

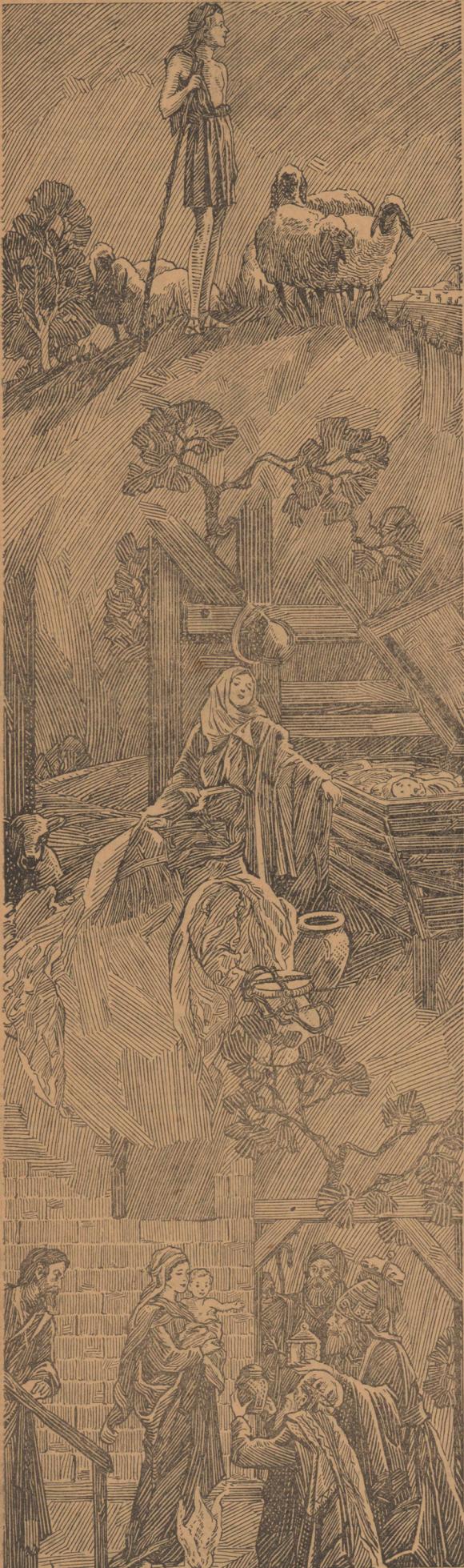
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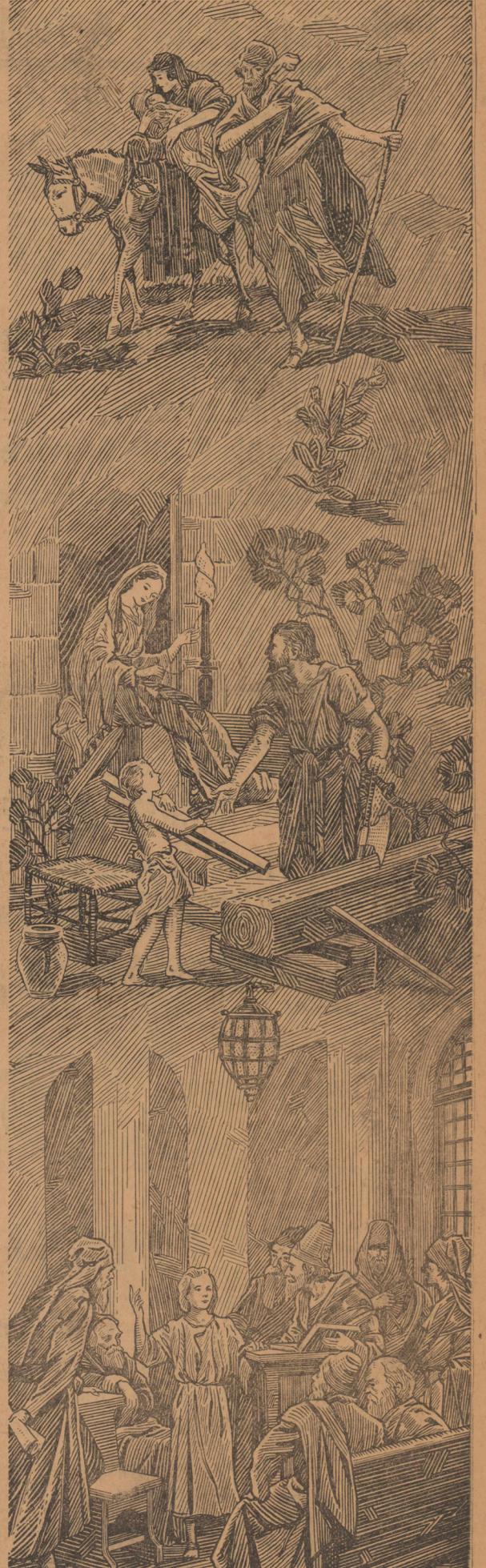
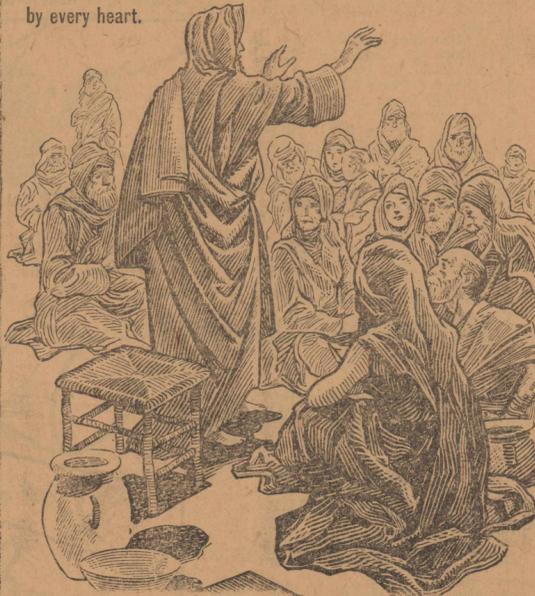
The Song of Christmas

THE long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem . . .
a new Star in the sky . . . heavenly music above
the hills of Judea . . . the flutter of angel wings
. . . the swift journeying of the Shepherds . . .
Mary and Joseph and the new-born Child . . .
the coming of the Wise Men, with their gifts of gold, frankin-
cense and myrrh . . .

From these inspiring things the Song of Christmas was fashioned more than twenty centuries ago. The years have added new notes of happiness. Carols and song upon the air . . . candles gleaming into the night . . . secret whisperings and laughter in the home . . . greetings going from friend to friend . . . deeds of love and mercy done in the name of a Child.

No great symphony or composition can match the Song of Christmas. It rises above the clatter and roar of the city; it throbs through the scattered town and hamlet; it sings through the sunlit islands of the South; it permeates the frozen wastes of the Northland. In ever-widening volume its strains echo around the world.

Before its magic the hosts of darkness take flight. It touches the slumbering chords of memory; it heals old hurts and scars; it binds loved ones in a closer and deeper tie. There are no friendless or forsaken within its sound; under its influence the strong reach out to help the weak. Peace and Love and Joy, these are its loudest notes, and they are for all men. For the Song of Christmas is the greatest of all songs because it is understood by every heart.



Christmas Gifts Distributed Saturday

Stratford's annual Christmas

program was carried out Saturday afternoon with Stratford Lions, the Sherman County Farm Bureau, and Stratford business and professional men and women cooperating to make the evening a pleasing af-

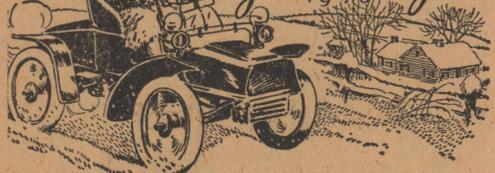


Merry CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1946

Christmas lights shed a glow unknown at any other time of the year. The same lights, after Christmas, have lost their charm, so, you see it is really the Christmas spirit that lights our homes! We wish you every happiness this Christmas season of 1946.

Harrison Poultry & Feed

Old Fashioned Yuletide Greetings 1946



It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year... the best one of them all.

WILL BE CLOSED ALL WEEK

Raymond's Radio Service

"Where Radio Is a Business and Not Just A Sideline"



MERRY MERRY Christmas

MAY TRUE HAPPINESS IN ALL ITS FULLNESS BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMASTIME

Duby Plumbing & Electric

"Your Frigidaire Dealer"



Tidings of Great Joy Christmas 1946

GREETINGS!

Music and song and happiness everywhere! Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again this season of 1946, fine to have finished another year in this community of happy homes and friendly people.

To Each and All We Wish

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Van B. Boston



TO WISH FOR YOU LOADS OF GOOD CHEER AND HAPPINESS AT CHRISTMASTIME

Alma Lee's Beauty Shop

Gifts from Santa's pack included a beef steer for Mrs. Sam Wohlford, which was put up for sale, the proceeds to be given to the city health building fund, was sold to Leo Smith for \$300.00; a bed room suite for H. L. McIntosh, a radio and phonograph for Herbert Folsom; a ham for Mrs. Louie Green, a drug store purchase coupon for Shuler Donelson, an overnight bag for Mrs. Leo Smith, an inner tube for John Kidwell, an iron for Jack Reed, a cake for Robert Baker, an oil cleaning element for Mrs. Lorel Halle, an electric cooker for L. M. Price, a hydraulic jack for Miss Marty McMahan, a coffee table for Floyd Keener, egg mash feed for L. E. Brannan, a ham for Glenn Reed, a vacuum car cleaning job for John Kidwell, a skillet for L. M. Price, a tire for J. W. Phillips, a package of clorox for Mary Sue Taylor, a sack of flour for Gay Parker, a can of prestone for W. N. Price, a sack of feed for Orval Blades, a ladder and ironing board for Tommy J. Parvin, a can of grease for Bill Riffe, a carton of coco cola for V. W. Foreman, an inner tube for Elmer Hudson, a hydraulic jack for Henry Lee, a can of oil for R. C. Buckles, a cleaning coupon for Joe Duby, beauty shop coupons for Marion Engelbrecht, beauty shop coupons for Louise Hudson, a subscription to the Star for Linda Riffe, a \$5.00 meal ticket for Gene Ross, tickets for the Roxy Theatre for W. L. Hankey, portait work coupons for Albert Lee, a \$5.00 meal ticket for L. W. Griffin, a blanket for Lester Plunk, and sacks of candy, nuts and fruits for all the kiddies delivered by old Santa who made his arrival by plane.

Two Wells Started; Two Completed During Week

Drilling operations continued to break even in Sherman County this week with work starting at two new wells while two wells in the county were completed for gas. The Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation No. 1 Burruss, section 311, Block 1-T, is rigging up with rotary tools. Cities Service Wohlford No. 3, section 335, Block 1-T, has been completed for gas. Cities Service No. 1 Lanston, section 347, Block 1-T, is drilling with cable tools. Cities Service No. 1 Shoun, section 348, Block 1-T, has been completed for gas. Cities Service No. 1 Stewart, section 383, Block 1-T, is drilling with cable tools and has a nice showing of gas. Shamrock No. 1 Seaton, section 351, Block 1-T, is still shut down awaiting arrival of cable tools. Humble Oil Corporation No. 1 Maud Seton, section 5, Block 2-T,

CHRISTMAS WISHES by the THOUSAND

we send to all our friends this Yule Season of 1946. May yours be indeed a MERRY CHRISTMAS

Stratford Abstract Company

May CHRISTMAS Bring You JOY AND GLADNESS

Wilson Funeral Directors

is drilling with cable tools. Humble Oil and Gas Corporation No. 1 Baskin, section 444, Block 1-T, is drilling with cable tools. Phillips No. 1 Cluck, section 5, Block 2-B, is drilling with rotary tools. Phillips No. 1 Section, section 55, Block 1-C, is drilling with rotary tools. Phillips Petroleum No. 1 Hand-

Stratford Lodge 874

A. F. & A. M.



Stated

Communication

SECOND FRIDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH

MELVIN PHILLIPS, W. M. W. O. BRYANT, Secretary.



Glad thoughts

And special wishes Are happily combined To make this Christmas Greeting The warmest kind. H. L. Blondo

Stratford Shine Parlor

AGENCY FOR 200 LAUNDRY

lin, section 84, Block 1-C, is temporarily shut down.

Legion Expresses Appreciation Of Cooperation

Walter M. Pendleton, Command-

er of the Howard Norvell Green Post of the American Legion, expresses the appreciation of the local post for the cooperation of the people of this section in their contributions which were presented to the Yanks who gave. The gifts were presented to veterans in the Amarillo hospital at a special Christmas party the night of December 21.



How well we remember those old Fashioned Christmas dinners—

father at one end of the table; mother at the other end, and the children in between, wondering if father would ever get done carving the turkey. And what mince pies!

Wouldn't you like a Christmas like that this year of 1946? We hope that your Christmas is as much like that as the changing times will permit, and that all the joys of the old days will abound.

Palace Cafe



One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill as of old to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends, a very Merry Christmas.

First State Bank OF STRATFORD



To Our Friends: Season's Greetings The Publisher and Staff

The Stratford Star

Mrs. Carriger And J. E. Brannan Married Sunday

Mrs. Mary Ella Carriger and J. E. Brannan, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brannan, were united in marriage in a quiet ceremony in the country home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Dick Faris, Sunday at 2:30 P. M. A C. Huff, minister of the Church of Christ read the vows for the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a blue dressmakers suit with a corsage of white carnations. Following the ceremony, the bride and groom were honored with a reception attended by a

host of relatives and friends. The young couple plan to make their home at Etter where the groom is employed as a chief operator at the Cactus plant. Brannan is a graduate of the Stratford High School, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock, and served 3 years with the army air corps, 28 months of which time was spent in the Pacific.

Robert Lee Marries California Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee have returned to their home at 4046 Florida Street in San Diego, California after a wedding trip to



Davis Brothers

SINCERE GOOD WISHES for a delightful holiday season from the store that friendship built.

Stratford Laundry

Your Helpy Selvy Laundry
Everyone Is Welcome— And We Appreciate Your Business
We Do Finish Work — Wet Wash and Rough Dry with Flat Work Finished At No Extra Charge

We do each laundry separately with the same gentle care that you would give your own laundry.
Give Us A Ring and We Will Pick-Up and Deliver FREE
Phone 8 Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawkins



May countless blessings bring true joy to you and yours at Christmastime.

Bond Studio



Ho! Ho! for Christmas!

Merrily, merrily, jolly good friends, and a grand and glorious holiday to you all!

Consumers Co.

"We Are Open 24 Hours A Day"

A Great Big Merry



The Year's Biggest Day

is just around the corner, and we are all as happy as children. For this is really going to be a merry Christmas.

That it may be especially joyous for you is the sincere wish of

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.

Santa Cruz. The bride was Miss Elizabeth Noaks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noaks of La Mesa, before her marriage November 30. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. Frank Carter at 5:30 P. M. in the First Christian Church at San Pedro.

The bride, attended by her sister, Miss Virginia Noaks, wore a tailored dress of dusty pink with brown accessories, and her corsage was of pink roses.

Mr. Noaks served as best man for the bridegroom, who is the son of Albert Lee.

The newly weds are graduates of Grossmont High School, and the bride attended state college.

Miss Vondell Guthrie And J. G. Van Bebber Married Thursday



Miss Vondell Guthrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie, became the bride of John Gregory Van Bebber, son of Mrs. Anne Van Bebber of Troy, Kansas, in a double ring ceremony at St. John's Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas, at 7:30 P. M. December 19 with December with Rev. Aislie H. Carleton officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Chester Guthrie. Mrs. M. L. Matthews, Dumas, attended the bride as matron of honor. Ira Guthrie, brother of the bride, served the groom as best man.

Charles Hollman, Jr., Lubbock, a cousin of the bride, and Leon Guthrie, Stratford, a brother of the bride, were ushers.

The improvised altar was decorated with white gladiolas and white candles.

Nuptial music was played by Bob Scoggins, organist, and Miss Ruth Caldwell, soloist, sang.

The bride wore a cut-away dressmakers suit with black and white accessories, and carried a white Bible and two orchids.

The matron of honor wore a blue tailored suit with a corsage of red roses.

Members of the families and close friends of the bride and groom were wedding guests.

For traveling the bride wore a white wool dress with black accessories. After a honeymoon trip to Oklahoma City, the bride and groom will be at home in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of the Stratford High School, a member of the junior class at Texas Tech and the Sans Souci sorority.

The groom is a graduate of the Troy, Kansas high school, and is now attending Texas Tech as a veteran student. Greg served in the Army Air Corps, A. T. C., and was overseas 14 months.

WE adults can learn much from our children—learn how to celebrate Christmas well. Let us turn back the clock this Christmas season of 1946 and get out of Christmas all the joys that children know when they hang their stockings up.

All together now for a big, glorious Christmas, topped off with our best wishes to all of you.

HANDY DRIVE-IN CAFE

Intersection U. S. 54 and 287
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Koontz

Christmas Programs At The Churches Tonight

Christmas programs featuring members of the Sunday Schools coached by the leaders of the churches will be presented beginning at the hours of 7:00 and 7:30 P. M. this evening at the participating churches closed by a visit from old Saint Nicholas and distribution of gifts.

Work of church members and participation by Sunday School students promises a highly entertaining program for the evening.

Cal Farley Program Here Friday Night

The Sherman County Farm Bureau will bring Cal Farley back to the Stratford school auditorium Friday, December 27, at 8:00 P. M., with one hour and forty-five minutes of entertainment free to the public.

The Maverick Club boys, famous Amarillo tumblers, several musicians and Stuttering Sam, will be featured on the program of excitement, laughter and pleasure.

Mr. Farley sponsors this program of entertainment in connection

ALL OF OUR FOLKS ARE HOPING THAT ALL OF YOUR FOLKS WILL SPEND A MIGHTY Merry Christmas

Stratford Laundry

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawkins



Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas

LET'S ALL BE HAPPY!

Christmas is likely to become too prosaic to many of us grownups, but to boyhood's eager eyes it is a time of preparation and expectancy... an enchanted season when the woodland is hushed and even ordinary tasks take on the glamor and joy of dragging home the Christmas tree. May your Christmas of 1946 be in this spirit.

Ralph Harding

Phillips Wholesale and Retail Products

with his work with Boy's Ranch at Old Tascosa.

Two Minor Car Accidents

Two minor car accidents were reported this week. Glenn Reed's car was rammed at the intersection of 287 and 54, scaring one fender. Dale Knight turned his fathers

pick-up over when he struck loose dirt at a curve without serious injury.

HOTEL STRATFORD

"Once a Guest—Always a Booster"
Mrs. Areace LeBleu, Prop.
Phone No. 7

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



Glad Thoughts And special wishes Are happily combined To make this Christmas Greeting The warmest kind.

Stratford Grain Co.



A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

THESE ARE DAYS WHEN WE ARE ALL IN A BIG HURRY TO GET HOME, FOR THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME WHEN THE CHRISTMAS WREATH IS GLOWING IN THE WINDOW. WE ARE DUE RIGHT NOW TO SAY OUR LITTLE PIECE—AN OLD REFRAIN, IT IS TRUE, BUT AS WARM AND HEARTFELT AS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER SAID IT—

MERRY CHRISTMAS McMahren Furniture

(Your Complete Home Furnishing Establishment)

Local News

Mrs. Clyde Martin and Mrs. Dick Diehl were visitors in Dalhart last Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake were Amarillo visitors Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Steinberger, Canon City, Colorado, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garoutte, returned home

Sunday. Mrs. Steinberger's sister, Mrs. Dick Woolsey and Mr. Woolsey returned home with them for a visit, and also to visit Mr. Woolsey's parents during the Christmas holidays.
Mrs. L. E. Bonar, Mrs. Walter Sandefur and Bill Ross went to Amarillo Sunday to meet Miss Kathryn Bonar, who has been attending school in Austin, and is home for the holidays.

Mrs. C. R. Foster is spending the Christmas holidays in Amarillo in the home of her brother, C. N. Headrick, and family.
Dick Diehl and J. E. Kuykendall bought two loads of cattle at the livestock auction in Dalhart Thursday.
Ralph Harding took his daughter, Miss Dorothy Nell, who is suffering with a severely burned hand to a doctor at Dumas Sunday.
Mrs. H. L. Vincent and sons, Walter and Jackie, Wichita Falls, are here visiting with Mrs. Vincent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. O'Brien.
Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Gill are spending Christmas in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with Mr. Gill's mother.
G. R. Boswell is spending Christmas in Plainview with his relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garoutte visited relatives in Guymon Friday.
Mrs. Graydon Gamble and children of Weslaco are here to spend the holidays with relatives.
Jack Seig is spending Christmas with his parents in Wichita, Kansas.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gibbons and children attended the show in Stratford Saturday night.
Jeannie Huggins arrived by plane from Austin where she has been attending school. She will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Arthur Milton and Mr. Milton.
Jess Kuykendall, Amarillo, is a visitor in the Dick Diehl home.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Golladay visited her sister, Mrs. W. A. Spencer in Dalhart Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bowling, Dalhart, were visitors in Stratford Sunday.
W. G. O'Brien was a business visitor in Amarillo Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fuqua, Jr. and sons, Ft. Morgan, Colorado, spent Monday night with Mrs. D. L. Buckles and will go to Amarillo to spend Christmas.
Mrs. Frank Imboden, Denver, who is here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Eastman Monday to spend Christmas here.
Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Beard have gone to Louisiana to spend Christmas with Mr. Beard's parents near Shreveport.
Miss Minnie Laura Jackson is spending Christmas in Lubbock.
M. R. Robinson and Paul Hudson are spending Christmas in Collinsville, Oklahoma with Mr. Robinson's son, Alton.
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith and Mrs. Warner Williams visited Mrs. Gaines Teeple and baby daughter, Sandy Lou, in Loretto Hospital Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ritchie, Miss Margaret Ritchie, and Miss Bertha King, San Antonio, are here to spend the holidays with relatives.
Miss Marcella McWilliams, Amarillo, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams.
G. L. Taylor transacted business in Amarillo Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Veazey and daughter Lubbock, will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Mullins.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vincent and Henry Yates, Texhoma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates Sunday.
Mrs. E. W. Butler and Mrs. Cone Donelson were visitors in Dalhart Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Pendleton left Friday for Beeville, Texas where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yates, Arroyo Grande, California, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates.
Alex Coates left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents in Dallas.
Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ballengee, Mexico City, Mexico, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrison.
Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Garoutte were visitors in Amarillo Monday.
E. B. Turner, Greeley, Colorado, visited relatives and friends here over the week end.

Miss Emilia Ramon, a student of Texas State College, Denton, is home for the holidays.
Miss Sammie Lou Lasley, Oklahoma Baptist University student, is home for the holidays.
Stanley Ullom, a student of Baylor University, Waco, was here for a visit Friday.
Roy Denney and Bob Walters, students at North Texas College, Denton, are here for the holiday season.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Doby and Sheila will spend the Christmas holidays with friends in Wichita Falls, Texas.
Mr. and Mrs. Royal Pendleton will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents in Canyon.
Misses Ruth Kessie and Maurine Van Buskirk, Amarillo, spent the week end here with relatives and friends.
Mr. and Mrs. V. M. King, Mrs. Lelah Boney and Mrs. E. Hill visited Mr. E. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hill in Dodge City, Kansas over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Borth are enjoying the winter at Daytona Beach, Florida.
Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Plunk, Amarillo, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Plunk over the week end.
Russell Boney, a student of the Dallas Aviation school, is home for the holidays.
Sheriff John Kidwell and Deputy A. J. Bonner, Dalhart, delivered three prisoners to Fort Worth Wednesday returning Thursday of last week.
Mr. and Mrs. John Haney and Miss Pauline Jones were visitors in Dalhart this morning.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Slusser and L. P. Hunter were guests of Mrs. R. E. Roberts in Plains, Kansas Sunday.
Chester Plunk is spending the holidays with relatives in Houston, Texas.
Miss Dorothy Dixon left this morning to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Dixon, in Booker, Texas.
Mrs. Joe Cleveland and son, Copeland, Kansas, are here for the holidays with relatives and friends.
Miss Ermalee Bonar, Miss Georgiana Skillin, Miss Jean Harrison, Miss Donna Gayle Harris, Bobby Harris, and Bill Ross attended the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo in Amarillo last week.

Stanley Pleyer Home On Leave

Stanley Pleyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pleyer, is home on terminal leave, pending his discharge from the army.

W. E. Pleyer, is home on terminal leave, pending his discharge from the army.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
and thanks
Stratford Cleaners
Phone 90



Christmas is a time when old loyalties are not only strengthened but remembered. We want you to know how much we appreciate your confidence in us, and how earnestly we wish for you a very joyous Christmas holiday.

Carefree HOLIDAY SEASON



Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whizz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill.

Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

Stratford Frozen Food Lockers

SANTA CLAUS OFFICE

Hello Folks Merry Christmas 1946

ALL OF OUR FOLKS ARE HOPING THAT ALL OF YOUR FOLKS WILL SPEND A MIGHTY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Walden's Service Station
THE TIRE TRADER

Happy Holiday Season 1946

JOIN WITH US

Let us toss our cares out the window. It's Christmas! Join with us in celebrating the glorious holiday.

And Merry Christmas TO YOU

Will Be Closed From Christmas Eve Until January 2

Cowdrey Hwd. & Impl.
J. I. CASE SALES AND SERVICE

WANT ADS

LOST: 5-Ton hydraulic jack southwest of Stratford. Will pay a reward for return.— W. E. Pleyer.

FOR BEST baby photos, or family groups, see Wilson Studio, Texhoma. 2-tfc

NOW is a good time to arrange for Christmas Photos at Wilson's, Texhoma. 2-tfc

FOR SALE: Boy's Bicycle in fair condition.— Dan Foreman. 12-3tp

FOR SALE: Kerosene heater in excellent condition.— N. W. Hudson. 12-3tp

FOR SALE: 4 choice building lots.— See Earl Bond. 6tfc

We are receiving a few Dodge and Plymouth engines. Place your order now.— Lovelace Motor & Equipment. 4-1tc

FOR SALE: 6,500 bundles hegar and cane mixed, 2 miles east of 54 highway.— Ed Harland, phone 901-F2, Texhoma. 12-2tc

Combine Users—For information and prices on Tri-State Electric Header controls for M-M Combines, write Hyatt Mfg. & Supply Co., Kimball, Nebr. 10-3tp

BUTANE - PROPANE

TANKS - BOTTLES

Thermostats - Regulators

BOTTLE EXCHANGE

Slay's Furniture

Thanks, Friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1946



MAY THE TREASURE OF ACCUMULATED MEMORIES of Christmases past and gone gladden your Christmas celebration this year. We wish for you all the good things for which Christmas has always stood.

Stratford Motor Co.
YOUR FORD DEALER

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

JOYOUS YULETIDE

Here's wishing that the light of the season's cheer will glow through all you do, adding greatly to your Christmas happiness.

YATES DRUG

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



MERRY CHRISTMAS

A SPECIAL TRIP FOR ST. NICHOLAS

Santa is making a special trip this year, and he's coming direct to your home laden with merry Christmas wishes from us to you.

Lovelace Dept. Store

HOLY NIGHT SILENT NIGHT



A MERRY CHRISTMAS 1946

THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI FORESHADOWED THE CHRISTMAS-GIVING OF TODAY. A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT THAT DOES MORE TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERLY LOVE THAN ALL OTHER INFLUENCES COMBINED.

THE HAPPY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS DEEP IN OUR HEARTS. LET IT ECHO IN THE STRENGTH OF OUR VOICES AS WE GREET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

McIntosh Dry Goods

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Foxworth, Dallas, visited his sister, Miss Josie Foxworth last week.

Spurlock News

There were 29 attending Sunday

School Sunday.

Bob Sweny of Canyon is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sweny and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spurlock and family one day last week.

The Folsom children, who have been staying with their aunt, Mrs. Harvey Spurlock, have returned to their home in Sunray.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sweny were



Merry Christmas Folks

Davis Motor Co.

"YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER"



The snowman will fade as the weather warms, and too soon we forget the joys of Christmas and its mellowing effect upon our lives. It is our hope that this Christmas of 1946 will bring you many a blessing in the weeks and months ahead.

Wishing You A Merry Christmas

C. E. Leonard
Harold Leonard

MID-WAY CAFE

Serving Meals and Short Orders



Years may come and years may go but Santa Claus is with us forever. He's coming again this year, with a full pack. So sweep out your chimney and get ready for the jolly visitor, who has had special orders from us to bless your home with a very Merry Christmas.

Robbie's Gift Shop

Dalhart visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Foreman and Janet spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spurlock and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hudson and Gary visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spurlock Sunday afternoon.

Several from his community attended the Christmas program in Stratford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spurlock were Dalhart visitors Friday.

W. A. Spurlock and Elsie were Amarillo visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Foreman entertained with a buffet supper Saturday night. The Christmas theme was carried out in table decorations and food. Those attending, were Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hudson and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Orland Lasley and Orlanda, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lasley of Texoma.

Christmas Was At One Time Illegal

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

LITTLE OL' SANTA

The little ol' santa propped under our tree . . . is little the worse for wear . . . he's lost a leg and an arm, you see . . . but no one seems to care. Not that we're unsympathetic, rather, we are just a bit nostalgic.

Time was when our santa, bright and new, benignly welcomed Tommy and Sue . . . as they tiptoed downstairs to see . . . their presents spread beneath the tree . . . very early Christmas morning.

"Tho Tommy and Sue have outgrown their toys . . . and entwined their hearts with grown-up joys . . . that little ol' santa, propped under the tree, symbolizes Christmas—as Christmas ought to be . . . with toys for children, good will among men . . . on earth, Peace dawning.

Dorothea Waitzmann

Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

Henry Luther

Orphanage Contributions

Contributions for the benefit of Methodist Orphanages accepted by the local church may be continued during the current week, Rev. H. A. Nichols announced this week.

LaCiencia Club To Meet With Mrs. Harris Jan. 2

The LaCiencia club will meet with Mrs. C. E. Harris for an all day meeting, Thursday, January 2.



Kind remembrances at Christmastime.

May the Christmas of 1946 be among the most joyous you have ever known.

Sherman County Abstract Co.

Royal Pendleton, Manager

Stratford, Texas



Peace and Good Will

Lighting the way to better fellowship and good will towards all is Christmas. That it may be a truly happy Christmas for each of you is our ardent wish.

Christmas is here!

Will Be Closed From 2:00 P. M. Today until 6:00 P. M. December 26 to allow employees the pleasures of Xmas

Grady's Cafe

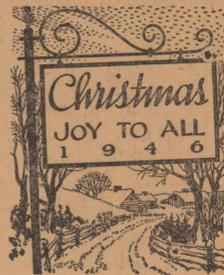


Merry Christmas TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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"I understand," said his boss, "and I'll ask my wife if I can give you the raise."

Foolish Talk

The speaker was tired of being interrupted.

"We seem to have a great many fools here tonight," he said.

"Wouldn't it be advisable to let one talk at a time?"

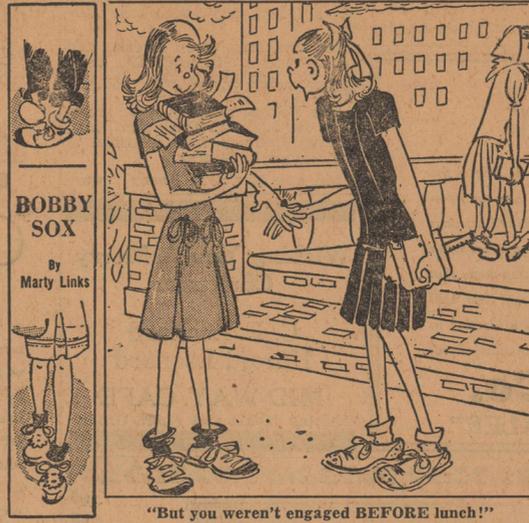
"Go on with your speech," returned someone in the audience.

Way Back, Please

Sign on busses in Green Bay, Wis. —Americans will go anywhere but to the rear of a bus. Let's try that too.



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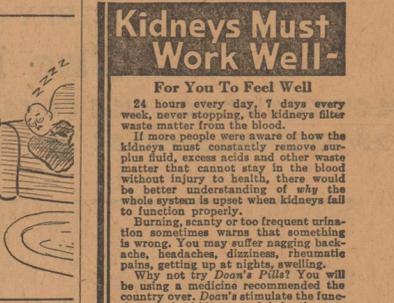
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Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;

Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Lord Tennyson.

**Pagans Also Sent
New Year's Cards**

Here in America the popular and evergrowing custom of exchanging New Year's greeting cards is of fairly recent origin, but actually the New Year's card antedates the more familiar Christmas card by several hundred years.

With Christmas our greatest national holiday, most of us are inclined to think of New Year's as a sort of happy afterthought. The fact is, it is one of the oldest of festivals, dating back to pagan times. In certain countries of Europe where Christmas is observed as a purely religious festival, New Year's takes the form of a real feast day and its celebration is marked by rejoicing and the exchange of gifts and greetings.

The earliest known New Year's "greetings" were medals marked with good wishes which date back to the reign of the Roman Emperor



Commodus (180-192). And while New Year's cards long have been a tradition in China, where the technique of printing was invented, the first European New Year's card we have record of is of German origin, dating back to the 1450s. It depicts the Christ Child and a chest overflowing with good wishes. Another card of the same period has a treasure ship as its central design. Our present-day New Year's cards have an impressive history behind them. With their festive confetti-colors and "Baby New Year," "Father Time," bells and balloons, they serve as messages of the good will we feel toward our friends and neighbors, and of our hope for "A Prosperous and Happy New Year!"

New Year Antedates

Birth of Christ

The celebration of New Years on January 1 began in 452 B. C., and therefore, contrary to logical reasoning, had nothing whatsoever to do with the birth of Christ. After December 25 had been established as the day of nativity, the church made January 1 a religious festival honoring the circumcision of Jesus; the day being thus observed in the church.

**IMPROVED
UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson**

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
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Lesson for December 29

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**PAUL CLAIMS THE WORLD
FOR CHRIST**

LESSON TEXT—Acts 9:15; 19:21; 23:11; 28:28-31; Romans 1:13-16; 15:22-24.
MEMORY SELECTION—I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.—Romans 1:14.

The gospel is for the whole world. God wants all men to hear and come to repentance (John 3:16; II Pet. 3:9).

For the establishment of the great missionary program with its worldwide sweep, he called a man gifted, prepared and anointed for that work, namely Paul, whose life and ministry have been our interesting portion these three months.

Now we find him at the very center of the then known world to claim it for Christ. Politically, commercially, socially and religiously, Rome was the very heart of the known world which centered around the Mediterranean sea (the name of which means "the middle of the earth").

Having preached almost everywhere else, Paul had a longing to face heathendom at its very center and claim trophies for Christ and the gospel.

Our Scriptures present:

I. God's Plan and Man's Purpose
(Acts 9:15; 19:21).

Choice involves the thought of selection because of certain qualities or abilities. The Lord had prepared Paul for just this ministry, and now he chose him to carry it out. That encourages us to believe that God is leading in the experiences of our lives, preparing us for the day when he will call and use us. Let us be yielded and ready.

Our second Scripture (Acts 19:21) tells us that the plan of God was put into operation by the purpose in Paul's heart. God does not have to depend on man to do his work, but he does just that! We may hinder his full use of us if we fail to purpose in our spirit to do his will, as Paul did. God wanted Paul in Rome. That was his plan, and that was the purpose of Paul's heart.

II. God's Confirmation and Man's Determination
(Acts 23:11; Rom. 1:13-16; 15:22-24).

Man needs to have his good purposes confirmed by the Lord, and so it was in the case of Paul. He had been taken prisoner for the gospel's sake. His trial had resulted in an uproar. Things did not look too promising for him. Humanly speaking, there was a question whether he would get anywhere, let alone to Rome.

In man's hours of discouragement God stands by with a good word. "Be of good cheer," he tells Paul; "as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem so must thou bear witness also at Rome."

In his letter to the Romans, Paul expresses his determination to come to them. There were hindrances, there was a contemplated trip to Spain (which he probably did not make), but in spite of all these things he would come in due time.

The reason for that determination is tremendously interesting and pertinent to our own lives. He saw himself to be a debtor. The gospel had been committed to him, not as a deposit for his own good or pleasure, but as something he must give out to everyone who had not heard, including Rome.

We, too, who know Christ are in debt to a world which has not heard of him. That includes the cultured, whom we often forget, and the uncultured, the men of every race—everyone who has need of a Saviour.

The tremendous urge which moved Paul should be characteristic of every believer. Think what it would mean for the evangelization of the world if every Christian said: "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel!" (v. 15).

III. God's Salvation and Man's Declaration
(Acts 28:28-31).

A slight change in the arrangement of our Scriptures brings us to our concluding thought. God had sent salvation to the Gentiles and they would hear it (v. 28), even if the preacher had to come as a prisoner, for Paul came thus to Rome.

How wonderfully God arranged it all, for Paul was given the privilege, even as a prisoner, of living for two years under guard in a private house. Here he won his guards to Christ, many members of Caesar's official household (Phil. 4:22), and others who came and went as he preached and taught, "no man forbidding him" (v. 31).

When man declares the gospel of salvation which God has sent, mighty things are wrought for the glory of God and the good of men.

It is just that which we should be about with renewed zeal and diligence during the new year just ahead. We are in debt, and we must discharge our indebtedness by declaring to all that Jesus saves, keeps and satisfies.

Best wishes for a most blessed new year! It may well be the most important year in all history. Let us make use of it for the glory of God.



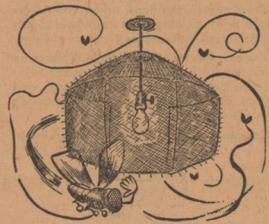
**Electro-Agriculture
Leads Farm Planning**

**Federal Government
Attacking Problem**

Science is keeping pace with electro-agriculture, planning and developing new methods for easing the farmers' burdens and attacking troublesome problems with "atomic age" devices in Buck Rogers' fashion.

Farm electrification division of United States department of agriculture proposes to consider six of these problems next year. High on the list is control of insect pests through use of electric lamps and light traps. Insects will be subjected to a wide variety of tests to determine color and intensity of light which best attracts them to an insecticidal doom.

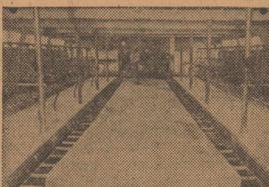
The division also will experiment with the use of infra-red heaters to dry seeds and provide thermal



therapy treatments for farm animals. It will consider the use of ultrasonic vibrations for treating seeds and delve the limitations, cost and influence of bactericidal lamps in animal shelters and storage cellars. Bactericidal lamps have grown in popularity recently with poultrymen and dairymen to control respiratory diseases among chickens and sterilize dairy equipment.

Another top project to be considered is development of electrical equipment to aid farmers in performing chores. Since from 20 to 80 per cent of a farmer's time is spent in doing chores, the division feels that electricity can be put to greater use in taking over more routine jobs than is now the case. Experimental work also will be done in determining proper standards of construction for general purpose refrigerators for farm use.

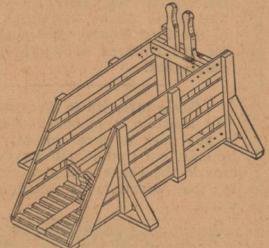
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**CHANGE OF
HEART**

By JAMES KINSEY
"A wonderful party!" Susan Blanke's eyes were shining as she spoke. "I can't imagine your Uncle Will giving a party—and on New Year's Eve, at that! This is one puzzle that has me stumped!"

Handsome Douglass Wilson, with whom she was sitting out the dance, nodded agreement. There was ample reason for Susan's bewilderment. Never, until tonight, had his Uncle Will demonstrated anything but complete criticism for the younger generation. Even the most simple pleasures of youth had drawn his frown. But tonight, for no apparent reason, he had performed a complete about-face and opened his own home to Doug's friends. The big, gloomy house, silent for years save for the guarded tread of servants, rang tonight with gaiety and laughter!

Returning from the city, Uncle Will had brought horns, whistles, silly caps and balloons for the party. And most amazing of all, tonight his usually grim face was wreathed



in smiles. He seemed to be enjoying the evening like a schoolboy. "It's the most puzzling thing!" Susan repeated.

She smiled as Doug pressed her hand, remembering suddenly how much she loved him, yet how difficult Uncle Will had made their relationship. Doug had lived there in the big house since his parents died. Now, grown up, he was managing the estate.

"Uncle Will just began making preparations for the party when he came back from New York," Doug said. "But he hasn't told me a word. I'm as much in the dark as you, Sue!"

They were silent a moment. "I'm afraid that tomorrow he'll turn back into Uncle Grouch," he continued. "I just can't remember Uncle Will ever smiling before. . . . But let's talk about you. Darling, I don't care if he is opposed to young people getting married. I'm going to tell him the truth tomorrow. I don't care if—"

"So you don't care, eh?" Uncle Will was suddenly standing beside them, his expression threatening. "You're willing to defy me?" In the shadows they were unable to see the twinkling in his eyes.

"Well, it's the only thing we can do," Doug answered hotly. "You—you're so hard about everything, we have to defy you, since you put it that way."

"You don't have to, son!" Uncle Will had come closer and placed an arm around each of their shoulders. "You can marry Susan just as soon as you want to—"

"But, we don't understand," Doug gasped. "Why, only a week ago you said—"

"I said those things deliberately, children," Uncle Will interrupted. "You see, there's something I haven't been able to tell you until tonight, Doug. When your father died, making me your guardian, he stipulated that if you were to inherit his estate only if you remained single until January 1 this coming year—that is, until midnight tonight. At the same time, for some peculiar reason, he stipulated that you weren't to be told about this provision—so if I'd let you get married sooner, you'd have lost everything. It was a strange provision that he made in his will," he concluded. "But it's worked out satisfactorily. . . ."

Doug was gasping. "And that's why you've been so opposed to my marrying Sue?" he asked. "That's right, Doug," he nodded. "I've wanted so badly to tell you these past few months, but you see, I couldn't—until tonight!"

He pulled himself loose from their grasp. "Come along, you youngsters!" he shouted gayly. "I've thought of something to climax this party. It's just two minutes to midnight, and I'm going to announce your engagement! Happy New Year!"

Japan Celebrates New

Year's Fourteen Days

At least 14 days are needed in Japan to celebrate the coming of the new year. During the festival streets are made lively by stilt-walking, top-spinning or ball-playing. While the youths are enjoying the outdoor sports, the older people write New Year's poems or play games. After two weeks of revelry the burning of decorations ends the celebration.

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\$2,390.00 Gross Receipts In Lions Club Annual Fund

Gross receipts from the Stratford Lions club annual program was \$2,390.00. L. P. Hunter, club secretary reports. Expenses for carrying out the program have not all

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been presented to the club.

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Dies Suddenly

Charles Gilmore, Hooker, Oklahoma, 18 year old nephew of Mrs. W. C. Martin, died suddenly Sunday at his home in Hooker. Funeral services are pending word from relatives at distant points.



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Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

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Studebaker Sales and Service



- Christmas is not all tinsel and tissue or colored lights and merriment. It has a deeper significance, rooted in the long gone past, which sets it high above all other holidays of the year.
- It is our hope that this blessed season will bring to your home not only the festive joys of Yuletide but that deep inner peace which is essentially a part of Christmas.

MCCORMICK-DEERING MACHINES PARTS AND SERVICE

W. T. MARTIN

HARDWARE—IMPLEMENTS AND FURNITURE



It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year... the best one of them all!



Christmas is the one great event that transcends the bounds of any one country and embraces the whole world. In much the same way there is no limit or bounds to our good wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.

Brown's Food Store