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Kiddoes Xmas Programs Tuesday

Christmas tree programs will be held at the Methodist, Baptist and Christian Churches Tuesday night with children of the Sunday Schools taking an active part in the program. Treats will be distributed and visits are expected from Santa Claus in person at each of the Christmas tree programs.

A program which will feature children of the Sunday School will open at the First Baptist Church at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday. They will have a church wide watch party at the church on December 31. College students, who are members of the church and are spending the holidays at home, will be guest speakers at the 7:30 p. m. service at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Sunday School children of the First Christian Church will appear on a program of recitations and songs beginning at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday. Santa Claus is expected to arrive in time for the distribution of gifts.

A Christmas tree program featuring members of the Methodist Sunday School will open at the church at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday. Mrs. R. W. Standefer Jr. will direct the appearance of the children on the program. Santa Claus will appear in time for the distribution of gifts.

A Christmas tree program consisting of a play and recitations by members of the Assembly of God Church Sunday School was held at the church Sunday night.

The annual Christmas tree program at the Spurlock Chapel for members of the Sunday School was held at the chapel Monday night.

Dalhart To Play Stratford December 30

Boys and girls of the Stratford Elk basketball teams will be hosts to the Dalhart Wolves in a double header game to be played in the Stratford gymnasium Monday night, December 30, instead of December 31, as had been previously planned. The first game will start at 7:00 p. m.

Only two countries in South America, Bolivia and Paraguay, have no seacoast.

H. J. on a tombstone stands for "Hic jacet," meaning "here lies."

There are approximately 3,000 islands in the Philippines.

Mrs. Peach Smith Is Hospitalized With Injuries

Mrs. Peach Smith was admitted to Memorial Hospital in Butler, Missouri Saturday afternoon as the result of injuries sustained in a car accident about 5:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. In a telephone conversation with Mrs. Smith's doctor, Mrs. Harold Gray was informed that Mrs. Smith was suffering from two fractures of one leg, fractures of several ribs, and there was evidence of internal bleeding. He described Mrs. Smith as being conscious although she was in a state of shock.

Mrs. Smith left home Saturday morning for Clinton, Missouri where she planned to spend the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Slaton and children, close friends of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien and daughter, Betty Lou of Inglewood, California, left Sunday morning for Butler, Missouri to be with Mrs. Smith.

LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa Claus: We saw you in town Saturday, and we think you laugh like Pee Paw does when he watches television. (He wants a hair cut like ours for Christmas, but not so short on the top next time.) We would like to have shining red velocipedes and red boots, and our little brother, Mike, needs a doll and something else red like our tricycles. Mommy told us if we would stop biting each other you would fill our stockings at Mee Maw's house, and bring Grandmother another light for the burned out one on the back of her Christmas tree. We have no chimney, but the door will be open and you just

walk right in. Billy and Pat Flores P.S.: We love you and have been trying to be good for at least two days now.

Dear Santa: My name is Tex Jeffcoat and I live in Stratford, Texas. I would like for you to bring me some football pants (white if you have them), a cargo plane,

a set of army trucks (large ones) and also anything else you would like to bring me.

Thank you, Tex Jeffcoat

Dear Santa Claus: I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. This is what I want: a baby doll with a basket and clothes, a bicycle with balloon wheels and some china

dishes. Some nuts and candy. Please.

Love, Malynda Box 522, Stratford, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good boy and I would like to have a woodburning set and a farm set. My sister would like to have a dollie

and a set of pots and pans. Sandy Kimball

Dear Santa: I have tried to be a good little boy. I would like to have a basketball, a gun, a pair of boxing gloves and a football suit. I am in the first grade and am 7 years old.

Your friend, Harry Clements

Rev. Whatley Named Church Loan Head

Rev. Howard Whatley, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Stratford, will assume duties January 1, as director of a church-loan corporation set up by Kansas Baptists to finance costs of new church construction.

Rev. Whatley, who at present is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, was pastor of the Stratford church six and a half years.

The non-profit corporation which Rev. Whatley will direct was authorized at this year's convention of Kansas Baptists. The organization will issue six percent, interest bearing, secured bonds to finance costs of new churches and new church facilities in Kansas.

Exclusive fiscal agent for the corporation is A. B. Culbertson and Co. of Fort Worth, Texas.

While pastor in Stratford, Rev. Whatley served one term as president of the District 10 Baptist Association.

He is married and the father of two children, Howard G., stationed with the U. S. Army, at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Wesley, 13, a junior high student. He is a graduate of the University of Texas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Offices of the church loan corporation will be in the Baptist Building, Wichita, Kansas.



A FREE PRESS ... and CENSORSHIP

America is at peace. While we have men in uniform stationed over the world, we are not at war. In every way, we are working to preserve our peaceful relations with other peoples whose ideologies and aspirations differ from ours.

Figuring largely in that huge undertaking is America's Free Press. Even during the peaceful years, it has become necessary that certain information regarding discoveries and inventions be protected. Security has become big business.

"Keep this out of the newspaper," are fighting words to any newspaper editor who is a conscientious craftsman. Yet editors of all newspapers, large and small, realize the re-

sponsibilities facing them, to help preserve the securities that are so important to all of us.

Government, the military, and the scientific fields, receive full cooperation from the men and women who, by training, are accustomed to dig out and know the news... and who, by instinct, strive to keep the people fully informed.

Americans have a right to expect that full freedom of the press be preserved, within the bounds drawn by these securities.

For a completely free press is the only safe foundation on which government of the people can build all other freedoms.

Eighth Grade

(Mr. Stavenhagen's Room News, Reported by Donna Boner and Sue Hudson)

The Eighth grade class journeyed to Guymon last Saturday afternoon to participate in a class skating party. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Roper sponsored us. Everyone enjoyed the party, and except for a few bruises there were no mishaps.

The Stratford Junior High played Gruver Junior High and the girls won 24-22 and the boys lost 35-27.

We are planning our Christmas party Friday afternoon, the 20th. The room mothers will serve refreshments after we exchange gifts.

The moon is nearer to the earth than any other of the planets.



your brain budget

1. The capital of Ecuador is (a) San Cristobal; (b) Quito; (c) Santa Cruz.
2. "Qui Transtulit Sustinet" is the motto of (a) Colorado; (b) Utah; (c) Connecticut.
3. The Gourde is the monetary unit of (a) Hungary; (b) Chili; (c) Haiti.

ANSWERS
1. (b) Quito
2. (a) Colorado
3. (c) Haiti

THE STARS

BY LYN CONNELLY

MUSIC lovers who are not impressed with the rock 'n roll variety will be pleased to know that the song most heard on radio and TV from July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957, was NOT a rhythm and blues tune. . . . According to the Peatman survey of tunes with the largest radio and TV audience, this distinction goes to the Cole Porter tune, "True Love," and the song's hit recording by Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly stayed on the best selling charts for many weeks. . . . Best new vocalist is Janice Harper who can really sing up a storm and she's pretty, too. Following the trend set by the successful Glenn Miller band fronted by Ray McKinley, the band of the late Tommy Dorsey may hit the road this winter under the baton of one of several musicians who have been identified with the Dorsey aggregation. . . . Among those rumored to be under consideration for the spot is trumpeter Ziggy Elman, popular and great musician in his own right.

PLATTER CHATTER

CAPITOL.—With the Christmas holidays peeking at us from around the corner, Capitol comes up with some good hi-fi albums apropos of the occasion. . . . Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians do "Now Is the Caroling Season" and, as usual with the maestro, it's in excellent taste with many old favorites and some little known carols in the outstanding repertoire. . . . "We Three Kings," "Winter Wonderland," "O Christmas Tree," "The 12 Days of Christmas," "White Christmas," "Sleigh Ride," "The Christmas Song," "It Was a Night of Wonder," and many others. . . . This is great for music during the season and it makes a wonderful gift. Sinatra does a great Christmas album, too. . . . Called "A Jolly Christmas," it includes the more familiar carols such as "Silent Night," "First Noel," "Jingle Bells," "Christmas Song," "Christmas Waltz," "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

Scientific tests indicate that carpets "swallow" sound, reducing noise as much as 50 per cent when laid in areas of heavy household traffic.

Pandas are native to the Orient.

THAT OLD WOMAN

By Allen Wishert

THE rain came suddenly that Sunday morning. The front door of the small church blew open, so thought the congregation, instead, however, an old woman came in and sat down. Evidently, she had entered only to avoid the rain.

She was poverty-ridden and exceedingly old, her dress was old and torn. Never had she been seen in the community before. She appeared as if she didn't care for sermons, especially, the one being preached then, although the text dwelt on those in distress, and it was better to give than to receive.

The sermon over, the collection was taken up. As the plate was passed to the old woman, she was seen to deliberately take a coin from it and cram it into the pocket of the old dress. No one mentioned the incident. The small congregation had been taught kindness by their beloved minister. During the week, Mrs. Sarah Smith was hanging out her wash. Mrs. Bertha Brown, next door neighbor, came into her backyard to empty some trash. It was a perfect setting for gossip.

"I suppose," said Mrs. Smith, hoisting a clothesline pole. "You saw what happened at the meeting last Sunday?" "I did," replied Mrs. Brown. She placed the wastebasket on the ground and walked to the fence. "I could hardly believe my eyes. Did you know her?" "I imagine the poor thing was hungry," supplied Mrs. Brown. "I can't understand why she didn't ask for alms instead of—er—well—stealing. Anyone there would have given her a meal."

The next Sunday, to everyone's surprise, the old woman was again present, she occupied the same seat. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Smith sat where they could easily see her every action, and wondered if she again would commit theft. When the plate came around, she fished another coin. The following two Sundays another coin was lifted from the plate.

After services this Sunday morning, several decided to speak to the minister. They informed him, smiling, and he replied that it wasn't news to him. Each Sunday he had noted the incident, and had replaced the missing coin with one of his own.

On the fifth Sunday, Tom Patton came in late and stood at the back. Again a coin was taken, no longer could Tom restrain himself. Service over, he and the minister stood facing each other in the vestry room. "Concerning that old woman, preacher," exploded Tom. "The old witch, she has stolen—"

He failed to finish, standing there beside him was the "Old witch" in person. "You've been stealing from this church," boomed Tom. "You've been using it to wager on dog races. I saw you at the track Wednesday, dressed in fine clothes, and when you left you did so in a Rolls Royce."

"That is true," she uttered the words in a low, cultured voice. "I dearly love to roam about in old clothes. It becomes quite monotonous being pointed out as that 'Wealthy Widow.' I dropped in that first Sunday to satisfy myself if country ministers practiced what they preached. I was convinced. You, dear clergyman, felt that I was in need and made no complaint."

"I am still perplexed," replied the minister. "I have decided to become a member. However, the building is unsafe. I am donating funds to erect an entirely new edifice."

Passing him a check, she turned on her heel and disappeared. The minister glanced at the written sum, and gasped; "SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS."

"I wonder," Tom thought out loud, "will we ever see that . . . that nice old lady again?"



NEW RHINO . . . First baby rhinoceros to be born in British Isles weighs 85 pounds. Parents hail from Assam, India, and now live at London's Wipnade Zoo.

Church of Christ

(L. L. Thornton, Minister)
Sunday Services
Bible Study 10:00 a. m.
Worship 10:55 a. m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p. m.
Tuesday
Ladies class 9:30 a. m.
Wednesday
Bible study 7:30 p. m.
A friendly welcome awaits you at all services.

Christmas Greetings

May the joyous warmth of the Yule season rest with you always. 1957



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MERRY CHRISTMAS 1957



It's good to be back in town and say hello.

Paul Allison Grain Co.

STRATFORD, TEXAS
FRED MERCER, Local Mgr.
PHONE 3211

Merry CHRISTMAS

May your holiday be one of great joy and lasting peace. 1957



Mrs. Ethel Skillin
Your Avon Representative

Merry Christmas

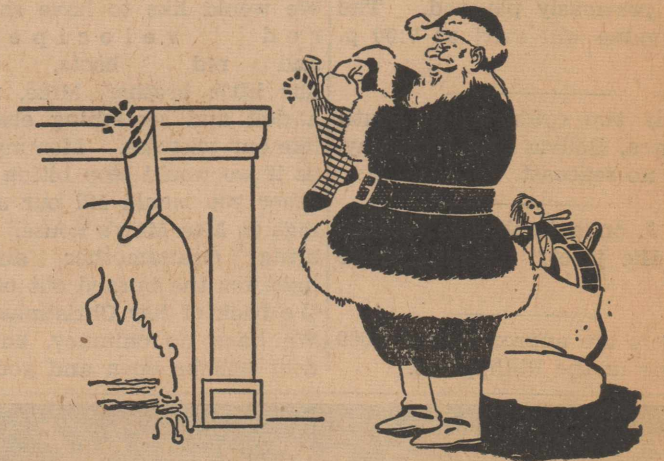


It's Christmas!

May blessings in abundance be yours on Christmas day. 1957

Good Will Toward Men

May the spirit of Bethlehem bring peace to the world. 1957



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1% Discount is Allowed on Payments of 1957 Taxes During December

1957 Stratford Independent School District Taxes Are Due And Payable At The Office Of

Hollis Harrington

Tax Collector, Stratford Independent School District
Tax Office in School Administration Building

Consumers Company

Merry Christmas

To everyone we send our greetings.

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FAIR AND WARMER

By Allen Wishert

OLD JED THOMAS gazed into the skies and informed the villagers what to expect. As far back as any old-timer could remember, Jed had forecast weather conditions, and once only had he miscalculated; that reckoning was in his favor.

On that morning, as usual, he gazed into the firmament overhead and predicted: Clear and slightly warmer, so, he went ahead with his plan, which plan was to call a-courtin' on Matilda Watson.

He hitched old Nancy to the buggy that would tote him the three miles to the side of his lady-love. She would be sitting in the old rocker on her front porch awaiting his arrival.

Jed and Matilda had been a-courtin' for twenty three years. Jed was now 69, Matilda 63. Neither had ever married and the villagers couldn't imagine why they hadn't taken each other for 'bestest or worstest.'

Old Nancy with a dragging left hind foot kicked up a powerful lot of dust in the road. Matilda could see the swirl long before Jed drove into the front yard.

Jed climbed the first two steps without effort, but always he had to grasp the railing to mount the third and last one. With a wheeze he plumped into the rocker.

Matilda never failed with her first question: "What's the weather like, Jed?" "Clear and continued warm," he replied.

"Your prediction and my rheumatiz ain't workin' in cahoots," said Matilda, allowing a slight twitch as pains shot through her knee-joints. "That dark cloud over there in the Southwest is causin' me misery."

"I hadn't noticed that 'un," said Jed, he was looking and examining it closely.

"It 'pears to be gettin' bigger and bigger, wouldn't doubt it ain't to pass right overhead." "Humh!" grunted Jed. "It's

beginnin' to roll. Ain't that a tall hangin' onto it?"

"It is," replied Matilda, "nervousness assertin' itself."

A blinding flash of lightning caused them to blink, followed by a thunderous roar that shook the countryside. Forgetting her rheumatism, Matilda bounded to her feet, Jed doing likewise.

"I got time to put Nancy in your barn afore it hits," running like a hobbled animal, he untied Nancy from the hitching post, then led her and the buggy into the out-building. The stillness was oppressive as he closed the barn door. The latch had barely caught, and started running toward the house when the blow struck.

He opened the door and entered the kitchen. Matilda was standing beside the water hand-pump at the sink. Neither spoke, it would have been useless, the roar of the cyclone would have drowned any outcry.

There came a sudden s-w-o-o-s-h, the house shuddered, the roof lifted clear and crashed into the yard.

Ten minutes later, the roar of wind abated, horrific silence prevailed as two old souls huddled with trembling arms around each other.

"Matilda," said Jed, scarcely above a whisper, drawing her a mite closer. "Reckon the Lord was takin' care of His own."

"Yes, Jed," replied Matilda, she, also, clinched tighter. There was a moments pause. "Reckon He always has a purpose," spoke Jed.

"I reckon," replied Matilda. "The barn is still standin'," helping Matilda to her feet. "Nancy nor the buggy wasn't hurt. It ain't far to the Bramble-Briar meetin' house. The prechers home is right beside it. I predict that we—"

The prediction that Jed had predicted for years was coming to pass.

YOUR brain budget

1. Credulous means (a) doubtful; (b) factual; (c) inclined to believe.
2. The klipspringer is (a) a dog; (b) antelope; (c) bird.
3. A Sinologist (a) studies Chinese culture; (b) raises plants; (c) takes X-rays.

ANSWERS

1. Inclined to believe.
2. African antelope.
3. Studies Chinese.

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with an order of the Commissioners Court of Sherman County, Texas, made and entered on the 9th day of December, A. D., 1957, I will sell at public vendue at the Court House Door of Sherman County in Stratford, Texas, to the highest bidder for cash, Lot four (4), in Block Twelve (12), in the City of Texhoma, Sherman County, Texas, on the 7th day of January, A. D., 1958, the same being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M., and four o'clock P. M.

DATED this 9th day of December, 1957.
 ROSS TURNER
 Special Commissioner
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The dodo was a form of pigeon.

Merry Christmas



1957

May each moment of this Christmas season be a happy one.

"OLD SY"

Butcher at G & G

"Who Appreciates Your Patronage"

In a recent year, 18 million fishermen and 15 million hunters bought licenses in the United States. Acetic acid was the first acid discovered.

Montana's state flower, Lewisia, takes its name from Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Better known as bitter-root, the pink flower ranges from Montana to Arizona.

Playing cards first appeared in Europe in the 13th and 14th centuries when the Crusaders returned from the Holy Land with the customs and products of the East.



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May the spirit of Christmas abide with you.

With Best Wishes Davis Motor Co.

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1957 GREETINGS



To all our friends everywhere we
send greetings and our since
wish for a happy Christmas.

Van B. Boston

Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ritchie and Donald of San Antonio, visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Grimes and Mrs. S. V. McAdams. They left Monday for Colorado for a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Major and Mrs. D. B. Grung and children.

Ernestine Palmer, Oxnard, California, came Sunday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Palmer, other relatives and friends. She plans to return to California Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pleyer returned Friday from a trip to South Texas where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hughs and family in Beaumont. Enroute home they visited another son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Humphreys of Big Lake.

Mrs. Dorothy Slay left Friday night to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slay of Albuquerque, New Mexico during the holidays.

Jaunita Faye Beall, Washington, D. C., came Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beall.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross have as guests, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Johnson, who will return to their home in Leadville, Colorado on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pleyer plan to have as Christmas guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Oakley of Amarillo, their daughter, Miss Billie Pleyer, who is home for the holidays from Canyon where she is a student in W.T.S.C., and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pleyer and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Willmon, Dumas, were visitors in Stratford, Thursday.

H. L. Harbour returned Wednesday from Foreman, Arkansas where he had been looking after his ranching interests.



HER HONOR . . . First woman to be elected state supreme court justice, Birdie Amsterdam of New York has been judge since 1939.

party, in the home of Mrs. J. L. Adams. For their song service the group went to the home of Mrs. Earl Hurst and sang three hymns to her. The group returned to Mrs. Adams, had their business meeting and devotional which was given by Mrs. Adams. Then they opened their presents.

The table setting consisted of a green table cloth with white napkins with "Joy to the World" on each napkin. The center piece was a Christmas tree. Refreshments of Cherry Kool Aid, cookies, candy, nuts, fruit and sandwiches were served to

the group. Sunday night the C. A. group and Booster Band presented a very good Christmas program

under the direction of Mrs. Bob Goodwin. Visitors from Texoma and Griggs, Oklahoma and Canyon attended the program.

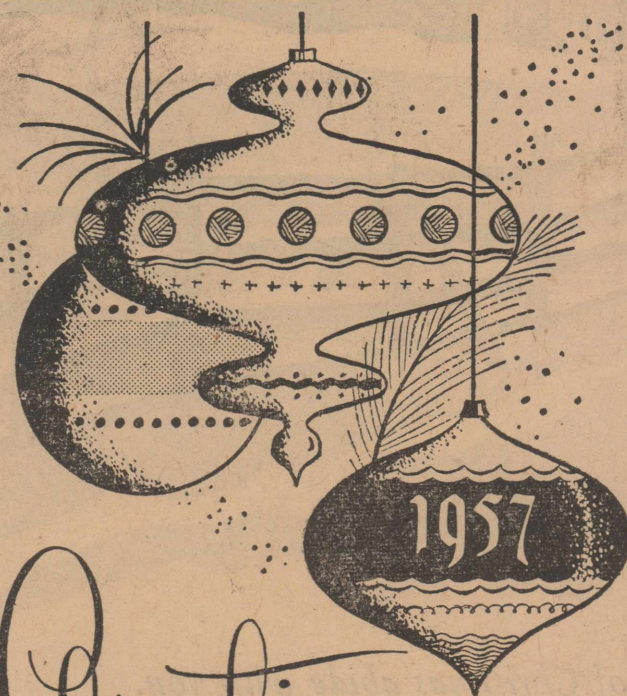
Dr. Guy D. Clayton OPTOMETRIST

HOURS: 9:00 to 12:00 — 1:30 to 6:00
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Greetings

We wish you all the joys of Christmas.

T.O.C. Motor Co.

Doctor At Clinic On Tuesday And Friday

Beginning Friday afternoon, December 27, and until further notice, a doctor will be at the clinic in the afternoons on Tuesdays and Fridays.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Irbeck, Etter, are parents of their second daughter, Kathy Kay, who weighed 4 pounds 14 ounces when she arrived in Dumas Memorial Hospital Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Palmer are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Irbeck of Canyon are the paternal grandparents.

Perhaps the most expensive playing card ever sold was a five of diamonds, appropriately, that brought \$13,750 at a public auction in 1880. It bore a miniature painting by Hans Holbein, German artist.

"I REMEMBER" BY THE OLD TIMERS

From J. L. Simpson, Hooven, Ohio: I was born at Antioch Mills, Ky., in 1879. I remember when I was six years old we lived in a big log house and my father would hire a neighbor to take a team of four horses into the woods and drag a hickory tree to the house. Father chopped it into blocks to fit our fireplace, as cross cut saws were scarce those days.

We often filled a sled box with straw and quilts and blankets and took sleigh rides.

Father always killed a shoat in late fall and he would give us the bladder to blow up. We would hang them on the ceiling and when Christmas came we took them down and popped them. We got shooting crackers and candy for Christmas.

Father kept sheep and when he sheared them he gave my mother some wool. She had a spinning wheel and cards and would yarn. My brother and I gathered walnuts and mother would boil them to color our socks. She made all of our clothes.

We had cane for sorghum and we made wax. When we went to school we studied the old McCuffy books. When father sold a hog they used a pole like a toolgate. It had a box on one end full of stones. They hung the hog on the other end and got the right weight by taking away or adding stones to the box on the other end.

Tobacco buyers were sometimes called "pinhookers" and the very best tobacco only brought 10 or 15 cents a pound.

(Send contributions to this column to The Old Timer, Community Press Service, Box 29, Frankfort, Kentucky.)

Assembly of God Church News

Wednesday afternoon the Womens Missionary Council met in the church. The meeting was opened with prayer. The W.M.C. Chorus and two hymns were sung. The devotional was given by Mrs. Dewey Newburn on Christmas Shopping, written by Althea S. Miller. Roll call was answered with scriptures. A short business meeting was held. Then the ladies worked at the church.

The Missionettes met, Friday afternoon and had a Christmas



JOY AT CHRISTMAS

May your house be filled with the true meaning of Christmas. 1957

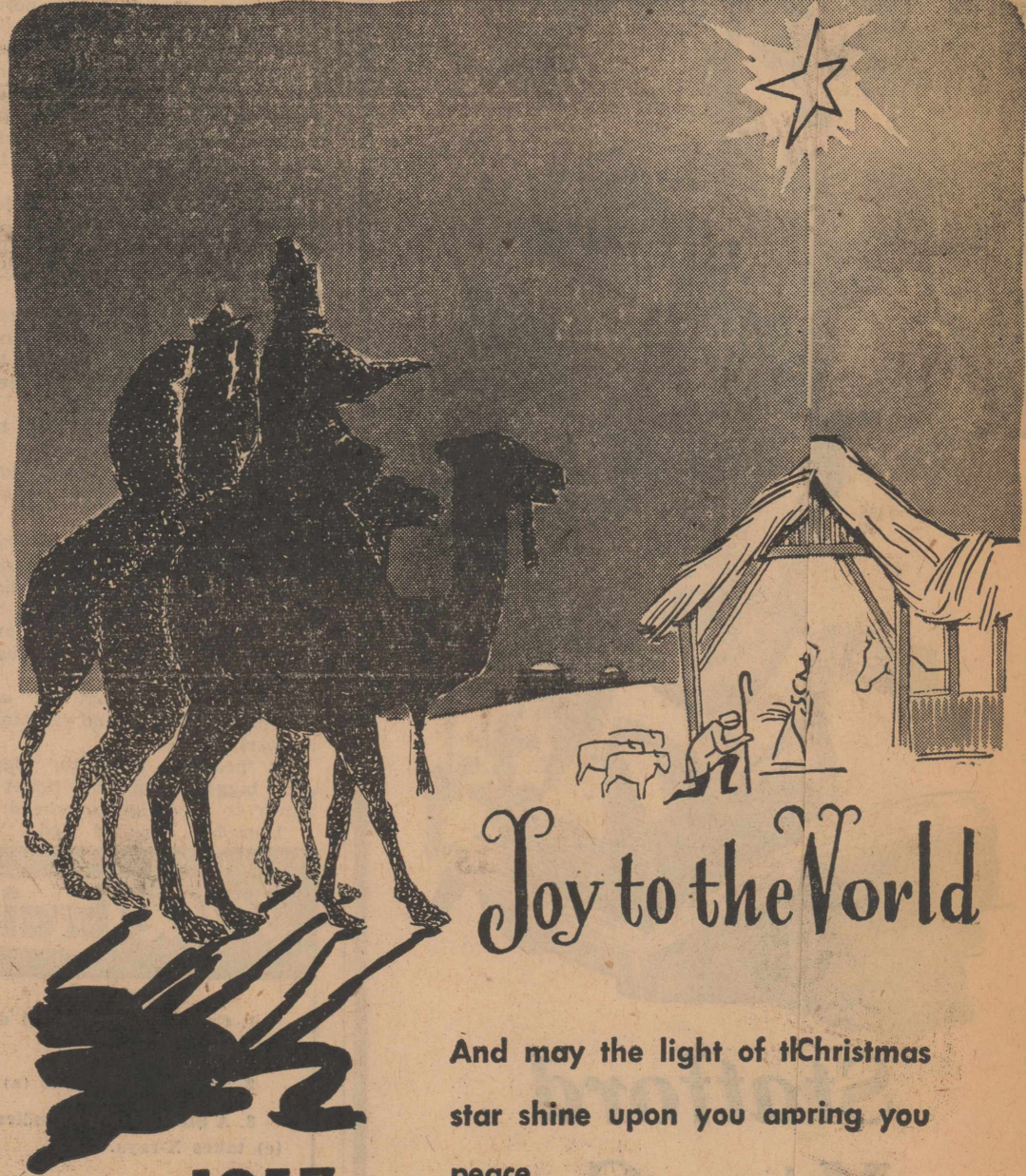
Woolsey Appliances

Dick and Wanda Woolsey



Our cordial good wishes to all.

McMahan Furniture Co.



And may the light of Christmas star shine upon you bringing you peace.

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Garrison Motor Co.

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Have a happy Christmas — one you will remember in days to come.

Merry Christmas



Stratford Deptore

Baptists Give Card Money To Building Fund

Several members of the First Baptist Church have donated the money they normally spent on Christmas cards to the church building fund. Those taking part in the Christmas card building fund program this year include:

Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Upchurch, Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. David-

son, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Steel, Mrs. G. L. Taylor, Mrs. Zelta Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meeks, Mrs. C. V. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. Minnie Reeder, Lynn and Carole,

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Woodall, Miss Helen Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Newt James, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen, Mr. and Mrs. David McBryde, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McBryde, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Milton, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Ingham and Jimmie,

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baskin III, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Plunk, Mr. and Mrs. Shuler Donelson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Word, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. George Lovett, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baskin II, TEL Sunday School Class, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn Halle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Halle, Mrs. Belle Davis and Mollie, Mr. and Mrs. Pruet Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. James Craig, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Green, These contributors wish you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



Christmas is a time of peace and boundless good will. Our cordial good wishes to all.

1957

Drs. Harry and Edwinna Arnold
713 Keeler
Dalhart

Hope To Reduce Holiday Traffic Accidents

The Governor's Traffic Safety Council, in a special meeting December 5, voted to ask each sheriff, police chief, and prosecutor in Texas to lend maximum support to the campaign to reduce the slaughter on the streets and highways during the Christmas holiday period.

During December of last year, 252 people were killed in traffic accidents in Texas. Of this number, 108 were killed during the Christmas season. The Department of Public Safety predicts that 113 people will be killed in traffic accidents during this year's holiday period unless every possible step is taken by State and local law enforcement authorities to encourage full citizen support and awareness of the critical problem.

Statistics show that 58% of the fatal accidents in Texas last year involved excessive speed, and 39% involved driving while under the influence of intoxicants. These are two offenses

upon which the Traffic Safety Council and the Department of Public Safety are centering attention in this State-wide campaign and in which we feel definite progress can be made.

We are sure that each of you will give maximum support to this drive from the enforcement and prosecution standpoint. In addition, we hope that each of you will take full advantage of all channels of public information before and during the holidays in order to warn the public of the increased dangers and give notice of redoubled enforcement of the traffic laws.

Thanks for your assistance. Sincerely yours, Price Daniel Governor. Jack Dempsey's full name was William Harrison Dempsey.

Stratford Elk Basketball Games Are Scheduled

Basketball games have been scheduled for the boys and girls of the Elk and Elket teams for the remainder of the season. Games scheduled include:

- December 30: Dalhart at Stratford.
- January 2-3-4: Stratford Tournament.
- January 7: Stratford at Stinnett.
- January 10: Stratford at White Deer.
- January 11: Texhoma at Stratford.
- January 14: Spearman at Stratford.

- January 16-17-18: Gruver Tournament.
- January 21: Texline at Stratford.
- January 24: Stratford at Channing.
- January 28: Stratford at Hartley.
- January 31: Stratford at Spearman.
- February 4: Morse at Stratford.
- February 7: Stratford at Texline.
- February 11: Channing at Stratford.
- February 14: Hartley at Stratford.
- February 15: Stratford at Morse.
- February 17 through 21: Boys and Girls district tournament at Texline.

George Washington did not belong to any political party.

Native Shrubs Add Interest And Save Dollars

Native shrubs of ornamental value are found in all parts of Texas. They add interest to farm and home grounds and save dollars too.

Shrubs can be marked now and transplanted to the grounds during the winter, according to E. Goule, county agent. It's easy to spot shrubs which have attractive berries and bright fall leaves at this time of the year. It's also easy to select

the evergreen shrubs you may be looking for. Valuable native plants are often found growing in nearby pastures, old fields, canyons and breaks or in some neighbors yard. Those found near your home will be especially well adapted to the soil and climate and will usually thrive when moved to the home grounds. They may take less care than introduced plants. Shrub hunting can be fun for the whole family. This is the time of the year to enjoy it. The stars neither rise nor set at either of the two poles.

Merry Christmas

May happiness dwell upon every hearth.

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GULF Super Service
Phone — 5071

Greetings To All

... of our many friends. We hope you have great happiness this Christmas.

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J. W. SMITH
Dub's Service Station
TEXACO PRODUCTS
Water Well Service

it's Christmas

1957

May your holiday stocking be filled with naught but joy.

Palace Cafe

Christmas Again!
1957

We hope each day is filled with the wonderful joy of youth.

Stratford Butane Co.

Peace On Earth

May the blessings of the season be with you.

Yates Drug and Robbie's Gift Shoppe

Season's Greetings

Christmas Peace 1957

Merry Christmas

May the spirit of Christmas abide with you throughout the coming year.

1957

May the wonderful peace of the first Christmas be yours this holiday season.

Merry Christmas 1957

With every good wish for your happiness.

The First State Bank of Stratford

Catholic Chapel

(Rev. James W. Sonderman, Mission Pastor, Phone Dalhart 235)
 Sunday Mass: 5:00 p. m.
 Christmas Day Mass: 8:00 a. m.
 Confessions: 7:30 a. m. Christmas.
 There will be a midnight Mass

held at Dalhart on Christmas Eve. Father Sonderman is making a special trip early Christmas Day for those who do not wish to go to Dalhart. Let's keep Christ in Christmas and start our day with the eight o'clock Mass here.

Religious practice for the week — Place a picture of the Christ-Child or the Holy Family in the

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Special Services

Will Do Alterations. — Mrs. W. J. Lowe, Phone 4381. 50-4tc
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 FOR Prompt TV and Radio Service, Call 4671. — Peterson's TV and Radio Shop, Roy and Mike Peterson. 36-tfc
 TELEVISION, Radio and Electrical Appliance Repair Service. Have complete stock of repair parts. — Signal Service, Frank Baber, manager, Phone 5491 day or night. 38-tfc
 Travelers Insurance Co. loans made on Real Estate for drilling irrigation wells or for refinancing. — Minnie Laura Jackson. 8-tfc
 I will continue writing State Farm Insurance although I am working at the Sherman County Abstract Co. — Mrs. R. B. Terrell. 30-tfc

For Rent

FOR RENT: a 1-Bedroom apartment; 1 large 2-Bedroom apartment; both with wall furnaces, vented heat. Furnished or unfurnished. See Chas. S. Jacobs, at (formerly) King Apartments. 51-3tp
 FOR RENT: Furnished house, four rooms and bath. Located on east side of Gruver Highway, green asbestos shingle siding. \$50 a month and tenant pays sewer bill. — John W. Reeves, First Christian Church, Snyder, Texas. 50-3tc
 FOR RENT: Unfurnished house with 4 rooms and a bath. Call 4351. — Bob Goodwin. 46-tfc
 FOR RENT: 4-room furnished house. — G. R. Garrison, Phone 2451.
 FOR RENT: Three room furnished apartment. — Paul Aduddell, Phone 2846. 26-tfc
 FOR RENT: Two unfurnished 2-bedroom houses. Call 3751. — Leslie Dodson. 36-tfc
 FOR RENT: Furnished 3 room modern house, Frigidaire and Shower, \$40.00 month. See Mrs. R. B. Terrell, Phone 2491. 32tc
 APARTMENT for rent. — C. T. Watson. 21-tfc

Announcement



STRATFORD LODGE 874
 Edward Brannan, W.M.
 F. M. Keener, Secy.
STATED COMMUNICATION
 Third Thursday Every Month
 7:00 P. M.

For Sale

FOR SALE: The J. N. Foster home on the corner of 8th and Wall, 3-bedroom. Write Box 46, Cactus, Texas. 51-tfc
 FOR SALE: Modern Furnished House and Modern unfurnished House. Call Mrs. R. B. Terrell, Phone 2491. 44-tfc
 FOR SALE: Three bedroom brick veneer home in Stratford, 2,160 feet floor space. Priced to sell. — Ralph Harding, 1112 S. Pierce, Amarillo. 32-tfc
 FOR SALE: My home in Stratford. — Mrs. J. W. Garoutte, Phone 3791. 18-tfc
 FOR BIBLES see Mrs. L. E. Bonar, 4th and Santa Fe, or dial 2411. 45-tfc
 FOR SALE: Used Westinghouse Laundromat Automatic Washer. — McMahan Furniture Co. 40-tfc
 FOR SALE: Maytag Laundry and three bedroom home, on pavement. Will sell together or separately. See or call John Haney, Coldwater 2124. 11-tfc

Wanted

WANTED: Custom Plowing — William G. Hart, Box 761. 17-tfc
 Home gardeners in the U. S. are spending over \$800 million annually for seeds and potted plants.
 Water from the Amazon river freshens the Atlantic ocean as far as 100 miles out to sea. The Amazon's discharge is greater than that of the world's three next largest rivers combined.

MAIN STREET, U. S. A.



children's room. Use the picture in telling stories of the home at Nazareth.

Thomas Jefferson introduced waffles to America, bringing them from Holland.

Altkinen, Switzerland, is built on a mountain top and is reached by ladder.

The greatest straight-line distance one can travel and remain in the U. S. is 2,835 miles between points in Washington and Florida.
 Highest temperature ever recorded in the U. S. was 134 degrees F., in Death Valley on July 10, 1913.

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CHRISTMAS

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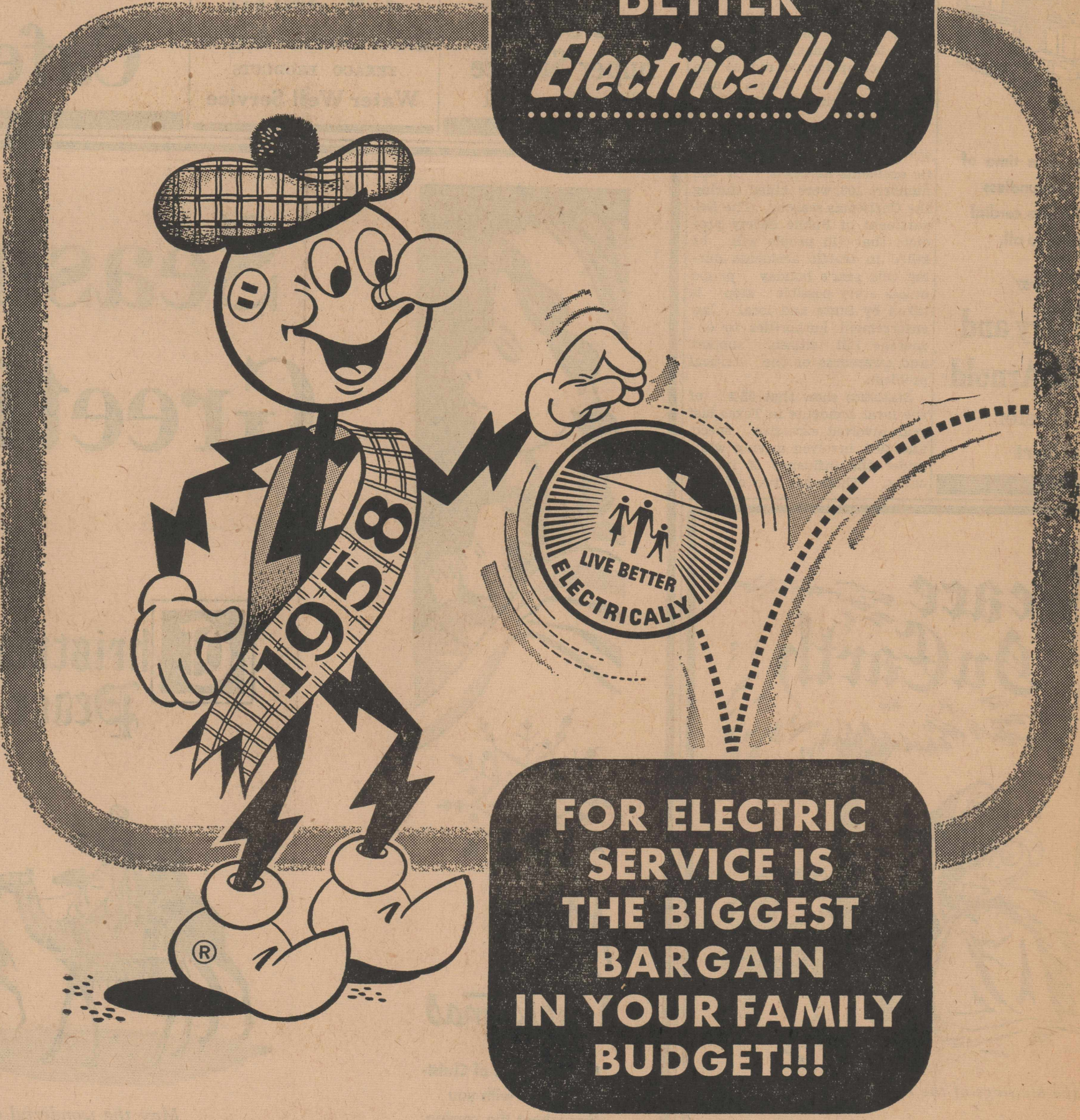
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We wish you unlimited happiness during the Yule season.

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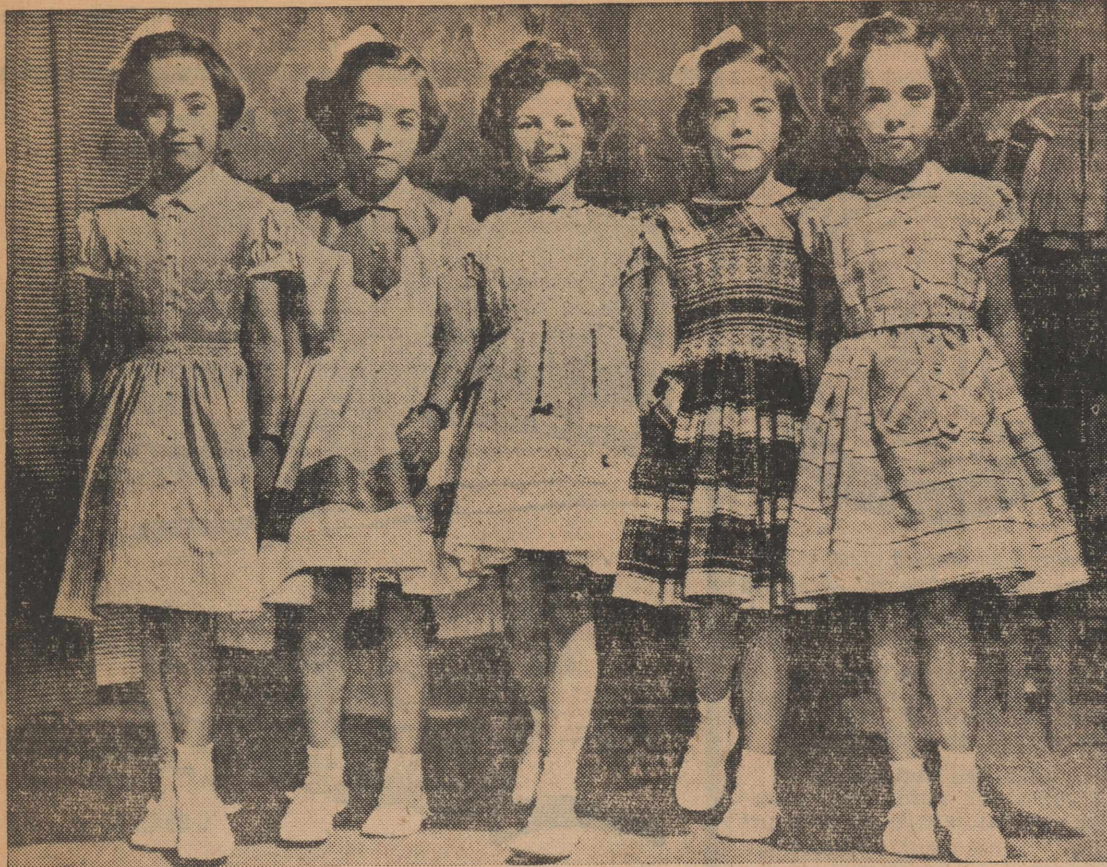
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 PUBLIC SERVICE
 COMPANY**



MODEL QUADS . . . England's famous Cole quadruplets, now 7 years old, model dresses in London children's wear style show. Linda Hart (center) is flanked by Francis and Pat (left) and Edna and Marie (right).

Tuesday of each month.

Assembly Of God Church

(Bob Goodwin, Pastor, Phone 4351)

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.

Young People 6:00 p. m.
Children's Church 6:00 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:00 p. m.

Wednesday night service 8.00 p. m.
The public is invited to all services.

Multiple births are very rare among cows.

Halley's comet will reappear in 1985.

There are nine known planets.

AT CHRISTMAS, 1957

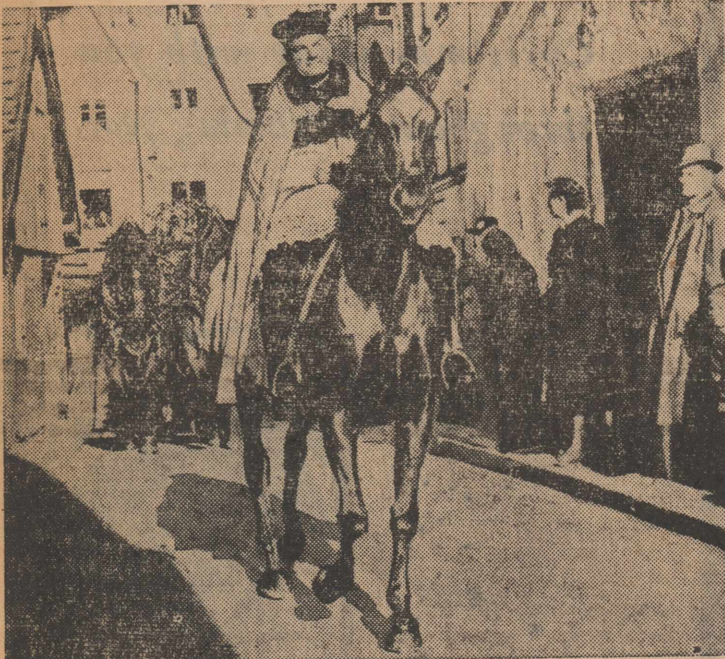
we wish you all the happiness this magic season offers.

Lola's Cafe

Noel
1957

May tidings of great joy be yours.

Plunk 66 Oil Co.



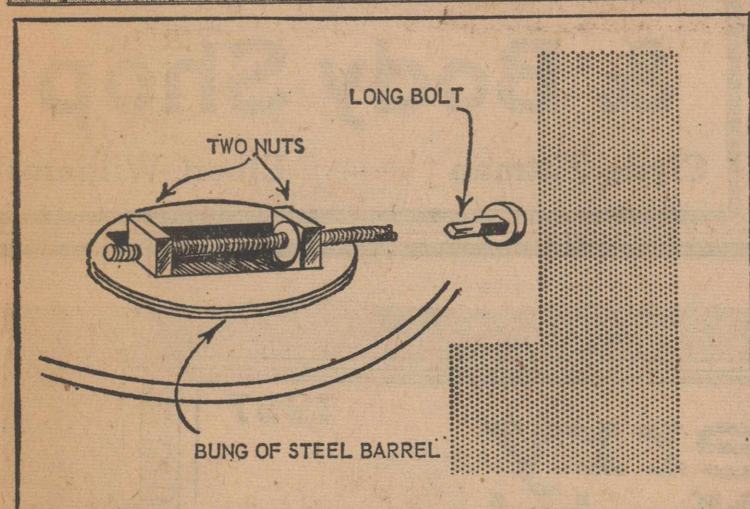
HORSES' DAY . . . Mounted priest leads procession at Bad Toelz, Germany, in annual "Leonardi Ride," ceremony honoring horses, their chief means of travel.

Methodist Church

(Rev. Charles R. Gates, Pastor)

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
M. Y. F. 6:00 p. m.
Intermediate Fellowship 6:00 p. m.
Junior additional session 6:00 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.
Wesleyan Guild meets fourth Monday night of each month at 8:00 p. m.
W. S. C. S. Circles meet Wednesdays.
Official Board meeting second

FENCE LINES



IMPROVED WRENCH . . . If wrench is misplaced or not available, bung of steel barrel can be opened by using 1/4-in. or 5/8-in. bolt about 10 in. long and two square nuts. Fit snugly in recessed surface of bung, apply downward pressure while turning bolt.

The blazer, popular item of sports attire, took its name from the British warship Blazer, whose captain outfitted his crew in blue jackets with brass buttons.

Because it conducts electricity much more rapidly in the light than in the dark, the element selenium is valuable for photoelectric applications.

Season's Greetings

Cordial good wishes to all our friends this Christmas season.

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MERRY XMAS

STRATFORD GRAIN CO.

Railroads still carry more than half the freight transported within the United States despite increasing use of trucks.



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Christmas for Christ!

The Christmas Cross

In the Christmas story, we see the beginning of those tremendous events that shook heaven and earth like a mighty earthquake and opened the gate of heaven for us forevermore. There is all the wonder of the birth at Bethlehem, speedily followed by the vicious jealousy of Herod and the slaughter of the innocents. This is the way of life—

the contrast between good and evil, love and hate. Thus, the Cross is present at Christmas, too. At no other time in the life of Christ does the Cross show up in such glorious proportions. For the birth of Christ was part of God's purpose to redeem man.

God had made man for love. But man had rejected God and turned to his own selfish ways.

Man Needs A Saviour

How could God win man's love and bring him to His side? Man had become such a hopeless creature, arrogantly following his own desires, engaged in achieving temporal successes in a material world, failing to raise his eyes to the love and righteousness for which he was meant. God knew that He would have to redeem man because man could never redeem himself.

In His own good time, God chose the Israelites as the instrument of His redemption. He gave them deepening insights into life both through fortune and misfortune and through the continuing revelation of Himself in the great events of their history. He sharpened their perception by the ministrations of the law. Then He sent His word through the prophets.

Redemptive Suffering

One great collection of these prophetic words tells the story of joy built upon suffering; a Cross seen clearly through the joyful birth. In the book of the Prophet Isaiah is the story of a virgin who shall conceive and bear a son whose name shall be Immanuel. He will be the hope of Israel, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace. He will be a suffering servant who shall die for our sins. All our misdoings shall be laid upon Him, and by His stripes we shall be healed.

This also is Christmas: the birth of the Prince and the suffering by which the Prince shall accomplish His redemptive work.

We rejoice in the birth of Christ because it leads to our redemption. This is the unusual about His birth. It would have been no different from any other birth, or from any of the pagan myths of the entrance of gods into the human world, if

we did not believe that life has a solid foundation. Before Christ could die for us, He had to be born for us. Only upon the Cross can we erect a life of true happiness and joy. We know that someone has descended to the very depth of life and has built there a cruciform foundation. On that platform, we can build the greatest joy known to man. Without that Cross, it would be impossible.

Our Greatest Joy

It is the Cross that glows behind the baubles on the Christmas tree and makes it safe for us to enjoy them in passing. Our greatest joy is in God. We are no longer hopeless because we know that we have been redeemed.

It is the Christmas Cross that keeps our celebration of Christ's birth from being hollow, superficial, fragile. The Cross is there, and it stands for deliverance from eternal misery and damnation. Lift high the joys of Christmas, for above them all shines the certainty of a promised redemption!

— By Raymond T. Ferris



BY LYN CONNELLY

JOHN LUPTON pulled a switch on the usual Indian guide routine recently when he showed his "Broken Arrow" co-star, Michael (Cochise) Ansara, around New York City. Oddly enough, for an actor who has appeared in a score of movies, Ansara never had visited Manhattan and he got the full tourist treatment from Lupton. Included was Mike's first subway ride, the ferry boat trip to the Statue of Liberty, a show in Greenwich Village and luncheon at Sardi's. Mike's reaction: "The Indians got a bad deal, all right, but it's evening up now that Indian country got the Giants and Dodgers."

Bobby Breen, whose star has not been burning very brightly for the past 15 years, may be staging a comeback. He is currently appearing in the pilot film of a possible TV series titled "Bobby". The series is to have a music and situation-comedy format. Breen rose to stardom as a child singer discovered by Eddie Cantor. remember? Back in the days of Deanna Durbin. Deanna now is a devoted mother and housewife living in Paris.

PLATTER CHATTER

CAPITOL: — From the soundtrack of the movie comes a hi-fi album bringing all the terrific numbers in "Pal Joey" starring Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak. Rita does the beautiful and haunting "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered," while Sinatra bats 1,000 doing such lively favorite as "The Lady Is a Tramp," "There's a Small Hotel," "I Didn't Know What Time It Was," "I Could Write a Book" and others and Kim wraps it up with "My Funny Valentine." Great album.

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Man's earliest implement was a stone. The lachrymal glands secrete tears.



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May the peace and joy of Christmas abide with you throughout the coming year.



C & E Paint & Body Shop

Clyde Pittman — Elbert Williams



Noel

We join you in singing his praise this Christmas day.

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Merry Christmas

To all of our friends we send greeting and wish you a Merry Christmas. 1957

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.



Christmas Express

We wish you a train load of happiness during this joyous season.

Sherman Implement Co.

E. R. BELL — GENE STINSON



Merry Christmas 1957

To old friends, and to new friends we hope to earn, it is a pleasure to extend best wishes of the season.

ALBERT'S Grocery & Market