

Cotton Research Conducted At Tech

Lubbock, Dec. 20.—Better understanding of the physical properties of Texas cotton as an aid in the utilization and merchandising of the State's cotton is the goal of research now in progress at Texas Technological college and the University of Texas. The work is being done under the sponsorship of the Cotton Research Committee of Texas, John F. Leahy, director.

Studies of physical properties of the cotton fiber as they relate to problems of merchandising and utilization are being made on cotton from approximately fifty communities throughout the State. After the cotton from each community has been typed as to physical properties, it is spun into nine different yarn counts using various twists and drafts to find out what combination gives the best results for each kind of yarn. The measurements by the Cotton Research located at Texas Technological college, Lubbock.

Historically, some 90 percent of the cotton grown in Texas has been used in mills located in foreign lands.

being analyzed by members of the Cotton Merchandising Research located at the University of Texas, Austin. The analysis of the data on physical properties and spinning tests will supply information that will result in more effective merchandising and utilization of Texas cotton. Thus the use of instruments which measure strength, length, uniformity, fineness, and maturity are making it possible to acquire clearer insight into changing problems associated with specific mill uses for cotton.

Because of the highly competitive conditions that exist in so far as cotton and synthetics are concerned, it is important that information on fiber properties and spinnability be made available to the mills and merchants of Texas if present markets are to be retained. Knowledge of fiber properties of Texas cotton and how they translate in the mill provides the edge needed by our merchants to meet the competition from foreign cottons which they encounter in their efforts to sell Texas cotton to the mills of Europe and the Orient.

Russian People Are Also Able to Say "Merry Christmas"

"S Rojdestvom Kristovym." That's what a Russian would say to you if you were in Russia on Christmas day and he wished to extend the season's greetings.

The phrase is the Russian's way of saying: "Merry Christmas."

In the past, the Russian's Christmas was closely associated with his church; but how the day is observed now that the religious life has been subjugated in the Soviet, one would have to be behind the "iron curtain" to know.

But it was not always like that. In other days, the Russian Christmas was much like the Ukrainian. There was a Santa Claus known as "Dedushka Moroz" and there were traditional gifts of red boots for children and golden slippers for young girls.

In certain parts of the country the "baboushka" (grandmother) was the legendary dispenser of gifts. According to one story, she repented of unkindness and ever since has tried to make amends by distributing gifts to children at Christmas.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little girl 6 years old. I am in Mrs. DeShazo's room. I have been good so please bring me a big doll, toy typewriter and baton. Please bring my little sister Kathy who isn't 4 a big doll and a toy wheelbarrow. Also bring fruit, nuts and candy.
Remember the other little girls and boys.
Your friend,
Jeanne Gray.

Dear Santa,
I am six years old and a good girl.
Please bring me a doll, some dishes, a housecoat and boots.
Bring my two brothers what they want.
Love
Martha Ann Tubbs

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 5 years old, please bring me a doll that looks like a real baby and a doll buggy. And bring Bill something, too.
Love,
Roxana Hart.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I am in the first grade and I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a little bottle doll, a big doll, nurse set, scotty dog, gloves and cap, and some story books. And don't forget my teacher, Mrs. DeShazo.
Dorothy Jean McMahon

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 5 years old. Please bring me a doll and Kathie a doll. I would like to have a toy telephone and a play stove. Kathie wants a tricycle. Please leave me some nuts, apples, and candy, and I will leave you some coffee and cake.
Your friend,
Mary Wilson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old and I have been kinda good. Will you please bring me a negro doll with hair and a doll buggy. I would also like a table and chair set Santa.
Love,
Marion Lee Hill

Merry Christmas To You



From the EMPLOYEES of West Texas Gas Company

Read The Want Ads. Every Week.

MULESHOE VISITORS

Joe Reid and family visited with his brother Buster Reid and family this week on their way to Hill county. They are from El Centro, where Mr. Reid is in the Navy.

Christmas GREETINGS

May the pleasures you derive from the exciting moments 'round the Christmas tree with your dear ones, linger and provide a host of wonderful memories to make the coming year a very happy one!

Ray's Service Station

A Christmas Wish

May the joyful pleasures of your Christmas Holiday become the core of happy memories for the coming year!

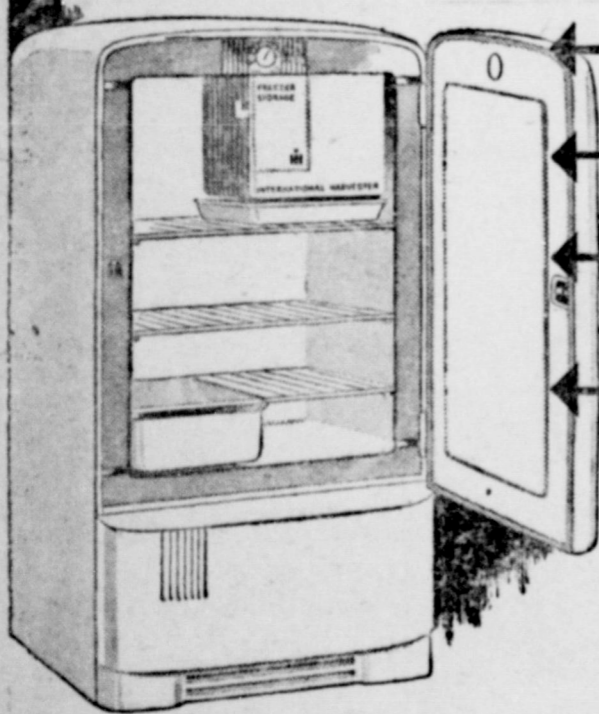
Muleshoe BEAUTY SHOP

Best wishes FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your Yule-tide be joyous and bright . . . with the fullest measure of happiness and contentment!

Dr. B. Z. Beaty

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More features, more value . . . than in any refrigerator comparable in capacity and price! Big, 36-pound freezer storage . . . 13.3 square feet of shelf area . . . Tight-Wad unit low cost, extra-quiet operation . . . world famous International Harvester quality. See it today . . . with other International Harvester refrigerators and freezers.



compare quality!
compare capacity!
compare value!

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

is the refrigerator you'll buy!

big, standard model 8H1
lowest-priced
8-cubic-foot "quality"
refrigerator on the market!

\$224.75
Other models 259 to 299
Low down payment 24 months to pay

Johnson & Nix

YOUR INTERNATIONAL DEALER

MULESHOE, TEXAS

Here's holiday refreshment for your Buick!

TIME'S coming when the air is full of good spirits, and we all feel pretty chipper—but what about that faithful Buick of yours?

Wet winter driving is roughest on cars—and even though it still handles like a sweetheart, your Buick may have slipped a notch or so in performance, or gradually acquired a squeak you haven't been aware of.

So do this...

Bring it to us for one of our winter tune-ups, plus a special winter LUBRICARE treatment. (This Lubricare is something you and your Buick should know about—it's an over-all trouble-check,

plus a wonderfully thorough lubrication routine!) Between these two refreshing treatments, you'll have all your Buick's glad and breezy-power back—plenty of Fireball zoomph to pull you out of any traffic fuss. You'll have a quiet-riding body and chassis that make every mile a glad glide. And you'll have top mileage efficiency, with a motor that starts on the coldest morning as quick as a scared alarm clock!

Why put it off? Our service is quick and expert, our prices lower than you'd think. The driving pleasure you get is immense. Phone us now and make a holiday for bringing your Buick's spirits up to those of the season!



Buick care keeps Buicks best

MULESHOE AUTOMOBILE CO.

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"BEST BET'S BUICK"

MULESHOE

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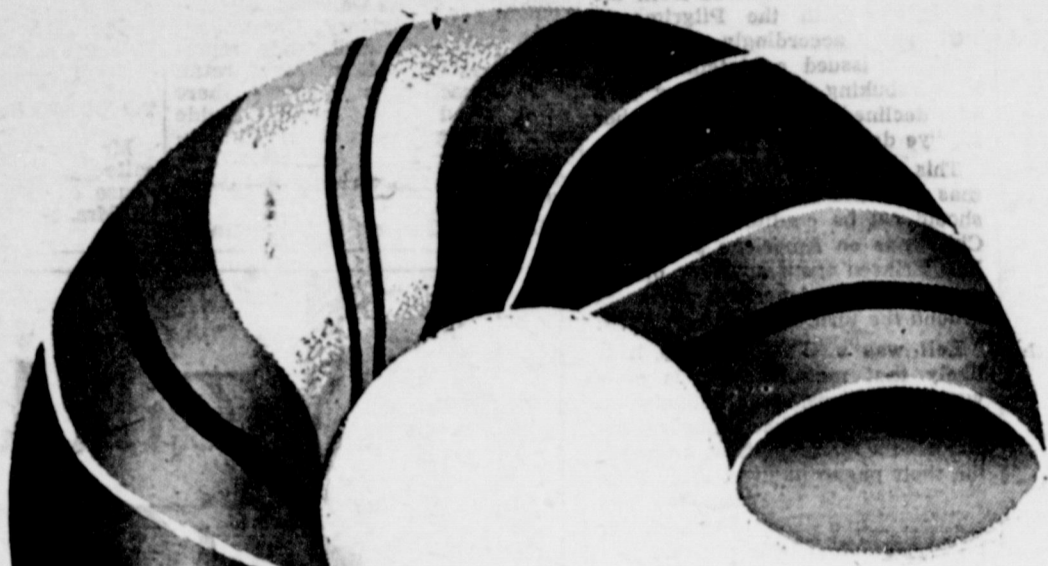
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Christmas Greetings

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Clawner

Claire Tiffany



Kater woven Socks

RED GOOSE SHOES

ALIVE AND COMFORTED PARENTS' MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Kickernick

Jockey

HARC RANCHWEAR California Style

Kate Greenaway's

HICKOK

Kaynee

Grace Walker HEEL-UP

McGregor Sportswear

Freeman's

Jacqueline

Van Huesen

MARY JANE

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old in the first grade and I have tried to be good. I would like a football, gun and candy.
With love,
Terry Burkhart

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I am in the first grade. I have been a good girl.

Please bring me a big doll with a basinet.
Don't forget all of the other little boys and girls and don't forget my teacher Mrs. DeShazo.
Thank you,
Tula Haye Embry

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and in Mrs. DeShazo's room. Please bring me a wagon, a truck that carries cars, color book and colors. A sock of candy and nuts and a dozen ba-

anas.
Thank you,
Stanley Robison
P. S. Bring my brother Wendell some nice things too.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Tony doll and a western jacket.
I have been a good girl.
Love and XXX,
Jana Goodwin

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl six years old and in the first grade. I'm writing

to say I would like a record player, some records and a little sewing machine as my Christmas presents. Please remember all the little boys and girls, also my nice teacher.
I love you,
Doris Ann Gilbreath

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a doll buggy, a cow girl dress and dishes.
Love,
Mary Ann Green

Dear Santa,
Please bring any long hair doll and a pair of boots and a tie
Love and XXX,
Donna Guinn

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cap gun and a wagon.
I have been a good boy.
Love and XXX
Gerry.

New Publication Helps Retailers

Retailers and others engaged in distribution who wish to take advantage of the various forms of assistance available to them from Federal Government agencies will be helped by a new publication issued recently by the U. S. Department of Commerce, stated Ray L. Miller, regional director of the Commerce Department's Dallas office, today. This booklet, "1949 Guide to Government Information on Retailing", is a bibliography of Government publications and periodicals related to the retail trades. This group of retail trade representatives from 41 national retail trade associations felt that there was a need for a simplified guide to the large amount of government-produced information of value to the nation's retailers, said Miller.

the head of the Government agency producing it and also is indexed by type of business and by the operational subject with which it deals. Among the latter are accounting, advertising, credit, displays, financing, merchandising, personnel training, and many others. Also listed are sources of statistics on production, trade volume, and price trends, and helpful information on the development of marketing programs.

In addition the 38-page booklet indicates which Federal agencies can be of assistance to retail businessmen and to which of them specific trade problems should be addressed.

The new guide of Government retailing services may be purchased from the Dallas Field Office of the U. S. Department of Commerce, 1114 Commerce Street, 15 cents a copy.

Pilgrims Deplored "Yo Christmas Day"

Puritan disapproval of Christmas celebrations disembarked from the Mayflower with the Pilgrims in 1621 and, accordingly, Governor Bradford issued a statement publicly rebuking certain young men who declined to work on December 25, "yo day called Christmas."

This first New England Christmas—or non-observance thereof—should not be credited as the first Christmas on American soil, since Leif Eriksen spent a winter or two on the North American continent around the turn of the 11th century.

Leif was a Christian, and it is likely that members of his crew were Christians, too; although it is quite possible that some had accepted the faith without remodeling their pagan natures, since King Olaf's methods were ruthless and his command "Be baptized, or else!" left them little choice.

Undoubtedly, flagons of crude, raw wine fermented from the grapes of Leif's Vinland were passed around and the celebration may have been rather boisterous, but in all fairness to Leif—who, according to excellent testimony, was a sincere convert—it is reasonable to assume that there was a trace of religious observance.

Perhaps Leif remembered the few words of Latin prayer he learned at the time of his conversion and recited them in honor of the birthday of the Redeemer he had accepted. . . . Thus, the first Christmas in America was observed.



Season's Greetings

It is the "wealth" of good will, and the "strength" of good fellowship that make for a Merrier Christmas and a Happier New Year.

POOL INSURANCE AGENCY
MYRON POOL JR. LEE POOL



Greetings

Once again it is Christmas . . . May it, bring you peace, good health and happiness throughout the year.

LAMBERT CLEANERS
MILDRED & WOODIE

With Best Wishes

May all the joys of Christmas be yours and may your New Year overflow with happiness.

Cecil H. Tate

Try Journal Classified Ads.—

At Christmas

May this message of thankful appreciation for your goodwill come to you at a time when you too are enjoying the pleasant memories of friendships that have lasted through long loyal years.

King Bros. Grain & Seed Co.
Arnold - Bob - Paul - Ruby - Fred - Duncan - Pop - Slim - George

Jackets Bow To Cubs 27-26; Take 2nd At Levelland

Coach Bailey's Yellowjacket five battled their way to the finals of the Levelland basketball tournament by defeating Sundown and Morton, but were defeated by the Brownfield five 27-26 for first place honors.

In the opening game Thursday the Muleshoe boys won over Sundown five by a wide margin to gain the upper bracket.

Friday night they defeated Morton five 33 to 28 to go into the finals against the Brownfield five for first place honors.

The Jackets led 10-2 lead in the first quarter but Muleshoe threw a defense in the second quarter holding the Cubs to only 13-33.

Sundown took the consolation prize by defeating Tahoka 27-20. Trophies were awarded to the first second, third and consolation winners.

Tournament Team
Selected on the all-tournament team at the close of the tourney included Ed Nickels, Muleshoe; Sammy Ritchey and John Thompson, Brownfield; Bobby Clark, Sundown; and Dee Windsor, Levelland.

Girls Win Second At Farwell Tourney

The Yellowjackets, coached by Willard Hedges advanced to the finals in the Farwell Invitational basketball tournament by downing Texico and Bovina in Thursday and Friday's games.

The Jackettes lost in the finals to the strong Farwell sextet by a score of 44 to 34 taking second place in the tournament.

Farwell downed Springlake Friday 26-21 to gain the finals and went ahead to win their own tournament by downing the Muleshoe girls in the final game.

The Cubs narrowly won the game 27-26.

Of course this gave the Muleshoe boys second place honors in the tournament.

Levelland gained the third place slot by defeating the Morton five 43-33.

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Slants From The Sidelines...

By W. E. Hill

Coach J. S. Fikes powerful Wildcats blasted their way to the State finals by downing the Garland eleven and will meet the highly-touted Mexia eleven this weekend for the State Title.

Some people are giving Mexia the nod in this one, but we will stick with our neighbors down the highway and predict that they will win by an 18-point margin. (No bets... just predicting).

Coach Bailey and Coach Hedges have brought the boys and girls basketball teams a long way so far this season and already they are making a good showing of themselves.

Last Friday night we were able to travel to Levelland and watch the local boys perform and they look plenty good to us, but there is still plenty of room for improvement and from the looks of things they are improving every day.

So far we haven't had the opportunity to watch the girls in action but evidently they are doing a swell job on the court too.

In the game which we saw the boys play, they controlled the game up until the third quarter, but it looked like their opponents took over and made them play their way. However that is just my opinion and I could be wrong.

All the boys on the squad are Juniors except one boy, so this will really give us a better team next season.

Joe Cummings, who was injured in our first football game this season, will be joining the basketball squad after the holidays and observers seem to think that Joe will improve the squad considerably.

Joe is a fine basketball player and no doubt he will help the squad considerably providing he is able to get into condition by that time.

Our boys are still just a little slow, but they are gaining a little.

Littlefield To Play Mexia For 'A' Title

The powerful Littlefield Wildcats blasted their way to the state class A finals by downing the highly-rated Garland eleven 27-13 in the semifinal game last Friday at Vernon.

Big Tom Bailes romped to 3 of Littlefield's touchdowns in the first half to give them a 20-6 lead.

Littlefield marched 90-yards in the fourth quarter with Bailes again going over for the TD from the 19-yard line. Gage ran over for the extra point giving the Wildcats a 27-6 lead.

Garland staged another drive late in fourth quarter to score closing the Wildcats lead to 27-13 which was the final score.

To Meet Mexia
The Wildcats will meet Mexia this weekend for the state Class A championship.

Mexia edged past the strong Uvalde eleven to gain the finals in the state class A football race.

more speed all the time and if Joe Cummings gets into shape he will certainly speed the team up on the basketball court and is a very good ball handler.

Sudan has a good ball club but Sudan has the ball club to beat this district with Levelland closely following on their heels.

Sudan lost only one of their five men from last year's team and from the way they have been knocking over some area teams in practice play, they have even

a better ball club than they had last year.

Morton's cagers have an improved ball club and could easily improve enough before the end of the season to be giving their conference foes plenty of trouble.

Sundown has a potentially good ball club and may be giving everybody a good race for the district title by the time basketball gets underway again after the Christmas holidays.

Littlefield is getting a late start in basketball due to their long football season and aren't likely

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to have much this year in the way of a basketball team, but it is possible that they may surprise a lot of us come January.

tween Littlefield and Muleshoe for last Tuesday night was called off and will be played sometime early in January.

The game scheduled here be-

Holiday Greetings to All

Blackburn Food Market

The years go on and our celebrations may change with time...but the wishes are always the same—A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to You and Yours!

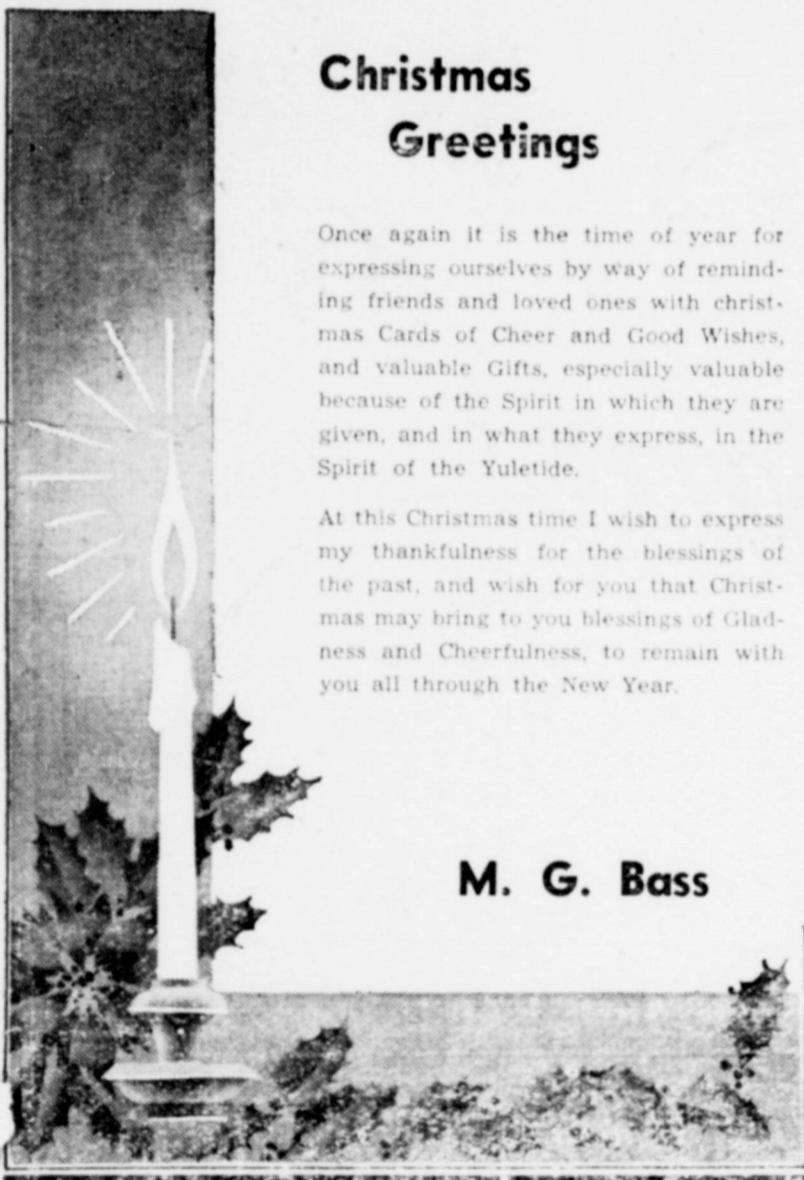
Muleshoe Automobile COMPANY

Christmas Greetings

Once again it is the time of year for expressing ourselves by way of reminding friends and loved ones with Christmas Cards of Cheer and Good Wishes, and valuable Gifts, especially valuable because of the Spirit in which they are given, and in what they express, in the Spirit of the Yuletide.

At this Christmas time I wish to express my thankfulness for the blessings of the past, and wish for you that Christmas may bring to you blessings of Gladness and Cheerfulness, to remain with you all through the New Year.

M. G. Bass



Greetings

To our many friends—old and new—May the spirit of Christmas linger with you to brighten every day of the New Year.

Muleshoe Liquefied Gas

Greetings for Christmas

The most cherished of gifts bestowed upon us by the outgoing year is the confidence of those we have been privileged to serve. Ever appreciative of this pleasant relationship, we want to express to our many good friends our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas season and a very happy New Year.

**MULESHOE MOTOR CO.
ROCKEY TRACTOR CO.**

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rockey
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Earlene Howard
Ed Edmiston
L. R. Testerman

Walter Boness
C. W. Perkins
Jay Weyer
V. L. Bradley
Neil Singer

Shorty Holmes
Onas Terrell
R. E. Luttrell
Herron Washington
H. W. Arnold

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At The Churches



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

UNITED PENTECOSTAL
Mrs. Maggie Aiken, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday Evening 7:30 p. m.
Friday Evening 7:30 p. m.

LAZBUDDY
METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Silas Dixon, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Church Service 11 a. m.
Evening Service 8:30 p. m.
Mid-Week Prayer and Song Service 8:40 p. m.
Everyone invited to our services.

MAIN STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
M. E. Robinson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
W.M.U. (Wed.) 2:00 p. m.
Mid-Week Prayer Service Wednesday 7:00 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Muleshoe, Texas
Lord's Day Services
Bible Classes for all 10:00 A. M.
Preaching 10:50 A. M.
Communion 11:45 A. M.
Preaching 8:00 P. M.
Wednesday
Ladies Bible Class 3:00 P. M.
Bible Study & Singing 8:00 P. M.
Ebb Handol
Minister

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rev. A. R. Medcalf, Pastor
Mack Hale, S. S. Supt.
MORNING WORSHIP
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
EVENING WORSHIP
Young People's Service 7 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:45 P. M.
Church services are now being conducted regularly in the new Nazarene Church building in the west part of town.

ANTIOCH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Across Street from Hospital
Services every 3rd Sunday
Starting at 10:30
Elder Jimmie Ross, Pastor
Singing every Sunday Night
Except 3rd Sunday

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
T. G. Craft, Pastor
Sunday Services
Bible Study 10 a.m.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Young People 8 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Midweek Service, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
W.S.C.S. Monday 2:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. A. W. Blaine, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Officers and Teachers,
Wednesday 7 p.m.
WMU, Wednesday 2 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, Thursday 7 p.m.

MULESHOE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
On Clovis Hi-way at Shady Rest
Second Sunday 11:30
Elder L. M. Handley
Fourth Sunday 10:30
Elder K. E. Martin
Theron West, Church Clerk

NORTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship, each Lord's Day 10:30
Extending to all a cordial invitation.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lariat, Texas
W. B. Gummelt, Pastor
Sunday School and
Bible Class at 9:45 a. m.
Divine Services at 10:30 a. m.
The Ladies' Aid Meet the 1st Thursday of each mo. 2:30 p. m.
The Walthier League meets the first Sunday of ea mo. 8 p. m.
St. John's Lutheran at Lariat, Texas bids you a cordial welcome
"Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it." Luke 11, 28.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Rev. L. H. Hubbard, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 8 p.m.
Young People's Service, Tuesday 8 p.m.
Mid-week Service, Thursday evening 8 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
L. B. Edwards, Pastor
Lazbuddy, Texas
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:45 p. m.
Mid-Week Prayer

Service 7 p. m.
"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together. Heb. 10:25."

WEST CAMP FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. E. H. Mitchell, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
B. T. U. 8 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:45 p. m.
Mid-Week Service 8:00 p. m.
Everybody Welcome

Y. L. - PROGRESS METHODIST CHURCH
(At Progress 1st & 3rd Sun.)
(At Y. L. 2nd & 4th Sun.)
Carrol M. Jones, Pastor
Union Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching Service 11 a. m.
Bible Study Classes 7 p. m.
Preaching Service 7:30 p. m.
LONGVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. E. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching Services 11 a. m.
B. T. U. 8 p. m.
Preaching Service 8:30 p. m.
W. M. S. Monday, 2:30 p. m.
All Church Night, Wed. 7:30 p. m.
Next Time Try A Journal Want Ad

Mrs. Walker Is Foreman Roy Rogers Club Here

Mrs. Hertha Walker of the Valley Theatre in Muleshoe, was today appointed by Roy Rogers, "King of the Cowboys", as a chapter head of the Roy Rogers Riders Club. Mrs. Walker, who is to be Ranch Foreman of the club, will conduct meetings at regular intervals, during special week-end matinees at this theatre. Details of the Club's activities will be announced very shortly. Members will be notified of the events to take place from time to time. Special short subjects, stage entertainments, games and contests are to be featured. On the educational and good-citizenship side there will be talks on Safety and Good-Fellowship by prominent citizens and officials. Of interest to parents and club members are the nine Roy Rogers Riders Club rules, which are:

1. Be neat and clean.
2. Be courteous and polite.
3. Always obey your parents.
4. Protect the weak and help them.
5. Be brave but never take chances.
6. Study hard and learn all you can.
7. Be kind to animals and care for them.
8. Eat all your food and never waste any.
9. Always respect the flag and love our country.



for a MERRY CHRISTMAS

EDDIE LANE



The foundation of all business is friendship—
and with each Christmas we derive unmatched
joy in wishing our friends all the pleasures of
a Merry Yuletide and a New Year filled with
happiness, good health and peace.



MULESHOE GIN COMPANY

Lora McDaniel
Pauline Tunnell
Jimmie Green
W. M. Daniell
Jim Lewallen
Jay Kates

H. M. "Boots" BRYANT

Willie Kates
George Armstrong
Donald Green
Alex Barnhill
Elmer Pinney
Ellis Sterling



GILBREATH FEED & SEED CO.



We feel genuinely pleased and privileged to extend sincere Holiday greetings to our many friends. In the spirit of appreciation for the confidence you have shown in us, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cross Roads Cafe
Ineta and Alton Turrentine

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Robert and I am 7 years old. Will you please bring me a BB gun and a boy doll house, not a big one; a little filling station; and some firecrackers and fruit and nuts and candy. Bring all the other children in

my room something nice and some thing for Mrs. DeShazo. Your friend, Robert Wilson

So called "closet dramas" are those resigned to be read, but not acted.

There are no grounds for divorce which are accepted in all 48 of the states.

Try Journal Want Ads Today!

Appreciation Day is Saturday



THE FASHION SHOP
Elizabeth Barnett Dorothy Matthiesen

FURNITURE FASHIONS by Frances Ainsworth



GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:—The beauty and charm of the old Masters is combined with the ultimate in modern convenience in the illustrated bedroom grouping by the John Widdicomb Furniture Company of Grand Rapids. The luxurious double headboard is adapted from an old Chippendale chair back . . . hand-made of all mahogany with the rich carving detail and superb finish which is typical of the skill and master-crafting for which Grand Rapids furniture is world-famed. The versatile chests may be used with equal charm and appropriateness in either living room or bedroom—their highly polished woods and distinctive brass pulls adding a luxury note that is unsurpassed. Swing beds conveniently roll apart for ease of making. Exemplifying the best in traditional furniture design, all pieces will lend a richly pleasing air of gracious dignity to the room in which they are used.

New Treatment Discovered For Pernicious Anemia

AUSTIN, December 20—A substance found in hog stomach linings may make pleasanter the treatment of Pernicious Anemia victims.

The substance, dubbed "apoerythrin" by its discoverers in the University of Texas Biochemical Institute, can be taken orally. The material permits the body to absorb Vitamin B-12, needed to combat pernicious anemia, through the

stomach. At present, Vitamin B-12 can be given only by hypodermic needle injection to pernicious anemia patients.

Dr. Roger Williams, Institute director, said apoerythrin in the human stomach lining and intestinal tract is the cause of pernicious anemia.

Institute researchers found the substance in hog linings. Thus a sufficient supply of it is assured. It is being produced in a purified, powder form and is being given with Vitamin B-12 in capsules to patients.

The Biochemical Institute discovery is one of several in a long-range program to combat pernicious anemia and other nutritional diseases.

Time Not Constant In the Celebrations Of Christ's Nativity

While December is now the month in which Christ's birthday is celebrated by Christians all over the world, research and study show that Christ's nativity has been celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October by various peoples.

And although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were popularized.

No historian pretends to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas became a general festival.

About all that is known is that during the fourth century the feast of the Nativity was observed in all western world churches at different dates.

The confusion resulting from celebrations in seven months of the year caused the western church authorities to meet in 340 to set a definite date for the celebration. The eastern churches did not cooperate until the sixth century when December 25 was set as the day to be observed.

The question has arisen innumerable times as to why December was selected as the month for rejoicing. The answer is that this month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in nearly every civilized land.

Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians all took part in the celebration of these festivals which had originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to claim that the pagan festivities might be the forbear of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

SUNDAY MINISTER

Minister Leroy C. Nelson of Rails, Texas, will preach morning and evening services, Sunday, December 25, at the Northside Church of Christ.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

Santa I just want a football, and plenty of candy, nuts and fruit this Xmas. I still have some of the toys I got last Xmas.

I have tried to be a good boy. I am 7 years old and in the first grade and Mrs. DeShazo is my teacher, don't forget her and all the other little boys and girls.

I love you,
Jackie Ray

Dear Santa,

I want a real watch with ten (10) jewels in it. I also want a suit case full of doll clothes, want a blackboard, with different colors of chalk. I have been a very good girl this year.

Judy Kay Lambert

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BAILEY:

Notice is hereby given that the partnership between Claude Gage, of Bailey County, Texas, and W. B. Abernathy, of Young County, Texas, heretofore conducted under the firm name of "Fairview Gin," was by mutual consent of the partners, terminated and dissolved on the 15th day of December, 1949.

CLAUDE GAGE
W. B. ABERNATHY
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BONHAM VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. (Shorty) Lambert left the first of the week to be with her father who is ill. Her parents Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Henry live at Bonham.



Hear the bells ring out our wishes for a WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS for EVERYONE!

Geralds Cafe

We look forward each year to sharing with our many friends the brightness and good will of the holiday season.

WINGO SERVICE STATION



May the holy sentiments of this precious holiday prevail throughout your activities.

DIXIE LEE SHOPPE

HATTIE JENNINGS — OPAL FIELDS
LUCILLE WRIGHT — VELMA JENNINGS

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those peoples.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.

Hearty Greetings

The Christmas bells resound with lively jubilation carrying the tidings of the Season to everyone, everywhere! May they bring you a message of joy and good cheer!

SPENCE RADIO SHOP



"A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR"

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
25 YEARS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Johns Talk . . .

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I ask these questions, please answer them in your own minds.

Retail Trade

Do local stores have uniform closing hours?

Is there adequate parking space for shoppers?

Can merchants combine to stage spring and fall openings, as well as special sales events?

Are stores attractive? Would improved fronts and better lighting add to drawing power of retail districts?

Does the city have proper ordinances governing peddlers?

Are proper steps being taken to protect merchants and others from fake advertising schemes?

Recreational Facilities

Are there enough acres in parks to meet the needs—present and future?

Do the parks have desirable playgrounds and picnic equipment?

Is there at least one ball diamond?

Do you have swimming facilities?

Transportation

Is railway service adequate?

Do you have truck and bus service of sufficient frequency to meet needs?

Are your main highways paved? what about farm-to-market roads?

do you have enough improved miles of such highway?

Education

Is your school system adequate? Are the school buildings of modern construction?

Are your school buildings safe and sanitary?

Is your school district well governed?

Social Welfare Agencies

Do you have the proper relief, welfare and character building facilities—either public or private—to meet local needs?

Are you giving encouragement to Boy and Girl Scout Troops, 4-H Clubs and other character building agencies?

If you can't answer all these questions in the absolute affirmative—there is a margin between what Muleshoe is and what you want it to be, and you need a chamber of commerce!

Public Affairs

In what shape are the finances of your city and county governments?

Is there some definite assistance you could give your public officials to reduce taxes, or to make the public dollar go further?

Are your city streets properly lighted—particularly your business streets?

Do your streets have name plates, and are your houses and business houses properly numbered?

Is your firefighting equipment adequate?

Are fire insurance rates as low as they should be?

What about your streets? Do they need surfacing?

Are you voicing the opinions of your business men on state and national affairs through your state and national chambers of commerce?

Do you have adequate municipal health protection service?

Public Utilities

What about your municipal water system? Is it large enough to care for emergencies? Is the water supply safeguarded as to purity?

Do you have sanitary sewage disposal?

Is there need for local bus transportation within the city, or to nearby manufacturing plants or communities?

Professional And Business Services

Can farmers and others who come to shop find the professional and business services they have a right to expect in your city, or must they go to "the big town" for all except "staple merchandise"?

Do you have the medical and hospital service that the size of your city warrants?

Are standard auto parts on sale, and good auto mechanics available?

If services of this nature are not available, can you do anything to make them so?

Advertising And Publicity

Is there an opportunity to secure more publicity and advertising for your city, and particularly for those features which are of special interest to prospective business enterprises?

Could you issue a community booklet setting forth its attractions and assets in story and pictures?

Agriculture

What are the principal crops and kinds of livestock produced?

Are there satisfactory markets in your town for farm products?

Is there a friendly relationship between farmers and business men?

Do farmers feel "at home" in Muleshoe? Do they like to trade here?

Community Events

Do you stage any kind of event each year to entertain the folks who trade with you?

Again I say, if you can't answer all these questions in the absolute affirmative—there is a margin between what Muleshoe is and what you want it to be, and you need a chamber of commerce!

In 1599 the town council of Marseilles, France, formed the first organization to be known by the name "chamber of commerce".

In 1700, Louis XIV ordered that every French trading center establish a chamber of commerce.

In 1768 the chamber of commerce of the State of New York was organized in New York City. The movement spread over England and Ireland between 1768 and 1796. It spread in America between 1768 and 1870 so that in the latter year there were chambers of commerce in 40 major American cities. These early chambers were strictly business organizations concerned only with trade and commerce. The Cleveland, Ohio, chamber of commerce, organized in 1848, is generally recognized as one of the first modern chambers in the sense that

it was born a commercial and civic organization. In addition to its industrial and commercial activities. This organization took an early interest in housing, playgrounds, city government, and other phases of community life that affected the welfare of the entire community.

So today there are modern chambers of commerce, "men working together, to make their community a better place in which to live and make a living", in several thousand communities, large and small.

It is essential in these times that men should recognize the value of group effort in dealing with community affairs. Current and historical facts record that desirable objectives can be reached most effectively through the medium of a chamber of commerce, an organization which purposes to coordinate the best efforts of all the citizens of a given community in behalf of the civic, commercial, and industrial welfare of that community.

When he was a soldier overseas within the last few years, John Womble, now general manager of the Abilene, Texas, chamber of

commerce, and incidentally one of the top chamber of commerce executives in the south, wrote home and described the chamber of commerce in the following manner:

"It's the family doctor down the street, the lawyer, the minister, the grocer around the corner, the manufacturer in the plant at the edge of town, the haberdasher, the dentist, the face peering through the bank teller's window, the garage man, the barber, the farmer who brings the eggs in, the stenographer and clerk, and just plain 'guys named Bill and Joe'. Friends all—neighbors all—who voluntarily join with you (there's no law which makes them do it) in striving for a better city. For after all, your chamber of commerce is merely a vehicle for accomplishment and achievement of a better community."

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I am a boy seven years old. Please bring me a basketball, knife and tract all.

I have a little sister four years old. She would like a doll, skates

and a trailer for her tricycle. Please leave us some candy and nuts.

Love,
Carter and Wenonah Williams.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy six years old and this is my first year in school. Mrs. J. J. DeShazo is my teacher, and I love her.

I've tried to be a good boy and I want you to bring me a bicycle, a wagon, a little train to wind up, a sleigh and some nuts, candies and fruit, please.

Please don't forget my daddy and mamma, as they have good to me. Don't forget my brother either. Also my brother.

I would like to see all of children, and everyone here Christmas day.

Thanks a lot and Merry, Merry Christmas to you.

Bill Howard,
Star Rt. 2. Muleshoe, Texas

Dear Santa,

Please bring me an iron board and electric iron.

Love and XXX,
Lehora Burkhardt



Merry Christmas

Here are our three Yuletide wishes . . . may they all come true for you!

GOOD HEALTH! GOOD CHEER! GOOD FORTUNE!

Consumers Fuel & Supply

Greetings

We extend our heartfelt wishes that your Christmas Holiday be rich with contentment.

ST. CLAIR'S DEPARTMENT & VARIETY STORE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

When Christmas comes, with all its joy and beauty it is a pleasure to express our whole-hearted greetings!

It is in this spirit that we extend our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our many friends . . .

Texas Machinery Co.

Extending the Greetings of the Season

It is our fondest hope that this Christmas Day be filled with many warm and pleasant moments for you! And that the New Year brings you the fulfillment of all the sincere wishes that have been extended to you in the spirit of the Holiday Season!

Southwestern Associated Telephone Co. and Employees



For a very Merry Christmas

None of us is so young that we cannot understand the beautiful meaning of Christmas and none of us so old and worldly that we cannot be reminded of the first message of Christmas, "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men". For we all come to realize that the good things in life emanate from the desire to serve our fellow man. It is in this spirit that we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association

TO AMARILLO CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holland will spend several days during Christmas with relatives and friends in Amarillo.

TO ABILENE

Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Craft returned Wednesday from Abilene, bringing with them their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs.

James Jennings, who will spend Christmas here in the homes of her parents and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Jennings. They are students at McMurry College.

SPEND CHRISTMAS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mathis and little daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Mathis and little daughter of Post will spend Christmas here

with the parents of the two ladies, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Robinson.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Charles W. Lenau, mother of Charles and Julian Lenau, and Miss Myrtle Lenau, their sister, of Hobart, Okla., are spending the Christmas holidays here.

TO VISIT SISTER'S FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Lenau and sons will spend Christmas day in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith and family, Hagerman, N. M.

TO ABILENE CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Horsley plan to spend Christmas in Abilene in the home of their son, Bruce, his wife and little son.

TO VISIT IN SNYDER

The R. L. Kimbrough, Finis Kimbrough, and J. T. Eubanks families plan to join brothers and sisters at Snyder for a gathering at Christmas.

BELLERS TO VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Herstine Beller and family, former Bailey County

residents, now of Red Bluff, Calif., are expected to be here for a visit with relatives at Christmas. He is a brother of D. E. Beller and of Mrs. Cecil Buhman. While here, they will attend the golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Robinson, of Littlefield, parents of Mrs. Beller.

Our Honor Roll . . .

- New subscribers to The Journal this week are:
- D. B. Boone, city.
 - A. E. Scarbrough, city.
 - W. D. Dement, Star route 2.
 - J. F. Prather, city.
 - Walter Loveless, Friona.
 - A. D. Kirk, Goodland.
 - Arthur Kingery, St. Jo, Texas.
 - Mrs. Bertha Boles, Okla.
- Old subscribers who have renewed their subscriptions are:
- Mrs. Maude Jones, city.
 - Donald Killough, city.
 - Orby Jarman, Route 1.
 - J. J. Redwine, Route 2.
 - W. K. Griffing, Star Rt. 2.
 - F. L. Shelby, Star rt. 1.
 - Fred Locker, Bula.
 - Rev. D. R. Davidson, Hereford.
 - H. M. Hunt, Panama, Neb.
 - Mrs. D. K. Smith, Illinois.
 - D. E. Beller, Route 1.
 - C. A. Adams, Route 2.

TO FARWELL CHRISTMAS

Minister and Mrs. J. E. Randol will visit at Christmas with their children in Farwell, where there will be a family gathering. They will have their tree Saturday night and Mr. Randol will be back for services at the Church of Christ Sunday morning.

WEEK END VISITORS

Bruce Horsley and son, Ronnie, of Abilene, were here last week end for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Horsley.

HERE FROM SNYDER

Mrs. H. S. Hart and daughter, of Snyder, visited the past week here with the Charlie and Elmer Prather families.

Directory Is Now On Sale

The Student Directory which contains all the names of the high school students, faculty members, school board members, their addresses, telephone numbers, and a list of all organizations to which each belongs will go on sale Tuesday morning for 25 cents each. Your Student Council is able to sell this directory for 25 cents which is about 6 cents below cost

through the sale of advertising.

There are not enough directories for each student to have one, so they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. There will be 270 directories to be sold after furnishing each of our advertisers with one. We have 300 High School students and fifty faculty members who are potential purchasers, also a number of merchants have expressed their desire to purchase a directory. Since the directory is primarily for the students, they will be given the first chance to buy them and they will be sold according to the following priority:

Tuesday morning—High School students only.

Tuesday afternoon—High School students and faculty members.

Wednesday—Students and fa-

culty members of both high school and grade school, and merchants. Only one directory will be sold to each person.

Seniors Receive Class Pictures

Wednesday the Seniors finally received their long awaited class pictures. All week long they've been running everybody wild getting them to sign this and then sign that.

You see—they got their memory books too. All in all it's made a very nice, Christmas week for all seniors.



Best wishes for a very merry and joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

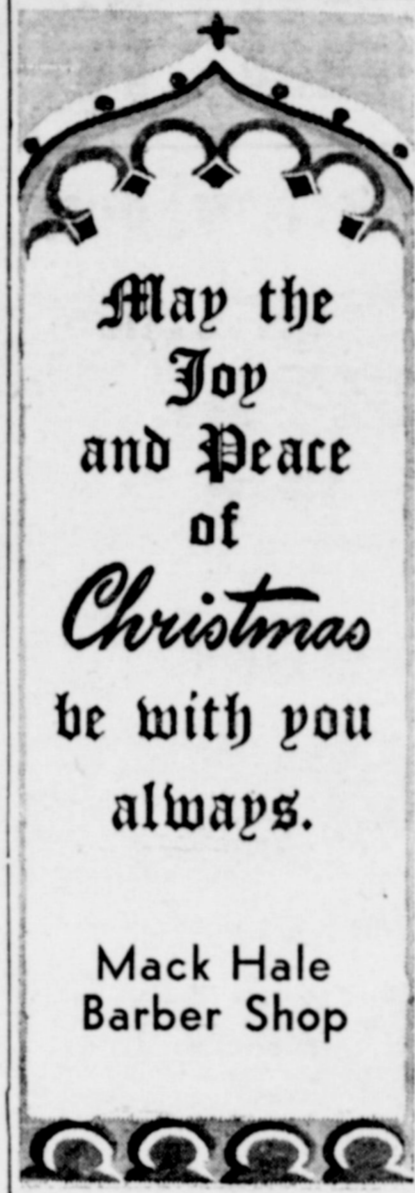
Layne Machine Shop
Mr. and Mrs. Chet Layne



Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas

Our sincerest hopes for a Happy New Year

Damron Rexall Drug



May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you always.

Mack Hale Barber Shop



Christmas Carols

Christmas carols express better than anything else, probably, the true spirit of Christmas. The word "carol" itself signifies joy and was originally used to accompany a dance. William Wallace Fyfe concludes that the term carol "signifies a song of joy or exultation." Another definition states: "A carol is a hymn of praise especially such as is sung at Christmas in the open air."

In England, which gave America most of its carols, they were sometimes gay and sometimes convivial until the time of the Puritans, who tried to suppress the Christmas spirit.

After the Restoration, the religious nature of the day was for a time almost forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism, and the carol was temporarily lost in the songs.

There are many quaint customs associated with the early carolers that might be used today to break the monotony of going from house to house singing Christmas hymns.

It was about the 16th century that caroling became a Christmas custom, and is supposed to have been brought to England from Italy by the traveling clergy. The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

The idea of caroling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration

and a great home day with neighborly feeling, so it grew and flourished in that country.

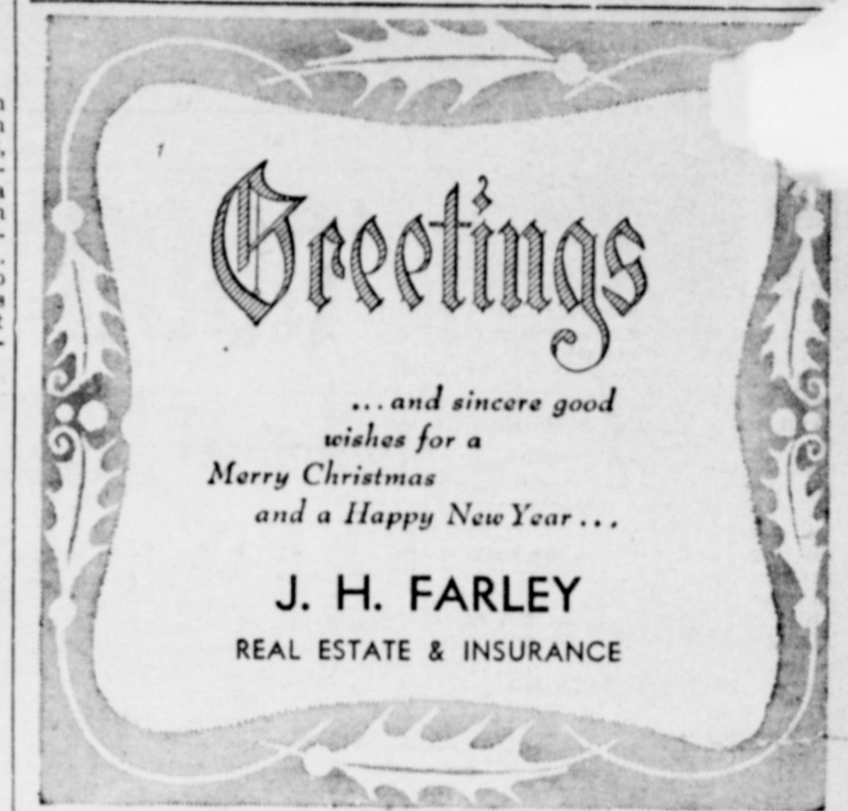
Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages came to be known as "Waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummers and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for the householders to offer hospitality to these Christmas troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving alms and presents of various kinds was established.

This benign custom threatened at one time in England to become a profession and to lose its original simple charm.

For a period beginning just when no one knows and ending in 1820, there were in London and Westminster companies of "Waits" whose leaders held office by public appointment and who obtained an exclusive right to solicit contributions from the public.

The carolers were often accompanied by entertainers who gave a spirit of revelry to the occasions. The mummers often interrupted the singing to give their interpretation of "St. George and the Dragon." Tumblers, dressed in bright red, would perform their arts of skill to entertain the onlookers.



... and sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ...

J. H. FARLEY
REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE



SEASON'S GREETINGS

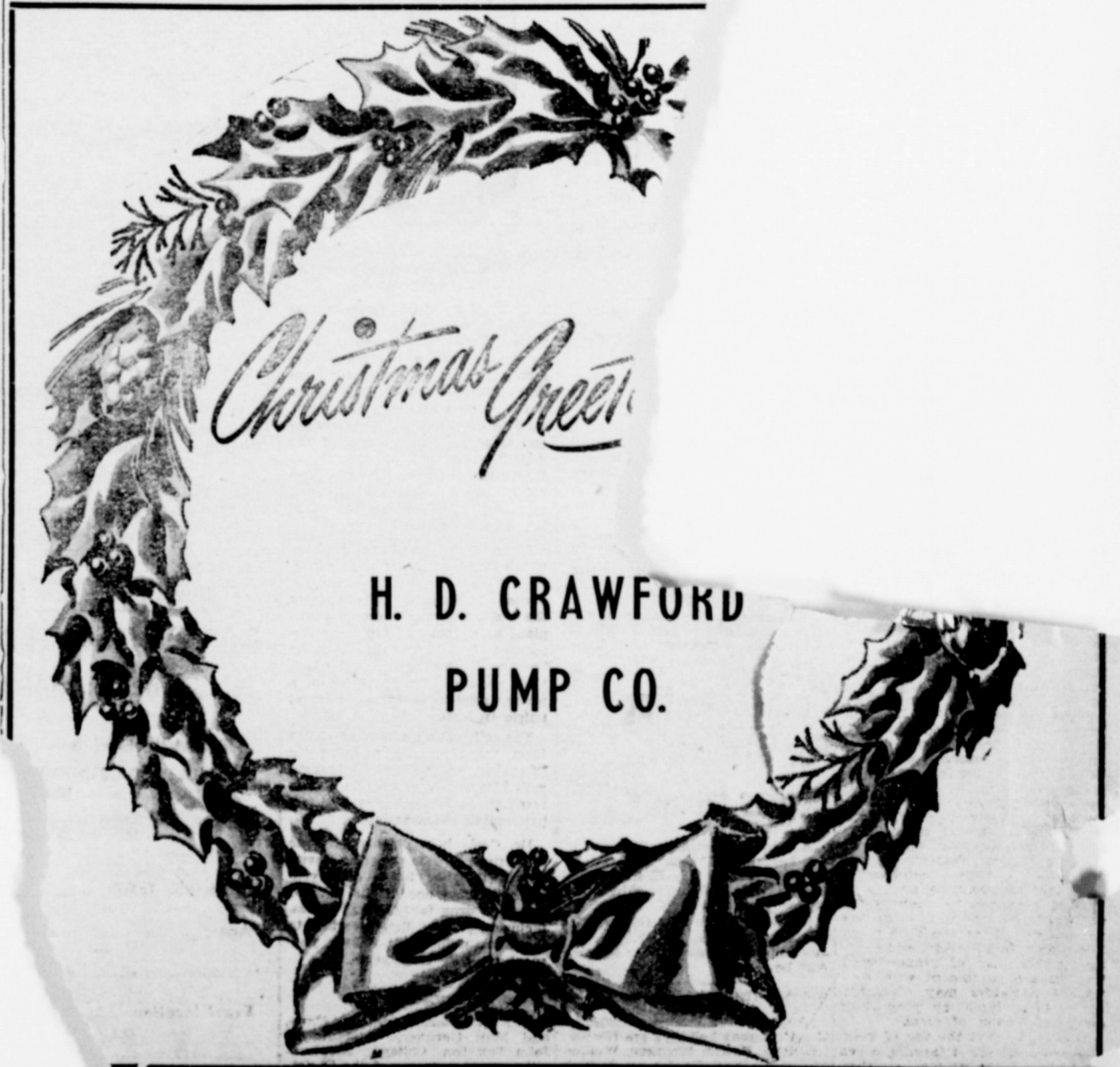
The shining star of Bethlehem is symbolic of the joy in our hearts which we want to share with all our friends when we say "Merry Christmas".

J. & T



The Season's Greetings and all best wishes

To our good friends and warmest the



Christmas Green

H. D. CRAWFORD PUMP CO.



WE'RE SPREADING
Christmas Savings
ALL OVER

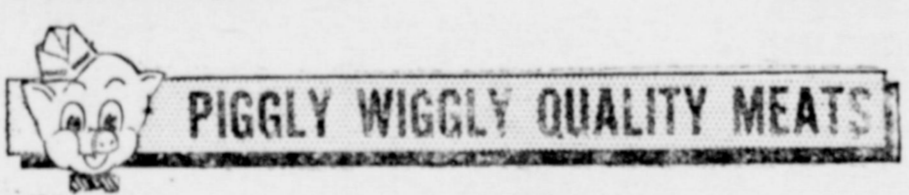


CRANBERRY SAUCE 25^c
OCEAN SPRAY — TALL CAN — 2 FOR

CHEERRIES 23^c
RED - SOUR - PITTED — No. 2 CAN

CORN 25^c
DEL-MAIZ — NIBLETS — 12 oz. CAN — 2 CANS FOR

19^c BAKER'S COCONUT, 4 oz. box 15^c
LIBBY'S - SWEET MIXED
12 1/2^c PICKLES, 12 oz. jar 19^c
CRISCO, 3 lb. can 79^c
SWANS DOWN
17^c CAKE FLOUR, 1ge. box 39^c
BOX— NUTS, All Kinds, full lb. 39^c
35^c PRINCE ALBERT TOBACCO, lb. can 89^c



17^c RATH'S BLACKHAWK - 12 lb. to 14 lb. Average
HAMS, 1/2 or whole, lb. 55^c
LIGHT WEIGHT
23^c HENS, 3 lb. & under, lb. 55^c
OYSTERS, Select, pint 79^c
CHEESE, Kraft Elkhorn, lb. 45^c
BACON, Dry Salt, lb.
100% PURE PORK
SAUSAGE, McCelvey Brand, 1lb
BACON, Plymouth, Sliced, lb.

DRUG SPECIALS

PINT BOTTLE
RUBBING ALCOHOL, 2 for 25^c
SHAMPOO, Modart, 75c jar 39^c
CHAMBERLAINS
HAND LOTION, 50c size 35^c

FROZEN FOODS FEATURES

SNOW CROP
CORN, 10 oz. pkg. 27^c
SNOW CROP
BROCCOLI, 16 oz. pkg. 35^c
BALLARD - FROZEN — 10 IN CAN
DINNER ROLLS 19^c

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

CELERY, Green, Stalk
EXTRA FANCY - DOUBLE REDS

ALL FLAVORS - Pkg.
JELLO, 2 for 15^c
HI-HO — LB. BOX
CRACKERS 29^c
HARVEST INN - No. 2 Can
CORN, 2 for 25^c
SUNMAID — 2 lb. Pkg.
RAISINS 37^c
SHELLED
PECANS, lb. 89^c

We Will Have Plenty Of
PIG

Jest 'Fore Christmas

by Eugene Field
 Father calls me William, sister calls me Will,
 Mother calls me Willie, but the fellers call me Bill!
 Mighty glad I ain't a girl—rather be a boy.
 Without them sashes, curls, an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy!
 Love to chawnk apples an' go swimmin' in the lake—
 Hate to take the caster-ile they give for belly-ache!
 'Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me, But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!
 Got a yellin' dog named Sport, sick him on the cat;
 First thing she knows she doesn't know where she is at!

HENRY HOPES



Got a clipper sled, an' when us kids goes out to slide,
 'Long come a grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride!
 But sometimes when the grocery man is worried an' cross,
 He reaches at us with his whip, an' larrups up his boss,
 An' then I laff an' holler, "Oh, ye never teached me!"
 But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!
 Gran'ma says she hopes that when I git to be a man
 I'll be a missioner like her oldest brother, Dan,
 As was et up by the cannibals that lived in Ceylon's Isle,
 Where every prospect pleases, an' only man is vile!
 But gran'ma she has never been to see a Wild West show,
 Nor read the Life of Daniel Boone, or else I guess she'd know
 That Buffalo Bill and cowboys is good enough for me!
 Except just 'fore Christmas, when I'm good as I kin be!

And then old Sport he hangs around, so solemn-like an' still,
 His eyes they keep a -saying!
 "What's the matter, little Bill?"
 The old cat sneaks down off the perch an' wonders what's become
 Of them two enemies of hern that used to make thing hum!
 But I am so perlit an' tend so earnestly to biz,
 That mother says to father: "How improved our Willie is!"
 But father, havin' been a boy hisself, suspicious me
 When just 'fore Christmas, I'm as good as I kin be!
 For Christmas, with its lots an' lots of candies, cakes an' toys,
 Was made, they say, for proper kids an' not for naughty boys,
 So wash yer face an' bresh yer hair, an' mind yer p's an' Q's,
 An' don't bust out yer pantaloons.

an' don't wear out yer shoes;
 Say "Yessum" to the ladies, an' "Yessur" to the men,
 An' when they's company, don't pass yer plate for pie again;
 But, thinking of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree,
 Just 'fore Christmas be as good

Legend of the YULE LOG

In Virginia, the old Dominion, storied land of early American history, there is an old tradition of the origin of the Yule log that is retold every Christmas.
 As the family sits around the Yule log and sips their Christmas eggnog on Christmas eve, the ancient legend is recounted again.
 One very cold Christmas eve, when the frosty wind howled across a world of snow, an old man was sitting in his little cabin wishing that he had a fire to warm him.
 Suddenly he heard the cry of a little child away out in the cold. The old man hobbled to the door and gazed out across the snow. The wind and the snow came rustling in and the old man hovered until his "onliest two tee" chattered with cold.
 The plaintive cry of the child came again above the whistle of the wind. It went straight to the old man's heart and he wished with all his power of longing that he might have the strength to go out and find the unfortunate babe.
 The cry came a third time — and then a wondrous thing happened. A miraculous power filled the old man's veins. His muscles became strong and tense, his crutch fell back into the cabin and he stepped from his threshold out into the snow.
 Hurrying over the snow with a speed he had not owned since boyhood, by and by he came to a little child lying in a snow bank. He bent down and touched the child and a great new strength flowed over him, a strength which seemed to give him wings as he sped back to his cabin.
 Arriving there, he placed the child upon the bed, tenderly drew the ragged coverlet about it and then looked to see if there were a bit of furniture he could use to make a fire with which to warm the little one.
 At that precise moment a great log rolled across the threshold and into the fireplace. The little child looked at the log with eyes like stars—stars which sent gleams of light that kindled the log with the most brilliant fire the old man ever had seen.
 The dingy little room immediately was filled with radiance and warmth, and as the light enraptured the child he laughed and laughed with a melody like a song from the heart. The old man turned his eyes to where the fire burned and watched the flames leap in beautiful rainbow tints over the log, and as his old eyes watched, the colors seemed to form the shape of the Cross in the fire.
 The flames of the Cross leaped higher and higher, blue, red, yellow and white, and as the old man watched this display, suddenly and magically there appeared a table in the center of the room, covered with a Christmas feast such as never before had been spread before his eyes. And never again was the old man hungry or cold, and never after that was there a Christmas in old Virginia without the Yule log and the Christmas Child to give light and warmth.
 And that is the story of the Yule log as it is told in Virginia every Christmas eve.

COOKIES AND CANDIES & CHRISTMAS

LIKE Santa's pack, your stock of holiday goodies should be plentiful and interesting. Since callers will be as much present as holly and gifts during the holidays, do your baking of cakes and cookies, so your cupboard will be ready for any who might drop in.

Home-made delicacies served during Christmas and New Year's are as heart-warming as the sound of the yule log crackling on the hearth. If you have a fruit cake, a variety of cookies and perhaps a few candies, and if you serve these with a festive beverage, you will have gone a long way in spelling holiday cheer to those who come to say "Merry Christmas" at your home.

Here is a simple type fruit cake which does not need the aging that a traditional cake requires. The recipe makes two 9x4x3 inch loaves and is the perfect answer as to what should be served during the holidays:

Raisin Fruit Cake
 (Makes 2 loaves)
 4 cups seeded raisins
 2 tablespoons grated lemon rind
 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 1 tablespoon allspice
 2 1/2 cups liquid
 5 cups chopped nutmeats
 4 cups sifted cake flour
 5 teaspoons double acting baking powder
 2 teaspoons salt
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 1/2 cup butter or shortening
 2 eggs, well beaten
 2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine raisins, lemon rind, spices and water in a saucepan. Cover and simmer gently for eight minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid and add water or coffee to make one and one-half cups, and reserve. Grind raisins with nutmeats.
 Sift flour once, measure and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift three times. Cream butter thoroughly, and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir until all flour is dampened. Beat vigorously for two minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into two 9x4x3 inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper and then greased again. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for one hour and 15



RAISIN FRUIT CAKE for a spicy holiday

beaten eggs. Blend in cookie crumb mixture and vanilla. Bake in a greased and floured nine-inch square pan and bake in a slow (325°) oven for 30 minutes. While still warm, cut into 30 squares. Roll each square into a ball, turning the top, crusty portion inwards as you roll. Place confectioners' sugar in a bag. Shake the balls in the sugar to coat evenly.

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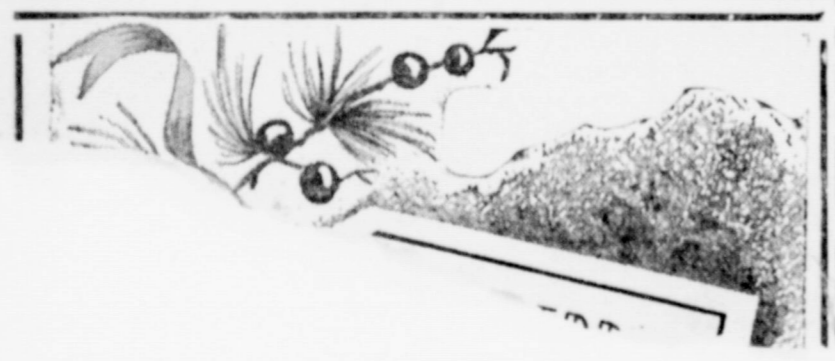
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 And again as I sit in the sun
 Over and over the same dream
 Never any but one:
 The night is black; the wind
 blows rain
 I hear a hesitant knock at the door
 Busy with bedding and feeding
 a crowd
 Already too big and much too loud
 For one small inn, I shake my head
 Before the words are really said:
 "Have you room?" asks the man,
 "where two can rest?"
 Deaf to their needs, I never guessed
 There was a child whose un-voiced cry
 Would haunt my dreams till the day I die.

A husband is the kind of man
 Who drives me to a rage;
 He can't recall my birthday
 But always knows my age.

— Schedule —
 Conference Games
 Jan. 7—Littlefield, here.
 Jan. 17—Sudan, there.
 Jan. 20—Morton, here.
 Jan. 24—Levelland, there.
 Jan. 27—Sundown, here.
 Jan. 31—Littlefield, there.
 Feb. 3—Sudan, here.
 Feb. 7—Morton, there.
 Feb. 10—Levelland, here.

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—960 A., extra good grass. North of Bovina. About 450 A. would be nice smooth farm land. All fenced and cross fenced. Water well and wind mill, REA close by. You can't beat this one at \$35 per acre.

O. W. RHINEHART
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FOR YOUR—10 and 19 Cu. ft. Firestone upright Food Freezers, go to Bass Firestone Store and see on floor.

Now is the time. Get upright and save money and much needed space. 1201 Main St. 36-tfc.

FOR SALE — 2 '41 Chev. trucks, 1 1/2 ton. Good tires & good motors. Both high torque motors. Price \$400 each. 5 1/2 miles northwest Muleshoe. Cleo Ward. 51-3tp.

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REGISTERED Duroc pigs for sale. Also feeder pigs. 5 mi. north, 4 east of Muleshoe. Lloyd Quesenberry. 50-3tp.

AT THE MULESHOE NURSERY, located 2 miles out Clovis Highway you can buy HOME GROWN EVERGREENS, shade and ornamental trees, hedge, roses and fruit trees. Our prices are right. Come out to the Nursery and look around. See DAVE AYLESWORTH, Ph. 356J. 39-tfc.

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FOR SALE—Girls bicycle, 26 in. wheel. Good condition. Otto Workman, Corner Ave. E and W 1st. 51-2tp.

FOR SALE—5 room house to be moved, and 2 windmills. Carrie Wilhite, Box 993, Muleshoe. 52-2tp.

GOOD FARMS FOR SALE

—80 A., 3 room house, 13 A. alfalfa 10 A. P.P., good irrigation well, fair barns, \$150 per A.

—160 A., on pavement, 4-room house, irrigation well, fair barns, level, \$150 per A.

—368 A., 5-room stucco house, good barns, 2 water wells near Needmore, \$55 per A.

—160 A. 6-room house good barns and sheds, irrigation well, some alfalfa, 2 water wells, 90-A. in cultivation, rest in good grass, \$150 per A.

—400 A. 2 small houses, irrigation well, the best of land, \$165 per A.

—32 A., close in all in cultivation, \$2,750.

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FOR SALE—'48 model Ford Tractor, cultivator, 4-row tool bar attachment, Ford hydraulic Jack, Marvin Holt, 1 1/2 miles east Stegall. 52-3tp.

SALESMAN WANTED—Don't write us if you like to punch a time clock and work for the other man. Do write us if you would like to go into a business of your own, in Bailey County or Muleshoe and write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-27U-236A, Memphis, Tenn., or see L. P. Smith, Hereford, Texas. 52-2tp.

NEED—All year around farm hand one experienced with machinery. House furnished. G. J. Garth, 1 mile south 1/2 mile west of Needmore. 52-1tp.

FOR SALE—700 Hegari Bundles, good grain. W. D. Dement, 14 mi. southwest Muleshoe 1 1/2 north Longview Baptist Church. 52-1tp.

STRAYED—from my barn in Muleshoe, 1 Polled Hereford bull calf, age 5 months, weight about 400 pounds. If found notify Jesse M. Osborn, Muleshoe, Texas. 52-2tc.

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—60 A. level, shallow water, 5-room house, barn, chicken house and good irrigation well and this place is well located, priced \$15,000.00.

—80 A. level, shallow water land on highway, No. 14" irrigation pump, this place is well located close to town. \$200.00 per A.

—160 A. new land in permanent pasture, 1 No. 14" and 1 No. 12" two stage pump electric pump, shallow water, 29% down, bal. terms, on gr before.

—160 A., good 7-room house, plenty out bldg., all good, and A-1 irrigation well, this place is on highway.

—160 A., good red land, No. 12" 3-stage peerless pump, white motor, modern 4-room and bath home, barn 30x36', garage 24x36', cow shed and chicken house and all butane setup.

—274.5 A. red land and one of the better modern homes on the plains, 36x40' barn, cow shed, milk house and chicken house, No. 12" irrigation pump, Buick Motor. \$190 per A.

—240 A. on highway, 6-room house and 4-room house, out bldg. and No. 14" electric pump setting on 80' \$180 per A.

—599.8 A. 5-room modern home, REA, pressure water pump, good granaries and chicken houses, priced \$65 per A.

BARGAIN DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN

Reader Saves \$4.05 During Subscription bargain days.

PORT WORTH Star-Telegram

BEGINNING NOV. 27, THE STAR-TELEGRAM WILL OPEN ATE ITS OWN TRUCKS, IN SURE DELIVERY OF PAPER IN MULESHOE IN TIME FOR SAME DAY DELIVERY ON RURAL ROUTES.

The Muleshoe Journal handle any new or subscriptions again

PHONE !

Memo For Springtime

Keep a pad and pencil in your apron pocket when you are packing away summer equipment and clothes this fall. Then you can jot down as you work what you put away and where, thus saving time, trouble, and confusion next spring.

Such a memo may spare your household a spring hunting season when Dad goes searching for his light suit or fishing tackle. Junior hunts high and low for his tennis shoes, Janes tries to find

Horses Are Dangerous

HELLO DOBBIN HELLO YERSELF!

Never approach a horse without speaking to him.

As a rule, farmers do not consider horses as especially dangerous animals, yet they account for more accidents of a serious nature than any other farm animal. According to the National Safety Council, approximately three times as many accidents occur with horses as with any other farm animal. Farmers should always be cautious around these animals, the NSC continued. One phase of this precaution is a thorough check in the spring of all equipment to be used on or by horses, particularly harness.

Only strong harness should be used and these should be inspected regularly and kept in good repair. Dry leather has low tensile strength and it should be cleaned with mild soap and warm water and treated with oil. Attention to equipment such as neck-yokes, tongues, single-trees, double-trees and eveners is also very necessary.

The NSC suggests that many serious farm accidents can be prevented by following these simple rules:

Never approach a horse without speaking to him. When cleaning a stall, making no sudden movement. Enter the stall on the left side of the horse. When driving or leading horses, never wrap the lines around body.

TO CHICAGO
Mr. and Mrs. James Case and children were to leave today for a visit in Chicago with her mother. They expected to be gone about a month.

the wet spread, tufted side in, and pin it securely to the line. As the wind blows, the sides of the spread rub together, making the tufts fluff out.

Don't throw away old cotton powder puffs. Wash them thoroughly and keep them near the sink. They make excellent pads for applying scouring powder.

Follow this method for best results in washing a chenille bedspread so that the tufts will retain their original fluffiness: Fold

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Phillips Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Dec. 11

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Phillips celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion and open house Sunday, December 11, at Stegall.

There were ten of their twelve children present for the occasion. They were:

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cunningham, Sue Ann and Jeanette, Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carpenter, Bettye Lee, Marvin, Darlene and Alton Ray, Baileyboro; Mrs. A. N. Arn, Stegall; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carpenter and sons, Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. John Shackelford, Augusta, Donna and Robert, Arch, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cole, Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brannaman, Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Byers, Stegall; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore, Carolyn and Neil, Muleshoe.

Several friends who could not attend sent gifts to the honorees.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Phillips and family, Oronville, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Hermiston, Oregon, were unable to attend.

Guests calling in the afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Allen, Sr., Stegall; Miss Ruth Duncan, Muleshoe; Miss Wanda Clifton, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hollis, Baileyboro; Mr. Don Lamar, Stegall; Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Hair and children, Micheal and Claudie,

Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baker and children, Burl, Rex, Stanley and Judy, Baileyboro; Mr. and Mrs. Dolly Ann, Bettye and Gail, Goodland; Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Carter, Hicks Chapel; Mr. M. L. Carpenter, Bob, Bonnie Ruth, Jim Hazel and Eva Dell of Baileyboro; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carpenter, Bettye Lee, Marvin, Darlene and Alton Ray, Baileyboro; Mrs. A. N. Arn, Stegall; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carpenter and sons, Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. John Shackelford, Augusta, Donna and Robert, Arch, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cole, Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brannaman, Goodland; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Byers, Stegall; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore, Carolyn and Neil, Muleshoe.

Veterans Land Program Loans Being Completed

The Journal has not learned whether any Bailey County veteran has been able to purchase land under the Veterans Land Program made into law this year by the Texas Legislature. It is said that several have taken steps to get in on the program here but so far as is known no real estate has changed hands in this way.

But in Hale County a veteran has actually acquired a small tract of land just north of Plainview. A veteran named J. D. Spann has bought a 21-acre tract and acquired deed. An appraisal in Parmer County was reported by the County Line Tribune of Farwell to have been inadequate for the purchase planned by a veteran in the first such action there.

The Veterans Land Board sold bonds October 26 which permitted some \$2,500,000 worth of purchases. The first loans were made last week.

The program is open to veterans of World War II. They pay 5 per cent of the total purchase price with the application. The remainder may be paid over a forty year period at 3 per cent interest. Buyers receive commitments from owners to sell to the Veterans Land Board and make payments to that agency. The Board will make a maximum loan of \$7,125 after down payment has been made.

Alvis Vandygriff is executive secretary of the Veterans Land Board, which has headquarters in the General Land Office at Austin.

Hospital News...

Bobby Gable was in for more treatment of his arm which was injured in an accident several weeks ago. He is doing fine.

Mrs. C. E. King was in for medical care. She has been discharged.

Naomi Burris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burris is a medical patient. She will soon go home.

Mrs. Jesse Gray was in for surgery. She has gone home.

Morris Douglass a surgical patient is doing fine.

Mr. E. W. Harper is a medical patient. He is resting fair.

Mrs. E. R. Howard is in for medical care. She is doing fine.

Congratulations To:
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Martin on the birth of a son, Manuel Lee, December 17.

PLAN CHRISTMAS TRIP
Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Blaine and children are to leave Sunday to visit relatives in Collins and Grayson Counties. They will return before the weekend.

Applications For Rural Telephone Service To Be Made

More preliminary work toward a rural telephone system for this territory was accomplished when the board of directors of the Five Area Rural Telephone Cooperative met Monday night in the offices here of the Bailey County Rural Electric Cooperative.

Preparations were made for taking applications for service in advance of the time for beginning of actual construction work on the system. Application blanks will be mailed soon to all families living in this area.

Telephone cooperatives are being formed in widely scattered parts of Texas, and probably the local cooperative is one of the very first to be fully organized and functioning.

Extension of telephone service to the rural areas around Muleshoe seems one of the most vital improvements yet to be made in this country. There are large areas

Brotherhood In Meeting Monday

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church met Monday, December 19. This was man and boy night.

After hearing a splendid message by J. B. Craif, of Plainview, on "God, Man, Money, and Missions", a barbecue supper served to the following men and boys:

Lee R. Pool, W. M. Pool, Jr. B. A. Dalton, Curtis Wellborn, B. H. Morgan, Eddie Lane, A. W. Blaine, Byron Griffiths, Alvin Dalton, H. Wimberly, L. S. Barron, J. C. Odger, I. M. Stinson,

Omer Keltton, M. E. Lee, Carl Pool, Buddy Lane, Mike Barron, B. H. Morgan, Jr., Monroe Lea, Lonell Wimberly, Bobby Nelms, Alfred Blaine, Buddy Pool, Roge Pool, Ted Harrison, Jim Wilterding and David Mathis.

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The Bowery Boys

In

Angels In
Disguise

PALACE

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Tom Neal
Carole Mathews

In

Amazon Quest

SATURDAY

Kirby Grant

In

Wolf Hunters

SUNDAY & MONDAY

Bing Crosby
Fred Astaire

In

Irving Berlin's

Holiday Inn

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Monte Hale

In

Prince Of

The Plains

Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas

A Joy No Earthly Wealth Can Give

There is an old tale which becomes apropos chiefly at the Christmas time.

An agnostic—a disbeliever in God—made this offer to a nine-year old:

"I will give you an orange if you will tell me where God is." The youngster was equal to the challenge. "I will give you two oranges," he said, "if you will tell me where He is not."

Many great men have always felt the spirituality of Christmas, and some have managed to put it into words. For instance, when Woodrow Wilson was asked to prove the greatness of Christianity, whose founder was the Christ-child, he said simply, "Try it."

Cardinal Spellman had a Christmas gift for the mind when he said:

"The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is a joy of the soul, and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot shatter it, for it is a union with Him who has overcome the world."

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt once illustrated the spirit of Christmas with this story:

"A thief broke into the home of a priest and stole his purse. That night the priest wrote in his diary: 'Let me be thankful. First because I was never robbed before. Second because although he took my purse, he never took my life. Third because although he took all I had it was not much. And fourth because it was he who stole, and not I.'"



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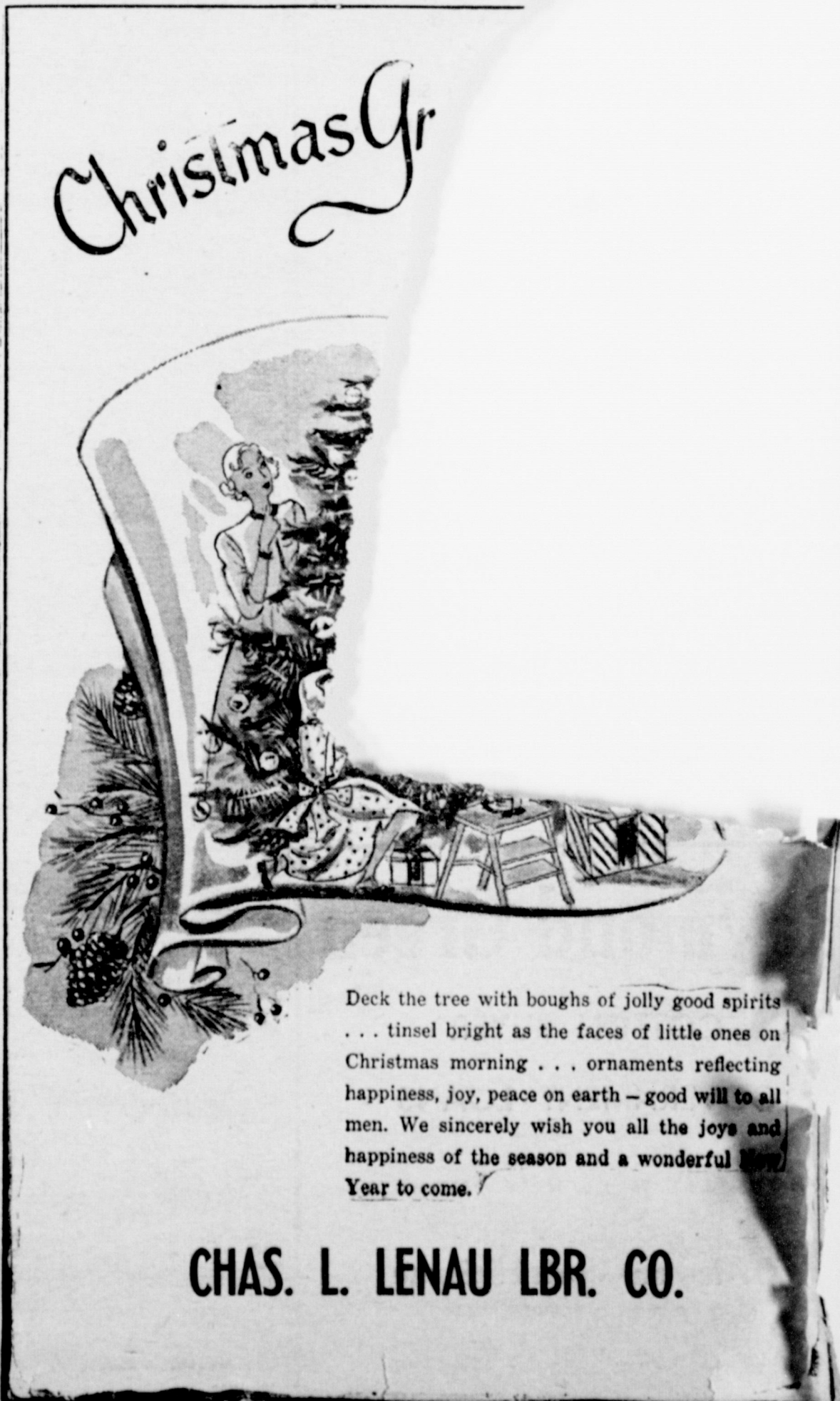


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Deck the tree with boughs of jolly good spirits . . . tinsel bright as the faces of little ones on Christmas morning . . . ornaments reflecting happiness, joy, peace on earth—good will to all men. We sincerely wish you all the joys and happiness of the season and a wonderful New Year to come.

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**id Presents
as Concert**

11:30 Friday morning the presented a Christmas Con- which was very inspiring to those who heard it. The fol- lowing are the numbers they pre- sented: "High School Cadets" op- ened the program, "Blue Skies," "Bass," "March of the "Santa is Coming to Town" and "Christmas Tides," a medley of Christmas songs.

**H. A Has
Party**

ay evening, December 15, held their annual Christ- business meeting was which they exchanged one another. Each of mothers were present a gift as a token of their dation for them. Refreshments of candy, cake and hot chocolate were served.

which really made the occasion complete.

A RICH GLOW AT CHRISTMAS
by Charles Dickens

When they were all tired of blind-man's bluff, there was a great game at snapdragon, and when fingers enough were burned with that, and all the raisins were gone, they sat down by the hugh fire of blazing logs to a substantial supper, and a mighty bowl of wassail, something smaller than an ordinary washhouse copper, in which the hot apples were hissing and bubbling with a rich look, and a jolly sound, that were perfectly irresistible.

"This," said Mr. Pickwick, looking round him, "This is, indeed, comfort."
"Our invarian custom," replied Mr. Wardle, "Everybody sits down with us on Christmas eve, as you see them now—servants and all; and here we wait, until the clock strikes twelve, to usher Christmas in, and beguile the time with forfeits and old stories. Trundle, my boy, rake up the fire."
Up flew the bright sparks in my-

**MORRIS DOUGLASS AN
APPENDICITIS OPERATION**

Morris Douglass, J. I. Case farm machinery dealer in Muleshoe, underwent an operation in the Green Hospital and Clinic here Friday. He was recovering nicely this week.

His operation probably has caused abandonment of a planned trip to California for him and his family. A brother-in-law, Dudley Malone, and his family will, however, make the trip during Christmas. Parents of Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Douglass are there now with another daughter, and a sister and family plan to come down from Oregon for a family gathering.

Letters To Santa
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a ball and some games.
Love and XXX,
Scotty

Library News . . .
Reading has slowed down some this week. Everyone is too busy getting ready for old Santa Claus.
The Library wishes each reader a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Mrs. E. R. Wright,
Librarian.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our thanks for the many nice things done for Janice during and after her illness. We are happy to say that she is fully recovered and at school.
Thanking you again,
The W. K. Griffing family.

**then came
Three
Wise Men**

Legend not only has identified the Wise Men as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, it has crowned them and given them the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia. It has symbolized their gifts as symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest and myrrh for a great physician.
The Gospel text's specific wise men from the east logically identifies them with Zoroastrianism—an ancient monotheistic religion of Persia. Zoroastrian priests were called Magi; they were powerful in public and private life since they, and they alone, possessed the priestly mysteries involved in the worship of Mazda—who represented the Zoroastrian power for good.
The Magi may or may not have been fabulously wealthy. St. Matthew does not elaborate their treasures nor the amount of gold, frankincense and myrrh which they presented to the Christ Child. The gifts may have been mere tokens of their treasures, or the sum and substance thereof.
And if they were soothsayers, mystics and possibly clairvoyants they were also truly wise—in as much as they did not return to Herod, but departed into their own country by a different route.

THE BARGAIN

My true love hath me heart, and I have his,
By just exchange one for another given;
I hold his dear, and mine he can not miss,
There never was a better bargain driven:
My true love hath my heart, and I have his.

His heart in me keeps him and me in one,
My heart in him his thoughts on.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Norma Lee Osborn has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Osborn. She is a student at TSCW, Den-

TO OKLAHOMA

Herb Covin made a trip to Oklahoma City this week and his son, Bill, a U. Norman, to spend the ho-



Greetings
FOR THE
SEASON AND
OUR BEST
WISHES FOR THE
COMING NEW YEAR!

**ELLIOTTS MENS WEAR
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**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS**

The season of hope and good cheer is at hand, and to friends and neighbors we send our greetings.



**HOLIDAY
GREETINGS**

To everyone whom we are privileged to call "friend and neighbor" go our heartfelt expressions of the Season's joyous sentiments.

**Muleshoe
State Bank**



**Merry
Christmas**

**Bobo Insurance
Agency**



**to all a very
Merry
Christmas**

May your Christmas be merry and its joy and happiness spread throughout the glad New Year!

D. H. SNEED SUPPLY CO.



Wishing
you all
a very
Merry Christmas!

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**CHRISTMAS TIME AND
All the Time**

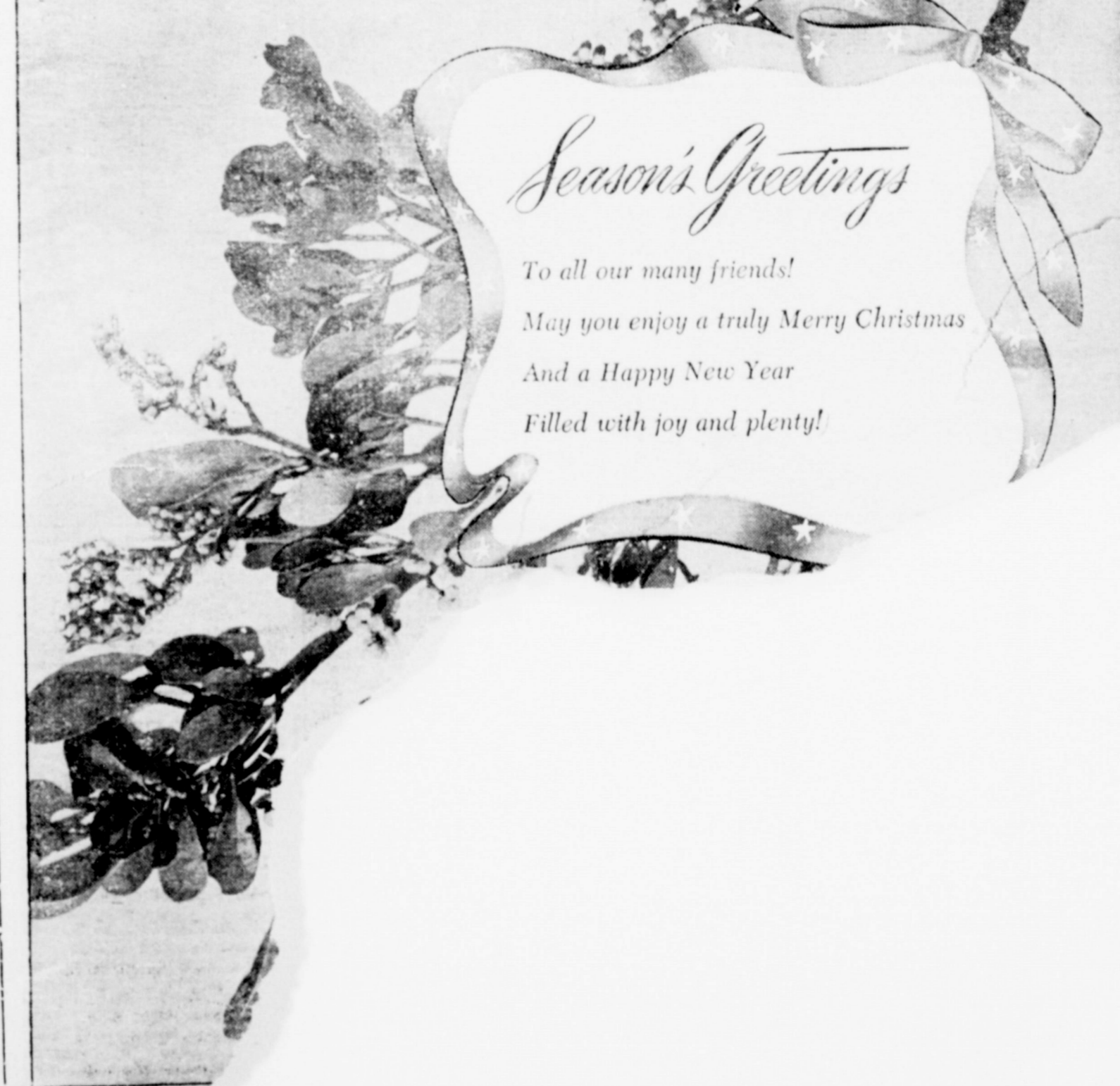
GMCs "Deliver the Goods"

Food, furniture and fuel oil . . . the tree, the turkey, the toys . . . almost everything that moves by motor truck makes its contribution toward a Merry Christmas.

Now better equipped to "deliver the goods" than ever before, tough, truck-built GMCs offer powerful, valve-in-head gasoline engines or famed, 2-cycle Diesel models . . . strong, sturdy chassis with rugged axles, springs and brakes . . . outstanding performance and dependability, unexcelled efficiency and economy. There's a better-built GMC for all hauling jobs . . . for every transportation task . . . Christmas time and all the time!



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Season's Greetings

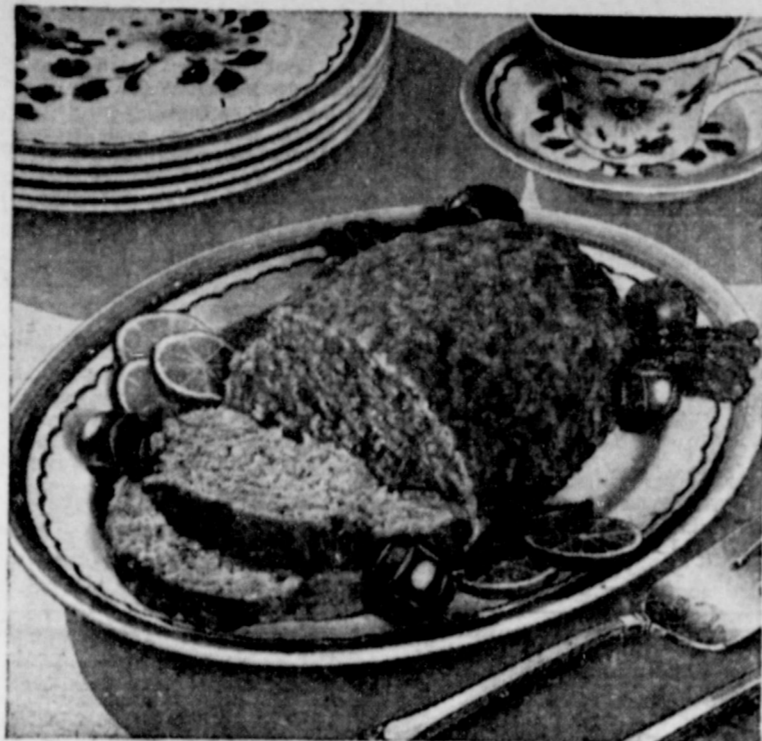
To all our many friends!
May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year
Filled with joy and plenty!

**Boy Scouts Held
Outdoor Camp At
Wildlife Refuge**

Mr. Bryant estimated some 250,000 ducks are in the area now. The boys cooked for evening meals the open camp site at Lay White, a few regional out executives with them.

Drinking water trip are: Bill DeWitt, Phillip Jensen, Bob Greer, Robert Richards, Hubert Charles Waggoner, and Keaton Sneed.

waterfowl cholera is no prevalence of the right now, however. The Bryant showed the boys a specimen of rare birds, and explained the habits of feeding, migratory ed how he trapper banded duck or geese. Some that were raised on the ation are still there.



Fish Dish Supreme! Delicious Rice Salmon Loaf
Rice Salmon Loaf

Here's a delicious main-dish that's sure to be one of the family favorites. It combines popular salmon, fluffy white rice and tasty seasonings into a luscious baked loaf that's quick and easy to make. It's a real budget-saver, too!

- Ingredients:**
 1 cup cooked rice
 3/4 cup buttered bread crumbs
 2 eggs, beaten
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
 3/8 teaspoon pepper
 1 tablespoon chopped onion
 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
 1 tablespoon chopped pimento
 4 cups flaked canned salmon
- Combine ingredients in the order listed and place in a buttered loaf pan or ring mold. Bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees, for 30 or 40 minutes. Turn onto a serving platter.
- Serve loaf with buttered peas and carrots or, if ring mold is used, fill the center with this complementary vegetable mixture.
- Garnish with radishes, pickles and lemon slices. Serve with cream sauce or lemon sauce.



END OF THE RAINBOW . . . The rainbow of at least one human desire had fulfillment at the end when Judy Sue Warschauer found herself face to face with the doll of her dreams—and it was the very one she wanted for Christmas.

only has there been no incentive to enforce the compulsory school law, but it has been highly profit-

**BEST WISHES
for Christmas**

We offer our most sincere greetings to friends and patrons for a Joyful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year, too!

John's Custom Mill

Christmas Joy!

Joys so well expressed and remembered in carols we love to sing and hear

... echo our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

H. C. HOLT

**Seek Easements
On Right Of Way**

From State Line Tribune, Farwell.

County Judge A. D. Smith stated today that the Farmer County Commissioners Court would meet in special session here on Saturday, for the purpose of considering the right-of-way easements along FM Highway No. 299 between Friona and Muleshoe.

At Monday's regular session, only one contested agreement was reached along the route when the Court agreed to pay Fred Burns \$1200.00 for a right-of-way on his land.

Judge Smith said that at least two other contested easements were yet to be settled, and the

special meeting has been called Saturday for that purpose.

The State Highway Department is "prodding" the county to get the remainder of the highway easements in readiness so that steps may be taken to pave the route from its present end to the Bailey County line.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

One of the significant by-products of the Gilmer-Alkin legislation is a heightened interest in school attendance on the part of school authorities. The funds with which the state aids local schools will be distributed on the basis of enrollment and attendance. The per capita allotment will continue to be based on scholastic population, since this is ordained by the constitution, but other educational funds will take attendance into consideration.

In the past, the state has put a premium on nonenforcement of the school attendance law. If a district has 500 persons of school age, with half of them attending, it has gotten as much money as one with the same population with all of them attending. Not

Merry Christmas

Since we cannot shake each one of you by the hand to give you our good wishes personally—we want to take this opportunity to express our hopes that this Christmas and the coming New Year be one of joy and goodness for each and every one of you—our friends and patrons.

EDWARDS GIN

Merry Christmas

Once again we pause as another joy-filled Yuletide season arrives, to wish our many patrons and friends prosperity, health, contentment and peace this Christmas Day and throughout the year to follow.

WILLSON & SANDERS LBR. CO.
 Homer, Sr. Harold Kenneth Edd Jessie Homer, Jr.

GREEN

With the realization that each passing year brings a fuller appreciation of old friends and pleasant associations, we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RAY FRED COLEY BILL CLIFF

RAY GRIFFITH ELEVATOR

Babson's Christmas Message

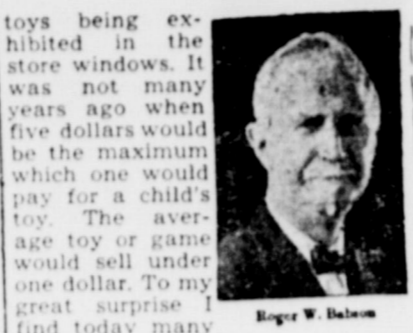
BARBON PARK, Mass., Dec. 6.—I have just returned from a day spent walking the streets of Boston looking for Christmas presents. I suppose that the store decorations and exhibits are worthwhile, but somehow they make me a little sad. Perhaps it is just because I am getting old. Certainly, today's Christmas excitement does not give as much joy to my grandchildren as the much simpler Christmases gave to me when I was a boy. When I talk about "Now, Grandpa, you know that there really isn't any Santa Claus!" Perhaps this feeling indicates a sign of progress, but I wonder.

What Would Jesus Say?
I wish Jesus could have accompanied me on this trip around the big department stores, and this I say in a respectful manner. Of course, I do not know what He would say, whether He would be sad and critical or whether He would enthrall with the crowd. Probably He would not object to our people having expensive presents if it were not for His children who are starving to death in Europe and Asia. He surely would be thinking of them and wishing

spent on food and clothing for His children abroad. I would also like to hear Jesus' comment on the new trend of window dressings. When I was a boy, the leading store window would have a manager with a representation of little Jesus with His mother, Mary, leaning over Him. The department stores especially made an effort to connect up Jesus' birth with the Christmas Holidays. As I became older, there was less about Jesus' humble birth; Santa Claus was featured in place of Jesus, His mother and the three wise men. But this year some large department stores are forgetting both Jesus and Santa Claus. They have in their windows wild animals which wag their heads, shake their paws and talk—animals which have been featured in the comic strips. I wonder what this trend will lead to!

Danger Of Expensive Toys
Illustrating the inflation that is creeping over the nation, are the

A final step in trimming the Christmas tree is frosting it with fluffy snow. A simple and popular form of snow is ordinary soap flakes.



Roger W. Babson

toys being exhibited in the store windows. It was not many years ago when five dollars would be the maximum which one would pay for a child's toy. The average toy or game would sell under one dollar. To my great surprise I find today many

toys being sold for twenty dollars. The parents moreover are spending for gifts for their adult friends proportionately high figures. In fact, I fear that the main difference between a man and a boy is the amount which he pays for his toys!

We should not forget, however, that "as the twig is bent, so the tree grows". This means that when

the child is started with such expensive toys he will later demand proportionately expensive things in clothes, motor cars, college education, etc., as he grows up. This means that the father must have more income; this encourages the labor union movement and all the industrial troubles that go therewith.

Some Hopeful Signs
A vicious inflationary circle may be started by these expensive Christmas toys which we now give our children. When a boy, I was perfectly satisfied with an orange in the toe of my Christmas stocking, with a few fifty-cent toys and a bag of hard candy. Furthermore, these simple gifts may have meant as much sacrifice to my parents as the expensive gifts of today mean to modern parents. Yet, I do feel that these shop windows may be igniting a social prairie fire which could de-

velop into a great inflationary conflagration.

It was not many years ago when, the week before Christmas, many poor underfed children, raggedly dressed, could be seen peering into these store windows with envious eyes. Today I see no such children. This is a hopeful sign. Not only are there very few poor in this country today, but the nation's health has greatly improved. We have bumper crops, and almost full employment. When I think of the wonderful research work now being freely done throughout the nation, I feel that we all should have a merry, merry Christmas. Let us show our gratitude by giving a big Christmas present to our charities and to our Church.

these are weaknesses more to be feared than the communist conspirator. Tragedy is to ourselves.

E. T. ... in the ... Telegr...

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Billie D. C. finished year Navy at San ... ing his parent ... on an 18-day ... ing for sea ... dorado (AGC-11), Jan. 1, for the east

DEADLY TRILOGY

Overspending, overtaxing and overdependence on the state.

There is no excellent hath not some strangeness proportion.—Francis Bacon

The Spirit Is The Same

No matter the church of our faith, the spirit with which we attend is the same the world over. Each in our own way is renewing our belief.

C. & H. CHEVROLET CO.

Best Wishes for Christmas

As all hearts echo and re-echo the joyous words "Merry Christmas" to join in greetings to join in And may the new Year bring you every happiness, too!

WESTERN DRUG CO.

Merry Christmas

To you—our patrons and neighbors—we wish all of the good cheer and friendly spirit of the coming Yuletide season.

New Year be one of success in all of our endeavors as well as yours. And along with our sincerest wishes for the well-being of our friends—we offer a prayer that the future be one of prosperity and enduring peace.

WAGNON GROCERY & MARKET
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wagon - June - Joe Meck

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Joe Duke
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certain driving precautions should be taken.
 Among other things, for safe holiday driving, your car should be in top mechanical condition. The professional truck driver is required to see that his truck is in perfect mechanical condition all year 'round, and such things as heater, brakes, windshield wipers, and defroster are given special attention during the winter months. The windshield wiper is especially important in light of the fact that statistics prove that one out of every 5 fatal motor vehicle accidents are caused by the driver's vision being obscured. And, about two-fifths of these accidents are caused by rain, sleet, or snow on the windshield and rear window. An additional hazard of holiday driving is the tipsy pedestrian or motorist, therefore, the careful motorist like the professional truck driver, should be constantly on the alert for them during the coming holiday season, Mr. Gillette concluded.

The Secretary of Labor would be the last to succeed to the Presidency in case of the death of the President. Vice President and other cabinet officers.



How did you choose the toys for your youngsters this Christmas? A New York toy manufacturer declares that only a few parents will select the proper playthings for their children each Christmas.

Most, he said, buy toys that please themselves, rather than the children.

The man, who owns a company that makes creative playthings, warns that "gadgets" toys may be harmful and frustrating. And, he adds, children quickly tire of them. "The best toy a parent can buy," he said, "is a set of plain unpainted, wooden unit blocks. Children will use and enjoy them from age 18 months to nine years."

He said that girls between age 3 and 7 should have a "doll corner." He said the corner should be supplied first with a large wooden stove, bed and cupboard.

"The doll corner will become the most treasured play place in the little girl's life," he said.

He contends boys from ages 1 to 7 mostly enjoy "transportation" play—trucks, cars and boats.

There was no statement about what parents should choose at Christmas for the young teen-age boy or girl—in the 13-16 year-old group, whose interests already are deeply grained in social activities, and who prefer parties and dances to play-at-home activities.

Perhaps by next year, this manufacturer, or some child psychologist will have solved this problem.

Hand, Johnson Families Honored

On Monday night, December 12, the S. C. Caldwell home was the scene for a going away party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hand and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson, who are leaving for Oklahoma and California respectively. Fifty-one guests registered. Potluck supper was served, each guest contributing either cake, pie or sandwiches.

Games of 42 were enjoyed by several of the guests. Parting gifts of beautiful table lamps were presented to the honorees.
 Those present were:
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jeter, Minister and Mrs. Ebb Randol, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hand, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson and Karel, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stewart, Robert Burford, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson and Cathy.
 Joe Pat Wagnon, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Boyter and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White and four sons, Mr. and Mrs. Chick Ottwell, Mrs. J. E. Wilson and Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Donaldson, Sam, Nancy, and Scotty, Mrs. L. T. Sandefer, Peggy and Terry, Bill Willis, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Caldwell and Gene, Hugh Ottwell, and the honorees.

Greetings

The Christmas Season is with us again and we wish to take the opportunity it offers us to greet our many friends, and convey to them our sincere message of "Merry Christmas—Happy New Year!"

Western Auto Store
 B. A. DALTON

Greetings

We join the merry carolers to wish our friends the best of Christmas Cheer.

Wood Drug

Merry Christmas

E. R. HART COMPANY



BACKED UP . . . What would Christmas be without bright new dollies for little girls to cherish? Giving promise of a goodly crop of dolls for this Christmas are these finished heads on racks in a toy factory, ready to be given bodies and limbs.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir, because of its tendency to hold its needles longer.

Merry Christmas

We earnestly wish that all of the excitement, enjoyment and good fellowship of the Yuletide continue to be yours long after the Holiday Season has passed.

JOHNSON-POOL TIRE & APPLIANCE
 MYRON POOL II
 RANDY JOHNSON

B.F. Goodrich
 FIRST IN RUBBER

Wishes for a HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Muleshoe Elevator

Plan Ahead For Christmas

Half the fun of Christmas is planning ahead. You plan what you'll hang at the windows, how you'll trim the tree and what nonsense gifts you'll give to friends, large and small.

At Christmas more than any time of the year you establish definite traditions for your home. You'll find that a particularly beautiful mantel arrangement this year will become part of your Christmas every year. To help you with novel and lovely Christmas decorations, the Woman's Home Companion passes along these suggestions.

Instead of a wreath on your door this year, why not try a Santa Claus with a red cap and white beard. Make the face out of cardboard, colored paper and plastic film. And to say welcome to guests dip a dormat in green dye and paint a big "Noel" on it in shiny white.

When you decorate your outdoor tree this year do it with the birds and squirrels in mind. Let the children tie nuts, suet, pieces of dry bread and coke to the tree with gay colored yarn. It will be beautiful at night, too, when you light the colored bulbs.

Christmas is for the children, so why not set a table for them. Colored plastic mats with a holly design are bright and easy to clean. The centerpiece should be a wide mirror which has been decorated with candle figures, a Santa Claus, angels, snowmen, stars and trees.

For the sophisticated, the Companion suggests this centerpiece as a conversation starter. Fill a fruit dish with a large piece of dry ice, a half a cup of water and colorful tree ornaments in all sizes. Mist from the dry ice will rise around the balls and frost them realistically.

If you are looking for an un-

usual window decoration try this idea. Paint an ivy bracket red, green or white. Put tiny Christmas

Away in a Manger

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the airy portico—complete with plaster of paris animals and adoring shepherds—so dear to the heart of modern Christendom.

With comfort increasing throughout the western world, the poverty of the Nativity scene simultaneously startles and fascinates us—as perhaps Matthew, the publican, was impressed by the story of the Wise Men; and St. Luke, who had been a ship's doctor and probably knew very little about shepherds, was charmed by the shepherds abiding in the field.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable; a place of shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and Judean travelers—frequently "put up" in such caves—welcomed rather than disdained joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth, while the guests inside the inn had no heat at all.

The cave, which was the birthplace of the Saviour, is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity; and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has been unwilling to maintain its poverty and has covered the entire surface with costly ornamentation.

FFA And 4-Hers Featured In M-M Calendar For '50

One of the most widely circulated calendars in the world is now being distributed by Minneapolis-Moline dealers and distributors, not only in the United States and Canada but in many foreign countries as well.

Over two million of these calendars will be distributed this year. The colorful illustration on this year's cover is a tribute to the FFA trees in miniature pots on each shelf, then decorate the trees with the tiniest Christmas balls you can find.

and 4-H clubs and some of the activities the clubs sponsor. The cover shows younger members on a farm family preparing their club projects for competition.

The Minneapolis-Moline calendar serves also as a catalog illustrating modern farm machinery manufactured by the company and includes features on soil conservation and safety.

Farm homes in this community will receive their copy in the mail from Fry & Cox Bros. The Minneapolis-Moline dealer in Muleshoe, Texas. Extra copies may also be obtained from this dealer.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a little girl five years old. Mother told me Santa brings little girls and boys pretty things if they are good.

I want a magic hair doll, red hair. A pair of Cowgirl boots, drum, and horn, some dishes, gun and scabbard.

I have a little brother, Hal Stephen, six months old. I would like for him a choo choo train. His boots are cloth, maybe he can have some leather ones.

I will try to be good and like to see you Santa.

Davy Jean Anderson,
Route 1, Muleshoe.

Dear Santa:
I would like very much to have a bicycle and a knife. Please remember all the poor little boys and girls.

Thank you, Santa,
Gary Glasscock

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 8 years old. Please bring me a bicycle and a 22 B. B. gun,—two guns and two

Dear Santa

We are four, and th I, Judy, w doll, Sandy doll, and Jo doll.

If you hav would like to OK with us. Don't forge girls and be daddy.

Judy, Sandy &

Lazbud,
Decent.


Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl three year. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Won't you please bring me a scabbards, and also a tow truck. Bobby Leon Lowe.

bu... day. Rev. Davidson owns property north of Muleshoe.

Season's greetings



With volumes of good wishes,
For Christmas joy and cheer
And happiness and gladness,
Every day throughout the year!

E. W. Evans Oil Co.

Greetings for Christmas

May this Christmas
possess so
shoe Implement
& Supply Co.



A Very Merry Christmas to All our Friends—and a Happy New Year, too!

Once again, at the close of another year we are mindful of the importance of your good will and friendship. With the holiday season at hand we are most anxious to wish everyone the Merriest Christmas ever and a New Year filled with happiness and success.

Cashway Grocery & Market
Muleshoe
Texas

The State Of Texas

TO: Charles Duncan Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 30th day of January, A. D. 1950, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable County Court of Bailey County, at the Court House in Muleshoe, Texas.

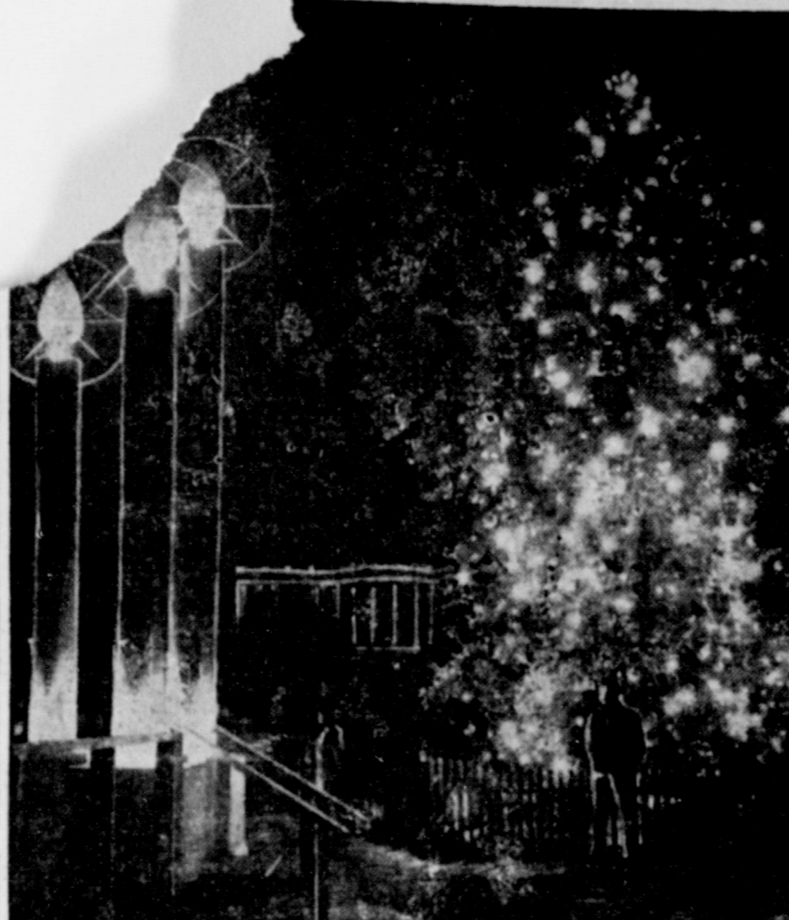
1949. The file number of said suit being No. 316. The names of the parties in said suit are: J. D. Hawthorne as Plaintiff, and Charles Duncan as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff alleges that he has pastured 3 horses and 1 mule belonging to the defendant from April 1, 1949 to date, and that defendant owes and has failed to pay for said pasturage.

that on final hearing plaintiff have judgment against him for pasturage of said animals, interest and costs, for foreclosure of such registers lien and order for sale, and for such other and further relief to which he may be entitled either at law or in equity.

Issued this the 14th day of December, 1949. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Muleshoe, Texas, this the 14th day of December A. D., 1949.

M. G. BASS, Clerk County Court, Bailey County, Texas 52-1tc.



PRESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS TREE . . . This was the annual community Christmas tree in Washington, D. C., as it blazed with light last year. President Truman, at his home in Independence, Mo., pushed a button to turn on this holiday brilliance by remote control. The White House shows dimly in the background, framed by the tree and huge Christmas candles.

Year. We will have something for you to eat on the coffee table be sure to help yourself. Lots of love, Dixon Ray

Safety Council revealed that just three humans in the line of fire, mistaking humans for game, and hunting with the safety catch Christmas. I have been sick for the last 3 Christmases. Santa I want you to bring me just anything that I can play with in bed. I will be glad to get any thing. Your friend, Iven Reeder

Greetings May all the good cheer and happiness of Christmas and the New Year be yours in every way. Copley Gin Co.

off-lead to almost two-thirds of the hunting accidents. Most hunting accidents can be avoided if the following rules or precautions are followed this fall: 1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. This is the cardinal rule of gun safety.


"You're a liar!" shouted the first lawyer to his opponent. "You're a cheat!" retorted the other. "Now these attorneys have identified each other," declared the judge, "we shall proceed with the case."

The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic if ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight. -Theodore Roosevelt.

Sudan Makes Bid To Enter 1-A; 2-A Sudan school officials have made formal application to both Districts 1-A and 3-A for admittance into their conferences for 1950 play.


A Merry Christmas. Riches and expensive gifts do not alone make a Christmas merry. familiar wishes of neighbors and friends are just as important for a enjoyment of the holiday. Mindful of this we are anxious to voice our homey, old-fashioned greeting: "To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." ARNOLD MORRIS AUTO CO. Dick Minckler Lance Hennington

Season's Greetings. A BOOK full of sentiments would barely express our heartfelt wishes and hopes for a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. DYER HARDWARE & FURNITURE MR. and MRS. E. E. DYER ROY DYER



May Christmas
and the
New Year be
bright with happiness
for you.

**Moore's
Helpy Selyy**



16 Million Bales In '49

The agriculture department, in its final report of the year, Thursday, estimated the 1949 cotton crop at 16,034,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

This estimate is 510,000 bales more than the 15,524,000 bales forecast a month ago. It compares also with 14,877,000 produced last year and with a ten-year (1938-47) average of 13,966,000.

This year's crop has produced a surplus above market needs and a reserve deemed by law to be ample. As a consequence, Secretary Brannan has set planting allotments calling for a 20 percent reduction in 1950 production.

Brannan also has proposed rigid marketing quotas on the 1950 crop. Quotas will be submitted to growers at a referendum Dec. 15. They must be approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting before they can be put into effect.

Under the quota program, excess sales would be subject to a stiff penalty tax.

Junior Historian Contest Announced

AUSTIN, December 20—A half-million Texas school students are eligible to enter the 1950 Junior Historian Contest, Dr. H. Bailey Carroll of the University of Texas announced.

Members of Junior Historian

chapters-at-large under 21, a total of 500,000 students, may compete for \$395 in prizes. Papers on Texas history topics related to contestants' community or locality, or inquiries, may be submitted before April 1, 1950, to Junior Historian Editor, Box 2131, University Station, Austin.

Only persons who have been dead for ten years can qualify for the Hall of Fame.



The First Christmas

THE MAJESTIC STORY OF BETHLEHEM HAS INSPIRED MANKIND FOR CENTURIES. ITS GLORIOUS SCENES LIVE AGAIN ON THIS YEAR'S RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH THEIR REVERENT SENTIMENTS...

AGAIN HAS COME THE SEASON OF THE BLESSED SAVIOUR'S BIRTH, WHEN PEACE AND LOVE AND KINDNESS ENCIRCLE ALL THE EARTH



THE ANGEL ANNOUNCES THE BIRTH OF GREAT JOY TO THE SHEPHERDS



THE RADIANT STAR OF THE EAST LEADS THE WISE MEN



THEY OFFER ROYAL GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH



WARNED OF KING HEROD'S TREACHERY, THE HOLY FAMILY FLEES TO EGYPT

Cartoonist Thomas Nast is responsible for the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey.

Read The Want Ads. Every Week

Lambert Plumbing
Shorty and Fay

Gifts for you

Merriment, laughter of children's voices, —we could name a hundred joys of the Yuletide Season — May they All be yours!

LARIAT GIN
GUY NICKELS



NOTHAM - BARTLETT CO.
CARROLL DYER, Jr.
LEONARD BARTLETT

Greetings

Once again we pause as another joy-filled Yuletide season arrives, to wish our many patrons and friends prosperity, health, contentment and peace this Christmas Day and throughout the year to follow.

Jim Cox - Jack Cox - J. M. Brown - Jim Burkhead
- Gwyneth Bigham - R. A. Bradley - L. J. Mills
Francis Gilbreath - Bob Knight - H. L. McDaniel -
Ray Hardaway - Tom Burden

Fry & Cox Bros.