperity in 1940. They say you can't keep a good man down. By the same token you can't keep millions of good men down and we have 'em—right here in the United States.

Advertisers are telling us to do our Christmas shopping early. The women folk in my family began Christmas shopping before Thanksgiving. I know, because they come home with mysterious packages that they hide away in old trunks and closets. Furthermore, there are sly whisperings and secret conferences—all of which, at this particular time, has something to do with Santa Claus. Hope I don't get another red necktie. The tie I got last Christmas was so fiery red it made a bull in a pasture eyed me suspiciously and pawed the earth when he saw it on me.

The new automobile models are things of beauty and a joy forever—if you can afford to own one. Wife stopped with me in front of a salesroom and hinted that a certain pretty model car would make a wonderful Christmas present. I didn't take to the hint for many reasons—mainly financial—but also I knew wife wouldn't want to ride in a new car in her old clothes. A 1938 model dress, hat, shoes and coat won't match a 1940 model automobile.

A movement is on foot to get more farmers elected to our State legislature. That's not a bad move. Being a dirt farmer myself, I know the whys and wherefores of digging a living out of the recalcitrant earth. Any farmer who makes a success farming these days—in spite of drouths, insects, taxes, high costs, low prices and a hundred other restrictions—is capable of solving legislative problems. He may not be a college or high school graduate, but a successful farmer has common sense, initiative and fair to middling judgment—all necessary qualifications to a good legislator.

Chicago tax collectors are trying to sell a \$4,000,000 estate for \$150,000 to cover unpaid taxes and cost of upkeep. The estate consists of buildings, furnishings and ground, former home of

# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS---from Over the State

## LIMIT CHICKEN FLOCKS TO 100

Yoakum voters have indorsed an ordinance limiting to 100 the number of chickens residents inside the city limits will be allowed to keep.

## COTTON CHRISTMAS GIFT MONTH

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel proclaimed December as "Cotton Christmas Gift Month" in an effort to stimulate purchase of cotton articles to help growers.

## BIG DEER KILL PREDICTED

The State game department estimates that 45,000 deer will be killed in Texas this season. Last year 30,000 buck deer were killed, 5,000 on opening day.

## FFC WILL PLANT BLACK WALNUT TREES

Italy, (Ellis county), Future Farmers high school clubs will adopt the planting of black walnuts as a project in reforestation on the Texas blackland.

## BUILDING PERMITS, GAIN

Building permits in 43 Texas towns during October aggregated \$10,118,168, or 46 per cent higher than the same month a year ago, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

## RABBIT HUNTERS WARNED

Dr. George W. Cox, State health officer, has warned hunters against killing slow-moving rabbits. "These rabbits," said Dr. Cox, "are apt to have tularemia, a disease that can be contracted by humans." He also suggested that rubber gloves be worn while skinning rabbits.

## PECAN CROP SMALL

The Texas pecan crop this year was estimated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at 17,400,000 pounds as compared at 23,000,000 last year and a 10-year average production of 25,120,000. The short crop is attributed to drought and insect damage.

## MARRIED BY TELEPHONE

Mrs. Nettie Cottle, of Dallas, was married by long-distance telephone November 3 to R. W. Worley, of Shreveport. The marriage ceremony was conducted at the Shreveport end of the line and occupied eight minutes. The bride left for Shreveport by train to join her husband.

## NAIL DIET FATAL TO COW

Paint Rock Herald: "A fine milk cow belonging to Mr. M. C. (Boy) Kemp, with a value of \$75 or more, died as the result of eating too many nails and other metals. The cow had been under the weather for several weeks, so after her death an autopsy was performed and 11 nails, 2 pennies and one small bolt were found in her stomach."

## HIGHWAY FATALITIES LESS

A summary of motor vehicle fatalities by the State Highway engineer for the first nine months of this year shows 1,098 deaths as compared to 1,148 during the same period of 1938, a reduction of 50, of 4.4 per cent. More than half, 649, of the deaths this year were caused on open highways.

## MASSACHUSETTS GETS \$4,000,000 OF GREEN ESTATE

In November Massachusetts was paid \$4,000,000 as taxes from the estate of Col E. H. R. Green, formerly a resident of Terrell and Dallas, Texas. A United States Supreme Court decision upheld Massachusetts' claim that Green was a resident of that State, over similar claims from the States of New York, Florida and Texas.

## NAMED CHAMPION AMERICAN BOY

Willie Lee Ulich, age 19, Burleson county 4-H club member, has been selected as the outstanding 4-H club boy in America for 1939. The selection based on Ulich's four years of club work was made by the National 4-H Club Committee with headquarters in Chicago. This is said to be the first time in history of 4-H clubs that a Texas boy has been awarded the famous Moses trophy. The award is made each year not only upon a boy's ability as a farmer, but on leadership, character and scholarship.

## DOG EATS PECANS

San Antonio Light: "Miss Vivian Ortiz, 226 East Fest st., San Antonio, has a dog, Fido, with a liking for pecans. Miss Ortiz said the dog buries pecans, later scratching them up and cracking them with his teeth, carefully removing the meat from the hull before chewing and swallowing the meat."

## ENGINE KILLS BUCK DEER

Engine 13, pulling a log train of the Southern Pine Lumber Company, near Diboll, (Angelina county), crashed into and killed a seven-point buck deer.

## YAWNS, DISLOCATES JAW

Miss Ruth Huetz, age 19, petite University of Texas co-ed from Waco, yawned so hard in an early morning class that she dislocated her jaw.

## COLLECTS PETRIFIED FRUIT

A. F. Moss, Llano ranchman, has a collection of petrified fruit, including oranges, coconuts, a watermelon and a peach. Collecting petrified fruit is a hobby with Mr. Moss.

## GOAT-MARAUDING PANTHER KILLED

A six-and-one-half-foot panther that had been killing goats on Hamilton Wilson's ranch, forty miles west of Kerrville, was shot dead after the panther had killed twenty-five goats in one day.

## OLDEST WOMAN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Margaret Ann Bailey, 401 California street, El Paso, and believed to be the oldest woman in Texas, celebrated her 105th birthday recently. Mrs. Bailey was born in Paris, Tennessee. She is still interested in day-to-day news events and the simple things of life.

## ROAD WORK

1939 TOTALS \$29,300,000  
The Highway Commission will have spent a total of \$29,300,000 on highway improvements during 1939 and has a minimum of \$25,000,000 ahead for 1940. The program next year will be somewhat curtailed due to reduced Federal appropriations but there may be added amounts from the Congress which convenes in January.

## BOY SUMMONED AS JUROR

Charles Joseph Gaffney, age 10, of San Antonio, has been summoned for jury service four times in six years. Charles owns four lots in a suburb. Excused because of age, he said he had been studying hard to become a juror and believed he would make a good one.

## GEOGRAPHIC AND POPULATION CENTER

Geographically speaking, the center of Texas is near Brady, say University of Texas geologists. Population center falls near McGregor, in McLennan county.

## "FATHER OF TEXAS" 146th ANNIVERSARY

Texas commemorated the 146th anniversary of the birth of Stephen F. Austin, "Father of Texas," November 3. Austin was born at Austinville, Va., November 3, 1793. His body lies in the State cemetery at Austin, the grave marked by a bronze statue.

## THREE MORE FLIGHT TRAINING COLLEGES

The Civil Aeronautics Authority announced it had approved three additional colleges in Texas for participation in its student flight training program. They are Austin College, Sherman; East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, and Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton.

## FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Free legal advice for those who can't afford to pay attorney fees has been planned by the University of Texas to start possibly in February or, at the latest, next September. The advice, it is said, will be limited to indigents.

## EIGHT THANKSGIVING DAYS

While some States observed two Thanksgiving days—November 23rd and November 30th—Harlingen, (Cameron county), observed eight Thanksgiving days by proclamation of the mayor.

## RAT MADE NEST OF BILLS

Puzzled auto supply store employee, of Texarkana, who had hidden \$30 in a wall for safekeeping, only to find it gone, finally pinned the theft on a rat that had feathered its nest with \$1 and \$5 bills.

## TEXAS SHARE OF AAA FUNDS

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration reported that Texas led all States with receipt of \$25,345,000 in farmer subsidies. Iowa was second with \$15,412,000 and Illinois was third with \$7,975,000.

## DROWNS IN BUCKET OF WATER

While Mrs. C. P. Pritchard, near Stamford, (Jones county), was busy with household work, her 9-month-old daughter toddled to the back porch, fell in a bucket of water and was drowned.

## DESCENDANTS OF NOBILITY

A record showing that 400 Texans are descendants of the New World's Spanish nobility has been uncovered by a research librarian at the University of Texas.

## BUCK ANTELOPES FOUND WITH LOCKED HORNS

Alpine Avalanche: "Stanley Fulcher, of Alpine, discovered the bodies of two fighting buck antelopes with locked horns. The animals had been dead apparently three or four months, the scene of their death struggle having been on the A. H. Richardson ranch a few miles southeast of Alpine."

## STILL LEADS IN 6-MAN FOOTBALL

Texas still leads the nation in the development of six-man football, according to R. J. Kidd, athletic director of the Texas Interscholastic League. The six-man game came to Texas in 1937. In North Dakota, the next largest State for the sport, there are 120 teams.

## HOME BUILDING SHOWS INCREASE

Federal Home Loan Bank Board reports that the first three quarters of 1939 new home loans totaling 10,012 and amounting to \$19,835,330 were made by the 121 insured savings and loan associations in the State, compared with 7200 loans amounting to \$15,560,570 in the first nine months of 1938.

## REMAINS OF HUGE LAND TURTLE

Among the fossilized remains of a number of prehistoric animals uncovered from the caliche pit near Ingleside, (San Patricio county) was that of a huge land turtle that measured three feet across the middle. Work of excavating is under the direction of Dr. E. H. Sellards, University of Texas geologist. The skeletal parts of other animals uncovered were mastodons, dinosaurs, sloths, horses, etc. Dr. Sellards estimated the deposits were about 25,000 years old.

## BIG CROWD AT POSSUM DINNER

Frankston's (Anderson county), eleventh annual possum dinner drew a crowd estimated at 200 persons. Guests, besides East Texans, were from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Mexico, California, Illinois, New York and Maine.

## RESTOCKING GAME

The annual report of the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission discloses that the commission has distributed, in depleted areas, the past fiscal year, 20,000 bobwhites, 533 wild turkeys, 194 white-tailed deer, 33 antelope and 3,429,582 fish.

## ENORMOUS SALT DEPOSIT

Dr. Albert Woldert, historian and geologist of Tyler, has announced that one of the largest deposits of rock crystal salt on the American continent is located near Bullard in the adjacent county of Smith.

Dr. Woldert said the salt at Bullard was discovered by accident in an oil drilling test long before the East Texas oil field came into being. The drillers struck salt at 1,200 feet and drilled another 800 feet without reaching the bottom of the deposit. The salt is described by Dr. Woldert as "clear crystal, without dirt or silt veins."

## POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN

The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported postal receipts in 43 Texas towns during the year gained 10.8 per cent over \$1.36 billion and 5.5 per cent over the month last year to a total of \$1.36 billion.

## BIG DEMAND FOR SCRAP IRON

Based on orders in hand and expectation that Houston will continue to receive its share of shipments, 100,000 tons of scrap iron will be shipped to England from Port Houston the next 12 months.

## "JOHN GARNER" PECAN

Pecan men say that the John Garner, named for Vice-President Garner, and introduced only in 1938, is a true paper shell, runs 61 per cent and is of good size. The "John Garner" was introduced at a show in Uvalde which the Vice-President had a prize for the best seedling.

## HORSE AND BUGGY LAWS OUT

Under supervision of its legal department Fort Worth is revising ordinances that have remained on municipal books since 1903. One of these laws prohibited the feeding of horses, mules, hogs, cats and chickens on the adjacent streets. The traffic department then required drivers of buggies to signal with their whips, making a left or right turn.

## SAFETY CITY

Amarillo gets credit for being the safest city in Texas against automobile deaths while Austin is the most dangerous, according to figures released by the State Department of Public Safety. High death tolls on highways, 1,228 for a 10-month period, raised Statewide rating to 9.9, a higher fatality rate than any of the cities, State police said.

## FINDS DEER HANGING ON WIRE

San Antonio Express: "R. L. Brown, local cattleman, found a deer hanging on a wire fence near a ranch, 18 miles west of Pearland. The deer failed to clear the fence, and her legs were held in the wire. The animal had been only a few hours when found."

## DOUBLE FISH CATCH

Brownwood Bulletin: "Fishing here, Wymon O. McInnis, of the & McGinnis ranch, caught a 27-pound catfish on a 15-pound line. The fish actually caught two at the same time. The greedy cat had just swallowed a 1½ pound when he nabbed the hook. The smaller fish protruded from the mouth of the larger one after he had hauled from the stream."

## LICENSED WOMAN TRUCK DRIVER

Hempstead News: "Operated only lady truck driver in the State of Texas with a commercial permit, Lillie Drennen Truck Line, owned and operated by the person for whom named, was organized March 23, 1938 with an old Model 'T' Ford truck. She has been operating successfully since. At the present time Mrs. Drennen is operating with a modern Chevrolet truck and commercial license and the quality of her service has increased and solidified her business chosen line."

## BIGNESS OF BIG BEND

The Big Bend of Southwest Texas where the Rio Grande makes a sweeping horse-shoe curve, is 28,897 square miles. It includes counties of Terrell, Pecos, Reelfoot, Hudspeth, El Paso, and Jeff Davis and Brewster. The territory is larger than the combined States of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Delaware. Population of Big Bend county, according to 1930 census, 6,624, 1.1 person per square mile.

## THE ABSENT ONE

By FRANK L. STANTON

"I'm thinking of you in the Christmas,  
It rings like a tender refrain;  
The sky is so blue,  
Like the dear eyes of you,  
That with me shall ever remain.

"I'm thinking of you in the Christmas,"  
The halls with the holly are red;  
And where do you stay  
On this beautiful day,  
Where the light on your pathway is shed?

Are you sad and lonely, dearest?  
Or does joy fill your heart so true?  
In a far-away land  
Does some tender kind hand  
Lift a flower of Christmas to you?

Oh, the bells o'er the wide world are ringing,  
And the skies bend in beauty of blue;  
But a thought from the past  
Liveth with me at last;  
In the Christmas I'm thinking of you!

## WAR ON HOOKWORM

Federal agencies will launch a campaign against hookworm infestation in East Texas and eastern Oklahoma. C. M. Evans, regional Farm Security Administration director, said the work would be done in co-operation with the WPA and the National Youth Administration.

## FATHER AND 3 SONS IN COLLEGE

A father and his three sons are freshman students in Sul Ross State College and the group plans to finish the four years of college together, receiving their degrees at the same time. Their names: John Godsey, Sr., John, Jr., Joe and Eugene Godsey, of Wink, (Winkler county), Texas.

## TURKEY HAMBURGERS

Hamburgers made of turkey meat is a new edible, discovered at Gonzales, (Gonzales county), and said to be sweeping the State for popularity. The recipe: A turkey hen is cooked in a pressure cooker. Equal portions of white and dark meat are ground together, then pressed and sliced to fit into hamburger buns with cranberry sauce and lettuce.

## MAC



# Christmas Decorations

... for the home ...

By HENRY B. AUL  
Tribune-Herald, New York, N. Y.

FOR a merrier Yuletide do not stop with trimming the tree, but deck the house entrance, the mantel and the center of the dinner table with traditional colors.

A window decoration red or white may stand out of a cluster of brown cones and a sprig of long pine or fir.

To the base of a candle holder, or there with a red silver ribbon.

Same might be on the wall-bracket. Spruce wood foliage for purpose, since needles fall indoors unscathed in water.

The fireplace and candles have had a place, red ones in brass vases, staining at end of a mellow-mantel, could appropriately accented by a gold or colored card centered on the tip of the

and attached to the wall by strands of tinsel might be fastened to the wall to radiate from disk and point of flame. A sprig of mistletoe with berries is fastened to the base of each candle with gold ribbon. In the middle of a creche is set on paper or matching the tinsel and disk. A successful arrangement where all is a color to contrast with the metallic tones in the ensemble.

For mantel arrangements may be draped by draping evergreen ropes in the form of tri-parted arches to end candles and middle creche, or flags and canopy shapes with bells where the ropes are fastened to wall. This roping is made from a string of evergreen clippings, such as spruce, laurel, fir and andromeda brightened with red berries, mistletoe cones, holly and cranberries.

A plain door might be given an unobtrusive arrangement of three wreaths varying in size from a large one at the bottom to the smallest at the top.

These could be of holly or cedar, or made of a mixture of evergreen foliage with numerous cones and berries; illuminate them at night with multi-colored bulbs, or wax candles, or with a single electric candle in the center of each wreath.

Count Nicholas Ludwig Zinzendorf had assembled his hardy band of Moravian settlers in a log house for their Christmas Eve vigil. They sang of the Magi and the Christ Child, their voices hardly overcoming the howl of the blizzard outside.

In the midst of this reverent scene stood able Count Zinzendorf, towering in the flickering candlelight. So impressed was he that he exclaimed:

"How like the scene in Bethlehem in Judea!"

Now the community he founded has grown to an industrial city but many of the customs of the Moravian pioneers remain.

For months churchworkers have been busy preparing for the same Christmas Eve vigils, in local and other Moravian churches throughout Pennsylvania. Many of the special candles, of bees-wax formed in century-old molds, are made at Bethlehem. One of the principal workplaces is an apothecary's shop that some say is the oldest in the nation.

Already the Bethlehem postoffice is busy with a flood of mail from all over the nation to get the Bethlehem cancellation on Christmas letters and packages. Many are relayed to foreign lands.

## Door Decorations

If the door is not flanked by pilasters, additional decoration may take the form of a Gothic arch of evergreen branches woven into an eighteen-inch wire-covered lights. A different effect would be obtained by using bare branches sprayed with a sparkling white or silver and flooded with red, blue or white lights.



As for the table centerpiece a decorated tree is the order of the day and if you have had the usual miniature one, try making this year's of snow-white popcorn fashioned on a broad paper cone in a size to suit particular conditions. The popcorn with the whitest side out may be stuck to the cone with a sugar taffy or glue. Top it with a goldfoil covered chocolate star and stud the sides with bright red cranberries and other small fruits.

Arrange a circle of shining red apples around the base of the tree each holding a small red candle. A sprig of holly with berries is fastened to the candle with a narrow gold ribbon. With the candles lighted, this centerpiece should look good enough to eat, and will be.

A variation in the manner of using mistletoe over a doorway or arch requires that it be fastened to the top of one or to a cluster of small silver bells hanging from the middle of the arch and a string of colored ornaments extending across the top of the opening and part way down each side.

## BETHLEHEM, U. S.

Two little towns in the United States become nationally famous at Christmas-time. They are Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and Christmas, Indiana.

Tradition of Pennsylvania's Bethlehem is entwined with the story of Christmas. It was on a cold Christmas Eve in 1741 that the community was named.

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## TENNESSEE GUNSMITH STILL MAKES LONG HOG RIFLES

While museum scouts and antique collectors scour the Tennessee mountains for long hog-rifles that played a part in the American Revolution, one old Tennessee gunsmith is still making them just as his ancestors did long ago.

Wiley Gibson, 72 years old and the last of 5 generations of gunsmiths, maintains his little shop at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, near the border of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Visitors to the forge feel they are dreaming as they step from the busy twentieth century world into Gibson's eighteenth century shop where he lives and works in a realm of his own.

After looking over the old man's odd assortment of antique tools the visitor may ask Gibson if he will make him a gun. The gunsmith shifts his chewing tobacco, adjust his spectacles and responds:

"Well, sir, what will you have, full or half stock, a flint lock or a cap and ball?"

And if the visitor gives the order he will find in a few months that he is the owner of a hog-rifle that will drive center with any high priced shootin' iron on the market.

The guns Gibson makes today are just like those his ancestors made and he puts them together by the same crude, painstaking methods. His tools are those of the past, fashioned by his fathers from materials at hand. He is as familiar with the bellows and bow-drill as a modern machinist is with the motor driven forge and drill press. The wood from which he makes the stock was brought by the gunsmith from the nearby

mountains. The metal comes from the village blacksmith shop. Just as his great grandfather did, Gibson forges, tempers, files, cuts and fits the metal parts with a nicety that belies his crude tools and horny hands. And when the gun is finished it will fire a ball that will stop a bear or knock a squirrel from a limb.

Gibson hog-rifles were the priceless friends of mountain folk for 100 years after the Revolutionary War. They kept meat on the table and the redman away from the door. They still hang in cabins of many mountaineers who know when they look down that long barrel they will get what they shoot at.

These old rifles won first and second prizes at the last "shoot" held by mountaineers in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, 8 years ago.

They got the name at the battle of Kings Mountain when Kentuckians encamped near John Sevier's men remarked:

"Jerushy! Ain't them fellers totin' a hawg of a gun, though!"

## CAUTION URGED IN ADDRESSING YULE GIFTS

A warning to write the names of States in full on holiday packages to insure articles reaching their destination is urged by the post-office department.

State abbreviations, written in haste, may be illegible and confusing, especially with such abbreviations as "Mo." for Missouri and "Me." for Maine; "Cal." for California and "Col." for Colorado, and "Mass." for Massachusetts and "Miss." for Mississippi. This condition is aggravated by the fact that in some States two or three towns bear the same name in different counties.

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## HOT DOGS IN SCOTLAND

America's hot dog, having reached Scotland recently via the Anchor Line, is being consumed there with gusto, according to the company's catering superintendent, who sent 200 pounds of the popular edible to the home port of Glasgow.

It was front-page stuff when King George VI attacked a hot dog at the Little White House picnic at Hyde Park, New York. Wires burned with plain and fancy descriptions of the event and wireless, radio and cable carried the word around the world.

And now that the hot dog has met the King of England and is making good in Scotland, perhaps some romantic soul may start a movement to build him a fitting tribute. For the inscription it might be judicious, perhaps, to use the words set down by the learned jurists of the Supreme Court of the State of New York when they passed grave judgment upon the hot dog. The court described them as "plebeian, but popular, elongated commodities, technically known as frankfurters, but in resort idiom characterized hot dogs." Noble terms for sausage nobility.

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You get extra-fine flavor. Excess heat ruthlessly destroys the subtle elements of flavor and aroma. Slow-burning Camels tell their own taste-tale!

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# Camels

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## YULETIDE CARDS

THE problem of sending cards (with mistletoe) for "My Sweetheart."

### A Big Business

The manufacture of Christmas and other greeting cards is a big business worth many millions annually, employing many thousands of persons in large plants in Boston, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia and elsewhere. But the factories give only a limited impression of business and mass production, despite the clamor of complex color presses and die-cutting machines, despite vistas of long tables at which workers apply pigments, tie ribbons, paste foils, fold, sort and box the finished article. Most of the creative phase of the industry—composing sentiments and sketching designs—takes place in small studioli-like rooms.

The industry which serves so much in the holiday season is fairly young. Within the memory of elderly folk Christmas greetings were once conveyed simply by personal letter to those far away and by handshake and spoken word to those near home.

Sir Henry Cole, British government official and dilettante, is generally considered the father of the Christmas card. In the year 1846 he suggested to the Royal Academy painter, J. C. Horsley, that a special card be designed and sent to friends at Christmas.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Isa. 55:6.

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# TEXAS FARM NEWS REPORTS

M. B. Hill, Van Zandt county agent, reports that Carl Williams, of the Martins Hill 4-H club, was the outstanding 4-H boy this year. Carl had three projects—cotton, corn and sweet potatoes. He made 2,442 pounds of lint cotton on six acres, over 60 bushels of corn on one acre and 384 crates of sweet potatoes on 89 one-hundredth of one acre. Carl will receive around \$580 gross income on the seven acres.

Tyler county farmers, 50 in number, have planted more than half of the 5,000 pounds of grass and clover seed which they are planting to qualify for payment on the Range Conservation Program in 1939.

G. A. Bond, Jr., county agent of Martin county, reports that sodium chlorate was used to kill an experimental demonstration plot of Johnson grass in each precinct in his county this month. Demonstrations on the use of the poison will be held at experimental plots next spring.

Calvin McLeroy, 4-H club boy, of Gomez community, (Terry county), made a labor return of \$286.16 in three years from his swine project, according to his county agent, R. N. McClain. Calvin claims his gain has been much more than money; that in experience he has gained several times that amount. He has learned that you cannot buy feed and make money feeding hogs, but that it will pay to feed a mineral mixture, have shade and plenty of fresh water for hogs.

Charlie Ballard, of Sweeny community, (Brazoria county), reports that he made 40 bushels of corn per acre this year on a field where there would not have been any corn gathered 12 years ago under the same climatic conditions. He explains that turning under all corn stalks, grass and weeds has made his land mellow and caused it to hold moisture so well that his corn grew right on through the hot, dry weather. Admitting that plowing under the stalks and other vegetation is harder work than burning it, he found he was more than paid for the extra trouble.

J. C. Bolding, of Lakeview community, (Floyd county), is taking steps to prevent all the rainfall on his farm ruining 40 acres of good grass land and forming a lake which is of no use. He turned his 640-acre farm over to the Land Use Planning Committee to set up a broad base terracing demonstration. Since Mr. Bolding is a wheat farmer, terraces have been constructed that average 60 feet in width, 18 inches in height and can be traversed easily with a combine. A few days after the terraces were constructed a 2-inch rain fell and none of the water that fell on his farm ran to the lake, while the neighbors had their lakes full of water. Mr. Bolding is well pleased and his neighbors are becoming quite interested.

Mrs. Clarence Furr, fruit plot demonstrator of the Rhea Mills home demonstration club, (Collin county), reports that she believes a winter cover crop planted in the orchard and plowed under as a green manure crop early in the spring will be of much benefit to young growing trees. Recently Mrs. Furr had wheat planted in her young orchard, so that when plowed under at the height of about 10 or 12 inches, it will add humus to the soil. The cover crop should not be allowed to grow too rank before being turned under, otherwise it will take moisture out of the soil that will be needed by the trees next summer. Besides wheat, oats and yellow blooming clover are also good as winter cover crops; clover especially, as it adds nitrogen to the soil besides other materials.

G. P. Smith, Gregg county stockman and farmer, has achieved a record in livestock breeding. Smith has 41 cows of breeding, and this fall he sold 41 calves, representing 100 per cent calf crop.

Wheeler county landowners are providing more protection for prairie chickens as a result of their fine work in devouring huge numbers of army worms which seriously threatened the cotton crop in that section. Local growers estimate they saved as much as a bale of cotton per 8 acres because of the game birds, and plan to raise red top cane, kaffir corn, sudan and maize for them to feed on.



Farmers in the Ennis trade territory, (Ellis county), will receive approximately \$50,000 less for their pecan crops this year than in 1938, local pecan buyers and shippers estimate. Growers report the crop is unusually short.

Armadillos and tumble weeds, heretofore almost unknown in Henderson county, are reported to be plentiful this year. Stockmen say they are finding the little armored rodents in considerable numbers near the brakes and marshes, and the weeds are just as numerous.

A Dallas county milch cow on the Daffron farm near Seagoville set a mark with calf triplets recently. A bull calf weighing 30 pounds was the first arrival, followed within an hour by twin heifer calves, each weighing 22 pounds. All three calves are reported doing well.

The average hen in Texas doesn't pay for the cost of feeding and raising it, J. D. Sykes, poultry co-ordinator of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has declared. Sykes told a convention of the Texas Baby Chick Association that figures show a hen in Texas may be expected to lay 90 eggs a year, and the owner requires a 100-egg output to break even. The national average, he said, is 82 eggs per year.

The farm population of Texas declined about 27,000 in 1938, leaving a total of 2,233,000 at the end of the year, according to a survey recently made by C. Horace Hamilton, economist in rural life, A. & M. College, in collaboration with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The decline represents the net loss of a migration loss from farms to cities of 59,000. Indications now are that the 1940 census will reveal the farm population of Texas will be more than 100,000 less than in 1935.

At Austin, (Travis county), a group of enterprising boys rent their pet ducks to local housewives, who release them in their gardens. The ducks make a clean sweep of insects without destroying a single plant—and bring their owners a rental fee of 50 cents per day.

Farmers in the Elgin area, (Bastrop county), have been bothered this fall by the very destructive cut ant, T. H. Royder county agent, reports. A quart of High-life added to a barrel of water and poured in the ant-bed is given as a practical way to get rid of the pests. After application of the mixture, the hole should be covered up and tramped down.

Enough fruit trees and berry vines to make a row from Brownsville to Dalhart and half-way back were planted by Texas 4-H club girls during the past year, says Onah Jacks, State girls' club agent for the A. & M. College Extension Service.

World War tear gas is now being put to a more humane use by Dr. George H. Godfrey, plant pathologist at the State experiment farm, Weslaco, (Hidalgo county). Chloropierin, as the gas is known, is being used to sterilize soil so that plants will grow better. The gas destroys nematodes, injurious fungi and weed seeds, removing competition for the plants.

Twenty-eight hundred pounds of potatoes produced on one-fourth acre of land this year is the record claimed by Fred Ganoa, at the Cannon Stock Farm, Madisonville, (Madison county). Last March the quarter acre was planted to Bliss Triumph potatoes. June 1, 1200 pounds were harvested. The land was then planted to Porto Rico potatoes, and in October 1,680 pounds were harvested.

Mr. Harry Thompson, of the Azle community, (Parker county), is improving her range land by fencing 700 acres with sheep and goat wire. She also placed over 400 goats on her range, hoping they will destroy a lot of the underbrush around her pecan trees. She plans to improve a part of her pasture each year so she will be able to carry more livestock on the range.

According to Tom Lee Easley, Nueces county agent, poison bran bait has been found effective as a stomach poison for a great many insects who have chewing mouth parts. The formula: Mix 1 pound of Paris Green with 25 pounds of dry bran. This mixture should be moistened with a solution of molasses and water, prepared by mixing 2 quarts of cheap molasses and 3 3-4 gallons of water. To increase the efficiency of this bait, add two finely chopped lemons. To control cutworm-infested fields, the bait should be applied broadcast and preferably at sundown. About 10 to 12 pounds of wet mash should treat an acre of ground.

The lowly cedar tree which the government pays to have cleared from Texas hills, may yet come into its own as the source of oil used as a fixative for perfumes, soaps, cosmetics and camphor oil, in the opinion of chemurgists at John Tarleton College. Oil from cedar leaves may also be developed into an insecticide, it is believed, if conditions stabilize and demand for distillation becomes profitable.

Cash prizes totaling \$26,910 will be offered to livestock exhibitors at the forty-fourth annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth March 8 to 17, John B. Davis, secretary-manager, has announced.

Farmers, plagued by leaf worms in cotton fields of the Madera valley, have imported a parasite, Trichogramma Minutum, to help them combat the invader. Hardly visible to the naked eye, the parasites are natural enemies of leaf worms and clear them out of cotton fields by destroying the worms' eggs.

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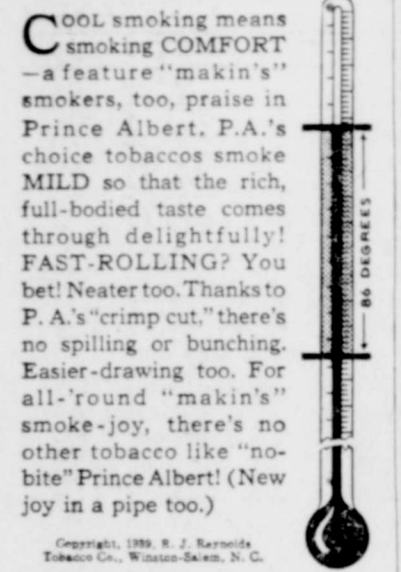
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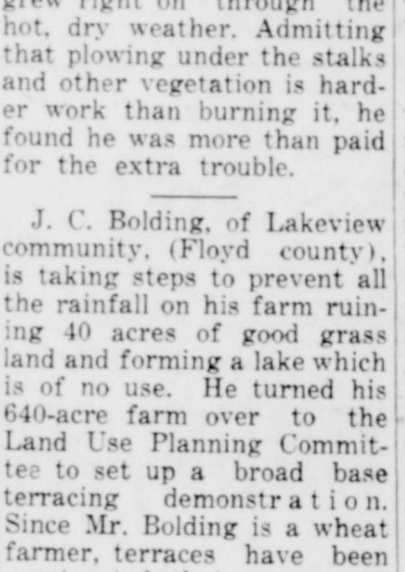
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### MISTLETOE KEPT EVIL AWAY IN OLD ENGLAND

With the approach of the Christmas season, greens for decorative purposes become a subject of increasing interest. One of them, mistletoe, rich in legend, is used each year by those desiring to keep alive old and interesting customs.

Mistletoe is a parasite on many kinds of deciduous trees and derives its life from them. Occasionally it is found growing upon an oak, and because the oak was the sacred tree of the Druids in old England anything growing on it was also sacred.

The mistletoe oaks were worshipped especially by the priests and once each year became the scene for elaborate ceremonies. A priest mounted the tree, snipped off very small fragments of mistletoe with a golden sickle and dropped them onto a white cloth upheld by other priests. Later these fragments were given to the people to be cherished as charms against evil.

In some remote sections of England we find mistletoe sprigs still considered good luck, just as horseshoes are in this country.

Mistletoe is of wide distribution, for its sticky seeds are carried about by birds and left in bark crevices.

Because the berries ripen after winter comes the plant, among the ancients, won a reputation for strength and power. It was called "the golden twig," probably from its yellowish color. It had to be found in a dark wood by night, where it was said it "glowed." Under certain conditions mistletoe is faintly phosphorescent and shines in the dark.

In this country mistletoe grows from New Jersey southward to Texas. It is interesting, too, to know that there is a mistletoe found in Canada. It is a tiny brown plant parasitic on the balsam fir. Occasionally a twig may be found on a Christmas tree. It has no significance except its relationship to the mistletoe of superstition and legend.

### EAT LESS AND EXERCISE MORE

For many years it was felt that overeating was the only cause in about 95 per cent of the cases of overweight, and that about 5 per cent were due to lack of gland juices—thyroid, pituitary, adrenal, and sex. Today it is believed that a combination of the two—overeating and gland disturbance—is the cause in a great many more cases than was previously thought.

"In a study of this subject in 523 cases as reported by Drs. D. M. Dunlop and Murray Lyon in the Edinburgh Medical Journal, these physicians consider it probable that, in the majority, overweight is due mostly to overeating and underexercising and in a less degree to some gland disturbance.

The thought then in overweight is that no matter what is causing the overweight, too much food and not enough exercise is mostly to blame and that when less food and more exercise can be taken safely this method of reducing must be given first place. When the results of eating less food and taking more exercise over a period of months is disappointing, the addition of one or more gland extracts as prescribed and supervised by a physician may be all that is needed to bring about a satisfactory reduction in weight.

### CHRISTMAS IN THE OLD HOUSE

It was Christmas day in the little house with green shutters, and a very happy Christmas it had been. The floor was littered with toys, tissue paper and tinsel from holiday wrappings. The young father and mother looked with radiant happiness at their son and then at each other. They were happy and thankful for all that God had given them.

The little boy sat on the floor, idly fingering two toy soldiers; but his thoughts were on a house across the street. It was an old, old house—almost 300 years old, and if one had good eyes he could see the date of its erection carved on the beam. Suddenly the little boy jumped to his feet and ran across the room to peer out of the window. He could see the darkened windows of the old house, the second story projecting over the lower one and close under the roof a leaden gutter with a dragon's head. The rainwater was supposed to run out of the dragon's mouth, but it ran out of the creature's body instead, because of a hole in the pipe. The little boy didn't care though; he thought the dragon was very grand, and liked to pretend it was alive. All the other houses on the street were new, but the little boy loved the old one best of all. It was a good house to look at; and in it lived an old man who went about in leather knee smalls, wore a coat with great brass buttons and a wig.

Every morning a man came to clean the house and run the errands. With this exception the old man in the leather knee smalls was all alone in the old house. Sometimes he came to the window; the little boy would nod at him and he would nod back. Thus they became friends although they had never spoken to one another. The little boy had heard his parents say the old man was wealthy, but terribly lonely.

The little boy, looking out of the window, thought of his own happy day, and began to wonder if the old man had received any gifts at all. He returned back to the littered floor, picked up some lovely red wrapping paper with gay seals, and carefully wrapped one of his little tin soldiers. He was determined that the lonely old man would have at least one gift.

When the door of the old house was opened by the man who ran errands, the little boy said, "Will you take this to the old gentleman for me? I have two tin soldiers; this is one of them and I want him to have it because I know he is terribly lonely."

The attendant looked quite pleased, nodded and carried the tin soldier into the old house.

After awhile, the attendant knocked at the door of the little cottage and asked if the boy could come himself and pay his master a visit. His parents gave him permission and so it was that he came to the old man's house.

The brass bosses on the staircase shone more brightly than usual; one would have thought

# Our Boys and Girls

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### DEAR FRIENDS:

Well, my dear boys and girls, another Christmas rolls around and soon we shall be hanging up our stockings and wishing each other A MERRY CHRISTMAS! What a glorious time is Christmastime, and how we all love it—young and old. Though a joyful day, it should also be a reverent day, for it honors the birth of our beloved Saviour. Therefore, as we think of Christmas, may we also think of the Christ Child, born in a manger, far from home and the comforts of home life.

At this holiday season let us all do something to make some one else happy. The finest way to do this is to give of ourselves and of our time. Why not make an interesting scrap book and send it to some hospital for a little child who is confined to bed? Maybe you could read for an hour a week to some old, or blind person, or speak kindly to some old person who is feeble. I am sure all of you can think of a great many things you can do Christmas week to make some one happy. And don't forget mother. Help her during the holidays which are the busiest days of the year. The story I am sending you this month will bring the joy of giving closer to your own life. I wish for all of you a happy time, a kindly heart, a ready smile and the will to do for others.

Devotedly,  
(Signed) AUNT MARY.

they had been polished in honor of the little boy's visit. The hall was hung with old portraits of knights in armor and ladies in silk gowns. There was a staircase that wound up a balcony that overlooked a garden. The walls of one room were covered with pig skin, upon which flowers had been stamped together with this verse:

"Flowers fade fast,  
But pig skin will last."

And there stood chairs with quite high backs, heavily carved and with elbows on each side.

When the little boy came into the room, the old man said, "Thank you for the tin soldier, my little friend. Thank you, too, for coming over."

"Thanks, thanks!" or "Crick, crick!" said the furniture.

On the wall hung a picture of a beautiful lady and cheerful in appearance, but dressed in the fashions of long ago.

"Where did you get her?" asked the little boy.

"From the dealer opposite," replied the old man. "Many pictures always hang there. No one knew the furniture."

"Oh, answered the old man, "memories of the past come often to visit me; and now you are here so I am very well off."

The old man took a book from a shelf. In it were pictures of long processions of wonderful coaches, such as one never sees in our present day, soldiers and citizens with waving flags. A tailor had a flag with shears on it held by two lions, a shoemaker a flag without boots, but with an eagle that had two heads, for among the shoemakers everything must be so arranged that they can say, "There's a pair." Yes, it was a fine picture book.

The old man and the little boy had a glorious adventure into the past. At last the man who ran errands went into the other room to bring preserves, apples and nuts. The walls of the old house echoed with happiness, as the merry laugh of the little boy brightened the face of the old man.

As the little boy started to leave he glanced at the tin soldier he had sent as a Christmas gift and he thought the toy appeared somewhat sad. Perhaps it disliked leaving the little house with green shutters.

"You have been given away," said the little boy in a firm voice to the tin soldier. "You must stay where you are. Don't you see?"

After the little boy was safely across the street, the old man brought out an old box in which were many things: little rouge pots and scent boxes; and old cards large and richly gilt. He opened many of the little boxes and also a piano. But the piano was quite hoarse when the old man played upon it. He nodded to the picture that he had bought at the dealer's, and his eyes shone brightly. Christmas had come to the old house indeed.

The tin soldier was not so happy, however, and, as the old man played, he fell down on the floor. The old man looked and looked for the little gift, but never found it. The flooring was so full of holes that the tin soldier had fallen through a crack, and there he lay.

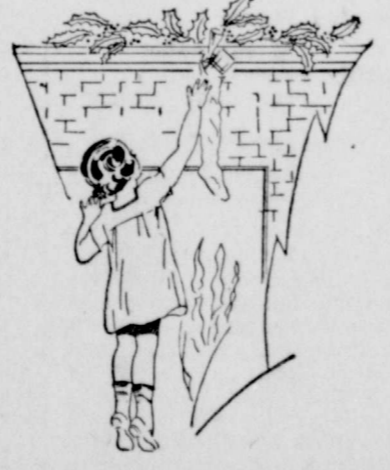
The days passed away; ten weeks and even months.

The windows had frozen over, and the little boy had to sit and breathe upon the pane to make a peep-hole in order to see the old house across the street.

Snow had blown into the carvings and inscriptions, covering the whole staircase, as if no one at all were in the house. And indeed, no one was in the house, for the old man had died.

A carriage had stopped at the door, and they had taken the old man to the family vault. No one followed him on his last journey, for all his friends were dead. But the little boy blew a kiss

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### HARDWORKING PAUL

Spring came late around Rochester, Vt., this year. When the farmers were ready to begin work on their biggest product—maple syrup—3 feet of snow still covered the ground. But it didn't stop 14-year-old Paul Wing. Working from after school until midnight, sometimes until 3 in the biting cold of a New England morning, Paul made about \$50 worth of maple syrup.

"I thought I could make more money sugaring the 44 trees belonging to a school-mate than I could helping someone else," Paul said. "He furnished the equipment, I did all the work for half the syrup."

The sap that's collected from the trees is generally hauled to the sugaring house by a horse. Paul didn't have a horse. He had to lug the two big buckets over the slippery ground himself. The boiling of the sap—it's really a job for two or three people; there are so many things to watch. Paul did it all alone.

The boy doesn't mind hard work. "I want to get a job where I can work for my board while I go to high school," he says.

### FRIENDLY HOBBY CLUB

Best wishes to all the members of the Friendly Hobby Club. May all the good things of life be yours, and the assurance of life eternal. May God watch over and guide you through the coming year in my heartfelt wish—and above all—a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. Luke 23:42,43.

### CHRISTMAS TREES

A warning that Christmas trees create fire hazards has been issued by the National Fire Protection Association. "Use only fire resistant material, such as mineral wool or properly treated cotton, to represent snow, and be sure the decorations are nonflammable. Test electrical connections. Do not illuminate with candles. Remove the tree as soon as Christmas day passes, as it tends to dry out and fire more easily if kept too long," said the association.

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### SQUIRE EDGEGATE—Simpkin's Conscience Proves An Alibi When Put to the Test!

BY LOUIS RICHARD

Panel 1: "NOW LISTEN SIMPKIN—I HAVE A FLOCK OF BILLS HERE AGAINST YOU FROM MERCHANTS IN THIS TOWN."

Panel 2: "YOU LOOK LIKE AN HONEST MAN—BUT YOU HAVE NOT MEASURED UP TO THE TRUST."

Panel 3: "WHY DO YOU TRIM THE VERY PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU—HUM?"

Panel 4: "WELL—WOULD YOU MIND ADVISING ME HOW I CAN FLEECE THEM THAT DON'T TRUST ME?"

### CHRISTMAS TREES

Everything grows to be wisely used. Like an annual harvest of wheat or tomatoes, trees also grow to be used. As fence posts, firewood, pulpwood, or timber they contribute much to man's happiness, but used as Christmas trees they offer an even higher service to man; they are his symbol of hope and life and God.

Proper cutting is not a menace but rather a means for improving the forest. Removing some trees from a crowded stand is beneficial to the remainder. Out of several thousand trees which begin life together on a given acre, only two or three hundred survive. A forester hastens development of better trees by a timely thinning out of the weaker ones.

The holiday trade in evergreen trees is a five to 10 million dollar yearly business that offers an opportunity to earn bread and butter, plus Christmas extras, to tree cutters, farmers, merchants and emergency laborers.

### HOLIDAY POSTMARKS

Postal officials chuckled as they look over the holiday postmarks of cities throughout the United States.

The big business getter still is Santa Claus, Ind., where thousands of folks annually send gifts and cards to have them remailed with the Kris Kringle mark.

While Indiana has the only Santa Claus postoffice in the country, Idaho has a pretty good offering in just plain—Santa.

Florida may not have snow and ice, but it has a town named Christmas, Kentucky, too, has a Christmas.

The postmark Bethlehem attracts a lot of holiday business. The nation offers seven Bethlehem to choose from, as follows: Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

For those who want decorative postmarks there is Holly—in Colorado, Michigan and West Virginia. And in Kentucky there are Hollybush and Mistletoe.

### CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Christmas is observed at sea by ships of all Christian nations more than any other festival. No matter whether the vessel is cruising in the Red Sea, being buffeted by big seas off the Cape of Good Hope in stiff northeaster or even battered by a "Southernly Buster" in the Australian Bight, the ships are decorated with holly and mistletoe and the hands play while the passengers dance and sing.

The American, British, German and Dutch ships, and also the Scandinavian passenger liners, observe Christmas Day with all kinds of good cheer.

The Italian and French ships make more of New Year's Eve, since they observe Christmas from the religious viewpoint, but they also have special dinners for passengers and the crews.

### 1,800-YEAR OLD AQUEDUCT

A 2,000-year-old drain in the market place at Athens, Greece, will again be put in service. The Greeks may have had a word for it, and apparently their word for their water system was "durability." A 1,800-year-old aqueduct, which carries water to the city from a distant of 10 miles, was repaired and has been in constant use for 75 years.

# HOUSEHOLD HELPS

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### HOLIDAY FESTIVALS

Even though war clouds, depressions, unemployment and other burdens tend to sadden our homes, we should put forth extra effort to make the holidays happy and pleasant for our children. Day by day in the home, school and public place they hear the horrors and hardships of modern war. There is much we can do to counteract this unhappy memory of their childhood.

We should first direct their attention to the real reason we celebrate the holiday season. America has drifted far from the true significance of Christ's birthday. Too often it is just a time for lavish giving and eating with perhaps a little "charity-giving" to ease our guilty conscience. If we want to make this a really joyous and never-to-be-forgotten Christmas, let us do two things—forget the tinsel, glitter, selfishness, and recall a manger cradle with a little babe. Then let us focus our eyes on Him and remember the shadow of the cross. As we think on these things we will recall His words: "Even as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Not only shall we reverently observe His birthday, but we should take action—putting His thoughts and teachings into our deeds. Not only should we administer clothing and

food to the poor and unfortunate at Christmas-time, for what is known as an "emotional intoxicant," but arrange a definite program of helpful activity throughout the year. Welfare agencies handle the distribution of food and clothing in an efficient manner to provide for bodily needs. How much more we can give if we went, for example, to the hospital or home of some invalids and read to them for a few hours each week. Or find some mother who is greatly overworked and help her with her tasks, both physically and by imparting a smile and kind word to her and all we meet—no matter how tired and discouraged we may be.

There are many ways to bestow gifts, and you will find that if the giving requires sacrifice on your part, your own happiness will be increased. The real gifts are from the heart, and come from love and understanding of our fellow man. Happiness brought about by this kind of giving alone is abiding and lasting. Such an attitude will surely bring contentment and the true Christmas spirit for which we strive. In the joy of doing good we will forget the troubles of life and find "the peace that passeth all understanding."



### CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE HOUSE

One of the happiest families I know worked out a plan to pool the money they would have spent for individual Christmas gifts to one another, and will use this mutual fund to convert their cellar into a recreation room. While helping my friends with the idea, we visited several attractive homes where basements had been made into play rooms. For your guidance I am passing on some of the information we gathered:

One home we visited had a hobby basement room. The walls were white, the floor a dark gray, and plenty of cabinets had been built to house the collection. Navy blue homespun was used for upholstering the furniture, and also appeared in the rag rugs.

Another transformed cellar had sand-colored painted walls and ceiling. The floor was aquamarine and the upholstery combined coral with aqua.

Gay clowns and balloons, stenciled on the white walls of another play room, were done in red, yellow and blue. The floor was painted to match the dark blue hangings at the windows. Toys, swings and slides were of natural wood, well-sanded and varnished.

Still another recreation room had canary yellow walls with chocolate-colored painted bars running up and down them. Behind the bars

were painted monkeys, seals, kangaroos, elephants, giraffes and other circus animals. The slide, see-saw and sand boxes were painted cherry red.

If the play room is to be used for older children and grown-ups as well, you may still use the same background but with different furnishings.

Perhaps you would prefer a quiet study room instead of a recreation room. If so, the following is a description of an ideal one: The walls were a soft gray with a somewhat lighter ceiling. The columns were pale gray, fitted around with shelves on which were bright Indian relics and pottery. Upholstery on natural-finished furniture was in autumn reds and yellows, and a bear skin rug was displayed against the background of a red-brown painted floor.

Another study had a distinctly masculine atmosphere, with beige walls, natural finished cabinets, upholstery in hunter's green and curtains of monk's cloth.

A smart sports room had lemon-yellow walls, clear varnished bowling alley, dark green painted floor and bench upholstery and hangings which ranged from cardinal to maize and tangerine.

If desired, painted floors can be covered with gay-patterned linoleum. A few rag rugs add warmth to the room, and are easily cleaned.



### CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS—WE DINE

Many fine ideas for correctly and cleverly setting the table are on display in most stores, so I am going to increase the number of recipes instead of the usual article on table decorations. The recipes were especially chosen for holiday festivals.

#### SPECIAL TREAT IN A MINUTE

**Orange Cheese Anglaise**  
On toasted buttered halves of muffins arrange Swiss cheese cut in matchstick pieces. Sprinkle with shredded orange peel, candied or fresh. Toast in hot oven. Serve at once.

#### PARTY CAKE

**Cocoanut Lemon Cake**  
Bake white cake in two thick 9-inch layers. Split layers in half to make four layers. Spread Cocoanut Lemon Filling between layers and on top and sides of cake. Sprinkle cocoanut generously over sides and around top edge of cake to make 1-inch rim, leaving circle of filling in center.

**Cocoanut Lemon Filling**  
3 cups water  
1/2 cup lemon juice  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 cup flour  
4 egg yolks  
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 can Baker's Southern style cocoanut.

**Grape-Nuts Mousse**  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/2 cup whites, stiffly beaten  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup cream, whipped  
1/4 cup Grape-Nuts

Bring sugar and water to a boil and boil until syrup spins a thread when dropped from tip of spoon (232° F.). Pour slowly over egg whites, beating constantly. Continue beating until mixture is cool (about 3 minutes). Fold in cream and vanilla. Add Grape-Nuts. Place in freezing tray of automatic refrigerator and let stand 3 to 4 hours, or until firm. Or turn into mold, filling it to overflowing; cover with waxed paper, press cover tightly down over paper, and pack in equal parts ice and (Continued next column)



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salt. Let stand 3 to 4 hours, or until firm. Makes about 1 1/2 pints mousse.

#### Christmas Relish

6 cloves  
1 pint water  
1 package lemon flavored gelatin  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup vinegar from sweet pickles  
12 maraschino cherries, sliced  
6 sweet pickles, sliced.  
Boil cloves in water 3 minutes. Remove cloves. Dissolve gelatin in 1 3/4 cups of this hot liquid. Add salt and vinegar. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in cherries and pickles. Turn into half-size individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold. Serve with fowl or ham. Makes 10 half-size molds.

#### Brazil Nut Strips

4 slices bread, 1 inch thick  
1 egg, slightly beaten  
1/4 cup milk  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 cup finely chopped Brazil nuts  
Remove crusts from bread and cut in 1-inch strips. Combine egg, milk, salt and sugar. Dip bread in egg mixture. Sprinkle with Brazil nuts and fry in deep fat (385° F.) until golden brown, or bake in very hot oven (450° F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Serve with maple-flavored syrup as a dessert or with afternoon tea.

#### Chef Sauce

6 tablespoons Wesson oil  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
Dash paprika  
Beat well and then add  
1/4 cup tomato juice, 1/2 teaspoon grated onion.  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce.

#### Cherry Salad

1 package cherry flavored gelatin  
1 cup hot water  
1 cup cherry juice and water  
1/2 cup seeded canned white cherries, cut in quarters  
1/2 cup diced canned pineapple  
Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cherry juice and water. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in fruit. Turn into mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce. Garnish with mayonnaise. Serves 6.

#### Appetite Lifters

There are endless ways to serve

sponge cake—especially the yellow sponges. You can use two layers for fruit shortcake, or spread a lemon or chocolate filling between and top with whipped cream. Two four-inch squares with ice cream between and a "pour-over" sauce of chocolate make the Ice Cream Shortcakes we're suggesting for one of the menus. Small squares or rectangles of cake may be covered all over with soft white frosting or Certo jelly and rolled in chopped nuts or Baker's cocoanut, plain or toasted. Strips of cake can be substituted for lady fingers in ice-box cakes or Charlotte russe.

Two old-fashioned desserts suggest pleasant ways of using up stale sponge cake—Sponge Cake Pudding, cherry-flavored custard poured over individual slices; and Fruit Trifle, a combination of orange sections and cake cubes with soft custard—richly deserve their new popularity.

### HIS ANNUAL GIFT 50,000 POUNDS OF MEAT

Louis K. Sigman sometimes went hungry when he was an orphan boy in the streets of Brooklyn, N. Y. Now operator of a Denver, Colorado, packing plant, he contributes 50,000 pounds of meat annually for distribution to needy families.

This is the eleventh Christmas on which he has given twenty-five tons of meat to help make the holiday season cheery for the destitute. There are 5,000 parcels distributed of ten pounds each.

In the 11-year period Mr. Sigman has given away more than 250 tons of meat.

"I've had the idea ever since I was a little boy," the businessman, now 60 years old, explained. "I was in need a lot of the time myself."

The actual plan for a Christmas meat party came to him after he had observed dozens of adults and children at his packing plant asking for discarded scraps of beef, mutton and pork.

"That made me start it," Mr. Sigman recalled. "I'm very far from being a rich man, but if a man makes a good effort, I call it charity. I borrowed money to help finance it the first time."

### SPONGE EPIDEMIC

The mysterious epidemic which struck the Bahama sponge beds, and threatened to wipe out the entire industry in the islands, has halted. Although the mortality rate of the tiny animals (sponges are animals) was between 70 and 95 per cent, it is much less now. Sponges have been widely used since the ancient Greeks, but not as an aid in cleaning. Their soldiers utilized them as padding in helmets and armor.

### HAPPINESS IN WORK

Work should be man's joy. Each must have his own and the test of his living is his happiness in it. Happy worker knows thrill of creative power turns the grilling job labor of love. It is the work becomes what it meant to be, our spiritual release.

Every man and every man must have his share of the world's work and himself and himself responsible for it. Each must earn his daily toil and each must have his just reward. So shall nation prosper and progress.

We as a people should test against selfishness whether in high or low. We must unite against American practices endorsed by our rulers, labor and political leaders our plain citizens.

All workers pray the quality of independence forefathers breathed in spirit of this nation stand in our labors and be ended and strengthened brotherly kindness into devotion to American day.—Angelo Patri in Youth

### ONE OF BIGGEST JEWELS

A 153-pound topaz, one of the biggest jewels in the world, has been added to collection of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. The topaz might aptly be called the "chameleon gem." French jeweler, nearly centuries ago, discovered yellow Brazilian topaz, heated, changes to pink, and, subsequently, practically all topaz worn as jewelry have been disguised by that color.

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