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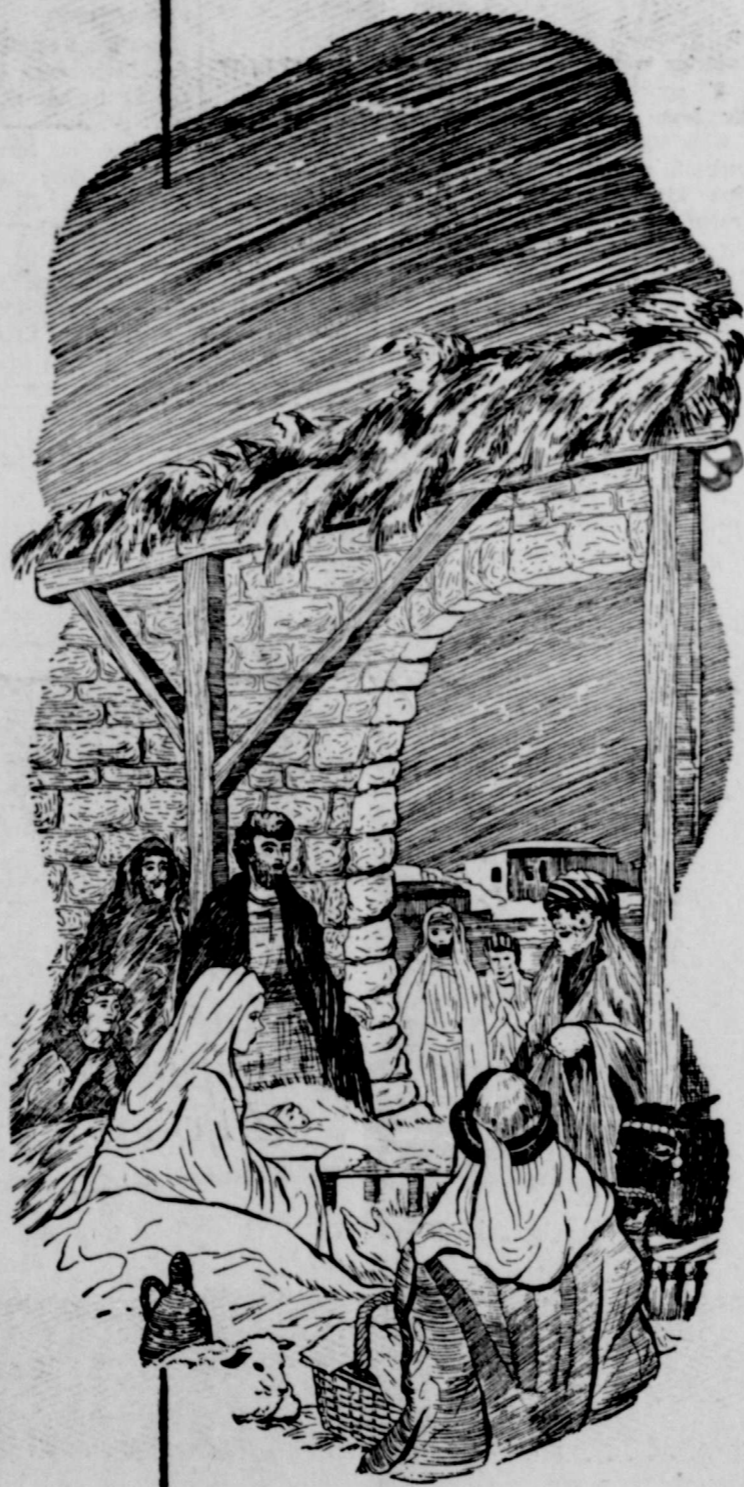
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THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1952

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

the visit of the shepherds....

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.



the visit of the wise men...

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.



the birth of Jesus.....

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

PALACE.. THEATRE

SILVERTON, TEXAS

"THE PLACE TO GO FOR GOOD ENTERTAINMENT"
SHOW OPENS 6:15 STARTS 6:30

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 25, 26

Caribbean

Color by Technicolor
John Payne, Arlene Dahl

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27
Rex Allen in

Old Oklahoma Plains

SUNDAY AND MONDAY,
DECEMBER 28, 29

High Noon

Thomas Mitchell, Lloyd Bridges
Released thru United Artists

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
Ralph Meeker, Leslie Caron in

Glory Alley

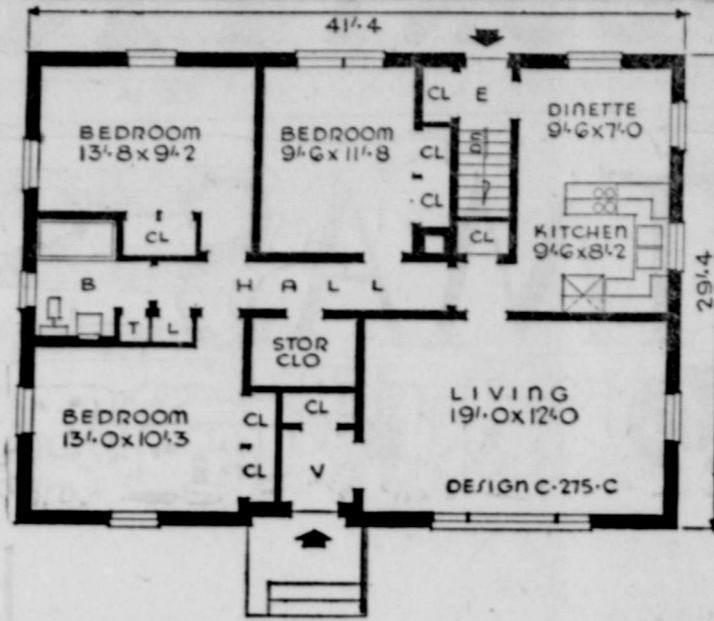
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
Broderick Crawford, Donna Reed in

Scandal Sheet

Calling All Kids!

Attend Our Free Kiddie Christmas
Show Wednesday Afternoon,
Dec. 24th-2:00 O'Clock

A HOME TO LIVE IN



Small House Planning Bureau St. Cloud Minnesota

Design C-275-C. Exterior walls are constructed of 8' concrete blocks, stripped for lath and plaster and finished with stucco. There is a full basement, three bedrooms, combination kitchen-dinette and living room. An unusual number of closets is a feature of this plan which includes wardrobe closets, towel and linen cabinets, coat closets and a storage closet for larger

items such as sewing machine, card tables and chairs. Kitchen cabinets form a U-shape kitchen separating the dinette and kitchen. Floor area is 1212 square feet and the cubage is 23,876 cubic feet.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

The Young People of the Methodist Youth Fellowship had a Christmas party dinner at the parsonage home and later made cookies to be sent to Girls Town U. S. A. of Texas Friday night.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

G. A. Elrod, Pastor

Sunday School	9:45
Morning Service	11:00
Training Union	6:00
Prayer Meeting	7:00
W. M. U.	2:30
R. A.'s. and G. A.'s.	4:00
Sunbeams	3:45
Brotherhood First and Third Monday nights	7:00

SILVERTON METHODIST CHURCH

Where you cease to be a stranger when you enter the door.
H. M. SECORD, PASTOR
Church School 10 A. M.
Morning Worship 11 A. M.
Junior and Senior MYF 6:15 P. M.
Evening Worship 7 P. M.
Midweek Prayer Meeting 7 P. M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Howard B. Stubblefield, Minister
Sunday Bible Study 10:00
Sunday Communion and Preaching 10:50
Evening Service 7:00
Monday, Ladies Bible Study 2:30 P. M.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting 7:00 P. M.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00
PREACHING
Each First Sunday 3:00 P. M.
Auxiliary every 1st and 3rd Monday in the homes of the members.

Judge and Mrs. C. D. Wright are spending the holidays in Washington, D. C., with their son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bunch and children left Saturday for California, where they will spend the holidays with his parents.



Happiness and good
will are the order
of the day.

Seaney Hardware & Appliance Co., Inc.

George Agnese



Let's help Santa make
this the merriest
Christmas of all.

H. E. Wilson Grain Company

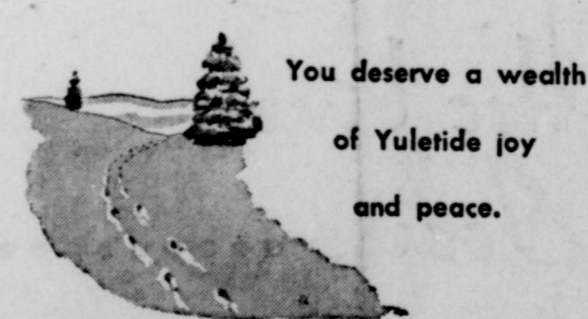
Silverton, Texas

Don't Feed Lice and Grubbs all Winter

It is the time of year to spray your cattle for Lice and Grubbs. Spray now and save feed. See me for your spraying needs. No herd too large or too small.

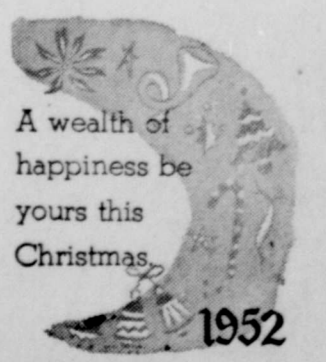
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MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR



Smith Beauty Shop

SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 23rd, UNTIL
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See Your P. G. C. FEED DEALER!



Silverton Farm Store

Billy Ellis

Roy S. Brown

Christmas Greetings

and all good wishes.

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COFFEE MOTOR COMPANY
Silverton, Texas



Our sincere good wishes go out to you.

1952

GARRISON'S Conoco Service Station



We hope you may be surrounded by joy and gladness and filled with the warmth Christmas brings to everyone.

BOMAR ONE-STOP PONTIAC

'Lord of Misrule,' 'Hodening Horse' Make Noel Jollier

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulphate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1 1/2 pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D. but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.



ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS ... Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

Committees Named For Polio Fight January 2-31

The appointment of volunteer community leaders who have accepted chairmanships or committee posts in the month long 1953 March of Dimes, which begins January 2, was announced today by Hugh Nance, Briscoe County campaign director.

Facing the consequences of the worst polio epidemic in the nation's history, this year's volunteer force is the largest ever enlisted, the director asserted.

"What happened to the nation last summer and fall," he said, "was more than a violent upsurge of polio incidence. It was a national calamity that wiped out all previous standards of comparison."

"For months and years to come, thousands of men, women and children will require all the skills that money and modern knowledge can muster to help restore them to useful lives. Add to this the total of those stricken in other years and it becomes apparent what an enormous financial burden is now carried by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis."

Mr. Nance announced the following committees to serve in various communities of Briscoe County:

Charles Daniel, of Quitaque, was selected to serve as chairman of Briscoe County below the caprock, and to appoint committees in each community.

Spence Long, will serve as treasurer of the March of Dimes for the County.

Mrs. Buster Wilso, will work with the P. T. A. to raise funds for the drive.

Stanley Cobb, Vigo Park, Texas.

Mrs. Odra Watson, Claude Crossing Community.

Roy Morris will be in charge of working out plans for the Fire Department to raise funds.

Lee Deavenport, Wallace Community.

John Lee Francis, Francis Community.

Bob London, Haylake Community.

W. H. Fitzgerald, Rock Creek Community.

Judge and Mrs. J. W. Lyon, Jr., are spending the Christmas holidays in Tennessee, visiting Mrs. Lyon's family.

Best Wishes



To everyone in town goes our devout wish for a merry and untroubled Christmas.



Willson & Son

Lumber and Builders Materials

CHRISTMAS



Fear not, for behold!

The good tidings of great joy are wonderfully repeated for us all again this year

CHAPMAN--MINTER DRY GOODS

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You can help, too!

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES
THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT FOUNDER

FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

A warm word of
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CHRISTMAS '52

We offer our best
holiday greetings and
pledge you a bright
and merry
Yuletide
season.



FRED GARRISON
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J. D. Johnston

March of Time Study Club Enjoy Christmas Party

A very lovely Christmas party was held in the home of Mrs. Ben Whitfill last Thursday for the members of the March of Time Study Club.

Mrs. T. T. Crass and Mrs. Don Alexander entertained the group with Mrs. Crass reading "The Cowboys Christmas Ball" by Larry Chittenden and Mrs. Alexander gave "My Christmas Recollections" by Edgar A. Guest.

Attractive plates of salad, sandwiches, coffee and nuts were served to the following members: Mesdames Rex Dickerson, W. E. Schott, Jr., Tony Burson, Don Alexander, Troy Burson, Fred Mercer, Marvin Montague, Conrad Alexander, Roy Mayfield, T. T. Crass, Clarence Anderson, True Burson, Ben Whitfill, D. T. Northcutt, and Miss Anna Lee Anderson.

The club is very grateful to the committee, Mrs. Roy Mayfield, Mrs. Troy Burson Mrs. True Burson and Mrs. Whitfill for a lovely Christmas party.

Mrs. Avis Cowart Hostess to 1925 Study Club

Mrs. Avis Cowart was hostess to the 1925 Study Club in her home last Wednesday. This meeting was the club's annual Christmas party. Each member brought one dollar as a gift to the Library.

The roll call was answered by giving a verse of scripture about Jesus or his birth. After singing Christmas carols, Mrs. M. G. Moreland gave a Christmas story.

A lovely plate of fruit cake squares, whipped cream and coffee was served to the members. Favors were little candles placed in gum drops.

Those present were: Mesdames O. T. Bundy, G. A. Elrod, M. G. Moreland, Bob Dickerson, R. M. Hill, R. G. Alexander, T. R. Whiteside, Fred Lemons, G. R. Dowdy, E. E. Minter, Avis Cowart, W. Coffee, Jr., A. H. Jackson, and M. A. Graham.

Honored With Dinner at New Home December 14

On Sunday, December 14, Mrs. J. N. Smithee and her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Hancock, of New Home, Texas, were hostesses at a dinner honoring the brothers and sisters of the late J. N. Smithee. The dinner was served in the home of Mrs. Hancock.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smithee, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smithee, Mrs. Cora Donnell, Mrs. Bob Dickerson, all of Silvertown; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sedgwick, of Tullia; Mr. and Mrs. Ed McMurtry and Merle, of Vigo Park; Mr. and Mrs. Hoyce McMurtry, Kathrine, Allen and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bray, of Lubbock, the husband of hostess and their children, Billy Dave, Betty Susan and Kathy Nell Hancock.

Mrs. W. H. Newman, Mrs. Nora Livingston, Mrs. Ben Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Newman visited in Amarillo and at Boys Ranch last Wednesday.

March of Dimes Appeal Set for all of January

The 1953 March of Dimes will be conducted nationally from January 2 to 31.

This is the second year that a full-month campaign has been made necessary by the seriously mounting financial responsibilities of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The increased need for money results not only from the record number of families needing assistance in the wake of 1952's worst epidemic in history, but also from the growing number of patients stricken in previous years who continue to need March of Dimes help. It is estimated that 50,000 of these "carry-over" patients are still on the rolls this January.

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PHONE 669

Holiday Greetings

1952

Not even a cataclysm could keep us from offering you, in perfect sincerity, the kind of Merry Christmas the people of our town deserve. Best wishes to all.

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Silvertown
See You

Greetings at CHRISTMAS

The splendid spirit of the season shines in the hearts of men.



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Optometrist
Tullia, Texas
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Dr. R.F. McCasland
DENTIST
Heard and Jones Building
Phone 28 Tullia, Texas



I hope you won't mind— if I tell you what a wonderful thing you're doing and how proud it ought to make you feel, says Letitia Young



The wonderful thing I want to tell you about is something that you and I and millions of our friends and neighbors all over America are doing. Investing in U. S. Defense Bonds!

I think we ought to be proud that we're a part of the great team of Americans who now own more than 49 billion dollars worth of our country's interest-earning bonds. For this is the greatest success story of its kind in history!

A great success story proving that we Americans are determined to keep ourselves, our families, and our country strong and independent.

I hope you feel as proud of what we're doing as I do. And I hope you'll keep on investing in U. S. Defense Bonds regularly through the convenient Payroll Savings Plan where you work, or the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank.

Great News! New money-earning features for U. S. Defense Bonds!

FIRST—Series E Bonds now begin earning interest after only 6 months. They earn 3% interest compounded semiannually when held to maturity. They reach full maturity value earlier (9 years 8 months) and the interest they pay is now bigger at the start.

SECOND—Every Series E Bond you own can now go on earning interest for 10 more years after it reaches the original maturity date—without your lifting a finger!

THIRD—During the 10-year extension period, every unmaturing bond earns at the new interest rate (average 3% compounded semiannually).

FOURTH—If you want to be paid the interest your bonds are earning every six months, or if you want to invest more than the present \$20,000 limit for E Bonds, ask at your bank about the new Series H, J and K Defense Bonds that pay 2.76% interest!

Peace is for the strong. For peace and prosperity save with U. S. Defense Bonds!

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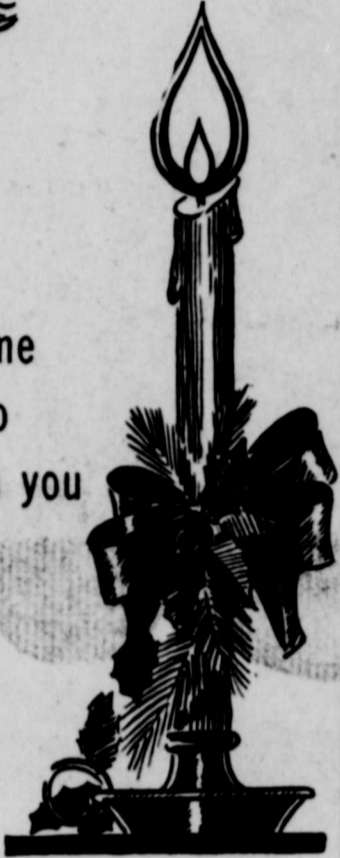
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with all the warmth
and cheerfulness
of the silent gas flame
that serves you so
faithfully... we wish you

Merry
Christmas



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CARD OF THANKS

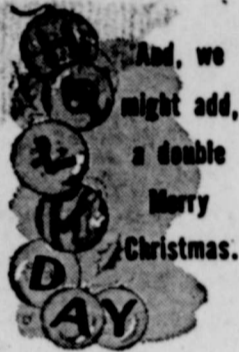
We wish to extend our heart felt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received from our many friends during our sad bereavement.

MRS. T. C. BOMAR,

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bomar, Mr. and Mrs. Don Burson.

Airman Third Class Frank L. Perkins, Jr., and wife, of San Antonio, Texas, visited the past week with relatives in Silvertown. They were on a reroute furlough. He will be stationed at Bryan Air Force Base, Bryan, Texas.

TRY A NEWS WANT AD.



And, we might add, a double Merry Christmas.

ALLARD
BUTANE CO.

Donkey Basketball Lineups for January 2, 1953

A Donkey basketball game will be played January 2 at the high school gym to raise funds for the F. F. A. class.

The following lineups have been tentatively selected to enter the game:

City Slickers—Captain Perry Whittemore, co-captain Ware Ferguson, Pascal Garrison. Darall O'Connor, Jack Graham, Jimmy Don, James May, Steve Jarnagin, Sid Marshall, Grover Thomas, Clayton Elkins, Buz Bailey, and Keith Whitfield.

Country Hicks—Captain, May-or Alvin Redin, co-captain, W. Hamilton, Arthur Arnold. Sam Lusk, Joe Brooks, Red Stephens, Guinn Fitzgerald, Fred Kellum, Doe Simpson, Don Ledbetter, Harold Edwards, Douglas Oneal, Keith Woods, Ronald Kitchens, Don Cornett.

Glendeen Oliver Becomes Bride of Richard Turner

Miss Glendeen Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Oliver, of Denton, Texas, and Richard Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Turner, of Happy, Texas, were united in a simple ceremony in the Little Chapel in the Woods Denton, Texas, recently by Rev. Fred Breeven, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. Only relatives and close friends witnessed the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Turner is a graduate of Denton High School and Mr. Turner is a graduate of Krum High School, and attended North Texas State College and Texas Tech.

The couple will be at home on a ranch west of Happy.

Mr. Turner is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Turner, of Silvertown, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to my friends for the lovely cards, gifts, and acts of thoughtfulness during my recent illness.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alton Steele.

Dear Santa Claus:
I saw you Friday in Lubbock and told you what I wanted, but you might forget it.

Please bring me a steam shovel, tool set and a black board. A few nuts and some candy also.

Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Good-by.
Garner Garrison.

Richard Tunnell, of Roswell, New Mexico, is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tunnell.



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Insurance and
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Pay Your Taxes

Early And Get A Discount

The State of Texas has authorized the Tax Collector to give a discount on all State and County Taxes as follows:

1 Per Cent If Paid During December, 1952.

This discount is on all State and County Taxes collected by the County Tax Collector.

It is good business to pay your taxes while you have the funds available.

Tax are deductible from your income if paid in December, 1952.

Raymond K. Grewe

Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector
Briscoe County

Merry
Christmas



The gift we cherish most
is the priceless one
of your friendship.

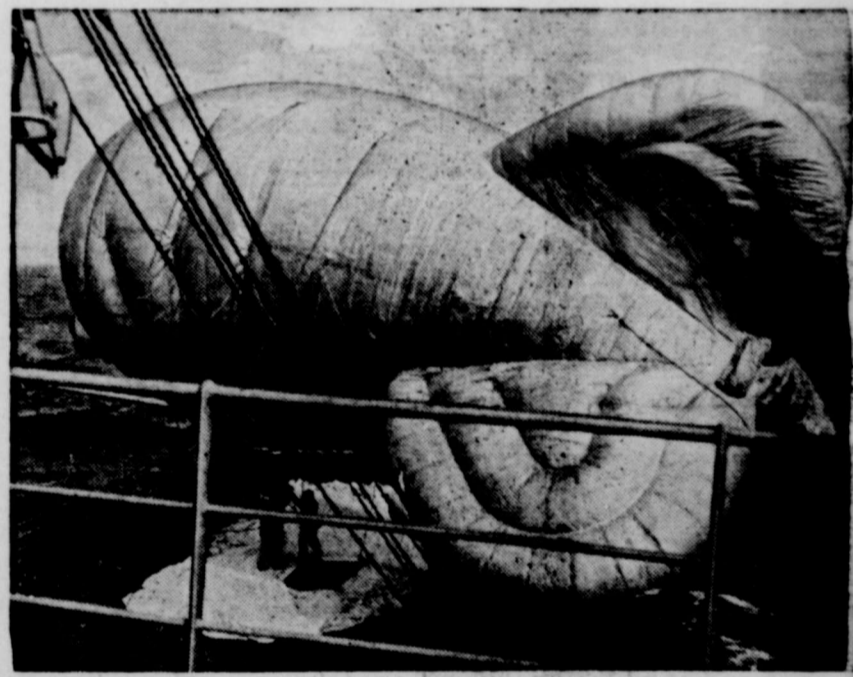


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Ravenel Grewe

James May
Elsie Brown



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And so the big balloon goes up to carry our message. We can help to make that message a true one by investing in United States Defense Bonds. For in bonds we are protecting the present and the future of our own families. And we are also building a firm national prosperity as well. We are keeping America strong—for freedom!

So save with Defense Bonds today... and get them regularly through the Payroll Savings Plan where you work. Thousands say it's the one sure way to save—because

it saves something out of every check before you have a chance to spend it.

HERE'S HOW E BONDS NOW EARN MORE MONEY FOR YOU!

Now safe, sure U. S. Series E Defense Bonds pay an even better return than ever before... thanks to 3 brand-new money-earning features announced by the U. S. Treasury.

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Peace is for the strong. For peace and prosperity save with U. S. Defense Bonds!

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Time's 10 Dead Days

We celebrate New Year's on January 1 because 10 days have been lifted boldly from time.

These 10 days disappeared on two occasions. The first time was in 1582 when several countries of Europe swore allegiance to the new calendar created by Pope Gregory VIII which found the world some 10 days behind itself due to errors in time calculations.

In order to make the correction, the people of these countries were asked to sacrifice the days from October 5 to 14, inclusive. It was essential to have October 15 follow October 5 by just one day, and bravely, millions allowed it to be so.

The second occasion, and the one which makes the American New Year celebration come at the right time, occurred in 1752. It was then that England decided to cease holding out against the Gregorian calendar. England discarded the period from September 3 to September 13.

It was a confusing period. Social calendars were mixed up, babies were 11 days old after only being alive for two days, vacations were cut short. But it finally straightened itself out and today the calendar is on schedule.

"Happy New Year" May Be World's Oldest Greeting

"Happy New Year," said in one way or another, is probably the world's oldest and most universal holiday greeting.

The coming of the new year has been marked and celebrated since prehistoric time. It has not always been January 1, however, and even now many peoples celebrate some other date as New Year's Day.

January 1, in fact, is an arbitrary date set by the Romans before Julius Caesar established the calendar that is the basis for the date used in most western countries. January 1, in ancient Rome, marked the day that consuls and their officials took office, and until

Caesar set things straight it was sometimes juggled considerably for the political benefit of one officeholder or another.

An error in Caesar's calculation (365 1/4 days), however, allowed January 1 to creep away from its original astronomical place, and by 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII instituted the reformed Julian calendar in use today, spring's first day had gained 14 days on the stars.

Practical as it is, the Gregorian calendar gained slow acceptance. The British Empire, including its American colony, did not adopt it until 1752. Young George Washington, who had turned 20 on February 11, 1752, had to wait until February 22, 1753, to attain his majority.

GENE BRACE

APPEAL



SALUTE TO '53 . . . With a tip of her hat this pretty singer is ready to welcome in the New Year with a song and a smile.

New Year Open House Introduced by Dutch

The custom of making short calls on New Year's Day was in full vogue in the United States around the turn of the century.

Newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices specifying the hours during which visitors would be received. Hosts and hostesses, having duly received, closed their open house to become guests at somebody else's.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was introduced into America by the Dutch who settled in New Amsterdam. Friends were accustomed to dropping in to offer the compliments of the day and refreshments centered around homemade snacks, plus the host's favorite concoction of punch.

The custom grew with the country, finally attaining the newspaper announcement stage, with its eventual time-table and scurrying from one "open house" to another. It was inevitable that some guests, after a succession of nine or ten punch bowls, sometimes embarking their tenth or eleventh and receptions sometimes "ad" by total strangers



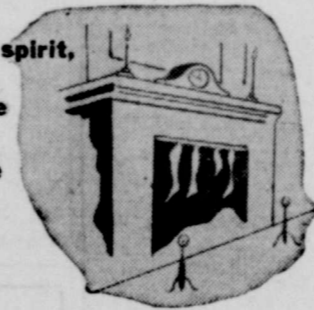
Season's Greetings

From the more than 1800 men and women who are Your Public Service Company. May the spirit of Christmas live in your home on every day, and all your bright hopes and dreams for the new year become happy reality.

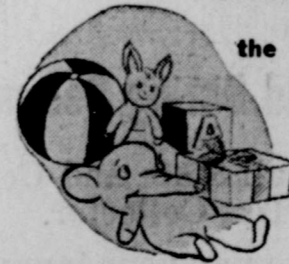
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In the prevailing spirit, we offer our hope for your complete happiness...



...and we commend to you the extra joy this season brings to all our hearts.



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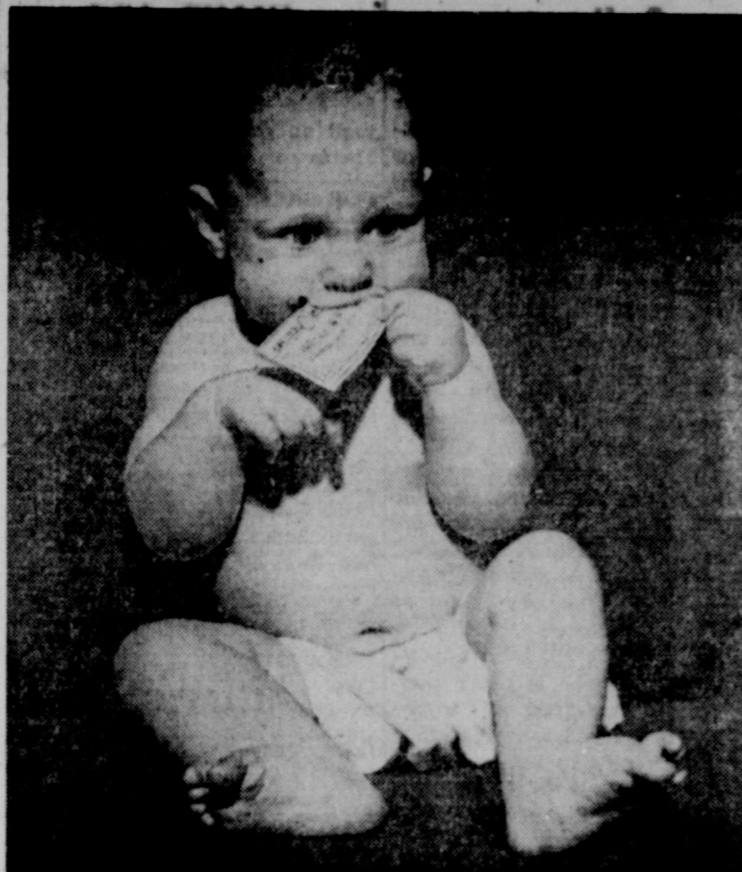
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DICK BOMAR

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C. D. WRIGHT



May Christmas bring you all its joy 1952

City Tailors



SECURITY FOR '53 . . . The new year chews upon his social security card and ponders upon what his future will hold for the next 365 days. Anyway, he knows he will be ready to retire next December 31, and he plans to draw his old age pension and let another year do all the work after that.



To OLD FRIENDS and NEW 1953



Thank you for your good wishes. We return them with interest.

THE WOOD MILL "If it's made of wood come and see us." Earl I. Cantwell Jim O. Crow



May the joy of Christmas abide in you all.



Raymond and Ravenel Grewe

Sheriff, Assessor and Collector, Briscoe County



Legends concerning New Year's are as numerous as there are countries in the world. Many of them are similar in many details. One of the most beautiful is an ancient Swiss legend.

It is believed, according to this legend, that the Holy Family is abroad during the hour of midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

Therefore, a bowl of fresh milk is placed upon the dining table and each member of the household carefully lays his spoon upon the table cloth.

Then, upon returning from church, the person who finds his spoon has been moved may anticipate special blessings during the coming year; for surely Mary and Joseph have rested within the abode during their flight into Egypt and the Virgin used that spoon to feed the infant Jesus.

OLD SUPERSTITIONS

Still Abound in Modern World

Many superstitions surrounding New Year's Day still abound in the modern world, the old practices finding many adherents.

In many parts of New England it is considered unlucky for anyone to go out of the house on New Year's Day until someone has entered.

To bring good luck and prosperity through the new year, Texans and residents of other southwestern states make a point of including black-eyed peas on the New Year's day menu.

People in many parts of the world believe that a full salt shaker on New Year's Day is the symbol of a year of plenty and good fortune. The superstition, it is believed, can be traced to the days when salt was a precious item in the household.

In England and Scotland it is customary for young people to rush to the nearest spring or well at midnight. Whoever first tastes the water that is drawn will have good luck through the new year.

Another superstition prevailing in England, particularly in the Lancashire area, is that it is an ill omen for a person to share a lighted match with another on New Year's morning.

Frequently in Scotland funeral services for the old year are held during the waning hours of New Year's Eve.

Residents of the Isle of Man believe a dark complexioned person entering the house on New Year's morning will bring good luck while a blonde visitor is the bearer of misfortune.

Born January 1



PAUL REVERE 1735 BETSY ROSS 1752 "MAD" WAYNE 1745

Japanese Fly Kites To Greet New Year

Japanese boys can tell each other to "go, fly a kite" on New Year's morning without being guilty of the slightest impropriety because New Year's time is kite flying time in Japan.

Feudal Japan encouraged kite flying and, in those days, kite flights were considered part of the sport. Sharp pieces of metal were attached along the kite's tail.

January Is Namesake Of Janus, Roman God

The Gregorian month of January is the namesake of Janus, the two-faced Roman god credited with ability to look backward and forward at the same time.

This idea is not exclusively characteristic of any creed or age. Chinese children traditionally dispatch the Kitchen God to heaven, while stymieing pots promise New Year banquets.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM

Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Secord

BANK WILL BE CLOSED At Noon Christmas Eve, and will be closed all day Christmas day, December 25



to all of you, our friends and neighbors, from all of us at the bank. We wish you a happy Christmas - and a new year to match it!

First State Bank SILVERTON, TEXAS

Christmas Cheer... 1952



May the great joy of the season find its way into your hearts in large measure.

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Whiteley, Silverton, South Plains



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The **CORDUROY** jacket Tailored in velvety wide-wale corduroy with 3/4 dolman sleeve and two cut-in pockets.

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Each of these three **BOBBIE BROOKS** fashions is a brilliant creation— together they make a fabulous ensemble! Wonderful colors to match and contrast... in sizes 9 to 15.

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3 Road Projects for County Is Announced By Highway Dept.

On receipt of a letter from D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, we are at liberty to announce the following highway construction work for Briscoe County scheduled for the next two years.

Our information is as follows: "The State Highway Commission has just approved a program of work that will be carried out during the next two years from finances that will be available over this period of time from combined federal and state funds. It is our thought that the people in your area might be interested in the information concerning the work to be done in your vicinity, and consequently we are attaching hereto a copy of the action taken for your information."

"Whereas, in Briscoe County, the appropriate county officials and the Texas Highway Department in cooperation with each other have selected for improvement a road extending from end of FM 598, 8 miles south of State 86, south to Floyd County Line, a distance of approximately 3.0 miles.

"Now, therefore, it is ordered that the above described road be designated as a Farm to Market Road and improved to provide a two lane dustless surface, subject to the condition that Briscoe County will furnish all required right of way free of cost to the State.

"Upon acceptance by the County and fulfillment of the conditions of this order, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with construction in the most feasible and economical manner, and to assume the road for maintenance upon completion of construction."

"Whereas, in Briscoe County, the appropriate county officials and the Texas Highway Department in cooperation with each other have selected for improvement the following:

"St. 256 Fr. County Road N. of Quitaque N. E. to St. 70 4.2 Gr., Strs., & Surf.

"St. 70 Fr. Hall C L W & N to 1.9 Mi. S. W. of Hall C L 7.0 Gr., Strs., & Surf.

"Now, therefore, it is ordered that the above described work be performed subject to the condition that Briscoe County will furnish all required right of way free of cost to the State.

"Upon acceptance by the County and fulfillment of the conditions of this order, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with construction in the most feasible and economical manner."

Joe. T. Chandler is Serving at Fort Richardson, Alaska

Fort Richardson, Alaska — Miss Gertrude, lives at 2311 Sixth St., Lubbock, Texas, recently arrived and is serving at Fort Richardson, the largest Army installation in Alaska.

Troops based at Fort Richardson are part of the security force along the northern frontier.

Although the climate of southern Alaska is relatively mild, units there receive thorough winter training.

Chandler, who entered the Army in September, 1940, was last stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, and among his many decorations has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Chandler, live in Quitaque.

The many friends of Mrs. Edwin Pehl, of Blanco, Texas, will be glad to know she is back home and improving from a recent operation at the Keidel Hospital in Fredericksburg, Texas. She will be remembered as Miss Minnie Phillips.

Eddie Cox and sister, Miss Eunice Cox, visited Saturday night in Plainview with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stinson.

Mrs. Nora Livingston, of Vernon, spent the past week here visiting in the home of Mrs. W. H. Newman, Ben Martin, L. C. Yates and McWatters.

Ordinance

Prohibiting and restricting the selling and firing any firecrackers; torpedoes, Roman candles or any other fireworks and other amusements or practices tending to annoy persons or residents within the city limits of Silverton, Texas: And fixing the penalty for the violation of the provisions of the ordinance, and declaring an emergency.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, to sell or offer for sale any fire-crackers, torpedoes, Roman candles, or any other fireworks, within the city limits of the City of Silverton, Texas.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or explode any fire-crackers, torpedoes, Roman candles, or any other fireworks or any other amusement or practice tending to annoy and disturbing the peace of any person or resident, within the limits of the City of Silverton, Texas.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of any peace officer having jurisdiction to the enforcement of this ordinance, and he is so empowered.

Section 4. PENALTY: Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions or any section or subdivision of this ordinance, shall be fined not less than One Dollar, (\$1.00) and not more than Two Hundred Dollars, (\$200.00). And each and every violation shall constitute a separate offence.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication, and it is so enacted. Passed and approved this 5th day of December, 1949.

(Seal) **HENRY PRICE,**
Mayor of the City of Silverton, Texas.

Attest: **M. K. SUMMERS,**
City Secretary of the City of Silverton, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Secord left early part of the week for El Paso where they will spend the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sanders.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Elrod left Monday for Fort Worth and vicinity where they visited relatives and later went to Abilene where they will spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey.

Joe Hutsell is home for the holidays from San Marcus, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chappell visited in Amarillo Saturday night and Sunday with their son, Wilbur Chappell and family, and with Mr. Chappell's brother and family, Bill Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. King left Sunday for Sherman, Texas where they visited relatives, and from there they went to Florida where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. King's sister and family.

Mrs. Jim Whiteley returned home Sunday from New Orleans, Louisiana, where she had been with her son, who was ill with pneumonia. He is improved Mrs. Whiteley reported. She was met at Childress by her husband.

WANT ADS

FIVE ROOM HOUSE with bath for sale—located east of school yard on pavement. Lee Perkins 51-1tp

FOR SALE OR TRADE for house closer to town—2 acres of land and a 5 room house in Southeast Silverton. L. C. Yates. 50-4tp

FOR RENT — Two furnished Apartments—Mrs. H. E. Fowler, Phone 3701. 51-1tc

I MAKE COVERED buttons, buckles and belts at my home. Mrs. Don Alexander. 49-3tp

FOR SALE—Pair of light blue girls boots, walking heel. See Sue Reid, Phone 3131. 513tc

TYPEWRITER FOR SALE — Woodstock machine, been used very little—good condition. Price, typewriter and table \$49.00. at Briscoe County News office.

FOR YOUR POLIO INSURANCE —See Roy Teeter. 28-1tc.

LOANS FOR IRRIGATION Wells —Phone 2131. Roy Teeter. 39-1tc

IF YOU HAVE FARM Property for sale see me. Carl Crow. 33-1tc

IF YOU HAVEN'T bought your automobile liability insurance. I have a few policies left. Carl Crow. 33-1tc

FOR YOUR POLIO INSURANCE —See Roy Teeter. 28-1tc.

THE LOCKNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL wishes to announce to the public the visiting and clinic hours for hospital patients:

10:30 to 11:30 a. m.
2:00 to 4:00 p. m.
7:00 to 8:30 p. m.

Clinic open Monday through Saturday 9 a. m. to 12 noon; 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Closed Sunday except for emergencies.

Lockney General Hospital and Department of X-Ray: State Approved Laboratory.

Visitors wishing to inspect the hospital are welcome at any time. 4-tfc

SEE ME FOR POLIO and Hospitalization Insurance. My company has several satisfied policy holders in and around Silverton. Carl Crow. 33-1tc

FARM AND RANCH LOANS—SEE ROY TEETER for Farm and Ranch Loans. 18-tfc

If you want to buy a farm, see Roy Teeter, Phone 2131. 44-tfc

If you want to sell a farm, see Roy Teeter. Phone 2131. 44-tfc

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FOR SALE—1 3-Bottom Oliver Mold-board plow with set of new points. Also 1 young registered Pole Hereford bull now ready for service. Mrs. Bonnie Riethmayer. See Clifton Stodghill. 50-2tp

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter Give Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of a group of friends was held Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter. Supper was served to the group, after which they enjoyed the Christmas tree and Santa's visit. They enjoyed dominoes until a late hour.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens, Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell, and their daughter and children, Mrs. McGaston, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Owen and Dwain, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn, Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter and boys.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy almost five years old, and I have tried to be good because my parents say it is true that you can see me when I've been good or bad but Santa, I want to know, when do you sleep?

I would like to have a record player and a big air plane.

My little brother's name is Marty. He is seventeen months old. Please bring him some linen books that he can't tear, and a stuffed toy. He is pretty good except when he spits at me.

Santa if this is too much for you send part of it to other little boys and girls, maybe even in Korea. Give all the fruits, nuts and candy to the other children as my grandmothers keep plenty on hand for Marty and me.

Thank you Santa.

Always,
Jimmy Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wess Cox, of Austin, spent the weekend with Mrs. Cox's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Thomas.

The Wilson family will be heard on KFDD, Floydada, on a Christmas program at 9:10 a. m.

Larry Tunnell, of Lubbock Tech, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tunnell.

Mrs. Ola Mills, of Tulsa, visited in the home of Mrs. J. Brannon last weekend.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We're happy to be sharing another holiday season with you.

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For Detailed Information Call on **E. H. Downey** Ticket Agent

Notice!

A twenty-five dollar reward (this was also offered by me several months ago) will be paid by me for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons, destroying rural mail boxes on my route by fireworks or fireworks; this has happened within the last few days, (or nights.)

The fact that the fireworks part of the culprit or culprits was done at night, shows they knew it was a violation of the law, and it might be well that they be replaced at night also. This has been done for many years at times, but this is the first time that I have reported it to Government detectives, so it might be well to abide by the above suggestion, and in the meantime if anyone has specific and absolute information report it to me, Mr. Fowler, or Sheriff Grewe. I will gladly pay the above reward upon consumption of the matter. The guilty ones would not so do again.

W. H. TENNISON,
Carrier, RFD. One, Silverton, Texas. 51-1tc

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Chessier are the parents of a baby girl born Friday, December 19, 1952, in Plainview hospital. Mr. Chessier is employed at the City Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Chappell, of Compton, California, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Bingham and Stevie, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Kitchen Sunday afternoon.