

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

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PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY AT SILVERTON, BRISCOE COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1948

Season's Greetings

1948

M. WILLSON AND MRS. NICHOLS DONATE ORGAN

M. Willson, of Floydada, and Mrs. Tom Nichols, of Silverton, presented the Silverton Baptist Church with an electric organ. This gift is in honor of their mother, Mrs. J. M. Nichols, Sr., of Fort Worth, Texas, who owns the Willson and Son Piano Company in Silverton. The estimated cost of the organ is \$2,130.00.

T. Graham of Amarillo and local church are buying the organ, at a cost of \$1,080.00. Mr. Graham is making half of the donation, and the church is paying the balance. The chimes are expected to arrive this week and be installed. The organ was installed last Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. David McEntire and children, of Floydada, attended the services and Mr. McEntire gave an organ recital.

N. CANTWELL SUFFERED STROKE FRIDAY

N. Cantwell suffered a stroke Friday morning at the family home. He was carried to the Silverton Clinic where he is receiving medical treatment. Mr. Cantwell's condition has been considered serious by his family and Tuesday morning his condition was reported about the same. At his bedside during the week have been his wife, and the following friends: Mrs. Geo. F. L. Bishop, of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Herd Miller and daughter, of San Antonio, California; Mrs. A. M. Erick, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cantwell, of Elmer, Texas.

SEVERAL GUESTS IN BUD McMINN HOME FRIDAY

Several guests were having supper in the Bud McMinn home Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens, Lottie Henderson and Dwain, and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter, Don Ronald; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Campbell, host and hostess Mr. Bud McMinn. After supper Santa Clause came and left for all present.

CLYDE LIGHTSEY RETURNED FROM VISIT TO TEXAS

Clyde Lightsey returned last week from Fort Worth, Texas, where she had visited her aunt, Carrie Baxter, who is ill, but reported to be somewhat improved. Mrs. Lightsey was met in Amarillo by her husband.

GEORGE WAYNE RAMPLEY OF TENNESSEE, IS SPENDING HOLIDAYS WITH HER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. H. P. RAMPLEY AND OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

Bertie Crouch, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McDaniels, returned home in Mena, Arkansas last week.

Mrs. A. C. Arnold, of Melrose, New Mexico, came Saturday to visit her children.

Mrs. J. W. Haynes is spending the holidays in Amarillo with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Porter.

JOE HILL BRINGS IN SIX INCH WATER WELL

A full pipe six inch water well was tested out last week on the Joe Hill farm located three-quarters of a mile north east of Whately Switch in this county. Fogerson Lumber Company made the installation using Layne Bowler equipment. Mr. Fogerson stated that the well was flowing a good six inch pipe of water.

MR. AND MRS. KING GO TO FLORIDA FOR VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. King left Monday night for a vacation trip to Florida. They plan to be away some two or three months.

J. S. Gilkeyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gilkeyson, returned home Wednesday from Germany, where he has been stationed for three years in the Army. He has received his discharge.

Mrs. Bert Banner and daughter, Carolyn, of Lockney, attended Mrs. C. C. Garrison's musical recital Tuesday evening at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Luree Burson who is attending Wayland College at Plainview, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland and daughter, Kay, of Denton, are here for the holidays.

John Janes Acquires Management of Silverton Cafe

John Janes and family, formerly of Dimmitt, Texas have moved to Silverton and will have management of the Silverton Cafe. The Janes' lived at Dimmitt before coming to Silverton and were in the cafe business there. In their announcement ad, elsewhere in this issue of the News, an invitation is extended to all to visit them at the cafe for good eats and drinks.

FRANCIS TUNNELL BREAKS ARM

Frances Tunnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tunnell had the misfortune of falling off her bike and breaking her arm while she was playing at the Cleat Miller home Tuesday. She is reported to be doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lightsey, Mrs. Grace Irion and son, Weldon, and Spencer Long, left Wednesday for California to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives, and attend the wedding of Minyard Long on December 24.

Don Bomar Stricken With Infantile at Lubbock Home

Don Bomar, age 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Bomar of Lubbock, was stricken last Friday with infantile paralysis at the home of his parents. He is receiving treatment in the Lubbock Memorial Hospital, and relatives were advised here Wednesday that his condition was slightly improved, and so far his arms are the only part of his body affected.

"You Were Meant for Me" at Palace Theatre December 28, 29

Coming December 28 and 29, "You Were Meant for Me" at the Palace Theatre. Would you like to see a great musical picture, we have it, December 28 and 29. "You Were Meant for Me," with Dan Dailey, Jeanne Crain. You saw Dan Dailey in "Mother Wore Tights" and "Give My Regards to Broadway," and Jeanne Crain in "Margie" and "State Fair." Well, both are in their best now. So be sure and see this picture, December 28 and 29.

MR. AND MRS. ELBERT STEPHENS IN ARIZONA FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stephens and family left Friday for Phoenix, Arizona, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Stephens' brother, Neil Woodfin. They plan to go on to Los Angeles, California, for a weeks visit with Mrs. Stephens' uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Vaughan.

MR. AND MRS. JIM McNEESE ARE SPENDING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN AUSTIN WITH THEIR SON.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McNeese are spending the Christmas holidays in Austin with their son.

MR. AND MRS. RAY C. BOMAR SPENT SUNDAY IN CROSBYTON THE GUESTS OF MR. AND MRS. ALTON STRICKLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Bomar spent Sunday in Crosbyton the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Strickland.

MR. AND MRS. J. H. DENSON, OF ANTON, SPENT THE WEEK END IN THE HOME OF THEIR SON AND FAMILY, MR. AND MRS. TROY DENSON.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Denson, of Anton, spent the week end in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Denson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland Burson, of Channing, Texas, visited in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alexander last week.

Mrs. L. K. Gilkeyson, Mrs. A. D. Arnold, Mrs. Earl Brock and Miss Mona Brock, spent last Thursday in Lubbock.

BRISCOE IN LINE FOR MORE FARM-MARKET ROAD

In Briscoe County the following described roads are hereby designated as Farm to Market Roads subject to the concurrence of the Public Roads Administration and subject to the condition that Briscoe County will furnish all required right of way free of cost to the state. From State 86 in Quitaque south to the Floyd County line, a distance of approximately 3.8 miles. From end of F. M. 146 at San Jacinto School south to road intersection, a distance of approximately 3.8 miles. Upon fulfillment of the conditions of this Order, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with plans for construction at an estimated cost of \$50,700.00 and to assume the roads for maintenance upon completion of construction.

TWO WEEKS VACATION FOR LOCAL SCHOOL

School will be resumed after the Christmas holidays Monday, January 3, at 9:00 a. m., having dismissed Friday, December 17. This will conclude a two weeks vacation for pupils and teachers, and all are expected to return with renewed vigor and determination to make the remainder of the school year the best in the history of Silverton Independent School District. The following new equipment has been added to make a better school: Complete new furniture for one room, new chairs for the science room, a new piano, and a fire proof lock filing cabinet for permanent records of the school.

STANTON CROW WATER WELL IS GOOD PRODUCER

Stanton Crow, whose farm is located seven miles east and 1/2 mile south of Silverton, was put on test early this week following a thorough cleaning-out and produced an estimated flow of 1,100 gallons of water per minute. The well was pumped several hours continuously following cleaning and the water stood 32 feet deep in the whole during the test period. The test was made with an eight inch casing and 6 foot lead pipe which pumped full during the entire test period.

WOMEN'S 1925 STUDY CLUB ENTERTAINED WITH TEA.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 15, the Womens 1925 Study Club entertained their guests at a seated tea in the home of Mrs. Avis Cowart. Appointments were in the holiday theme with a Christmas tree and an arrangement of holly and candles decorating the receiving rooms. The table was laid with a lace cloth, centered by a red candle on a reflector surrounded by gardenias, with silver and crystal appointments. Mrs. T. R. Whiteside and Mrs. Fred Lemons presided at the serving table. As special entertainment Mrs. Jackie Wingo sang "Holy City" and "White Christmas," accompanied by Miss LaRue Gilkeyson at the piano. Mrs. Gordon Alexander, president of the club, introduced the program chairman, Mrs. G. R. Dowdy, who in turn presented Mrs. Dave Alexander of Hereford, the guest speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Alexander revived "Come a Cavalier" by Francis Parkenson Keyes. At the close of the program the club presented Mrs. Alexander with a copy of Miss Loula Grace Erdman's most recent literary achievement "Lonely Passage" as a token of appreciation in behalf of the following members and their guests: Mesdames Gordon Alexander, Conrad Alexander, Virgil Ballard, Clarence Anderson, Alice Bundy, W. F. Talley, Tom Bomar, W. Coffee, Jr., J. W. Brannon, Jr., Roy Coffee, Cleat Miller, Avis Cowart, Bob Dickerson, Roy McMurry G. R. Dowdy, Lee D. Bomar, G. A. Elrod, Jim Bomar, A. H. Jackson, Marvin Thompson, Fred Lemons, Ben O. King, Alton Steele, D. T. Northcutt, Clyde Tunnell, Obra Watson, T. R. Whiteside True Burson, Grady Wimberly, Harold Seefeldt, Clyde Wright, Dan Wulfman, R. M. Hill, Arnold Turner, Grady Adcock and Joe Smith. An out-of-town guest was Mrs. Jack Burleson of Loveland, Colorado who is visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Avis Cowart.

Mrs. W. V. Bomar, Jr., made a business trip to Tulsa Friday.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a B-B gun, candy, fruit and nuts.

Your friend,
Tommy Ray Henderson.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and doll buggy candy, fruit and nuts.

Your friend,
Norma Lou Henderson.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a B-B gun, candy, fruit and nuts.

Your friend,
Roy Dean Henderson.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Since I'm too young to write, age three and one half years, my daddy will take the dictation.

I really have been a nice little girl this year and would like for you to bring me a little train and a bouncing shmoo.

Remember all the children all over the world.

Yours truly,
Marcalyn Lee.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I would like a 12 gauge shot gun. A box of shells and a shell belt, too.

Your good boy,
Stephen Jarnagin.

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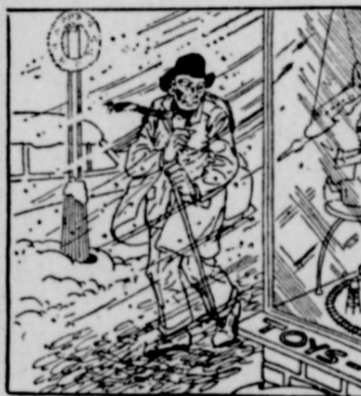
By CAROLYN GRANT

IT WAS late when old Dan left the laundry where he worked, and snow fell in great flakes from the dark sky. He stopped for a moment along the street, unmindful of the eager passerby and their thoughtless jostling against him in their haste on this last night before Christmas. He lifted his face so that the soft flakes fell against his cheeks and melted in cold little drops of water that sought the deep lines sixty odd years had put there.

Snow was a part of Christmas, and after days of hesitancy it had come—just as he and Maggie had always wanted it. "Snow makes the lights seem brighter in the store windows, along the decorated streets of our little town and in our home on our tinsel-draped cedar tree. We haven't missed many Christmases, Dan, having our snow." It seemed long ago since Maggie had said that. Years, it seemed. Yet it had been only last year that they'd stood at their front window looking out at the dark sky, and Maggie'd said those words almost like a prayer.

Dan sighed and let his chin drop into the upturned collar of his overcoat and started on. He wished the snow hadn't come. With Maggie gone, he could hardly bear its soft falling of down about him. He wanted to close his eyes against its brightness with the street lights shining upon it. He wanted to close his ears against the soft music that came from radios along the streets playing Christmas carols, and "White Christmas"—the song Maggie loved best.

Christmas had come again. But for him there'd be no Christmas—



He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there.

not any more. There'd be only memories of other Christmases eddying about him as the swirling snow, and the plans he and Maggie'd made for this Christmas even before they'd carried out the last would pass without realization, now that Maggie wasn't here to help him carry them through.

He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there and was staring without actually seeing the array of Christmas toys behind the big plate glass window. His mind was going back. He was seeing again the glow in Maggie's face as each Christmas they'd shop together for others.

Last year it had been the widow Benson and her six little Bensons, who would have been forgotten by Santa if they hadn't bought them gifts. Long ago they'd begun the ritual. They had no children of their own. But Maggie'd said, "We'll pretend that the children about us are ours." And her whole life had been one of giving at Christmas.

This year they'd planned for the O'Shays. They lived in a little house down back of the old depot. "Little Billy's just four and he's never had a wagon, Dan," Maggie'd said, planning even as they trudged through the snow with their gayly wrapped gifts for the Bensons. "And little Jeep has never had a doll that can talk and go to sleep."

Dan shifted his feet, standing there in front of Carter's, and snow gathered along the stoop of his shoulders. Somewhere among Maggie's belongings was a list of the things she'd planned to buy the O'Shays. He remembered it. Each item came clear to him suddenly as the ringing of a bell, and it was as if Maggie stood by him then, warm and alive. She touched his arm and together they went into the store with its crowd of excited late shoppers.

"A clerk came up to Dan. "Something, sir?" Dan's eyes were fixed, but they were watery from age and being out in the cold wind, the clerk thought.

"Yes," Dan said. "I have a long list of things to buy."

Maggie smiled, he knew he saw her smile, and she got to talking like she used to talk when they went out together to buy gifts on Christmas Eve.

"We're like a house, Dan," she said. "We can close the doors and windows and others can't tell what we have locked inside. We live to bring happiness to others and for the good that we can do."

Dan looked up above packages piled high in his arms and smiled. He said to the clerk, "Merry Christmas, and now we'll be on our way."

The clerk looked strange. Old people, he thought, were queer, and he called after Dan, "Merry Christmas to you, too, sir! Merry Christmas!"



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BEACHAM & BEACHAM

IN TULIA, PHONE 318



Along with Christmas pine and holly... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.

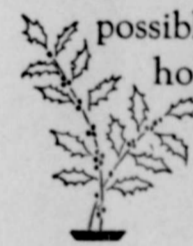
Shop will be closed from December 23 until January 3, 1949

SMITH BEAUTY SHOP



We Hope...

that your home is blessed with all the contentment possible during this holiday season.



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A triple wish for all of you is ours:

Good Cheer! Good Friends!

Good Health!

BOMAR ONE STOP

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Announcement!

I wish to announce that I acquired management of the Silverton Cafe Monday of this week. We will be glad to have all old customers of the business, and new ones call on us any time for your eats and drinks.

Silverton Cafe
JOHN JANES, MANAGER



A Merry Christmas to you. And that's a wish we'd like to shout to the uttermost parts of the earth. But right now, we'll be content to tell you quietly and very sincerely that we hope this Christmas will bring you the peace and serenity that you deserve.

CITY TAILORS

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Will you please bring me a basketball and new chemistry set, and a good grade in writing and in reading.

Keith Wood.



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DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I would like for you to bring me a wrist watch, little wedding doll, fruits, nuts, and candy.

Your friend,
Lola Mae Vaughan.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I would like for Christmas a football suit, I also would like candy, fruit and nuts.

Your friend,
G. W. Chappell.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I have been a very good boy this year. So please bring me a football suit and a bicycle. Bring me lots of fruits, nuts and candy. Please don't forget the other boys and girls.

With love,
Thomas Lee Perkins.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Will you please bring me a watch and a kodak for Christmas. Also bring me some candy, nuts and fruit.

Pauline Bradley.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I wish for you to bring me a pair of leggings and a nylon sweater set.

Thank you for all the nice things you brought me last Christmas. Don't forget, the other little boys and girls.

Your friend,
Tommlcen Miller,
Quitaque, Texas.

P. S. Don't forget the fruit, nuts, and candy.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am a little boy two years old. I have been a pretty good boy so want you please bring me a wagon, a horsie, football, house shoes, and a shoot gun.

I will leave some candy and apples under my tree for you.

I love you,
Robert Bomar.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Since I'm too young to write (age 3½) my daddy will take the dictation.

I really have been a nice little girl this year and would like for you to bring me a little train and a bouncing Shamoo.

Remember all the children all over the world.

Yours truly,
Marcalyn Lee.

DEAR SANTA:
Please bring me a pair of Chaps, a holster set and a big guitar. Also a B. B. Gun.
Remember all the other girls and boys, too.

Dickie Mayfield.

MISS FRANCES MAY INITIATED INTO ALPHA LAMBA DELTA AT TECH

Miss Frances May of Silverton, an arts and sciences student at Texas Technological college, is one of 33 young women to be initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta, national honorary scholastic sorority for women, chartered at Texas Tech this fall.

Dean Lide Spragins, national Alpha Lambda Delta secretary and dean of women at Southern Methodist University, officiated at the recent chapter installation and initiation rites for the first members.

Eligibility for membership requires a freshman woman maintain an A minus average in all college work.

JOY ANN GATEWOOD HONORED ON EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. F. C. Gatewood honored her little daughter, Joy Ann, with a birthday party on her eighth birthday December 17. Those enjoying the happy occasion were:

Jerry Dee McWilliams, David Miller, Veneeta Sweet, Susan Anderson, Sue Reid, Sandra Talley, Sam Brown, Evelyn Jones, Wilmeth and Barbara Shipman, Lou-enge Norris, Diane Forgeron, Gwenlyn Paige, June and Carol Elkins, John Schott, and LaJuan Curby.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the guests.

MR. AND MRS. BOB SMITH WILL SPEND HOLIDAYS IN NEVADA

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith, who operate the Smith Beauty Shop have announced that they will close their shop Thursday evening, December 23, and will open for business Monday, January 3.

Mr and Mrs. Smith will leave early Friday for Las Vegas, where they will spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Smith skipped a summer vacation due to not having anyone to operate their business. We hope they enjoy this well earned vacation.



It's an ideal time
to wish for you all
the good things in life.

We're delighted to
extend this holiday
greeting to all our friends.

COFFEE DRY GOODS
Trade at Home—Help Build Silverton



As the wonderful, star-crowned story of Christmas moves once more through our lives, there is no one of us who is not conscious of the inexpressible divinity of the season. It is a time to be generous, a time for deep happiness, a time for neighborliness and good will towards all.

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SILVERTON, TEXAS

December 23, 1948

Dear Friends:

May we take this means of a personal contact with you to express our heartfelt wish for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you and yours.

The past year has represented for us most pleasant associations and indeed rich and enduring friendships. In our daily lives, these things are of prime importance and it has been a real pleasure and privilege to work for you. As we go forward together in 1949, we do so with renewed determination to strengthen your confidence in our ability to serve you more efficiently.

Again Merry Christmas—and
Kindest Regards,

Simpson Chevrolet Company
Simpson Appliance.

Merry Christmas
1948

To all our friends and Customers

JIM CLEMMER'S GARAGE

Merry Christmas
1948

WE WRAP OUR CHRISTMAS WISH IN SMILES.

BUSY BEE CAFE
Bessie Offield, Owner

Merry Christmas
1948

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS.

All the fragile beauty of a snowflake symbolizes this shimmering season of joy and happiness. May this Christmas be the most joyous of them all.

A. J. JONES WATCHMAKER

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

Soil Conservation technicians located a high point for Fulton Gregg, of the Gregg Group, Friday.

Terrace lines were run this week for Mrs. Lily Wofford, located in the Hay Lake Group, Orlin Stark of the Quitaque Group, and R. L. Brunson, also of the Quitaque Group. Lines were run by Soil Conservation technicians. These terraces are now being built.

Irrigation ditch lines for Dock Wallace were run Monday by Soil Conservation technicians.

Top graphic maps were made last week for C. L. Wilson of the Matthews Group, and Robert Spilman located in the Rock Creek Group. These maps will be used to plan and operate an improved irrigation system.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a B B Gun and a radio, that's all. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
I want some fruit and candy and nuts.

Your friend,
W. L. Messiner.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Gardner, Mrs. Frank Gerdes, of Tullia, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones were guests of Mr and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier Sunday.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allard and Mrs. F. M. Autry. Rev. and Mrs. Elrod called in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ben Garvin who has been visiting relatives in California returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Reithmyer and daughter, Joy, were in Amarillo Monday, where Joy sang at noon over KGNC.

Mrs. Richard Hill and Seymour Brannon visited in Tullia Monday with Mrs. J. W. Brannon, Jr., and small son, Truitt Wayne.

Miss Eunice Cox and Eddie Cox were in Floydada Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rhoderick, of Quitaque, visited their grandmother Rhoderick who is a patient in the Silvertown hospital Sunday.

Herbert Davis, of Seminole, visited relatives in Silvertown this week and left Tuesday for Dallas where he visited his mother, Mrs. T. W. Davis.

Mrs. Verne Bearden visited in Amarillo Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Jack Coffee.

Mrs. Gene Jeager, who underwent a major operation in Amarillo recently, returned last Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. Verne Bearden took her to Amarillo Wednesday for a recheck.

Mrs. Avis Cowart and Mrs. Jack Burleson and son, Joe, spent Wednesday in Lubbock visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bomar, and other friends.

What's Doing in the Churches

THE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Grady Adcock, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Service 11:00
Childrens and Young People's Meeting 7:00
Evening Service 7:30
WCS every other Monday at 3:00

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
J. B. Jones, Minister
Bible Study 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
Ladies Bible Class, Monday 3:00
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 6:45

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G. A. Elrod, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Preaching 11:00
Preaching 7:30
Training Union 6:30
Choir Practice 6:30
Prayer Meeting 7:00
W. M. S. 2:30
Brotherhood 7:00

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00
PREACHING
Each Second Sunday 11:00
Each Fourth Sunday 3:00
Auxiliary every 1st and 3rd Monday in the homes of the members.

Christmas Flowers

MANY unusual and picturesque tales have been told about the modern usage of Christmas flowers. Although they are legendary, the carefully spun bits of folklore provide a colorful background for present day flower decorations which are used during the Christmas season.

Holly, with its red berries, dark green leaves and needle-like spikes is a light-hearted symbol of friendship and good will when December arrives. According to legend, though, holly originally was used as an instrument of cruelty. The crown of thorns which Christ wore was fashioned from holly. Prior to the Crucifixion the plant bore white berries but after the Crucifixion the berries turned a bloody crimson. Mistletoe, a close associate of holly, is said to have been the wood from which Christ's cross was made.

One of the most beautiful legends woven around Christmas flowers



concerns the Christmas rose. While en route to Bethlehem the Wise Men crossed the path of a little shepherdess named Madelon. Enraptured at the wondrous tale about the birth of Christ which they related, she was heartbroken because she had no gift to offer.

While she was crying she detected a sweet-smelling aroma and looked up. Standing next to her was an angel who inquired the reason for her sadness. Madelon explained that while she wanted to pay homage to the newly-born Babe, she didn't even have a single, beautiful flower such as grew in the fields in the summer to give Him. The angel waved her arm and a stunning bunch of gorgeous, snowy white Christmas roses appeared.

Madelon gathered her precious gift in her arms and hurried off to Bethlehem where the Wise Men had gone. After the Wise Men's offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh, she humbly proffered her flowers to the tiny infant, who stretched out a hand to touch the roses. His fingers lightly brushed the immaculate petals and immediately they changed to a delicate pink.

Poinsettias which head the popularity list of Christmas flowers, ironically enough do not have any legends attached to them because of

their recent introduction. In the beginning of the last century the poinsettia was introduced by J. R. Poinsett, an American politician and diplomat.

For years evergreens have flourished in homes at Christmastide to create a woody, outdoor atmosphere. In the aged line "hang up the holly, the box and the bay" it is significant to note that two of the plants mentioned, box and bay, are mentioned in Holy Scriptures as thriving on the mountains of Lebanon in the Holy Land.

Because of its symmetrical leaves, bay has been used for design throughout the ages. The Greeks used it on their coins and the Romans, too, favored it as a beautiful show piece. Today bay shrubbery graces the entrances to many American homes at yuletide.

Cedar, which furnishes greens for Christmas, likewise existed in Lebanon. The people of Lebanon re-

garded cedar as a symbol of endurance, strength, life and eternity. Recognized by its characteristic, pleasant aroma, cedar also was an emblem of purity because its tree-tops were frequently covered with snow during a large part of the year.

An old-time favorite of sailors who visited Mediterranean ports was Rosemary because of the aromatic perfume the plant yielded. Familiar to most Americans as a straggling hedge plant, Rosemary droops in massive festoons 12 feet long in its native Italy.

Legend has it that the flowers were colorless until the Blessed Virgin, during the flight into Egypt, hung the clothes of Jesus on Rosemary bushes to dry. Thereafter, Rosemary bushes blossomed forth with their sparkling blue flowers.

The Hawthorn bush with its white or red flowers originally was the May tree of the Old World. Peculiarly, the bush never blooms in May. According to historians, Joseph of Arimathea went to England and on the completion of his pilgrimage at the Abbey of Glastonbury he pushed his staff into the ground where it burst forth leaves and flowers. Since then the Hawthorn bush always flowers at Christmastide, which is out of its regular season.

THE HOLIDAY Feast

Thank the early American Puritan pioneers for your Christmas turkey and cranberries. It was they who discovered what could be done to nice, fat turkey and cranberries to make a delicious December 25th feast. Since then turkey and cranberries have been the basis of the American Christmas dinner. Santa Claus, holly, mistletoe and the custom of giving gifts were also brought from the Puritan homeland.

Christmas dinner tables are loaded with food - and old superstitions, too. If a guest refuses mince pie, there's bad luck in store for him; eat apples at midnight for good health; be sure to have plum pudding lest you lose a friend during the year. The feeding of animals, sending cards, singing carols and paying Christmas gifts are all in superstitious tradition of things to do for good luck.



Greetings for Christmas
1948

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1948

May your gift be an assurance that all your most cherished dreams and hopes will be realized--that is our wish for you at this happy Yuletide season.

As we pause on the threshold of 1949, we wish once again to extend our appreciation for the many favors accorded us in the past.

1949

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PERSONALS

Miss Bonnie Dell Chappell, of Fort Worth, arrived home Friday to spend the holidays.

Eddie Cox and T. M. Marshall were in Plainview Friday on business. Miss Betty Marshall who is attending business college in Plainview accompanied them home.

Shelby Haynes and W.A. Stephens, attended a district meeting of the IOOF Lodge in Memphis Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Young visited relatives in Tulia Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gibson visited relatives in Turkey Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Dormon, of Aiken, visited Mrs. Dormon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMinn Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Elrod called on Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Austin and children, of Tulia, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Austin and children of Tulia, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. May Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Long, of Plainview; Mrs. Bundy Campbell and son, Bundy Hal, of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gregory, of Plainview, visited Mrs. Jack Burleson Sunday in the home of her mother, Mrs. Avis Cowart.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Haynes and daughter, Shirley, visited Monday in Plainview with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burson.

Dr. A. C. Donnell, of Plainview, was over night guest Monday night of last week with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alexander.

R. C. Hutsell and Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell went to Odessa last Thursday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tidwell and little son, Mike. Mrs. Hutsell who had been visiting her daughter returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen and daughters, Jo Ann and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. Grady and daughter, Sylvia, of Amarillo, visited last week end with Mrs. J. H. Burson and family.

Lee D. Bomar made a business trip to Floydada and Plainview Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier and Mrs. Pearl Simpson visited in Tulia Friday with their sisters, Mrs. V. R. Garner and Mrs. Bill Shives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bomar, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Massey visited in Amarillo last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer.

Mr. and Mrs. Linden Stephens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stephens and family, of Portales, New Mexico, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens.

Mrs. C. C. Garrison spent the week end in Vernon with her daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Arville Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brock and children, Mona and Bobby, attended a Christmas party for the Southwestern Public Service Company employees and families in Plainview Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. H. Burson and Miss Luree Burson are visiting relatives in Dalhart and Amarillo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seefeldt and daughter, Diana Jo left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Little Rock, Arkansas and Monticella, Arkansas.

Mrs. R. E. Brookshier and Mrs. Pearl Simpson went to Hereford Wednesday for H. C. Doak, who will spend the holidays in the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier.

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those people.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.

Much Family Fun In Group Games

"Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together." This suggestion comes from E. H. Regnier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters-like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making—airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population.

Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellcraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble games are excellent.

"Christmas is a time of 'togetherness,'" says Regnier. "Let's capitalize on the situation by starting a game or hobby that will encourage the same type of companionship the year around."

Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Roy Brown had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Durward Brown and children, of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown and children, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley.

Mrs. Minnie Stevenson, of Canyon, is visiting relatives in Silverton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Billingley and son, Bo, are in Lubbock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Gatewood and children of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Gene Bardine of Fort Worth, visited their brother and uncle, F. C. Gatewood and family over the week end.

Mrs. R. H. Stodghill and Joe Ray, made a business trip to Tulia Saturday.

PLENTY of "Non-Skid" paper clips at the News office. Also Parcel Post Gum-labels.



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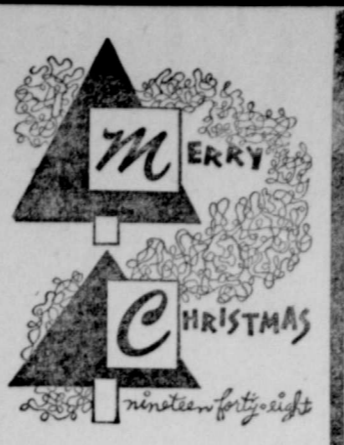


The friendly scent of the cedars is typical of the Spirit of Christmas. It is in that spirit that we wish for you all the joys and blessings of this Yuletide season.

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By JESSIE WEST AMY looked out at the bright day and was about to decide it was the loveliest New Year's Eve she'd seen in years when she saw Clarabelle Carter crossing the street; and then she thought the day wasn't lovely at all.

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five.

There'd been a time when she reigned as the most popular girl at Obane; she'd been pictured in the college year-book as "the girl all men want but only one can have."

Amy looked out the window again, and not seeing Clarabelle on the street now, the day resumed some



She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

of the brightness that Clarabelle's presence had blighted, and she got to thinking about a trip that 20 years ago had been scheduled for tomorrow. Memory of the tryst had come to her with the approach of another New Year, but she had not planned to enact a promise that youth's frivolous dreaming, disappointments and temperamental pride.

She had nowhere to go on New Year's day, and thought of the trip suddenly became entrancing. It would be emotionally uplifting to go back to the old haunts, and no one would know of her foolish living just for a day among memories of a past that through her own foolhardy pride, had led her into her present state of lonely maidenhood.

"If anything ever separates us," Lance had said that night long ago, "it'd be fun just to meet again, sort of a tryst affair, 20 years hence. Maybe in Park Rendezvous where we first met. . . ."

They'd talked like that often, then laughed—because they knew they'd never separate. Someday they'd marry. But they didn't marry. Too soon a trivial misunderstanding had risen between them, and she'd had too much pride to admit that she'd been a little wrong, too.

It was almost noon when Amy reached the Park Rendezvous at Obane on New Year's day. She'd have lunch, she decided, then visit about town. But already she was sensing regret for having made the trip. You couldn't live in the past even for a day without returning to the present with greater pain. How well she knew it now!

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly. "Hello," he said.

Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up. "Why, Lance—!" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his.

"Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily. "But, you married, Lance, I heard." She couldn't help saying it.

"That was false news, dear," he said. "Do you think—but you surely know now! I tried to find you, Amy, but I lost all trace of you." Amy laughed and her cheeks colored. "I wouldn't have come today," she said wistfully, "but for a person named Clarabelle. . . ."

"Clarabelle?" Amy nodded. "It's a queer little story, Lance," she said, and then she wondered with a little gloating, what Clarabelle, and all of Donovan for that matter, would think when they heard!

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: We are a little boy and girl eight and five years old. I (Dyrlie) would like to have a tent, gun and wallet and I (Reba Jo), would like a doll and doll buggy and we would also like some nuts, fruit and candy. Please don't forget our little sister Shelia Faye and don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Your friends, Dyrlie and Reba Jo Maples

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I am a little boy in the first grade. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me an electric train and some building logs. Also bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. I can hardly wait until you get here.

Teddy Hancock.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I am a boy 11 years old. I would like to have a basketball for Christmas, a zipper billfold, and some fruit, nuts and candy. Do not forget the other boys and girls.

Merry Christmas, Tommy Lyn Autry.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I am a boy in the sixth grade. I am 11 years old. I would very much like to have a 22. Please do not forget the other boys and girls.

Yours very truly, David Hartman.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Please bring me a locket. If you don't mind too much, I would like to have a tennis racket and

some tennis balls. Anything else will be useful. Merry Christmas, Virginia Garrison.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I don't want much. All I want is a new chemistry set. That's all I want. I can't think of any more. Yours truly, Charles Mayfield.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Please bring me a bicycle and a B-Bgun and fruits, nuts and candy. Your friend, Don Ledbetter.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: I was getting a hair cut today in Lubbock and saw you through the window but when I got through you were gone and I didn't get to talk to you, so guess I will have to write a letter. I haven't been in this world very long but Mother and Daddy say I have been a pretty good boy, so please bring me a big red wagon, little rocking chair. Don't forget my best girl, Sandra Norman, who lives in Lubbock.

Love, Bo Billingsley. P. S. I will be visiting my grandparents in Lubbock on Christmas Eve.

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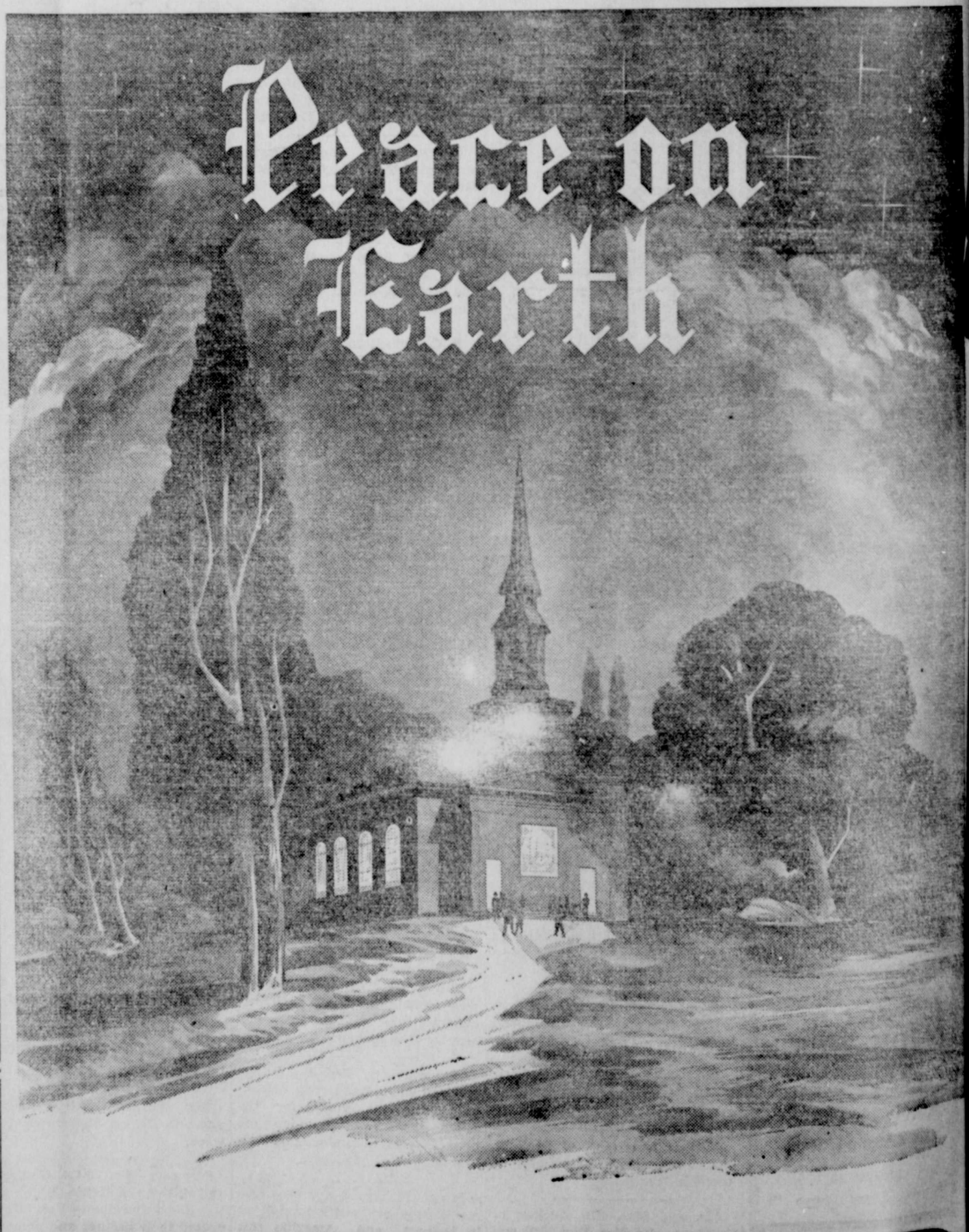
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THE Christmas TREE

Perhaps the most typical thing about America at this time is the Christmas tree, for with its holiday garb of tinsel and goodies, its religious significance and spirit of festivity, it mirrors the cultural traditions and customs of the world.



JAPANESE FOLLOW WESTERN CHRISTMAS TREE CUSTOM—The Japanese have adopted the Christmas tree and given it an oriental appearance by decorating its branches with Japanese dolls, woodcuts, small tangerines and rice cookies called "sembei," that hold paper slips of fortunes.



CHRISTMAS TREE ORIGINATED IN GERMANY—An apron full of ginger-bread cookies from a German tree, traditionally decorated with ginger-cakes, nuts, apples, marzipans, and candy-filled cornucopias. Chains and baskets made by hand—from ordinary newspaper when nothing more suitable is available—complete its trimmings. Candles have been used to illuminate it ever since the time of Martin Luther, when the custom of decorating trees at Christmas first began.



FRENCH CONTRIBUTE GLITTER TO TREE—Sweet as the bonbon she holds is this French lass in her Normandy dress—and both as the sugar-ball hanging from its branches is the French tree.



MANGER SCENE IN ITALY—An Italian girl attaches an angel to a pine branch above the crib, traditional Italian symbol of Christmas. The custom dates back to 1223 when St. Francis of Assisi arranged the first crib in the chancel of the church at Greccio, Italy, using a simple manger with a doll to represent the Christ Child and adding live animals for reality. The manger has become a recognized symbol of religious significance throughout the Christian world.



FOLK-MOTIFS ON CZECH TREE—Pretty Czech angels lend a touch of heaven to the Czech tree decorated with clusters of gilded nuts, apples, and cookies made to resemble animal figures, peasant girls, stars and village huts. Local folk-motifs are noticeable in the trimmings on the angels' gowns, closely patterned after the braided design on the bodice of the peasant girl's holiday garb.



TO ALL OF YOU,
A SEASON
BRIMFUL
WITH
HOLIDAY
JOY.



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By PATRICIA SINCLAIR
AVIS stood inside the spacious hall of the Carron home with her small overnight bag at her feet and greeted the slim girl approaching her. "Merry Christmas, Barbara! Oh-h, it's snowing beautifully outside!" She looked down at the snow on the toes of her small white boots. "I hate to track it in," she said.
"Don't worry about that. I'm so happy you came." Barbara smiled and helped Avis remove her snow-covered garments.
"Oh, I wouldn't have missed coming for all the world," Avis said, and meant it, now that she was actually there. Her dark eyes swept the attractive, decorated home, and the inviting fire that roared



Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed as they lifted to meet Steve's.

about huge logs in an immense fireplace in the room beyond.
"I hope you'll enjoy yourself, Avis," Barbara said. "My guests have not all arrived. Would you like to go up to your room first and—"

"Take the shine from my nose! Yes, thanks so much," Avis responded eagerly, knowing that she needed a few repairing touches after the long trip out to the Carron home by bus.

As she ascended the stairs she thought, how right Barbara had been when she'd told her the other day, after inviting her to her home for the week-end and a Christmas party, "You can't stay in your apartment alone on Christmas. You can't become a recluse just because some fellow preferred another girl to you. You should start all over again."

Barbara was like that. At times Avis couldn't help envying Barbara's carefree, unstable attitude toward men. Barbara would never know the sting of loneliness, the bitter yearning for someone who had become the purpose of life itself.

Avis hadn't told Barbara, nor anyone, everything about her acquaintance with Steve Ross. She hadn't even told Barbara his name. There was no point in going into detail and revealing: "I crossed three states just to get away from the sight of him constantly with the new blonde who came to town."

Avis could hear Barbara's response to such a revelation, "No battle was ever won by an army of cowards!"

But Avis wasn't built that way. She had pride, and from observation she'd learned that one-sided marriages never panned out.

As she ran a comb through her short dark hair she thought of Steve. It had been two months since she left the little town of Allen Glen. He and Ann were married now of course. They'd spend their first Christmas together.

Her eyes flared, but she quickly brushed aside the threat of tears and hurried from the room to join Barbara and her guests below. She was glad she'd come. She wouldn't have a chance to think of Steve.

Avis started down the stairs but stopped midway when she saw Steve Ross smiling up at her from the hall below.

He said, "I'm not a ghost, Avis! Merry Christmas, and—well, aren't you glad to see me?" He looked uncertain.

Avis moved down the stairs. "But I didn't know you knew Barbara—"

Steve reached for her hands. "Our dads were acquaintances away back," he said. "Was it quite fair for you to skip town, Avis, and not say a word about where you were going?"

"I—I didn't think you'd miss me," Avis stammered.

"Miss you?" He pressed her hands. "Avis, what's that old saying about absence makes the heart grow fonder? Anyway, I've had a terrible time tracking you down, until I thought of Barbara."

"Barbara never said a word," Avis said, still amazed.

Steve chuckled. "She's a regular cupid. She told me to come tonight and explain more fully about the run-away girl I was trying to find. Then after I got here she told me to wait in the hall, there'd be a Christmas gift appear on the stairs. I suspected then, of course."

Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed "as they lifted to meet Steve's. "Christmas gift indeed!" she said.

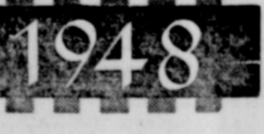


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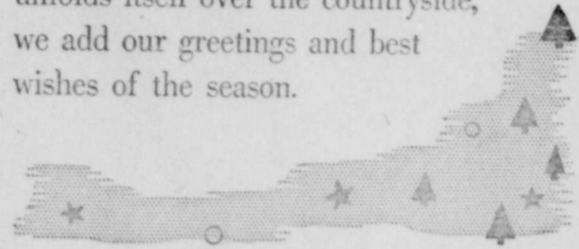


1948. When Santa sneaks in, we trust he will leave a sack brimful of all good things for you.

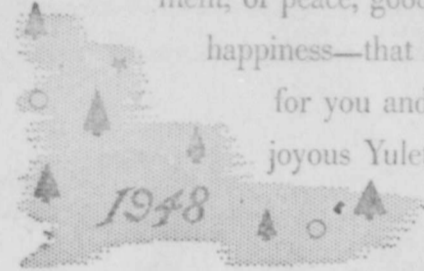
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Mr. and Mrs. Long Honored With Shower

Mr. and Mrs. George Long were honored Wednesday, December 15, at the home of Mrs. George Seaney with a miscellaneous shower. Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Geo. Seaney, Mrs. J. K. Bean, Mrs. Maggie Stephens, Mrs. Ollie McMinn and Mrs. Pascal Garrison. Gay Christmas decorations were used to brighten the entertaining rooms.

Miss Mildred Bean registered the guests as they arrived, and Mrs. J. K. Bean and Mrs. Maggie Stephens showed them to the room where the gifts were displayed.

Fruit cake and spiced tea was served by Mrs. Pascal Garrison and Mrs. Ollie McMinn. Approximately thirty guests registered and many others sent gifts.

March of Time Study Club Hold Annual Party December 16

The March of Time Study Club held their annual Christmas party December 16. Gifts were exchanged beneath a gaily lighted Christmas tree when members of the March of Time Study Club held their Christmas party at the home Mrs. True Burson.

Mrs. Jackie Wingo entertained the club with two Christmas songs accompanied at the piano by Miss Larue Gilkeyson.

The hostess was assisted by Mesdames W. F. Talley, Gordon Montague, and Otis Tidwell.

Gay Christmas decorations brightened the entertaining rooms. Refreshments featuring the holiday motif were served to eighteen members and one guest, Mrs. Jackie Wingo.

Mrs. Carroll Garrison Honors Grandmother On 80th Birthday

Mrs. Carroll Garrison honored her grandmother, Mrs. A. C. Arnold, on her eightieth birthday, with a birthday dinner. Those enjoying the happy occasion were:

The honoree Mrs. A. C. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Naylor and Joe Tom, of Clarendon; Miss Voneta Arnold, Lubbock; Mr. Billy Ellis, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arnold, Walter, Marion, John and Fred Arnold; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold; Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Hartman, David and Tim; Mr. Carroll Garrison, Virginia, Kay and Jerry, and the hostess Mrs. Garrison.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED

The members of the Friendship Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church and their teacher, Mrs. Alvin Jackson, entertained members of the fellowship class and their teacher, Mr. A. D. Arnold, with a Christmas supper. Supper was served to 18 members and three visitors. After supper everyone enjoyed a tree and the exchange of gifts. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Walling, of Monahans, Texas, former residents of Silverton, are the parents of a baby girl, born December 13, 1948. The grandparent is Mrs. Mattie Walling of Plainview.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brannon, Jr., are the parents of a baby boy, born Sunday, December 19, 1948, at the Tulia Hospital. The child weighed 7 pounds and has been named Truitt Wayne. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. Coffee, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brannon, Sr., all of Silverton.

BIRTH

1st Sgt. and Mrs. Sidney Lyn Christopher, of Los Angeles, California, announce the arrival of a son November 28, 1948. Sid is a former Silverton boy, having been born and reared here. This is a second son for the Christophers.

W. M. U., HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The W. M. U., of the First Baptist Church met in the basement Monday afternoon for their annual Christmas party and social. Several Christmas games were played and the usual Christmas songs were sung by the group.

Refreshments of fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee was served to approximately forty ladies. Gifts were drawn by numbers and every one enjoyed the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rowell and new baby Sunday evening.

Palace Theater

The Place to Go
Show Opens at 6:30 P. M.
Show Starts at 6:35 P. M.

Free Theatre Tickets

The following people will be admitted to see:

'Dude Goes West'
SUNDAY, MONDAY,
DECEMBER 26 OR 27
Miss Fay Ree, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gilkeyson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods.
BRING THIS COUPON FOR ADMISSION
Watch for your name here, it may be next.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 23-24

"Walk A Crooked Mile"

With
DENNIS O'KEEFE
Metro News Color Cartoon

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE"

"Song of Idaho"

With
HOOSIER HOT SHOTS
Hezzie, Ken, Gil and Gabe.
CHAPTER No. 8
SUPERMAN
COLOR CARTOON

SUNDAY, MONDAY,
DECEMBER 26, 27

'Dude Goes West'
With
EDDIE ALBERT
GALE STROM
COLOR CARTOON
Sports: Green Bay Packers
VS. Chicago Bears.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 28, 29

'You Were Meant For Me'

With
JEANNE CRAINE
DAN DAILEY
COLOR CARTOON

THURSDAY, FRIDAY
DECEMBER 30, 31

"Sitting Pretty"

With
CLIFTON WEBB
ROBERT YOUNG
COLOR CARTOON
METRO NEWS

NOTICE !

The Show December 25th, Christmas Day, will start at 2:30 and stay open till 8:00. If you come by 8:00 you can see it all.
Thanks, The Manager.

Season's Greetings



Symbolic of the spiritual values of Christmas is the church spire in the distance. Let's not forget this phase of the Season.

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Fine Watch and Jewelry Repairing
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And lots of it, for friends, old and new.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas

TUNNELL GROCERY & MARKET

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We add our voice to the chorus of Good Cheer that greets our community this Holiday Season...

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