

# Christmas



## Bill Woodard Uses Plane To Keep Appointments

Speed is the answer when one person combines three activities as demanding as preaching, photography and study as has Bill Woodard, formerly of Stratford, who is pastor of Wheatland Baptist Church, Cameron, New Mexico, and photographer for Wayland College while completing requirements for a B. A. degree.

To cover the 130 miles from Plainview, Texas, to Cameron, New Mexico, on Sundays, Woodard, who was from 1944 to 1949 an Aviation Electrician's Mate, second class, with the Naval Air Force with many hours of patrol flying to his credit, decided to take flying lessons. No sooner thought up than Woodard was in the air and shortly thereafter minus his shirt-tail for having soloed.

Now on Sundays he pilots his two-place Taylorcraft to New Mexico and lands in a pasture near the church. He can spend Sunday night in New Mexico and be back in Plainview for his first class at Wayland without having lost three hours of much needed sleep with the resultant saving of both time and energy.

After graduation from Stratford High School, Woodard served his stint in the Navy and returned to Stratford to open Bill's Radio Shop. He married Nell Hornsby of Dumas and in 1949 their daughter Becky was born. Everything looked promising for the young couple but in 1950 Woodard was called to preach. The First Baptist Church of Stratford licensed him.

Immediately his lack of education became a problem and he entered Wayland College in January, 1951. In 1954, Woodard will receive the B. A. degree with a major in Bible and a minor in English. While in college, he has not only carried his academic courses creditably but has worked to support his

## Stratford Grain Co. Building New Elevator

A new concrete elevator with a 750,000 bushel storage capacity will be erected by the Stratford Grain Co. 10 miles south on the Santa Fe railroad at Lautz.

Earl Riffe states that Chalmers and Barton of Hutchinson, Kansas have the construction contract. These contractors have erected the other elevators operated by the firm. Mr. Riffe expects construction crews to start moving in Monday of next week. Actual construction will probably start before the first of the year.

## Mrs. M. R. Robinson Hospitalized Friday

Mrs. M. R. Robinson was admitted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Friday as a medical patient. Although her condition was considered serious, she is said to be improving.

Mrs. Robinson's mother, Mrs. Lively of Columbia, Louisiana, is here for a visit and is staying with Chucko Robinson while his mother is ill.

## Mrs. Dick Farris Is Surgical Patient

Mrs. Dick Farris underwent a major operation in Dumas Memorial Hospital Friday. She is reported to be getting along as well as can be expected.

He has also carried a normal load of student activities, being a member of Ministerial Alliance and serving as president of the Science Club. In 1952, his college church, College Heights Baptist Church, ordained him as a minister.

Woodard will continue his studies at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodard of Monticello Community near Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

## 11 Drilling Locations Announced

Eleven drilling locations were announced for Sherman County this week as oil and gas companies continued to race with time on expiring leases.

The Phillips Petroleum Co. Berry C No. 1 is 1,320 feet from the south and east lines of section 2 of Block 1-T.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Brady A No. 1 is 2,310 feet from the north and west lines of section 221 of Block 1-C.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Brady C No. 1 is 1,650 feet from the south and east lines of section 68 of Block 1-T.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Brady D No. 1 is 2,310 feet from the north and east lines of section 71 of Block 1-T.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Butler A No. 1 is 2,310 feet from the north and east lines of section 224 of Block 1-C.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Cline No. 1 is 1,320 feet from the north and east lines of section 53 in Block 3-T.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Elliott D No. 1 is 1,320 feet from the south and east lines of section 195 of Block 1-C.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Elliott E No. 1 is 2,310 feet from the north and east lines of section 197 of Block 1-C.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Elliott F No. 1 is 1,320 feet from the north and east lines of section 194 of Block 1-C.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp. Adams-Abbott No. 1 is 1,320 feet from the south and east lines of section 398 of Block 1-T.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Corp. Coffee-Vaughn No. 1 is 1,320 feet from the south and east lines of section 424 in Block 1-T.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Delphine A No. 1 is 1,320 feet from the south and west lines of section 16 in Block 1 PSL.

Old Faithful, Yellowstone National Park' famous geyser, erupts once every hour.

## Lions Enjoy Christmas Party

Stratford Lions and Lionesses enjoyed their annual Christmas party Monday night. R. C. Buckles and George Jeffcoat were in charge of the program.

Mrs. Bob Ferguson and Mrs. Lorraine Mehner sang a duet accompanied by Mrs. H. M. Flores at the piano.

Kenneth Kendrick was elected Santa Claus and presided over the exchange of gifts.

O. H. Ingham presented gifts from the club to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beall, who prepare the organization's weekly banquets, and to Mrs. Walter Pendleton, Lions Club Sweetheart.

John Kidwell read a letter from Boys' Ranch which expressed the appreciation of the boys for the \$100.00 donation given them by the club.

Lions and their guests closed the meeting by singing "Jingle Bells."

The next meeting night of the club will be January 4. This will be a ladies night program.

## Alice Guthrie Celebrates Birthday

Alice Guthrie celebrated her fourth birthday with a party Tuesday afternoon of last week. After the little guests arrived and had their picture taken, they watched Alice open the pretty gifts, then had lime sherbert, punch and gingerbread boy cookies, trimmed in red frosting and birthday cake. Each guest received a red candy basket and a wooden toy as favors.

They gathered around the record player to hear the story of "Snow White" and the "Ginger Bread Boy." Mrs. Chester Guthrie assisted Mrs. Leon Guthrie in serving: Linda Diane Bilbrey, Marvin Halle, Osa Kay Kendrick, Sue and Beth Roberts, Linda Jean Smith, Barbara Stublefield, Alice, Charlotte and Becky Guthrie.

Sardines are young herring.

## School Basketball Games Are Scheduled

Senior Boys and Girls Games

January 2 — Adrian at Stratford.

Jan. 5 — Texline at Stratford.

Jan. 8-9 — P.A.M.C. High School Tournament.

Jan. 12 — Stratford at Sunray.

Jan. 14-15-16 — Stratford Tournament.

Jan. 18 — Stratford at Adams.

Jan. 19 — Stratford at Channing.

Jan. 22 — Open.

Jan. 26 — Stratford at Gruver.

Jan. 29 — Spearman at Stratford.

Feb. 2 — Stratford at Morse.

Feb. 5 — Open.

Feb. 6 — Stratford at Texline.

Feb. 9 — Channing at Stratford.

Feb. 12-13 — Boys District Tournament at Texline.

Feb. 16 — Open.

Feb. 19-20 — Girls District Tournament at Sunray.

Grade School Schedule

Jan. 22 — Stratford at Hartley.

Jan. 28 — Stratford at Channing.

Feb. 4 — Texline at Stratford.

Feb. 8 — Sunray at Stratford.

March 19-20 — District Grade School Tournament, city not designated.

## Band Boosters Raise Funds With Play

Stratford Band Boosters believe that they have cleared approximately \$231.00 on the play sponsored by the organization Thursday night of last week.

## Letters to Santa

Dear Mr. Santa Claus:

I haven't been too good this year. But they say it's just "that Stage." So won't you bring a pig tailed doll to a little girl whose age is two and a half? Mike's one year old. He'd like a rockin' horse. Tween now and Christmas we'll both be as good as good, of course!

Your little friends,  
Leslie Gayle and  
Mike Wells

Dear Santa:

I have a black and white puppy about 2 1-2 or 3 months old. I would be glad to give to any little boy or girl who would provide him with a good home.

Mrs. Harold Gray

Dear Santa:

I'm a big boy four years old so I'd like a farm set with all the animals and a big cattle truck to haul my animals in, and a tractor and plow to do my farming with.

Please don't forget my baby brother, Steve, who is seven months old, and remember my uncle Melvin who is on his way home from Japan.

I love you,  
Lynn Gaylord

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl three years old. I want some doll clothes, a doll bed, a big teddy bear and a little blanket for Christmas. Don't forget my little niece and nephew that live in Denver.

Your friend,  
Mary Malynda Naugle

L. B. Haile Is

Surgical Patient

L. B. Haile underwent an appendicitis operation in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Friday. He is reported to be getting along nicely.

## City USO Canvass Delayed

Conflicting arrangements of local USO workers has delayed the annual canvass of the city to raise donations for the \$550.00 quota. Beta Sigma Phi ladies plan to make their rounds in Stratford on Saturday, January 2. The slogan this year is "Spare a dollar for Joe the USO."

## Death Takes Ira Pearson

Ira Pearson of Spearman, 44 year old brother of Dr. Huston Pearson, passed away Friday. Funeral services were conducted Monday in the First Baptist Church at Spearman and burial was made in Old Hansford Cemetery.

Mr. Pearson had lived in Spearman most of his life. He had taken his wife to the hospital to be admitted for surgery, and was stricken and died in a few minutes.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lois Blackburn, four children, Gwendolene, Mary Frances, Alice Malinda and Ira, Jr.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Pearson, Sr., of Perryton, six sisters and five brothers.

Dr. and Mrs. Huston Pearson attended the funeral.

## Christian Church Christmas Tree Thursday Night

The annual Christmas tree and children's program in the First Christian Church will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 P. M. Thursday.

## Variety Club Is Entertained By Mrs. Lavake

The Variety Club met December 10 in the home of Mrs. Tom Lavake.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. D. D. Howard, Mrs. Elmer Quin, Mrs. Elaph Keener, and Mrs. Norvell Blake.

Most Antarctic explorers have been English.

# THE ELK — STRATFORD SCHOOL NEWS

## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a car, a closet full of new clothes, and a ticket to Washington, D. C. I think I've been pretty good this year and I'll try harder next year.  
Thanks,  
C. (Unknown)

Hey Santa:  
I haven't been too nice this year so I won't ask for much. I would like to find Helen under my tree and lots of happiness for the years to follow.  
James C.

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have a portable radio and a watch for Christ-

mas. Of course these things are very expensive, so if you'll grant my other wish and send me a handsome man, (any one of the nicest will do), you can forget about the others. Thanks very much.  
Love,  
Sherry S.

P.S. Martha Plunk wants a little puppy very much.

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good little girl. Please send me a big maroon Nash with Harvey Ellsworth in it.  
Thank you very much,  
A Sophomore.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl this year and I want a tall, dark, handsome boy of about 18 or 19 with a light blue Cadillac convertible with seat covers made out of \$100 bills.  
A hopeful Sophomore.

Darling Santa:  
I realize I may have done a few things I shouldn't have, such as teasing poor little Martha constantly, throwing peoples clothes in the swimming pool, causing a little static in class, just a few little old things I know you will forgive when you hear the practical and useful presents I want. I want a water gun, bubble gum for my more intellectual moments. Please bring me a dozen funny books.  
Love,  
Feliz Ramon

Dear Santa Claus:  
I don't want much so heres what I do want you to bring me. A monkey or pomeranium. I have been a good girl.  
Joy Keener.

P.S. Bill wants a new car. He has been a good boy also.

Dear Santa:  
I want a red truck, red cap and red tricycle, also I want one blonde, pretty too if it can be arranged, to help me play with these things.  
Wayne Cummings

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a car with a chauffeur with initials of E. A. H., and please bring me a watch that mother can use, but can't tell what time I'm supposed to be home.  
Bonnie Farris

Dear Santa:  
I have been real, real, good this year and I want to ask some thing large of you. Will you please bring the Senior Class something besides "beans" for our Junior-Senior banquet?  
Hopefully,  
Shirley Finch

P.S. I need some good grades on my report card too!

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a new '54 Cadillac but if you are short on funds, an old beat up Ford will do.  
Mike Neal

Dear Santa:  
Of course I have not been very

good but it takes all kinds of people to make up the world you understand. I would like to have V-54 vitamin pills to make me grow taller and make me a better basketball player. Also, Santa, send me a new '54 Cadillac convertible with a lovely blonde.  
Hopefully,  
James Davis

Dear Santa Baby:  
We've all been real good mighty fine girls. Since we're too old for toys, bring us "Boys." If boys aren't available bring us "Men." (They'll do.)  
Carroll Ann wants your latest fashion of earrings imported from Mars. Irene needs a jet-propelled car to drag main and please make it fold up going around corners. Arlene isn't too particular just so she has a knock-out date every Saturday night. Irene and Carroll Ann would also like the same.

If you have any extra Saturdays and Sundays, please put 'em in our socks.  
Would you please improve our town, Stratford, by giving us these things:  
A drive-in cafe, ice palace, skating rink, bowling alley, a park, a golf course, dairy queen stand and youth center.

We haven't asked for much so please don't forget us.  
We all love you,  
Arlene, Carroll Ann and Irene.

P.S. Please send Homer and Jethro their upper plate so they can eat their Christmas turkey. Don't borrow mama's because she needs them at home.

Dear Santa:  
I really don't believe there's any need for me to ask you to bring me any thing because I have been a very nice girl all year and I'm sure you'll bring me something special.  
However I would like to ask a favor of you. Sarah and Laurine, two very good friends, have not been very nice this year, but I'd like to ask you to bring them something nice any way. Laurine would like a blue '52 Oldsmobile and Sarah would

like any thing that walks on two legs about six feet tall.  
Thanks a million.  
Joyce Haney.

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good girl. All I want this year is a pair of levis and a shirt, these of course are to have a handsome young man in them.  
Love,  
Frances.

Dear Santa:  
I would like to have a good looking girl to go with this Christmas. Will you please send her to me early because the party is on Saturday. I have been a fairly good little boy and sure hope you can get me a girl for the party.  
Your friend,  
Sherrydon Keener

Dearest Santa Darling:  
We three sweet little girls would like to have just a few more dates. Say about seven days a week.  
Also more letters (besides bills) would be appreciated.  
Love you,  
Marjory, Joe Wayne and Cynthia.

P. S. Please bring Marjory some red flannels. She just nearly freezes to death on these cold

days.  
Dearest Santie:  
We are two very good little girls. Why we would never dream of doing anything that would annoy others. We only want a few little old things for Christmas. Such as a trip to Canyon for Jean, and just a plain man for Adabelle. I'm not particular, he has to have blonde wavy hair with a golden tan, six foot four inches tall, 3 feet shoulder spread and wear size 12 shoes.  
Gobs and gobs and gobs of

love,  
Jean Seaman and Adabelle Knight.  
Dear Santa:  
All I want is a white Christmas.  
Thanks,  
Le Rayne Donelson

Dear Santa:  
I have been a very good girl and I only want one thing for Christmas. I want a blue-green Ford convertible. Of course, I want it equipped with the latest gadgets such as a TV set, radio,  
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Season's Greetings  
Stratford Abstract Co.

greetings  
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Greetings

May Joy Attend Your Christmas

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-and on earth, peace-

May the deep meanings of the first Christmas bless your home.

# Stratford Grain Co.

Alphonso Garcia Auctioneer

## Want Ads

PIANO FOR SALE: We have a piano in this vicinity out on demonstration which we will sell at considerable savings rather than return to Garden City. Piano was placed in home pending delivery of new organ. Instrument is of excellent quality, will carry full guarantee, and is like new. Write Clark-Shaw Music Store, 317 North 8th, Garden City, Kansas, for additional information. 10-3tc

FOR RENT: 2 Bedroom unfurnished house on Pearl and South Third Streets. Write or contact Presley Ashton, Cactus, Texas. 10-tfc

FOR SALE: CHOICE YOUNG PARAKEETS, just the right gift for Christmas. Place your orders now.—Woody Gay 10-4tp

FOR SALE OR RENT: 5-Room, unfurnished house. — Bob Flisk, Texhoma, Oklahoma. 10-tfc

FOR SALE: One 1951 1-2 ton 3 speed Chevrolet Pickup, in good condition. — Sloan Improvement Co. 10-tfc

PAINTING and Decorating, taping and texturing, first class workmanship and materials. Call 2111 or drop a card to E. C. (Cal) Minkley; Stratford, Texas. 10-tfc

FOR SALE: My home in Stratford. — Art Ross. 12-tfc

UNUSUALLY scratches and fender dents repaired for nominal costs. Let us paint the top panel to convert your car into a flashy two-tone. — C & E Paint & Body Shop. 42-tfc

DR. PEARSON HOME for sale. — Phone 2351 or 3351. 3-tfc

LAWN MOWERS sharpened and repaired. All work guaranteed. — E. E. Hamilton, Machine Shop. 49-tfc

DIAL 2111 for PLUMBING and general repairs. — Willis Naugle. 5-tfc

Linda Lee Cosmetics — Hazel H. Cameron, Phone 3951. 47-tfc

Long distance household moving. Years of service your guarantee of satisfaction. — Bruce & Son Transfer and Storage, Phone 192, Borger, Texas. 29-tfc

FREE PICK-UP on dead stock. Dalhart Rendering Co., Call Collect 417-W. 16-tfc

CALL Margaret Harrington, 3676, for orders on home-made pies, cakes, cookies, hot rolls or Christmas cakes and cookies. 9-tfc

TWO unfurnished 4 room houses, and two furnished 4 room apartments for rent. — J. B. Willey, Phone 2491. 9-tfc

PAUL'S Phonograph Record Shop, New and used, used 25c; and Record Players also, Radio repair, 412 Dumas Avenue, Dumas, Texas. 9-9tp

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Noah was 600 years old when the ark was completed.

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Dalhart — Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Another Happy Season... Another Good Wish...

Alphonso Garcia Auctioneer

**Mrs. M. H. Harrison Improving Rapidly**

Mrs. M. H. Harrison is rapidly regaining her health at St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. She was rushed to Amarillo Monday night of last week for an emergency appendicitis operation.

Mrs. Harrison became ill Sunday night of last week with what she thought was an attack of indigestion. She did not think her condition serious. Monday Mr. Harrison called the family physician and a blood count indicated she was suffering from an attack of appendicitis. The incision revealed that the appendix had ruptured and gangrene had set in. The surgeon credited her recovery to the fact that the poison was localized.

Mrs. Harrison was able to be up and walk around her bed for the first time Monday morning. Mr. Harrison returned home from Amarillo Tuesday. He stated he did not know when he would get to bring his wife home.

**Beta Sigma Phi Entertains With Dinner Dance**

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority members, their husband, and a number of friends enjoyed a dinner-dance as their annual Christmas social in the American Legion Hall Saturday night.

The hall was decorated in keeping with the season. On the piano a large basket of ever-

greens tied with a large red bow, glistened with Christmas balls and lights.

Forty-eight guests were served food from a long table covered in white, with white candles in red apple holders glowing over a centerpiece of red roses, holly and evergreen sprayed with snow.

Dinner was enjoyed at small tables covered in white and decorated with red and green candles, evergreens and pine cones.

**Entertain Relatives**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albert and Mrs. H. M. Brown entertained relatives in their home Sunday evening.

The entertaining rooms, decorated with Christmas sprays, were a perfect setting for an evening of visiting.

The opening of the gifts which had been placed under the pretty Christmas tree by each guest present was an enjoyable event. Refreshments of delicious fruit cake, coffee and candy from an attractive table centered with a Christmas scene.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross, Bill Ross, Mr. (Continued on Page 8)

**The Elk—**

(Continued from Page 2) telephone, a tall, black headed 21-year old boy to drive it, and if at all possible, stuff the cushions with nice soft money.

As you can see Santa, I don't want much so I'll see you Christ-

mas. Love, Lynne Reeder

Dear Santa: All I want for Christmas is one brunett and a couple of blondes. Please put them in my sock. Thank you, Donnie Jacobs

Dear Santa: Please bring me a car with pretty seat covers. Bring Bob Euper a person named Marjorie Main or some old lady to teach him some manners. If you don't have a lot of Marjorie's bring him a baby bottle. I'm sure he would enjoy it

A little kid, Glennis (the Menace) Webb P.S. Don't forget my friends and all the kids.

Dearest Santa: I have been a very good little kid this year. I am just like any other kid, I want a number of things for Christmas. Here is my list:

- 1. A babe, about 5 feet 5 with

all it takes. 2. An extra car would be nice. Also anything else you want to bring will be nice. You don't need to drop these down my chimney, because I know what a hard time you have. Just park them at my front door. A little friend in need, Benny Bidy

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to come to my house a little early and bring me a date to the Christmas party. Don't forget Carol Parvin, she wants one too. I love you, Sherryl Ragsdale

Dear Santa: Please bring me a dark green Chevrolet containing Dan Gillis. I have been a very good girl. Thank you, A Secret Admirer.

Dear Santa Claus: I am not asking for very much. I would like to have a new car and Frankie under the Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

Thank you, Jean Cummings P.S. Please don't let me down.

Dear Santa: I would love to have a little puppy. Before you bring it to me you had better talk to my father because, you see, he told me I couldn't have one. Love ya, Martha Plunk

P.S. You can also bring the Junior class some crepe paper and a band for our prom. Don't forget Feliz.

**F. H. A. News**

We had a meeting last Monday night and decided on making and selling Christmas corsages as one of our F. H. A. projects for this year. They are real nice.

We had a called meeting Wednesday afternoon and Mr. Lamb helped us on our Parliamentary Procedure.

Our next meeting will be the first Monday in January and we have planned a program for that night.

Our club mothers are Mrs. Raymond Keener, Mrs. Louise Williams, Mrs. Tommy Taylor and Mrs. Marion Reeder.

**Letters To Santa**

Dear Santa: The F.H.A. girls of S.H.S. this year would like to ask you a very small favor. Since there are so many of us and it will be kinda hard to get around to all of us, we would like to ask you to bring something real nice to our swell sponsor and F.H.A. mothers who have really been swell.

Thanks a lot, F. H. A.

Dear Mr. Claus: I have worked very hard since last Christmas, and have taken on a great responsibility, I have gotten married. And it seems like all my basketball girls were sure not going to let me get the

best of them and followed in their dear coaches footsteps. Poor kids. Anyway I would like for you to bring me three or four forwards that just can't possibly miss the goal. Please bring my wife some thing nice like an alarm that doesn't wake up her husband. I don't think I'm going to be able to get her any thing this year. You know

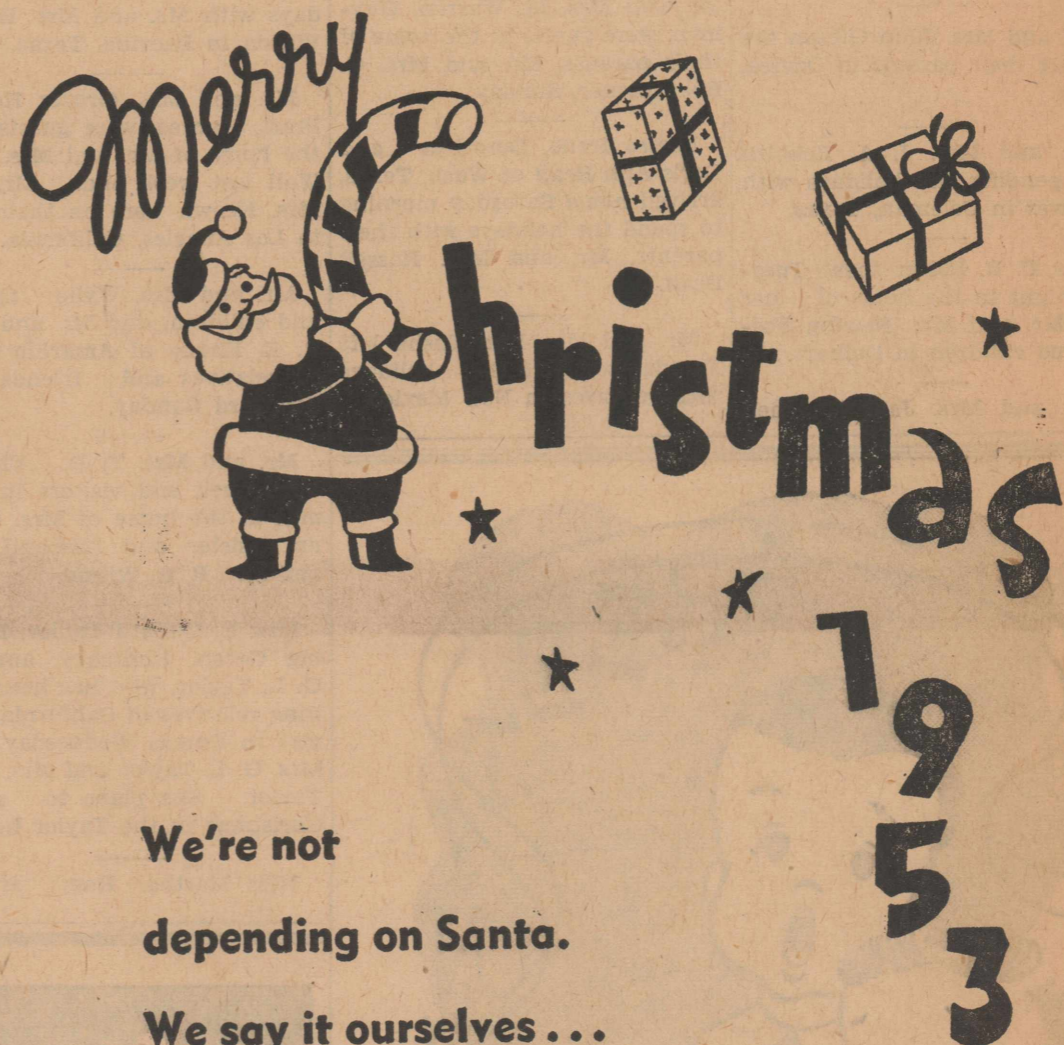
how teachers pay checks are. Love, Coach Duggins

Dear Santa: Would you please bring me a ticket to get out of the dog house when ever it is needed and also a brother from New Mexico Military Institute.

Love, Carolyn Folsom

Dear Santa: I think I have been pretty good and I would like a car, a boy friend, and lots of time. Jeanette McMahan P.S. Don't forget my friends.

Dear Santa: I am a real small boy 14 years old. I would like to have an electric football set, so I can (Continued on Page 7)



We're not depending on Santa. We say it ourselves... Happy Holiday

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best wishes at Christmas

1953

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May the symbols of child-like peace denote our Christmas thought.

Christmas Cheer  
Peace and Contentment be Yours  
Sherman County Abstract Co.

**Local News**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welsh, Albuquerque, New Mexico, spent the week end with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lyon.

Stanley Folsom, a student at New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, arrived home Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Folsom.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson are visiting their parents in Odessa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robbins are spending the holidays with relatives in Coleman, Texas.

Mrs. C. R. Foster spent Tuesday night in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Foster and children in Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winchell

visited friends here Tuesday. They are spending the holidays with relatives in Dalhart. The Winchells are moving from Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelp of El Paso, Texas are here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collins and children, Lubbock, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Warren, Guyton, were guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Turner, Sunday.

Misses Irene, Dorothea and Doris Ann Beall of Waco, Texas, arrived home Saturday morning to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beall.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tusha left Tuesday to spend the holidays with relatives in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur Milton and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Davis and Jeff visited relatives in Tucumcari, New Mexico Sunday.

Pfc. and Mrs. Marion Brannan of El Paso, Texas arrived Monday on a 15-day furlough to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewie Brannan and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton left Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson in Beeville, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Keown, Pratt, Kansas, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Wall last week end. Mr. and Mrs. Keown were on their way to Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Gilmer and children, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kessie of Amarillo visited relatives and friends in Stratford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum were week end visitors in Dumas in the home of Mrs. Chisum's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson.

Mrs. C. Willard Taylor, Bowling Green, Kentucky, aunt of G. L. Taylor, who has been visiting relatives in California, was met in Dumas Wednesday by Mrs. G. L. Taylor and Mrs. T. L. Taylor. She plans to spend Christmas in the Taylor home.

Miss Martha Ross arrived

home Wednesday evening from Wichita, Kansas, where she attends Mt. Carmel Academy.

Mrs. Richard Albert and Mrs. Alfred Bammes were visitors in Dumas Tuesday.

G. L. Taylor, who has been in Dallas, Texas for medical treat-

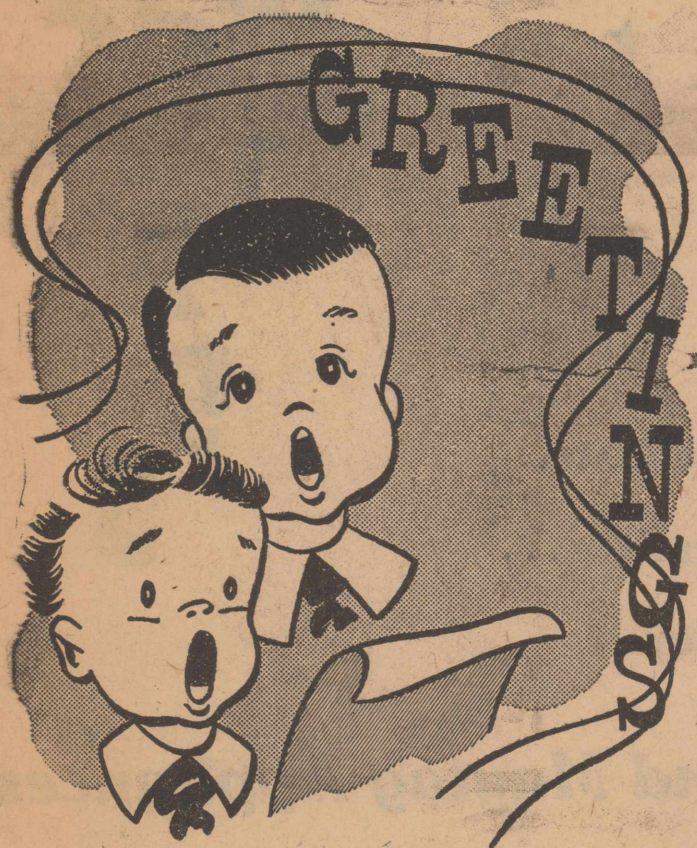
ment, returned home Sunday. He responded to the treatment and is feeling much better than when he went to Dallas. His wife and daughter-in-law, Mrs. T. L. Taylor, and grandson, Robert Lester Taylor met him in Dalhart.

Mrs. C. R. Foster and Miss

Minnie Laura Jackson plan to spend Christmas with relatives in Amarillo. Mrs. Foster will visit her sister, Miss Ineva Headrick, for several days, and have Christmas dinner in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Headrick. Miss Jackson will visit her sister, Mrs. R. E. Kessie and Mr. Kes-

sie. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Salesman and two daughters of Flat Rock, Illinois, arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Salesman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer.

Bees have four wings.



A Day full of Happiness

is our

Christmas message to you

Be Sure To Get Your Lay-Away Packages  
By 6:00 P. M. Christmas Eve  
We'll Be Out of Town Christmas Day

**Jones Hardware**



MERRY-MERRY  
*Christmas*

Holiday Joy  
be Yours

through the  
whole season!

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Our Very Best  
to You  
and Yours . . .

**McMahen Furniture Co.**

**The Best For Less --**



May the  
bough of your tree  
bend low  
with good things.

We Would Like To Take This  
Opportunity Christmas Gives Us  
To Tell You Just How Much We  
Value Your Friendship and To  
Wish Our Many Friends and  
Customers, You and Yours, A  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

**EGGS** Large Fresh Country **DOZEN 59c**

<b>HENS</b>	FRESH DRESSED POUND	<b>49c</b>	<b>LETTUCE</b>	Fancy California Large Heads Pound	<b>10c</b>
<b>FRYERS</b>	FRESH DRESSED POUND	<b>49c</b>	<b>CELERY</b>	California Pascal Stalk	<b>15c</b>
<b>Beef Roast</b>	Grain Fed Center Cut Chuck Pound	<b>35c</b>	<b>CABBAGE</b>	MEDIUM HEADS POUND	<b>3c</b>
<b>HAMS</b>	Picnic Pinkney Shankless 4 To 6 Pound WHOLE - POUND	<b>43c</b>	<b>ONIONS</b>	NO. 1 COLORADO WHITE POUND	<b>5c</b>
<b>CHEESE</b>	KRAFT ELKHORN POUND	<b>45c</b>	<b>SPUDS</b>	COLORADO REDS 25 POUND BAG	<b>69c</b>

**Coffee Folgers lb. 89c**

<b>CRISCO</b>	3 POUND TIN	<b>89c</b>	<b>PECANS</b>	SHELLED 1 POUND CELLO. BAG	<b>79c</b>
<b>Ketchup</b>	HEINZ 14 OZ. BOTTLE	<b>25c</b>	<b>PEANUTS</b>	RAW POUND	<b>25c</b>
<b>CATSUP</b>	STOCKTON BOTTLE	<b>15c</b>	<b>GUM</b>	WRIGLEY'S BOX OF 20 5c PACKAGES	<b>65c</b>
<b>OYSTERS</b>	For That Dressing - Blue Plate Shor-Pak Cove Reg. 4 3/4 Oz. Tin	<b>39c</b>	<b>Black Pepper</b>	White Swan 8 Ounce Tin	<b>79c</b>
<b>Pimentos</b>	DROMEDARY 4 OZ. TIN	<b>16c</b>	<b>Cranberry Sauce</b>	Ocean Spray 16 Ounce Tin	<b>19c</b>
<b>COCONUT</b>	BAKER'S SOUTHERN STYLE 4 OZ. TIN	<b>17c</b>	<b>PUMPKIN</b>	DEL MONTE NO. 303 TIN	<b>13c</b>
<b>TOMATOES</b>	DIAMOND NO. 303 TIN	<b>13c</b>	Big No. 2 1/2 Tin		<b>19c</b>
<b>Green Beans</b>	DIAMOND NO. 303 TIN	<b>14c</b>	<b>Apple Sauce</b>	White House No. 303 Tin	<b>22c</b>
			<b>CORN</b>	Whole, Roasting White Swan Big No. 3 Tin	<b>37c</b>

**Albert's Grocery & MARKET - - Phone 4821**

### Local News

Mrs. Roy Strother was brought home Tuesday from Dalhart, where she has been a medical patient in Loretto Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morgan, Dallas, Texas, are guests in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Guthrie.

Joe Crabtree is on furlough from Camp Rucker, Alabama to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree.

Cpl. Melvin Bachman arrived home Wednesday from Japan after receiving his discharge in El Paso, Texas to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bachman.

ADAN and Mrs. Howard L.

Hart and daughter of Alameda, California are here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ray McNeal.

### Just Thinking—

"They" ought to help the farmer  
And buy the rancher's hay;  
"They" ought to lower taxes.  
But who, my friend, are "they?"

"They" ought to raise the pensions  
And help the debtors pay;  
"They" ought to trim the budget.  
But who, indeed, are "they?"

We've got to have a bonus  
Or something else that's free!  
But high surprise awaits us

## Season's Greetings



May the true meaning of Christmas be yours.

## Stratford Tractor Co.

To find that "they" are we.

It surprises many persons to know that money from Washington is not free; that the people pay it. The rich Uncle Sam is not just a generous fellow who gives us what we want.

Here is where the federal government got its money during the last fiscal year:

From individual income taxes (those who made \$600 or more a year): \$29,274,107,000 (of which \$17,929,047 was withheld by the employer and taken from your wages before you got your check.)

Those who work, Social Security taxes (withheld from your wages,) \$4,464,264,000.

Those who drink liquors or wines, \$2,549,088,000.

Those who smoke cigarettes, cigars or use tobacco, \$1,565,162,000.

Those who buy gasoline and

oil, \$808,460,000.

Those who bought automobiles, \$578,149,000.

Those who bought trucks, \$147,445,000.

Those who bought parts, accessories, or tire or tubes, \$325,497,000.

Those who use electricity, \$13,094,000.

Those who bought refrigerators, air-conditioners, \$17,970,000.

Those who bought radios or phonographs or records, \$125,124,000.

Those who bought musical instruments, \$9,412,000.

Those who bought jewelry, \$230,402,000.

Those who bought furs, \$41,436,000.

Those who bought toilet supplies, \$112,892,000.

Those who bought luggage, \$90,799,000.

Those who used the telephone or telegraph, \$705,770,000.

Those who traveled by train or bus, \$275,174,000.

Those who shipped by train or truck, \$388,589,000.

Those who went to shows, \$330,782,000.

Those who went to cabarets or night clubs, \$45,489,000.

Those who joined clubs, \$33,592,000.

Those who ate sugar, \$78,473,000.

Those who died, \$750,591,000.

All of us, \$65,009,939,000.

You get it for nothing from

### Roxy Theatre

STRATFORD, TEXAS

#### New Starting Time

Week Days ..... 7:00 P. M.  
Saturdays ..... 5:30 P. M.  
Sunday ..... 2:30 P. M.

DECEMBER 24

Robert Louis Stevenson's  
**The Master Of Ballantrae**  
IN TECHNICOLOR  
Starring Errol Flynn

DECEMBER 25 And 26  
IN TECHNICOLOR

**WINGS OF THE HAWK**  
With Van Heflin and Julia Adams

DECEMBER 27 And 28

Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh In  
**HOUDINI**  
IN TECHNICOLOR

DECEMBER 30 And 31

In Color by Ansco

**TAKE THE HIGH GROUND!**

Starring Richard Widmark,  
Karl Malden, Carleton Carpenter and Russ Tamblyn

## Season's Greetings



May yours be filled with pleasant people all through the Holidays.

## Roxy Snack Bar

WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, Saturday and Sunday — December 25-26-27



# Merry Christmas

We greet Christmas 1953 with the friendly spirit of past years.

## Stratford Department Store

And WILCOATS At Texhoma

Washington, do you?

### Y. W. A. Girls Go Caroling

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church went caroling Wednesday night of last week with Mrs. J. S. Johnson, their counselor. After caroling they gathered at the home of Mrs. O. H. Ingham where they were served refreshments by Mrs. Ingham, Mrs. Everett Riggs and Mrs. Leon Guthrie.

Sale of timber and leasing of land for grazing, power recrea-

tion and other special uses by the Forest Service from July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953, brought to the federal treasury about \$76.5 million.

A cluster of bananas is called a hand.

## DR. GUY D. CLAYTON

### OPTOMETRIST

ANNOUNCES REMOVAL OF HIS OFFICE TO 313 DENROCK AVE.

Dalhart

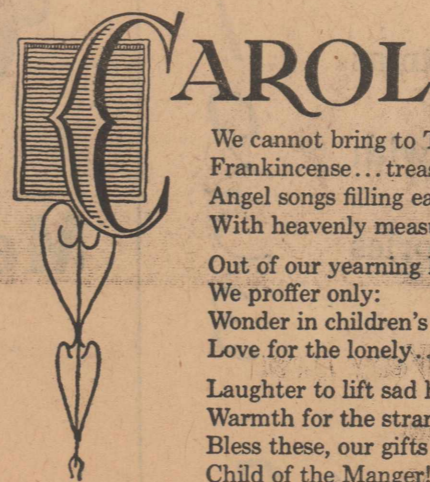
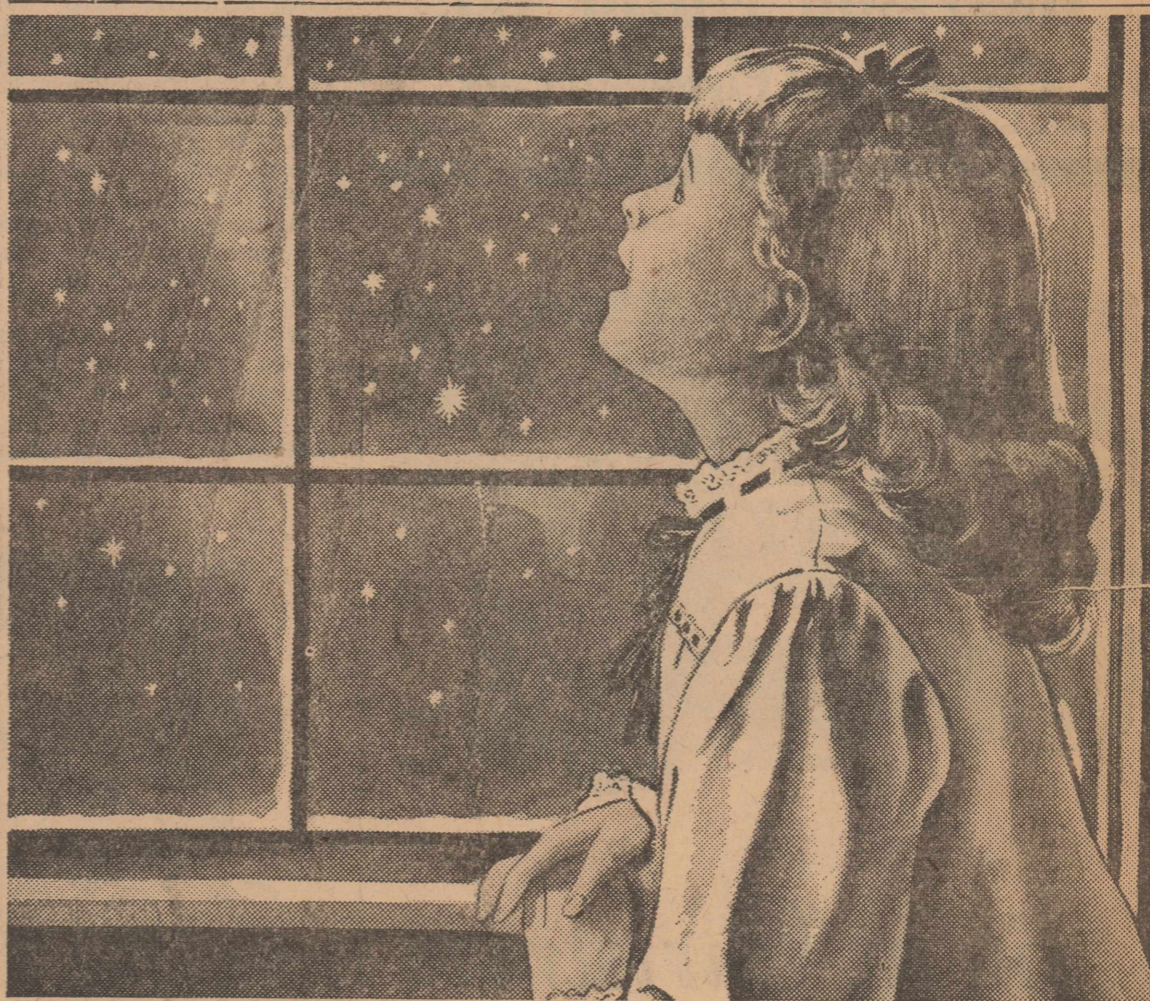
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## Best Wishes

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May happiness and joy symbolize your home in this season of Christmas.

## Van B. Boston



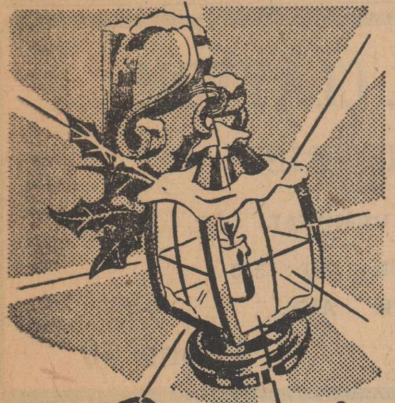
We cannot bring to Thee Frankincense... treasure... Angel songs filling earth With heavenly measure...

Out of our yearning hearts We proffer only: Wonder in children's eyes... Love for the lonely...

Laughter to lift sad hearts... Warmth for the stranger... Bless these, our gifts to Thee, Child of the Manger!



Lake Superior is the largest fresh-water lake in the world. Twenty-one guns comprise the national salute to The Flag.



A BRIGHT AND JOYOUS Yuletide

LUCY KELP CLEANERS

YOUR FARM PROBLEM

(By Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture)

This nation has a serious farm problem. It does not affect agriculture alone. It is everybody's problem.

Today your government has approximately \$5 billions of your money invested in farm commodities.

You own outright more than \$2.5 billions worth of wheat.

—Dr. Harry Arnold —Dr. Edwina Arnold

Drs. Arnold & Arnold

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at Christmas

To our customers and to our fellow business Associates, Greetings...

DAVIS Motor Co.

corn, cotton and other surplus farm products. You have outstanding loans on agricultural commodities totaling about the same amount. This figure is growing daily.

You are paying more than \$14 millions each month just to store these surpluses. This bill is growing, too, as additional inventories are accumulated by your government.

The losses which your government sustained in disposing of just a small portion of your holdings during the first three months of this fiscal year amounted to \$47 millions.

But, you ask, don't we have a farm program designed to insure agricultural prosperity and prevent the very situation we find ourselves in today?

The answer is that we are operating under the same farm program we had last year and for several previous years. Actually we have strengthened it in several important respects to permit farmers to take broader advantage of its provisions. Existing legislation binds us to a continuation of price supports at 90 per cent of parity on basic commodities through the 1954 crop year.

Nevertheless, farm prices have declined steadily from the record peaks established under the

impetus of the Korean war in February, 1951. During the 12 months immediately before I became Secretary of Agriculture, the farm price parity ratio slid from 113 to 95 per cent. Since February of this year, prices have been more stable than in 1952, averaging about 93 per cent of parity.

This story of declining farm income and mounting agricultural surpluses is the best evidence that our present program is not functioning effectively.

For more than a decade, our farmers have been producing under pressure. To meet the war-time needs of ourselves and our allies, they turned out record amounts of food and fiber between 1941 and 1946. With the end of the second World War, they were asked to provide the commodities required in the rehabilitation of Europe and other sections of the earth. Then came the Korean War, with new and heavy demands for farm goods of all kinds.

Suddenly this situation was radically altered. World food production had been climbing since 1946. By 1952 this was exerting strong pressure in the market places. Our wheat exports dropped by one-third in a single year, cotton by even

more. Not only had importing nations increased their own production, but they found that they could supply their reduced needs at lower prices from exporting countries which had no farm price support programs.

Just as many American consumers have turned from butter to less expensive spreads, so have other nations sought cheaper wheat, cotton and other products.

We have learned through sometimes bitter experience that when the farmer is in trouble, there is likely to be trouble ahead for everybody. This year, net farm income is expected to be nearly \$1 billion less than it was in 1952. And in 1952 it was more than \$1 billion below the preceding year. While farm income has been dropping, our total national income has actually increased.

This disparity cannot continue in an economy such as ours. When the farmer can't buy the products of industry, there are certain to be serious dislocations.

How we got into this situation is not as important, at the moment, as what we propose to do about it. I have outlined here some of the major problems facing agriculture. In a subsequent article, I should like to discuss some of the possible solutions.

Soldiers Field in Chicago has the largest seating capacity of any stadium in America. Noah's Ark was built of gopher wood.

Plains Drug Co.

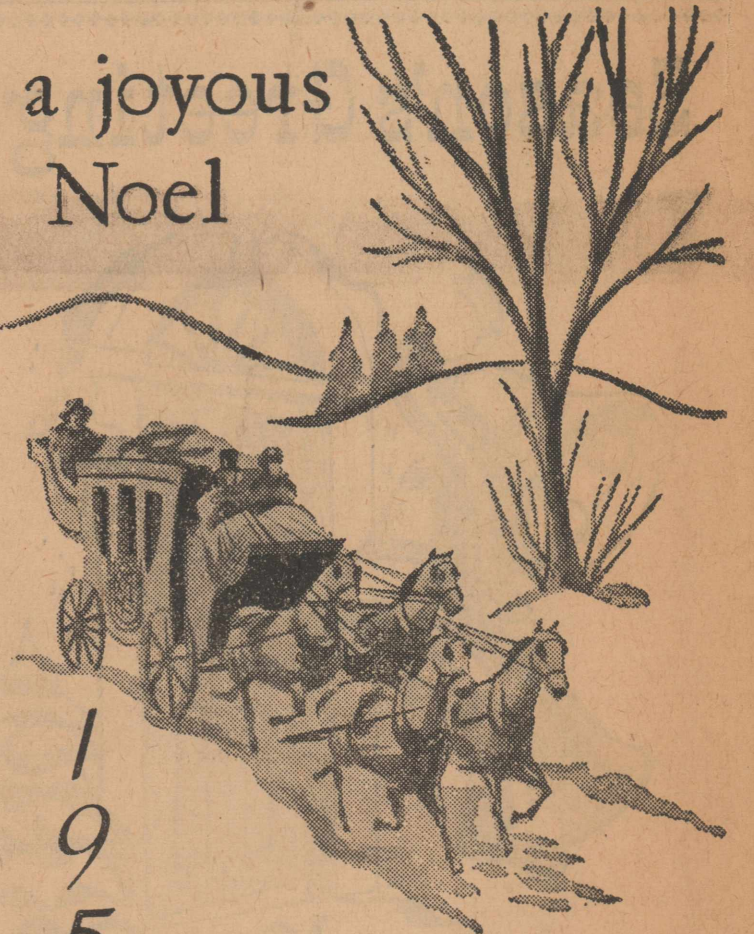
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Dumas, Texas

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Old fashioned greetings to old-time friends.

Beautiful TV SET Given Away At 4:00 P. M. Christmas Eve Party

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Studebaker Cars And Trucks



May your Christmas be 'merry and bright' ...

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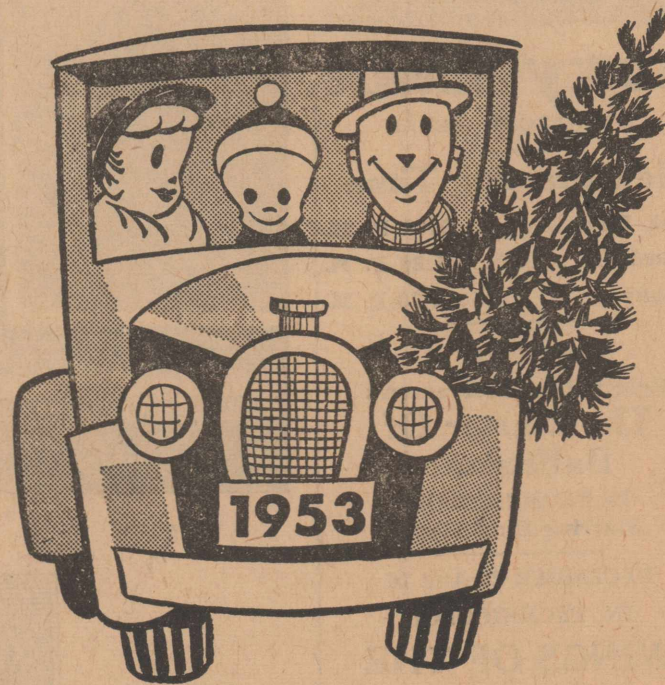


Joy at Christmas

May your Christmas be filled with happy memories

1953

King Equipment Co.



Merry Christmas

All the joys of the season be yours ...

W. S. "Bill" Frizzell

Merry Christmas



A "wide-open" door is waiting for you at our place of business.

The Stratford Star

### The Elk—

(Continued from Page 3) beat Mike Neal with his set. If

you can't afford an electric football set bring me a leather tooling set.

Your whiskerless pal,  
Don Brittain

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good boy this year, and am only asking for one thing. I would like to have a car.

Thank you,  
Donald Weller

Dear Santa:  
I would like a date over the Christmas Holidays with a boy in Stratford High School that's about six feet tall, blue eyes, brown hair, and drives a two-tone green Chevrolet.

Thank you,  
A Sophomore

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed proposals addressed to Robert C. Ferguson, County Judge, Sherman County of Stratford, Texas will be received at the office of The Commissioners Court until 11:00 A. M. January 11, 1954, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence, and labor for constructing certain concrete and steel bridges across the Beaver, Frisco and Coldwater creeks in Sherman County, Texas.

Bidders must submit Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a Bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bidder's Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of The Commissioners Court in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The Successful Bidder must furnish performance bond on the attached form in the amount of 100 percent of the total contract price from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the OWNER.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable (or "Unbalanced") unit prices will authorize the OWNER to reject any bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages which have been established by the Commissioners Court and

included as a Special Provision to the Specifications. Instruction to bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file at the office of Harvey W. Schmidt, Consulting Engineer, 221 Paramount Bldg., of Amarillo, Texas.

Copies may be secured from the Engineer without cost.

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT, Owner  
By ROBERT C. FERGUSON, COUNTY JUDGE.  
(Name and Official Capacity)  
(Pub. 12—24, 31.)

### Beta Sigma Phi Meets With Mrs. Summers

Texas Nu Beta Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met in the home of Mrs. Gene Summers Thursday evening of last week. Guests included Mrs. Earl Riffe, social sponsor, and Mrs. Billy Cummings. Members present were Mrs. Dean Hiel, Mrs. Bill Garrison, Mrs. Walter

Vincent, Mrs. Harold Gray, Mrs. W. D. Eller, Mrs. Duard Lamb, Mrs. W. D. Brannan, Mrs. H. F. McIntosh, Mrs. George Jeffcoat, Mrs. R. M. Buckles, Mrs. Huston Pearson, Mrs. N. W. Hudson, Mrs. Carroll Wisdom, Mrs. Charles Wisdom, Mrs. Bill French, and the hostess, Mrs. Gene Summers.

A short business meeting was

held and final plans for the Christmas social were made. The guests exchanged secret pal gifts for Christmas and enjoyed refreshments, served by the hostess, which carried out the Christmas theme.

R. W. Stewart, Tullia, visited relatives and friends here Wednesday.

## Get TRIPLE PROTECTION!



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Christmas Eve Party 5:00 P. M.

**Ross Bros. Dry Goods**

## It's Christmas!

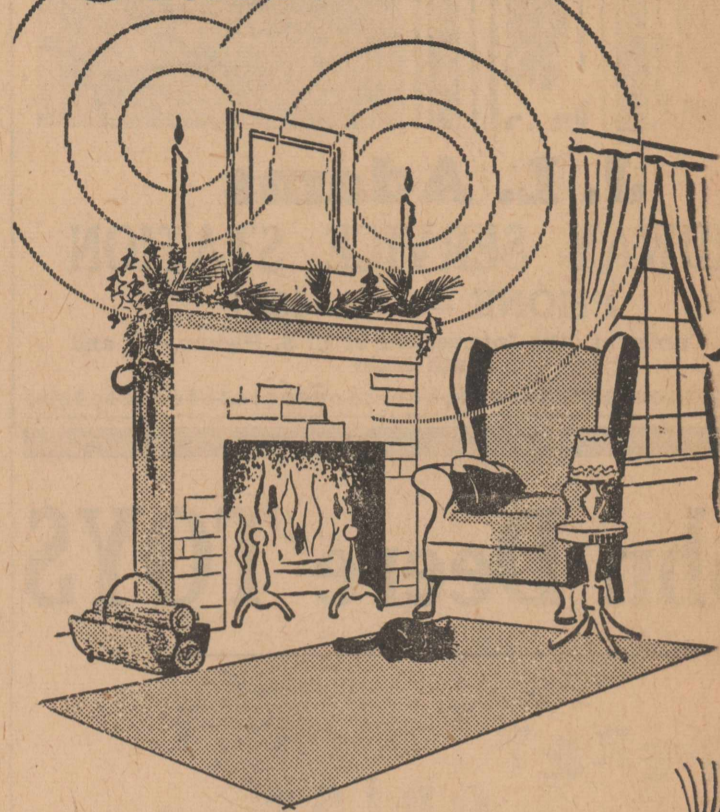


And we're delighted to wish you

the very best Holiday ever

# Palace Cafe

## Season's Best



We'd like to sit at your fireside to greet you personally, Merry Christmas.

1953

# Yates Drug

# New 1954 Chevrolet

**COME SEE IT!**

First and only low-priced car to bring you all these new features and advantages!

### New!

#### POWER BRAKES

First in the Low-Price Field!

Chevrolet Power Brakes make stopping wonderfully easy and convenient. Optional at extra cost on Powerglide models.

### New!

#### AUTOMATIC WINDOW AND SEAT CONTROLS

More Chevrolet "Firsts"!

Touch a button to adjust front windows or seat. Optional on Bel Air and "Two-Ten" models at extra cost.

### New!

#### NEW POWER IN "BLUE-FLAME 125" ENGINE

Most Powerful in its Field!

Most powerful Chevrolet passenger car engine ever built! Teamed with Powerglide, optional at extra cost.

### New!

#### NEW POWER IN "BLUE-FLAME 115" ENGINE

Out-Powers All Other Low-Priced Cars!

In gearshift models, the more powerful "Blue-Flame 115" engine also gives you finer performance with money-saving gas mileage!

### New!

#### NEW STYLING IN BODY BY FISHER

Another Chevrolet Exclusive!

All around the car, and from every angle, you see new beauty in the only Fisher Body in Chevrolet's field.

### New!

#### FINEST, MOST COLORFUL INTERIORS

In the Low-Price Field!

Here are the most luxurious interiors on any low-priced car. New interior color harmonies are keyed to brilliant new exterior colors.

### New!

#### LOWER PRICED POWER STEERING

Another Chevrolet "First"!

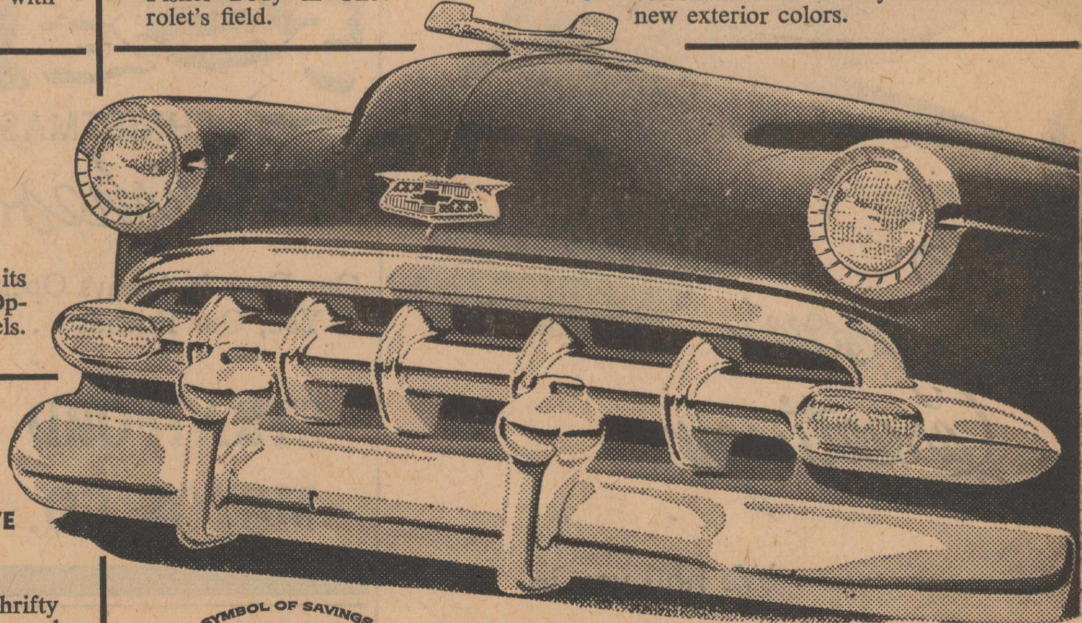
The first Power Steering in its field now reduced in price! Optional at extra cost on all models.

### New!

#### CHEVROLET'S EXCLUSIVE POWERGLIDE

Now for All Models!

Now you can have smooth, thrifty Powerglide on any model. Teamed with the "Blue-Flame 125" engine, it's optional at extra cost.



More things more people want, that's why MORE PEOPLE BUY CHEVROLET than any other car!

## Merry Christmas

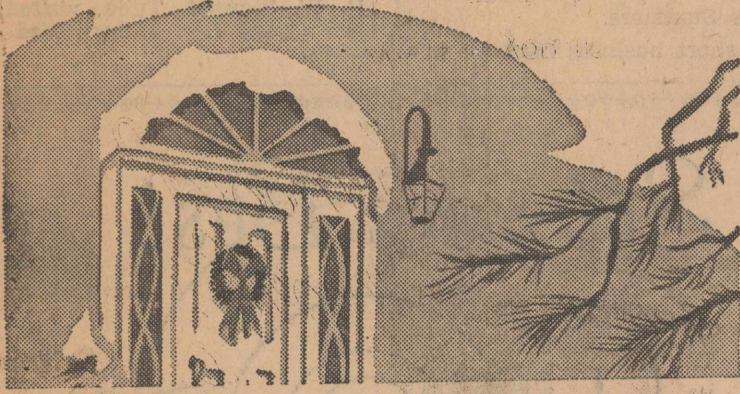
We take "time out" from a busy season to extend our very best to you.

# Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.

# DAVIS MOTOR CO.

Vitamin D is the rarest among ordinary foodstuffs.

# Merry Christmas



**J. L. Adams**  
**MIDWAY SERVICE STATION**  
 PHONE — 4851  
 West Corner at the Intersection of U. S. Highway 54 and South Main

# John Deere TOYS

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



We hope Old Santa hits your house with a full load of cheer.

# Bennett Implement Co.



Season's Greetings

We hail you in this season of Christmas cheer.

1953

# Sloan Implement Co.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



and  
**OUR BEST WISHES**  
 For A  
**Happy New Year**

STORE WILL BE CLOSED

December 25 until January 4

## BREWSTER'S JEWELRY

### Priscilla Club

(By Reporter)

Dear Aunt Sally:  
 I know you have felt terribly neglected the past few months but what with old babies, new babies, and babies to be, Meg has been completely snowed under. I know you can remember aunt Sally, how complicated life can be at times and I also know you will understand and forgive Meg for her apparent negligence.

We all got together over at Syble's for a Christmas party Thursday afternoon of last week. It was the first time in several weeks all had managed to get away from home, and then some nearly didn't make it. Even our almost members, Mrs. King and Mrs. Flores, were there.

R. A. has been sick again, had the croup the other night so he had to stay home with daddy. Nancy was also missed. The stork has been hovering lower each day over the east side of the county. We almost expected to see him land at the party but he didn't.

You know we elect new officers this time each year and draw names for secret pals. Twila is our new president, Ada Mae takes care of the money, and you can see who is going to write you. We voted to send a contribution to Girls Ranch and one to the March of Dimes. I really never saw so many

nice gifts. Frances came loaded with pretty aprons and Ada Mae had an arm load of delicious fruit cakes. Nell contributed lovely stationery. Others came with pot holders, drip dishes, cologne, potato peelers, crystal jugs and ever so many other things. Velma has a new electric pop corn popper, so anytime you are hungry for pop corn just go see her.

Bob, Charles, V. B., Len, Nella Beth and Loyce Ann kept their mothers quite busy. They sure are a cute bunch. Wish you could see them together.

Sybil surely makes good coffee especially since she doesn't drink it herself, and her fruit cake is out of this world. I think I'll ask her to make mine

another year and I'm sure she will be glad to help you out too. Well, aunt Sally, its bed time and I've got work to do tomorrow, so must skip.

Love,  
Sarah.

### Entertained—

(Continued from Page 3)  
 and Mrs. Art Ross, Jean Anne and Allan, Mrs. Lorraine Mehner and Ann Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross, Mrs. H. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albert, Sandra, Lane and Debra.

### Local News

Lloyd King, Douglas Carter and Buzz Wakefield of Texas Tech at Lubbock, Roy Lee New-

man of Texas A. & M., Miss Kathryn Newman of Colorado Womens College, Miss Mary Crabtree of West Texas State College at Canyon, are home for the holidays.

Sammv Rudd of Fort Worth, Texas arrived for a visit here Tuesday.

Miss Ila Lewis visited friends in Stratford over the week end.

**Dr. V. G. Martin**  
 OPTOMETRIST

**Dr. J. W. McCormick**  
 OPTOMETRIST

DUMAS, TEXAS

605 Bliss Ave.

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# HELLO



To Every Member  
 of Your Family...  
 Merry Christmas

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# Pot Plants For Christmas



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- 2 BLOOM PLANTS ..... \$3.50 TO \$4.00
- 3 BLOOM PLANTS ..... \$4.50 TO \$5.00
- 4 BLOOM PLANTS ..... \$5.00 TO \$6.00

### AZALEAS

AT \$4.00, \$4.50 AND \$5.00

### CHRISTMAS PEPPERS

\$1.00 TO \$2.50

### AFRICAN VIOLETS

\$1.50 TO \$3.00

### Choice Quality Cut FLOWERS

HOLLY — \$2.00 a Pound

### FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

\$3.00, \$4.00 AND \$5.00

# Stratford Floral



# Greetings

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Christmas again.  
 and may its basic meaning  
 mark your Holiday!

# Seaman Grocery

WHERE EVERY DAY IS BARGAIN DAY

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## CHRISTMAS Wishes

Our Door is Always Open to You, Our Friends . . .

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