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Along The Waterfront



The wind is cold and the water too rough for good fishing today, but there have been many fish caught during the past week. There are not so many fishing and hunting as the Christmas season is near and people have other interests.

Jimmy Smith (Smitty) caught some big reds down at Johnson's Bait Stand Monday. One weighed 8 pounds and the other one about 7 pounds. There have been several trout taken down there too, recently.

There have been no fishing parties out from Mills Wharf since last Thursday, but there were 10 hunters out Saturday and about two-thirds of them came in with their limits. On Sunday there were 12 out and they had much better luck.

Mrs. Joe Everitt says that fishing has been extra good in the basin until Tuesday, when the wind was too high.

Willie Wilson's Bait Barge sank in the basin last night and it is still on the bottom.

At Jimmie's Duck Hunting Camp most of the hunters have gotten their limits. There were four boats out Tuesday and two of them had their limit and the other two had nine ducks between them.

Thomas Woodruff Dies at Sister's Home

Thomas Woodruff, 76, died at 6:15 a. m., Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. J. Charnley at Fulton.

Mr. Woodruff was born in Fulton, Ill., but had made his home with his sister for the past 17 years at Fulton, Tex. He worked for the Burlington Railway Company for 25 years before he retired.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge ever of the past 30 years.

Mr. Woodruff is survived by his sister, Mrs. W. J. Charnley of Fulton; one brother, George Woodruff of Clinton, Iowa, and his brother-in-law, W. J. Charnley of Fulton.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Wednesday) at the Fulton Community Church. The Rev. L. G. Rogers conducted the services. Interment was in Rockport Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Earl Johnson, Raymond Owens, William Johnson, Lloyd Brown, Monroe DeForest and Arthur Davis.

Cpl. F. L. Rodriguez Completes Leader Course

Fort Bliss, Tex. — Corporal Francisco L. Rodriguez, son of Arthur Rodriguez of Rockport, has successfully completed the leaders course in the Antiaircraft artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bliss, Texas.

His graduation ceremonies complete, Corporal Rodriguez has been assigned to William Beaumont Army Hospital, at Fort Bliss, for duty.

FULTON LIONS CLUB

The Fulton Lions Club had their regular meeting at their hall Monday night with 13 members and one visitor present. Two travel pictures were shown for entertainment.

John Ray Home Wins First Place In X'mas Lighting Contest

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ray were the first prize winners in the Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady West placed second while Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sanders of Fulton, won third place. Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDavid received honorable mention for their "Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer" display.

Mrs. Mary Juergens, chamber secretary-manager expressed herself as being well pleased with the response shown by the many beautiful displays that have made the community more attractive for the holiday season.

Judging of the various residences entered in the lighting contest was held Monday night with the following acting as judges: Mrs. Clell Stice of Stockton, Kan., Mrs. Roy Brown of Spicer, Minn., and Mrs. H. K. McCaleb of Harrison, Ark.

Members of Stewart-Wendell Post Auxiliary Attend Christmas Party

Five members of the Stewart-Wendell Post of the V.F.W. and Auxiliary No. 3904, attended the annual Christmas party for the patients at the Naval Hospital in Corpus Christi, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20.

Those attending were James McCabe and Bill Gray from the V.F.W. post and Mrs. Bertha McCabe, Mrs. Ruth McShan and Mrs. Violet Brundrett from the auxiliary.

The group took with them 60 dozen cookies and two large boxes of gifts, furnished by the Womans Club, to distribute among the patients in the hospital.

Texas Hunters Provide TB Patients With 400 Deer Hides

Austin, Tex. — Texas deer hunters have provided a gigantic Christmas gift for about 2500 patients in the four state TB hospitals.

More than 400 deer hides have been received for their use in leather work, L. M. Rathbone of the Austin Taxidermist Studio, reported today. Mr. Rathbone is donating tanning services and has paid shipping costs on hides sent to him collect.

Some motor freight lines also have co-operated in the collection by carrying the hides without charge when they were advised by the hunters they were for use by the TB patients, Mr. Rathbone reported.

Hospital officials will be able to announce the gift during Christmas observance in the sanatoriums, according to Mrs. Alice Coombs, director of occupational therapy for the state hospital system.

Mr. Rathbone expects holiday hunters to swell the growing supply of buckskin and reports size and quality of the hides improving as the hunting activity moves south where he declares the "big bucks roam."

Hunters wishing the patients to receive the hides may simply address them to the Austin Taxidermist Studio, Austin, Texas. But they should be marked "For TB Patients."

Fishing Tournament Has Two Winners

The fishing tournament sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce had two winners this week. J. G. Law of Clar Lake, Iowa, won the redbird division with an 8-pound fish and O. V. Wheeler of Minneapolis, Minn., won in the trout division with a 5-pound 6-ounce trout.

Public Asked Not to Work On TV Sets

Owners of television sets in the area are warned to watch out for TV "experts" working this territory. Reports have been received where such persons, not properly trained in the repair of television sets have done great damage instead of repairing them. One instance reported concerned a local man who had his set repaired by one of these so-called "experts" with the result that improper replacement parts were inserted into the set, causing a short and damaging the set almost beyond repair.

Heading a little friendly advice will save owners of these sets inconvenience and money. When you need repairs, take your set to a repair man that you know and one that you can expect a guarantee from.

It is a known fact that reception in the Rockport area is not always good. When such is the case, you are advised to turn off the TV set and wait until reception is good, just the same as you would do with your radio. Do not attempt to "adjust" the set yourself unless you are certain that you know what is wrong and very few laymen will know. A few adjustments by an amateur can result in costly repair bills.

The mechanism of these sets is extremely complicated and the average person cannot afford to adjust and repair these sets.

FIREMEN'S X'MAS TREE TONIGHT

The Fulton and Rockport Firemen will have their county-wide annual Christmas tree at the Rockport city hall and fire station, tonight (Wednesday) Dec. 23 at 7 o'clock. Everyone in the county is invited to attend.

Old Santa Claus will be there with gifts for all the children under 14 years of age.

The Fire Boys are paying for this treat out of their own dues and with public donations.

Major Stocker's Car Hit By Truck

According to Deputy Sheriff Sherman Mundine, one day last week Fred Austin of Aransas Pass was coming into Rockport on the business route of Highway 35 in a large truck and Major B. S. Stocker, driving a 1949 Plymouth on Live Oak Street, failed to stop at a stop sign and drove onto the highway in front of Austin. The Plymouth was badly damaged but Major Stocker was not badly hurt. He was given a ticket for failing to yield the right of way.

DEC. 31 LAST DAY FOR DISCOUNT ON TAXES

Taxpayers in Aransas County are urged not to overlook the fact that Dec. 31, 1953, is the last day taxes may be paid and receive a discount of one per cent.

This applies to city, school and county taxes.

Return of Fish Tags Vital to Marine Statistics

C. W. Reid, chief marine biologist of the Game and Fish Commission, has urged Texans catching tagged fish from Gulf waters to kindly forward the tags to the marine laboratory of the commission, here.

He said residents along the coastal front who boat tagged fish usually forward the tags. However, persons from the inland areas catching tagged fish probably do not know where to send the tags.

Reid said the tags are needed to trace habits of the fish in an over-all plan to improve general fishing conditions in the Gulf.



G.I. INCENUITY—Proving that even in Korea the American soldier refuses to compromise with comfort, Pfc. George P. Zibell of Albany, N. Y., relaxes in his tent and demonstrates his "state-side smoking stand." Zibell nailed to a stick a sand-filled, gallon-sized jelly can; a candle holder and ash tray modeled from a sweet potato can, a tomato can full of water and a pack of cigarettes. Says Zibell, "My apparatus is not only a comfortable, attractive piece of furniture, but it also includes safety features."

POLL TAX PAYMENT DUE NOW

It is time to pay your 1953 poll tax so you may vote in the elections in 1954.

The poll tax receipts have been on the market since Oct. 1, 1953, but only 177 have been sold to date. There are approximately 1,550 persons in Aransas County who should pay poll taxes.

Those who would like to vote next year had better take notice as the deadline for poll tax payment is Jan. 31, 1954.



WHO'S AFRAID?—Ol' Man Winter may be doing his dirty work in other parts of the nation, but that doesn't bother pretty Iris Maxwell at Miami Beach, Fla. She has abandoned her winter wardrobe, except for some fur trim, in order to take in the warm sunshine.

Graham and Spencer Will Try Again West of Rockport

Building derrick was underway at George W. Graham and Emory M. Spencer No. 2 Brundrett, scheduled 9,000 foot wildcat four miles west of Rockport.

Location of the test is 1,400 feet from the southwest and 2,800 feet from the southeast lines of a 1,154.70-acre lease in William S. Tatton Survey, A-202. This scales at 4,800 feet from the north and 2,300 feet from the west lines of the survey and is about 3,000 feet south southwest of Wheelock and Collins No. 1 Brundrett, a 8,053 foot duster, and 3,120 feet south-southwest of Anderson-Pritchard No. 1 Brundrett, a 9,314 foot dry hole.

Emory M. Spencer, Trustee, No. 1 Fee, a test in the East Fulton Beach Field one mile northwest of Fulton, is 130 feet from the north and 230 feet from the east line of the three-acre lease and also on common line between lots 11 and 12 and 55 feet from the west lot lines in Block 81, Fulton Township. Permit depth is to 8,000 feet.

E. B. McCulley Will Speak Sunday Night At Methodist Church

E. B. McCulley will be the speaker at the First Methodist Church next Sunday evening.

Mr. McCulley has recently moved to this city and is a former preacher and member of the Methodist Church. He conducts the worship service in the Bayside Methodist Church twice a month.

Man Runs Into Rear of Deputy Sheriff's Car

Deputy Sheriff Mundine has reported that last Saturday night, about 10 o'clock, he and Deputy Sheriff W. L. Haynes were driving south on Highway 35 inside the city limits at about 35 miles an hour, when James Otis Young ran up behind them at a high rate of speed and ran into the back of Mundine's car, knocking it off the road about 40 yards into the bar ditch.

The 1952 Chevrolet driven by Young, glanced off to the side and stopped 300 yards away, from where he had hit the car, and only about 30 feet from Arthur Miller's home near the Triangle.

Both cars were demolished, both radios in the sheriff's car were knocked out.

D.W.I. charges were filed against Young and he was taken to court Monday and is out on \$200 bond.

Miss Clarke Named Census Enumerator

Miss Katie Lee Clarke has been appointed the census enumerator of the children of scholastic age in Aransas County for the coming year.

Miss Clarke's chairmen to assist her are: Millard Owen, Fulton, and Mrs. Lillian Sorenson, Mrs. Charlyn Hunt, and Miss Goldie James.

All the teachers in all the schools will also assist Miss Clarke.

Methodists Plan Christmas Eve Service

Members and friends of the Methodist Church are reminded that the third annual Christmas Eve midnight service will be held Thursday, 11:30 p.m. until midnight.

A nativity scene has been placed in the Methodist Church annex. At night this scene is lighted and can be seen through a front window. Residents of Rockport and visitors are invited to drive by the Methodist Church annex and see this display.

Rockport Churches Have Christmas Services

Most of the churches in Rockport are observing the Christmas season with special Christmas services.

Rev. Calvin Peterson, pastor of the Methodist Church, brought a Christmas message to his congregation Sunday morning and the choir presented a service of Christmas music Sunday evening. The Church School gave their annual program at 7:30 Monday night, and the Youth Fellowship sponsored a caroling tour Tuesday night.

The third annual Christmas Eve midnight service will be held in the church on Dec. 24 from 11:30 p.m. until midnight. Rev. Peterson said that the public is invited to this service.

The Northside Baptist Church had a Christmas tree last Monday night, and the Fulton Community Church had a Christmas program and tree on Tuesday night.

Christmas music was used at the worship service at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, and the pastor, Rev. T. H. Pollard, preached on the "Wise Men."

A candlelight service, sponsored by the Women of the Presbyterian Church, with the Joy Gift offering, was held for the evening service Sunday. Tuesday night the Sunday School had its annual Christmas tree in the assembly room of the church and tonight the H.Y.F. young people will go aroiling after their worship service. Any one wanting the group to sing for them or for a friend, contact Bob Morrison.

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church will have Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve and at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Christmas day.

The Messiah was presented at the First Baptist Church Thursday night by the chorus from the University of Corpus Christi, to an appreciative audience. The Christmas program and tree held at the church Sunday night was well attended.

The service of Holy Communion with carol singing, will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church Christmas at 7:30 p.m. Officiating will be the Rev. Hubert Palmer, rector of All Saints Church in Corpus Christi, and former priest in charge here. A cordial invitation is given to all friends of the church to join with the members in this celebration.

Winter Guest Programs Are Well Attended

Considering the inclement weather last Thursday the game night sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at the V.F.W. Hall was well attended. Seven states were represented and a good time was had. There will not be a game on the night of Dec. 24 or Dec. 31, but the get-together for winter guests in this area will be resumed on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The afternoon card party held Monday at the Womans Club had a very nice crowd. The ladies from Iowa took most of the honors. Mrs. Ben Henry of Iowa, won high in canasta, and Mrs. W. E. Hurd of Iowa, won low. Mrs. Clarence Turner of Iowa won high in bridge, with a locale, Mrs. Arthur Bracht, winning low.

Mrs. E. H. Anderson of Iowa, won the bingo prize donated by one of the guests.

Mrs. Seth Steele and Mrs. H. H. Dick were hostesses for this affair.

There will be no interruption in these afternoon parties, with the next one to be held Monday, Dec. 28 at 2 p.m.

Lawrence Kills Deer and Javelina

A. H. Lawrence and friend went hunting last week in Webb County and Mr. Lawrence killed a ten-point buck and a javelina. He did not mention the others killing anything.

PILOT COMING OUT EARLY NEXT WEEK

The Rockport Pilot will be printed a day early again next week. It will go to press on Wednesday, Dec. 30 instead of on Thursday, when it is usually printed.

This will enable the subscribers to receive their paper before New Years and the merchants to get their ads in for the weekend sales.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO CARL PENDERGRASS,
GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the first day of February, A.D. 1954, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable District Court of Aransas County, at the Court House in Rockport, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of October, 1953. The file number of said suit being No. 3025. The names of the parties in said suit are: BELLE LENZ PENDERGRASS as Plaintiff, and CARL PENDERGRASS as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff has been a resident of the State of Texas and County of Aransas for a period of twelve months before the filing of this suit.

Plaintiff and Defendant were married on November 12, 1942 and separated on September 26, 1953, due to the harsh and cruel treatment of the Defendant to Plaintiff.

Plaintiff further alleges that there were four children born to the marriage, to-wit: Carl Pendergrass, Jr., Carol Anne Pendergrass, Burt Allen Pendergrass and Patricia Dale Pendergrass, who are residing with the Plaintiff.

Plaintiff further alleges that there is no community property of said marriage.

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment, the custody of said children, and all such other relief to which she may be entitled, both at law and in equity.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 19th day of December, A.D. 1953.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Rockport, Texas, this the 19th day of December, A.D. 1953.

JAS. C. HERRING,
Clerk, District Court,
Aransas County, Texas

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State Hospital Patients Face a Bleak Christmas

Austin. — Indications last week pointed to a bleak Christmas for two out of every three of the 23,000 patients in state hospital and special schools.

Mrs. Mary Alice Combs, rehabilitation director, said that's as far as Christmas presents received so far for patients will stretch.

A great many of the patients are aged, she said, and Christmas is just as important to them as it is to children.

Volunteer workers in communities adjacent to state institutions have been trying to get together enough gifts so that every patient will have at least one. The campaigns have met with varying success, but most are far short of the goal.

Institutions in need of such gifts, she said, include Abilene State Hospital, Austin State Hospital, Austin State School, Big Spring State Hospital, East Texas Tuberculosis Hospital at Tyler, Kerrville State Home, McKnight Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Sanatorium (near San Angelo), Mexia State School and Home, Rusk State Hospital, San Antonio Tuberculosis Hospital, Legion (Kerr County) Tuberculosis Hospital, Wichita Falls State Hospital, and Terrell State Hospital.

Junior Sunday School Class Has Party

The third grade junior Sunday School class of the First Presbyterian Church had a party and Christmas tree in the assembly room of the church, Friday night.

Christmas carols were sung, gifts exchanged, and a general good time had by members of the class. Among those present were Teresa Johnson, Linda Mills, "Cuke" Happner, Buddy Ayers, Robbie Bocquet, Mary Lucille Jackson, Britton Dick, and Jerry Armstrong; two guests, Herbie Mills and Nickie Dick and the sponsor, Mrs. J. F. Cloberdants.

Lt. and Mrs. Bruce Davis and sons, Ford and Bart, came in from San Antonio, Friday, to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis and Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson.

Bobby Floyd came in from Camp Polk, La., Friday to spend an 8-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bailey of Corpus Christi, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bailey. They left the first of the week for California to spend Christmas with Mrs. Clark Bailey's parents.

Martin VanBuren was the first President to be born a citizen of the United States.



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No. 2 1/2 can

2 for 35c

Ocean Spray

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No. 300 can

19c

Carnation

MILK

tall cans

2 for 23c

vegetables

PASCAL, LARGE STALK

CELERY 13c

RED VELVET

YAMS 2 lbs. 19c

RED DELICIOUS

APPLES 2 lbs. 29c

TEXAS, CELLO BAG

ORANGES 5 lbs. 29c

FRESH

GREEN ONIONS bunch 5c

SUN-GOLD

OLEOMARGARINE lb. 21c

STOKELY

CUT ASPARAGUS No. 300 can 2 for 49c

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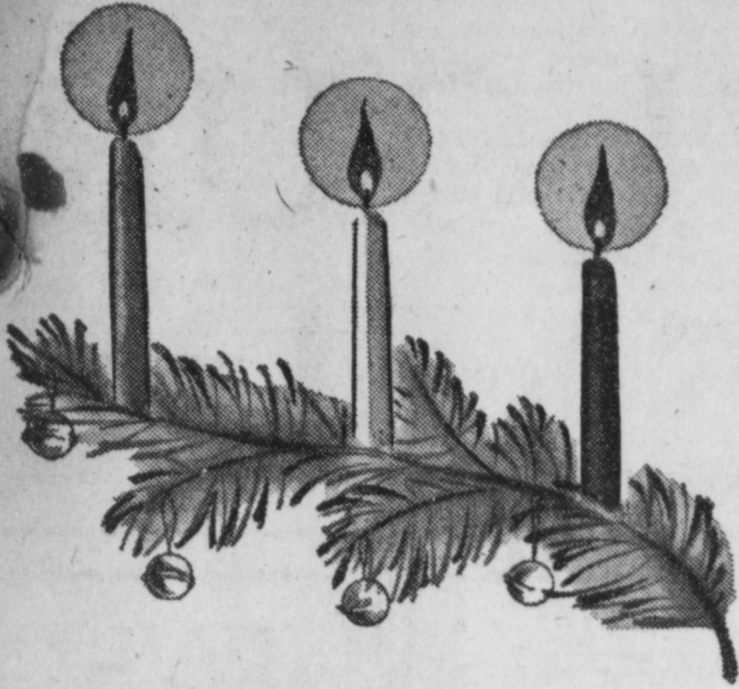
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Growing candles, slender and tall,

Bring Christmas cheer to one and all!



DUTCH'S DRIVE IN

We Will Be Closed Christmas Day

Sacred Heart Altar Society Met Dec. 15

The Sacred Heart Altar Society of the Catholic Church, held its regular monthly meeting at the school, Dec. 15, preceded by the Rosary at the church.

The roll was called with ten members present. The treasurers report given and the minutes were read.

Mrs. Roy Rogero and Mrs. David Coleman were appointed on the visiting committee for January.

Mrs. T. J. Johnson and Mrs. Clark Wren were appointed on the church committee.

The president, Mrs. Wren, will appoint a nominating committee for the election of officers to be held in January.

There being no further business, Father O'Doherty closed the meeting with prayer.

Miss Demory Honored With Bridal Shower

Miss Gena Demory, bride-elect of Lonnie Harper, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. "Buddy" McLester Wednesday night.

The hostesses were Miss Anna Torres, Miss Jo Ann McCabe, Miss Shirley Faye Harrell, Miss Carol Currie, and Mrs. Jimmy Jones.

Miss Demory, her mother, Mrs. R. E. Demory, and the hostesses welcomed the guests. Mrs. Jones presided at the guest register.

Yellow and green were the colors used in the decorations and table appointments. An arrangement of yellow chrysanthemums centered the lace-covered table; there were green tapers burning on each end.

The hostesses served green punch and sandwiches. Miss Currie poured and Miss Harrell served.

Miss McCabe and Miss Torres assisted the honoree with her gifts. The guest list included about 60 of Miss Demory's friends.

Mrs. Mary Juergens left this morning for Dallas to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Nancy Ethington. Mrs. Juergens will stop in San Antonio on her way home and spend New Years with her daughter, Mrs. George Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Herring have their sons, David from the University of Texas, and Joe from A&I, home for the Christmas holidays.

Don Greene is home from Austin, spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat H. Greene.

3 More Whooping Cranes Arrive at Refuge; Total Is Now 24

Austwell, Tex. — Three whooping cranes photographed in Canada weeks ago have finally arrived at the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge on Blackjack Peninsula.

Julian Howard, manager of the refuge near Austwell, said yesterday that a three-time count of North America's long limbed water bird had been made by plane and 24 were found. Up to then only 21 were totaled. The three additions, all adults, were long overdue on their immigration from far northern Canada.

The Wildlife Service and National Audubon Society conducted an intense publicity campaign this fall to urge protection of the nearly extinct whooper. The count of 24 shows a gain of three over last year when 21 spent the winter on the refuge.

Howard said it is anyone's guess where the missing three whoopers could have been for the past month as investigations of reports spotting the birds as far away as Mexico all proved invalid.

Ramsays Entertain With Open House

Rev. and Mrs. Bradford Ramsey entertained their friends with an open house Sunday afternoon from 3:30 "till 5:30.

Rev. and Mrs. Ramsey and their son, Tommy, welcomed the guests as they arrived.

The Christmas theme was emphasized throughout the room. One of the first things the guests noticed was the manger scene, nestling under a Christmas card tree. There was a snow scene on the mantle with a log house as the center; Santa and his reindeer were near the cabin and red tapers burned in logs at each end. A lighted church stood on a table across the room from the fireplace.

Spangle-trimmed Christmas trees trimmed the frounce of the red net cloth on the tea table. An arrangement of red and white carnations, flanked by red tapers in white holders formed the table decorations.

The following ladies alternated at the serving table: Mrs. John Roaten, Miss Wanda Corporan, Mrs. J. V. Ferguson, Mrs. Lillie Calver, Mrs. W. S. Coaker, and Mrs. Mabel Thompson.

There were about one hundred guests called.

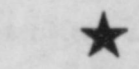


Bundles of Christmas Joy To all . . .

Tucked into your every Christmas package, and into every gay card you receive, is our hope that you will find the many blessings of Christmas, and the fulfillment of your desires.

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Rockport

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Aransas Pass



To our friends — serving you has been a real pleasure — "Merry Christmas, everyone!"

EARL'S Drive-In GROCERY
Rockport

Miss Mary Ann Close Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Close announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann, to Curtis Donald McNabb, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McNabb of Vanderbilt.

The wedding will be solemnized Friday, Jan. 1 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Miss Close is a graduate of the Rockport High School and is an employee of the State Game and Fish Commission, in Rockport.

Mr. McNabb graduated from Vanderbilt Industrial High School and is employed by the Kaffie Lumber Co.

Seth Steele Jr., a student at Del Mar College, will be home Christmas eve and spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Steele.

Peter Sorenson Marks Tenth Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Sorenson honored their son, Peter, with a party marking his 10th birthday, at their home Saturday afternoon.

There were 13 children invited but only nine were present. The fun started with seeing the picture show, then the children went to the Sorenson home where the gifts were opened and refreshments served.

The birthday cake was in the shape of a Christmas tree and had lighted candles on the tip of the branches.

Mrs. Sorenson had provided a pineta for the children to break, which was great sport. Each child was given a box to carry home the loot he got out of it.

Mr. Roy L. Hart came Saturday from Midland, Texas, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bissett over the Christmas holidays.

Rebekah Lodge Has Christmas Tree

Following the regular meeting of the Rebekah Lodge Tuesday night, the members of the lodge had a Christmas party and tree. Mrs. W. T. Tuttle, program chairman, presented a short program and gifts were exchanged with magical music.

Cake, cookies, coffee, chocolate were served with plenty of fresh hot popcorn.

Guests coming in for the party were Dawn Olsen, Bonnie Scott, William Barnes, Clark Sorenson and Jim Ben Cloberdants.

Mrs. R. D. Hamilton, who is teaching at LaPorte, came in Saturday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. L. D. Lowther and her daughter, Sallie Fields.

Ernest Tackette, who is suffering from a gun shot wound in his arm, is still improving and is able to be around.

Mrs. W. E. Yeatman and Mrs. LeMoynne Chatfield of Montgomery, Ala., have arrived to spend the holidays with their sister, Mrs. B. C. Gregory and the Hinton family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson are coming to visit his mother, Mrs. Nealy Parr and family in February, when he will get his discharge from the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Everitt and Juanita and Mr. and Mrs. John Everitt went to Los Alamos, N. M., Tuesday night to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Everitt and family.

Mrs. Roaten Hostess For Fidelis Matrons

Mrs. Shelley Roaten entertained the Fidelis Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church at her home Friday night.

Mrs. Ed Beasley gave a devotional and several Christmas carols were sung. After the short program some Bible games were played.

Each member of the class brought a gift to exchange, which was placed under the beautiful Christmas tree.

The table was covered with red net over red linen, the centerpiece was a beautiful arrangement of red and white carnations with red tapers in milk-white holders on each side.

Green punch and coffee were served with open-faced sandwiches, fruit cake, Christmas cookies, and candy and nuts.

Miss Marylou A. Stocker of San Antonio, is in Rockport to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Maj. and Mrs. Benj. S. Stocker.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Picton and children returned last week from a visit with relatives of Mrs. Picton at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Roland Dittfurth, who is in Spohn Hospital as the result of falling from an oil derrick, is doing nicely. The doctor hopes to be able to start operating on his arm in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashley went to Centerville, La., today, to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. James Ashley.

Homemakers Class Has Christmas Party

The Homemakers class of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Dec. 14.

Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged. The devotional, "Uncle Elia's Birthday," was given by Mrs. G. A. West.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Bob Landrum, Norman McLead, H. B. Ramsey, Carl Butler, Alice Thompson, Bill Clark, La Velle Fletcher, George Washington, Lloyd Branch O. A. Carroll McHugh, C. C. Landgraf, M. McHenry, Jessie Williams and Kay Simmons.

Mrs. Rose Elliot of Ames, Iowa, is spending the Christmas holidays with her son, Dr. H. F. Elliot and family.

Mattie Beth Gilley, who is a student at U.C.C. will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odus Gilley.

Miss Alice Bell, who is attending college at Denton, and Miss Myrtle Lee Bell of Austin, are spending their Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Annie Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Clark went to Texarkana Wednesday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Dixie Wilkinson.

NOTICE! I am resigning as Constable, Precinct No. 1, Aransas County, effective January 1, 1954, as my job requires so much of my time I am not able to give the proper time to Constable that I should, and, also the \$25.00 a month is not sufficient for the job.

Walter Paugh

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Junior League Has Christmas Party

The Junior League of the Methodist Church had a Christmas party Saturday afternoon in the church annex.

There was a Christmas tree and the children exchanged gifts. Each child received two extra gifts from the tree, also.

Rev. Calvin Peterson told Dickens' Christmas Story and they all sang Christmas carols and played games.

Green punch, candy and cookies were served.

Sponsors for the party were Mrs. Ed Godde, Rev. Peterson, Mrs. LeRoy Young and Mrs. A. C. Glass.

Miss Dolly Lee Hart's Engagement Told

Miss Dolly Lee Hart and James Frederick Close will exchange wedding vows Jan. 2 in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hart of Midland, Texas, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bissett of Rockport.

Mr. Close is the son of Mr. Mrs. Willie Close of Rockport.

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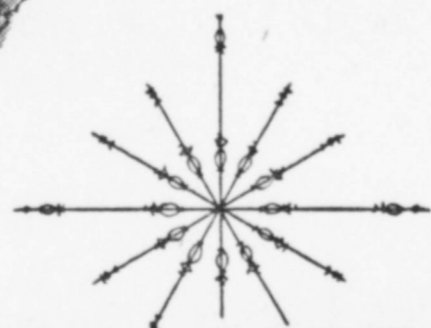
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Santa Claus' Right Arm

This may be the post office's biggest Christmas. The postmaster general estimates that more Christmas mail — packages and cards — will be handled in 1953 than in any previous year. With this in mind, the post office department has hired extra employees and arranged for use of extra trucks for the holiday period.

The post office is Santa Claus' good right arm. It delivers gifts and greetings throughout the world, and it will do its best to get them there by December 25 — if they are mailed on time.

Much Christmas mail going overseas is handled in cooperation with the postal systems of other nations. But in the United States and its possessions, in U. S.-trusted islands in the Pacific and among U. S. servicemen in all parts of the world, delivery of holiday greetings is strictly a United States affair.

The army takes over, through its army post office, for troops serving outside the United States, be-

Santa Claus Over the World

English children look for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own and gifts are tied to Christmas trees.

In Finland, Santa has elves who pass out gifts for him.

In Italy there is no Santa Claus. Instead, they have a benedict old witch, Befona, who sails thru the air on a broom stick on Christmas Eve.

Brazil has Papa Noel, very much like Santa. He wears a red suit and travels in a sleigh drawn by reindeer. However, he enters the house through a window.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so that the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

they in Germany, Korea, or somewhere on the way.

Best known special Christmas business done by any post office is that of Santa Claus, Indiana.

XXXMAS KISSES

Mistletoe Bestows Good Fortune

Very few people don't know what a sprig of mistletoe means at Christmas time—especially when there's a pretty girl standing beneath it! But few people realize that this very pleasant custom has its root in age-old superstitions.

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe.

According to an ancient Norse legend, the sun god was slain by an arrow fashioned from the mistletoe plant. He was resurrected by his mother's tears, which falling upon the plant, were crystallized into pearly berries. Because of this magical healing, it was ordained that mistletoe should grow neither on heaven nor earth, but suspended between. That is the reason, runs the legend, that mistletoe is found growing on trees.

Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for that purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful pow-

ers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

Because of its supposed salutary properties, mistletoe was often hung over the doors of primitive houses as a sign of good-will. Belief in magic has disappeared, but this custom still remains. And a kiss under the mistletoe still has beneficial effects. Try it and see for yourself!

True Christmas Spirit Is Found in Sharing

For a really satisfying and meaningful Christmas, share yours with the old and feeble, the ill and shut-in, the bereaved whose sorrows you might lighten.

Unfortunately, all the flurry and preparation associated with Christmas are apt to make parents as well as children overlook the real significance of the coming birthday of Christ.

Merry Christmas In Other Languages

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!

The spirit conveyed by these words is the same in all countries, but the words themselves sometimes fall harshly on American ears.

"Merry Christmas" in French has a soft and musical sound. It is "Joyeux Noel."

In Spain the greeting is "Feliz Pascuas," and in Italy, "Buon Natale." For Sweden it is "God Jul" and Norway, "Gladig Jul."

In Germany and Holland the greeting is a tongue-twister that will stump the average American. The Germans say "Froehliche Weihnachten" and the Dutch, "Fleizierig Kerstfeest."

But whatever the language, the spirit behind this greeting is the same wherever there are men of goodwill.

Lemon trees have been cultivated in India for over 2,500 years.



All of us — staff and management — extend to you our wishes that every joy and blessing will be yours in the cheery holiday season — and, that its many pleasures will thrill your household.

Cage's South Texas Benefit and Burial Association

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Each year we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the Christmas season because in it we find the opportunity to express again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Our greatest delight, at this happy time of the year, is to wish our many loyal customers and friends a holiday season filled with the sparkle and gaiety of the Yuletide spirit.

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RESTS AT RINK—Young Michael Chaplin, son of the internationally famous comedian, Charlie Chaplin, rests during a skating session at the Montchoise rink in Laussane, Switzerland, home of the Chaplin family.

Old Christmas Tree Can Be Put to Many Uses

There are a number of things you can do with your Christmas tree after New Year's besides burning it.

If it is a fir, for instance, it can be anchored in the back yard—perhaps in a corner of the garden—and used as a bird feeder the remainder of the winter. Pieces of suet and little feed bags may be tied to the branches. A container of water should be placed beneath the tree and kept filled so the birds will have a drink every day.

Or, cut off the branches and place them, curved ends up, over flower beds when the ground is exposed.

Long branches may be built into little lean-tos to protect tender shrubs from sun scald.

The needles of a Christmas tree can be sprinkled beneath acid-loving plants such as laurel, andromeds, rhododendron and blueberries.

If the needles on the tree are still firm, use the branches in an outdoor windowbox. Moisten the soil in the box. Then push the cut ends of the branches down to the

bottom and tamp the soil firm around them. This will generally give you greenery all winter.

If you must burn your Christmas tree, don't toss it into a fireplace. Cut off the branches and burn them safely one by one.

And remember, a Christmas tree tossed into the street can become a fire hazard if playful children pick it up and make a bonfire of it in a vacant lot.

'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Engelbert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes — Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.

BAY AND ROSEMARY CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Bay and rosemary have also been represented among our Christmas plants from time immemorial. An ancient writer says: "Rosemarie and Baies that are most faire were stuck about the houses and the churches at the time of Christmas."

According to tradition it was the bay tree, with its lance-like leaves and purple berries, that sheltered the holy family during a thunderstorm. Accordingly it was believed that lightning will never strike a bay tree.

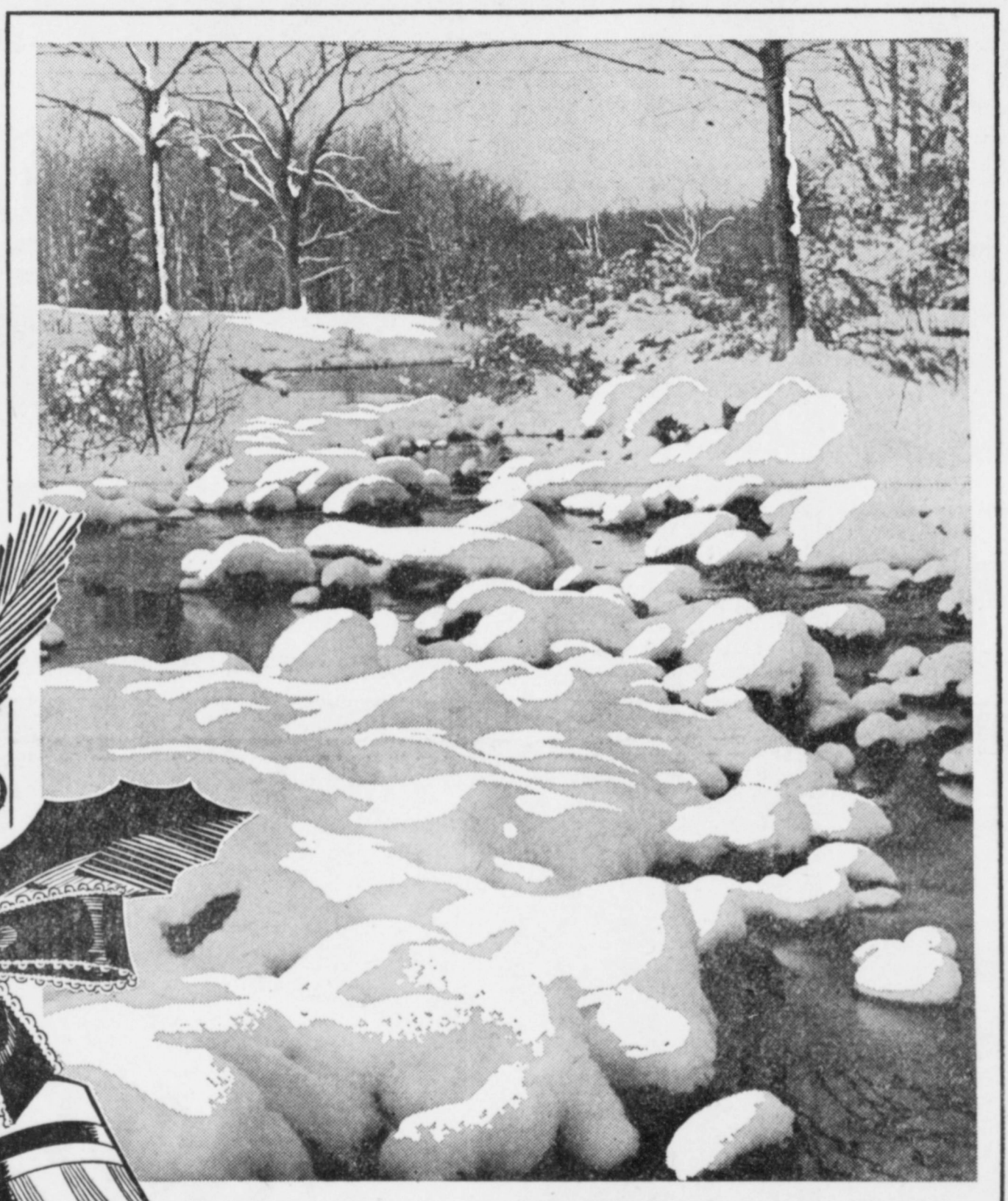
The association of the rosemary plant with Christmas also goes back to the early childhood of our Lord, namely to the flight into Egypt to escape the wrath and jealousy of King Herod. Its branches are said to have held the little garments of the Christ Child that were placed upon them by the Virgin Mother. Originally, its flowers were supposed to have been white, but the plant changed the color of its blossoms to lavender, same as Mary's cloak.



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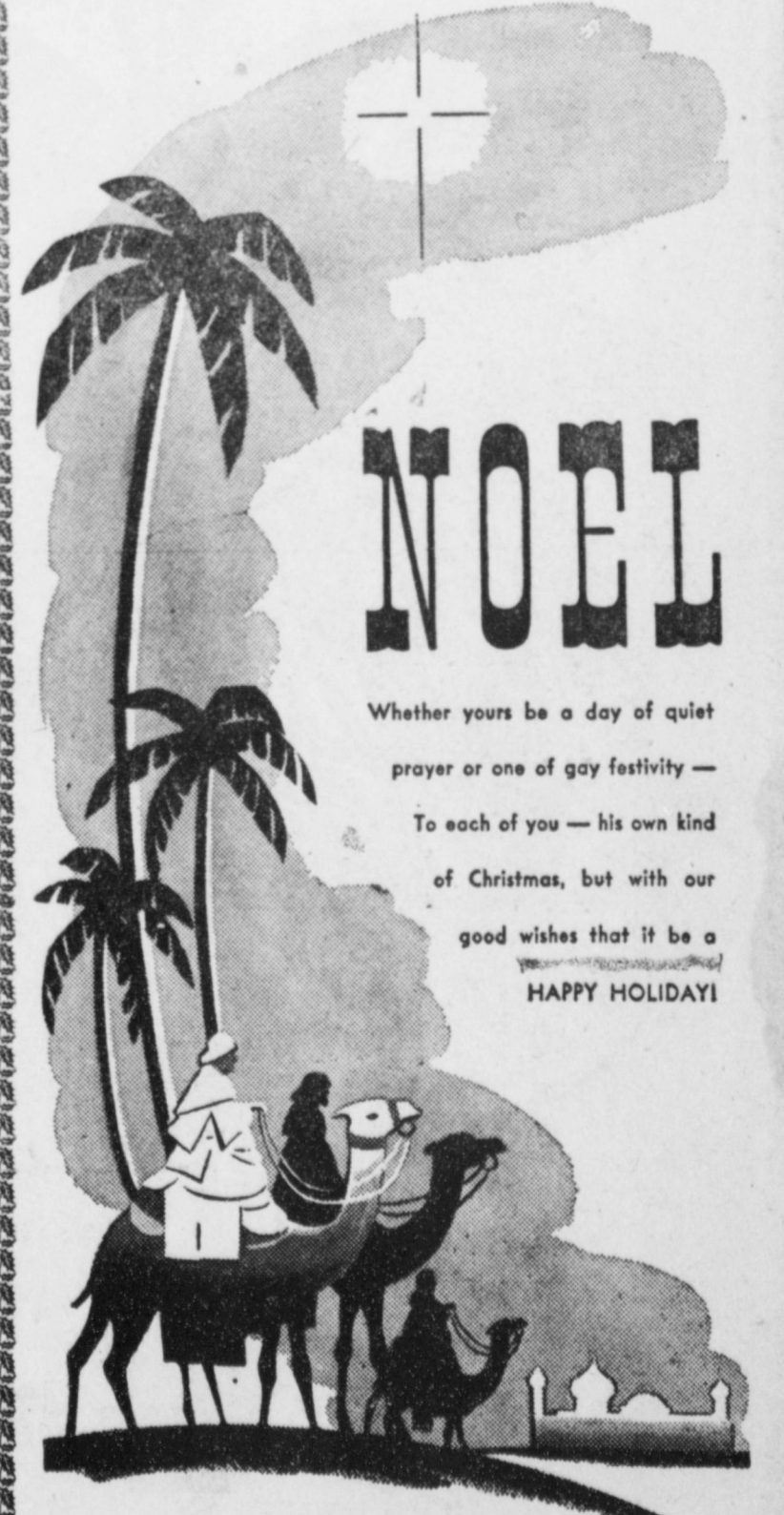
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Greetings

At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff! May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season . . . Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

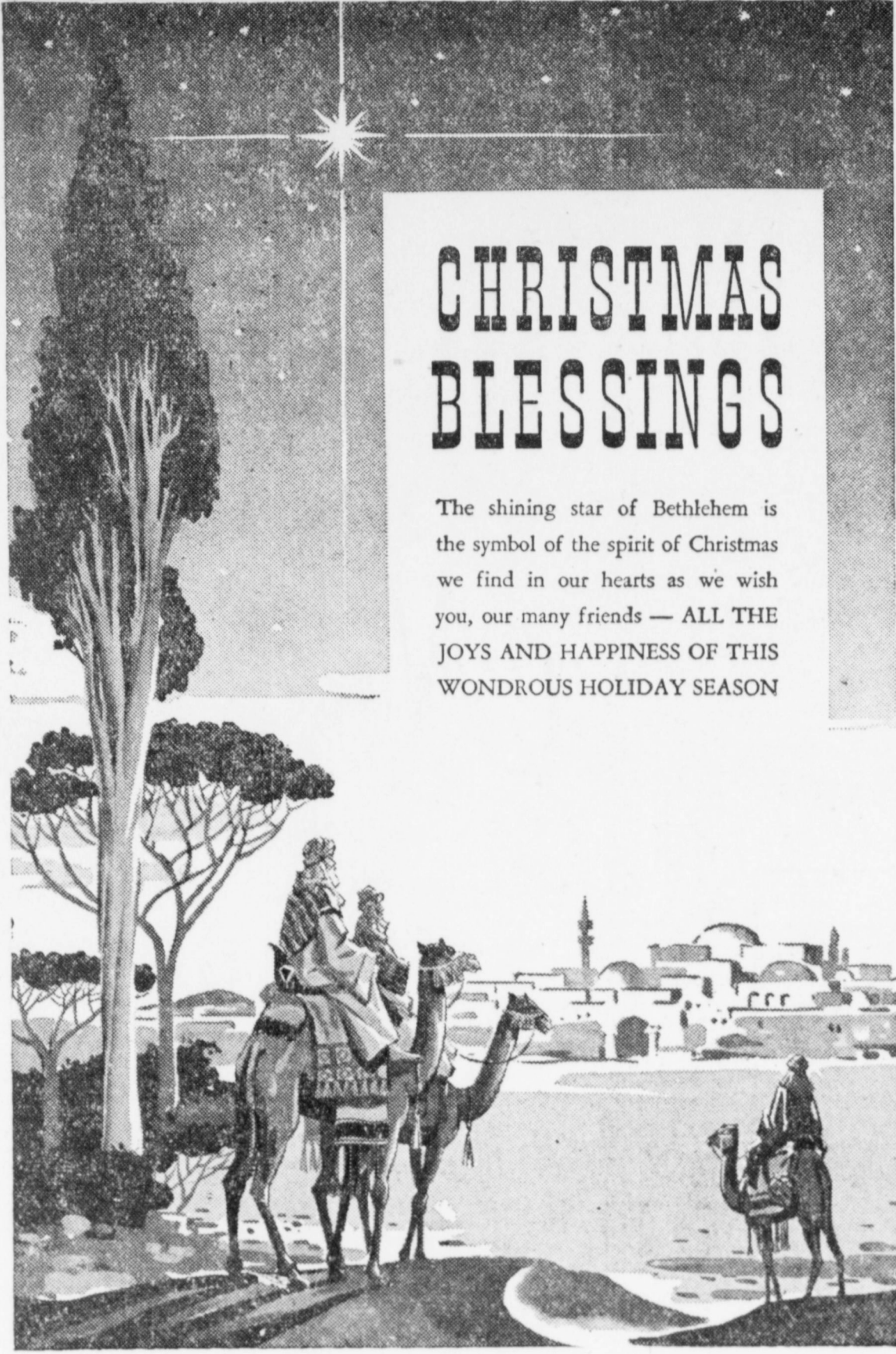
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Whether yours be a day of quiet
prayer or one of gay festivity —
To each of you — his own kind
of Christmas, but with our
good wishes that it be a
HAPPY HOLIDAY!

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Fulton, Texas



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The shining star of Bethlehem is the symbol of the spirit of Christmas we find in our hearts as we wish you, our many friends — ALL THE JOYS AND HAPPINESS OF THIS WONDROUS HOLIDAY SEASON

S. F. Jackson
N. F. Jackson **James B. Jackson**
Rockport, Texas

'Christkindli' Is Swiss Counterpart Of Santa Claus

Santa Claus plays a very insignificant part in the Swiss celebration of Christmas, observed mostly on December 24. It is Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, much in the fashion of our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes naughty youngsters.

Yule Tree Business Figured In Million

Christmas trees are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific Coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

John Paul Jones was the first great U. S. naval hero.

East is west and west is east on the 180th meridian.



Merry Christmas

To every one — everywhere — we offer this age-old wish . . . That the magic peace, contentment and happiness of the Yuletide linger on and bring joy to you and yours for all time to come.

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That JOY be with you this happy season — is the sincere wish we extend to all of our many friends! "Merry Christmas" is still the warmest greeting of the season.

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In The Spirit of The Season

WE WANT TO REJOICE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
DURING THIS MOST BLESSED OF SEASONS . . . AND TO
WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR MANY FRIENDS
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Cheerio!

Santa's come to town! And, in his sleigh
are tucked away our warm and friendly
greetings to each and every one of the
wonderful folks whom we have served!
HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

LASSITER'S TAILOR SHOP
Rockport, Texas

Time for Safety, Too

Christmas is a time when thoughts center around the home and family. But it's also a dangerous time for that home and family . . . where fire is concerned.

First of all, the usual winter hazards are present: open fires, plus heaters and furnaces in operation—which, besides being dangerous in themselves, lower the humidity in the house. Added to them are the seasonal hazards of flammable objects such as Christmas greens and trees, paper wrappings and decorations, besides extra electrical wiring and maybe lighted candles, too.

Perhaps the most dangerous of all is the atmosphere of haste that often accompanies the holidays—the rush to finish last-minute shopping, wrap the gifts, put up the tree, and attend to the usual details of every-day living. It seems as if there just isn't time to be careful! But the fact of the matter is that if we don't take time to be careful, a fire may result that in a very short time can wipe out everything we were rushing so madly to get done—and a great deal more!

Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide Immemorally

For centuries Christmas carols have heralded the Yuletide season around the Christian world. Many of them, slightly altered by changing times and customs, have been handed down from one generation to another.

A great number probably were lost because they were popular in generations not adequately covered by a written history.

Christmas carols are of two main types—religious and convivial. The religious offer praise to the newborn and celebrate the birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth and the traditional feasting.

The latter is almost an invention of our modern civilization, and few "popular" Yuletide songs manage to return year after year. "Jingle Bells" is one notable exception. "Silent Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" seem destined to last forever.

A person normally has twelve pairs of ribs.

CHRISTMAS CARD CUSTOM JUST OVER 100 YEARS OLD

Christmas, 1953, marks the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of the custom of sending Christmas cards to greet friends.

In just a little over 100 years this custom has grown from a quaint card designed by an engraver's apprentice to over 2,000,000,000 cards which will be sent in America in 1953.

The first known Christmas card was designed in 1842 by 16-year-

old William Maw Egley in London. It was illustrated with scenes of a formal banquet and carried the message "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to You," which still remains the most popular holiday greeting. He printed 100 cards and sent them to friends.

The card didn't make William Egley famous and nothing known of him after he grew up. The second Christmas card was designed in 1846 by J. C. Horsley of the Royal Academy in London for his friend, Sir Henry Cole.

13 Ways to Say 'Merry Christmas'

- Bohemia—Vesele Vanoce.
- Bulgaria—Chestita Koleda.
- Croatian—Sretan Bojje.
- Danish—Glaedelig Jul.
- Swedish—Glad Yul.
- Norway—Gledelig Jul.
- Welsh—Nadolig Llawn.
- Ukrainian—Srozhdestvom Krismy.
- Spanish—Feliz Navidad.
- Portugese—Boas Festas.
- Polish—Weselych Swiat.
- Italian—Buone Feste Natalizie.
- German—Froeliche Wienachten.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Moody and son from Pecos, Texas, are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis.

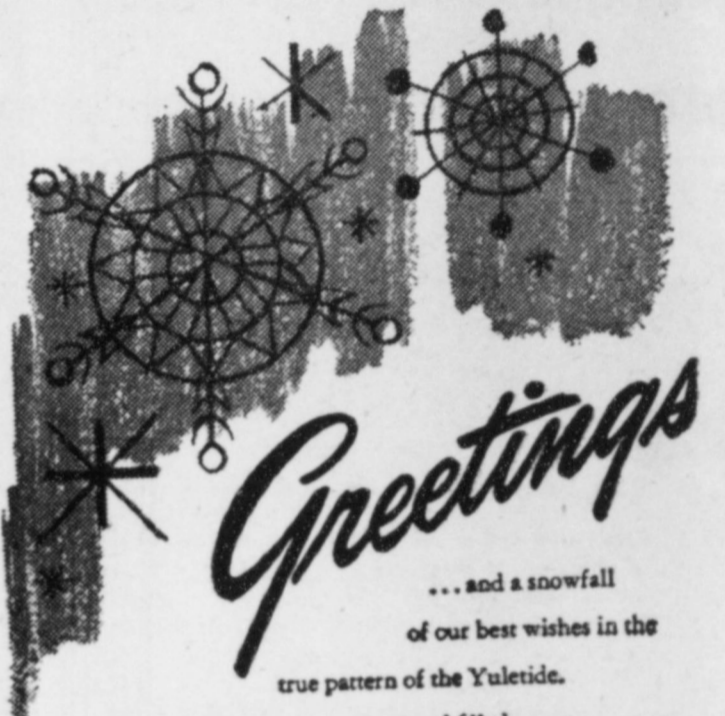
Gene Smith, a senior at A&M college, came in Thursday to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith.

John Cron is spending the holiday with his mother, Mrs. Charles Cron and family. John is a senior at the University of Texas.



Our greatest delight, at this happy time of the year, is to wish our many loyal customers and friends a holiday season filled with the sparkle and gaiety of the Yuletide spirit.

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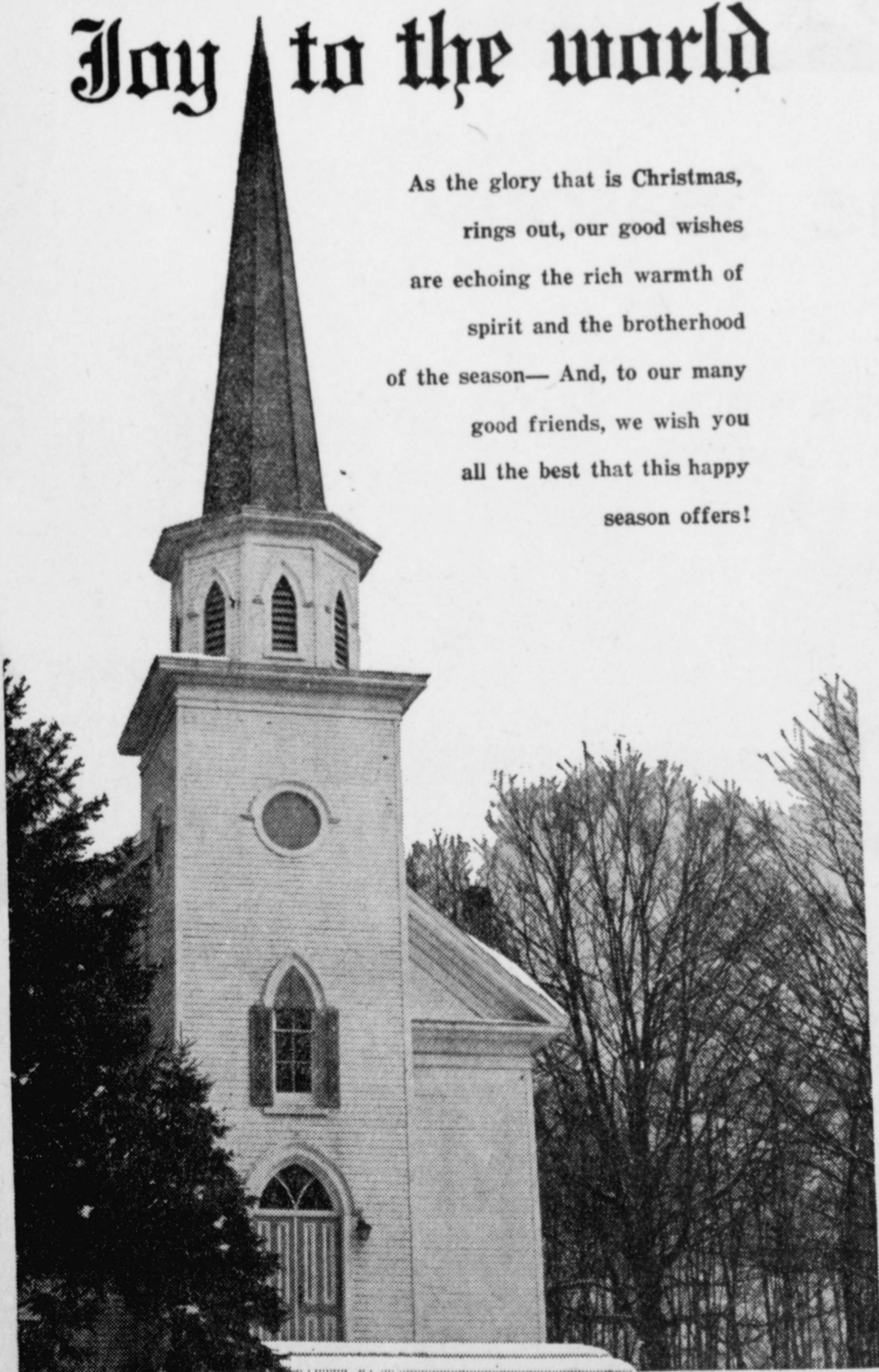


... and a snowfall
of our best wishes in the
true pattern of the Yuletide.
May your day be a merry one and filled
all things good, this Christmas!

AHREN'S FEED STORE
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Joy to the world

As the glory that is Christmas, rings out, our good wishes are echoing the rich warmth of spirit and the brotherhood of the season— And, to our many good friends, we wish you all the best that this happy season offers!



FULTON LUMBER COMPANY
J. W. "Sparky" Wilkinson



WE EXTEND OUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS

Always at Christmas time, there comes that extra-special pleasure of extending to our many friends, the greetings of the season. It is with the thought of your good will and friendship that we wish you the fullest measure of Yuletide cheer and happiness at this time . . .

Crow Sheet Metal Works
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Merry Christmas

FIRST STATE BANK
Aransas Pass

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Regular annual meeting of stockholders of the First National Bank of Rockport, Texas, will be held in the bank's office at Rockport, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, January 12, 1954, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for any other legal purpose that may be brought before said meeting.

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For Appointments

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Consuelo Samora

Funeral services for Mrs. Consuelo Samora, 31, were held at 9 a. m. Friday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. G. J. O'Doherty officiating. Burial was in the Rockport Cemetery.

Mrs. Samora, a lifelong resident of Rockport, died of a heart attack while crossing Market Street, Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Survivors are her husband, Isabel; four sons, Joe, Laurino, Fred and Isabel Jr.; four daughters, Clara Ann, Mary Ellen, Rosa Lee and Elvira, all of Rockport; two brothers, Laurino Falcon of Rockport and Gilbert Falcon, in the army in Korea; her mother, Mrs. Elvira Falcon of Rockport; and six sisters, Mrs. Rosa Garcia of Taft, Mrs. Solis Chapa, Mrs. Lupe Ramirez, Mrs. Rebecca Lopez, and Petra and Eufema Falcon of Rockport.

Cage-Marshall Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WILDLIFE AWARDS GET NEW SUPPORT

Austin, Tex. — The Texas Game and Fish Commission has indorsed the Frank M. Wood Wildlife Conservation Awards program, it was announced by the executive secretary of the commission.

The project which is designed to stimulate interest and action in the conservation of Texas wildlife provides annual awards for two high school students and two adults.

Frank M. Wood of Wichita Falls, founder of the program, said it is expected to be of particular interest to high school students.

Four-year college scholarships will be awarded to the two eligible seniors who write the best essays on wildlife conservation. Two second place cash awards of \$100 each and two third place cash awards of \$50 will go to the runners-up in the essay competition.

The executive secretary said rules and regulations have been sent to school superintendents, sportsmen's clubs, and chambers of commerce. He said the essays which will be restricted to one thousand words must be post-marked not later than Jan. 31, 1954, and be sent to Frank M. Wood Wildlife Conservation Awards, P. O. Box 1860, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The executive secretary said interested individuals should contact the proper officials through the above address.

"It strikes me that many young people, looking ahead to future plans, might well utilize spare time during the holidays to look into this program," said the executive director. "Anyone planning a college career could use the cash awards and those specializing in conservation subjects can benefit in several ways."

Berserk Check-writing Gadget Errs By \$100,000

New York. — Saul Allen, director of the traffic summons control bureau, shook from an envelope yesterday a \$4 overtime parking ticket and an accompanying check. The check was for \$100,004.

Morris Zippert, secretary-treasurer of a machine tool and hardware firm, had sent it in to cover a fine on an employee's car.

Allen said he's returning the check, and Zippert's firm will try again on its check-writing machine which made the hefty error.

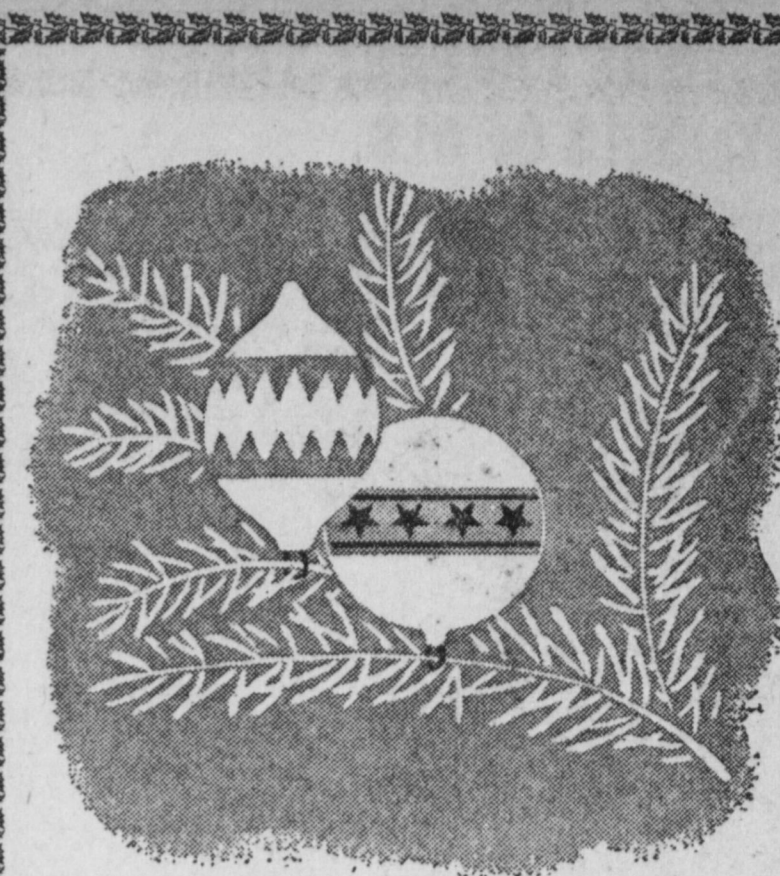
John D. Rockefeller founded the University of Chicago.

Greetings Friends



Our countless wishes, warm and true,
This greeting will express, and
Wish for you, our many friends —
All Christmas Happiness!

DAIRY MALT
Rockport
We will be closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 22



Christmas Cheer
At this time of the year, it is most fitting that we take time to express the appreciation of our entire staff for your good will —
A HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL!

CHAS. T. PICTON LUMBER CO.
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The people of Christ's era did

not consider Him as the Messiah of God at the time of His birth, but rather at the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon Him at the baptism in the Jordan when He was 30 years of age.

Not until the third century did the western countries accept Christ as a God from birth, and each of the four Gospel narratives testify to this school of thought.

To the early church, Christmas from its very beginning carried the earmarks of Roman creation.

From the world's most primitive beginnings, there was the belief that the period of time when the winter solstice ended and the sun took on new strength to give a bright, new fertility to the world, should be observed with celebration.

In every epoch of history—from the old, old Babylonian festivals . . . from the Roman Saturnalia . . . to the Egyptian Mid-winter Festival of Foods . . . to the Christ story—lies the romantic, rich beginnings of the Christmas Story.

The "12 days of Christmas" . . . the bright lights and fires, the Yule log . . . the giving of gifts . . . the carnivals and fiestas . . . the mummer's parades . . . the carols . . . the church processions, now, all part of the twentieth century Christmas observances 'round



REAL COOL! — New Yorker Robert E. Hopp models the gas-heated work suit he designed for cold-weather wear. Hot propane gas, supplied by a 2½-pound metal unit clipped to the belt, is circulated through the suit in rubber tubes. The suit, which weighs 10½ pounds with the heater unit, can keep a man warm for 12 hours in 30-degree-below-zero weather.

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Each week "Texas in Review" is highlighted by films of people, industry and important happenings in the news in Texas during the previous week. An interesting feature story on film occupies the

last 10 minutes of the program. This week the feature will be on helicopters, machines that gained surprising popularity during World War II and the Korean conflict. The feature, filmed in the Hurst Plant of the Bell Aircraft Corp. between Dallas and Ft. Worth, will show assembly, present uses and probable future

uses of the helicopter. Scenes of helicopters used in farming, oil fields, herding cattle, mail delivery, and patrolling power lines will be shown.

"Texas in Review" can be seen Monday at 9:30 p. m. over KPRC-TV, Houston.

Tuesday, the program will be carried by station WOAI-TV, San Antonio at 9:30 p. m.

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the world—were begun long years and centuries before the birth of Christ.

Many schools of thought have it that the Christians invented it to compete against the early pagan festivities of December 25—for this day was sacred to the Romans, to Persians, and to the Germanic tribes.



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Christmas Wishes

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 Sunday Evening Class, 6:30.
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 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Regular Service at 11 a.m.:
 Evening Service at 8:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Night Service, 8:00 p.m.
 C.A. Service, 8 p.m. Thursday

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 Sunday School at 9:45.
 Worship Service at 11:00.
 Evening Service at 7:30.
 Men's Meeting 2nd Monday of month, 7:30 p.m.
 Pioneer Young People meet Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
 Senior Young People's Meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
 Women of the Church, Third Thursday, 3:00.
 Evening Circle 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
 Circle 1 meets 1st Thursday at 3:00.
 Circle 2 meets 1st Thursday at 3:00.

METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Calvin Peterson, Pastor
 Sunday School Services at 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Church Service at 11:00 o'clock.
 Evening Worship at 7:30 o'clock.
 Methodist Men meet 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
 Midweek Service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
 Choir practice, Wednesday night.
 W.S.C.S. meets 1st and 4th Thursday at 3:00 o'clock.
 Fellowship dinner, first Sunday at noon.
 Young People's meetings before and after Sunday night service.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. W. C. Pearce, Pastor
 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Preaching Service, 10:45 a.m.
 Training Union, 6:30 p.m.
 Preaching Service, 7:30 p.m.
 Prayer Service, Wed., 7:30 p.m.

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When Santa unloads his gift-laden pack at your home, we know that you'll find our many good wishes tucked into your every happy treasure! Tho' we can't personally greet each of you at this time — we extend to all of our friends this warm-hearted wish that your Christmas Holiday will bless you with all of life's good things!

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WIDOW GIVEN \$15 MILLION, GOES TO WORK

Hollywood. — The fact that Mrs. Lois McCaskill has been awarded one third of a \$50 million estate didn't keep her from reporting for work as usual today at the restaurant where she has been hostess and manager for the last 13 years.

The Mississippi Supreme Court has upheld her petition for a widow's share of the estate of Malcolm McCaskill, wildcat oil man who hit it rich after almost

a lifetime of trying, and then died six months later.

Mrs. McCaskill left her husband to come to California, buy a modest home and see that her son, now 23, received a college education. She said she sued him for divorce, "only in an effort to bring him to his senses," but lived with him afterward and later petitioned for the final divorce decree. It was this marital mixup that made it necessary for her to sue for her share of the estate, she told newsmen.

Will the \$15 or \$16 million to which she is entitled make a big difference in her life?

She says she has no plans for any radical changes in her way of living.

"I'm going to stay at my job," she explained. "I like working. I like the girls at the restaurant. I like the job itself."

It was pointed out that she was perhaps the richest restaurant hostess in Los Angeles, if not in all the land.

"What's money," she shrugged.

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "In the Whitehouse you do not live; you are just Exhibit A."

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Skid Row Men Make Life-Like Nativity Scene In Missouri

Grandview, Mo. — A Christmas display, set up on a farm here by men from a Skid Row inn in Kansas City, is drawing hundreds of children who peer over a white-picket fence in wide-eyed wonder at the scene.

Shifts of men from the inn go about their maintenance duties with quiet satisfaction. They see the enjoyment of the grown-ups who come, but mainly they are warmed that their efforts have inspired and delighted the youngsters.

On the left of a neat, white frame house with tall pillars is a Nativity scene; on the right, a toy- and ornament-laden Christmas tree two stories high.

The life-size, cave-like stable is arranged according to Biblical description. Inside, or grazing in a connecting enclosure, are two live burros, a dwarf bull, two calves and several sheep.

Between hay lofts of the stables are three mannequins, representing Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child. They are clothed in authentic garments. The Infant lies in a crude, straw-filled crib.

So realistic is the scene that some children have turned away in the cold with a resolution to "buy the Baby Jesus a coat."

Hovering over the manger are a group of "angels" — life-size doll heads with hair and wings applied by a worker from the inn. Other interior trappings include a scythe jabbed into a wall, a yoke and a drying animal skin.

Tacked to a rough post nearby is a parchment representing the census decree of Augustus Caesar. It is lettered in Latin, Greek and Hebrew in keeping with the law of the time.

The Christmas tree, intended to remind the youngsters of the origin and spirit of Yule giving, is decorated with 200 electric lights and more than 1,000 ornaments and toys. Under the tree are large toys, including a sled, wagon and doll.

Mrs. J. B. Barber of Goliad, visited from Sunday until Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Johnson and family.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 462

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ELMO F. BRUNDRETT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN PRESTON PAUL, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of December, 1953, letters of administration on the Estate of John Preston Paul, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned, Elmo F. Brundrett by the Honorable Probate Court of Aransas County, Texas, in Cause No. 462 pending upon the Probate Docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. The post office address of Elmo F. Brundrett is P. O. Box 1091, Rockport, Texas.

Dated the 9th day of December, 1953.

ELMO F. BRUNDRETT,
Administrator.

8 HUNTING DEATHS MAKE TOTAL 19

Austin, Tex. — The latest tabulation of Texas hunting season fatalities shows a total of nineteen from both gunfire and drowning, according to the executive secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

The last previous report made in late November showed eleven fatalities.

Six of the eight additional deaths were from drownings of duck hunters. Two hunters, a father and son, drowned in North Concho Lake near Abilene. Two men drowned while hunting in Galveston Bay. A Dallas man drowned while hunting in Breckenridge city

reservoir. A 17-year-old Weslaco boy drowned in trying to retrieve a wounded coot.

The gunfire deaths involved a Waco railroadman shot in the back and killed when he apparently stepped into the line of fire of a .22 rifle held by a 14-year-old boy, who was shooting at a rabbit, and a Dumas pharmacist who shot himself with a .22 pistol apparently while climbing over a fence to shoot at a coyote.

Gunfire had caused the deaths of eleven Texans previously listed as hunting casualties this fall.

Robert Fulton was a portrait painter before he became an inventor.



We hope you will derive as much pleasure from our greeting to you, as we do in extending it —
MAY THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS BE YOURS!

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Season's
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A greeting, small,
that says to all —
May you have the very best
Christmas ever yet enjoyed!

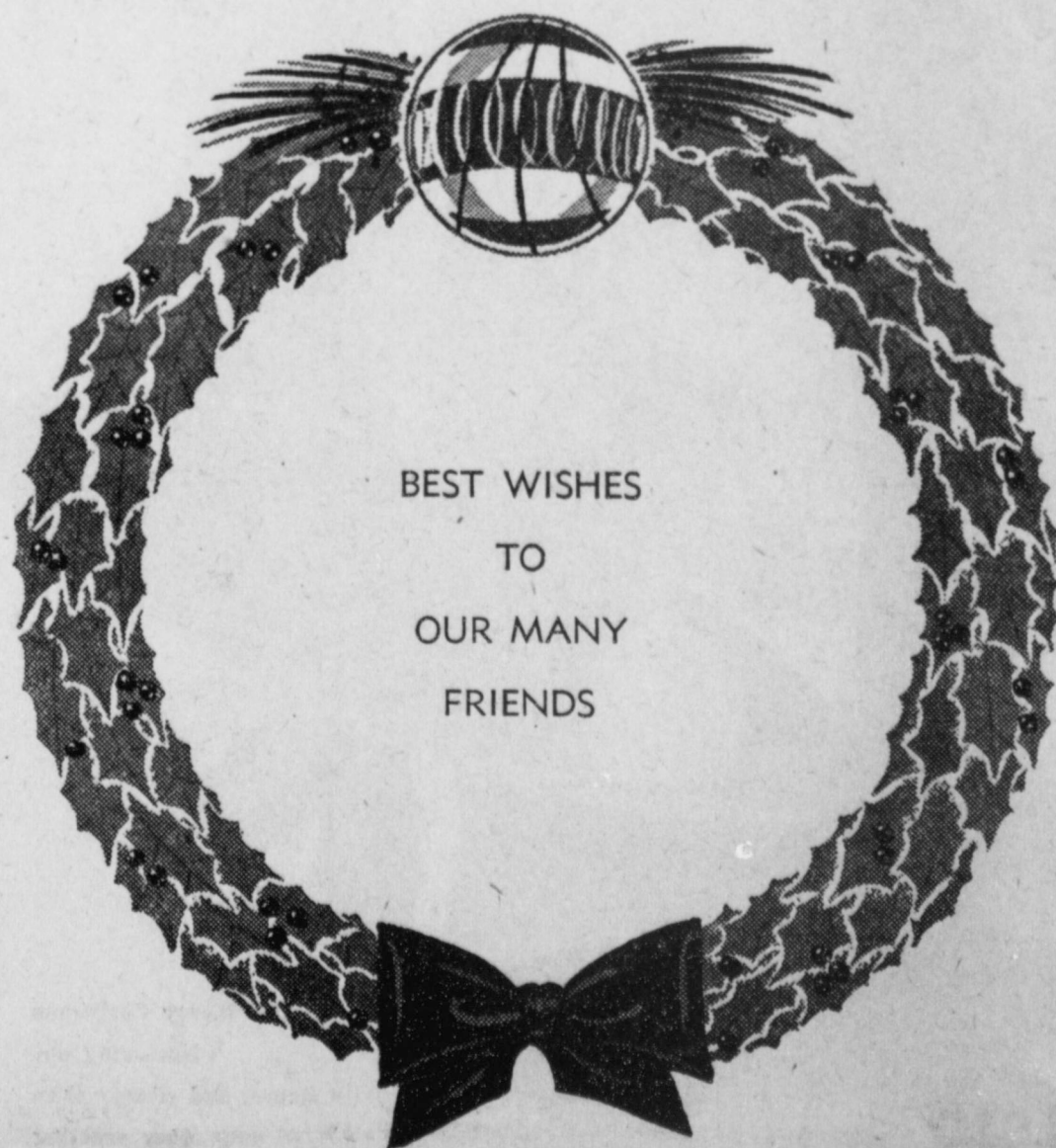


HOLIDAY GREETINGS

In the spirit of friendliness and good cheer of the Christmas Season — we thank you for the many favors, and wish you all an old-fashioned Yule abounding with cheer and happiness.

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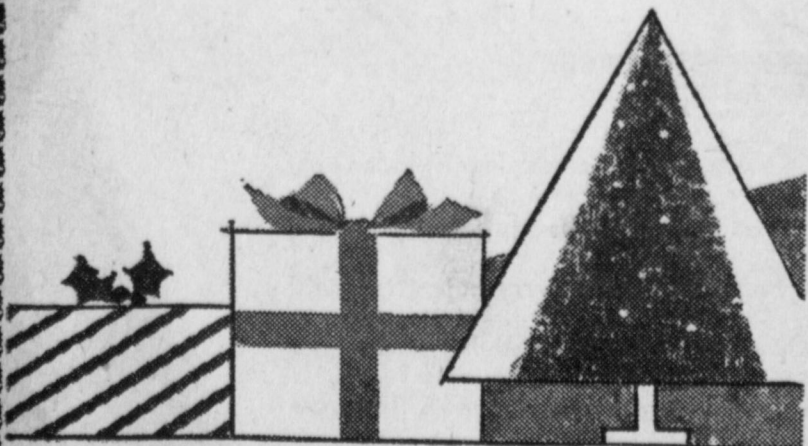
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Your Poinsettia Will Bloom Next Christmas

The poinsettia has long been a popular Christmas plant but probably few people have given much thought to the fact that it does come into bloom each year at this season.

The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably 10 hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the daylight period to 15 hours by means of artificial lights.

Flower growers have learned how to bring garden chrysanthemums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

How can one keep a poinsettia plant until next season? After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where

Seals Not of American Origin

More than 40 countries, other than the United States, now have or have had Christmas seals or stamps that are sold to aid the fight against tuberculosis.

The first Christmas seal was the inspiration of Einar Holboell of Denmark. It was first issued in 1904.

Lettermen Elect Officers for Year

The Lettermen's Association of the Aransas County High School had a meeting last week and elected officers for the year.

Leon Bateman was named president; Ernest Camehl, vice-president while Jimmy Skeen was elected secretary-treasurer.

it will not freeze. Do not water it, or at least very little, and let the soil dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two-thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil.

Aviation Cadet Selection Team Visits Rockport

Advance representatives of Aviation Cadet Selection Team No. 203, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, arrived in Rockport Tuesday to announce the team's arrival in Corpus Christi on Dec. 16 and 17. The selection team, which is equipped to interview and partially process applicants for flying training in the Air Force, will establish headquarters in the Federal Building, Room 303 on Dec. 16 and 17 from 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m.

According to Captain Frank B. Kepner, team president, high school graduates are now eligible to apply for either the pilot or aircraft observer portions of the aviation cadet program. Aviation and observer cadets entering the training program will undergo approximately 60 weeks of intensive training. Upon completion of training both pilot and observer graduates are commissioned as second lieutenants, receive their wings, and embark on careers as rated flying officers in the United States Air Force.

To qualify for aviation cadet training, applicants must have a high school education, be between the ages of 19 and 26½, single, in

Episcopal Auxiliary Holds Candlelight Service

The auxiliary of St. Peter's Episcopal Church had a candlelighting service Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15 at the church.

This candlelighting service is held annually in the Episcopal Church at the beginning of the Christmas season, as a rededication service.

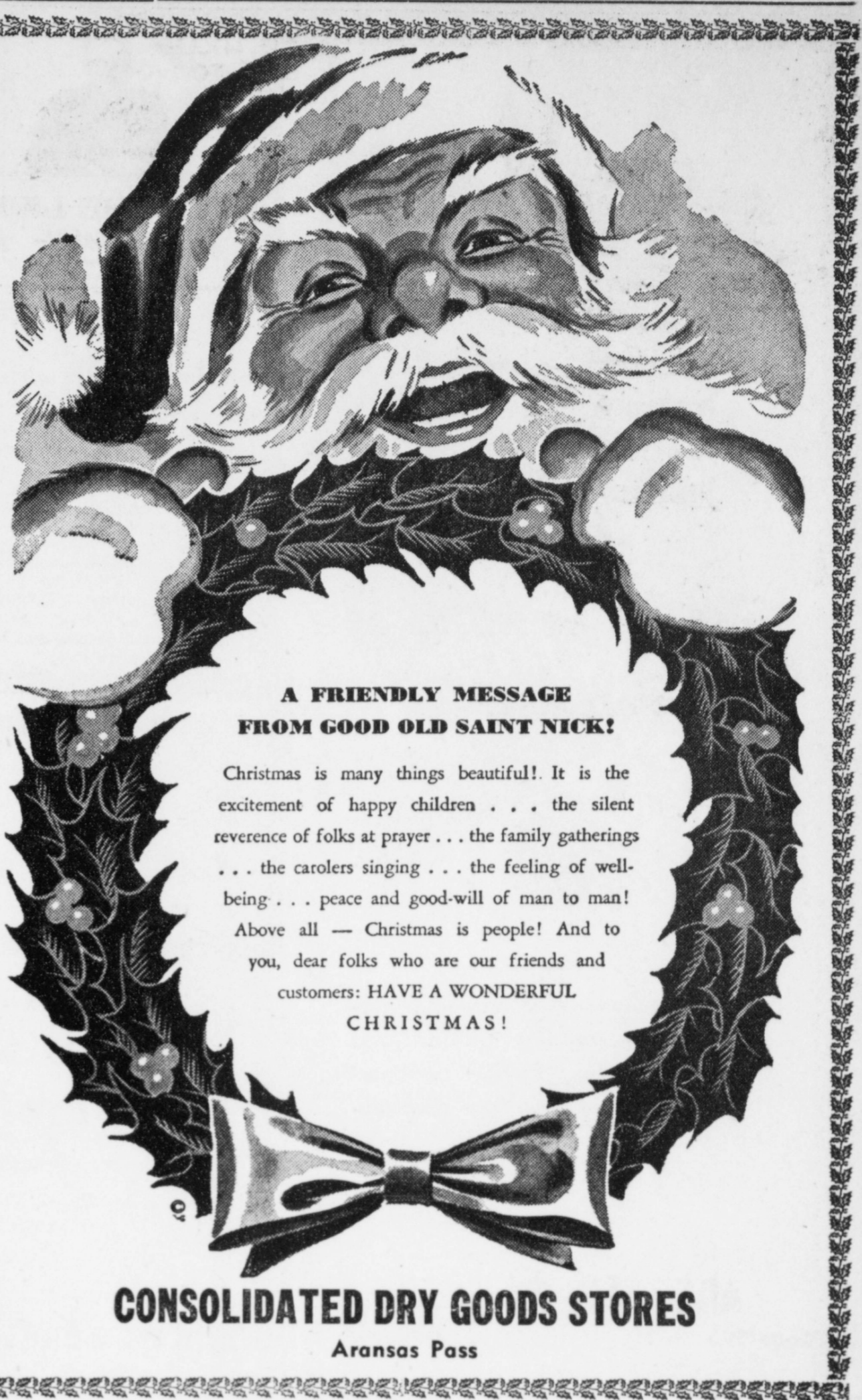
Mrs. Ran Wilde played for the singing of Christmas carols.

Harry Carter, lay minister, gave the devotional and Mrs. Paul C. Sorenson read the Christmas Story, followed by responsive readings from the Bible on "Light."

In the recessional following the lighting of the candles, the ladies marched from the church to the parish house and placed their lighted candles around the manger scene.

A social hour followed the service; Mrs. Paul Reese and Mrs. J. P. Hanway served coffee, tea and Christmas cakes.


good physical condition and be able to pass mental and physical examinations. Interested young men are urged to contact the selection team during its visit to Corpus Christi.



A FRIENDLY MESSAGE FROM GOOD OLD SAINT NICK!

Christmas is many things beautiful! It is the excitement of happy children . . . the silent reverence of folks at prayer . . . the family gatherings . . . the carolers singing . . . the feeling of well-being . . . peace and good-will of man to man! Above all — Christmas is people! And to you, dear folks who are our friends and customers: HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

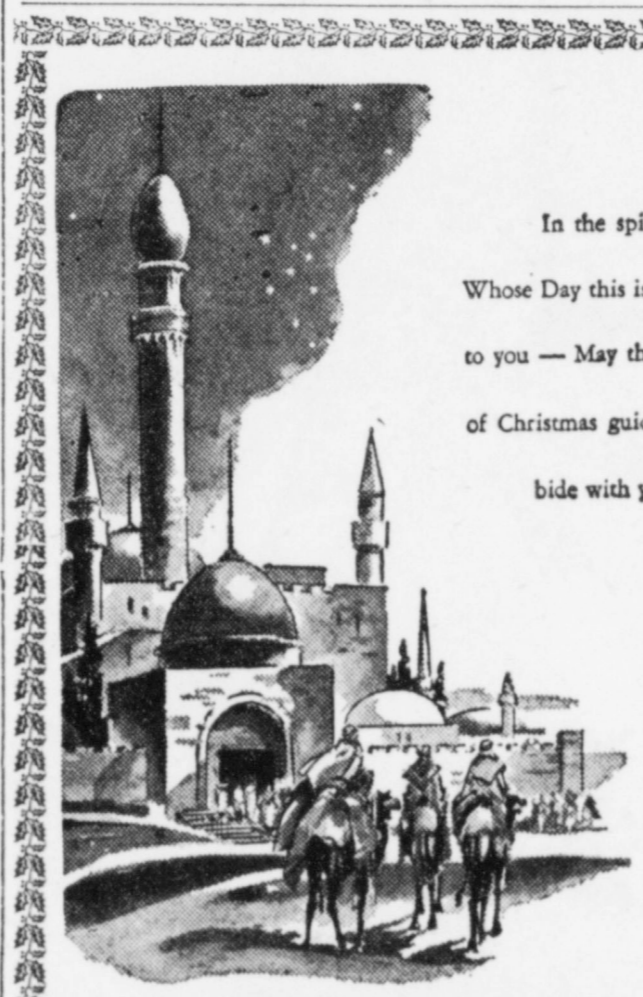
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A CHRISTMAS alight
with our sincerest wishes
for a star-studded, happiness-filled
Yuletide season!

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In the spirit of Him
Whose Day this is — we say
to you — May the blessings
of Christmas guide you and
bide with you, always!

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A Merry Christmas Greeting

To our friends — serving you has been a real pleasure —
"Merry Christmas, everyone!"

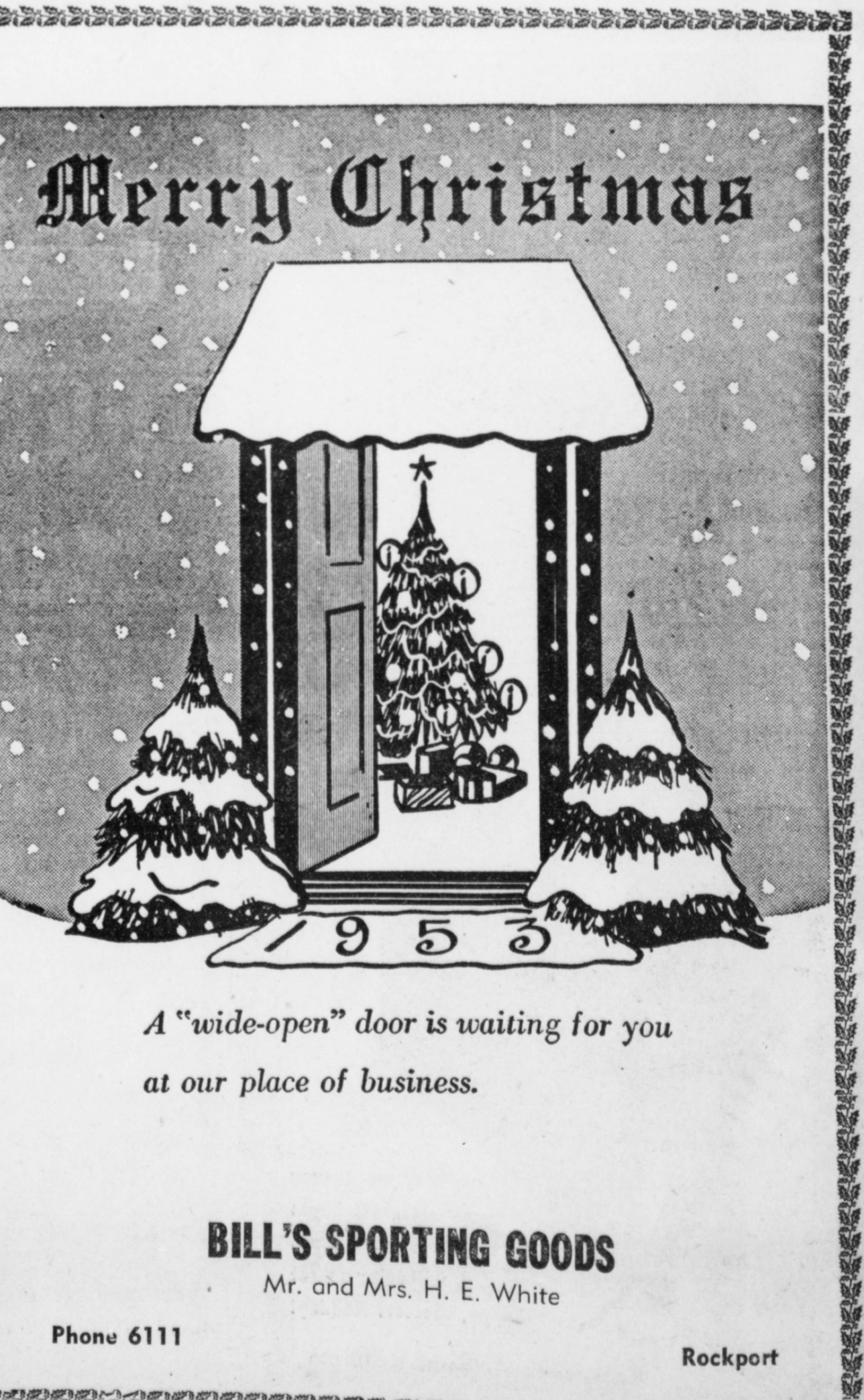
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Merry Christmas

With heartfelt appreciation for your kind patronage, this year, as always — we are happy to send you our Greetings of the season with our sincere wishes for your health, wealth and happiness For the Holiday and long, thereafter!

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Merry Christmas



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Santa Claus, Indiana Received Famous Name Christmas Eve 1882

Although many towns have names directly or indirectly associated with Christmas, there is but one town named Santa Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it

phy expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that men are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," has been carried forward into the highest law of our land.

(This column, based on the federal constitution, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts, because the facts may change the application of the law).

gathers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials at Washington suggested that the town be named something else, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, in 1882, citizens held a mass meeting to select another name, but even the proposed was discarded for one reason or another. The meeting was about to break up when Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood, strode in to get warm. He was in costume and his arrival put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.

Madam Curie is the only person ever to receive the Nobel prize twice.

The extended right arm of the Statue of Liberty is forty-two feet long.

our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech, and of the press. The same article protects the right of peaceably assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense; against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case; and against having his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for a capital (death penalty) or other infamous crime, unless upon a presentment or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without orderly court procedures, on due process of law.

The right to a speedy and pub-

lic trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights."

Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII. Other articles insure the right to bear arms and ban quartering of soldiers in private homes during peace time.

Then, to make quite clear to our governing bodies the underlying intent of the preceding provisions, the Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes this basic theory by providing: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

Thus, that fundamental philoso-



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Legal Effects of "Bill of Rights" Explained

Since Dec. 15 has for several years been observed as "Bill of Rights Day" throughout the nation, perhaps it would be well to consider the importance of this occasion from a legal standpoint.

The American "Bill of Rights," consisting of the first ten amendments to our federal constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civil rights of the individual citizens. Unaltered by subsequent amendments and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be respected by our governing bodies today.

Among the most familiar of



Each year we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the Christmas season because in it we find the opportunity to express again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

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N. C. Vandagriff



May we convey our sincerest hopes that you, our friends, will enjoy a most happy, cheerful Holiday!

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

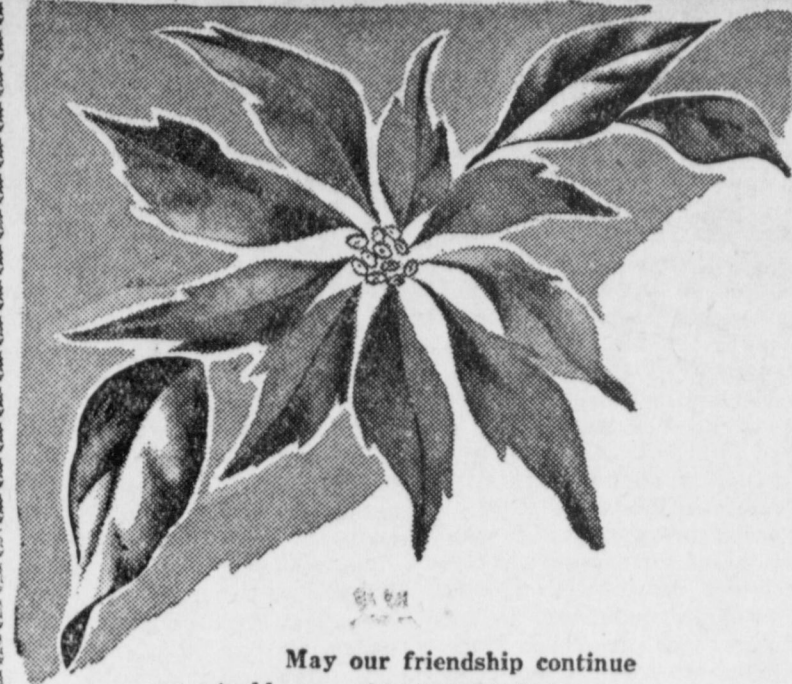
AND
SINCERE BEST WISHES
TO ALL OF YOU
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Not because of custom only, but from our hearts — we extend our best wishes to you for a wondrous, joyful Holiday!

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May our friendship continue to blossom this CHRISTMAS and in the days to come!

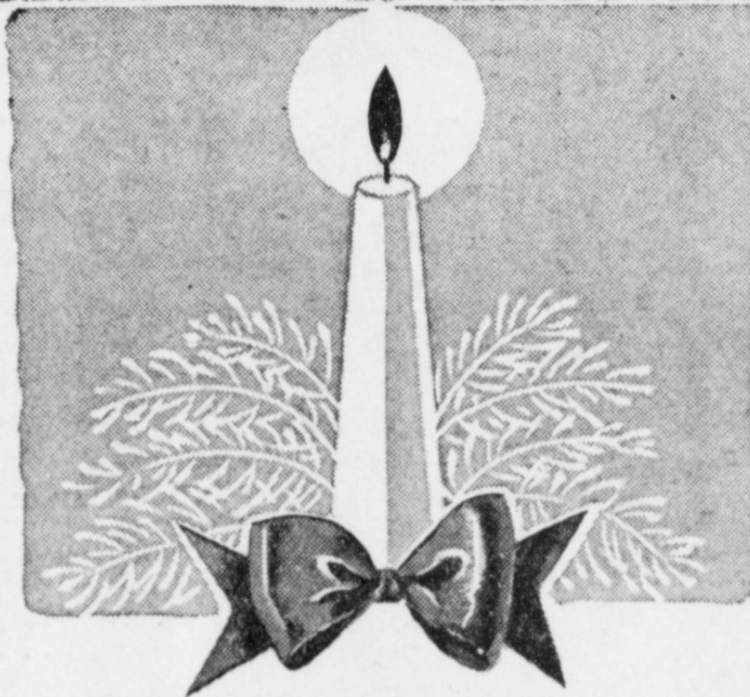
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IT'S THE SEASON FOR GREETINGS...

And here's ours: A wish as sincere and friendly as can be — a hope for a Merry Christmas to everyone we know!

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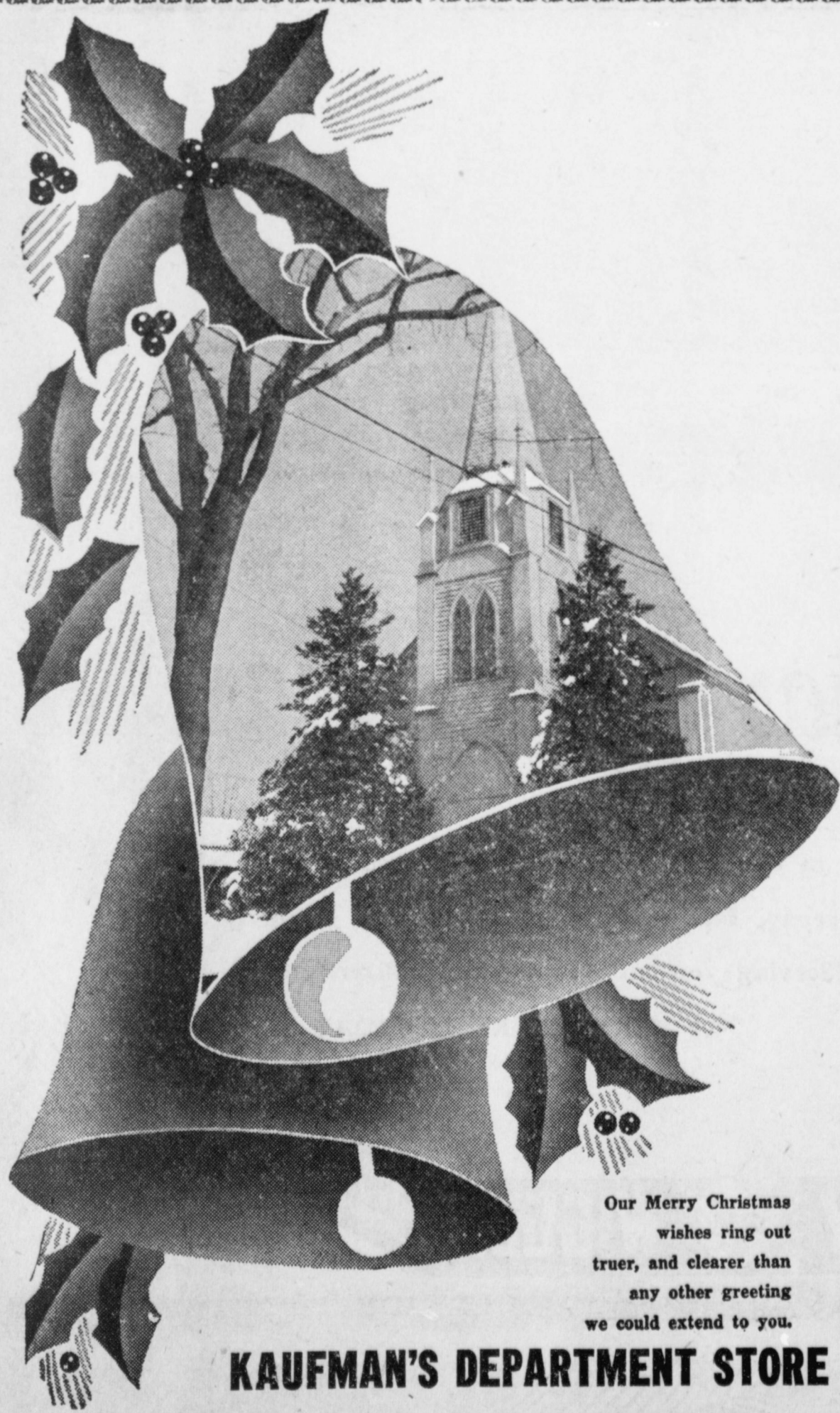


In the glowing spirit of Christmas we take pleasure of extending holiday greetings to our old and new friends.

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Our Merry Christmas wishes ring out truer, and clearer than any other greeting we could extend to you.

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Seasons Greetings...

Holly-gay, poinsettia bright and sparkling as the Christmas lights are our wishes — that you, our many friends — will find the Holiday filled with rich blessings and joys of the traditional Yule.

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*This greeting is from our folks to your folks
May your Christmas Season be bright!*

FULTON BOAT YARD
Phone 423 Fulton

Christmas Rose Enhances Yule's Festival Mood

Americans usually decorate their homes at Christmas time with holly, evergreens, or hothouse plants. Recently, however, they have found a new friend in the Christmas-rose. Nurserymen say this plant's popularity has skyrocketed in the last few years.

The Christmas-rose is not really a rose at all but belongs to the crowfoot family. It is a small plant no more than a foot high when mature. Nevertheless, it can put forth seven or eight small white roselike blooms tinged with pink.

Called by botanists *Helleborus niger* or black hellebore, it gets this name from its black stalks. The Christmas-rose is no freak, no super-precocious flower or early-blooming plant. This legitimate child of winter flowers naturally in December or January. It withstands snow and low temperatures, demanding only some sort of shelter from the snow.

Helleborus niger does not propagate well in the United States. Hence, most of the tiny plants are

imported from Belgium and the Netherlands. They develop best only in the western part of those countries where they thrive in soil peculiar to the region.

The ancient Romans knew about the Christmas-rose and eagerly sought it for medicinal use. They believed that eating the roots would "clear the brain, cure stupidity and relieve insanity."

"Let him sail to Anticyra," said the poet, Horace, of an ill friend. Anticyra was a Greek town where the black Hellebore flourished.

The *Helleborus* family is indigenous to southern Europe and the Mediterranean regions. The Christmas-rose variety came originally from Austria.

The English Crown Jewels are kept in the Tower of London.

New Mexico was the last state admitted to the Union.

New York City was the first capital of the United States.



TRYING TO BEAT THE WEATHER—Every available man, woman and child joined in this year's rice harvest in western Greece, hoping to reap the crop before the weather causes any more damage. These girls in the village of Samsus, sickles in hand, waded knee deep into the tumbled stalks to help in the venture. Despite earthquakes and floods, which have taken a heavy toll in the Greek lives and property this year, Greece's farmers expect to harvest enough rice to feed the country for a year and have some left for export.



Just as the Wise Men of old were guided on their holy journey by the wondrous brightness of a shining star, so may our good wishes guide our many friends to a happy time to come — blessed with the spiritual gladness of the holiday and its happy memories.

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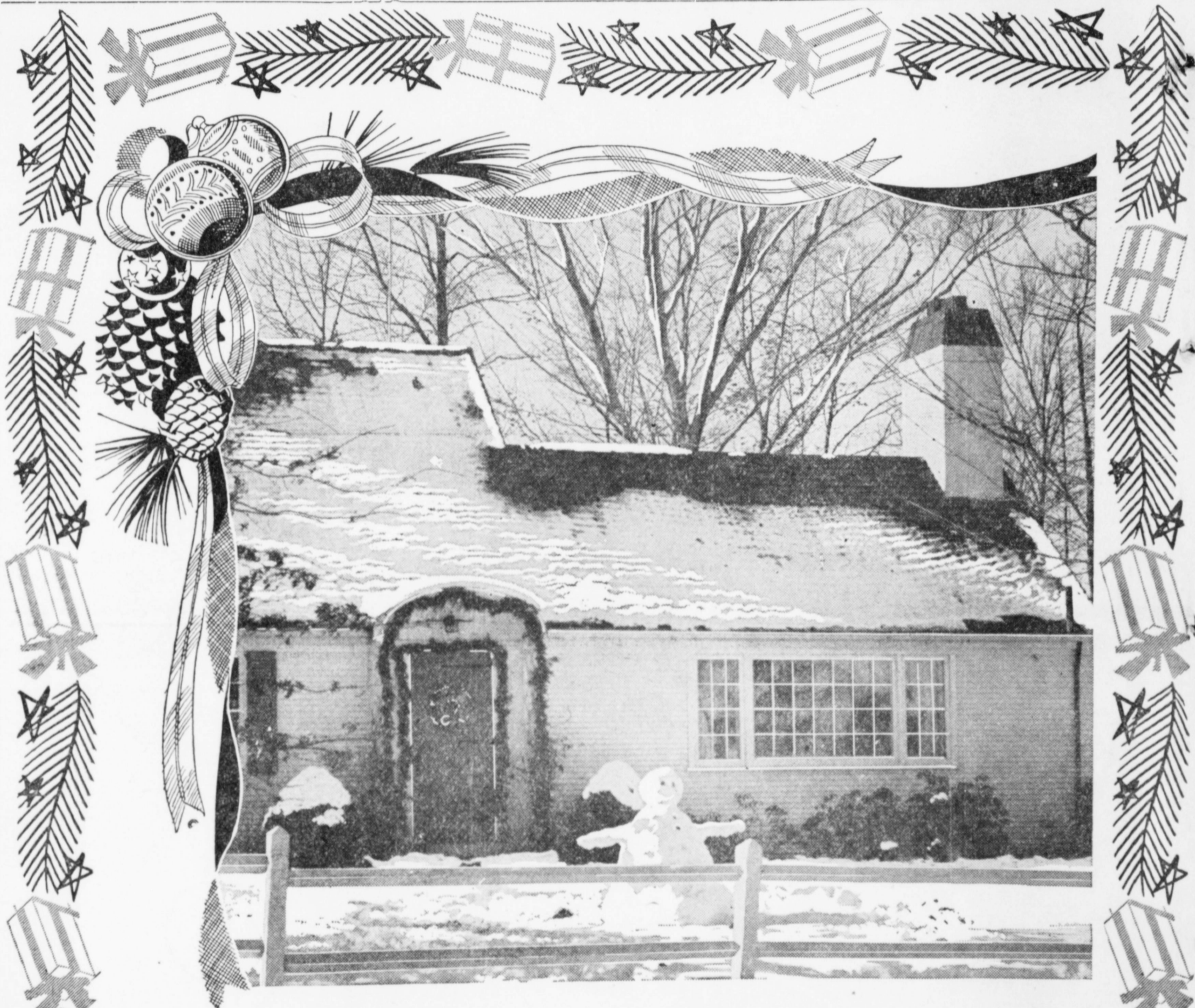
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In the little space we have here, we send to you — our many friends — the **BIGGEST WISHES** for the very **Happiest of Holiday Seasons ...** may it be filled with the Best of everything!

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Christmas Greetings...

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"A VERY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON."



CHAS. and LIBBY ROE

Why You Hang Holly at Yuletide

Credit the pagan Druids for inspiring one of the nice Christmas customs — decorating with holly. The traditional holly for the holidays is widely believed to

Santa's Little Helper Was Scandinavian Elf

Where did Santa's Little Helper come from?

In the Viking age in Scandinavia, long before Leif Eriksen discovered America, the little North Children believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—lived in the stable. He saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of. After the pagan Vikings became Christianized, little Jul Tomten became the giver of presents—like our Santa Claus today. The children left a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for which Jul Tomten would exchange gifts for the good boys and girls. Travelers brought back the legend of Tomten and he has come down to us as the busy jolly, good little elf who works in Santa's workshop.

have had its origin in the Druid practice of bringing holly sprigs indoors. The Druids woodland spirits lived in the holly.

Indoors, holly gave the spirits a nice warm place in winter. Besides, the lush green holly and the contrast of its red berries provided beauty that could be revered by men when the sacred oaks were shorn of their foliage.

The early Christian church frowned on such pagan customs and tried to stamp them out. In due time, however, it was felt that some of the customs could be adapted to the new Christmas conception.

Some beautiful legends associate the holly with Christ. In fact, it is often called the Christ thorn. One legend depicts the leaf spines as the crown of thorns; the red berries as the sins of the world and the blood of Christ. Another credits holly with first springing up from the footsteps of Christ. The plant is said to remain green all winter as a reward for once hiding Christ from his pursuers.

The impact of the holly on the Christmas celebration is evi-

Allegorical Parades Mark Mexican Yule

The people in Mexico build elaborate floats for allegorical parades during the holiday season.

For eight evenings before Christmas there is a religious procession at the head of which the figures of Joseph and Mary are borne.

On the ninth evening entrance is permitted and a religious ceremony conducted about the straw-filled manger of the Babe.

It is colder at the South than at the North Pole.

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denced in the traditional holiday colors, green and red. The Druids weren't the only people of old who thought the holly was something special. Pliny, the great Roman historian, insisted holly blossoms caused water to freeze. Also, that holly thrown at any wild beast would make it lie down tamely next to the branch.

These legends, forgotten by many people, are said to be the reason we decorate with holly.



RECORD-BREAKING TOE — Cleveland Browns' Lou "The Toe" Groza holds the shoe that gives both footballs and fans a big boot. Lou recently shattered all records in kicking his 61st field goal in four years of National League competition.

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Bethlehem Rites Feature Nativity Cave March

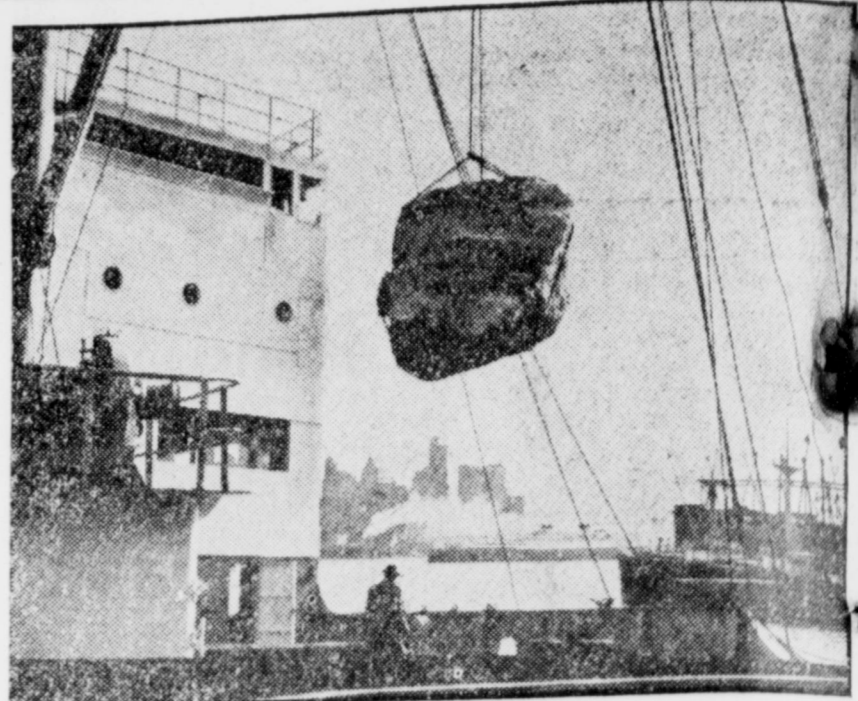
Christmas is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on Jan. 18 by the Armenians. All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival

of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born. Dramatically the procession approaches; heralded by a single

horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robed acolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and usually American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church—built above the Cave of the Nativity—is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church.

The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable!" in biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into



HOLY LAND ROCKS—Part of a 100-ton shipment of rocks from historic Biblical sites is unloaded from the SS Excellency at a Jersey City, N. J., pier. The shipment arrived from Haifa, Israel, with material to build an authentic "Garden of Israel" at Beth Israel Memorial Park in Woodbridge, N. J.

Rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem. Holy Child before midnight mass is solemnized in the Church of all denominations assemble to sing the Nativity.

Noel Preparations Started In Norway In Middle of Year

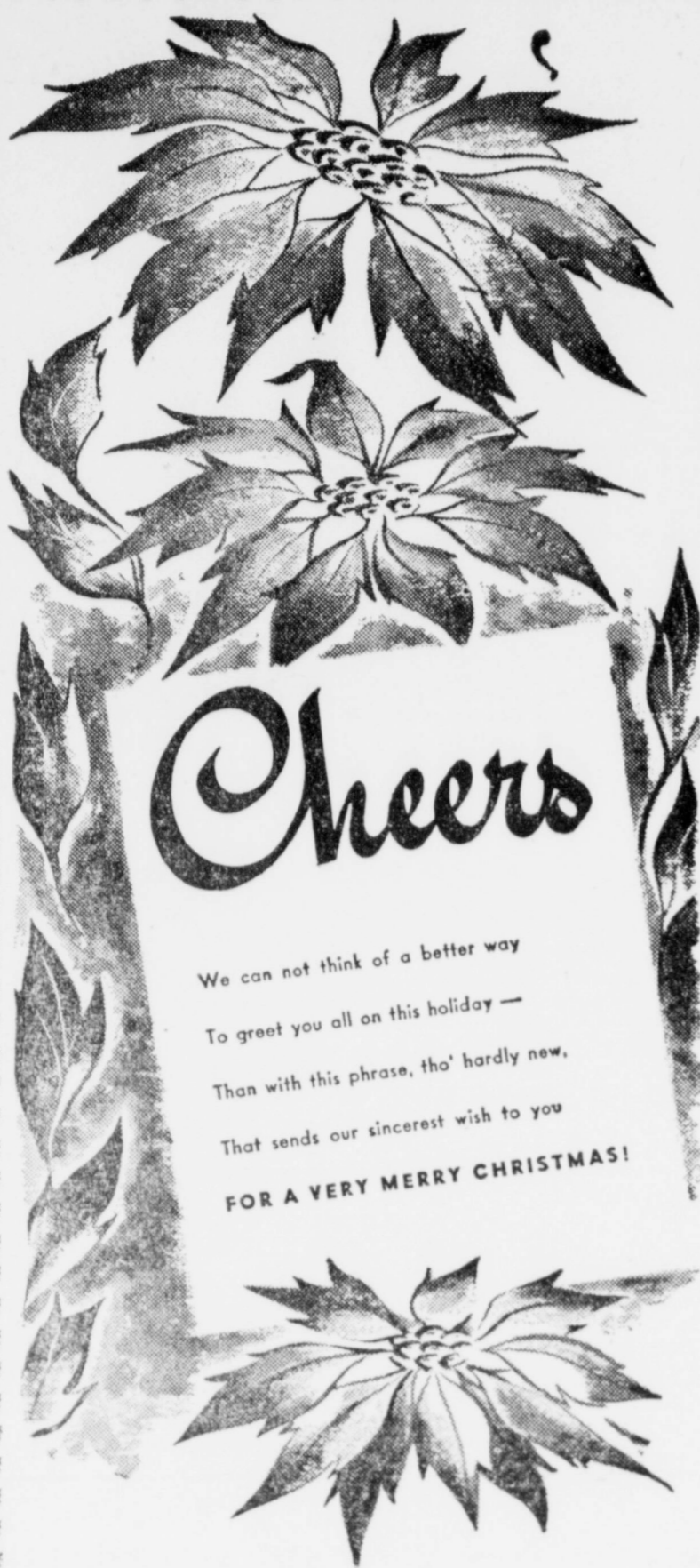
ing the event of events in Norway when grandmother was a girl.

Without exaggeration, preparation for Christmas actually began six months before December 24. Everything which was used—food, clothing, household furnishings—was prepared in the home. Even the leather for shoes was tanned from hides raised on the home-stand.

The cloth for apparel, from the skin out, was woven on hand looms. Cobblers came to the house and made the shoes; dressmakers and tailors came. Everyone in the

household had to have a new wardrobe for Christmas and, since tailors and cobblers and dressmakers could not be at all places at once, it was necessary to get an early start.

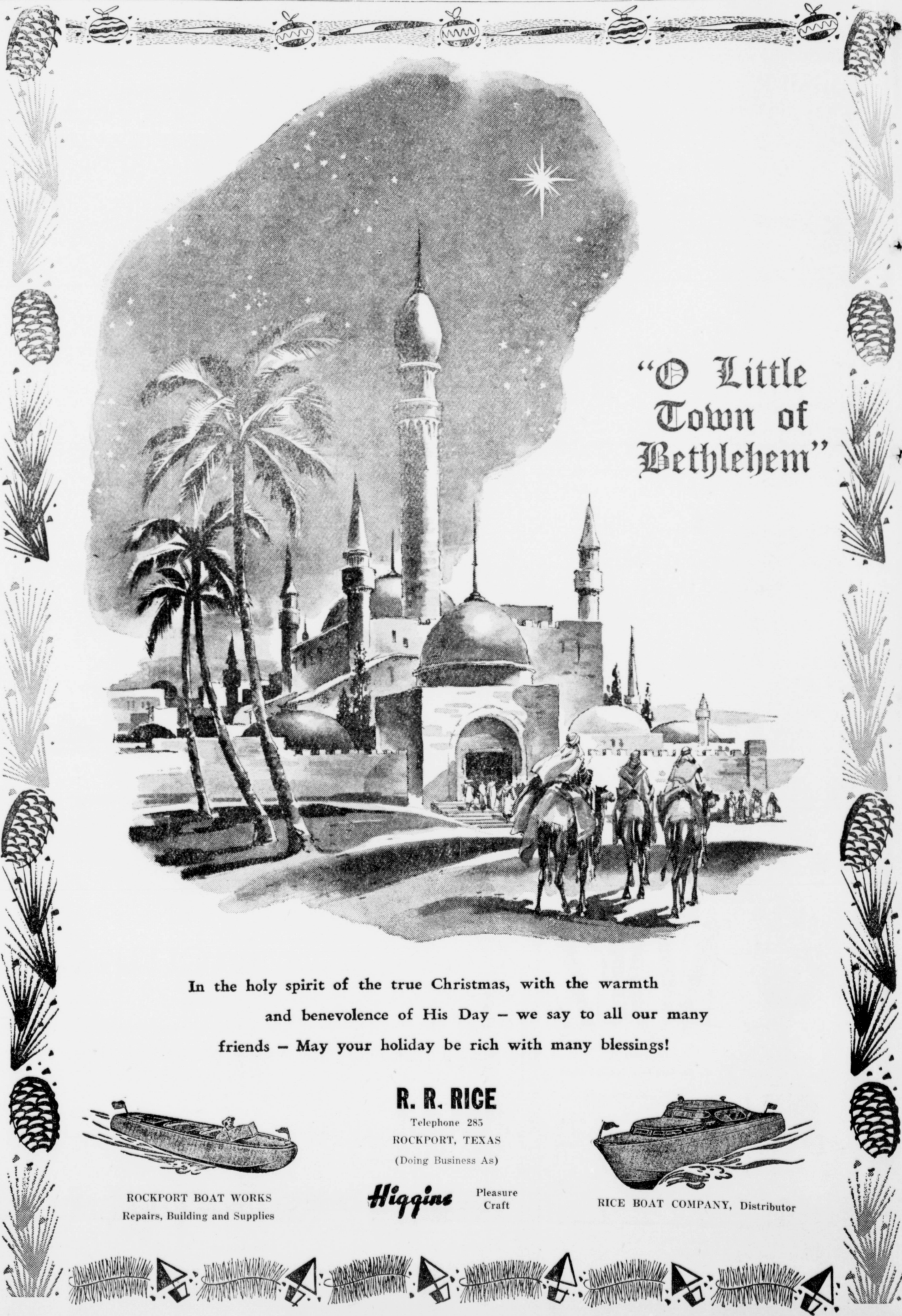
When the butchering was finished—in October or November—the suet was melted and the candles were made. The children always had a hand in making the little ones for use on the Christmas tree. And they usually made one which had three prongs which, placed at the very top of the tree, represented the three wise men.



Cheers

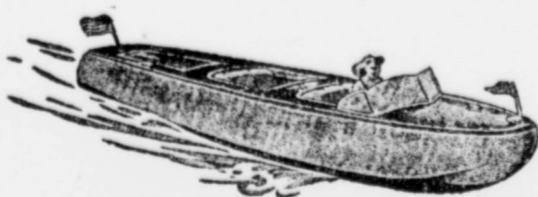
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Miss June Grenawalt Is Bride of Frank Frazier

Wedding vows were exchanged at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, by Miss June Kathryn Grenawalt and Frank A. Frazier Jr., at the home of Rev. T. H. Pollard, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, who officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Grenawalt of Rockport, and Mrs. Jean Freethy of Corpus Christi and Frank A. Frazier of St. Petersburg, Fla., are parents of the groom.

The bride wore a beige faille suit with brown and beige accessories, and a corsage of bronze chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Frank Hendricks of Corpus Christi, sister of the groom, was the matron of honor. She wore a two-toned green suit with matching accessories. Frank Hendricks was best man.

Only the immediate families and a few close friends attended the ceremony.

For a wedding trip to Mexico, the bride wore a gray wool dress with red accessories. They will be at home at Bay Haven Lodges.

Mrs. Frazier attended Rockport High School. He was graduated from the Roy Miller High School in Corpus Christi, and the University of Texas, School of Business Administration, where he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.



NEAT FEET—Alicia Markova, one of the greatest ballerinas of our time, appears graceful as a swan at this point of a new ballet, "Pas de Quatre." She is currently with the Marquis de Cuevas company in Paris

Rockport Garden Club Met With Mrs. Roe

The Rockport Garden Club met for their regular meeting, Dec. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Charles Roe Sr. Mrs. John Rork, president, presided. Minutes were read as follows: (to be put in members scrap book): The Garden Club had their meeting on the 19th of November; There were 18 women present, as well as I can remember.

It met at Mrs. Cox's house—to see it I've been itching; And it really is a darling from the hall, thru to the kitchen.

Grace was fixed up so pretty, with a hat all trimmed in shells; She is so poised and gracious—good breeding always tells.

And Oh, that coffee table—it looked like a fairy land; All decked out in silver and a table cloth so grand.

Ruby Traylor made the table cloth of nylon net so new; It was decked with little Christmas trees, and ric-rac put on it with glee.

Mrs. Hinton poured the coffee, from such a pretty pot; There were plates of home made cookies—it didn't matter which you got.

Then, when we had visited, and of coffee had our fill; The meeting was called to order and we didn't owe one bill.

Mrs. Rork, who is our president, took charge in a pleasing way; The minutes were read, some papers passed, and each member had her say.

Don't forget about the tree sale—there'll be shrubs and flowers too; I am sure there will be a plenty, for me and all of you.

Now we can be extravagant, for we're really in the moon; For only selling tickets on an old shotgun.

With 33 dollars and 60 cents, there's not much that we can't do; And you'll be hearing from us, before ever we get thru.

Now for all our benefits, Ruby Traylor had worked so hard; She had the cutest centerpiece, made from her own back yard.

And you should see what she can make from a stick and an old tin can; A lamp that will burn, and pretty too, to lite the way of man.

She had so many clever things that showed her art and skill; I hope she will make me a Christmas piece—I wonder if she will?

The next thing on our program—it was so very nice; 'Twas the beautiful shell collection presented by Winnie Rice.

She told us all the history of each and every shell; I'm sure I know of no one else, that could do it half so well.

She made it sound so easy, but we know it's not, for sure; 3 days a week in the water and sun, not many would endure.

And then she uses cloxox to make the things turn loose; And cleaning with all that acid, yet her hands show no abuse.

She knows shell names by the hundreds, and where each one is found; From our own Bay of Aansas, on to Puget Sound.

She certainly has absorbed a lot, in such a little while; And then she passed it on to us, in her own gracious style.

Well the clock has chimed eleven—it's about the end of my story; But Mrs. J. L. Baughman, before we left, gave each a morning glory.

It's not important to you now, but when some day we backward look; It'll be kinda nice to find it all, put down in our own scrapbook.

Mrs. Gat Greene spoke on transplanting of shrubs and trees. She also had several articles written by various persons on the subject. She showed several pic-



HATS OFF—Blaine Shoemaker, 16, of Aledo, Ill., takes his hat off to his Angus steer, "Teddy." "Teddy" won first blue ribbon in the Junior Calf class at the International Livestock Show held recently in Chicago. Blaine's entrees have won 15 ribbons in six years of competition in the annual show.

Jean Mullinax Celebrates Sixteenth Birthday

Miss Jean Mullinax was honored with a surprise birthday party at her home Friday night.

The guests, the honoree, and her mother were given corsages after the surprise greeting.

After Jean had opened her gifts all the guests and the honoree went to the movie. After the movie, all returned to her home for refreshments. Cake, sandwiches, potato chips and cold drinks were served.

Those joining in on the happy occasion were as follows: Corine Davis, Mary Sue Small, Wanda Mundine, Lou Benningfield, the honoree, Jean Mullinax and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elva Mullinax.

Pat Smith is home from San Marcos, spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and brother, Mike.

Gerald Huffman came home Friday from Schreiner Institute for the Christmas holidays. He and his father, F. G. Huffman, have gone deer hunting this week.

NOTICE OF BIDS

One New Diesel Motor Grader: Chain Driven Tandem. With Mechanical-Hydraulic Booster Steering. Mechanical or Hydraulic Controls. No less than 100 h.p.: 12' Moldboard. Electric starting equipment; Leaning front wheels. Tires not less than 14.00x24 8-ply on all 6 wheels. With or without Cab, Lights and Scarifier. Dry weight approximately 23,500 pounds.

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GRAND CHAMPION—Top honors at the International Livestock Exposition, held recently in Chicago, went to "Lone Star," 1050-pound, white-faced Hereford steer, owned by 18-year-old Sue White of Big Springs, Tex. When Jess Andrew, president of the exposition, announced "Lone Star" Grand Champion of the show, Sue cried. But in photo above she is far from tearful as she is about to accept the prize ribbon from Andrew.

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Miss Catherine Freeman from Blue Mountain College, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. Buford Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith of Chattanooga, Tenn., arrived in Rockport Saturday for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Harris and Miss Freeman are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Freeman. John Freeman is also here from Plainview, Texas, spending the holidays in the Freeman home.

Mrs. Martin Harper and son, Martin Earl of Victoria, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Demory this week, and celebrating her birthday, which was on Tuesday.

Miss Jo Ann Smith and her brother, Gene Smith, went to Rockdale Monday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. Alva Freeman and family. Linda Freeman came home with them to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Freeman.

W.M.U. Royal Service Program at Church

The Womens Mission Union of the First Baptist Church held their regular monthly business meeting and Royal Service Program Thursday.

Mrs. M. D. McNorton, community mission chairman, introduced Mrs. Vernon Gunn and Mrs. Bill Moore, both of Taft.

The theme of the Royal Service Program was "Gift of God's Love," and both Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Moore, who are members of First Baptist Church, Taft, W.M.U., gave the program.

Both of the speakers were given gifts of appreciation in presenting the program.

Mrs. Ed Beasley and Mrs. Harry Traylor were hostesses for the covered-dish luncheon served in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Bradford Ramsey joined the ladies for lunch.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Moore of Taft, Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Rambo of Premont, and Mrs. Lavelle Fletcher of Lubbock. Mrs. Fletcher is the sister of Mrs. Bill Clark.

Mrs. Grady West, presided at the business meeting. There were 21 present.

Mrs. Betty Landgraf, recording secretary, reported seven new members this quarter.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Roy Mullinax.

Other reports were made by Mrs. E. B. Crawford, mission study chairman; Mrs. John Roaten, young people's director; Mrs. J. V. Ferguson, chairman of Mary Moore Circle, and Mrs. Ed Beasley, Darlene Elliott chairman.

Mrs. Bill Clark, program chairman, presented Mrs. L. L. Davenport and Mrs. C. N. Butler, who gave a very clever and witty skit on "Tithing."

This meeting was one of the highlights of the season, as the ladies ended the days meeting by wrapping gifts they had brought for the children of the South Texas Baptist Childrens Home at Beville.

Friday morning the 36 gifts were delivered to the childrens Home in Beville by Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McNorton.

Miss Margaret Smyth, who is attending T.C.U. at Fort Worth, and G. L. Smyth, who is at Rice Institute, are both at home for the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Smyth.

Louisiana produces most of America's sugar cane.

Miss Smith's Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith announce the engagement of their daughter, Jo Ann, to Wesley R. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Morgan of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The wedding will take place Jan. 11 at the First Baptist Church with the pastor, the Rev. H. B. Ramsey, officiating.

Miss Jo Ann McCabe is spending the first part of this week in San Antonio, visiting her father and grandparents.

Cloyce Hayden spent Saturday night and Sunday in Goliad, the guest of Bennie Horney, and will spend the rest of the Christmas vacation in Rockport.

Jimmy Hunt has returned from a deer hunt with two bucks which he shot just eight minutes apart. One had six points and the other nine.

Mrs. "Buddy" McLester and Miss Jo Ann McCabe and Miss Anna Torres went to Kerrville Thursday where the girls attended the Christmas dance at Schreiner Institute Thursday night.



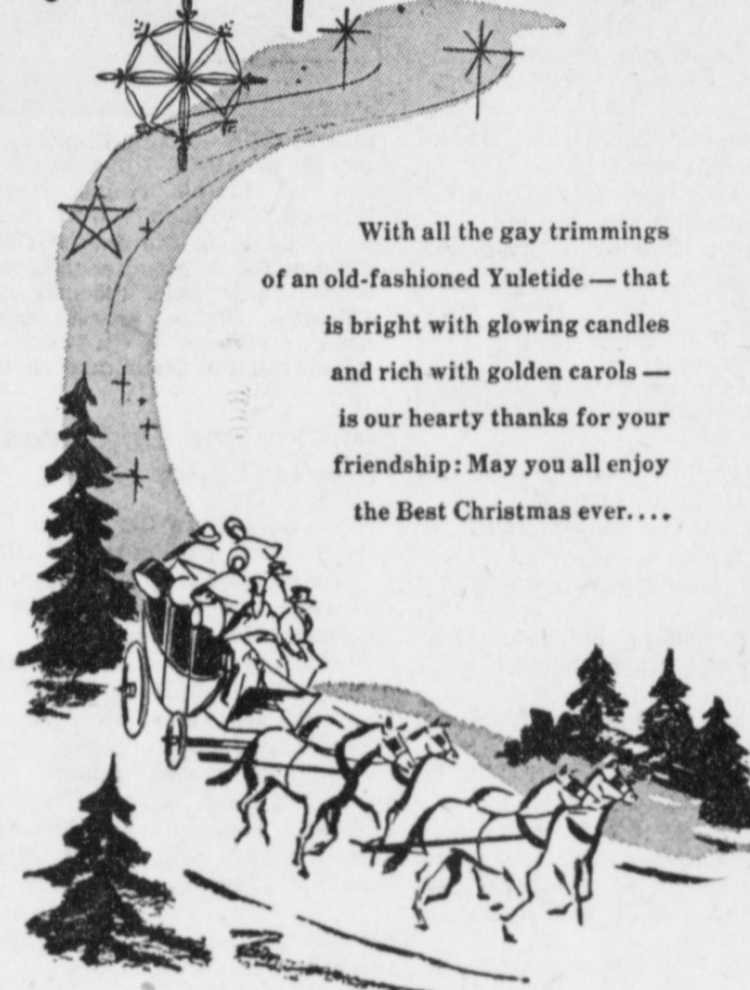
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HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS From Your State Capitol

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Austin, Tex. — Prospective liberal and conservative candidates were steaming up the race for governor last week on the heels of a declaration by Attorney General John Ben Shepperd that he is out of the running.

John C. White, 29-year-old agriculture commissioner, had his hat ready for tossing by saying that many people had asked him to run for governor and that he is giving the matter "serious thought."

"I will offer my services where I believe I can do the most good for all the people of Texas," he asserted.

As an outspoken critic of the Republican administration and the state's cross-filing election system, White is considered a party liberal.

He also has criticized the Legislature for failure to increase teachers' pay and pass effective water laws.

Another liberal prospect for the race, Ralph Yarborough of Austin, took a crack at the state investigation of Communists.

He charged that the probe of alleged Communist infiltration of some labor unions was politically inspired. Yarborough ran against Governor Allan Shivers last year.

In eliminating himself from the race, Shepperd declared: "The term politics has been rather loosely charged in connection with the investigation of these Communist front organizations and I am taking the term politics out of it."

Subsequent to this surprise announcement, Speaker of the House Reuben Senterfitt said that mail backing him for governor had sharply increased.

Senterfitt, San Saba lawyer and Speaker for two terms, is the only one who has definitely stated that

he intends to seek the governorship.

Political observers have speculated that if his campaign catches on, Governor Shivers will not run for a third term.

Young Democrats of Texas tried to iron out their differences. There were two groups involved, representing the liberal and conservative factions of the party.

Representatives of both were denied seats at the recent national convention of the organization at St. Paul.

Since that time, a committee with members from the rival camps has been shaped, and a meeting was held Tuesday in Austin to try for harmony and national party recognition.

Mrs. Hilda Weinert of Seguin, Democratic national committeewoman, and Wallace Savage of Dallas, state executive committeeman, named the Young Demo group, which has Representative Joe Kilgore of Edinburg as chairman.

Arrangements were to be made for a state convention in February.

Republicans of Texas, who must hold a primary election in 1954 for the first time in 20 years, are expected to cross-file conservative Democrats where they are available.

Cross-filing means the listing of a candidate's name under both the Democratic and Republican columns on the ballot.

Carlos Watson of Brownsville, attorney for the Republican State Executive Committee, told a meeting of that group that the party must hold a primary next year because their candidate for governor polled more than 200,000 votes in the last election.

Their candidate was Allan Shivers (cross-filed), who had 468,319 votes on the Republican ticket and 1,375,547 on the Democratic ticket.

Anything wrong in advertising spectacles for sale?

Yes, says the State Board of Examiners in Optometry. The board plans to limit such advertising to the listing of the names and addresses of optometry shops.

No, said the Legislature, which at its last session refused to pass a bill limiting optometry advertising.

No, says Representative Paul I. Hill of Smith County, who says that a lawsuit will probably result if the board's ruling goes into effect. Hill says that as a member of the Legislature he voted against the measure because "it was an attempt to stifle legitimate business."

Some other opinion: State Senator Warren McDonald of Tyler "can't see any harm in advertising glasses." Representative Bill Wood of Smith and Gregg Counties thinks the attorney general should be asked for an opinion and the optometry board should be guided by it.

TURKEYS FOR CHRISTMAS

R. R. Rice, owner of the Rockport Boat Works, had the superintendent, T. H. Ratliff present each of the employees of the boat works with a 20-pound turkey for their Christmas dinner, a gift much appreciated by all.

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