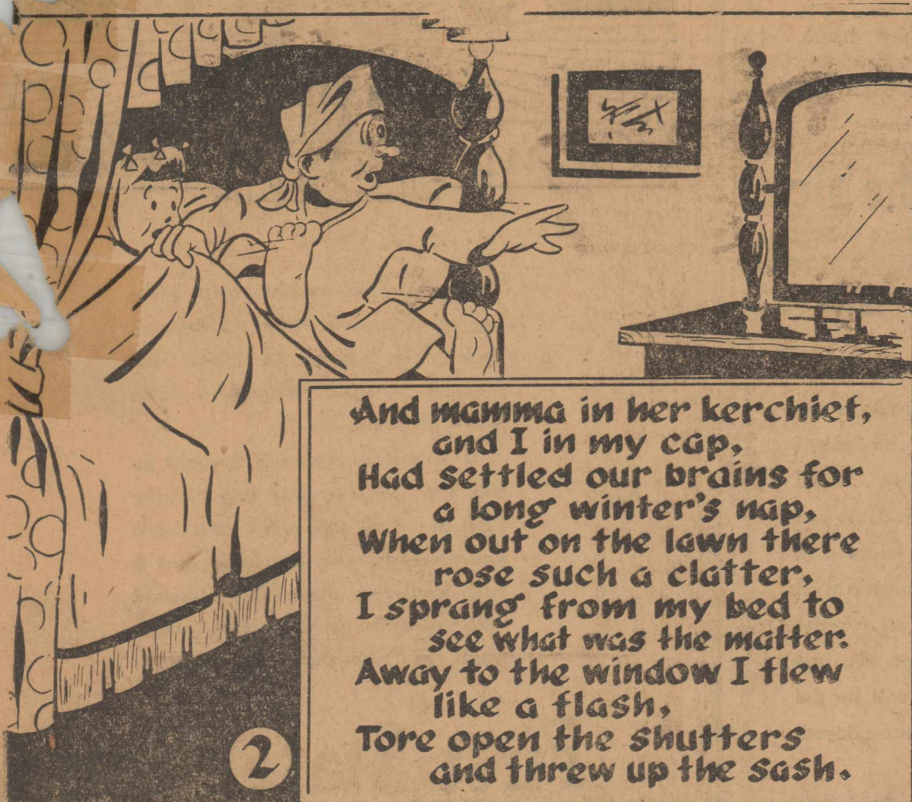




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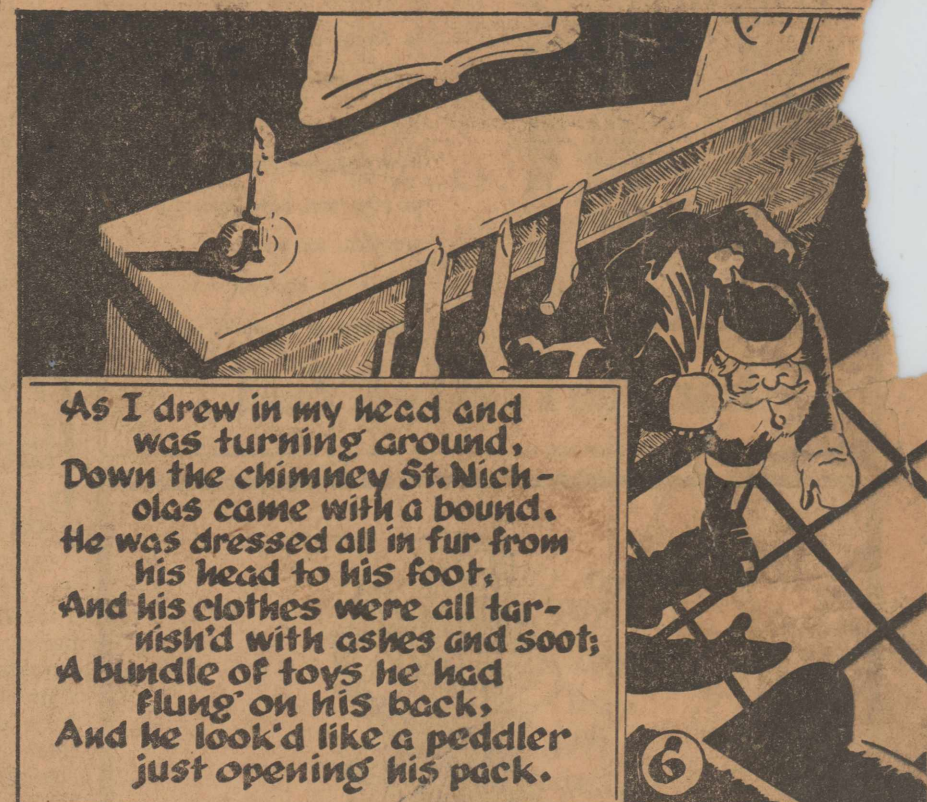
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And mamma in her kerchief,
and I in my cap,
Had settled our brains for
a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there
rose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to
see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew
like a flash,
Tore open the shutters
and threw up the sash.

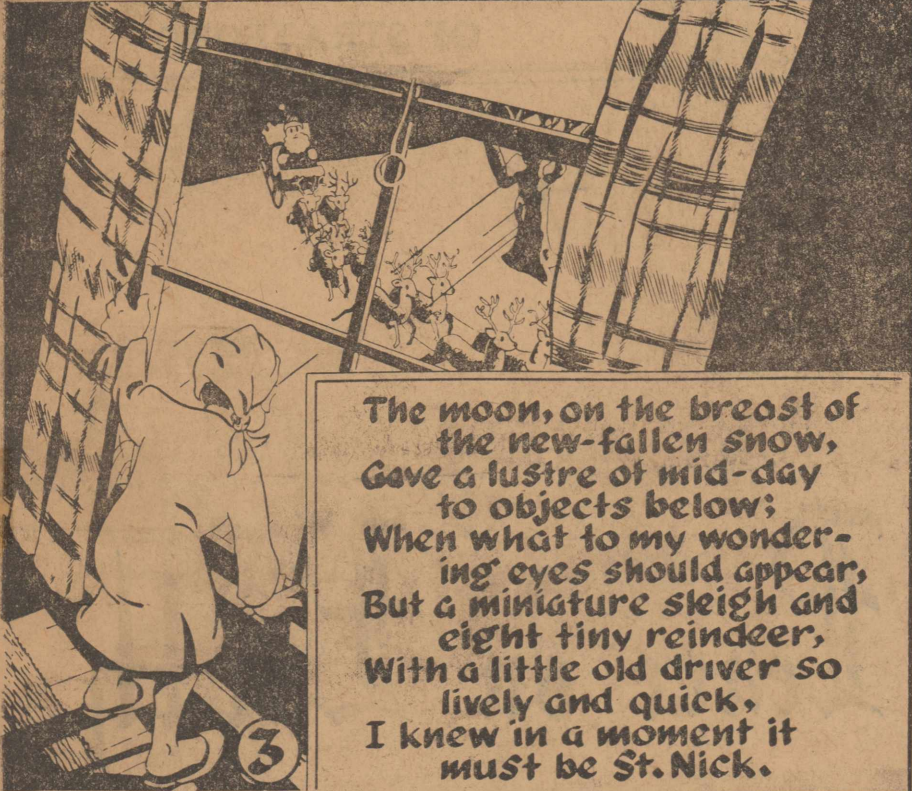
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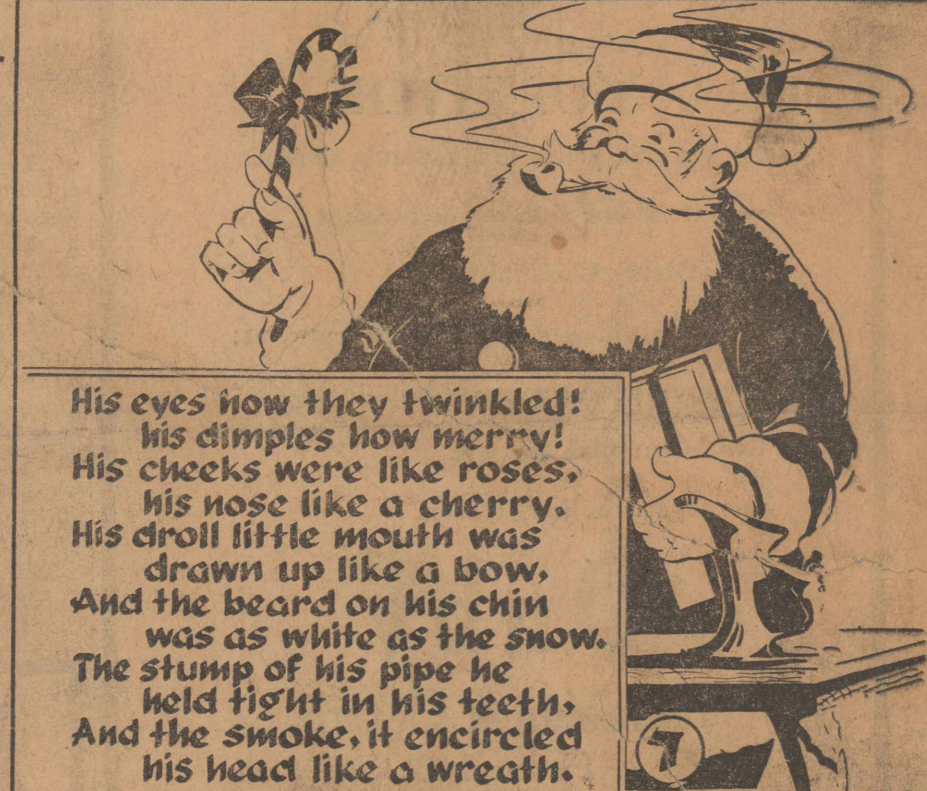
As I drew in my head and
was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nich-
olas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from
his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tar-
nish'd with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had
flung on his back,
And he look'd like a peddler
just opening his pack.

6



The moon, on the breast of
the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of mid-day
to objects below;
When what to my wonder-
ing eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and
eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so
lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it
must be St. Nick.

3



His eyes now they twinkled!
his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
his nose like a cherry.
His droll little mouth was
drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin
was as white as the snow.
The stump of his pipe he
held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled
his head like a wreath.

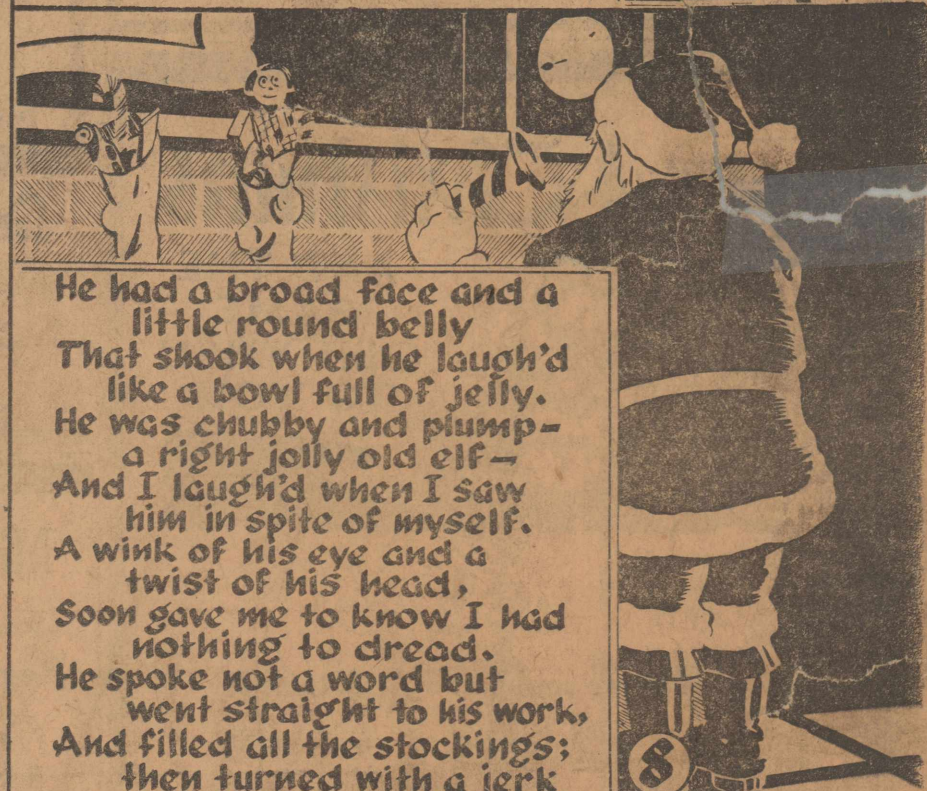
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More rapid than eagles his
coursers they came,
He whistled and shouted,
and call'd them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now,
Prancer! now, Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Don-
der and Blitzen!"
To the top of the porch, to
the top of the wall!
Now, dash away, dash away,
dash away all!"

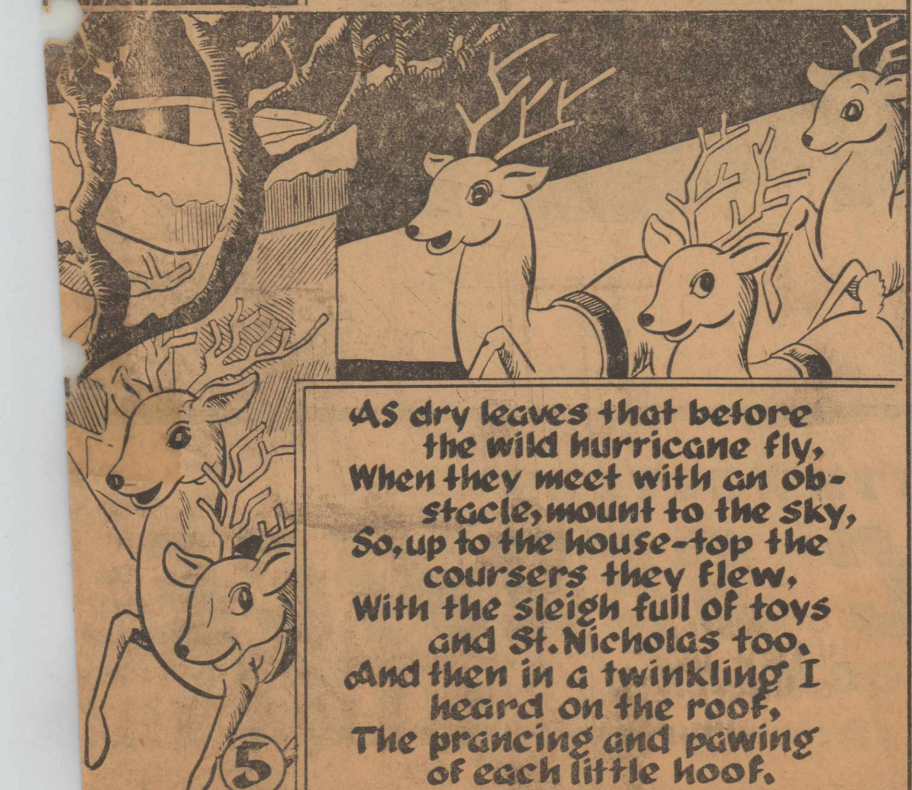
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'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by
the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas
soon would be there;
The children were nestled all
snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums
danced through their heads.



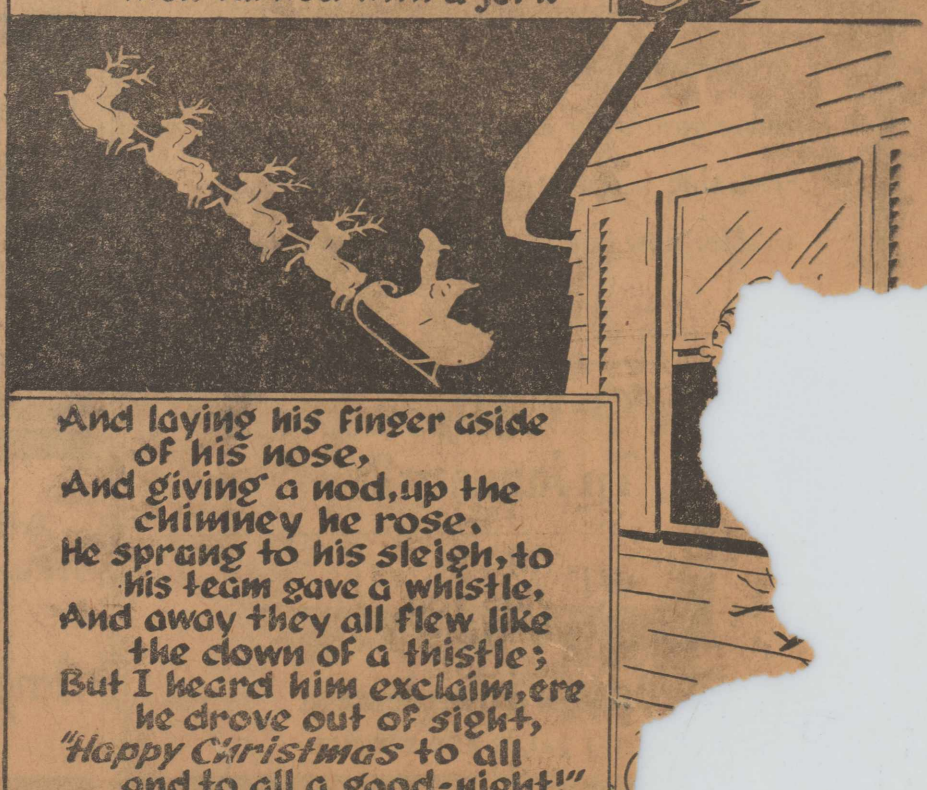
He had a broad face and a
little round belly
That shook when he laugh'd
like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump -
a right jolly old elf -
And I laugh'd when I saw
him in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a
twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had
nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word but
went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings;
then turned with a jerk

8



As dry leaves that before
the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an ob-
stacle, mount to the sky,
So, up to the house-top the
coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys
and St. Nicholas too,
And then in a twinkling I
heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing
of each little hoof.

5



And laying his finger aside
of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the
chimney he rose,
He sprang to his sleigh, to
his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like
the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere
he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all
and to all a good-night!"



White And Meadows Jailed For Felony

John White, Jr., and Dick Meadows, were arrested in La Junta, Colorado Tuesday of last week by Deputy Sheriff A. L. Wilson on charges of felony.

The arrests ended a search for two men hauling hay from Colorado who were known to have carried a black purse from the Consumers Company December

13, which was later identified as that belonging to Mrs. E. R. McNeal, the purse and contents valued at over \$125.00.

After securing the names of all men from Colorado passing through the Lamar port of entry on December 12 Deputy Wilson proceeded to La Junta, the home of all truckers passing south on that date.

The sheriff at La Junta viewed the list of names of the truckers and advised Wilson of the two who were most likely to be the men he wanted.

White was located first and readily admitted the theft, re-



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placed \$22.00 which he had spent in the purse when he returned it to Wilson. The purse and all contents except a fountain pen were recovered.

Meadows was soon located and with White waived extradition papers for returning to Stratford.

Meadows and White are being held in the Moore County jail for action of the grand jury. Their bond was sent at \$2,000.00.

have Mrs. John Boney as a new member.

Guests all enjoyed looking through Mrs. Park's newly decorated home and are proud of it for her.

Names were drawn and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. J. R. Morris; Secretary, Mrs. Luther Browder; Reporter, Mrs.

Scouts Secure Space For City Park

Scouts of Troop 38 have been donated all but two lots in a block in the Northeast part of Stratford where they hope to gradually develop a modern City Park, Scoutmaster Bob Walters stated this week.

News of the Sick

Mrs. Arthur Mullins is improving in Scott and White Hospital

at Temple, Texas.

Mrs. Lucy LaFrenz, ill at Loretta Hospital in Dalhart, remains seriously ill although she shows signs of improvement at times.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spruel's baby, hospitalized in Northwest Texas Hospital at Amarillo, is not thought to be in a serious condition but is being held for obser-

vation.

For Life Insurance See
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CHRISTMAS remembrance



It would be difficult, indeed, to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas. We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

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To you and yours this Yuletide season, we extend our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you this joyous holiday season.

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We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

Be Closed December 25 To January 2

Cowdrey Hardware & Implement

CASE SALES AND SERVICE

Priscilla Club Had Christmas Party Thursday

The Priscilla Club met Thursday in the home of Mrs. Ruth Park for its annual Christmas party, knowing there would be a surprise in store for everyone. This time it was a cake, beautifully decorated with Christmas trees and red candles. Each tree was named for a club member. After making Christmas wishes the candles were blown out. Guests are quite sure these wishes will come true.

Guests then enjoyed the cake along with other refreshments consisting of peach ice cream and fruit punch. After this all were excited over the exchanging of gifts which had been placed on the tree as each member arrived.

Everyone enjoyed little Santa, who was little Miss Royce Faye Boney. The club thanks Royce Faye, and the club kids wish to thank Ruth for remembering them so well. Even the husband's enjoyed this party because of the boxes of cookies Mrs. Park made for each member.

Members all missed Mrs. Luther Browder who had gone to Chicago. They were glad to



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No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere... in France, in Holland, in Sweden... and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

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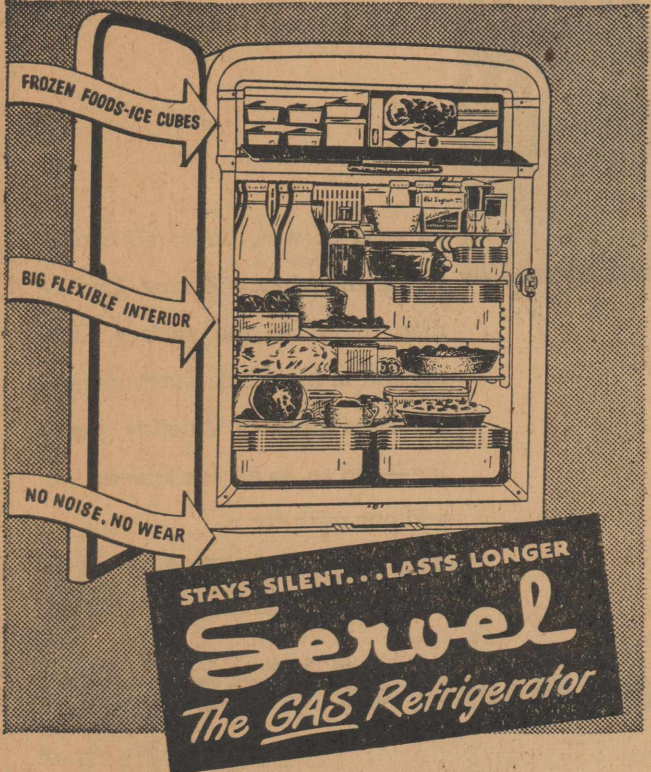
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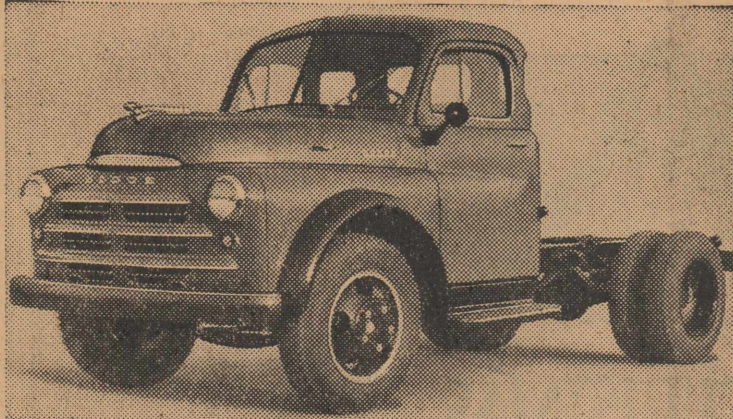


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Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sweny and son, Mike, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Sweny.

The South Side Home Demonstration club had their annual Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baskin, Jr., Monday night.

There were 34 in attendance at Sunday School Sunday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones of London, Texas are expected here Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carter. Mrs. Jones will be remembered as Virginia Schroeder. J. Pemberton, Bill Pemberton, and Miss Helen Pemberton were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carter.

Vern Morris was expected home from Loretta Hospital in Dalhart Monday afternoon where he recently underwent an emergency operation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spurlock have returned from Temple, Texas where Mrs. Spurlock underwent surgery and Mr. Spurlock took treatment. Their daughter, Mrs. Bill Bowen of Harlingen, Texas, came home with them.

J. G. Cummings visited in the W. A. Spurlock home Sunday.

Sunday Is College Day At Methodist Church

College Day will be observed at the morning and 5:00 P. M. vesper services at the Methodist Church Sunday, Rev. H. A. Nichols announced this week.

Boys and girls who have been away to college will be in charge of the program and all college

boys and girls who are home for the holidays are invited to attend these services.



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Royal Pendleton, Manager

In Colonial times Christmastide was the gayest and happiest season of the year... and so it is today. It is our sincere wish that during this Christmas of 1947 the warm, sweet joys of this blessed season may fill your hearts to overflowing.

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



... AND MAY THE SPIRIT OF THIS DAY LINGER ON, BRINGING CHEER AND COMFORT LONG AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ITSELF IS GONE.

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Never a Christmas morning, Never an old year ends, But that someone thinks of someone— Old days, old times, old friends!

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Happiest Christmas Ever!

Ralph Harding

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa:
I would love to have a train for

Christmas and what ever else you want to bring me. Will see you Christmas eve night at the Christmas program.

I love you,
Jimmy Cameron.

Court House Offices To Close for Holidays

Offices at the courthouse will be closed from December 25 until December 29, county officials announced this week.

All county officials will be available at their homes in case of an emergency and will open their offices to care for business if necessary.

Christmas Programs Wednesday

Christmas tree programs at the churches planning this annual event will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 P. M.

The Spurlock Chapel will also be the scene of a Christmas tree and program beginning at the same time.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our gratitude to our many friends for their deeds of kindness and floral offerings during our recent bereavement.
The Mullican Family.

Local News

Mrs. Dorothy Nell Wilson, a student of T. S. C. W. in Denton, is here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams.

Miss Amelia Ramon, a student of Texas State College for Women at Denton, is here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Ramon.

Russell Boney, North Texas State College student of Denton, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lelah Boney.

Mrs. A. W. Klawetter, Calvert, Texas, is a guest in the homes of her daughters, Mrs. C. T. Watson and Mrs. W. N. Price.

Bill Allen, West Texas State College student of Canyon, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, leaving Monday with the West Texas Buffaloes for a basketball tournament in California.

James Bradley, West Texas College student of Canyon, is a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gillis visited with his parents in Dalhart Sunday.

Mrs. S. V. McKee, Borger, spent the week-end in the home of

her sister, Mrs. Jack Golladay.
Ted Coons, Oklahoma University student of Norman, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Coons.
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wisdom of Jefferson City, Missouri, are expected to arrive here Christmas eve.
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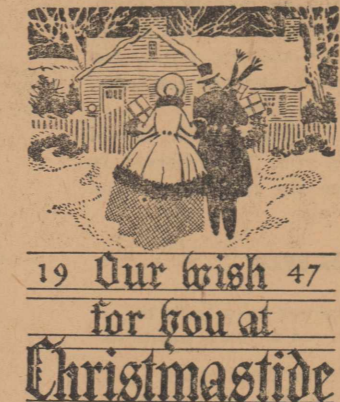
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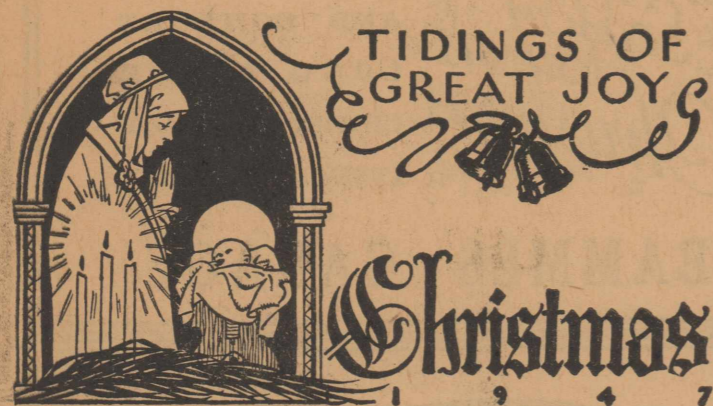
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THE QUIET JOYS OF HOME AND FIRESIDE

... the family gathered around the heavily-laden table... turkey and dressing, mince and pumpkin pies... the Christmas tree with its tinsel... the toys beneath... May you enjoy these deep sweet pleasures this Christmas of 1947.

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Season's Greetings

To thank you, as we'd like to do,
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A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community... the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

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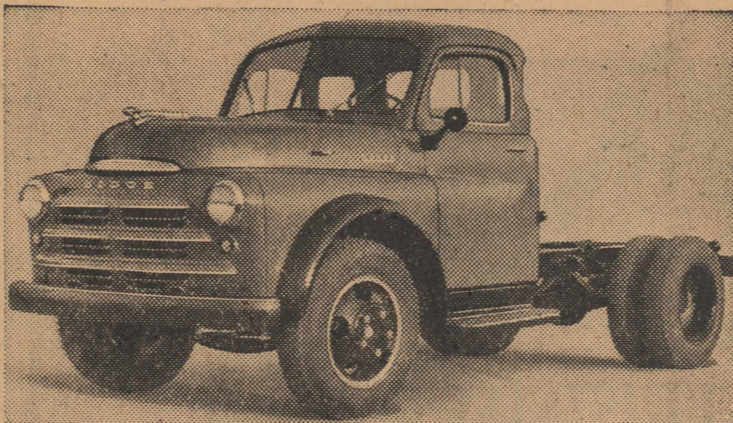


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Mr. and Mrs. Oma Ellison and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Malone attended the basketball games in Dimmitt Friday night and Canyon Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sweny and son, Mike, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Sweny.

The South Side Home Demonstration club had their annual Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baskin, Jr., Monday night.

There were 34 in attendance at Sunday School Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Foreman and daughter, Janet, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson and daughter, Sheri, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Foreman and daughter, Janet, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson.

Ina Fay Sweny, Bob Sweny, and Dwayne Carter are home from Canyon for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sweny and son, Mike, Cactus Ordinance, Mrs. Meritt Sweny and Jim Sweny were visitors in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones of London, Texas are expected here Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carter. Mrs. Jones will be remembered as Virginia Schroder. J. Pemberton, Bill Pemberton, and Miss Helen Pemberton were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carter.

Vern Morris was expected home from Loretta Hospital in Dalhart Monday afternoon where he recently underwent an emergency operation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spurlock have returned from Temple, Texas where Mrs. Spurlock underwent surgery and Mr. Spurlock took treatment. Their daughter, Mrs. Bill Bowen of Harlingen, Texas, came home with them.

J. G. Cummings visited in the W. A. Spurlock home Sunday.

Sunday Is College Day At Methodist Church

College Day will be observed at the morning and 5:00 P. M. vesper services at the Methodist Church Sunday, Rev. H. A. Nichols announced this week.

Boys and girls who have been away to college will be in charge of the program and all college boys and girls who are home for the holidays are invited to attend these services.

1947

to you
Merriest CHRISTMAS

Sherman County Abstract Co.
Royal Pendleton, Manager Stratford, Texas

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

... AND MAY THE SPIRIT OF THIS DAY LINGER ON, BRINGING CHEER AND COMFORT LONG AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ITSELF IS GONE.

BAMMES GARAGE

May Christmas Joys be yours
1947

Never a Christmas morning,
Never an old year ends,
But that someone thinks of someone—
Old days, old times, old friends!

Stratford Cleaners
Phone _____ 90

Christmas 1947

cheer and happiness

• Now, when Santa Claus is so busy making children happy and dispensing cheer all over the world, we want to extend a warm and friendly greeting to our friends. Accept our very best wishes for a Christmas season of unalloyed joy and happiness.

Consumers Co., Inc.
"We are Open 24 Hours a Day"

Happiest Christmas ever

WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT TO ADD OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE RECEIVING, BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

Happiest Christmas Ever!

Ralph Harding

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa:
I would love to have a train for

Christmas and what ever else you want to bring me. Will see you Christmas eve night at the Christmas program.

I love you,
Jimmy Cameron.

Court House Offices To Close for Holidays

Offices at the courthouse will be closed from December 25 until December 29, county officials announced this week.

All county officials will be available at their homes in case of an emergency and will open their offices to care for business if necessary.

Christmas Programs Wednesday

Christmas tree programs at the churches planning this annual event will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 P. M.

The Spurlock Chapel will also be the scene of a Christmas tree and program beginning at the same time.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our gratitude to our many friends for their deeds of kindness and floral offerings during our recent bereavement.
The Mullican Family.

Local News

Mrs. Dorothy Nell Wilson, a student of T. S. C. W. in Denton, is here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams.

Miss Amelia Ramon, a student of Texas State College for Women at Denton, is here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Ramon.

Russell Boney, North Texas State College student of Denton, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lelah Boney.

Mrs. A. W. Klawetter, Calvert, Texas, is a guest in the homes of her daughters, Mrs. C. T. Watson and Mrs. W. N. Price.

Bill Allen, West Texas State College student of Canyon, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, leaving Monday with the West Texas Buffaloes for a basketball tournament in California.

James Bradley, West Texas College student of Canyon, is a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley.

Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. E. R. McNeal, and Mrs. Van Dowda were visitors in Amarillo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gillis visited with his parents in Dalhart Sunday.

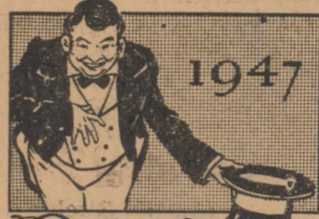
Mrs. S. V. McKee, Borger, spent the week-end in the home of



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AT CHRISTMAS
MANY HAPPY HOURS
AND TRUST
WE MAY SERVE YOU
IN THE FUTURE.

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Garrison Motor Co.
Your Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer



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And when the day
is gone
Our wishes for
our friends
Continue on and on
and on!

Stratford Time Shop
Guaranteed Watch and Clock Repairing

ily. Mrs. C. A. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Wynette, Booker, Tex- as, returned home Saturday from a visit in Beeville, Texas with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson.

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This Merry Christmas is to you. There is no wish we can give more true than this jolly old fellow is now bringing to you.

Bendix Laundry
FRANK AND EMILY ROSS



In weal or woe, under all conditions, the cheery Merry Christmas comes to the surface. It's natural in mankind. Everyone appreciates a hearty Yuletide greeting—and so, to all our friends, we add our wish for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Harding & Parker
Wayne Harding — Carroll Parker



19 Our wish 47
for you at
Christmastide

THE QUIET JOYS OF HOME AND FIRESIDE

... the family gathered around the heavily-laden table... turkey and dressing, mince and pumpkin pies... the Christmas tree with its tinsel... the toys beneath... May you enjoy these deep sweet pleasures this Christmas of 1947.

McIntosh Dry Goods



TALLYHO!

Due to a shortage of reindeer this season we send you our Christmas Greetings in this conventional way! In this season of gift-giving may we say that your friendship is our choicest gift, and we appreciate it beyond words to express. May your Christmas be a merry one, indeed!

Raymond's Radio Service



Season's Greetings

To thank you, as we'd like to do,
Is far beyond our powers
For if we had no friends like you
There'd be no firm like ours.

McMahen Furniture
Shop in South Stratford and Save



A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community... the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

W. T. MARTIN
INTERNATIONAL Trucks



WE KNOW OF NO BETTER TIME THAN CHRISTMAS TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO OUR MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO GREATLY TO OUR SUCCESS DURING THE PAST YEAR.
FROM ALL OF US ONCE MORE TO YOU, WHETHER YOU ARE OUR CUSTOMER OR NOT...
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Robbie's Gift Shoppe
Phone — 140

MANN'S



Malted Milk Bread
At Your Favorite Grocery

CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1947.

Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

The Holy Supper or Swiata Wecera is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellied, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served, and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Vareniki, some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniki go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.

Read Star Ads — It Pays

Win Texas 4-H State Awards

IN recognition of their outstanding 4-H records in 1947 Leadership, Frozen Foods and Meat Animal activities, four Texas club members will receive state awards. The winners and brief outlines of their records follow:

Howard Altenhof, 18, of New Braunfels, receives a 17-jewel gold watch provided by Thomas E. Wilson, Chicago, for having the highest rating state record in the 1947 National 4-H Meat Animal awards program. His eight-year record in 4-H work shows that he handled 34 baby beeves and 359 hogs. Howard won many placings on his meat animal exhibits, including \$1,117.50 in cash prizes, which brought his estimated income from all 4-H projects to \$59,896.00. He began his steer feeding activities by first feeding fat hogs, many of which were champions. Home grown grains were used entirely except for protein feeds. Howard has exhibited 44 steers and 208 hogs in local, county, state and national shows.

Dorothy Terrell, 15, of Plainview, is Texas' top ranking participant in the 1947 National 4-H Frozen Foods activity. She receives the state award of a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond provided by International Harvester Co. Dorothy's record shows that this year she prepared and packaged 355 pounds and 79 pints of meats, poultry, fish, vegetables and fruits for placement in the home freezer, all the produce being home grown. Dorothy's record also shows that in her five club years she raised 1,225 fowl. She has shown a reserve champion Southdown lamb and several other prize winners at the Houston and Fort Worth Fat stock shows.

Jackie Brock, 18, of Floydada, and Eloise Woodruff, 17, of Shallowater, are the boy and girl state winners in the 1947 4-H Leadership awards program. Each receives a 17-jewel gold wrist watch provided by Edward Foss Wilson, Chicago meat packer. Jackie has been a 4-H'er for nine years, during which he served as leader and president of his local club, vice president

Farm Bureau President Resigns

The national convention of the Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Chicago this year was centered around its great leader, Ed O'Neal, who has been a shining light in the farm organization, serving his people faithfully for 17 years. Mr. O'Neal retired this year to spend the remainder of his life on his farm in Alabama. He was given \$3,000.00 by the farm organization to visit the old country at his convenience and leisure.

His farewell and annual address before the 29th annual convention highlighted the growth and accomplishments of the Farm Bureau and pointed out some of the problems confronting the farmers today. His address was another masterpiece.

In 1931 when O'Neal became president of the farm bureau it had 276,050 members and assets valued at \$125,000; when he retired the organization had 1,275,180 members or farm families and \$1,125,000.00 in assets. The Texas Farm Bureau contributed 27,280 of these members and ranks 16th in the nation among the states and 8th in the southern region. Sherman County ranks first in the nation in membership percentage of farmers belonging to the local organization.

Mr. O'Neal pointed to the relationship between the Farm Bureau Organization and educational institutions and government agencies as sound and said the pearl of great pride among all our Farm Bureau treasures is education." With the educational institutions and government agencies serving the farmer on one hand and the aggressive Farm Bureau serving him on the other by carrying on their aggressive battles in the appropriate fields, the American farmer is fortified, equipped and armed to grapple with their problems as never before in history.

The great farm leader pointed with pride to the respect shown the American Farm Bureau by congress and the other two groups in our country, labor and industry. He referred to the Cooley Bill for coordination of agencies of the department of

agriculture, as the farm organization's response to leaders in congress who requested for agriculture to put its house in order.

He said farmers would have to get behind the Marshal plan or its practical equivalent to help distressed nations help themselves. Stressing that fate had placed the responsibility of world leadership on our nation which we could not evade, he pointed to the low tariff rates going into effect in January between this country and 22 other nations as a beginning of better trade relationship.

He said America stands at the gate of a golden age or the beginning of her downfall and warned we must advance as rapidly in social and human relations in our sense of moral values as we do in our technologies. In the test to come the American way of life will stand or fall not so much on the development of its "know how" technology and sciences but rather the extent to which these things were made to contribute to the welfare of all the people.

Many other noted speakers appeared on the program including Mr. Lillenthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, who explained the place of atomic energy on the farm and in plant production; Hon. Warren R. Austin, U. S. Representative to the United Nations, who plead for patience and cooperation of the people in working out the difficult problems in world affairs resulting from the world war; and Charles F. Kettering, former research director of General Motors Corp., who spoke on "Beyond the horizon in industry," which was a splendid demonstration of what the farmer may expect from his research program being expanded now.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Browder, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Folsom, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wohlford, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Buckles, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Borth, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goule, and Mr. and Mrs. Vern L. Reynolds attended the convention; all of whom returned home Saturday evening except Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wohlford who stopped for a short visit in Kansas City, Missouri.

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Howard Whatley, Pastor

Sunday

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Training Union 6:30 P. M.
Evening Worship Service 7:30 P. M.
W. M. U. Wednesday 2:00 P. M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible classes 10:00 A. M.
Morning services 11:00 A. M.
Evening services 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday evening services 7:30 P. M.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning worship 11:00 A. M.
Evangelistic service 8:00 P. M.
Bible study and prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8:00 P. M.

Everyone is invited to attend these services.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Services 11:00 A. M.
Evening Services 7:20 P. M.
A nursery under competent supervision provides care for infants during church services.
Rev. John W. Reaves, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

(Rev. H. A. Nichols, Pastor)
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Vesper services Sunday evening at 5:00 P. M.
Junior League 6:00 P. M.
Intermediate MYF 6:00 P. M.
Senior MYF 6:00 P. M.
W. S. C. S. Wednesday at 2:30 P. M.
Choir practice Wednesday night at 7:30.
Thursday night is Intermediate play night from 7:00 to 8:00 P. M.

Say You Saw It In The Star



Howard Altenhof



Dorothy Terrell



Jackie Brock and Eloise Woodruff



of the county, and president of the state organization. He won a trip to the National 4-H Camp, and was a national winner in 4-H safety last year. In addition he has held many offices in school and church organizations. Jackie completed 49 projects and won many placings on exhibits, including \$106.00, which brings the estimated value of his projects to \$19,475.00.

Eloise has been in club work for seven years. She has served as leader and president of her local club, vice president of the county, and president of the district organization. She has been awarded two trips to the State award-up, one to National 4-H Camp, and a trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Estimated value of all of Eloise's projects is \$5,086.00. She has also been active in other community activities.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1947.

Local News

J. L. Hass, Hot Springs, New Mexico, is here for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gore, and other relatives.

Mrs. Cora Duby, Sunray, is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Duby.

Chester Guthrie returned Sunday from Dallas where he took

Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good.

The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Guthrie and baby to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Keener and daughters left Monday to spend the holidays in Red River, New Mexico.

Forrest Good, Kiowa, Kansas, and H. C. Bennett, returned Wednesday of last week from a visit in Hot Springs, New Mexico.

C. B. Lutes, Dalhart, was a business visitor here Friday.

Mrs. H. E. McMinn and son, Amarillo, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McMinn.

Miss Sharlyn Reaves, a student of T. C. U., Ft. Worth, is spending the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. John W. Reaves.

Boyd McWilliams, Texas A. & M. student of College Station, is a holiday guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams.

Bill Reed, Baylor University student of Waco, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reed.

David M. Steel, a Baylor University student, is a guest for the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Steel.

Miss Shela Duby, Bristol, Virginia student, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duby.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Denney, Denton, arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Denney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown and son, Jim Tom, Santa Barbara, California, are here for a visit with the Brown families and other relatives.

Mrs. Hazel Martin and daughter, Patricia, Santa Barbara, California, are holiday guests in the home of Mrs. C. V. Collins.

Miss Kathryn Bonar, Texas University student, Austin, is spending her two weeks Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. L. E. Bonar.

Miss Bernice Townsend will spend Christmas with her parents in Amarillo.

Miss Charlotte Watson, a student of John Tarleton in Stephenville, arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen returned home Monday from Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Raymond will spend Christmas day with

relatives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. W. Alexander, Saligman, Missouri, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Boston.

War Dead Information

Next of kin of the war dead are urged not to go to San Antonio upon receipt of the initial telegram advising them that the remains have returned to the United States.

"When the ship reaches the port of entry telegrams are sent to the next of kin advising them of the return of the remains," Lt. Col. S. H. Partridge, Chief of the American Graves Registration Division at Fort Sam Houston, said. "The purpose of this telegram is to give the families ample time for funeral arrangements, to contact other relatives, and to give us a check on whether the next of kin will be available to receive the remains.

The remains do not reach the distribution center until 10 days or so after the ship arrives in port. It requires two to three weeks, after arrival at the distribution center, before deliveries can begin. Next of kin have come to San Antonio from considerable distance upon receipt of the initial telegram. Such a trip only adds to the expense and worry as there is nothing we can do for them.

"Telegrams announcing the actual date of shipment are sent to the next of kin or funeral directors four days before the remains are shipped from the distribution center."

REA has approved a loan of \$215,000 for 153 miles of line in Blanco county to serve 325 rural consumers.

Forty-seven states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Alaska and the Virgin Islands now have programs in operation under the National School Lunch Act.

More than a third of a million infected or exposed cattle and nearly a quarter a million hogs, sheep and goats have been slaughtered in Mexico in the campaign to stamp out foot-and-mouth disease.

Merry
Christmas

The Yuletide Season brings joyous Greetings to all our customers and an appreciation for the considerations we have enjoyed during the past year. Our Good Wishes to you and yours.



THE STRATFORD STAR

Moseleys Honored With Dinner Saturday

Mrs. Royal Pendleton entertained with a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moseley and Mollie Mae of Marietta, Georgia,

Saturday evening. Guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Finch, Dalhart; Mrs. Faye Storey and daughter, Nancy, Dalhart; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steel, Dalhart; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pendleton and John Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pendleton and Jean, Lubbock; Mrs. Rains, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. John



ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

Merry Christmas to each and every one

Ross Bros. Dry Goods



May this Christmas bring happiness as true, as that we have known in our relations with you!

Phones 40 and 86

Stratford Grain Co.

Steel, Johnnie and Charlie; Mr. and Mrs. William Steel and Carl Edward, David M. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pendleton and Robert Forrest, and the honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moseley and Mollie Mae.

Local News

Kenneth Pemberton is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Palmer and son, Billy, of Anabel, Missouri, arrived Sunday for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moseley and Mollie Mae of Marietta, Georgia, left Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends near Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells spent the week-end with her father, M. R. Robinson, and Mrs. Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Robinson in Boise City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Ross were visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Stanley Ullom, Tulane University student, is a guest in the home of his mother, Mrs. I. D. Divine.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hooley have returned to Stratford to make their home.

Bill Bagley left Saturday night to spend Christmas with his par-

ents in Atilene, Texas.

Mrs. Kenneth Husmann was a guest of Mrs. Esma Gilbert in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor last week.

Mrs. Myrtle Arrowsmith returned Friday from a visit with her son in Fresno, California.

Dickie Buckles, a student in Lubbock, arrived Saturday to visit with his parents and other relatives and friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake and baby were Dalhart visitors Saturday afternoon.

Ebe Osborn, Chicago, Illinois, who has been visiting his niece, Mrs. Stewart Davis and husband, in Dalhart, accompanied them to Stratford Friday for a visit in the home of his nephew, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Kelp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ritehie and Miss Bertha King, San Antonio, arrived Monday night to spend the holidays visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harding and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biddy and family left today for Melrose, New Mexico to spend the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Virgil Hawkins, and husband.

Miss Lois Mullins, who has been with her mother in Temple, Texas, wrote relatives here that she planned to arrive home this week-end.

Neal Jackson spent the week-end in Stratford with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson, and left Monday with the West Texas Buffaloes for a basketball tournament in California.

Miss Vida Bachman is expected home from Amarillo today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bachman.

Miss Jeannie Huggins, a T. C. U. student of Fort Worth, arrived Saturday night to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Milton.

Mrs. T. N. Beard attended her brother's wedding supper in Amarillo Wednesday night.

Roy Lee Malone spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Malone and left Monday with the West Texas Buffaloes to attend a basketball tournament in California.

Mrs. Lucy Kelp has been working at Cowdrey's while members of the family were called away by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie and children attended the Southwestern Public Service annual Christmas party at the

Want Ads

LOST in Stratford Saturday afternoon; a yellow gold wrist watch with black cord band. Please return to Mrs. Lamoine Palmer. 11-2tp

FOR SALE: Only ice, poultry and feed business in Stratford. Will sell to devote time to other business interests.— M. H. Harrison. 11-tfc

FOR SALE: Used Gas Ranges. Doby Plumbing & Electric. 7tfc

FOR SALE: Good '41 Chevrolet Coupe.— Leo Smith. 8-tfc

FOR SALE: 10 acres described as abstract 491 Block 30/99 Survey or Division 198, 1-T, T&NO Str. 8.—Homer Duvall, Butler, Missouri. 10-2tc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 28x38 foot with 9x34 foot porch, located 15 miles south of Stratford, to be moved.— Dan Foreman. 9-4tc

Country Club in Dalhart. Eighty-five guests were present. William Glen Hart, West Texas State College student of Canyon, is a holiday guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McNeal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bryant returned home Friday from Denton. They were accompanied by their daughter, Wanda Jean, and her guest, Miss Dorothy Hamilton of San Diego, California, who will be holiday guests in the Bryant home.



Christmas

IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT We're sending you our sincere wish for a Yuletide filled with the deepest joys of life. To you all — a very Merry Christmas.

Stratford Abstract Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spurlock, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullins, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols, Miss Lois Mullins, and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Mullins were among those in Temple, Texas last week.



WE GREET YOU AT CHRISTMAS

And trust to offer you Cheer every day of the year.

Davis Brothers

Wright Davis, Mgr.

DEAR FRIENDS

We Wish You

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Happy And Enjoyable

CHRISTMAS

The Lovelace's
Ester
Aunt Esma
Lois
Wes



Santa is at the throttle and good fellowship has the right of way. Full speed ahead for the **Merriest Christmas** of them all!

Times have changed since we started business in this community many years ago, and we have seen a great many changes. But one thing always remains the same. We continue to serve in the best possible manner the very best people it is possible to serve. We could ask for no finer list of customers, no better group of friends.

And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

Albert's Grocery & Market



Happy Holidays to EVERYBODY

• WE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST INVENTIVE RACE—AND YET WE HAVEN'T FOUND A NEW WAY OF SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS." MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL!

• IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN PHRASE NO BETTER MESSAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS SEASON THAN THAT ANCIENT WISH.

Palace Cafe

RUSSELL BEALL, Proprietor



TIME TO HANG UP YOUR STOCKING!

Whether it's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas, let us hail the patron saint of children, on this day of days.

Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood—away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the every-day world towards the joys of giving and sharing.

It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

Stratford Motor Co.

JUST

Correct

"I've had a worrying time with the insurance people. They ask such awkward questions. They even wanted to know the state of my mind."
 "How absurd! I suppose you left that blank."

Shop Talk

A jeweler's assistant, an absent-minded fellow, was being married. He was presenting the bride with the ring when he hesitated.

"With this ring," prompted the minister.
 "With this ring," said the bridegroom, "we give a written guarantee, reminding the customer that the price will be refunded if it is not as represented."

Should Stop It

He was about to leave for the office when his wife banded him a small parcel.

"What's this, dear?" he asked.
 "A bottle of hair tonic."
 "That's very nice of you, but—"
 "Oh, it's not for you!" she replied.
 "It's for your typist. Her hair is coming out badly on your coat."

That Clinched It

"Why didn't you say 'Get thee behind me, Satan?'" asked the clergyman when his wife told him she'd bought a new dress because the devil tempted her.
 "I did," she answered, "but he said, 'My dear, it fits you beautifully at the back.'"

A wit says: "You never can tell about women, and if you can you shouldn't."

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 Pops big, tender, crisp No Nuts. Try both White and Yellow Halls.
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 Freedom is everybody's job!

CROSS TOWN
 By Roland Coe

"Bet you didn't know we had a horse trader in the family, Mom! I traded a man our power lawnmower for this swell pony!"

BOBBY SOX
 By Marty Links

"Remember when you were so anxious to hear the patter of little feet around the house?"

NANCY
 By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY--- YOU MUST TAKE THIS MEDICINE

NO!

WAIT'LL TH' GANG SEES MY NEW COP OUTFIT

OH, SLUGGO--- WILL YOU HELP ME GIVE NANCY HER MEDICINE?

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LITTLE REGGIE
 By Margarita

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THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD ONE

OK, RUMPUS LET'S GO!

MUTT AND JEFF
 By Bud Fisher

JEFF, HOW OLD ARE YOU?

OH, I DUNNO! BUT I'M TWO YEARS OLDER THAN JULIUS, MY TWIN BROTHER!

TWO YEARS OLDER? YOU CAN'T BE TWINS IF YOU'RE TWO YEARS OLDER!

OH, YEH WE'RE TWINS ALL RIGHT! I CAN PROVE IT!

HOW?

WELL—WHAT DO THEY KEEP IN HAT BOXES!

HATS!

—AND WHAT DO THEY KEEP IN BOOK CASES?

BOOKS!

WELL, OUR MOTHER KEPT US IN TWIN BEDS SO WE'RE TWINS!

RIGHTO!

JITTER
 By Arthur Pointer

IF YOU DO WHAT I TELL YOU WE CAN ALL GET IN THE SHOW FREE!

THE FELLOW AT THE END OF THE LINE HAS OUR TICKETS.

REG'LAR FELLERS
 By Gene Byrnes

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF TH' HEADLIGHTS?

SELF PERFECTION!

I'M GOIN' OVER AN' TELL MOTHER AN' MONCHAN WHAT I THINK OF HIM. HE WON'T DARE HIT ME WITH THESE!

WHAM!

WHAM!

WHAM!

WHAT A JERK YOU ARE! EVEN A BLIND MAN COULD TELL THOSE SPECS WERE PAINTED ON!

VIRGIL
 By Len Kleis

AHA! SQUEEZIN' TH' TOP OF TH' TUBE!

THAT'S TH' SAME THING YOU PUNISHED ME FOR DOING YESTERDAY!

HEH-HEH---IT'S TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT BIG ENOUGH TO PUNISH ME

I'LL FIGURE OLT SOME WAY

R-RING DING-DING DING

WHO SET MY ALARM CLOCK FOR 3 AM?

SILENT SAM
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ASK ME ANOTHER?
 A General Quiz

The Questions

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- The Basques are a very ancient people inhabiting what mountains?
- How much does it take to feed a circus elephant every day?
- What was the name of the witch in the Bible who was consulted by Saul?
- The familiar cross used by the Red Cross is sometimes called what?
- What is the dividing-line age of the population of this country?

The Answers

- Arthur "Candy" Cummings, pitcher for the "Stars" of Brooklyn, in 1867.
- Pyrenees.
- 125 pounds of hay and 7 pounds of bran. It drinks 50 gallons of water.
- Endor.
- A Geneva cross.
- Thirty. Half are older, half are younger than 30.

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 Relieve the aches and "sleep robbing" Miseries of Colds fast with 666 (tablets or liquid)
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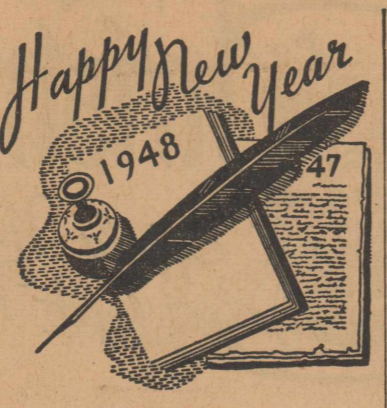
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THE New Year, the turning of another page in the book of our lives. Before us appears a new clean white page, a slab of snow-white marble...

On the new page we might place our first entry: "Smile, save, serve." We can be thankful for another morning of life. We can be thankful for this day; for its failures which we must acknowledge as lessons.

DAY'S MIXUP

The whole world celebrates New Year's Day, but not always on the same date.

The biggest mixup occurred from 1552 to 1772 when Europe and England observed the New Year on the same day but at different times!

When translated into the Gregorian calendar, the Jewish New Year's varies from September 6 to October 4. The Mohammedans not only celebrate at a different date but their calendar is dated almost 600 years behind the Gregorian.

The ancient Romans celebrated December 21, but this was altered to January 1 by Caesar in adopting the Julian calendar.



AT THE beginning of each New Year two pathways open. One slants downward, slow deterioration clouding and finally blotting out all mental excellence, spiritual appreciation and even physical strength.

Start of The Year First community in the world to celebrate New Year's Day every year is the little colony on Chatham island. This British islet in the South Pacific is the nearest land area west of the International Date Line on the 180th meridian.

Informality Marked Early Holiday Calls

A gala occasion in the lives of the American belles was New Year's Day of former years. Each expected her men friends to accept her hospitality on New Year's Day.



As the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Divine Babe in Bethlehem, let us today wisely appraise his gifts to us during the past year, and examine our hearts to see if we are duly grateful.

Rich Gifts for Jesus READ again the second chapter of Matthew, particularly the section which describes how the Wise Men brought their gifts—rare and precious gifts—to the Son of God.

Contemplating the days ahead, what shall be the test of our gifts to Jesus? Shall we give him our left-over time? Shall we be satisfied to bring him a pittance of material gifts?

The Long Look NOW we come to the heart of Sunday's lesson in Revelation 21:3: "He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples."

The theme of New Year's Day always has been one of joy. Regardless of the country or the people, or of the date on which it was celebrated, joy marked the spirit in which it was observed.

The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians began their year at the autumnal equinox, September 21, and the Greeks until the fifth century B. C. at the winter solstice, December 21.

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March 25 was the date observed among most Christian peoples in medieval days. In Anglo-Saxon England, however December 25 was New Year's Day until it was changed to January 1 at the Norman conquest, but later it was changed to March 25 and so remained until the English adopted the Gregorian calendar.

God's Eternal Rule LET us turn now to the verse in Psalm 145, which reads: "Thy Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."

Every thoughtful person is today wistfully searching for certitude—for the assurance that behind these dark clouds that lower over our frightened world the sun still shines. Better, that the sun shall break through these clouds.

Our lesson gives that very assurance. This is our Father's world. He lives! He reigns! And he waits to reveal himself to us in wisdom and power. He will not force himself upon us. We must open the door to him. He stands and knocks.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

SCRIPTURE: Jude 24, 25; Revelation 18-22; Matthew 2. DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 145:1-13.

God's Eternal Rule Lesson for December 28, 1947

THE last Sunday of another year brings us to a very fitting lesson, based on passages of Scripture found in Jude 24, 25, Revelation 18-22, and Matthew 2.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to the glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." Jude 24, 25.

With this benediction, let us pause at the rapidly ebbing shoreline of the departing year, asking the meaning of God's goodness and mercy as reflected in the Christmas season and through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage.

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TRAINING YOUR DOG

THERE'S a great difference in dogs. So if you are going to own a dog, give time and thought to what kind of a dog it should be. If you have lots of room—fields, woods, lawns—the working class dog is for you.

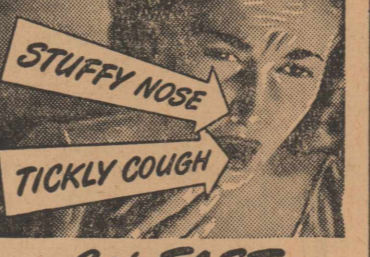
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That's Ambition

It was the job of Joey, the village dillard, as "Keeper of the Cannon," to polish the antique cannon in the village square. During a celebration, the mayor commented on the brightness of the brasswork and suggested the crowd give Joey a rousing vote of thanks.

"You know," said his wife, "I've been thinkin'. You been on that job more'n 40 years and got no place. Why don't you buy a cannon and go into business for yourself?"



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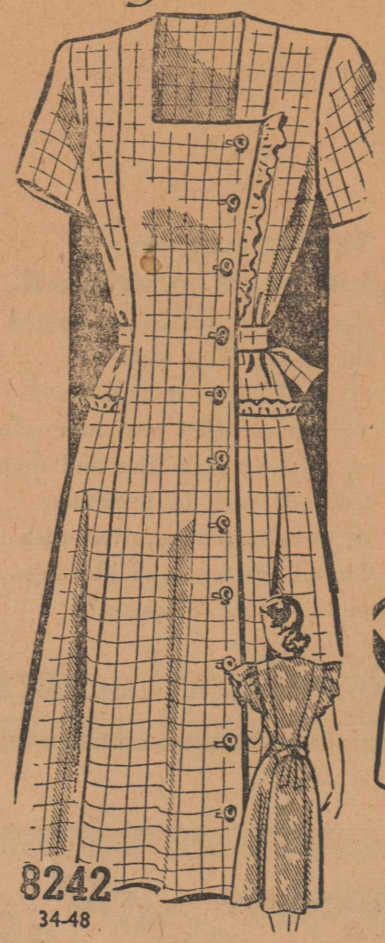
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When using scotch tape, fold over the end on the spool. Then the next time the tape is to be used, cut off the folded part, and it's ready for use.

When placing a heavy wet article on a hanger to dry, pad the hanger well by wrapping a towel around it. This gives better shape to the article as it dries and prevents it from being marred by rust.

A piece of fine sandpaper dampened, will help remove lint from mohair or felt. Rub lightly.

Improvise a sleeve board by taking the kitchen rolling pin and wrap it with several clean towels. This forms a firm padded surface to slip into the sleeve and iron over.

Do not wash the bag of your vacuum cleaner. Washing removes the special finish that makes the bag dustproof. Brush the bag instead.

Turn the broom from time to time when sweeping so the bristles wear evenly.

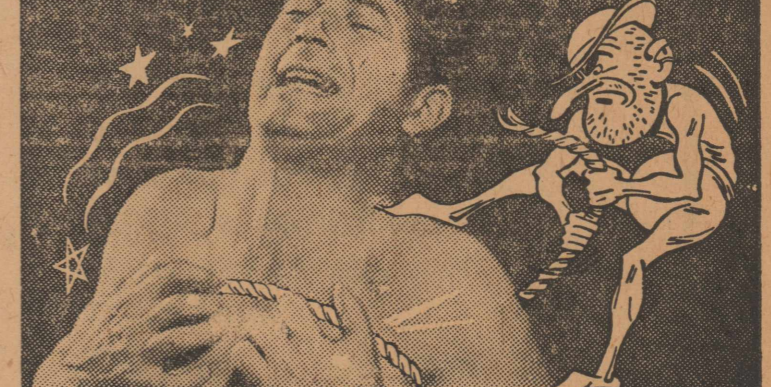
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Christmas
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 ON EARTH

While angels hovered overhead, the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to the Manger at Bethlehem. We cannot offer you their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gift must be restricted to the old, but heartfelt wish for all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

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The man was Charles Dickens; his character was Tiny Tim. And in the words of Tiny Tim, oft-repeated, we'd like to say:

"A Merry Christmas, God Bless Us Every One"

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Christian Ladies Have Christmas Program

Twenty ladies met at the First Christian Church Wednesday for a one o'clock luncheon which was followed by the Council meeting. The following program was enjoyed: Opening song, "Joy to the World." Prayer: Rev. Reaves. Devotional, Mrs. Calvird, "The Birth of Christ."— Luke 2. Solo, Mrs. W. J. Lowe, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Mrs. Reaves gave a very interesting talk on "The Division of the Missionary dollar. After a business session, the meeting was dismissed by the Missionary Benediction.

Plumbers Must Have State License

Texas plumbers who do not secure state license before January 5, 1948, will be violating the new Texas License law. They will not only be subject to the penalties of the Act, but will also be required to take an examination, C. E. Belk, Administrator of the Texas Plumbing Board warned. The law, as passed by the last legislature, provides for no extension beyond this date nor does it provide for any exceptions. He said applications postmarked on or before January 5, will make it unnecessary for qualified plumbers to take an examination, but after that date all new license would require an examination. State License now being issued are valid until February 1, 1949, and may be renewed without examination, Belk said.

Roxy Theatre

STRATFORD, TEXAS
 December 25 and 26
 William Holden and Joan Caulfield In
Dear Ruth
 December 27
 Eddie Dean and Roscoe Ates In
Wild Country
 December 28 and 29
 Ann Sheridan and Lew Ayres In
The Unfaithful
 December 30 and 31
 Jon Hall In
The Michigan Kid
 Plus Second Feature
 Phyllis Calvert and Robert Hutton In
Time Out Of Mind
New Year's Party
 11:45 P. M.
 Blondie In The Dough

Hank Says:

Well, if the hungry people of

Christmas Eve



Santa's on his way to you, and he's laden down with our wishes for a Great and a Grand Holiday Season.

Wilson Funeral Directors



In This Joyous Season of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different. A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

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Europe ever found out about the Navajos, Mr. Marshall might as well pull off his red suit and white whiskers and stay home. MERRY CHRISTMAS - and may you never see a Santa Claus wearing a handlebar mustache. Cheerfully, Hank Sherrod.



If we could—

we would say "Merry Christmas" to each of you personally. Since we can't, the next best thing is to put our greetings in print.

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- In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices of the carolers echo the message of "... tidings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men.

Van B. Boston



St. Nicholas

WISHES A MERRY YULETIDE TO ALL

Of Course you believe in Santy!...

but even if you don't right now, the chances are ten to one that at one time in your career — the short pants or long curls stage — there was no doubt in your mind that there was a Santa Claus. You not only believed in him but you were in awe of him!

Santa Claus was a short roly-poly gentleman habitually clad in red with flowing white beard. He drove through the world Christmas Eve in a heavily-laden sleigh drawn by eight dashing reindeer.

It's a beautiful old myth — as much a part of the joyous Christmas season as is our annual wish for a Merry Yuletide for you and yours!

Brown's Food Store