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Firemen's Party to Be Held Thursday Night, December 23

Along The Waterfront



Fishing hasn't been so hot. Mills said they had a couple of parties out. The Monday party caught 45 trout, and the group that fished Tuesday caught 18 fish, some of them nice sheephead that would weigh three pounds or better. Duck hunting was better, but the low tide had put a lot of blinds clear out of water and out of business. Harry reported some Canadian geese killed in the St. Charles Bay area.

Morrison's said that they had had a slow week, and Curly Floyd reported that while some catches were coming in, they had been from the boat basin, with only a few coming from the flats.

Bill Crist said none of the charter boats had been out, as far as he knew, and that there were few fishermen.

One thing that has slowed things down is the low tides, which have been running nearly three feet below normal, and another thing, of course, has been Christmas. Everyone is so busy getting ready for Santa Claus that few people have had time to hunt or fish.

There have been some at Jimmie's Duck Hunting Camp, however, and Mrs. Silberstein says that shooting was good there Tuesday, although she hadn't heard many guns this morning.

Groceries to Close at Regular Time X'mas Eve

A check of the majority of grocery stores in Rockport showed that they will close at the usual time on Christmas Eve. This will be at 7:00 p. m. for Shivers' and 6:00 p. m. for Sorenson's, Piggly Wiggly, West's Red & White, and Cannon's.

At Fulton, the Red and White said they would probably stay open until around 7:30 p. m., and Arthur Bracht says he will close at 7:00 p. m.

Pat Smith is home for the holidays.

Santa Claus will arrive Thursday night on a forty-one-year old Model T fire truck as Rockport and Fulton firemen stage their tenth annual children's Christmas party on Dec. 23, at 7:30. Every child under 14 in Aransas County is invited to be present at the tree, and there will be gifts for all.

A feature of the parade will be the first fire truck ever owned by the Aransas County Emergency Corps, to which both fire departments belong. It is a Model T, bought 41 years ago, and recently refurbished by the firemen themselves.

Besides this, the other fire department trucks will be present, and both Fulton and Rockport department members will be on hand to welcome the children and handle traffic.

Guests of honor, riding with Santa on the fire truck, will be the four school pupils whose letters were winners in the fire prevention week contest. These youngsters, Barbara Barnard, Lajuan Spivey, Francis Gilmore, and Jo Helen May, are now honorary members of the Aransas County Emergency Corps and of the Rockport and Fulton Fire Departments.

The corps has held these Christmas tree parties for nine years. Funds for the gifts are supplied by contributions from the firemen and other public spirited citizens, and not from the operating fund.

Boy Scouts Hold Christmas Party

The Boy Scouts of Troop 49 held their Christmas party Monday night, before going on to deliver toys that they have repaired to needy children of the town.

The scouts and some of the committee members worked very hard on this subject, and will be occupied from now to Christmas with the distribution of these gifts and in helping with the theatre drives for the benefit of Gonzales Warm Springs.

Besides the toys that were donated, the troop received cash gifts from S. F. Jackson and Dr. F. G. Collins of Fulton to provide oranges and similar things for the Christmas boxes, and candy from Joe Johnson.

They particularly want to thank all these people, and everyone who gave toys or helped the drive in any way. They are also grateful to Mrs. Shivers and her troop of Girl Scouts, who aided by dressing many of the dolls brought in that needed clothes.

Harry Lee Mills is home for the holidays.



"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO"—Classic example of the Christmas Crib is this detail from the Praesepe, or Manger, which is erected each year in the apartments of Pope Pius XII, in Vatican City. Carefully detailed, the figures are scaled in size to those of St. Joseph and the Madonna, which are about one foot in height.

Fire Dept. Equipment In First Class Shape Says Chief Dick Fox

In a recent report to the city council, Fire Chief Dick Fox said that all equipment of the Volunteer Fire Department was in first class shape. The new truck has been overhauled, the Fulton truck repaired, and a four-wheel-drive brush wagon converted to a fire truck for use where the regular ones would bog down. In addition, the department's first truck, a 1913 Model T has been renovated. This was done with volunteer labor, at a cost of \$150.

Slickers and hat have been purchased for twelve men.

Chief Fox says that the value of departmental equipment now exceeds \$26,000. This is largely due to the time put in by members of the department who volunteer their services in the work.

Rev. H. B. Ramsey Resigns Post Here, Moving to Waco

The Rev. H. B. Ramsey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rockport, has resigned his post here, and will move to Waco shortly after Christmas to take up studies at Baylor, at the beginning of the next quarter, he said Tuesday.

Mr. Ramsey and his family have been in Rockport three years, having come here from Woodboro, but he has held various pastorates along the coast ever since 1937.

He expects to major in religious journalism at Baylor, and to complete work on his master's degree at that school. This will supplement the studies he has been carrying on at the University of Corpus Christi, where he majored in Bible study.

The family expects to move to Waco about Jan. 13, Mr. Ramsey said, so that they can be settled by the time that his classes open.

First Presbyterian Church To Ordain Deacons

The First Presbyterian Church will ordain and install five new deacons at morning service this coming Sunday, Dec. 26. They are: Somer Smith, Charles Roe, Jr., Ted Atwood, Robert Little, and Ellis L. Clark.

Two others, Joe Caldwell and Travis Bailey, ordained in past years, will be re-installed.

W. L. WILBURN TO FILL IN FOR MR. AND MRS. PAUGH DURING CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paugh are leaving Thursday to take a two week vacation, and, during their absence, W. L. Wilburn will be at the Cage-Marshall Funeral Home on Monday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 31, to transact any necessary business.

He will also be there on Jan. 3, if the Paugh's have not returned.

ARANSAS COUNTY EXPORTS DEER

Aransas County includes among its exports—of all things—white tail deer.

The deer are grown on the nearby Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, and each year approximately 800 are captured and shipped to areas where there is a shortage of the game animals.

The deer shipping program has been in operation for 14 years.

The Refuge also provides wild turkeys and raccoons for other areas, and—in addition—is world famous as a bird sanctuary.

Donts Listed to Avoid Fire at Christmas

Fire Marshall Carl Osborn yesterday asked redoubled precautions against house fires which annually take a heavy damage toll during the Christmas season.

He joined with the National Safety Council in centering his warning on the judicious preparation and disposal of Christmas trees. His "don'ts" included:

1. Don't buy an old tree, or attempt to "flameproof" the one you get with chemical solutions.
2. Don't set up a tree without first sawing off an inch or so of the base and immersing the fresh-cut end in water.
3. Don't set it up near heat sources.
4. Don't use candles for decorations and be sure your electric lights are in good repair.
5. Don't leave lights on tree lit while no one is in attendance.
6. Don't leave tree up after needles have started to fall, and don't attempt to burn it in furnaces stoves or fireplaces because the trees burn with almost explosive violence.
7. Don't set up tree where its accidental fall can block exit from the house.

The National Safety Council added a warning against operating electric trains or other toys which may spark under the tree.

Whooping Crane's Voice Like Bugle Call

How does the whoop of a whooping crane sound?
"Like a high-pitched bugle call," answers Julian Howard, manager of the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge where the world's last remaining flock of the famed birds spend the winter.

In fact, Howard adds, the whooper's whoop is so high pitched and so shrill that it often can be heard as far as three miles away. The possibility of hearing or seeing one of the majestic cranes draws hundreds of visitors each year to this famed coastal resort city.

Girl Scouts Visit Warm Springs With Mrs. Hinton

Girl Scouts of Troop Three, under the leadership of Mrs. Roy Hinton, made a trip to Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation on Saturday, Dec. 18, to take cookies and presents from the entire local Girl Scout organization.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Glass, Mrs. A. L. Holland, and Mrs. Robert Ayers accompanied the group.

Mrs. Hinton reports the venture as being most successful and that five large boxes of cookies were taken to the patients. In addition to the cookies, which were made by the scouts, the sophomore class of Aransas County High School gave a large box of toys in lieu of the usual exchange of gifts at the class party.

Among the 67 patients at Gonzales, who range in age from 7 months to 63 years, are representatives of many creeds and nations, including Mexico, Canada, and Ireland.

The Rockport Girl Scouts were conducted through the foundation by Mrs. Gail Frazier who is in charge of recreation. They were shown the ultra-modern all electric kitchen of stainless steel and tile, the new gymnasium where the patients receive special exercise, and the warm springs themselves, where the water comes from the ground at 106° F.

The 18 girls who made the trip were Linda Deason, Robbie Bocquet, Mary Lucille Jackson, Mary Martha Shivers, Heather Wren, Jerry Armstrong, Carla Eilers, Linda Mills, Bonnie Johnson, Theresa Johnson, Sandra Williams, Nancy Court, Betty Armstrong, Bobby Kitchen, Nell Mundine, Patty McMahan, and Linda Clingman.

Navigation Board Gives Go-Ahead

Special Meeting Approves Fulton Plans, Final Layout of Harbor Now Complete, First Wharves to Accommodate 120 Boats

The Aransas County Navigation Board, in a special meeting with Homer Innis and Frank Newman, of Lockwood and Andrews, consulting engineers, Houston, discussed details and approved the final layout of Fulton Harbor, according to N. F. Jackson, chairman of the board.

They also instructed the firm to draw up plans and detailed specifications for the work, to be submitted to contractors for bids about the middle of January.

At present eight contracting firms have signified their interest in the construction work necessary for the harbor.

In the final layout, Jackson said, wharves are so designed that boats will be grouped according to size, thus conserving a great deal of space and making it possible to give them better facilities.

There will be low piers at the north end of the harbor, little more than catwalks, to handle 40 outboards, he said, and there will be, in the first construction, wharves for around thirty of the larger shrimp boats, measuring from 55 to 60 feet long. Besides this accommodations will be provided for fifty smaller shrimpers and pleasure craft in the 30 to 45 foot class.

Provision will also be made for future expansion to take care of all these classes as the need arises.

Bank Closes Noon Friday

The bank will close at 12 noon, Friday, Dec. 24, according to James Sorenson, Jr., in order to allow employees to spend Christmas eve at home.

County Officials Will Observe Double Holidays

County offices will observe double holidays for the Christmas and New-Year's weekends, County Judge John Wendell said yesterday.

All offices in the courthouse will close Thursday afternoon for Christmas and reopen for business Dec. 27, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 will be observed as New Year's holidays, Wendell said.

Picturesque Rockport a Favorite Vacation Spot

They call this picturesque resort city "The Toast of the Coast"—and it's no wonder.

For Rockport has more honest-goodness Texas flavor, more natural blessings, more man-made attractions, and more community and individual ingenuity than just about any other spot along the western arc of the Gulf shore.

In a municipal sense, Rockport is small. Its city boundaries take in only a few square miles and fewer than 5000 people. But, for practical purposes, Rockport claims 184,000 acres of the finest bay water along the Gulf and a long stretch of the most beautiful terrain to be found anywhere.

In its waters are all of the fish common to the Texas coast—and in quantities which long ago tagged Rockport as a sportsman's paradise. On its shore are wind-whipped live oaks which form an ideal setting for a fashionable summer home, a modern motel, or a permanent residence. And under its soil are oil and gas reserves which thus far have defied measurement.

The people who come to Rockport by the thousands each year are of equally varied types. They are fishermen, hunters, sightseers, tourists, swimmers, boating enthusiasts, vacationers—and that's just the start of the list. In the summer, Rockport is a cooling-off place for residents of those areas of the Southwest which lack the blessing of a bay breeze. By winter, it teems with Midwesterners eluding the cold weather of their home states.

Rockport is located in the heart of what is known as the Texas Coastal Bend some 30 miles north of Corpus Christi. It is within easy half-day reach of both Houston and San Antonio, and it is on the route to Mexico for at least half the population of the United States.

Rockport is no flash in the pan, no Johnny-come-lately to the Texas coastal scene. It was founded back in the Reconstruction era by three cattle dealers named J. M. Mathis, T. H. Mathis, and J. M. Doughty who figured they were establishing a major packing and shipping center.

They were, as it happened, exactly right. Coastal cattlemen had built up huge herds and were in pressing

need of new markets. The shipping of canned beef, hides, and tallow to distant areas by water was a logical answer to the problem.

Huge slaughter and packing houses sprang up along the shore of Aransas Bay. The Morgan Steamship Lines built docks and sent in as many as seven steamers a week.

It was an era of tremendous activity and colorful people. Samuel Colt, the man who invented the six-shooter, crossed the Rockport scene. Some even say his famed revolver was fashioned in a Rockport blacksmith shop. A young surveyor named George W. Fulton who achieved fame and fortune as a cattle baron built a mansion which he adorned with imported Italian chandeliers, cypress bath-tubs, marble washbowls, and ebony mantels. The mansion driveways were topped with asphalt, and over them, says legend, rode a parade of dignitaries including Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee.

Rockport continued as a packing and shipping center until new trails leading northward to rail connections in Kansas and nearby states were opened. By the turn of the century, all of the packing plants in the Rockport area were abandoned. The steamboats, too, had disappeared.

A lesser community might have given up in despair. But Rockport was undismayed. Even then, a new resort frontier was opening. In 1888, the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad extended its tracks into Rockport. The town was flooded with vacationers. At one time, four passenger trains were serving Rockport daily.

The Aransas Hotel, opened in 1889, blossomed into the center of activity. It covered a full block, stood three stories high, and had 90 rooms. Dinner music was provided for guests in the hotel dining room, and stage shows were presented on a nearby wharf. A coal-burning boat took guests for free rides across Aransas Bay.

The hotel was regarded as the most fashionable in Texas, and Rockport—then, as now—attracted visitors from all sections of the nation.

Over the years, Rockport has lost none of its flamboyance. But it has learned to plot its own course with the judgment that

comes only of full maturity and with some prime possessions from its past.

One such holdover possession is a courthouse that looks more like a Moslem temple than a seat of county government. It was built in 1889 by a young architect who was striving for something different. How well he succeeded in achieving his purpose is shown by the fact that hundreds of fascinated Rockport visitors stop by the courthouse each year just to take a close look.

The Fulton mansion, still retaining much of its early-day elegance, is open to visitors. Almost as famous is the home of W. S. Hall, who owned one of the biggest of the Reconstruction Period packing plants. It still stands, too—less than a mile from the Fulton home.

On nearby Lamar Peninsula is an aged Catholic church bearing

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TIME OUT from directing traffic for a more pleasant chore, Military Policeman Corporal Weyman H. Oden directs WAC Corporal Pat Cox to her destination at the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.



BRUSH WITH ROYALTY—How to acquire the polished look that's fit for a queen is demonstrated by Queen Elizabeth's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, as he visits a display in London of products made by ex-servicemen. Note boot-and-shoe scraper on side of shoebrush handle.

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Calendar of Coming Events

ST. PETER'S PLANS MANY ACTIVITIES FOR YULE

St. Peter's Church has planned an extensive program for Christmas Eve, according to Mr. Harry Carter, lay minister, with Holy Communion to be held as part of the Yuletide ceremonies. The church program for that occasion is as follows:

- Prelude — carols
- Processional hymn
- Collect, etc.
- The Nicene Creed
- The sermon
- Offertory and doxology
- Prayer for the church
- Sanctus
- Hymn
- Gloria in Excelsis
- The benediction
- Hymn
- Recessional

On Sunday morning, Dec. 26, there will be morning prayer, carols, and a sermon, followed by Sunday School at 10:15 a. m.

W.M.U. PLANS PRAYER, CAROLS, CHRISTMAS EVE

The W.M.U. has planned an evening of prayer, Christmas carols, and a social hour at the First Baptist Church of Rockport on Christmas Eve. Everyone is cordially invited.

COUNTRY CLUB PLANS BIG NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

The Live Oak Country Club is planning a big New Year's Eve dance, for which music will be furnished by Jake Stephens orchestra. Refreshments will be served, Smorgasbord style, and there will be plenty of entertainment for non-golfers, according to the committee, who hope that this segment of the club's membership will turn out in full force.

Joy Gift Program Held At Presbyterian Church

The annual Joy Gift Program was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday night, Dec. 20. This year "Christmas Under the Stars," a one-act play was presented.

The setting was laid in semi-desert country in Arizona, late on one Christmas Eve, where a bus was stopped with engine trouble. The cast was composed of Jim Morrison, who played the part of Dave; Beverly Matern, who was Kitty; Jo, played by Guy Clark; Mrs. Muriata, played by Mrs. Elie Clark; Jim Little, who played the part of the bus driver; a shepherd, played by Ted Little; and the missionary, Ralph Matern.

The Rev. A. Arnett Ward closed the program with an explanation of the purpose of the Joy Gift, which is sent to retired Presbyterian ministers and their wives, and to the windows of ministers.

Mrs. W. E. Yeatman and Miss LeMoyné Chatfield of Montgomery, Ala., are holiday guests of their sister, Mrs. B. C. Gregory, and niece, Mrs. Roy Hinton.

The greatest reward for a job well done is in having done it.

METHODISTS PLAN CANDLE LIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE

Among the special events observing Christmas season planned by the Methodists is a candle light and carol service, which will be held at 7:00 p. m. on Christmas eve.

The Senior MYF will go caroling tonight, meeting in the parsonage at 7:30, and returning there later for cookies and hot chocolate.

Choir rehearsal will be at 7:30 Thursday evening.

The Christmas fellowship dinner was held last Sunday after morning services.

METHODISTS TO HOLD SPECIAL QUARTERLY MEET

A special session of the Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Church will be held in the annex on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 6, for the purpose of considering a mortgage of \$10,000 to finance the new church building. A majority of the Quarterly Conference present and voting is necessary to make the loan possible.

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN CHRISTMAS TREE, CAROLS

The Presbyterian Sunday School has planned a Christmas tree for 7:00 p. m. tonight (Wednesday evening) with Christmas playlets presented by the various classes, and an interchange of gifts afterwards.

Lucy Kathryn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Griffith, Jr., was baptized at the morning service in the Methodist Church by the Rev. Dana S. Green.

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Any Flavor	JELLO	3 for 25c
Carnation Tall	MILK	2 for 25c
Bar-T-Ranch	ELBERTA PEACHES	2 1/2 can 29c
Del Monte	FRUIT COCKTAIL	303 can 24c

MEATS

No. 1 Broad Breast Home Grown

Turkeys	HENS	lb. 60c
	TOMS UP TO 18 LBS.	lb 55c
	18 lbs. UP	lb. 45c

PICNIC CUT

Pork Roast	Pound	35c
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BOSTON STYLE BUTTS

Pork Roast	pound	49c
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FRESH MARKET MADE **LB.**

HAMS	WHOLE	lb. 55c
	SHANK END CUTS	lb. 55c
	BUTT END CUTS	lb. 59c

KORN KIST

Pork Sausage	39c
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BACON **pound 53c**

Snowqueen	FLOUR	5 lbs. - 43c
Stokely Cut	BEANS	303 can 21c
Sun Gold	OLEO	pound 21c
Northern	TOWELS	2 rolls - 35c
Northern	TISSUE	3 rolls - 25c
April Showers	PEAS	303 can 2 for 33c
Tropical Gem	COOKIES	35c
Imperial Cane	SUGAR	5 bls. 46c

vegetables

Paschol	CELERY	2 stalks 25c
Green	ONIONS	bunch 5c
California Extra Large	NAVEL ORANGES	each 9c
Yellow Globe	ONIONS	lb. 6c
Red Emperor	GRAPES	lb. 15c

Niblet Whole Kernel 12 oz.	Corn	2 FOR 29c
Ocean Spray Cranberry		300 can
	Sauce	2 FOR 41c
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Resident of Rockport 85 Years Dies

Mrs. Lula Ida Brundrett, 88, died at 2:20 p. m. Friday in an Aransas Pass hospital. She had been a Rockport resident for 85 years.

Mrs. Brundrett came to Rockport at the age of three from Wheelock with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hastings, who later moved to The Blackjacks (now known as the Aransas County Wildlife Refuge).

Her father, Edward Hastings, was a merchant and dancing instructor.

She married the late J. M. Brundrett, a rancher, moving to Lamar, later to Rockport.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Georgia Hood of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Walter Rowe of Ingleside, Mrs. Guy Hanks of Rockport, Mrs. Arthur Mires of Corpus Christi, and Mrs. Clyde Christopher of Bishop; four sons, Charles N. of Alta Loma, Alvin L., Leo and John L., all of Rockport; two sisters, Mrs. Marvin Winters of Humble and Mrs. John Troutwein of Addick, Texas; three brothers, Chandler Hastings and Charles R. Hastings, both of Alief, and Pete Hastings of Pasadena, Calif.; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Arnot Ward, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rockport Cemetery.

Mrs. Brundrett, called Aunt Lula by many people, leaves a wide circle of relatives and friends to mourn the passing of one who was truly a daughter of the old South.

He who is prejudiced is usually down on something he's not up on.

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Music Students Hold Christmas Party

Piano pupils of Mrs. Neva Sorenson presented a program in the Woman's Club on Monday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:00 p. m. First number on the program was Carol Fantasy, a duet by Buddy Carroll and Neva Sorenson.

Then the Fun Club, consisting of pupils between six and eight years old, presented their program. The Melody Club, ages nine to 12, followed, presenting eight numbers. Five numbers were given by the Presto Club of teenagers.

The program was informal. Hymns, carols, classic, popular, dance, light classic and boogie woogie selections were all played.

A Christmas tree was held, with an exchange of gifts, and then refreshments were served.

MEMORY LANE



Yes-sir-ee!

Remember when "yes-sir-ee" with emphasis on the "ee" was commonly used, especially by the younger generation? Any conversation worthy the name was always plentifully punctuated with "yes-sir-ees." Seldom heard today, the use of the expression was once as popular as our present day use of "okay." Remember?

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- CHICKEN HENS** POUND 39c
- FRESH Pork Hams** POUND 59c
- PICNIC HAMS** POUND 39c
- 8 to 10 lb. average **Cured Hams** POUND 69c
- Pork Roast** POUND 39c

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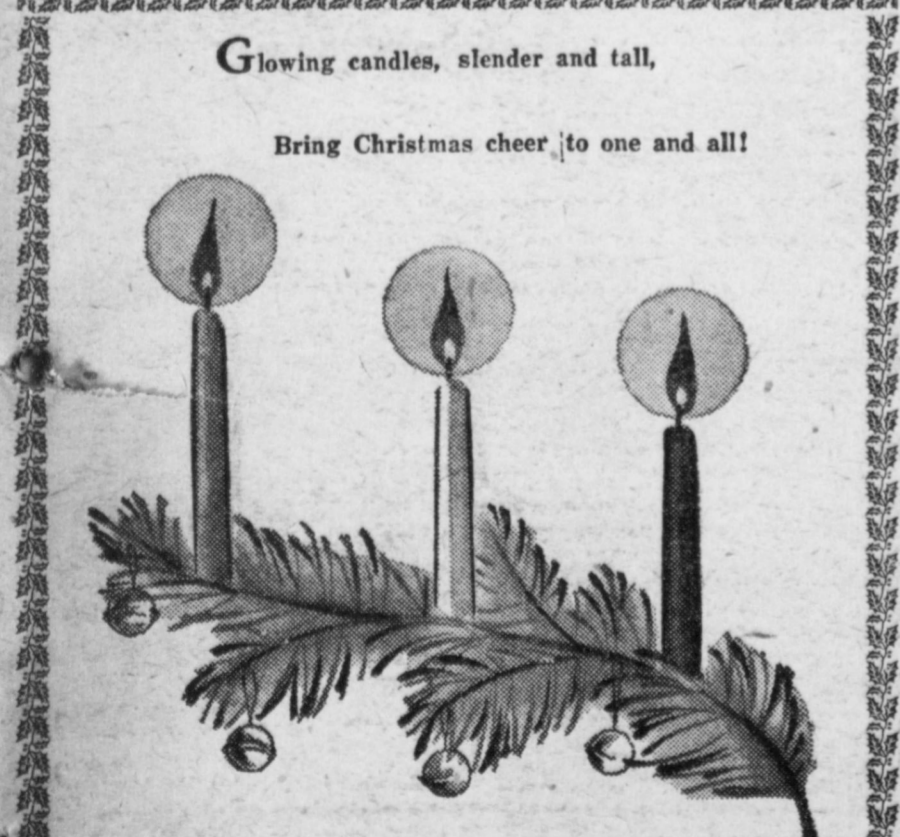
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MR. AND MRS. HITZFELD VISIT IN ROCKPORT

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hitzfeld and son Jerry, of Alice, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Schleider of Rockport. Mrs. Hitzfeld, who is Mrs. Schleider's sister, was seriously injured in a car wreck over four months ago, and had to undergo major surgery at that time. However, she has made an excellent recovery.

MR. AND MRS. JOE CALDWELL HAVE HOUSE GUESTS

House guests at the Joe Caldwell home for the holidays are Bobbie Caldwell, recently returned from Japan, and his fellow sailor, David Baird, who are spending their Christmas leaves visiting Bobbie's folks, before returning to complete their naval service.

Read the Classified Ads



EXPLOSIVE HAIRDO—"Bum-Bum" is making a big boom in Hamburg, Germany, with its A-bomb-like cloud of hair gathered as a topknot. The "chain reaction" in hair styling was set off by Antonio of Paris.

Alice Bell is home for the holidays from Denton, where she is a senior at North Texas State Teachers' College.

Johnny Bob Barber is home for Christmas, having come in from T.M.I. at San Antonio.

Benefit Coffee Given By Mrs. Raymond Owens

Mrs. Raymond Owens recently gave a benefit coffee, proceeds of which went to the Gonzales Warm Springs fund drive. Guests were Mrs. Harry Baldwin, Mrs. Birdie Cole, Mrs. Frank Casterline, and Miss Hettie Weber.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH BISKUP, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that ancillary letters testamentary upon the Estate of Joseph Biskup, deceased, were granted to Lorraine Kimball on December 20, 1954, by the County Court of Aransas County, Texas.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to said Executrix within the time prescribed by law. Her post office address is Lorraine Kimball, c/o Ellis L. Clark, P. O. Box 867, Rockport, Texas.

ELLIS L. CLARK, Attorney for Lorraine Kimball, Executrix of the Estate of Joseph Biskup, deceased. c37

Bob Morrison and his wife Jeanette are spending their Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morrison.

David Herring is home for the holidays from Texas University.

JOHN CRON SPENDS CHRISTMAS LEAVE HERE

Corporal John Cron arrived Monday to spend his Christmas leave with his mother. John, who is at Camp Chase, Ark., has 15 days leave.

Tommy Cron came in from North Texas State Teachers' College, which he has been attending. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Pat Nixon and daughter Bonnie Lynn, are also expected. Mrs. Nixon was the former Charlotte Cron.

Jo Ann McCabe, who was recently elected class favorite by the sophomore class at Schreiner Institute, and whose picture will appear in the Recall, published by that school, is home over the holidays from Denton, where she has been attending North Texas State Teachers' College.

STEVE ATWOOD HOME

Private Steve Atwood flew in Monday, via Braniff Air Lines, from Fort Lewis, Wash. He will spend his Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Atwood. He will return to Fort Lewis on New Year's Day.

GENE SMITH HOME

Lieutenant Gene A. Smith, of Fort Benning, Ga., has two weeks leave which he is spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith.

Joe Herring, sophomore, Johnny Jo Atwood, sophomore, Wayne Fraser, sophomore, Jimmy Sparks, sophomore, Jim Ben Cloberdants, freshman, Shirley May Harrell, freshman, and Kane Lassiter, sophomore, are all home from A&I for the Christmas holidays.

MR. AND MRS. ELLIS CLARK HAVE HOUSE GUESTS

House guests for the holiday season at the Ellis L. Clark home are Mrs. Rossie Clark, Mr. Clark's mother, and Mr. E. J. Prigg, of Monahans, Texas.

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SATURDAY
Dec. 25
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SUN. - MON. - TUES.
Dec. 26-27-28
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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
Dec. 29-30
Dennis O'Keefe
Margaret Sheridan
Diamond Wizard

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
DOUBLE FEATURE
Crazy Over Horses
Carnival Story

SURF THEATRE
ROCKPORT

Program

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
Dec. 22-23
Barbara Stanwyck
George Sanders
Witness to Murder

CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY
Dec. 25
DOUBLE FEATURE
Rainbow Over Texas
and
Acapulco

SUNDAY - MONDAY
Dec. 26-27
Scott Brady
Betta St. John
Law vs. Billy the Kid

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY
Dec. 28-29
Robert Marriott
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Roogies Bump

THURSDAY ONLY
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THURSDAY
Dec. 23
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Dec. 24-25
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SUNDAY - MONDAY
Dec. 26-27

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T.E.L. Class Meets At Grady West Home

The T.E.L. Class of the First Baptist Church, Rockport, enjoyed Christmas supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady West, Monday night, with Mrs. Mabel Thomas acting as hostess. Twenty-three ladies and six husbands were present. After supper there was a short business session, and then the devotional was given by Mrs. J. V. Ferguson.

Mrs. Seburn Crawford gave a reading, and then gifts were exchanged, the class remembering its president, Mrs. Amy Simmons, and its teacher, Mrs. Mabel Thompson.

Gerald Huffman is home from Schreiner for Christmas.

Rodney Johnson is home from T.M.I. at San Antonio, for the Christmas holidays.

Strange Animals In Texas

If you're up in the Llano country and see a reddish-colored, big-horned sheep, with a big white spot on its side, leaping across the rugged hills, don't be surprised; it's only one of Mark Moss' mouflon.

If you're driving by the Bear Creek Ranch, near Hunt and see a deer only slightly smaller than an elephant, don't get excited; it's only one of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's barasingha from India.

Suppose you're riding along between San Patricio and Bluntzer, and from a roadside pasture a huge half-goat, half-sheep looks at you with a quizzical eye. You don't have the D. T.'s; it's merely one of M. P. Wright's aoudads from the Atlas Mountains of

North Africa.

All over Texas, if you know where to look, there are strange beasts from other lands running wild on the range, stocked by ranchers like Rickenbacker and Moss to improve the hunting, or by men like Wright because they enjoy having the animals around.

Moss of the Bar O Ranch at Llano has mouflon and Indian black buck antelope, the same that Hindu princes hunt with cheetahs, and has tried the lovely, spotted axis deer from the same country, as well as Japanese sikas and Asiatic tahr, residents of the high Himalayas.

Some of the species have not done so well. Not so the mouflon, however. For these, the smallest wild sheep in the world, have taken to the Hill Country as though they invented it. Supposed to be the remote ancestors of most domestic breeds, there are still wild ones on the mountainous islands of Corsica, Sardinia, and Cyprus. So well are they able to combat the hazards of civilization that Jack O'Connor, gun editor of Outdoor Life, has suggested that, in areas like West Texas where the native bighorn has been killed off, mouflon should be introduced to give local hunters something to shoot at.

The aoudad, of which Moss occasionally has a few also are curious-looking sheep—so much like goats that scientists argued for years over the family in which they should be included. Fawn-colored and high-shouldered, their scimitar-shaped horns are totally unlike those of any American wild sheep. Throw in a long set of whiskers from their jaws to their brisquets, and the whole adds up to something most American sportsmen have never seen and wouldn't believe if they did.

Over on Eddie Rickenbacker's spread are more black buck, and he says that they do well. "We also have axis deer," he said, "which are equally good reproducers, as are our Japanese sikas. But the English white fallow deer do not breed as well. The Indian sambar, which may weigh 600 to 700 pounds, are doing all right, but the herd has not reached any sizable proportions, nor has that of the barasingha, which are nearly as big."

Bear Creek also has a herd of African eland, largest of all antelope. Although these may weigh 1200 to 1500 pounds, they are still capable of leaping five or six feet in the air. Leroy Denman of the Powderhorn Ranch at Port O'Connor also has a few of these, along with sambar, black buck, and European wild boars. "The boars," he says, "are great travelers, and their first excursion into some farmer's field is, of course, generally their last. But, in spite of this, they have multiplied substantially in the last 10 years."

The Powderhorn also tried nilgai antelope from India. These big "blue bulls," as they are sometimes called, grow to a weight of 600 pounds. "We released about a dozen," Denman said, "and a few youngsters were born, but the herd gradually died out. They have, however, done very well on the south end of the King Ranch. I think about 12 were released there some 15 years ago, and at present there must be more than 100."

Val Lehman, King Ranch biologist, says they had elk there for a while, also, but Texas' big elk herd is out in McKittrick Canyon in the Gualalupe Mountains. Forty-four were imported from the Rockies in 1928 by the Hunter-Grisham Company, and in 10 years had increased to a herd of 400.

GIRL SCOUTS



By Mrs. Ellis L. Clark

On Thursday, Dec. 16, Troop 3 was entertained at its Christmas party at the home of its leader, Mrs. Roy Hinton.

Each girl brought a gift for exchange and the gifts were distributed when the "real Santa" appeared for a visit.

The dining room was lighted with a large Santa and the table decorations were centered by "Frosty the Snowman." A Nativity scene was displayed on the buffet. Mrs. Clark Wren and Mrs. Arley Shivers, assistant leaders, served a Christmas salad plate and punch to the eighteen members of the troop and one guest, Mrs. B. C. Gregory, mother of Mrs. Hinton. During the party the girls completed plans for their trip to Gonzales, wrapped individual packages of nuts and candy for the patients and rehearsed the Christmas carols which they presented at the hospital.

The Brownies of Troop 50 met with their leader, Mrs. Roy Court, and assistant leader, Mrs. W. N. Johnson on Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Girl Scout Little House.

The meeting, which also constituted the Christmas party for this troop, opened with a song and the Brownie Promise. Roll was called by Linda Ellers.

The Brownies exchanged gifts around the Mitten Christmas tree and Pamela Court served refreshments to the following Brownies: Linda Ellers, Susie LeBlanc, Terry Thomas, Jill Roope, Lola Jean Lewis, Sherrill Hayes, Donna Lassiter, and Courtney Johnson.

Mrs. J. B. Jackson, neighborhood chairman, has announced that the Mitten Tree at the Girl Scout Little House is most beautiful and unusual and the public is invited to call at the Little House to see it.

The Little House will be open from 3 to 5 p. m. on Friday, Dec. 24.

In the interest of community service, all Fulton Girl Scout and Brownie Troops will meet at the Fulton Lion's Club building at 7 p. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The girls will then ride on the fire truck to the Fulton community Christmas tree where they will assist Santa Claus in distributing the packages of candy, nuts and fruit. This is a project of the Lion's Club of Fulton.

Brownie Troop No. 32 met at the First Presbyterian Church of Rockport for its Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 20.

The girls exchanged gifts and sang Christmas carols and refreshments were served by Mrs. Tom Conner, leader, Mrs. Richard Fox and Mrs. Henry Camehl, assistant leaders. The refreshment table was laid with a lace cloth, and the Christmas motif was carried out in the centerpiece and candles. Christmas cookies and punch were served to 12 Brownies.

It was announced that this troop would not meet again until after the holidays.

The Brownies of Troop No. 18 met at the Girl Scout Little House on Monday, Dec. 20 at 3:30 for their Christmas party.

The girls played Christmas games and sang Christmas carols around the Mitten Tree. Gifts were exchanged within the troop.

Mrs. C. L. Grant, leader, presented each girl with a World Pin which signifies membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

A festive plate of Christmas cookies, sandwiches, and hot chocolate were served by Mrs. Grant to the following girls: Peggy Lois Chambers, Caroline Clark, Sherryl Crawford, Dolores Etheridge, Jerry Lynn Harrell, Janet Grant, Virginia Holland, Sue Johnson, Beverly Simpson, and Sandra Spencer.

Fulton Brownie Troop 3 was entertained with a Christmas party given at the home of Mrs. E. W. Means, in honor of Katherine Bolech. The party was held around the sun porch in Mrs. Means' home. Refreshments were served, and presents opened. All 13 members of the troop were there, as well as Mrs. Tom Conner, Mrs. Monte Rouquette, and Mrs. M. M. Owens. Other guests were Mrs. H. H. Dick, Mrs. F. L. McCord, and Sally.

Miss Patti Ballou, who has been teaching at Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ballou.

Texas' Trail Of Terror

Long ago, before the white man lived in West Texas, a great trail stretched north and south for 1000 miles through that lonely land. It was a trail that echoed to the songs of warriors and the weeping of captives; to the quick drumming of ponies' hooves and the rumble of buffalo herds. It was a trail of murder, rapine, thievery, and bloodlust, but never mercy. It was the Great War Trail of the Comanches.

One branch started far up in the old Indian Territory and wandered south and west past the Wichita Mountains. Another began on the headwaters of the Arkansas, plunged south across the Canadian, and skirted the eastern edge of the Llano Estacado.

They converged about midway of the Salt Fork of the Brazos, separating again just above Big Spring. The eastern fork touched the spring itself, passed southwest of present San Angelo, dropped down to Las Moras (today's Brackettville), and then went on to Mexico. The second branch passed through Winkler County, crossed the Pecos, gave its name to Comanche Springs (where Fort Stockton now stands), and then lanced south to Horse Mountain. There it split, the eastern branch striking the Rio Grande at Lajitas. The main portion turned south along the Chisos, crossing the river at a ford where the water was only four feet deep.

It ended, as did all the others, in the cultivated lands of Coahuila, Chihuahua, Zacatecas, and Durango, 500 miles in the interior, where there were scalps, ponies, and prisoners for the taking. The Indians penetrated into the largest settlements of Northern Mexico and in broad daylight, nearly unopposed, carried into captivity hundreds of people and thousands of mules and horses.

Comanches did not seriously trouble the early Texas colonists. However, in 1836, Parker's Fort, near Groesbeck, was attacked and several persons were killed and a number of theirs carried off. Among these was Cynthia Ann Parker, whose story is one of the most widely known sagas of early Texas. This and other forays caused President Lamar to emphasize in his inaugural address that

they should be completely expelled from Texas.

"The white man and red could not," he said, "dwell in harmony together."

So began a war of extermination which produced such men as Big Foot Wallace, Rip Ford, Jack Hays, L. H. McNelly, Lee Hall, and John B. Jones, Texas Rangers and Indian fighters.

As the years rolled by, the Texans' belief grew that the only good Indian was a dead one, and that they must be pursued, run down, and killed—killed until they found out that the whites meant business—punished, even to the captivity of their women and children.

Rip Ford, helping to extirpate this border plague, fought Chief Iron Jacket, whose name and reputation for invulnerability came from a suit of Spanish armor, once owned by some long-

forgotten conquistadore.

So, little by little, Texas Rangers and soldiers from the border forts (many of which were situated beside waterholes along the Comanche Trail) carried on a relentless hunt which was to last for 50 years before it finally made the frontier safe for settlers.

At last the day came in 1875 when, their horses captured or destroyed, their food gone with the destruction of the buffalo, and their teepees burned, a pitiful remnant of starving tribesmen straggled into the reservation at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and the Great War Trail of the Comanches became a thing of the past.

Port Baughman is home for the holidays.

Bill Jones is home from Rice for the holidays.

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Charleston's Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, ambassador to France after the Revolution. Part of the masonry foundation, a frame dwelling and a large brick warehouse are about all that's left standing. Pinckney and the island have been juggled back and forth between the U. S. Engineers, who used it as a storage depot, and the National Parks Service, which wants to get rid of it. There are no takers. Ability and reliability make a good team.



LOCOMOTIVE VALHALLA—Most steam locomotives considered obsolete go to the scrap foundry, but this Class K4 Kanawha high-speed freight hog has found a final resting place in La Salle Park, Buffalo, N. Y. Donated by the Chesapeake and Ohio as a monument to the age of steam which helped make Buffalo the nation's second largest rail center, it will be on permanent display for the enjoyment of oldsters and the amazement of a generation which is more familiar with the diesel locomotive. Built in 1943, the quarter-million-dollar locomotive is 105 feet long, weighs 425 tons with loaded tender and has pulled as many as 160 loaded coal gondolas at one time during its years of service.

LETTER TO SANTA—

Dear Santa:
Here is what I want. I want a rifle with a scope on it, and a U. S. Marshal pistol. Black cowboy hat, bike basket, boxing gloves, spurs, handkerchief, taps for my shoes.
From
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Box 494 phone 836

Dear Santa Clause,
Please give me some of these things for Christmas, a Disney Crazy Express Train, a sports convertible, Joe College Jalopy, a metal tractor. I will try to be very good between now and Christmas.
With love,
Sue Johnson for
Al Johnson

Dear Santa,
Please give me for Christmas an ebony and silver clarinet. I would like to have a Junior Prom Doll. Please send me a Lady Lovely Beauty Kit. Something else I want is a wizard deluxe refrigerator. I want a 29 piece tea set. I want a balloon assortment. I want a fountain brush painting set. I will try to be very good between now and Christmas.
With love,
Mary Lou Johnson

You can sure bump into trouble trying to dodge duty.

Family Night Observed By Woman's Club

"Family Night" was observed by the Woman's Club, Thursday night. The stage setting for the program presented by Mrs. Arthur Bracht was Christmas Eve in an American home. The usual Yuletide symbols including a lighted tree, and the assembling of the families of the members was typical of the Christmas spirit engendered by this season of the year, all over the land.

The program opened by the rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" by Mrs. Bill Clark. Others numbers included "The Christmas Story" by Mrs. Ellis Clark, a Christmas ballet by Mary Scott, a reading, "The Night Before Christmas—In Texas That Is" by Jan Clark and a group of selections by "The Whooping Crane Quartette," composed of Mrs. James B. Jackson, Mrs. Ran Wilde, Mrs. Norvell Jackson and Mrs. Mary Juergens. Their costumes were dude ranch styles glorified by the Christmas season, and their numbers were climaxed by the singing of the well loved "I'm Dreaming of a

Fred Brachts Plan Christmas Dinner

The Fred Brachts are planning a Christmas dinner for the following guests: Mrs. L. M. Bracht, Misses Mabel and Genevieve Bracht, Mr. and Mrs. James Bracht and Allen, Fred Bracht, Jr., and Miss Veronica and John Klaeser.

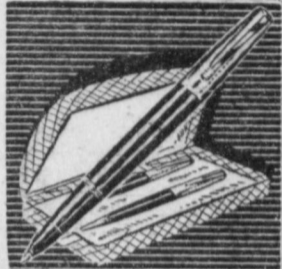
White Christmas." Following the program, Mrs. R. R. Rice and Mrs. William Blevins were hostesses for a refreshment hour. The tea table, laid in lace, had for a centerpiece an arrangement of poinsettias in a cut glass bowl, flanked by white tapers in silver candelabra. By its side was an open Bible. Mrs. Joe Caldwell poured punch, Mrs. Arthur Bracht presided at the silver coffee service and Mrs. Fred Bracht served the fruit cake and Christmas cookies. The Woman's Club wishes to express its appreciation to Prophet's Furniture Store, Girl Scout Troop No. 3 for decorating the Christmas tree and all who participated on the program.

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SUGAR		47c
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Exhibit of Church Architecture Tours

Religious architecture, from the humble Puritan log church to the towering masonry structure of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, is one of the subjects of an American religious exhibition now on world tour.

The exhibit, "The Church in America," is designed to show the people of foreign countries the importance of religion in American tradition and culture. It was viewed by President Eisenhower before being sent to 77

countries abroad.

Composed of over 50 different panels, the exhibit was compiled by the United States Information Agency. It depicts the role of churches in educational and recreational programs, community and charitable services, and church art and architecture.

The agency says use of the exhibition abroad "Will help demonstrate to the people of other countries that religion plays a vital role in American life."

White lies often have to be whitewashed to prevent them from turning black.

CHANGES IN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Today, I want to explain the "drop-out" provision in the 1954 amendments to the Social Security Act. This is something entirely new, and it will work to the advantage of most workers.

Some time ago, a middle-aged man stopped by our office to see how much protection he and his family would have when he became 65 or what the family payments would be in case of his death.

He told me how much he was making, and he believed that he would be earning that amount until his retirement. We computed his future benefit amount from the average of his monthly earnings during the years in which his work had been covered by social security, and from what he expected to earn in future years. He was disappointed, and I knew right away what the trouble was. His monthly wage average had been brought down by including about four years of very low earnings from work covered by social security in the past. Those years in which he didn't earn much served to reduce his future benefits, and this situation occurs quite often. But the new amendments make it possible to drop out those years of low earnings, which were reducing the amount of his benefit.

Under the new law, anyone who has as much as a year and a half of work on social security jobs after June 30, 1953, may have the advantage of the four year drop-out. Since newly covered workers must figure their average monthly earnings beginning with 1951, they will have four years of no earnings under social security. The drop-out will be used to exclude those four years. Those who have been working under social security also have the right to the drop-out.

The years which are dropped need not be consecutive, and all four don't have to be dropped. You may have as little as one year dropped out if that would give you the highest benefit.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders 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 11, 1955, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for any other legal purpose that may be brought before said meeting.

JAMES H. SORENSON, JR.
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AERIAL GRAVEYARD—This tombstone-like tail assembly of a World War II B-24 Liberator bomber, lost for 10 years in the French Alps, was found recently by a search party seeking still another downed plane in the treacherous "graveyard" of Europe's airlines.



GENUINE PULL-CAT—Karen Mulqueen, 4, squints gleefully as "Skippy" forgets his cat-show manners, and pulls her hair during an all-breed tabby show at Jones Memorial Children's Center, in New York City.

Valley Bulls on Way to Venezuela

Forty registered Brahman bulls from Bill Pate's El Texano Ranch here are heading for Venezuela. Pate sold the bulls to buyers from Venezuela who included Dario Parras Pino, director of agriculture and livestock at Caracas. Pate also sold two registered Brahman bulls recently to buyers in Cuba.

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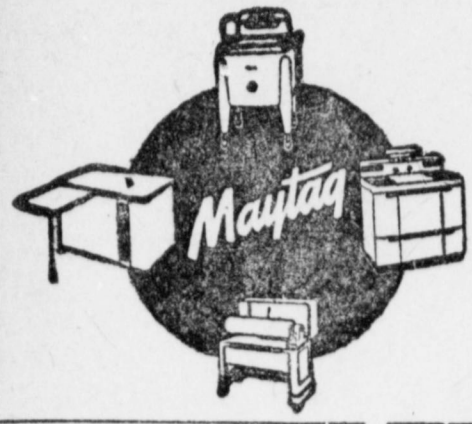
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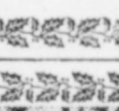
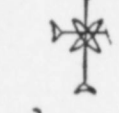
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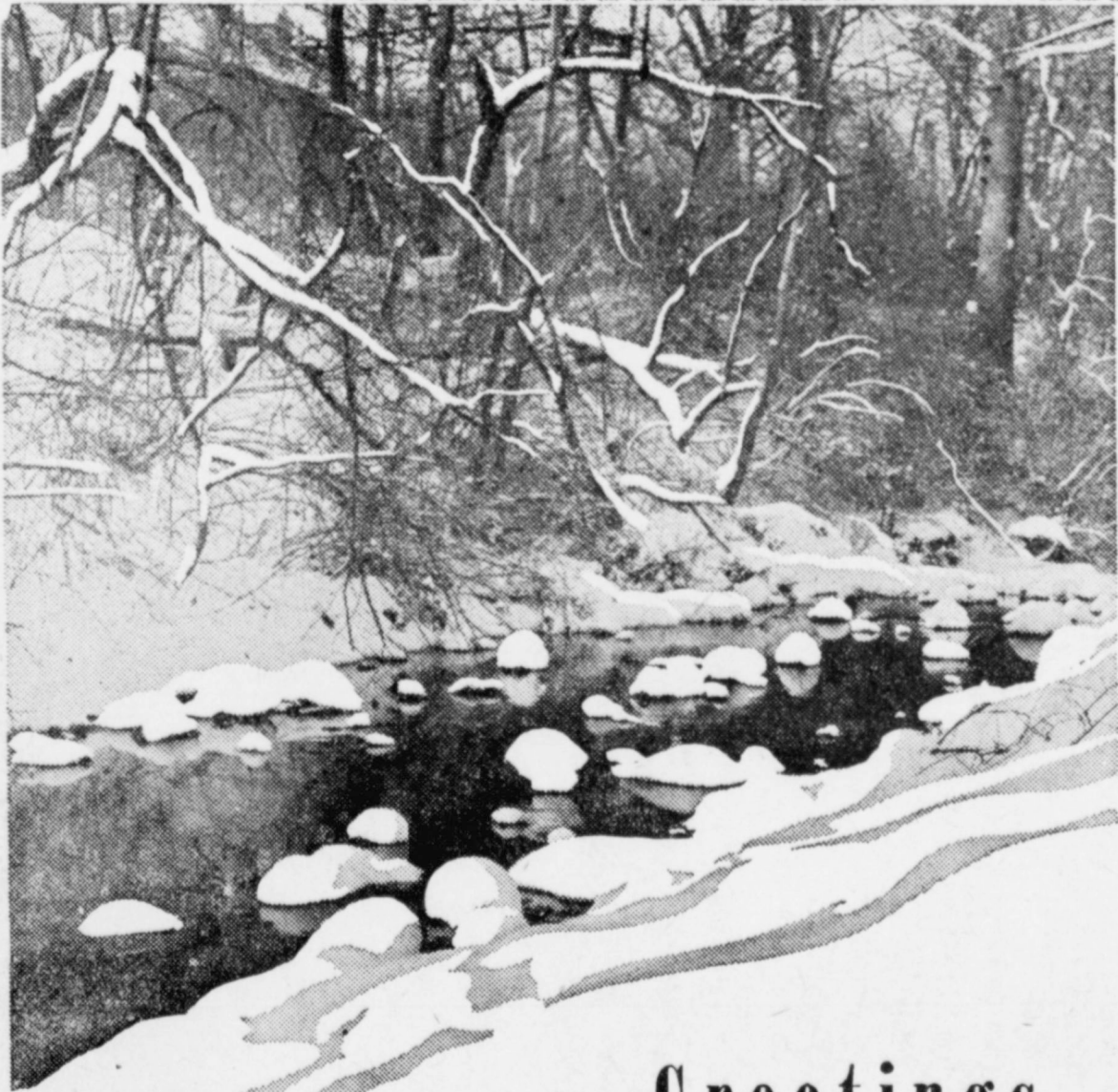
for a wonderful holiday, to

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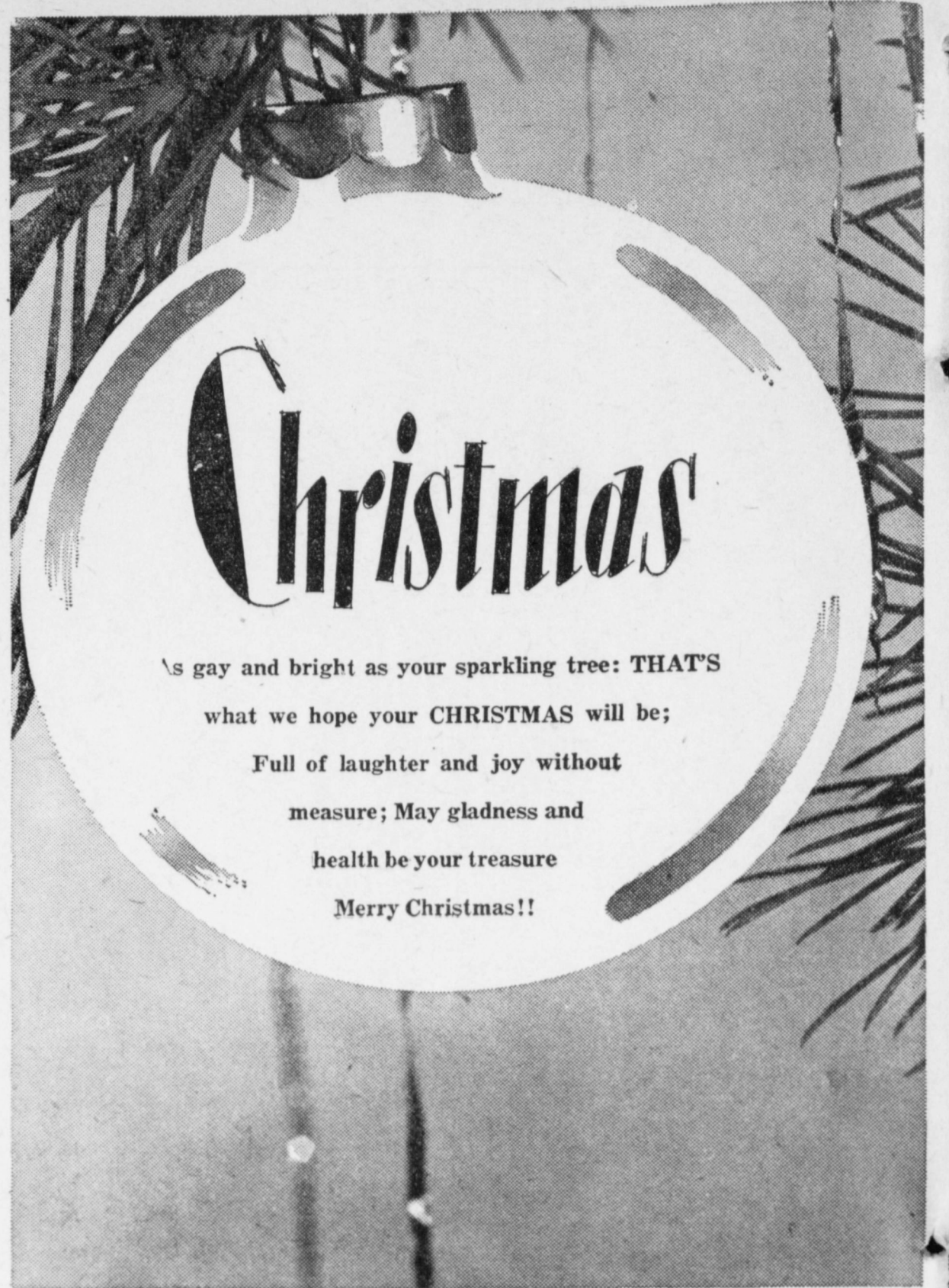


**Greetings
At Christmas!**

Before this year is over, we want to thank our many customers for their continuing faith in us, and wish you all a very Joyous Holiday! . . .

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's gay and bright as your sparkling tree: THAT'S

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SPACE FOR TIME—Ancient time goes modern in this mobile version of the clock. On display in New York City, the specially designed power cord is the only support, although the balancing "tail" may be used to steady the timepiece against a wall. Clock is fashioned of spun aluminum and hand-rubbed walnut, with gold-accented black numerals.

Teen-Agers Make Christmas Merry For Needy Children

Christmas means dolls to most little girls. Because of this, some 52,000 teen-age American girls have made Christmas dolls for their less fortunate sisters at home and abroad.

The dolls were entered in a competition sponsored jointly by Seventeen magazines and the Save the Children Federation. Prize winner in the contest is Joan Shelton, age 14 of Kirkwood, Mo. Her prize is a two-week tour of Europe to present in person the dolls made by herself and her teen-age contemporaries to needy children in France, Italy, Western Germany, England, and Finland.

An estimated 25,000 pounds of cotton batting; 35,000 yards of cotton broadcloth, organdy, gingham, lace, batiste, gauze, and ribbon; and about 52,000 plain white cotton socks were used by the thousands of teen-age girls who made and dressed dolls in the annual good will competition.

Waiting for a lucky break wouldn't be a bad policy if pay days weren't so uncertain.

The Legend of Christmas

One of the Christmas legends reportedly found in a manuscript in an old monastery in Sicily, asserts that on the night of the Saviour's birth, all the living creatures on earth journeyed to the stable in Bethlehem to honor the new-born King, and to give Him presents. Even the trees of the forest went; the olive, to give its fruit; and the palm, its dates. But the little fir had no gifts; besides, it was so weary it could hardly stand. The larger trees pushed it into the background, and almost hid it completely. A near-by angel felt sorry for the tiny tree, looked up at the stars, and asked some of them to come down and rest on its boughs. The stars obeyed and shone there like candles. When the Baby Jesus saw the lovely sight, He smiled, blessed the happy little tree, and declared that at Christmas fir trees should always be lighted to please little children.



WHAT'S COOKING?—Home-baked ideas, on display at an inventors' show in Paris, France, and this electric oven is hot off the mind of newspaper-woman Jean LeMaire. It features inside illumination and an elevator-type table for food.

Coleslaw or coldslaw? The former is correct. Cole means cabbage. There is no basis for coldslaw except popular misuse and the fact that this shredded cabbage salad is served cold.

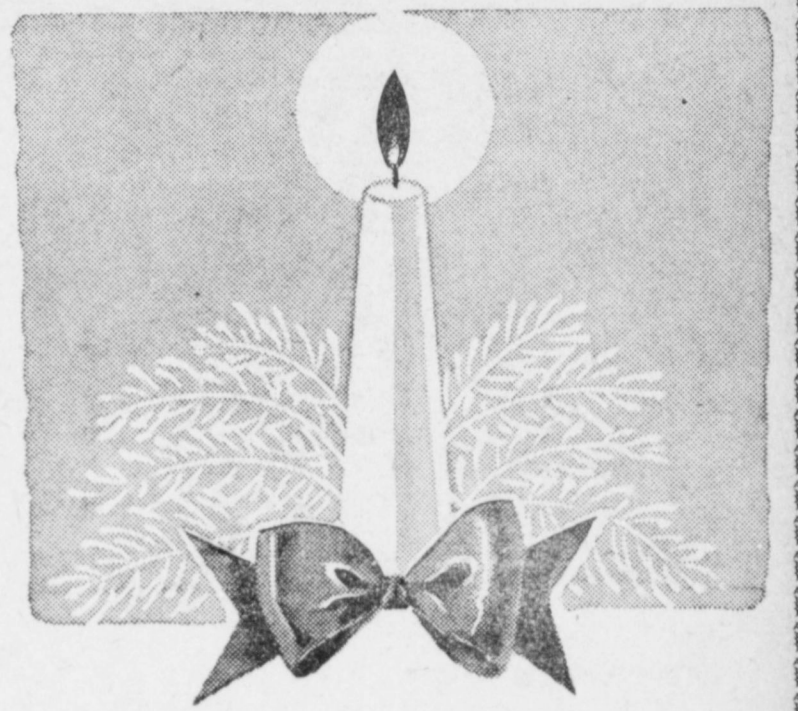


May Yours be a Wonderful Holiday!

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Our thanks and good wishes ring out to our friends...

The Cheery Christmas Bells ring out our sincere thanks for your wonderful friendship and patronage, and say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

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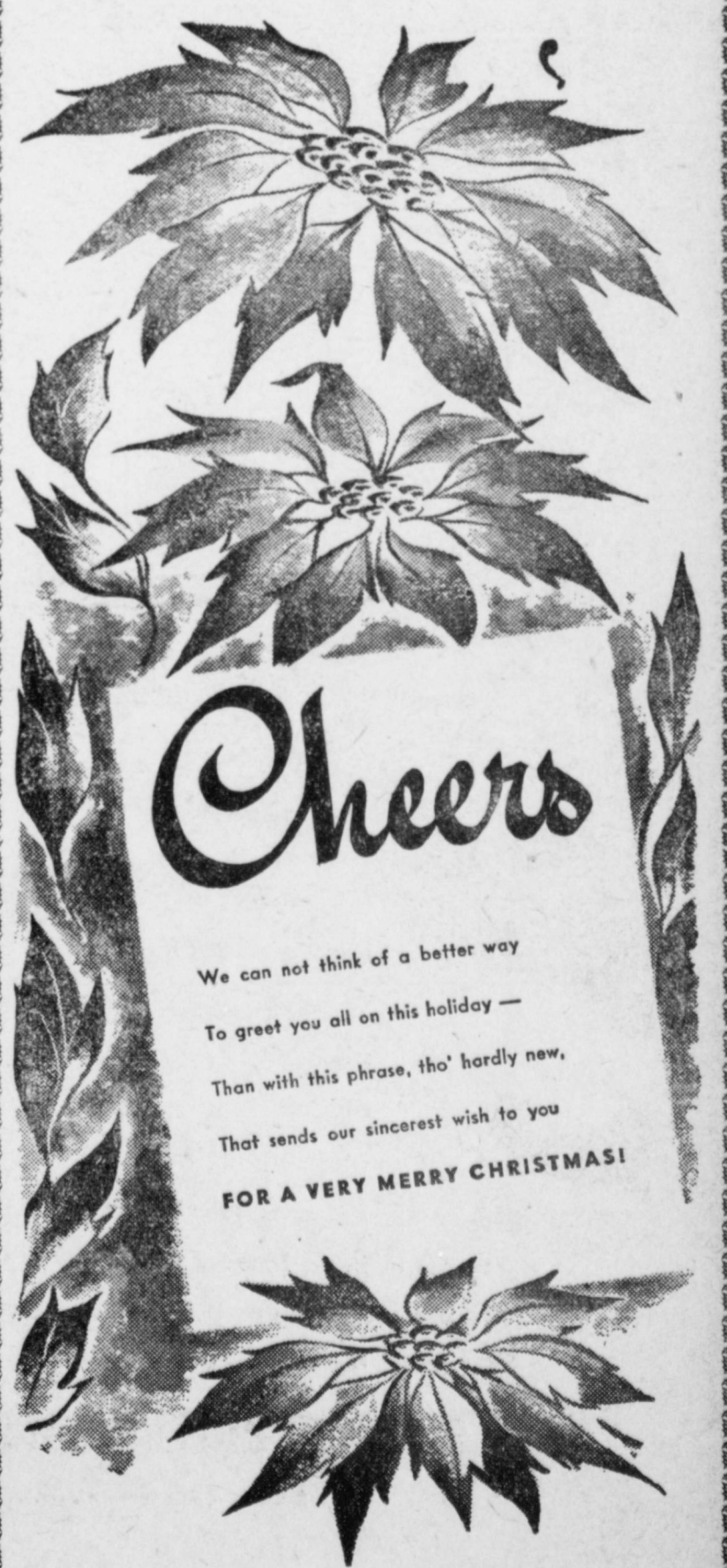
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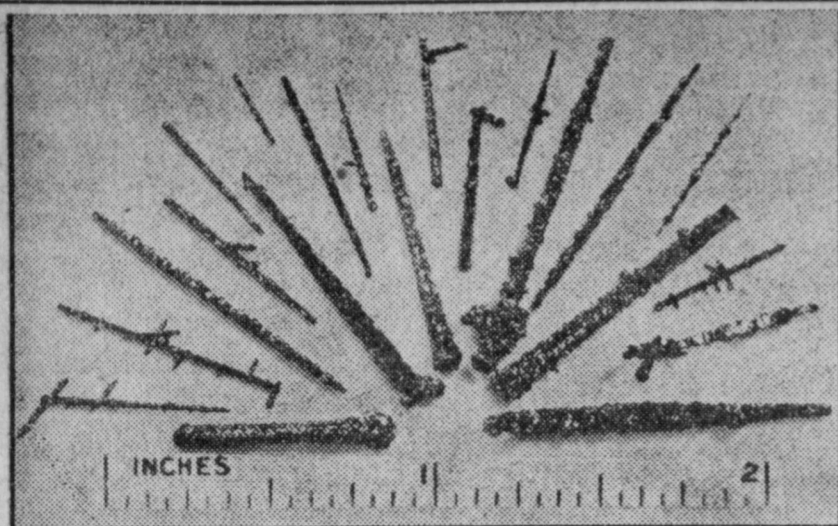


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We can not think of a better way To greet you all on this holiday — Than with this phrase, tho' hardly new, That sends our sincerest wish to you FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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"SOUND" WEAPONS OF ELECTRONIC AGE—Resembling jeweled daggers, swords and clubs, these tiny weapons, most of them less than an inch long, are being wielded by scientists in a war to reduce the bulk and increase the efficiency of radio and television equipment. Worth their weight in gold, they're fragments of pure silicon as found in the earth. Officials of DuPont, one of the processors of the crystallized mineral, foresee widespread usage of it in the manufacture of tiny transistors, which replace some types of bulky vacuum tubes.

The Story of Christmas Is a Fascinating One

The story of Christmas is one of the world's greatest and most fascinating!

Much of the Christmas story is still unknown, though Christmas as we observe it today is indeed the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

However, Christendom did not begin to date its years from the birth of Christ until almost 550 A. D.!

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 nummers' parades . . . the carols . . . the church processions, now, all part of the twentieth century Christmas observances 'round 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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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Brad Ramsey, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Training Union, 7 p. m.; prayer service, Wednesday at 8 p. m.; women meet every Thursday.

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Bible class, 10 a. m.; morning worship, 10:50 a. m.; Sunday evening class, 6:30; Sunday evening worship, 7:20; Wednesday night service, 7:30; ladies Bible class, Thursday, 9:30 a. m.

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Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; worship service, 10:45 a. m.; evening service, 7:30; mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.

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Rev. C. L. Stanley, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Wednesday and Saturday night service at 7:30; BTU Sunday 6:30 p. m.; preaching service, 7:30 p. m.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Rev. Lee Bateman, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; regular service, 11 a. m.; evening service at 7:30; Tuesday night service at 7:30; C. A. service, Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

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A. Arnott Ward, Minister
Sunday School, 9:30; worship service, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7:30; men's meeting 1st Monday, 7:00; Pioneer Young People meet Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. Senior Young People meet Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.; Women of the Church, third Thursday, 3 p. m.; Evening Circle, 2nd Monday at 7:30; Circle 1, 1st Thursday at 3; Circle 2, 1st Thursday at 3.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Dana Green, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45; morning worship, 11; evening worship, 7:30; Methodist Men, 2nd Thursday at 7:30; choir practice, Wednesday, 7:30; WSCS, 1st and 4th Thursday, 3:00; fellowship dinner, 3rd Sunday at noon; young people's meeting before and after Sunday night service.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. C. Pearce, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45; preaching service, 10:45; Training Union, 6:30 p. m.; preaching service, 7:30 p. m.; prayer service, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

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Sunday services, 11 a. m.; Wednesday evening service, 8:00. All are welcome.

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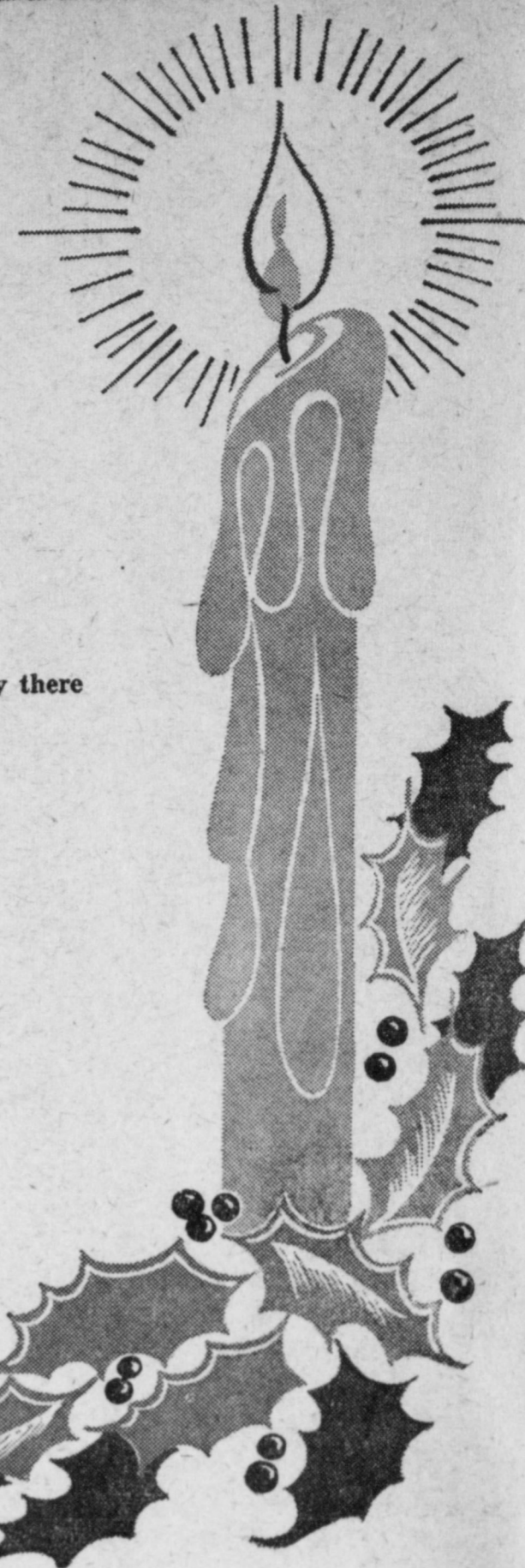
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May our friendship continue to blossom this CHRISTMAS and in the days to come!

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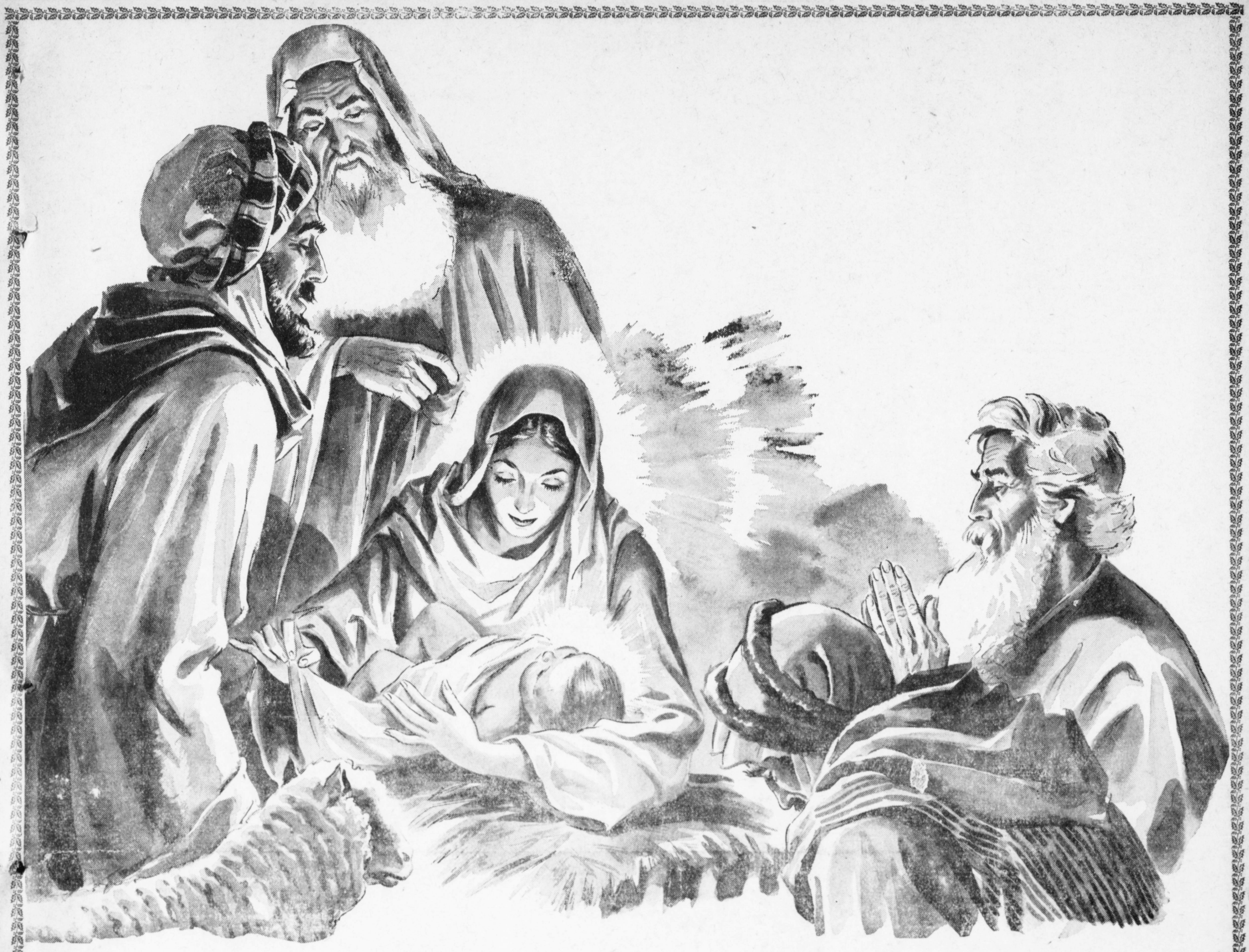
Goin' Great

A Great Year is Ending and it has been the greatest for Lone Star! We appreciate your patronage and wholehearted acceptance of our product and look forward to another, and even greater year! Yes, Lone Star is the beer that's Goin' Great in the Lone Star State!

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

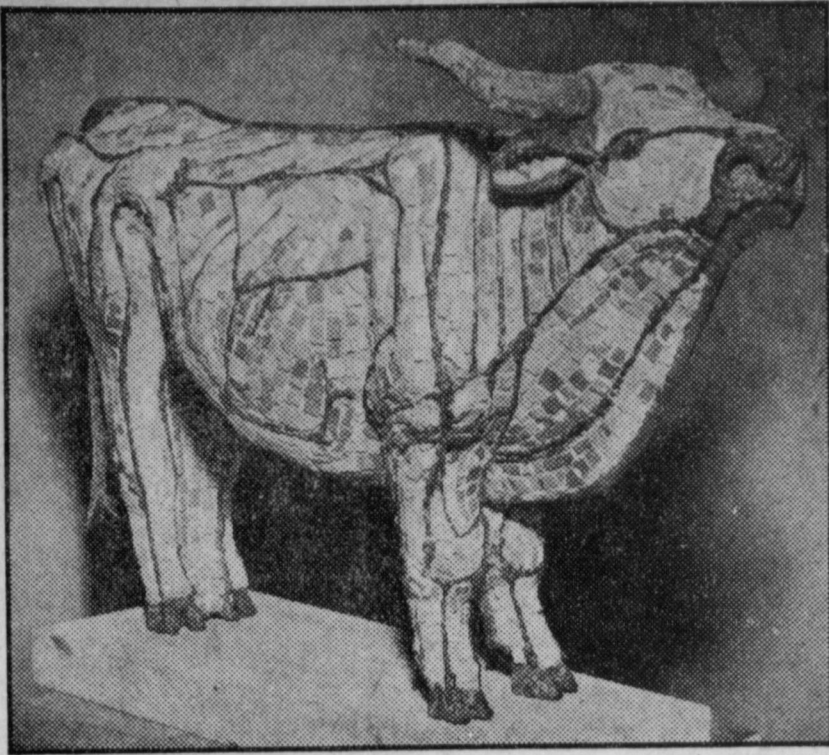
Reborn on this Holy Day is the blessed spirit of brotherhood, good will, and the eternal wish for the universal peace of man . . . Thus, on His Day, we say unto you – when this Spirit of Christmas enters into your home, may it bring to you our eternal wishes for your health and happiness! It is in genuine appreciation of your friendship and patronage that we extend these hearty wishes that every joy be yours for the coming season.

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CLASSIFIED- IN OX—Over 2300 pieces of colored glass make a mosaic "hide" for this ox, sculptured by Italian-born Sahl Swarz, who has placed it on display at the Sculpture Center in New York City. The sculptor states that he added the unusual treatment to give "color and surface vibrancy" to the figure.

Texas Coast Angling Is Good

Texas offers some of the most varied and interesting marine fishing in the United States. A list of possible catches taken there almost amounts to a "Who's Who" of salt water game fish.

Among the more common shore-loving species are speckled trout, red fish, drum, sand trout, and croakers, all first cousins, and all excellent food fish which furnish a world of sport for anglers up and down our coast. Sheepshead, found around piling and oyster reefs, are another favorite. Pike, or robalo, common along the Mexican coast, are also caught during the summer months as far north as Port Aransas, and on light tackle often furnish a spectacular, leaping fight.

Tarpon are common. In the spring they run far up into the mouth of the Rio Grande, forming the basis of the Rio Grande Tarpon Rodeo, which furnishes bank anglers with a great deal of fun and excitement, as well as a world of smashed tackle.

Along the jetties of the coast, jewfish weighing 400 or 500 pounds are often taken, while packfish, or "tourist tarpon," are nearly always present, either around wharves and piling when they are young, or offshore in deeper water. Pompanos, smaller members of the same family, are found in the surf.

Offshore, great schools of king and Spanish mackerel are common summer inhabitants of our waters. They are sometimes found around the coral reefs along with red snapper, various kinds of groupers, dog snapper that may weigh 120 pounds, and warsaw. These last look like giant black bass and sometimes weigh 150 pounds. Other reef-dwellers are amberjack, barracuda, and cobia or ling. These last may also be found around buoys or great sea turtles, which the ling apparently use for shade.

Dolphins also like floating objects, and great schools of small ones will hang around a log, and old crate, or even a piece of Sargassum weed. An odd thing about these fish is that, if one

is caught but not removed from the water, it will act as a decoy for the rest of the school, until most of them are caught.

Wahoo, bonito, and sailfish are found from the Mexican border to Sabine Pass at Port Isabel, where tuna, blue marlin, mako shark, striped and white marlin have been hooked.

Of course, if the sportsman wants bigger game, there are whale sharks, manta rays, and sperm and blue whales. All occur in Texas waters from time to time.

The seven main fishing ports of Texas are Port Arthur, Galveston, Port O'Connor, Freeport, Rockport, Port Aransas, and Port Isabel.

At Galveston winter fishing is mostly for spotted weakfish or trout, channel bass or redbass, and sheepshead. In the summer large catches of Spanish mackerel, king mackerel, and red snapper are common. Jetty fishing occasionally produces huge jewfish, as well as a variety of others. In the bay area trout and redbass are the most common species.

Galveston has ample hotel and

tourist court accommodations to fit almost any pocketbook. A large fleet of charter boats are available. A world record sawfish (1300 pounds) was caught there. Tarpon are plentiful during the summer and, offshore, bonito, sailfish, and ling are among those commonly caught.

Port Arthur offers both jetty and offshore fishing, and has some boats for charter. Freeport is one of the fine places on the coast for king mackerel in the summer, as well as sailfish, bonito, and dolphin. The winter snapper fishing, if you don't mind a little cool weather, is something to write home about. Charter boats, hotel and tourist cabin accommodations are available.

Indianola, located on Matagorda Bay, has become a popular starting point for bay fishermen looking for trout, reds, and drum. Matagorda Beach, Port Lavaca, and Port O'Connor are other popular points in the same area, which has very fine winter fishing for reds and trout.

Seadrift on San Antonio Bay, Lamar, Fulton, and Rockport lie to the southward, in the center of

the Copano, Mesquite, St. Charles and Aransas Bay area.

Rockport has ample accommodations, excellent guides, good fishing, and is a favorite summer and winter resort.

Just across the bay from Rockport is Port Aransas, one of the world's most famous tarpon grounds. Within the last few years sailfishing has become more popular than tarpon. In the spring and early summer it is exceptionally good. Forty or 50 charter boats with competent skippers are available, and the ordinary offshore species are there in abundance. Snapper fishing may be arranged for, surf fishing is good, and jetties also provide large catches. Hotels and tourist accommodations are adequate.

The Padre Island causeway at Corpus Christi is an excellent starting point for the Laguna Madre, where there is some of the finest fishing for trout, reds, and drum to be found in Texas.

Port Mansfield, reached through Raymondville, gives access to the southern Laguna.

Port Isabel, the southernmost port, offers the greatest variety of fish, and this is one of the places where blue, white, and striped marlin are found, as well

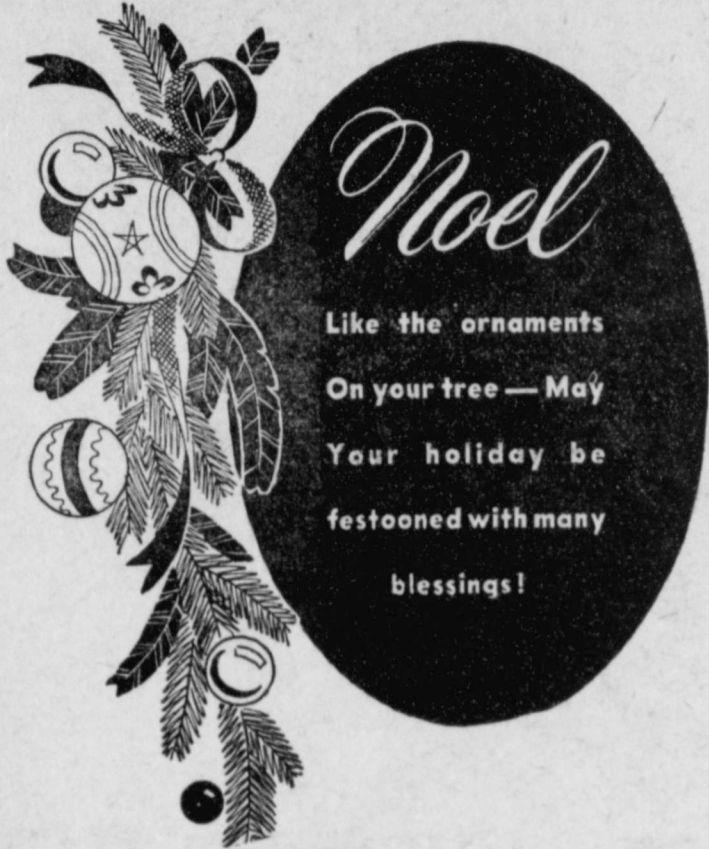
as tuna and mako shark. Hotels and tourist cabins are available, and it is only 30 miles to Matamoros, Mexico, where the tourist will find much of interest.

A little below Port Isabel, but reached through Brownsville, lies one of the great fishing grounds of America, the famous Eighth Pass district of the Mexican Laguna Madre, Soto La Marina, and San Rafael.

The Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, Freeport Chamber of Commerce, Ronnie Luster at Port O'Connor, the Rockport Chamber of Commerce, Captain Henry Studeman at Port Aransas, or the Port Aransas Boatmen's Association, and Port Isabel can furnish all information on local conditions. For fishing in Mexico, Vince Stephenson and Francis McDonald at Brownsville, are the men to contact.

All places listed have adequate docking facilities and it is possible to go from the Louisiana line to Port Isabel by boat without entering outside waters.

No man should have reason to complain if he is measured by his own yardstick.



Noel

Like the ornaments
On your tree — May
Your holiday be
festooned with many
blessings!

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want to greet our loyal friends
and customers... We hope that
your Christmas is a merry one!

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THERE are no other words
that expresses so well the
age-old greeting of
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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we wish
you well...

To all of you who have favored us with
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Gratefully we say: Thanks, and merry Christmas.

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our many friends and customers,
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HOLIDAY SEASON...

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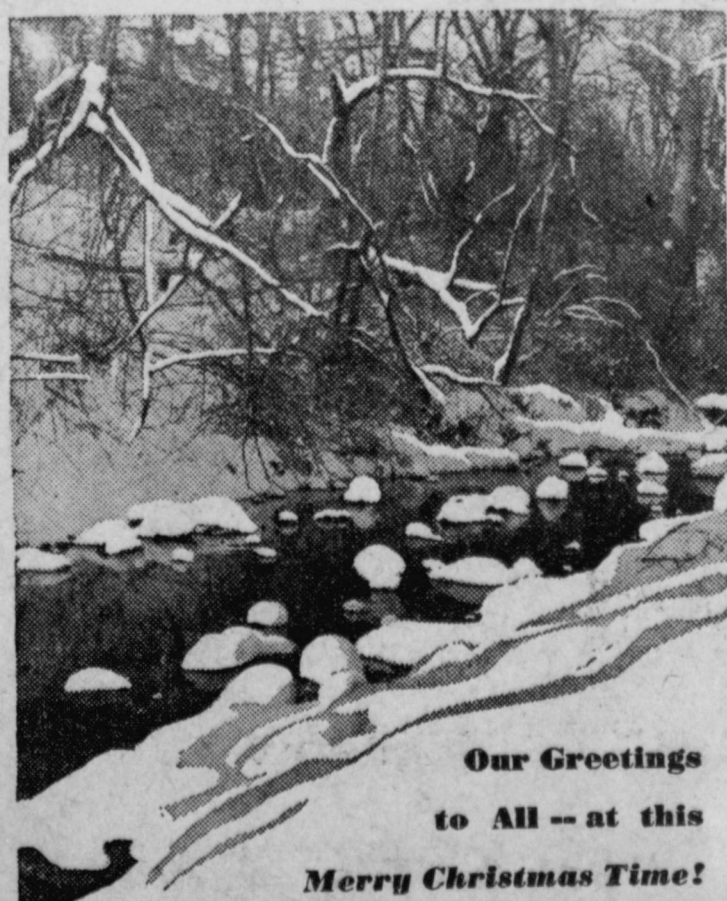


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As Christmas bells ring and angels
sing — The joyous song of our sincere
wishes for all, is a resounding chorus
that echoes "Good Health... Good Cheer
and Much Happiness at Yuletide."

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Our Greetings
to All — at this
Merry Christmas Time!

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WHIRL GIRL—The skirts of a Bavarian dancer fly high as she does some fancy stepping in the Oktoberfest procession in Munich, Germany. The parade marks the opening of the annual beer-drinking festival.

Santa Claus Through the Years

It's little wonder that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nicholas." Somehow the name changed to "Sanat Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York

City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

John Hanson served one year, beginning November 5, 1781, as president of the Continental Congress. Thus you might argue that he was the first president of the United States.

In spite of the speed of modern living, the wise man saves enough time to plan his next move.

Douglas Fir Most Practical Christmas Tree

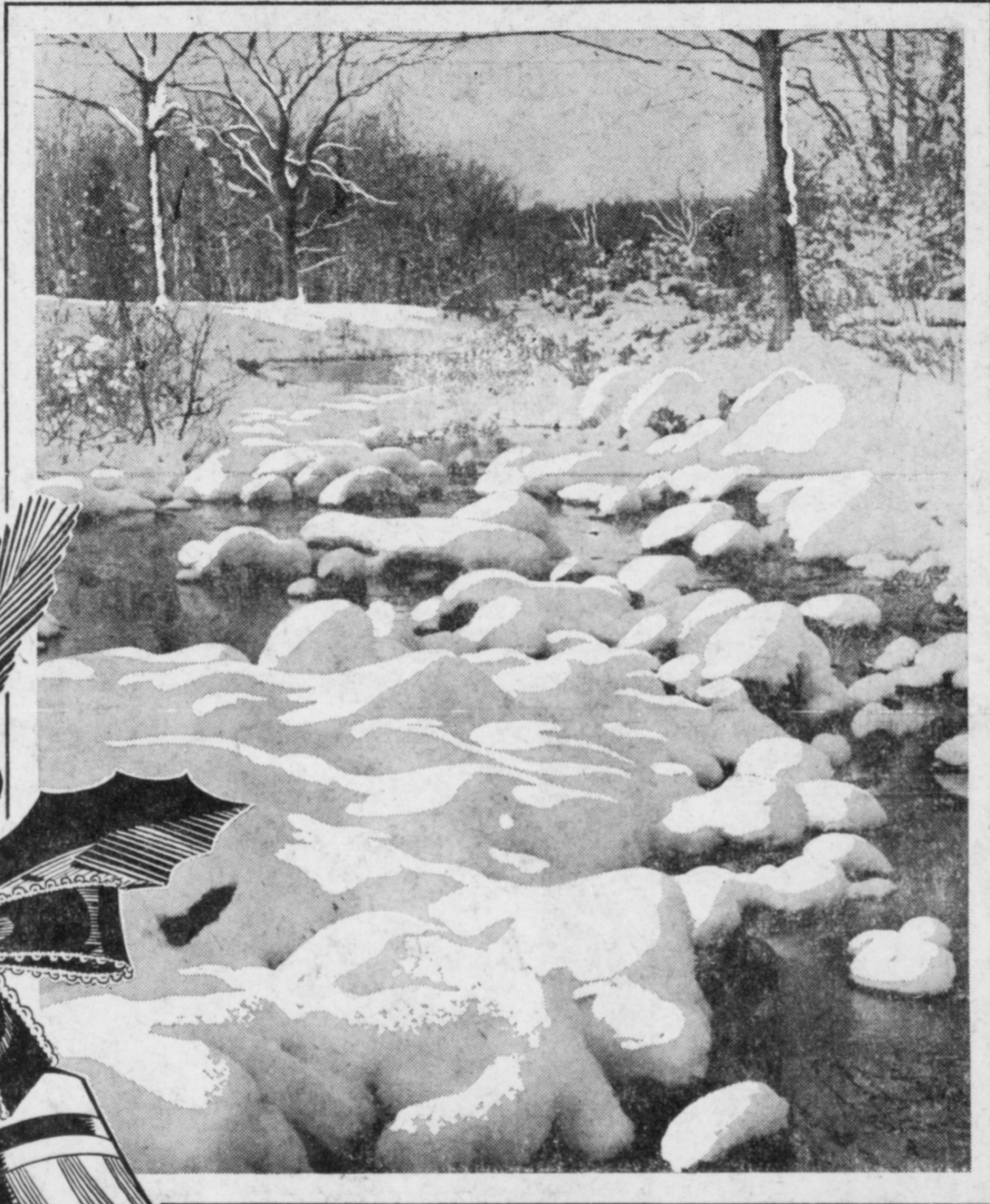
There's something akin to magic in the gay Christmas tree—with its glowing lights, sparkling ornaments and the glitter of snow and tinsel gleaming on the rich green of the tree itself.

A tree such as this, is more than an ornament to the home, but rather a bright, glowing symbol that expresses the quality of the season—the happiness of the home it graces, the spiritual theme of the festivity and the gaiety of all it serves with its beauty.

Many different varieties of evergreens are used for Christmas trees. The Douglas fir is perhaps the most popular and most practical tree for decorating . . . its flat soft needles are richly-green, and last throughout the holiday period.

Hemlock, frequently used for Christmas trees, is impractical because it sheds its needle-like leaves in the warmth of a room.

A man has to have courage not to pretend he has it.



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!

United Carbon Co.
and Employees



There is no substitute for the age-old greeting we extend to our many friends —

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ROUQUETTE'S HUMBLE STATION

Phone 558

Fulton



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Your friendship to us in our business association

is indeed gratifying — and, we say,

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



RED & WHITE GROCERY

Fulton, Texas

Who Were the First Texans?

A lot of people lived in Texas before the conquistadores or Sam Houston ever saw it.

Up at Miami a few years ago, scientists excavated the remains of a number of prehistoric animals, intermingled with flint projectile points and scrapers.

Down near Beeville, about 1940, Frank Dougherty, a Houston surveyor, turned up part of an elephant tusk. Further excavation by the University of Texas disclosed more animal bones and, scattered about the prehistoric hearths of ancient campsites, flint implements of various sorts. The Texans of that day, like the animals they hunted, had lived in the vicinity of this ancient watering place.

One of the most interesting finds of all, however, was "Old Man Malakoff." A stone image, he came from the bottom of a gravel pit in Henderson County, near the town from which he takes his name. At a depth of 16½ feet, workmen encountered a rounded boulder which, upon being rolled over, exhibited markings which represented the face of a man. Later, two similar images were

found in the same area.

How long ago these images were sculptured, scientists then had no way of knowing. However, within recent years, it has become possible to discover a little more about the age of the early Texans.

Archaeologists know that they manufactured distinctive projectile points of flint, and hurled these, attached to a shaft, not by a bow, but by a throwing stick or atlatl. The men were named from the types of weapons they manufactured, or the places where their remains have been discovered, such as Folsom Man, Plainview Man, Scottsbluff Man and Clovis Man.

Folsom Man, the most widely distributed, apparently entered America from Asia, through Alaska (for his remains have been found even there) and drifted slowly southward. Texas, to him, was a land of milk and honey, inhabited by various kinds of elephants, great birds, and giant bison, which he either hunted individually or exuberantly drove over cliffs, feeding on the carcasses. Discovery, in 1925, of the remains of such a buffalo drive sent

the scientific world into a dither.

However, there was no accurate way of estimating the archaeological age of such finds until the recent development of radiocarbon dating. This technique is based upon determination of Carbon 14, or radiocarbon, in the organic material tested. Radiocarbon is created in the upper atmosphere by cosmic rays. Some of it reaches earth and is absorbed through food and water by plants and animals during their lifetime. Radioactivity is lost at a constant rate, half of it disappearing in 5568 years. Thus the amount of Carbon 14 left in any remains provides an index as to their age. Using this method it was found that animal bones from the Folsom site near Lubbock were about 10,000 years old.

Near Abilene, finds have been made of so-called flexed burials, named, from the fact that the corpse was buried in a hunched or flexed position. Seven skulls from Val Verde County are similar to those found near Abilene, as are 16 others from the Texas coast.

Many people will remember that about 1947 a great deal of archaeological excavation took place in

the Addicks Reservoir. Three different groups of people had lived there. The earliest had no pottery or arrows, and apparently used spears as their only weapons. The next group had spears and pottery, and the last pottery and arrows. In other words, they were becoming civilized and could kill their enemies at a greater distance.

Above Waco, at Whitney Reservoir, the remains of a primitive people were discovered. They lived in rock shelters and open village sites and possessed flint dart points, knives and drills, grinding slabs somewhat like metates for grinding nuts and berries, flint hide scrapers, and fist axes. They had no arrows or pottery, and were not agriculturists. They lived in Texas about 6000 years ago.

Surveyors, 100 years ago, on an expedition to El Paso, noticed picture writing in the caves of the Hueco, or Waco, mountains. Since then, explorations by modern archaeologists have shown that these caves were the dwellings of early Texas troglodytes (cave-dwellers, if you want to use English), and that these troglodytes had left many of their possessions behind

them, besides pictures.

From these it has been possible to learn a great deal about them. They buried their dead in pits, along with their earthly possessions, such as grass mats, net-made of yucca fibers, rhythmic sticks, bone beads, buffalo horn pendants and flint projectile points.

They wore fishtail sandals, so named from a V-shape protrusion—made from the leaves of bear-grass and Spanish daggers. These they tied on and, when worn thin, half-soleed with pads of fiber or leaves of yucca.

Shooting Times

Shooting times for duck season are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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Merriest Christmas

There's no time like now to say thanks and Merry Christmas!

Chamber of Commerce
Serving Aransas County
Rockport



S'NO SUIT — But it is ideal garb for where Terry Shane is spending these chilly and dreary days—Miami Beach, Fla.



DEL MAR GRILL
THE PLACE TO EAT
— Rockport —



Our Christmas Blessings
MORRISON'S
ON THE YACHT BASIN
Phone 443 Rockport



The Babe Divine, His Holy Mother — Sacred symbols of this Day, Reflect the warmest blessings that, We hope will come your way.

Hovey's Tackle Shop
Phone 217 — Aransas Pass



GLAMOR PANTLETS — Just the thing for lounging while enjoying a prebedtime treat of milk and crackers are these washable velveteen pants, trimmed with a white nylon ruffle that matches the trim on the button-down blouse.

A Merry CHRISTMAS and a Prosperous NEW YEAR To My Many Customers and Friends

CAP. F. IANSEN
J. P., Precinct No. 3
NO CHARGE FOR WEDDINGS



IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

... we take pleasure at this holy time in putting aside business to send our many many friends the heartiest and most sincere wishes for the rich joys of the CHRISTMAS SEASON...

ARANSAS NATURAL GAS CO.
Rockport

Beauty Is Big Business

Beauty parlors are as ancient an institution as are women. The memory of man or the researches of the historian do not reach to a time when women did not strive after beauty. No extensive archaeological excavation has ever been made without uncovering some aid to allure used by a woman who has long been dust.

Stone Age dames had primitive, ornamental stone and slate containers which held cosmetics. Queen Shubad of Ur used lipstick, and her reign has been forgotten nearly 55 centuries.

Four thousand years ago, dark-eyed Egyptian misses vamped their men with powder, rouge, mascara and lipstick, and painted their finger and toenails with henna.

Curiously modern is the description of some long forgotten helle of the Saharan trade routes, which were old before the queen of Sheba was born.

"We found," says the archaeologist, "a lady of fashion who had her hair bobbed, dyed a vivid red,

and permanently waved; that wave and that dye had endured more than 3000 years."

This passion for embellishment is universal. It knows no climate, comfort, pain, or inconvenience.

Dwellers in the tropics, needing little or no clothing, scarify their skin to produce patterns of pulchritude, pierce their ears and noses to carry large and hideous ornaments, elongate their necks with coils of brass tubing, and stretch their lips around huge disks like the Ubangi women.

In cooler climates, where clothing must be worn, high-heeled shoes, choking collars, elastic girdles, permanent waves, face-lifting, and reducing all add their modicum of torture. And even Eskimos tattoo their faces.

The plunging neckline is not new. Cretan belles discovered that thousands of years ago, just as they were among the earliest exponents of the hourglass figure.

The women of Greece were among the first to use lead to whiten their faces, although it was frequently accompanied by unexplained cases of poisoning.

Soot was used to darken the eyebrows, and rouge was made of vegetable substances, including seaweed and mulberry. Eyelids

were darkened with mascara, and creams and beauty lotions were popular.

Roman ladies also resorted to cosmetics.

Fish glue—mixed with sulphur, alkanet, and litharge—was the Roman substitute for plastic surgery and, instead of having their faces lifted, Roman ladies flounced into a beauty shop where the mixture was applied to efface wrinkles and plump out the skin.

Freckles were removed by the use of cuttle bone (taken from a species of octopus), while for a depilatory, hyena's heart, burnt to ashes and mixed with brains, was applied to the spot where hair was to be removed. If this did not take effect, it was possible to fall back on fat from a crocodile, which was also highly recommended.

During the Middle Ages crusaders brought back rare cosmetics to their ladies, and in the fabulous eighteenth century both men and women used makeup, while rising to even newer and more fantastic heights in their costumes and hairdressing.

In fact, so extravagant were some of the more fashionable that the English parliament enacted a

law to protect men who might be beguiled into matrimony by these artificial aides to allure. It read:

"That all women, of whatever age, rank, profession, or degree, whether virgins, maids, or widows, that shall, from and after such act, impose, seduce, and betray into matrimony any of his majesty's subjects, by scents, paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high-heeled shoes, or bolstered hips, shall incur the penalty of the law in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors and that the marriage, upon conviction, shall stand null and void."

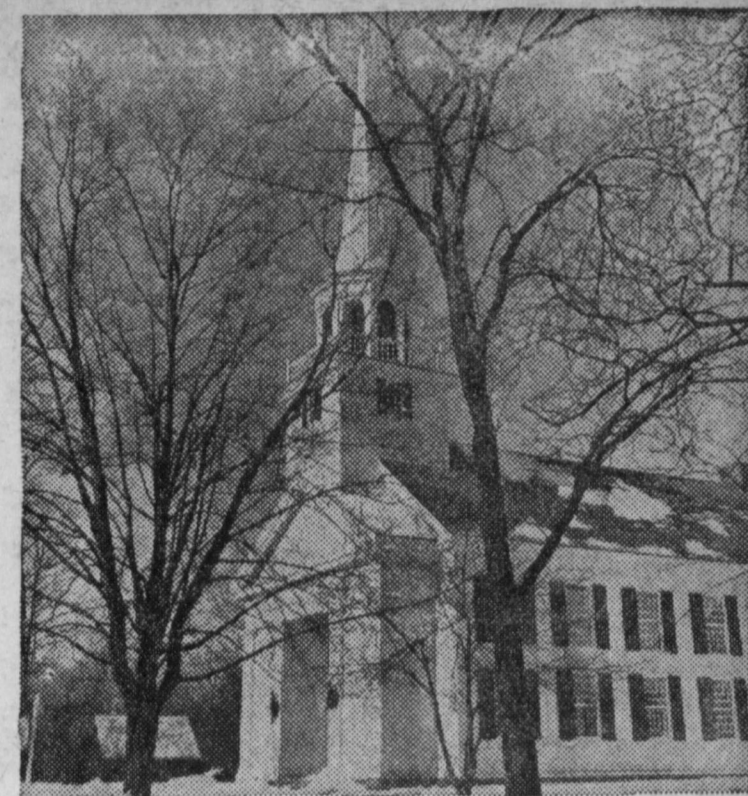
Courtiers of France had long carried their snuff, scissors, and combs in exquisite boxes, but it was not until 1860 that Dorin (manufacturer of powder and rouge for the court since 1750) produced the first compacts.

However, since that historic day beauty became BIG BUSINESS. Each year women buy 100,000,000 bottles of nail polish and 5000 tons of lipstick.

On lipstick alone, in one year, the government collected \$5,840,000 in taxes, enough to pay President's salary for 77 years. There are 127,000 beauty shops



This festive frock for eventful holidays takes on an air of elegance with its rich print of gold. The full, frivolous skirt is of hand screened cotton felt. It is teamed with a sleek V-neck blouse for neckline flattery. Stephanie Koret of California designed the winter cotton holiday fashions.



WITH THANKS TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS, WE SAY, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

AHREN'S FEED STORE
Aransas Pass



We're overflowing with the heartiest wishes for your good cheer. May this gay holiday be your most enjoyable ever!!

PALM VILLAGE
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Michael, Managers
Rockport Phone 855

TO GREET OUR MANY FRIENDS AT CHRISTMAS



Phone 6108 **ROCKPORT HOTEL** Rockport

in the United States, which employ 350,000 people and take in better than \$1,000,000,000 dollars per annum.

They offer everything from pedicures, manicures, and facials to "body contouring" where the gal is first steamed and then pummeled.

Of course, this is only part of the business.

What woman, perfumed, pummeled, and pomaded, is going to stop with a beauty treatment?

Throw in a few mink coats, diamond earrings, and gowns by Adrian, and the modern product of the pulchritude parlors is an expensive item.

Try to convince a schoolboy that summer vacation days are longer than winter school days.

The world may owe you a living, but by the time you collect you'll be an old man.

Holiday Greetings

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Arrow Taxi

Rockport, Texas

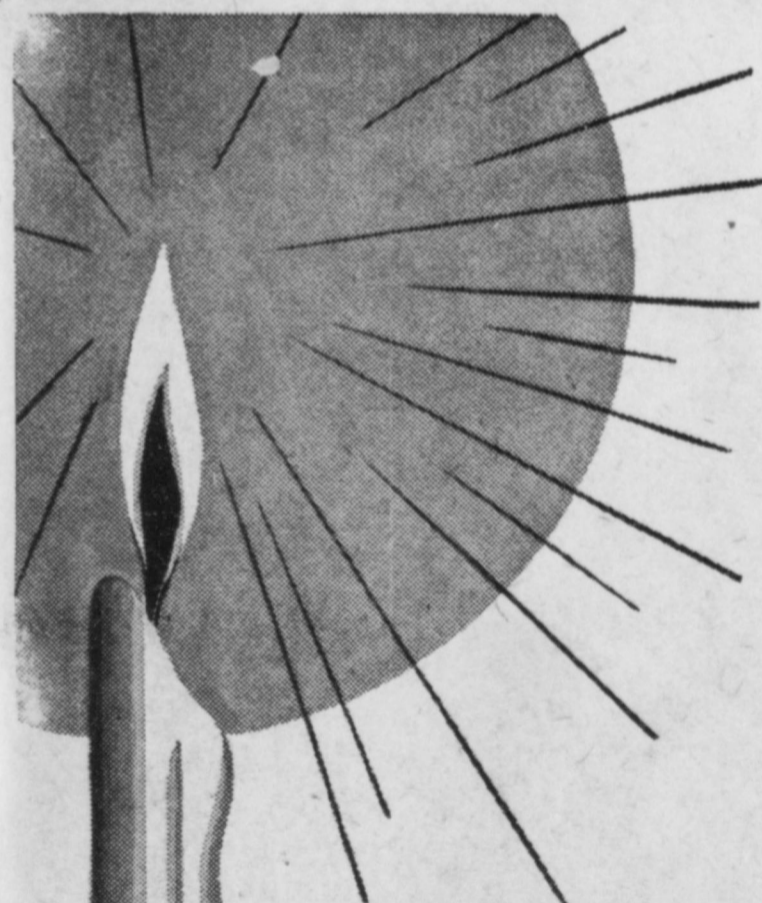
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WE WILL BE CLOSED
CHRISTMAS DAY



Season's Greetings

To the best friends a business firm could possibly have — our many loyal customers — we say Thank you for your patronage and our best wishes to all of you For A Happy Holiday Season!

Clendening's
Aransas Pass

It's Christmas!



And we're delighted to wish you the very best Holiday ever.

S. L. SORENSON
PLUMBING
Rockport



HOLIDAY CHEER

To all our friends and customers — may you enjoy the happiest holiday season ever!

HINTON MOTEL
Phone 561 - Rockport



Merry Christmas

A sparkling shower of our good wishes to you to brighten your holidays.

A. B. C. TRAILER PARK
Phone 586 - Fulton



OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU FOR A HAPPY AND REWARDING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

Roaten Drug Store
Phone 3331



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

WALKER'S VARIETY STORE
Rockport



OH, MAN—Fitted for coed or career girl, man-tailored shirts of combed cotton are offered this season in multicolor or charcoal-gray stripe, or may be had in other designs.

Candles a Part of Christmas for Many Years

Candles have lighted Christmas Eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ-child on his way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nutshells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the service, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas Eve, each carrying a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the good folk attend the services.

Seals Are Not Of U. S. 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. In most countries through the postoffice.

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

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 entered the annual fame this it enters 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, the citizens held a mass meeting to select another name, but every name proposed was discarded for

Christmas Observed On December 24 In Switzerland

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.

A boy seldom inherits his bad habits from his father—father usually hangs on to all he has.

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.



SHANGRI-LA—Fashioned after a Tibetan headdress, this luxurious blue - and - turquoise velvet dinner hat is crested with a diamond plume. Diamond earrings and baguette necklace set off the exotic creation, recently modeled in Paris, France.

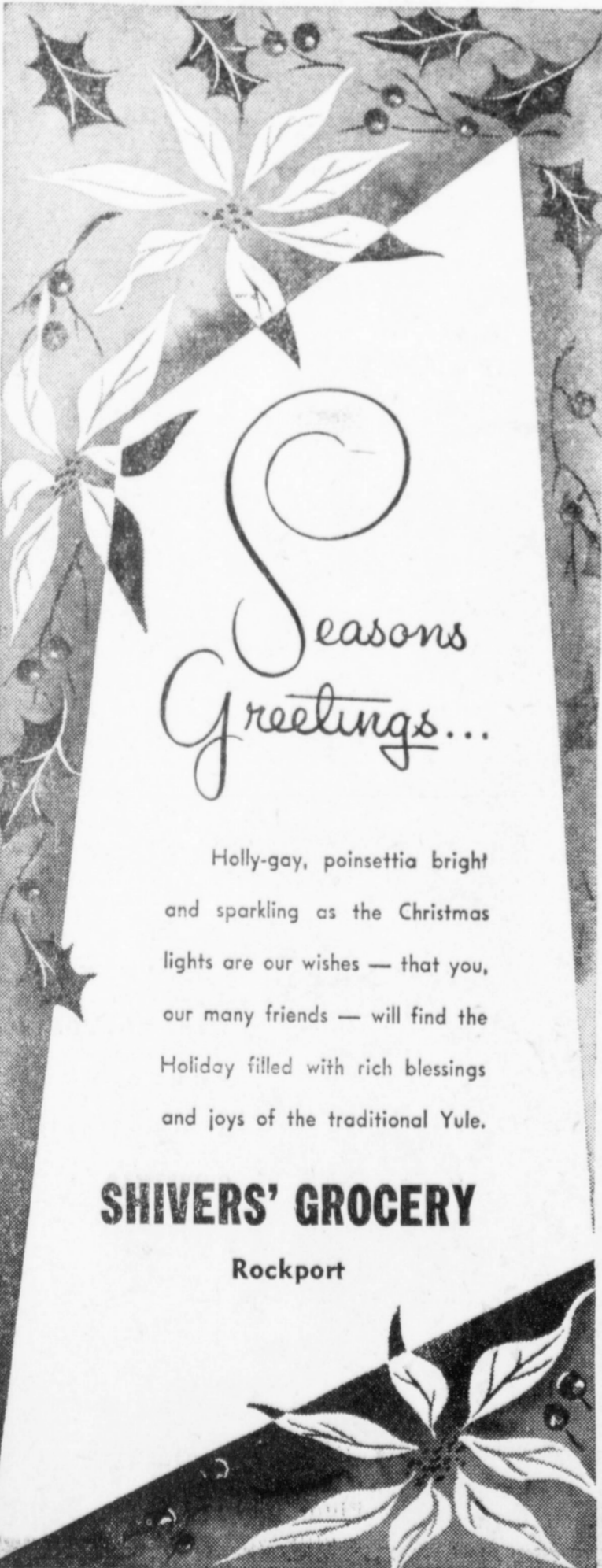


“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

In the holy spirit of the true Christmas, with the warmth and benevolence of His Day — we say to all our many friends — May your holiday be rich with many blessings!

CANNON'S FOODS

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cannon and Sons



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.

SHIVERS' GROCERY
Rockport

The Big Wind

Texans call them hurricanes and know them well. In the Pacific they call them typhoons, from Chinese words tai-fun, or big wind. Australians have christened them "willy-willies," in the Indian Ocean they are called cyclones, and the Filipinos speak of baguios.

Columbus heard of the "big wind" from the Carib Indians, who called it "Hunrakan" after their god of stormy weather and from this our word, hurricane, has developed.

Make your own choice, but when the mast at the weather station bears two square red flags, with square centers, one above the other, it's time to batten down the hatches and dig out the storm shutters.

The Texas "hurricane season," the time when the Weather Bureau starts its hurricane service, extends from June 15 to October 31.

Emphasis is placed especially on the months of July, August and September, the three periods when hurricanes are most likely to occur in the area.

When you receive word that the "big wind" is on its way here's

how it likely came about.

It started far out in the doldrums of the Atlantic or Caribbean, where for days a torrid sun had scorched a placid ocean. Heat waves danced across the oily water, and huge masses of heated air rose slowly over it, laden with oceanic moisture.

As this air drifted gently upwards, cool air moved in from the sides to replace it. These currents, influenced by rotation of the earth, took on a spin, and spiraled easily aloft in an ever-expanding funnel-shaped column, big end uppermost. When the saturated air at the top of the cone struck the cooler breezes of the upper atmosphere, it condensed, dropping its moisture in torrential rains, increasing the spin of the mass.

Light airs flowing along the surface of the sea became breezes; breezes became winds; winds became gales, and a hurricane was born.

Texans are entirely too familiar with the end product of this oceanic weather factory.

A great storm wiped out the town of Matagorda in 1847.

Clarksville, at the mouth of the Rio Grande, was demolished 20 years later, as was Bagdad, a

Mexican summer resort across the river from it, Indianola was wrecked by a gulf blow in 1875 and, although an attempt was made to rebuild it, was finally destroyed by the storm which swept inland at Palacios in 1888. Another blow hit the same area in 1929.

Two hurricanes came inland near Sarita in 1887 and 1916. One blew ashore at Rockport in 1902, and there were others in 1912, 1919, and 1921. Brownsville was struck in 1910 and 1933, Houston in 1915, and storms entered Texas north of Beaumont in 1897 and 1926.

A blow hit Galveston in 1891, but it was the hurricane of 1900 that practically annihilated the city and caused a loss of 7500 lives in one of the great disasters of history.

Since those mentioned, other hurricanes have ruthlessly struck at Corpus Christi, Houston, Port Arthur and Freeport destroying property to the tune of millions of dollars.

All of them follow the same general pattern.

Vast, cosmic "phonograph records," hundreds of miles across and thousands of feet thick, in the

Northern Hemisphere they whirl in a counterclockwise direction. The great winds which form the disk spin around the eye, or center, of the storm at velocities of 75 to 120 miles per hour, increasing their speed as they near the center until occasionally, during the gusts, they may reach 150.

Bodwitch's American Practical Navigator, long used by sailors, says:

"At the center itself—the point of lowest barometric pressure—is a region seldom more than 10 or 20 miles in diameter throughout which calm or light airs prevail. Here, too, the dense canopy of cloud which overhangs the storm area is pierced, forming the so-called eye of the storm. The seas within this area are violent and confused, sweeping in from all sides with overwhelming violence."

The hurricane as a whole moves steadily forward, slowly at first. Near the point of birth the storm may move no more than 100 miles in 24 hours, but as it takes form and begins to move northward and westward it travels faster and faster, moving from 300 to 500 miles a day, and has even been

known to cover 1000 miles in a 24-hour period.

This traveling speed accounts for some of the inconsistencies of wind velocities on opposite sides of the storm.

As has been stated, hurricane winds in the Texas area blow in a counter-clockwise direction. This causes those on the eastern side of a northbound storm to be blowing in the same direction as the hurricane's travel. Hence to the force of the cyclonic winds is added the speed of the storm's advance.

Thus, if the hurricane progresses at 50 miles per hour, and the winds within are blowing at 120, their speed on the eastern side will be 170.

On the western side of the storm, where the process is reversed, their velocity would drop to only 70.

Hurricanes travel on certain well-defined tracks which vary with the months in which the storm occurs.

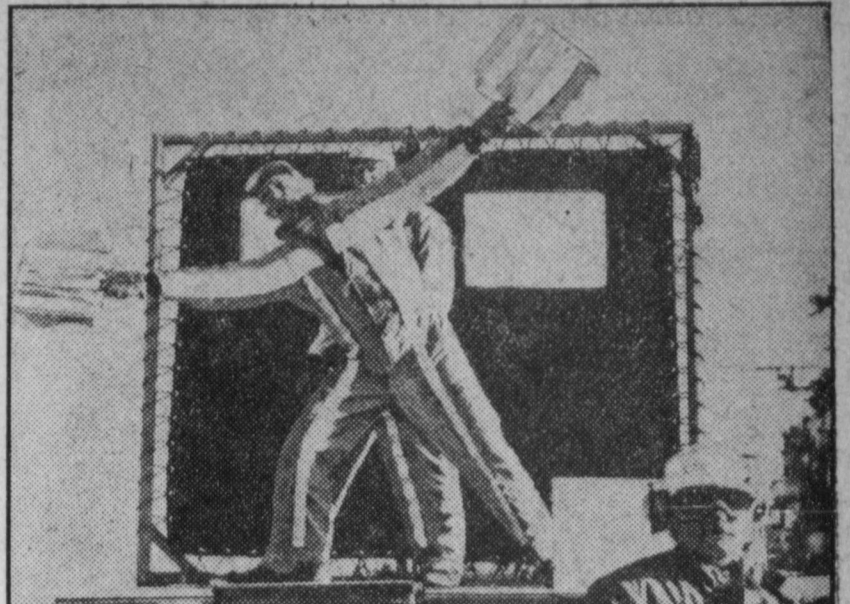
During August, September and October, most of them start westward across the Atlantic, swinging more and more to the north and then northeast.

The great Galveston storm began near Cape Verde Islands in Santo Domingo, crossed the westward tip of Cuba, and might have gone north along the Atlantic coast had it not bumped into a wall of high barometric pressure before reaching the Florida coast. This deflected it westward, almost parallel to the coast of the gulf. Picking up power and speed on the way, the hurricane swung inland at the Island City, practically destroying the town.

Some birds, such as the loon and penguin, are almost helpless ashore, but their swimming ability is wonderful. Swifts, practically helpless on land, in the air are swift and sure of wing.

The right kind of experience is always worth the cost.

We learned long ago that the best way to make a fire with two sticks is to be sure one of them is a match.



PADDLING'S OLD-FASHIONED—"Paddles," the signal officer aboard a carrier who waves in warbirds coming home to roost, may soon be as obsolete as a paddle-wheeler steamer if a new British invention comes into general use. Men, such as the U. S. Navy paddle welder pictured above, would be replaced by a central, adjustable, mirror-like device on which a blob of light is projected from a source in the after part of the carrier. Incoming pilots would keep the spot of light in apparent alignment with a row of horizontal stationary lights on each side of the mirror. The optical illusion of alignment would guide the pilot safely to the deck.

GREETINGS!

We're loaded with good wishes and thanks for our many friends who mean so much to us. . . . May this Christmas be your merriest ever!

EARL'S DRIVE-IN GROCERY
Phone 559 Rockport

Greetings

... to our friends —
A CHRISTMAS alight
with our sincerest wishes
for a star-studded, happiness-filled
Yuletide season

PATIO COURTS
Rockport Phone 562

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Extending best wishes for the holidays to our friends.

TOWNSEND'S DRESS SHOP
Phone 404 Rockport

In sincere and friendly appreciation of your patronage, we extend to all of you — our warmest wishes for A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SANDRA COURTS
Phone 6257 Rockport

YULETIDE GREETINGS

At this Christmas-spirited time, May all of you be blessed with a bounty of happiness. . . . May peace and plenty be your gifts, always! . . .

First State Bank
Aransas Pass

Everybody in this firm, wishes each and every one a **Wonderfully Merry Christmas!**

John A. Cox & Son
Gulf Service Station
Phone 823

Hi!

We're bringing in a sleigh-ful of cheer to greet you at Christmas.

HENRY'S Jeweler
Across From Surf Theatre
— Rockport —

May Christmas bring you many gifts of good luck and cheer—**HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

SOUTH BEACH LODGES
Phone 582 Rockport

HAPPY HOLIDAY

ALL of us here extend to you, our loyal friends and customers, best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.

DUTCH'S DRIVE IN
H. C. Johnson - A. C. Doebbler
WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24, 25, 26



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.

ELECTRIC SERVICE CO.

Phone 247

Rockport



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 . . .

SETH H. STEELE

General Contractor - Registered Engineer
Phone 482 Rockport

Christmas Card Custom Now 112 Years Old

Christmas, 1954, marks the one hundred and twelfth 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 1954.

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 his friends.

The card didn't make William Egley famous and nothing is 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.

Christmas Gifts From the Kitchen Have Appetizing Appeal

College Station, Texas.—Gifts from the kitchen have an appetizing appeal and the personal touch many persons appreciate. Add a special touch to some of your favorite recipes, wrap the food in attractive dishes or containers and present to special friends for Christmas.

Louise Mason, foods and nutrition specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says everyone likes to receive gifts especially chosen. Strawberry preserves wrapped in bright colored paper or jelly molded in an old fashioned water goblet would please busy friends whose time for cooking is limited. The specialist says cranberry jelly can be made at this time of the year from the fresh berries.

Package attractive tin boxes or baskets filled with divinity, fudge, caramel, peanut brittle or taffy candy. The containers will have many uses after the candy has been eaten.

Bake cookies on a new cookie sheet and wrap in cellophane, or bake a loaf of cinnamon bread in

More 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 Llawen.
- Ukrainian—Srozhdstvom Krisov ym.
- Spanish—Feliz Navidad.
- Portugese—Boas Festas.
- Polish—Weselych Swiat.
- Italian—Buone Feste Natalizie.
- German—Froeliche Wienachten.

a new pan and take while hot to someone special. Give an attractive bread cutting board with a good bread knife along with your favorite yeast bread.

The specialist says other suggestions include salted nuts packaged in pottery serving dishes, a Christmas plum pudding or a fruit cake decorated with nuts and fruits wrapped in foil or cellophane.

Remember, you can say "Merry Christmas" in a personal way by giving gifts from your own kitchen.



JAWS OF FREEDOM—French sailors help refugees drag their sampan through the gaping jaws of a navy landing craft off Van Ly, in northern Red-held Viet Nam, as thousands of Buddhist and Catholic refugees flee oppressive rule of their Red conquerors in a mass attempt to reach sanctuary in southern Indo-China.



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



JUSTIN SNYDER PONTIAC CO.

HOUSTON AND YOAKUM

ARANSAS PASS

as gay as Christmas

Wrapped up in every package with our label and gift ties, are the spirited wishes of all here who have served you in the past year . . . we say to you: Have a GAY, EXCITING CHRISTMAS!



ANKELE'S HARDWARE & APPLIANCE

Phone 466 — Rockport

Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide

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 new-born 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.

The man who looks before he leaps often gives the other fellow a chance to get in ahead of him.

Christmas Candles One of Loveliest Christmas Traditions

The Christmas candle is one of the loveliest of the Christmas traditions. You can enhance its loveliness by lighting it in a setting of angel's hair, shiny balls, and stars. Here are four easy arrangements for your mantel, your hall, your dining table, or your window:

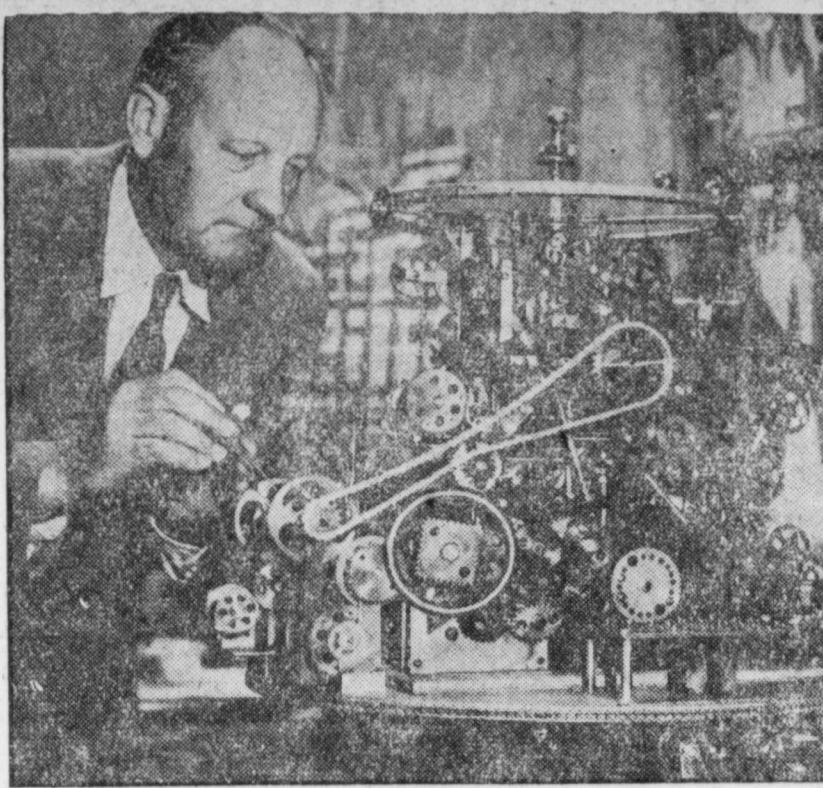
"On a cake plate: Surround a fat 5-inch candle with silver and chartreuse balls, cluster small balls among them to suggest bunches of grapes.

"In the clouds: Cluster candles of several shades of blue on a mirror plaque. Fluff glass angel's hair around them and dot it with shining blue stars.

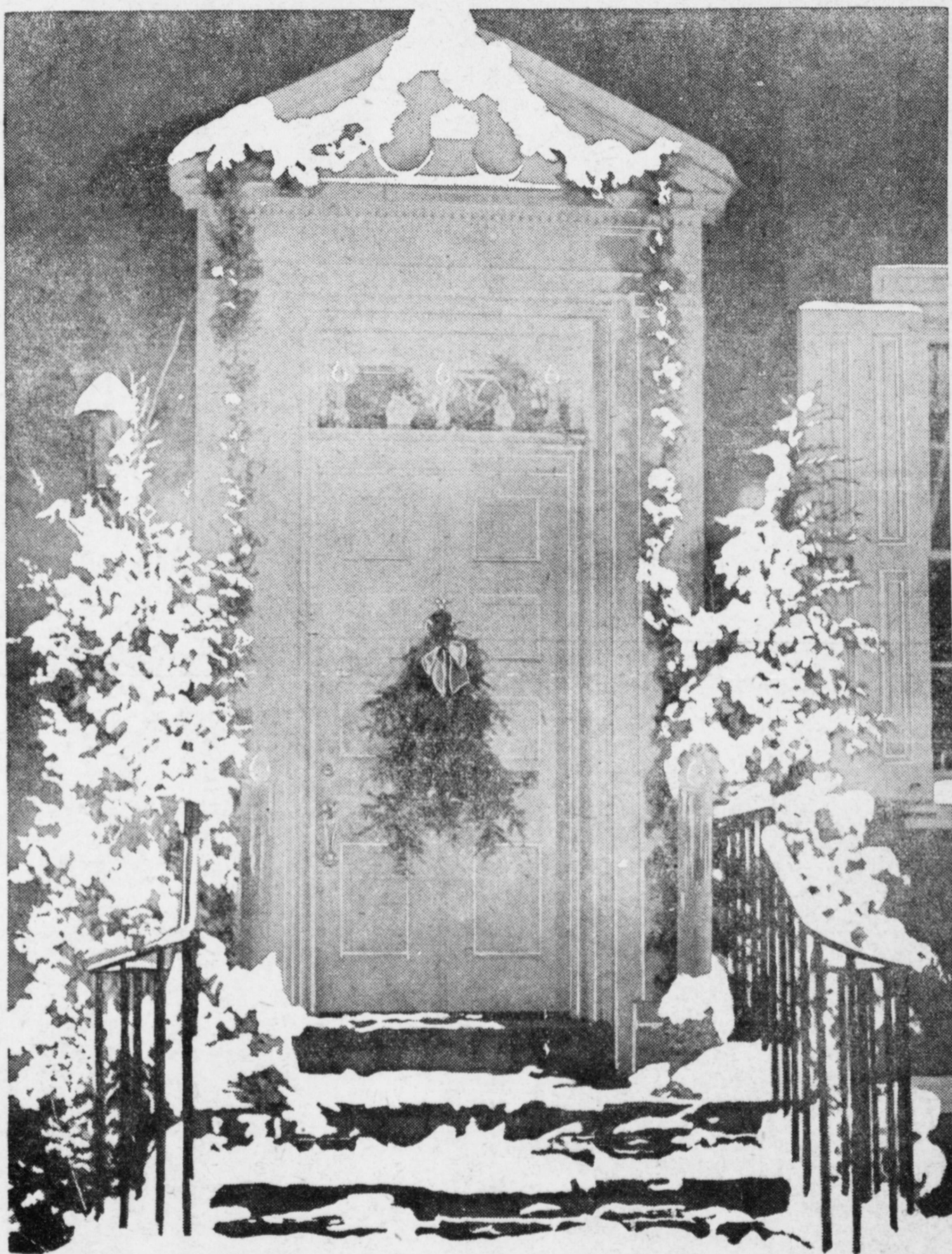
"Twined with jewels: Wrap red Christmas tree beads around a thick white candle, coil them around the base. Finish with large, glamorous crimson balls.

"Reaching the stars: On the wall safely behind the flame, mount a pinwheel star made of plastic coxcomb. Add angels and a ruff of coxcomb at the base.

Use Classified Ads for Results



THERE'S NOTHING TO IT—Take it from California inventor Lawrence Wahlstrom, who is adjusting his multigear mechanical marvel prior to its appearance on a New York TV show, there's nothing to designing a complicated machine of this nature. Featuring what is perhaps the only square-gear machine drive in the world (circled), the complicated device accomplishes with much display of energy what many people would like to do—exactly nothing.



Merrie Christmas to All

We say Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers—

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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.

Senator Swears Off Deer Hunting

State Sen. Warren McDonald of Tyler, charged with hunting outside his home county without a license, said today he has "shot my first and last deer."
Justice of the Peace C. H. Dornin of Groveton said the charge grew out of a hunting party at the Boggy Slough Hunting Club in Trinity County in November.
McDonald said he shot a deer Nov. 29 and afterwards was presented with a hunting license dated the day before.

All habits are stepping stones—some lead up, others down.

Still Plenty Of Football

In case you thought the season was over, there's still considerable football coming over radio and television.
Here's the schedule as completed to date:
Dec. 25—Blue-Gray game, MBS radio, starting 2:45 p.m. (ETS)
Dec. 26—Pro football championship. Cleveland Browns vs. Detroit Lions, MBS radio 2 p.m. and second half Du Mont television, about :30 p.m.
Dec. 31—Gator Bowl, Auburn vs. Baylor, MBS radio, 1:45 p.m.

Jan. 1—Orange Bowl, Nebraska vs. Duke, 1:5 p.m., CBS television and radio; Cotton Bowl, Arkansas vs. Georgia Tech, 1:45 p.m., NBC radio and TV; Sugar Bowl, Mississippi vs. Navy, 2 p.m., ABC radio and TV; East-West Shrine game, 2:15 p.m., MBS radio; and Rose Bowl, Southern California vs. Ohio State, 4:45 p.m., NBC radio and TV.

The fastest game fish is the sailfish. It has been clocked taking out 100 yards of line in three seconds, nearly 70 miles per hour. It can do 60 miles per hour with regularity. The slowest clocked is the bluegill, at somewhere near 1 1/4 miles per hour.

State Publicity Ban Expensive

Texas is gaining faster than other states in attracting manufacturing concerns, but a constitutional ban against state advertising to lure tourists has cost Texas at least \$77 million the past two years.

That opinion was presented today to the governor's economic advisory commission by James F. Melton, on temporary leave from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be the commission's acting director.

Melton's analysis was heard as the commission opened a two-day meeting seeking ways to improve the state's economy.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Burnell Waldrip said a provision of the state constitution previously has been interpreted as banning advertising to attract tourist trade.

A proposed constitutional amendment to knock out that prohibition has been drafted, he reported.

Melton said Texas' gain in the value added by manufacturing from 1947 to 1952 was 84 percent, the highest of any state. The gain in employees was 27 percent,

fourth highest among the states.

By contrast, Texas has suffered a decline in the number of visitors from out of state the past two years. There were 740,000 fewer visitors from other states in 1952 than in 1951, 1953 brought 842,500 fewer than the previous year, Melton said.

"A study of tourist habits shows conclusively that the most popular travel areas are those that do the best jobs of promoting themselves," he told the commission.

He said state treasury gains were directly traceable to advertising which attracted greater numbers of tourists in Florida and Southern California.

Among the Gallic communities conquered by Caesar was a reed and rush village on a dismal island in a river. The inhabitants appropriately called their town Lutetia, meaning Mud Town, but they loved it and rather than let Caesar have it they burned it down. The conqueror built a wall around the island and had a temple to Jupiter erected there. In 52 B. C. a town had sprung up around it named after its original inhabitants, the Per-is-i-i; hence, Paris.

CHANGES IN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Recently a 68-year old beneficiary inquired about the "work clause". He heard the test for earning without loss of benefits had been changed. He knew without the work test, the social security taxes would have to be greatly increased. And people who weren't able to work at all wouldn't be able to get the higher benefits which help them to meet today's living costs.

For beneficiaries who have part-time jobs, it is important for them to know what that earnings test is and how it will affect them.

A retired person can earn wages up to \$75 a month, under the present law without losing a check, and a self-employed person can have net earnings up to \$900 in a year when he works for himself and not lose any of his retirement benefits.

Under the new law, the test has been made the same for both the employed and the self-employed beneficiary, after this year. Starting next year, the earning test is \$1200 a year instead of \$900. Under the new law, this means, to illustrate, that all beneficiaries may earn \$400 in each of three months and lose nothing, where

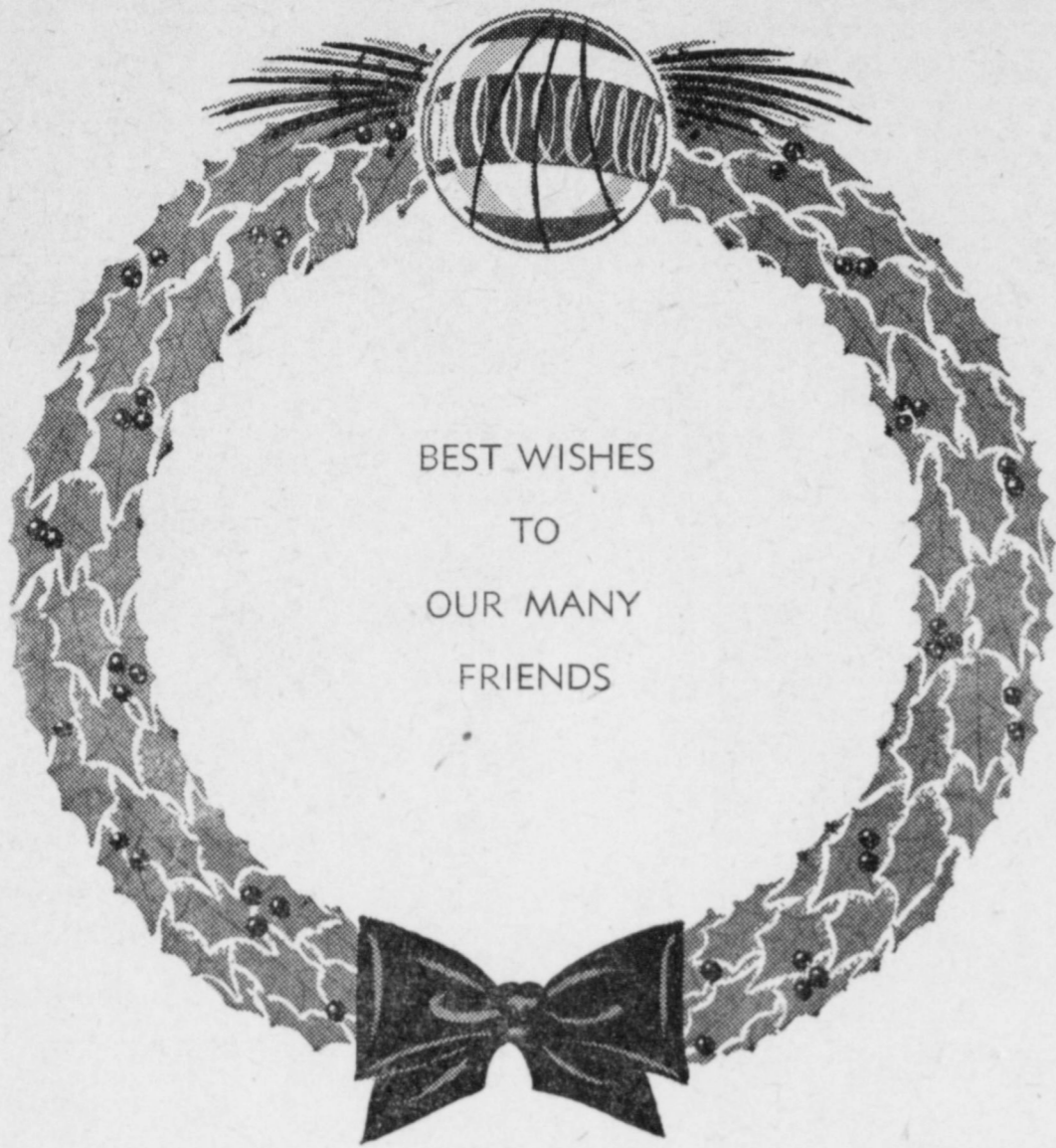
before, employed workers would have lost three months' payments.

When a beneficiary does earn more than \$1200 in a year, he will lose his right to one month's check for each \$80 over the \$1200. For example, he will lose two checks if he makes \$1,281 in a year. But no payments will be withheld for any month in which he neither earned more than \$80 as an employed person nor rendered substantial services as a self-employed person, under the new law.

The law has also been changed on another point. The \$1200 limitation on earnings for beneficiaries applies to all earnings from employment or self-employment whether the work is covered by social security or not.

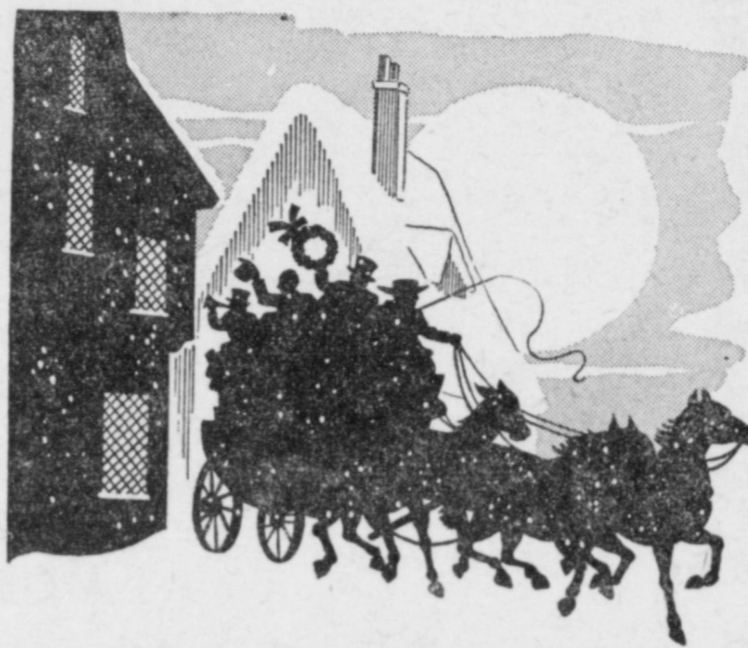
There is one other important change relating to the work clause. Under the new amendment, there is no limit on the amount of a person's earnings after he is age 72. Under the old law, this age was 75.

These new provisions apply to earnings beginning January 1, 1955. Remember that the work clause applies only to earnings—That which you work for; other income which you may have does not effect the payment of benefits in any way.



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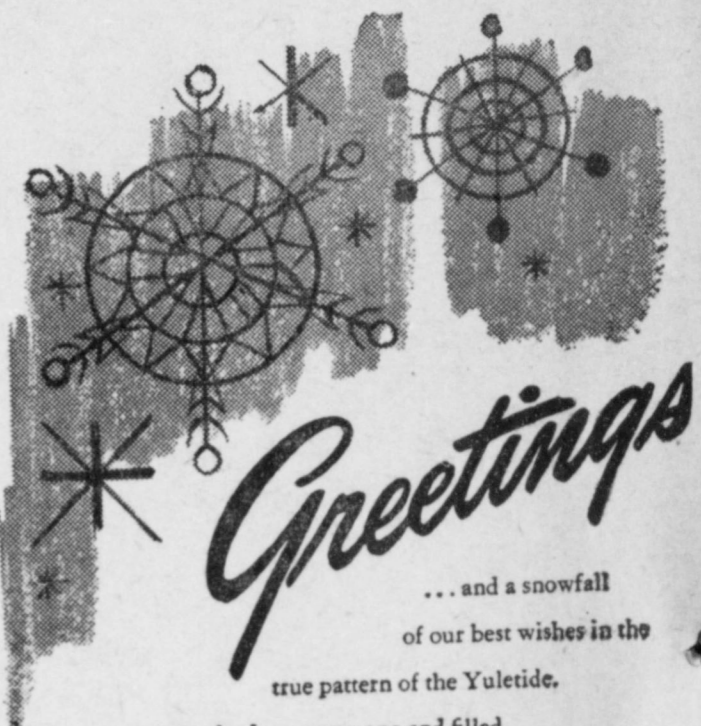


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May your day be a merry one and filled
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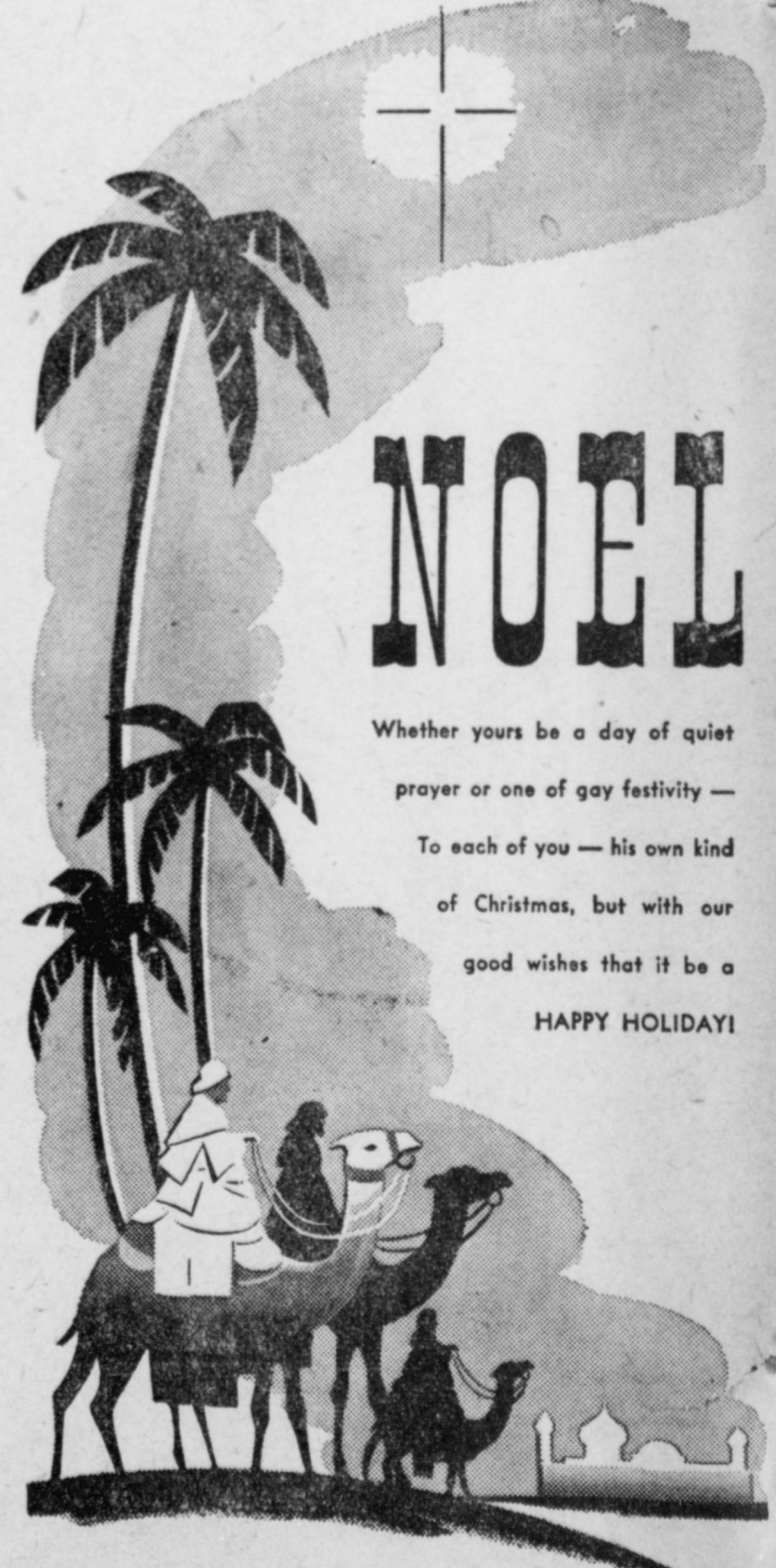


Our very best wishes go out to you at this holiday season — along with our sincere thanks for your patronage in the past!

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NOEL

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!**

Lloyd Richardson
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
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Aransas Pass

Seven Major Programs To Change in Midseason

TV rivals a new bride in its fondness for serving canned goods. At least seven major network program changes are scheduled over the year end in an unusual midseason turnover. In four of them films replace live shows.

From the network's standpoint, this insures that the programs can be shown not once, as with live performances, but warmed over again and again. But for the viewer, it turns the TV set into a self-operating home movie projector, spitting out a picture of inferior quality—since a print is never as sharp as an original.

On CBS, the live "Life With Father" expires Jan. 18 to be replaced week later by a new Phil Silvers filmed program "You'll Never Get Rich." "That's My

Boy" bows off Jan. 1 to be replaced by "Professional Father" with Steve Dunne, in another film replacement for a live show.

On NBC the "Place the Face" will give way Jan. 1 to the filmed "This Is Hollywood" with Mitzi Green. On Jan. 8 the live "Ethel and Albert" will give way to a new Horace Heidt show but NBC says it hasn't been determined whether Heidt will appear live or on film. The network also has another new filmed show starting Jan. 5, "Norby" starring David Wayne.

Spanish tradition says that Toledo, Spain, is the oldest city in the world. Adam, 'tis said, was the first king of Spain, and Toledo was his capital. After the flood it was rebuilt by Tubal, grandson of Noah.

Read the Classified Ads

20 MILLION DOLLS WILL BE PURCHASED THIS XMAS

More little girls will receive more dolls Christmas than ever before in the long history of this favorite gift from Santa.

Some 20 million dolls will be purchased to set a new spending record of \$100 million, according to the head of a large doll manufacturing company. Dolls will make up 22 per cent of all toys sold.

From their beginning, dolls were destined to look like human beings. And this year, it seems, the ultimate in realism is reached.

Dolls cry real tears, talk, walk, dance, drink from a bottle, wet their diapers, coo, go to sleep come equipped with curls which can be washed, but not pulled out have rolling, flirting glue eyes, and are clothed in the latest Parisian "flat look," in everything from wedding gowns to mink coats.

If this isn't realistic enough for the child, there are dolls with hair to be curled, dolls with three faces—smiling, crying and sleeping, and dolls with no faces at all. This last group comes with cray-

ons so the children can draw their own faces.

One of the first exponents of realism was the Betsy-Wetsy doll and the manufacturer says she still is top favorite, despite competition. She has been improved. This year with a slight squeeze, she also will blow her nose.

One of the new "animated" dolls is Posie. So-called because of her ability to strike a 100 different poses. One of her most dramatic is a kneeling position, which permits her to say her good-night prayers alongside her mistress. Posie also can climb a ladder, sit properly on the edge of her chair, and bounce a beach ball from her hands to her feet, while lying flat on her back. Her versatility comes from "trick knee"—a new type of joint which needs no windup key or any other mechanical gadget which could be broken.

Dolls named for and designed to look like famous people continue to sell. This trend began in 1934 when the first Shirley Temple doll was introduced. This year such names as Maxine, Milton Berles secretary, Roxanne, and Marion Marlowe have joined such well-entrenched stars as Mary

Hartline, Bonnie Braids and Betty McCall.

Industry sources say that boy dolls, which never had amounted to much, started selling when they were named for Roy Rogers, Joe Palooka and Howdy Doody.

The number of insect species is far greater than that of all other living creatures combined. Some 300,000 classes of insects have been identified, and those yet to be described must be nearly as many.

The easy-going person often has a hard time coming back.

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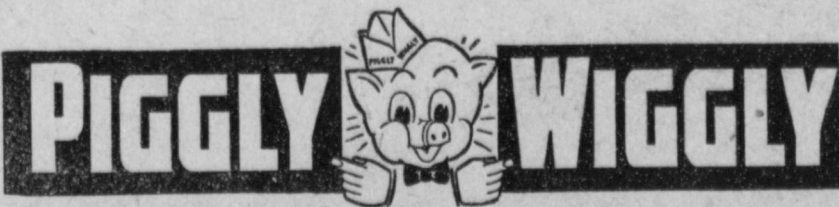
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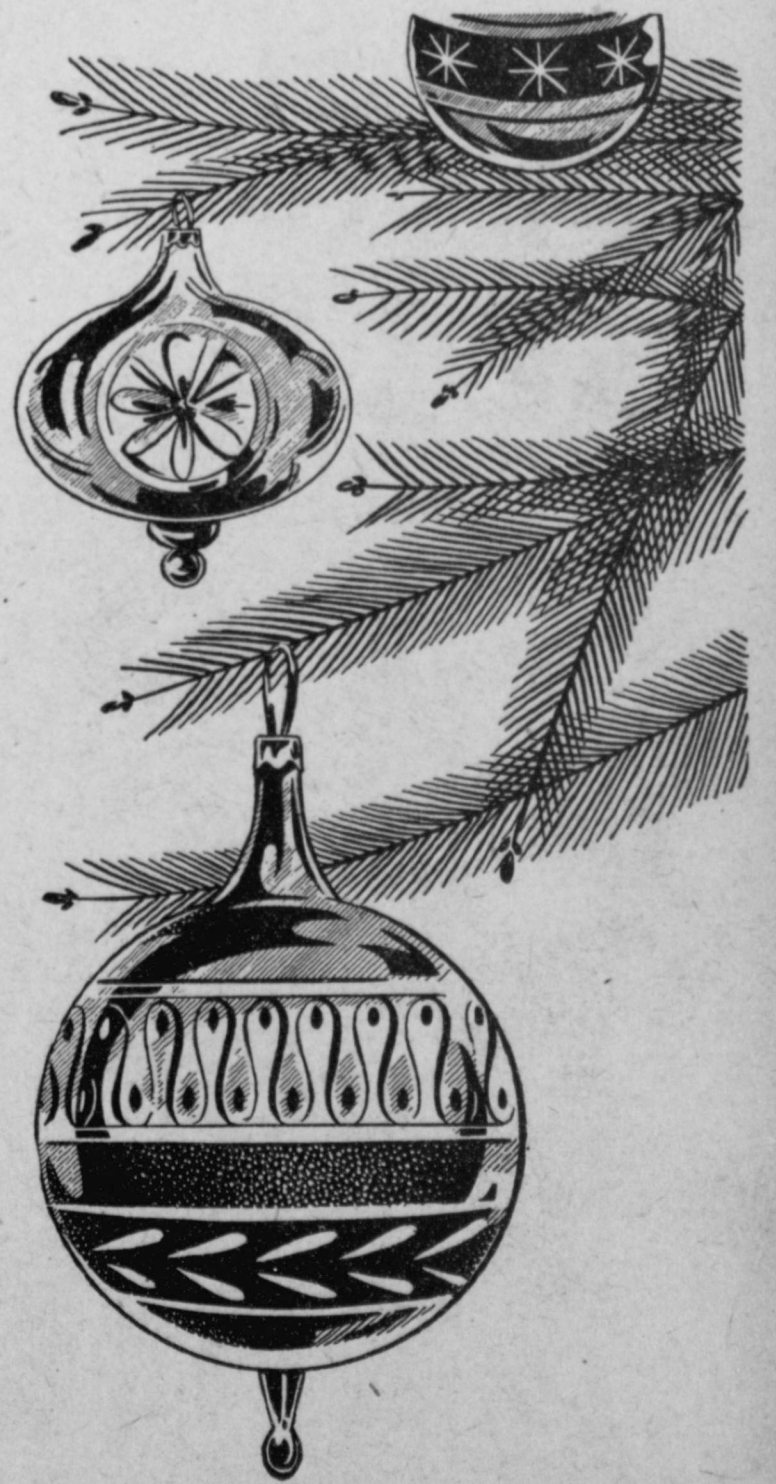


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 That the Spirit of this Holy Day,
 as conceived by our Lord, live on forever in eternal
 good will, tolerance and the brotherhood of man . .

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CURIOUS CASH

A wife, depending upon where you are and how bad you want the girl, may cost 100 dog teeth, 2000 feathers, or nothing. Pigs, in most primitive societies, bring about the same amount.

Money takes many forms, but the headaches that accompany it are the same in any language, especially if you haven't got it.

One of the most common currencies is made of shells, generally cowries, that increase in value with the distance of the tribal lands from the coast. Merchants of all lands deal in these primitive coins, their trade extending to China, Japan, the East Indies, and the interior of Africa. On this latter continent, the price of a bride among the Bassaris is 15,000 cowries plus a cow—an expensive luxury for any bridegroom.

Among the natives of Melanesia, in the Southwestern Pacific, shells of a sea snail are strung together and then these strings of money are tied together in rings sometimes as large as a wagon wheel. Wrapped in pandanus leaves, and bound with rattan, one such ring may contain 500 fathoms of diwarra, as it is called. These rings are kept in the First National of New Guinea, a leafy hut hidden in the brush and protected by a constant watch. The entire community stores its excess cash in this manner, keeping only a little for the needs of everyday life.

Glass beads are so firmly established as coin in some areas, that the rate of exchange is governed by fashion. Imagine the consternation of a South American Indian who invested his whole fortune in blue beads, only to have the fashion change to red. His primitive security market collapse was just as real as the one that occurred in this country in 1929.

Tooth coins are common. Dog teeth pass as legal tender in New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago, and the Solomons. Only the fangs are used and a woman is worth about 100. Elephant tusks, kangaroo and opossum teeth, boar tusk, bat, cuscus, and porpoise teeth have all been used as money. In Fiji and the Gilbert Islands coins were made from sperm whale teeth.

Natives of the Santa Cruz Islands make feather money and use pieces consisting of a woven band as small change.

Edible coins are common. Salt has long been a recognized currency. The legions of Rome were paid in salt cakes.

Natives of Nias circulate dried pork, brick tea is used as cash by Chinese and Tibetans, and cocoa beans were used as small change in ancient Mexico. Rice is legal tender in the East Indies, Tibet uses walnuts, the Caroline Islanders pay off in dried banana peels and pieces of curcuma root, Chinese settle debts with opium, and Lapland uses, even today its ancient cheese money.

Tobacco is a medium of exchange in many countries, just as it was in the early history of the United States. Sorghum was once currency in our own state. No one who has read "On a Mexican Mustang Through Texas" will ever forget the tale of the doctor who attempted to sell his horse. The deal was almost consummated for 40 barrels of molasses.

Balls of raw rubber are also used as legal exchange by many primitive tribes.

Metal currencies take as varied forms as do the natural ones.

Tabora, in East Africa, uses hoes, spears, knives, and guns as money. The Pangwe tribe use spear money as their regular currency.

Gold, as dust, nuggets, bars, or coins, has always been a highly desired currency and this popularity has been shared to some extent by silver. Modern coins can be traced to the symbolic use of primitive tools, raw nuggets, and metal bars or disks, as medium of exchange. Paper money had its inception in bolts or strips of cloth passing as currency, and to the use of mats, hides, and furs as primitive money.

We must not forget the rubber checks that were once issued by South American streetcar companies. Made of gutta purcha, they were used as fares, but also passed as currency among the poorer classes.

About the only people on earth that do not use money in some fashion are the Australian aborigines, who have not come into contact with civilization.

They may be doing all right, at that.

Greatest bird traveler is the Arctic tern: his winter and summer homes are 11,000 miles apart, making a round trip of 22,000 miles a year for this hardy voyager.

In the old days when a youth started sowing wild oats, father started the thrashing machine.

The days are growing much shorter — just like the funds of the man who has been on vacation.



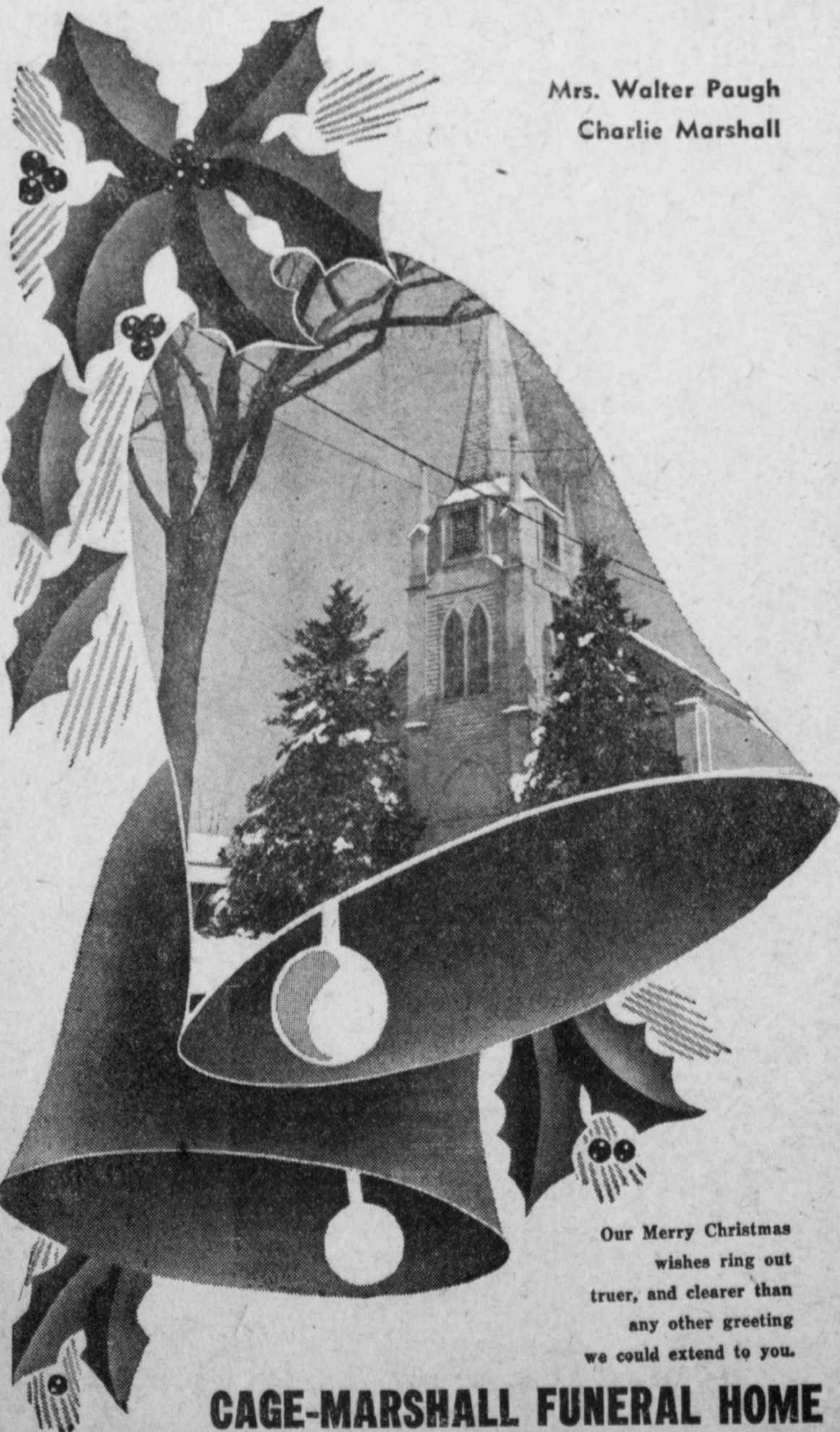
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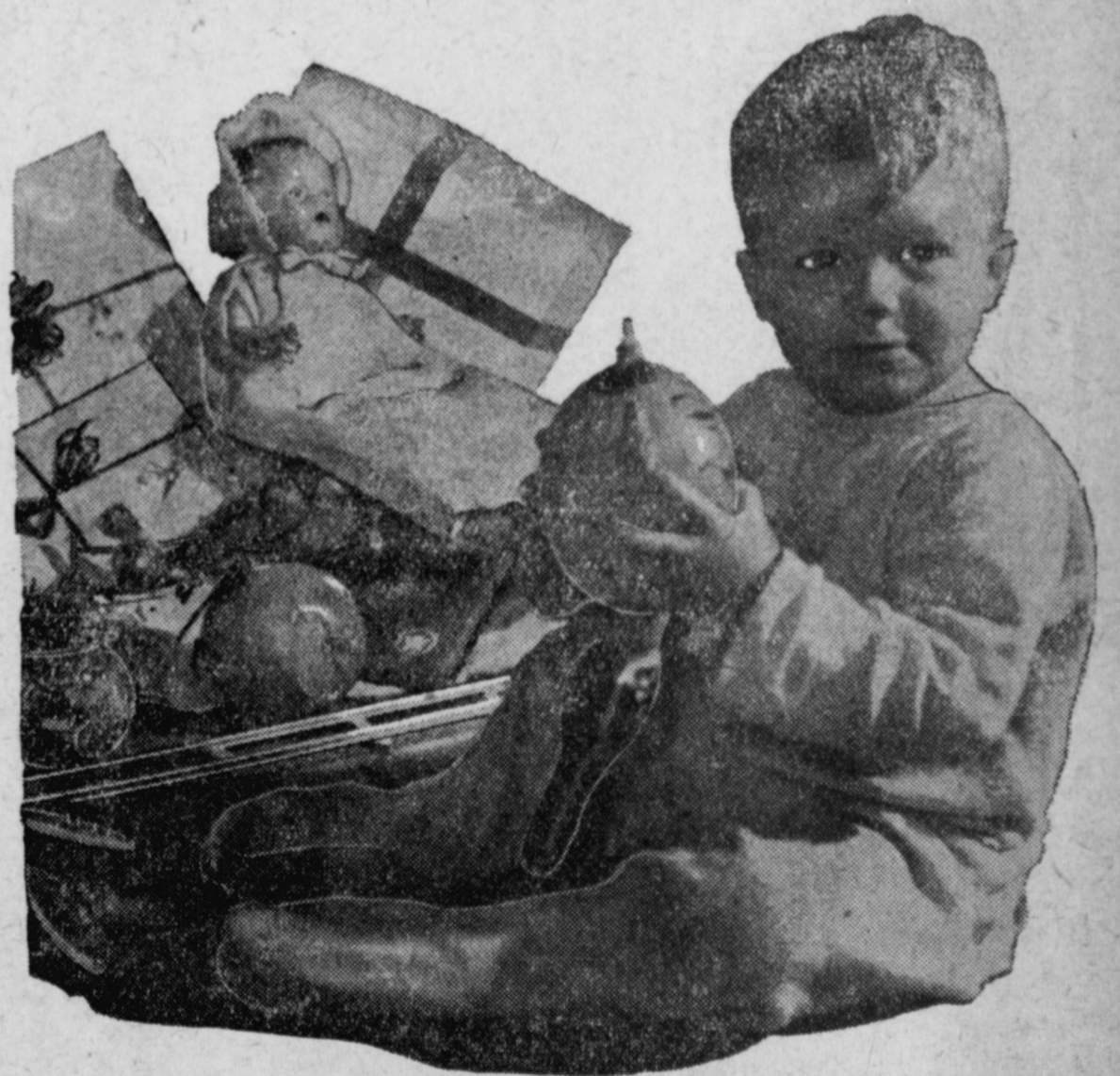
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Merriest Christmas...

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The Carl Hardins Announce Daughter's Marriage December 17

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardin announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara, to Leroy Domaschk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Domaschk, all of Rockport. The young couple were married Friday evening, Dec. 17, in Napoleonville, La.

Pre-Christmas Dance at Country Club Big Success

The Pre-Christmas dance held at the Country Club on Dec. 18 was a big success. Ran Wilde and his orchestra furnished the music. There were 96 couples attending.

FOUR CORPUS CHRISTI U. STUDENTS TO PREACH AT FULTON FIRST BAPTIST

Four students from Corpus Christi University will preach at the First Baptist Church, Fulton, on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Vandals Steal Light Bulbs From Christmas Tree In Front of C. of C.

Vandals have stolen most of the bulbs from the Christmas tree in front of the Chamber of Commerce, said Mrs. Mary Juergens, Monday morning. Justly indignant, Mrs. Juergens said that if the people who had taken them would come by, she would be glad to buy them lights out of her own pocket, if they needed them that badly.

Mrs. Mitchell Elected To CCU Who's Who

Mrs. Daphna Mitchell of Rockport is one of eight students elected to Who's Who at the University of Corpus Christi.

Election was by a secret ballot of the faculty. To be eligible for Who's Who students must be in the junior or senior class and have a "B" average with no grade lower than a "C." Other considerations are character, citizenship and future potential development.

Mrs. Mitchell is a senior, majoring in Business Administration.

Abner West Gives Party for H. B. Ramsey Jr.

Abner West was host at a farewell party for H. B. Ramsey, Jr., at the Grady West home, Saturday night, as the Ramsey's are moving to Waco after the first of the year. Games were played by the assembled guests, about twenty-five of the high school group, and Christmas carols were sung.

It was a surprise party with everyone bringing gifts for young Ramsey.

Mrs. Grady West served the refreshments, with the help of Mrs. John Roaten.

First Baptist Fulton

Monday the Bible Training Union of the First Baptist Church at Fulton met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Lanphear for a covered dish supper and exchange of gifts, with 20 people present.

The young people met the same evening at the home of John Talley, where they exchanged gifts and refreshments were served.

L. M. Bracht Family Reunion Held Sunday

The L. M. Bracht family held a reunion at the home of Mrs. L. M. Bracht on Sunday afternoon, children and grandchildren from far and near coming until the entire family were present. The group sang Christmas carols, exchanged gifts, and were served refreshments by Misses Mabel and Genevieve Bracht.

Those present were: Mrs. Ammons Russell and Linda and Kay, of Kerrville; Mr. and Mrs. August Sparks and Genevieve, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hoffman and Laura and Bryan, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woelert, Poth; Mr. and Mrs. Winston Woeller, and Terry and Karen, of Ponca City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. James Bracht and Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bracht, Fred Jr. and Miss Mary Jo; and Miss Veronica Klaeser.

Trouble with the crew haircut on an older guy is that too many of the crew have already bailed out.

Jackson Family Reunion Planned

The S. F. Jackson family is planning a reunion for Christmas, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson. Guests for the Christmas dinner will include Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Jackson and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Corbin and family of Ingleside, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Abrams and family of Taft, and Lieutenant and Mrs. Bruce Davis and family of San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jackson will be host and hostess to the group, containing all their children and grandchildren.

Lots of people have great aims in life, but never pull the trigger.

Some people don't pay as they go—because they plan to go.

Woman's Club Game Party Enjoyed

Mrs. John Cox, Mrs. Norman Emerick and Mrs. Dick Denny were hostesses for the game party sponsored by the Woman's Club, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. A. G. Collin won the high score award in bridge, Mrs. Matt Wells, low. Mrs. W. H. Owens won the canasta prize and Mrs. R. J. Keth, bingo. There were eight tables of bridge and two of canasta.

The tea table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with pointsettias and red tapers in silver candelabra.

There will not be a game party Thursday, Dec. 23.

Liberace's favorite song must be "I'm in love with a wonderful guy."

Mrs. Steirly Rozzell Hostes at Coffee

In a coffee given at the home of Mrs. Charles Roe, Sr., Mrs. Steirly Rozzell was hostess honoring Mrs. Jack Hansen of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Sixteen guests were present.

Mrs. Charles Picton poured; Mrs. Lois Rozzell served the egg-nog.

The tea table in the patio was laid with a red taffeta cloth, bordered with silver bugle beads, and bearing as a centerpiece a miniature organ backed by tall white and silver candles.

In the living room a rose and silver theme centered around the Christmas tree in those colors, and there was a Nativity scene on the coffee table. The whole house was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.



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

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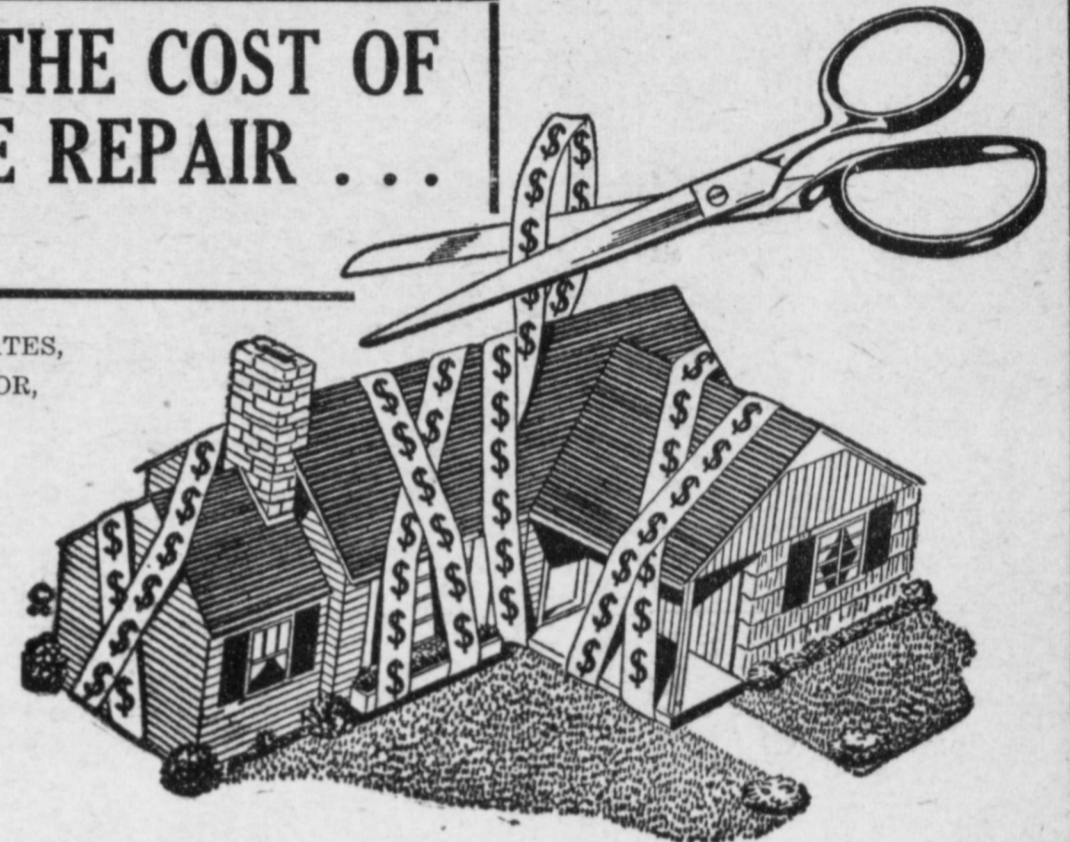
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Good Cheer,
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in saluting our valued
patrons, whose friendship
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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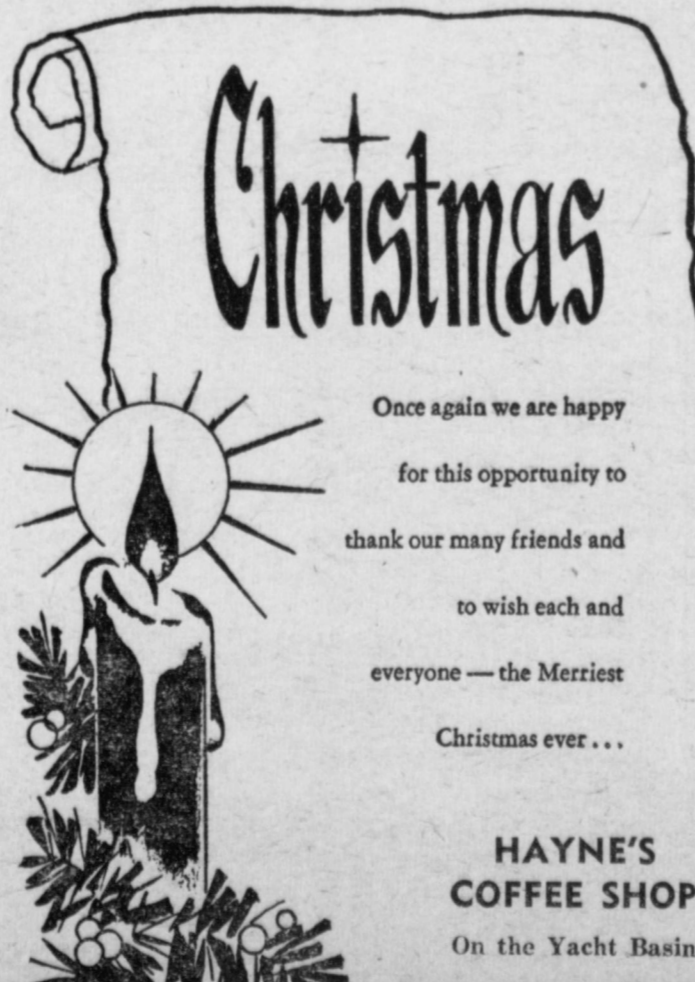


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Christmas

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everyone — the Merriest
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HAYNE'S
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Christmas!

'Tis a word that weaves a spell
Blent of starshine over lonely hills —
Ethereal sweetness of an angel song —
And love that for a space the world's heart fills.

Christmas!

Let us keep this blessed day
In childlike faith and joy, remembering
As we forget ourselves in giving, we
Are kin to Him whose birthday praise we sing!

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Candle Lighting Ceremony Held

The traditional candle lighting ceremony was held at St. Peter's, Tuesday afternoon, by the Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss handed each one a candle as she entered the church, and Mrs. Paul C. Sorenson, president then led the responsive service, which was interspersed with carols. Mrs. Norvell Jackson played the organ. At the end of the ceremony the benediction was given by Mr. Harry Carter, and then the ladies proceeded single file to the parish house where they placed the lighted candles before a nativity scene.

Refreshments were served from a table covered with a green net cloth, edged with gold braid and embroidered with scenes of Christmas. A nativity scene was also the centerpiece on this table. Mrs. Paul Sorenson poured, and Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss served the Christmas cookies and sandwiches.

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MISCELLANEOUS

DRAGLINE BULLDOZER Service—Boat slips, fills, etc. W. F. Bartlett, Phone 309M. Aransas Pass, Texas. ctf

DIRT HAULING. Dump truck work, grading, leveling and shell work. Phone 6371. A. B. Brock. ctf

READY MIX CONCRETE, sand, gravel and cement. Ready mix concrete dump truck service. Phone 392. If no answer, call 216-J. Coast Materials Co., Aransas Pass. lctf

THE BEST COSTS NO MORE! Why tinker? Our work guaranteed. Roddey's Television Service. Phone 426, Rockport. ctf

EARL'S DRIVE-IN GROCERY and ice house, open every night until midnight. Business route 35, south. ctf

STETSON HATS: Open Road, \$10; XXX Beaver, \$15 up. J. M. Sparks and Son Dry Goods. ctf

WASHATERIA for the public at ABC Trailer Park, Fulton. Five machines. No appointment necessary. ctf

FIRE, windstorm, auto, life, polio and hospitalization. All kinds insurance. See us. Beasley Insurance Agency, phone 459 or 3021. ctf

DIRT HAULING—Shell, Sand and gravel. Tractors and dozers. "Dudley" Bracht Trucking Co. Phone 3341. ctf

ATTENTION FISHERMEN: Do you prefer fishing in deep water, over salt flats, in moss banks, over shell banks, or over a live oyster reef? Good Luck Pier on Fulton Beach offers you all of these—and fish, too! Come out and get acquainted with a really good fishing spot. ctf

WATCH, JEWELRY and lighter repair. Two day service, reasonable charge. HENRY'S, across from Surf Theatre. ctf

WE HAVE BARBECUED beef, ham, country sausage, baked beans, potato salad and cole slaw to go at all times. Barbecued chicken and ribs mostly on request. We do custom barbecuing of all kinds, except fish. For further information, call 6112. The Barbecue Pit. p38

SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES. A marvelous, new vegetable tool, fits any paring knife. Saves time, thumbs, vegetables. Get one with our compliments. Rockport Lumber Co. ctf

WOMEN WANTED: Make extra money. Address, Mail postcards spare time every week. BICO, 143 Belmont, Belmont, Mass p38

CONCRETE: Transit-mixed concrete delivered to your forms. Call 6208. Rockport Ready-Mix Concrete Co., Rockport. p38ctf

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS we will have barbecue ribs and chicken to go. Place your orders by Saturday morning. The Barbecue Pit. Phone 6112. p37

A NEW SERVICE has been added. Automobile radio repair. We remove and install. Roddey's Television Service, Rockport. ctf

BEAUTIFUL FLOOR IN A FLASH: Do it yourself, save money. Why have dull, worn-looking floors? Just use our rental floor equipment to give your floors like-new brilliance. We provide everything you need and full easy instructions. Phone 463, Rockport Lumber Co. ctf

FRESH DAILY: Goats' tamales, hot and ready to serve. Village Center, Fulton. ctf

FURNITURE REFINISHING and repairing. Free estimate. Pickup and delivery. Call 3872. c39

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 40-foot cypress shrimp boat, good condition, ready for work, price \$7,000, discount for cash. Boat is in Port Lavaca harbor, name Ula Lavanna. Contact W. T. Hennings at farm near carbon carbide plant on Green Lake, Seadrift highway. Mailing address, Port Lavaca, Texas, Route 2, box 87. p37

HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT: Will take late model car on trade. Call Mrs. Roy W. Mullinax, phone 6394. ctf

FOR SALE: 4-room cottage, garage and wash room, \$4,000.00. Terms. ctf

4-room on waterfront, riparian rights. Lots, courts, income property. 1947 Tudor Ford, slick, terms. 25-foot trailer house, electric refrigerator, priced to sell. Used washer, wringer type. R. F. McKNIGHT REALTY Phone 6228 ctf

USED TIRES, wheel balancing. Western Auto Associate Store. ctf

FOR SALE: Remanufactured Chevrolet truck engine at cost. Western Auto. ctf

FOR SALE Large furnished house close in. Priced to sell. Good income property. ctf

Small home near church. Downtown. \$3,500.00. Home on waterfront. ctf

4-room furnished home. Has 6 lots, \$4,250.00. 2-bedroom home. Terms if desired. ctf

Trailer park - courts - acreage - business building - lots. FULTON ctf

Beautiful home has guest house or rent house. See this to appreciate. Home on Fulton Beach. 2-bedroom ranch style house. Furnished. ctf

Harvey home and business on waterfront. Lots with trees. MRS. R. B. SIPE Phone 803 ctf

WE HAVE a selection of small gas heating stoves for sale from \$3.50 to \$10.00. Palm Village ctf

INCOME TAX SERVICE: We are again living at Dobkins Cottages north of Fulton and I will office as usual at Prophet's Furniture Store after Jan. 1. "For tax and accounting problems." Robert J. Leth. ctf

FOR SALE: Parakeet and cage, \$5.00. **FOR RENT:** Cottage on bay. Call Mrs. Lowery, Phone 3622. c37

FOR SALE: 18-foot Glider House Trailer, \$50.00 down, \$32.00 per month, 18 months; 21-foot 1952 Traveler, all aluminum, modern, with toilet and shower, \$500.00 down, \$57.00 per month, 24 months. See Mr. Rathmeyer, Triple Oaks Trailer Park, South Rockport. p37

For
Hunting & Fishing Parties
FAST BOATS FOR HIRE
at
Pier No. 1
Rockport Yacht Basin
Rockport, Texas
Henry Ballou
Phone 406 Box 84 ctf

Oil News

Elmax Oil & Gas Corp. was coring an Aransas County wildcat and another has been scheduled in the area two miles south-southwest of Rockport.

Elmax No. 1 C. B. Peoples was last reported coring below 7,325 feet on a 10,000-foot permit. The test is on a 20-acre lease in Lot 2, Block 243, Burton & Danforth Subdivision.

J. Ray McDermott & Co., Inc. No. 1 State Tract 222, projected to 9,500 feet in Redfish Bay, is located (bottomhole location) 810 feet from the north and east lines and 370 feet from the west line of State Tract 222 and the 308,63-acre lease.

The surface location is 1,090 feet southwest of the bottomhole location and located on H. H. Dewar and others by Aransats Dock & Channel Co. The new test scales 3/4-mile east of Atlantic No. 1 Barber, discovery of the Aransas East Field.

Jack Modesett, F. William Carr, and Conroe Drilling Co. No. 1 J. W. Lockhart, wildcat two miles west of Rockport in Joseph Fessenden Survey, A-65, was waiting on orders at 9,740 feet. This test had earlier spotted 7-inch casing at 9,122 feet.

Heep Oil Corp. and others No. 3 Zeph Rouquette and others, test in the West Rockport Field 2 1/2 miles west of Rockport in C. B. Lucas Subdivision, was testing through perforations from 8,800-08 feet in 7-inch casing at 8,883 feet.

F. William Carr No. 1 Crow & Martin, Aransas East Field test three miles northeast of Aransas Pass in John H. Phillips Survey, A-175, was preparing to perforate and test through 5 1/2-inch casing which was set on bottom at 8,907 feet.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 1 Gulf of Mexico State Tract 794, Aransas County tidelands wildcat 15 miles northeast of Port Aransas, was making hole below 4718 feet on a 12,000-foot permit.

Fitzpatrick Drilling Co. No. 1 R. Hoffman, scheduled 10,000-foot Aransas County wildcat two miles northeast of Aransas Pass in Elizabeth Tally Survey, A-201, has set 10 3/4-inch casing at 1,020 feet.

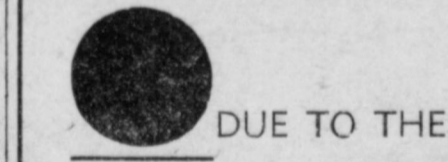
Sam E. Wilson, Jr., No. A-1 Ocker Brothers, test in the one-well Sam Wilson Field eight miles southwest of Austwell in Block 10 of C. B. Lucas Subdivision, was drilling below 9,287 feet with no shows reported. Logging to 9,520 feet was planned.

TEXAS IN REVIEW

As a rule, men celebrating their 88th birthday anniversary aren't very active. But that general rule doesn't apply to retired Methodist Bishop Hiram A. Boaz of Dallas. To get films of the Bishop's recent anniversary celebration and some background films, cameramen had to trail the fast-moving Bishop from Dallas to several other Texas cities. These films knitted together make an interesting feature next week on the Humble Company's TV program, Texas in Review.

The program will also include films of caged birds valued at \$500,000 being exhibited in Houston, a group of San Antonio orphans visiting the Milk Bowl football game in Kerrville, Col. Homer Garrison of the State Department of Public Safety being honored at a banquet, and a profile of ex-Texas University football player Hugh Wolfe, now a successful Mineral Wells businessman.

Texas in Review can be seen Monday, Dec. 27 on WOAI-TV, San Antonio, 10:15 p. m.



Some of the fellows who say they are "fit as a fiddle" sound more like a tuba.

DUE TO THE MANY REQUESTS TO OPEN ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND AFTER LEAVING IT ENTIRELY UP TO OUR EMPLOYEES, WE WILL BE OPEN AND SERVE FULL COURSE DINNERS FROM

11 a. m. 'till 2 p. m.
and
5 p. m. 'till 8 p. m.

DEL MAR GRILL
"The Place to Eat"

Picturesque Rockport—

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the name "Our Lady Star of the Sea." It was built in 1858. Of later date—but popular, too—is the aquarium in the Texas Game and Fish Commission laboratory beside the Rockport boat basin.

Few sightseers come to Rockport without stopping by two especially famous live oaks. One is the Lamar Oak, a 2000-year-old tree in the heart of nearby Goose Island State Park. It towers 80 feet, boasts a 32-foot girth, and breaks into a crown spread of 140 feet. The other is Taylor Oak, a tree made famous 109 years ago when General Zachary Taylor, marching southward to wage the decisive battles of the Mexican War, stopped under its branches for an overnight rest.

The naturalist, however, is almost sure to look up another Rockport showplace—the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge—a 50,000 acre salt marsh on nearby Blackjack Peninsula. The refuge is a crossroads of the bird kingdom, attracting rare species from all directions. The world's last remaining flock of whooping cranes spends the winter at the Rockport refuge. And it is home, too, for other such aristocrats of the bird kingdom as the plover, the sandpiper, the roseate spoonbill, the orchard oriole, the pelican, the heron, and the avocet.

Southwesterners who want to absorb a bay breeze for a day, a week, or a season make up the bulk of Rockport's summer tourist trade. They are people, usually, from inland points. They come to cool off, to swim, to go boating, and to relax. Fall, however, brings an influx of Midwestern residents who are learning that winter doesn't need to be a lost season if it is spent along the Texas coast. They are turning south in increasing numbers, and—significantly—more and more are taking up permanent residence.

The fisherman comes to Rockport twelve months every year, and that, too, is just plain logical. The 184,000 acres of bay water in the Rockport coastal orbit is held by five bays—Aransas, Copano, Puerto, St. Charles, and Redfish. All yield speckled trout, redfish, sand trout, drum, flounder, sheepshead, and golden croakers. The same bodies of water, by the way, become excellent hunting areas during the fall and early winter when they are covered with mallards, red heads, blue bills, and pintails by the hundreds of thousands.

Rockport rolls out an extremely plush carpet for its visitors. The winter guests are entertained with weekly party nights, fishing tournaments, and sightseeing tours. When a golf course was constructed by the Live Oak Country Club, its directors voted to open the course to winter visitors. The summer season is highlighted by a Fourth of July celebration that is one of the Texas coast's most colorful events.

While some coastal communities have reluctantly gone along with the advance of industry, Rockport has greeted the oil rig with full enthusiasm. It meant more progress and more prosperity—and the people of Rockport accepted it as a new stride forward. Today, more than 40 companies hold oil and gas leases in the Rockport area, and more than half of them are in production.

Now Rockport is looking forward to even greater industrial horizons. The voters recently put their stamp of approval on a \$415,000 bond issue which will provide funds for the first phase of a long-range waterfront development program. When the development is complete, Rockport will boast four harbors and three beaches. At present, it has one harbor. The industrial progress to just-

V. F. W. Christmas Party Held Tuesday Night

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party was held in their hall on Tuesday night, with about 25 people present. The hall was decorated with holly and there was a large Christmas tree before the entry.

Refreshments were served from a table covered with a white linen cloth having as a centerpiece a miniature Christmas tree. There was an arrangement of poinsettias and red candles on the piano. Punch, sandwiches, and Christmas cookies were served.

Presiding officers were Richard Happer, president of the post, and Mrs. Violet Brundrett, president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

fy such a program already is in the making. South of Rockport is a ten-mile strip of flatland which is one of the most logical sites for industrial development in South Texas. The people feel, and with considerable justification, that it is sure to be put to use in the years immediately ahead. Too, marine activity is booming big and promises to boom even bigger. The shrimp fleets of the Gulf are concentrating in increasing numbers along the South Texas shore. Oil activity in the Texas tidelands is just starting—and already it has spelled out a major increase in navigation activity. A move to bring about construction of a new Intracoastal Canal route along the Rockport waterfront is in full swing.

You can't rightly call Rockport a boomtown. But it's fair to say it is growing fast. In 1949, its bank deposits were \$1,364,423. The figure now has more than doubled. Postal receipts have jumped from \$17,529 to \$28,847 in the same period. Gas connections are up from 240 to 811, and oil production has risen from 1,092,626 barrels to 2,911,512 barrels.

Rockport Drug Stores

Will Be
CLOSED
ALL DAY CHRISTMAS DAY
AND SUNDAY
Dec. 25 and 26

We Have Decided That This Holiday Will Better Enable Our Employees to More Thoroughly Enjoy the Christmas Season

Effective January 1
Roaten Drug Store and Johnson Drug Will Close Each Sunday at 1:00 p. m. Remain Closed the Remainder of the

ROATEN DRUG STORE JOHNSON DRUG STORE

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Libby's	No.	
STUFFED OLIVES		2
Libby's	No. 303	
FRUIT COCKTAIL		2 for 4
Libby's	No. 2	
CRUSHED PINEAPPLE		25
Libby's	No. 305	
PUMPKIN		2 for 29c
CRISCO		3 lb. tin 84c
Lightcrust		
FLOUR		5 lb. carton 44c
Comet	12 oz. pkg.	
RICE		2 for 29c
SUGAR		5 lbs. 46c

SHIVERS' GROCERY

Marine News



Texas landings for the period from Nov. 29 to Dec. 17, inclusive, were as follows:

Galveston: 1051 barrels shrimp, 290 pounds grouper, 14,490 pounds of red snapper, and 25 barrels of oysters.

Port Lavaca and Palacios: 193 barrels of shrimp.

Aransas Pass, Rockport, and Corpus Christi: 2017 barrels of shrimp, 2150 pounds of miscellaneous fish, 250 pounds of drum, and 300 pounds of redfish.

Port Isabel: Drum, 44,200 pounds; 10,580 pounds of redfish; 8353 pounds speckled trout; 480 pounds pompano; 980 pounds red snapper; 5323 barrels shrimp.

Brownsville: 8678 barrels shrimp.

Ten new boats obtained their documents as Gulf fishing vessels in October 1954. This makes a total for the first ten months of the year of 293 vessels.

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy 6 years old and have been a pretty good boy. I want a telescope, a knife with a scabbard, a walkie-talkie, and an airplane with a windup propeller, and a gun & scabbard.
Steven Landgraf

To wish you
a real old fashioned
Merry Christmas
and Thanks a Lot for your
1954 PATRONAGE
ALLEN FURNITURE CO.
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