

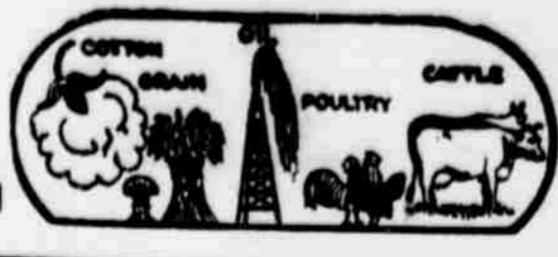
The Blessings Of Christmas Be With You All

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Paint Creek School Wing Destroyed By Mass Of Flames

NEEDY YOUTH TO HAVE 'SPREE' THANKS TO HASKELL JAYCEES

An unselfish and unsolicited act, exemplifying the genuine spirit of Christmas, which would have gone unheralded as well, had not more than one impartial observer made it a point to call it to public attention, will be performed on a mass scale for 30 underprivileged children of this town the evening of December 23 by Haskell Jaycees, an organization filled with a zest for serving their fellowman.

Quered as to the nature of the mission the Jaycees were "about," Bud Lane, the president, explained Thursday that the board of directors of his organization, without fanfare, had voted \$150 from a treasury depleted with many civic endeavors, money earned through hard work by voluntary effort of 32 dedicated individuals, to provide funds for "a Christmas buying spree for needy kids two days before Christmas."

Lane and James Franklin, inter-club director and chairman of many civic projects here arranged for a secret committee to pick 30 of the "most needy" youth in Haskell, who will be met at a central location Monday night, December 23. Accompanied by 15 Jaycees and their wives, the children will be given the opportunity "to make" the Haskell stores, purchasing anything they would like to buy up to a \$5 maximum for each child.

"We hope to be able to spread some genuine Christmas cheer in this manner," said Franklin.

The 15 Jaycees and their wives who do the chaperoning on the spree will be the real benefactors," Lane added.

Those in earshot agreed that "he's probably right at that."

P-TA Board OK's Air Conditioning Grade School

Air conditioning of 17 rooms of the Haskell Elementary School with evaporative type equipment was authorized as a project of the school's Parent-Teachers' Association at a business session of the board and membership at its December meeting here last Wednesday.

Rev. Douglas Finch, president of the P-TA and chairman of the air conditioning project was appointed by the board to receive bids on the job until December 12, at which time a decision will be made as to whom the contract to furnish and install the air conditioning equipment will be awarded. Letting of the job will be contingent on final approval of the school board here.

Together with two rooms already so equipped, the total number of occupied rooms at the Haskell Elementary School in which air conditioning is desired is 19. Rev. Finch said. The plan and object of the P-TA is to have the evaporative coolers in place and ready for operation "the very first day they are needed next Spring," the P-TA president reported. The air conditioners are to be installed in such a manner as not to detract from the appearance of the school, recently rebuilt after being ravaged by a tornado.

At the P-TA program Wednesday, a Christmas musical program was presented by the kindergarten pupils of Mrs. Maurice Gannaway and an Elementary School Chorus directed by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bell.

Ruby Kaye Alvis, Sammy Lamed Honored By Club

Two outstanding senior students have been selected as Haskell High School "Rotarians of the Month," Ira Hester, president of the Rotary Club of Haskell has announced, and were introduced to the membership at the first December meeting, a joint session with Hamlin Rotary recently.

Ruby Kaye Alvis and Sammy Lamed are the honored high school students.



HEY, THERE... YOU WITH THE 'STARS' IN YOUR EYES GETTIN' READY FOR SANTA CLAUS?—Though there's snow on the doorstep, the warmth of this scene, being duplicated over and over throughout the land at this time, casts a glow on the countenances of millions who will be walking through just such doors to get to the heart and the heart of the family Christmas all America will be sharing before another week has passed.

Lions Goodfellow Chairman Royce Adkins Issues Last Minute Plea

(See Editorial, Page 2)

An empty stocking is the direst tragedy of Christmas.

Aren't we going to see to it that the Christmas stockings of the offspring of our less fortunate neighbors, fellow humanity suffering by reasons of misfortune or ill health, are filled brim-full this Christmas?

The Goodfellows are the clearing house for accomplishing this job in our hometown and vicinity.

Haskell Goodfellows are confident that the money still needed to provide Christmas baskets and toys for needy fortunate families in the community will be forthcoming and Christmas baskets will be packed this weekend and delivered on Monday, Dec. 23. Royce Adkins, chairman of the project, told members of the Haskell Lions Club, at the Tuesday noon-day luncheon meeting at the Texas Cafe.

"It will take around \$1100.00 to meet the need in filling the baskets at the very minimum," Adkins said, "and only \$545.00 has come in to date."

"There's still time for Haskellites to join the Goodfellows in providing Christmas cheer for those in need in our community, but the time is drawing short," Adkins said.

"In behalf of the Lions Club, I make this final last minute appeal that local residents do not forget the true meaning of Christmas and come to the aid of the less fortunate. Go by the

Home Lighting Contest

The Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor the Home Lighting Contest in Haskell again this year. West Texas Utilities Company and B&PW Club will offer attractive first, second and third prizes in four divisions: the best lighted window, the best lighted door, the best lighted tree in yard, the most beautiful and appropriate Christmas scene in the yard.

Lights are to be turned on from six o'clock to nine o'clock each night, starting December 15, and burn through December 25.

Citizens planning to enter the Home Lighting Contest are asked to fill in the application form in this week's Free Press,

APPLICATION

Name

Address

I PLAN TO ENTER:

Window

Door

Yard Scene

Yard Tree

Berry's Boys Take Seymour In Thriller To Win Tourney

THE THANG IS NO HIBERNATOR; HAS IT BEGUN ANOTHER CYCLE?

SMU's Coach Fry Booster Club Banquet Speaker

Hayden Fry, dynamic head coach of Southern Methodist University's football team, who is striving with dedication to return the Mustangs to the national gridiron limelight via the old Pony "aerial circus" route, will be the featured speaker at the Haskell Booster Club's All-Sports Banquet in the Elementary School here on January 23, Lyndon Harris, president of the organization, announced Tuesday.

Fry, whose 1963 SMU eleven handed Cotton Bowl Bound Navy its only defeat this season, and whose team will play in the Sun Bowl, New Year's Day, is expected to draw a huge crowd to the annual sports event here, Harris said.

In addition to the address by the head coach at SMU, recipients of five trophies annually awarded to athletes here will be named. The trophies include the Booster Club's award to "The Most Conscientious Player;" the Dick Gaines Memorial Trophy, presented on the basis of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and athletic prowess by the widow of the late Dick Gaines, Haskell coach, who died of cancer three years ago, in memory of her husband; and three awards by the Haskell Junior Chamber of Commerce to outstanding basketball player, both boy and girl, and outstanding football player, of the past season.

Harris said tickets for the All-Sports Banquet on January 23 will go on sale January 22 at the Western Auto Store, Dulany's Drive-In Grocery, and the Haskell National Bank here.

HHS Groups Pick Beaux, Hero, Sweethearts

Various organizations of Haskell High School have been busy recently choosing their sweethearts and beaux and have announced their favorites.

The HHS Pep Squad chose Eddie Smart as their football hero, and the Indian football team selected one of the cheerleaders, Sharon Robertson, as the football sweetheart. Eddie has played football since junior high days. Sharon has been cheerleader for two years, and is head cheerleader for 1963-64.

Haskell Chapter, Future Homemakers of America, selected Johnny McCollum as the FHA Beau and the Future Farmers chose Ruby Kaye Alvis as the FFA Sweetheart. Johnny is a junior, on the staff of the War Whoop, HHS newspaper, and is a member of Quill & Scroll. Ruby Kaye is a senior, and is in the band, Owl Club, Quill & Scroll and Nineteens.

Wanda Nixon and Wayne Perrin were elected basketball sweetheart and basketball beau. Wanda plays basketball and has been a cheerleader the past two years. Wayne is a senior, president of the Senior Class, plays both football and basketball. He was honorably mentioned on the all-district grid team.

Dollie Norton has been elected Band Sweetheart. A senior, she is editor of The Totem, high school magazine. She has been an all-district band member for two years, is in the Owl Club and Lon Pate Chapter, Quill & Scroll.

Mrs. Diggs' Class Provides Program For Jr. Hi P-TA

"Christmas In Other Lands" was the theme of a program staged for the Haskell Junior High School P-TA recently by the Haskell High School's World History Class under the direction of Mrs. Terry M. Diggs. Mrs. Luther Burkett, guidance counselor in Haskell public schools, was program chairman.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mmes. Borden Clifton, H. C. Bland and R. P. Riley.

Bank 'Bonuses' Employes A La 'Bucks 'n Holly'

Officers, directors and employees of the Haskell National Bank, together with three honored guests, had a "bucks-and-holly" Christmas party in the Community Room of the bank Friday night, gathering around a real, honest-to-goodness "money tree" which "shed" bonuses for the bank "family."

Also unique were the corsages presented the special guests. They were made of real money, supported with holly. Recipients were Mrs. J. U. Fields, Mrs. John W. Pace, both of whose late husbands were longtime directors of the Haskell National Bank, and Miss Mary Pierson, sister of Alfred Pierson, president of Haskell National Bank.

The money motif really "talked" in another highlight of the party, a game in which participants able to name the face on certain denominations of currency received the "face value" in silver dollars to winners in this contest.

Other features of the intriguing get-together were a sumptuous banquet meal and exchanges of gifts by employes around a dazzling silver and red tree in the main bank lobby.

Haskell County's "Thang" or "Thanga," believed to be a mammoth mountain lion type, which has been known to roam this area for at least four years living mostly off the beef of the land, definitely is not a hibernator, according to the reports during the past week of well-known and long established citizens living in widely separated sections of the county.

Paul Fischer, a farmer living six miles south of here near Paint Creek, the bed of which apparently being one of the more traveled routes of this area's infamous "Varmint," is beginning to wonder if the carnivorous creature has begun another cycle. Mountain lions are said by experienced trappers to follow a rather prescribed pattern of existence, yet are cunning enough to escape being hemmed in.

It was on Fischer's farm in the Spring that the Thang first struck this year after an absence of stock-killing incidents. The Paint Creek farmer lost three small calves and a 900-pound cow had the humorous, but strange, experience of getting a portion of her tail chewed off.

These incidents set off a chain of incidents, from May to September, during which no less than seven calves, and one pig, were attacked, killed, and partially eaten by some animal. (See "The Thang," Page 12)

Carl's Berry's bevy of basketballers, long on spunk and short on height, made like a bunch of ants in a beehive to take a well-earned 64-49 thriller from a rangy pack of Seymour Panthers before some 500 screaming spectators, winning last weekend's 8-team invitational cage tournament in Indian gymnasium here. Berry's Boys now own a 7 win, 1 loss record for the season.

Eagle-Eye Joseph Thigpen netted 16 points to lead the courageous Indians to victory, followed closely in the point-making department by James Davis, who bucketed 12. Leonard (Pete) Peters, mainstay of both the Seymour football and basketball aggregations, racked up 20 points for the losers.

Thigpen's 27 points in Haskell's opener against Throckmorton last Thursday night was the highest scoring seen in the tourney. The Berry-coached Indians reached the finals with wins over Throck and Munday. Seymour met Haskell by virtue of wins over Weinert and Knox City.

Knox City measured Munday 55 to 40 to take the third place trophy, and Throckmorton won consolation recognition with a win over Weinert, 47-36.

Saturday night's final game between the Indians and their neighbors to the north, in the county seat of Baylor, was torrid, to put it mildly.

The first quarter was practically a point-for-point exchange, with the Indians leading 15-14. Haskell pulled away in a game which saw not more than two points difference in the score up to three minutes before the half. At halftime, however, the Indians had a 13-point lead. But the way the Panthers were clawing, the crowd felt you couldn't call the lead "comfortable" at that point.

The Indians, with a 46-53 lead, and seven minutes left in the ball game, started using stalling tactics, but this strategy didn't seem to work as well as the "ants in the beehive" job they had been accomplishing, and the score got back to that heart-in-the-mouth two-points difference situation. It was 50-44 with 2:13 left, 50-46, with 1:31 left, and 50-48 with 1:14 left, at which point Haskell and Seymour each sank a free throw before the Indians iced it with an additional three points in the last minute for their 5-point margin of victory.

Haskell

	FG	FT	TR
Perrin	1	0	2
Thigpen	7	2	16
Davis	5	2	12
Turnbow	3	0	6
Larned, S.	3	0	6
Joselle	3	1	7
Brown	2	1	5

Seymour

	FG	FT	TR
Peters	9	2	20
Franklin	2	2	6
Wilbanks	1	1	4
Blankenship	7	1	15
Smulcer	1	2	4



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JASON W. SMITH
ABSTRACTER
Haskell, Texas



SAY AHE—These are peppermint sticks Santa is sticking in the mouths of these Knox City children, not their mothers. Of Santa came well-prepared to reward children, and the story is that he found them in droves. Pictured from left to right are Randy Egenbacher, Rob Harrison, Ivan Egston and Danny Feemster, all of Knox City.

The Good Earth

The blowing wind and pelting rain brings new life to the growing grain.
by MRS. B. F. COBB
So many tragedies the last few weeks make us conscious of how dear "the Good Earth" is to our hearts. Let's turn our minds to making it a more beautiful place in which to live.
Man has long used shrubs to beautify the landscape. There are many shapes to be found in these plants, and one should be found to fit the landscaper's need. They come in upright, conical or pyramidal, pear or fig shape, oval or egg, global or round, flat or horizontal, and irregular.

When landscaping with shrubs, take into consideration how the plant will look with the house as a background and how it will go with surrounding vegetation.
Broadleaf evergreens that can be transplanted now consist of the following: Pyracantha, Abelia, Nandinas, Euonymus Japonica, dwarf Japonica, Gold Spot Japonica, waxleaf Ligustrums and Buford Holly.
Coniferous or "cone bearing" shrubs consist of all types of Juniper, Arizona Cypress, Arborvitae, and Italian Cypress. They transplant well from now until the sap rises again.
There are many flowering plants that can be well established by next spring if transplanted in the next few weeks. Lilac, Althea, all like to be set out during the winter months.
Following the same directions when planting out trees, namely, pack the dirt tightly around the roots so no air pockets can dry out the moisture from the plant before it becomes established. Water well at time of planting and at least once or twice a month if our winter is dry.
Nandinas, Pyracantha and Holly produce berries of vivid hues during months that are barren of most color. The berries make a beautiful contrast to the dark green foliage. They also offer food for our "friends"

Betty N. Andress In Who's Who On McMurry Campus

Mrs. Betty Nell Andress, McMurry College senior, and a native of Haskell, has been named to the 1963-64 "Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities, according to word received here.
The wife of Rev. Kenneth Andress, pastor of the West Side Baptist Church in Big Spring, Mrs. Andress is the daughter of Mrs. Vennie Lytle and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Willie Andress, both of Haskell. Students are named to Who's Who from a certain percentage

of the school's enrollment on the basis of their scholarship, character, leadership, and service to the school. In McMurry, Who's Who members are nominated by the whole faculty, student council and student senate.
A team comprised of the administrative assistant to the President, the dean of men, dean of women, student body president, and senate leader, approved the new Who's Who members.
Mrs. Andress is majoring in secondary education and is a member of Phi Theta on the McMurry College campus. She is a former student of Howard County Junior College, Big Spring.
Mexico won its independence from Spain in 1822.

LETTERS... To The Editor

Dear Free Press,
I have been reading you since 1920. Don't think I've missed a week in all this time. I wrote to you a goodbye note a year or more ago, saying all good things have to have an ending, but Mr. J. V. Clare graciously sent me a complimentary subscription for Loyalty, Tenacity, or what not! Anyway, many thanks. I want to say it's the best paper I've read ever. Those columns of Mr. Oakes and Al Hinds can't be beat. Surely will miss those items, like "Dan to Beerheba" and "Sodom and Gomorrah," etc.
I have saved the sketches about the life and doings of your Haskell natives, Bates Thornton, Virgil Reynolds, Lt. Col. Jas. Barnett and his wife, Alma Carlton, who has a degree from Southwestern U.
I am expecting daughter, Lt. Col. Margaret Richey home for Christmas from Schillings AFB, Salina, Kansas, and she will read every word—as all my sons and daughters were educated in Haskell High School, and Haskell will always be home to all of us.
Mrs. Greta Overton was one of my friends (Paint Creek correspondent). I have wondered why she should retire!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our many dear friends and would love to have them stop in to say Hello to me at my swanky home, The Wesleyan, one block east on University Ave. 12th Street, Georgetown, Texas.
Best wishes always,
Mrs. H. W. Richey (Eva)

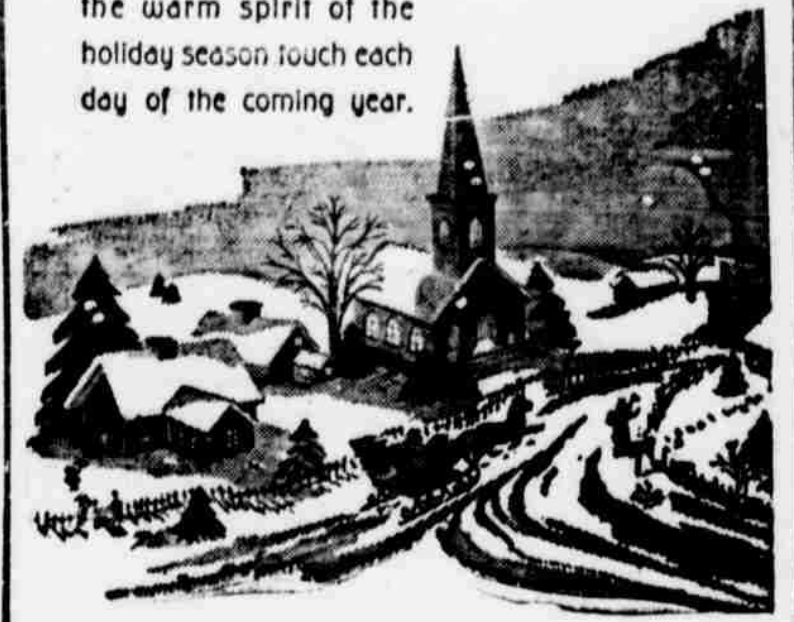
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FT. WORTH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE A CAPPELLA CHORUS AT CHURCH HERE THIS THURSDAY

A program in spiritual song and church music will be presented by the Fort Worth Christian College and high school a cappella chorus at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Haskell Church of Christ, Jim Pennington minister, announced Monday. The public is invited to attend.

This choral organization will be presented by Claude T. Guild, president of Fort Worth Christian College, a gospel evangelist, and former president of Columbia Christian College at Portland, Oregon.

The Fort Worth school, which began as an educational institution of higher learning in the 1859-60 school year, previously was Christian Academy.

Sixteen girls and eleven boys in the a cappella chorus will spend the night in homes of the members of the congregation here after the program.

President Guild will report activities of Fort Worth Christian College, and there will be a report of the "Safari for Souls" campaign of 12 young Christian evangelists from Texas, six from the college in Fort Worth, to Tanganyika, East Africa. These young men worked for six months, succeeding in converting a total of 1044 persons to Christianity.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Mr. Santa Clause,
 We are two little boys who are hoping to have you visit our home Christmas.
 We would like to have some boxing gloves, two rifles, and a cowboy suit each. Please remember to bring our little brother, Joseph, some toys, too.
 We will try harder to be good all our little cousins and friends.
 Love,
 Jim and Robert Browning

Dear Santa Claus,
 Santa Claus, please get me a Drum Major's suit and I need a Medium size. I would like a watch. And I will leave some more money to help you buy toys for other boys and girls.
 With love,
 Carolyn Sue Hager
 Route 1, Weinert

Dear Santa,
 I am Kimberly Hager, I am 4 years old. I would like for you to bring me a Tiny Kissy

doll and I would like a Horse and Sulky (pedals like a bike). And Santa Claus, please get me a Visiting Nurse suit. I will need a Small size. Santa Claus just bring some of these things. I'd like a doctor's bag, too.
 With love,
 Kimberly Ann Hager
 Route 1, Weinert

Dear Santa,
 I am a boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. I would like an electric race car set.
 Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year. Please remember the other boys and girls.
 With love,
 Jimmy Boyd

Dear Santa Claus,
 For Christmas I want a Sketch-A-Graph, a blackboard, the Match Game, Sorry Game, and "Clue." Password Game, a child's typewriter without case. Some Barbie's clothes. Satellite Jumping Shoes, Barbie Wallet, a Barbie game. And a Budding Beauty Vanity (by Marx) Design Barbie Fashions. That is all I want.
 Your truley,
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 Please don't forget the other boys and girls.
 Love,
 Deborah Kaye Thomas

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Chatty Cathy doll with doll dress and some Story Books. Please remember the boys and girls everywhere.
 Love,
 Helen Myers, Weinert

Dear Santa,
 I am a little three year old girl who would like a Chatty Baby doll.
 Love to you,
 Mary Kim Myers,
 Weinert

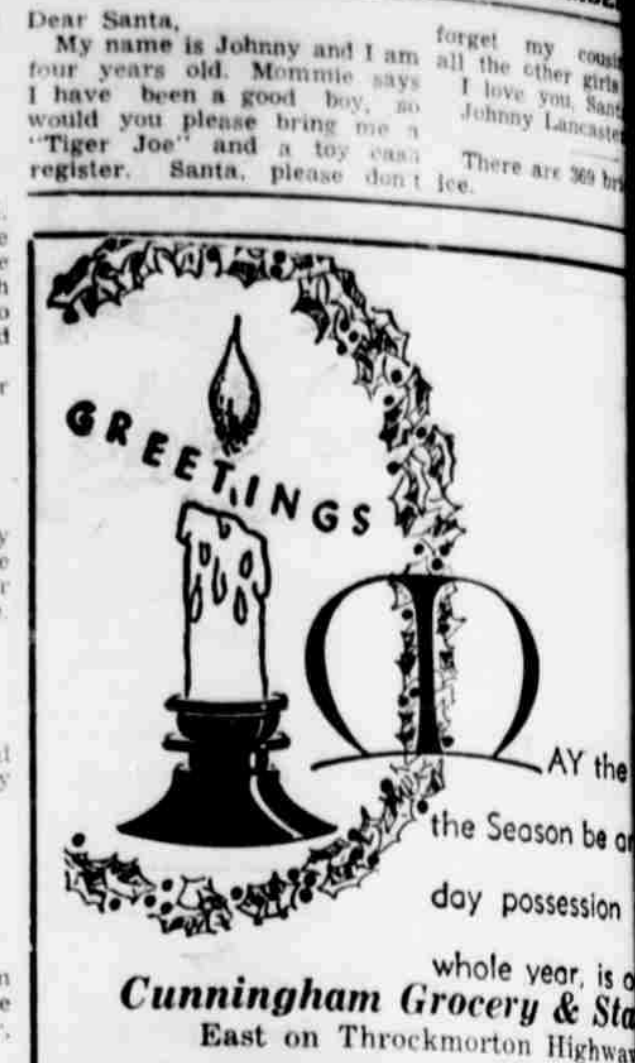
Dear Santa Claus,
 I would like a Barbie dream house and Barbie car and one good book for a fourth grader, and a big surprised.
 Love,
 Diane Myers,
 Weinert

Dear Santa,
 I am a little boy in the first grade and love school. Please bring me a B. B. gun.
 Love,
 Gregory Myers,
 Weinert

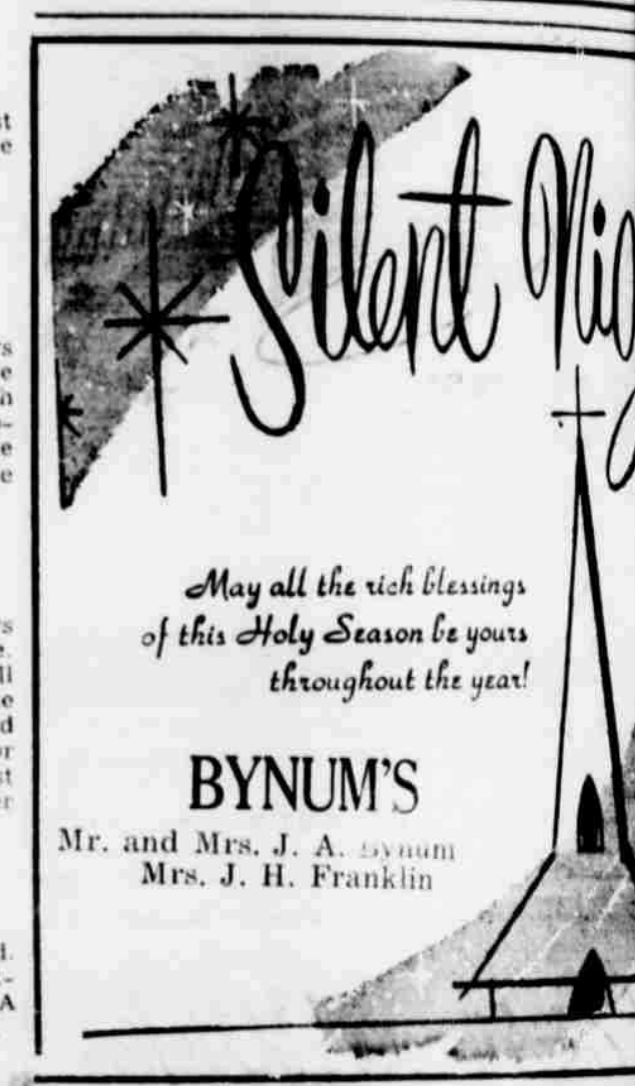
Dear Santa,
 I am a big boy, seven years old, and I would like to have a "Jimmy Jet" and a watch for Christmas. I have a brother and sister, Santa, please don't forget them and all the other little boys and girls.
 I love you, Santa,
 Jimmy Lancaster

Dear Santa,
 I am a little girl six years old and am in the first grade. I would like a "My Baby" doll for Christmas. I would also like to have a toy typewriter and a ring. Thank you, Santa, for the things you brought last year. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.
 Love,
 Gena Kay Lancaster

Dear Santa Claus,
 I think that I have been good. This is what I want for Christmas: 1. A Big Bruiser. 2. A robot, Mr. Loo. 3. A Bicycle.
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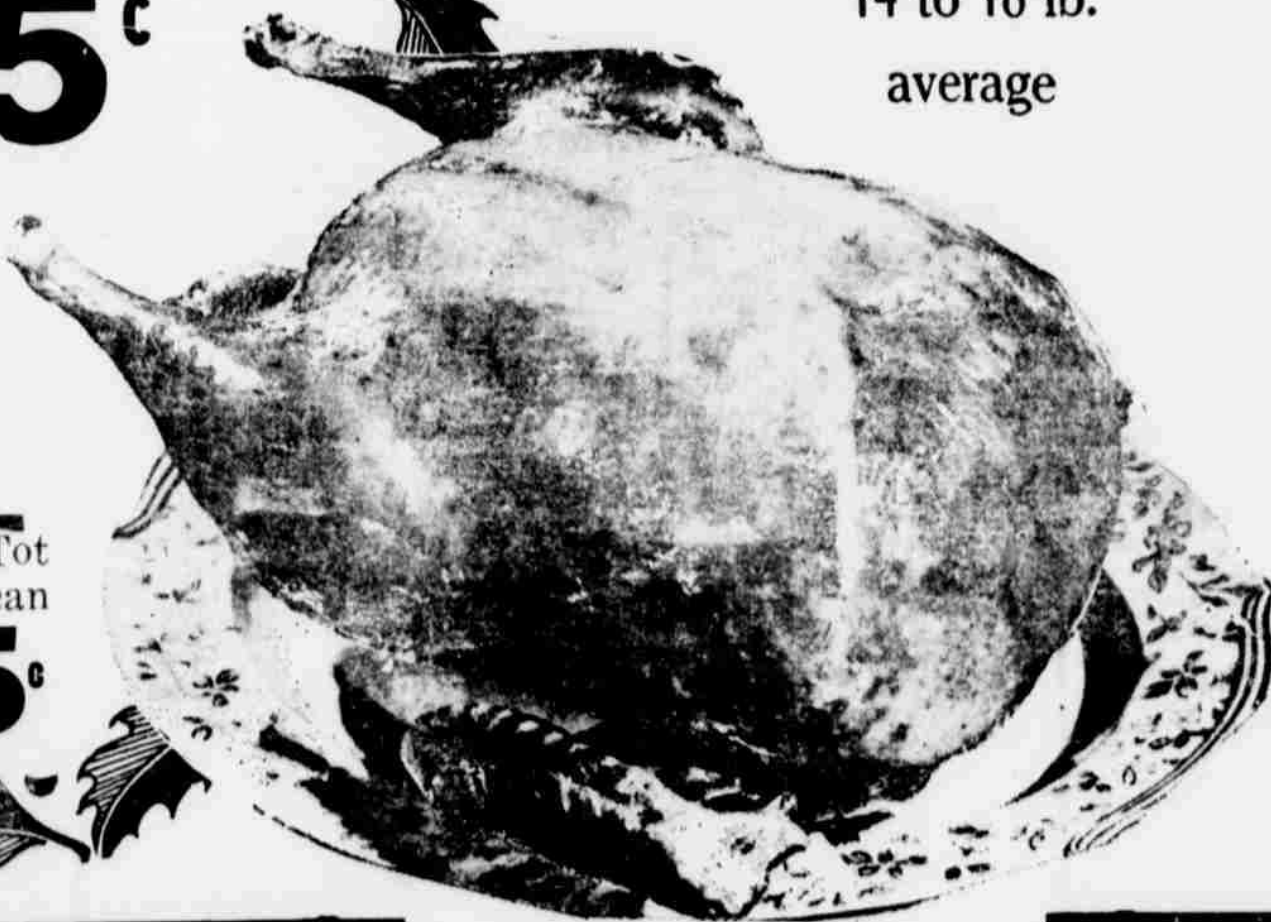
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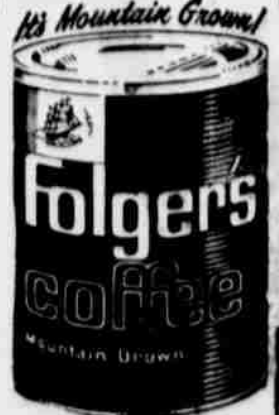
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Own Selections Stimulate Annual Christmas Program

Paula Urban added a touch of fantasy with her portrayal of an imaginative snowman in fairyland.

Randy Turnbow introduced "The First Christmas," and the way it is celebrated throughout the world.

Hostesses for the Christmas banquet program were: Mmes. Opal Adkins, Leon Pearsay, Alvin Sherman, Lois Jones, Ozelle Frierson and Miss Grace McKelvain. Gifts were brought to be sent to the Wichita Falls and Abilene State Hospitals.

The hostesses expressed appreciation to Mrs. Terry Dicks, speech teacher at Haskell High School, sponsor of the speech students, for providing "a large humble understanding of the Christmas spirit."

Homemakers Deck Christmas Senior Citizens At Care Home

Members of the Young Homemakers reported, for contributing the tree which was put in the nursing care facility.

In addition to the tree-trimming project, the Young Homemakers here also heard a program highlighted by a talk on income tax situations given by Mrs. Doris Reeves, tax consultant here.

Hostesses for the last Young Homemakers get-together were Mmes. Wilbert Klose and Biggon Drinnon.



MR. AND MRS. H. M. STONE . . . IN 1913



AT THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 1963 Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stone Will Be Feted At 50th Anniversary Open House Here

Brothers Arrested In Snyder Booked For Forgery Here

Two brothers, both in their early twenties, were returned here Sunday from Snyder by Haskell County Sheriff Garth Garrett to face forgery charges in this and several other nearby counties," Sheriff Garrett said.

Identified by Sheriff Garrett as Robert L. and Jackie Ray Nelson, believed to be from Albany, the pair were picked up by Sheriff's Office at Snyder and ordered held for Haskell and Jones County authorities.

After being returned here, the brothers were charged in connection with passing a forged check at the Texas Cafe here on Sunday, Dec. 8, Sheriff Garrett said, and ordered held pending action of the January, 1964, Grand Jury.

Meanwhile, one of the brothers, Jackie Ray, was released to Jones County authorities at Anson for investigation of alleged forgery in that county.

The Haskell County Sheriff said "several other counties" including the Sheriff's Offices at Breckenridge, Abilene, and Brownwood have placed "holds" on the pair in connection with other forgery cases.



SPACE AGE SANTA—It was boots and rockets at Munday's recent Christmas parade as Billy Baker, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roy Baker, of O'Brien, straddled a saddle atop a rocket and posed as a miniature Santa Claus. The O'Brien boy's entry won first in the Munday parade.

Magazine Club Appropriately Situates Yuletide Program At Mrs. Burkett's

Haskell's venerated Magazine Club spanned the highlights of colorful and traditional Yuletide gatherings of its 61 years of service in this community in its annual Christmas social session recently at the home of one of its most active members, Mrs. L. R. Burkett here.

Prosecuting a theme, "The Old And The New," which could be deftly handled by an organization with the background of the Magazine Club, the Fine Arts Committee of the group appropriately enough chose the home of Mrs. Burkett, a collector of note, as a backdrop for the gathering.

Mrs. Burkett, Mrs. E. M. Frierson and Mrs. C. L. Lewis, the hostesses, carried out a decorative scheme and mingled the traditional with the colorful to convey the merriest and warmest type of Christmas assembly.

The refreshment-punctuated session was ignited with a discussion by Mrs. Burkett of many items in her home tangibly associated with the tradition and meaning of Christmas.

Mrs. J. U. Fields, now serving her third term as president of the long established

wants a camera and a Midge. Mike, my little brother, wants an Indian suit. Steve, my big brother, wants a cowboy suit. My Mother wants a pair of slippers and a coat. My Daddy wants a pair of boots and a suit of clothes. Well, I've got to go now. Love, always, Pamela Money

Dear Santa, My name is Robbie Drinnon and I am ten years old. For Christmas I want a Holy Bible, a pair of white levis, a baton, and a passport game. My brother, Ricky Drinnon, is two years old. He wants two guns and one truck. My sister, Kim Drinnon, and she is five years old. She wants a Chatty Baby. Please answer my letter. We live in Haskell, Texas, and our address is 1404 North avenue h. Sincerely, Robbie Drinnon

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all our friends and the Hospital Staff and Doctors for their many acts of kindness and words of consolation during the illness and death of our Father, J. F. Kennedy. May God bless each of you. The J. F. Kennedy child.
51p

WEINERT NEWS

By MILDRED GUESS

Mrs. B. O. Robertson, Rochester, presented her piano pupils in a recital Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church.

Pupils taking part in the recital were: Diane Myers, Dean Newton, Ruth Dutton, Shelia Dutton, Helen Myers, Mary Tucker, Donna Adams, Linda Owens, Doris Davis, Johnny Earp, Kathy Grimes, Jan Sanders, Evah Tucker, Bette Edwards, Larry Sanders, Amy Dunnam, Mary Yates, Evelyn Mayfield and Anita Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mayfield, Fort Stockton, plan to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Liles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Therman were surprised by his Sunday School class members Friday evening when they came to his home with a Christmas gift. They were served refreshments and stayed for games of "42." Those in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sanders and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Stewart and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owens, Linda and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Grimes and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Yates, Joyce, Mary and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Earp, Karen and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hale and Tammie.

Weinert WMS met in the home of Mrs. W. B. Guess for the final chapters of "Mandelbaum Gate," the Mission study book for this quarter.

Members present were: Mrs. R. N. Tucker, Mrs. C. J. Williamson, Mrs. N. M. Stewart, Mrs. Eddie Sanders, Mrs. J. W. Liles, Mrs. Bill King and the hostess.

Fruit soup and fruit cake with whipped cream was served. Favors were flags of Israel and place mats with the 99 most beautiful names of God, from the Koran.

Decorations were a scene of palm trees and camel, and Christmas decorations.

The next mission study class will be Monday, Jan. 20, when "Apogee," the mission study book for the 2nd quarter, will begin.

Mrs. Glenn Caddell, Mrs. Ima Stewart and Mrs. Henry Vojkufka visited their sister and her husband, Mrs. Ben Redwine, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Plemister are spending Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tipton, Kingsville.

Larry Caddell will be principal speaker at the Wednesday night service at Weinert Church of Christ.

Billy Boykin, Midland, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boykin, during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Guess will leave Thursday by train to spend Christmas with Lt. and Mrs. W. B. Guess, Jr., Reno, Nevada.

Mr. W. A. Tanner received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. Maggie Ward, Sticial, Okla., last week.

Mrs. W. B. Guess received word of the death of Mrs. Stella Robertson, Tucumcari, New Mexico, Monday. Funeral services were in House, N. M., Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Driggers will spend the week in Abilene with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones are visiting relatives in Denton during this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Moore are announcing the arrival of Kelly Diane, born Dec. 12, 1963, at Haskell Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 1/2 oz. and is 19 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Moore, Pontiac, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Branstetter, James-

At Their Golden Wedding Anniversary In 1963 Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stone Will Be Feted At 50th Anniversary Open House Here

Fifty years ago this week, the columns of the Haskell Free Press recorded the marriage of Miss Lina Smith and H. M. Stone at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Greer, with the Rev. L. Sams officiating.

Mr. Greer, then co-editor of the Haskell Free Press, wrote the marriage story, declaring, "The bride is a most deserving young lady, and the groom is one of Haskell County's successful young teachers, being at present at the head of Howard's School. The Free Press joins with many friends in the hope that their married life may be one of much joy and prosperity."

Less than a half hour after the present editor of the Free Press had gleaned this information for the newspaper's "50-Years-Ago" column, Mrs. Stone came to see him about the couple's Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration.

Mr. Greer's expressed hope of 50 years ago this week "has been fulfilled," declared Mrs. Stone, who became a teacher soon after she married her husband, and the bulk of the past 50 years have been devoted to each other and this respected profession.

Mrs. Julian Perrin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stone, and her family are honoring the Golden Anniversary couple with an open house from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday, December 22, at the Stone's home at 606 South Avenue B in Haskell.

Mr. Stone was born in 1890, near Lone Mountain, Tennessee. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stone, came to Texas in 1895, and settled near Lewisville, in Denton County. In 1907, they bought a home two miles southwest of Haskell, miles they spent most of their remaining years.

Returning to Denton, H. M. Stone attended the J. B. Denton School, Denton Normal School, and North Texas State Teachers' College, which "were all

The Erie Canal, connecting the Hudson River and Lake Erie, is 363 miles long.

the same school growing in its educational standards," he recalls. He received his B. A. Degree from NTSTC and later obtained his master's from Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Mrs. Stone, the former Lina Smith, is the daughter of the late Mrs. Neatie McNeely, of Haskell. After Mrs. Stone's father's death, her mother married J. W. McNeely, and the couple moved from Luling, Texas, to Haskell in 1909.

It was at a Thanksgiving supper given at the Weaver School southeast of here, where Mr. Stone was teaching, that Miss Lina Smith met Hilery M. Stone, who became her husband three years later. They were married December 21, 1913, in the home of the co-editor of the Free Press.

Mrs. Stone began teaching with her husband in 1918. They taught in a number of Haskell County Schools—Weaver, Old and New Howard, Hutto, Cottonwood, Plainview, McConnell and Mattson. They also taught in the public schools of Weinert and Haskell.

While teaching at New Howard, a forerunner of Paint Creek School, Mr. Stone's girls' basketball team won the county championship. "This was a very proud experience," he reminisced.

The husband-and-wife teaching team also spent 11 years among the Hopi and Navajo Indians, teaching at the Hopi Indian Reservation in Arizona. While there, they were a part of several Indian ceremonials.

Since retiring from teaching, Mr. and Mrs. Stone have given their time and attention to operation of a small grocery store in south Haskell. In addition to "minding the store," Mr. Stone devotes much of his time to his farm two miles southwest of Haskell. He goes daily to the farm, where he grows grain and fed, and has a small herd of cows.

The Stones' only daughter, Juanita, married Julian Perrin, of Haskell, and now lives on a ranch west of Hereford. They have two sons, one in college, the other in junior high school.

In terms of the fullness of life, Editor Greer's expressed hope for the Stones 50 years ago has been abundantly realized.

CARD OF THANKS

To the many friends and loved ones we wish to express our individual heartfelt thanks for the food, flowers, and many expressions of sympathy and encouragement in our bereavement in the death of our Daddy, Jimmie Best. Vernise Lee Staggs and Lavon Best, daughters of Jimmie Best. 51p

Apache Indians are believed to have drifted south from Canada about 1280-1400 A. D.

5 DAY CHRISTMAS FOOD SALE

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		SHORTENING 3 lb. can 49c
WHIPPING CREAM		1/2 Pint carton 19c
PRODUCE		FOLGER'S 10 OZ. JAR 99c
CELERY		KRAFT'S 10 1/2 OZ. PKG. 99c
5c Stalk		MARSHMALLOWS . . . 19c
YAMS		YOUNG BROAD BREAD
5c lb.		TURKEY HENS . . . lb. 39c
Fresh		Chicken
CRANBERRIES		HENS . . lb. 43c
19c lb.		Pillsbury or Ballard
ONIONS		Biscuits 4 cans 29c
5c lb.		Center Cut Lean
		Pork Chops . 59c
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Stewart has an- at the Christmas the Sagerton be from December 2. Rule High our high school and, will dismiss on 20 and take up a- on 30, and have on January 1.

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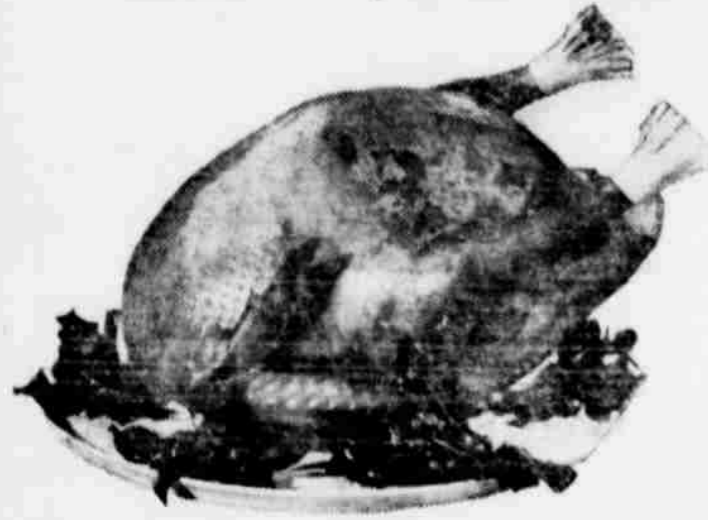
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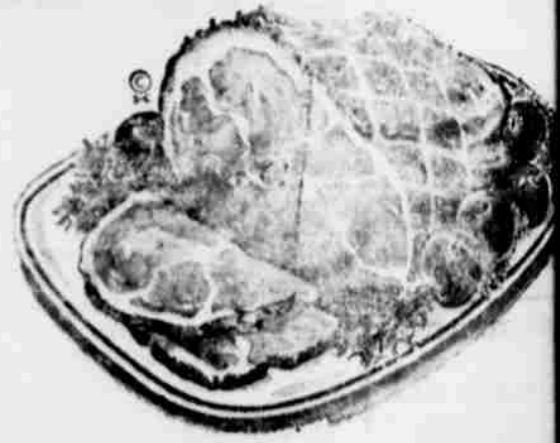
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Visiting the meeting were Rotarian Lee Hemphill, of Abilene and J. C. Teary, of Haskell.

...the same circulation area of the newspapers for which he is a staffer. He also said that every cent of advertising budget by a firm in his newspaper's territory not used in his newspaper is considered competition for that advertising dollar.

...his organization, and all newspapers, truly fulfilling their role, "on their toes."

...the newspaper business is in "a state of flux," Lambert said that in these days of people not having the time they once had to read newspapers, or taking it because of the availability of so many more varied forms of entertainment than in previous years, "we have to earn our daily nickel through public service" to attract as many readers as possible.

...the visiting newsman offered the newspaper as "a counterbalance against bureaucracy" and condemned the developing strange attitude in some quarters of only "limited information" by public officials, in particular, should not be tolerated, and all public meetings, especially those in which decisions are made about the spending of public funds "should be announced ahead of time," though there is no general law authorizing this action, Lambert said.

Lambert concluded by imploring his listeners to guard their "right to criticize," and

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am five years old, so my mother is writing this for me. I would like to have some dishes, a Ken doll, telephone, a cry baby, some clothes for me and for my doll, some play clothes, high heels, some make-up, a game or two. And that's all, okay?

Love you,
Sandra Watson
1402 N. Ave. K
P. S. I also want a cowboy suit and boots, necklace and earrings, too. And a carriage for my doll Doctor set, and a Barbie's bed and dresser and a Midge.

Dear Santa,

My name is Tommy. I am 7 years old. I would like to have a baseball glove, a baseball bat, baseball, a big bicycle, and not a little one like I have. Gunfighter duble holster set and a Dick Tracy Patrol Squad set and a Buffalo hunter set, and a Mr. Mercury and Helicopter and Big Bruiser and a truck set, race track. And some clothes, boots and shoes, and a 5 Star General suit and that's all I want.

Love,
Tommy Watson
1402 N. Ave. K

Dear Santa Claus,

I think that I have been good this year. This is what I want for Christmas: 1. A Pebbles doll. 2. A Barbie bed, dresser, wardrobe. 3. A transistor radio. 4. A camera, too.

Love,
Lee Ann Toliver

North Pole
Dec. 19, 1963

Cris Love
1402 N. Ave. K
Haskell, Texas

Dear Cris,

I had a hard time reading your letter, but I think my helpers and I have figured out what you want: a Bopa Bear, Gofferino, Mold Master Set, Vac-u-form, Giant Army Combat set, Mighty Mo, and a red Shop King Outfit. At any rate, I know what all little boys and girls want, so you can be sure I will visit you Christmas.

Your friend,
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SANTA'S CHARMER—When Santa Claus arrived in Stamford on Saturday, December 7, on hand to greet him among the hundreds was this charmer from Haskell. She is Deane Jo Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Dixon, of Haskell. With the soft appealing look of the "dell" in his arms, Old Santa might just use his head and leave more presents than planned in the vicinity of Deane Jo's house.

LONGEVITY OF SENIOR CITIZENS UP 6% HERE LAST 20 YEARS

If you believe in the ancient axiom that figures don't lie, and want to stick around awhile on the good earth, stay in, or move to, Haskell County.

They've got the statistics to show here that one lives longer around here than elsewhere in Texas, maybe other places, too.

A survey recently completed by the Texas A&M Extension Service is chock-full of captivating compilations which do everything but talk about the character of the territory under study.

The intriguing statistical summary is being put to productive use here two ways: (1) Ferreting out ways and means of solving problems and initiating projects county-wide in scope in a long-range program initiated by Haskell County Agricultural Agent Frank Martin; and (2) Furnishing valuable information for inclusion in a new industrial brochure screening an accurate picture for viewers of industrial prospects in this territory. The latter is being prepared by the Industrial Development Committee of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of Tom Earfield, chairman.

In the past 20 years in Has-

Tax Planning Time Is Here For Farmers

Considerable income tax savings may be gained by spending a little time reviewing your farm records now, says F. W. Martin, County Agricultural Agent.

A farmer's or ranchman's net income may vary considerably from year to year to fluctuation in yields, changes in price and production costs, he explained. However, some planning by the taxpayer who pays by cash, as the farmer does, can help level out year to year income and save tax dollars, according to the specialist.

The producer must study business records before the end of December and make an estimate of the taxable income. If the prospects for taxable income appear to be high, the

taxpayer may reduce it by paying for needed business items before the end of December. Repair parts for machinery, paints, seed, tires, and reasonable amounts of fertilizer, are some items which may be paid for in advance.

If the taxable income prospects point to a rather low figure for the year, the process should be reversed and steps taken to increase income as much as possible. This can be done by obtaining payment for all products sold through December and carrying some repair and other maintenance costs over to January, with the hopes that next year's income may be more favorable.

Some farmers pay more taxes than they should because they fail to take advantage of depreciation on purchased livestock.

Depreciation also provides an important tax management opportunity since new purchases of equipment items, irrigation facilities, and similar items may be deducted to the 20 per cent first year depreciation. Assets having a six-year useful life, and not in the real estate category, are usually eligible for this treatment.

Richard Carneys Attend Equipment Meeting In Dallas

Richard T. Carney, of O'Brien, owner of Richard T. Carney Company, the Oliver farm equipment dealer in O'Brien and his wife, Grace, will attend Oliver Corporation's meeting at Market Hall in Dallas, Monday and Tuesday, December 16, 17.

Oliver's new products for 1964 will be presented to Carney and other dealers from throughout several states by Samuel W. White, Jr., president of Oliver, and his top management team from the Chicago headquarters of the farm and industrial equipment subsidiary of the White Motor Company.

The two-day event will highlight methods by which the outstanding features of the new products can be presented most effectively to farmers and contractors.

State of Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1964 the same being the 14th day of said month, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

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By AL HINDS



Will there always be a Christmas?

At first glance this may seem to be a rhetorical question, a foolish question, or a very innocent one. It is not a rhetorical question, for we do not know the answer. We do not ask it foolishly, but in a measured concern. And unlike Virginia's famous Santa Claus letter to the New York Sun, it has no innocence. For the answer to that question is in grave doubt.

Christmas, with all it stands for, is our most hallowed Western heritage. For centuries it has united all civilized nations and peoples. It has shaped their ideals. It has symbolized their commonality, their oneness in diversity. It has linked their destinies more closely than literature or language. Even between countries at war Christmas has remained a bond of spiritual fellowship where all other bonds were severed.

The idealism of the West, fostered by the feast of Christmas, birth of the Prince of Peace, put a curb on the cruelties of combat, tempered treaties and acknowledged all men as children of one Father.

Our civilization is threatened and has been for some time, by a ruthless robot creed. World Communism, monstrous, powerful, militant in its growing immensity, makes all its adherents alien, animal and un-reasoning, with souls blank of compassion. Faceless men taught to hate and conquer.

There is no compromise with Communism. Should it prevail, Christmas will vanish and in a generation be forgotten or worse still, or slave-children will commemorate it as a day of spurious brotherhood under the Red flag.

As we celebrate this Christmas, let it be a day of dedication to the tasks before us. Let us welcome each sacrifice, conscious that we in our time are not a rear guard fighting a lost fight, but the vanguard of millions yet to come and that we battle for our beliefs in the knowledge that they make all men free.

As free men we can do no other.
A Happy Yule to everyone, With good cheer, music, lots of fun!
To Mayor, Coroner, Chief of Police,
Joyous Noel, Good Tidings, Peace!

A flowing bowl and heaps of luck
To the drivers of our delivery trucks,
May all employees have the best
And we hope they enjoy their day of rest.
The top of the season in big amounts
To each of our cherished charge accounts,
And all of this and heaven, too.

For the Collector of Internal Revenue.
To Governors, Senators, Congressmen,
The finest Christmas since you know when,
And a thousand greetings, then some more.
To every customer in every store,
Now raise the welkin, sing, wassail,
For the men who sort and deliver the mail,
Say Merry Christmas, drink it down,
To every person in our town,
With health and happiness, and then some more,
To you and yours in '64.

It is good to observe Christmas. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together.
Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you?
Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children?
Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world?
If you can answer yes, to the above questions, then you can keep Christmas... and if you keep it for a day... why not all ways?
But you can never keep it alone.

The Thang ---

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presumably a mountain lion. Glimpses by various persons of the creature, sometimes in the east, northeast, and southeast part of Haskell County, pretty well corroborated what it is.

During the past week, the "lightning" which struck Fischer in the Spring hit again a half mile from his home. He found a 650-pound heifer, one month away from calving, dead, and called his County Commissioner, Louie Kuenstler, to see the "remains," if they might be termed remains. Very little did remain. The heifer had its skin pulled up over its head, as has been the case several times, and "the bones had been picked so clean, it looked almost as if they had been boiled," both Fischer and Kuenstler concurred. "I never have seen anything like it, and neither had the Commissioner," said Fischer.

Meanwhile, up in the northeast part of the county, at the northern terminus of the area in which the quadruped "waist high to a tall man" with a long, curling tail has been known to roam, Leon Newton, county commissioner, reported finding tracks of a clawed animal "as wide across as a man's hand, fingers extended," on his farm. And Newton found hair sticking to an electrically charged fence, chest-high, where some type of "thang" had hurdled it, leaving tracks 12 feet apart on either side of the wire.

On November 25, instead of striking, the "thang" reportedly got struck by Gary Davis, 16, and Hugh Peiser, 20, two young hunters looking for deer on the Jack Grace place fourteen miles east and four miles south of Haskell off State Highway 24, the Throckmorton Highway. Each got a shot just at dusk at what they thought was a mountain lion near the Clear Fork of the Brazos. They followed a trail of blood between large tracks a half-mile before losing the tracks in the darkness which closed in.

The possible "winging" of a hulking "lion," plus the two "fresh" incidents in northeast and south-southeast sectors of Haskell County, have the "varmint fever" running high again in this territory.

Paint Creek School

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in the kitchen. "They're roasted now," she added. Mrs. Isbell served an average of 130 students and adults daily in the destroyed lunchroom.

The cafeteria supervisor, a graduate of Paint Creek herself, said she had just returned from a buying trip of "government commodities." Among principal items "laid by" were 30 cases of cheese.

Morrison and Overton said that some facilities in the unharmed portion of the school may be pressed into service as class rooms for the first three grades, and if those are inadequate, two nearby churches, Paint Creek Baptist and Paint Creek Methodist, stood ready to open their doors as temporary school houses.

Haskell Fire Department Supervisor Link and his crews went to Lake Stamford for additional water "just in case" after they were certain they had the east end of the school "secured."

A disastrous fire in 1953 which destroyed the lunchroom and agriculture building at Paint Creek School, prompted construction of the addition which burned Wednesday night.

TO REBUILD IN THE SPRING
Paint Creek School will start rebuilding its fire-wracked west wing, probably in the Spring, with completion in time for the opening of school in the fall of 1964, Pat Morrison, superintendent, stopping long enough from revamping his classroom schedules, said last Thursday.

Only \$40,000 of the estimated \$85,000 loss to building and equipment which went up in a mass of flames engulfing the 50 by 150 "goldfish bowl" type building early Wednesday night, was covered by insurance, Morrison reported. None of the classroom equipment, cafeteria facilities, or auditorium seating or stage paraphernalia was covered by insurance, he added.

"We'll have to ask a bond issue to rebuild," the Paint Creek school superintendent declared. "The wing cost almost \$35,000 to build nine years ago. I imagine it will take \$60 or \$65,000 to replace it now."

Morrison said his 140-student school will be "packing sack lunches" for a few days "until we can fix a temporary lunchroom. We'll get that done right away."

The 45 first, second and third grade students whose classrooms were destroyed in the third major fire in Haskell County in 15 days are being relocated in the main portion of the school, occupied principally by the high school grades, Morrison said.

The offer of the nearby Paint Creek Methodist and Baptist Churches to use their edifices as schoolhouses will not have to be accepted, "but we appreciate all they and everyone else have offered to do for us," Morrison said. The offers of help have been overwhelming.

Mrs. Bumpas, 71, Area Resident 45 Years, Succumbs

Mrs. M. A. Bumpas, 71, resident of this area for almost 45 years, died at 6:30 p. m. December 5, after a short illness.

Mrs. Bumpas was born Maggie McGregor on July 14, 1892, in Birmingham, Ala., and moved to Dallas as a young girl. She married Mr. Bumpas in 1910 in Dallas, and they moved to a farm southwest of Munday in 1919. Mr. Bumpas preceded her in death in 1954, and their only son, M. A., Jr., died in 1956.

Funeral services were held on December 7 from the First Baptist Church in Munday with the pastor, Rev. John Street, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Huron A. Polnac of Rotan and Rev. R. N. Tucker of Weiner.

Burial was in Johnson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of McCauley Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers were C. J. Williamson, Cecil Guiley, Herbert Partridge, R. W. Raynes, John A. Mayfield, and Harold Partridge.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. A. King of Weiner and Mrs. A. L. Newberry of Littleton, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. J. C. Tillery of Dallas; a brother, H. J. McGregor of Dallas; and eight grandchildren.

Ruby Kaye Alvis---

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school students for December and were introduced by Rotarians Alvin Sherman and Ed Hester, respectively.

Miss Alvis, daughter of County Judge and Mrs. James C. Alvis, has been a member of the Nine Teens, well-known select choral group at HHS for the past two years, and Owl Club historian for three. She is a member and treasurer of the Haskell Indian Band, and serves on the staffs of the Chieftain high school annual, and War Whoop, school newspaper. She also is active in the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church of Haskell.

Sammy Larned, outstanding young athlete, last week received honorable mention on the 6-AA all-district football team. He has been a first-string backfielder for the past two years, and also is one of the mainstays of the Indians basketball quintet. One of the speediest trackmen on the cinder paths in this area, he has performed capably on the HHS track team for the past two years and will be depended upon heavily again in '64.

Larned, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Larned is a member of the 'H' Club, is president of the National Honor Society chapter here, denoting his excellence in scholarship and leadership, and is active in the youth work of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Blair, 91, Mother Of 2 Here, Dies In Olney

Mrs. Sarah Elisabeth Blair, 91, mother of Mrs. Leon Medford and Mrs. Marvin Collins, of Haskell, died in Olney Hospital at 6:45 p. m. on December 8 shortly after suffering a heart attack, according to word received here.

Funeral services and burial were held in Throckmorton on December 10, with Jim Pennington, minister of the Haskell Church of Christ, officiating, assisted by Richard Lunisford, minister of the Newcastle Church of Christ. The Lunn Funeral Home, Olney, was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Blair had been a member of the Church of Christ for 62 years, and had made her home at Newcastle with a daughter for the past 21 years.

Pallbearers all were grandsons of Mrs. Blair.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Eula Evans and Mrs. Beulah Thompson, of Newcastle; Mrs. Medford and Mrs. Collins, of Haskell; four sons, Robert Blair, of Olney; Alton and Doyle Blair, of Odessa and Rufus Blair, of Throckmorton; 27 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Blair's husband died in 1940. A son, Willie Blair, died October 17, 1963.

Middleton's Girls 4th In 16-Team Dyess Tourney

Coach Dave Middleton's High School Squaws, operating in the fastest company in which they probably will find themselves all season, scrapped all the way, but had to be content with fourth place among 16 teams in the fourth annual Dyess AFB girls' basketball tourney at the base gym last weekend.

Winners over Clyde and Anson in the first two rounds, with Eva Bartley pouring in 31 points in the 46-39 victory over Anson, Middleton's charges ran up against the tournament champion, Baird, in the semi-finals at 1:30 p. m. Saturday. The Haskell girls bowed out after the scrap, 59-48.

Baird went on to squeeze past Trent 59-57 in a last second finish to take the top trophy.

In the encounter for third place, Hawley took a five-point decision over Haskell 47-42, so the Squaws finished 4th in the 16-team tournament, still playing commendably all the way.

The losses to Baird and Hawley, both powers in girls basketball, plus a first-game-of-the-season short-ender to Wylie still leaves the Middleton-coached lasses with a respect-

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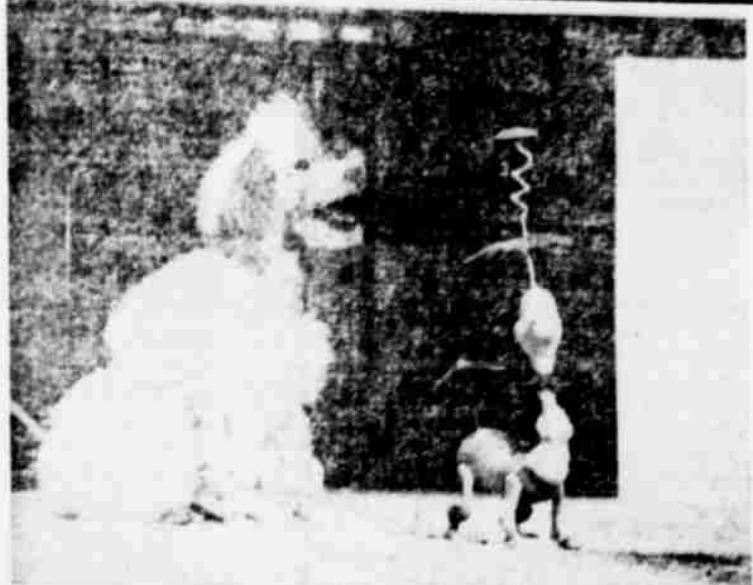
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TURKEYS WERE A PART OF THE TREASURE TROVE OF KIOWA

Tales of treasure buried in the Kiowa Peak country on the Salt Fork of the Brazos some 25 miles northwest of Haskell have been circulated for years. One about discovery of what many would consider "treasure" of another kind in the same territory, a trove of turkeys, by the wagon load, has come to light here.

It's about a "Jim Dandy" named Darling who apparently lived up to his name by this treatment of his fellow citizens, those who were in this country in 1885, the year that Haskell County became organized, although it was surveyed years earlier, in 1858.

Oscar Martin, first editor of the Haskell Free Press, 50 years ago this week, writes a graphic story about the surprise call one fall day in 1885 which C. M. Darling, owner of the OJ Ranch near Kiowa Peak paid him and his family.

The Martins were living in the southwest part of sparsely populated Haskell, when one morning, after an all night rain, they answered a knock on the door to find Darling and his partner standing before them

of men, who were cold, wet and hungry, offered the pair of turkeys in trade for a little warmth, shelter, and food. They would have received the hospitality without having to "talk turkey."

The hospitable Haskellites of almost 80 years ago learned that Darling and a Mr. Johnson, his partner, had gone out from their ranch to the patches of timber in the Brazos River Valley, had killed a whole wagon load of wild turkeys and were taking them to Albany, 45 miles from Haskell, 70 miles overall from Kiowa country, to distribute them "among their city friends." Albany, on the Texas Central, was the nearest railroad town at the time.

"In those days," Martin wrote, "hundreds of wild turkeys roosted in the trees of the Brazos valley, and it was easy to go to these roosts and kill all the wild turkeys one desired to kill."

Darling and his companion had "a wagon and two horses and a load of wild turkeys that had been drawn."

This was Martin's first meeting with Darling, who had come

with two wild turkeys. The pair from the east with Larry Chittendon, the cowboy lyric poet.

With the association thus established, Darling made return visits to Haskell, and, "being a polished and education gentleman," frequently attended the big cowboy balls held in the Haskell Courthouse. Darling, Martin recalls, was a great dancer and "danced with all the girls." At that time, however, there were not over a dozen girls in Haskell and vicinity, and the cowboys came from the ranches for a radius of about 60 miles, covering several counties."

The "Jim Dandy" of the Haskell country in those days gave a big barbecue at his ranch one time, "and all of us young people went out there and danced for two days," Martin reported. He had a race track on his ranch and "those who had good horses had all the racing they cared for." The cowboys turned over enough blankets and bedding for the ladies to be comfortable in the ranch house, while the ranchmen and visitors slept out in the open air." Martin said the Darling ranch was infested with rattlesnakes, and five were killed near the house "during this occasion."

Summing up the "protocol" of the day, the Haskell editor seemed to be making the open declaration that "them were the times."

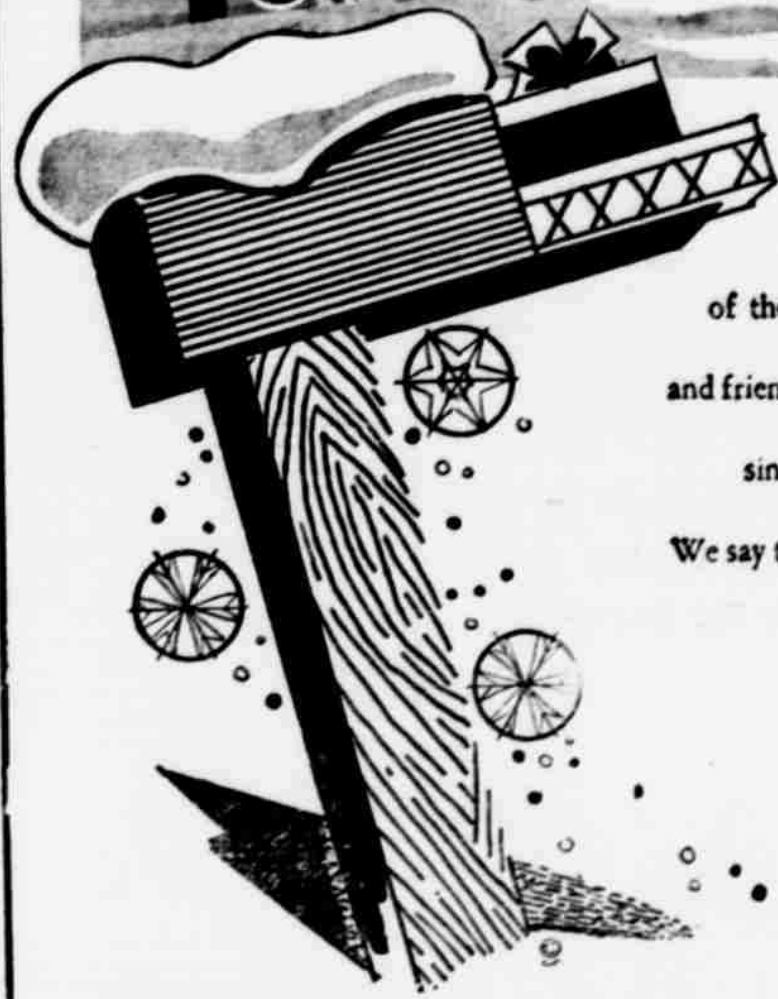
Writing in 1913, Martin said, "the changes that have taken place in this section since 1885 are simply astonishing to the early settlers . . . everybody was social and hospitable and the conventional snob and upstart were unknown. An orderly man or woman counted for what they were. People were democratic in deportment and every man stood on his own merits."

The Haskell editor, whose reporting bridged three eras in the development of this virgin country, concluded, "No one who was here in the early days will ever forget the picturesque country and ranch life."

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Christmas

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It is as it should be . . . many of us remember the happiest times in our lives . . . when our families came from far and wide to share this day of happiness . . . and so today, it is our hope that you find the wonderful spirit of Christmas in the heart of your family . . . to you and your loved ones . . . we wish a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PRESTON'S

WAYNE PRESTON—Owner

WILFORD (Pee Wee) SKILES, Manager



HUGH MATHIS Market Manager

Happy Holiday!
To One and All!



BEAUTY BAR

Mary Sue Guess - Mary Sears

Story of One Solitary Life

Author Unknown

Here is a Young Man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of private opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life.

EPIPHANY MARKS VISIT OF WISE MEN

Traditionally, Twelfth Night of Christmas, or Epiphany, marks the visit of the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

Twelfth Night observances are still popular in Europe and in many sections of this country. In the old tradition, the Yule Log, burning since Christmas, is extinguished on this day. In this country, some communities gather their Christmas trees for a public bonfire, with everyone gathering around to sing Christmas carols.

Holiday Stains Need Attention

Removing Christmas stains from fabrics—such as ink, candle wax, glue or chocolate—calls for prompt action.

Carbon tetrachloride is best to remove ballpoint ink. Soak garment in warm soap or detergent suds, wash and rinse in clear water. If discoloration remains on white or bleach-fast material, use a mild bleach and launder again.

Scrape excess candle wax off garment with a table knife. Place stained spot between white botters and press with hot iron. Then rub gently with turpentine and wash in warm suds.

For glue stain, soak fabric in warm suds until dissolved; launder in fresh warm suds.

For chocolate or cocoa stain, wash in hot suds. Treat remaining stain with weak solution of household bleach or hydrogen peroxide and launder again in hot suds.

Yule Greenery Once Prohibited

Love, the poets say, is like the wild rose briar and friendship like the holly tree.

The similarity of love and wild rose briar may need proving but history records the use of holly as a symbol of goodwill and friendship even before the Christian era.

Holly wreaths, sprays and twigs were used, too, in various rites throughout much of Europe in those early days. And large quantities of the shiny green foliage and red berries were brought indoors to brighten the scene during drab winter days. But even before the Romans set foot on English shores, the druids were using holly in their own pagan rites.

Due to this pagan association, early Christian leaders opposed use of holly during the Christmas season. In fact, Christians were forbidden to decorate their homes with Christmas greenery during the mid-December Saturnalian revelries of the Roman Empire. Eventually, however, holly decorations became so well established and popular they were given Christmas acceptance.

Birth of Christ Is Man's Big Moment

Practically everyone knows that the notation "B.C." following dates means "before Christ." How about "A.D."? This notation means "in the year of our Lord" and was first affixed by Charles III of Germany who began attaching the symbolism to the years of his reign in 879.

The system of retroactively dating the years prior to the Saviour's birth and dedicating the succeeding years to His Greater Glory was invented, along with the Christian era, by a monk about 532 A. D.

The Christian era begins on January 1 in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome and in 4714 of the Julian Period.

The Julian Period, invented by Joseph Scaliger, about 1583 A. D., was devised by multiplying the lunar cycle 19, solar cycle 28 and the Roman indication 15.

Centuries before, about 4,000 B. C., the Egyptians devised a calendar based on the Mundane era of Alexander, estimating the "beginning" to be about 5502 B. C.

Borrow A Page From Santa

Christmas would be happier if we could do something about the few folks here and there who object to Santa Claus. There are some.

Christmas is primarily a religious holiday, the most important holiday of all, marking the birth of the Child Jesus.

Santa Claus is for children, the unspoiled, hopeful youngsters for whom life becomes a fairy tale during this holiday season. They will come to know the true meaning of Christmas and they will, in time come to understand the role Santa plays in the holiday observance.

Christmas might be happier for all if those who object to Santa could be urged to take his place for awhile. A red suit and beard would not be necessary. It could be accomplished merely by seeing to it that the underprivileged, the needy and the unfortunate in some way received a measure of good will and kindness during the Christmas season.

Anyone who has the heart can borrow a page from Santa's book.

RIGHT CARE HELPS POINSETTIA THRIVE

Poinsettias develop "bloom" when the days are short and the nights are long. Short periods of night caused by periods of exposure to artificial lights, however, interfere with blooming. Nights lengthen the day, and the plant continues to act as though it is summer.

Maintenance of normal days and nights according to the seasons help time the plant mechanism to bloom during the holiday season.

Blooming period of plants already in "bloom" can also be lengthened by keeping the plant away from artificial light at night.

"Bloom" of poinsettia is brightly colored leaves that surround tiny creamy white flowers.

ROMANTIC CUSTOM

In Greece, the burning log joins with romance in a colorful holiday custom. Two olive leaves—one for HE and one for SHE—are tossed to the hot coals. If the leaves curl toward each other, the pair is destined to live happily and long. If they bend away from each other, they may expect difficulties. If they burn to a crisp, it means the lovers' love is all consuming and that, they say, is best of all.



A Merry Christmas To You and Yours!

May your home be filled with every holiday joy!

ELLEN'S Hair Fashion

210 North First
ELLEN COLLINS
SANDY WILSON

First Stocking Filled By Accident

In Britain, it is the custom for children to leave their toys under the tree until the afternoon of Christmas Day. Santa Claus (Father Christmas) makes his Christmas Eve visit, however, filling the stockings left by the children at the hearth or beside their bed.

British legend says the stocking custom originated by accident. Once, St. Nicholas was making his descent down a chimney to leave some toys for a family of children and some gold coins fell from his pocket, dropping into a stocking hung by the hearth to dry. Since that time, Santa has always had something for every stocking.

Child's Parents Are Gift Experts

Relatives should not hesitate to ask a child's parents what toys to buy the child for Christmas. This small gesture might prevent the child from receiving two or three toys of the same kind.

Parents, of course, will not suggest that relatives give their child a certain gift. They can, however, offer helpful advice, and they certainly are in the best position to know the type of gifts suitable to each child's skills and abilities.

This planning ahead can also make for goodwill from parents as well as children. Some parents, especially those with large families, are not too appreciative when relatives and friends bring children gifts which are noisemakers or "sets" of one kind or another that separate into one thousand and one pieces.

Relatives with only one or two children to buy gifts for, should consider the idea of combining their money to send one big gift, perhaps a tricycle or a bicycle. Instead of separate toys that the child may not enjoy. Here, too, it would be wise to first consult the parents. They might be planning to ask Santa to bring a bicycle on Christmas Eve.

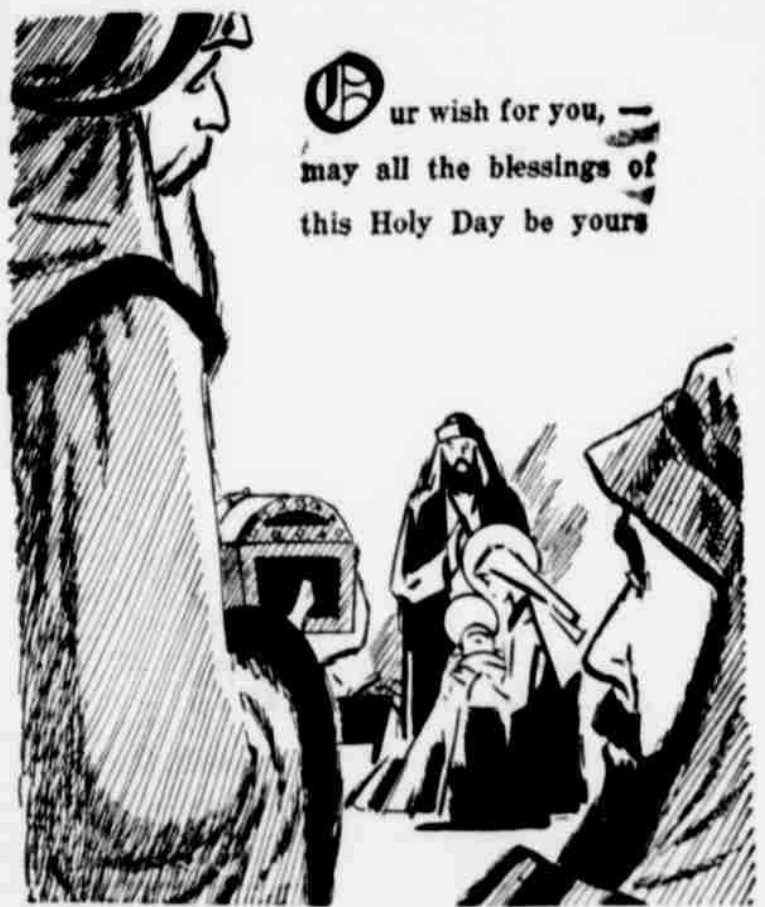
YULE LOG

The Yule log figured prominently in the inauguration of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." A huge log was selected by men, and, with children sitting atop the log, they brought it upon their shoulders from the forest. The log was set afire and kept burning for 12 days, at the end of which time the fire was quenched, and a portion of the log saved to kindle a new log the following year.



BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

FOOTS DRY GOOD



Your wish for you, may all the blessings of this Holy Day be yours

The SLIPPER SHOPPE

Bruton Garage
103 North Avenue C
ROBERT BRUTON
Owner-Operator

"JOY TO THE WORLD..."

Here's our cheery carol for you —
May all the joys of the Holiday Season
be yours on Christmas Day!

RENFRO GROCERY
and MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Renfro
and Olen King

1506 N. Ave. E. Haskell, Texas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our many friends: we wish you the Happiest Holiday & the Merriest Christmas, ever — thanks for your patronage!

SERVICE CLEANERS & LAUNDRY

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hattox

Christmas Joy to You

The truest joy of Christmas is not found in receiving but in giving. So this greeting is sent with a hope that God's promise of Joy and Love, of Peace and Will -- will be yours this Holiday Season.

KIMBELL MILL & ELEVATOR

W. L. FORE—Manager

they feared the waning sun might darken forever. When the days began to grow longer, there were great celebrations by these ancients, who felt that their earthly fires had helped revive the sun.

Use Right Bulbs To Illuminate Outside

For outdoor floodlights to illuminate Christmas displays, your best bet is to stick to the 150-watt PAR-38 bulbs. These are the weatherproof reflector type, like the kind used to light doorways.

You can get 300 and 500-watt reflector bulbs for outdoor use, but those are likely to explode in a cold rain or snow unless protected by expensive fixtures. So just use two or more of the PAR-38's when you wish more light. Indoors, you can use the 150-watt R-40 or 75-watt R-30 reflector spots and floods.

POINSETTIA

Long before the poinsettia became a popular American Christmas ornament, the plant had great practical value in Mexico, where the Indians used the red leaves to make a scarlet dye and extracted milky juice from the stems to use as a tonic for nursing mothers.



TO YOU AND YOURS
May we extend our Best Wishes for a holiday season that is truly joyous.

Della's Beauty Shop

903 North 8th Street
DELLA MEDFORD

Self Control Is Key To Safe Hunting

Self-control is often the key to safe hunting, J. O. Musick, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association, said today.

"How a hunter handles his emotions in the field can make the difference between whether he walks out of the woods on his own or is carried out," Musick said.

The safety director noted that even the experienced woodsman is often under strong emotional stress.

"A hunter focuses on getting game. All his senses are tuned to locating and bagging game. He is 'up' emotionally for the game," he explained.

"Each rustle of leaves, each snapping twig or the slightest movement may catch the full intensity of his heightened awareness. And, unless he holds himself in check he may shoot at any of these sounds."

Musick said that to be a good hunter and a safe one, the hunter must have complete control of himself. This control comes with practice.

"By handling his gun properly at all times and waiting actually to see the game, he will train himself to habitual control. Once established, these good habits will take over naturally when he is in the grip of excitement at an anticipated shot."

He also emphasized that a hunter should fire only when he has positively identified his target as legal game and has assured himself that no human is in the zone of fire.

He warned hunters that indiscriminate shots in the general direction of the target are dangerous and certainly "mark the novice."

Musick noted that a hunter with good self-control usually is more accurate. He has the accuracy necessary to make clean kills.

"No real sportsman wants to wound game and have it die a lingering death miles away—and certainly, no hunter wants to take the life of another hunter or lose his own," he added.

Musick reported that 166 Texans died last year in firearm accidents, and also advised parties hunting together to

plan their hunt carefully.

"It should be agreed beforehand on the area each shooter will cover. This is particularly true of groups hunting birds, rabbits or other small game," he continued.

"Here, again, your self-control is vitally important to everyone's safety."

In hunting larger game, where the party separates over a wide area, equal care should be taken to know where each hunter is going to be. Where shotguns are used in hunting deer, extra care is necessary since it tends to concentrate the deer hunters in an even smaller area.

"The hunter is less likely to mistake a man for a deer under any circumstances when he knows a man is there," Musick said.

He urged hunters to pick their hunting companions with care. "Know your man, his attitude, habits and ability."

Musick advised hunters to take caution in transporting and storing firearms.

"Guns should be unloaded before being put in a car or a boat and in walking when the footing is bad. No safe hunter ever runs with a loaded gun, nor does he use his gun to flush or club game," he said.

Musick pointed out the need for storing guns and ammunition when not in use.

"Last year, 73 persons were killed in the home in non-hunting accidents from firearms and during the first seven months of this year another 45 lives were lost in home firearm accidents," he said.

Guns and ammunition should be in locked storage when not in use—and in separate places.

"The principle of safe storage is that it should never be possible for the gun to fire accidentally or for the wrong person to get gun and ammunition at the same time," Musick concluded.

The largest Christmas tree ever lighted is believed to have been 364 feet tall. It is located in California's redwood forest and was first decorated in December, 1945.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

THE NEW FIELDAN MOTEL | **ADRON FIELD INSURANCE**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

At this Holiday Season, we would like to set aside the problems of the business world and turn again to our age-old customs. May we greet you, our friends and patrons, and wish all of you a Wonderful Christmas!

RAZIER'S APPLIANCES
—West Side Square—

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

First, a sincere "Thank You" for your courtesy, good will and loyal cooperation, they have made our associations with you a real pleasure.

Then, a cordial wish for the best for you and yours in the Holiday Season.

Greetings

Once more, with the approach of Christmas, we take time out to express to all our friends and patrons our deep appreciation for the confidence placed in us and for the loyalty shown us throughout the past year.

It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled with a glad spirit and good health.

FARMER'S CO-OP SOCIETY NO. 1
Melvin Norman, Manager

- TEXACO, INC.**
FRED GILLIAM, Consignee
- Chester Cunningham Station, Haskell
 - W. H. Brannon Station, Haskell
 - Dick Tracy Station, Haskell
 - Gene Campbell Station, Haskell
 - Bob Mapes Service Station, Haskell
 - M. C. Wilfong Station, Haskell
 - S & H Station, Rule
 - R. V. Earles Camp
 - West Side Texaco Station, Haskell

GREETINGS



We wish you every joy and blessing of this happy Christmas Season!

QUEEN ROOFING COMPANY



The holiday gift giver—Santa Claus in America—has many different names around the world. In Russia, he may be known as "Father Frost" or Father Winter. In Germany, children may hear of "Christkindl" or "Kris Kringle." Chinese children expect their stockings to be filled by the "Nice Old Father" and Norwegian children anticipate gifts from an elf, "Jul Tonten." French children await the arrival of "Pere Noel;" Hollanders look for "Saint Nicholas" or "Sinterklass." There are many more "Santas" all around the world. Wherever he exists, by whatever name, his mission is the same—to gladden the hearts of childhood.

IMPRESSIVELY LOW PERCENT OF PEOPLE UNEMPLOYED HERE

With but 125 unemployed of a 4,150-person labor force, Haskell County was among the two top leaders showing the healthiest employment situation during 1962 in an 18-county Northwest Texas roundup of labor force figures just released by the Texas Employment Commission and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The eighteen-county roundup capsuling the employment picture showed Haskell County's impressive 2.4 per cent unemployment topped only by Foard County (Crowell) which had 2.1 per cent in this grouping.

Both the Haskell and the 18-county area unemployment level are below the national figure, which is 5.5 to 6 per cent. The area unemployment percentage as reported by WTCC and TEC is 4.4, and Haskell County is less than half that of the area.

Agriculture continues to play a major role in area employment, with 13.2 per cent of the

total employees listed under this heading. Only 5.4 per cent of employees were in manufacturing fields. Counties included in this roundup, and percentage of unemployment follow: Archer, 4.5; Baylor, 3.2; Childress, 5.7; Clay, 4.8; Collingsworth, 12.9; Cottle, 3.2; Foard, 2.1; Hall, 2.7; Hardeman, 4.5; Haskell, 2.4; Jack, 5.5; King, 3.4; Knox, 3.6; Montague, 5; Throckmorton, 3.3; Wilbarger, 3.9; Wise, 4.6; and Young, 4.3.

FOLLOW RULES FOR SAFE OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Modern outdoor Christmas lights, with lacquered or rubber-jacketed cord, make it safer than in years past to decorate the trees and shrubs around a house, but there are still some important guidelines:

Never let the bulbs touch the needles. Bulbs of 15 wattage are sufficient. Needles of pine, fir, spruce, yew, chamaecyparis and hemlock are sensitive to heat. Excessive heat could scorch them. Hang the sockets downward to keep out snow and water. And periodically check the position of the lights, for winds may have shifted them.

KINGLY GIFTS

The gold, frankincense and myrrh presented to the Christ Child by the three Kings were more than mere signs of wealth — each had a special meaning. The gold was a sign they accepted Him as their King; the frankincense was given as a symbol of His deity and the myrrh as a prophecy of His death.

RIGHT START MAKES TREE DECORATION EASY

The right approach makes decorating the family Christmas tree fun instead of confusion.

Straighten out your lights along the floor and remove all kinks before you start to trim the tree. Make certain all the bulbs are burning, replace the ones which are not. Then disconnect the strings and arrange colored bulbs alternately. String lights around tree,

starting at the top, placing lights on inside bows first. When strings are in position, disconnect them before hanging ornaments.

Christmas is observed widely in Japan despite the fact that fewer than one per cent of the country's population is Christian. Each year, Tokyo's streets are bright with holiday decorations, and "White Christmas" is almost as popular as it is in America.



Christmas

In the spirit of Christmas, we hope that you may always enjoy the peace, happiness and good cheer that we wish you this Yuletide Season.

Haskell Auto Parts

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dixon
Mr. and Mrs. Duke Dixon



Christmastide

May you experience the glorious feeling of peace and brotherly love... this Holiday Season.

Fred Allen Shoe Shop



Best CHRISTMAS Wishes

WHITE

JIM SAMPSON

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS



As another year rolls around we express our thanks for your past patronage and wish you all... MERRY CHRISTMAS! BIARD'S CLEANERS

—Service That Satisfies—
MYRON BIARD, Owner

115 North Avenue E Haskell, Texas

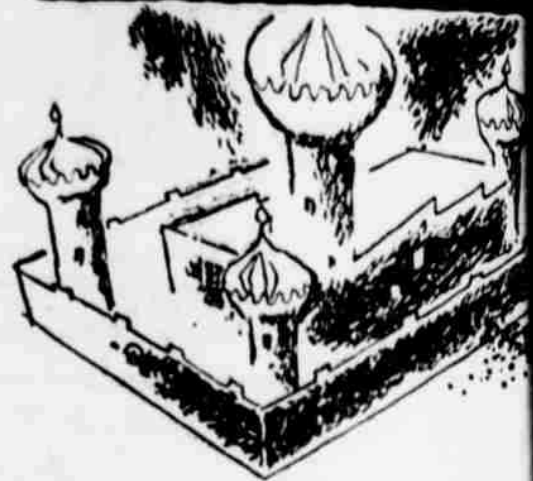


To all our loyal friends and customers. May this joyous season be filled with contentment and happiness.

CARL J. ANDERSON
Construction Co.



A Child is born



As the songs of angels rang out a glorious message of old, may Christmas bring new hope and blessings to all

Anderson Tire Company
Eldon Anderson, Owner

Phone 864-2900 Haskell



May this HOLIDAY SEASON bring each of you... JOY, PEACE, LOVE and GOOD WILL. Above all we would like to say thank you and may you have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BILL WILSON MOTOR CO.

209 South Avenue E Phone 864-2611 Haskell, Tex

BEST WISHES



THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BE THE NICEST YOU'VE EVER HAD!

T. J. ARBUCKLE

City Secretary



The age-old story takes new meaning each year as again we wish all our friends and customers:

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

West Side Texaco Station
706 North First Street
Bucker Adams, Owner-Operator



Yuletide Greetings

Here's wishing to our many friends in an old-fashioned way . . . that the many blessings of Christmas time, linger long past Christmas day . . .

SMITTY'S AUTO SUPPLY



SPEDWAY . . . Cars and racers fascinate many youngsters and toy-makers have designed a variety of such items for Santa's bag. What youngster wouldn't like to watch racers on his own speedway course?

13th District Is Big Benefactor From Nation's Export Trade

America's expanding export trade brings more than \$14.5 billion a year into Texas' 13th Congressional District and provides thousands of jobs for farm workers throughout the area.

These estimates of the impact of world trade on the 13th District are made in a new study distributed by the Committee for a National Trade Policy, a bi-partisan organization supported by business, labor, farm, and consumer groups.

The study shows that agricultural produce grown in the 13th District brought more than \$14.5 billion in foreign markets. The U. S. Agriculture Department estimates that about 30 per cent of the state's farm workers contributes to export. On that basis, some 5,400 farm workers in the district owed their livelihoods to the exports.

Of the farm exports, field crops accounted for \$12.5 million; livestock and livestock products for \$2.2 million; and vegetables, fruits and nuts, \$55,000.

Like every other part of America, the 13th District imports commodities from other countries, but most of these are non-competitive products such as coffee, tea, spices, and natural rubber.

The United States actually sells far more to other countries than it buys more than \$20 billion a year of commodity exports each year as com-

pared to \$15 billion of imports.

The importance of foreign trade to the Nation and its economic impact on individual states and local districts — is now being debated in Congress, where public hearings started March 12, on the Administration's new Trade Expansion Bill to replace the present Trade Agreements Act which expires June 30. President Kennedy has urged Congress to act without delay to meet changing conditions, because the European Common Market is crystallizing its trade patterns now, and we may find ourselves frozen out of this

CHOOSING TOYS

Toys are toys where the young toddlers are concerned. The time to begin selecting masculine things for boys and feminine ones for girls, begins when the child reaches the age of six.

A sure way to determine a child's preference in toys is to take the child to the toy shop and watch his reaction. It will be easy to see which type of toys he likes best.

vast market.

Since most domestic producers may face damaging foreign competition, a "trade adjustment assistance" plan has been proposed by President Kennedy as part of the new trade legislation, recommending assistance to enterprises (industrial and farm), and workers who suffer damage from increased foreign import competition. The President told Congress that "when considerations of national policy make it desirable to avoid higher tariffs, those injured by that competition should not be required to bear the full brunt of the impact. Rather the burden of economic adjustment should be borne in part by the Federal Government."

The importance of imports to the U. S. economy has been succinctly stated by President Kennedy: "We need imports if other nations are to have the incentive to lower their own tariff barriers. . . . We need imports to give our consumers a wider choice at competitive prices. We need imports to give our industries and defense establishments the raw materials they require at prices they can afford—and to keep a healthy pressure on our own producers and workers to improve efficiency, develop better products, and avoid the inflation that could price us out of markets vital to our prosperity."

Candles Are Associated With Superstition

Candles today are purely decorative—top the birthday cake, on the festive family table, and in the churches. Man's source of light is electricity.

While traditionally associated with religious worship, candles are also the source of some superstitions. A blue flame, for instance, was once believed to signify there was a ghost in the house. A spark from a candle was supposed to indicate that the person sitting nearest the candle would soon receive an important letter.

ENGLISH CUSTOM

In England, ash fagots often are burned for good luck on Christmas and a common custom is for each of a group of girls to mark one fagot as her own. The girl whose fagot first takes fire is supposed to be the first to marry.

USE COLORED BULBS TO DRAMATIZE OUTDOORS

White or colored spot and flood type light bulbs can be used to advantage to dramatize, accent, or highlight your Christmas tree, indoors or outdoors.

For an intriguing effect, use a 75 or 150-watt clear flood behind a revolving color wheel to project changing tinted light patterns on the tree, doorway, window or house.

Revolving color wheels, to accommodate flood bulbs, are made for indoor use and for outdoor use. Those designed for outdoor use come with a spike to put in the ground and are about 30 inches high to keep the color wheel out of the snow.

GREETINGS and Best Wishes



May the cheerful glow of Christmas candles be reflected in your heart and brighten the New Year with joy and contentment.

New Year with joy and contentment.



BLOHM STUDIO

—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Blohm—



The Holidays are here again, and it's time to start the carol singing, to deck the halls with pine and holly and light the Christmas lamps . . . and in the old traditional way we send you that ageless greeting —

Merry Christmas

"M" SYSTEM SUPER MARKETS

—Your Friendly Food Store—



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May this Holiday Season be the Nicest You've Ever Had!

Dick's Barber Shop

Tommy and Dick

1400 Policemen Taught Judo By 4 Foot, 8 Inch Former Haskellite

With a single sharp blow from his hand or elbow, a 140-pound man can split a heavy door in two or knock it from its hinges. And a four-foot eight-inch woman can toss a 200 pound policeman nine and a half feet in the air across a room in four one-hundredths of a second.

It sounds impossible, doesn't it? But it is all too possible when you happen to be Mrs. John P. Plante, the former Modenia Young, of Haskell, and her husband, John, who is the highest ranking karate expert in New England. Modenia, the four foot, eight inch Haskell native, leans on, or rather into, jujitsu as her chosen method of empty-handed self defense tactic. Jujitsu is the oldest of three methods of defense originating in the Orient, and the other two karate and judo, are derived from it.

beginners' classes in three months' time.

While Plante was staging a demonstration in karate, jujitsu, and judo for Ft. Worth policemen, Modenia Young of Haskell, who was working in Fort Worth, met and soon married this exponent of the Oriental Arts.

In addition to their husband-wife professional teaching, the Plantes find time to teach the importance of self-control, self-confidence, and respect and consideration for the op-

ponent, all aspects of the Japanese sciences to defense, to YMCA, Boy Scout, and teenage clubs across the nation.

Modenia Young Plante and John Plante stress in their self-defense courses that a person need not be young and robust or powerful to be successful at jujitsu, karate, or judo.

It is the motto of "Denia," as they call her, that "the bigger they are, the farther they go," a motto apparently she has lived up to in her demonstrations.


IN GREECE

In Greece, Christmas gifts gladden the hearts of the young and the poor. The older folks usually wait until New Year's Day to exchange presents.

CHRISTMAS SEALS
Christmas Seals, the seasonal reminder of the fight to stamp out tuberculosis, have been with us since 1904.

The idea was conceived by a Danish postal clerk in 1903, while mailing Christmas packages and letters. Einar Holboell mentioned the idea to his fellow workers and they thought it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise appeared on the first seals in 1904.

A Danish-born American, Jacob Riis, sold the idea to the American public in a 1907 magazine article and a Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.



TO OUR FRIENDS

A MERRY YULE

M. C. WILFONG
TEXACO STATION



Merry Christmas

The quietness and peace
of Christmas blends
with the spirit of thanksgiving
to remind us of
the joys of associating
with folks like you.

HIGHWAY DRIVE-IN

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crume

The Plantes have been spending a busy life since their marriage in 1961 teaching karate, which means death by hand, jujitsu, and judo to many segments of the population, principal among which have been 1400 police officers.

In Florida, Plante prepared a police training manual for his course, posing for illustrations with his wife taking the pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Young, of Haskell, parents of the female side of this self-defense team, say Plante, who with his wife currently is in Connecticut teaching the Oriental art, first took up karate and jujitsu as a sport and art just after discharge from the Navy's air arm in 1963. He had been wounded in Korea in hand-to-hand combat. Plante's interest in the empty-handed defense led him to spend four years at the Kokodan Institute of Judo in Tokyo.

Plante graduated with the equal of an American college education plus the rank of third degree black belt, thus becoming a member of an exclusive group. There are about 120,000 persons in the world holding black belt rank, which ranges upward from one to 10. And there are less than a dozen in each of the top several brackets.

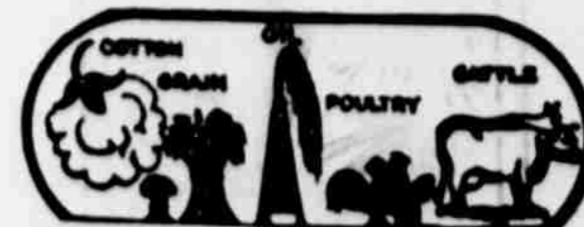
The New Englander, who is a native of Norwich, Connecticut, must have learned his lessons well. He gained a wife through judo, too, in an indirect way, and imparted his knowledge so well to her that she was able to take over his

With the passing of each year, it becomes more evident that the peace of Christmas is enjoyed only because there were those who made every sacrifice that we might enjoy Christmas to its fullest extent. As we extend our Season's Greeting we are mindful that without those sacrifices, we could not enjoy the blessings of peace.

If we strike a solemn note at this glad season of the year, it is only because we are remembering that there were those who gave their all to make it possible for Americans everywhere to observe and enjoy Christmas.

The peace of Christmas is sacred. May we never forget.

to Our Many Friends and Customers



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Greetings

To our many friends, we wish you the Happiest Holiday and the Merriest Christmas, ever!

Thanks for Your Patronage

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True West Magazine Has Article On Hoss Race At Rice Springs

A story about the annual open range roundup at Rice Springs grounds just south of Haskell when real cowboys were the kingpins of the big ranch country and furnished the entertainment instead of the celluloid variety of the movies and TV, circa 1963, is the subject of a story in a recent edition of True West authentic Western historical publication.

Old-Timers here say the first full-scale open range roundup at Rice Springs about a mile and a half southwest of here was held in 1890, and that, according to the "real word," more than 7,000 people attended, including the passengers of a special train from Kansas City.

The story in the edition of True West sets the time as about 1890, and this tale about a cow horse well could have been at the first roundup.

Famed Texas Author-Historian J. Frank Dobie, in a preface to the intriguing ar-

icle, says, "If anybody has written a better story about a cow horse, I have not read it."

With the early day roundups, of course, went picnics and horse races, like a hand in a glove. And the story of a match race is the subject of a gripping discussion by Frank S. Hastings, former manager of the sprawling SMS (or Swenson) Ranch.

After setting the mood and background, Hastings goes in to the first person and lets a former foreman of the SMS, identified only as "Mage," or "The SMS Kid," relate about his big race.

Mage, who was only 16 at the time of the race, and his favorite mount attracted a lot of attention at the roundup because they were a great team working cattle. His top horse was then known only as "The Sorrel Stud." It later became a Swenson foundation stallion called Old Gran'pa. The latter name was used as title for the story in True West Magazine.

It was inevitable that the boy and the scintillating sorrel would be prodded into a match race with the top runner of the area, unbeaten Midnight, ridden by a son of the saddle, name of Split Miller.

The race was set for Saturday, the traditional "day off" for cow hands, and the word was telegraphed around the countryside via one of the best "pipelines" extant. On Saturday, two heaves were killed to take care of the appetites of the throng.

In accepting the challenge, Mage bet "saddle for saddle, bridle for bridle, blanket for blanket, spur for spur. And to make the stakes worthy of the big race, the Kid had to put up all his earthly goods as security for cash loans—they gave me \$12 for my Swartz boots, \$8 for my corduroy coat, \$4 for my shirts, and \$2 for my duckin's."

In a pre-race pep talk, Mage told his mount, "Stud, if me and you loses this here race, looks lek we'd hev to steal off home in the night and both o' us might nigh naked."

Climax to the tale is how Mage grew to manhood and the Sorrel Stud began his reputation during the half-mile race about 1890—and the reception of Mage back at the SMS, then in southeastern Haskell County, since moved to Stamford.

The straw boss at the time,

Shorty Owen, was known to frown upon use of the company's top cuttin' horse for racing.

Frank Hastings, described by the Texas Almanac as the man "who made SMS feeder calves a by-word in the corn belt"—proved himself equally deft at dribbling ink over parchment in another realm of production—telling an absorbing anecdote without false drama.

Oldtimers here say Hastings was "fast-on-the-uptake" no matter what the endeavor.

Wayne Perry, retired farmer of Paint Creek, who visited the Free Press, about the time the story appeared, has been a Haskell County resident 74 years. He recalled that the "Mage" mentioned in the story was undoubtedly Mage Holmburg, a longtime faithful employe of the SMS Ranch.

Accidents Mar Happy Holidays

For hundreds of Americans, it was not a Merry Christmas. For almost as many more, it will not be a happy New Year. Hundreds of families are plunged into grief by year-end holiday traffic accidents.

Don't let it happen to you. Never drive when overtired. Keep a window open when the automobile is in motion. Car heaters keep you warm, but they can also make you dangerously drowsy unless counteracted by fresh air.

Fight "festivity fatigue" with coffee. Take frequent coffee breaks on long motor trips.

Talk with others in the car. If alone, turn on the radio. Monotony can be a killer. Alcohol and gasoline make a lethal mixture.

YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IS "PERSONAL" THING

The style of Christmas tree selected and the manner in which it is to be lighted and trimmed is as personal as the clothes one wears. Through the years, numerous ways of decorating and lighting the indoor Christmas tree have been tried as well as a variety of colors and materials for trees. Aluminum trees, that may be used year after year, have been around for several years. Yet, the traditional natural evergreen continues to be the favorite.

Even in these modern times, favorite decorations are those so popular in "the old days"—multi-colored lights, colored ornaments, icicles, drapes of tinsel and scenes under the tree.

EASY-CARE TIPS INSURE GIFT PLANTS LIVE LONG

Your Christmas and holiday gift plants will live better and provide longer-lasting beauty and enjoyment if you observe a few easy care tips to insure their health.

To guard them against over-watering and over-heating, it's essential to keep them in porous clay pots, used by leading professional growers and florists to insure that you receive plants of the highest quality, well fertilized and well-rooted.

If some have been shipped in light thin-walled, non-porous containers, these should be switched to clay pots, in order to provide more satisfactory growing conditions.

CHOICE OF TREES DIFFERS FROM EAST TO WEST

In New England and the Northeast, balsam fir and white spruce are the most popular Christmas trees, while Pennsylvanians often prefer Scotch pine, spruce and red pine.

In the South, red cedar and the scarce but beautiful holly tree are often used, as well as pine.

In the West, cedars and Arizona cypress are favorites, and on the West Coast a wide variety of trees, Douglas fir, blue spruce, Englemann spruce and other locally grown trees are all popular.



Season's Greetings

To all our friends for a happy holiday season.

BASSING JEWELRY

Be Grateful For Christmas

"Peace on earth." How old is this Christmas greeting? For how many years has Christmas returned to a world in which the promise of peace was yet unfulfilled? For how many Christmases yet to come will the world be yet awaiting peace on earth to ALL men of good will?

The answer is not readily at hand. Yet, this we know, for this one single day of the year we can be grateful for the true meaning of the holiday we observe.

We can give thanks for mankind's greatest gift, the birth of the Christ Child, and do so with the knowledge that on His birthday once each year the spirit of goodwill becomes the motto of all men everywhere.

Mother's Aid: Get Kids Busy At Play

The last few days before Christmas are probably the busiest of the year for the average wife—and her task is not easier because of the excitement the coming holiday generates among the children in the household.

Mother will find it easier to get things done if she first takes the time to give the children something interesting to do and get them from underfoot.

Pre-school youngsters for example, will greatly enjoy soap painting. It's easy. Add a small amount of water to soap flakes or granulated soap and whip thoroughly. Using dry paper, children can make designs with the fingers, as is done in finger painting.

BUY "MOIST" TREE; KEEP IT THAT WAY

A moist Christmas tree is a fresh one. A dry tree is a fire hazard.

These are the simple facts of Yuletide tree selection. Remember them and you won't go wrong in buying the family Christmas tree.

You can't gauge a tree's moisture of dryness entirely by appearance. Some species retain their color fairly well even when dry enough to burst into flame at the first spark or short-circuit.

Feeling, not seeing, is the answer. Feel twigs and needles to determine if they are dry and brittle. Then bang the tree butt against the floor. If a shower of needles results, look for another, moister tree.



HERE'S WISHING YE A VERY... MERRY CHRISTMAS

The HASKELL PHARMACY

Carrie, Carolyn and Jack



Here's a melody of good wishes for all our friends that sings out: MERRY CHRISTMAS, everyone!

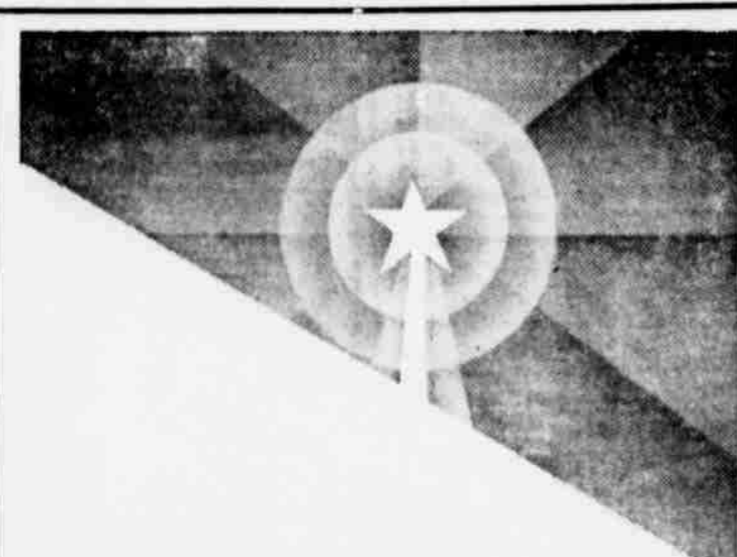
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Holiday Greetings

To all of you whom we have been privileged to serve—we extend our thanks for your patronage and our best wishes that your Christmas be filled with much happiness and joy!

The PERSONALITY SHOPPE



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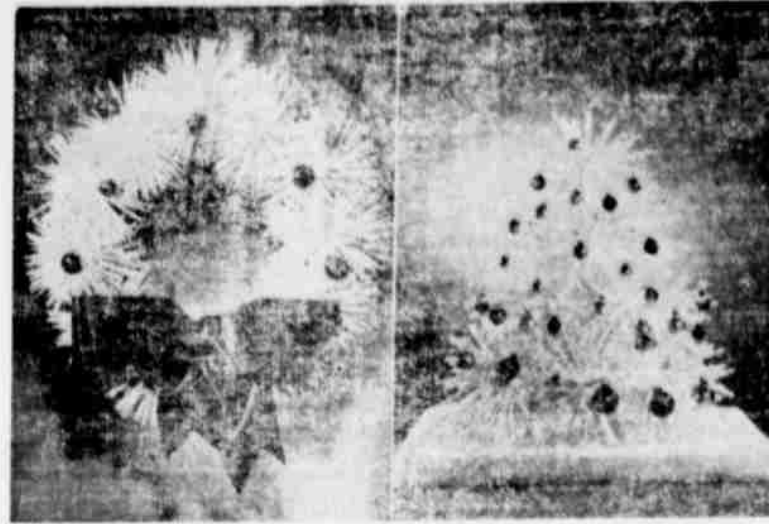
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It's Easy
Make Your Own Wreath, Tree



EASY IDEAS . . . Colorful, exciting holiday decorations are easy to make from such things as toothpicks, styrofoam balls, styrofoam bases, snow spray and tiny ornaments. Directions for two popular decorations, the wreath and tree, are given below.

Attractive, inexpensive and easy-to-make! Here are two exciting Christmas ideas made with Round Toothpicks, Styrofoam Balls, Styrofoam Bases, Snow Spray and tiny ornaments.

- HERE'S HOW THE TREE IS MADE:**
1. Make 16 Toothpick Balls by sticking 125 Round Toothpicks about 1/4" apart into each ball.
 2. Assemble tree by placing seven balls in a circle for the bottom of the tree, five balls on the next circle, three on the next and one on the top.
 3. Spray the entire tree thoroughly with snow spray.
 4. Hang bright miniature ornaments on the "boughs."

- HERE'S HOW THE WREATH IS MADE:**
1. Make 12 Toothpick Balls and arrange them in a circle.
 2. With a piece of string about five feet long, make two turns around the outside of the circle. Pull string tightly after each turn.
 3. Make several turns to the inside of the wreath and tie.
 4. Spray wreath thoroughly with snow spray.
 5. Hang bright miniature ornaments as necessary.

These two elegant Christmas ideas require no special talent—just a little imagination and the ability to accept praise gracefully. The tree and wreath in any setting are so appealing that they are bound to draw compliments from everyone who sees them.

Don't Use Too Many Tree Lights

A beautiful Christmas tree won't look its best unless it is properly decorated. Too many lights on the tree can spoil total effect as well as too few lights.

The size of the tree determines how many lights you need. A six-foot tree requires about 80 bulbs. Here is a table for other size trees.

Tree Height (ft.)	No. Tree Lights
3	24
4	36
5	56
6	81
7	110
8	144
9	225

Second Use

Broken Christmas tree decorations can still be useful. Cut cardboard into star shapes and apply fresh, white shellac. While the shellac is still wet, place the fragments securely on the cardboard. When dry, the shellac will hold them in place.

TURKEY HELPFUL BIRD DURING HOLIDAY DAZE

When plenty of company is coming for the holidays, the wise homemaker does as much cooking in advance as possible.

That favorite bird, the turkey, is a frequent choice. Turkey is the center of attraction at many a Christmas day feast . . . and the "leftovers" help make for easier meals in the days that follow.

Turkey a la king, turkey soup, turkey sandwiches, turkey bits (cubes of cold turkey, served appetizer style), represent but some of the ways this versatile bird may be used to help during the holidays.

TYCOON TRIUMVIRATE HAD BUSINESS BEGINNINGS HERE

News received here recently of the addition of another star to the veritable constellation already collected in the spheres of civic, educational, and business achievement by a native son of Haskell telegraphs to the minds of the landed gentry in Haskell the significant number of empire builders produced in this generation by a town this size.

Haskell, long on quality, and short on quantity by most yardsticks, has been launching pad for a triumvirate of tycoons whose orbiting in the financial firmament has been definitely termed astronomical.

Charles Bates Thornton, chairman of the board of Litton Industries, Inc., a huge electronics empire manufacturing everything from business machines to nuclear-powered subs; Troy V. Post, an insurance magnate with control of at least two huge insurance companies; and George L. McGregor, a utilities top executive, all had their early life and business beginnings in Haskell, Texas.

California.

Thornton, remembered here as a "rambunctious redhead," helped start Litton Industries, Inc., less than 70 years ago. Engaged in research, development and production of the Monroe line of business and office machines, this firm also makes submarines at its Ingalls division in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Litton has more than 41,000 employees, 69 engineering laboratories and manufacturing plants with more than 2000 sales and service branches located throughout this country and in 70 countries of the Free World.

Haskellite Thornton holds a bachelor of commercial science degree and an honorary doctor of laws degree from Texas Tech. He also attended George Washington University and Columbia University. He recently won the 1963 merit award of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City.

During World War II, Thornton served in the Air Force and at one time was one of the youngest colonels in the War Department. He won the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and other decorations.

In January, 1946, he joined the Ford Motor Company as director of planning. Also, for periods during 1946-47, he served as special consultant to the Department of State and Air Force in Washington.

In 1948, Thornton became vice president and assistant general manager of Hughes Aircraft, and was one of those instrumental in building it into one of the nation's largest in the field of advanced electronics.

The former Haskell boy is a member of the defense industry advisory council of the Department of Defense, and an ern Bancorporation, and seven executive committees of the United California Bank and Times-Mirror Company. He is director and member of the era's other large business operations.

Thornton lives in Bel-Air, Calif., with his wife and two sons. Post and McGregor both live in Dallas.

Post, of Dallas, who once said the only reason he left Haskell was that "there aren't enough folks around here to sell," is head of Greatamerica Corporation, a holding company reported to have control of insurance companies (Amicable and Franklin), plus a third in Dallas and a fourth in Atlanta.

Editor's Note: Only a matter of hours after this story was written, an Associated Press dispatch datelined Dallas, declared, "Troy Post, executive committee chairman of Bank Services and Trusts, said Saturday the company will build a \$10-million bank, office, and apartment tower in downtown Dallas. Construction will begin at once on the 25-story building which will have 252 apartments."

McGregor, a Haskell native, now heads Texas Utilities, which is the parent company of Dallas Power and Light, and other utilities operations.

Considered as a triumvirate of tycoons, these three former Haskellites exercise supervision on the working end of a billion dollars, conservatively speaking, according to reliable reports.

Thornton was the homecoming speaker at Haskell High School's biennial Homecoming in October, 1961, coming here at the instance and invitation of the president of Homecoming that year, Haskell Businessman and Rancher R. W. Herren.

Recently, this almost Johnny-come-lately as an entrepreneur of empire building was named a trustee, one of 32, at the University of Southern

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Reasons
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HAPPINESS**
This is the Sincere Wish
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Season's Greetings

TINKLING BELLS, holly wreaths, winter scenes with evergreens; logs on hearth, candles bright, little faces beam delight . . . these, to us, are all warm reminders that a very special time is here . . . so a very special wish is due . . . May this Holiday Season bring you abounding stores of good cheer, peace and happiness.

HUNTER MEN'S WEAR & DRY CLEANING

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A SLEIGH FULL of children from 10 to 15 years of age, on November 30, in Haskell to help herald the opening of the Christmas Season here. The Shetland Pony drawn sleigh, filled with happy children, is shown here as it was making the turn into the line of march as the eyes of more than 7,000 people feasted on the festive sight here.

Double Normal Rainfall Here During November

Haskell continued to be blessed with precipitation during November when moisture totals for the month were exactly double the normal amount and rainfall for the first 11 months is running almost five and one half inches above normal, according to the report of Haskell's U. S. Weatherman, Sam Herren.

It rained here on five different days during November for a 2.74 inch total, exactly doubling the normal rainfall for the month of 1.37 inches. The almost three inches received boosted the year's totals to 27.73 inches here. The normal for the first 11 months is 22.37 inches.

On November 19, the official rain gauge here registered a 1.22 inch fall for the largest amount of the month. It also rained 1.15 inches 10 days earlier, on Nov. 9, and lesser amounts of .04, .05, and .28 were received on November 1, 8 and 22 respectively.

Weatherman Herren said the temperature extremes during November here were a whopping 60 degrees. The thermometer climbed to a high of 89 on November 7. Last Friday, November 29, shortly after five a. m., Haskell received its first freeze of the season when the temperature dipped to 29 degrees.

public acknowledgement of our interest in and responsibilities toward God," Rev. Finch reminded.

He concluded by asking what religious freedom means. "It means to accept God in any form or through any persuasion we might desire... or to reject Him and believe nothing. But it seems that the ancient admonition of the Bible applies to America today as it did to Israel: 'Choose ye whom ye shall serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'"

18 Senior Girls Take American Homemaker Test

Eighteen senior girl students in Haskell High School and several in Welner Rural High School recently were among thousands in over 13,000 schools in the nation taking the written knowledge and attitude exam of the tenth anniversary Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Prizes range from attractive pins to scholarships totaling \$110,000. The highest placing senior girl in each school will have her paper entered in competition with other high school winners in the state. The highest ranking girl in each state will receive a \$1500 scholarship and her school will be awarded a set of Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Next spring, State Betty Crocker Homemakers of Tomorrow, each accompanied by a school advisor, will make an expense-paid educational tour of Colonial Williamsburg, New York City, and Washington, D. C. The trip will culminate in the naming of the 1964-All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow, based on original test scores and observation during the tour.

Chemistry Classes Attend Nuclear Science Symposium

Combined chemistry classes of Haskell High School participated recently in a nuclear science symposium sponsored by West Texas Utilities on the campus of McMurry College, Abilene.

The students attended a day-long series of lectures by well-known physicists and mathematicians, among them Dr. Harold B. Hanson, chairman of the Department of Physics at the University of Texas, who interested the students with his lecture on fundamental particles of atoms.

Dr. B. H. Amstead, associate dean, College of Engineering, University of Texas, provided the students with a better understanding of the vast opportunities in the field of nuclear engineering.

The students who made the pilgrimage from Haskell also had an opportunity to tour the science laboratory facilities at McMurry College before returning home.

The life of a dollar bill is 13 to 14 months.

Christmas WISHES

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

The Dad 'n Lad Shop
411 South First Street
Haskell, Texas

HOLDEN
Funeral Home

Gene Henderson - Bill Holden - Don Alley

FINCH URGES 'COVENANT' IN ROTARY SPEECH

lin and President Louis Cunningham of the Hamlin Rotary Club, headed that city's pilgrimage to Haskell.

Speaking on "The Meaning of A Covenant Nation," Rev. Finch, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here, described three types of nations in existence in the world today—"demonic," "secular," and "covenantant." "If we reject the latter," he said, "we shall reject God and all of the heritage that is ours as a nation."

"Let the public mind be led away from thoughts of providence of God and His sustaining power, and corruption will surely set in; and all attempts to secure property, liberty, or life, by mere force of laws written on parchments, will be as vain as putting up printed notices on a cotton stalk to keep away boll weevils," Rev. Finch emphasized.

The Haskell minister declared that one of the matters of grave concern for persons in recent headlines and as features in periodicals has been the Supreme Court decision over the use of prayer in public schools. It has now been declared unconstitutional to require prayer in schools, he pointed out, and more recently



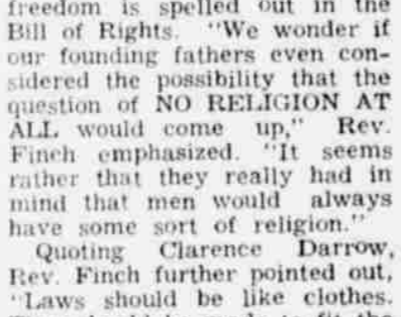
This is the time of year when our thoughts turn with warmth and gratitude to you, our many loyal friends and customers. To every one we wish a **MERRY, MERRY, CHRISTMAS!**

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ORBITING IN WITH Holiday Greetings

Good Luck, Good Cheer, and to all A Merry Christmas!

When Santa comes at Christmastime with great good gifts for you, may his sack be overflowing and last the whole year through! Good cheer, good health and good fortune to all of you from all of us!

Most of all at the Christmastime we want to express our sincere appreciation for the fine reception we have received during the past year.

THE SMART LAUNDRY
—DAVID C. AND MARIE SMART—

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I am 10 years old. I have tried to be nice. May I have a 3 speed bicycle, a electric pinball game, a bop the bottle and a gas station.
Sincerely, Ricky Priest

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Deluxe 8 unit diesel transport and a 30 cal. machine gun, four 2 D batteries, football pump, record player, needles. Thank you,
Mikel Grand
Route 1, Weinert

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old and most of the time I am good. So would you please bring me a Teeny Tiny Tears doll, set of doll dishes, and some play doh. Also remember my little brother G. G. and all the other boys and girls in the world.
Love, Susan Elaine Smith.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Mike's little brother, 6 years old. For Christmas please bring me an army outfit and anything else you want to bring me as I can't make up my mind.
With love,
Cliff Grand, Rt. 1, Weinert

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. I've tried to be very nice but sometimes I just have to hit my little brother back. His name is Mark and he's nearly two years old. He hasn't been as nice as me, but I guess he tried. For Christmas I would like a Tiny Thumbelina and some clothes for her. That is the only thing I can think of now, but you can bring me something else if you want too! Mark wants a gun and holster and a big truck. He really doesn't care what he gets.
Please don't forget our Aunt Kathy. She lives in Haskell. Be good and give all the little children something for Christmas.
Your little friend,
Gena Rexrode
Bowie Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please take boys and girls things they need. Here are the things I would like to have: Tickle's doll, basket ball, basket ball goal, record player, records, Timex wrist watch, some clothes, diary, Ken and convertible and a right hand baseball glove.
With love,
Mechelle McGowan

Dear Santa,
My name is Randy Ivy. I am 7 years old and in the second grade. For Christmas I want a Bop-a-bear target game and a magnet table game. My brother, Lanny, wants an electric roadway sports car set and a miniature pool table.
Faithfully yours,
Randy

Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old, and in the third grade. If I am good enough I would like to have a gold white football helmet, a football, and a set of presidents. If you do not have enough money to buy toys for me, buy them for other boys and girls, and especially the poor boys and girls. If you come to my house, I'll have seven carrots for your reindeer and a big piece of cake and a glass of milk for you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas, too.
Sincerely yours,
Bobby Cobb

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. This is my first year in school and I like it fine and I also love my Teacher. Santa please send me Barbie's Fashion shop and some more toys.
Diann Rogers

Dear Santa,
My name is Janice Sue Howell. I am 3 years old. For Christmas I want a talking doll and a television.
Janice Sue Howell

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 4 years old, and have been pretty good. Would you please bring me a Barbie doll, clothes, also a Barbie can, and anything else you wish. Please don't forget all of the other boys and girls.
Love,
Carol Sue Lehde

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a doll from Italy and a ring. We will have cookies and hot cocoa for you. Don't forget other boys and girls.
With love,
Lugene Lane

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 4 years old, and have been pretty good. Would you please bring me a basketball and goal, and Barbie game. Anything else you wish. Also don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Love,
Judy Lehde

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 1/2 months old. I live in Abilene Texas, but I am with my grandparents over the holidays. Please bring me some stuffed toys and a pack-in-the-box for Christmas. Be nice to the other boys and girls. Thank you very much.
Love, Jeffrey Lewis Rainey
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 9 years old and am in the 4th grade and have been pretty good. Would you please bring me a basketball and goal, and Barbie game. Anything else you wish. Also don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Love,
Judy Lehde

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Rockett that shoots higher than the big barn and an airplane that flies clear up at Mom Ma's. We will ave some cookies and goodies for you. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls and don't forget Mom Ma because she doesn't have a Christmas tree yet.
Love and Kisses,
Less

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a football, a baseball glove, a Sketch-o-graph, candy, nuts, fruit. I am a little boy, 8 years old. I have tried to be a good boy.
With Love,
Kippie, Route 1, Weinert

Dear Santa Claus,
Don't forget other boys and girls. What I want for Christmas is a blue bike to ride to school. Something else I want is a nifty notebook with 300 sheets in it.
With love,
Rita Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a Dr. Kildare doll, a Magic Bottle, and a set of dishes. I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade. I guess I have been pretty good this year. My little 4-year-old brother, Jack, wants a bicycle for Christmas. Please fill our stockings real full of candy, fruits, and nuts. He has been a pretty good boy this year. Remember that Glenn, Rowena and Manena have moved to Bertram, Texas. Take their toys to them there. Please be good to all the little girls and boys all over the world. Bring them toys to play with and candy and fruits to eat for Christmas.
Yours truly,
Bernice Rueffer
Rt. 1, Box 89, Weinert

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy four years old. I would like to have a John Deere tractor and plow, some new boots and levis.
Don't forget all of the other little boys and girls. Merry Christmas, from
Barry Scott Brown

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I would like a doll, baton, fruit, nuts and candy. Santa, if you have a nurse kit if no one else has asked for will you bring it to me.
Love,
Margaret, Weinert

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 11 years old. I would like a doctor kit, a play shotgun and a wagon and fruit, nuts and candy, and a stuff bare.
A friend,
Gary

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old. I would like a basketball and a goal and a football and a kick stand and a gun.
Love, Glendon
I hope you can get here.

Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old and have been good this year. So would you please bring me a Teeny Tiny Tears doll, set of doll dishes, and some play doh. Also remember my big brothers and all the boys and girls everywhere.
Love, Linda Kay Smith

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a rod and reel, a Mighty Mc Cannon, and a fish aquarium with filter, heater, food and all the other stuff that comes with an aquarium.
Love, Charley Ray Smith

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a rod and reel and a football helmet Also a basketball. And oh! I've been a good boy ho, ho, from
Jerry Don Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Kotton Kandy machine, a password and match game, and some clothes for my Barbie doll and some fruit, candy and nuts. Thank you very much.
Love, Janice Rainey
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl one year old. This is my first real Christmas. I have tried to be good to my Mommy and Daddy. I hope you will bring me a little baby doll and a little toy box to put my toys in and a jack-in-the-box. And I want some apples oranges and candy. Be good to the other boys and girls. Thank you very much.
Love, Tammy Dawn Timberlake, Weinert, Texas
P. S.: I really live in Bryan, Texas, but I am at my Grand-mommy's and Daddy's over the holidays.

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I would like a Roy Rogers buckskin set. Santa, if you have a doctor kit, if no one else has asked for it, will you bring it to me and some fruit and nuts and candy.
A friend,
Johnny Hawkins, Weinert

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I would like a doll, baton, fruit, nuts and candy. Santa, if you have a nurse kit if no one else has asked for will you bring it to me.
Love,
Margaret, Weinert

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 11 years old. I would like a doctor kit, a play shotgun and a wagon and fruit, nuts and candy, and a stuff bare.
A friend,
Gary

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old. I would like a basketball and a goal and a football and a kick stand and a gun.
Love, Glendon
I hope you can get here.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. I would like very much to have a doll and a set of dishes. I have tried to be a good little girl this year. Don't forget the nuts and candies. Please send my little brother something for Christmas. He is 10 months old so just some kind of little toy. Don't forget all the other little girls and boys.
A friend,
Floradean Hawkins,
Weinert



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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dulaney and Daughters



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& REAL ESTATE

Merry Christmas



May This Holy Season Bring With it many rich blessings for you and your loved ones. May it bring you Health, Prosperity, Peace, and the very Merriest Christmas Day!

CAMPBELL SERVICE STATION

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year



As we come to this season as is the custom we want to wish you Season's Greetings. But most of all we want to express our sincere appreciation for the fine cooperation we have received during the year.

GARTH GARRETT

SHERIFF



GREETINGS

May the season's joys follow throughout a happy New Year

CARRIE McANULTY

DISTRICT CLERK



To you, our friends and neighbors—we extend our best wishes for the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years and add the prayer that your homes be blessed with Peace and Good Fortune.

JIM ALVIS
COUNTY JUDGE



"Christmas Blessings and Best Wishes"

MAY YOU HAVE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SURROUNDED BY THAT'S DEAREST TO YOU. AND MAY THE SEASON BRING YOU ALL THE SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS THAT MAKE FOR A MEANINGFUL LIFE.

POGUE GROCERY

Merry Christmas

May all the joys of the season dwell in your heart and in your home on Christmas and throughout the year.



JESSIE VICK

County Superintendent

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Ken doll and clothes for Ken, Barbie and Midge. I also would like a Brownie Scrapbook. On Christmas we will be at my grandfather's house. His address is 201 N. Ave. M, Italy, Texas. Please remember the other boys and girls.
With love,
Kathy Rieves

Dear Santa Claus,
I was disappointed I did not get to speak to you Saturday. I am so glad lots of kids got to ride your sleigh. I didn't get close enough to get on. Thank you for coming to town. I would like for you to bring me a Chatty Cathy doll, a doll stroller, a set of dishes and two guns. I have tried so hard to be a good girl. I am nearly five. I can print words and count, but I can't spell, so my Granny is writing for me. Lots love, thank you.
Terry Lynn Gibbs

Dear Santa,
We enjoyed riding in your sleigh in Haskell, Texas. Next year we want to ride again, but we won't cry. For Christmas I want a doll buggy, some new doll clothes and dishes. My little brother, Gary, wants a truck with some animals, apples, oranges and candy. We have both been good this past year. We will leave some coffee and fruit cake by the tree for you. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Linda and Gary Ewing,
Rt. 1, Weinert

Dear Santa,
My name is Dorethy and I am ten year old. I have a little brother, his name is Eddie. He is three. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. Stout and we have been good. I would like a watch and a snow cone maker. My little brother would like a gun and holster set, also a rocking horse.
Sincerely,
Dorethy and Eddie Freeby
Munday, Texas

Dear Santa,
I'm 7 years old and in the Second Grade. I go to school at Eugene Field, Altus, Okla. I've tried to be good this year. I always go to church and Sunday School. My Daddy is Pastor of Calvary Baptist in Altus. I would like you to bring me a Tammy doll, cash register, ne wshoes, nuts and candy.
Please remember all the other girls and boys. I have a sister, Rita June. She is 16. She would like a jewelry box, and Santa, please, remember my Granddads. One lives in Andrews, Texas, and Grandad R. Moore, who lives in Haskell. I have my Christmas tree ready. I love you, Santa.
Fonda Jean Moore
Altus, Oklahoma

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl seven years old. Please bring me a Tiny Chatty baby and a Tiny Chatty baby brother and an electric iron and an ironing board.
Don't forget my little brother, Ronnie. He wants a John Deere tractor tricycle. Be good to all the other little children.
Love,
Lana Sue Bailey,
Route 1, Weinert

Dear Santa,
Remember to put other children on your list. I would like a chemistry set for Christmas. My brother would like a Vacuum set for Christmas.
With love,
Tony Thomas

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas, I would like a Vacuum set, a 2-way Walkie Talkie set, and a Jerry Mahoney dummy. Remember all the other girls and boys.
Your friend,
Ed Walling

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like you to bring me a bicycle for Christmas and some baby doll clothes for my doll. I am nine years old. Also bring my little brother, Jimmy, some boots and a gun. He is four years old. Also bring something nice for our grandmother. We have tried to be good. We love you.
Judy and Jimmy Wittenborn
Route 1, Haskell

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 3 years old. I have been a very good girl this year. Would you please bring me a tiny chatty baby, a baby buggy, a rocker, a little typewriter, and a raggedy Ann and Andy. I would also like a doll for my little sister, Terri. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.
I love you,
Tammy Sorrells

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 5 years old. I have tried to be pretty good, so for Christmas I would like to have a farm set. I would also like some candy and nuts.
Don't forget the other little boys and girls, and remember my brothers and sister. See you Christmas.
Love,
Terry Brueggeman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football suit and helmet for Christmas this year. I will be very happy if you bring me this. I am a Dear Santa.
My name is Kala and I am 5 years old. I will go to Kindergarten next year. I want a big walking doll, a play T-V set, a bag to carry my doll's clothes in, a small doll, and candy and nuts. Thank you, Santa for being so nice to me last year. Please bring all the little boys and girls some toys this year. Remember my Mother and Daddy and my Sunday School Teacher, too.
I love you,
Kala Pannell

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a pair of warm and cozy rayon fleece pie Booties. My little sister, Peggy would like a Col-o-Rol wagon and a Newi TV-Phonograph. My big sister, Pam, would like a few things, too.
With love, Pat Harris
P. S.: We all want you to come soon. And also I would like a Play Wig Set which has three wigs in it.

Dear Santa,
I am 4 months old so my Mommie is writing this for me. I would like very much to have a red wagon, a baby doll, some dishes and anything else you might like to bring me. Also I'd like you to see that all little boys and girls everywhere have a happy Christmas this year, and not let us forget the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you so much, and I'll try to be a good little girl.
Sandra Lynette Brothers
Box 632- Rule, Texas

little boy 5 years old and hope I've been good enough to get my football suit. I want number 20 on it because then it will be like Sammy's. Please bring all the other boys and girls some toys. Thank you, Santa,
Randy Darden

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl, 3 years old and I try my best to be good. I would like a Bugs Bunny that talks. I have a little brother named Paul that would like a Busy Box. Thank you and we love you.
Becky and Paul Wood

Dear Santa,
I want a radio and gun. Be sure to bring the girls and boys what they want. I hope the poor children get something they want or candy.
Billy Mike Brazell

Dear Santa, I want a Tiger Joe and a surprise. Give the poor boys and girls some toys. I hope I can ride your sled. I want a rifle to.
Ricky Brazell

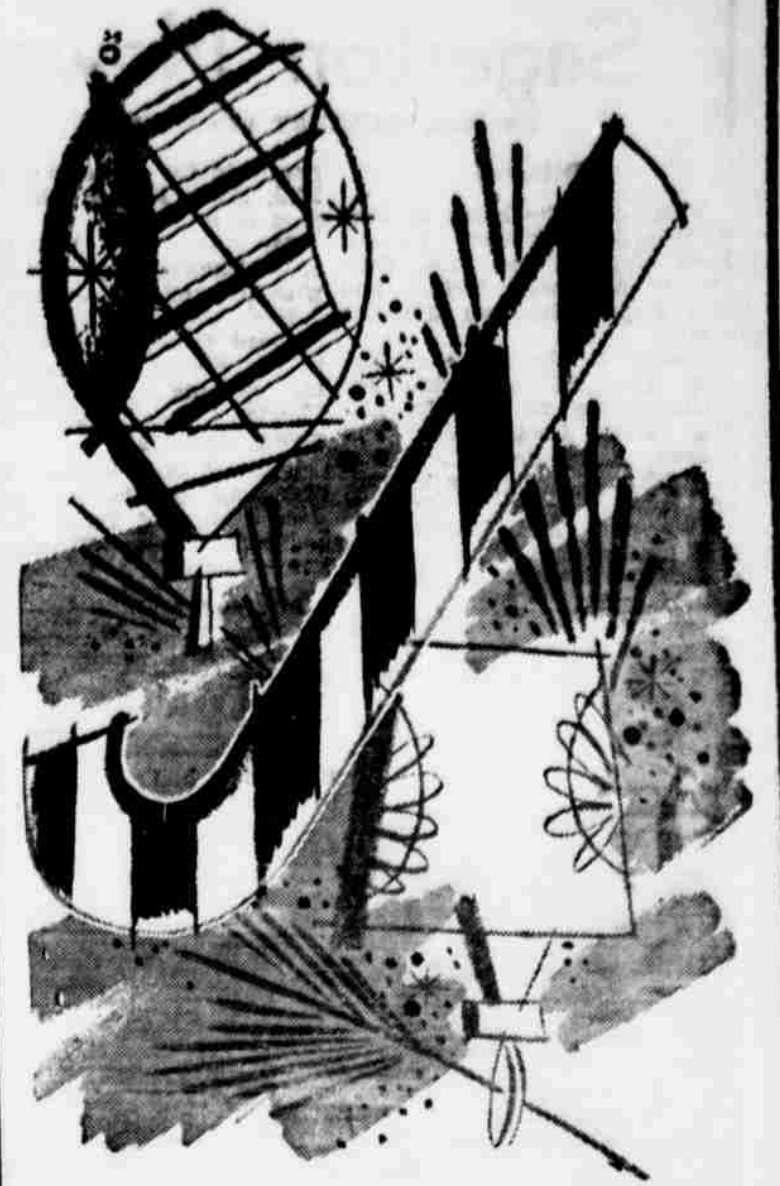
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl, 2½ years old. I have really tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me a Teeny Tiny Tears Doll, a peg board table and some cute house shoes.
Don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Love You,
Deanna Hawkins, 903 N. 5th
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
I love you. I am in the First Grade at Paint Creek. I want a Betty Doll. Take all the poor little kids some toys.
Love, Connie Sue Brazell.

Dear Santa,
I love you. May I have 3 play wigs. Baby Chatty and her Brother. Chalkboard, chalk and eraser. I have tried to be a good girl this year.
Love, Niki Priest

Good Wishes
To you whose friendship and patronage we treasure, we wish a Holiday of good health, good cheer and prosperity to last throughout the coming New Year.

Carrol Thompson
Banner Ice



Merry Christmas to all our friends! May it be a truly festive and joyous one!

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Bill Lane — Tommy Foster

Christmas Blessings

PEACE, contentment and good cheer—these are the blessings that we wish for our friends during Christmas and the entire New Year.



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Haskell, Texas

May the peace and joy of this glad season be with you and yours on Christmas Day.



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MAY THIS HOLY SEASON BRING AN ABUNDANCE OF HAPPINESS AND THE ANSWER TO ALL YOUR PRAYERS, AND IT IS OUR WISH THAT THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS SHINE BRIGHTLY IN YOUR HEART.

GHOLSON GROCERY

Sagerton News

BY MRS. DELBERT LEFEVRE

(Delayed)

Visitors in the home of Mrs. B. Hess Monday were: Colonel Fred Hanger and Mrs. Ruth Fry of Anadarko, Okla., and Mrs. Fannie Bureson of Rochester.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Y. Benton for Thanksgiving were: Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cook, Lisa and Sharon, of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Bob and Steve.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cobb and family of Midland visited with Mrs. John Clark Friday of last week.

Joy Nierdieck, a student at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, was home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kainer and family of San Antonio were

guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kainer the early part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin New spent Thanksgiving in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy New.

Bob Clark, a student at Howard County Junior College in Big Spring, was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Ulmer and Brad of San Antonio and Jana Ulmer of Texas Tech in Lubbock, were Thanksgiving guests in the F. A. Ulmer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Pilley and Mrs. Wiley and children of Abilene were guests in the Sagerton Methodist Church on Sunday. They are former residents of this community.

A new curtain for the Sagerton School auditorium has been hung, and it adds much to the appearance of the whole auditorium. It is a maroon velvet draw curtain with a large "S" in the center top. Most people got their first look at the new curtain at the PTA Thanksgiving program Tuesday night of last week. Bro. Vernon Mayfield, pastor of the Sagerton Methodist Church, was the speaker, and music was furnished by a group of girls from Stamford, Carla Swenson, Patsy Hodgkinson, and Ingrid Haterius, accompanied by Judy Taylor.

Miss Irene Stewart, principal, has announced the annual school Christmas program will be presented on Thursday night, Dec. 19, before school is out for the Christmas holidays on Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stegemoeller, Diane and Charles of Dallas, were guests in the F. A. Stegemoeller home during Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stegemoeller and family from Tulsa were guests in the C. E. Stegemoeller home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Manske and Tommy and Johnny and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Manske went deer hunting during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. E. L. Bailey and daughters of Brownfield and Mike Bailey of Denton were guests in the Delbert LeFevre home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hertel and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hertel and family visited the Charles Clevelands at Seminole Sunday.

Thanksgiving guests at the Leo Monse home were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Vahlenkamp and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Lehmann and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Monse and Diane, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mrazek and family of Aspermont. Thanksgiving Day was the birthday of Brenda Gay Vahlenkamp, so she had her party at her grandmother's house. Those attending were: Nancy and Marvin Vahlenkamp, Frances, Bubba, Tommy and Dana Lyn Mrazek, of Aspermont, Rickey, Randy Norva Jane and Maria Jo Lehmann Diane Monse and Brenda's brothers, Charles and Bud Vahlenkamp. She was seven years old.

Frances and Dana Lyn Mrazek of Aspermont spent the weekend with Mrs. Leo Monse while Mr. Monse and their parents and brothers went deer hunting at Doss. Mr. Monse was the only one in the party to get a deer.

Guests in the home of Mr.

and Mrs. J. C. Spitzer and family for Thanksgiving were: Mrs. B. B. Freeman and James of Rule and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pointer and family of Abilene.

Thanksgiving were: Mrs. Dahlia Askew and daughters, and Miss Lois Knipping of West Columbia, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toney and daughter.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Judy Guinn and Bill Tabor of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tabor and family of Fort Worth.

Harold and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bredthauer and Beatrice of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nierdieck and family and Ernest Bredthauer.

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. An-ton Tietelman.

Jan F. ... Lubbock, Mr. Opitz and son, and Mrs. Jack ... Mr. and Mrs. Frank family of Aspe



WOMAN OF THE YEAR—Mrs. H. H. Hines, of Rule, was named "1953 Woman of the Year" of the Haskell County Home Demonstration Clubs at a luncheon held recently in the banquet room of the Texas Cafe. She was cited for her 25 years in home demonstration work, devotion to church, garden club and 4-H work. She has held offices in each of these organizations and has had many years of service as a loyal worker in the Hilde school lunchroom.

Grand Daughter Of E. P. Adams Named To Who's Who

Nora Marie Adams of Alvin, Texas, granddaughter of E. P. Adams, well-known innkeeper at the Hotel Haskell and bus station agent here, has been tapped for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," according to word received here. A senior at Sam Houston State Teachers' College, Huntsville, Miss Adams daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adams, was one of 35 students in the college cited for scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, service to her school, and promise of future usefulness as a citizen. Among her many achievements, the senior home economics major is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Senatorial Congress, Pennybacker Club, and president of Kappa Omicron Pi on the Sam Houston STU campus.



Peace on Earth . . . Good Will Toward Men.
Each year we appreciate more fully the loyalty of friends. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL from our entire staff.
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Season's Greetings

We would like to put into words the very nice things we're wishing you this Christmas. Yet, it is not so much the phrasing of a Christmas greeting but the thought that pervades it that counts. And so we send to all our friends the very old yet always new Greeting — A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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From The Third Floor N.E. Corner

Homemakers can save time and energy by having a place for everything in their mixing centers as they prepare to mix, blend, cut, or put food together.

These are some of the materials you need at easy reach: Food—flour, sugar, salt, pepper, extracts and prepared mixes. Tools—Mixer or beater, grater, chopper, knives, measuring cups and spoons, mixing bowls.

Utensils and paper: Baking pans, casseroles, waxed paper and aluminum foil.

You may want to add other equipment which makes for creative turn outs, especially during the holiday season that is now with us.

And speaking of the holiday season, reminds us of the new bulletin which is available entitled, "Christmas Time At Home." It is really fabulous— attractive cover and size and chock full of marvelous recipes and ideas to make this a real "family" holiday season. Call or write us for a copy. The number is B-254.

It might interest some of the "Santas" to know that contemporary trends in home decorating this fall and winter are swinging to richer, more vibrant shades, after several seasons when neutral and pastel colors predominated.

Red and green are two of the most popular colors in upholstery fabrics, according to home economists with the National Cotton Council, their colors most in demand are burnt orange, mustard, blue-green and a sharp blue.

The trend toward less formal room decoration is reflected in the informal cotton fabrics prevalent in manufacturers' fall lines. Favorites of the season include rough tweeds, mottled fabrics, coarse weaves, homespuns, woven stripes or motifs and unusual prints.

The one-fabric look remains popular, and creates an impression of more spaciousness in the smaller rooms of modern houses than the use of different or contrasting fabrics.

Did you know that eight out of 10 adults have foot troubles which slow them up, reduce their efficiency, cause poor posture and produce all-over body discomfort. According to a national survey most of this foot trouble is reported to be acquired before the age of 15 and is the result of ill fitting shoes or hosiery. This should remind parents that it is poor economy to skimp on buying footwear for children.

Some 59 girls qualified to receive certificates of completion based on 4-H work they did in 1962-63. These girls are to be commended for their accomplishments. They are as follows:

O'Brien: Margaret Ann Castillas, Brenda Conn, Nehda Covey, Roxye Day, Shirley Johnston, Betty Middlebrooks, Janine Torrez, Sandra Walling and Alana Williams.

Rule: Ann Anders, Connie

BERNARD BUJE, JUDGE ALVIS Sherry Burson OFFER RURAL YOUTH COUNSEL Has Role In Continuing Play

When Haskell County's 4-H Gold Star Award winners and recipients of other honors received deserved accolades at an annual achievement event here Friday night, two area leaders who have trotted in double harness pulling a load in behalf of rural youth in this territory for many years, offered some sound counsel for their youthful audience.

Bernard Bujie, longtime Stamford civic and cultural leader, the principal speaker, told the accomplished 4-H group. "Despite the receding rural population, which has taken 40 per cent of our folks from the farm since 1925, the year of greatest numbers on farms, there's a future, even on the farm for you, if you will be a specialist."

The speaker from Stamford said, "This age of change will give you just what you prepare for" urging the acquisition of as much knowledge as possible, and specializing in one certain realm of endeavor. At the same time, Bujie sounded a strong plea for avoidance of dropping out of school on the pretense of the

The Ellis Todds Are Guests At A \$100-a-Plate Event

Rev. Ellis Todd, pastor of the First Methodist Church here, and Mrs. Todd, were among honored guests recently at a \$100 a plate banquet in support of a fund raising campaign to finish paying off the indebtedness on the Methodist Church of Hale Center, where the Haskell minister was pastor from 1950 to 1953.

A layman on the South Plains, former member of the Todds' congregation, purchased two \$100 tickets and presented them to the Haskell pastoral couple.

While Rev. Todd was in Hale Center, he directed the building of a new \$130,000 church edifice. It burned in 1957. The church was restored, this time with a \$230,000 building, and more than 200 persons paid \$100 each for plates at the fund raising dinner last Thursday night which all but paid off the mortgage on the new building.

Carnes, Edith Chambers, Jill Farnin, Sue Gann, Mary Sue Lewis, Susan Jane May, Marjane McAdoo.

Paint Creek: Connie Gonzales, Brenda Griffith, Linda Griffith, Janice Isbell, Jeannine Isbell, Melanie Lavengood, Phyllis Middlebrook, Sheryl Ann Moore.

Sagerton: Irene Elias, Dora Macias, Yvonne Ross, Phyllis Starhope, Vicki Teichelman.

Rochester: Penny Helton, Dean Hollingsworth, Peggy Hollingsworth, Marian Homer, Jacquelyne Holmes, Cecelia Moon, Ginger Mullino, Ava Jean Posey, Laela Faye Salzman, Marsha Shaver.

Weinert: Peggy Davis, Anita Edwards, Jeanie Ann Greenwood, Sandra Mathison, Evelyn Mayfield, Patsy Miller, Kay Newton, Penny Patton, Ruby Joyce Rainey, Mary Yates.

Mattson: Linda Brueggeman, Debra Kay Campbell, Diana Kay Davis, Kathy Hager, Janice Ann Moeller, Alice Petrich, Eivira Sifuentez, Olivia Sifuentez, Susan Welse.

necessity to work "for a year or two."

Bujie emphasized to his 4-H audience, "I strongly encourage that you think of, and try for, the training of a specialist." Even though today there is but one family per square mile in this area where only a few years ago there were five families, Bujie said "there still is a future on the farm for those who excel in a specialized type of work."

Haskell County Judge James C. Alvis long identified with youth development activities in the area, in awarding the highest honor for rural youth given in any county, the Gold Star Award, to Marsha Shaver, 13, of Rochester, and David Smith, 16, of Mattson, told the rest of the assembly, "It takes lots of time, effort, and hard work that is outstanding to earn an honor like this. You've got to 'put out,' but anyone in my hearing can accomplish this goal with dedicated work and development of your God-given talents."

Sherry Newton, of Weinert, daughter of County Commissioner Leon Newton served as mistress of ceremonies at the annual event, and Ricky Perry, of Paint Creek, welcomed parents and friends to the occasion.

Mary Yates, of Weinert, and Miss Shaver, had charge of opening exercises. Special music was provided by Judy Therwanger of Weinert.

Mrs. Mary Jo Leverett, Haskell County Home Demonstration agent, and Frank Martin, Haskell County Agent, directed the program and presented other awards.

Governor Names Paul B. Crawford To IOCC Group

Dr. Paul B. Crawford, native of this area, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crawford, of Haskell, has been appointed to the important research committee of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission from Texas by Governor John Connally, according to word received here.

In making the appointment last Saturday, Gov. Connally, through an executive assistant, Howard Rose, wired Dr. Crawford: "Your assistance in this vital work will be greatly appreciated."

Dr. Crawford, a 1939 graduate of Haskell High School, is assistant director of the Texas Petroleum Research Committee, Texas A&M College Division. He is a member of the graduate faculty and serves the petroleum industry as a consulting engineer. He is the author of more than 80 publications on petroleum production and is listed in "Who's Who in Engineering," "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," and "American Men of Science."

Paul B. Crawford was born in Stamford July 28, 1921, and moved to Haskell with his family in 1925. After finishing high school here he entered Texas Tech and majored in chemical engineering, obtaining a B. S. degree in 1943. After a tour of duty in the service during World War II, he entered the University of Texas, completing the requirements for an M. A. and Ph.D. degrees, the



May your Yuletide be bright and shining as the gleam of Christmas candles!

Good Use for Old Socks

Most hunters have old, discarded, brightly-colored socks lying around the house. Put these to good use by stuffing them in your hunting coat when bird hunting. Then when you down a bird in tall grass or brush, put a rock inside one of the bright socks and throw it near where the bird fell. This trick will cut lost kills drastically.



W. W. (Bill) Reeves

County Clerk

Betty Gibbs, Deputy

Minnie Lee McKelvain, Deputy



RUSSELL'S FINA STATION

Haskell, Texas



Best Wishes for the Holidays

ELIZABETH STEWART

Dora Montgomery, Eunice Mills

What Do You Know About Christmas

"FOR SURE?"

We know we love you and appreciate your business... and friendship—

Whether you are our customer or not, we wish you A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

TOM ROBERSON

MILDRED ROBERTSON

DARRELL GIBSON

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GREETINGS

May we add our very good wishes to the hosts of sparkling greetings fondly given and gladly accepted during this, the joyous Holiday Season of Good Will to All.

ELSIE'S HI-LANDER DRIVE-IN

Pete and Elsie Jacobs and Employees

TO OUR FRIENDS

Greetings

It adds much to the enjoyment of the season to extend to our friends and customers our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS...

COFIELD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

MERRY Christmas

We greet our friends at this happy time and wish them well, now and always.

WEST SIDE Barber Shop

Sam, Arlo and Trav

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy almost 3 years old. Will you please bring me some bolts and some other presents too. I would also like for you to bring my sister, Twylia, and baby brother, Jay, some presents, too.
Thank you,
Bobby Druessedow, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas, I would like to have a pedal car. My big baby brother would like to have an accordion. And my little baby brother would like to have a piggy bank. Also I need some cloth curtains for the windows on my playhouse. We hope the ride on Christmas Eve won't be too cold for you, for we do not want you to get sick.
Yours truly,
Joanne Cloud, Box 98 Rule P. S. My father would like to have a new robe and my mother likes pretty aprons.

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for taking me riding in your sleigh. I am three years old and have tried real hard to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a Texaco fire engine, a service station, a pair of cowboy boots, some house shoes and a peg board that has two seats so my little brother Glenn, can play on one side of it. Also bring Glenn a Texaco fire engine, some house shoes, some blocks and a few pull toys. I would also like a rifle that has toy bullets. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Love, Darrrell Jenkins

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a little girl 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a "Barbie Doll" for Christmas. I would also like for you to bring my brothers, Bobby, Jr., and Jay, some presents. Please remember all the little boys and girls at Christmas.
Thank you,
Twylia Dianne Druessedow

Dear Santa,
My name is Jim Turner. I have been a good little boy. For Christmas I would like a truck, a tractor, and some books. I have a little brother, Mark, and he wants a rattle. He is only 3 months old. So that is all he wants. Remember all the other good little boys and girls.
Love, Jim Turner, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I try to be good. I would like a snow cone machine for Christmas and a record player. My little sister, Elaine, wants a Chatty Cathy doll and a Coke machine. My brother, Jim, wants a farm set and a football outfit. Don't forget my baby sister, Debra. Just some baby toys will do for her. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Thank you,
Carol Jean Mosler

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of skates, a snowcone maker, baton, Barbie's car, Kin's car and bicycle. My brother, Steve, wants a play car, wagon, a pair of shoes, also new clothes.
With Love Always,
Brenda Lou Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bicycle, 22 rifle and a Vac-u-form. My sister would like a doll, play kitchen and a baby bed. My brother would like a 22 rifle, race car and a train.
With love,
Paul Massey

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want Barbie and Ken. I want Barbie's Fashion Shop. I want their cars. I want their clothes, and suitcase, too. Bring my mother a new dress. Bring my mother some new black high heels. Bring her a pair of gloves. Bring my daddy a pair of boots. Bring him a pair of house slippers. Bring my brothers a race car set. Bring them a gun. Their names are Clifford and Larry.
With love,
Cynthia Short

Dear Santa Claus,
I am seven years old and I would like to have a charming chatty doll with some little records and clothes for her and a set of suitcases to put her clothes in. I would also like a big baby buggy, a little typewriter, a real watch and some candy and nuts. I have been a very good little girl, my Mommie said so, because I help her. Please don't forget all my little friends.
Love,
Connie Turnbow

Dear Santa Claus,
We have been good little boys, so please bring us a fire truck and some guns and a bicycle. Bring my little sister a doll and my cousin David, some guns.
Remember all the other little children and bring them some toys, too.
Love,
Michael and Terry Bartley P. S. If you have any extra football suits to fit us, please bring us one.

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Tiny Tear doll, little watch, Vac-u-form, and the Mouse Trap game. My brother, Troy, wants a Pogo stick, Tiger Joe, and a B-B gun.
Worlds of love,
Debbie Burson,
Star Route, Haskell

Dearest Santa,
My name is Lisa and I am 5 1/2 years old. I would like a Gaylor, a ring, a baby doll and any other things you might want to leave me. Please visit all of the other boys and girls and especially my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Gannaway.
Santa, I will leave something by the tree for you to eat.
Love, Lisa McBroom.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Renae and I am 3 years old. Sometimes I am good and sometimes I am not. I will try to be better but sometimes it is hard. I would like a Bibsy doll for Christmas and most of all a Clancy. Please visit my cousins, Jim, Robert, and Joseph Browning.
Love, Renae McBroom

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas, I would like a Barbie and all her clothes. I would also like a Vac-u-form.
My little brother would like a Lie Detector and a Fascination game. My big brother would like a pup tent, and a sleeping bag. I tried to be a good girl.
With love,
Linda Hartsfield

Dear Santa,
I want a football for Christmas this year. And I want a glove for Christmas and a ball and bat. And a tube to go on my bike. The size of my bike is a 24 inch bike.
Marvin Ray McFadden
Route 3, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Linda Hilliard, and I am six years old. I have been a good girl, for Christmas I want a baby doll and a cradle, also a spinning wheel. Remember my sister and two brothers at Christmas. Thank you.
With love,
Linda Hilliard

Dear Santa,
I am a ten-year-old boy and I would like an 8-transistor radio and a sleeping bag for Christmas. My little sister, Linda, is six years old and would like a baby and cradle and a spinning wheel for Christmas.
Yours truly,
Kenneth Hilliard

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I would like for you to bring me a Midge with black hair, a portable doll house, and a suitcase that holds Barbie, Midge and Ken and Perky Miss Ponytail and her outfits, and a suitcase. I would like some candy. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls.
With love, Sharon Hise,
Star Route, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a play dog. I would like a table and chairs. My little brother wants a truck. He would like a big car. He also would like an airplane. My Mother would like a TV. She also wants a deep freeze. On Christmas we are going to California.
With love, Debra Lackey,
Route 1, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Nancy Nurse doll, a wrist watch, and a Barbie doll house. I am 8 years old. I live at 103 N. Ave. M.
Love,
Cathy Larned

Dear Santa,
We are writing you one letter to take care of both of us on Christmas. My name is Roy Don Klose and I would like to have a service station and a doctor kit and any thing else you think I might need. My brother's name is Eddie. He is three years old. (I forgot to tell you, I am six years old). Eddie wants a fisher-price telephone that has moving eyes. He also want sa gun and holster. We live 12 miles N. E. of Haskell on a farm. We will be looking for you soon. Please remember all of the little orphans and see that they have a "Merry Christmas," too.
Your friends,
Roy Don, Eddie Lynn Klose

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 years old. I am in the 3rd grade. I have been a good girl. I want a camera, and a tickle bee game, an a phonograph.
Love, Kathy Henderson,
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Fort Apache set, and a cavalry suit, and a View Master with reels. I love you. I rode on the Christmas float in the parade, and I was one of your helpers.
DeWayne Henderson,
Haskell, Texas 79521

Dear Santa,
I want to thank you for the gifts you gave me last Christmas. Santa, this year would you bring me a B-E gun and a race track?
With love,
Gary Long

Dear Santa,
I would like a Battlegwagon, gun case, shell holder and some new clothes. Gary and Mark want new bikes. Robert wants a new Teddy Bear. Please remember all the good boys and girls all over the world this Christmas.
With love,
John Scrogin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a chatty baby, some walnuts and pecans. I want a big candy cane, too. I want you to bring me some Ken clothes.
With love,
Helen Mary Cadenhead

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice girl. I want a doll and a baby buggy and some dishes. I am in the second grade. God by, Santa, and I will see you soon.
Jennifer Wilson

Merry Christmas, Santa,
I like you Santa. I wish you a Merry Christmas. I want you to bring me a Penny the Poodle, please.
Your friend,
Helen Herrera

Dear Santa,
Please bring us lots of toys and candy, especially a Barbie doll, a gun and a truck. Mommy says we've been good, so please don't forget us. Also, please don't forget our little sister, Sharla.
Love, Stephen, Leese and David Drinnon

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I would like a B-B gun for Christmas. Bring the other boys and girls toys. I am in the third grade. Ricky would like B-B too. Bryant would like a Dick Tracy gun. Kathy would like a doll name Polly. Hobbie would like a volleyball set.
With love,
Gary Wayne Tidrow

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I am 4 years old. Would you please bring me a rifle and gun case, a football uniform and football. Thank you,
David Tidwell

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a Ken and Ken clothes and a Midge and Midge clothes and a trunk that will hold all three dolls. I would like a make-up kit. I am eight years old and I have try to be a good girl.
Love,
Diane Tidwell

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a bicycle, a Microscope, and a typewriter?
Thank you,
Steve Alsbrook
Route 1, Weinert

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me ten pencils and sixty-nine cents worth of paper for Christmas. I want an eraser, too. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
With love,
Juan Herrera
P. O. Box 253, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 8 years old but soon I will be 9 December 12. I would like you to bring me a bicycle, watch, Barbie dream house, a doll named Puppertina, a Barbie hot rod, Barbie Vanity, a Barbie wardrobe, Barbie wigs, the game Barbie. If you can't bring all of these things I want to be very mad. I hope you can bring other children presents.
With love,
Karen Felker

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 5 years old. I have tried to be a nice girl. Would you please bring me a Tiny Chatty Baby, Sewing Machine and a Little Red Riding Hood game. My big brother would like to have an electric football game and archery set. Don't forget my little friends. I will leave you some cake on the table and milk will be in the refrigerator.
I love you,
Cynthia Jones

Merry CHRISTMAS

Add to the good things Christmas — our wishes a joyous holiday!

Corley's Shamrock Station
1000 N. Avenue E

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Our sincerest go you may enjoy a and all the good your New Year a

BARTLEY'S GROC

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year!

BEN CHARLIE CHAPMAN
District Judge

ROYCE ADKINS
District Attorney

EXTENDING OUR SINCERE HOLIDAY

Greetings

... to all our friends, and wishing you the best always!

Isbell's Col-Tex Service Station
LEE ROY ISBELL, Manager
South Avenue E Telephone 864-2820

Christmas Greetings

May this Holiday Season bless your heart with love, your mind with peace, and your life with happiness.

Haskell Farm Store
—and—
Jones County Implement Co.

Trice Hatchery and Grocery
North 14th & Avenue 1

Season's Greetings

May this Holiday Season bless your heart with love, your mind with peace, and your life with happiness.

Haskell Farm Store
—and—
Jones County Implement Co.

DEAR FRIENDS—

It is our hope that the "Signal" of Yuletide Happiness way and that this Christmastide you'll be tuning in on a picture in your family circle. May all of the blessings of Christmas

—FROM THE GANG AT—

CABLE VISION COMPANY

This is the time when heaven touches earth

Each of us, in our vast and busy world of Christmas has a quiet and secret cell to which he can repair, happy and willing prisoner of the Season.

To one, it is a childhood memory. To another, it is an immense and very personal consciousness of blessings. To all, it is the thrilling realization that this is the time when heaven touches earth and man becomes most aware of its nearness.

This is the bower, the sweet retreat that tyrant cannot touch nor despot destroy—to which someone hope, the entire world has access.

GILMORE IMPLEMENT CO.

Best Wishes



part of Christmas, we believe, is wishes extended... and the good received. And so, in all sincerity, we all our friends our best wishes for a Christmas and a joyous New Year.

The C & B STORE
Edith and Bob Wheatley—

Merry Christmas

At Christmas time,
And all the year through,
Good health, good friends,
And good luck to you.

BOON'S
CLEANING CENTER
Fred and Jane Boon

Greetings

Here's Santa with a package of good wishes for your joyous Holiday Season!

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.
"THE TALL BOYS"
Diamond Dulaney, Manager
Ray Medford * Ben McGee

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
Please give other boys and girls toys. Please bring me a Midge doll, a Charm and Chaty doll and a Tiny Thumbelina.
With love,
Becky Ray

Dear Santa,
My name is Rhonda. I am 3 years old. My little sister's name is Terri. She is almost 1 1/2 years old. We have been pretty good little girls this year and would like for you to bring us a baby doll, a baby carriage, a stuffed dog and a steering wheel of candy. We have a little cousin whose name is Edgewyna and she is two years old. Please bring her some nice gifts, too. And Santa, don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Don't forget our Daddy, too. He's in Alaska. Thank you very much, Santa, we love you.
Rhonda and Terri Roberts

Dear Santa,
My name is Scotty. I am 5 years old and I am in Kindergarten. My little brother's name is Matt. He is 3. I would like a bike for Christmas, and Matt wants a little piano. Also any other toys you want to bring us. Also fruit, nuts and candy. Remember all the other little boys and girls, too.
Scotty and Matt Langford

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 yrs. old, and in the first grade. I want a ring, some new clothes for Barbie and Ken, and a Nancy Nurse Doll with her bed and night-table. Please remember my little niece and nephew, and all of my cousins.
Yours truly,
Kathy Perrin

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a bicycle and balanced baton. I am nine years old. I am in the third grade. Please don't forget the other children.
With love,
Paula Middleton

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a nice little girl of 5 years old. I live in Bloomfield, New Mexico (Blanco Camp). My name is Paula Jane. My grandmother's and grandfather's live here. For Christmas I'd like a "Nancy Nurse" by Mattel. Santa, there will be some cookies and coffee for you Christmas nite.
Love,
Paula Jane Hill
Bloomfield, N. M.

Roy L. Petrich Earns Honor At Minot AFB, N. D.

Airman First Class Roy L. Petrich, of Haskell, has been selected Outstanding Airman of the quarter in the 740th Missile Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, Minot, North Dakota, according to word received here.

Airman Petrich, a United States Air Force administrative specialist was chosen for the honor in recognition of his "exemplary conduct and performance of duty."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Petrich, 201 North Avenue BE, Haskell, he is a graduate of Paint Creek High School.

His wife is the former Wanda Donaldson, of O'Brien.

MAPES SERVICE STATION
200 South Avenue E Haskell, Texas

Absence of Bibles In Russia Told To Congregation

People are pleading for Bibles in Russia, but he hasn't found a way to get them in, a young college student from Michigan attending Abilene Christian College, told the congregation at the Haskell Church of Christ here Sunday night.

Reporting on a trip to Russia he made three months ago, his second to that country, David Gatewood, of Rochester, Michigan whose father, Otis Gatewood, is president of Michigan Christian College in that city, said members of the church group with whom he went to Russia bought 15 Bibles printed in the Russian language in Helsinki, Finland.

Customs officials in Russia "had never seen a Bible before, became suspicious of them, thought they were propaganda material and confiscated them," young Gatewood told his audience here.

He said the Church of Christ to which he went in Russia under the sponsorship of the Falls Church, Virginia Church of Christ, had a 700-seat capacity, and over 1500 people were standing on the outside trying

to get in at every service. "Most of the people attending services were elderly," Gatewood told his listeners. He said only six were young, and that he had a talk with them in Russian, a language he has picked up from a friend, a returnee from being held there.

He showed slides of his visits to Russia in 1958 and this year, and declared that he hopes to return there.

The speaker here told the story of one woman in the Church of Christ in Russia who had personally copied the words and musical notes of over 500 hymns and put them in one of the only two songbooks the church had. The congregation was reported to have sung the hymns "from heart."

"And it makes your heart cry out" to hear about these conditions Jim Pennington, minister of the Church of Christ here, observed.

Seldom does a camper remember to bring along clothespins, especially if there are no women along.

Yet the camper often finds need for them.

If he will twist together two ropes and stretch them in the sunshine between two trees, he can insert clothes between the twists of rope. Clothes will be held tight until dry, even in a stiff wind.

Sweetheart, Hero Introduced At Jr. High Banquet

Susie Helwig and Johnny Josselet were introduced as Football Sweetheart and Football Hero, respectively, at the annual banquet of the Haskell Junior High School recently in the high school cafeteria here.

Ray Herren presented Miss Helwig a charm bracelet as 1963 Football Sweetheart, and Johnny Josselet received an identification bracelet as football hero from Kathy Burson, who also welcomed the players, band members pep squad leaders, teachers and guests to the annual banquet.

Brian Dulaney gave the response to the welcome. Entertainment was provided by Jo Nell Anderson, Carolyn Rhoads, and Pam Reeves, who sang "Autumn Leaves," "May You Always," and "Wolverton Mountain."

The speaker of the evening was Charles Merritt, director youth activities for the First Baptist Church of Haskell, who spoke on "How to Live For A Day." He was introduced by Coach David Middleton.

Coach Sonny Everett introduced each member of the football squad prior to the presentation of the sweetheart and hero.

Debbie Pharris delivered a farewell message, and the assembly was dismissed with singing of the junior high school song, led by Paula Terrell.

Special appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Scott Greene, teacher, the Homemaking class and arrangements committee, comprised of Kathy Burson, Jo Nell Anderson, Jeannette Glass, Deanna Robertson, Carolyn Rhoads, and Paula Terrell for planning and producing the big event.

No matter how quiet you are, squirrels will scamper when they glimpse a pale face turned toward the sky.

To make your hunt more successful, try coating your face with a strong solution of henna. Henna gives a nut brown tint to pale flesh that blends with the fall woods. Also it is easy to remove after the hunt is over.

Coat your hands, too, unless you'll be wearing gloves.

Season's Greetings

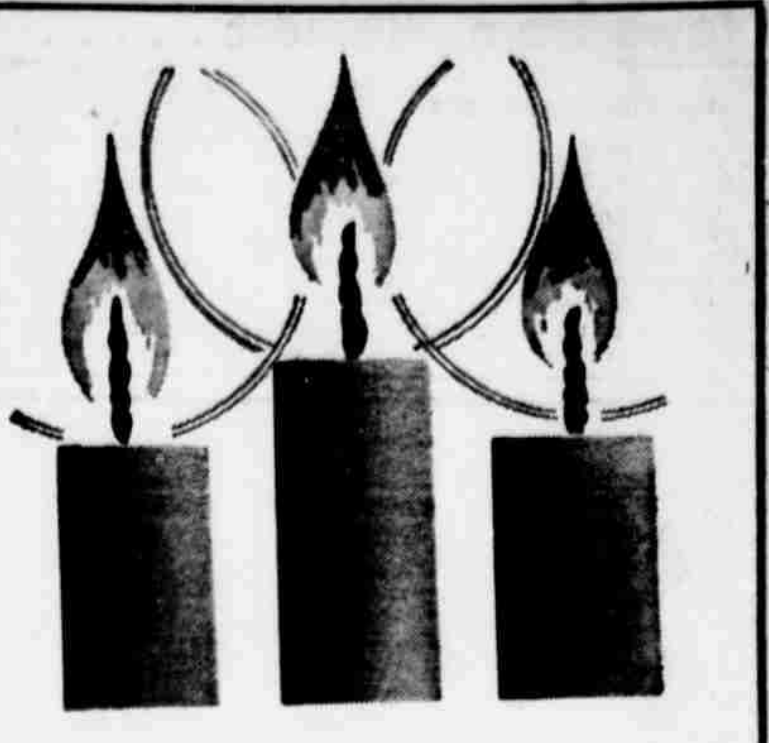
May your enjoyment of the Holidays be young in spirit and gay in heart. And may you have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

STARR WELDING & RADIATOR SHOP
DUGAN STARR—Owner-Operator

A PRAYER for Christmas

As the curtain begins to draw across the old year, we pray that the spirit of Christmas be kept in the hearts of men not only this one day... but every day. For with Christmas in our hearts nothing in life could ever quench the joy or dim the light of our peace.

COGGINS & HARTSFIELD
INSURANCE AGENCY



Season's Greetings

From all of us here to all of you — we send warm and friendly wishes that this Joyous Christmas Season may set the scene for many happy days to come!

HAMMER LAUNDRY
MR. AND MRS. OTIS ELMORE
AND W. O.

News from Weinert

By MILDRED GUESS
(Delayed)

Mrs. J. A. Driggers attended the 25th anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Al Robertson, her niece, Ft. Worth. The reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Victor, 2-4 p. m., Dec. 1, 1963. Mrs. Driggers spent last week

in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Flanagan and Jay. Weatherford.
Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Stout received word of the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Marvin Stout, Lubbock, last week.
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Herrieks attended the funeral service of his brother-in-law, W. M. Gor-

rell, Lubbock, Saturday.
The Wichita Valley District Fellowship meeting will be held at Weinert Foursquare Bospel Church beginning with the afternoon service at 3:30 when Bill Schwartz will be speaker. The evening meal, prepared and served by ladies of the church will be served at the church. John Waldren, Abilene, will be speaker for the evening service.
The E. C. Lowe's guests Sunday were Mrs. C. B. Young, and Mrs. E. E. Lowe, Munday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed McClure visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Stephens, Lubbock, last week.
Guests in the Jack Sanders home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sanders, Lisa, Nacha, Andra and Renault, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Kirkland, Tammie Marie and Jackie D. Lubbock.
Mr. and Mrs. Tanner's guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Newton, Haskell, and Mrs. Ruby Vandell, Munday.
Budge McGuire left Abilene Thursday for Fort Polk, La., to serve in the Army for his Basic Training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McGuire.
Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins. James begins work with the Wichita Falls City Police Department as radio dispatcher.
Rev. and Mrs. Nettie Wilcox, Knox City, visited Mrs. Willard Wren and Rhonda, over the weekend.
Mr. and Mrs. John Earp and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Jenkins

visited their mother, Mrs. Edith Smith, Rochester, Sunday.
Karen Lynn Earp has been a patient in the Knox City hospital last week, but is home now and improving from a kidney infection and other complications. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Earp.
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Alexander are entertaining his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Washington Alexander, Cisco. They will visit other relatives and friends while here.
Mrs. Anthony Bird, Knox City, is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Gene Perry Stanton, who is recovering from an illness. They are the daughters of the Buck Turnbrows.
Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Boykin and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Boykin visited Mrs. J. A. Boykin, of Fort Worth at Alvord Sunday.

betterment of our Country.
When you mentioned the Dennis P. Ratliff family and Judge Clyde Grissom it brought to my mind, and I think, perhaps, that you have omitted two men that most every resident of Haskell County would be glad to claim as a former resident. These men certainly contributed to the betterment of Haskell County. I refer to the late Honorable Bruce W. Bryant, who at one time was County Attorney of Haskell County and later a district Judge. Still later he served as assistant Attorney General of Texas for a number of years. I believe he held this position at the time of his death in Austin, Texas.
The other gentleman to whom I refer is the Honorable J. C. Davis, Jr., who at one time was County Judge of Haskell County. Mr. Davis has been for a number of years an Assistant Attorney General of Texas being Chief of the State and County Affairs Division, with some ten or twelve lawyers under his supervision. His qualifications, ability, congeniality and devotion to duty have recommended him to each succeeding Attorney General, hence his long tenure in this office.
Yours very truly,
/s/ M. T. Wilson

man now lives in Kansas, the heart of our country, and she has established a school for a theism, and plans to call for a university, a radio station, and a printing plant. You say that sounds bad. Well, there is more: Pennsylvania is opposing Bible reading in the classroom. A court case is pending in California to remove the words "Under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance. Also under attack is the motto, "In God We Trust" on our coins. The objective: to make America officially a Godless nation.
Now what does this Christmas mean to you? We are going to have to do some thinking, praying and much work. The place to start is in our homes. Then you should know your school board, and they should see that no teacher is hired that has an atheist background.
Our churches also have a duty, and with us all helping I am sure they will do it, and one other thought about the courts in our land: Sacramento County, California, it was ruled that children could not say "this Grace with their milk and cookies, "God is great, God is good. Let us thank Him for our food." There are possibly some of our good Church people who do not say Grace at their tables. Please let me offer a suggestion, when you have your family gathered around your table, all join hands and pray the Lord's Prayer together. Do this at least once a day. That will be a good starter. The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect prayer ever known, and it is suitable for any and all occasions.
I wish you all a very good and happy Christmas.
Sincerely,
L. A. "Luke" Proctor
804 N. 6th Street,
Haskell, Texas

IN APPRECIATION

As we come to the close of another year we at Sherman's want to pause and press our sincere thanks to the retailers and customers of this area for their patronage we have received and has enabled us to remain in business to enjoy a steady growth.
Whether or not you are one of our satisfied customers, we still want to express a hearty thanks to all and cherish the friendship of everyone and humbly thank to each of you.

MR. AND MRS. ALVIN SHERMAN
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MRS. TOM HOLLAND, Clerk
MRS. RUBY ALVIS, Deputy and
MRS. DORIS REEVES, Accountant
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Our Sincere Wish is that you and your family may know all the old-fashioned, yet ever new, joys of the Season . . .
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
BROOKS MIDDLETON
Gulf Distributor



WE HOPE THAT THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE A JOYOUS ONE FOR ALL OUR FRIENDS
TILLIE'S DRIVE-IN

To The Editor LETTERS . . .

The White House
December 4, 1963
Mr. Porter Oakes, Editor,
Haskell Free Press,
Haskell, Texas
Dear Porter:
I certainly want to thank you for the editorial in the Free Press.
I face tremendous problems, and it is strengthening for me to know that I have the support of good friends.
Sincerely,
/s/ Lyndon B. Johnson

A DARK DAY IN TEXAS
Way down in Texas on a dark November day.
The people of Dallas were preparing homage to pay.
The streets were lined with crowds of cheering women and men,
To our dear President and his wife Jacqueline.
To repent for mistakes they had made before.
This wasn't the first act of violence they bore,
They had spat on Lyndon and his Lady Bird
And what they did to Stevenson was still more absurd.
Standing and cheering the first family at last felt safe,
Through the crowds they rode, not dreaming of their fate.
Through the still air rang a shot. Then two and three to put on our State a blot.
That will always be remembered wherever we go.
The mark on our Texas instead of the Alamo.
When the death cry rang out over our Texas plains,
People were shocked and stunned and hung their heads in shame.
That this could happen in our vast Texas of plenty
The prayers of the people sent out were many.
But all this cannot ever take the blot of death from our dear state.
This from the entire world has brought cries and wails
Oh Texas, our Texas, wherein have we all failed.
—Mrs. Roy Tomlinson

Roby, Texas
Dec. 2, 1963
Mr. Porter Oakes, Editor,
Haskell Free Press,
Haskell, Texas
Dear Sir:
I read with much interest your article, "Many varied leaders began life in Haskell years ago."
Of the various persons mentioned in your article, I know some of them personally and I know of all of them. They certainly have contributed to the

Well, Christmas is almost here again. What does Christmas mean to America? To many it may mean giving gifts, the giver cannot afford without putting a strain on the budget, and the receiver does not need, but to many of us, Christmas means celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and we should be humble as were the Wise Men when they saw the Star in the East.
There are some who do not believe as we do. I refer to atheist and agnostics. Some of us shrug our shoulders and say there are only a few of these non-believers in God! but remember this, in 1961, there was a bill sent to the United States Supreme Court, to stop children from praying a prayer used by the New York public schools. Several months later, the Court ruled it unconstitutional.
At this point, I would like to quote Mrs. Bella V. Dodd, formerly a professor at Hunter College, now practicing law in New York City:
"I was in a New York Court when the news of the decision passed through the room in excited whispers. Sitting next to me was a young lawyer, obviously fresh out of law school. "Good," he muttered, then he pointed to the words on a plaque over the Judge's bench, IN GOD WE TRUST—and he added: 'that's the next thing to go.' I was stunned. 'Young man,' I said, 'I'm old enough to be your grandmother, and you can take my word for it, when that sign comes down your Career will be over because there will be no real law for you to practice.'
"This, I believe, is the heart of the matter. This is the great danger which faces America if we pursue our present course of removing the acknowledgment of God from our daily lives. Without God I am convinced we will have no law and order, no morality, no conscience."
Since that court ruling, a Maryland woman said she did not want her child taught anything about God, so she filed a suit to stop all school children from praying the Lord's Prayer, and that was also ruled unconstitutional. This Maryland wo-

When to Train Beagles
Increased interest in rabbit hunting here in Texas and the use of dogs to hunt them, has presented several questions as to when a beagle's training should begin.
The answer is from eight to ten months, depending on the dog's aptitude.
A good rule is to wait until the pup shows a genuine interest in the field and strikes out boldly.
Meantime, the experts say, teach him obedience at home—to heel and to come directly to you when called.

Merry Christmas
TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS:
In this busy old world, it may often appear that we neglect or forget those we hold dear,
But at Christmas time, we take this space to say
That we value your friendship each and every day!
To each of you . . . A Very Merry Christmas!
Lane-Felker

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR LOYAL FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS, AND WISHING THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR YOU!
CITY FLORAL
VELMA and STELLA

Greeting
HASKELL BUTANE CO.
STAMFORD HIGHWAY
MR. AND MRS. ROY PITMAN