

Each And All Of You Have A Blessed Christmas

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Goodfellows Gift Conveys Meaning of Christmas

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four daughters, and Mrs. Tom of Austin, Mrs. of Whittier, Roy S. Lank- Brothers, M. C. Brothers, of Ode- sisters, Mrs. W. Abilene, Mrs. of Haskell, and Mrs. T. W. Smith, of Jack and Alex B. Baker, both of Irby, both

ACT OF LAST YEAR COMES TO LIGHT— YULE SPIRIT IS EXEMPLIFIED BY TOMMY DUVAL FAMILY

Boots Cass, 55, Succumbs After Brief Illness

Buford (Boots) Cass, 55, assistant manager of Spencer Lumber Company here, died in Haskell County Hospital at 11:03 p. m. Wednesday after a brief illness. He had entered the hospital six days before.

Funeral was held Saturday in First Methodist Church here, with Rev. J. V. Patterson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under direction of Holden Funeral Home.

Born June 24, 1909, at Pendleton, in Bell County, Mr. Cass came to Haskell from Bell County with his parents in 1917. He married Louise McAnulty here on Jan. 8, 1937.

A Marine Corps veteran, Mr. Cass was associated with the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co., at Grand Falls, Texas, as manager of the yard there both before and after his tour of duty. He joined the U. S. Marine Corps in February, 1944, and saw combat service on Guam and in Japan. He was separated from the service in 1946.

Returning to Grand Falls after World War II, he rejoined Foxworth-Galbraith for a time before going with Spencer Lumber Co. here. He had interim periods of association with the Spencer firm's yards at Stamford and Weinert, where he was manager for four years.

Mr. Cass was a longtime member of the First Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, of Haskell; his mother, Mrs. W. M. Cass, Dallas; a daughter, Barbara, junior in Haskell High School; a son, Robert, of Haskell; two brothers, O. C. Ven- ice, Calif., and C. B. of Dal- las; three sisters, Mrs. Paul Cheatham, Torrance, Calif., Mrs. Cecil Gooch, of Bremen, Indiana, and Mrs. Robt. James of Cocoa, Fla.

Mr. Cass was a dedicated member of the Rogers-Cox Post 221, American Legion.

Pallbearers, all active Legionnaires and fellow members of the Post here, were Herbert Ray, Bobby Dulaney, Joe Kimbrough, Truett Parsons, Herbert Fischer, R. V. Black, Roy Pittman and James H. (Sonny) Reynolds.

Winners Named In Home Lighting Competition Here

Judging in three divisions of a residential Christmas lighting contest in Haskell was completed Sunday night, Mrs. M. L. Blohm and Henry Withers, co-chairmen of the project, announced Monday.

Mrs. Blohm and Withers represented the Haskell Business Club and Professional Women's Club and West Texas Utilities, annual joint sponsors of the lighting and Christmas beautification contest here.

First second and third place winners in three areas of competition, most decorative window, most decorative door, and most atmospheric yard scene were announced as follows:

Window—Bud Turnbow home, first; Adell Thomas home, second; and Ira Hester home, third.

Door—W. O. Holden home, first; James Franklin home, second; Ira Hester home, third.

Yard Scene—Charles Swinson home, first; Gene Hester home, second; Abe Turner Jr. home, third.

All first place prizes were given by West Texas Utilities. They included an ice ejector, blanket, and electric broiler. Second and third prizes of \$5 and \$2.50 in cash were contributed by the Business and Professional Women's Club here.

Judges of the contest were Mrs. Lee Haymes and Mrs. C. B. Baker, both of Munday, the sponsors reported.

Oh, Christmas, thy scope is wondrous great. Haskell folks got a tangible connotation of it "out of the blue" Saturday.

To the editor of the Haskell Free Press Saturday came an open letter to the people of this town in general and one couple in particular with a "Merry Christmas and God bless you all" from an Abilene family to whom Haskell opened its homes and hearts last Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Pulliam, and their four children, of 518 N. Crockett, Abilene, had a heart-numbing experience near here last Christmas Eve. But for the attentive courtesies of several Haskellites, principally Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Duval, they would have spent a drab and dreary Christmas. But let's let Mrs. Pulliam tell about it:

"Dear Editor: "As Christmas Day draws closer and closer, we are reminded of last Christmas and the wonderful people of Haskell, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Duval.

"My husband, four children, and I had headed toward Electra and Vernon to spend Christmas with our folks. It was late Christmas Eve and terribly cold. We had been in Abilene one month and were most anxious to go home. On this side of Haskell, our car quit running, and my husband walked into Haskell to get someone to tow us back to Abilene.

"We were a terribly disappointed family. Some friendly folks from Haskell gave him a ride into town. While he was gone, a number of Haskell residents stopped and offered to help. Some young folks took time to try to help, even though it was obvious they were dressed and going to a party or gathering. But they took time out to help.

"Then Mr. Duval approached and insisted upon the arrival of my husband on towing us to town. The car couldn't be fixed as the motor was out. (Beyond immediate repair.)

"Mr. Duval insisted (with us protesting) that we load our things in his pickup and proceed to "Grandma's" house. While my husband (maintained) (See Yule Spirit, P. 8, Sec. 1)

1964 'Operation Deathwatch' Vigil Is Now Underway

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimated today that 190 persons will meet violent death during the Christmas-New Year's season, including 105 traffic fatalities.

In addition to the traffic toll, it is estimated there will be 40 suicides and homicides and 45 accidental deaths other than traffic.

Col. Homer Garrison, Public Safety Director, said that the estimate is compiled by the DPS Statistical Services on the basis of past experience and the current traffic trend.

"The deaths that occur in traffic during the 11-day holiday period will be the tragic last additions to the worst year in Texas history for traffic fatalities," he said.

"The DPS is carrying out its annual special emphasis program called 'Operation Deathwatch,' Garrison reported.

"From 12:01 a. m. Dec. 24 until 11:59 p. m. Jan. 3, 1965, we will use every available means to keep accidents at a minimum by promoting strict law enforcement.

"During this period the Department will tabulate all violent deaths and the totals will be officially announced three times daily as a means of keeping the safety uppermost in the minds of the traveling public.

"Throughout the entire holiday period extra patrolmen will be on duty to keep traffic moving safely. Many of our men will be giving up their own holiday in order to assure the safety and well-being of holiday motorists, but the most effective work in cutting down on injuries and death must be done by the drivers themselves.

"According to Garrison, other state agencies and private organizations are cooperating in the safety drive. The Texas (1964 Operation, P. 8, Sec. 1)



Christmas Keepsake

The green bough on the mantle,
The holly on the door,
Hail a joyous Christmas
The wondrous eve before.

The pine tree in the parlor—
Laden branches bent—
Sets the mood for Santa's
Fireside descent.

The stockings on the hearthside,
The child who put them there,
Await the magic morrow,
... Christmas ... Everywhere!

Speak of cherished childhood;
Speak of Yuletide cheer,
Let them live in your hearts,
A lasting souvenir.

NEEDY YOUTH HAVE SHOPPING "SPREE", THANKS TO JAYCEES

An unselfish and unsolicited act, exemplifying the genuine spirit of Christmas, went completely unheralded until a few hours before it was performed here Saturday night.

That Intangible Something, Christmas Spirit, was exemplified on a mass scale when 30 underprivileged children of this town were taken on a shopping "spree" by the Haskell Jaycees, an organization filled with zeal for serving their fellowmen.

Queried as to the nature of the mission the Jaycees were "about" Saturday night, Jesse Priest, the president, and James Franklin, chairman of the project, explained that the board of directors of their organization, without fanfare, had voted \$150 from a treasury depleted with many civic endeavors, money earned through hard work by voluntary efforts of 32 dedicated individuals to provide funds for a "Christmas buying spree for needy kids here on the threshold of Christmas."

After the shopping spree, the children were all re-assembled in the Chamber office, where gifts they wish to present to their parents and other dear ones for Christmas were wrapped for them, and they were also fed ice cream, cake and candy.

"The 15 Jaycees and their wives who did the chaperoning were the real benefactors in getting the Christmas Spirit," Priest said.

From the glowing looks on the faces of both the giving and the receiving, passersby agreed, "He's probably right at that."

BOB HERREN NAMED COUNTY U. S. SAVINGS BOND CHAIRMAN

R. W. (Bob) Herren, well-known Haskell citizen, has been named chairman of the Haskell County Savings Bonds Committee, succeeding J. M. Crawford, who is retiring from this civic activity after many years of faithful service.

Announcement of the choice of Herren was made by Ed Gossett, former Congressman from this district, now chief counsel for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, who is chairman of the Texas Savings Bonds Committee.

Herren has been very active in bond drives during past years. He also serves with dedication in numerous other civic endeavors. He is a director in the Rotary Club of Haskell, has been president of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, is a director of the Haskell National Bank, and has served as county chairman of the OPA during the war years. He long has been a lay leader and official in the Haskell Church of Christ, and is presently church treasurer.

In his new role as savings bond chairman, Herren will lead, organize, and supervise savings bond workers in Haskell County. He joins a team of 4,500 patriotic Texans who are serving their country through the savings bond program.

In accepting his appointment, Herren said, "The savings (See Bob Herren, P. 8, Sec. 1)



FUTURE FARMERS' FAVORITE—Judy Baitz, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baitz, has been chosen FFA Sweetheart by the Haskell Chapter, Future Farmers of America. A junior in Haskell High School, Judy is active in the Owl Club, Future Teachers of America, Future Homemakers of America, and Pep Clubs here.

This Area To Go Boom; It Echoes 'Power For Peace'

YES SIR-REE... IT'S HARD TO BEAT THE FOLKS 'ROUND HERE

West Texas lawmen, by and large, have an "image" of being gruff, tough, and granite-hearted, but a 37-year-old Negro woman transient found out just the opposite last weekend in Haskell County. And she said she will "never forget" having passed this way.

"Annie" had been highway-ing it for a week trying to get to her children in the custody of juvenile authorities in Oklahoma City. She had come all the way from California as a hitch-hiker, after learning she could qualify to have them restored to "my warm side" for Christmas.

But that side wasn't so warm at 11 p. m. last Friday night when Haskell County Sheriff Garth Garrett and Deputy Sheriff W. L. Henry, patrolling north of town, found Annie walking into the teeth of heavy sleet and a biting north wind a mile and a half from Haskell. Having come from Sweetwater that day, Annie told the Sheriff she "just gotta get to those kids before Christmas."

The two law enforcement officers took Annie into their warm car, where they gave Annie a meal and a warm bed in the Haskell County Jail "with guest privileges," Sheriff Garrett said.

Early Saturday, Sheriff Garrett, who knows his Haskellites, went to Albert Sharp, leading Negro citizen here, who has about 12 different jobs and does them all well, and explained the transient's plight. Chipping in the first dollar himself, the Sheriff sent Albert on his Christmas spirited mission.

An hour or so later, Albert returned after visiting his fellow citizens in the Negro community. He bought Annie an \$8.80 bus ticket to Oklahoma City and gave her \$4.70 more, the remainder collected, saying, "That's for Christmas, Annie." A tearfully happy Annie boarded a 3:10 p. m. bus for Oklahoma City, her children, and a Christmas reunion made possible by thoughtful Haskell lawmen and her fellowmen.

"Can't beat these folks around here," said Sheriff Garrett as he climbed into his car, probably on another mission of mercy.

Supersonic training flights by Strategic Air Command B-58 Hustler bombers will be flown Jan. 1-March 31, 1965, along a route from a point 20 miles southeast of Paducah, over Haskell, Albany, Rising Star, and ending near Shiner, Texas.

Flights along the route may occur daily, but normally will not be scheduled between 10:00 p. m. and 7 a. m., SAC headquarters announced.

Scoring equipment at the Air Force radar bomb scoring site at Bergstrom AFB near Austin will determine the accuracy of simulated bomb drops through the use of radio and radar signals. No bombs are carried on these training missions.

The bombers will fly at supersonic speeds up to Mach 2 (1,300 mph) at altitudes above 35,000 feet.

Training corridors for the SAC bombers are rotated periodically because realistic training benefits diminish when the crews become familiar with the landmarks, simulated target complexes and other identifying characteristics of a particular area. Two other new corridors are set over the Gulf of Mexico. Corridors in Tennessee will continue.

One of the features of the B-58, the free world's fastest bomber, is its ability to sustain supersonic speed over substantial distances while approaching and leaving its target. This capability enhances crew survivability and assures a high probability of mission success despite strong enemy defensive measures normally expected over a target.

A costly supersonic bomber is of little value in combat if the crew cannot use its full capabilities because of inadequate prior training. Consequently, these aircraft must fly at high speeds, creating sonic booms along the route. Because of the high altitudes, the booms are comparatively weak in strength. Although sometimes startling or distracting in their suddenness the booms will in no circumstances cause personal injury.

There may not be dancin' in the streets, but there will be some stellar stomping at Irby Hall, beginning at 8 p. m. Saturday night. Wallace Wooten and his "Wow 'em Wacky" Boys will furnish the melody-making, and it's said a new chapter in Irby Hall history may be written then and there.

This edition of the Haskell Free Press went to press one day early to allow its staff a Christmas holiday.

Mrs. Tanner, 74, Resident Since 1912, Succumbs

Mrs. Edna Tanner, 74, a resident of Haskell more than 50 years, died in Haskell County Hospital at 2:14 a. m. Friday. She entered the hospital one week ago.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p. m. Saturday in First Methodist Church here, with Rev. J. V. Patterson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Willow Cemetery under direction of Holden Funeral Home.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ham, Mrs. Tanner was born at Eskota in Fisher County on February 25, 1890. She married Y. L. Thomason, of Haskell, on Christmas Day, 1912, in Dickens County, where her family was living at the time. The couple moved to Haskell immediately following their marriage.

The Thomasons were engaged in the grocery and filling station business in Haskell for a number of years. He died in 1938.

Mrs. Thomason married Tom Tanner, of Rule, in September, 1941, in Haskell. He died October 30, 1945.

Mrs. Tanner was a longtime member of the First Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Sanders, Albuquerque, N. M.; two sons, Y. L. Thomason, of El Paso, and Zeldon Thomason, of San Diego, Calif.; two brothers, Ellsworth Ham, of Tacoma, Washington, and Joe Ham, of Beaumont; one sister, Mrs. Erie Foster, of Spur; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were W. S. Pogue Jr., Benny Basing, Buster Gholson, Wallace Cox, Jr., Belton Duncan, and Bob Dulaney.

Mrs. Leonard, Here 58 Years, Succumbs At 82

Mrs. I. A. Leonard 82, a resident of Haskell County 58 years, died in Haskell County Hospital at 1:30 p. m. Friday. She had been in ill health 18 months, and entered the hospital four days ago.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church here at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, with Rev. Walter Copeland, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Weinert, officiating. Burial was in Roberts Cemetery east of Haskell under direction of Holden Funeral Home.

Mrs. Leonard, the former Bessie Susan Dedmon, was born November 2, 1882, at Ringgold, Georgia. She married Irvin A. Leonard on December 22, 1899, at Ringgold. Mr. Leonard died in February, 1939.

Two years after their marriage, the Leonards moved from Georgia to Smith County, Texas, for about five years before the couple moved to Haskell County in 1907.

Mrs. Leonard was a longtime member of the Roberts Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, W. A. and Jess Leonard, both of Haskell; one sister, Mrs. Jessie Clark, of Choctaw, Alabama; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gilleland Dies of Gunshot; Last Rites Here

Funeral services for Mrs. Gene (Mary) Gilleland, a Haskell County native, who died of a bullet wound in the head at her home south of Roby Wednesday morning, were held at 3 p. m. Friday in the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell. Rev. Norris Taylor, pastor of Roby First Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Tommy J. McCellan, Foursquare Gospel Church minister, of Abilene.

Burial was in Willow Cemetery here under direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home, of Rotan, assisted by Holden Funeral Home here.

Mrs. Gilleland, a former beauty operator, was discovered on her bed at 12:05 p. m. Wednesday by her son, Ronald Eugene (Yogi). She was dressed in her nightclothes, and her right hand still clutched a .22 pistol, officers said. She would have been 38 years old Thursday.

Justice of the Peace C. H. Branson, of Roby, ruled suicide.

The son was seriously injured in July of 1962 in a car-truck collision west of Snyder and has since been confined to a wheel chair. He has been living at home since withdrawing from San Angelo College last November.

Yogi told officers he slept late and went looking for his mother when he awoke. He told Sheriff's deputies he failed to see a note on his mother's bedroom door which said, "Don't come in. Call the officers." Letters were left to the son and a 15-year-old daughter, Carolyn, attending school Wednesday morning. Another daughter, Mary Jo, 2, had gone to Hamlin Tuesday with Mrs. Gilleland's mother, Mrs. Joe Phelps, of Haskell, who had been staying with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilleland moved to Roby about six years ago, but lived part of the time in Abilene, where their son could receive treatment at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Gilleland recently had been looking for work, officers said.

Born Mary Edith Phelps on (Mrs. Gilleland, P. 8, Sec. 1)

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I Am The Spirit Of Christmas

I am the Spirit of Christmas!
I enter the home of poverty, causing palefaced children to open their eyes wide, in pleased wonder.
I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul.
I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old, glad way.
I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams of woven magic.
I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.
I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some little token that releases glad tears—tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.
I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to be.
I come softly into the still, white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.
In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment, forget the things that are small and wretched.
I am the Spirit of Christmas.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill"

Christmas is a wondrous time when the miraculous becomes commonplace. A time for petty differences to be put aside, and one and all extend their hands and hearts in a sincere wish of "Peace On Earth, Goodwill Toward Men."

It is a time for family reunions, a time when our thoughts and feelings focus on our loved ones and our friends. But the festive season is hollowed increasingly each year with the sadness of death and injury on our streets and highways. Modern progress has brought not only comfort and luxury undreamed by our forebears, but a regrettable disregard for our fellowman.

The Commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," seems to have little moral influence on drivers of automobiles, whether the warning comes from God, or the State Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Department, or Police Department. The privilege to operate a car is bestowed by the State. The manner in which a car is driven is prescribed by law.

But transcending the LEGAL law is the MORAL law. "Thou Shalt Not Kill." It imposes a moral responsibility on all drivers to operate their vehicles without maiming or killing themselves, or others.

HUNDREDS of men, women and children will die, and THOUSANDS will end up in hospitals this holiday season unless WE, as drivers, assume our LEGAL and MORAL responsibilities to DRIVE WITH CARE.

All our law enforcement agencies and safety associations are urging drivers to give thought and purpose to the Spirit of Christmas in making holiday travel plans. May we put in our car by imporing constant alertness when behind the wheel. Think of the tragedy and unhappiness that a single moment's lapse, or carelessness, can cause. Remember that your loved ones are relying on YOU, AND GIVE A THOUGHT ALSO FOR THE OTHER DRIVER . . . AND HIS FAMILY.

Let the moral law, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," govern your actions. In this way, you can be a prime factor in making this holiday season a safe and happy one!

Going Home for Christmas

What a lot of satisfaction and warmth and memories those four words in the heading mean to all of us.

The happiest holidays are those for which folks "go home." Going home may mean youngsters returning from school or job, sometimes bringing their own younger youngsters with them.

It may mean going to Grandma-and-Grandpa's. Home is where Father and Mother are, or where one of them was brought up. Home is a dreamland in which every effort is made to spoil children. Home is the fond memory held by parents of the days when they themselves were very young.

Home is where the year's troubles and anxieties are forgotten. Home is where no unkind word is spoken, and where the good smells from the kitchen smack, literally, of deep affection.

Home binds together the relatives by blood and the relatives by marriage, and turns them into that most beautiful of institutions—the family.

If the trains and buses are late or crowded, if planes can't get off, if Mother is worn out with packing, and Father weary after his pre-holiday hours at the office, if many little things go wrong, who cares? When one is going HOME, a bit of hardship on the way makes the arrival a greater joy.

The Tree is lighted and waiting. The old folks are at the door, their faces beaming with pure welcome. The day's mirth does not hide its tenderness. The laughter comes closer than that of other days to the laughter of the angels; the joke is on those who maintain that it does not come natural to human beings to love one another.

Many who are elderly this Christmas remember such holidays from long ago, when jingling sleigh bells were more familiar than automobile horns. Many who are now children will remember this Christmas long years from now. The mechanisms of living change, the world changes, but the sweetness of family reunions, the bliss of "going home" . . . this forever abides.

Oakescripts A Pencil Pusher's Potpourri

By PORTER

If all else has failed . . . and you haven't allowed yourself the cherished privilege of getting all glowy with That Intangible Something, Christmas Spirit, may we suggest you read some, or all, of the Letters to Santa Claus hereinafter.

We consider ourselves more fortunate than most. The spark that ignites that flame of Christmas Spirit in us is produced by the delivery of the first letter to Santa Claus we see come in to the Free Press here. There's no substitute for a letter to Santa Claus. Inspected . . . and dissected, but never rejected . . . a letter to Santa Claus is a revelation in many, many ways.

Last year at this time, Vance Abeldt, our competent and resourceful linotype operator at this newspaper, showed he has a heart bigger'n St. Louis beating within his diminutive frame. Veteran of deciphering hundreds of the weirdest and most infantile scrawls, Vance finally was stumped on a backhanded, block-lettered effort from a little boy of Haskell. Unsure of conveying the request of the tyke with accuracy, Vance "made out" what he could, soliciting the interpretations of others in the Free Press family. In lieu of the little boy's letter to Santa Claus, Vance, as "Santa Claus," wrote to him from the North Pole. And this is what he said:

"Dear Kris, I had a hard time reading your letter, but I think my helpers and I have figured out what you want: a Bopa bear, Goferino, 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, Santa Claus."

It was that parting unsolicited paragraph, that got us. And we were off to the races, thanks to Vance.

Then, this year, there was the letter in which were enumerated the items desired from Santa, and, for good measure, a request was made for "and a Shetland Pony if it will fit."

All this brings to mind the classic of them all. Most of you, remember it, we feel sure. The editor of the New York SUN received a letter at Christmas-time which said: "Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the SUN, it's so.' Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?" It was signed "Virginia O'Hanlon."

The reply:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which

is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's, or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus.

"The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive, or imagine, all the wonders there are, unseen and unseeable, in this world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the strongest men, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus? Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Oakescript: Would you taste the sweetest joy of Christmas? Then make glad the heart of a child. For where children are, there is the Spirit of Christmas. The magic touch of Christmas makes children of us all. It leads us to the very heart of the Day of Days. Through childhood's eye do we behold its eternal beauty. Heart-to-heart, Have a Blessed Christmas!

Haskell County History

30 YEARS AGO
(December 27, 1934)

Only four changes will be made in Haskell County office-holders Tuesday, Jan. 1, when new officials are sworn in. Roy Ratliff will be the new District Clerk. Giles Kemp will assume the duties of Sheriff, Matt Graham will be county superintendent; and Ab Hutchens, commissioner of Precinct 1. All other officials were re-elected.

Sheriff-Elect Giles Kemp made known his selection of Mart Clifton of this city as Chief Deputy, and Mrs. Frank Williams as office deputy. He said that other deputies would not be selected until around January 1.

A final drive in the buying of drought-stricken cattle in Haskell County is under way this week by inspectors. 825 cattle were purchased from Haskell County farmers last week. This brought total buying to around 6,000 head and placed over \$70,000 in the pockets of farmers. The buying program is expected to end this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Sanders spent Christmas Day in Munday with Mrs. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pendleton.

Mrs. Arthur Edwards and daughter, Frances Merle, left Wednesday for San Angelo to visit relatives.

Earnest Kimbrough, of Dallas, and Bill Kimbrough, a student at A&M College, spent the holidays here with their mother, Mrs. W. A. Kimbrough.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burleson and little son, of Waco, have returned home after spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Couch.

Miss Mildred Shook of Mineral Wells spent the holidays with relatives and friends here.

40 YEARS AGO
(December 26, 1924)

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, of Fayetteville, Ark., and their son, Ray Smith, of Kansas City, are visiting in the home of Mr. Smith's brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith, in this city. The Arkansas couple are oldtimers here, having lived here until a few years ago.

Elder J. D. Harvey of this city returned last week from a deer hunt with several of his friends from Stamford. He killed one deer and two turkeys, and the entire party killed six deer on the trip.

Many turkeys have been handled by the Western Produce Company of this city during the past two months. F. L.

Caldwell, manager of the concern, says more than 15,000 birds have been shipped from Haskell this season. Most of the birds were dressed and consigned to the larger cities in the north and east. He estimates each turkey netted an average of \$3 to the farmer, making around \$50,000 his company has paid out for turkeys alone this season.

Leo J. Curtis, S. V. Campe, and J. D. Burton, all of Byers, spent last Friday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Duncan. The Byers people were on their way home after a deer hunt in South Texas. They reported killing several turkeys, but were unable to get a deer.

Rev. W. D. Dilbeck, of Sulphur, Okla., visited in the home of Rev. J. L. Dilbeck in the Howard Community last week.

60 YEARS AGO
(December 26, 1904)

Lewis Howard has sold his place of 105 acres southeast of town to M. B. Howard for a consideration of \$250.

Frank Simmons was in town the first of the week, apparently looking for Santa Claus.

Mrs. L. A. Watson, of Duval County, is visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Thomason.

Mr. Walter Hicks came in from Dallas Tuesday night to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends here.

Barnett O'Bryan, who is attending Hills Business College

at Waco, came home the first of the week to spend Christmas with homefolks.

Mrs. John Howard and children of the Paint Creek community left Tuesday to spend Christmas with the old folks in Comanche County.

A. A. Oliver, who sold his farm a week or so ago, left on Wednesday with his family for Coryell County, where they will reside.

The Rebecca Lodge held its annual election Monday night, when the following officers were elected: Miss Jesty Elkins, N. G.; Miss Dacia Winn, V. G.; Mrs. H. R. Jones, secretary; Miss Bertha Irby, treasurer; and Mrs. J. W. Meadors, representative of the Grand Lodge.

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Privately and publicly Mr. Reed attempts to keep it foremost. (He may have to work a bit harder than some because, he explains, he was 32 before he became a Christian. Thus he "had a lot of years to make up—and I am still behind.")

Among the services he performs for his denomination, Baptist, are: He is an active lay speaker; chairman of the deacons of the O'Brien First Baptist Church; trustee, Hardin-Simmons University; officer, former district president, Baptist Brotherhood; member, 25-man survey committee to study Baptist work in Texas; member, Texas Baptist Convention.

The Reed Business Story has been 50 years in the making and it is in the best American bootstrap tradition. A native of Murfreesboro, Ark., born in 1893, Mr. Reed has scant formal education. He spent a few years going to schools to teachers, many more years "going to school to myself."

In May of 1913, before his 20th birthday, he was married in Murfreesboro to Pearl Sparks, then 16. The couple came to Texas briefly to Grayson County and then to Fannin County, where young Mr. Reed farmed a small tract.

The 1914 crop was very poor in East Texas and in September of that year young Reed saw a newspaper advertisement which was attractive. The ad asked for cotton-pickers to come to Trent. Pay offered was 65 cents a hundred.

The young Reeds packed up, boarded a train and headed for the Taylor County cottonfields. They did not make it. In Cisco the train had a 30-minute wait and during the wait the young couple happened to meet two men from O'Brien out scouting for "hands." They offered 65 cents plus "board."

The young couple worked the harvest on the Travis Smith farm east of O'Brien, returned to Fannin for a time, tried the cafe business briefly, then decided to return to West Texas. In the fall of 1915 the two came to O'Brien. Using the proceeds from sale of the cafe, and some borrowed money, Reed bought out a renter who had 60 acres in cotton.

That was his start. He farmed the place 4 years until the 1918 drouth.

That year crops in the area were a total failure. To support his family Reed took to the wheat fields, following the harvest from Kansas on into North Dakota. Before the harvest was completed the "flu" epidemic struck his family and he returned home. After his folk recovered, he went to the Ranger oil field where he was a pipeline worker until March of 1919.

In the meantime the drouth had been broken and he sowed his rented land to wheat. The wheat crop got him out of debt and the cotton crop which followed gave him some capital—\$1,500 profit.

He was at last on his way. So he expanded, renting a 215 acre farm. That year of 1920, on his larger farm, he had a good crop. Then, that same year, came the debacle.

Cotton had started out at 20 cents a pound. Before he had his crop gathered the price had dropped to 5 cents. He lost his \$1,500 and was \$1,050 in debt at the end of the year.

Five years of hard work and he was much worse off than when he started. It was enough to make a man lose confidence in this part of the country. And he did. He went to Colorado to look over the farming possibilities there. But the land prices were so high he came back to O'Brien to try here again.

He hit a good cotton cycle. In 1922 he bought his first farm, a 160-acre tract in Knox County. In 1924, after a profit-

adjusting on production." He and his group took that plan to Washington some years ago. Government officials seemed interested. But nothing has yet come of it.

Business and community interests (Mr. Reed works in a variety of civic endeavors in this area) have in recent years put such demands on his time that "I'm afraid I got bogged in them and at times let the Lord's work suffer."

But his object is to give religious service priority. In that service the O'Brien Baptist Church is of major interest. That's the only church to which Mr. Reed has ever belonged. He joined it in 1925.

In 1947, when he thought he was going to retire as gin manager, Mr. and Mrs. Reed built a magnificent new home in Knox City, three miles from his O'Brien office. But they continued church, as business, in O'Brien.

Mr. Reed has been chairman of the local deacons for many years. He was a leader in the construction of the new sanctuary the church built a few years ago.

The building cost \$80,000 which the church financed with \$50,000 it has raised and \$30,000 borrowed for 10 years from Hendrick Memorial Hospital. In a couple of years the church decided to go ahead and pay off its note and now the building is free of debt, Mr. Reed says proudly.

The church has 100 resident members "but unfortunately,

NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF HASKELL Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 21st day of December, 1964, at 10:00 a. m. in the County Court at the County Courthouse of the above named County in Haskell, Texas, on the hereinafter named owner for beer retailers off-premises license.

1. Type of license or permit: beer retailers off-premises license. 2. Exact Location of Business: 5.4 miles South of Haskell, Texas Court-house, on the east side of way 277.

3. Name of Owner or Owners: Frank Dillard, 203 W. Handley St., Stamford, Texas. 4. Assumed or trade name: Frank Dillard, Haskell, Texas.

Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit upon giving security for costs as provided by law. WITNESS MY HAND this 14th day of December, 1964, A. D. W. W. Reeves, County Clerk, Haskell County, Texas. 51-52p

The industry, as a whole and by segments, is faced with serious problems, he says. The farmer, particularly, is caught in a squeeze between production limits and production costs. This is intensified as the changeover to mechanization and scientific farming continues.

Government, he feels, has its role in production—as long as there are controls in other areas in which the farmer must deal.

But the plight of cotton in this era of transitions is now such that the industry could go the way of the silk industry unless some serious efforts are made to save it.

Mr. Reed thinks an all-out educational program is needed. One to teach the value of cotton, the many uses of cotton, and its versatility and reliability.

The world cotton market should be better cultivated, too, he thinks. "I'm afraid we have slipped up on our export business," he says.

And he has "parity" recommendation he thinks would help get the farmer out of his bind. This proposal was worked out when he was president of the national ginners, coming out of a series of meetings he called of representatives of six segments of the industry, farmers to spinners.

The plan: Let the farmer get a fair, "controlled" price for the cotton needed for domestic consumption; then, let him grow all the cotton he wants to above that domestic demand to sell on the world market at world market prices. This way farmers would "do their own

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: This letter is to say Merry

some don't believe in coming every Sunday." Deacon Reed says.

That is hard for him to understand, that attitude toward church worship.

Formal worship, as well as informal practice of a man's faith, is necessary, he thinks. Church twice on Sunday and once in mid-week is minimum service, is a first thing which should be put first.

Christmas to everyone and especially you. Also a very Happy Birthday to Jesus.

I am three years old. I would like a Barbie doll and wardrobe. I need a suitcase to keep them in.

My little brother's name is Robert, who would like a push car and some stuffed animals. My Uncle Eddie would like a bicycle.

There will be some coffee and cake on the dining table for you.

Love, Twyla and Robert Walker, Haskell, Texas

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MRS. ALLEN MCKINLEY

Darlene Tibbets, Allen McKinley Exchange Vows

Following a short wedding trip, A2C and Mrs. Allen McKinley will reside in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Tibbets, of Rochester. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. McKinley of Houston.

The couple were married on Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Rochester Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox also sang for the wedding.

Fern Walker was honor attendant to the bride.

Bridesmaids were Carolyn Rose and Linda Tanner.

Venetia Rogers and Teresa Cox were flower girls.

Attendants' dresses were of blue brocade.

Paul Keyhoe was best man. The bridegroom's uncle, Melton Daniels, and the bride's brother, Ozzie Tibbets, were groomsmen.

Ushers were Leslie Edwards and Travis Tibbets, brother of the bride.

Tinker Carmack was ring bearer.

Reception was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Rogers.

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Glenda Walton, James Louis Nelson Married In Home Rites At R. G. Waltons

Glenda Alene Walton, of Haskell and Houston, and James Louis Nelson, of Houston, exchanged wedding vows in an impressive home wedding at the residence of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Walton, here, at 7 p. m. on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Rev. Vergil A. Smith, pastor of the Peacock Baptist Church, was the officiating minister before an altar flanked by two candelabras and bouquets of gladiolas.

The groom, a student in Baylor College of Medicine at Houston, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Nelson, of Lake Charles, La.

Traditional wedding music was played by Miss Phyllis Middlebrook, pianist.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of silk faced satin which was accented with appliques of French re-embroidered Alencon lace.

The classic gown featured a semi-rounded neckline and long sleeves that tapered to petal points over the hands.

The lace appliques extended across the fitted bodice in a diagonal line. The dome shaped skirt was created by diagonal pleats, with fullness unfolding to provide a court train.

The bride's fingertip veil of silk illusion fell from a queen's crown of seed pearls. She carried her grandfather's 50-year-old white silk handkerchief for something old, and borrowed her sister's wedding dress. She carried a white Bible, and a bouquet of white roses.

Mrs. Nelita Bahnsen, of Denton, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and wore a mint green, A-line, satin dress of street length, and carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. She wore a bow of white velvet as a hat.

Junior bridesmaid was Terry Lynn Walton, of Haskell, sister of the bride, who wore a street length dress of red velvet and a white bow as a hat. She carried a long stemmed American Beauty rose.

Best man was Byron G. Nelson, of Lake Charles, La., brother of the groom. Usher was Larry Walton, of Haskell, brother of the bride.

For the wedding reception in the home of the bride's parents, a three-tiered wedding cake topped with wedding bells was served from a table covered with a white net skirt over white cloth with a centerpiece of red roses.

Reception assistants were Miss Judy Earles, of Houston, Mrs. Vergil Smith, of Peacock, and Mrs. R. V. Earles, of Paint Creek.

The bride is a 1956 graduate of Paint Creek High School and obtained her bachelor of science degree from North Texas State University in 1960. She was awarded a master of science degree from Texas Tech in 1963.

W. H. Edwardses Are Honored With Open House On Golden Anniversary

More than 150 friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. William Haskell Edwards attended an open house hosted by their children Sunday afternoon on the occasion of the Edwards' fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The golden anniversary event was held in the home of a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Corley, at 302 North Avenue D here.

In addition to their five children and their families, all the sisters of Mrs. Edwards and a brother and sister of the "groom" were on hand to honor the golden wedding couple.

Other children included Mr. and Mrs. Leon Edwards, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edwards, Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Edwards, Weatherford; and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Chilton, Hale Center.

In addition to the towns represented by the children, callers came from Rotan, Abilene, Rochester, O'Brien, Brownwood, Lubbock and Girard.

Lillian Ann Woodson and W. H. Edwards were married on Dec. 24, 1914, in the home of



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HASKELL EDWARDS

Senior Intermediates of First Baptist Church Entertained By Adult Leaders

The Senior Intermediate Department of the First Baptist Church of Haskell was honored by Sunday School and Training Union Teachers and Leaders on Friday, Dec. 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Couch Jr., 1508 N. Avenue F. The occasion is an annual observance at which time the adult workers of the department express Christmas greetings to the youth.

"The party is our gift to you," said Mrs. Ray Nobles, as the festive social began. Mrs. Nobles introduced the visitors, and Mr. Charles Merritt, music and youth director of the church, led the group in seasonal games enjoyed by both youth and adults.

Delicious refreshments prepared by the leaders and served to the young people were home made candies, decorative cookies, sandwiches and Cokes.

Gifts were exchanged, as usual, "in an unusual way." While Mrs. R. C. Couch Sr. played Christmas melodies the gifts went "round and round" and when she stopped the music the youth kept the gifts in hand at that moment.

Mrs. Nobles gave a Christmas devotional that emphasized the fact that actually, the time of year and the age of Jesus when the Wise Men found him were not significant in the Christmas reality. The significant fact is that the wise men went to the manger, and in the lives of Christians, the important question is "Have you been to the manger?"

Mr. Merritt read a Christmas story, "The Littlest Angel." The story emphasized that what God wants is our lives, the greatest gift.

Mrs. W. P. Trice and Dr. Ray Nobles led in prayers of dedication and gratitude.

As is customary, the youth invited young people from other churches in the city. Present were: Dr. and Mrs. Nobles, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gideon, Mrs. Trice, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thomas Jr., Thomas Williamson, Mrs. Scott Greene, Ken Barnett, Tim Everett, Walter Felker, Ray Herren, Riley Couch, Glen "Buzz" Smart, Thornton Gilmore, Debbie Darnell, Wayne Cadenhead, Clinton Calloway, James Wall, Kathy Burson, Laura Sampson, Patricia Toliver, Jo Nell Anderson, Doris Patricia Hilliard, Dana Bland, Pam Reeves, Darrell Davis, Theresa Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Couch Sr., and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Couch Jr.

B&PW Seeks District Conv Roles By Mrs. Couch, "Ni"

Haskell's Business and Professional Women's Club, in a brief business session preceding its annual Christmas social, voted to bid for the district convention of B&PW to be held in this town in October, 1965.

Mrs. W. P. Trice, president, reported.

Mrs. Luther Burkett, recently elected district director for 1965-66, will make the formal request for the convention site.

Mrs. Burkett has served as district director previously, and was a charter member and first president of the club here.

Mrs. R. C. Couch, Jr., presented the Christmas Story, which she en-

Another program of the well-known Nine Teens, group as an joined Mrs. the story with "Silent Night World." "O Bethlehem."

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BY MILDRED GUESS

Al Vera of Stamford spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Raynes Sr.

Mrs. Exa Lott and daughter, Earnestine of Rule visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ashley Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Guess left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey Guess in Reno, Nev.

Christmas Program

A Christmas program was presented by Sunday School classes at First Baptist Church Sunday night, Dec. 20, at 5:30. Christmas carols by congregation and choir, "Christ Is Born" by Beginners and Primaries, "Away In A Manger" by Primaries and Beginners, "On the Nativity" by Arch Mayfield, Christmas carols by the choir, The Christmas Story by pantomime and singing of carols given by Junior boys and girls, reading "The Man Who Brought the Myrtle" by Sandra Dutton, a Christmas Song by the choir, all were a part of the program.

Presentation of gifts to the church was made by Johnny Earp. The church members also gave Bro. and Mrs. Copeland a Pounding.

Four Square Christmas Program

The Weinert Four Square Church had its Christmas program and tree Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Pool, were honored with gifts and all teachers and officers were honored with gifts.

After the program and tree, refreshments were served to those present.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for their words of consolation, food, the beautiful floral offerings and other acts of kindness at the passing of our loved one, May God bless each of you. — The family of Edna Tanner.

Marvin Letzes On Dealer Tour Of Tyler Plant

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Letz, of Haskell, were among a number of central air conditioning dealers, their wives, and key officials of Texas Distributors, Inc., who recently made a pilgrimage to Tyler to inspect the General Electric Air Conditioner plant facilities there.

Dealers from 14 West Texas and New Mexico firms, including the one operated by the Letzes here, were brought to the plant by the Western region manager, Carl Potts.

Texas Distributors officials from their Dallas headquarters and their wives also were in the delegation.

The group gathered at Love Field in Dallas, converging on that point from the wide area from which they hail. They completed their trip to Tyler via chartered bus and stayed at the Carlton Hotel.

A complete tour of the GE plant was followed by a catered luncheon at noon in the plant auditorium. After lunch, the group departed for Dallas to tour the home office of Texas Distributors. A buffet dinner and tour of interesting Dallas points completed the day.

Potts explained that the purpose of the trip was to acquaint the dealers with the people of the Tyler GE plant who make the products they sell.

In addition to Haskell, towns represented by dealers on the tour were Artesia, N. M.; Amarillo, Odessa, Plainview, Midland, Hereford, Lubbock, Roswell, N. M., Clarendon and Pampa.

Here's a wish to all of our friends that the wonderfully-exciting spirit of Christmas come to your house and remain throughout the New Year.

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Cotton Classing Samples Pass Total Of 50,000

Samples classed at the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Munday reached a season total of 50,411 last week. The number classed during last week totaled 7,963.

According to Mr. A. D. Peebles, who is in charge of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Cotton Division Office in Munday, cotton quality changed slightly last week.

Last week's classing showed a small increase in Spotted cotton, and a decrease of 3 percent in cotton reduced because of bark. The Light spotted grades made up approximately 60 percent of the 7,963 samples classed last week. Middling Light Spots and Strict Low Middling predominated, making up 15 percent and 35 percent respectively. The Spotted grades accounted for nearly one-third of last week's classing. Middling Spotted made up over 10 percent and Strict Low Middling Spotted about 15 percent.

The predominant staple length last week was again 29-32. A complete breakdown of the staple lengths show 25 percent 7/8 and shorter, about 50 percent 29-32 and 25 percent 15-16 and longer.

The Micronaire readings last week were nearly all in the 3.5 to 4.9 range. Three per cent micronaired less than 3.5 and 2 per cent were over 4.9.

The pressley strength tests made during the season indicate 94 per cent of the cotton in the Munday territory has a strength of 75,000 pounds per square inch or higher.

The cotton market in the Munday area remained about

the same last week. White grades sold for 6 to 40 points over loan and Middling Light Spots brought 40 to 60 points over loan price. Strict Low Middling Light Spots were bringing 75 to 100 points over Commodity Credit Loan schedules with Spotted grades bringing 90 to 125 points over the loan.

Charlie Quattlebaums Honored On Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Quattlebaum, Haskell residents for more than 55 years, were honored Sunday by their children and grandchildren with an open house at the Quattlebaum residence, 302 South Avenue F, here, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Beulah Hayes and Charlie Quattlebaum were married on December 20, 1914, in a farm home between the old Whitman and Pinkerton communities by the Rev. George Beavers, a Baptist missionary who served as pastor for a congregation which met in the old Whitman Schoolhouse.

The "bride," daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, came to Haskell County from Bell County with her parents in 1905. The "groom," son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Quattlebaum, also Bell Countians, arrived in this area about 1907.

The Quattlebaums, though they did not meet in the county of their birth, also had strikingly similar early childhoods and were both born in the same month of the same year.

Hosts and hostesses for the fiftieth wedding anniversary event were the Quattlebaums' two son-in-laws and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. (Maxine) Caperton, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. (Sue) McMeans, Jr., of Rule, and four grandchildren, Cecil Caperton, Thomas, Max, and Janice McMeans.

Some 60 people called during the afternoon, with an additional 60 sending congratulatory messages.

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Mr. Quattlebaum has retired after more than 35 years with Jones-Cox Co., furniture and hardware firm here, but still goes down and helps out "in a pinch." The couple are very active members of the First Baptist Church here.

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Sagerton News

BY MRS. DELBERT LEFEVRE

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Manske honored their little son, Ernie, on his first birthday Sunday, Dec. 20. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. George Mayfield and family, of Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mayfield and family of Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Manske and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff LeFevre of Sagerton.

Jana Ulmer, a Texas Tech student, is home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ulmer and Jana and Diane went to Hamlin Sunday for the Ulmer family dinner.

Mrs. Ewell Kittley entertained the members of the Stitch and Chatter Club at her home for their Christmas party Wednesday of last week. Those present were: Meses. M. V. Benton, Cliff LeFevre, R. N. Shied, G. A. Leach, Pete Kittley, J. W. Threet, Oscar Gibson, John Clark, and the hostess.

Mrs. Cliff LeFevre led the group in prayer, Mrs. Pete Kittley read the Christmas text from the Bible, and Mrs. Ewell Kittley and Mrs. R. N. Shied read Christmas poems. Gifts

were exchanged from the tree and pals revealed.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bailey of Denton visited in the Delbert LeFevre home last weekend.

Bro. Assian Smith was a dinner guest in the M. Y. Benton home Sunday. Other guests were the Charles Clark family.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt LeFevre of Houston spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. LeFevre.

The children of the Zion Lutheran Church will present their annual Christmas program entitled "On Earth, Peace" at 6:00 p. m. Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, services will be held at 8:30 a. m. The choir will sing special Christmas music at both services.

There will be no church service at the Sagerton Methodist Church next Sunday. Sunday School will meet at the regular time, 9:45.

Services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran on Christmas Day at 10:45 a. m.

Joy Nierdieck, a Texas Lutheran student at Seguin, and Tommy Nierdieck, who attends A&M at College Station, are home for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nierdieck.

Larry Quade, a Texas University student, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Quade and Lyndell for Christmas.

Darlene Tichelman, a Texas Lutheran student, is home for the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Anton Tichelman.

Mrs. John L. Brooks went to Irving Monday to be there when her daughter, Judy, had her tonsils out. Judy is teaching in

J. W. Merrell In Honored AF Unit At Overseas Base

Staff Sergeant J. W. Merrell, a former Haskell resident, as a member of the 6989th Support Squadron at Misawa Air

Base, Japan, has contributed to that unit's earning of the U. S. Air Force Security Service's first annual Community Relations Achievement Award, according to word received here.

Sergeant Merrell and members of his unit were selected for the award for promoting United States-Japanese goodwill through their humanitarian efforts. They initiated and supported "Operation Eyesight," which has gained nationwide attention in Japan.

The sergeant, assigned to Misawa as a communications analysis technician, is a graduate of Haskell High School. His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary J. Brown, 295 South Avenue C here. His mother, Mrs. Ralph Galbreath, lives in Eunice, New Mexico. His father, Calvin W. Merrell, lives in Enid, Oklahoma.

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Funds raised by the Air Force unit are administered through Iwate Medical College at Morioka City and are used to pay hospital fees and costs of medical supplies for the eye operations. Doctor Kietzu Imazumi, famous Japanese eye specialist and professor of ophthalmology at the college, has aided the program by performing all operations without charge.

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WEST SIDE Barber Shop
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Merry Christmas

COOK BARBER SHOP

Roy Cook - Leslie Jones

Best Wishes

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

JOHN BROCK

Commissioner—Precinct 1

News from Rule

MRS. FAYE DUNNAM

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Riggins and daughter, of Amarillo, are spending two weeks with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Riggins, of Rule, and Mr. and Mrs. Manford Reid, of Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Arthur and daughter, of Lubbock, are spending the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kile.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Horton, of Lubbock, are spending Christmas in Rule with the Connor Hortons, and in Sonora with the Rev. R. C. Dowdys.

Pat Bond of Hardin-Simmons University is spending Christmas with the Alton Richards family.

Coach Bill Tibbet is spending Christmas with his family in Mississippi.

David May, of Baylor University, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. May.

Martha Campbell, of Texas Tech, is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell, for the holidays.

Mary Whorton, student at Baylor University, is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whorton, for the holidays.

Mrs. Jess Place left last Thursday for Tulsa, Okla., to spend the holidays with her son and family, the Pete Places.

Mrs. Lonnie Martin went to San Antonio last Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Moore and see the new daughter. The Moores returned to Rule with her Sunday to spend the holidays. The new daughter is named Kimberly Ann.

Jerry Sprayberry of Texas Tech is spending the holidays with his parents, the C. B. Sprayberrys.

Ford Cole of Texas Tech is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Skinny Cole.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jan Fouts, of Lubbock, have a new daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Fouts went out to see her and brought the other two granddaughters back with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Tanner visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rossario and daughters in Fort Worth Sunday.

Christmas In The Country

Ted Keves almost laughed out loud at the bitter reaction of the other passengers when the driver told them the bus was stranded in the small community of Hillsdale. Ted didn't care about the delay. He wasn't "going home" for Christmas as most of his fellow passengers were. He was going to King City to take a new job, and he had a week to get there.

He followed the others as they filed out of the bus and ran the short distance into the general store, eager to escape the fury of the winter storm as quickly as possible.

They gathered about the pot-bellied stove, quiet, oblivious of one another, each wrapped in his own unhappy thoughts.

A big man, elderly, yet straight as a ramrod, entered from a back room.

"Welcome folks, welcome. Nice to have so much company on Christmas Eve. Ma's putting on the big coffee pot and making some hot chocolate for the kiddies. Don't go reaching for your wallets. This'll be compliments of Ben Flowers, who wishes you one and all a very Merry Christmas. If any of you want to make phone calls, reversing the charges, of course, phone's out there in the kitchen. Now, just make yourself at home."

There was a mad rush toward the kitchen. Ted found himself an unoccupied chair near the stove and relaxed.

He was suddenly conscious of the fact that Ben Flowers was shoveling more coal into the stove and that the noise had awakened him. Two youngsters were sleeping on a pallet in one corner. An old man puffed on his pipe on the opposite side of the stove. No one else was in sight.

"Where is everyone?" "Gone to church. Little mission up the road. Minister came down and issued invitations to a special service. Tried to wake you, but you're a sound sleeper, son. In fact, I had to slam this stove door five or six times to wake you."

"Why?" "Just thought you might give me a hand. I ain't as young as I used to be. I found that out. Come along, will you?"

Ted followed the man through the kitchen. The old man pointed to a Christmas tree resting against the back porch.

"Cut that tree and brought it down from the hill. Tuckered me out, for sure. Help me get it in, will you?"

"You're putting up a tree on Christmas morning?"

"Yep, first one in several years. Me and ma sorta got out of the habit, son, not having any folks or any youngsters about. Now, this stopover that is such a bother to you is a real occasion for us. We just gotta have a tree, son, and that's all there is to it."

After that, it was just like Christmas. Ted and Ben Flowers finished the tree, then retired to the kitchen to drink coffee and watch Mrs. Flowers prepare a Christmas meal—turkey, dressing, cranberries, all the things Ted remembered as part of Christmas during his childhood.

The church-goers returned to find that Mrs. Flowers had wrapped a small gift for each one—actually two gifts were left over, because she had erred in her count of those in attendance. No one seemed to notice.

It was an unusual Christmas dinner—served in the early morning, on paper plates. Ted always remembered how everyone had eaten heartily and had happily said goodbye to the old couple at the country store. Someday soon he would write the Fosters and tell them that they'd made quite a scene in King City when the bus roared into town with all the passengers singing Christmas Carols and shouting "Merry Christmas" to everyone in sight.

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Plan for the future on how to cut down operating expenses on your farming operations.

If you have cropland that is not terraced, or the old terraces need rebuilding, a parallel system of terraces may fit your needs, says Harry G. Koehler, Soil Conservation Technician, of Haskell. Short rows between terrace intervals are greatly reduced in a parallel terrace system, thereby saving time. Wear and tear on farm equipment is reduced.

Not all cropland is suitable for parallel terraces due to severe slope changes across the field or otherwise uneven or uniform land.

Many advantages in favor of parallel terracing are fewer manhours required to cover an acre of land, less turning on crops at the end of short rows between terrace intervals. Layout of parallel terrace systems better fit modern multi-row farming equipment.

Somewhat higher costs are involved in constructing parallel terraces on slopes that are not exactly ideal. The Agricultural and Great Plains Conservation Program have set new cost-share rates for building parallel terraces. Parallel terrace average costs are higher than the costs for constructing standard terraces as additional earth work is involved in constructing parallel terraces.

Sam Herren Farm, northwest of Haskell, in the Wichita-Brazos seen at the SCD on the north. An attractive window display in Haskell.

Floyd McGuire, who cooperates with the Wichita-Brazos Soil Conservation District recently constructed a system of parallel terraces on his farm east of Weiner. The field was small with a depression on the lower side, but McGuire was able to parallel the terraces on better than half the field. He was assisted by the Soil Conservation Service at Haskell with the layout work.

Parallel terrace systems are planned to be constructed during the next few weeks on the Cahill Farm, west of Haskell, in the California Creek Soil Conservation District, and on the

Shining Eyes At Sims

For the first time in 22 years, all five children of Mrs. T. J. Sims, 300 North Fourth, will be home for Christmas. It was on the occasion of the Sims' Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1942, that the entire family was last together. Here for a family Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sims, of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sims, of Chillicothe; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hightower, of Tyler; and Mmes. Mart Clifton and Roy Gamble, both of Haskell.

From Down South America Way

Spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Mart Clifton, will be Bill Clifton, his wife, and two children, Ricky and Barbara, who live in Venezuela. Bill is a geologist with Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, based in that South American country. The Bill Cliftons flew into Houston Monday and came to Haskell Wednesday.

Converge On Cobbs

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Kennedy and Will N. Kennedy, all of Seminole, spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cobb.

Mr. Will Kennedy is the father of Mrs. Cobb, and Mr. James Kennedy is the brother of Mrs. Cobb.

Turn to the classified columns of the Free Press for profitable reading.

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—for— FARM AND RANCH LOANS Haskell, Texas

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Buy Bonds For Gifts

Gift of the Wise Man

In search of a gift that bears promise for the future? Then follow the suggestion of Inger Stevens, star of Screen Gems' popular series, "The Farmer's Daughter," and give the gift of the wise man of today—U.S. Savings Bonds.

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

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Merry Christmas Happy New Year

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District Judge

ROYCE ADKINS
District Attorney

GREEN PINE

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Merry Christmas - 1964 -

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The Bu—Joe and

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crawford commend Dr. and Joe E. Busby, of Abilene, for this message at Christmas time, and take this means of passing on to many Haskell friends this wonderful thought.

WANT AD SECTION

MISCELLANEOUS

ABILENE REPORTER NEWS is an excellent Christmas gift for everyday of the year, for every day of the year, for carrier delivery or mail subscription. Call 864-3120, 49-53p

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FOR BAD WEATHER: We will rent you a new 12 lb. capacity G. E. dryer by the month. If you should decide to buy, rent fee will be applied to purchase price. Boggs & Johnson, Phone 864-2346. 481c

BE GENTLE, be kind, to that expensive carpet, clean it with Blue Lustre. Shampooer for rent. Sherman's Floors and Interior, Haskell. 501c

FOR SALE: 40'x100' brick building with garage at back, in Haskell. Contact Ed Gray, 7332 Deville, Fort Worth, Texas or telephone BU 1-4208. Any reasonable offer considered. 51-53p

F.H.A. Tile home improvement loans will cover costs on cellars, patios, driveways, carports, walks, porches, and other concrete needs. Perry Ready Mix, call for estimate on job. 864-2775, Haskell, PR 3-3442, Stamford. 51-1c

OFFICE (OR SHOP) building to be moved. This is the building now in use by Bob Hurst TV shop, 806 N. 7th. Am moving my shop into my garage. Phone 864-3045. 53-53c

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FOR RENT: 2 bedroom house at 1007 N. Ave. H. Phone 864-2600. Mrs. W. W. Weatherly. 51-52p

FOR RENT: Modern 3 bedroom home, unfurnished, 807 North 11th, \$50.00 month, phone 864-2435, or call at 1403 N. Ave. L. 511c

FOR RENT: 4 room unfurnished house, \$30 a month. See T. R. Scott, 600 So. 12th. 51-52p

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NOTICE

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the HASKELL NATIONAL BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the office of said bank in the City of Haskell, State of Texas, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1965 the same being the 12th 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.

A. M. TURNER, JR.,
Cashier. 51-1c

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Haskell County, Texas, will receive bids until 10 a. m. on January 11, 1965, in the Office of the County Judge at Haskell, Texas for the purchase of one tandem drive, diesel powered, hydraulic power control motor grader, 125 minimum HP, with enclosed cab, heater, 12 foot power sliding moldboard with 2 foot extension, 13:00x24 tires, power steering. One Gallon 503 motor will be offered in trade.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any technicalities. By Order of the Commissioners' Court of Haskell County, Texas.

James C. Alvis,
County Judge 51-52c

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One new loader. Gas engine not less than 123 Horse Power. Torque Converter. Power Shift Transmission. 1 1/2 Yd. Bucket with back-up ripper teeth. Not less than 14.00 x24.00, 8 ply tires.

To take in trade, 1 AC Model D motor grader—1 AC Model C Tractor with mower—1 B John Deere, no equipment. 1 AC H.D. 5, 1 1/4 Yd. track type loader.

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FOR SALE: 1963 Chevrolet V8 pickup, 35,000 miles. Butane equipped, radio and heater. Like new. Bob Hurst, 806 N. 7th. 52c

WE NOW have Lindy Auditor's pens in all red, all blue and double point red and blue. Especially designed for every bookkeeping and clerical use. Haskell Free Press. 111c

WANT A BARGAIN: Buy Carter's Rubber Cement in pint containers at The Haskell Free Press. 171c

Magnifying glasses now available at The Haskell Free Press, from \$1.50 up to \$4.75. 201c

PICK UP your 1964-1965 Texas Almanac at the Haskell Free Press. Good for home and school use. 81c

The Good Earth

by MRS. B. F. COBB

As 1964 grows to an end, we pause to count our blessings. How wonderful to be able to live in a country where we can till the "Good Earth" in our own individual way, without someone dictating or taking away our freedoms.

While gardening is at a standstill, many moments of pleasure can be derived by planning a future flower bed. Visit the florist and drink in the beauty of their flowers. Take home a pot plant to nourish and care for.

Soon the ground will thaw, and orchards may be established. Roses can be set out and

any plant or tree that needs a new home may be transplanted.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our Christmas will be made much more enjoyable because our son, Gary, flew in for a surprise visit from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. My other son, Bryant Franklin III and family, will also be with us. We are indeed blessed.



Season's Greetings

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 . . .

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Merry Christmas

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By AL HINDS



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:10-14.

The time for "Old St. Nick" to pay us a visit is almost here again. One of the many things I enjoy about the Yuletide season is the fact the words, "Merry Christmas" never grows old. Year in and year out, the wishing of one-another season's greetings, always brings a thrill, so Prattle's wish for you and yours, is that this Christmas may be the happiest and brightest of them all.

Yes, another year of life's little uncertainties and worries has all but passed, and the traditional season of "Good Cheer" is upon us. Somehow the Christmas season erases from memory so many of the past year's irritants that we wonder why we ever worried at all!

It will be good to gather around the hearth again with family and friends. The crackling of nuts, the popping of corn, the banter of grownups, the laughter of children, the opening of presents... well, it all adds up to another glad Christmas.

At Christmastime, we realize again and again LIFE has been worth living, and that many more holiday seasons are coming. It is truly time for good wishes and good cheer, and for the warmest, finest greeting of all... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Many people approach Christmas with an attitude of complaining, others look on it as a time of leisure, some as a period of gaiety and parties, and still others as a time of profit or losses.

We should think of Christmas in terms of what it means to our lives. We should look at Christmas as a tree of heaven, with presents for each of us.

First, is the gift of hope, kept on one of the lower branches so it can be reached from the gutter, from the bar room, or the lowest ebb of humanity can reach it.

Next is the gift of peace. Not the peace of nations and the world, for there is none, but the peace in your heart and soul that passeth all understanding.

Then there is the gift of help in times of adversity and disappointment, the strength to help people over rough places.

And in the topmost part of the tree, burning in all its glory, is the brightest star of all, the gift of the forgiveness of sin, and everlasting life. That's what Christmas is.

While Christmas centers around the birth of the Baby Jesus, it would have meant little if He had not grown to be a man who walked the earth, was crucified, buried and arose. That is the Christmas story.

If we would abide by the poem below, written by Eugene Field, we would not long for peace and goodwill toward men... it would be a reality:

Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their way
Where, angels singing to and fro,
The Child of Bethlehem lay;
Above the Syrian hill afar
Thou shinnest out tonight, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear,
But for the tender grace
That with thy glory comes to cheer
Earth's loneliest, darkest place;
For by that charity we see
Where there is hope for all
—and me.

Star of the East, show us the way,
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the Child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King in Bethlehem!

Turn to the classified columns of the Free Press for profitable reading.

Singing Sixes Sing For Lions Tuesday Noon

"It was beginning to look like Christmas" at the Tuesday noon-day luncheon meeting of Lions.

"The Singing Sixes," a voluntary group, which began meeting during the summer months, and which has gained considerable recognition since that time, presented a musical program of Christmas songs before Lions Tuesday.

The singing group is composed of Pamela Reeves, Paula Terrell, Maryjane McA D o o, Margaret Cook, Joe Nell Anderson, Danna Bland, and Mary Martin, wife of Lions President, Frank Martin, at the piano.

Renditions of the talented "Singing Sixes" lent an atmosphere of the Yuletide season at the last meeting of Lions before Christmas.

Other guests noted at Tuesday's meeting were Mmes. Jack McAdoo, Bill Reeves, Eldon Anderson, Buck Bland, V. P. Terrell and Bud Cook. Sarah Cox and Homer Melton of Knox City also were guests.

Yule Spirit---

(Continued from Page 1) we don't drive other folks' cars, Mr. Duval loaded the pickup with (our) children, packages, etc., and with a wish for a Merry Christmas, they, Mr. and Mrs. Duval, sent us on our way and said, "Stay as long as you like." Thanks to these wonderful people, we had a wonderful Christmas, and felt we truly had met Santa Claus.

"Since then, Mr. and Mrs. Duval no longer own the machine shop in town. Would you happen to know their whereabouts? We'd like to remember them this Christmas.

"And we hope you might remind the folks in Haskell they live in a friendly town. Once again we thank Mr. and Mrs. Duval and the folks who helped us have a very nice Christmas.

"We wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and God bless you all."

The feeling is reciprocated, Mrs. Pulliam, especially from Mr. and Mrs. Duval, who do still live here, and who recall most vividly the relieved looks on the faces of your children when he loaded them into his pickup and suggested you be on your way to Grandma's. The Duvals have three of their own, you see, and a grandchild, too, all under their roof on the eastern edge of Haskell, first road to your left, first house to your right behind the Lutheran Church.

Besides, Tommy Duval said Saturday when asked about giving his pickup truck to rank strangers: "Those kids had to get to Grandma's, and besides, it was Christmas, you know."

Who can withstand the magic of this date?

Bob Herren---

(Continued from Page 1) bonds program is an integral part of the United States Treasury's task of wise-debt management, and I am happy to assist in stabilizing the nation's economy. The purchase of savings bonds is an opportunity for Americans to demonstrate their patriotism and show our fighting men all over the world that the people at home are solidly behind them.

In announcing Herren's appointment, Gossett said, "Herren has been active in selling bonds for many years, and it is a pleasure for me to appoint him Haskell County bond chairman. He is a valuable member of our Texas Savings Bonds Committee.

Mrs. Gilleland---

(Continued from Page 1) December 17, 1926, in Haskell County, she married Gene Gilleland in Haskell in 1941.

Survivors include her husband, of Lubbock; the son and two daughters, all of the home; her mother, of Haskell; three brothers, Roy of Hamlin, Frank and Dudley, both of Haskell; and one sister, Mrs. Buri Sparks, Clifton.

Too Late to Classify

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY—FOR RENT. Furnished garage apartment, all bills paid, phone 864-2472 or 864-2788. Gene Hunter. 521c

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Sat., Dec. 26—8:00 P. M. Admission \$1.00 plus tax per person

Post Here Helps Fete Legion Chief At Area Meet

Representatives of eight American Legion posts in the area were in Knox City recently to hear a talk by the state commander, Lewis W. Emerich of Houston, who said that we must fight communism with Americanism.

He spoke at the American Legion Hall before a group from Knox City, Haskell, Rule, and Munday. Haskell's Rogers-Cox Post 221 had the largest delegation present, with eight, including one Auxiliary member.

Emerich cited justice, freedom and democracy as the three principles upon which the American Legion continues to strive to be heard. He said the Legion hopes to educate the present generation in Americanism, national security, child welfare and rehabilitation.

The Knox City appearance was part of an official visit to posts in the north central Texas area.

1964 Operation---

(Continued from Page 1)

Highway Department is distributing reminders on danger spots, construction areas, and information on signs and markers to help keep drivers informed and alert.

The Texas Association of Broadcasters is conducting a "Drive Lighted and Live" campaign in which all drivers are urged to symbolize safe and legal driving by driving with their headlights on low beam during the holiday daylight hours.

The Texas Safety Association is distributing a kit of "Holiday Safety Materials" and is stressing the need for courtesy and caution during the holiday period.

And the Texas Motor Transportation Association and its Council of Safety Supervisors is urging all members of the truck and bus industry to participate in the "Drive Lighted and Live" campaign.

Garrison pointed out that studies indicate that at least one violation of the law is involved in almost every incident of a traffic fatality. Speed too fast for conditions was the leading factor in the 1963 holiday season, with almost 35 per cent of the accidents being caused by this factor. Other frequent contributors were driving while intoxicated, driving on the wrong side of the roadway, and failure to yield right of way.

"However," Garrison added, "if this tragedy could be laid to one single factor, I would say that general carelessness and inattentiveness would stand out as a main contributing cause."

"All drivers can do a great deal in keeping down the number of accidents," he concluded, "by following the five basic rules which professional drivers use. These rules are used so often they become habit and add an extra measure of protection when operating a motor vehicle. They are:

"1) Aim high in steering—look farther down the highway than you normally do. You'll find your car steers better and you will be better prepared to anticipate another driver's actions.

"2) Get the 'big picture'—be aware of what is going on around you at all times.

"3) Keep your eyes moving—to be an effectively safe driver you must see as much as possible of the conditions affecting your driving.

"4) Make sure you are seen—even though you take an extra measure of caution, another driver might not... if there is any doubt as to whether or not an oncoming driver has noticed you, be ready to take evasive action.

"5) Leave yourself an out—some accidents may seem unavoidable, but if all drivers would follow this final rule and take necessary action to avoid an accident, the Texas death toll would drop sharply."



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SECTION TWO

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Chapter, Scroll, fourteen

members of Quill and Scroll were inducted recently in the ceremony of

this type at Haskell High School. The Quill and Scroll chapter here was named in honor of the longtime late editor of the Haskell Free Press. Tapped for membership and receiving Quill and Scroll pins were Judy Anderson, Gerre Colbert, Jerre Sue Couch, Gloria Darnell, Michael Felker, David Follstaedt, Betsy Fouts, Steve Harper, Paula Haynes, Eddie Hester, Jernabeth Pitman, Sezy Redwine, Dennis Rueffer and Debbie Wiseman. Six officers among the seven

senior members of the honorary journalistic society informed the inductees on challenging topics prior to their admission to membership. They and the subjects discussed included: "Through The Fog Dimly"; "Truth"; John McCullum, vice president, "Learning"; Lechie Foote, historian, "Leadership and Initiative"; Andrea Baird, treasurer, "Loyalty and Integrity"; and Zona Bassing, reporter, "Judgment and Friendship."

Sponsors of the Lon Pate Chapter, Quill and Scroll, are Mrs. Arlos Weaver and Mrs. Terry Diggs.

Danny Isbell Is Improving; Sends Greetings

Danny Isbell, 16-year-old Paint Creek High School junior, who has been in Baylor Hospital in Dallas for the past two months almost completely paralyzed with a football injury, Thursday sent back to home folks and many area friends his wish "for everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Young Isbell, in Room 443 at Baylor Hospital, is reported within the past few days to be able to move his fingers and left thumb more and more, and there is a sign of movement in his right thumb. He suffered a paralyzing injury to a neck vertebra on the second play of the Paint Creek-Ira football game on October 15, and was taken immediately to the Dallas hospital.

Paint Creek neighbors and other area citizens, including the P.T.A. at Ira, which gave \$100, established a fund to help the parents of Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Isbell, shoulder the financial burden such an experience has imposed.

In conveying their season's greeting, Danny and his parents expressed deep gratitude for the thoughtfulness of area citizens, declaring, "Words cannot express how much we appreciate everything that has been done for us."



Miss U.S.A. Sees Savings Bonds As 'The Perfect Gift For All America'

Bobbi Johnson, America's gift of beauty of the 1964 Miss Universe Pageant at Miami Beach, shows how an attractive wrapping can enhance any gift. But she is quick to point out that, "with U.S. Savings Bonds you give the gift that enhances the future—no matter how you wrap it!" And Bobbi should know. Her father started her out with a bond at birth nineteen years ago, and has continued giving them to her periodically since. She herself added to her bond collection with the purchase of Savings Stamps at school, and continues her bond buying today—for herself and others. "The Christmas gift that is perfect for every American stocking is a U.S. Savings Bond," says Bobbi. "Give one to those you love this year!"

Beth Simmons Has Post In Angel Flight At NTSU

Elizabeth Simmons, of Rochester, was recently installed as supply officer for the Angel Flight, honorary women's branch of the Air Force ROTC at North Texas State University, Denton.



Miss Simmons is the daughter of Phil F. Simmons, superintendent of Rochester Schools, and Mrs. Simmons. A sophomore vocational home economics major at NTSU, she is a 1963 graduate of Rochester High School. Recently, the Rochester co-ed was one of eight beauties chosen to be honored in the 1965 Yucca, NTSU yearbook.

Fe'jows who go around looking for a snap usually get bit.

Persons-to-Persons
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hunter, and their daughters, Kathy and Margaret, of New Orleans, arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas Week with Mrs. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave H. Persons, here.

Truth is stranger than fiction to many a fisherman's widow.

The straight and narrow path is loaded with toll gates.



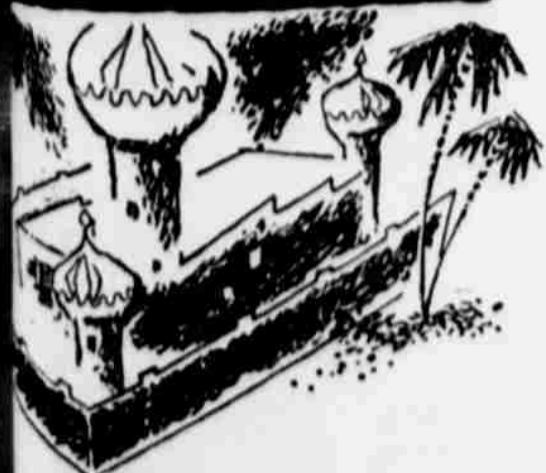
Our wish for you, — may all the blessings of this Holy Day be yours



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Child is born..



Songs of angels rang out with the message of old, may Christmas again bring hope and blessings to all of you!

Anderson Tire Company

Eldon Anderson, Owner
Haskell, Texas



Merry Christmas

Christmas gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation of your kind friendship and loyal patronage; we extend our thanks to our many friends and patrons and hope that the Christmas Season will be memorable.

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Best Wishes

In the true spirit of this most joyous of holidays, we wish all our friends and neighbors a full measure of happiness, health and prosperity.

Kelso Outdoor Power Equip. Co.

FEROCIOUS INDIAN FIGHTING IN THE 1850s, '60s IN THIS AREA

(Editor's Note: All the true adventure and romance of the Old West is caught within the binding of the "Haskell County History" written by the late R. E. Sherrill, prominent citizen-historian of Haskell. Here is a sample, containing his graphic account of Indian fighting in this territory in the early days. We think you'll agree it makes rip-snortin' reading.)

It seems that Haskell County was never a regular home for Indians. It was their hunting ground for buffaloes, which furnished their food, clothing, bedding and shelter material. Over it they passed and re-passed on marauding expeditions to the settlements to the east, sometimes leaving their horses here while they went a-foot among the settlements to steal horses which they prized above all other stock. The temperate climate and physical features of this country, with broken timbered lands on one side and open grazing lands on the other, adapted it to the uses they made of it. Pushed westward to their last favorite hunting ground they resisted with a desperate tenacity that meant extermination to whites by any method known to the savage, rendered more cunning by the desperate struggle of a dying race.

It has been said the struggle in northwest Texas was continued longer and with more ferocity than in any other part of the United States. The fight continued for about 50 years, growing more savage till death or conquest brought the unequal contest to an end.

Judge B. F. Reynolds says, "I would be safe in saying there was not a light moon passed that there was not a raid made somewhere through the country and most always through Throckmorton and Shackelford counties. The Indians worked their raids mighty fine. They would ride in as far as Haskell county, and there they would leave their horses, generally old sore-backed animals, not worth much, and then foot it from there east, sometimes as far as Parker County, and would not follow any road or trail, leaving no signs whatever until they got as far east as they wanted to go, and then would begin to steal horses, and occasionally kill a man who got in their way, and travel west faster than the news could travel; and the first news we would get they would be outside the settlement on their way west. Before a posse

could be collected to follow them they would have so far the start that they generally made a clean get-away; in fact their stratagem could not be improved on."

There are local indications and traditional stories of many contests. We narrate only those where there was serious fighting, usually several killed.

Buffalo Creek Fight
This is probably the earliest of the fights we know about. It occurred in 1857, near the southeast corner of the Thomas Dye Owings survey, some five or six miles southeast of the town of Haskell. Col. Buck Berry while out scouting came upon a bunch of Indians on Paint Creek near the old California road crossing. The Indians began to run and he pursued and overtook them in the red hills of Buffalo Creek, where the battle was fought. A good many Indians were killed and scalped. After night the Indians slipped back and buried their dead. W. R. Standefer found the battle ground when he was hunting his mules in 1881. He took some time in going over the ground as it showed a good many graves and human bones. A number of years ago some boys out hunting came upon the same ground and found a number of human bones still lying around.

California Ranch Fight
This fight is called the Paint Creek fight in Wilbarger's Indian Depredations in Texas, but we know it as the California Ranch Fight, because what we now know as California Creek was known and put on early maps as South Paint Creek. In his Historical Sketches of Parker County, Smythe says, "In June of 1860, Gen. John R. Baylor, who now resides in San Antonio, with his brother, Geo. W. Baylor, his two sons, Walter K. and John W. Baylor and Wat Reynolds visited the Clear Fork of the Brazos where the General formerly lived. While there hunting cattle, these gentlemen were informed of the killing of Joseph Browning and the serious wounding of Frank Browning by a large body of Comanches.

They immediately went to the Browning Ranch of the Clear Fork near the mouth of Hubbard's Creek, where they met other gentlemen who had been attracted to the spot by the numerous acts of the Indians. Gen. Baylor, Geo. W. Baylor, Elias Hale, John Dawson and Minn Wright started in pursuit of the demons, and on the fifth day, June 28, 1860, overtook them on Paint Creek (California Creek) where a fierce contest ensued, during which Baylor and his friends killed 13 Indians. On their way to Weatherford they brought the scalps of nine of them together with numerous trophies, including the scalp of a white woman whom the Indians had killed, several bows and arrows, darts, quivers, shields, tomahawks and other paraphernalia of savage warfare.

Paint Creek Fight
The account of this fight was furnished by W. R. Standefer, who personally knew two of the parties engaged in the fight, from whom he learned all about it.

The fight occurred in 1864, on the slope of the hill at Scott's Crossings of Paint Creek on the northwest side of the creek. A company of soldiers stationed at Camp Cooper was sent out under Lt. Stockbridge into Haskell County to look for Indians. In this company were two neighbors of Standefer, one a Mr. Seymour, then living at Clifton in Bosque County, and the other, Bill Sharp, living at Spring Creek in Bosque County. They found where the Indians had deposited a good many things in the way of camp outfit and buffalo robes. They camped there, and the third morning about 10 o'clock they saw the Indians coming up the valley of Paint Creek with a bunch of horses they had stolen from the settlers. The men wanted to hide close to the camp so that each man could take good aim and each one kill an Indian. The Lieutenant opposed this, though the men all favored it. Stockbridge ordered the men to charge. They charged, and instead of the Indians running, they dismounted and began to fight. Their leader proved to be a brave warrior and very skilful in handling his men. The whites killed several Indians, but Lt. Stockbridge and Bill Sharp deserted, and ran away to Camp Cooper, leaving the men to fight it out. The Whites finally got the best of the fight, for the Indians drew off, but did not run away.

After Mr. Seymour, a very large man, had emptied his rifle and sixshooter, he was charged by an Indian with a butcher knife. Mr. Seymour struck the Indian on the side of his head and killed him. The Indians went up on the hill opposite and dressed their wounded men.

The Indians killed one man named Louis Collins. After the fight was ended Collins was lashed to a horse and taken back to Camp Cooper and buried there. Collins was a cousin to W. J. Sowell, a citizen of Haskell for about 40 years. Seymour on his way home on furlough spent a night with Standefer, and told him all the details of the battle. He said they failed to get the leader of the Indian band, and that he had ever

seen, and understood military tactics.

Double Mountain Fight
A fierce engagement known as the Double Mountain Fight took place April 3, 1867, on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River in Haskell County just below the mouth of Tonk Creek.

A band of Comanche Indians had made a successful raid down on the Clear Fork in Shackelford County about the mouth of Foll Creek, where they had stolen a lot of horses and shot a man, and made their way back up Foll Creek to its head, then over to California Creek and up Paint Creek, thence up Mule Creek, and then over to the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River in Haskell County, where they stopped and were killing and skinning buffaloes, apparently thinking themselves out of the range of danger, beyond where white men would risk going.

A posse of settlers decided to follow them. Taking their trail they went by the Old Stone Ranch in Throckmorton County and got Geo. T. and W. D. Reynolds, and a man named Si Hough staying with the Reynolds family, making ten in all.

They went west taking dinner at the spring afterwards known as Rice Springs, and on over to the breaks of the river just before sundown. From the top of the ridge 2 1/4 miles from the river they saw a commotion among the buffaloes along the river. They followed down a draw to the river. (Note: This was Hemphill Hollow, named after Zeno Hemphill, a cowhand who worked for Jim Reed, and had a camp there.)

They went down into the bed of the river which was dry at the time, and on up the right or west bank of the river, when they were in 60 feet of some of the Indians who were butchering a buffalo while a part of the Indians were on the opposite bank of the river butchering a buffalo. As soon as the white men got on top of the bank, the Indians showed fight, and both whites and Indians began firing at once. The Indians with a revolver in each hand began shooting, those on the east bank coming across to help their companions on the west bank. One of them who could talk a little broken English came forward to meet the whites, cursing and firing at them with his two revolvers. George Reynolds noticed that although he leveled his arm properly in shooting, the revolver was invariably fired at an angle which threw the bullets far above their heads.

Waiting until the Indian had emptied both weapons and unslung his bow, Mr. Reynolds fired, shooting him through the body, and as he turned to run, Reynolds fired again, breaking the Indian's neck. The Indians continued firing till they had emptied their revolvers and then threw them away. They broke and ran, and a running fight followed.

During this fight, George Reynolds was shot with an arrow through his body, and a man named Anderson was shot in the arm. When Reynolds pulled the arrow from his body he failed to get the head. As he lay on the ground he gave himself up for dead. His friend Si Hough rode by and asked which Indian shot him. "The one with the red shirt on," said Mr. Reynolds. Hough answered with an oath that he would have that particular Indian's scalp in payment.

When the Indians made their run they struck across in the direction of Tonk Creek but the whites were crowding them so closely that they turned back towards the north to the cedar breaks where the Double Mountain Fork runs into the Salt Fork. By the time they had reached the cedar breaks, five out of the seven had been killed, and three were then scalped. Si Hough made good his word and returning shortly afterwards, exhibited the scalp as proof, and said, "Here's your man with the red shirt."

George Reynolds was taken home a distance of 40 miles. They tied together the heads and tails of two horses, and made a kind of stretcher between them, on which the wounded man was placed. One man walking on each side held the head of the horses, and slowly traveled this way for probably 20 hours. When the doctor arrived Reynolds was in a fair way to recovery. The wound was probed, though no arrow head could be found, and it was then supposed the head had caught in his clothes and dropped in the sand.

After recovery sufficient to ride once more, George and William Reynolds and some others returned to the scene of the fight, and found the five Indians who had been scalped lying as they fell, except that the wolves had mutilated the bodies. They found also that after they had left the battlefield, the Indians had returned and had buried beneath a pile of logs and dirt the sixth Indian who had been shot, but who had hidden and died, burying with him his shield and war bonnet. But those who had been scalped had been left just as they had fallen. From this it is supposed that it is a custom of this tribe at least, to bury only those fallen warriors whose scalps were saved intact; and probably they thought a scalped Indian could never reach the happy hunting ground.

Fight Near Bill Ward's Place
This occurred after Fort Griffin was established while the Ledbetter salt works south of Albany was running, probably in 1867. At the time Judge

Ledbetter had 16 men making salt, and among them a young man who with his wife lived in a house about 120 yards from the salt works.

The Indians charged while the men were at work. The young married lady called to her husband to come to her. When he started to her, Judge Ledbetter told him it would be certain death to go to her, but he went to the house armed with a sixshooter. Three Indians dashed upon him and he shot all three of them. He claimed one of those he shot was a yellow negro, and that he had hit him under the bulge of the ribs on the left side.

The Indians then retreated, going a northwest course, taking their wounded men with them. The young fellow who shot the Indians put them to flight, and he and his wife escaped with their lives. Judge Ledbetter went to Fort Griffin and got a company of troops and an Indian guide named Johnson, a Comanche Indian. They left Fort Griffin and struck the Indian trail on California Creek and camped there for the night. Johnson followed the trail in the night and found the Indians camped on Paint Creek. He came back about 10 o'clock and reported to Judge Ledbetter that he had found the Indians and that they were making litters to carry their wounded. He said they would doubtless leave very early in the morning, and wanted the captain to take soldiers and surround them in the night and charge them at daybreak. But the captain refused to go. Johnson went back again and returned about 4 o'clock in the morning. He urged the captain to go immediately, but the captain told him he was lying. That was a little more than Johnson could stand. He shook his fist in the captain's face and told him he was a coward and afraid to fight. The captain laughed heartily at the mad Indian, but gave orders to saddle up. They traveled the balance of the night, and saw the Indian fires at the dawn of day. The men were thrown in line of battle and charged for about a mile. Of course this gave the Indians a chance to get away, and they fled leaving the negro and the two wounded Indians on the camp grounds. They found the yellow negro shot as the young man said he had shot him at the Ledbetter salt works. The captain ordered them shot. The negro begged for his life and told them he had been captured northwest of San Antonio. When they realized they were to be shot the two Indians rose straight up in their beds and looked the men straight in the face that were going to shoot them, and died bravely. This was near to where Wm. Ward later built his house between the two prongs of Paint Creek on the Haskell and Stamford road.

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

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Merry Christmas

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:1-20

May This Season Bring it many rich for you and loved on May it bring Health, Prosperity and the Merriest Christmas Day!

JASON W. SMITH

ABSTRACTER—Haskell, Texas

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
My name is Terry Brueggeman. I am 6 years old. I have been as good as I could be, so would you please send me a vr-room for my bicycle, a B-B gun and some B-B's. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Terry Brueggeman
Odessa, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am ten years old and am a good boy. Please bring me a transistor walkie-talkie, a toy station, roller derby skate board, a transistor tape recorder, transistor television, a toy train that runs, Nutty Mad car, a Johnny Jump-o-Leen and bunny shirts. Please remember my brothers and don't forget the other boys and girls.
Terry Hix, 3778 E. Everglade Odessa, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am one and a half years old and am a good boy. Please bring me a little red wagon, a pull toy, a train I can ride, a toy vacuum cleaner and some clothes. Please fill my stocking with nuts and fruits. Please bring my brother something, and don't forget the other boys and girls.
Jerry Hix, 3778 E. Everglade Odessa, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am five years old and have been good this year. Please bring me a Ken and Skipper dolls with their clothes, a bicycle, some dishes, a pair of shoes and some clothes for me. Please fill my stocking with nuts and fruits. Please bring something for my cousins and don't forget the other boys and girls.
Teresa Carter, Box 382, Coahoma, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am four years old and have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of boots, a sidewalk bicycle, building blocks, guns and holster, a vnewmaster and some clothes. Please fill my stocking with fruit and nuts. Please bring something for my brothers and don't forget the other boys and girls.
Gary Hix, 3778 E. Everglade, Odessa, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am about 13½ and I want a tape recorder (transistor). I also want the following in a list. I want five things if possible.
1. Tape recorder
2. Roller derby skate board
3. Waki-Taki
4. Anything, clothes, bunny shirt, black and white, 12 size.
4. Anything - clothes.
Larry Hix

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old and have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a B-B gun and a Johnny 7 O.M.A. and a wagon.
Love, Phillip Cockerell, R. R. 2, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B pistol, a Va-room, hotwelder engine and a gun set. I have helped my mother and daddy. My daddy wants a shirt and my sister wants a Chatty Katy.
Your friend,
Robbie Peiser, R. R. 2, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a shrinking violet, and a slinky. Santa, I will leave you a glass of milk. Bring the poor children something, please.
Love,
Jo Morrison
Dear Santa Claus,
Tell me if I have been good or bad. I water the hogs and cows. I feed the hogs and cows. I want a Buffalo Hunter Set, Okinawa Battle Jacket, V-room motor to go on my bike. I will leave you a sandwich and a Coke. I hope you like sandwiches and Cokes.
Love, Your Friend,
Douglas LeFevre, R. R. 3, Stamford, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an army suit with a machine gun. My cousin wants some boots and guns.
Your friend,
Donald Jones, P. O. 652, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Pepper, and a va-room motor, and a sewing machine, and some clothes for Tammy and Pepper, and their beds.
Becky Neeley

I have been wanting a Miss Barbie and Japanese kimona. My sister has been wanting a Barbie and Skipper and my brother has been wanting a gun and an airplane.
Love, Quala, Kenny and Becky, the Buergers
Paint Creek

Dear Santa,
I hope I have been a good boy and I hope you will give me a V-room for Christmas.
With love,
Jeffery Wells, Paint Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Randy Darden. I am 6 years old and I go to Kindergarten. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a "Johnny Seven OMA" gun, fireman hat, football and a puzzle. Santa, don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Gannaway and all the little boys and girls everywhere.
I love you,
Randy Darden

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl under a year old and this being my first Christmas I can hardly wait for the Big day when I wake up to find what you have left for me. There are many things I would like to have but will only ask for a few little things. A Charming Chatty Doll, a Beany doll with Cecil, some building blocks, a king size playpen, a toy telephone (I broke the one I had), a little kitten that plays music, a stroller, a hobby horse that rocks, a toy piano, some rubber toys I can bathe with, and a Shetland pony (if it will fit).
Thank you, Santa,
Lana Jo McMullin

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll, her name is Shrinking Violet. And I want a Slinky. I like to help Mother and daddy. You will find a sandwich on the table.
Love, Jo Nell Overton,
Paint Creek

Dear Santa,
I have been Good and when you come to my house I will have you cake and tea for you and for Christmas I want a Vroom and play car.
From Eddie Baker,
Paint Creek

Dear Santa,
I wish I could see you sometime. My name is Mary and I do not know if I have been a good girl. But I do wish I am a good girl. And my hair is black. And my eyes are brown. And my skin is brown to and this is what I want for Christmas. I want a Miss Barbie. Their all I can say, bood-bye.
Your friend, Mary Palacios,
Box 35, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun an a bicycle for children, an a wagon.
Darral Crane

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. It will soon be Christmas. I want a Barbie car and a wedding dress for Barbie. I would like a dress outfit for Ken. I would like a Skipper. I would like some clothes for her.
Love, Betty Powell,
1007 N. Ave. I, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
Its nearly Christmas. I hope I get a Bebe gun from you.
Dear Santa, I love you, good-bye, and I want a Bebe gun.
By Santa Claus,
From Richard Gonzales,
R. R. 3, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that is named Miss Peeps or I'd like a rocking chair. I have tried to be a good girl every day. Maybe I may not be just every day, and that is what I want.
Love,
Connie Sue Brazell

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to try to get these things for me and I have tried to be very good and I might have not been good every day but I have tried to be nice. I would like you to bring me a Pat-a-burp and a buffet and TV and if you think I have been very, very good.
Sign, Deb Mickler,
R. R. 2, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Clause,
I am a little girl 5 years old and have been pretty good. Please bring me a gun holster set, house coat and shoes, and anything else you wish, and don't forget my big sister, Judy. I think she wants house coat and shoes, too, and don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love, Carol Sue Lehdle,
911 N. Ave. I, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Brenda Kay Cox. I am 4 years old. I would like to have a talking doll, dishes, a nurse kit and a marking board. I live at 1706 East Cornell in Lubbock, but I will be at Daddy Jack's Christmas night.
Brenda Kay Cox

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Deborah Sue Cox. I am 1 year old. I would like to have a baby doll, dishes, a teddy bear, and a play horse to ride. I live at 1706 East Cornell in Lubbock, but I will be at Daddy Jack's in Weinert on Christmas night.
Deborah Sue Cox

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy four years old and I have a little brother named Chris who is one.
Please bring him a jack-in-the-box and some other toys and bring me a Johnny Seven gun, a two wheel bike with a motor and some clothes. I have been pretty good except when I am bad. I will really try to be better next year. Thank you.
William David Farrell,
Box 222, Solomons, Md.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I like school.
I want a doll and some toys.
Remember my family.
Bye Bye,
Virginia Wilson, Box 154,
Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bicycle, a blue one, and a vacuum form and some pants and maybe a cannon.
I love you
Cris Love

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like to have a set of guns and a truck and a space carnival. Please remember all the other children.
Love,
Sterling Bradford

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I would please like a Pattaburp, and Coke machine, Sewing machine for Christmas.
Bronwyn Bradford

"Ginning Up A Storm" Takes On Real Meaning

Ginning of a 1964-65 cotton crop estimated at a possible 50,000 bales, 14,000 less than that of 1963, has begun in earnest in Haskell County.

However, numerous fields are still full of green bolls, and ginners here say it will be well into January before the crop is baled. The gins of this county had all but finished their season's work by mid-November last year, it was recalled here Monday.

Duncan Gin here this season has ginned 1150 bales to date, compared with a total of 2889 in 1963. Leo Duncan, owner-operator, said, "If the weather stays open, all the next week should be a good one for production," he declared.

Wes Lockett, manager of Haskell Co-Op Gin, which recently put in a completely new plant, in reporting 1250 bales ginned to Monday, said, "We're just getting started." The gin turned out 4400 bales in 1963.

The manager of Farmer's Co-Op Gin, Walter E. Evans, reported his plant has produced 1627 bales so far in the 1964 season. This gin turned out 5882 bales last season.

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Jimmy Strickland Participates In Combat Exercise

Army PFC Jimmy R. Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Strickland, Route 1, Rochester, was a member of the III Army Corps team participating in a recent Exercise Blue Star I, a week-long field training maneuver in Central Texas.

During the exercise, the Haskell County soldier received extensive training in small unit tactics under simulated combat conditions.

The 23-year-old soldier, a clerk typist in Headquarters Detachment of the 1st Logistical Command, Fort Hood, Texas, entered the Army in December, 1963.

He was graduated from Rochester High School in 1960 and attended Texas Tech, Lubbock.

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Midst the many greetings that will come to you this Christmas, we want you to include our wishes for a joyous Holiday and a Rich and Happy New Year.

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with joy and
mess galore!

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City Secretary

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Members of the Auxiliary of Barracks 1816, Veterans of World War I, held installation of officers for 1965 and, with their husbands, had their annual Christmas tree party and covered dish supper recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rueffer.

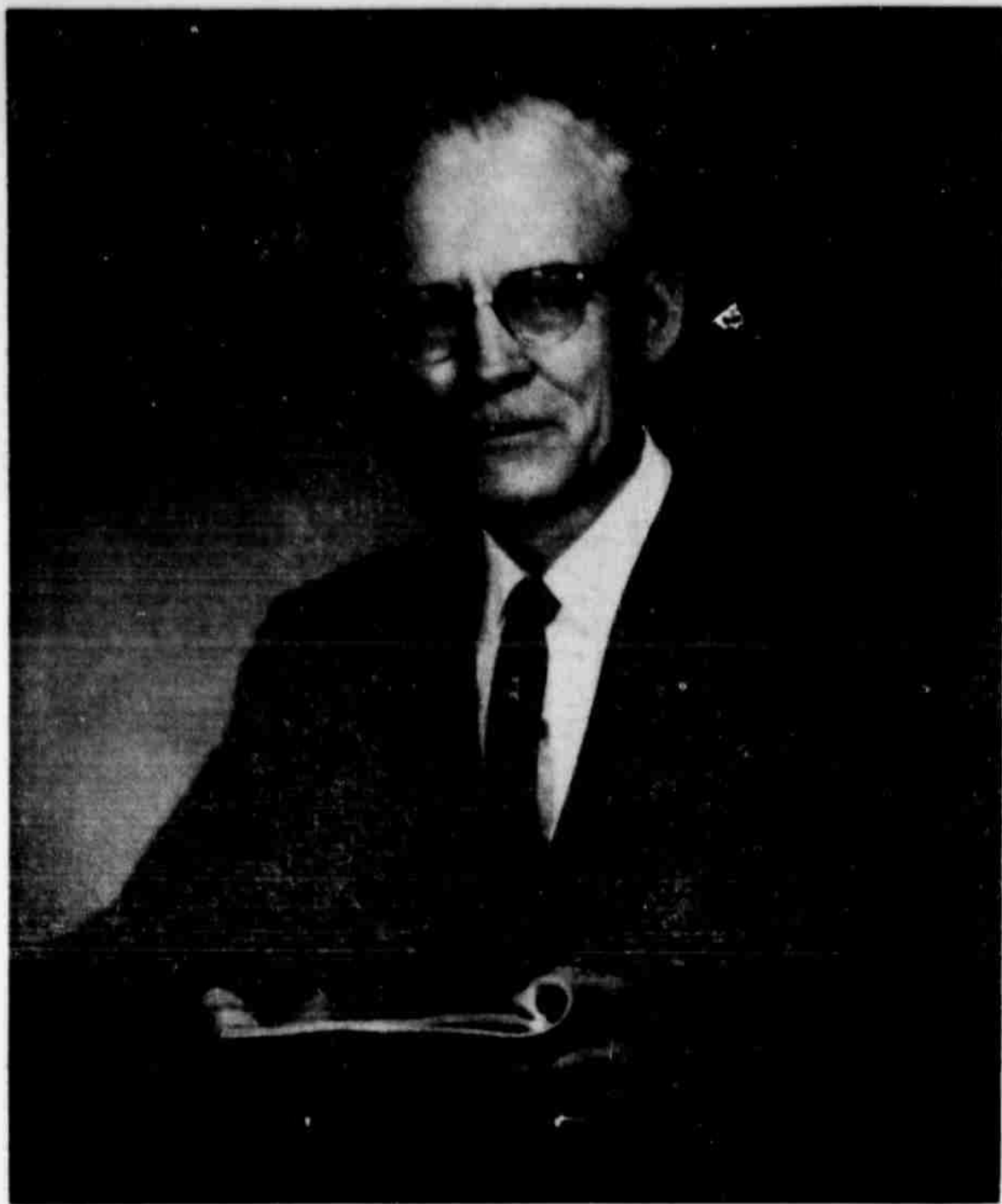
Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Almonrode, of Munday. Mrs. Almonrode, past president of District 13 Auxiliary, was the installing officer.

Installed in formal ceremonies were Mrs. Martin Rueffer, president; Mrs. Irby Branton, senior vice president; Mrs. Hallie Morgan, junior vice president; Mrs. Velma Scoggins, treasurer; Mrs. Annie Howard, chaplain; Mrs. Willie May Brock, conductress; Mrs. Clara Parks, guard; and Mrs. Lou Kuenstler, reporter.

Chaplain Joe Scheets, of Barracks 1816, gave the invocation. Gifts were exchanged and games of "42" and "84" were played following a bountiful supper.

Attending the installation and supper party were: Messrs. and Mmes. Almonrode, Munday; A. F. Williams and E. O. Morgan, Rule; Sam Parks, John Brock, D. H. Persons, S. B. Kuenstler, all of Haskell; Mmes. Bessie Dedman, Velma Scoggins and Lee, of Rule; Thalia Jenkins and Annie Howard, both of Haskell; Joe Scheets, of Haskell, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rueffer.

Next meeting of Barracks 1816 and its Auxiliary will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Persons, 703 North Avenue E, here, at 6 p. m. on Jan. 4, 1965.



JUDGE BEN CHARLIE CHAPMAN IS HELD IN LOFTIEST ESTEEM BY HIS FELLOW CITIZENS

(Editor's Note: This sterling profile of Haskell County's loftily respected Judge Ben Charlie Chapman was written by Katharyn Duff, assistant editor of the ABILENE REPORTER NEWS, for her newspaper, and is reproduced here with her generous permission.)

With folks who know Ben Charlie Chapman best, he remains their friend, confidant and comrade.

No higher praise could be presented this spare, precisely dressed, quietly mannered, deliberately speaking man, a native of Haskell, who is judge of the 39th Texas Judicial District Court. His area of juris-

dition includes Haskell, Kent, Throckmorton and Stonewall Counties.

Ben Charlie Chapman is properly "judicial" in appearance, dignified as the court he operates, except for the way he wears his hat.

That hat, set unconventionally at what might be called a rakish angle were he not a judge, shows there's another Ben Charlie Chapman.

This "other one away from his judicial bench, tends toward a warm, somewhat quizzical smile that matches his jaunty hat, that matches, too, his somewhat striking first name, "Ben Charlie."

Judge Chapman may be a

bit austere, and awesome, a man whose court has a reputation for efficiency and precision in matters of justice, as witness his enviable record on appellate review.

"Ben Charlie" is, as the hat and the grin indicate, a man of warmth, good humor and a light heart, the sort to whom people volunteer their joys as well as their troubles.

It is this second Judge Chapman, away from the courtroom, who is hailed as "Ben Charlie" by half of the people in his hometown, who is stopped on the street by young and old to swap pleasantries, to discuss intimate personal matters, or to debate community problems.

Judge Chapman is a third-generation West Texan—and a third-generation West Texas lawyer and judge.

He was born 61 years ago in Haskell County, three miles west of Rochester in the community of Marcy.

His paternal grandfather, the late Charles M. Chapman, had moved his family to Haskell County as this area was being settled. For many years, he operated a general store and was postmaster at Marcy.

Judge Chapman's father, the late Sam T. Chapman who died in 1931, operated a gin at Marcy, and later, after the old Orient Railroad was a built through Haskell County, moved to Rochester where he was ginmer, had a sheet metal and plumbing shop, and was one of the town's first automobile dealers.

Judge Chapman's maternal grandfather, the late Ben B. Greenwood, lived in Breckenridge when that town was young. A lawyer, he served Stephens County as county attorney and as county judge for many years.

When the present judge was born, he was named, since he was the first grandchild on both sides of the house, for his two grandfathers, Ben Greenwood and Charles Chapman.

His official name was "Ben Charles." But "Ben Charlie" rolled easier from the tongue and that version he has long since adopted as his.

Strangely, he has kept both Christian names. He may on occasion use only the initials, B. C., but more generally, friends call him by his double tag. ("Named for two grandfathers, how could I drop one of the names," the judge asks in explanation.)

The law he inherited from both sides of the house, too. From Grandfather Greenwood, he got the legacy. And from "Uncle Walter," he got it, too.

"Uncle Walter" was the late Judge W. R. Chapman, his father's brother, an attorney, formerly judge of the 39th district court over which this Judge Chapman presides, formerly judge, also, of the 104th District Court which now serves Taylor and Jones County, former member of the Supreme Court Commission of Appeals.

So it was not unexpected that his son, Charles, a 1964 honor graduate of Haskell High School, should have signed up as a pre-law student when he entered Texas Christian University this fall.

Judge Chapman, the present one, was reared in the small town of Rochester, attended the schools there, was graduated from Rochester High School in the class of 1921.

(There were eight in that class, the judge recalls, Robert W. Webb, now Dr. Webb, of Dallas, Lois Mansell, now Mrs. Hob Smith, Estes Brown, now a teacher, Louise Mullino and Homer Brown, both deceased.)

After Rochester, young Chapman went to Stamford, where he got a second high school diploma, "a sort of a post graduate high school course," and then set about the tedious business of getting a college education.

Haskell had by now become home base for the family, as it was to continue. (The judge's one sister, Mrs. Clay Smith, an outstanding civic leader, lives in Haskell.)

Farm land which his family had acquired, and which is largely still family property, may now be of great value, but when young Ben Charlie was trying to go to college, it did not produce prosperity.

He had to go to school "the hard way," on borrowed money, working at any job he could find, staying out of school to work when he ran out of cash. One year he spent as a "soda jerker" in a Haskell drug store. Other semesters, he had part time work, menial class.

Juggling jobs and courses ("When I spent a quarter in those days, I had to know where another quarter was coming

from," he recalls) the judge completed two years at North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington, went on to the University of Texas for two years of pre-law, finally finishing the law course, in 1930, at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.

He was admitted to practice immediately and returned to Haskell where he opened his law office.

His first public service came a few months later with appointment as Haskell city attorney.

In 1933, he was elected county attorney. After two years in that office he ran for, and was elected, district attorney of the 39th Court in 1937.

He was re-elected twice to that office. In 1942, at age 39, he announced for the post of district judge. He was elected, took office on Jan. 1, 1943, and still presides over the court that serves four West Texas counties.

Judge Chapman's love for his area and its people is as deep as are his roots here. His is a small-town background and he is proud of it as he is proud of the fact he had to "come up the hard way."

Here in Haskell, his heritage and his memories are all around him, as well as his present, and his hopes for the future.

For example, he can point across the square to a building which reminds him of the way he got his wife's engagement and wedding rings.

Young Ben Charlie's sweetheart was Mary Sherrill, the daughter of the late R. E. Sherrill, early day Haskell merchant and one of the founders of this town's Presbyterian Church.

The two were married in 1933. But the young attorney was very short on cash, and rings cost money.

As parttime city attorney, he represented Haskell in a case and got paid. Only trouble was that in this depression year of 1933, towns like Haskell paid not in cash, but in "scrip."

Young Ben Charlie took the fistful of scrip and went over to see Hill Oates who operated a drug store-jewelry store.

The two worked out a trade, scrip for rings. And the wedding proceeded as planned.

During the years since, Judge Chapman has been able to do much better by his wife. The chic and personable Mrs. Chapman wears much more beautiful rings now. But those

first ones are the more precious. They are guarded, kept carefully in a bank box, cherished because they, like the judge's education, "came the hard way."

Professionally, as well as personally, these reminders of his life are all around the judge.

For example, his very first case was here in this court over which he now presides.

He won the case, incidentally, but he says it was through no fault of his own.

Judge Clyde Grissom, present chief justice of the 11th Court of Civil Appeals and close personal friend of Judge Chapman's, was then the judge of the 39th Court.

But it so happened that Judge Grissom had exchanged duties at the moment for some reason, and Judge Walter Chapman was sitting on the 39th bench.

Young Ben Charlie's very first client was a fellow charged with illegal transportation of whiskey.

The defense was that someone else had put the booze in the defendant's car.

The slight, youthful attorney went striding into the courtroom to try his first case.

The word had spread that Ben Charlie was about to "solo," and before his Uncle Walter. All the lawyers around the Courthouse showed up to watch. The young attorney got stage fright.

He wasn't helped when some of the older lawyers came over and, with dramatic gestures, felt his pulse. He wasn't helped by others who came over and majestically shook his hand.

His uncle seemed, too, to be enjoying his discomfort.

He was shaking like that well-known leaf, the judge recalls, but somehow he stumbled through the court proceedings.

"The jury must have felt sorry for me. They acquitted my client, and it must have been only their sympathy for me."

As a citizen, as well as a public official, Judge Chapman serves in various community activities. He was very active in Boy Scout work as his son, and only child, Charles, was coming up, formerly chairman of the Haskell District of the Chisholm Trail Council. He has served Red Cross and like causes.

But he is not a "joiner," not a headliner in civic affairs. "Just say I belong to two things — the Presbyterian

Church and the Democratic Party," he suggests.

The work he does do, civic wise, is out of the limelight. He avoids publicity, his very thin files in newspaper libraries show.

He is something of a "home body," as his work allows. He and Mrs. Chapman live here in a comfortable house, which was his parents', and in which his mother continued to live until her death in 1963. (Mrs. Chapman, incidentally, has lived in but two houses in her life, the one here in which she was reared, and this one she moved into when she and her husband married.)

In or out of the spotlight, however, Judge Chapman has a mighty influence throughout the area.

That grows in part out of his position as district judge, a position he respects. (One hobby he has carried on with his predecessor, Dennis Ratliff, has been the compilation of the history of the colorful 39th Court, one which in an early

day serve that spread

years as the District.")

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

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Melvin Norman, Manager

Silent Night

May all the rich blessings
of the Holy Season be yours
throughout the year!

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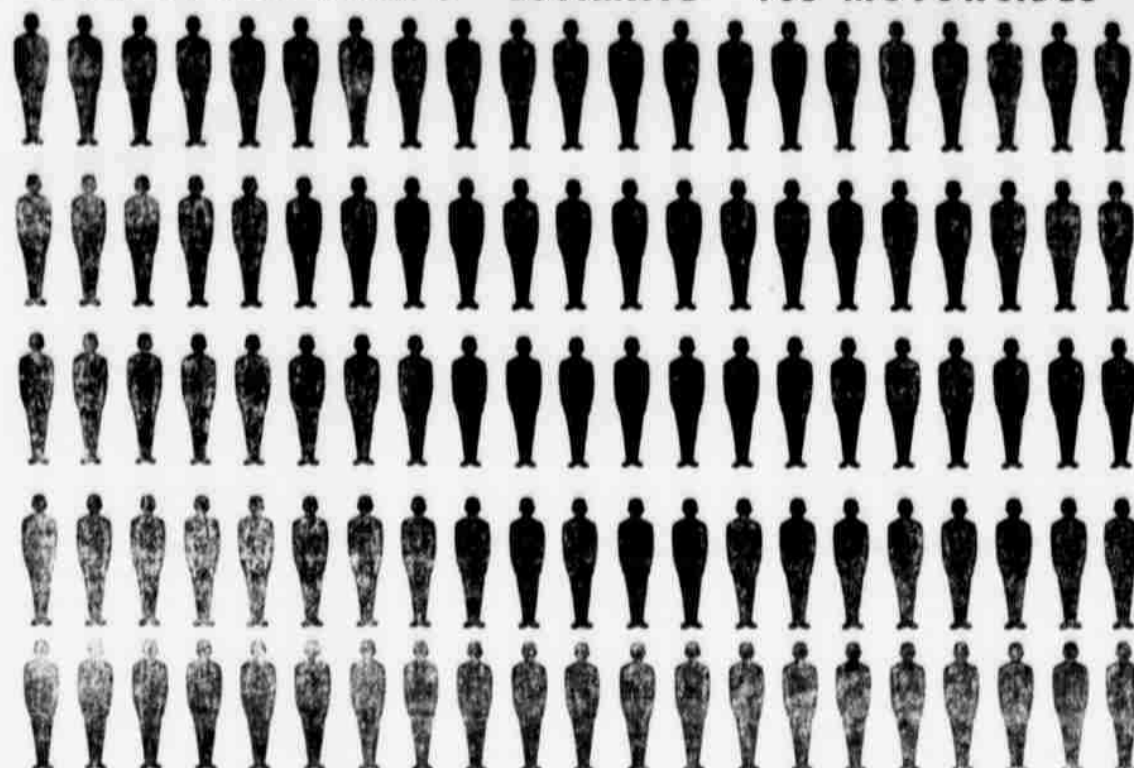
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MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS—Bunny Sams, 14, high school freshman at Knox City's Miss Merry Christmas, who has had work from a field of 24 candidates. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sams.

OPERATION "DEATHWATCH"

DEC. 24 thru JAN. 3 ESTIMATE 105 MOTORCIDES



The figures above represent the estimated toll of 105 lives expected to be lost in Texas traffic accidents during the 11-day holiday period from December 24 through January 3. During this period, the Texas Department of Public Safety will tabulate these tragedies as they occur and make periodic releases in an effort to focus public attention on the added dangers of holiday travel. A special appeal has been issued to Texans to do their part in proving the estimate is too high.

Army Enlistees Get Christmas Leave With Pay

Young men who enlist in the Regular Army during the period December 9, 1964, to January 1, 1965, may be granted a 15 day leave, according to S. Sgt. James D. Wilson, local Army recruiter.

The liberal leave policy during the coming holiday season permits young men to spend the holidays with their families while drawing full pay and allowances from the U. S. Army. The number of days given depends on the date of enlistment. For those who are qualified, classroom courses and one-the-job training are offered in more than one hundred fields. Training for special programs is available in such areas as Airborne, Air Defense, Military Police and Army Bands. Young men who like to travel may choose an assignment in the Far East, Europe, Alaska or Hawaii.

To take full advantage of this liberal leave policy, young men are urged to act immediately. Contact Sgt. Wilson at Room 2110 Post Office Building, Abilene, or call ORchard 2-5665 Collect.



WOMAN OF THE YEAR—Mrs. Paul Cothron, a dedicated home demonstration club leader for more than 25 years, recently was selected 1964 "Woman of the Year" by the Haskell County Home Demonstration Council. She was the popular selection of the combined five home demonstration clubs in the county. Mrs. Cothron is president-elect of the county council for 1965.

Peace on Earth
Good Will
Toward men...

Each year we appreciate more fully the loyalty of friends. A Merry Christmas to all!

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

FELKER'S CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Felker

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:
The new 1965 edition of "Your Federal Income Tax" is on sale at Internal Revenue Service offices. Internal Revenue has added a chapter on community property this year. Community property gives the taxpayer many tax advantages. You can't hardly go wrong in spending 50 cents for this book because you may save yourself a lot of taxes.

CARD OF THANKS
We want to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends, for your words of consolation, for the wonderful food, beautiful floral offerings and other kindnesses at the loss of our loved one, Mrs. Gene Gilliland. May God bless each of you. Yogi, Carolyn and Mary Gilliland and Mrs. Joe Phelps and family.

Planning makes a smooth road for the wheels of progress. Some learn from experience — others never recover from it. People with money to burn often live to rake the ashes. People who won't listen to reason soon become cranks.

HASKELL HIGH SCHOOL
1964-65 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

BOYS' Team	Place	Date	GIRLS' Team
*Hamlin	There	Jan. 5	*Hamlin
*Stanford	Here	Jan. 8	Open
*Winters	There	Jan. 15	*Winters
Open	There	Jan. 18	Olney
*Colorado City	Here	Jan. 19	Open
*Ballinger	There	Jan. 22	*Ballinger
*Anson	There	Jan. 26	*Anson
*Hamlin	Here	Jan. 29	*Hamlin
*Stanford	There	Feb. 2	Open
Open	—	Feb. 4, 5, 6	HSU Tour.
*Winters	Here	Feb. 8	*Winters
*Colorado City	Here	Feb. 12	Open
*Ballinger	Here	Feb. 16	*Ballinger



All-American Gift

Miss Vonda Kay Van Dyke—Miss America of 1965 prepares to present the all-American Christmas gift of 1964, or any other year—a United States Savings Bond. Bonds deck her Christmas tree, but hold no surprises for the recipients since their growth pattern is well established. The Arizona lovely takes her place as another in a long series of American beauties to advocate Savings Bonds as the all-American Christmas gift.



Season's Greetings

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

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Haskell, Texas

Merry Christmas

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



Lowery's Mobil Station
Rule Highway

Rotary Supports Junior College Plan With Check

Haskell Rotarians, already on record endorsing a project to establish a public junior college to serve a three-to-four county area through creation of a joint junior college district, Thursday contributed \$25 to launch a fund to take care of incidental expenses incurred by a steering committee guiding the endeavor.

Roy Johnson, president of the Rotary Club here, handed over to Haskell Schools Superintendent Hooper T. Wilkinson, a member of the steering committee, a check to help launch the fund.

The steering committee, over which Mrs. Luther Burkett, "mother" of the junior college plan, presided as moderator, met Wednesday afternoon in Knox City in the second of a series of area sessions set up to crystallize planning.

Similar gatherings are scheduled in Throckmorton and Stone-wall Counties within the next six weeks. At those assemblies, educators, civic and business leaders close to the junior college picture, at Haskell County Junior College, Big Spring, and at Ranger and Cleburne Junior Colleges will be invited to this area to present residents of this area their ideas of the worth of public junior colleges in their territories.



CAROL GANN



PAT MOORE

CAROL GANN, PAT MOORE ARE SWEETHEART, HERO AT RULE HS

Carol Gann was honored as Football Sweetheart, and Pat Moore was named Football Hero at a banquet attended by the football squad, coaches and faculty, and hosted by the Rule High School drill team recently.

Sweetheart Carol was presented a dozen red roses and crowned by Moore, who, in turn, was the choice of the Drill Team for Football Hero.

Kenny Gayle Ross, outgoing cheerleader, and Paula Pinkard, retiring drum major, served as mistresses of ceremonies. Miss Ross welcomed the banquet-goers, and Moore, senior and co-captain of the Rule Bobcat gridiron team, gave the response.

The Teen Tones and Velvet Teens, two choral groups, provided musical entertainment. In the former group were Edith Murray, Ronda Stryker, Brenda Hisey and Judy Elmore. In the latter were Nan Jones, Susan May, Jill Fannin, Penny Davis, and Jenny Ruth Lisle, accompanied by Mrs. Don Davis.

The coaches, Bobby Williamson, Bill Tibbet, and Ray Ful, enwinder introduced the football boys and recognized those named to the all-district teams. The three coaches and the

Drill Team sponsor, Mrs. Ben Kittley, were presented gifts.

Retiring cheerleaders, majorettes, and drummers presented their successors who will take over during the 1965-66 school year. Sonja Casey will be head cheerleader. Cheerleaders will be Beth Simpson, Edith Chambers, Jill Fannin, and Sue Gann.

Virginia Westbrook will be Drum Major. Majorettes will be Teresa Mahler, Susan May, and Mary Sue Lewis.

Drummers will be Brenda Allison, Cheryl Counts, Linda Green and Charlene Price.

SEASONAL CHANGE

The small town of Hartford, Kentucky, is well-remembered by tourists because of a large sign on the outskirts of town. It reads: "Welcome to Hartford, Ky., Home of 2,000 Happy People and a Few Soreheads." Visitors during the Christmas season last year were even more impressed. Above the large sign was an additional sign: "Even the Few Soreheads Wish You A Merry Christmas."

Mother expresses a wish and it's father who pays the charge.

Girl Scout Troop 462 Pilgrimages To Six Flags

Haskell Girl Scout Troop 462 recently spent a weekend at Six Flags and Fort Worth.

Leaving here at 6:15 a. m. on Saturday, the contingent from here arrived in Arlington at 11:30 a. m. After lunch, the Girl Scouts spent the afternoon and evening enjoying rides and attractions of Six Flags. The group spent the night at the Arlington Girl Scout "Little House."

After breakfast Sunday morning, the Haskellites attended church services. On the return trip home, the girls viewed the famous wax replica of the "Lord's Supper" in Fort Worth. They returned here at 6 p. m. Sunday.

Making the trip were Kay Overton, Janice Medford, Naomi Sanchez, Ginger Howard, Diane Thomas, Kathy Lees, Janet Follstaedt, Debbie Darnell, Donna Gordon, Suzanne Montgomery, Kathy Harris, Cindy Whitfill, Anita Powell, Sara Clifton, Pam Franklin, Dara Stephens, Pam Harris, Pam Burson, Patti Jewell, Suzanne Mercer, Sheila Gililand, Cora Feemster, Paula Wooten, Sandra Lees, Yvonne LeFevre, Susan Gililand and Bruce Clifton.

Accompanying the Girl Scouts on the junket were Mrs. Allen Overton, Mrs. Bass Powell, Mrs. Borden Clifton, Mrs. Burnett Gililand, and Mrs. H. E. (Steve) Stephens.

Needs Supplies And Volunteers

An urgent need exists for old sheets, any color, with which to make supplies for cancer patients in this area. Mrs. Perry Spenny, supervisor of the Haskell Cancer Center in the Courthouse here, has announced.

More volunteer workers also are desired to help prepare bandages and other items for cancer patients' use. Mrs. Spenny said. Work sessions are held weekly on Thursday at the Cancer Center here from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m., and more help could be used due to the mounting requests for supplies, the supervisor reported.

Area citizens wishing to contribute old sheets may send or bring them to the Haskell Cancer Center, Haskell County Courthouse, or leave them at the Welfare Office in the Courthouse when no one is on duty at the Cancer Center.

The service chairman of the center, Mrs. Florence Darden, is continuing to fill requests for bandages, and may be reached by phoning 864-2713 in Haskell.

Volunteer workers at the Cancer Center recently have been Mes. J. B. Edwards, Darden, Spenny, W. E. Brady, Alice Mayes, J. R. Davis, R. R. Overton, J. H. Montgomery, Floy McMeans, T. M. Patterson, O. W. Whiteker, and Eva M. Pearsey.

Jr. High Warriors Hang Up Cleats On 1964 Season

Haskell Junior High Warriors completed their football season with four wins and six losses, and now are well into a basketball schedule.

In his first season here, Coach Bunny Bennett turned out a formidable outfit from material not too deep in experience.

During the season, the Warriors scored 114 points and allowed 120.

Halfback John Martinez led in the scoring with 48 points, followed by Lanny Ivy, with 34. Joe Greer racked up 12 points, Gary Felker 8, and Benevides 6.

Quarterback Gary Felker pitched four touchdown passes and two extra point passes. Joe Greer threw for one TD.

First Loss In Six Starts Indians Go Down In Finals Of Hamlin Tourney

Hamlin's Pied Pipers pipped the Indians back to Haskell after thumping them 61-47 in a championship game of a tournament Hamlin hosted during the week end of December 5.

It was Haskell's initial loss in six starts. The Indians had beaten Clyde twice and Rule once in regularly scheduled play and eliminated Point Creek and Coahoma to gain the tourney finals against Hamlin.

Mike Shivers, of Hamlin, topped the scoring in the glory game, with 19, followed by his Pied Piper teammates, James Ledbetter and Robert Pierce, who had 15 and 12, respectively.

Joe Josselot and Perry Turnbow accounted for 35 of Haskell's 47 points, with 18 and 17 counters.

Haskell and Hamlin took the bonanza in the all-tournament team with two players each. These picks included Josselot and Turnbow of Haskell; Shivers and Ledbetter, of Hamlin; Don Allen, Coahoma; Roger Vassar, Knox City, and Joe Hedley, Hinton.

In the consolation game, Jayton defeated Knox City, 56-42. Gerald Murrel was top scorer for Jayton, and Vassar hit for 18 for Knox City.

Coahoma downed Rotan 61-50 to come up with the third place honors.

Favorites Chosen By Students At O'Brien School

Favorites have been chosen at Carney High School in O'Brien.

Seniors chose Connie Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bryant, and Roy Don Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Henry.

The junior class elected Carolyn Capers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and Bill Duncan.

The sophomore class chose Brenda Conn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conn and Sonny Correll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Correll.

Freshmen elected Lynn Duncan and Olivia Del Hierro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Del Hierro.

The student body elected Jerry Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zollie Thomas, and Susan Vannoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reeves, Jr., as friendliest students.

Winning the "most popular" contest were Carolyn Capers and James Duncan.

All three Duncan boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Duncan.



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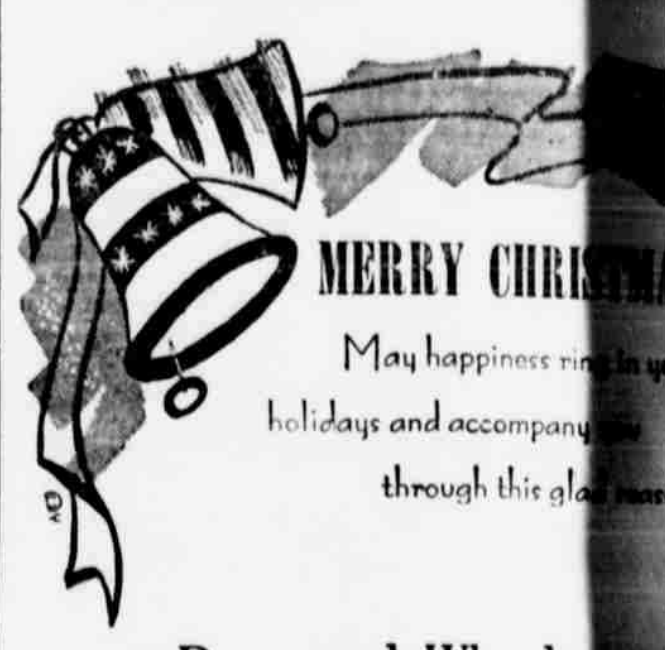
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APPRECIATION

When the close of another year, Sherman's want to pause and express our sincere thanks to the residents of this area for the fine message we have received and which enabled us to remain in business and a steady growth.

Whether or not you are one of our many customers, we still want to say thanks to all and cherish the friendship of everyone and humbly say to each of you.

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MRS. RUBY ALVIS, Drapery Clerk
MRS. DORIS REEVES, Accountant
MRS. SILIO ANDRADA, Mechanic

ADVANTAGES OF "PLANNED" WIRING CITED BY MARTIN

When building a new farm structure or a home, it is relatively easy to build in good wiring. However, to improve wiring later is expensive, reports F. W. Martin, County Agricultural Agent.

Crawfords Place Unique Display For All To Enjoy

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crawford, beloved senior citizens of Haskell, are no respecters of any particular season when it comes to performing acts of thoughtfulness benefiting their fellow townspeople. What they are doing here at Christmas-time is typical of their unheralded activities the year around and just as unique.

Without endeavoring to enter the home lighting or decorating contest under way here, just as it is in numerous towns in the area, the Crawfords, special-ordered a very life-like group of Christmas, gaily-garbed figurines, all seemingly swathed in winter clothing, and symmetrically arranged as a caroling group at their front-doorstep.

One has to go ever so close to the "carolers" to see they are not human beings. And in their midst is a record player from which emanates the soothing sound of lilted voices singing familiar carols which can be heard at a distance.

The unique thing about the display, placed there by the Crawfords for the Christmas pleasure of their fellow citizens, is that there are 16 of the figurines, one for each of the Crawfords' 16 grandchildren.

And each of those "carolers" on the Crawford porch has his or her name attached to a headpiece or garment.

Final Tally Is 264-24 Favoring Cotton Supports

Haskell County farmers voted 264 to 24 for price supports in the cotton referendum last week, Lloyd Feemster, manager of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, reported.

A total of 288 votes were cast in the county, and the original tally was 226 to 19, with 43 challenged ballots before the County ASC Committee canvassed the vote Wednesday. The committee recorded 38 additional "yes" votes, and only five dissenting in the referendum, Feemster said.

In the majority of the challenges, it appeared farmers had cast votes at polling places other than those where their names appeared on eligible lists. They are permitted, however, to vote any place in the county under certain circumstances, and the challenges were thus cleared upon checking.

Three of Haskell County's nine polling places had no dissenting votes as farmers were unanimous in their support of price supports. These were at Paint Creek, Mattson-Irby and Weinert, which had total votes of 18-0, 15-0 and 17-0, respectively. In Haskell, the farmers okayed quotas 56 "yes" to 1 "no."

Haskell County received a slight increase in cotton acreage for the new year, about 88 acres, making the total approximately 115,000 acres, Feemster has announced.

HOLIDAY STAINS

How do you remove Christmas stains? The best trick to remember is to work fast. Don't let the stain set in the fabric. Even a short delay can be disastrous.

Following are directions for treating washable fabrics to remove the stains you will most probably encounter during the holidays.

Ballpoint ink—use carbon tetrachloride to remove the stains. Soak in warm soap or detergent suds, then wash and rinse in clear water. If discoloration remains on white or bleached material, use a mild bleach and launder again.

Candle wax—scrape off excess wax with a table knife. Place stained spot between blotters (white) and press with hot iron. Then rub spot gently with turpentine and wash in warm suds.

Glue—soak in warm suds until dissolved; then launder in fresh warm suds.
Chocolate or cocoa—wash in hot suds. Treat any remaining stain with a weak solution of household bleach or hydrogen peroxide and launder again in hot suds.

Meat juices—soak in cool water; then wash in hot suds.
Gravy and white sauce—soak in cool water then wash in hot suds.

Paint—if fresh, use lots of suds. Otherwise, apply turpentine or kerosene and then wash in hot suds.

Alcoholic beverages—soak or sponge with cool water at once, then wash in warm suds.

good wiring that can be taken now:

1. Evaluate the present electric power needs. A good electrical contractor or power supplies representative can help with the planning.

2. Wattage requirements for lighting, built-in equipment and portable appliances should be figured. Have the electrical contractor arrange reasonable loads for each circuit so that there will be ample spare capacity.

3. Keep the use of extension cords to a minimum by having outlets where needed. Extension cords do not increase power capacity but can cut down considerably on power delivered if the size of wire is too small for the electrical load or for the length of the cord.

4. Frequent blackouts caused by blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers are warnings that wiring is inadequate. Heed these warnings because they forecast trouble. Prevent such trouble in new or remodeled wiring by following good wiring practices.

Obtain experienced help when planning wiring. The cost of good wiring, which may vary from two to five percent of the total cost of the structure, is a small price to pay for such an important item.

Numerous bulletins on wiring and other phases of electrification are available at County Extension Offices.

Deadliest Season For Traffic Now Here, Jircik Says

Reporting the traffic accident toll for Haskell County during November, Sergeant Frank Jircik, state highway patrol supervisor in this area, reminded Monday that December, 1963, was "the most deadly month on the highways in the history of Texas. Please do not let this become a reality again," he warned.

There were six rural traffic accidents in Haskell County in November, resulting in injuries for nine persons and a property damage loss of \$5,300, Sgt. Jircik reported.

Summarizing rural traffic accidents from January through November in this county, the totals show 55 crashes, with two persons killed, 28 injured, and \$27,350 in property damage.

The most deadly month of the year is here again, Sgt. Jircik pointed out. He said that during each month of the past five years, there has been but one single instance when there was a higher traffic toll than consistently in the month of December. Of the 12,171 persons killed on Texas highways during the five-year period, over 10 per cent of them died during December.

Of the 1,246 persons killed in traffic accidents during December over the past five years, more than 30 per cent were killed during the Christmas holidays. "This means the Christmas holidays are about three times as deadly as the remaining days during the month of December," said Sgt. Jircik, in emphasizing a need for vigilance and caution at this particular season.

Son-In-Law Of The Alsabrooks Gets Pilot Wings

Second Lieutenant Gus E. Myers, husband of a Haskell native, has been awarded U. S. Air Force silver pilot wings upon graduation from flying training school at Webb AFB in Big Spring.

Lieut. Myers' wife is the former Kathryn Alsabrook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Alsabrook, of Haskell. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Myers, of Windsor, Ill.

He is being assigned to Holloman AFB, New Mexico, for flying duty in a unit which supports the Tactical Air Command of providing firepower and other air support to U. S. Army forces.

The lieutenant, who received his B. S. degree from Eastern Illinois University, was commissioned upon completion of Officer Training School.

Three Honored At Banquet Of Postal Employees

Three retired employees of the Haskell Post Office were honored at a banquet of the Brazos Valley Postal Employees Association recently in Sam's Cafe here.

J. M. Diggs, J. M. (Mack) Williams and Hess H. Hartfield were the honored guests. Hosts for the occasion were Haskell Postmaster and Mrs. Harold Spain, and employees of the Haskell Post Office and their wives.

Mary Yates And Ricky Perry Are Feted At Vernon

Mary Yates, of Weinert, and Ricky Perry, of Paint Creek, Haskell County's 4-H Gold Star Girl and Boy for 1964, were among 44 Gold Star award recipients from 22 West Texas counties honored at the annual District 3 4-H Gold Star luncheon in Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium in Vernon Saturday noon, December 5.

Mary and Ricky received their cherished Gold Star pins at the luncheon sponsored by West Texas Utilities and District Extension Agents Fern Hodge and J. G. Simmons.

On hand for the occasion were the Haskell County recipients' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yates, of Weinert, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry, of Paint Creek, as well as County Agent Frank W. Martin.

Also honored at the luncheon was J. S. Bridwell, Wichita Falls oil and cattleman-philanthropist, a longtime friend of agriculture and the 4-H program.

Speakers for the event were Jack Hightower, State Senator-elect, of Vernon, and retiring State Senator George (Cotton) Moffett, of Chillicothe.

D. E. Reagan, of Fort Worth, chief of schemes and routing in the regional Post Office in that city, was the principal speaker on the subject of mail handling just being inaugurated in this area, and the use of ZIP codes. "The Nine Teens," well-known Haskell High School choral group, furnished musical entertainment.

More than 100 attended, representing the following cities and towns: Knox City, Anson, Abilene, Avoca, Benjamin, Goree, Munday, Sagerton, Rochester, Weinert, Stamford, Rule, Seymour and Haskell.

Jeff Graham, postmaster at Knox City, is president of the association, and Gerry Newberry, of Rochester, is secretary. Membership of the postal employees group embraces Haskell, Knox, Baylor, Jones and Taylor Counties.

Haskellite Arrives In Korea For Duty With Eighth Army

Army PFC Jayvino D. Sotelo, son of Mrs. Matilda D. Sotelo, of Haskell, has been assigned to Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, in Korea, according to word received here.

Sotelo, a clerk, typist, entered the Army in January, 1963. He completed basic training at Fort Polk, La., and was last stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

The 21-year-old soldier is a 1962 graduate of Haskell High School.

Merry CHRISTMAS

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NORTHWEST CORNER of the SQUARE
HASKELL, TEXAS

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

W. W. (Bill) Reeves
County Clerk
Betty Gibbs, Deputy
Minnie Lee McKelvain, Deputy

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.

TEXACO, INC.
FRED GILLIAM—Consignee

- Chester Cunningham Station, Haskell
- Shipman Motor Service, Lake Stamford
- Dick Tracy Station, Haskell
- Gene Campbell Station, Haskell
- Bob Mapes Service Station, Haskell
- M. C. Wilfong Station, Haskell
- Allison Texaco Station, Rule
- R. V. Earles, Camp
- East Side Texaco Station, Haskell





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

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

In his days shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

—from the 72nd Psalm

Late Al Williams Memorialized In Rail Publication

A Christmas message to Mr. and Mrs. Jetty Clare from Mrs. Al Williams, widow of Haskell's depot agent for a number of years, who died suddenly of a heart attack shortly after being transferred to Decatur, contains a poem about Mr. Williams published soon after his death.

The poem, written by a close family friend, Mrs. Dick Coffey, of Vernon, is printed here, that it may be shared by the host of Haskell area friends who loved, and were loved by, Al.

The warm tribute appeared in a recent issue of "The Railroad Telegrapher," official publication of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, of which Al was a longtime member. "Always, I'll remember Al—

Brown eyes twinkling, such a tease!
Soft voice, saying things to please.
Kind face, lighting up with pride,
For Audie Nan, his cherished bride;
For Gail, his source of countless joys;
For Guy and Vic, his sons—"fine boys!"
Yes, always, I'll remember Al.
I saw him from the train that day.
He smiled and waved us on our way;
As through the years, now past, now gone,
He loved each train and cheered it on;
To dreams fulfilled—to rainbow's end,
Just out of sight, around the bend;
And now—a whistle far, then near,
Al's train came by, and he's not here;
Yet, he lives on—and always shall.
For many hearts remember Al."



Merry Christmas

BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

FOUTS DRY GOODS

ROTARY FETES MRS. WITHERS; SPEECH STUDENTS "WOW" 'EM

Mrs. Henry (Ruthie) Withers, "Sweetheart" and pianist for the Rotary Club of Haskell for the past six years, was honored at the luncheon meeting of the club here Thursday and presented a gift by President Roy Johnson "with all our love and appreciation."

The gift was an expression of gratitude of Rotarians here for "the loyal service" of Mrs. Withers, who seldom has missed a meeting of the club here. She is the wife of the manager of the Haskell office of West Texas Utilities.

Rotarian Hooper T. Wilkinson was program chairman on Thursday, calling upon speech students of Mrs. Terry M. Diggs, of Haskell High School,

Carol Jo Kjerpeka, Shirley Larned and Robert Speer.

Special guests were Rotary Anns Mrs. Ed Hester and Mrs. Alvin Sherman, and Harry Bryant, of Plainview, visiting Rotarian H. V. Woodard.

Two Haskellites Are Enrolled At Wayland Baptist

Two students from Haskell attending Wayland Baptist College at Plainview, both were preceded at the school by relatives.

Miss Susie Ozuna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silvestre Ozuna, is a 1964 graduate of Haskell High School. She is a freshman business major and was preceded at Wayland by a sister, Christy.

Alma Galindo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Galindo, is also a 1964 graduate of Haskell High School. He is a freshman sociology major. He followed his mother, and a brother, William, to the Plainview school.

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!

COFIELD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

EGG NOG

Eggnog's popularity is such that at Christmas and New Year's, the drink can be found in nearly every average American home.

It is generally believed that Eggnog came to us from the Old English sack-possot, a hot drink which contains the same ingredients—milk, eggs, sugar and nutmeg. No one really knows who invented Eggnog. Researchers just say that it goes "way, way back and like Topsy, it "grew and grew."

The flavorful taste of Eggnog is not the only reason for the drink's popularity. Eggnog is easy to make, it goes a long way, and it allows the hostess to have as much fun as anybody else without having to worry about the guests. Eggnog is a serve-yourself drink, and most folks seem to prefer to fill their cup themselves.

Eggnog is flexible. That is, you can make a lot of it in one batch if you've got a large enough punch bowl and your refrigerator is particularly spacious. On the other hand, Eggnog can be made in smaller quantities—which are equally delightful and flavorful.

- A typical recipe would include:
- 6 eggs, separated
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup light or whipping cream
 - 2 cups milk
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
 - Freshly ground nutmeg
- Beat egg yolks and sugar until thick and lemon-colored. Beat in cream, milk, salt and vanilla. Beat egg whites until they hold stiff peaks; fold in to egg yolk mixture. Served in chilled punch bowl; sprinkle with nutmeg. (Makes 2 1/2 quarts).

Some men allow day dreams to get a strangle-hold on duty.

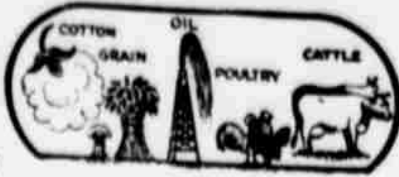
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! THE NEW FIELDAN MOTEL

DEAR FRIENDS—

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

—FROM THE GANG AT—

CABLE VISION COMPANY



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy 4 years old. I've tried to be very good. Would you bring me a horse van with some horses and a tractor. Don't forget my two sisters and two brothers that are older than I. Bring some candy, too.
Love—Charles D. Ray, 1411 N. Ave. J, Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I am a boy ten years. I would like for you to bring me a football suit and a Bible for Christmas. My little brother, Joe, would like a little red wagon for Christmas and lots of fruit and candy.
Your friends — Glendon and Joe Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jill Ann Adkins and I am four years old. I think I have been good girl so please bring me the things I ask for. First I want a big tricycle, a Penny Brite doll, furniture for my playhouse, a quilt for my baby doll and a little lamb that won't bite. Please be nice to all the other girls and boys to.
Thank you—Jill Ann Adkins, Haskell
P. S. My address is 1606 Ave. E

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy who has started to school this year. I have tried to be a good little boy. I would like for you to bring me a farm set and a Bible for Christmas and lots of nuts, fruit and candy.
Your friend—Johnny Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. I would like a doll and suit case and a bottle for the doll. Please leave lots of nuts, fruit and candy. Please don't forget my little baby brother, Bobby, who would like a rattle.
Your friends—Floredan and Bobby Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 3 years old. I can't write so my mother is writing for me. I would like for you to bring me a doll and buggy, also tricycle. Bring my sister a marching suit, baton and boots. Bring my brothers BB guns. They want them to look like a 22. Oh yes, I want a marching suit, also.
Thank you—Marla Jo Lehmann, Sagerton, Texas 79548

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy in the second grade. Please bring me a Gung Ho Commando Outfit and a Surprise.
Love, Gregory Myers, Box 8, Weinert, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old. I would like a Baby Doll that cries, a wardrobe case and a surprise. Please remember all little boys and girls. Also my big sister, Diane.
Love—Mary Kim Myers

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Pebbles doll for Christmas, also a Chick-U-Bator and skates. My brother, Bill, wants a Big Bruiser.
Thank you—Vanessa Tabor, Sagerton, Texas 79548

Dear Santa,
I would like a football suit and shoes and also a basketball and track suit, white tennis shoes. I would like an spray dectair game too.
Love—Johnny Earp

Dear Santa,
I want a sled and I want a plane. My sister wants an Indian doll. I am a good boy.
With love — David Dearing, Fielding Apartments, Haskell

Dear Santa,
I am almost 1 yr. old and I would like to say I loved you in the Santa Claus parade at Haskell. I really get a kick out of all that noise, too. Would you please bring me a baby doll (with hair), a red wagon with blocks in it, a pull toy, a musical chime roller, and a horse to ride. This will be my first Christmas.
Thank you so much, Karla Denise Brothers, Rule.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old. I would like a Susie Smart and a doll buggy and a Bible for Christmas. Please leave me lots of nuts, fruit and candy.
Your friend—Margaret Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good little girl. So would you bring me a Penny Brite doll, and her Hair Parlor, also her Anchor Aweigh suit, Flower Girl suit. Also I would like some Skipper Clothes and case. I would like a V-room! Motor for my bike. Also would you bring me an Animal Talking Game. Do not forget my big sister.
With love—Debbie Thomas, Route 1, Weinert

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl seven years old, and in the second grade. Mrs. Wilkinson is my teacher and I like her very much. I want an Allan doll and Skipper clothes and dog and Sweetie Pie doll.
Love—Kathy D. Perrin, 906 N. 10th Street

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me baby bright. My little brother wants a little clown.
With love—Connie Turnbow, Steven Ray Turnbow, 1101 N. Ave. K, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some toys. This is what I want: I want a football suit, a Cub Scout I. D. bracelet. I want a Dack Flag desk set, also a Dr. bag. I want a football game, a pool game, too.
Love—Robin Colbert, 1310 N. Avenue H, Haskell

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl in the second grade. I'm 8 years old. I would like to have Vacu-form and I would like a light for my bike. Don't forget to bring my brother some toys, and don't forget all the other boys and girls.
Laquita Diann Rogers

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 16 months old. My name is Becky. I have been a good girl this year. I can't say Santa Claus, so I just call you Claus. I would like a doll and a rocking horse. I live in Seminole, Texas, but I will be at my grandparents' house for Christmas. My grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell. Please don't forget all my little cousins.
Love—Becky Wallace, Box 953, Seminole, Texas

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a pretty good little girl. So when you leave that cold north pole, would you please bring me a few of your lovely toys from your workshop. I would like to have a Cuddly baby doll, some dishes, a doll high chair, a pretty red velvet dress and anything else you might like to bring me. Please, Santa, don't forget all the little boys and girls who aren't as fortunate as I to have a mommie and daddy to help you decide what they would like for Christmas.
I love you ever so much, Sandra Lynnette Brothers, (Age 2), Rule, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade and for Christmas I want a watch. I also want a doll and a bicycle. My little sister would like a little bicycle. She would also like a doll. She would like a Skipper. My big sister would like shoes and a dress. She would like a housecoat.
With love, Bobbie Carter, 102 South Avenue I, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some Barbie Doll clothes for Christmas and some Skipper Doll clothes. I want a duster for Christmas, also. I have been good this year. My cousin wants a doll with some clothes. She wants a dress to fit her, also. She has been real good this year.
With love, Linda Bartley, 1001 S. First, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I think I have been a good little girl. I am in third grade. I have been working hard. I am nine years of age. For Christmas I want a bicycle, a watch and a doll.
With love—Yalanda Villarreal, 306 Avenue N, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you get to see all of us girls and boys. May I have little bicycle. She would also be fine. I want a doll buggy. I have been a good little girl. I am 8 years old.
With love—Debbie Finley, 506 North 9th, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old. I am in the third grade. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Pata Burp doll, some Ken clothes and a record player. I have tried to be a good girl. Remember all the other boys and girls.
With love—Cathy Larned, 103 N. Avenue M, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll and some clothes. I have been a pretty good girl. Don't forget my two little sisters, and brother.
With love—Charlotte Bales, Route 2, Haskell

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.

SAM'S CAFE
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crume

MERRY Christmas

The Yuletide season is a wonderful time. It comes fun and laughter for the children, good cheer and pleasure for the grown-ups. May all the happiness that comes to you and your dear ones this Christmas continue throughout the New Year.

WILSON'S SUPER SERVICE
—MOBIL PRODUCTS—
W. (Biggon) Drinnon, Owner
Phone 864-8997

Very Merry Christmas

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!

The FARMERS NATIONAL BANK
OF RULE
Executive Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Pearl Rinehart, Asst. Cashier
Henry Townsend, Assistant Cashier Polly Cox



Season's Greetings

To all our friends for a happy holiday season.

TILLIE'S DRIVE-IN

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 year.

THE SMART LAUNDRY
—DAVID C. AND MARIE SMART—

OL' HUB, 22-YEAR-OLD CUTTING HORSE UPHELD COWBOY'S FAITH IN 1898 REUNION IN HASKELL

Not too many weeks from now throughout West Texas, one of the last frontiers of the cowboy, it will be Spring again.

The sight of young fillies, and baby horse colts kicking up their newly discovered heels will start the conversation among cowboys, a unique, fast-winding breed in Haskell country, on a subject cowboys like most to discuss—their horses.

And here is a story of the greatest cutting horse of them all, or so folks in this territory claim, "Old Hub."

The year was 1898. By this year, most of the grazing land in this region was fenced.

This part of the country had been one big 50,000,000-acre pasture without a fence to taint it.

But the old West, of which Haskell country was the geographic pivoting place, had undergone some drastic changes. Wire fences had stopped the common herding of cattle.

The old cowhands had cut off in separate ranches after having worked for the big spreads. But they longed to get together and swap yarns again with their old buddies.

To recharge the friendship of the cattle country, a big cowboy reunion was announced in 1898.

It was held the first time at Seymour, and 10,000 of teeming, parentheses-legged specimens packed the Baylor County seat. It was repeated there in 1897.

Then the big event was moved to Haskell. A most interesting attraction was added—a \$150 prize would be posted for the best cutting horse in a contest to be held at the reunion.

Sam Graves, the best cutting horse trainer the West had ever known in the estimation of range riders hereabouts, was one of the cowboys who had gone into the cattle business for himself.

He chose a site in "Little Arizona" not far from the 8 Ranch, which became the famed Four Sixes headquartered at Guthrie in King County.

Sam heard about the cutting contest here in Haskell. Dogie Graves, his son, who lives in Lubbock today, recently quoted his late Dad as saying at the time, "If Old Hub's still alive, we can win it."

The contest was several weeks off. It would be a "dinner"—a cutting contest to end—or was this the genuine start—all cutting contests.

The best working cutting horses in the western part of the world were destined to be here. The winner would indeed justifiably wear the crown earned by the "King of the Cutting Horses." Competition would be inexpressibly keen.

Sam Graves knew where Old Hub was. Yet the once-great bay horse Sam had known would be more than 20 years old and had been out to pasture for a long time. To die.

But Sam had to have him to ride once more—in that contest.

Sam rode over to the 8's where Bud Arnett had retired Hub after years of faithful service. Bud reckoned Old Hub is over there in the cedar brakes munching grass or orter be."

Sam found Old Hub, a lean, ragged remnant of the fine bunk of horseflesh of other days. His ribs could have been counted by Sam, and you could hang a hat on his hipbones.

The one-time fine, sleek cutting horse of the old 8 Ranch was now 22 years old... and apparently ready to die.

But as Sam sadly observed the old horse, he remembered him as a frisky 2-year-old bay colt (reddish-brown in color, near chestnut) again—when Sam had split 2,000 post oak rails to "buy" him from Bill Wood at Jacksboro.

Arnett knew how much Graves loved Old Hub, so he said: "Take him over to your place, and train him up. He's forgotten more than most cutting horses ever learn."

Sam took Old Hub to his place and fed him soaked oats and prairie hay. The wily horse was trained again by the master trainer and exercised. After a few days, Hub's ribs disappeared and his flesh rounded smoothly over his hip bones. He began to look like the beautiful bay horse Sam had known years before.

Within 10 days, Sam tried Hub on a little "cow work," and the old horse came alive! He could cut a yearling out of the herd with his oldtime fire and zip.

Sam knew then and there that his old four-footed pal would be vying with the best of 'em at Haskell.

Ten days' tender care and good food later, it was time to start for the reunion. Sam made the trip from King County, some 65 miles, in a hack and led Hub behind it. Made in slow, easy stages, the journey required about two days.

The reunion here in Haskell took place July 27, 1898. The event was even publicized in the Kansas City Star and the Dallas News. Special railroad rates were offered although Haskell was 50 miles from a railroad until 1906 when the first iron horse came through here.

Seymour to the north and Abilene to the south, both 50 miles away, were the nearest rail terminals in 1898.

Thousands of persons came in buggies, hacks, and on horseback. Hundreds more came in a special train, in several separate sections, from Kansas City. Until this frontier town, built around a watering place called Rice Springs 13 years earlier, was packed. The ranches from the Plains to Central Texas were devoid of people. They all were in Haskell. Estimates of the crowd went up to 15,000.

After two days of rodeo and racing events, band concerts and frontier circus, the third morning finally arrived for the cutting horse contest.

A 400-foot grandstand had been put down on the prairie, reportedly southwest of town. Wagons and buggies filled with the curious were parked most of the way around the mile-long race track arena.

The rules of the contest stipulated each entry to spend five as possible out of the herd. Each cut was to be driven to a

cowboy who could deliver the most cows to the pickup men would be declared winner and receive the \$150 prize money. The judges, in case of a tie, were to consider the skill of both horse and rider.

Eleven cowboys were in the enclosure when time came for the event, and a 12th, a cow, poke from Childress, came in late and persuaded the others to let him enter.

Most of the money was "on" Boley Brown from the 24's in Kent County, near Clairmont, on a big 6-year-old sorrel.

The bunch of cattle ("the roundup") from which the cuts were made consisted of a number of spayed heifers freed from the range, and wild as bucks.

Boley Brown on his fine sorrel was first. They did good work among these unwilling critters. He cut out nine, but could deliver only eight to the pickup men.

Sam and Hub came third in the order. At the signal, Sam urged Hub straight into the middle of the herd. The first cut was a frightened brindie heifer. Hub soon had her out of the herd. Then, the knowledgeable horse, skillfully ridden by Sam, began picking animals out of the herd like cherries off a tree.

The crowd was awed. Sam's brilliant horse was too old to match the speed of younger mounts, but with split-second maneuvers, and a sixth sense that always put him ahead of his charge, Hub's performance defied description. He even blocked an obstinate animal with a front foot when necessary.

There was a yell when Old Hub brought the seventh heifer to delivery point, and hats sailed when the eighth was put away just as time expired.

"Old Hub had come back almost from the grave to thrill the great throng of horse lovers almost to a point of madness," wrote J. W. Williams, former veteran schoolteacher at Wichita Falls, a personal friend of this writer, in his book, "The Big Ranch Country." Williams, the son-in-law of Mrs. H. R. Jones, now living in Wichita Falls, wife of an early day district judge in Haskell, has turned out several splendid volumes on life in the Old West.

The contest was over, and Hub had won! The sheer leg power of a younger mount—Boley Brown's sorrel—had tied with Hub's crafty experience. But on the know-how of horse and rider, Hub and Sam had prevailed, and were the pick of both crowd and judges as the tense contest closed. They awarded the \$150 to Sam Graves.

After the contest, Harry Dougherty, president of the reunion, persuaded Sam to cut out a heifer without use of a bridle. This the great horse did, and added a second for good measure.

The crowd dined its approval. Sam smiled and petted Old Hub's short neck (the bay was only 14½ hands high). This was like shootin' fish in a barrel for the greatest cutting horse of them all—cutting without a bridle.

The 22-year-old horse, which

had been turned out to pasture in the cedar brakes of a neighboring county, had come to Haskell for a final day of triumph in view of thousands of horse lovers.

After the reunion, Old Hub was taken back to King County, and Sam turned over half the prize money to set aside a stipend of oats exclusively for Old Hub—until he died.

And that's what the cowboys will be talking about again next Spring as they get together to watch the leggy new horseflesh that has just come into the world in Haskell country... how Old Hub here that July day long ago upheld a cowboy's faith.

A Safe... And Happy Holiday

To the very young, Christmas is a time of bright little lights on a tree, of shiny glass ornaments and decorations, of filmy spun glass filaments, and of toys that have sharp, rough edges, and lots of candy, nuts and other rich edibles. All of this is part of Christmas... and this is fine—but a few precautions should be taken to insure a safe holiday.

Old strings of lights for the Christmas tree should be examined carefully. If worn-out bulbs are discarded, they should be put where youngsters can't get to them.

Glass ornaments and glass "angel hair" should be kept out of baby's reach. The ornaments crumble readily into sharp shivers.

Most manufacturers now avoid lead-based paint, but be sure the toys that come into your home do not bring the threat of lead poisoning when a child chews on the toy.

Select toys with a minimum of sharp edges and avoid toys constructed of materials which are quick to burn—and see that the toys are large enough so that baby can't swallow them.

HOLIDAY CLEANUP

Don't discard those holiday shopping bags. Keep at least a few of them for Christmas morning—to hold the paper and ribbon you want to keep, and to hold the scraps to be thrown away.

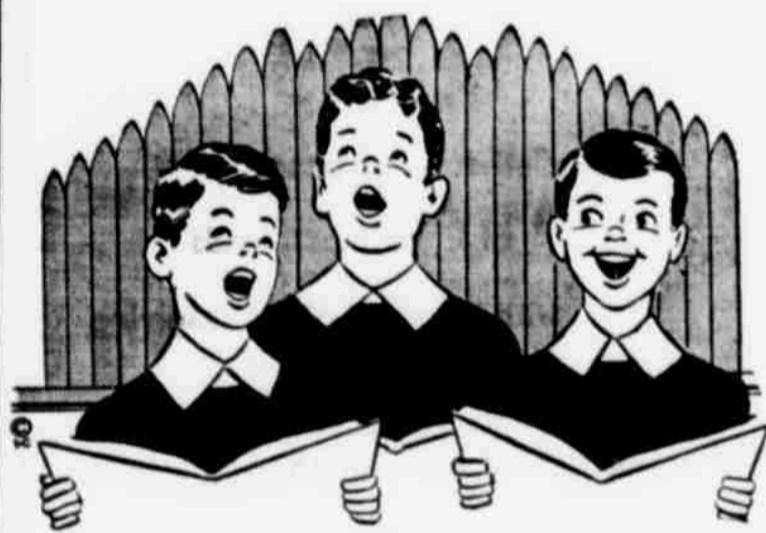
GONE TO WORK

Each Christmas week the Georgia Power Company of Valdosta, Georgia, decorates its glass-walled lobby with a beautiful Christmas tree and a Santa who sits by the tree and waves and smiles to all who go by. On Christmas Eve, Santa has disappeared. On the chair is a sign bearing this message: "Sorry—this is my busy night. Santa Claus."



We wish you a sparkling, joyful and Happy Holiday Season!

Dulaney's Drive-In Grocery
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dulaney and Daughters



"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
And The Best of Good Wishes

As Christmas is here we bring
you a wish for every joy and gladness
and a thank you for everything.

CAMPBELL SERVICE STATION



Peace on Earth... Good will toward men. Each year we appreciate more fully the loyalty of friends. A Merry Christmas to all from my entire staff!

GARTH GARRETT
SHERIFF



GREETINGS

May the season's joys
throughout a happy

CARRIE McANULTY
DISTRICT CLERK



Season's Greetings

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

JIM ALVIS
COUNTY JUDGE



In Your Christmas stocking, may you
find our warmest greetings, wrapped
in appreciation for your past patronage
and tied with our sincere friendship!

DEAN BUTANE CO.
MR. AND MRS. JESSE DEAN AND FAMILY
RICHARD FAGAN HOMER JOSSELET ORIS BR

Best CHRISTMAS Wishes

Choose Your Business Gift With Care

Probably the hardest gifts to choose during the holiday season are those which are necessary as a result of business relationships.

Following are some basic hints which might be helpful in the selection and distribution of business gifts.

1. Extravagant gifts smack of bribery. Thus it is often wise to keep your gifts of modest value in relation to the importance of each recipient—whether he be an employe, prospect or customer.

2. It is best to choose your gifts individually, considering the tastes of each group of recipients, or preferably, of each individual recipient.

3. High quality gifts that are useful, durable and dependable are your best choices.

4. If possible personalize the gift with the recipient's name or maybe just initials.

5. Package each gift securely and attractively.

6. A personal note, greeting card or at least a special gift label should accompany each package.

7. If possible deliver each gift with a "flair"—personally or by messenger—and preferably to each recipient's home rather than to his office.

The key, then, to such gift-giving, would seem to be "Moderation in good taste."

New Year Customs Many In Japan

The most popular illustrations on Japanese Christmas cards are of the stork and the turtle.

These represent the wish for a long and healthy life, apparently, as the stork is supposed to live 1,000 years, and the turtle said to live for 10,000 years.

Also popular are illustrations of the Seven gods of Good fortune and the Pine tree, which symbolizes good fortune.

Most Japanese merchants send cards to their customers.

It is also traditional for bells to welcome the Japanese New Year. The bells ring out 108 times on New Year's Eve, reminding the people of the 108 commandments of Buddha.

One interesting old Japanese custom is the spreading of parched bean about the house, in the belief that such drives away evil spirits and invites good luck to enter the household.

The Holiday Fireside

The open fireplace so popular in today's modern homes is helping to renew the popularity of the Yule Log tradition. Few moderns are likely to venture into the woods to select their own Yule Log, yet there will be a glowing fire in thousands of homes this holiday eve.

If you are going to sit by the fireside this holiday, you'll be in keeping with tradition if your Yule Log is oak, ash, olive, apple or pine.

Ash is popular because it burns quickly, throws off ample heat and need not be seasoned. Beech has a pleasant aroma and gives off a steady glow. Oak is often preferred because it burns slowly.

Less favorable woods are the elm, which is slow to get started, and poplar, which sparks badly if it is unseasoned.

PLUM PUDDING

The plum pudding long associated with holiday feasts contains much more than plums. No one is quite sure where the plum pudding originated, but there is an interesting legend concerning an early holiday pudding.

According to the story, an English king and his hunting party were caught by a blizzard while in the woods one Christmas Eve. One member of the party was instructed to prepare dinner for the group, using whatever food he could find.

He came up with some bits of stag, which he cut into fine pieces, he added flour, bird's eggs, dried plums, ale, brandy, sugar and meat from some wild game.

To the surprise of everyone, including the chef, the result was a delicious hot, plum pudding. To this day, a true plum pudding contains all of the above-mentioned ingredients.

The Right GIFT

You can make holiday shopping much less of a chore with a bit of planning, and the obvious starting point is a complete list of individuals for whom presents are to be purchased.

Once the list is completed, jot down beside each name the categories from which a gift for this individual may be selected. For example, if Uncle Fred is a stamp collector, likes to fish and is interested in Civil War history, note these facts beside his name and then do the same for others on the list. With such a list, you'll find you can complete your shopping much faster than you would if you marked only a single type of present beside each name. You save a lot of time looking and hunting for some particular item. And, if you are certain of the hobbies or interests of the intended recipient, your gift is certain to be appreciated.

HOLIDAY HOLLY

Most of the holly cuttings used in American homes today are of the English variety, grown for the most part in the northwest where climatic conditions are most favorable. Research has produced several strains of American holly said to be much hardier and superior in color, foliage and fruit. These bear such beguiling names as Merry Christmas, Santa Claus, Old Heavy Berry and Cronberry.

What Indeed Is Christmas?

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Why is Christmas, of all holidays, the most eagerly awaited, the best-remembered?

The answer must be that Christmas is the only holiday that has a special meaning for all mankind. The spirit of Christmas was first reflected in the eyes of wise kings and humble shepherds who had journeyed from far and near to witness a special miracle—the birth of a promised Redeemer.

Christmas customs change with the mode and mannerism of new generations. Yet the real story of Christmas remains forever the same. Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ.

However we choose to celebrate this great holiday, we must find it difficult to ignore that there is in the world about us a spirit of love and goodness,

of close communion with God and with mankind. It lives within the heart of all who have recognized the true meaning of Christmas.

BIG TREES

Annually, the most famous and most photographed Christmas trees in the United States are those erected on the White House lawn and at Rockefeller Center in New York. The 1958 White House tree, an Englemann spruce selected from the Kootenai National Forest in Montana, was so large it had to be loaded on two flatcars for the trip to Washington. It was trimmed to 78 feet before being raised and decorated, yet was still the tallest ever used on the White House lawn. The Rockefeller Center tree that same year was 65 feet high and 35 feet in diameter at the base. It came from Maine and was selected only after an intensive nine-month search to find the most perfectly shaped tree possible.

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!

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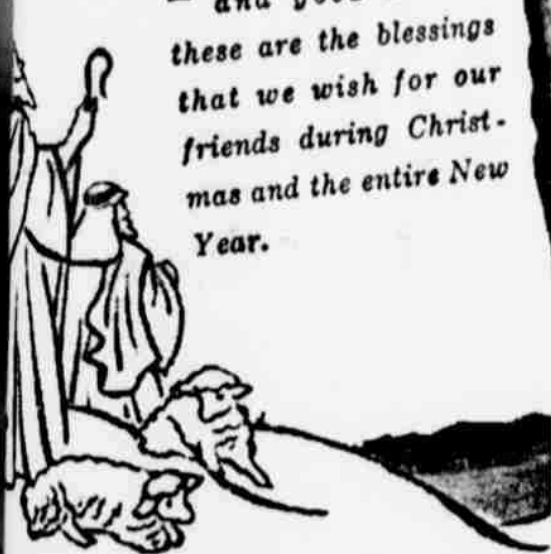


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Christmas Blessings

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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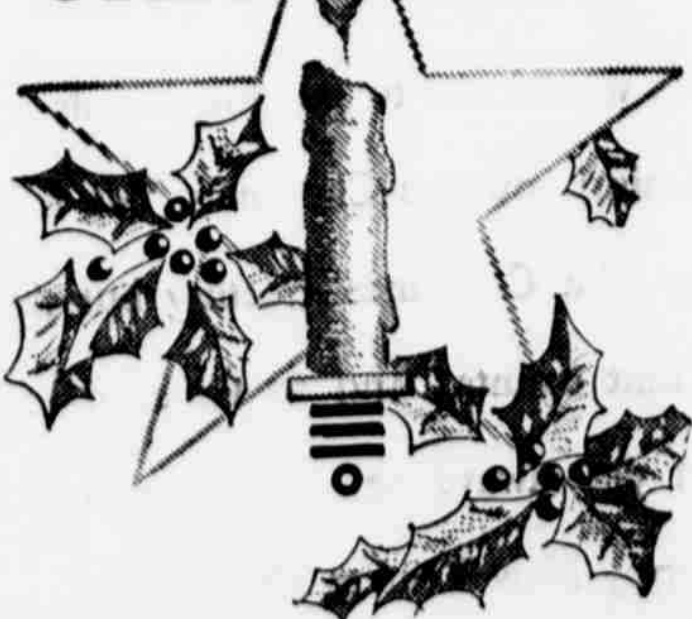


... all ye faithful...

May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Christmas remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.

PENCER LUMBER COMPANY

MERRY CHRISTMAS



... and may this Holiday Season bring each of you . . . JOY, PEACE, LOVE AND GOOD WILL!

MEDFORD BUICK-PONTIAC COMPANY

200 North Avenue E Haskell, Texas



... all is calm, all is bright...

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

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl. I am 4 years old, my name is Linda. I want a doll, stove, dishes, and a telephone. My brother, Gary, who is 3 years old and has been good, too, he wants a roadgrader and a stick horse. We would also like candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Love, Linda and Gary Ewing
Route 1, Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a four year old boy and I've been real nice all year. I have a little brother, two years old. We want a military pillbox so we can play army. Glenn and I also want a Texaco fireman helmet piece. We both need a new Bible to carry to Sunday School. I want a little jig-saw and Glenn wants a little red tractor that he can ride. If you have enough I would like to have an Army canteen set. Please remember all the other little children.
Your little friend,
Darrell Jenkins

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a Mouse Trap Game and a Slinky. Christmas Eve night there will be a snack for you on the bar. Please be good to the other boys and girls.
Johnny Yeary

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a G. I. Joe, a B-B Gun and a Beetle Bailey Army set. My sister wants a Ken Doll and some of his clothes. My brother wants a race car set and a B-B gun.
With love,
Steve Mapes

Dear Santa,
My name is Tonya Roberts. I am 16 months old. I live on Route 1. I have been a good little girl this year. Santa, please bring me a Hobby Horse, a baby doll and a wagon.
Your friend,
Tonya

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a little boy 3 years old so my Mommie is writing you for me. Would you please visit me? I've been a pretty good boy, except for a little mischief here and there, but I still love you. Please bring me a little fire truck, pinball machine and a boy's smoking shot gun and bring Tommy a pool table and new boots. Don't forget my cousin's here.
Thank you, Timmy Leek,
105 N. 4th Street

Dear Santa,
I am a pretty good boy. Please bring a Model "95" BB gun and a Gung-Ho Commando Set. I would also like a snow cone machine and a G. I. Joe with some gear. Maybe if I'm good enough you'll leave me a bulldozer or road-grader, too.
Love,
Darrell Gene Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a Penny Brite and a slinky for Christmas. Please send it, Santa.
Love always, Virginia Garcia,
Rt. 1, Box 10, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a Suzy Smart and a slinky for Christmas. Please send it, Santa.
Love always, Yolanda Garcia,
Rt. 1, Box 10, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a rocking chair for Christmas and Teresa wants a purse. I love you, Santa, and my Mother and my Teacher. My Green. Please remember her too Santa. With love, Deloris Kirk,
209 N. 3rd Street

Dear Santa Claus,
We are three little boys that have been pretty good little boys. We are 10 months old, 2 years old and 4 years old. Please bring a T.V. horse for Johnny, a tractor and trailer for Rodney and training bicycle for Ricky. We promise we will be better boys next year. And Santa, don't forget the rest of the little boys and girls.
Thank you,
Johnny, Rodney, and Ricky Campbell


Dear Santa,
My name is Jerry Don Walker. I am 4 years old. I have tried to be a good little boy this year, just so you would come to see me. I would like to have a combat gun, combat helmet, doctor kit, and some cars and trucks. Be sure to come and see ALL the other boys and girls, too.
Thank you,
Jerry Don

Dear Santa,
My name is Cindy Walker. I am 3 years old. I have been a real good little girl all year. Would you please bring me a talking doll, nurses kit, dishes, and a table and chairs. Please don't forget my little cousin, Christy. She is real little, but she likes baby dolls too and little baby things.
Thank you very much,
Cindy Walker

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 17 months old. I hope I have been a good little boy this year. Please bring me a rocking horse, and a tricycle. I also want some fruit, candy and nuts to go in my stocking. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Thank you very much,
Love, Jeffrey Lewis Rainey,
1502 Ballinger, Abilene, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl two years old. I hope I have been a good little girl this year. Please bring me a baby doll, a tricycle and some dishes. I also want some fruit, candy and nuts to go in my stocking. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls. Thank you very much,
Love, Tommy Dawn Timberlake, 742 North Willis, Abilene, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old. Mommie says I have been pretty good this year. So please bring me a doll, bike, telephone and a sewing machine and anything else you think I might like. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.
I love you,
Kim Drinnon



**TO
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**A MERRY
YULE**

**M. C. WILFONG
TEXACO STATION**



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.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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

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Army Recruiter Cites "Choose It" Program

The individual enlisting in the U. S. Army may choose his job or a combination of job and overseas assignment under the Army's "Choose It Yourself" program, according to Sgt. James D. Wilson, local Army recruiter.

The key to the U. S. Army's "Choose It Yourself" program has been the moving of classification and assignment procedures from the Army post to the local recruiter. The Department of the Army, through its recruiting service, has continuously improved its personnel classification and assignment until now they have a person-

nel management system that allows an individual the right to choose the type of training he desires before entering the Army.

Most young men today are interested in learning a specific skill, and they know what they want before talking with the recruiter. "What the Army is doing," said Sgt. Wilson, "is bringing the desires of the individual and the different jobs in the Army together." Some of the various job areas open are: Electronics, general mechanical, motor maintenance, clerical or administration, general technical, plus various overseas and special assignments.

Men who are interested in the Army's "Choose It Yourself" program may see Sgt. Wilson at his office located at Room 2110, Post Office Building, in Abilene, or call collect OR 2-5665.

Phill Bowers Is Pharmaceutical Fraternity Pledge

Phill R. Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bowers, of 1107 North Avenue I, Haskell, was one of 45 men accepted into pledge class I: Gamma Gamma Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity recently at the University of Texas College of Pharmacy.

The Haskell student, who was elected as pledge class vice president, is a sophomore at the University and is in his first professional year at the College of Pharmacy.

Kappa Psi, national professional pharmacy fraternity, provides the benefits of fraternal affiliation, as well as the opportunity for attainment of greater professional competency and achievement within the pharmaceutical field. Kappa Psi limits its membership to those men who are enrolled in accredited schools of pharmacy, who possess sufficient scholastic aver-

age, and who possess high moral character.

Young Bowers, an honor student at Haskell High School in the Class of 1963, attained honor roll standing as a freshman during the 1963-64 school year at the University. He was the recipient of the Haskell Booster Club's annual award as "Most Conscientious Athlete" his senior year in high school here.

Haskell Safety Projects To Be Pushed By Rotary

Two projects involving community safety to which attention was urged directed were suggested at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Haskell in community service committee reports submitted to the membership here.

The reports were made at the instance of Rotary President Roy Johnson whose community service committee Chairman, Alvin Sherman, a director of the Rotary Club here, was in charge of their preparation.

Carl Anderson, community safety chairman in the community service realm of Rotary activity here, told fellow Rotarians his group will push projects to clear off vacant lots in Haskell, thus helping to eliminate fire hazards.

A second project proposed by Anderson and his fellow committeemen is trimming back of shrubbery at certain street intersections in town to eliminate "blind" corners and provide better vision for drivers.

Sherman, who was in charge of the community projects reporting session, also called on the following other Rotarians, who outlined projects underway: Charles M. Conner, rural-urban relations; Haskell Stone, youth activities; E. J. Stewart, boys and girls recreational facilities; and Eldon Anderson, crippled children's welfare.

FOR THE BIRDS

You don't need an elaborate feeder to share Christmas with the birds. You can trim an outdoor tree and decorate it with such things as pine cones dipped in suet, popcorn, bits of apple and grated carrot, even pie crust. Blue Jays, Woodpeckers, Chickadees, Warblers, Nuthatches, and Brown Creepers are "meat" eaters. Cardinals, Juncos, Sparrows and Finches like vegetable seeds.

GUIDANCE

More good might be accomplished today by ringing a curfew for the children's parents.



Cheerio and Merry Christmas!

It's a pleasure for us to wish each of you a jolly Holiday Season, filled with good times aplenty, good friends galore, good health and happiness for you and your loved ones always!

HASKELL BUTANE CO.

STAMFORD HIGHWAY

MR. AND MRS. ROY PITMAN

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the "Barbie Doll" you gave me last Christmas. Please bring me a "Skipper Doll" this year, and bring my brothers, Bobby, Jr. and Jay, something for Christmas, too. Jay is too little to write you a letter so please bring him a little horse with wheels on it. Remember all the little boys and girls.

Love, Twylla Druesedow, 6 years old, Route 2, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy four years old and live in Seymour, Texas. I have tried my very best to be good all year. So I will be waiting for you to come to see me. Please bring me a vest, new cowboy hat, spurs, chaps, and some toys, and a doll, too. Don't forget to bring my big brother something nice, too.

Your little friend, Tim Griffin

Dear Santa,

My name is Deena Walker. I am 2 years old. I have been a good little girl most of the time this year. Would you please come to see ALL the other girls and boys, too.

Thank you, Deena Walker

Dear Santa,

I want a doll for Christmas, some shoes, dress and socks. I am in the second grade. Mrs. Greer is my teacher. Santa, I love you and my teacher.

With love, Carolyn

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a motor, to make my tricycle go za-zoom and a doll. I want a flag with 50 stars on it. My big sister, Pam and Pat, would like some new clothes.

I love you, Peggy Harris

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and bicycle. James wants some army gear, football outfit, and a bicycle. Rusty wants some toys. I am seven years old. James is three years old. Rusty is ten months old. We have tried to be good this year.

Please do not forget all the other girls and boys. Thank you. We live at 607 South 7th. Christie, James and Rusty Jones

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 3 years old. I am good sometimes. So please bring me a truck with horses in it, tractor with some plows like Daddy's. Also would like to have a trike and a gun. Also please remember my big sister, Robbie, too.

I love you, Ricky Drinnon

P. S. Please leave my toys at my Grandmommy's house.

Area Has Several Postoffices That May Be Affected

A number of fourth class postoffices in this area might be affected by a proposal announced recently by Postmaster General John Gronowski to close several hundred post offices in the next few years.

The Postmaster General said, after conferring with President Johnson, that the President had called for a study of prospects for closing some post offices, particularly "marginal, small fourth-class offices."

Haskell Postmaster Harold Spain, past president of the National League of Postmasters, provided a list of the present fourth class offices. He said in recent years, some small postoffices near each other had been combined, but he didn't know of any specific cases.

He listed the following as among fourth-class postoffices in this territory: Bomarton, Elbert, Old Glory, Vera, and Peacock.

Grunowski estimated that \$2,500 to \$3,000 would be saved on every fourth class postoffice which might be shut down. He added that the government aim in closing these would be to provide people in the affected areas "with equal and in some cases, better service."

Postmaster Spain here said there are four classes of post offices, with the class determined by the adjusted gross receipts. A post office becomes fourth class if gross receipts are less than \$1,500 yearly for two years in succession, or below \$1,400 in a calendar year.

First class post offices are those with \$40,000 or more in gross receipts; 2nd class, \$8,000 to \$40,000; and third class, \$1500 to \$8,000.

SMALL TALK

Many a man stays up all night listening to the money talk he worked all day for.

Ed Hester Heads "On To Abilene" Group of Rotary

Ed Hester, Haskell businessman-farmer and civic leader, has been named chairman of an "On-To-Abilene" committee to stimulate strong participation by Rotarians here in the annual district conference of Rotary District 579, scheduled to be held in Abilene next March.

Roy Johnson, president of the Rotary Club of Haskell, announced Hester's appointment at the weekly luncheon of the service club following receipt of word here that the 1965 conference site has been moved from Wichita Falls to Abilene.

Joel C. Wilson, of Abilene, longtime member of the Downtown Rotary Club there, has been named general chairman of the 1965 conference, according to Dr. C. J. Dodsworth, of Bowie, district governor.

The personal representative of the President of Rotary International in Abilene next March will be Jim Conway, of Rockville Centre, New York. A corporation lawyer, Conway is executive vice president of Bee Line, Inc., and president of Rockville Centre Bus Corporation, both transportation companies. A graduate of Fordham University Law School, Conway has served Rotary International as district governor, director, second vice president, in 1962-64, and is now serving as chairman of the Parliamentary committee and member of the district committee.

Aim and object of Hester's "On To Abilene" committee will be a 100 per cent turnout of Haskell Rotarians at the forthcoming district conference.

THE PINATA

Pinatas are a necessary part of any holiday party in Mexico. Traditionally, the pinata is a clay jug, with no particular shape, which is filled with fruit, candy, pesos, and a variety of small gifts. It is suspended from the ceiling. Children are blindfolded and given a stick, the pinata is swung back and forth and the fun is on as the merry-makers try to smash the jug and send the goodies tumbling down.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
FOR ALL OUR FRIENDS

Wise men knew that this is the season for great rejoicing and merry blessings. We wish you all the joys of this holy holiday.

HAZIER'S APPLIANCES

—West Side Square—

Greetings

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS
We wish you the happiest holiday and the Merriest Christmas ever!
THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

PAV'S DAIRY CREAM
PAV AND TRAV HADAWAY
and Employees

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 A Happy New Year!

TOM ROBERSON
MILDRED ROBERTSON
JACKIE DANIELS

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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

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 Good Will -- will be yours this Holiday Season.

KIMBELL MILL & ELEVATOR
—W. L. FORE, Manager—

Take Happy Outlook For A Good Year

Thinking about that New Year resolution, or whether or not to make any promises for 1937?

Why not resolve, simply, to try to make it a happy year for yourself and for those with whom you come in contact.

Begin by making an effort to know yourself better. Sit down for a moment and think about the things you like about yourself and the things you would like to change.

Look for Good

Think about the people about you—your family, your friends. Consider their good points and consider as well the things about them that displeases you. Ask yourself why this is so, and what can be done about it.

Promise yourself to make an effort in the year ahead to be understanding of the problems of others, to think about the other fellow as well as yourself. Sometimes, if we just make an effort to put ourselves in the other fellow's shoes, we get a better understanding of why he

does certain things or acts a certain way.

Resolve

Resolve, in the months ahead, to do the things you like to do. Spend more time pursuing a favorite hobby, whether it be reading, woodworking, or what-have-you.

Make an effort to change the things you don't like—and the best starting point is to change the things about yourself that you know should be changed.

And—learn to live with the things that you cannot change. Be realistic. Accept what must be, and make the best of everything.

SANTA'S VILLAGE

Santa Claus, Indiana, and Christmas, Florida, pop into the news each Christmas season, and throughout the year are visited by thousands of tourists. Away out West, in the San Bernardino mountains not too far from Los Angeles, Calif., the star of popularity is fast rising for Santa's Village, a replica of the North Pole home of Santa Claus, complete with plenty of snow during the winter months and including, of course, Santa himself, his elves, animals, toys, candy, and a 20-passenger sleigh.

Rose Oldest Of Gridiron Bowls

It used to be that any arm-chair sports fan could name without any difficulty the bowl games to be traditionally contested on New Year's Day. In fact it was possible in previous years to watch part, if not all, of more than one of these great gridiron battles. Now they are numerous.

The "daddy" of all the bowl games, however, is the fabulous Rose Bowl, which started as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses in 1902. Michigan developed Stanford 40-0 that year. Chariot races were substituted for football the following

year and not until 1916 when Washington State beat Brown University did collegiate grid action at its finest return to the Tournament of Roses.

Since that time, the Rose Bowl has remained the number 1 New Year's Day sports attraction, and besides the thousands who watch from their living rooms, annually attracts crowds in excess of 100,000.

TREE CARE

Many efforts have been made to chemically fire-proof Christmas trees. Such substances as aspirin, sugar and fruit acids in water have been tried—yet nothing has proved as effective as plain water, which keeps the tree naturally moist and thus resistant to flame.

Christmas Rose Subject of Legend

According to the legend of the Christmas rose among the visitors to the stable at Bethlehem that first Christmas was a small girl named Madelon.

Madelon, the child of a shepherd, witnessed the bright star in the heavens and saw the Wise Men journeying to Bethlehem with presents for the Christ Child.

Unhappy that she had no gifts to take to Bethlehem, Madelon sank to the ground and wept. Suddenly an angel appeared and asked the child why she was weeping. When Madelon responded that she wept

Who Started Holiday Toast?

Whether with egg nog, coffee or whatever, nearly everyone offers a toast to the New Year.

because she had no gift for the Christ Child, the angel reminded her that "A gift of the heart is best of all." The angel then disappeared and was replaced by a beautiful rose tree, bearing fair white blossoms.

Madelon gathered the blossoms and hurried to the manger at Bethlehem. She lay her gift before the manger, and so the story goes, the white blossoms turned a most beautiful pink—the first Christmas roses.

Just who started the custom of offering a "toast" is open to question.

We do know, however, that the ancients indulged in the custom of celebrating a fine harvest or a fine hunt with a "toast," although the word itself goes back only to the 17th century when it was English custom to place a bit of toasted bread in a cup of wine.

The "broken glass" toast, or the habit of breaking the glass after the toast was made, originated with the military practice of offering a toast to the queen and throwing the glass into the fireplace. We can speculate that breaking the glass prevented someone unlucky from spoiling the wish for good health by drinking from the same glass.

LARGE

St. Peter's largest church and is built by the Apostle Paul in the year 411. It had found a place in the debris of a martyrdom.

EVERGREEN

Long before the Egyptians celebrated the winter solstice (shorter days) by burning palm trees into a symbol of death, the green bough part of the Feast of the Feast

Our Calendar Should Last For A Long Time Yet

Every once in a while someone comes up with what they consider a better method of marking time, yet experts believe our present Gregorian calendar will not likely be replaced for a long time to come. Mathematicians estimate it will be accurate until at least 2500 A. D., should the Lord tarry.

People have always been fussy about time. Daylight Saving Time annually causes a stir in some sections of the country and things can get confusing for the individual who lives near the edge of a time zone.

Perhaps the first fairly accurate calendar was devised by the Ancient Egyptians. It consisted of 12 periods of 30 days each, with five days added to the last period, just to keep things straight.

This method is somewhat similar to the Gregorian calendar, except that the Gregorian provides that years divisible by four, excluding the years numbering the centuries, shall have 366 days, and the century-marking years are leap years only if divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

Leap years thusly make it unnecessary for us to "tack on" those extra five days and keeps us in tune with the solar year, which actually consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds.

As the experts say, we're in good shape until 2500 A. D. Who can say what method of counting time will evolve by then? Perhaps some will come up with a perfect method of marking time.



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

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS...



We are glad of this opportunity each Christmas to be able to pause and greet our many loyal customers and friends—to thank you for your patronage throughout the year—and to extend our very best wishes for your happiness.



BOGGS & JOHNSON

HASKELL, TEXAS



to Our Many Friends and Customers

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 golden season of the year, it is only because we are remembering that there were those who gave their all to make it possible for America everywhere to observe and enjoy Christmas.

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



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S. W. SCOTT'S ROLE IN AREA DEVELOPMENT RECALLED HERE

A recent visit by descendants who came all the way from Holland to see the territory he helped settle and observance of the tenth anniversary of the dedication of a park on Lake Stamford to his memory has telegraphed to the minds of old-timers in "Haskell country" the role the late Judge S. W. Scott played in the early development of Haskell County.

In reality, Scott Memorial Park on the shores of Lake Stamford in Haskell County, donated by Judge Scott's children to the people of Haskell County, is a symbol of the faith and courage of the late jurist-rancher and his wife, who lives in San Antonio today. Not long ago, Mrs. Scott gave to Trinity University there her home, worth in excess of \$200,000, as a residence for the Dean of the University.

During their long residence in Haskell, Judge and Mrs. Scott were prominent in all phases of church, school and community development.

Background of Scott Memorial Park extends back to early June, 1884, when three young men left Williamson County with a herd of cattle headed for Haskell County to make their fortunes in the cattle business. They were John D. Hughes, of Georgetown, John H. Farley, of Hutto, and S. W. Scott, whose home then was near Granger.

Both Hughes and Scott were later destined to become owners of large ranches in Haskell County. The Scott Ranch, which comprises 20 sections of land, is still owned by the Scott Estate and is one of the oldest ranches in West Texas still under original ownership of its founders. Most of it is leased to Ferguson Brothers and operated by J. C. (Dude) Montgomery.

First tract of land acquired by Mr. Scott in establishing his ranch was also the first whole section of land that was ever enclosed with fence by a resident of Haskell County. This was the Shields Booker section on Paint Creek, which he bought and had fenced by 1886. This land was originally granted to the surgeon who dressed Sam Houston's wound in the Battle of San Jacinto.

A part of Paint Creek Reservation, or Lake Stamford, lies in the Booker section. Scott Memorial Park is located in the adjoining J. Allen section to the west.

Getting back to the pioneering trip of Mr. Scott and his companions, they had a little over 1,000 head of cattle in their trail herd and were about 40 days making the trip out of Williamson County. Dr. C. C. Cody, mathematics teacher in Southwestern University, of Georgetown, county seat of Williamson, and a brother-in-law of Hughes, joined the three young men at Lampasas and made a full trail hand on the way out.

Their first night to bed down the cattle in Haskell County was July 9, 1884, about a mile south of old California Creek. Col. Thomas F. Tucker, afterward the first county judge of this county, was living at the ranch at the time.

After turning their herd loose on the open range, the three men moved their covered wagon about a mile and a half south to Plum Branch in the L. Dyches section, which was later to become part of the Hughes Ranch. Their covered wagon was their "headquarter."

ers" for two years.

A few days after establishing "headquarters," Mr. Scott made his first trip to Rice Springs, which in 1885, became the town of Haskell. This story was related to the Haskell Free Press in 1936.

There were only five houses in the small settlement at that time. They were owned by G. W. Keister, John Babriere, Luke Lynn, Alex Tucker and W. R. Standefer, a land surveyor.

Besides those families, and Col. Tucker and his family on California Creek, the only other residents of the county at the time were John and Lou Casner who lived on Gray Mare Creek northeast of Haskell; Wiley Dresser, who lived on Lake Creek and made his living catching wild mustangs on the Knox Prairie, and F. G. Alexander and S. S. Cummings, who reached the county in May, 1884, and had established the Cartwright Ranch on the Brazos River in the northwest part of the county.

During the next four years, Mr. Scott worked with cow outfits on the open range, covering the territory from the brakes of the Wichita in Foard County to Santa Anna Mountain in Coleman County, and from Routh Creek in Scurry County to Round Timbers in Throckmorton County.

After four years of gypsy life, he went back to Georgetown, read law for several months, and was admitted to the bar in January, 1889.

Returning to Haskell in March, 1889, he hung out his shingle and practiced law for nearly 25 years before retiring in 1913.

On October 29, 1896, he married the former Miss Fannie Elizabeth Tandy, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Tandy, were among the pioneer families of Haskell. Mrs. Scott attended Kidd-Key College in Sherman before her marriage. During their long residence in Haskell, Mrs. Scott was active in the work of the First Methodist Church and with women's clubs, particularly the Magazine Club, of which she is past president. Established in 1902, the Magazine Club of Haskell is one of the oldest federated women's clubs in Texas.

Judge and Mrs. Scott were the parents of four children. Mrs. H. G. (Elsie) Head, of San Antonio, has died in recent years. Samuel Archie Scott, of San Angelo; Walter T. Scott, a professor at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; and Mrs. John W. (Marion) Brice, who is the wife of an oil company executive, who lived until recently at Tulsa, Okla.

Judge Scott, active in community development, was one of the seven men who organized the Haskell Telephone Company, forerunner of the present-day system. He was a Mason for more than 50 years and was active in Masonic work here and in San Antonio. He died in San Antonio in 1942.

During his law practice here, Judge Scott had two cases of local historic interest. There were two saloons in the county. The Lone Wolf, located a mile north of Stamford, and the Road to Ruin, on the site now occupied by the Haskell Free Press on the southeast corner of the Haskell Courthouse Square. A local option election was held, and the "pros" won. The saloon keepers got an injunction

suit to keep the election results from being declared. Scott appealed the case, paid his own expenses to Fort Worth, argued the case, and won. This closed down the saloons in Haskell County for the first time in history, and until the present time. Mr. Scott received no fee for his work in this case.

One of the other legal services for which he is noted was his battle for an equitable price in payment for Haskell County school lands which saved \$151,144 for the permanent school fund of Haskell County. Always an ardent champion of good schools, Mr. Scott never received any compensation for this effort.

Hill Oates, owner-operator of the landmark drug store on Haskell's northeast corner, also likes to recall Judge Scott for one other benevolence of local historic interest.

"He took most of us kids in Haskell on our first automobile ride when "motoring" was in its swaddling clothes, pointing up the fact that he was a prime mover, literally, getting there the fastest with the mostest, the children of Haskell in particular," reminisced Oates.

Be a positive thinker—let the world end every night and begin anew in the morning.

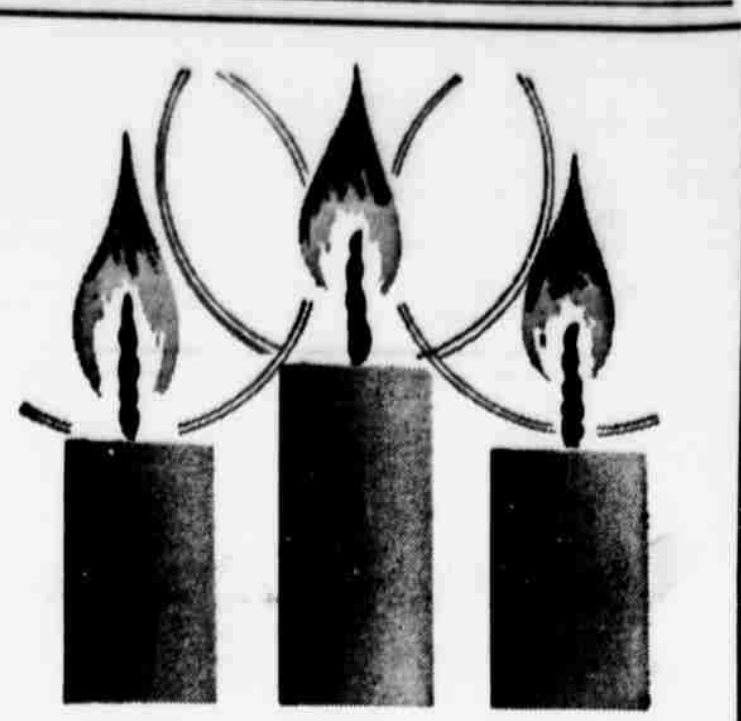
Holiday Greenery Brightens Home

Home decorations are not complete without holiday greenery about the house. The best choices include spruce, pine, hemlock, yew and aborvitae. Of these, yew seems to hold up best.

If you use broadleaf evergreens . . . laurel, andromeda, boxwood, or Japanese holly—for table decorations, keep them in water or the leaves will shrivel and die within a short time. Even though short lasting, broadleaf evergreens are ideal for making wreaths. For this purpose, they may be mixed with holly, balsam or yew.

"THE CRICKET"

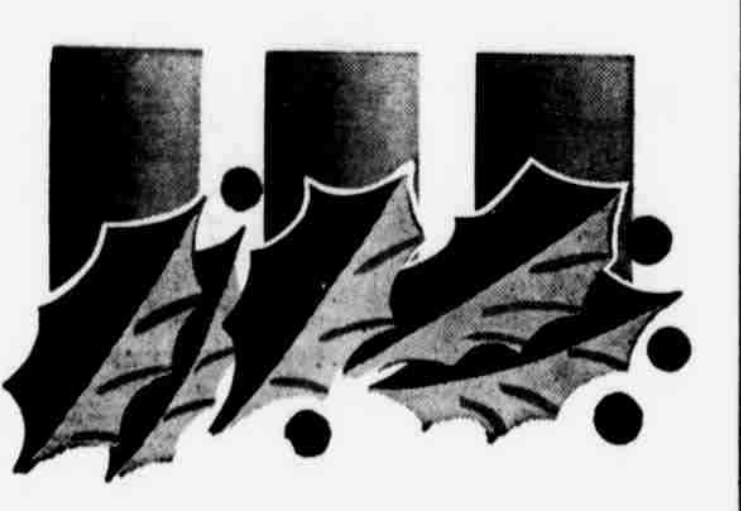
Charles Dickens is best remembered for "The Christmas Carol"—but this was not the most popular of his Christmas stories during his lifetime. An instant hit with the public was "The Cricket on the Hearth," a touching story of a father's attempts to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life. Shortly after it appeared in 1845, some 12 different theatres in London were presenting dramatic versions of "The Cricket."



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.



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

A. LYLES, Jeweler
Side of Square * Haskell, Texas

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



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

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.
Desmond Dulaney, Manager
Tony Medford * Ben McGee



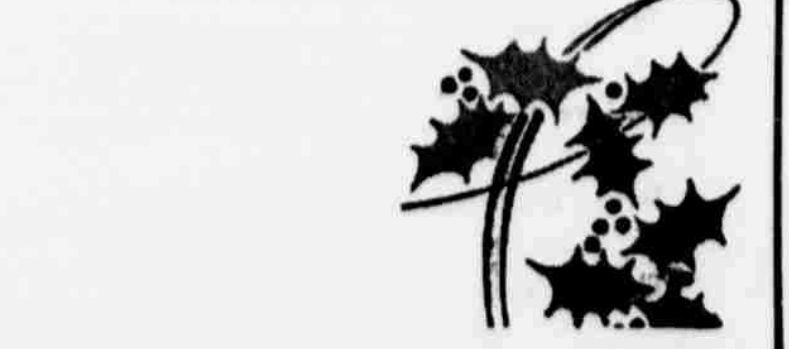
MAPES SERVICE STATION
200 South Avenue E * Haskell, Texas

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

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl 9 years old. I am in third grade. I would like a Midge Doll and a wrist watch. Please don't forget my brothers Steven and Ricky. Steven would like a stuffed dog. Ricky would like a Fort Apache set and a gun.
With love—Dawn Bird,
400 S. Avenue F, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Vick Lynn LeFevre. I am in the third grade. For Christmas I want a Vacuum-Form set and a BB gun. Don't forget all the other boys and girls, please. I've moved to the farm since last Christmas so please don't pass me by.
Merry Christmas to you,
Vick LeFevre, Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl nine years old. Would you please bring me a piano, a pair of roller skates, and a brief case? Thank you very much.
With love—Anna Lou Allen,
1801 N. Avenue G, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Janie Lou Henderson. I am in the third grade. I am 9 years old. I want a Skipper and a Timex watch and china dishes. Please don't forget my sister.
With love—Janie Lou Henderson,
404 S. Avenue F, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Darwin Lee Crawford. I am nine years of age. I am in the third grade. For Christmas I want a glove, a football, and a soft ball.
With love—Darwin Lee Crawford,
504 N. Ave. B, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I live in a big white house with a green roof. I want a bicycle for Christmas. Please remember my brothers and sisters, too.
With love—Bernie Gonzales,
North Third St., Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pellet gun and a box of pellets, a set of western guns and a bicycle with lights and a basket on it.
With love—Tony Lopez,
P. O. Box 142, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Patti doll with three dresses in a Wardrobe Case. Please bring me one surprise, too.
Love—Helen Myers,
Box 8, Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. I've been a pretty good boy, so for Christmas would you please bring me a bicycle, a GI Joe BB gun, and a football suit. Don't forget any little boys or girls anywhere.
Thank you, Kippie Grand,
Rt. 1, Weinert, Texas 76388

Dear Santa,
My name is Cliff Grand. I am seven years old and in the second grade. Santa, please bring me a bicycle, GI Joe, Johnny Sven, and a Micro helmet. I have been pretty good and don't miss any little boys or girls that have been good.
Thank you, Cliff Grand,
Rt. 1, Weinert, 76388

to all
our many friends
MERRY CHRISTMAS

We want you to know we value patronage and wish you all the things the Christmas Season of

NEELY DRY GOODS
Northeast Corner Square

Our Christmas Wish

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

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle and a truck for Christmas. Please don't forget my brothers and sisters.
With love, Roy Alvarez,
Box 367, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Carlos Mendoza. I am in the third grade. I would like you to bring me a football and a bicycle for Christmas.
With love—Carlos Mendoza,
9 South Avenue H, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Johnny Seven O.M.-A. Gun, a Mouse Trap Game, a Monopoly Set and a Hunter's Set. My sister wants an Allan, Skipper and Midge doll and a case for Midge and Barbie.
With love—Vernon Pruett,
201 N. Avenue M, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. I want a Monopoly game for Christmas. My brother wants an electric football game for Christmas.
With love—Clint Melton,
104 N. 3rd St., Haskell.

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little girl this year and would like for you to bring me a Patta-burp doll, a bicycle, with training wheels, some nuts, fruit and candy. Please don't forget any of the other good little boys and girls.
Love you,
Tammy Sorrells

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 years old and I live at 604 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Texas. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a slinky, a train, a guitar, some fruit, nuts, candy and anything else that you would like to. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls. Don't forget my Mama and Papa and most of all, Mother and Daddy. See you Christmas.
Yours truly,
Frankie Lee Moeller

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Robin Medford. I am in the third grade. For Christmas I would like a tape-recorder. My sister's name is Janice Lee Medford. She is in the seventh grade. I would like you to bring her a tape recorder. We have been good.
With love—Robin Medford,
1201 N. Avenue L, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Tress doll, a big bottle of perfume and a balanced baton. I think I have been good this year. I am in the third grade. I am nine years old. I hope you don't forget the other girls and boys in the world.
With love—Lee Ann Toliver,
1801 N. Avenue F, Haskell

Dear Santa,
My name is Lisa. I am 6½ years old. I have been a good girl. I would like to have a doll that you can wash and fix her hair and some Ken, Barbie and Skipper things. I also would like to have a good luck charm. Please visit the other boys and girls everywhere, especially my cousins, Jim, Robert and Joseph Browning.
Merry Christmas!
Lisa McBroom

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade. I would like an Archers set, a bicycle and a Lee Detector game.
With love—James McCoy,
1802 N. Avenue F, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Ruben Martinez and I am in the third grade. I am glad that Christmas is near. I will ask you to bring me a BB gun this Christmas if you can. I have been good to every body.
With love—Ruben Martinez,
Star Route, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a be be gun and a robot. Bring me a hard ball and glove. My brother wants a tricycle and my sister would like a doll. We have tried to be good boys and girls.
With love—Steven Grand,
605 S. Avenue G, Haskell

Dear Santa Claus,
We are three brothers, 4½, 3, 1½, who hope you will visit us Christmas Eve. We want bolt action rifles and 3 black cowboy hats. We would like some helicopters to play with and maybe some musical guitars. We will have a tasty surprise waiting for you at our house.
Love—Jim, Robert, Joseph Browning, 608 N. Ave. H

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy. I would like you to bring me a two race cars and track, a speedometer, a Camando Walkie Talkie set, and a skate board.
Your Friend,
Ricky

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl this year. Would you bring me a play house, and a 3-piece Hardwood Group. I would like a play couch. If you would, bring me a big girls bicycle. Would you bring a basket to put on the bicycle.
I love you,
Niki Priest

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Renae. I am 4 years old. I try to be good, but sometimes I forget. I would like to have a doll that you can give a bath to. I would like some Ken, Barbie and Skipper things too and anything else you would like to leave me. This year I have a baby brother, Walter Hollis, who is 3 months old. Please bring him a baby toy.
I love you,
Renae McBroom

Dear Santa,
I would like you to have this letter. If I promise to be good, will you please bring me a bicycle? I have always wanted a bicycle. I will promise to be a good boy.
With love—Freddy Barrera,
Box 18, Rt. 118, Haskell

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle. I want a doll to set on my bed. I want a watch for Christmas.
With love,
Rebecca Stubblefield

A Merry Christmas to You and Yours!

May your home be filled with every holiday joy!

BASSING JEWELRY

Dear Santa Claus,
I think I have been good. Santa Claus. I would like you to bring me a bike and a basket to go on the bike. My little sister would like you to bring her a Baby Bride Doll and all her clothes.
With love—Connie Nicholson,
171 Avenue D.E., Haskell

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 3 years old. I would like to have a red Mustang car, some fruits, nuts and candy. I have been a pretty good boy. I live northwest of Weinert. I hope the other little boys and girls have a good Christmas.
Brian Adams, Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade. I would like a V-room motor and a football suit and a V-room shiploader. And my little cousin, Brett, don't forget him.
Love, Mikel Grand
Rt. 1, Weinert, Texas 76388

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WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

A . . .

happy holidays

MAY this coming Holiday Season give you many reasons for much gratitude and happiness. This is the sincere wish from all of us at the—

M. L. COOK HUMBLE STATION
107 North First Street Haskell, Tex

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-Jelkes

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR LOYAL FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS, AND WISHING THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR YOU!

CITY FLORAL
VELMA and STELLA

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