



who although wounded by tool, led an attack and kill-approximately one hundred twenty-five enemy Comits in Korea late in Novem-

1950, has been awarded the

se Star Medal for his he-

ing World War II, and later nded Hardin-Simmons Uni-sty in Abilene before enlist-in the U. S. Marine Corps.

sol, Quantico, Va., and went lore shortly after the out-at of hostilities in June, 1950.

and of the Bronze Star to Lt. Stuart was made by Cammanding General, 1st

les Held Friday

Rochester For

prominent civic leader of leter, were held at 2.30 p. riday in the First Baptist

riday in the First Haplast the in that city with the pastific the Rev. Cecil Meadows, offing Assisting was the Rev.

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The Rochester was under direction of the control of the control

Kay, 74, died it 2:30 a. m.

Lay had served as Bo-Hancott Injured be years. He she had At Nocona

M. Kay, 74

Second Lieutenant

being assembled with some of the 23 basket dis- viduals. The Chamber of Comtributed last year. The need is merce office will be the assemgreater this year, and it is es- bly point for the baskets, and on a larger scale. Vel-me, at left, VFW post ing families will be visited in distribution on Christmas in through cooperation of Haskell Eve.

"For heroic achievement

sector. When the patrol was sub-

jected to volent attack by a large

enemy force employing intense

satchel charge against his pla-

Lt. Striart returned to

Vaughn R. Stuart, Marine Officer,

rarded Bronze Star Medal of Honor

missioner M. B. Cobb are shown civic groups, churches, and indi-

The Free Press me Free Pr

Readers Presented

Largest Issue of

young Haskell Marine offi- Marine Division, in the name of the presdent of the United taining 28 pages, is the largest single edition of the newspaper States, for service as set forth in the following citation: ever published. Also, the newspaper is being connection w i t h cperations against the enemy while serving as leader of a Marine Tank platoon in Korea on November. 1950. Second Lt. Stuart was as-

mailed four days in advance of the Thursday publication date in order that Christmas greetings and messages from Haskell merthe R. Stuart, 25, son of signed the mission of leading a mond Stuart of Haskell and tank patrol southward from Haborn and reared in this city. chants and individuals will reach readers in advance of Christmas. Early printing and mailing of this 28-page issue was made posenemy troop dispositions in that sible only through the splendid cooperation of more than 140 advertisers represented in the col-

and accurate automatic weapons sectived his commission at many grenade fire, he was unable to close the hatch of his tank. Despite the fact that he was also painfully wounded by shrappel day, January 3, 1952. and the enemy launched a

toon, he continued courageously HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

toon, he continued courageously to engage the enemy, killing approximately one hundred and forty-five, and withdrew to his base only when his ammunition supply ran dangerously low. His fearless devotion to duty aided materially in gaining vital enemy information, and was an inspiration to all members of the command. Second Lieutenant Stuart's heroic actions were in

Coach Jess Neeley of Rice Will Be Speaker at HHS Football Banquet

and coaches, will be held Thursday evening, January 24. with Jess Neely, athletic director and head football coach of Rice Institute as guest speaker.

The banquet is sponsored annually by the Haskell Lions Club and the Quarterback Club. Place for the banquet will be

Sand Discovered In

Sojourner Field A fourth Strawn sand pay has been discovered in the Sojour-ner Field west of Haskell at the Crown Petroleum Corpor-etion No. 2 Adams-Gray Unit, Section 41, H&TC Survey, in the southwest portion of the field.

What is reported to be the first flowing drillstem test in the surfaced in eight minutes. Oil flowed at the surface in 90 minutes. It flowed to pits for 30 minutes. There was no estimate of the flow.

Recovery was 690 feet of oil

Gray Unit but the No. 2 Adams-Gray is the first well in which it has so good a show.

The well (No. 2) also had a show on a drillstem test at 4,- filed applications as inspection 694-4,714 feet in the Teague points and will install the necsand. Tool was open two hours. Gas surfaced in 70 minutes. Recovery was 160 feet of oil, 60 teet of mud cut oil. Shutin pressure was 1,875 pounds in 20 minutes. Flowing pressure was

Billy Ray Lusk of Haskell, who is with U. S. Marine combat forces in Korea, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lusk learned in a letter from their son this week. The young corporal received his promotion Nov. 23. He is attached to Head-laskell County, and all these

football squad, honoring players be placed on sale in advance of the affair. The event each year attracts a large number of fans and supporters of the HHS

Conscientious Player" 1951 Indian squad. Identity of family in Haskell and vicinity. Fourth Strawn Pay the player selected to receive this award will be announced for the first time at the banquet.

Honor guests at the banquet will be the coaching staff of the Ray Overton, Jr., and Tom Jones.

Three Automobile

Inspection Points

## Needy Families Will Receive Christmas Baskets Monday

Club's annual award to the "Most zations, the Christmas season will nounced several weeks ago. be made bright for every needy

> Baskets of food suitable for the holiday season, along with toys and candy for children, and articles of clothing where needed, will be distributed Monday evening to every needy and deserving family in

Date for Beginning of March

of Dimes Advanced to Jan. 7

kell people and the joint coopera- at the Chamber of Commerce of of approximately 40 families had ion of the Lions Club, Veterans fice, where a large number of been turned in up to that time. of Foreign Wars, Chamber of Com- toys and a considerable amount of The names will be cleared through of the banquet will be the pre- merce, church and Sunday School clothing has been gathered since the office of Miss Wanda Dulaney, sentation of the Quarterback groups and women's club organi- the Christmas program was an- executive secretary of the local

Donations to the project have been generous, with substantial sure that all deserving families donations of money and numer- are included. suo gifts of clothing and food being turned in during the past ten days.

Velton Moore, VFW commander and Rex Felker, C. of C. manager,

The tripled polio inci-dence that has plagued the nation for the last four years also has extended in-

to Haskell County, with the result that the increased

quota has been made neces-sary in the 1952 March of

es, the county chairman

Polio has struck !welve times

he explained. At this time, bills for treatment of patients total

\$3,000, and these must be met

from the 1952 funds, he pointed

That's why local residents will

A series of benefit shows are

ing the March of Dimes, with

Plans for the Mother's March on Polio, with women in all

been named as follows:

Haskell, R. C. Couch,

Stores Taking Two,

Days for Xmas

being planned for Haskell dur-

be asked to contribute generous-ly to the 1952 March of Dimes -

avoid duplication and to make

Cash contributions to the ject amounting to between \$150 and \$175 have been received in The baskets were distributed addition to food, toys and clothing, to 23 families last Christmas, and Felker and Moore said Saturday.

Also, collection receptacles have been placed in a number of Haskell stores by the VFW Post, where donations in any amoun can be left. These containers will be picked up Monday morning. and this money added to the fund. Also, members of the local VFW Post have pledged whatever amount additional is needed to bring the cash fund up to \$500 if that much is needed, Moore announced.

The baskets will be distributed Monday evening — Christmas Eve - with members of the Fire Department assisting in the dis. tribution. Persons desiring to donate food, toys and cash contributions should make their donations not later than Monday morn-

Contributions Friday and Satur day included gifts of clothing by Mrs. C. R. Cook and Mrs. George Fouts; food and toys by the Pr Polio has struck 'welve times gressive Study Club; toys by Mrs. in Haskell County this year, and three youths from the county School, \$20 basket of foodstuffs.

#### the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation. Funds of the local chapter had been exhausted by Oct.. 1, at which time it was necessary to obtain an advance from the National Foundation, Return Home For Xmas Holidays

A large number of Haskell students attending various school and colleges are at home spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and friends.
Among those returning to Haskell for the holidays are:

From Texas Tech — Nancy Furrh, Roland Dendy, Robert Brock, Nancy Free, Abe Turner, Bud Lane, George D. Christian, arrangements being hardled by Milton Christian.

Unversity of Texas — Betty Clifton, Bobby Neil Smith, Ken-neth Tooley, Jason Smith, Nabeela Hassen. Mid Western University —
Temple Williams, Billy Mack
Taylor, Billy Jo Robinson.

North Texas State Teachers College—Don Sr.ith, Billy Charles Matthews. Hardin - Simmons — Dorothy Fouts, Willard Free, Billy Alton Dilbeck, Mary Jo Jones, Joan

Arlington-Royce Matthews. University of Colorado-Bol Sagerton, A. C. Knipling; Rule, Ed Cloud, Weinert; Mrs. Claude Reid, Rochester; Hob Smith O'Brien, E. H. Tankersley; Matt-son, Weldon Norman; Irby, Al-fon Peiser; Cobb, W. V. Cobb.

by Ann Herren. Texas State Dental School Houston—Douglas Smith.
Texas A&M—Wilburn Rhoads,
Tommy Rhoads, James Strain Ernest Strain.

Baylor — Mary Beur Payne, Nancy Burton, Kenneth Alvia Virginia Frierson, Anne Kath-orine Rike.

Weinert Stude

#### Billy Ray Lusk, Now In Korea, Is Made umns of the special edition. Marine Corporal

Dimes has been advanced one and school events which already week, and the campaign will had been scheduled, he explainweek, and the campaign will begin Monday January 7, instead of a week later as origin-ally scheduled, County Chairman John H. Banks announced to-

day. The 1952 quota for Haskel Recovery was 690 feet of oil and 90 feet of heavily oil cut mud. Shutin pressure was 2,050 pounds in 20 minutes. Flowing pressure was 625 pounds.

The Free Press

This issue, the annual Christmas edition of the Free Press consecution of the Free County has been set at \$11,000 Change in date for beginning the campaign was advanced to avoid

Three Haskell automobile con-cerns, Bill Wilson Motor Com-pany, Cox Motor Company and Pitman Motor Company have

essary equipment to make the required inspections. It is understood that garages in Rule, Rochester, O'Brien and Weiner: also have made application and will set up the inspection stations.

Under the law all vehicles which require a state license tag will be required to be tested at the inspection stations before new license plates for 1952 can be issued.

quarters 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and has been in Korea since October 1. Haskell County, and all these will be subject to the new inspection law.

#### Goree Resident, Dies Thursday Benjamin F. Williams, 73, res-

ident of Goree and Knox County for 28 years and the father of John Williams, Rule merchant died at 11:45 a. m., Thursday at the family home in Goree. Death out. of the retired farmer was attri-

buted to a heart attaack.

Funeral services for Mr. Williams were held 10 a. m. Saturday in the Goree Methodist Church, conducted by the pastor, the Petr Bourdon Smith and A series of benefit shows are the Rev. Bourdon Smith, and the Rev. S. E. Stevenson, Baptist minister of that city. Burial was in the Decatur, Tex-

as, cemetery under the direction of Holden Funeral Home of this county publicity directors.

Born Oct. 15, 1878 at Mena, Alabama, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Williams. In 1898 he married Miss Ida Wright of Wise County, who preceded him in death. On June 8, 1913 he married Miss Clara Thompson of Wise County, and in 1923 they moved their family to Knox City and community chairmen for all towns in the county have a member of the Methodist Church sinse boyhood.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Clara Williams of Goree; two daughters, Mrs. Ed Caraway of Decatur and Mrs. L. N. Peyton of Archer City; two sons. Lee Williams of San Marcos and John Williams of Rule; two grandsons and a grand-daughter; two sisters, Mrs. A. L. Dobson of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Mattie Epperson of Tatum, N. M.; and a brother, Sam Williams of Ft. Courthouse Three Worth.

Christmas Pageant Will Be Given At Weinert Church

#### command. Second Lieutenant Stuart's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Given Prospective Donors Service." Second Lieutenant Stuart is authorized to wear the Combat

In connection with the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Haskell County Jan, 2, 3 and 4, many people are asking questions: "How do I go about giving a pint of blood for our servicemen in Korea through the Red Cross Blood Program?" "What sort of examination will they give me?" and "What do they do or butter) means fried forms that are being published in the county newspapers.

In return, you will be mailed an appointment card, designating the date and hour you will be expected at the Bloodmobile Unit.

Do not eat fats (such as cream or butter) means fried forms Lt. Stiart returned to the United States last summer, after spending more than a year in the Korean-combat theatre, and he is now stationed at Ocean-side, Calif. His wife is making her home in California with the officer. Lt. and Mrs. Stuart visited his father here shortly after his return from everses.

Cross Blood Program?" "What sort of examination will they give me?" and "What do they, do with the blood?"

Miss Wands Dulaney, executive secretary of the Haskell County Red Cross chapter, has provided the following butline of the program which gives detailed information answering these questions.

First of all, if you are between the ages of 21 and 59, you are an eligible pledge. If you are between the ages of 18 and 21, you, too, may give blood, but the with both parents written consent of your husband or wife.

Complete a pledge card and

sent. If you are in 'he latter age group and married, you must have the written consent of your husband or wife.

Complete a pledge card and return it immediately to the Red Cross headquarters in Haskell. If you do not have one of the cards sent to all post office boxholders, you may obtain a card from the Red Cross effice, from the president of any civic or see east organization in the county.

will take your medical history, make a blood pressure test, and hemoglobin test. At the next table, your blood will be typed and the whole blood number established.

Just before you enter the donor room, a volunteer will give
you a glass of ginger ale, which
the doctors recommends that
the donors drink.

In the donor room are eight
beds, and eight pints of blood
are taken every 15 minutes.

From there you are to go to
the canteen, where you will sit
down for fifteen minutes, and
eat sandwiches, cookies, coffee
and milk, served by other you-

new clubs, bags, balls, club cov. ers, and any sort of golfing gadget—is enthusiastically welcomed by this sportsman.

a Christmas gift to the golfer ha towel."

just made its appearance. Called a "golfer's crying towel," this amusing gag towel is illustrated Gifts for the man who golfs absorbent cotton toweling in green on white, it may be used towel bib, or apron.

Any golfer who has missed a put, dubbed a drive, or spent two dy, nuts and fruit, hours in a sandtrap is sure to ap-A clever item to include with preciate the humorous "crying and boys. Love.—Mary Lou Jet- Dear Santa:

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

That warm, friendly feeling in the air is Christmas! May you enjoy all of its pleasures and good cheer throughout the coming New Year.

#### SADLER FURNITURE



String up the lights, dust off the shiny ornaments-for it's time to decorate the tree and to wish all our many friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

JOHN E. ROBISON



#### LETTERS TO SANTA

Remember all the other girls

We are a boy and a girl size years old. We saw you when you were in Haskell with your reindeer, but didn't get to tell you what we want.

I, Billy, would like a tractor dirt-mover, jet plane, barn and

I, Roberta, would like a doll house, blackboard, wardrobe an doll clothes for my dolls. We both want some candy, nuts and fruit Merry Christmas, and thank you.

—Billy and Roberta Dumas.

Will go to school next year. Would candy. Please don't forget all the you please bring me a football, road grader and a BB gun. My daddy says I am too little for a gun, but if you bring me one may-be he will let me hunt with him

Dear Santa Claus: My baby sister Donna is almost two years old. Please bring her a doll, doll buggy, toy piano. Also bring us some fruit, candy, and like for you to bring me a doll with hair a toy tea set and some nuts. Hope you are good to all with hair, a toy tea set, and some other little boys and girls. Thank you.—Mike and Donna Bland.
P. S.—There will be a Coke in the ice box for you.

Morenci, Ariz.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a bicycle wo guns and hoslters and a football and helmet. Please bring my -Eddie Joe Lusk.

Weinert, Texas Dear Santa Claus: My Mamma says I am always and candy. Thank you — Linda such a good and sweet little boy. Dell White.

I take extra good care of all my toys and other things. So, Santa please bring me a hook and lad. Dear Santa: der fire truck, a wagon, a carpenter's tool chest and a big stocking full of M&M's, candy. I like you, Santa, I am 7 years fruits, cookies and gum. I sure old. I am a big girl. Please come. would like for you to bring my daddy lots of bullets, for I just love to go hunting with my daddy and Mamma. Don't forget to be good to all the other little boys good to all the other little boys Midland Texas. and girls. Your new friend,-Jerry Ray Mueller.

Will you please bring me a two gun holster set and some little trucks. Please don't forget sister and bring a doll buggy for her and a little teddy bear. There are the state of the state you .- Pat Keller.

Dear Santa Claus:

some spurs, candy, chewing gum, fruits and nuts. Don't forget my Dear Santa Claus: little brother, Freddie, Bring him a Ford tractor and a rubber

kell to tell you what I want. I'm not asking for much this year.

Just bring me a doctor set, a red ham. sweater, and fruits and candy. And Santa, please don't forget Dear Santa Claus: my aunt. Doris Rachel Hudgens. She is 12 years old and lives in like for you to bring me a record Andrews, Texas. She is in the player and some records. This hospital at Midland with polio is for my big sister, too. Also a My cousin, Donald Boyd Hudgens housecoat and house shoes, watch

lear Santa:

Rochester, Route 1
Dear Santa Claus:
I am eight years old and in the third grade. Please bring me a baby doll, a jewelry chest and some cosmetics. I want some canday. Yours truly—Sammy Kelso.

Farmington, N. M.

I'm trying so hard to be nice so you will come to see me Christmas. Will you bring me a road grader, and a dump truck and I'd like to have two guns, too. Love.—Jimmie Harris.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll, buggy and dishes. Lots of candy, and let me see Grandmother and Aunt Janice. I've been nice. Love.

Belinda McKelvain.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl three year. old. I have been a good little girl this year. I would like a tricycle twin dolls, a big ball and a black I am a little boy six years old. board, also some fruit, nuts and

Old Glory, Texas

I think I have been a nice girl stand-up dolls with clothes. And please don't forget some toys for the little girls and boys in other places. Thank you very much .-Carol Sue White.

P. S .- I would like some fruit. nuts and candy in my stocking.

Old Glory, Texas

Dear Santa: I am a little girl two and onehalf years old. I have tried to be toys to my Grandad's house at half years old. I have tried to be 304 N. 4th Street in Haskell. Love. a good girl this year, so will you please bring me a baby doll and some toy dishes. Please don't forget my brothers and sisters and all the oehr little boys and girls. I am a little boy two years old I would also like some fruit, nuts.

Route 1, Old Glory, Texas

I want a doll for Christmas. I

Midland, Texas.

Dear Santa:

We are twins, age five. I, Jer-Dear Santa Claus:

I am five years old. I can't little brother, age 4, Alvie J. write so I am having Mother de it for me. I've been pretty good it for me. I've been pretty good. can ride in, some fruit, candy,

> nie at Haskell. He lives with Mr and Mrs. Hollis Pitman. Please give them all a nice gift.

I am a big boy five years old. We will be looking for you, would like for you to bring me Santa. We love you.-Jerry Lou, Hopalong Cassidy holster set, Mary Sue, and Alvie J. Almand.

I am a little girl eight years old would like for you to bring me Sincerely yours. - David a birthstone ring, housecoat and nouse shoes, bracelet and a doll Also candy and nuts. If you wi be kind enough to bring me these I didn't get close enough to you I won't bother you until next Tuesday when you were in Has- year. Please remember my Mams and Daddy and two sisters. Also I am a little girl four years old. remember my teacher, Mrs. Woods. Thanks.—Azile Cunning-

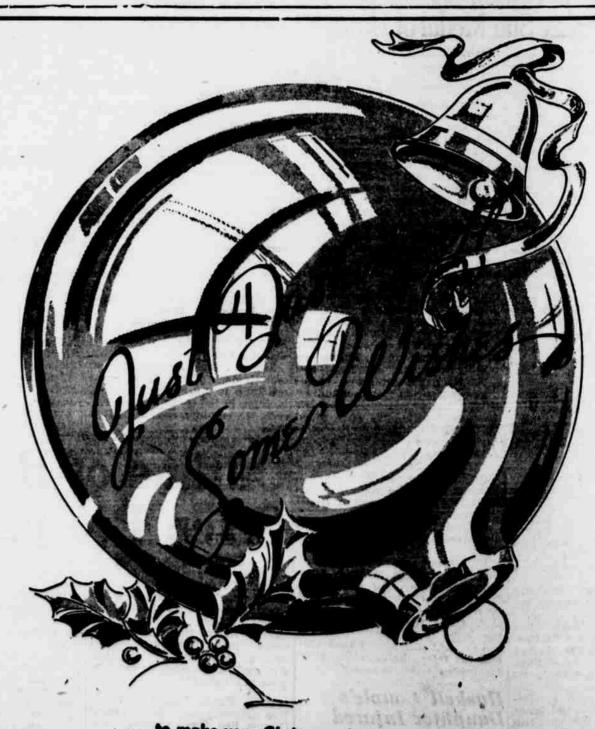
I am a girl 11 years old. I'd wants a train. And don't forget and a birthstone ring. You have my other cousins. They like San-te, too. I love you, Santa.—Rita not trouble you for much. Remember M ma and Daddy, sister: and my cousins. P. S .- Please don't forget all the other kids: al-I have been a pretty good little so my teacher, Mrs. Roberson boy this year. Please bring me a Thanks.—Maxine Cunningham.





Perkins-Timbertake

good health and continued happiness."



. . . to make your Christmas brighter and

to let you know that, busy as we are,

we are still thinking of you.

WALLING BUTANE APPLIANCE CO.

Ida and J. E. Walling, Jr. Jack Tate

D. D. Johonson

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Jack Ussery

Harold H. Hodge Curtis C Greetings

May the Christmas message

come true and be with you

patrons ... wishing you health.

through all the New Year.

W. J. ADAMS

and FAMILY

Best

Christmas

From the bottom of our bearts we warmly extend our best wishes for

a Joyous Christmas

Ivey & Young

Barber Shop

and a New Year

of unbounded happiness.

we extend to all of our

joy and friendship ...

and Mrs. T. A.

Tate, Owners

P. S. Don't forget our cousin

I am writing this for my little brother who is 2 years old. His name is David. He is trying to be

and girls. Bye Santa.-David Ja-P. S. Don't forget our cousin

I am a little girl six years old

Rochester, Texas

and grandparents.

Dear Santa Claus:



Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 15 years old.
I haven't been very good this year and I doubt if I'll be good next year, but if you don't come to see me, I'll shoot Rudolph's red nose off with my BB gun. I don't want very much this year, just a new automobile (convertible) that is fully equipped with radio, heater and blonde.—The radio, heater and blonde.—The one and only, Billy Blake. Me are expecting to see you at our church about 6:30 p. m. Dec. 24. — Your little friends, Dudley and Wayne Perrin.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl three year old and I used to live in Haskell. Dear Santa Claus: old and I used to live in Haskell. I moved to Abilene so I want you to come to see me here and bring me a doll, dishes, and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.—Jennifer Sue Duncan.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I have tried to be a good little girl. I am 9 years old and in the 3rd grade. Will you please bring me a doll, set of dishes and a pair of gloves; also some nuts fruit and candy. Don't forget all other little boys and girls, and please don't forget my little brother, David.—Your friend, Rawena Jacobs.

Please bring me a Western Jacket, car and tractor. Also fruit,

Don't forget my little nephew and all the other little boys and girls. Thanks.—James Curd.

Dear Santa Claus:

We are two little boys, Rodney, and Lonnie, 6 years old.
I, Rodney want a BB gun,

some reels for my View Master, and an Uncle Wiggly game.

I. Lonnie, want a ranch set with the house, corral, animals and cowboys, a holster and gun with bullets on the belt.

We both would like some fruit, nuts and condy. Don't forg and girls. Bye San cobs.

P. S. Don't forg and grandparents.

Ro

Dear Santa:

nuts and candy. Santa remember all 'he other I have tried to be a nice little little children and the soldier boys. We love you.—Rodney and Lonnie Childress.

In the soldier girl and have studied my lessons in school. Please bring me a doll with hair that I can curl: Lonnie Childress.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Saint Nick:

I am a little boy 2½ years old and I have been a pretty good little boy. So I do hope you will come to see me. I won't ask for much as there are so many more.

doll with hair that I can curl: also a set of plastic dishes and a birthstone ring. I would like some candy fruit and ruts also.

—vour little friend, Glenda Reid.

Hello Santa:

This is Judy I have I much as there are so many more little boys and girls for you to go see.

This is Judy. I have tried so hard to be a good girl. I am 5 years old; I have a brother who

Please bring me a tricycle, a choo-choo train, marbles and candy, fruits and nutr. Don't forget I really do like chewing gum. Hope you won't disappoint me and all the other boys and girls. Bye, bye Santa, I hope you have a Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year. Best wishes.

—Ben Melton, Rt. 3, Haskell, Texas.

P. S. Santa don't forget my

years old; I have a brother who is 10. But just in case you do come to our house I would like to have a pretty doll, iron, iron-board. My little brother would like a football, and some more things a boy might like. Our address is 300 S. Ave. M. We have a pretty tree nad will have the lights on so you can find the house. I hope you remember everybody.—I love you, Judy Collins.

P. S. Santa don't forget my sister and two living brothers. also mother and daddy.

Dear S.

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa Claus: I live in Haskel and am three

years old. Like to play all the

time. Would like for you to bring

me a John Deere tractor and

gether. Some candy, nuts, fruit

sin, Gwen who lives south of

an iron, ironing poard, cabinet

Also some candy, nuts and fruit.

I am a little boy seven years old. I would like a bed lamp, an army suit, a ranch set and any

thing else you would like to bring. I have a little sister, who

is nearly 3 years old She would like a doll buggy and cowgirl

Dear Santa:

hauler tractor-they come

Dear Santa:

We have been good little boys this year. My name is Ronnie and I'm 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a Teepee story book, tractor and I have a little brother named Dwight. He telephore and some trutt and I wants a rocking chair train a big doll, ironing board, iron, a livile brother named Dwight. He telephone, and some fruit and candy? Don't forget my grandmother and grand Andrews who live at Stephenville. Also my big sister Wanda Sue and all the other little boys and girls. I the other little boys and girls. I friends, Ronnie and Dwight Kinney. love you .- Doylene New, Rt. 3.

Dear Santa: I want to write you to let you know that I've changed my address. I now live in haskell in-trailer. Also bring me a dirt stend of Sweetwater.

I am 4 years old and I'm trying to change into a good girl. of all kinds. Don't forget my cou-I would like a cowboy suit. boots, (both black and white), a Rule in the country. She wants flachlight and a billfold.

I've got a boy friend and hope that you bring him some- Don't forget my Aunt Gene.thing nice. Re sura to stop and Love, Jerry Lynn Freeman, see me.—Your friend, Terry Lynn Bosley.

Dear Santa:.

have tried to be good. I would like little twin dolls for Christbrother a trievele and my his Love, Sandra Isbell. Suit.—Yours truly, Tommy and Diana Sue Hester.

#### Decline Noted In Violations of State Game Laws

AUSTIN.—The Chief Clerk of the Texas Game and Fish Com-mission said a 25% drop in law enforcement cases for November under the same month last year "probably shows better sportsmanship."

The total cases for November. 1950, was 443 with fines and court costs aggregating \$12,207.-58. The total for November, 1951 was 332 cases with fines and court costs aggregating \$10,055.-

The chief clerk observed that the decrease was shown despite an incrased number of enforcement officials and normally im-

proved law enforcement facili-ties over last fall.

"We hope the showing re-flects a better attitude among hunters and fishermen," said the chief clerk. "Of course, there still is room for improvement."

Items in the monthly arrest report for November include the usual violations:

a good little boy. He wants a tricycle, truck, ball and a little baby doll; also fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget other boys deer at night, 17; killing doves in four feet tall at the shoulder.

closed season, 12; pollution, 11 hunting from an automobile, 10; killing doe deer, 9; killing deer in closed season, 7; headlighting deer, 6; killing wild plover, 6; illegal shrimp trawl, 5; killing doves after or before legal hour, hunting with unplugged gun possession of deer with evidence of sex removed, 5; untag-ged deer, 3; killing squirrels in closed season, 3; killing doe an-telope, 3; netting in closed water, 3; shooting doves with rifle, 2 hunting on game preserve, 2; hunting after conviction, 2; exceeding bag limit on ducks, 2 refusing to show license, 1; killing spike buck deer, 1; and trapping quail, 1.

The average human heart reighs about 11 ounces.

A Chinese radish may weigh as much as 50 pounds.

Most of us spend one-third of our lives in bed and asleep.

Morning glories always close their blossoms before it rains.

In a sneeze, the expelled air travels about 100 miles an hour.

Beavers make mud pies, then scent them to advertise for a mate.

At birth, a baby giraffe is about



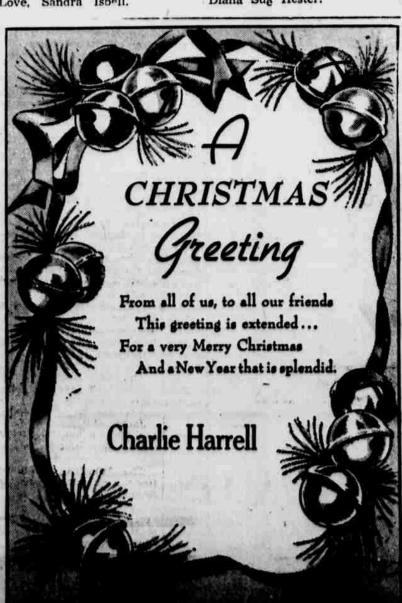


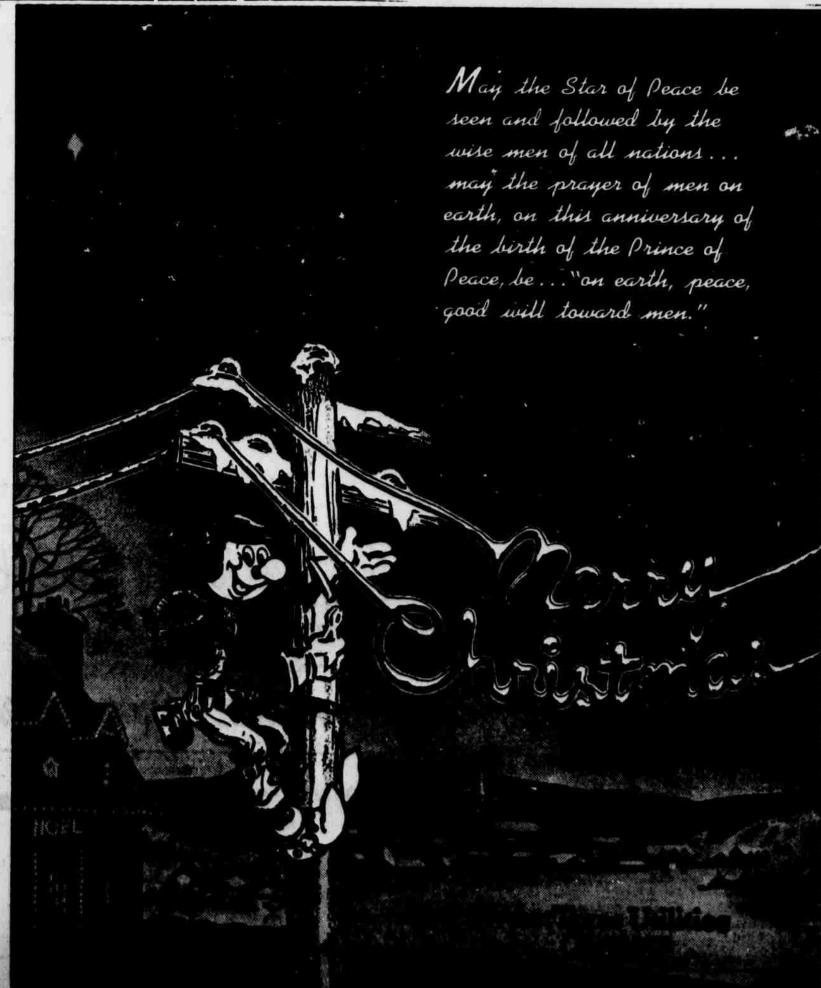


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#### LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus.

I would like to have a Bon- years old. We want a doll suit nie Braid dell and buggy. I'm case, iron, ironing board this going to hang my stocking so put some candy and nuts in it. Don't forget my brother, Jimmie, He war's a BB gun. -Your friend, Norma Sue White.

Case, Fron, froning board this year for Christmas, Bring nuts candy and fruit. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.—Your little friends, Penny and Joan Sparkman.

We are little girls 5 and Joan Sparkman.



for

May the joyful hours of Christmas overflow with good cheer and happiness for all our friends

J. D. TYLER GROCERY

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good little boy 2 years old. Please bring me a cowboy doll, truck, tractor and anything else you have for me, and don't forget my brother, Butch. Remember my grandparents and all my cousins; and all other boys and girls. Fill my sock up with some fruit, nuts and candy. Bye Santa, Bobby White.
P. S. Don't forget my dog.

Sandy.

Dear Santa Claus.: I am looking for you again this year. Can you bring me a pair of leather chaps, two guns please bring me fireworks, nuts with holsters, a wrist watch and and oranges and apples? I am in maybe a pool table, too? I have third grade at school in the state of t been as good as a real boy can be and I am now starting on my fifth year of not missing Sunday

My brother Brian wants a dirt truck a Lazy Dazy Farm and a plug-in choo choo. Please don't forget the stocking stuff, too.

your friend, Lon Dennis McMillin.

Dear Santa: I will write to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a sewing kit and a toy sewing machine. I want a Spectacular Tin-tair doll 14 inches tall. My sister wants one of those doll; wrapped in a blanket and 14 inches tall. Clayton Wayne wants Mickset. Curtis wants a blackboard, spot aboard an ocean liner. They also want a wagon and sale barn truck, James Dalton wants these winter vacationers are the a football, I will close for now pace-setters for the spring and and write you again next Christ- summer fashions of the season to

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 4 years old.
I have tried to be a good boy.
Santa please bring me a gun
and holster set, footbell, army tank and anything else you have for me. Don't forget my cousin and grandparents, and all other boys and girls, Please fill my stocking with fruit, nuts candy. - Your friend, Butch White.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa: Will you bring me a cash register with money in it. Will you please bring me fireworks, nuts

Weinert, - Love, Raymond Lee Walker...

Dear Santa: Please bring me a few toys fruit and some candy. I try to help my mother all I can.—Your litle friend.-Mikey Campbell.

#### Winter Vacationers Weiner:, Texas Preview Newest In Spring Fashions

Even though the majority of women must suffer winter winds and snows at home, they have reason to be keenly interested in the activities of their more fortunate sisters who are escaping Mouse airplane and tractor the cold at some sunny resort

The fashions being worn by Use The Free Press Want Ads For Results mas. Your friends, Dalton, Curtise and resort fashions show what the designers have up their sleeves in the way of new fabrics and new fashions for the warmer days ahead.

Spring is going to be a bright season for cottons, judging from the beautiful collection of smart cottons now being seen at resorts.

the newest and most One glamorous of the new cottons is an ensemble of separate created by A de Grab. For this outfit, the uses a fresh new cot-ton called "Tuck-a-ho," a fabric pleated round and round for a s riking co. ct. With the pleated cotton, Nelly de Grab styles a at, full like so many flattering ... of the no designs and a simple off-he-she der blouse banded at the need me in a centrasting dark shade.

Denims are back in the fashion picture with more zip than ever in the cruise and resort lines. There are wrinkle-resistant denims, and denims with a dobby weave smong these sturdy cottons. A stunning sun dress is designed by Jacques Simpson in a combination of striped and solid denims. For the full skirted sun dress, with its narrow-strapped bodice, he uses a striped denim that is sive to catch the eye. He tops the bare bodice with a becoming stole in a harmon-izing solid color.

A sundress with a high fashion future is done by Cole of California in a luscious mauvegeorgatte. The focal pint of this glamorous style is its cowl halter neckline. The neckline can be converted into a one - strap design or worn strapless. The back is mantletex elasticized cotton, which clasps tightly for perfect fit, and the

skirt is gently flaring Another Cole design in a cotton sun frock of the cont-dress type. The gathered bod'en has a bow, in the center, and from there a row of buttons marches all the way down the hemline. This sundress also has a fitted matletex back, with shoulder straps above it forming on X crossing.

A cotton suit designed be Jeri Holmes promises to be one of the most popular and versatile costumes of the season. The apron circle skirt and apron diskey are done in a red and white boucle cotton check. A premow waist length jacket is designed in white barathea, and at the jacket shoulder is worn a flower in the same red and white boucle checked cotton.

A crisp new everglaze collect with the swish of taffeta make a charming all-purpose dres- in a design by Marcy Lee of Dallas. This "shirtfrock" has a with spread collar, short sleeves and a wide skirt. A row of min ' crystal buttons goes from collar to belt. As washable as any cotton, this "tafadot" comes in attractive shades of aqua, purple bright copper navy, and char-

From California designer Addie Masters comes a cruise dress with a gay, festive air. Her dewith a gay, festive air. Her design is a two-piece ensemble, consisting of a navy sheath in fine cotton topped by an overdress in lively almond white dot print on a navy ground. The overdress features the new waist deep slashed armholes, a molded midriff, and a cascading skirt with a brilliant red to add a splash of color. splash of color.

The Baltimore and Ohio was the first railroad in the United

James Buchanan was the only bachelor to become president of the United States.

The American Submarine was first used during the American Revolution.

Henry Clay in credited with saying "I'd rather be right than president".

Only once in the history of the United States (1835) has this country been entirely free from

BOX OFFICE OPENS 1:45 P. CONTINUOUS SHOWING DA

LAST TIMES MONDAY Take Care Of My Little

NEWS REEL - COLOR CARTOON

Jeanne CRAIN

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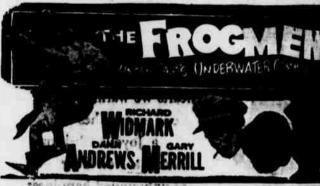
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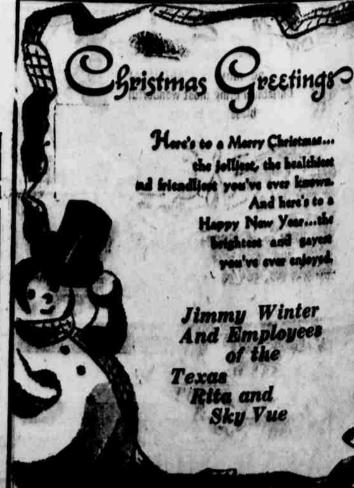


NEWS REEL — COLOR CARTOON

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRE-VUE BOX OFFICE OPENS 11:30 P. M.



SPECIAL SELECTED SHORTS





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ND ALL OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR. R and D DRIVE INN Stamford Highway







#### Dorothy Boys Kilian

The clock struck nine as Nola un gihe last bauble on the ung the last bauble on the Without even stepping back to admire the finished effect she went to the front window and peered out. A cold white moon illumined a cold white earth. She shivered. How lonely she had been in this tiny, quiet vil-

When she had written Jim two months before that she was being evicted from their apartment in Chicago he had answered, "I'm hoping against hope to be home from occupation dutiy in time for Christmas, and I can't think of any place more perfect than Pineville to spend the holidays and my terminal leave. Remember my telling you what happy summers I spent there as a child, and how I'd always want to see it in winter? Do investigate this as a Christmas present for me,

So she had come here and found a house. But somehow she felt that the villagers had ignored her as an outsider.

And now it was Christmas Eve "He's not going to make it and that's that," Nola thought miserably. She knew that he had land-



"It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. My wife thought I'd better take you over."

I will be looking for you Christmas I have tried to be a good little girl. Please bring me some house shoes, doll bed, ring some house shoes, dolls. Thank you. ome twin dolls. Thank you. Janet Hannsz.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old. I have tried to be a good girl so will you please bring me a bicycle, doll and a big box of cravons. Also bring my little brothers, Sammy and Jimmy a bicycle.
Army set and football. Also lots of fruits, nuts and candy.-Sandra Kay Larned.

P. S .- Please be good to all th ther little boys and girls.

Dear Santa Claus: I am two years old and would like for you to bring me a doll, piano, and a telephone. I have been very good. Please don't for-get my little sister and brother. Your friend—Karen J. Thomas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am five years old and would like for you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy, set of dishes, and a telephone. I have been a very good girl. Please don't forget the other little girls and boys. Your friend.-Harel J. Jones.

We are a little boy and girl four and eleven years old. We haven't lone very many means things this year so we are looking for you to visit us. Please bring Larry a bow and arrow and a play barn with animals and a set of guns and spurs. I want some tennis shoes. want you to surprise me with the other things. Oh, yes, I want a manicure set, 'oo. Yours truly. -Sharon and Larry Caddell.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a pretty doll and a suit case, and also bring a pedal tractor for my little brother, Leslie Dale, and some fruit, nuts and candy. And please don't forget our Grandma and all the other little boys and girls. Your little friend—Karen Ann Wittenborn.

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm seven years old and would like a white or brown football and gun and a holster for Christmas this year.

Bring candy, nuts and fruit, too. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Your friend — Curtis

The first blood transfusion, according to record, was given to pope Innocent VIII in 1492.

ed at San Francisco 'bree days before and had been trying desperately to get a seat on a train or plane.

The telephone rang. "There's stay with your little boy Hurry or little boy Hurry or plane."

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Mrs. West, down here at the rug store. Very important." "Yes?" Nola breathed. "Chicago, 8 P. M. Am catch-

ey"—powdered her nose and put up to the little depot.
on her fur coat and boots.
"We made it!" Nola cried ex-

ing train. Get off Shoreham five miles east of Pineville 10 P. M. The garage door stuck in its love Jim."

Nola leaned heavily against the wall and stared at the phone.

"Mrs. West, are you there?"

Mr. Trotter, the druggis, sound
ey—powdered her hose and put of the fittle depot.

"We made it!" Nola cried exultingly. "Come on." She held open the door.

But Dock muttered. "I'll stay here and keep my feet warm."

Now the huge black engine whoever you are—thanks,"

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"Whoever you are—thanks," Jim answered. "It's people like"

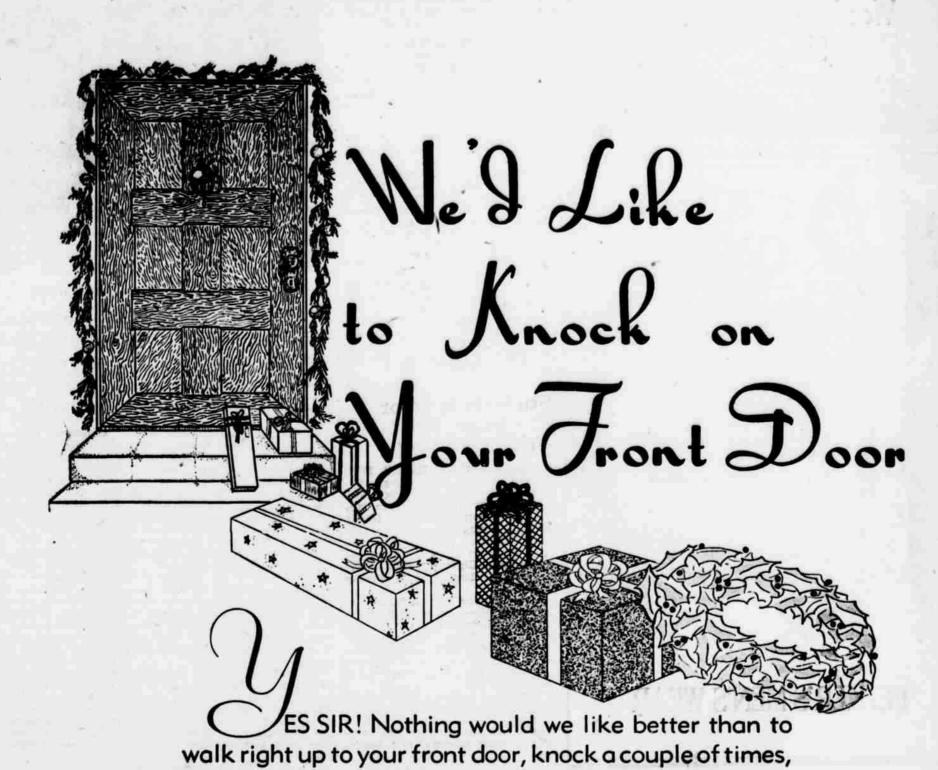
just now how how I dreaded

"Oh, darling, darling, darling, Nola's heart throbbed as she felt once more the tthrilling warmth

that word.

freezing me "Christmas Eve," softly as they squeezed in "You beside me, cur a few miles away, and a Christmas card place like Pineville to welcome us. Don't love it there, darling?"

Nola glanced at Doc of Mrs. Trotter and "Yes, Jim, I do, she



We are grateful for the Holiday Season now with us, as it affords us an opportunity to express the friendly words and thoughts that have accumulated during the passing of the year.

and say to you personally, "Merry Christmas." Un-

fortunately, we cannot do this, so we take this means

of expressing our Season's Greetings to our friends.

Each year we realize more fully that friendships are what make life worth living and we like to feel there is a spirit of friendship underlying our relations with customers. So, to you, as a friend, we feel doubly obligated to show our appreciation.

At this Christmastide may we rededicate ourselves to a greater service to our community, to help enrich our own lives and those with whom we come in contact. Merry Christmas!

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#### Weinert Matrons Club Has Annual Christmas Party

The Weinert Matrons Club met Thursday night for the annual Christmas Party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Weinert at 7:00 P. M. The members entertained their husbands with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings,

After the dinner everyone drew for partners in games of Canasta and "42". When the games were finished, the group gathered around a beautifuly decorated Christmas tree and exchanged

Members attending: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monke, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Coggins, Mrs G. C. Newsom, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bartell, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Reid, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winchester, Rev. and Mrs. Temple Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mayfield Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Bill King, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oman, Mr. and Mrs. R. H Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Childress, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Guess, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Weinert, Miss Jew Williams and, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Miller of Alabama, who came as the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bartell.

#### Students Sponsor Christmas Ball Friday Evening

Complimenting Haskell High School students and college studen's home for the holidays, Misses Patsy Turnbow, Ann Mc-Farlin, Delores Burnett, Roslia McCall, Diane Clare, Bessie Mae Chamberlain, Shirley Henshaw and Betty Jo Herren were hostesses for a Christmas Ball at the American Legion Hall Friday evening.

The interior of the large auditorium was attractively decorated throughout with the Christmas theme predominating, with lighted candles in the windows and refreshment tables and applique.

Wev. and wirs, riayes smith, who margie Tules, Monty Martin, Alwin with lighted throughout with the Rule. Mrs. Hines' wedding dress Odessa; Tomaline Hines, Lubbock; Pamela and Andera Beard, in white satin seed pearls and dows and refreshment tables and applique.

Dale Lynn, Jeffery Lane Dunlap, Alwin with lighted Christmas the windows and refreshment tables and applique. dows and refreshment tables and applique.
a lighted Christmas tree giving The Hineses were married added beauty.

Recorded music was Cokes and cookies were served officiating. than 125 guests, including stu- ney



MR. AND MRS. WILL HINES

#### Mr. and Mrs. Will Hines Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary In Rule Home

Willis Hines of O'Brien, Mrs. R.
D. Greene, Abilene; Mrs. A.
Carter of Los Angeles, sister of Mrs. Conward Beard, Haskell Mrs. Hines, and granddaughters, Barbara Hines and Margie Lynn.
The table was laid with lace

Mrs. Cecil Hines, Odes-

Dec., 1901, in her home at Clifton with the Rev. C. P. Smith Cokes and cookies were served officiating. Attendants were throughout the evening to more Ethel Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Bar-Arthurs, and Rufus Gres- Haskell, ham, who attended the celebra- Sweetwater, Midland,

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hines, Has- They are active members of kell County pioneers, celebrated the Rule Methodist Church. Mr. their golden wedding annvier- Hines has retired from his life's sary at their home, three and work of farming. He is the son one-half miles southwest of of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hines of Clifton.

In the houseparty were Mrs. Children and their families H. H. Hines, Mrs. Homer Hines attending included Mr. and Mrs. of Rotan; Mrs. H. A. Hines, Mrs. Herbert Hines, Mr. and Mrs. L.

over gold and held a three-tiered wedding cake, decorated in gold. Some 200 guests attended.

Mrs. Hines is the former Lena Smith, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Hayes Smith, who Midland. Unable to attend were grandsons, Charles and Delwin Hines, who are in the service. Guests attended from Hamlin, Rochester, Seymour Sagerton Rotan.

#### HOSPITAL NOTES

Relatives and friends are re-juested to observe the following schedule of the visiting hours: 9 to 10:30 a. m.; afternoon, 3 to 4:00 o. m.; evening, 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

Registered as patients in the ospital Saturday morning were: Mrs. Henrietta Perrin, medica. Haskell.

Mrs. Jack Medford, medical, Mrs. B. B. Wooldridge, medi-

cal, Old Glory.
A. E. Tyler, Jr., medical, Ro Mrs. Jim Sloan, medical, Has-

Mrs. Haskell. Theo Burson, fracture, Haskell. Mrs. Ella Kendricks, medical, laskell.

Joe Acastro, accident, Rochester. O. B. Harrell, medical, Thalia. Bobby Jetton, medical, Haskell. Mrs. O .W. Tooley, surgery,

A. V. Branch, medical, Goree Mrs. B. W. Clifton and infant son, Abilene.

Mrs .John A. Lee, medical, Rule Mrs. A. H. Edwards and infant daughter, Abilene. Mrs. M. R. Crawford, medical Haskell.

John A. Lee, surgery, Rule. B. F. Cowley, accident, Haskell. DISMISSED:

Joe Stulir, Weinert; Peggy Da-vis, Haskell; Mrs. Brooks Middle-ton and infant son, Haskell; Mrs. W. M. Pitts and infant son, Rule.

A jackass rarely brays with his tail down.

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



Haskell County Nat'l Farm Loan W. H. McCandless, Sec.-Treas. Ruby Smith, Assistant

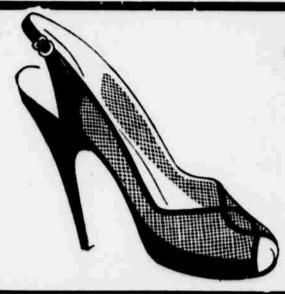
#### Courtney Hunt INCOME TAX SERVICE

It is now time to begin thinking about your 1951 come Tax Return. New laws are now in effect, many chan have been made, but the Government expects you to advantage of every legal deduction which can be subst tiated.

Every person whose income for 1951 was \$600, or m must file a return. We would like to render you the serv of making your return. We believe the service we rend will pay you in the saving of money, time and worry, you will find our charges reasonable.

# anyway LOOK at it 100 CANT BEAT THESE VALUES recentation and the contraction of the contraction 1c SHOE SALE

**BEGINNING THURSDAY MORNING DEC. 27** 



ONE **GROUP** 

\$6.95 to \$9.95 values Your Choice Only

\$4.89

All shoes from the Stamford store which will go on sale will be brought to the Haskell store and there will be hundreds of pairs to select from. Any type size, kind or color can be found. Every shoe will be a real value at these prices. We will have shoes on sale suitable for casual or dress wear.

ONE GROUP

\$9.95 to \$14.95 values Your Choice Only

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IN OUR

**SEMI-ANNUAL** 



\$3.99

Buys your choice of this group of shoes which are regularly priced from \$2.99 to \$10.95 and you get an

Extra Pair For Only --

Two pair for only \$4.00. Come bring a friend or get a pair for yourself. This is an opportunity for real savings.





THE BOOTERIE

East Side of Square Haskell, Texas



### Dashing

Luke tells our story today.

In it you will find the most authentic history, the purest prose and the most perfect poetry telling the story of our Lord's birthday. We quote it here exactly as written so long ago in the hope that some one might across this page who not otherwise read it.

1 And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was gov-

ernor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. from Galilee, out of the city of were laughing all the way as the Nazareth, into Judes, unto the whole bus load of us drove over 4 And Joseph also went up city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of Da-

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were

Christmas Cheer

We pen this greeting to you, our

friends, with the deepest hope that

the tranquility of Christmas will live

with you and your loved ones for

HASKELL

**PHARMACY** 

many, many years.

George Hauser

accomplished that she should be A Message From

delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the latch

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

9 And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear Not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great

joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this vior, which is Christ the Lord.

"Dashing through the snow In a one hoss open sleigh." Our open sleigh turned out to be a big steam heated bus with sound effect, but we certainly town singing carols last Thurs-

day evening. We were a little bit sad when we stopped and went into that big lobby at the hospital, but we hope the message of these Christmas carols reached some one who was ill and in pain. We know that Mrs. O. W. Tooley enjoyed it for she had her chair placed in the hall and looked on while we sang.

Miss Doris Chapman was our director, Steve Sloan was our driver and Mom and Mrs. Mc-Farlin were the chaperons who went along. And what an end to a beautiful evening to stop at First Baptist Church annex for the best hot chocolate, cookies sandwiches ever tested serby ladies of the local hes. A special thanks to them and to Mrs. Jerri Cox for your story so beautifully told of "Christmas on the Plains."

And did you hear the colored choir sing in downtown Haskell last evening? Their soft, rich voices blending so naturally in perfect harmony and with that matchless melody that seems to be a part of their race, for they sing as if it were a litany tuned to the heart throb of all humanity.

To all the men and women in Service - on land, on sea, in air - wherever you are - Korea Japan, China, - some Army camr or island outpost, we wish for you, in behalf of all Haskell, a sax and happy Christmas with an ardent prayer for a very Merry Christmas back home in 1952.

Merry Christmas, everybody. Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 7 years old and in the 2nd grade. Please bring me a doll, bluebird suit, house coat and bouse shoes. San-ta, please be good to all little girls and boys and Merry Xmas

Dear Santa Claus: I've been a pretty good boy this year and I wish you would bring me a cowboy hat, some guns and caps for my guns.
Santa be good to all my little
friends and I hope everyone a
Merry Xmas.—Love, Tony Carl

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a train that blows smoke and whis les and that uncouples. Please bring my little sister, 2 years old, a train, too. I would like to have a western ranch set too. Prissy would like to have a doll. I have been a pretty good boy. Love been a pretty good hoy.—Love Joseph Thigpen.

hangs out.

omeday perhaps you might come this way and need our western hospitality.

-indness don't cost a thing and we're long on that if short on money. E-ver decide to head this way

just saddle up and hit the trail. et us be the first to shake your hand and say, "Welcome Stranger.'

ive and let live among friends is the motto to all comers.

-ould be that you plan just t visit a while in our city. -owever, we hope you will call it home after seeing what we have to offer.

lways ready to lend a helping hand to anyone seeking a new location. M-aybe we don't have what you

are looking for at first. B—ut let us know what you want and we'll do our best to obven it if be a home, business

location or otherwise. emember it is our duty to go all of the way to find what you need.

O-ften we are reminded of other places that would do but lit--or a stranger when he drove into their town.

-ases like this are really uncalled for and

-ften result in someone moving on down the road to another location.

M-uch has been done here in the past few years
-aking the town capable of the

needs of a growing population -specially are we proud of our churches, schools and civic development. est assured that your welfare

onstantly we are looking for new ways to improve our town. -ventually we hope to lead the field in this land of opportun-

is uppermost in our thoughts.

— Rex Felker, Manager Haskell C of C

#### WHS Junior Class Sponsors Theatre Party Dec. 21

The Junior Class of Weinert High School sponsored a theatre party Friday night, Dec. 21. Members of the class had exchanged gifts earlier. They pre-sented their sponser, R. S. Sand-ers, with his present, a tan nylon

shirt, Friday morning in class.

Members of the class include Diema Lewis, Joella Weinert, Jack-Commerce

-owdy pardner,
-m writing to tell you the latch string on our door always

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-owd Pills Pown, Jimmie Felton, Edna Alexander, Viviene Jenkins, Pearl Brown, Daniel Hill, Jerry Jetton, Kenneth Owens, Melvin Vojufka, Donny Yandell, Charles Ray Hix. and Billy Ray Anderson.

> During the first year of the Korean war more than 70 million pounds of high explosives were dumped on enemy troops and positions by UN naval forces.



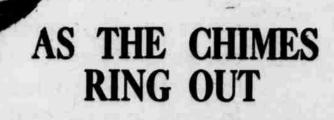
It is said that good things come in threes, then accept our wishes for Good Health, Good Luck and Good Cheer for Christmas and the coming New Year.

> Kirkpatrick Beauty Shop









Reminding us of the yuletide holidays and we pause to enjoy this season of good will, thoughts go back through the year to those it has been our privilege to serve.

We want you to know that we sincerely appreciate your friendship, loyalty and patronage and wish for you and yours

And Happiness Through

Out The Coming Year

Pogue's Grocery & Market



MARKET POULTRY & EGG CO. A. T. BALLARD, Manager



To our many friends, whose good will and loyalty have contributed so much to the pleasure of every day business, we send these sincere greetings for happiness this Christmas and prosperity for the coming year. Payne Cotton Co.



"They wrapped the babe in swaddling clothes"—And so it was at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Dallas when Donna Cogburn, nine years old, of Abilene and seven-year-old Stanley Galetka of Ennis set up the Nativity Scene in preparation for the Christmas

Stich Lovely

By John Scott Douglas

Fred Dobson plugged in the string of lights and then stood back to admire the blue and red consideration for his neighbors Fred Dobson plugged in the and green candle globes on the Christmas tree. Ellen left the table she was setting to study the

"Nice little tree, Fred, Seems : shame, though, not to be sharing it with someone. This was our

And then she stopped, and her face, still pretty in middle age grew pink. Fred knew she'd beer year to have the Robbins to Christmas dinner. Every year since their children had married and left they had either entertained their neighbors or had been their guests.

But now, by mutual consent, the quarrel with the Robbins was not mentioned. It was characteristic of Ellen not to blame Fred. And that took forbearance because Martha Robbins had been her dearest friend.

Ellen sighed. "Goodness! the turkey must be almost ready!"

which had started because of a had started to build a fence to keep the dog out of the Dobson's garden. Fred thought the fence was a foot within his own property line, and jokingly said so. Tom had laughed, "Who's pay-

"I'll pay half," Fred had caid "if you'll buy the strip you're us-

The joke, within a matter of about to say that it was their days, had taken on an edge, and then they gave up speaking. No larger did they fish and hunt together, or play in their usual Saturday foursomes

By then, beginning to fume at Tom's high-handedness, Fred had his property surveyed, only to



rake. Lifting the smoul tree with the tines, he hurled t out onto the snewy lawn.

discover that his garden had in reality extended onto his neigh-bor's property. The fence was where it belonged.

Fred wanted to apologize, but every time he stepped outside, marked into 'he house. Within a matter of seconds,

Fred was too busy to think of the

quarrel. The little Christmas tree was on fire and crackling fiercescreamed, "Fire! help help!" And then, snatching up the hall run-ner he'd been planning to replace, he knocked over the tree

and began beating out the flames.

Behind him Tom called, "Stay with it, pal—I'll get something"

He was back in a moment with a rake. Lifting the smoldering tree with the tines, he hurled it onto the snowy lawn.

Martha Robbins had appeared by then. Seeing Ellen staring daz-edly at the cloud of smoke and the blackened wall where the tree had stood, she opened the win-dows and then slipped her arm around Ellen's shoulders. around Ellen's shoulders.

"Poor dear! And just when you were sitting down to your Christmas dinner. After the smoke has thinned out, this room will be freezing. You and Fred are having dinner with us."

Ellen looked happy but flustered. "But this was our year-"
"Nonsenge!" Tom said heartily. "We'll eat with you next year." "That will be swell," Fred said,

When they started Martha Robbins' bountiful dinner, there was was soon joking about Fred's "high forehead," and Fred was asking Tom if he'd considered selling his hair to a wire-brush

factory.

As they said hearty farewells later, Tom remarked, "Can't say I'm sorry about that fire. We've sure missed you folks."

"And it was all my fault." Fred

said. "I was wrong about—"
"Aw, forget it," Tcm interrupt-When they reached home, Fred looked at the blackened wall speculatively. "No real damage done, Ellen. A coat of paint w

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Betty Grable and Dan Dailey as though their wish won't come share the stellar billing in 'My true, It does, though, and multiply, when two sources of adoptions and the stellar billing to the stellar by Century-Fox musical in color by tion come through just when the Technicolor showing at the Tex-

For the stars it is the third joint appearance. Sgether and apart they have established themselves as tops in their trade and an offering in which they co-star can be hailed as an event of considerable importance.

"My Blue Heaven," taking its title and story cues from the favorite old song by Wal er Doncerns itself with the efforts of a celebrated husband and wife 'eam of radio entertainers (Miss Grable and Mr. Dailey) to have themselves a family. "And baby makes three" is their theme, but, when it proves that they can't have their own and efforts at

as Tuesday, Wednesday and own after all.
Thursday.

Thursday.

This warm and human story unusual for a musical, is set against the bright, modern pace against the bright, modern pace of radio-television production. When the Morans decide to go into TV to take their mind off their personal disappointment.

"My Blue Heaven" becomes the first major movie to show fans the inside as well as the outside and cadmium (a by-product of a byaldson and George Whiting, con- of television operation, and the

> Some of the musical numbers the music and Ralph Blane the music are music and Ralph Blane the music and Ralph Blane the music and Ralph Blane the anese," Arbingast pointed out. words, are "The Friendly island maiden and Dan the "South Pacific" in which Betty assumes the dark hair of an isand maiden and Dan booming voice of basso Pinza; "Don't Rock the Boat on the Houston Ship Channel, Dear," a flip, harmony tune done by the stars; a holiday song, "Hallowe'en," performed by the stars and the featured David Wayne; "Cosmo Cosmetics," offered by the 19 year old promising newcomer from light channels. Chemical Company is now carrying on research in west Texas to discover whether sub-surface brines of that sectors. ics," offered by the 19 year old promising newcomer from light opera and ballet, Mitzi Gaynor; and "Live Hard, Work Hard, Love Hard," blues number danced by Dailey. Also the prolific sophisticated score "I Love a New Yorker," "It's Deductible," and "What a Man." Billy Daniel staged the musical numbers, Seymour Felix the "Friendly Islands" dance.

Seymour Felix the "Friendly Islands" dance.

Along with David Wayne and Mitzi Gaynor, Jane Wyatt is prominent in the non-musical supporting cast, and others are veteran comedienne Una Merkel; beloved Louise Beavrs; and Laura Pierpoint, Lamar Trotti and Claude Binyon wrote the screen Claude Binyon wrote the screen play from a story by S. L. Lau-ren and Henry Koster directed the Sol C. Siegel production.

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Every motorist has a real reason for careful and safe driving right now-for some time during December the one-millionth fatality is due to occur. This prediction is based on the present rate of highway deaths in the United States.

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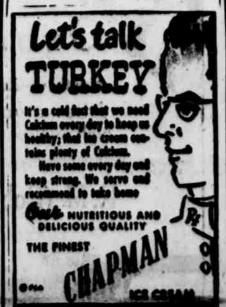
green ones. 9. Be careful that no train is tracks.

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SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN SNYDER

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#### Output of Texas Metals Shows Big Gain In Decade

A spectacular increase in Tex-as' output of metals has been witnessed in the past 10 years, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

Wide diversity of metals produced in the State is cited by Stanley A. Arbingast, Bureau assistant director, in an article on "Metals Industries in Texas"

entertainment simulated as of indium, gold, silver and other class few video viewers are accustomed to.

Some of the musical numbers of the cause of the simulated as of indium, gold, silver and other metals are recovered during certain smelting operations, but these recoveries are minor.

"It was announced this year that two plants to process and con-centrate this valuable ferro-alloy would be built in the State, one the by the Tenn-Tex Alloy and Ezio Chemical Corporation, at a site



QUESTIONS

1—Who was Kris Kringle? 3-What does the name Kris Kringle mean? 3-Who wrote the first Christ-

mas Carols? When? 4-What superstition had the Scotch about the Christmas can-

5-By what other name is m

6-Where did the custom kissing under the mistletoe be

7-When were Christmas can dles first used? 8-How long has the practice of

gift giving at Christmas been 9-How did the custom of hanging Xmas stockings originate?

10-Why are candles used during the Christmas season? ANSWERS

ANSWERS

ANSWERS:

1. Santa Claus' helper, 2. "Little Christ Child", 3. St. Francis et Assissi and his friars—in Italy—during the 13th century, 4. It was considered an omen of bad fortune it the candle went out before midnight. 5. The Golden Bough, 6. England, 7. In the middle ages—at the Jewish "Feast of Lights," 8. Since the fourth century, 9. St. Nick once dropped a purse of coins down the chimney of a poor family, It landed in a stocking that had been hung to dry, 10. As symbols of the star of Bethlehem.



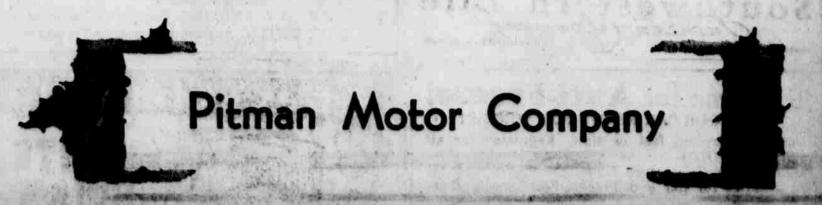






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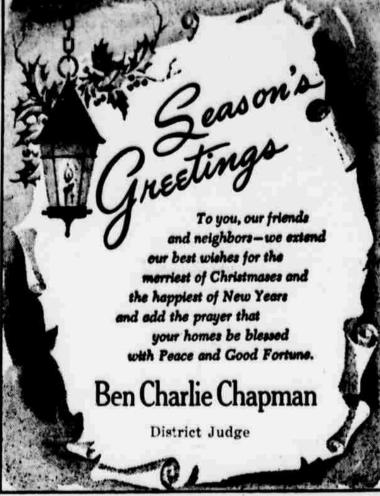
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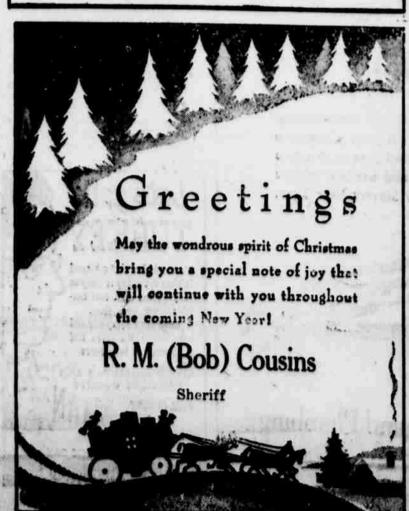
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# Jeason's Greetings



As carolers give voice to the Christmas Spirit with hymns and beautiful ballads so do we humbly give voice to our appreciation of your year 'round friendship and loyalty. A Joyous Yuletide Season to one and all.

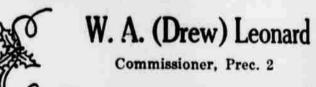
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BIARD'S CLEANERS



#### By Shirley Sargent

The small kitten called Tupid watched preparations for Christmas dully. Only 3 middle boy, one Archie Raymond, noticed his apathy. The true, in all its green splendor, stood tall in the living room bedecked with an increasing number of ornaments.

"Careful," Marcia Raymond ad-monished her son sharply, "Don't hang those big balls down so low. The kitten will break them."

Gently Archie lifted them to a higher bough, drawing in the pungent scent of the pine. Only he saw that the kitten walked slowly under the tree unaware of the boughs tickling her furry back. His youngest brother had named the roly-poly butterscotch kitten. Tupid. Young Billy was easily aroused to fits of anger. His favorite expression, under stress, was a lisped, "You 'tupid. you big 'tupid."

Archie, his ten-year-old brother, Joe, and his parents laughed at the little boy's wrath and, because the kitten was slower than the others in the litter, they named him, most affectionately,

"Archie" \*\*-- Raymond was flurried from the excitement "That blue globe is much too low. Tupid will get it. I don't doubt." she added persimistically "that we will lose half our globes."

Archie could see that Tunid had no interest either in the swavins boughs or the brilliant-colored fragile balls. For two days Tunid had wandered carelessly about the house and --- He wasn't playful or friendly and he had stopped purring. Only Archie sensed that the kitten was lone-



some for his sisters and brothers and his mother. At first there had been four balls of fur and a proud old allev cat mother. As they grew, they had become playful pattering swiftly through the house. But now they were all gone, including the mother. Just Tupid was left to keep. Even the black imp. with shee-button even black imp with shoe-button eve had been given away. Tar Baby, who had been the boss of the litter, had been gone barely two days and Tupid missed him.

"Well," his father's voice boomed again, as he climbed down the Christmas Eve. Come here, Joe Archie, you too Billy. I want you

to see this fine tree."

LADY IN RED!



Lucky the bull that enters the Lucky the buil that enters the ring with this goodlooking matador! Pretty Arlene Dahl, popular MGM star. wears an eye-catching bull-fighting costume of bright red cotton velveteen. (Don't worry, fellas—Arlene just donned the velveteen bullfighting costume to accommodate the Mexican Tourist

ring of the doorbell.

A rush of cold air came in as station. Mr. Raymond flung open the door "My father says I can't keep the like that of dehydrated alfalfa. kitten," Gerald Parks recited au- The dark green color indicates a tomatically, close to tears, "I high carotent or Vitamin A con-have to give it back because i' tent, researchers note. gives my father hay fever." Ger-ald went out in another rush of frosty air, but not before Mrs Raymond had pressed a fat candy cane into his mittened hand.

Tar Baby huddled in the middle of the floor. "Watch it, boys,"
Mr .Raymond warned, "Let's jus" watch him. He feels strange here now; he'll be all right in a while"

Archie saw Tupid jump from the sofa with a purr of delight Tupid circled and smelled at the plack kitten until he was satis-'ied. Then his tongue flicked ou to lick the kitten. Tupid's paws caressed him as his tongue washed him. The black kitten stood passive, as Tupid showered his pent-up love on him.

"Thay, mommy," Billy lisped kissing him, isn't he? "Um," Mrs. Raymond agreed. "Tar Baby's Tupid's Christmas present."

Mr. Raymond's eyes swept his sons' awe\_struck faces. "No," he said firmly, "He's our Christma present.'

The milk production of a cov is reduced more rapidly by talittle water than by anything else

The tallest tree in the world an eucalyptus in a national parl near Sydney, Australia, is 57 feet tall.

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ly palatable to cattle, and tests are planned in different types of blazed, illumined by the strings livestock and poultry rations. A feed manufacturer has ordered of lighted balls The magic mo- several tons for testing, in addiment was shattered by the sharp tion to the official experiments being conducted at the Texas

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e good reason. Q. Will donating blood change menatrual cycle-make me

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Johnson assumed this duty in July, 1950 after returning from a tour of Japan, where he was also the weather officer. Johnson entered the Air Corps in 1943 after attending Mardin-Simmons University. He receivferred to Europe where he com-pleted 10 missions as a B-17

Johnson returned from Europe nd attended the Weather Ofas then shipped overseas to Ja-

Capt. Johnson, his wife Vivian M., and their daughter and son Paula Janice and Gary Douglas, reside at 1703 N. Wharton St., Sherman, Texas.

The Navy has authorized three tattle stars for the Korean Ser-vice ribbon: North Korean Aggression; Communitst Chinese Aggression and Inchon Landing



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cholas. Bishop of Myra. to have been a saint of irue and piety.

May the spirit of happiness and good will

the many years to come. A Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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home and bless your loved ones for

that fills this season live in your

who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper whie they were en route to school in Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a vision, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayers and also forced the murthe patron saint of derer to confess his crime to when he restored to authorities.

Section Two

Elaht Pages

#### THE HASKELL FREE PRESS

Volume Sixty-Five Haskell Haskell County, Texas, Thursday, December 27, 1951 No. 52

#### LETTERS TO SANTA

501 N. Ave. D.

Dear Santa:

am a little boy four years other boys and girls.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl six years old. My name is Gayle Carter. and fruits. Don't forget my little and a small bag of nuts. Love.—
brother, Billy Ross, Love.—ShaGayle Carter. ron Marr.

Dear Santa:

some airplanes. Remember to go and see all the other boys and girls.—Crawford Allison.

Tactor and other boys and tricia Thompson.

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa Claus: me a tricycle, tractor and police P. S. Please send me a gun that car. I have been good and want shoots smoke rings, and a poco you to visit all the good boys chair. and girls.-Chris Allison

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa: I'm a little girl six years old I am 7 years old and go to And under the tree I would like and have been a good little girl school in the first grade. My very much to find two guns and all year. You can ask my Mom- grades have been very good, so scabbards and a Daisy air rifle, the first Christmas cards ever mie and Daddy. I want for I would like for you to bring Christmas a bicycle, filling station, BB gun, cash register, record player, Panda bear, boy doll, play money, lots of nuts and refrigerator truck, electric train, fruits and coconuts and anything house shoes. Thank you, Dear else I might like. Santa please be Santa Claus.-Linda Kay Hardy, good to all other little boys and girls and don't forget any one. Your friend .-- Jerry Lynn Starks.

I'm afraid I've been a bad Please come see me. My Momboy all year. I try to mind but mie works and I am four years it doesn't come very easy. I old. Bring Judy some toys and will try very hard to be a good candy. She is my two-year-old boy if you'll bring me an electric sister. We live with Doyle Ray rain.—Billy Ray McFarlin.
P. S. Please remember the son at 303 Ave D.—Joe and Judy Lasher.

Dear Santa:

have been a pretty good little am a little girl of 7 years old. I girl. Please bring me a black- want a nurse set and a cash board that makes a desk and a register for Christmas. I want a doll and plenty of nuts, candy box of chocolate covered candy,

Dear Santa:

We want you to come soon. It is just a month until you want a bicycle and a bluebird come with gifts. I am four. I would like a fcotball and a jeep Don't forget the boys and girls and candy. Come see my Gran- in Germany. Love. - Linda ny Wilson and Bob and Bertie, Lackey.

Please send me a Doctor's and Rule. Texas Nurse's set and a Cocoa Cola cet. My name is Barry O'Neal, 702 I would like for you to bring North Ave. H, Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a wind-I have been a pretty good boy, up train and station for Christ-Please bring me a pair of guns mas. Also some fruits, nuts and and a swing set and a Bible, candy. Be sure to remember all Love to you.-Cliff Ray Nichol- the other little boys and girls. Love .-- H. J. Thompson.

Haskell, Texas Even though I have been kinda mean and noisey every day my grades in school are still good and I'll be looking for lots of good things in my stockings. nuts. Santa I'll try real hard to

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 6 years old, ask for. So I will study hard and be a good girl, and if you do this for me I will hug your from today's Christmas card

1951 may be long remembered as a pretty tough year because An American shopping for of moisture conditions in the cards may select, for instance, a state. It wasn't a good year for painting called "Snow Under the high production on most crops but Arch" by another Royal Aca-H. C. Robinson of Rains county demy member, Winston Church-

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have a doll and a View-Master. And also some and would like for you to bring me a fire truck, tractor and some airplanes. Remember to go and see all the other boys and girls. Love—Pagirls.—Crawford Allicon

Greeting By Mail Started In 1846, **Now Modern Custom** 

Look at the paintings on Christmas cards you and receive -- you'll some of the best contempo-rary art. Here is how it all

On a December day in 1846, a middleclass Englishman. Henry Cole, sat at the library desk of his London home addressing to his friends what were probably along with lots of fruits and printed. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at be good till Chris'mas, although the festive board and the tradiit will be real hard. Please don't tional Christmas customs of givforget other boys and girls if I ing to the poor. They also bore do disappoint you just a little. the Your friend.—J. D. Starks. Merr now-classic greeting: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

this is my first year in school months before had commission-and am studying hard. So I ed John Calcott Horsley, a Royal would like to have for Christmas Academy artist, to paint the illa new bicycle and a new watch. ustration for the card and had would like a doil if you have struck of a thousand lithographone to spare. Now Santa I hope ed copies. He dispatched them that I have not asked for too that December. This was such a much. Although grandpa said if I markedly successful stroke of would write you and study hard good will that plain Henry Cole he felt sure I would get what I subsequently became Sir Henry

nevt if I get to see you Love. paintings, but he started a cycle which a hundred years later was to bring fine art into high favor on Christmas cards.

H. C. Robinson of Rains county averaged 120 bushels of corn per acre on his eight acres and his contest acre produced 142.6 bushels.

Soils can be protected against Moses' "The White Church" or



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#### Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

Who has one of the most in-resting jobs this time of year? hat's easy. It's Santa.

rotund gentleman hiding the red ensemble and the white beard learns a rest deal about the nature this time of year.

However, after receiving after country, and talking to Corners and in department stores
Santa usually comes to the same
conclusion each year. Times and
customs change, but children

the girls.

There are some exceptions.

Lots of children make requests for useful items, typewriters and such, in the hope of becoming writers and stenographers. Last year one lad asked for a Bengal time.

Santa, understanding human that he must be, promises to fill all the requests that he can and explains tenderly why there are some out of reach.

#### Origin of Gift Giving Told In Many Versions

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time

Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These Requests that Santa receives rings were decorted with mistlefollow a general pattern each toe and were the key for a pleasyear every thing from bicycles ant hoiday pastime. It's said that to roller skates and cowboy suits the young knights and ladies for boys, with dolls and elabo- would come to the kissing rings rate accessories the favorite with with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart.

and best wishes for good fortune

through the coming year

Western Auto Associate Store

JIM HENDERSON



during the days just before Christmas—and this is it, on the face of the lad with the feetball.

#### Guard Against A Tree Fire' At Christmas

Every average American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fire hazard, and should be Still A Shrine carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen tree growing outside, but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree see the solemn reactment of the too early before Christmas day birth of Jesus of Nazareth. or to leave it too long after the 25th. Trees of all kinds will become inflammable at the end of

an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it p. m., the voices of the choir standing in water during the en-tire period it remains in the rounding hills. At the stroke of 12 house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to the nativity rang out loud and keep the water level above the clear.

**Outlived Its** Sinister Meaning Mistletoe, once used as wea-pon of death, is now almost a universal symbol of love and

Mistletoe Has

According to Nose mythology, there was a god named Balder, who personified the sun. Loki, another god, plotted to destroy

Balder. Balder's mother, when she first learned of Loki's intentions to kill her son, obtained a promise from all living things that they would not harm Balder. All agreed, but the mistletoe, so that Loki induced Balder's blind brother, Hoder, to kill the sun

however, and Balder was restored to life. The mistletoe was placed under Frigga's care, and the mother of Balder saw that is was never again used to do harm.

The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be used as an instrument of evil.

#### Ancient Bethlehem Of Worship

The scene of the Redeemer's birth at Bethlehem is the site of a full their voices in adoration and to

Discontinued for six years during World War II, the pontifical mass and ceremony was renewed Families, clubs, churches or or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week their trees up longer than a week the town of Bethlehem in an aura of holiness, the voices of the should take special safeguards to keep it reasonable safe.

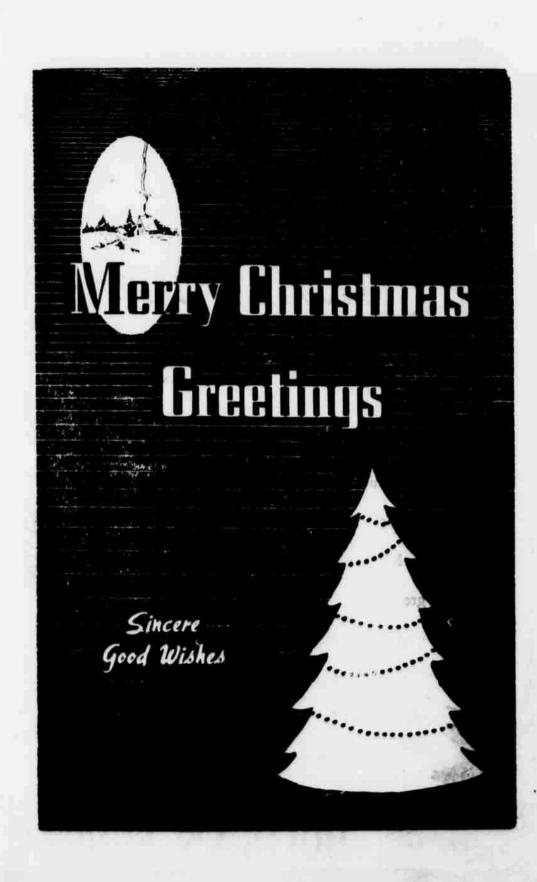
The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water.

Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one includes the little Church of St. Catherine, built on the hallowed rock of the most sacred spot of the Christian world.

The vicar, holding an image of Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other cession of priests, acolytes and sources of heat. When you smoke choir boys. By flickering candlestay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.



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#### HELBER'S JEWELRY





over the thought of Christmas, and they're tagging their stockings to make sure Santa doesn't get their presents mixed up. They also have found that it's a good idea to thank him in ad-

# United States Top

United States Top
Buyer and Supplier
In Tree Industry

The United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as the top buyer in the Christmas tree industry—a better than \$50,000,000 business.
The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsysvania, the North Middlewest and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees for local use.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green

Christmas is the time you decide to pay your doctor something on account. You know you will need him the day after."—Walter Pulitizer.

"What do people mean by sending you a dozen Christmas cards during the festive season, and not deigning to send you three lines by way of a letter the rest of the year?"—J. Ashby-Sterry.

"At every Christmas party, just as things are beginning to get good, someone shut his eyes, puts his head back and moans softly.: 'Ah, well, this isn't like the good old days.' We don't seem to have any good old fashioned Christmases a n y more."—Robert Benchley.

Read the Want Ads.

Most of the trees for Christ-mas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until ship-ped to distribution centers. Some mass producers, how-ever, cut trees early in the the new year and treat them with preservatives and coloring solu-

preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled ware-

#### 'Silent Night' Is Most Beloved Yule Carol

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth to the Yuletide season, no carol is so universally known as "Silent Night." Certainly no other is as loved and sung as this simple German song. For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly tated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in isla. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

Both the poet and the composer were part of a choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar, for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818.

It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.

#### Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide Immemorially

For centuries Christmas Carols have heralded the Yuletide season around the Christmas world. son around the Christmas world.

Many of them, slightly altered
by changing times and customs,
have been handed down from
one gereration to another.

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

cory.

Christmas Carols are of two main types religious and convivial. The religious and conto the new-born and celebrate the birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth and the traditional feesting.

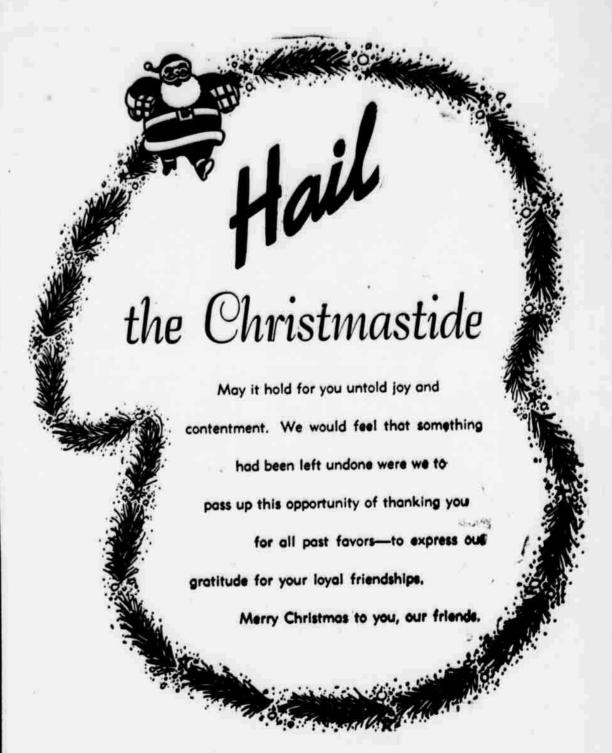
ial exakt mirth and the traditional feesting.

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.

#### Christmas

Read the Want Ads.

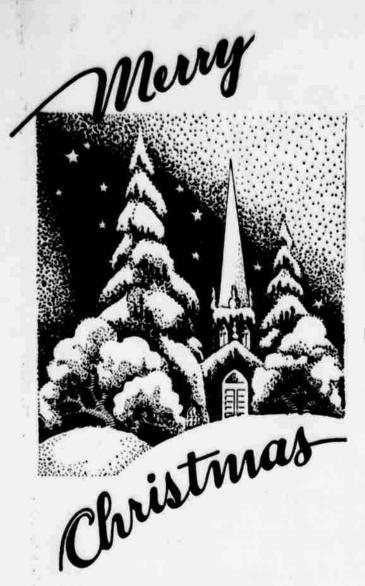


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with folks like you.

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#### CALENDAR OF CHURCH **SERVICES**

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Rev. L. F. Moreland, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a, m. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

5TH ST. BAPTIST CHURCH

Jesse Jones, Pastor Rule, Texas
9:45 A. M. Sunday School.
11:00 A. M. Preaching Service.
6:30 P. M. Young People's

7:00 P. M. Song Service. 7:30 P. M. Preaching Service. Wednesday, 7:00 P. M., Prayer

Friday, 7:00 P. M. Choir Practice and Teachers' Meeting. JUD MISSIONARY BAPTIST

CHURCH 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School, 11:00 a. m.—Preaching service. 8:00 p. m.—Preaching service. Wednesday 8:00 p. m.—Singing and Prayer meeting.

PLAINVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

H. G. Hammer, Pastor Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning Message, 11 a. m. Regular preaching days, second and fourth Sundays.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST

CHURCH

114 Ave. D., South 24 Street
C. Jones, Pastor
L. D. Ward, associate pastor
9:45—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
7:15 p. m.—Song Service.
7:45—Evening Worship.
Wednesday 7:15—Prayer service.

Friday 7:15-Teachers Meeting.. EAST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH REV. BILL AUSTIN 9:45 A. M. Sunday School.

11 a. m. Morning Preaching 7:00 p. m. - Young People's Meeting. 7:30 g m.—Evening Preaching

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST

CHURCH Corner South 7th and Ave. F Rev. Joe Scheets, Pastor Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Preaching Service- 11 a. Prayer Service-Wednesday,

PINKERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Jack D. Wester, Pastor Sunday School-10:00 a. m. Morning Message—11:00 a. m. Training Union—7:00 p. m. Evening Message—8:00 p. m. Wednesday Mid-Week Service :00 p. m.

Saturday Evening Prayer Hour -7:00 p. m. First and Third Mondays W. M. U. 2:00 p. m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner N. 3 and Ave. C C. A. Nicholson, pastor
Regular services each Sunday:
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Preaching Service.
6:45 p. m.—Baptist Training

8:00 p. m.—Preaching Service. Wednesday 7:45 p. m.—Prayer meeting. W. M. S. meeting each Tresdsy at 2:30 p. m.

ROBERTS BAPTIST CHURCH

Max Copeland, Pastor E. L. Bassing, S. S. Supt. Sunday School, 10 a, m. Morning Service, 11 a. m. Evening Service 8 p. m. Come and worship with us.

MATTSON BAPTIST CHURCH

PAINT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

V. D. Walters, Pastor Graded Sunday School for All

Ages—10 a. m.
Preaching each Sunday—11 a.m.
Training Union and Preaching each Sunday evening— 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Friday Night p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

SWEET HOME BAPTIST CHURCH OF RULE

Rev. J. W. Seay, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Morning Message, 11:00 a. m. B. T. U., 6 t) p. m. Evening Message 8.00 p. m. Wednesday evening meeting, 7:00 p m. Everyone is welcome. Come and ning your triends.

> FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

North 2nd and Ave. F
Truett G. Craft, D. D., Minister
Jim Byld, General Supt.
Sunday School—9:45-10:45.
Morning Worship—10:55.
Vesper Worship—5 p. m.
M. Y. F.—7 p. m.
WSCS each Monday at 4 p. m.
Guild each second Monday evening at 7 o'clock.
Choir rehearsal Wednesday 7 p.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday 7 p. Prayer meeting Wednesday at p. m. in Young Adults class-

Official board meeting first Tuesday night in each month at p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday: Bible classes for all iges-9:45-10:40. Regular Worship Services-0:45-12:00.

People's Class-7:30 Young Tuesday. Evening Service—6:30-7:30. Wednesday—Ladies Bible Class 3:00 p. m. Mid-Week Bible Study—7:30-

FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Ellis S. Ryherd, Pastor. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Morning Worship, 11 a. m. Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. Mid-Week Service, Wednesday

You are invited to all services. 400 South Avenue E. S. M. Malone. Pastor

Sunday School 9:45. Morning message 11:00. C. A. Service 7:00. Evangelistic service 8:00. Wednesday 8:00 prayer ser-Saturday night 8:00 regular G.

THE CHURCH OF GOD In East Haskell On Throckmorte

Geo. Ivy, Pastor Sunday School at 9:45 A. M Message at 11:00 A. M. Preaching Sunday Evening 7:01 Prayer Meeting Tuesday 7:01

WEINERT FOURSQUARE CHURCH Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Pastors

Sunday School, 10 a. m. Morning Worship, 11 a. m. Young People's service, 6 p. m. Evangelistic service, 7 p. m. Wednesday — Prayer Meeting

Supplies of scrap metal now on hand at steel mills are low. Farmers are urged to collect all Rev. Herbert Sego
10:00 A. M. Sunday School.
11:00 A. M. Preaching Service.
7:45 P. M. Evening Service.

scrap at once that is not needed on the farm and sell it so it can be used in the production of new steel. scrap at once that is not needed on the farm and sell it so it can



BLOHM STUDIO



# Season's

limes change and we with time - but not so the age-old custom of extending Christmas Greetings to those whose good will and friendship we cherish and hope to maintain.

This year as always, we are happy to send you the Greetings of the season - with our sincere wishes for good health and joy at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.

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#### Rudolph Now Ranks As Most Popular Reindeer

Fairy tales and Christmas stories are a Yuletide tradition. is thus fitting that the story which promises to be America's most popular and long-lived fairy tale is related to the Christmas season.

Once upon time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngs'ers every-

First invented as a sales give-away promotion for Montgom-ery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Song-writer Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-wogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.

#### Tradition Says Tree Originated In Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the mas."

These are familiar words at this time of year. Before the Yuletide season is over. some member of the family, grandfather or grandmother, probably, is certain to pass that remark, as they have done each Christmas of the past.

And yet, if we search oack into the records. . . to the turn of the century, say . . . we find that, even then, someone was



OF ALL THE holiday delicacies, none carries more of the old-time traditions and associations of good eating and festivity than mince pie. Many writers give credit for its origination to Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history.

English literature dating to the 15th century is full of references to this Christmas favorite, an essential part of Yuletide celebrations in

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation. and partake of mince pie, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring was said to represent the rich gifts of the wise men to the Christ Child.

# **Everyone Wants**

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter. the century, say . . . we find that, even then, someone was wishing for "an old fashioned Christmas." It is then that we realize that the celebration of the birth of Christ has not changed greatly with the pas-

Everyone Wants
To See Just One

Good Old' Yule

"How I would long to see just one more 'old fashioned Christmas.'"

These are familiar words at sage of centuries. Basically, Christmas is the same, year after year. It is only the world and the people who are not the same. He may not admit it, but when grandfather first began to raise a family, he overheard his elders musing over the changing Christmas customs and heralding the approach to "complete commercialism" of the Yuletide celebration. Even then they were worried. sage of centuries. Basically

worried. No one can deny that Christ-mas has been greatly "commercialized" since the days of early America. Yet, so has the entire nation. In the days of our ancestors there were none of the

vast trading centers and commercial marts that we know today. Our very way of life has been changed with moderniza-tion. Our holidays, and Christmas is the principal one, have managed to keep abreast.

without Christmas is basically unchanged in its true meaning as a celebration of the birth of the Christ-Child redeemer, come to save the world. No matter how great or how small the presents piled be-neath the tree, each Christian heart never ceases to remember that Christmas is Christ's day.

4-H girls in the Panhandle are studying how to better use wheat the product they produce in greatest abundance on their home farms. Rural Youth Day at the Tri-State Fair, Amarillo will feature a Better Baking Show and the champion 4-H bread maker will be crowned "Baking Queen."



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MAY IT BRING MUCH HAPPINESS TO YOU AND YOURS . . . . .

#### **RE-SALE SHOP**

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lackey

O WISH you a very Merry Christmas and to express the hope that our present cordial relations may continue for many years to come. It is our desire that you will enjoy the Season of Christmas, its fine friendly associations and its thoughtful tokens of esteem.



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ADORATION OF THE SHEP-HERDS . . This striking sculp-tural work was done by Andrea del Verrocchie (1435-1488) of Florence, Italy, and is in the National Gallery of Art in Wash-ington, D. C.

#### Cowboy's Ball At Anson Is Real American Fete

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations is the Cowboy's Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every

year since 1884 in Anson, Texas. The celebration started as a wedding party at the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after

christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore." A cowboy band swung out and the dancers perform the heal and too rulks, the form the heel and toe polks, the Varsouvienne and other folk

#### Christmas: 'Good Time; A Kind, Forgiving Time'

to Christmas as "a good time; a meeting was about to break up kind, forgiving, charitable pleas-ant 'ime." This is an adequate description of the Christmas strode in to get warm. He was spirit. Why not make this an old in costume and his arrival put

fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should Santa Claus. not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable gettogether will create an atmosphere in which everyone can re- steps to insure good luck.

Since Christmas is really "the mildren's hour," why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping pre-pare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished pro-

#### *'Snapdragon'* Still Popular Game at Christmas

A game called "snapdragon" vas very popular at Christmas time in England more than 200 years ago. To a limited extent it s still played in some parts of England, as well as in America. The original game called for a quantity of otraisins to be depos-ited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants attempted to snatch a rasin from the blazing bowl.

#### Christmas "Open House" Is Ancient Tradition

The practice of holding "open ouse" has been a Christmas tra-

dition through the years.
The Saxon lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and enjoyed great feasting, songs and exchange of gifts. A tremendous Yule log was dragged upon an open fire pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South. The slaves often soaked a log in the cypress swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas treedom.

"Open House" during the Yule-tide season is a true mark of de-mocracy and a realization that He who was born on Christmas Day came to save all men.

#### Small Amount of Plant Food Keeps Needles on Trees

If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant fod tablet to each gallon.

By using a budget plan, fami-es can use the budget as a guid

#### Nation's Customs Widely Varied on Christmas Day

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavien countries, Christmas tree made of a sheaf f wheat is bound to a pole, is raised for the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd s'ockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong - Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, San-

ta Claus to us. The old fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas, complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers.

#### Santa Claus, Indiana, Received Famous Name In 1882

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

Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a luck break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it gainers around the Yulctide sea-

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials of 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 one proposed was discarded for Charles Dickens once referred one reason or another. The

In Siam, houses are constructd with odd numbers of floors and

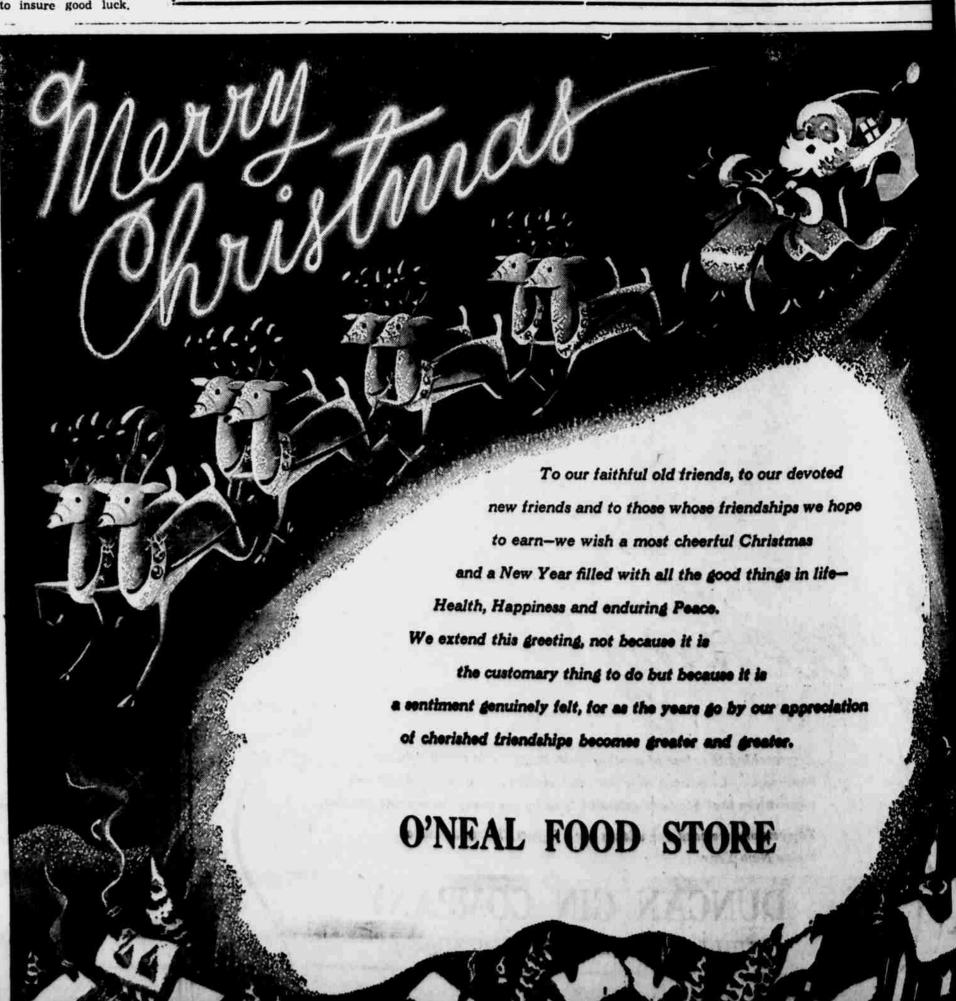


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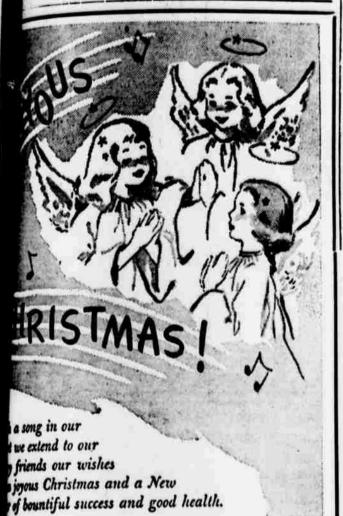
Christmas ded in legends Christmas. Credit ally given to if or 17th cen-period of years the into northern Euhere to America. decorating is esican trademark ature of commubest known out-America are on lawn and at the

#### Plum Pudding Had Ancient Origin

english delicacy traditionally served with Christmas feasts—has For Generations English delicacy traditionally sercome a long way since it entered the culinary lists hundreds of years ago as Yule-dough.

Yule-dough was composed of tions. chopped meat paste, spices, to symbolize the gifts of the Magi, and flour, regarded as embodying the spirt immanent in the wheat.

Except for practice sessions, the reindeer have been resting summer. They are ready to get into their shiny new harness and pull Santa's sleigh down the street. At least that's what Dancer was overheard to tel, Prancer a few days ago.



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# Plum pudding—the ancient Christmas Lights

Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for genera-

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christchild 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.

mas decorations.

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

At unique church services in exchange.

Travelers picked up the legend of Jul Tomten and carried it around the world. To us, he is the busy, jolly, good little elf who works happily in Santa's work-

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

#### Christmas Seal Idea Conceived In Denmark

A Dannish postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans will receive a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish postoffice conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted

by some worthwhile organization. He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculesis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved and the image of Queen

Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904. Jacob Rils, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

J. H. STRAIN

Read the Want Ads.

#### Candles Have Given Legend of Santa's Helper Started In Scandinavia

Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandanavia.

Many years before Leif Eriksen touched American shores, the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food and the animals and birds were taken care of.

After the pagan Vikings were Christianized, little Jul became the giver of presents—just as San-ta today. It became a custom for

Admiral Farragut entered the Navy at the age of nine.

#### Custom of Lighting Trees Started In Small Towns

Although the White House and Rockefeller Center outdoor tree house. decorations have become famous

an annual affair. Four widely separated commu-nities lighted up as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Gerta today. It became a custom for children to leave a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for the little elf, who would leave pressible. Salem, Ore., decorate a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., il-

> tree was in 1924 and was spon-sored by the American Forestry association. For the past two years cept delivery new on fertilizers the lighting of the White House needed to produce the 1952

#### Balsam Tree Best For Yuletide

In choosing a Christmas tree, many look for trees that will not shed needles quickly indoors. Highly recommended are balsam and Douglas firs, which usually will hold their needles as long as wo or three weeks in a warm

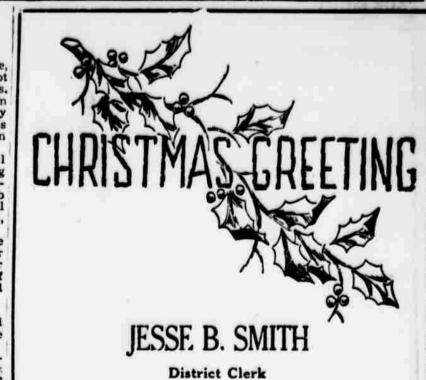
Buisam is fragrant beyound all in recent years, the practice of other Christmas trees, has long lighting outdoor trees began in lower branches and thick spiresmaller towns and cities long be- like top. Its needles do not stab fore these two displays became the hand. Like the needles of all urs, they are usually flattened,

not squarish.

For longer life, place the tree cutdoors in a bucket of water for 24 hours before putting it up, or place in a waterproof container of we sand and keep the sand

The first National Christmas be held at Texas A&M College

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delight in extending to our many friends the greetings of the Season. This year, more so than ever before we appreciate the good will and close friendship that exists between our patrons and ourselves. It is with this fine relationship in mind that we wish you the fullest measure of Yuletide cheer and happiness and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

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relationships, are based upon our faith in God and our fellow man. Only through this faith can we assure the continuance of freedom without fear - tolerance without tyranny-democracy and lasting peace.

t is in this spirit of good fellowship that we wish everyone -A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

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ETTERS TO SANTA

I am a little boy four years girl this year. Please bring me old. I have been good I think. a bicycle and some new doll I would like for you to bring dresses.—Judy Kay Sego.

We live at Old G me a gym set, a moving van truck, a little Oliver tractor and combine, football suit and foot-ball. Don't forget all my little Dear Santa: friends and my cousin Perry

climbing monkey, and I would like to have a train very much. Thank you very much. Love.— Johnny Wright,

Dear Santa Claus:

gun, a drum and a steam shovel. Little brother would like a gun, dump truck and blocks; also a tricycle. Also bring us candy, nuts and fruit and don't forget my cousins. Be sure and come to see my cousin that lives in San Antonio—bring them something. Thank you, Santa. Love. — Ray and Stella Faye Howel!. forget my little cousins a n d friends.-Ronnie and Larry Ay-

Lear Santa:

I want an Army training centre, a sparkling fighter tank, a sparkling dreadnaught, a pet shop truck with 6 dogs, a crossport for boyboots and a horse.

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I want an Army training centre, a sparkling fighter tank, a sulky racer gaited horse, a sparkling dreadnaught, a pet shop truck with 6 dogs, a crossport for boyboots and a horse.

The santa:

I want an Army training centre, a sparkling fighter tank, a sulky racer gaited horse, a sparkling dreadnaught, a pet shop truck with 6 dogs, a crossport for match. Also nuts, fruit and candy. Please remember to go over speed way with racing cars see all my little school mates. The santa Claus:

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I want an Army training centre, a sparkling fighter tank, a you to bring me a doll, doll bed, vanity set and a desk and chair to match. Also nuts, fruit and to match. Also nuts, lots. Jackie Har- biye.—Wallace Atchison, age 7. Sanderson.

Haskeil, Texas Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a very good little

This is my first time not to

Freddy Kreger.

Want toys but I would like for you to bring me a hat and purse to match and a nice Bible and a ring. Hope you will find all of my little friends in Haskell. Will be looking for you.—Barbara Gayle White.

Want toys but I would like for you be live at Old Glory, and we have tried to bee good. Please bring us candy and toys. Do not Christmas. We love you looked.

Boar Santa:

Rochester, Texas

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Bear Santa:

Please bring me a big ball, some shirts and pants. My little sand as team showher would like a ck and blocks; al-Also bring us triut and don't forget would like a ck and blocks; al-Also bring us triut and don't forget to see my cousins a n d and Larry Ay
O'Brien, Texas

O'Brien, Texas

I am a little gril 10 years old and in the 5th grade. Would like to bring us both you and toys. Do not Christmas. We love you. Johnnie Lee Still.

Dear Santa Claus:

We live at Old Glory. We have sincerely.—Loiuse Hix.

We live at Old Glory. We have shorted to be good. Do not forget Mother and Daddy. We love you. Merry Christmas.—Boyce Cox.

Merry Christmas.—Boyce Cox.

Dear Santa Claus:

Tam a little gril 10 years old and in the 5th grade. Would like to bring me a bicycle, roller skates and volley ball. Please don't forget my little nephew. Larry Wayne. I wish you a Merry Kmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely.—Loiuse Hix.

Rochester, Texas

We live at Old Glory. We have sincerely.—Loiuse Hix.

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Thank Jou, Santa Llove. — Ray

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Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a 28-inch doll and a suitcase of clothes for her. I want it to be a girl.-Mary Sue Scrivner.

tried to be good. Please bring us toys. candy and toys. Do not forget Mother and Daddy. We love you. Merry Christmas.-Phyllis.

little boy. I am 8 years old and son. I enjoyed seeing you in Abi-lene last week and I plan to see Fadden. Thank you very much.

-Patricia Wright.

I have been a very good girl this year and I think I deserve a great big pretty present. First of all I'd like a doll and an A in Mrs. Weaver's English, and at least one big smile from the rest of the faculty. Thanks a lot, Santa and be sure to give all the other kids some nice pres-ents. Thanks again. — Bobbie Merchant.

> Haskel! Texas Dear Santa:

Lam four years old and have been a good boy all year. So We live at Old Glory. We have please bring me some tinker ried to be good. Please bring us toys, color set, steam shovel, candy and nuts. Also, don't forget to bring some toys for my little baby sister, Janet. Love.—David Follstaed.

Rochester, Texas all these things I'll be one happy you.-Cloyde and Cynthia Law-

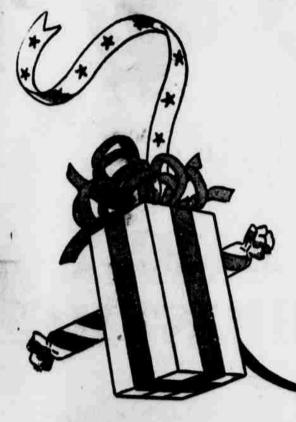
Dear Santa Claus: For Christmas I would like 2 pair of boxing gloves, a pair of boots and a box of pellets for my pellet gun. I also would like a pair of good gloves, some candy and nuts and apples and oranges if you have them. Merry Christmas.-Sam Pace.

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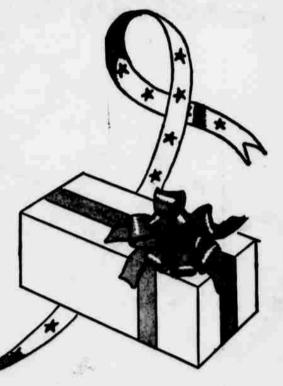
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It's been our happy privilege for a long, long time, to send our Christmas greetings each year to those of you whom we have had the pleasure of serving. We look forward each year to this occasion, principally because we learned long ago the value of loyal friendships. Each year

we strive to add more friends to our list. If we have not had an opportunity to serve you in the past, we invite your consideration. We will do our best to please.

And to those of you whom we have been associated for many years, here's our usual, yet genuine, "Merry Christmas".



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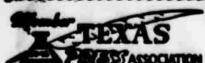
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who have given all of these, find

them today in your friends, your

neighbors . . . find them still, next

year and all the years to come. A

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New Year to all.

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20 Years Ago-Dec. 31, 1931

The following Haskell merchants each week day at 6 o'clock until further notice: W. W. Fields & Son, R. V. Robertson, Fouts & Mitchell, M System Store, A. W. Cox, Collier Grocery, Curtin D. Mitchell, M System Store, A. W. Cox, Collier Grocery, Curtis Pogue, Ben Bagwell, Style Shoppe, Courtney Hunt & Co., J. W. Gholson, R. D. C. Stephens, W. A Holt, Star Meat Market, Perry Bros, Mc-Collum & Couch, McNeil & Smith, Jones Cox & Co. Jones Cox & Co.

Grady Murchison, who is attend-ing A&M College, spent the Christ. mas holidays here.

of Lubbock and his mother, Mrs. Leon Gilliam of this city, have retrned from Dallas where they spent several days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Berry and daughters Virginia and Ann, spent Christmas with Mrs. Berry's par-

ton ginned in Haskell county from son, who are attending Baylor this year's crop prior to Dec. 13, University came home for the holas compared with 27.265 baloe idays ginned to the same date in 1930. C. F. Rainwater left this week

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Daugherty for Caddo, Okla. His family had and daughter Ermine spent Christ. already preceded him. He was mas in the home of their daughter in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Bolin and family of Graham .

had the following children with looking fine. them for Christmas: Bill, who is student in Texas A&M College the southbound train Thursday Earnest, from Dallas, where he is morning. attending Baylor Medical College: Mr .and Mrs. Frank Kimbrough and little daughter from Plain-

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meacham spent he Christmas holidays in Dallas. tertained a number of Mr. Bur- in Haskell during the few months on's relatives Sunday with a din- of her stay here. ner. Those present ---- W. T. Burton, Mr and Mrs. Howell Bur- neighborhood in Knox County was ton and family, Mr. and Mre. H. down Monday trading with our P. Hill and daughter Billie True merchants. all from Munday, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burton of Fort Worth.

#### 40 Years Ago-Dec. 30, 1911

Stockholders meetings of the business position. held Tuesday, January 9, 1912 and hunting Christmas afternoon at which time the annual elect- Some of the party report quite a

R. A. Comer, who has been an enjoyable evening Wednesday teaching in the Howard school, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. spent the Christmas holidays in W .Scott. Central Texas.

at Anson. Mr. and Mrs. Lew Ellis spent who was here last spring has

section, spent Christmas with Mr. in a week or so. and Mrs. J. S. Post and other old G. W. Parker of Fort Worth Paint Creek friends here. Her spent Christmas here with his husband, who died several years children.

farmer of Paint Creek. with his parents at Goldthwaite. they plan to become citizens of Lewis Sherrill, who is attend. Haskell at an early date. ing Austin College at Sherman. is home for the holidays with his the LIL Ranch, just over in Stoneparents, Mr .and Mrs. R. E. Sher- wall County, gave a supper and

Buford Long and Frank Baldwin. who are attending the Uni- folks from many miles around, inversity of Texas, are spending the cluding several young men from Christmas holidays with relatives Haskell.

Thos. L. Montgomery arrived spend the winter with his son. of town.



BETHLEHEM The Church of the Nativity

ents, Dr .and Mrs. D. L. Cummins.

R. C. Montgomery and wife.

There were 35,191 bales of cotMisses Margaret and Mary Pier-

sister, Mr and Mrs. Houston Rainwater stating an eight inch snow had fallen in that section Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Kimbrough and that wheat and oats were

M. Pierson was a passenger on

50 Years Ago-Dec. 28, 1901 Miss Laura Garren spent the veek with friends in town.

Miss Dada Lyen will leave this evening for her home in Chicago Mr and Mrs. R. L. Burton en- Miss Lyen has made many friends

> W. W .Hyde of the Kasoga Hugh Rogers came in Tuesday

from Kansas to spend the holiday with his Haskell folks.

Arthur Wyman leaves today for St. Louis, where he has secured a

Haskell National Bank, and the Several couples of young gentle-Farmers National Bank will be men and ladies went out driving ion of directors and officers will string of quail, plover and ducks. A musical and social crowd spent

The Wat Fitzgerald home, with Miss Waggoner one of the teachers in Haskell High School, spent Christmas with her parents day night.

Dr. Coston of Fayetteville, Tenn. the holidays with relatives at decided to locate permanently in Brenham.

Haskell and came this week and Mrs. W. T. Hughes, one of the has established himself at Baker's early settlers in the Paint Creek Drug Store. His family will follow

ago, was a Baptist preacher and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Walker of

Aspermont spent Christmas here Guy O. Street spent the holidays with her parents. We understand

J. D. McGaughey, manager of dance Thursday night of last week which was attended by the young

Some of the boys from town attended the dance Wednesday night from Chicago Friday night to at D. C. Brown's a few miles east



Christmas Star send Its blessing down with the same glad meaning it brought to Bethlehem. And as we yield our hearts to the spirit of tenderness which pervades the Christmas air, may we remember the heavenly love which came into this world the night Christ was born.

Let us remember, too, that we keep Christmas truly, only when we permit the love of the Christ to enter our hearts and lives. May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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#### ation ent Source Legend

Christmas tree will be commemouries-old Arabian relates how plants flowered a n d usly bore ripened of the first

than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem. According to Jeannette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years, the American Christmas symbols—from candles and bells to kissing under the mistletoe—have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emblems of the festival as ornaments for the story of a Christmas cards and is just as gacred" tree and constantly searching for new a German, is said ones. This year, for example, the one bright-colored tree ornaments prated it for the are in high vogue as decorative the carly 16th devices on Christmas cords.

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nta Claus Wishes You...

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** 

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



. . Christmas is

#### Make Christmas Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best was to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting together the puzzle together.

test is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply scramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following—astna, erireden, ehsgil, dynca, gosiknct, erie, trepesn, hupnc, alsorc, and niborb.

#### Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler In Household

tion! There is an old supersition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring during the ensuing year.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun,

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Cru-

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldes: of witches.



not so much a time of receiving as it is a time for giving. These children, in their prayers, are giving by far the best gift of them all—themselves.

# Games for All

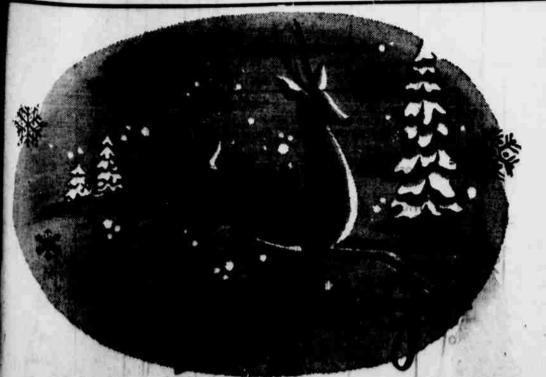
The Chrismas Scramble Cona contest to see who can un-

Husbands and wives! Atten-Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

and was therefore sacred.

cirixion, after which they turned a deep blood red.



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#### Many Changes In Santa Over Long

of St. Nick pictured him as a a broad-brimmed hat and huge tall angular man who rode on a breeches. He taught Saint Nick parks. But in Ireland they read bony gray mare. Both the horse to smoke a long pipe, and in the more subtly, "Let it be said of and Saint Nick looked as if they story, replaced his shuffling hayhadn't had a good meal in some burner with a trim wagon.

gendary Christmas figure from sor of divinity in a New York the Dutch, but the English chil-theological seminary, gave Saint It's little wonder that Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name chaned to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

Today's Santa Claus is by see that the American people. History proves that the Americans base down.

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 St. Nick pictured him as a all angular man who rode on a sony gray mare.

Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington living in his "Knickerbocker's 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 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.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Moore in his famous poem, Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the le-

with their roots on."

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

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

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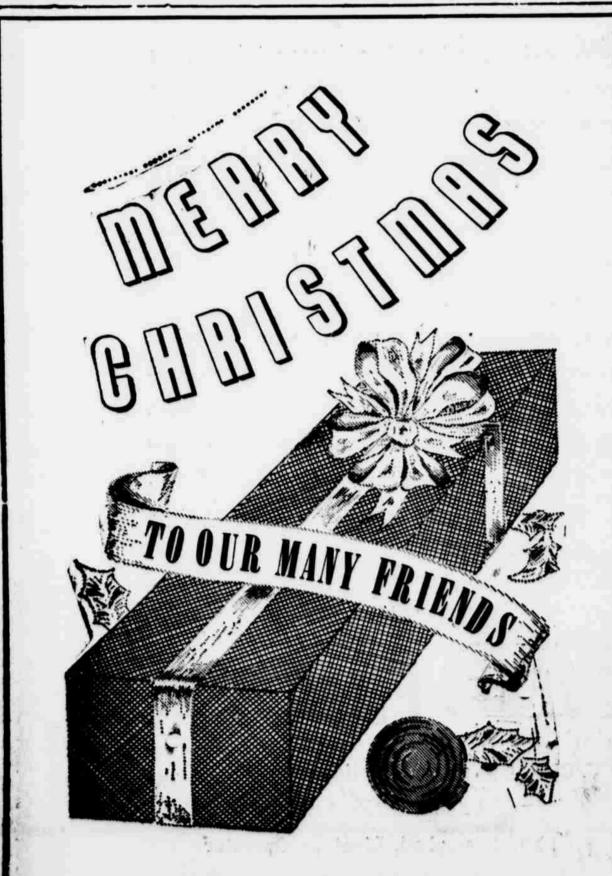
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sleepy town of many generations. Excepting, of course, that the population is more than double, for all the descendants of David have come to register as ordered by Herod. For many, there is no room.

And yet, there is more about this night! And there are some whose faith and wisdom give them eyes to see. Near the hour of midnight, a darkened sky suddenly shimmers with a light of ethereal beauty, and angels appear to sing a great psalm:

"Glory in the highest,

And on earth, peace to men of good will." A new star fires itself to brilliance near the edge of town, bathing in its light the stable where a Galilean carpenter named Joseph has taken refuge with his bride, a queenly young girl named Mary. For them, there had been no room,

The star rests above the humble shelter, sending down golden rays that illuminate the area in a strange, unearthly manner.

In the distance appear a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the now resting star and are heavily laden with gifts of gold-presents for a new-born king. Along the roads hear the shouts of the citizens, led by angels, who come to adore.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, the Christ-child awaits.

#### If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be At Fault

If Santa Claus misses some around the globe.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be brew workers were sent into the transported from their native Labanons to take to Jerusalem in the past.

American boys and girls will ram of Phoenecia and King have to be satisfied with standins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.

#### St. Francis Made First Crib In Cave

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported once to

He is reported once to have Bethlehem is one of the oldest said to one of his followers: "I churches in Christendom, having wish to celebrate holy Christmas been built 1,620 years ago. night with you. In the woods have the cloister you will find a sents the original building as cave where we shall arrange a erected by the Emperor Constanmanger filled with hay. We shall time and restorations and additional and an assitust as at time made under Justinian. have an ox and an ass just as at tions made under Justinian. Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

#### Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have yiungsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enogh reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe. the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving as approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the

In the days of the conquerers thousands of conscripted Heregions to other lands for the "cedar trees without number;" holiday season, as has been done the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hi-

> Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors planting of seedlings so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

## Bsilica of the

The Basilica of the Nativity at

It is surrounded by three Saviour became for us."

So at midnight, in the small Greek, Latin and Armenian. Italian village of Garcia, in the All three have the privilege of year 1200, St. Francis and his worshipping in the Grotto of the followers celebrated mass at the Nativity, and surprisingly cave and sang hymns in honor of enough, all three celebrate



the Christmas spirit be with us not for a few calendar days but throughout the years to come, Let us offer a fervent prayer that the Christmas bells will ring out forever with the cheerfulness of cal everlasting peace on earth.

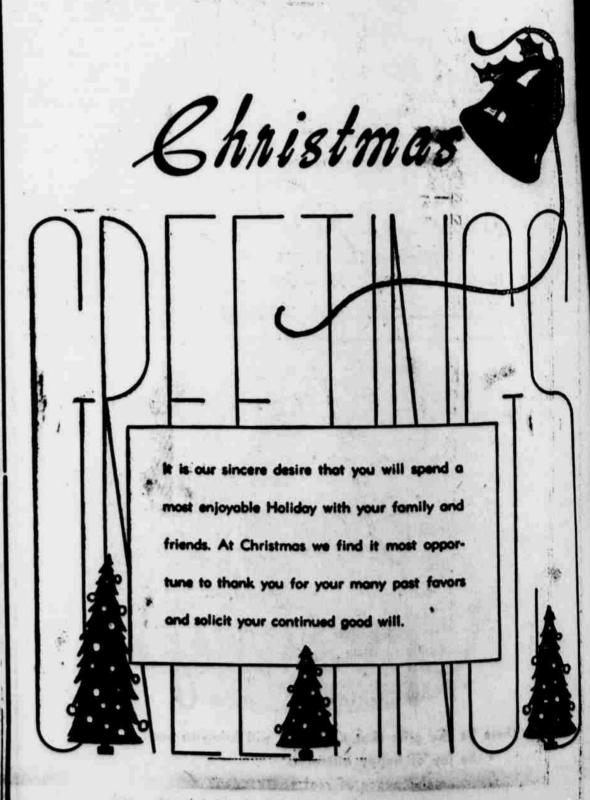
As we approach the eve ci Christmas we are very grateful to our friends for their loyalty and extend cordial greetings and sincere wishes for a Merry Christmos.



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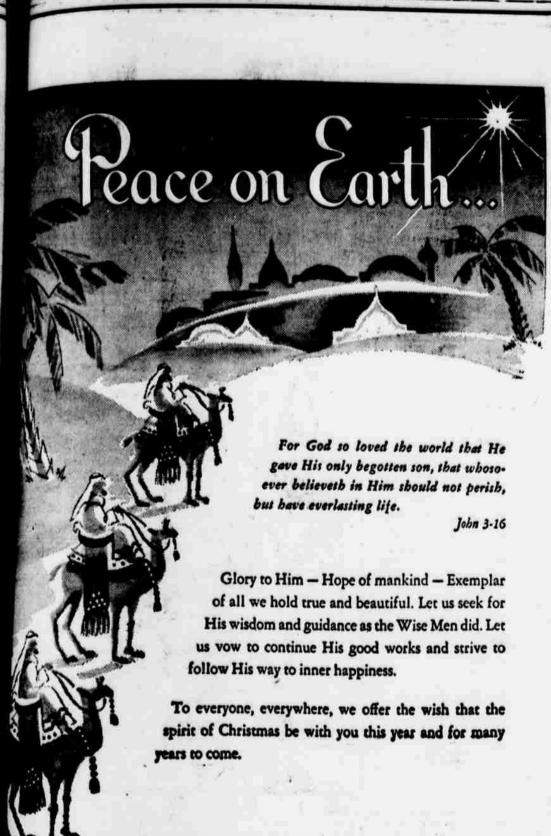
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SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . . Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One

explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve ecalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were contantly in use . . Each Christmas special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log ourned steadily as long as the feastng and celebrating continued. Natirally, it burned with a pungent dor and stockings were hung over he fireplace to absorb some of this dor and to protect the owners from saw a near tragedy in Virginia City, Nevada . . . Two friends celebrated

with a terrific round of festivity . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great humorists-Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince ples

so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic significance . . . The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born . . . The crust represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men; the many spices, the frankincense and myrrh . . . On May 11, 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christmas . . . Anyone celebrating, stopping work, serving holiday fare or

deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely-for how could good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years



The exact age of the Christmas festival is not known. Records show, however, that the holiday was spoken of in the 4th cen-

realized by the people. Until this sime it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of death, rather than birth. Christ's birthday was the first to be made an occasion

The date for the celebration of the Christ Mass was selected by the church. So many years had elapsed that the actual date of His birth could only be a matter of conjecture.

The festival and spirit Christmas spread through the Christian worlds. Pagan customs, even as they do today, atempt-ed to adapt themselves to the Christmas season.

Christmas season.

For many years after the origin of Christ's Mass the church frowned upon the practice of exchanging gifts during the festival season. Later, however, the practice was condoned, in remembrance of the spirit of the Three Kings of the Orient who had followed a shining star to the crib of the new-born Christ, bringing present with a sense of humility.

#### Customs of Old World Become Christmas Legends

There are almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmasses. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, how-ever, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary prob-ably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily fre-

dians have always attempted to catch the deer in the set.

In England, it is believed that

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprise for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girt to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple

ST. NICK SPIRIT

tury as a custom of long stand-died about 345 A. D., and for 30 ing. It is thought that St. Nicholas Christmas began as Christ's his genial spirit roamed the Mass, or the Mass of Christ, sometime during the fourth century. It took that long after the blessed night for the great importance of Christ's birth to be it of St. Nicholas and Christ-





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#### Christmas Helps World's Economy

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense, this is true to some extent.

some extent.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may

And yet, "too commercial" may be an overstatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the deminate theme one of giving, rather than of receiving? Christimas, and the spirit of Christimas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a

time of joyousness and happiness and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, wih presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of Childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain, the Christmas story. the Christmas story.

#### Custom of 'Pinata' Observed In Mexico, Spreading to U.S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time. The pinata is made of thin, fragile clay, and is filled with sweetmeats and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling.

only just children—is blindfolded and given a stick. The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinates. ta, sending the delicious con-

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tents pouring out.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children. Tradition decrees that they must wait until the final day of the 21-day Christmas season to receive their gifts.

If women's physicial charms are their best weapons in the battle of love, then they will never be charged with carrying concealed weapons.



#### Christmas Was At One Time Forbidden Swiss Counterpart In England

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule Long, the Carol singer and the wassailers?

During the Reformation many believed the undue jol'ity of Christmas day was sacrilegious. Parliament, on Dec. 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or evergised. any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North traveing on a fairy-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, much in the fashion of our Santa. Christkindlibrings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts.

Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes paughty young a great deal and admonishes naughty young-

#### Christmas Was Once Holiday That Moved About On Calendar

Christmas was once a mova-ble feast. The eastern branches of the Christian Church usually celebrated it in April or May, Western Europe sometime in

January. In 337 A. D., St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he appointed a commission to determine if possible, 'he precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has

been celebrated.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century ob-served the date of January 7.

#### **Homage Paid to Hans** Anderson, Santas Best Helper

Last year a festival in Denmark paid tribute to one of the greatest helpers Santa Claus ever had. He was Hans Chrisian Anderson, fairy tale writer, and composer of many Christmas stories.

His works have sold more copies than any other book, except the Bible, and have been translated into 35 languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, and Greenland-

\*Christkindli' Is

Swiss Counterpart

Of Santa Claus

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

ish.

Since 1874, the year that he passed away, visitors from all parts of the world have come yearly to the town of Odense to see the home of the writer of such tales as "The Little Match Girl," and "The Ugly Duckling."

Anderson's fairy tales, released just before Christmas each year, brought him money, fame and the attention of princes, as well as the adoration of children.

particular need of money, but I owe you this and a great deal more, he thinks it proper that I

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o all.

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in the joys of friendships and all the

good things that make life comfortable and worthwhile.

Verincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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nason will be for you one

#### Old Church Bells Still Used To Summon Village

A pair of ancient church bells, brought to Frankenmuth, Mich., from Bavaria shor:ly after Frankenmuth was founded as an explain her been calling Indian mission, has been calling the congregation of St. Lorenz to Christmas eve services for more than 100 years.

Nine'y-five per cent of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

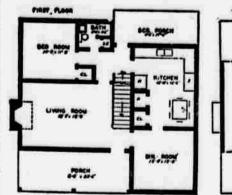
Frankenmuth has never had a crime of violence, and, as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 25 years. The only visitors to the lockup were transient; given a night's lodging.

The collegiate basketball scandals lead us to belive that no dust affects the eyes as much

#### Two Stories, Two Baths, Two Porches



House Plan No. 3



This farm and ranch house No. 3 gives the large family as much living space as possible for the

It is designed so that you can include a basement in the plans, thus providing not only more space for storage and a wash room but an ample site also for a central heating system. The system can be installed along the inside wall of the basement, requiring very little duct work. Every room can be heated from the central wall, with the exception of the bedroom and bath on the first floor—and even then the leaders wouldn't have to be very long.

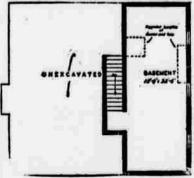
The rooms in this house are

porch can be closed in as a good location for a home freezer or for a wash room—in case you for a wash room—in case you number—Plan No. 4803. Bluedecide not to build a basement right now.

closets are distributed a 1 l. through the house. And there is a pantry and a closet in the kitchen—one place in the house where you never seem to have enough room for everything you need to keep or put away! need to keep or put away!

The attic above the living room gives you a lot of storage space at little or no cost and, if

BASEMENT PLAN



needed later, it could be finished and used as a fourth bedroom— with plenty of space left for storage.

not spacious, but are large enough to be comfortable. The doors and windows are placed to give you as much usable wall space as possible.

There are two porches, one in front and one in back. The back porch can be closed in as a good. prints are adequate for any farm carpenter or for any farmer handy with tools.

#### Joel Poinsett, U. S. Statesman, Noted for Flower

Although he was a brilliant statesman, and the friend of four American presidents, Joel Rob-erts Poinsett is famous chiefly because he introduced the Mex-ican plant known as the "Paintican plant known as the "Paintor "Mexican Plant" into the United States.

Poinsett, then U. S. ambassa-Poinsett, then U. S. ambassador to Mexico, called the plant to the attention of American botanists and grew the plant himself at his South Carolina home, after he left Mexico.

The plant grew heavily in American favor—especially popular at Christmas time—and was renamed poinsettia in honor of

renamed poinsettia, in honor of the man who brought it to this

BELLEVEL STEELSE STEEL

Contrary to popular impression, the flaming red bracts of the poinsettia are not flowers, but leaves, and it is for these bracts that the plants are grown. It is even possible to have variations of either pink or white varieties, as well as of the more usual red, popular because it carries out the holiday color scheme or rich bright red with a contrast of the dark green of

the leaves. The beautiful pionsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

of plants.

The poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elesewhere must be handled carefully—perhaps pampered slightly. However, the brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 degrees at night. Any sudden change will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also necessary, but is should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the reots.

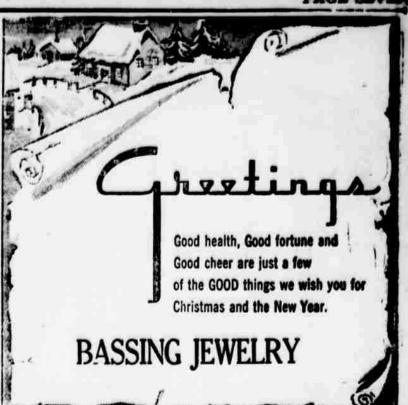
#### Christmas Greens Brighten Home

A few well placed Christmas greens can do much to brighten a house at Christmas time. Properly clipped, the branches will never be missed and might improve the looks of the tree from which they are cut.

Hemlock, red cedar, juniper, yew, pitch pine, white pine, will make suitable material for a spray to decorate a mantle, door, or a spray for a newel post.

In pruning, however, keep in mind the natural appearance of the tree from which you clip

The present investigation of racketeers reminds one of the bank cashier who ran off with \$50,000, stole his best friend's girl -and the only concern the people had was over who was going to teach his Sunday school class.





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

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

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

#### Raisin Fruit Cake (Makes 2 loaves) 4 cups seeded raisins

- 2 tablespoons grated lemon
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon 1 tablespoon allspice
- 214 cups liquid 214 cups chopped nutments 4 cups sifted cake flour
- 5 teaspoons double acting baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt 1% cups sugar

16 cup butter or shortening 2 eggs. well beaten 2 teaspoons vanilla Combine raisins, lemon rind,

pices and water in a saucepan. Cover and simmer gently for eight minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid and add water or coffee to make one and one-half cups, and reserve. Grind raisins with nut-

Sift flour once, measure and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift three times. Cream butter thoroughly, and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir raisin-nut mixture and mix thor-

five minutes on cake rack, then remove from pan, leaving paper attached until ready to serve. Cool. Wrap in a clean cloth and store in tin container to keep moist. "The liquid may be water or left-

Kris Kringle cookies are a tasty concoction of dates and nuts. If stored in a tightly covered contain-

Kris Kringle Cookles (Makes 30 balls)

14 teaspoon salt 4 teaspoon baking powder % cup sifted all-purpose flour 1 cup finely chopped, pitted dates

1 cup black walnuts, chopped

1 cup butter cookle crum

eggs, beaten teaspoon vanilla 14 cup confectioners' sugar Combine cookie crumbs, salt,

baking powder and flour. Add dates

and nuts Add sugar gradually to

RAISIN FRUIT CAKE

for a spicy boliday beaten eggs. Blend in cookie crumb mixture and vanilla. Bake in a greased and floured nine-inch until all flour is dampened. Beat square pan and bake in a slow vigorously for two minutes. Add (325°) oven for 30 minutes. While square pan and bake in a slow still warm, cut into 30 squares. oughly. Turn into two 9x4x3 inch Roll each square into a ball, turning loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper and then greased again. Bake in a moderate in a bag. Shake the balls in the (350°) oven for one hour and 15

mas.

#### Yule Trees Can Increase Fire Hazards

Your Christmas tree is a fire hazard because it contains ex-tremely combustible materials. Tests by Underwriters' Laboramas trees are easily ignited and Gary Wayne Davis. burn swiftly.

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be less hazardous.

2. Wait until a few days before Christmas to set up your

3. Keep the tree outdoors until ready to set up. 4. Place the tree in the coolest part of the nouse. 5. Place the base of the tree

in a container of water. 6. If a radiator is near the tree, shut it off. decorations unless they

flameproofed. 8. Do not place electric toys, such as trains around the tree.

9. Do not use candles. Use

electric lights instead.

11. Do not plug or unplug the 12. Do not leave tree lights room if you have any. I love you. lights beneath the tree. burning when no one is in the Stephen Pace.

turn brown, change the location 14. When needles start falling

Some girls use pills to get rid of headaches; others use headches to get rid of pills.

Anyway, a man can still ligh a cigar without first offering one to a lady. In these days of uncertainties, the only thing you can count or

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good girl all of this year. Would you please give me a wrist watch and some pictures for my room?-Jone Ann

The spirit of Christmas helps us to ap-

preciate the true value of the friendly folks

whose loyalty makes it possible for us to

successfully go on Christmas after Christ-

which gain strength as they go down through

the years. Old names on the ledgers, old

familiar voices on the telephone, old custo-

Business has friendships . . . many of

I am a little boy 4 years old.
have tried to be good, but sometimes I would forget I'm sure,
from now I will try to be better. Santa if you think I have
been good enough I would really like to have some boots, glovers and a double holeter set Fill es and a double holster set, Fill my stocking with candy a n d nuts. Santa I empty the waste baskets and help my teries have proved that Christ-every day. Your little friend.-

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Underwriters, "when 'his fire My sister and I have never hazard is in your home." lived in Haskell. But our moth-To avoid fires in the home er was born there. We are a during the Christmas season, a little 5 year old boy and 3 year time when fires increase all over old girl. Me, James, bring me a the U. S., the National Board tool chest and anything else you suggests the following rules "to want to. Bring my sister a real keep your Christmas Merry." big doll and dishes. We live in 1. Choose a small tree. It will pineville, Texas.—James and be less hazardous.

2. Wait until a few days be-

Abilene, Texas

Haskell, Texas

I am a little boy 11 years old and have been real good and I have made good grades at school. So will you please bring me some bicycle fixtures, some boots and two guns. I'll be lookree, shut it off. ing for you. P. S. Please bring
7. Do not use cotton or paper my two little cousins, Wiley Everett and Bob White lots of toys. -From Ronnie White,

Dear Santa Claus:
Merry Christmas My name is
Stephen Pace I am 7 years old 10. Make certain wires are and am in the second grade. For not frayed. Choose lighting sets Christmas this year I want a bearing markings which indicates listing by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

Christmas this year I want double holster set with twin guns, cowboy boots, girt for my pony saddle, 10 boxes caps and pony saddle, 10 boxe lots of candy, fruit and nuts. I

13. If needles near the lights Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good girl and l want you to bring me a Toni doll so I can curl its hair, and take the tree down and discard don't forget my baby sister.
Thank you.—Nadine Wright.

> I would like to have a doll and doll buggy and a set of dishes, little table and two little chairs. Some candy and nuts. That is about all. If I get all these things I will be one happy little girl. T am nine years old. My name i.
> Mattie Rose McFadden, Hoping
> you have a merry Xmas. I'll have a big cake setting on the table for you. Thank you very much.—Mattie.

Our greatest trouble today is that our neighbors are always buying smething we can't afford. in a New Year of happiness and health for all our cherished b

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