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Mrs. J. H. Burson made a business trip to Amarillo Monday. Stapling Machines and Staples at the News Office.  
Leslie Curtis of Fort Worth spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Curtis. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow and Becky, were transacting business in Plainview Friday.



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December 18, 19

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## Such Lovely FLAMES

By John Scott Douglas

FRED DOBSON plugged in the string of lights and then stood back to admire the blue and red and green candle globes on the Christmas tree. Ellen left the table she was setting to study the effect.

"Nice little tree, Fred. Seems a shame, though, not to be sharing it with someone. This was our year—"

And then she stopped, and her face, still pretty in middle age, grew pink. Fred knew she'd been about to say that it was their year to have the Robbins to Christmas dinner. Every year since their children had married and left they had either entertained their neighbors or had been their guests.

But now, by mutual consent, the quarrel with the Robbins was not mentioned. It was characteristic of Ellen not to blame Fred. And that took forbearance because Martha Robbins had been her dearest friend.

Ellen sighed. "Goodness! the turkey must be almost ready."



He was back in a moment with a rake. Lifting the smoldering tree with the tines, he hurled it out onto the snowy lawn.

Fred thought of their quarrel, which had started because of a cocker puppy which wouldn't stay home. Tom, with his usual consideration for his neighbors, had started to build a fence to keep the dog out of the Dobson's garden. Fred thought the fence was a foot within his own property line, and jokingly said so.

Tom had laughed. "Who's paying for it?"

"I'll pay half," Fred had said, "if you'll buy the strip you're using."

The joke, within a matter of days, had taken on an edge, and then they gave up speaking. No longer did they fish and hunt together, or play in their usual Saturday four-somes.

By then, beginning to fume at Tom's high-handedness, Fred had his property surveyed, only to discover that his garden had in reality extended onto his neighbor's property. The fence was where it belonged.

Fred wanted to apologize, but every time he stepped outside, Tom walked into the house.

Within a matter of seconds, Fred was too busy to think of the quarrel. The little Christmas tree was on fire and crackling fiercely. He flung open the door and screamed, "Fire! help! help!" And then, snatching up the hall runner he'd been planning to replace, he knocked over the tree and began beating out the flames.

Behind him Tom called, "Stay with it, pal—I'll get something."

He was back in a moment with a rake. Lifting the smoldering tree with the tines, he hurled it out onto the snowy lawn.

Martha Robbins had appeared by then. Seeing Ellen staring dazedly at the cloud of smoke and the blackened wall where the tree had stood, she opened the windows and then slipped her arm around Ellen's shoulders.

"Poor dear! And just when you were sitting down to your Christmas dinner. After the smoke has thinned out, this room will be freezing. You and Fred are having dinner with us."

Ellen looked happy but flustered. "But this was our year—"

"Nonsense!" Tom said heartily. "We'll eat with you next year."

"That will be swell," Fred said, beaming.

When they started Martha Robbins' bountiful dinner, there was at first a little stiffness. But Tom was soon joking about Fred's "high forehead," and Fred was asking Tom if he'd considered selling his hair to a wire-brush factory.

As they said hearty farewells later, Tom remarked, "Can't say I'm sorry about that fire. We've sure missed you folks."

"And it was all my fault," Fred said. "I was wrong about—"

"Aw, forget it," Tom interrupted. "How about some golf Saturday?"

When they reached home, Fred looked at the blackened wall speculatively. "No real damage done, Ellen. A coat of paint will fix it up."

"How do you suppose the tree ever caught fire?" Ellen asked. Fred grinned sheepishly. "A match and a bunch of tissue paper may have helped."

## Texas Honey Bees Show Prosperous Year's Production

The honey bees in Texas were busy during 1949 and they have chalked up what may be their greatest total production and per colony yield—approximately 13.9 million pounds for an average of 45 pounds of honey for every colony in the state. Both figures are more than twice last year's yields. The little busy bodies the nation over did a fine job. Result—plenty of honey for everyone.

The foods and nutrition specialists of Texas A. and M. College recommend honey for a lot of different uses in everyday eating. They say it adds variety to your meals; will add flavor from the flower world to your foods and that it is a vary nutritious food itself.

Honey can be used to sweeten fruit drinks, tea or coffee. It can be used with fruit salads, for example: Peel and slice oranges and dip the slices in honey, then in shredded coconut. Place the slices on lettuce and top with berries or other fruit. When baking apple, add honey and butter, or margarine, to each cored apple and baste with honey during the baking process.

You might like to try this one—quick glazed sweet potatoes with honey.

Pare and halve raw sweet potatoes, drop into salted boiling water to cover. For each sweet potato add one to two tablespoons honey and one teaspoon butter or margarine. Cover tightly and boil until tender and a syrup is formed. They say it is a good idea to baste the sweet potatoes occasionally with the syrup while cooking. You can do the same with carrots, just substitute two carrots for each sweet potato.

Broile ham glazed with honey makes mighty tasty eating and you might for a change, try mixing honey with other foods used for sandwich fillings, cookies, cakes, or serve it as a sauce for ice cream. Then there are the old favorites—waffles, hot cakes or hot biscuits, butter and honey.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Henderson spent Thursday in Plainview on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wright were in Quitaque Thursday on business. While there they visited Mrs. N. R. Honea.

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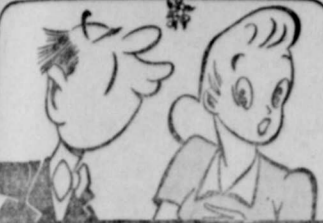
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# QUESTIONS ON CHRISTMAS



1. The Swedes know kissing is fun. That's why they thought of the Christmas mistletoe. What should be done to the mistletoe for each visitor? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a leaf.



2. We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Christmas gifts. They were Melchior, Balthazar and (a) Samuel (b) Casper (c) Shadrach?



3. Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1845 (b) about 1781 (c) about 1903.



4. Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas ceremony? (a) Pope Gregory (b) Piers Plowman (c) St. Francis of Assisi.



5. The Christmas tree is the heart of our Christmas decorations. Which country first used the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France.



6. "Silent Night, Holy Night," one of the most beloved of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Boehm (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Martin Luther?

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (a) 6. (c)

## Build Safety Into Your Farm Buildings

Thousands of new farm homes have been built in Texas during the past few years and several times as many have been remodeled and plans were needed for all. If you are planning on building a new house or remodeling the old one, you'll want to give serious consideration in your plans to building safety into the structure, says W. S. Allen, extension agricultural engineer-buildings of Texas A. and M. College.

Allen points to the number of accidents in the home and around the farmstead as his main reason for checking the plans for safety features. The addition of handrails to the stairways, and this applies to basement and cellar stair-ways as well as the barn, could prevent many falls. A handgrip placed on the wall over the bath tub is good insurance against a fall—the tub is always wet and slippery and potentially dangerous.

He says the use of non-metallic light fixtures should be considered and that light switches in the bathroom should be placed beyond the reach of a person at the wash basin or in the tub. You need a medicine cabinet in the bathroom and it is a good idea to put one in that can be locked, especially when there are small children in the home.

Your plans should include good lighting for every room as well as around the farmstead. Be sure that you have planned for plenty

of electrical outlets throughout the entire house—it is much cheaper and easier to install them during construction than later. Injuries from shock and fire can be minimized by proper installation of electrical equipment that is kept in good repair. Allow in your wiring plans for the use of more electrical labor saving equipment, and this means an adequate wiring job for the farmstead.

Very few homes have ever provided too much storage space, says Allen, but in many the lack of storage or closet space contributes to over-crowded closets, stairways and cluttered-up rooms and these create many accident hazards.

The heating system should be installed according to the Board of Fire Underwriter's specifications. If you are putting in a liquefied petroleum system, "butane," to most of us here in Texas, make sure that it is installed according to the American Gas Association and ational Board of Fire Underwriter's specifications and local regulations, says Allen.

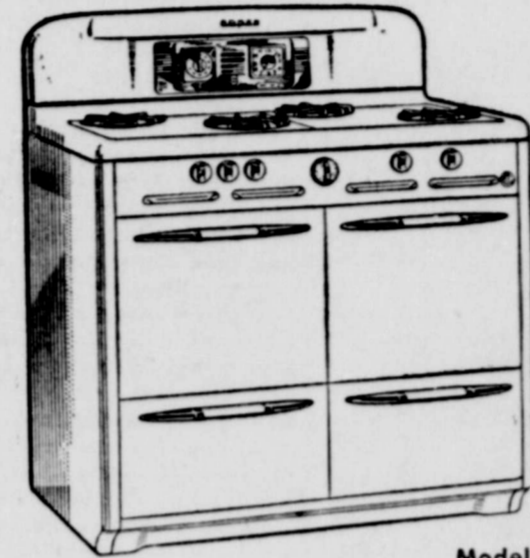
Safety should be an important consideration of every member of the family, continues Allen, and the home and other buildings on the farm should be made into safe places in which to live, work and play. Allen suggests that you visit your county extension agents for bulletins and material pertaining to planning farm homes and farm buildings from the safety standpoint.

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## Tell the truth about Santa

Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small-fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?:

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop, stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret—so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

The practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas eve is tied up with an Irish custom which holds the thought of the Christ child alone in the dark, needing light for his way.

When buying toys for children remember that those of the constructive types are best—they develop the youngsters' ingenuity.

The wild boar has been revered from ancient times, and was especially honored at Christmastime, for having taught mankind the art of plowing by rooting into the ground with his tusks.



SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA . . . It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirtsleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting on a park bench in New York.

## Swiss Brotherhood Sang at Christmas To Banish Plague

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden.

According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims.

If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12.

Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian.

For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads.

On New Year's eve, between 9 and 10 o'clock, the Brethren make another round of the fountains, this time singing an old song which concludes with the wish that St. Sebastian may intercede for all in the New Year so that they may be safeguarded from war, pestilence and other perils.

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# Style Shoppe

son and Pat Northcutt. Mrs. Cecil Franks, of Amarillo, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis Sunday. Mrs. Annie Stevens, daughter, Gloria June Bragg, visited Happy during

### A Joy No Earthly Wealth Can Give

There is an old tale which becomes apropos chiefly at the Christmas time.

An agnostic—a disbeliever in God—made this offer to a nine-year old:

"I will give you an orange if you will tell me where God is."

The youngster was equal to the challenge. "I will give you two oranges," he said, "if you will tell me where He is not."

Many great men have always felt the spirituality of Christmas, and some have managed to put it into words. For instance, when Woodrow Wilson was asked to prove the greatness of Christianity, whose founder was the Christ-child, he said simply, "Try it."

Cardinal Spellman had a Christmas gift for the mind when he said:

"The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is a joy of the soul, and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is a union with Him who has overcome the world."

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt once illustrated the spirit of Christmas with this story:

"A thief broke into the home of a priest and stole his purse. That night the priest wrote in his diary: 'Let me be thankful. First because I was never robbed before. Second because although he took my purse, he never took my life. Third because although he took all I had it was not much. And fourth because it was he who stole, and not I.'"



HOPE THAT SUSTAINS THE WORLD . . . If there is anything more touching and inspiring than the sight of a little boy or girl waiting patiently for the arrival of his beloved Santa Claus, the world has yet to produce it. With boundless hope, after hanging up his stocking, he finally goes to bed, knowing as surely as he knows his own mother and father, that the Giftbringer will have been there when he awakens.

### The Texas Almanac Is Off The Press With Much Information

Texas' growth and change in the last ten years dwarf all previous periods in the state's history. The Texas Almanac, just published by The Dallas Morning News, reports.

The new Almanac—672 pages—is the largest ever published. It contains more than 650,000 words and word-equivalents in statistics, scores of maps and illustrations.

Texas' population is predominantly urban, for the first time in history. The net value of manufactured products has more than quadrupled since the pre-war period. The number of industrial wage earners has doubled, the Almanac reports.

With farm population down, agricultural production is up. Mechanization may be the answer, for the number of tractors in the state jumped from 92,923 in 1940 to 236,390 this year.

The Bureau of the Census hurried compilation of its new post-war count of manufacturers to make it available for this Texas Almanac, editors report. All figures, including data on individual industries, counties and cities are included in the book. There is a 15,000-word history of the Texas cattle industry. All developments in mineral exploration and development are shown.

The Almanac describes Texas' new arrangement under the Gilmer-Aiken law, is able to list Army, Navy, Air Force and National Guard installations for the first time since wartime censorship was lifted.

It covers state officials, commissions and boards—the 300 odd laws passed by the 51st Legislature—the State Constitution with all recent amendments—1949 population figures—a survey of all water supply projects, under construction an tentative, and hundreds of other subjects.

Raymond Bomar, Penny Long, Luther Gilkeyson, and Roy S. Brown were in Snyder Monday on business.

Betty Jean Bradley who is in school at Plainview spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Bradley.

### Mrs. Bundy Gives Christmas Party for Sunday School Class

Mrs. O. T. Bundy gave a Christmas party at her home Monday evening for her Sunday school class. The children spent the time making and decorating Christmas cookies. Punch and cookies were served to June Elking, Sue Reid, Celina London, Cleatrice Miller, Joe Anderson, Dicky Mayfield, Gordon Lowry and David Schott.

Mrs. C. M. Strickland returned Saturday from Crosbyton where she has been visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Strickland.

Stapleing Machines and staples at the News office.

### Claud Crossing Community Club Met December 9

The ladies of the Claud Crossing Community Club met at the beautiful new home of Mrs. Obra Watson Friday, December 9 at 9:00 for a surprise coffee and housewarming.

Mrs. Watson was presented with a lovely vase.

Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames Don Garrison, Chick Northcutt, Albert Mallow, Lee D. Bomar, Gabe Garrison, Clyde Lightsey, Alton Steele, Gordon Alexander, Bud Posey, Edd Thomas, and the honoree, Mrs. Watson.

Ed McMurtry of Vigo Park was transacting business in Silverton Saturday.

### PERSONAL

Guests in the home of Judge and Mrs. C. D. Wright for six o'clock dinner, Friday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Badgett, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Minter, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dickerson.

Judge and Mrs. C. D. Wright left Tuesday on a business trip to Dallas. They will visit his sister, Mrs. Eva Ponder, also.

Mrs. G. A. Elrod, Mrs. De Allard, Mrs. Roy McMurtry and Mrs. C. O. Allard attended the Santa Claus parade in Tullia Tuesday.

Rev. G. A. Elrod attended the Floyd County Workers Conference at Dougherty Tuesday.

Bernice May of Vigo Park attended business in Silverton Saturday.

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## COOKIES ANDIES & CHRISTMAS

LIKE Santa's pack, your stock of holiday goodies should be plentiful and interesting. Since callers will be as much present as holly and gifts during the holidays, do your baking of cakes and cookies, so your cupboard will be ready for any who might drop in.

Home-made delicacies served during Christmas and New Year's are as heart-warming as the sound of the yule log crackling on the hearth. If you have a fruit cake, a variety of cookies and perhaps a few candies, and if you serve these with a festive beverage, you will have gone a long way in spelling holiday cheer to those who come to say "Merry Christmas" at your home.

Here is a simple type fruit cake which does not need the aging that a traditional cake requires. The recipe makes two 9x4x3 inch loaves and is the perfect answer as to what should be served during the holidays:

#### Raisin Fruit Cake

- (Makes 2 loaves)
- 4 cups seeded raisins
- 2 tablespoons groated lemon rind
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon allspice
- 2 1/2 cups liquid
- 2 1/2 cups chopped nuts/meats
- 4 cups sifted cake flour
- 5 teaspoons double acting baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or shortening
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine raisins, lemon rind, spices and water in a saucepan. Cover and simmer gently for eight minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid and add water or coffee to make one and one-half cups, and reserve. Grind raisins with nuts.

Sift flour once, measure and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift three times. Cream butter thoroughly, and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir until all flour is dampened. Beat vigorously for two minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into two 9x4x3 inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper and then greased again. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for one hour and 15

minutes, or until done. Let stand five minutes on cake rack, then remove from pan, leaving paper attached until ready to serve. Cool. Wrap in a clean cloth and store in the container to keep moist.

\*The liquid may be water or left-over coffee.

Kris Kringle cookies are a tasty concoction of dates and nuts. If stored in a tightly covered container, they will keep moist for several days:

#### Kris Kringle Cookies

- (Makes 30 balls)
- 1 cup butter cookie crumbs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 cup finely chopped, pitted dates
- 1 cup black walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

Combine cookie crumbs, salt, baking powder and flour. Add dates and nuts. Add sugar gradually to



#### RAISIN FRUIT CAKE

for a spicy holiday  
beaten eggs. Blend in cookie crumb mixture and vanilla. Bake in a greased and floured nine-inch square pan and bake in a slow (325°) oven for 30 minutes. While still warm, cut into 30 squares. Roll each square into a ball, turning the top, crusty portion inwards as you roll. Place confectioners' sugar in a bag. Shake the balls in the sugar to coat evenly.

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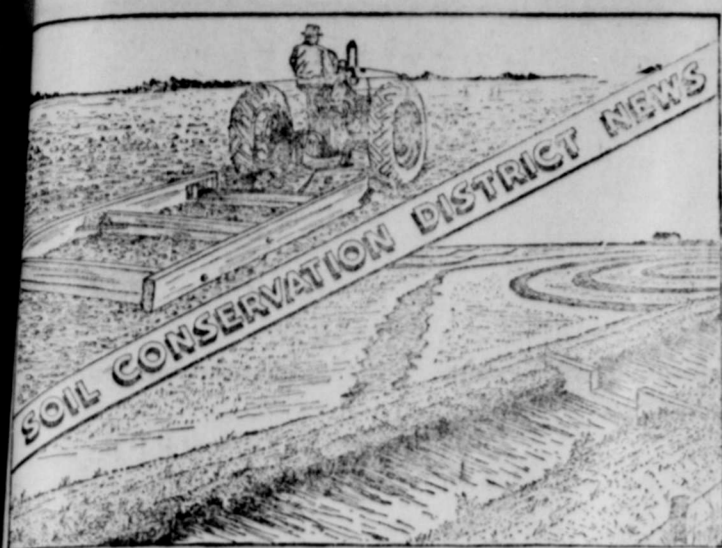
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The Soil Conservation Service technicians recently ran terraces for Obra Watson, whose farm is located 1 mile west and 2 miles north of Silverton. Construction is now under way on these terraces. The terraces will be used to help conserve water and help to prevent erosion.

Mr. Hugh Huckaby, operator of a farm located seven miles northeast of Quitaque is also building terraces. The line running and terrace construction is being done with the assistance of SCS technicians for erosion control and water conservation.

There are two types of terraces, level and graded. They are essentially the same except that the graded terraces are designed for carrying excess water away from the land whereas, the level terraces are designed for moisture conservation by holding the water on the land. Due to our limited rainfall, we are primarily interested in level terraces. We know that terraces are a definite asset where needed, but they are not a cure-all. It takes a combination of conservation practices to do the job most efficiently. For instance, erosion caused by rainfall is due to the splashing effect of raindrops as well as the horizontal movement of water. Adequate cover on the ground will break the force of the rain and cut down on erosion. Also contour strip

cropping and contour cultivation in addition to the terraces and cover crops will more effectively control erosion. On steeper slopes where the velocity of water is greater, it may be necessary to seed permanent vegetation. Usually, no one practice will do the job effectively and it takes a combination of soil conservation measures.

Carnes Massey, of Plainview, spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer, Thursday.

**Heavy Coat on Hot Day Trips Smuggling Ring**

LONDON—A man who made the mistake of wearing a heavy overcoat on a hot summer day was reported to have given Scotland Yard information that may break a huge international currency smuggling ring. Police became suspicious of the unseasonal garb of Capt. Maurice Coppin, master of the Belgian ship Saphir, and questioned him. He was carrying a bullion belt and a briefcase containing \$156,000 in gold bullion, gold coins, currency and industrial diamonds. Coppin was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment after his attorney promised he would give Scotland Yard the names and addresses of members of the ring which allegedly operated in Paris, Brussels, Cairo and Marseille.

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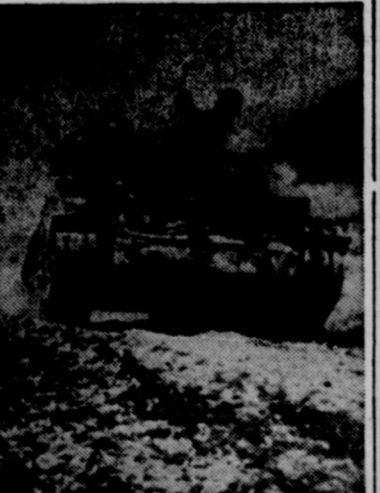
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Ask your neighbor about Frigidaire, she has one. Simpson Chevrolet Company. 39-tfc

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Donnell and children spent Friday night in the home of Mrs. Donnell's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Joslin.

Mrs. Shelby Haynes spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burson, of Plainview.

**Hong Kong Patrol**



HONG KONG.—As Chinese communist forces moved southward, the British showed concern over their crown colony of Hong Kong which lay in the Red's path. They lost no time in bringing additional military reinforcements, such as this tank shown on patrol duty. Following last week's fall of Canton to the communists, British concern increased as small detachments of regular troops reached the Hong Kong frontier.

**Why New Telephone Rates ARE NECESSARY AT SILVERTON**

**NO BUSINESS CAN** long survive and charge less for its products and service than it costs to furnish them.

**GREATLY INCREASED COSTS** of furnishing telephone service make it necessary for the telephone company to place new rates into effect at Silverton.

We are proud that in these past years we have been able to expand and improve our service without increasing rates. But the pyramiding effect of increased costs of operation—higher wages, taxes, materials and equipment—make new rates necessary despite the use of every possible economy consistent with sound business management.

**Expenses Are Greater Than Income**

During and since the war, the demand for telephone service has been tremendous. While revenues have increased, the costs of furnishing service have increased much faster.

The cost of almost everything that goes to make good telephone service—and almost everything is needed—has increased sharply since 1940.

**For Illustration...**

Telephone poles cost 110 percent more than in 1940—cable is up 119 percent—and manufactured items as much as 139 percent.

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**Adequate Earnings Are Essential**

To carry out its expansion and improvement program, the company must spend many thousands of dollars for new plant and equipment. This money must come from the savings of people who want to invest in something that will bring them a reasonable, regular return. A sound financial business with reasonable earnings is essential to attract new money necessary to expand and improve telephone service.

**New Rates.**

The new schedule of rates for Silverton is given below. Federal taxes which apply are not included.

Class of Service	Rate Per Month		
	Wall	Desk	Handset
<b>Business...</b>			
Individual Line Service	\$4.00	\$4.25	\$4.50
Two-Party Line Service	3.00	3.25	3.50
Extension Service	1.00	1.25	1.50
<b>Residence...</b>			
Individual Line Service	2.25	2.50	2.75
Two-Party Line Service	1.75	2.00	2.25
Four-Party Line Service	1.50	1.75	2.00
Extension Service	.50	.75	1.00
<b>Rural...</b>			
<b>COMPANY-OWNED LINES:</b>			
Business	3.50	3.75	4.00
Residence	2.50	2.75	3.00
<b>Subscriber-Owned Lines:</b>	<b>Business*</b>	<b>Residence*</b>	
One on the line	\$3.75	\$2.00	
Two on the line	3.25	1.75	
Three on the line	3.00	1.50	
Four or more on the line	2.75	1.25	

\* Customer Furnishes Telephone Instrument

For residence users the new rates represent an increase of from less than one cent to 12-3 cents per day. For business users the new rates represent an increase of from 3 1-3 cents to 5 cents per day.

Compared with increases in prices you must pay for other things--food, clothing, automobiles and almost every other item in the family budget--the increase in telephone rates is moderate.

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Good family health depends largely on the foods with which the housewife uses in the preparation of her daily menu.

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AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SCENE . . . Symbolic of our nation at this festive season of the year is this picture of little Ethel Gorman, 4, daughter of a guide at the Statue of Liberty, as she admires a Christmas tree on the porch of Newell M. Foster, superintendent of the statue staff on Bedloe's Island. Over her shoulder, Miss Liberty herself stays right on the job, blasing her message of peace and good will.

### 98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church on Cleveland's York street and his action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully-decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to learn of the origins of the Christmas tree tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was far from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

dark green tree where the tradition was established, a light green one where Christmas trees, at least, were known.

Pastor Schwan made his search for knowledge of the Christmas tree almost a crusade.

But as Christmas time approached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had not found enough church support for the tradition to light another tree at his Christmas service that year. So, with great regret, he resigned himself to the end of his hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received from the pastor of one of Cleveland's older churches the present of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized immediately that the present meant the acceptance of the custom by a churchman far more influential than himself, and his sadness vanished.

There was a Christmas tree in the York street Zion Lutheran church that year—and once accepted in Cleveland, the custom spread all over the United States.

York street where Pastor Schwan's church once stood is changed now and long ago was named Hamilton avenue; and the first tree, decorated with candles and a gold star at its top, has given way to trees with brighter, more colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and lighting Christmas trees, which is observed throughout the nation, is the same tradition which Pastor Schwan introduced to this country in the town of Cleveland nearly 100 years ago.

### Bringers of Gifts Range From Santa To Knight Ruppert

In America on Christmas Eve, there is a merry tinkle of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer. He drives from roof to roof, pausing just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts that are too large to be stuffed in the stockings are put on the Christmas tree or stacked underneath it.

This is Christmas in America—but it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival on Christmas of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre, and carries a crozier.

He rides a white horse and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings to hold the gifts, the Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sill they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner," the bishop's white horse. It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

English children wait for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree, but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. She married Albert, a German prince, and it was he who introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

It is an angel who leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia. She descends on a golden chord to accompany Santa.

In Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour. They are brought by dwarfs and the children leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for them. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.

The birds receive the largest number of gifts in Sweden. Each family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on the fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

Spanish children place their straw-filled slippers on the window sills so the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Knight Ruppert, who is the German Kris Kringle, is represented by a young girl wearing a golden crown and gowning in a flowing white robe. She carries a small tree laden with gifts which she distributes.

The children of Switzerland have their gifts brought to them by a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. She brings them goodies to eat as well as toys.

And in Poland, at least before the Communists came in, the people called at the parish house on Christmas morning where the priest presented them with "peace wafers," which symbolized peace on earth, good will to men. The people exchanged Christmas wishes as the wafers were broken and eaten before returning home.

As Americans observe this Christmas in the comfort and luxury of modern civilization, who among them will pause for a thought of how their forebears kept the holy season?

An example of Christmas of the past in America is provided in a study of the history of the old village of Kaskaskia, first capital of Illinois, where the pioneers braved the rigors of a new and unsettled world.

Despite the hardships and discomfort which prevailed in the days of the early settlers of this land, there was hardly a cabin so humble but what its occupants found some way to keep Christmas.

### It Is Time to Prune Fruit Trees—Don't Neglect the Job

Pruning the fruit trees is a job that comes around regularly about this time of the year and it shouldn't be neglected, says J. F. Rosborough, extension horticulturist of Texas A. and M. College, for next year's fruit crop depends to a large degree on the care you give the trees during the dormant season.

He says now is a good time to check your pruning equipment so it will all be ready when you start the job. Sharp tools, he says, are necessary if you expect to do the job right. You should have a pair of long handled pruning shears, a 14-inch brier tooth saw and a pair of hand pruning shears in your kit.

According to Rosborough, fruit trees are pruned to stimulate new growth for next year's fruit to grow on. Pruning also keeps the trees down to handling dimensions. It is much easier to harvest the fruit crop from properly pruned trees and he points out that fruit needs sunlight to ripen as it should, and pruning will allow the sunlight to reach the ripening fruit.

He says it is a good idea to prune the trees that you will be setting out now or a little later. It is necessary that they have a strong body and framework of branches for producing large fruit crops. Pruning, he says, also gives the orchard owner a chance to remove dead or diseased limbs and branches from the trees and while the pruning job is being done a close and thorough check can be made for insects and diseases that might otherwise go unnoticed until they had caused a lot of trouble.

New Texas Almanacs at News office, \$1.00 each.

Insurance and Real Estate, See H. REX ACOCK Tulia, Texas

Mrs. Pete Howard and Mrs. Johnnie Cagle of Quitaque, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brown were in Amarillo Saturday on business.

Clyde Hutsell and son, Esdell, left Saturday for Corpus Christi to visit another son, Riddell.

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## Speaking of Christmas

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . . Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits . . . Christmas Eve, 1863,



saw a near tragedy in Virginia City, Nevada. . . Two friends celebrated with a terrific round of festivity . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . . . A policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great humorists—Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince pies, so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic significance . . . The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born . . . The crust represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men; the many spices, the frankincense and myrrh . . . On May 11, 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christmas . . . Anyone celebrating, stopping work, serving holiday fare or deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . The righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely—for how could good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years before that law was repealed.

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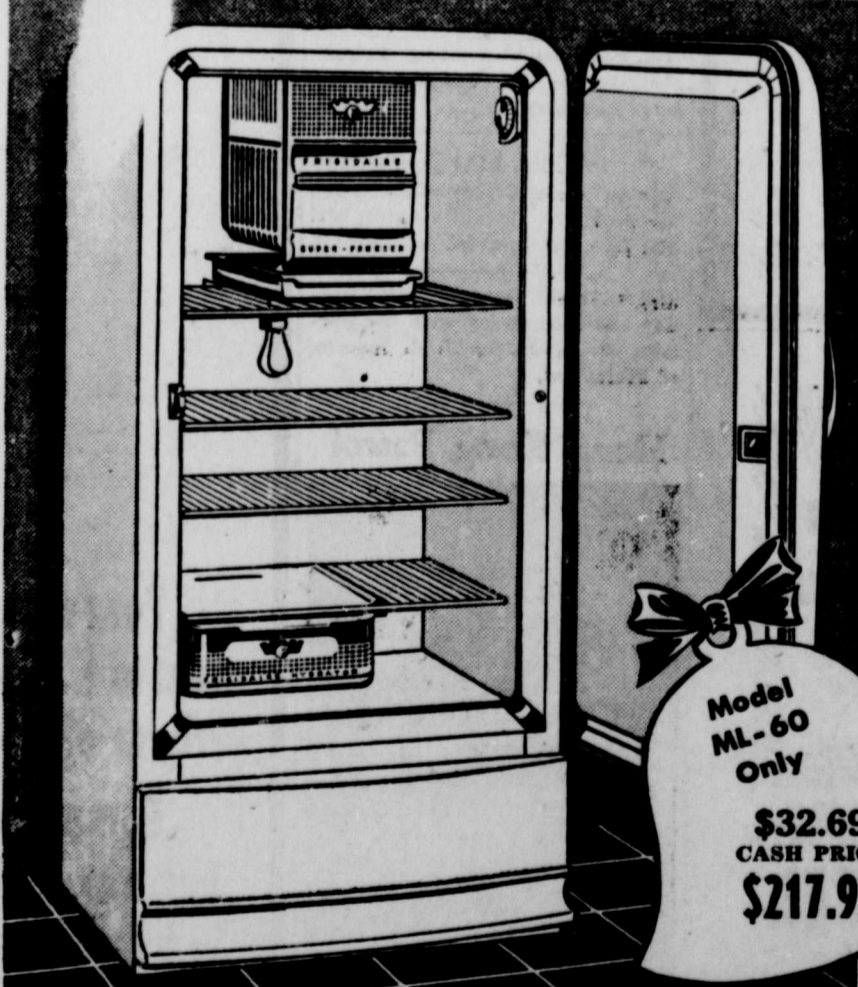
OLD, OLD STORY . . . If teacher could get this kind of attention as she lectures on the three E's, she'd have a room full of geniuses. She is reading the ageless Clement Moore classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas." And not a creature is stirring.

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### EDITORIAL

The entire school really acquired the Christmas spirit. As soon as you open the door, a large and beautifully decorated Christmas tree can be seen. Also in the various classrooms, decorations of all kinds can be seen, including a Christmas tree in each room.

The room mothers are responsible for the decorations in the lower grades, but in high school, the decorations were either donated or purchased with class money.

The pupils also have the Christmas look, or maybe we should say sound. About a dozen tiny jingle bells are seen on each person's shoes as you walk down the hall. During five minute periods between classes, the hall is a mass of tiny jingles that sounds similar to a group of reindeer or something.

As a whole, the entire school has really acquired the Christmas spirit.

The senior pie supper that has been scheduled for December the 16th, has been postponed until a later date. The bake sale scheduled for the 23rd of December will be held. Everyone keep this date in mind.

The senior class are just like the little folks. They have drawn names for Christmas, too. Really though, a person never gets too old to give a gift.

**GOSSIP:**

"Marion, does it feel any different wearing a ring now than it did before?"

There is quite an affair going on between the seniors now. It seems everyone is trying to find out who drew each other's name for Christmas.

A little bird told me that Mr. Talley caught someone parked on the sidewalks in front of the schoolhouse Saturday night. Wonder who it could have been? Hm-mmmm.

### THE OWL HEARD...

Don rather likes the FFA sweethearts, doesn't he? Especially the Floydada FFA sweetheart. Larry kind of likes Floydada girls, too, I think.

Just when we thought Joe Lee and Mary Lou were going strong, Pat takes over. Make up your mind, Mary Lou!

Bonnie and Theodore like Plainview pretty well, it seems.

Where were Mary Lou and Joe Lee Saturday night? How was Plainview Saturday night?

Has an old love been renewed? What about that, Betty and Jimmy?

Melvin has gone back to the "M's" again.

Another girl has finally hooked her man. If any information is needed on how to get your man, ask Marian.

How was church Sunday night Dot, Wayne, Mary Lou and Pat? Who was the witness to the "event" that happened Saturday night? Know anything about this, Teresa?

Special! Has everyone in school seen the junior Christmas tree? Not another one like it in the whole school.

How are Joe Wayne and Sunshine getting along?

Who was Patsy riding around with Sunday afternoon? What about this Billy Ray?

When did the International

sure that was the lowest score basketball game in history, at least the history of Silverton. He said none of the boys did any outstanding playing, as you can well tell by the score.

The pie supper held Tuesday night was for the benefit of letter jackets for the players of Silverton High School. These boys and girls deserve these jackets and we hope to raise enough money to pay for them.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS

The members of the sophomore class are all planning a merry, merry Christmas. They have not yet decided whether or not they will draw names and have a party as the rest of the classes are. It seems most of them had rather have a Christmas party at night rather than at school in the day time.

### JOKES

Mr. Lourance: Spell "straight"  
Flute: Straight.  
Mr. Lourance: Now what does it mean?  
Flute: Without anything to drink.

The clock struck 12. Father came to the top of the stairs and yelled:  
"Young man, is your self starter

broken?"  
And he received this retort:  
"It doesn't matter as long as there is a crank in the house."

Wayne: Do you file your nails?  
Marian: No, I just cut them off and throw them away.

Said the toe to the sock  
Let me through,  
Said the sock to the toe,  
I'll be darned if I do.

Do: I don't believe that George Washington was an honest man.  
Darrell: Why not?  
Do: Well, if he was so honest, why do they close all the banks on his birthday?

Girls, be careful when you go out riding with a magician. He is liable to turn the car into a side road—The National Echo.

George took Mitzie to the movies  
And when the lights were low,  
He whispered softly in her ear,  
"Good gosh, I've seen this show."

Lovemaking hasn't changed in two thousand years. Greek maidens used to sit and listen to a lye all evening too.

Donald: Hiya, Babe!  
Betty: Sir, just because you're

in uniform don't think you can make friends on a public street corner with a girl who lives at 1749 Mishmost avenue, telephone number 1-8002.

Little Scotch boy: Daddy, here comes company for dinner.  
His dad: Quick, everyone get out on the porch with a toothpick!

### PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson and son, Jimmie Dale, were in Plainview Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones and Elzie Yancey were in Tulia Thursday on business.

Mrs. H. E. Curtis, who has been ill in the Briscoe County Hospital with pneumonia, has been moved home.

Carl Graham, student at Texas Tech, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Merle Graham during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tunnell and children were visiting in Clovis Sunday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smithee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bomar honored Mrs. Bomar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hyatt on their 25th wedding anniversary with a dinner. Out of town guests were

Gladys Hyatt of Plainview and W. J. Hyatt of Tulia.

Mrs. Alvin Redin and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown visited Mrs. Harley Redin and new son in the Plainview hospital Friday evening.

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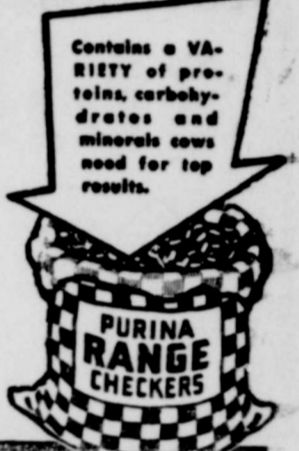
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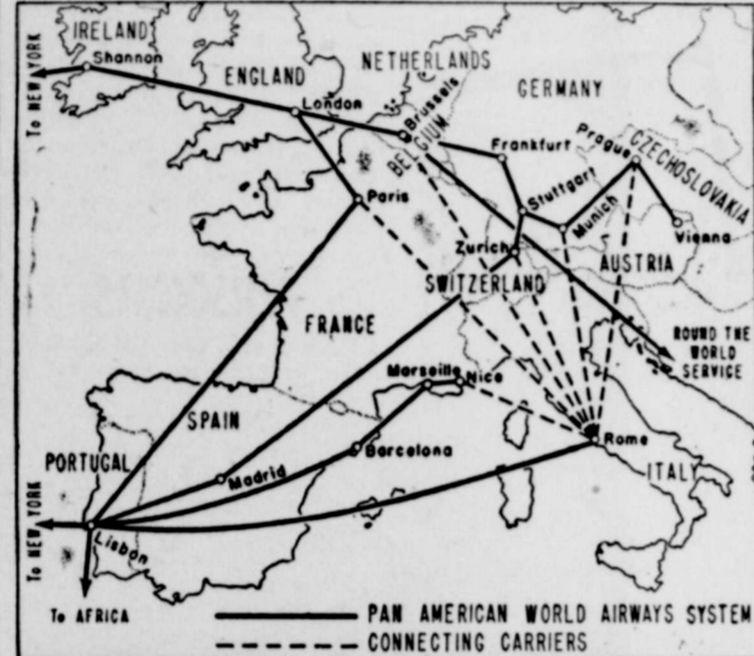
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The off-season fare to Europe is \$166.70 round-trip, \$163.30 less than the normal fares. Hotel prices, food prices and shopping prices in countries whose currency is devalued are off as much as 30 per cent.

Europe is not only inexpensive but it is better prepared for visitors than at any time since the war. The number one attraction will be the Holy Year celebration. Center of that celebration will be Rome. The Passion Play will attract thousands of all peoples to Oberammergau.

The resorts of Europe from the Riviera north to the Scandinavian countries are preparing for the best year in their history. Hotels throughout Europe have been refurbished and redecorated and many new ones have been built.

Mr. Lipscomb said Pan American "was cooperating" with travel agents all over the country to arrange special packaged tours to and through the favored areas. There will be, he said, two-week all-inclusive air tours to Europe for as little as \$700 and even lower.

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## Toys FOR THE CHILDREN

How did you choose the toys for your youngsters this Christmas? A New York toy manufacturer declares that only a few parents will select the proper playthings for their children each Christmas. Most, he said, buy toys that please themselves, rather than the children.

The man, who owns a company that makes creative playthings, warns that "gadgets" toys may be harmful and frustrating. And, he adds, children quickly tire of them. "The best toy a parent can buy," he said, "is a set of plain unpainted, wooden unit blocks. Children will use and enjoy them from age 18 months to nine years."

He said that girls between age 3 and 7 should have a "doll corner." He said the corner should be supplied first with a large wooden stove, bed and cupboard. "The doll corner will become the most treasured play place in the little girl's life," he said.

He contends boys from ages 2 to 7 mostly enjoy "transportation" play—trucks, cars and boats. There was no statement about what parents should choose at Christmas for the young teen-age boy or girl—in the 13-16 year-old group, whose interests already are deeply grained in social activities, and who prefer parties and dances to play-at-home activities.

Perhaps by next year, this manufacturer, or some child psychologist will have solved this problem.



BACKED UP . . . What would Christmas be without bright new dollies for little girls to cherish? Giving promise of a goodly crop of dolls for this Christmas are these finished heads on racks in a toy factory, ready to be given bodies and limbs.



UNIVERSAL FRIEND . . . Santa, the universal friend of little folks, has managed to gather together a group of kiddies from all over the world. Represented here are the small fry of Paraguay, Greece, Poland, Austria and Italy.

### Christmas of 1804 Was Chicago's Best

Surely there will never be another Christmas celebration like the one in Chicago in 1804.

Captain John Whistler (grandfather of the painter who painted the famous "Whistler's Mother") was in command of the garrison at Fort Dearborn and he decided that there should be a great feast—complete with music, dancing and a splendid Christmas tree.

Soldiers from the garrison went hunting in the woods just north of the river and came back with a fat buck deer, some rabbits, a raccoon or two, a few wild turkeys. Added to the roasting pig (contributed by some festive-minded citizen) and the magnificent Christmas pudding, these morsels provided abundance for all. Everybody—the civilians and the military—drank a toast to Thomas Jefferson, the President of the United States.

The punch was "dizzy" and there were fifes and drums and a couple of fiddles to play for the dancing.

It was getting late when a watcher in one of the blockhouses gave a warning shout that Indians were approaching; but they turned out to be friendly Indians who came bearing gifts to the feast. They watched the white folks dance, and when the whites were exhausted, the redskins took the floor and began a wild, whooping dance of their own which climaxed Chicago's unique Christmas celebration in 1804.

### Friendship and Fellowship Classes Have Party

The Friendship and Fellowship Sunday School Classes of the First Baptist Church were entertained Friday night, December 9, with a Christmas party.

After an evening spent in visiting, refreshments of fruit cake, whipped cream, cocoa and coffee were served to the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames Fred Mercer and daughter, Troy Cox and daughter, Alvin Jackson, Hermon Ely, Johnnie Burson and son, Paul Ledbetter, Berton Hughes and sons, E. F. Edwards and son, G. A. Elrod, W. M. Hartman and son, Mrs. Carroll Garrison, and Mrs. Elbert Stephens, and Mrs. Don Garrison.

### Bridge Club Feted With Christmas Party Friday

Mrs. Joe Mercer and Mrs. Ben O. King entertained with a bridge party Friday afternoon, at 2:00 at the home of Mrs. Joe Mercer.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations. Refreshments of sandwiches, fruit cake, and coffee were served. Plate favors were gum drop corsages.

Mrs. Tom Bomar won high score and Mrs. W. Coffee, Jr., won low score. The prizes were Christmas corsages. Mrs. Avis Cowart won the traveling prize.

Guests were: Mesdames O. T. Bundy, Avis Cowart, T. R. Whiteside, W. Coffee, Jr., Ben Whitfill, True Burson, G. W. Lee, Tom Bomar, Betty Reid, and Anis Clanahan.

### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams were in Lubbock Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards were transacting business in Plainview Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Redin, of Plainview, are the parents of a son, named Kenneth Lee and weighing 7 1-2 pounds. The baby was born Friday morning, December 9 at the Plainview Sanitarium. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Talley of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Redin of Silvertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lindsey visited his mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Criswell and family, of Lubbock, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kitchen and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holt, Sunday.

Mrs. Clifford Allard visited her mother, Mrs. Jackson, of Plainview, from Tuesday until Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney honored their sister-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barrett, of Quitaque, with a birthday dinner for Mrs. Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Young had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Young, of Tulia.

Mrs. Berna Steward spent from Saturday until Monday in Lubbock on business.

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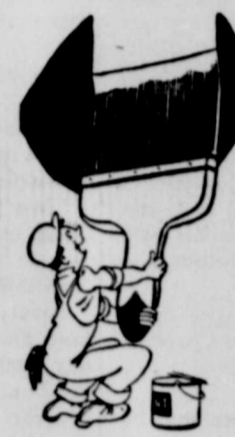
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