

Merry Christmas 1950

Burglars Loot Safe Of Bill Motor Company

The bank was smashed and the pennies left scattered on a desk in the adjoining office of Miss Catherine Johnson, bookkeeper for the concern.

Barricklow Graduates From Staff School

William R. Barricklow of Haskell was graduated December 19, 1950, from the regular course of the Army Staff School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Duncan Gin Co. Plant Damaged By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin which was discovered around midnight Friday caused considerable damage to the Duncan Gin Company plant in this city.

Former Haskell Girl To Sing On Dallas Radio Program

A former Haskell girl, 15-year-old Jessie Lewellen of Dallas, who has been a victim of polio since she was 18 months old, is now appearing on television and also singing over the radio.

Schools Dismissed Today For Xmas Holidays

Classes in all Haskell schools were dismissed at 2 p. m. today for the Christmas and New Year holidays, giving students and faculty members a two-day holiday before Christmas.

Rev. O. E. Bright New Pastor Bible Baptist Church

The Rev. O. E. Bright, former pastor of Kingston Baptist Church in Dallas, recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Bible Baptist Church in this city.

Stores To Observe Christmas Holiday

Christmas Day—Monday, Dec. 25—will be observed as a business holiday in Haskell, with virtually every business establishment closing for the entire day.

Texas Theatre To Join Statewide Polio Fund Drive

Neale Gordon, manager of the Texas Theatre, today announced his theatre will participate in the 1950 Texas Theatre Polio Fund with audience collections during Christmas Week, Dec. 24--Dec. 30.

Courthouse Offices Will Be Closed Saturday

All offices in the courthouse will be closed Saturday, Dec. 23, for a pre-Christmas Eve holiday, and also will be closed on Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25.

Requests Christmas Cards for Children In Dallas Hospital

A request was made to Haskell people this week by Charles Swinson, assistant manager of the Haskell National Bank, for the Christmas cards and folders they do not want to keep.

Lt. Vaughn Ray Stuart Wounded In Action With Marine Corps Unit in Korea

Second Lieutenant Vaughn Ray Stuart, U. S. Marine Corps, was wounded in action in the Korean theater Dec. 1, according to a message received by his father, Raymond Stuart of this city.

Harley Sadler Is Guest Speaker at Lions Meeting

Recognition for three veteran Lions Club members, presentation of awards to two others for work in securing new members, and a brief and pointed talk by Harley Sadler, popular West Texas showman and State Representative-elect of Taylor county highlighted the meeting of the Club Tuesday at noon in the club room of the Texas Cafe.

Local Gins Have Processed 17,608 Bales To Date

With a total of 17,608 bales of cotton turned out to date by the five Haskell gin plants, total ginings from the 1950 crop is expected to amount to around 18,000 bales, ginners estimated Thursday morning.

Weinert-Rochester Highway to Get New Seal Coat

Resurfacing of the Farm Market road between Weinert and Rochester with the application of a seal coat of asphalt has been authorized by the State Highway Commission according to advices received today from the Texas Highway Department.

Colored Children Will Give Program Of Carols

A group of colored boys and girls, pupils in Central Ward School, will present a program of Christmas carols Saturday at 7 p. m. in the church.

Civic Clubs, Organizations To Distribute Christmas Baskets

In order that the Christmas season may be appropriately observed in every Haskell home this year, local and civic organizations this week completed plans for distribution of Christmas baskets of food, and candies, toys, etc., for the children of any unfortunate or needy family in the city.

Trinity Lutheran Church Building Near Completion

The new Trinity Lutheran Church building on the eastern outskirts of Haskell is nearing completion and will be used for the Christmas program to be held by the congregation Friday night.

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Walmart Youth Sings On KRLD Program Saturday Night

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Cpl. Leelan Cagle Reported Wounded In Action

Cpl. Leelan Cagle of Haskell has been wounded in action while serving with U. S. military forces in Korea, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cagle of this city were advised in a message received Tuesday from the War Department.

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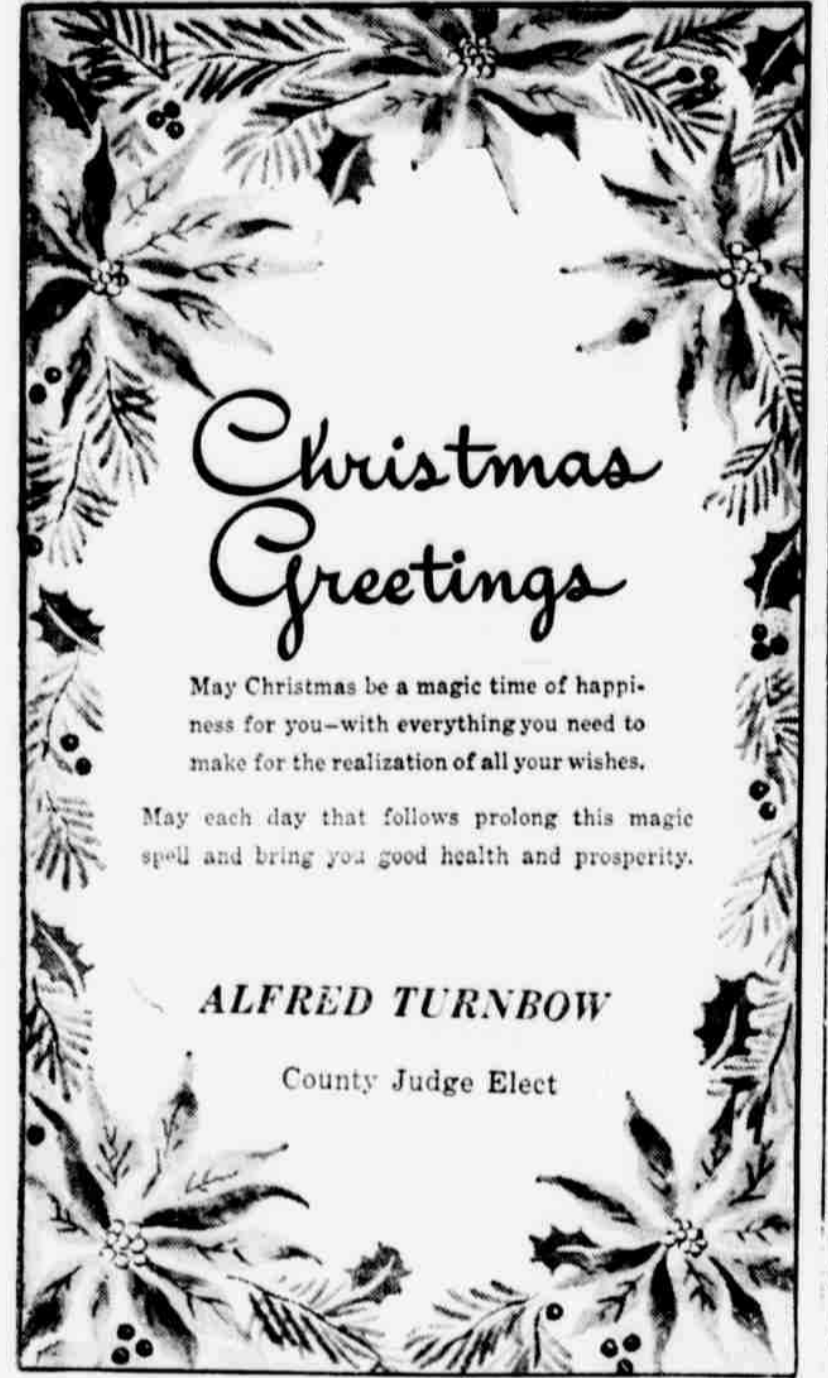
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RETURNS TO NEBRASKA BASE
Sergeant Norman Hancock left this week to return to Offut Air

Force Base, Neb., after spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hancock.

Use The Free Press Want Ads For Results



Christmas Greetings

May Christmas be a magic time of happiness for you—with everything you need to make for the realization of all your wishes.

May each day that follows prolong this magic spell and bring you good health and prosperity.

ALFRED TURNBOW
County Judge Elect

Joy of Christmas Will Be Erased for Families Of Estimated 105 Who Will Die In Traffic Mishaps

With the world in its present state of turmoil and conflict, many people in Texas are hoping to make this Christmas one which will be treasured and well remembered by their loved ones. Most of us realize that conditions could be very different in the years to come, and therefore are trying to make this Christmas an extremely joyous one.

Your Texas Safety Association wishes to remind you of these facts:

Thousands of Texas citizens will take to the highway during the Christmas holidays, and will journey to meet with other members of their families for this yearly celebration. Many of these happy people do not know that according to the predictions of the Texas Department of Public Safety, 105 of the people traveling on the streets and highways of the State during the Christmas holiday season between December 23rd. and January 1st. will not reach their destination. These 105 persons will meet their death

in motor vehicle accidents in all parts of the State of Texas. During the last minute rush on Christmas Eve, 19 of those 105 persons will be killed. With Christmas Day only a few hours away those 19 smiling happy thankful people will lose their lives because of a second's carelessness on the part of themselves, or some other highway traveler.

In addition to this toll, hundreds of others will be injured in automobile accidents—many of them permanently. Because of a split second of carelessness, the joys of Christmas will be lost for these unfortunate persons.

In an effort to prevent these accidents, and to insure the safety of yourself and your loved ones, the Texas Safety Association asks that you follow these few simple rules; drive slowly at all times; use extra care when driving during bad weather; when driving at night, do not fail to dim your headlights when approaching on-coming traffic; obey all road signs, signals and markings;

and do not attempt to drive your automobile if you have been drinking regardless of how mild the drink might have been.

If a driver will obey these few simple rules, he will materially aid his chances of reaching his destination safely. The highway users of Texas should remove the thought from their minds that accidents are something which will always happen to the other fellow. They can happen to you.

It is entirely probable that those people who will be killed in motor vehicle accidents during the Christmas holidays are thinking at this time, "I pity those unfortunate people, but I am a safe and careful driver, and this cannot happen to me." Such an attitude, coupled with a careless moment has cost the lives of many Texas citizens. We must take precautions if we expect to use the streets and highways during this crowded holiday season and to reach our destination safely.

In order that you may have a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year, your Texas Safety Association urges you to drive carefully and courteously—because **THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN.**

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Miss Anita Atkins from California is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bernard during the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Atkins, also of California, are expected before Christmas, also Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Bernard and children of Lubbock for a family get-together.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a dancing doll and some clothes for her, a bath, and necklace. My little brother, Tony, wants two gun holster set a football and a police car. My daddy wants a robe, if you have one. Oh, yes, Santa, I want a cowgirl suit and a one gun holster set. We'll be good, Santa. Merry Christmas.
Betty and Tony Richey

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I go to school and am in the first grade. I have tried to be a good little girl, so would you please bring me a doll, doll stroller, and a set of dishes. Also bring my little brothers, Sammy and Jimmy, a convoy truck, Coca Cola truck and tractor, also lots of fruit, nuts, and candy.

Sandra Kay Larned
P.S. Please remember all other little boys and girls.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
We are two little boys and have tried to be good even though we haven't had more than 4 fights a day.

J. D. is eight years old and wants you to bring him a desk, 2 guns with scabbards, a television set, some candy, nuts, apples and oranges.

Jerry Lynn wants a bicycle, 1 cap gun in a scabbard, an electric train, a farm with animals, some house shoes, a cash register, a filling station and record player, also some nuts, candy, oranges and apples. We love you.
Jerry Lynn and J. D. Stocks

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa,
We are two little boys—Dudley, seven years old and Wayne, five years old.

Please bring each of us a gun, a football and a helmet and any other toys that little boys would enjoy playing with. We've cut our list down since Daddy bought us a little shetland pony.

We are having a program and a Christmas tree at Curry Chapel Church, Saturday night, 23rd. so please be there soon after 8 o'clock. Your little friends,
Dudley & Wayne Perrin

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 2 years old. I would like to have a doll, a stick horse, a big ball, and some dishes. Also some candy, nuts, and fruit. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls. Thanks
Molly Sue Wright
Route 1, Haskell

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
We are two little girls 5 and 3 years old. We want you to bring us a doll and doll buggy and lots of candy and nuts. Give all the other little kids something for Christmas too.
Linda Joyce and Jo Cox

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. I have red curly hair and brown eyes. My name is Judy. I have been a real good girl. I want you to bring me a big dollie, a red pair of boots and a telephone.

My big brother is 9 years old. He wants you to bring him a big archery set and a big racer and some new clothes. We want a big wagon together. Please bring us lots of fruit nuts and candy.

Please dear Santa don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Judy Sharon and Robby Collins

Haskell Woman Writes of Dire Need for Clothing Articles In German Orphanage

A former Haskell girl who is now in Germany with her husband, has written friends here of her work with an orphanage for German children and of the acute need for children's clothing, toys, etc.

She is Mrs. Wm. L. Sheppley, the former Marion Guest, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Guest of Haskell. During World War II she entered military service in a women's branch of the armed forces and spent several years in the European theater. Her husband is attached to the U. S. Military Forces in West Germany, and they are living at Weiblingen, Germany, and she devotes her major time to volunteer work in the orphanage.

Conditions in Germany are

greatly improved, but there is yet so much to be done," she wrote. In mentioning the need of clothing at the orphanage, she said, "The American people have done so much for the Germans already, I hate to ask additional help for these children, but the need is great."

Members of the Magazine Club plan to gather and ship a box of clothing, and toys if possible, to Mrs. Sheppley for distribution at the orphanage. Anyone desiring to donate clothing or other articles may leave their contributions with Mrs. J. U. Fields or Miss Maye Bell Taylor, former missionary to Brazil and schoolmate of Mrs. Sheppley. It is planned to send the box Dec. 28.

May You Have a

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Christmas

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MRS. VETA FURRH

MRS. OPAL DOTSON

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS to ALL

As the joyous songs of Christmastide ring out again, telling the happy story of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" we extend the Season's greetings to our many friends. May your Christmas be one of contentment and good cheer. May the New Year bring you a full measure of happiness and good fortune.

HOLDEN'S FUNERAL HOME
and
HOLDEN BENEFIT ASSN.



OUR SINCERE

Good Wishes

As the Christmas bells ring out to herald the approach of another Yuletide, we are reminded of the many pleasant associations enjoyed during the past year. In appreciation of your friendships may we extend our very best Christmas Wishes.

HASKELL GIN COMPANY

VIRGIL BAILEY, Manager

Professor Faculty of Tech

who has almost 25 years of service at the Haskell College, has resigned Dec. 31, Dr. D. Tech President, announced today.

The veteran professor, in announcing his resignation, said he will go to Arkansas. Horne has extensive properties in that state and feels he should devote his full time to those interests.

FARMER

have received the forms for making your income tax return. If you have not yet received the year's business, we would like to have you come in early and we will help you make your return. We have many years of experience and are able to help you to take advantage of all the deductions to which you are entitled. Too, we have studied the changes made in the tax laws for 1950, and we believe that we are familiar with the new laws.

COURTNEY HUNT

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EVERYONE

It is our wish for your happiness during the Holiday Season. May you enjoy it in all its traditional fullness.

MRS. IVA PALMER
County Superintendent

Greetings

It is not so much the fancy words that make up Christmas sentiments and greetings as it is the thoughts that prompt them. So when we extend the compliments of the season to you, please understand they come to you with all the sincerity and gratitude in the world. You have been our friends and without friends none of us would be happy.

It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past and we respectfully solicit your consideration in the future.



HASSEN'S

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THE HASSEN'S

Parents Advised To Guard Child Against Measles

Measles was at one time considered a "necessary" childhood disease—as inevitable as a child's first tooth or his first steps. Some mothers would actually expose their little ones to the illness, and others did nothing to keep their youngsters away from children who had the contagious disease because it was considered a relief to have measles "over and done with."

The majority of parents today realize that although a common childhood disease, measles can be a very serious one—mainly because of the grave complications which can follow it. Actually, doctors warn that the likelihood of complications is high with children under two years of age who contract measles. These complications can mean a permanent injury to a child's respiratory system.

Moreover, far from being a "light" illness, measles can reduce a child's body resistance so low that he is an easy prey to broncho-pneumonia, mastoid and ear infections, and even tuberculosis.

Measles may occur at any time of the year but the disease seems to reach epidemic proportions most frequently in February and March. The disease, caused by a tiny virus, is spread easily from person to person through direct contact. The virus is carried in the droplets of moisture sprayed into the air when the victim of measles coughs, sneezes, or even as he laughs and talks. There is no specific preventive against measles although recently there has been in use a discovery which can lessen the possibility of grave complications from the disease. It is a serum known as "globulin," developed from blood or blood plasma.

The symptoms of measles resemble those of a cold, with the victim suffering from sneezing, a cough, a running nose, and sometimes a slight fever. The tell-tale red spots appear first inside the mouth, where they are known as Koplik spots, then on the face, neck, and chest, and spread rapidly to the rest of the body.

The mother who knows that her child has been exposed to measles or is getting the disease should put him to bed and call the doctor at once. If the child has the measles, prompt medical care may enable him to ward off possible severe complications.

Although measles can be serious for any child or adult who contracts it, special measures should be taken to protect the child between six months and two years of age. After six months, the baby loses his "birth immunity" to measles and may be vulnerable to the disease.



HERALD ANGELS . . . Rehearsing for the annual Christmas candlelight service, the children choristers of the Crawford Methodist Memorial church in the Bronx, New York, make an impressive picture when viewed through a Christmas wreath in the foreground.

Organized Army Reserves to Get Field Training

The Department of the Army has announced that it now will be able further to improve the combat readiness of the Organized Reserve Corps by providing for the participation of all members of the U. S. Army Organized Reserve Corps troop basis units in 15 days of unit field training each year. Under this new program all members of ORC troop basis units will be required to participate in this training.

Colonel C. M. Culp, Chief of the Texas Military District, stated that while it long has been the policy of the Department of the Army to engage organized units in this type of training, this is the first time that planning has included provision for such extensive participation.

The training, which begins in 1951, will be conducted at the most convenient posts, camps or stations which can provide appropriate training facilities, the Army announcement said, and will be designed to increase the general effectiveness of the Organized Reserve units.

Practical application of the lessons learned during armory training is essential if Organized Reserve Corps units are to become qualified to fulfill their mobilization requirements. Effective unit training can be accomplished only when a substantial number of the members of each unit participate, it was explained. Approximately 60,000 officers and 100,000 enlisted men throughout the nation will be affected.

Colonel Culp stated that under his new program approximately 10,000 Texas Army reservists, divided about equally between officers and enlisted men, will be called for training.

The cooperation of employers was urgently requested by the Army to enable reservists to participate in this required training without detriment to their status as employees. Most of the training, the Army said, will be held during the summer months.

Those Reservists who are not members of troop basis units may continue to receive active duty training on a voluntary basis to the extent that budgetary allowances will permit, the Army said.

Texas Draft Quota Hiked 80 Per Cent Next Two Months

Eighty per cent more Texans will be drafted into military service in the next two months than original quotas called for.

State selective service headquarters at Austin announced the adjusted January and February quotas as 8,279, an increase of 3,683.

The adjusted call for Texas was based on action of the department of defense in Washington in increasing the national call for the two months from 90,000 to 180,000.

State selective service headquarters announced it is now preparing adjusted calls to local draft boards for January. February local board quotas will not be assigned until January.

"Texas is in good position to fill these adjusted calls without running short of examined and acceptable men," state Selective Service Director Paul L. Wakefield said. "We had a lot of men examined during August, September, and October."

About 4,000 men are scheduled to be called for examination after Christmas under the stepped-up quotas. Original plans for examining 7,500 men in January will be increased to 15,000 men, Wakefield said.

Farmers — Farm Machinery In Demand — Sell It Through Want Ads.

Put up in the pocket-book by putting profitable want ads on the job.

Grain Sorghum Supply Largest On Record

Grain sorghum stocks in all positions on October 1, 1950, totaled 59.5 million bushels. This is three times as large as a year earlier and 8 times the two previous years of record. The biggest factor in the large carry-over was the large holdings of the CCC which totaled over 48 million bushels on Oct. 1. This compares with around 10 million held a year earlier. Farm stocks of old crop sorghums totaled a little under 5 million bushels or nearly 2 million less than a year earlier. Based on the November estimate of production, supplies for 1950-51 amount to 256 million bushels or 85 million more than for 1949-50 and 117 million above the 1948-49 supplies.

Despite the lower prices and larger supplies, disappearance last season was 8 million bushels smaller than the previous season and totaled 111.7 million bushels. Exports of grain sorghums last season amounted to 31.3 million bushels which were nearly 9 million below 1949-50 but 15 million bushels above 1947-48. The use of sorghums for the production of alcohol was small the first 9 months of the season. However, with the outbreak of the war in Korea and the need for industrial alcohol in August and September. Despite larger livestock numbers the amount of sorghums fed during 1949-50 dropped 2 million from the previous season and totaled 74 million bushels. With the exception of 1947-48 this was the smallest quantity fed since 1939-40.

Reflecting the larger supplies and smaller disappearance grain sorghum prices at the farm dropped to the lowest point since February 1949 and average \$1.63 per 100 pounds in October 1950. This was 9c below the April peak of last season. Prices of No. 2 yellow Milo averaged \$2.04 per 100 pounds in October compared with \$2.01 a year ago and \$2.27 2 years ago.

The market for the 1950 grain sorghum crop is being supported by loans and purchase agree-

ments at a national average of \$1.87 per 100 pounds. This compares with \$2.09 for the 1949 crop. Farm price averaged about 30 cents below the loan level last year from August through January, the period when loans could be made. As a result of the wide spread, farmers placed nearly 82 million bushels under support program. Of this, 76 million bushels were turned over to the Commodity Credit Corporation at the end of the loan period. This compares with 34 million bushels from the 19448 crop.

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Jim White

Jerald Little

John Darnell
Ann Darnell

Happy Christmas!

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The feeling of complete happiness that fills us when we know we've brought a touch of joy to a loved one is the secret that has kept alive the true meaning of Christmas.

It is in this unselfish spirit that we extend to our friends and neighbors the Season's Greetings.

GHOLSON GROCERY

Complications After Influenza Often Prove Fatal

Despite the millions of lives lost over the years during influenza epidemics, it is believed that the disease itself is rarely responsible for fatalities. However, complications which often follow influenza may cause death. The most common of these is pneumonia. Influenza may also have an adverse effect on tuberculosis.

There are various types of influenza, all of which are caused by a virus, or tiny germ. The milder forms of influenza resemble a severe cold, with chills and fever, extreme exhaustion, and aches and pains in the muscles.

The severe form of influenza most often occurs in epidemics, when the disease spreads rapidly through the community, or throughout the nation, as it did in 1918. High fever, prostration, and excruciating muscular pain accompany the severe form.

Influenza is believed to be spread from person to person, most commonly through "uncovered" coughs and sneezes of the sick person when droplets of moisture containing the influenza virus are sprayed into the air and inhaled by those near the patient.

Although the acute stage of influenza usually has a short but severe period of a week or less, it often leaves its victim exhausted for several days. To avoid relapse and regain his lost strength, the recuperating patient should rest completely before returning to routine tasks for as long as the doctor thinks necessary.

At the first sign of symptoms that might mean influenza, the sick person should go to bed and call the doctor without delay. The dangerous complications of influenza can usually be avoided if the doctor is called in time and if his advice is carefully followed.

Visitors should be kept away from the influenza patient, for their own sake as well as for the good of the sick person, since the disease is contagious. Moreover, even seemingly healthy visitors can bring germs into the sick room which might complicate the patient's fight against his influenza, although medical science continues its search for a protective vaccine. Right now, the best defense we know of against influenza is good personal hygiene, including adequate rest and sleep, a well-balanced diet, and the avoidance of chilling. While observing the rules of good health does not guarantee that influenza will never strike, it lessens the likelihood of contracting the disease.



UNIVERSAL FRIEND . . . Santa, the universal friend of little folks, has managed to gather together a group of kiddies from all over the world. Represented here are the small fry of Paraguay, Greece, Poland, Austria and Italy.

1951 Cotton Loan Fixed at 90 Per Cent of Parity

Cotton loans for 1951 have been set at the maximum of the permissive range in order to encourage farmers to boost production to at least 16 million bales, B. F. Vance, chairman of State PMA Committee, pointed out today. For the same reason farmers were told early in October that marketing quotas and acreage allotments would not be in effect for the 1951 cotton crop. Both domestic and foreign demand are very high. Mr. Vance reminded growers, and at least 16 million bales should be produced next year to meet these demands. 1950 production was only 9.9 million bales.

Mr. Vance said that supports on next year's crop are mandatory at from 75 to 90 percent of parity, when no allotments and quotas are in effect, and Secretary Brannan has put the support for 1951 at 90 percent of parity as of August 1, 1951.

"With major cotton policy decisions made and announced, farmers are in better position to make advance plans for next year's crop," the chairman stated.

Select Shrubs Now To Complete Home Landscaping

Now is the time of year to order the shrubs needed to complete the landscape plans for your home. There are many things to remember when choosing shrubs, and Sadie Hatfield, specialist in home-stead improvement with the A. & M. College Extension Service, suggests a few.

For instance a shrub should be hardy enough to withstand the cold and drought and it should remain attractive the year round. The rate of growth should be considered -- whether it is fast growing or so slow that a long period of time has to elapse before it is large enough to add to the landscape. The type of soil, too, has to be considered because on alkaline soils some shrubs never grow well and some turn up with yellow leaves.

Now, in placing the shrubs, at least five feet from the walk or doorstep and five feet from the house should be allowed. Sometimes when shrubs are placed too

near the house or doorway they have to be cut back so severely that they are no longer attractive. Miss Hatfield suggests the lodense privet for entrances because it is hardy, an evergreen, low growing, and it is easy to prune. In South Texas the mananita or dwarf crepe myrtle makes a good accent plant.

In choosing a corner planting, the specialist says that it should be taller than the doorstep planting. Wax ligustrum can be used as a corner planting. In Central and Southwest Texas the Burford holly is an excellent corner planting. In Central and East Texas Miss Hatfield suggests the yaupon. Arborvitae is a good screen planting.

When placing plants beneath windows, Miss Hatfield reminds that the shrubs should be low growing -- unless a shade is needed in the summer months to shut out the sun. In this case, she suggests planting redbud or vitex -- a shrub which sheds its leaves in the winter months, but has a thick growth of leaves in the hot season.

As for the depth of planting, the specialist says shrubs should be planted the same depth as they grew originally. The hole should be large enough for the roots to spread out and it should be filled with moderately rich topsoil. The plant should be watered immediately after planting. Small shrubs should not be planted closer than three feet to the house, the specialist emphasizes. Large shrubs

such as ligustrums should be four, five, six--sometimes ten feet from the house, she adds.

Occasional brushing inside and out helps to keep wool clothes in good condition.

In connection with the advance of United Nations Day, and more especially the United Nations Flag Day, commission agents report United Nations Flags in Texas.

New Standards Of Beef Grades Announced

Changes in the federal grade standards for steer, heifer, and cow carcasses have been approved and will become effective on December 29, says the Production and Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The changes are in line with a USDA proposal made on May 12, 1950.

Under the new standards, the present Prime and Choice grades of beef will be combined under a single grade, to be known as Prime. The present Choice grade will be known as Good, and a new Good grade will consist of beef from the higher quality cattle now graded Commercial.

These changes are being made in an effort to make the grades more closely identify the different kinds of beef produced and preferred by the housewife, says Roy W. Snyder, meats specialist for the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service.

Snyder points out that the higher quality young beef in the present Commercial grade is popular with many housewives. Its identification as a separate grade will be beneficial to both the producers and consumers.

He says that less than one-half of one percent of the total U. S. beef production qualifies for the present prime grade, but with the combining of the present Prime and Choice grades, the new Prime grade will become an important factor in meat grading.

Snyder says that these changes in beef grade names should have no effect on price. Beef prices are determined by the demand of certain grades. Grades are a uniform guide for use in trading in meats.

These announced changes will affect only Prime, Choice, Good and Commercial carcass beef grades. The standards for Utility, Cutter, and Canner grades will remain unchanged. The Production and Marketing Administration is now taking steps to bring the grade standards for slaughter cattle in line with the revised grade for beef carcasses.



To thank you as we would like to be far beyond us. For if we had no friends like you there would be no firm like ours.

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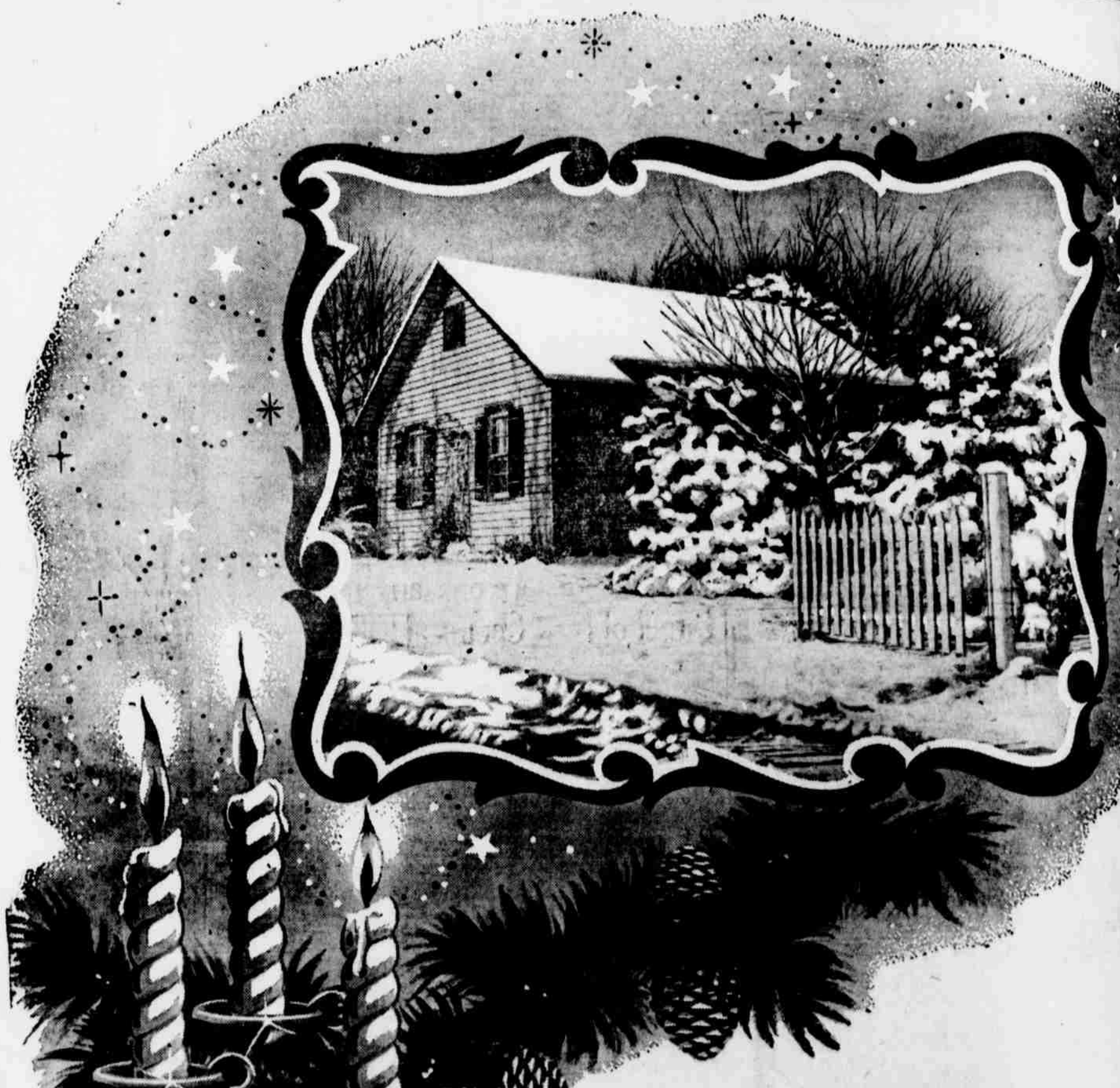
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Place Names of Christmas Many Ways

CLAUDE, INDIANA, Conn., and Christmas, a few of the more familiar names which each year find their way into the post office mail from sending to obtain yuletide...

blems answer the seasonal roll call: they can be found in Conn., Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. The Bethlehem, Conn., post office was one of several stations that figured in headlines recently on the use of especially-designed cancellation stamps bearing the now-forbidden Christmas tree decoration. The town's population is about 350.

There are two Noels—in Virginia and Missouri. Last year, Missouri's Noel post office reported hand-cancellation of a record 650,000 pieces of Christmas mail—800 for each of the town's residents.

Besides specific Christmas names that dot the land there are dozens that call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is Advent, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary, and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

One Wiseman is found in Alaska and another in Arkansas. The third, it may be assumed, is in

Children's Health Important Factor In Schoolwork

Most fathers and mothers want their boys and girls to go to school regularly. They send them off in the morning willingly—sometimes thankfully. The fact that there is a law which compels parents to send their children to school seldom or never occurs to them, says Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Various studies in the United States and Canada show that sickness is the cause of the great majority of the school absences. Certainly it would be impossible to wipe absences because of illness and accidental injury entirely off the record. But they can be reduced in number and shortened in length if parents, teachers, and the doctors, nurses, and guidance personnel serving the school work closely together.

The boy or girl in the beginning stages of a cold or sore throat or some other catching illness is a focus of infection from which new cases easily spread outward in ever-widening circles. Often the parents can help to keep infectious diseases from spreading in school by keeping children at home when they are not in their usual health. Teachers can help by having an evenly heated and well ventilated room by teaching children to stay home when ill.

Excuses for absences are important to the school both for the record and for the information they give the teacher, the nurse, and the doctor in their health guidance of the child. If the child was under medical care the excuse should indicate that the doctor approved a return to school. Any special recommendations made by the doctor will help the teacher to make any adjustments needed in the child's school program.

Wisemantown, Ky. There are five Stars and four Shepherds. West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri, Peace Valley; and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.

For Christmas party, Turkey is available in four states; Cranberry in three. Kentucky has a mistletoe. Six states count an Evergreen; seven a Pine, and three a Holly.

Louisiana comes up with Trees. Alabama with Candles; and to top the decorations, Pennsylvania has its Angels.



AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SCENE... Symbolic of our nation at this festive season of the year in this picture of Little Ethel German, 4, daughter of a guide at the Statue of Liberty, as she admires a Christmas tree on the porch of Newell M. Foster, superintendent of the statue staff on Bedloe's Island. Over her shoulder, Miss Liberty herself stays right on the job, blaring her message of peace and good will.

Germans Started Christmas Trees

Research into the origin of the Christmas tree shows that the Germans had much to do with this tradition than their contribution of the song, O Tannenbaum.

The concept of the tree is very old," says the December issue of House Beautiful Magazine. "In 1561, authorities in Alsace had to pass an ordinance limiting the size of trees the burghers cut down for their celebration."

According to the article, Moravians in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, saluted Christmas in 1747 with a pyramid of green, decorated with candles, apples, and verses. But until the middle 1800's Christmas trees were comparatively rare and those that did exist were usually set up and decorated by German immigrants to America.

"Fort Dearborn, Michigan," the author reports, "is said to have had a tree in 1804. A German pro-

Margaret Free In Role of 'Western Santa' At HSU

Margaret Free, sophomore in Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Free of Haskell, was active in students pre-Christmas activities at the Abilene college. At Hunter Hall dormitory Thursday evening, Margaret, dressed as the "Western Santa" distributed the gifts, carols were sung, and refreshments served.

Miss Free is active in all student organizations at Hardin-Simmons, is a member of the H-SU Cowgirls and rider of one of the famed six white horses in the college band, and is a member of the H-SU Rodeo Association.

Professor at Harvard trimmed one for his little boy in 1838. And in Williamsburg, Va., they still celebrate the lighting of the first Christmas tree ever trimmed there about 1840 by a German tutor.

There's a report that Henry VIII celebrated a Twelfth night pageant with a tree of gold hung with roses and pomegranates. A travel book of 1605 mentions the way the residents of Strassburg set up fir trees in their rooms and hung on them apples, wafers, gilt and sugar.

The Story of The Manger

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the airy porticos—complete with plaster of paris animals and adoring shepherds—so dear to the heart of modern Christendom.

With comfort increasing throughout the western world, the poverty of the Nativity scene simultaneously startles and fascinates us—as perhaps Matthew, the publican, was impressed by the story of the Wise Men; and St. Luke who had been a ship's doctor and probably knew very little about shepherds, was charmed by the shepherds abiding in the fields.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable; a place of shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and Judean travelers—frequently 'put up' in such caves—welcomed rather than disdained joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth, while the guests inside the inn had no heat at all.

The cave, which was the birthplace of the Savior, is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church for Nativity; and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has been unwilling to maintain its poverty and has covered the entire surface with costly ornamentation.

Among the 48 states, Texas ranks high in the number of dairy cows, but very low on the basis of milk and butterfat production per cow. The artificial breeding program, if widely used, could materially assist in remedying the situation.

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Dec.: 31, 1950 Watch night Service, 7.00 p. m. to 12.05 p. m. Music, Singing, Speaking. Closing Message by Rev. Jesse Jones.

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9:45 a. m.—Bible School, classes for all groups. Adult lesson, "The Saviour is Born" (Luke 2:1-20; Philipians 4:4-7) 10:45 a. m.—Morning Worship and the Communion Service. Morning Sermon, "The Basis For Universal Joy." 6:30 p. m.—Evening Worship and fellowship. Sermon subject, "Between The Testaments."

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U. of T. Develops New Analysis For Platinum Metals

University of Texas scientists have developed new methods for analyzing platinum metals, used extensively in making dental fixtures, jewelry, electrical equipment, and chemical ware.

Dr. Gilbert H. Ayres and his colleagues have perfected faster and more accurate ways to measure minute quantities of four metals in the platinum "family"—iridium, ru-

thenium, osmium, and platinum. There are six similar metals that scientists call the platinum group, but they have differing properties. Manufacturers, therefore, must carefully analyze any alloy containing one or more of the group to be sure it will give the desired performance.

Dr. Gilbert H. Ayres and staff hope to perfect improved analytical methods for rhodium and palladium, the other two platinum metals. The Atomic Energy Commission is cooperating with the University in financial support of the research program.

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Mesquite Menace on Rangeland Target of New Chemical Killer

Bad news for mesquite trees which hamper southwestern rangeland operations comes from the Du Pont Company, which announces the availability of a new brush killer, designed specifically to control this pest.

The material is a low-volatility formulation to be known as 2, 4, 5-T Ester Brush Killer and has been developed as a result of a number of years of testing various herbicides for the control of mesquite, both at the Spur, Texas, experiment station and in large-scale field tests during the past season on ranches throughout the Southwest. Applications by airplane of the low-volatility esters of 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid have proved by far the most effective treatments for killing this brush.

western cattlemen millions of dollars annually. Its spread throughout the rangelands has crowded out grass and other plants that provide feed for cattle. Equally important, its dense growth has obscured the cross-country vision of riders, resulting in the missing of thousands of head of cattle at round-up time.

For best results, it is suggested that the mesquite killing chemical be applied in the Spring, from two to three months after appearance of the first mesquite leaves. Recommended airplane sprays should contain one and a half pints of the brush killer in solution with three gallons of water and a gallon of oil, such as clear diesel oil, per acre sprayed. The material is available in one-gallon cans or in five-gallon or 50-gallon drums.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

May a joyous Christmas usher in a New Year of happiness and good health for all our cherished friends.

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Rainbow Club Has Christmas Program In Tooley Home

The Rainbow Sewing Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Tooley Tuesday, Dec. 19 for their annual Christmas program.

Beautiful holiday decorations were used throughout the home, with a lovely Christmas tree as the central feature.

Mrs. Walter Rogers had charge of the program, which was opened with group singing of Silent Night, Holy Night.

The Vision of the Shepherd (Luke 2:8-17) was given by Mrs. Tooley.

Christmas Poem and Story, by Mrs. Winnie Copeland.

Duet, Jingle Bells, by Mesdames Sallie Patterson and Winnie Copeland.

Reading, Christ Man, by Mrs. Ethel Edwards.

Reading, Mrs. Erea Chapman.

Open Season, a pantomime by Mesdames Zada Smith and Della Corzine.

Chorus, Little Town of Bethlehem, Mesdames Flossie Rogers, Stella Joeslet and Velma Tooley.

A Christmas Story, Thelma Adams.

The program closed with prayer led by Mrs. W. E. Johnson.

Mrs. Tooley played the role of Santa Claus with little Karen Edwards as her helper, and a

lovely gift was presented to each one present.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, fruit, cake, hot tea and coffee was served to Mesdames Thelma Adams, Essie Bland, Ethel Edwards, Delia Flossie Rogers, Sallie Patterson, Essie Bland, Thel Edwards, Della Corzine, Zada Smith, Winnie Copeland, W. E. Johnson, and two visitors, Mrs. Herman Edwards and little daughter Karen of Tulare, California, and the hostess, Mrs. Tooley.

Members of the club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. E. Johnson at 8:30 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 21, for a visit to the hospital and other "shut-ins" and sing Christmas carols.

Next regular meeting of the club will be January 2 in the home of Mrs. Flossie Rogers.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and thoughtful deeds extended during the illness and going away of our beloved wife, mother and daughter. We shall always be grateful for everything that was done to help lighten our burden of grief. — Homer Buchanan and children; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tate and family.

Read the bargains listed in Free Press Want Ads each week.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

"Christ and the Fine Arts" Theme of Magazine Club Program Friday

When members of the Magazine Club met for guest day and regular program Friday, Dec. 15 in the club house they found the assembly room decorated in traditional Christmas style. Santa and his reindeer led the parade,

with huge candles, pine burs, mistletoe and an electrically illuminated Santa Claus adding a festive note.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hutchinson Host Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hutchinson and daughter Doris entertained with a supper party at their home in Weinert Friday night.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Coyt Hix, Leatha and Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker, Mary and LaGrace. After supper the group gathered around the Christmas tree where gifts were handed out by Louise. Names were drawn at an earlier date. Later games of Canasta were played. All reported a good time.

Warm 'Bruncher'



Here's a brunch-length robe of washable cotton to keep spirits gay and shoulders warm on the chilliest of mornings. It's a Good Housekeeping fashion selection for a pretty and practical Christmas gift. Made by Lounges, it's available in green, blue or tangerine with gold figures, and retails for about \$13.

Weinert Matrons Club Meets Thursday With Mrs. Vern Derr

The Weinert Matrons Club met Thursday in the home of Mrs. Vern Derr. A short business session was presided over by the president. The menu was made for the annual Christmas dinner party.

Mrs. J. B. Pumphrey, of Old Glory, gave a very interesting account of "Mothers Of The Bible."

Refreshments of fruit cake and coffee were served to the following members: Mesdames C. T. Jones, R. H. Jones, J. W. Liles, W. I. Coggins, C. C. Childress, Frank Oman, P. F. Weinert, A. Bartell, Fred Monke, Claude Reid, Clyde Mayfield, W. B. Guess, Vern Derr, and one guest Mrs. J. B. Pumphrey.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Miss Juanita Scoggins of Wayland College, Plainview, is here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Scoggins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Burson To Observe 40th Wedding Anniversary On Dec. 25th

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Burson, prominent Haskell county farm couple and who have been active in community and church affairs in Haskell and vicinity for more than two score years, will observe their 40th wedding anniversary on Christmas day, Monday, Dec. 25 at their home. Open house will be held from 3 to 5 p. m., and all friends of the family are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Burson were married Dec. 25, 1910, at Pinkerton, then a thriving rural community midway between Haskell and Rule. Mrs. Burson was the former Miss Lela Hayes, and he was a progressive young farmer of that community.

Mr. and Mrs. Burson have continued their residence in Haskell county during their married life-

time, and in addition to his extensive farming interests. Mr. Burson has been identified with other farm business enterprises. Mr. and Mrs. Burson are the parents of eight children, two sons and six daughters, and all of the children are expected to be present for the anniversary observance.

The children are: Mrs. C. C. Childress, Mrs. J. Cleo Scott of Conroe, Texas; Mrs. Melvin Norman, Mrs. Clovis Norman of Sun Valley, Calif.; C. G. Burson, Jr., Mrs. Edwin Roberts, T. V. Burson, and Mrs. J. W. Casey.

James L. Reed Speaker at PTA Meeting

The Elementary P-T-A meeting at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Stella Joeslet, president, opened the meeting. A number was given by Mrs. S. H. Vaught, superintendent of schools, introduced Regal, Elementary school who spoke on the value of cards in the present school term.

Mrs. Jack Ruten's third room won the banner for having the largest number of mothers present.

The next meeting will be January 25 and all parents are urged to attend. Dr. T. Williams will be the speaker. Special numbers will be given to the third grade children.

New Towel Set Styled for Kitchen

An excellent gift for the homemaker who spends part of her day in the kitchen is a new towel set recently on the market. This towel set is designed as attractive and smartly as matched bathroom towels. The seven-piece ensemble consists of a kitchen towel, cotton dish towels and two holders that match. This gift package is made of bridge prizes and bristals as well as for Christmas.

Naomi Bible Class Holds Christmas Dinner, Party

Members of the Naomi Bible Class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas dinner and party in the church Annex Friday, Dec. 15, with 27 present.

After a bountiful dinner which was enjoyed by all, the Class joined in a song, followed with the devotion by Bonnie Cothron, after which the following program was given:

Social Song—Delight Ash. Readings—Ruby Kay Alvis and Berry O'Neal. Story of the Baby Jesus—Dale Bledsoe.

The group was dismissed with prayer by Stella Joeslet, after which gifts for all present were distributed from a heavily-laden Christmas tree.

Ruth Bible Class Has Xmas Party Monday Night

The Ruth Bible Class of the First Baptist Church met Monday night, Dec. 18, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Dotson for their Christmas party.

Guests were registered in a lovely handpainted leaflet made by Gladys O'Neal as they arrived at the gaily decorated home. Everyone visited for awhile, then sang Christmas carols. Edith Wheatley gave an interesting reading on "What Christmas Means To Me," and then offered a holiday prayer.

The guests were then ushered into the lovely dining room where Christmas shone all around. They were served date nut cake by Mrs. Cretia Brooks, and coffee by Jimmie Lou Adkins, from the lace covered table. Lovely jingle bell napkins were used in red and green colors. The centerpiece was Santa, his sleigh full of gifts, and his reindeer surrounded by small bits of evergreen.

After refreshments were served, Mrs. Brooks brought the devotion on "Christ's Handmaid," the life of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Jimmie Lou Adkins called the house to order for a business meeting. The former Class secretary, Lorene Hood, has resigned and Doris Reeves was elected to move up from assistant secretary to secretary, and Mildred Robertson is new assistant.

The Class has three new members, Doris Robertson, Johnnie Lytle, and Marjorie Etheridge. After the business meeting the presents were passed out from the lovely lighted tree. Then the group sang Silent Night, and Doris Reeves dismissed with prayer.

Hostesses for the delightful occasion were Jimmie Lou Adkins, Gladys O'Neal, Wilma Adkins, Iva Lee Gipson, and Edith Wheatley. Others present were: Inez Gholson, Dale Bledsoe, Ruth Cobb, Nell Pogue, Gerry Spain, Frances Thomson, Opal Gilliam, Doris Reeves, Casolyn Everett, Mary Martin, Helen Baker, Mary Lou Joeslet, Marie Howeth, Beatrix Mobley, Dorothy Trussell, Bonnie Hatfield, Mildred Robertson, Annie Pearl Lusk, Doris Burson, Faye Stiewert, Anna Rose Burson, Nadine Pogue, Marjorie Etheridge, Johnnie Raye Lytle, Maxine Miller, Bessie Rich, Margaret Watson, Edie Cadenhead, Cretia Brooks, Fern Lackey, Bertie May Dumas, and Bill Norton.



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RECIPES OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor
Deviled Cheese Snacks

1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (4oz. pkg.)
1 tablespoon butter (1/2 oz.)
1 tablespoon fat
4 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup hot milk

1 teaspoon bottled mustard
8 green beans
1 1/2 cups onion
Assorted cheese
1 1/2 x 1/2 in.

Cook and stir beef in hot fat over low heat until edges curl. Sprinkle flour over beef; stir in milk slowly. Boil and stir 1 min. Remove from heat; stir in mustard. Cover and let stand. Turn on oven; set at moderately hot (400°). Remove crusts from bread; toast on one side only. Cut each slice in half to form strips. Spread beef mixture on untoasted side of bread. Put a strip of cheese on each. Put on baking sheet. Bake on center rack of oven 5 min., or until cheese is slightly melted. Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

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Womens' dresses used in 1949... Council market re-attribute the increased in dresses chiefly to developed for cotton smart styling design- giving to high-fash-

New Candy Stripes Make Sleep Bright

Sleep is getting gayer all the time. A few years ago cotton sheet manufacturers came up with sheets in colorful solid pastel shades. This year, at the request of one of the nation's most fashionable department stores, a leading sheet manufacturer is making cotton sheets in candy stripes. The sheets are made of soft cotton percale in blue, pink, yellow, or green, all striped with white. The candy stripes are to be used as top sheets with white linens. To go with the candy striped sheets are either white pillow cases with a matching striped hem or all-over striped pillow cases.

Fidelis Class Has Annual Christmas Coffee Sunday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Couch, Sr., was the scene for the traditional Christmas coffee for the members of the Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church at 9 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 17, with Mrs. Couch as hostess. The Christmas theme was attractively carried out in decorations in the entertaining rooms. Included in the program was a Christmas Story by Mrs. Kathleen Diggs; group singing of Christmas carols; and prayer by R. C. Couch, Sr., first teacher of the Fidelis Class when it was organized. Members of the class presented a lovely gift to Mrs. Norman L. Nanny, class teacher. A silver offering was given Miss Maye Bell Taylor, a former missionary in Brazil, and she will send the offering to Recife, Brazil, as tuition which will enable some girl to attend school. This offering is an annual contribution from the Fidelis class. Miss Maye Bell Taylor poured coffee at the beautifully appointed table laid with white linen cutwork over red satin, with a centerpiece of Christmas greenery surrounded with candles. Present were: Mesdames R. L. Foote, Terry M. Diggs, John P. Payne, Claude Harrison, Frank C. Scott, M. E. Helber, Ralph E. Duncan, Norman L. Nanny, Thos. L. Ballard, T. J. Lemmon, C. V. Payne, Scott W. Greene, Jr., Juanita King, Carlton Couch, Roberta Phillips, Margaret Hunter, Ruby Smith, J. F. Cadenhead, Roy Brock, W. P. Trice, Gerie Haggoner, A. C. Pierson, Hallie Chapman, R. A. Lane, Claudia Bland, R. L. LeClaire, Jetty V. Clare, John A. Lee. SEE our gay colored, genuine leather bound binders. The Free Press.

Friendship H. D. Club Has Annual Xmas Party

Members of the Friendship Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Rob Edwards Friday, December 15 for their Christmas tree and program. Mrs. Edward Newton gave an interesting story on how Christmas carols were started, and Mrs. Claud Young gave a reading, "Home for Christmas." The group sang Christmas carols, with Mrs. Otto Vaughn as piano accompanist. Gifts were exchanged and those present were served fruits, nuts and candy with sandwiches, hot chocolate and coffee. Present were Mesdames Ted Jetton, Leon Newton, Frank Garrett, Edward Newton, Claud Young, Otto Vaughn, Jackie and Sandra Jetton and the hostess, Mrs. Rob Edwards. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Claud Young January 5, and all members are urged to start the new year by being present. Visitors are always welcome.

Army and USDA To Field Test Mildew Resistance of Cotton

Extensive tests to discover better ways of protecting cotton fabrics from rot and mildew will be made cooperatively during the next few years in various parts of the world by the Army Quartermaster Corps and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Results obtained in these tests will guide the Quartermaster Corps in developing new cotton fabrics for use in tents and other equipment that will have greater resistance to damage by microorganisms. The experiments also will provide a check on present laboratory methods of estimating without extended field tests, the probable performance of the treated fabrics. Four widely separated locations are being chosen for the tests so that the cotton materials can be exposed to typical conditions occurring in hot-dry climates throughout the world. The test fabrics are being treated with selected fungicides and other chemicals at the Southern Regional Research Laboratory at New Orleans. Test stations will include New Orleans for a humid, subtropical climate; Las Cruces, New Mexico, for hot, dry climate; and two overseas stations, probably located in the Caribbean and South Pacific areas. After exposure at the four test stations for periods of a month to about two and a half years, the fabrics will be reexamined in the laboratory. Tolerance, it seems, is the art of not believing in your kind, whatever it may be. Say what you please, and say it a number of times—somebody will believe you. A match is a little thing but it can begin a big fire.

Surgery Advisable In Some Cases of Tuberculosis

The lung is normally one of the most active organs of the human body, but when damaged by a serious disease like tuberculosis it needs all the rest it can get to heal. That is why patients with tuberculosis are put on complete bed rest in a tuberculosis hospital. When the patient is physically and mentally relaxed, the normal work of the lungs is cut down. With the constant motion of the lung lessened, the organ has a better chance to heal. Sometimes, bed rest alone is not enough for the sick lung. When this is the case, the doctor advises "collapse therapy" or some other type of surgery to give the lung the additional rest it needs. There are several forms of lung surgery. One of the simplest is the temporary collapse of the lung known as pneumothorax. With this operation, air is inserted between the covering of the sick lung and the lining of the chest wall, causing the lung to shrink into a smaller space. The air compressing the lung is gradually absorbed, and the lung collapsed for as long as it is necessary. In a second form of temporary collapse, known as pneumoperitoneum, air is injected into the abdominal cavity to push up the diaphragm under the damaged lung and this compress the diseased area. The lung re-expands as the air is slowly absorbed, and the diaphragm returns to its normal position. Phrenic nerve paralysis is a simple operation, which temporarily paralyzes the diaphragm on the side under the sick lung and compresses it for about 6 months. The moving of the lung in breathing is cut down considerably during that time. When permanent paralysis of the diaphragm is necessary, the phrenic nerve is cut instead of merely crushed. Thoracoplasty, an operation performed to collapse the diseased area of the lung permanently, means the removal of ribs, or sections of ribs, over the damaged area of the lung. This permits the soft covering of the rib to fall in and collapse the diseased portion of the lung. New ribs will grow back in about three months in such a position that they will keep the diseased part of the lung permanently collapsed. Other surgical procedures include lobectomy, the removal of a diseased lobe of the lung, and pneumonectomy, an operation in which the entire diseased lung is removed. Surgery never takes the place of bed rest in treating tuberculosis, but rather supplements it, if and when the doctor thinks surgical procedures are required.

Plastic Tableware Soon May Serve Army Mess Halls

A new type of plastic tableware developed by the Army Quartermaster Corps may replace the heavy white chinaware now being used in mess halls. The plastic tableware developed as a result of extensive tests is to be made of cotton rag-filled phenolmelamine-formaldehyde. The rag content is chopped cotton cloth chiefly from shirting material, which increases durability. The plastic plates, saucers, and other pieces are the results of more than three years of field and laboratory tests. Testing of the tableware was based on acceptability by soldiers, meeting of military requirements, and annual replacements cost.

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Migrants To Winter Resorts Set Summer Fashion Trends

While most of the world is shivering as icy winds and Jack Frost announce the arrival of winter, fortunate winter vacationers are unpacking cool, comfortable sports clothes and playwear for outdoor life in the land of sunshine.

Instead of heavy toppers, migrants to the Southern playgrounds will don fresh new cotton swimsuits, sunbacks, and sports ensembles—fore-runner of the fashions that will be seen everywhere next summer.

The nation's top designers have created an outstanding group of cruise and resort fashions for the 1951 season. One of the significant new fabric trends of the year is cotton lace. Designers at Tabak of California have used the glamorous fabric in a simply tailored, feminine dress accented with diamond-like buttons all the way from its v-neckline to the skirt hemline. The shoulders are soft and rounded with short cuffed sleeves that harmonize with cuffed pockets at each hip.

Cotton lace is important in swimwear, too. Many of the most eye-catching new swim suits are designed in elasticized lace, cotton lace over plain fabrics, and lace

patterns printed on cotton. One of the fashionable swim suits was created by Catalina in conga printed lace over skin-tone, puckerette cotton.

Cotton pique is playing a return engagement in the new vacation styles. Last year it was summer's favorite fabric for both sports and dress wear—and this year it is back again with a new approach. Junior Miss of California designers chose printed cotton pique for a versatile sports ensemble. It is made up of a sunsuit with a wide, bitten bow tie for a halter, a bare little bodice, short fitted jacket, and full, gathered skirt.

Waffle pique makes a trim appearance in a shorts ensemble created by Royal of California. The slim shorts have two rows of tiny buttons that match the same tiny buttons on the blouse. A self-belt ties in a flat bow at the waistline. To go with the shorts and neat blouse are a skirt and strapless bra.

Pique is teamed with cotton string in a cover-up style that is adaptable in cruise and resort wardrobes now and will be just as versatile next summer. Designers for Casual Time of California

1951 Dimes Fund Covers Gonzales Treatment

The cost of polio patient care at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation is borne by Texas chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Ed S. Stewart of Abilene, chairman of the 1951 Texas March of Dimes, pointed out today.

NFIP chapters in Texas have spent \$187,000 in March of Dimes revenue at the Texas Warm Springs institution through Sept. of this year, Stewart said. Gonzales Foundation officials reported to Stewart that the total of NFIP patient days as listed by months was as follows: January, 2,895; February, 2,349; March, 2,028; April, 1,805; May, 1,937; June, 1,664; July, 1,927; August, 2,206; and September, 1,976.

The per diem rate paid by National Foundation chapters for treatment at Gonzales is \$10, exclusive of payments for braces and appliances.

"Gonzales is one of the leading Texas facilities for the treatment of polio convalescents," said Stewart. "The cost of this care at Gonzales, as at other hospitals, is met by county chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis through funds received from the March of Dimes."

"The average monthly bill at Gonzales for National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis patients has been \$20,874 for the first nine months of 1950."

"Under an agreement between the Gonzales Foundation and the National Foundation for Infantile

Paralysis, the former does not raise money to pay the per diem cost of treating polio patients at Gonzales, since the March of Dimes organization, through its Texas chapters, assumes responsibility for the cost of whatever care is needed by the polio patient.

have created a slim cotton pique dress with two wide shoulder straps and buttons from top to bottom. Covering the pique dress is a take-off overskirt fringed to match a wide, wide cotton string stole in a contrasting dark shade. California designer Pat Premo uses heavy birdseye pique for a sophisticated bolero and sheath dress in white that shimmers with golden polka dots. The "hug-me-tight" bolero has a darting collar and short sleeves; the sheath dress is fitted to perfection with flaring flap pockets at each side.

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"The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis works with Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation as well as with other hospital facilities to extend treatment to Texas polio patients, and NFIP compensates Gonzales and other agencies for such care."

"Exhaustion of March of Dimes funds raised by Texas Chapters has meant that all hospitals are extending credit to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis until after the 1951 March of Dimes, January 15-31."

Testing Reflexes Adds Hilarity To Party Gatherings

Along with parlor tricks during the holiday season, the testing of reflexes frequently adds hilarity to gatherings. It is always amazing to find out that parts of your anatomy do things you're unaware of, when you think you have yourself quite under command.

Reflexes are those actions of muscles that respond to a stimulus without sending the message to the brain. While the testing of these reflexes at a party seems to add to the enjoyment, the testing in the doctor's office is sometimes a vital part of your physical examination.

Blinking the eyes when a piece of cotton is stuck in your eye,

gagging when something touches the back of the mouth, and bending the big toe down when a finger or stick is stroked across the sole of the foot all come under the heading of superficial reflexes, reaction but for exaggerated reaction, too, which may be significant of nerve path disorder. The foot jumps out when you tap the knee just below the kneecap, the foot jerks down when you tap the back of the ankle, the forearm and hand jerk up when you hit the biceps muscle on top of the upper arm, and the forearm and hand pull down when the triceps muscle on the bottom of the arm is tapped. Those muscles all have to be nicely relaxed to give any medical information as to reflex.


One of the favorite "tricks" in sociable testing of reactions is standing with the arm and shoulder against the wall for a period

and then stepping back from the wall and watching the arm float up. The sense of pain, touch, and temperature are part of the skin sensations which may be tested if conditions suggest it is advisable. The degree of pain may be important whether it be lacking entirely or unduly exaggerated. Numb parts of the skin where nothing is felt are always important, though they may be numb only to touch of normal objects and still react to pain and heat or cold.

Buttoning or unbuttoning your coat with your eyes closed may be a part of the deep sensation examination; it's really not as easy as it sounds. If you dress in the mornings before you get your eyes open real good, though, you have had lots of practice for that.

Standing with the feet and ankles close together is another of the

deep sensation tests. Easy? You supposed to close your eyes and you do it. Not so easy, huh? These deep sensation tests all done with the eyes closed. You can and bring the forefinger together in a quick sweep of a quick, eye-closed motion. put the heel of one foot on the front of the leg. Since relaxation is an important part of reflex and sensation in the physical examination, you aren't likely to be able to much about your own testing of a party. In your hands, this testing may result in definite information as to the nerve path and mechanism in proper order.



A Christmas Wish

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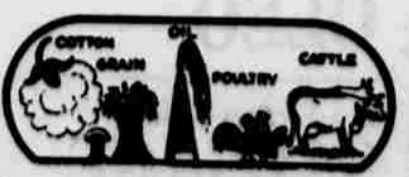
With the passing of each year, it becomes more evident that the peace of Christmas is enjoyed only because there were those who made every sacrifice that we might enjoy Christmas to its fullest extent. As we extend our Season's Greeting we are mindful that without those sacrifices, we could not enjoy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

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

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

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Mattson Opens Cage Season With Win Over Megargel

Mattson rural high school opened 13-B conference basketball play with a crowd-thriller Tuesday night, Dec. 19 with the Megargel Wildcats. The Mustangs defeated the visitors 32-31 in a game that never varied more than three points difference between the two teams while the score favored first one and then the other.

Roy Forehand was high point man for Mattson, with Wayne Peiser making a field goal in the closing seconds of the hard-fought game to cinch the Mattson victory.

In the game between Megargel and Mattson girls, the visitors won with a 19-16 score. Joan Mapes was high point girl for Mattson.

Dodge to Show New Model Cars In January

Dodge will introduce its 1951 model cars to the public on January 20, it was announced today by Pitman Motor Company, local Dodge dealer.

W. H. Pitman has just returned from a dealer preview of the new cars at Oklahoma City. He described them "really outstanding in appearance, riding comfort and roadability."

"I am excited about the looks of the 1951 Dodge cars," Pitman said. "They are beautiful automobiles, both inside and out. As for mechanical improvements, Dodge engineers have developed something new in the way of ride control. I think it is one of the best advancements in chassis engineering we have seen in a long time and I am looking forward to giving road demonstrations beginning January 20."

Pitman said Dodge 1950 retail sales nationally were the greatest in Dodge history despite the fact that the factory was out of production for three months last spring.

HERE FOR WEEK-END

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Shrader of Fort Worth were week-end visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Couch and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Couch.

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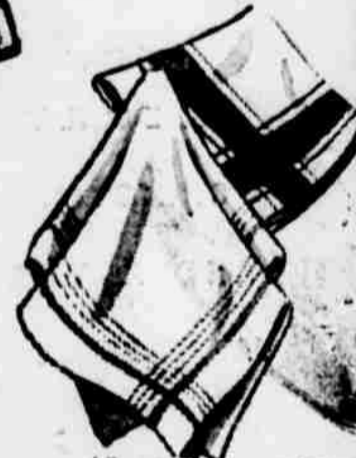
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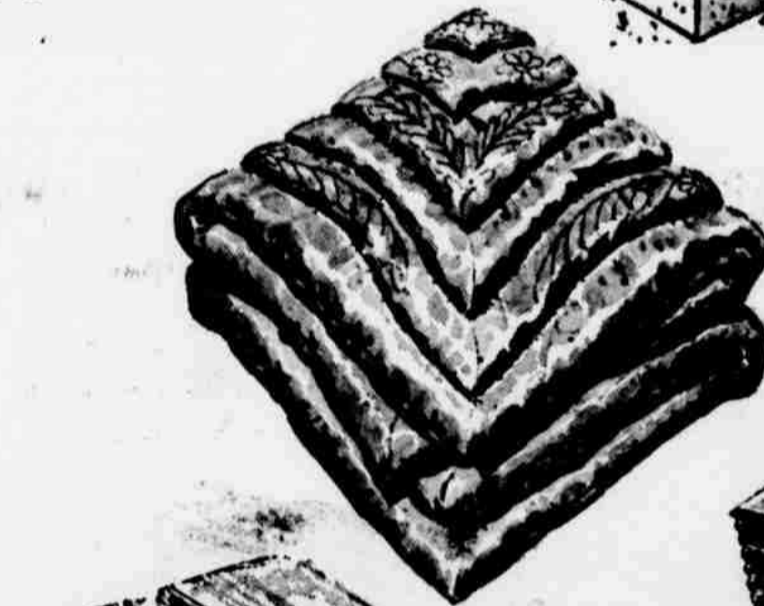
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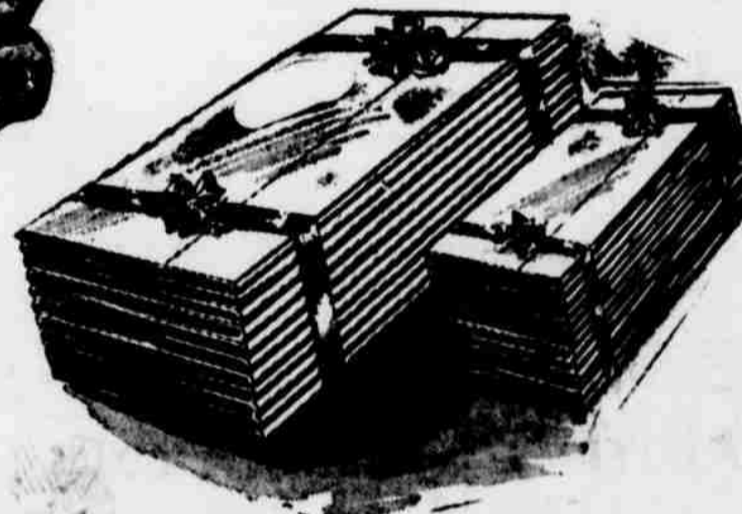
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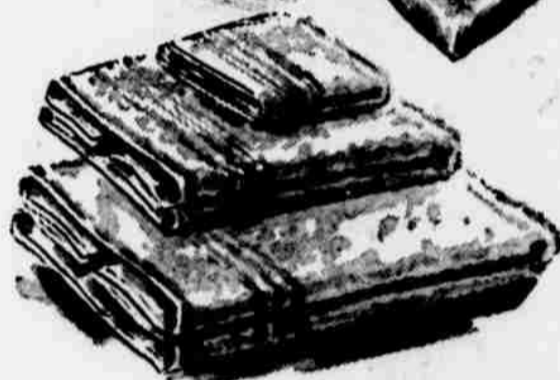
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Christmas

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

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Tell the Truth About Santa

Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy, sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands.

The father was very proud and would not accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret—so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

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END OF THE RAINBOW . . . The rainbow of at least one human desire had fulfillment at the end when Judy Sue Warschauer found herself face to face with the doll of her dreams—and it was the very one she wanted for Christmas.

The Legend of The Three Wise Men

Legend not only has identified the Wise Men as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, it has crowned them and given them the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia. It has symbolized their gifts as symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest and myrrh for a great physician.

The Gospel text's specific wise men from the east logically identifies them with Zoroastrianism—an ancient monotheistic religion of Persia. Zoroastrian priests were called Magi; they were powerful in public and private life since they, and they alone, possessed the priestly mysteries involved in the worship of Mazda—who represented the Zoroastrian power for good.

The Magi may or may not have been fabulously wealthy. St. Matthew does not elaborate their treasures or the amount of gold, frankincense and myrrh which they presented to the Christ Child. The gifts may have been mere tokens of their treasures, or the sum and substance thereof.

And if they were soothsayers, mystics and possibly clairvoyants they were also truly wise—in as much as they did not return to Herod, but departed into their own country by a different route.

Christmas of 1804 Was Chicago's Best

Surely there will never be another Christmas celebration like the one in Chicago in 1804.

Captain John Whistler (grandfather of the painter who painted the famous "Whistler's Mother") was in command of the garrison at Fort Dearborn and he decided that there should be a great feast—complete with music, dancing and a splendid Christmas tree.

Soldiers from the garrison went a-hunting in the woods just north of the river and came back with a fat buck deer, some rabbits, a raccoon or two, a few wild turkeys. Added to the roasting pig (contributed by some festive-minded citizen) and the magnificent Christmas pudding, these morsels provided abundance for all. Every body—the civilians and the military—drank a toast to Thomas Jefferson, the President of the United States.

The punch was "dizzy" and there were fifes and drums and a couple of fiddlers to play for the dancing.

It was getting late when a watcher in one of the blockhouses gave a warning shout that Indians who came bearing gifts of the feasts. They watched the white folks dance, and when the whites were exhausted, the redskins took the floor and began a wild, whooping dance of their own which climaxed Chicago's unique Christmas celebration in 1804.

Archaeologists' Finds Bear Out Bible Stories

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ the Archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

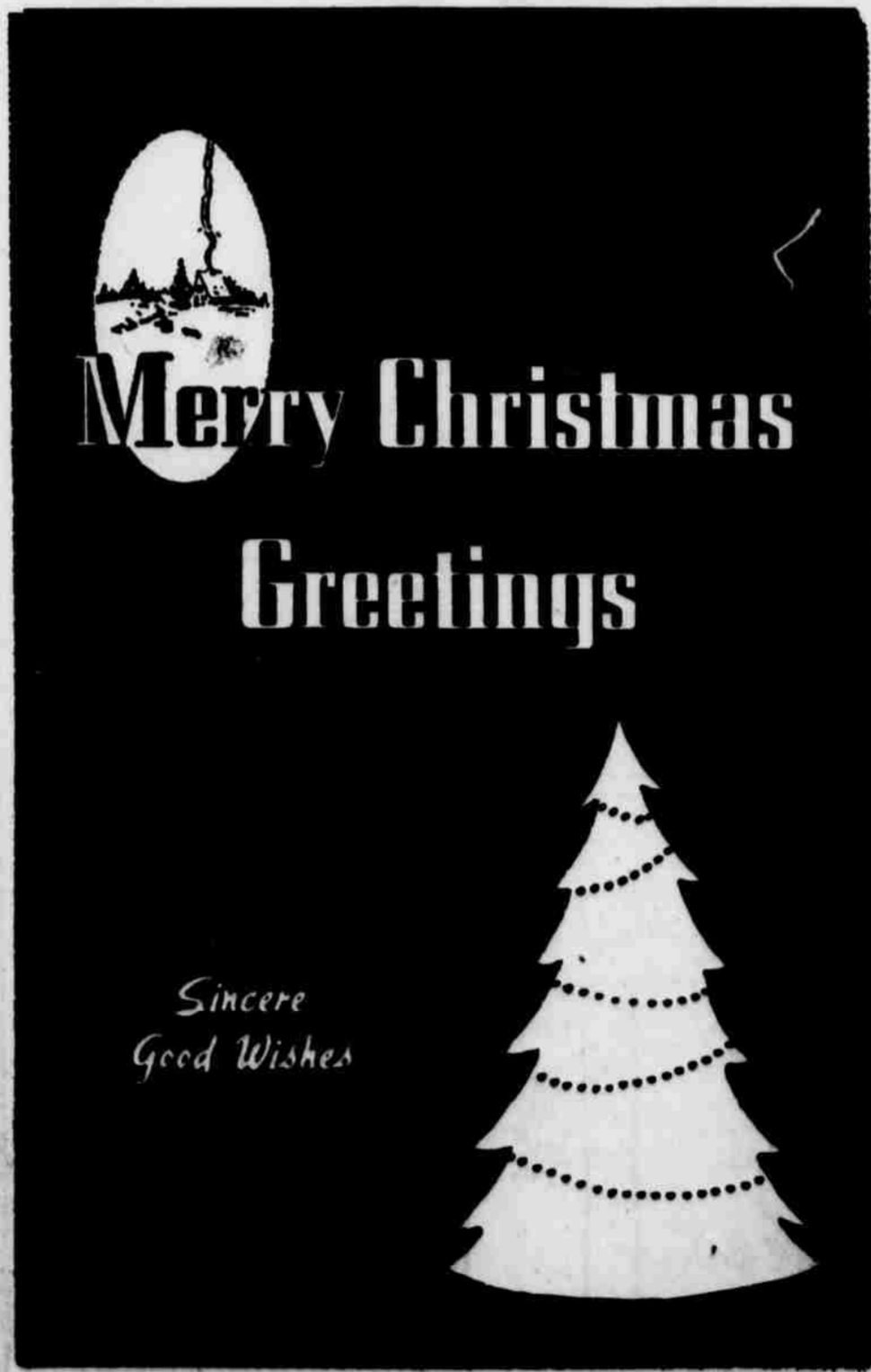
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CHRISTMAS SYMBOL . . . The light of the deathless spirit of the Yule burns steadily in every mind at this season of the year, but nowhere is it more beautifully typified than in the delighted, wide-eyed look of a child experiencing the shimmering delights of his first Christmas.

**Bringers of Gifts
Range from Santa
To Knight Ruppert**

In America on Christmas Eve, there is a merry tinkle of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer.

He drives from roof to roof, pausing just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts that are too large to be stuffed in the stockings are put on the Christmas tree or stacked underneath it.

This is Christmas in America but it is not always Sants who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival on Christmas of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre, and carries a crozier.

He rides a white horse and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings to hold the gifts, the Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner," the bishop's white horse. It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

English children wait for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree, but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. She married Albert, a German prince, and it was he who introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

It is an angel who leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia. She descends on a golden chord to accompany Santa.

In Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour. They are brought by dwarfs and the children leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for them. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.

The birds received the largest number of gifts in Sweden. Each family places a sheaf of grain on a pole on the fence posts for the bird's Christmas dinner.

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

Knight Ruppert, who is the German Kris Kringle, is represented by a young girl wearing a golden crown and gowned in a flowing white robe. She carries a small tree laden with gifts which she distributes.

The children of Switzerland have their gifts brought to them by a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. She brings them goodies to eat as well as toys.

And in Poland, at least before the Communists came in, the people called at the parish house on Christmas morning where the priest presented them with "peace wafers," which symbolized peace on earth, good will to men. The people exchanged Christmas wishes as the wafers were broken and eaten before returning home.

As Americans observe this Christmas in the comfort and luxury of modern civilization, who among them will pause for a thought of how their forebears kept the holy season.

An example of Christmas of the past in America is provided in a study of the history of the old village of Kaskaskia, first capital of Illinois, where the pioneers braved the rigors of a new and unsettled world.

Despite the hardships and discomfort which prevailed in the days of the early settlers of this land, there was hardly a cabin so humble but what its occupants found some way to keep Christmas.

**Traffic Safety
Plea Is Urged
For Holidays**

Americans were asked today to celebrate the year-end holidays by keeping themselves and the Christmas spirit alive this year.

That plea launched the National Safety Council's Christmas safety campaign, in which 161 national organizations are cooperating.

The campaign is aimed at reducing the increasing number of accidents throughout the nation. Special emphasis will be placed on traffic accidents, which have taken an upward swing this year.

Traffic deaths for the first nine months of 1950 were up 11 per cent, and the Council predicts that the traffic death toll for the year is virtually certain to reach 35,000. This would be the highest since 1946 to show an increase.

"The Christmas-New Year's holiday season is the peak accident period of the year," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council, "and traffic accidents present the most acute problem. Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season always add to the normal winter hazards of bad weather, slippery roads and added hours of darkness.

"And more people will be traveling this year," he said. "Service men and women will be coming home on holiday leaves—and some families will travel to military camps to spend the holidays with those who cannot come home.

"This increased travel calls for extra caution on everybody's part. If everyone will take a little more time during the holiday rush—just enough to be careful when driving on the highway or crossing streets and in recreational and home activities—everyone will be assured much happier Christmas and New Year's.

"Don't let death take your holiday—or anyone else's," Mr. Dearborn urged.

Roast the holiday turkey in aluminum foil if you want the "juiciest" and tenderest turkey that you have ever eaten.

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of smoking. Hot ashes dropped on tissue paper or a carelessly-tossed match could result in tragedy.

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself; nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.—Emerson.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.—Isaiah.

CHRISTMAS

forever

The approach of another Yuletide brings with it the fond memories of pleasant associations during the year just closing. It brings to our mind the scores of favors that have come our way and the thoughtfulness back of them. As we pause to observe this glorious and happy occasion, we recall the many enjoyable relationships of the past twelve months.

Indeed, the people of this community have been considerate and we are truly grateful. May lasting happiness be your good fortune in the months to come.

To one and all, Merry Christmas!



PITMAN MOTOR COMPANY
DODGE-PLYMOUTH DEALER

Merry Christmas



To our faithful old friends, to our devoted new friends and to those whose friendships we hope to earn—we wish a most cheerful Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things in life—Health, Happiness and enduring Peace.

We extend this greeting, not because it is the customary thing to do but because it is a sentiment genuinely felt, for as the years go by our appreciation of cherished friendships becomes greater and greater.

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Greetings

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- ★ GOOD HEALTH
- ★ GOOD CHEER
- ★ GOOD FORTUNE

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



BLOHM STUDIO

Christmas Blessings...

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



JONES & SON

Don't Mix Gaiety With Danger When Celebrating Christmas

While Christmas is the merriest of all seasons of the year it can also be a time of tragedy if certain hazards aren't avoided and some particular precautions taken.

The National Safety Council annually points out that the Christmas holidays are the most dangerous of the year, usually replete with casualties, home accidents, fires and falls.

The council has listed the following "don'ts" and precautions which if remembered will help make this Christmas season a safe one:

The Christmas tree shouldn't be placed near a stove or fireplace.

Don't give children any toys that could prove dangerous, such as those with sharp points. If toys are operated with electricity be sure some grownups supervises their use.

The Christmas tree should not be decorated with lighted candles. Carefully-wired electric bulbs definitely are much safer.

Don't leave a lighted tree unguarded at any time. One should be on the lookout for fire all the time the tree is lighted. Especially dangerous is the practice of some families in leaving the

Christmas tree lighted and unwatched all night long.

One should never use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

Don't place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or any other inflammable decorations.

Remember, the Christmas tree can be made fire-resistant. According to the United States forestry service, it can be done in this manner: Divide the weight of your tree by four and buy that many pounds of ammonium sulphate. Dissolve it in water—one and one-half pints of water to each pound of ammonium sulphate. Cut the end of your tree trunk on a diagonal. Put some of the solution in a jar and submerge the diagonal butt of the tree into it. Add more solution as the tree drinks it up.

Don't be excessive about Christmas "spirits."

Keep toys out of places where people might trip over them.

Remove the tree from the house before it dries out.

During Christmas you'll probably have many guests, so sprinkle salt or sand on icy steps and sidewalks.

Naturalized Citizen, That's Our Santa

Santa Claus as Americans know him is a naturalized American Citizen, and as such is America's contribution to the Christmas legend. That's the opinion of Dr. Gustav O. Arlt of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arlt.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas,' he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christian legend and folklore," the professor stated.

When buying toys for children remember that those of the constructive types are best—they develop the youngsters' ingenuity.

The wild boar has been revered from ancient times, and was especially honored at Christmastime, for having taught mankind the art of plowing by rooting into the ground with his tusks.

Legend of the Yule Log

In Virginia, the old Dominion, storied land of early American history, there is an old tradition of the origin of the Yule log that is retold every Christmas.

As the family sits around the Yule log and sips their Christmas eggnog on Christmas eve, the ancient legend is recounted again.

One very cold Christmas eve, when the frosty wind howled across a world of snow, an old man was sitting in his little cabin wishing that he had a fire to warm him.

Suddenly he heard the cry of a little child away out in the cold. The old man hobbled to the door and gazed out across the snow. The wind and the snow came rustling in and the old man shivered until his "onliest two teeth" chattered with cold.

The plaintive cry of the child came again above the whistle of the wind. It went straight to the old man's heart and he wished with all his power of longing that he might have the strength to go out and find the unfortunate babe.

The cry came a third time—and then a wondrous thing happened. A miraculous power filled the old man's veins. His muscles became strong and tense, his clutch fell back into the cabin and he stepped from his threshold out into the snow.

Hurrying over the snow with a speed he had not owned since boyhood, by and by he came to a little child lying in a snow bank.

He bent down and touched the child and a great new strength flowed over him, a strength which seemed to give him wings as he sped back to his cabin.

Arriving there, he placed the child upon the bed, tenderly drew the ragged coverlet about it and then looked to see if there were a bit of furniture he could use to make a fire with which to warm the little one.

At that precise moment a great log rolled across the threshold and into the fireplace. The little child looked at the log with eyes like stars—stars which sent gleams of light that kindled the log with the most brilliant fire the old man ever had seen.

The dingy little room immediately was filled with radiance and warmth, and as the light enveloped the child he laughed and laughed with a melody like a song from the heart. The old man turned his eyes to where the fire burned and watched the flames leap in beautiful rainbow tints over the log, and as his old eyes watched, the colors seemed to form the shape of the Cross in the fire.

The flames of the Cross leaped higher and higher, blue, red, yellow and white, and as the old man watched this display, suddenly and magically there appeared a table in the center of the room, covered with a Christmas feast such as never before had been spread before his eyes. And never again was the old man hungry or cold, and never after that was there a Christmas in old Virginia without the Yule log and the Christman Child to give light and warmth.

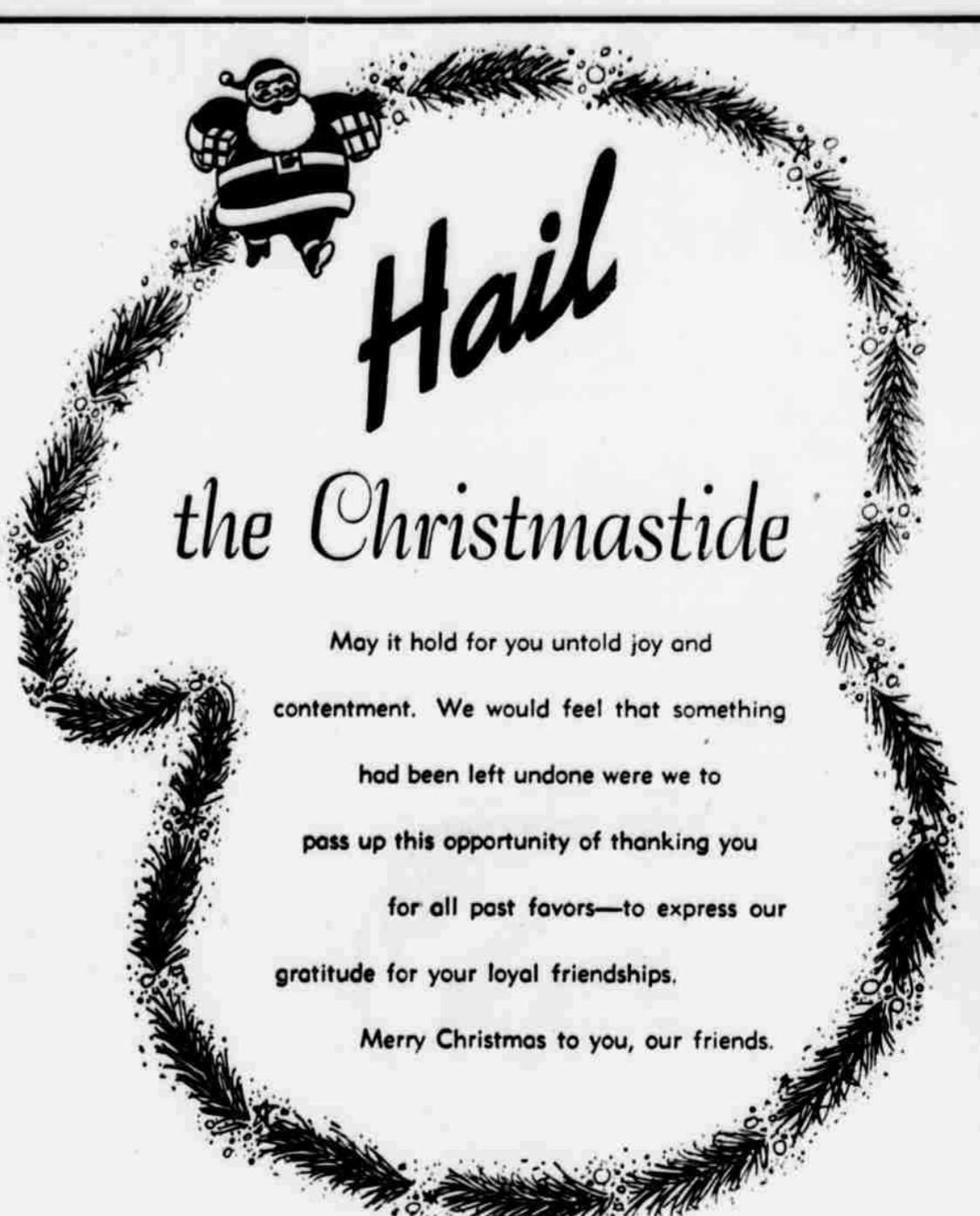
Mistletoe Has Come Long Way Since Days Of Druid Worship

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshiped by the British druids to its present status as a criminal killer of forests. However, its use as a symbol of love, peacemaking and goodwill survives to this Christmas intact from the pre-Christian days of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose palace stood in the Milky Way.

The beloved Balder, so the myth goes, was slain by a mistletoe arrow, but was restored to life at the intercession of the other gods. Custody of the mistletoe plant was then entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. Held high, it never could be evil.



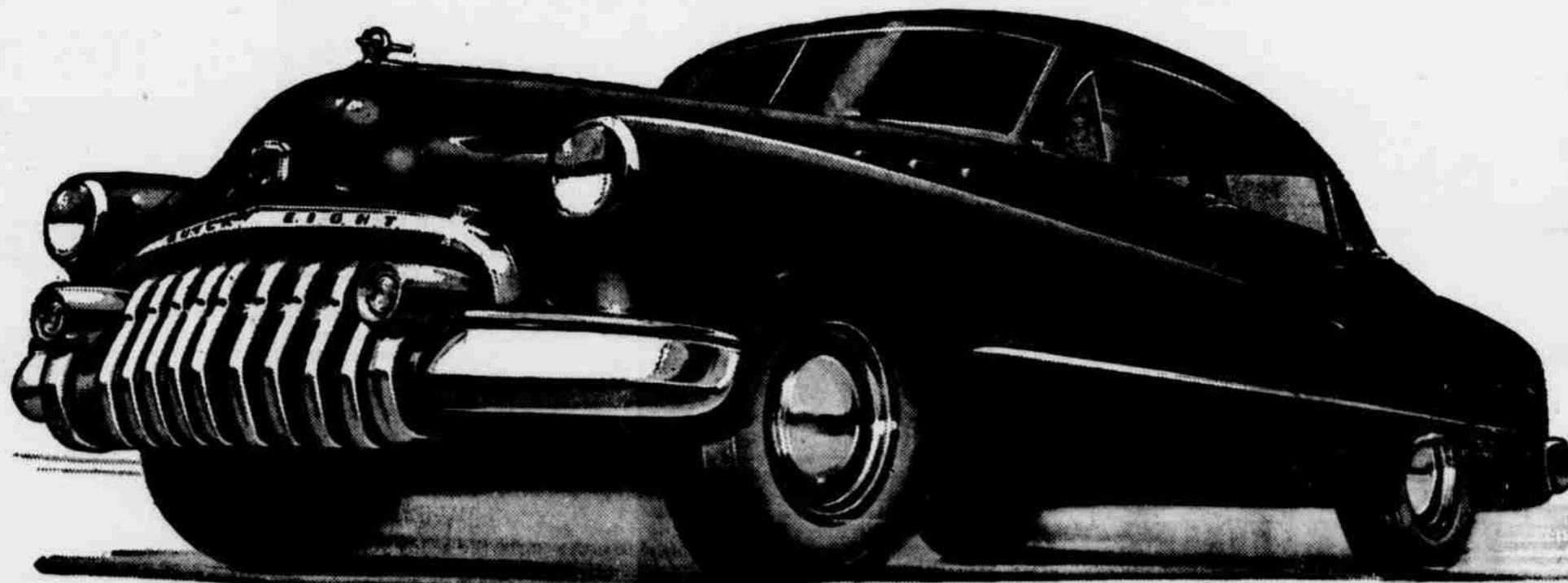
AUSTIN COBURN



Hail the Christmastide

May it hold for you untold joy and contentment. We would feel that something had been left undone were we to pass up this opportunity of thanking you for all past favors—to express our gratitude for your loyal friendships. Merry Christmas to you, our friends.

DREW LUMBER CO.



You bet there's a Santa Claus!

You may not see any fluffy white beards or gay red jackets in our showrooms — but we're playing Santa nevertheless.

We're playing Santa when we offer these gay and gorgeous Buicks at the prices offered today.

Where else can you find so much power and comfort and style and size and fun at comparable figures?

Where else can you find high-compression Fireball power—Dynaflow Drive—and the ever-level ride that you get in a Buick?

What you pay for a SPECIAL buys an eight—not a six—but the price tags are less than many a six will cost.

What you pay for a ROADMASTER buys the standout performer in the fine-car field—at

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You have to feel for yourself the eager take-off—the willing rush of power on the straightaway.

You have to feel the supreme command that is yours with Dynaflow Drive — and the level-gaited stride of this Bonnie beauty.

So come in—and take out one of these star performers.

Just a few miles with a Buick and we know what you'll say:

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HIGHER-COMPRESSION Fireball valve-in-head power • NEW-PATTERN STYLING, with MULTI-GUARD fender!

TRAFFIC-HANDY SIZE for easier parking and garaging • EXTRA-WIDE SEATS cradled between the axles

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See in HENRY J. TAYLOR, ABC Network, every Monday evening.



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510 South First

Haskell, Texas

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

With best wishes

The good will and patronage accorded us by our friends these many years are worthy indeed of our sincerest wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.


TRICE HATCHERY



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

Christmas Greetings



Christmas is a good time, a pleasant time—the one day in the long calendar of the year when people everywhere lay aside the cares of the every day world.

With gay tidings all around us and with the blessings of the Christmas season so greatly in evidence, let us all acclaim the Yuletide and welcome it with a sincere and heartfelt happiness.

May all of us in our own way observe the customs essential to a joyous and successful Christmas Season.

W. I. (SCOTCH) COGGINS
INSURANCE

Letters To Santa

Weinert, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl ten years old. I have a little brother three years old. I am writing for myself and Larry. I want you to surprize me Larry wants a cowboy suit and a gunbelt. Sincerely yours,
Sharon and Larry Caddell

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 3 years old. I'd like for you to bring me a cry baby doll and some red boots. Also some fruit and candy, and Santa don't forget my cousins and all the other girls and boys. I Love you Santa.
Rita June Moore.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Here is my Christmas list. I want an airplane pair of boots, a football, a bicycle, and a train.
Louis Stephens.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring Johnny and me a giant paint set for Christmas. Don't forget any little boy or girl. Thank you for the presents you have always brought us.
Ken and Johnny

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a little doll with some things, and a big ball, and some dishes, bring sister some dishes. And bring mother some dishes, bring Aunt Beckie some dishes, bring sister some dishes. Bring U. G. some stockings, and bring daddy some stockings. Much love.
Mavis Chandler.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old and I have a little sister two. I would like a crane, loading machine and cement machine for myself. Please bring my little sister a doll and a tricycle. Thank you very much.
Tom Hester.

Rochester, Texas
Dear Santa:
I am 7 years old. I want a doll, suitcase, and lots of theme paper. I would like to have a phonograph record of Christmas Carols and some reels for a Viewmaster stereoscope. Please remember the other boys and girls.
Love,
Mary Lou Jetton

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 4 years old. I have been a nice little boy. I would like a Ford tractor, cultivator, trailer, some candy, nuts and chewing gum for Christmas. Don't forget all the other boys and girls who live close to me. With love,
David Ray.

Haskell, Texas
Dearest Santa,
We will be glad when Christmas comes. We want a doll, buggy, and a tricycle each. My sister, Nancy wants a watch. I hope you will bring us what we want.
Jeanne and Kay Becker.

Rochester, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy road-grader and a dump truck. I would like some phonograph records and reels for a View Master Stereoscope. Don't forget anyone this Christmas.
Love,
Bobby Jetton

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl, six years old. Please bring me some color books, crayolas, and ABC books. I would like to have a set of little dishes and a doll. I would like to get some fruit, candy, nuts. Don't forget other little boys and little girls. Thank you.
Gladys Louise Almond

Rule, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a electric train for Christmas, and all the things to go with it. Bring Dona a belt with her name on it. Bring mama and daddy any thing you want to.
Mike Harrell

Stamford, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 2 years old. Please bring me a doll, doll buggy and lots of other things too. Don't forget all my little cousins.
Sharon Kay Wigley.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I am a little boy eight years old. Please bring me a air rifle, doctor's set and skates, and some candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. Merry Christmas to you.
David Booe

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy ten years old. I have been a pretty good boy. I'd like for you to please bring me a BB gun, and a dart game, a big truck and a good football. Save some for other boys and girls too.
Lots of Love,
Dwayne Carter

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I have been a pretty good little girl. I'd like for you to please bring me a doll and buggy, and some house slippers. Also some fruits and nuts, and candy. Save some for other children too.
Gayle Carter

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy four years old. I have been a good boy all year. Please bring me a filling station, a doctor set, gloves, houseshoes, and a machine gun. O yes, a garage for my cars. Thanks.
Eddie James Ethridge

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am six years old. Please bring me a nurse set, dishes, doll, stove, gloves and houseshoes. Thanks.
Glenda Dean Ethridge

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a little truck full of candy. Thanks,
Johnnie and Patricia Wright
Haskell, Texas

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I think I've been about as good as you would want a boy to be, so I hope you can bring me two guns, and double holsters, cowboy shirt, hat and hankie. I would like for them to be like Roy Rogers'. I would also like a tool box and some balloon giant animals. I am looking forward to Christmas morning.
Sincerely
Bobby Herren

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a nigger doll and a truck. I have been a good little girl. I am two years old. Thank you for the candy you gave me Friday. It was good.
Goodbye Santa,
Bana Jo Breedon

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
We are twins, a boy and a girl, we are four years old. I, Jerry L., want a wagon, a little car and a gun. I, Mary Sue, want a set of little dishes, doll, little broom. Please, Santa, bring us fruit, nuts, candy. Don't forget mother and daddy, bring them something.
Thank you.
Jerry Lou and Mary Sue Almond

A Merry Christmas



Straight from the heart comes our wish to our many friends for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE WESTERNER
South Side of Square

GREETINGS

The spirit of Christmas helps us to appreciate the true value of the friendly folks whose loyalty makes it possible for us to successfully go on Christmas after Christmas.

Business has friendships . . . many of which gain strength as they go down through the years. Old names on the ledgers, old familiar voices on the telephone, old customers entering our doors . . . all make us realize that behind every successful business there is a powerful force of friendship that gives warmth and feeling to the everyday things of life.

TOM ROBERSON MAGNOLIA CONSIGNEE
Taylor Childress Haskell Dutch Wheeler



A Welcome Custom

FOR many years it has been our privilege to extend Season's Greetings to the multitude of friends and customers who have favored us with their patronage in the past.

We welcome this traditional custom — it gives us an opportunity to express our sentiments — to renew our pledge made years ago that our standard of service would be maintained on the highest level possible.

Thank you for everything and —

A Jolly Good Christmas

CLIFTON GROCERY & GRAIN
CENTRAL WEST TEXAS WAREHOUSE CO.
Mart and Ben Clifton



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and best wishes for good fortune through the coming year

Western Auto Associate Store

JIM HENDERSON

Evolution of Santa Claus

Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1860's he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, A Visit to St. Nicholas, better known to us as "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Clause as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1840, son of a musician in a Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States navy and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

Along about the time stocky Tommy was 15 he landed his first job as an illustrator for Leslie's Weekly at \$4 a week. By the time he was 20 he was sent to England by the New York Illustrated News to sketch the Heenan-Sayers fight, an outstanding sports event of the day.

In 1862 he joined the staff of Harper's Weekly and began the series of emblematic drawings which continued throughout the Civil War. From those he created certain trademarks that have

Beautiful Carols Express Spirit Of Christmas

Christmas carols express better than anything else, probably, the true spirit of Christmas.

The word "carol" itself signifies joy and was originally used to accompany a dance. William Wallace Fyfe concludes that the term carol "signifies a song of joy or exultation." Another definition states: "A carol is a hymn of praise especially such as is sung at Christmas in the open air."

In England, which gave America most of its carols, they were sometimes gay and sometimes convivial until the time of the Puritans, who tried to suppress the Christmas spirit.

After the Restoration, the religious nature of the day was for a time almost forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism, and the carol was temporarily lost in the songs.

There are many quaint customs associated with the early carolers that might be used today to break the monotony of going from house to house singing Christmas hymns.

It was about the 16th century that caroling became a Christmas custom, and is supposed to have been brought to England from Italy by the traveling clergy. The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

The idea of caroling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration and a great home day with neighborly feeling, so it grew and flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages came to be known as "Waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas mummings and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for the householders to offer hospitality to these Christmas troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving alms and presents of various kinds was established.

This benign custom threatened at one time in England to become a profession and to lose its original simple charm.

For a period beginning just

World's Christmas Legends Numerous


Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Wilfred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith; henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmas time and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the Nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmas time, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.


Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree long since has supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.



Merry Christmas

To Each of You, Our Friends

THE BOOTERIE



May the peace and joy remain with you always

REID'S DRUG STORE


The first Christmas card was designed in 1845.

when no one knows and ending in 1820, there were in London and Westminster companies of "Waits" whose leaders held office by public appointment and who obtained an exclusive right to solicit contributions from the public.

The carolers were often accompanied by entertainers who gave a spirit of revelry to the occasions.

The mummings often interpretation of "St. George and the Dragon." Tumblers, dressed in bright red, would perform their arts of skill to entertain the on-lookers.

Christmas



It is our sincere desire that you will spend a most enjoyable Holiday with your family and friends. At Christmas we find it most opportune to thank you for your many past favors and solicit your continued good will.

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.

JIM BYRD, Manager



May your Christmas BE MERRY And the New Year BRING YOU HAPPINESS and CONTENTMENT

Woody's Wigwam

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Friends



MARKET POULTRY & EGG CO.

A. T. BALLARD, Manager

It is truly a pleasure to greet you with our very best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year



E. R. CLIFTON SHOE STORE

Time Not Constant In Celebrations of Christ's Nativity

While December is now the month in which Christ's birthday is celebrated by Christians all over the world, research and study show that Christ's nativity has been celebrated in January, March, April, May, September, and October by various peoples. And although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were popularized. No historian pretends to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas became a general festival.

About all that is known is that during the fourth century the feast of the Nativity was observed in all western world churches at different dates. The confusion resulting from celebrations in seven months of the year caused the western church authorities to meet in 340 to set a definite date for the celebration. The eastern churches did not cooperate until the sixth century when December was selected as the month for rejoicing. The answer is that this month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in nearly every civilized land.

Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians all took part in the celebration of these festivals which had originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their gods Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to claim that the pagan riotousness might be the forbear of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

Druids First to Use Magic of Mistletoe

The greens which are used for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients, and many of them which adorned pagan seasonal rites were later taken over to grace the ceremonies and celebrations of Christmas Day.

In both England and America, the holly and the mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

It was the Druids who first used the mistletoe. "Heal-all" was their name for it. The plant was supposed to have curative values, and gradually they assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Their priests, each year around the time when we now celebrate Christmas, would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees which, in a manner of speaking, were "host" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments of white, they ascended these platforms, and with golden sickle especially made for the solemn occasion they cut away the mistletoe.

Santa Affected By Restrictions

It is difficult to understand, but the genial spirit of Christmas, Santa Claus himself hasn't always had it easy. There have been occasions when laws or traditions or regulations have put certain curbs on the old gentleman. Here are some examples:

In Newark, N. J., Santa is required to pass a stiff physical examination before he can serve in a department store. And even then he is barred from kissing any of the children who perch upon his knee.

In Charleston, S. C., charity Santas have been forbidden to make a pitch on public streets on the grounds that children flocking in to see them may create a traffic hazard. And in Washington a few years ago, when the postmaster general was asked to print a Santa Claus Stamp at Christmas time he rejected the proposal with a scornful, "I should say not."

Outside the U.S.A., Santa has had trouble, too. In Montreal, Canada, an influential organization fought against holding of the

speaking, were "host" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments of white, they ascended these platforms, and with golden sickle especially made for the solemn occasion they cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who give to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the green came to be regarded as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce and it was customary to hang it over the entrance doors so that they who entered might be assured of friendship.

A Joy No Earthly Wealth Can Give

There is an old tale which becomes apropos chiefly at the Christmas time.

An agnostic—a disbeliever in God—made this offer to a nine-year old:

"I will give you an orange if you will tell me where God is." The youngster was equal to the challenge. "I will give you two oranges," he said, "if you will tell me where He is not."

Many great men have always felt the spirituality of Christmas, and some have managed to put it into words. For instance, when Woodrow Wilson was asked to prove the greatness of Christianity, whose founder was the Christ-child, he said simply, "Try it."

Cardinal Spellman had a Christmas gift for the mind when he said:

"The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is a joy of the soul, and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is a union with Him who has overcome the world."

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt once illustrated the spirit of Christmas with this story:

"A thief broke into the home of a priest and stole his purse. That night the priest wrote in his diary: 'Let me be thankful. First because I was never robbed before. Second because although he took my purse, he never took my life. Third because although he took all I had it was not much. And fourth because it was he who stole, and not I.'"

city's annual Santa Claus parade on the ground that it was "merely a display of grotesque and vulgar buffoonery." A prominent journalist in Rio de Janeiro fostered a movement to do away with Santa Claus (Papa Noel) in Brazil and substitute a toy-bearing grandfather Indian. In Mexico City the minister of education recommended that the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, instead of St. Nick should bring gifts to children.

Is the field of opinion, Santa has encountered some detractors. A Prof. Ivan E. McDougale, sociologist at Goucher college, Baltimore, declared: "The Santa Claus myth has lived too long. Parents should substitute philosophy" whatever that is.

A Toronto psychiatrist got in his blast. "It should be made clear to children," he said, "that Santa Claus is not necessarily a real man any more than any other character out of a story book."

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Times 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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Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Thomson and family and Employees




GREETINGS

As you decorate your Christmas tree and light the Yule log, May you accept our best wishes for a glorious Christmas Season

R. B. SPENCER & COMPANY
JOHN A. COUCH, Manager

REETINGS



AY the joys of the Season be an everyday possession for the whole year. is our wish

LUSK & ALLEN SHOE SHOP

New York Claims Santa Claus As Its Private Property

While the claim may cause the rest of America to bristle, New Yorkers insist that Santa Claus is peculiarly New York's own. Not only did he land in Manhattan with the Dutch settlers, they point out, but for almost two hundred years he never took his activities or presents out of New York state.

The New Yorker advance some interesting points to bolster their contentions. They declare that in the general company of Washington Irving, James Kirke Paulding and Clement Clark Moore, Santa Claus gradually lost the grim, stern aspect he wore when he arrived with the Dutch settlers to the bulging, benevolent mien he now offers.

It was in New York, too, they assert, that Santa acquired his reindeer sleigh and his habit of arriving on Christmas instead of on the Dutch St. Nicholas eve (December 5). And thus, in his New York panoply, he finally found his way to all parts of the United States, England and even Australia and India.

Indeed, as the New Yorkers will tell you, New York, as New Amsterdam in the beginning, was dedicated to Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, by its Dutch founders. For Santa Claus—or Sinterklaas, as it is sometimes written in Holland—is of course only the centuries-old pet name which patron and gift bringer, the good Bishop St. Nicholas. And it is said that the ship which brought the first Dutch children to Manhattan island bore his face as figurehead.

From the first, too, his special day of December 6, was set aside with Christmas, New Year's, Easter and Whitsuntide, as one of the new colony, just as it had been in Holland.

So, year after year, as regularly as St. Nicholas eve came around in New Amsterdam, in Breuckelen (Brookland), in Fort Orange (Albany) and many other hamlets above the icy Hudson, the children in every good Dutch family gathered in expectant circle. For weeks beforehand they had learned their lessons and helped with the milking and churning in an agony of good behavior. And now, all ready, they sang their song to Santa Claus.

In the midst of the song would come a knocking at the door and it would stride Santa Claus, himself—not round and jolly, but solemn and majestic in trailing robes. In one hand he might have a basket of presents or a purse, but in the other was sure

Christmas Toys For the Children

How did you choose the toys for your youngsters this Christmas?

A New York toy manufacturer declares that only a few parents will select the proper playthings for their children each Christmas. Most, he said, buy toys that please themselves, rather than the children.

The man, who owns a company that makes creative playthings, warns that "gadgety" toys may be harmful and frustrating. And, he adds, children quickly tire of them.

"The best toy a parent can buy" he said, "is a set of plain unpainted, wooden unit blocks. Children will use and enjoy them, from age 18 months to nine years."

He said that girls between age 3 and 7 should have a "doll corner." He said the corner should be supplied first with a large wo-

oden stove, bed and cupboard. "The doll corner will become the most treasured play place in the little girl's life," he said.

He contends boys from ages 2 to 7 mostly enjoy "transportation" play—trucks, cars and boats. There was no statement about what parents should choose at Christmas for the young teen-age boy or girl—in the 13-16 year-old group, whose interests already are deeply grained in social activities, and who prefer parties and dances to play-at home activities.

Perhaps by next year, this manufacturer, or some child psychologist will have solved this problem.


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Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.

The practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas eve is tied up with an Irish custom which holds the thought of the Christ child alone in the dark, needing light for his way.

Legend relates that the crown of thorn which was placed on the head of Jesus was made of holly and that before the crucifixion the berries were white, but turned crimson like drops of blood.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir, because of its tendency to hold its needles longer.



REETINGS

Our sincerest good wishes that you may enjoy a Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make your New Year a Happy one.

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"Merry Christmas" comes easy to the tongue of all of us this time of the year. However, to say, and mean it must come from a feeling not born of the Season, but of one's associations throughout the years. It is in this spirit that we wish our friends a very joyous Yuletide and a successful New Year.



The Gang at SMITTY'S

to be a birch rod—an awful warning to a naughty boy. Sants questioned each child in turn about his behavior in the year just past and gave him a pat of approval or a warning shake of the head, as the record indicated. Then, bidding them all look for presents in the morning, the good saint suddenly flung a handful of lollipops into the room and in the ensuing scramble vanished into the night.

Then the children set out their sabots, or later the great blue yarn stockings made for the purpose.

However he did it—and the tale varies in many lands—Santa Claus got about, for in the morning over the hearth steaming with waffles and sausages and other good Dutch fare, were the blue stockings bulging with apples, balls, dolls and tops.

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Everywhere, among good people, there exists a longing to make our world tranquil and prosperous — a desire for man to unite for peace, good will and understanding. For from good will comes forbearance and from understanding, a better way of life. And what better time than Christmas for every man to renew the realization that all our good human relationships — yes, even our business 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.

It is in this spirit of good fellowship that we wish everyone —

A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

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Champion Cutting Horse to be At Ft. Worth Show

Skeeter, 1950 world's champion cutting horse, will compete in the rodeo and horse show of the and Fat stock Show at Ft. Worth Jan. 26 through Feb. 4, states a letter from Skeeter's owner, Barbara Worth Stabler of North Sacramento, Calif. The champion cutting horse was purchased recently from Philip Williams of Tokio, Texas.

An entry in the horse show is expected from Mexico City, Jose Ramon Rivas having written to the Southwestern Exposition for entry blanks for the jumper competition.

Section Three

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ESA Order Freezes New Car Prices at December 1 Level

The government Saturday froze the prices of new automobiles at the level of December 1, 1950.

The action rolls back price increases averaging 5 per cent announced by Ford and General Motors on their 1951 models.

The order was issued by the Economic Stabilization Agency, which said the freeze on manufacturer's prices will last until March 1.

"Wage and salary stabilization within the industry is being studied," ESA's announcement added, "and action on it will be taken at the earliest possible moment."

The order is the first price ceiling established since the death of OPA in 1946. The ESA explained that it is suspending all price advances for the temporary period, pending a study on whether labor and other cost increases justify price boosts on new cars.

The order is effective immediately. ESA announced that "other effective action necessary to achieve stabilization — presumable other price ceilings — will follow."

The decision to clamp a ceiling on passenger cars follows a request for a voluntary maintenance of price levels. This was rejected by representatives of the 10 major motor companies last week.

The order does not affect trucks, motorcycles, or used passenger cars. Neither does it cover foreign-manufactured vehicles.

In the order, ESA specified that the ceiling price for sale of a new passenger automobile is the net price (FOB) factory which was charged by the manufacturer for the same make and model to the same class of purchaser on Dec. 1.

If the manufacturer has

brought out a new line since Dec. 1, the agency decreed, the price charged for the counterpart model in the previous line.

In other words, the pre-December price must prevail regardless of whether a new model is introduced for 1951.

The order also requires that the ceiling price must include all equipment which was standard on the model prior to December. If such equipment is eliminated, or if other equipment is added, the ceiling price must be lowered or increased according to the standard charges made for such equipment prior to Dec. 1.

Manufacturers are forbidden to require any purchaser to buy equipment which was not standard prior to the freeze date.

Air Alert Plan Is Outlined For Texas

Instructions on how to warn Texas cities of imminent air attack were received by State Civil Defense Headquarters in Austin Friday of last week. The information was relayed to cities.

The groundwork for relay of alerts from the air defense commands nationwide network already has been receiving practice alert calls several months.

A "red alert" will warn of imminent attack. Lasting three minutes, it will consist of "fluctuating or warbling signals of varying pitch by sirens, or a series of short blasts by horns or whistles."

The "all-clear" signal will be "a series of three steady one-minute blasts by sirens, horns or whistles, interrupted by silent periods of two minutes each."

Funeral Services For L. C. Ottmers At Rule Friday

Funeral services were held at the Rule Methodist Church Friday at 2 p. m. for L. C. Ottmers, 26, former Rule resident who died Dec. 13 in the Southern Pacific Hospital in Houston after a month's illness.

The Rev. Lloyd Hamilton of Crosbyton, former pastor of the Rule church, and Dr. Howard Hanke of Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., officiated. Burial was in the Aspermont Cemetery under direction of Gauntt Funeral Home of Rule.

Mr. Ottmers was the son of Mrs. Annie Ottmers of Rule. He lived in Rule from 1942 until 1947, when he moved to Spofford, near Fort Worth, where he was employed by the Southern Pacific Railway.

He was born June 12, 1924, in Aspermont. On August 8, 1946, he was married to Reba Cunningham, former Rule High School teacher.

Survivors besides his mother and the widow are a 6-month-old son, Larry David; one brother, Roy Ottmers of Rule, and one sister, Mrs. Clifford Viertel of Fort Worth.

WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN WACO

Mr. and Mrs. John Couch are in Waco, where they will spend the Christmas holidays in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burleson and children.

SPENDING HOLIDAYS WITH PARENTS

Don McCall, a student in Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga., is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. K. McCall of this city.



*As joyous songs of Christmas Night
Ring out in their own sweet way
May all be calm and all be bright
In the hearts of our friends this day.
A Merry Christmas and
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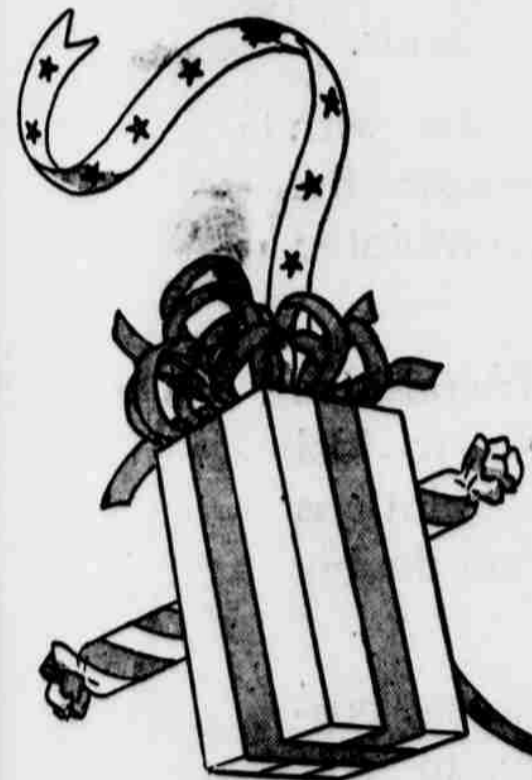
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we strive to add more friends to our list. If we have not had an opportunity to serve you in the past, we invite your consideration. We will do our best to please.

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HASKELL COUNTY HISTORY

Brief Items Taken from Old Copies of The Free Press

20 Years Ago-- Dec. 18, 1910

An unoccupied 5-room house in the east part of town burned Friday night between 12 and 1 o'clock. The house was owned by Herbert Barnett.

At the meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge this week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. B. Kinnison, Noble Grand; P. G. Kendrick, Vice Grand; Press Perry, Secretary; Virgil A. Brown, Treasurer. E. E. Welsh was elected representative to the Grand Lodge.

Mrs. J. V. Hudson and Miss Louise Brooks were visitors in Abilene Monday.

James H. Parsons of Sagerton has been appointed as agent for the Southland Life Insurance Company in Haskell county.

A complaint charging arson has been filed against a 50-year-old O'Brien man in connection with two fires at a residence in that community which occurred within a few hours of each other.

Miss Mavis Branch of this city was listed on the current honor roll of Randolph College, Cisco. She is the daughter of Manley Branch of Haskell.

Uncle Mike Perry, one of the city's best gardeners, was exhibiting some giant radishes on the streets this week. One of the largest radishes measured ten inches in length and nine inches around.

W. M. Brown of Kansas City is visiting his father, V. L. Brown of Haskell and other relatives at Weinert this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett and Miss Lonell Denson, teachers of the Tanner Paint School were in town Saturday. They report the school progressing nicely. The cotton crop is about gathered in that vicinity and all the children can now attend school.

40 Years Ago--Dec. 17, 1910

The new Commissioners' Court qualified Nov. 17, and the court is now composed of County Judge A. J. Smith and Commissioners R. C. Whitmire of Precinct 1, W. J. Farris Precinct 2, J. B. Davis Precinct 3 and G. W. Sollock Precinct 4. Ex-officio salaries of county officers were set as follows: District Clerk \$100 per year, County Clerk \$400 per year, County Judge \$1,000 per year, Sheriff \$500 per year, all payable quarterly; and County Treasurer, 2 per cent of all moneys received and disbursed. The Court voted to continue running the steam grader and appointed J. E. Branson road superintendent for a term of three months at \$2.25 per day, 9 hours a day for actual days put in. The engineer is to be allowed \$2.50 per day.

A slow general rain has been falling over the county most of this week, and will be worth thousands of dollars to farmers of this section.

McNeil & Smith Hardware Co. is moving into the Neathery building on the east side, recently vacated by C. M. Hunt & Co.

Calvin Buford of Abilene has been employed at the Sutherland Shaving parlor here.

E. Elliott, who has been at Weinert working in The Enterprise office during the illness of the

editor, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvy Couch of Weinert were in the city Wednesday. Mr. Couch is cashier of the First National Bank of Weinert.

Chester McPatter has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Haskell. Ten carloads of immigrants effects and household goods have arrived at Haskell in the last few days. These things belong to people who are moving in to occupy farms. Most of the newcomers are from Bell county and that section of the state.

50 Years Ago--Dec. 18, 1879

J. D. Baker seeing that his only son in holiday frocks was getting to run his stock too low before Christmas, went to Dallas this week and bought a fresh lot. A new-comer named T. E. Davis

bought a section of land in the southwest part of the county this week and is negotiating for another. He will build on the land at once.

Our Deputy Sheriff, Bert Brockman, received a painful and rather serious kick from his horse the other day. The hoof struck him full in the face, breaking it considerably and breaking his nose. His physician succeeded in straightening that member up, however, and though somewhat disfigured temporarily, he is still in the ring ready for any man from Bitter Creek.

Miss Ethel Jones left last Saturday for Mineral Wells, where she will spend some time with the family of her brother, J. A. Jones. N. C. Smith is making a substantial addition and other improvements on his residence.

J. F. Jones returned Saturday from his ranch in Tom Green county.

Our old time citizen, Clay Haskell, was down from Dickens City this week mixing with old Haskell friends and looking after some business matters.

We learn from the soliciting committee appointed by the Commercial Club to get up the \$1,000 bonus to secure the flouring mill that they have about \$700 subscribed by the business men of the town and will have to look to the country for the rest. The party proposing to build the mill will enter into a contract to make it first class in every respect and of a capacity of fifty barrels a day.

Miss Bettie Herring is spending a few days in town with Mrs. B. L. Frost.

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YES SIR! Nothing would we like better than to walk right up to your front door, knock a couple of times, and say to you personally, "Merry Christmas." Unfortunately, we cannot do this, so we take this means of expressing our Season's Greetings to our friends.

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.

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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Christmas GREETINGS

to all of you whom we have been of service in the past.

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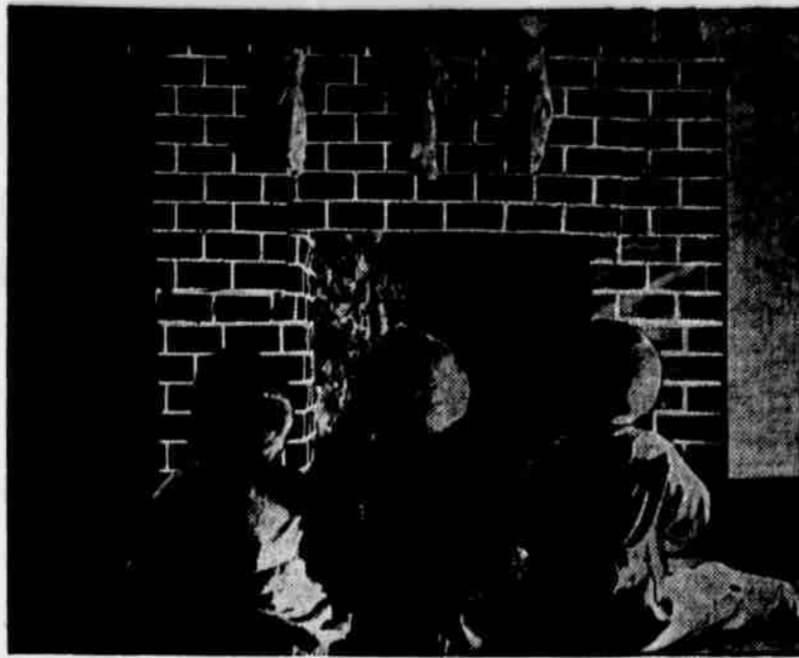
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Proper Management of Poultry Flock Will Increase Winter Egg Yield

The laying flock will produce more eggs during the winter months if the flock owner carefully follows a good poultry management program, says Dr. John Quisenberry, head of the Poultry Department at Texas A. & M. College.

He reminds poultrymen that laying hens need about 13 to 14 hours of light a day to produce at a maximum rate. This can be provided by using artificial light during the short winter days. Dr. Quisenberry points out that an inexpensive clock and switch can be used to turn lights on and off automatically. Such a switch is recommended when lights are used because regularity is a very important item in the management program.

The best birds in the world, the best housing and equipment, and the best management will not give high egg production unless the birds are getting a good, well balanced and palatable ration. He says that, in feeding for egg production, the poultryman should first, feed a good ration. And second, he should get his birds to eat as much as possible.

Dr. Quisenberry recommends keeping mash before the birds at all times, and giving them a small feeding of pellets at noon and a liberal feeding of grain in the late afternoon. Satisfactory production can be obtained, however, by feeding all-mash with no grain or other supplement. He points out that this method requires less labor.

More Texas poultrymen are hatching fall chicks. Dr. Quisenberry says that this practice is helping to level out spring and fall production. He reports that figures released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that the October rate of lay per bird was the highest on record, but he adds, "cold weather will drop this rate unless the flock receives good care and feeding."

He emphasizes the value of producing more eggs during the fall and winter. Egg price figures

compiled by extension poultrymen of Texas A&M College show that the average egg price received by poultrymen is about seven to ten cents higher per dozen during the second six months of the year than for the first six months.

Tests Indicate Corn Hybrids Yield Well

Texas 26 and 28, corn hybrids developed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, outyielded other hybrids and varieties in tests during 1950 at 18 widely scattered locations over the State.

Some seed of these yellow hybrids were available for farmer planting for the first time the past season. Since they made up about half the seed corn production this year, the acreage planted to them

Christmas Tree Is 150 Years Old In This Country

A Christmas tree will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed Christmas tree, as it is known today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

The custom of the lighted Christmas tree, some historians tell, originated with Martin Luther. He was fascinated by evergreen trees glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen tree into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

Another old German legend credits St. Boniface with the foreign of the Christmas tree. Having converted some oak tree-worshipping Druids to Christianity, he took them into a forest, cut down an oak and pointed to a stately fir along side. "Take this tree," he said, "into your homes as a sign of your new worship. Celebrate God's power no more with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your homes with laughter and love."

should be increased greatly in 1951.

Dr. John S. Rogers, head of the Station's corn research, says the two new hybrids should do good in most of Texas' corn-growing sections. They are particularly recommended for the Blackland and Grand Prairies, and for East Texas, although Texas 20 also has given excellent yields at Tyler.

Of the white corn hybrids, Texas 11W continues to outyield 9W at all locations, but generally does not have as high yields as the best yellow hybrids.



IN THE Christmas Spirit

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I am a little boy three years old. Please bring me a target set, train and bath robe. Also fruit, nuts, and candy.
Santa, please don't forget all the soldier boys here in the U.S. and over in Korea.
James Ira Curd

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
We are two little boys, Rodney and Lonnie Childress--we want just about the same things.
We both want a two gun holster set, a foot ball helmet, bow and arrows, a big child's Bible story book and a black board.
I, Rodney, seven years old want a Stereoscope, also.
I, Lonnie want a big steam shovel truck.
We also want fruit, nuts, and candy. Remember all our little friends and Mother and Daddy.
Rodney and Lonnie

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I kept my doll nice from last Christmas, so I want a buggy to push it in this Christmas. Thanks
Pat Wright

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a BB gun, and I want a 22 rifle. I will sell my old bicycle and give the mney to daddy then he can give it to you. My mother's living room suit is old. I want to know if you would give her a new one. My father wants a new car. Your friend.
Donald Dean Henry.
P.S. I am ten years old.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five yers old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll, that says Mama and Papa, and a doll buggy. Please don't forget my little brother who is four months old, and all the other boys and girls.
Sharon Marr

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old. Please bring me a gun, a truck and a little tractor, also candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget all other little boys and girls. Thanks.
Alvie J. Almond

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bottle sterilizer, blackboard, baton, house-coat, house shoes, and a different kind of a tea set. Also the following things that my Mother, Daddy and Mamma want you to surprise me with: a picket fence for my doll house, a silverware set, and a knit cap, sweater, mittens, and

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**QUESTIONS ON
CHRISTMAS**



- The Swedes know kissing is fun. That's why they thought of the Christmas mistletoe. What should be done to the mistletoe for each stolen kiss? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a leaf.
- We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Christmas gifts. They were Melchior, Balthasar and (a) Samuel (b) Casper (c) Shodrock?
- Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1845 (b) about 1781 (c) about 1903.
- Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas ceremony? (a) Papa Gregory (b) Piers Plowman (c) St. Francis of Assisi.
- The Christmas tree is the heart of our Christmas decorations. Which country first used the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France.
- "Silent Night, Holy Night," one of the most beloved of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Beethoven (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Martin Luther?


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Dear Santa Claus,
We are a little girl and boy 4 and 5 years old. We have been pretty good this year.
Will you bring a doll house, a cowboy doll, a double barrell shotgun and 2 bow and arrow sets. Please bring two tricycles because ours were run over last year. All our love.
Tommy and La Verne Hattox

Rochester, Texas
Dearest Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old and I am trying to be a good little girl so you will come to see me. Please bring me a Tom doll and a bicycle with guards on it, and please don't make the seat too far back as I am pretty small. Also I would like to have my stocking filled with candy & nuts. Remember all other boys and girls too. I want you to leave my bicycle at my other mama Russell's. Good By, Santa.
Sharon Ruth Sanderson

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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ber of the Stamford police force for the past 17 years, died Friday night in the Stamford Sanitarium following a short illness. He had been in failing health for several years. Johnson had been a resident of Stamford for the past 35 years. Survivors include his wife, a son and daughter. Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church at Stamford. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

News From Sagerton

The primary and beginners classes of the Methodist Church enjoyed a Christmas party given by their teachers, Mrs. W. R. Gibson and Mrs. Chas. Clark at the church Saturday afternoon. The little folks helped decorate the Christmas tree and were presented with gifts from their teachers. Soda pops, cookies and suckers were served to the children. Harvey Stegemoeller, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stegemoeller, is home for Christmas holidays from St. Louis where he attends Concordia Seminary.

Edwin Franke made a business trip to McGregor Monday of this week. The Home Demonstration Club held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. F. A. Stegemoeller Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 12. Christmas carols were sung by Ester Oelke and the Christmas Story was read by Mrs. Reece Clark. Gifts were exchanged by members and refreshments of cheese canapes, Christmas cookies and fruit cake were served to Mrs. A. C. Knippling, M. Y. Benton, Charles Clark, Reece Clark, Dick Gibson, John Clark, Herbert Nierdieck, Anton Teichelman, Delbert LeFevre, J. C. Kainer, Herbert Lehmann, Edward Neinst, Ester Oelke, Glynn Quade, C. E. Stegemoeller, H. E. Driessner, Will Stegemoeller and the hostess. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the home of Mrs. Will Stegemoeller.

Rev. and Mrs. Lintz of Fredricksburg, parents of Mrs. Oelke, visited with Rev. and Mrs. Oelke last week end. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff LeFevre, accompanied by Reece Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre and children visited in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. Skeets Jameson and Gary Laughlin.

A birthday honoring Delbert LeFevre on his birthday Dec. 12 was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stegemoeller, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff LeFevre, Mr. and Mrs. F. A.

Stegemoeller, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Will Stegemoeller and the honoree and hostess. The Ladies Missionary Circle of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church held a regular meeting and Christmas program in the church Sunday, Dec. 10. During the social hour gifts were exchanged and refreshments served. The Brotherhood also met at the same time the church basement.

The congregation of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church surprised Rev. and Mrs. Oelke and son, Luther, with a "pounding" Friday evening, Dec. 15 in the church basement. Many useful gifts were given them. The WSCS of the Methodist Church were entertained at their monthly social with a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Quade Monday afternoon, Dec. 18.

The annual Christmas program given by the Sunday School children of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be presented in the church on Christmas Eve. Mr. and Mrs. M. Y. Benton, accompanied by their son, Yater spent last week end in Lubbock. They were to get Mrs. Yater Benton and daughters, who have been visiting there with relatives. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Cook and Carolyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Yater Benton Jr., and daughters, Marie and Margaret, returned to their home in Fort Worth Monday. During their stay here M. Y. Benton, Yater Benton and A. C. Knippling enjoyed a deer hunt in South Texas. The 8th and 8th grades of the Sagerton school were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Margie Ann Lehmann Thursday night, Dec. 14. Present were Glenda Clark, Clotile Swope, Veta Mathis, Lois Knippling, Doris Lehmann, J. D. Wendeborn, Dan LeFevre, Jerry Lee Kainer, Willie Dee Lehrman, Dale Hamby, Gene Ender, Marvin Mathis, Luther Oelke, and the hostess. Games were played and gifts exchanged. Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, punch and cookies were served to the young people on plates with Santa Claus and snowmen for favors.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Knippling and family were guests in the home of Mrs. J. F. Schaake and family in Stamford Sunday. The annual Christmas program given by the school children of the Sagerton school will be presented with the P-TA meeting Thursday night, Dec. 21, at 7:15, in the school auditorium. The Sunday School and the MYF of the Methodist Church will have their annual Christmas program Friday evening, Dec. 22 at 7 o'clock.

The Ladies Aid of the Zion Lutheran Church held a regular meeting and Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Harvey Hahn Thursday, Dec. 14. Rev. Driessner read the Christmas Story and gifts were exchanged. A gift box was packed to send to Allen Mier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mier, who is ill with rheumatic fever. A refreshment plate was served to the Rev. H. E. Driessner and the Mmes. Beno Erdman, H. E. Driessner, C. F. Erdman, F. A. Stegemoeller, Alfred Hertel, Ervin Diers, C. E. Stegemoeller, Carl Hertel, Emma Baitz, Otto Mier, Weldon Tredemeyer, Arnold Mier, Buster Tredemeyer, August Hahn, W. F. Tredemeyer and the hostesses.

Two films, telling of the mission work that is being done in New Guinea and Nigeria in Africa by the Lutheran Church were shown in the Zion Lutheran Church Sunday evening by the Rev. H. E. Driessner, pastor. The Pioneer Birthday Club and their families were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gibson Friday evening, Dec. 15. Dinner was served to Mrs. J. W. Martin, Miss Fannie Kay and Buster Smith, all of Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Heid, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Gibson Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lusk, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hess, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. Anna Hankins, Misses Ruby Gibson and Marlene Laughlin and the host and hostess. Gifts were exchanged and Christmas carols were sung by the group.

J. D. and Fred Kupatt, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kupatt attended a birthday celebration in honor of their grandfather on his 91st birthday last week-end in Shiner, Texas.

News that is vital to you can be found in the want ads.

Fitting Important When Selecting Baby Shoes

Eighty per cent of all school children have foot trouble, says Nena Roberson, associate clothing specialist of Texas A&M College extension service. She says that most of this trouble results from children wearing outgrown and badly fitted shoes. Fitting the baby's first shoes correctly is very important for normal foot development. The first shoe, which the baby wears when he begins to walk, should be made of soft material, and the sole should be flexible. The toe of the shoe should be full and puffy. Miss Roberson cautions that a baby's shoes should have very thin heels—or even better, no heels at all. Sufficient length in the shoe is necessary to avoid cramping the baby's foot while he is standing on a piece of paper and then selecting a shoe that is 1-2 inch longer and 1-4 inch wider than the foot. This extra room will allow for several months' growth, but Miss Roberson warns that too much space in the shoe makes it uncomfortable. In addition to being long enough to allow for foot development, the shoe should be wide enough to permit the toes to spread when the weight of the body rests on the feet. The toe of the shoe should be deep enough to eliminate pinching and flattening of the baby's foot. A loose instep is desirable for free blood circulation. Miss Roberson points out that an instep which is too tight presses the bones of the arch out of shape and cramps the baby's foot. The only part of the baby's shoe that should fit snugly, she says, is the heel. It should grip the foot firmly and prevent the baby's heel from rotating when he is walking. Generally, people who suffer from foot ailments are never quite comfortable, says Miss Roberson, and chances are good their foot troubles can be traced to their wearing of shoes that didn't fit when they were children.

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Merry Christmas

During this Yuletide Season and throughout the New Year, may you enjoy—

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The Spirit of Christmas which is peace,

The Heart of Christmas which is love.

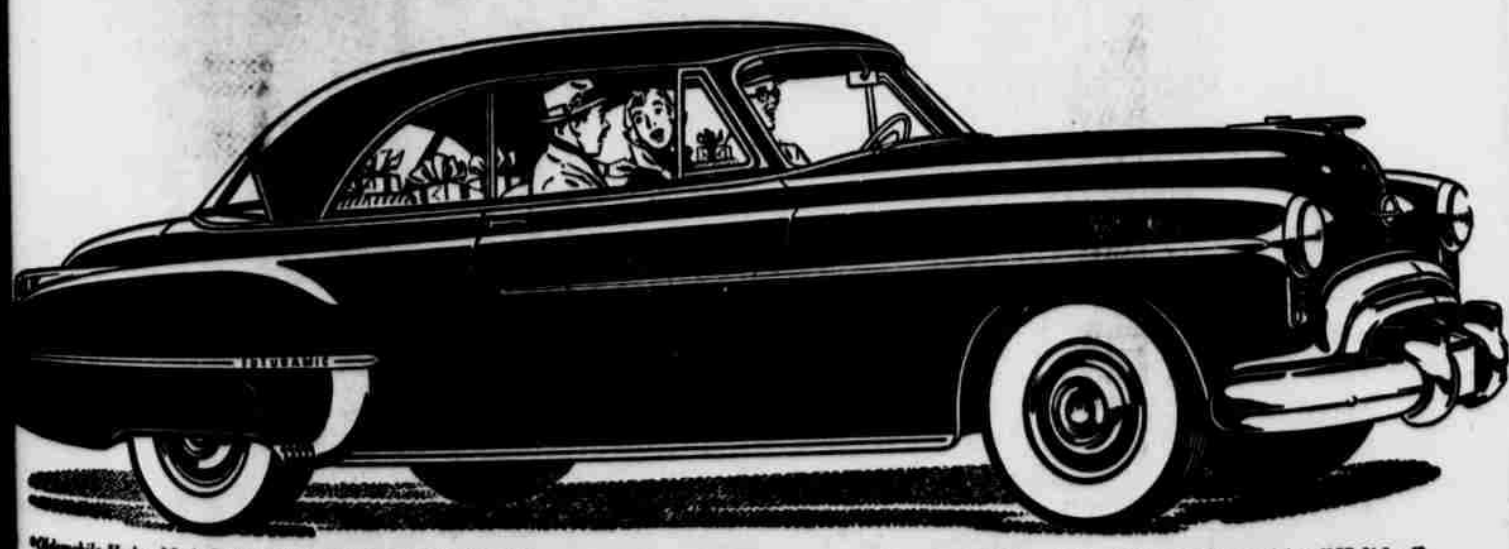
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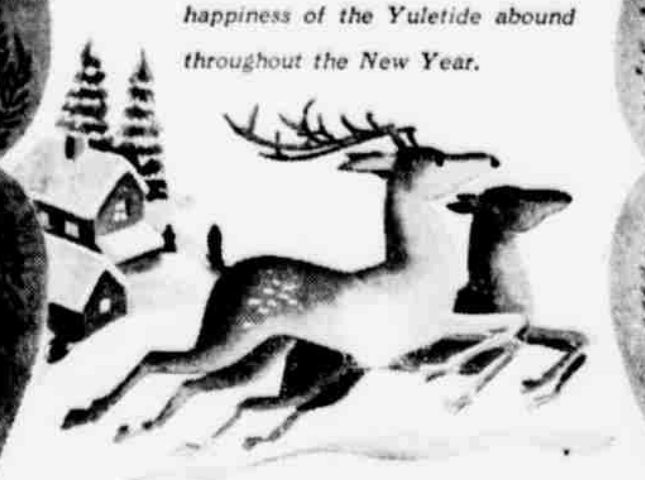
Greetings

Approaching the close of another year, we pause to weave into our happiness of Christmas time our appreciation for all the good will and cooperation that has been extended to us by our many friends and patrons. To everyone we send our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

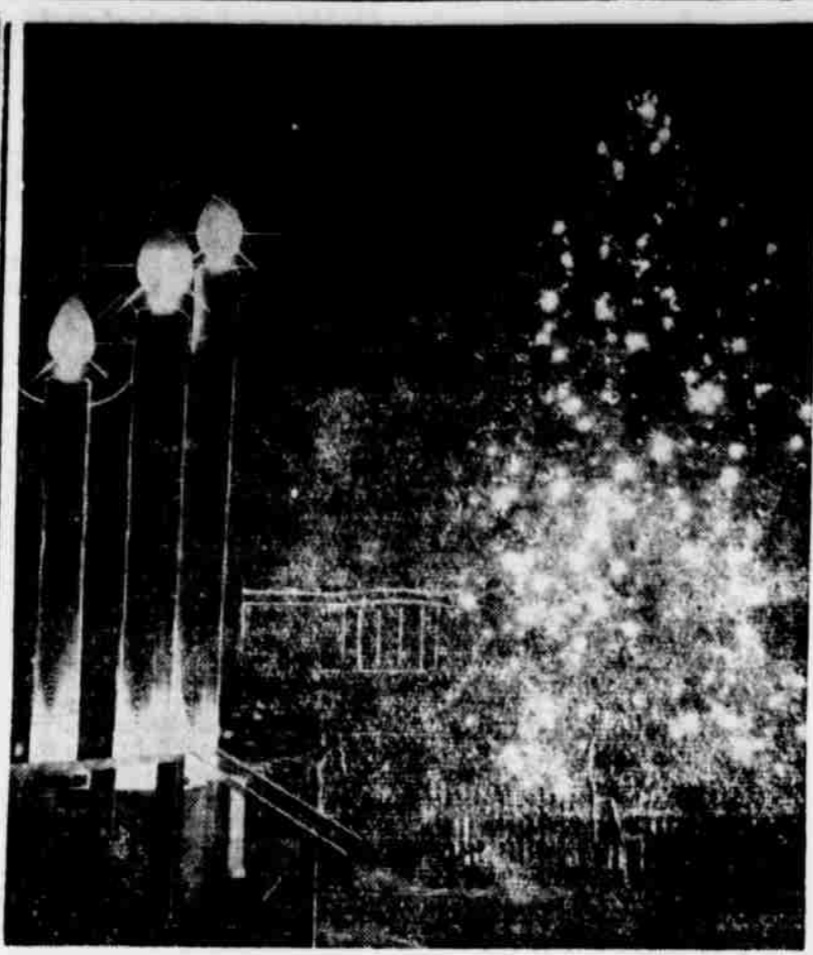
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PRESIDENTIAL CHRISTMAS TREE . . . This was the annual community Christmas tree in Washington, D. C., as it blazed with light last year. President Truman, at his home in Independence, Mo., pushed a button to turn on this holiday brilliance by remote control. The White House shows dimly in the background, framed by the tree and huge Christmas candles.

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Include Safety at Home and On Highway In Planning for Holiday Celebrations

December may be one of the worst months for traffic deaths in recent years unless the public and law enforcement officials work together to reduce 1950 year-end highway casualties, the Accident Prevention Department of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies warned today.

"December 49 was the deadliest month on highways during the past decade, with the exception of 1948 and 1942," declared Julian H. Harvey, the department's manager. "There is every reason to believe that unless motorists and pedestrians voluntarily exercise more caution than usual this coming month, and unless our law enforcement officers crack down on drinking drivers and flagrant violators of speed laws, December 1950 will exact an even worse toll than it usually does."

Last year 3,220 persons died in December traffic accidents. During the past decade nearly 32,000 people were killed in December on streets and highways. December's greatest dangers to drivers and pedestrians alike are well illustrated, he observed, by the fact that the aggregate of deaths in ten Decembers since 1940 is greater than last year's toll of 31,500 deaths.

Pointing out that 1950 already has become the worst year since the end of World War II for traffic deaths, with predictions of 36,000 fatalities frequently heard, Mr. Harvey urged positive action to save as many lives as possible on the highways before the year ends.

"Another tragic record of highway deaths in December would be equivalent to adding a thirteenth month to 1950—an unlucky month for several thousand persons who will die needlessly on our streets and roads unless they and our enforcement officials are alerted to prevent accidents," said Mr. Harvey. "If as many or more die in highway accidents during December as were lost in December 1949, then surely a thirteenth month will be added to our 1950 calendar in terms of total fatalities this year."

He warned that the following extra hazards have contributed greatly to December accident peaks and urged motorists and pedestrians to be on guard against

Star of Bethlehem Continues to Puzzle Modern Scholars

Once again Christendom sees the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men of old, rejoices with exceeding great joy.

Astronomers have discounted possibilities that the star may have been a natural phenomenon since such phenomenon occur too far from the earth to serve as any sort of local guide. Modern opinion is, however, inclined to hold that there was a Star — although the story probably has been touched by Oriental imagery.

St. Matthew suggests that even the Wise Men may have lost sight of the star while they were in Jerusalem; hence, they rejoiced when it reappeared to their vision as they approached the Manger of Bethlehem.

Come to think of it, astronomers have sought an astronomically authentic star—and found it not; historians have sought an historically human Jesus of Nazareth—and are still arguing whether or not they have found Him; even zealous theologians, striving to harmonize messianic and eschatological theories with the illusive historical and human Jesus, have sometimes lost sight of the Babe in the Manger Who from His lowly stable draws unto Himself all who are weary and heavy-laden.

Pressing close to that sacred Manger, Christendom glimpses the Star of Bethlehem once more and rejoices in the light of righteousness and peace which has conquered every tyranny that evil men could think of, the light that shineth in the darkness and shall not fail.

- them:
- 1—More drinking drivers because of Christmas holiday festivities.
 - 2—Bad weather, with icy roads usually prevalent in many sections.
 - 3—Increased travel in hours of darkness for holiday shopping and trips home for Christmas.
 - 4—More driver-fatigue and speeding among those making long drives home for the holidays.
 - 5—Greater danger to pedestrians, especially in cities, due to Christmas shopping activity, particularly at night.
- "Speeding and the use of alcoholic beverages are the primary causes of highway accidents," said Mr. Harvey. "A drink taker before driving can become a toast to death on the highway."
- "Our motorists cannot be reminded too often during the approaching Christmas holidays that they must not mix drinking and driving. If enough of them take to heart the No. 1 safety rule of the road—if you drink, don't drive. If you drive, don't drink—many lives will be saved."
- "Drinking breeds speeding and recklessness. Both are major killers on the road. Every driver should be made to realize this month that his own life and the lives of members of his family and others may depend on his 100 per cent observance of the road code regarding drinking."
- During the three-day 1949 Christmas holiday week-end, 378 lives were lost on the highways. This toll was 101 higher than in 1948, during a two-day Christmas period. Another three-day week-end this year calls for added safety precautions and law enforcement, Mr. Harvey warned, to keep Christmas highway tragedies to an absolute minimum.

Merry Christmas

What is Christmas made of? Christmas is loyalty. It is unselfishness . . . devotion. May you, 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 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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Finns See Evergreen As Mourning Symbol

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room or dining room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the alters are banked and the windows are filled



SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA . . . It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirtsleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting on a park bench in New York.

with them, so that in the pre-dawn darkness (Christmas morning services begin at 8 A.M.) the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

After the early church services, the gayly decorated sleds race for home, bright robes flying and sleigh bells a-jingling. Breakfast is festive, and then everyone takes a long nap. Christmas Day is not devoted to play or gift-giving; it is religiously observed, with intervals of carol singing and Bible readings.

The day after Christmas is St. Stephen's day and from then until New Year's parties and general festivity are in order. Although gift-giving is not an integral part of the observance, in some parts of Finland trinkets and useful gifts of wearing apparel are presented to children by Wainamoinen, the Kalevala hero of Finnish legend.

Farmers — Farm Machinery Is In Demand — Sell it Through Want Ads.

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Pilgrims Deported "Ye Christmas Day"

Puritan disapproval of Christmas celebrations disembarked from the Mayflower with the Pilgrims in 1621 and, accordingly, Governor Bradford issued a statement publicly rebuking certain young men who declined to work on December 25, "ye day called Christmas."

This first New England Christmas—or non observance thereof—should not be credited as the first Christmas on American soil since Leif Erikson spent a winter or two, on the North American continent around the turn of the 11th century.

Lief was a Christian, and it is likely that members of his crew were Christians, too; although it is quite possible that some had accepted the faith without remodeling their pagan natures, since King Olaf's methods were ruthless and his command "Be baptized, or else," left them little choice.

Undoubtedly, flagons of crude, raw wine fermented from the grapes of Leif's Vinland were passed around and the celebration may have been rather boisterous, but in all fairness to Lief—who, according to excellent testimony, was a sincere convert—it is reasonable to assume that there was a trace of religious observance.

Perhaps Lief remembered the few words of Latin prayer he learned at the time of his conversion and recited them in honor of the birthday of the Redeemer he had accepted. . . . Thus, the first Christmas in America was observed.

Winter Is Fence Building Time on Texas Farms

The important thing in building a fence is to build a good one, says W. L. Ulich, agricultural engineer for the Texas A&M extension service. He points out that a high per cent of the fences on Texas farms and ranches are constructed during the winter months.

He says that, except for the expanded practice of treating fence posts with preservatives, there has been no great change in the type of materials used for fencing in the past ten years. In the construction of fences, however, new practices are being used, and new equipment for this purpose has been developed.

Contour fencing is a practice which is gaining in popularity in many areas of Texas. Ulich credits this to the fact that fences built on the contour save considerable time and inconvenience in farming operations. Odd shaped corners and areas are eliminated, thus reducing the number of point rows along the sides of fields.

Some of the large ranches are now using smooth wire for fencing, instead of the barbed wire which they formerly used. According to Ulich, this change is an effort to reduce scratches and cuts on livestock, which are a haven for screwworms.

The tractor-mounted post hole diggers in use today are quite an improvement over the old hand drop augers.

Ulich recommends that corner posts be well braced and anchored so the wire can be stretched tight. He suggests fastening a cross bar of some durable material to the bottom of the post as an anchor. This will permit the use of lighter posts at corners than are ordinarily used.

The braces used in fencing should be at least nine feet long. Four-by-four inch treated lumber, or other timber that is strong and durable, is suitable for bracing posts. According to Ulich, braces are most effective if they are sloped from the top of the corner down to near the ground on the brace post. However, they may be installed in a horizontal position if this is desired for appearance.

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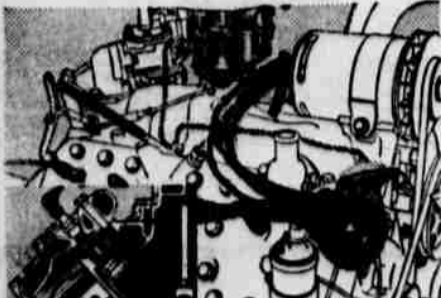
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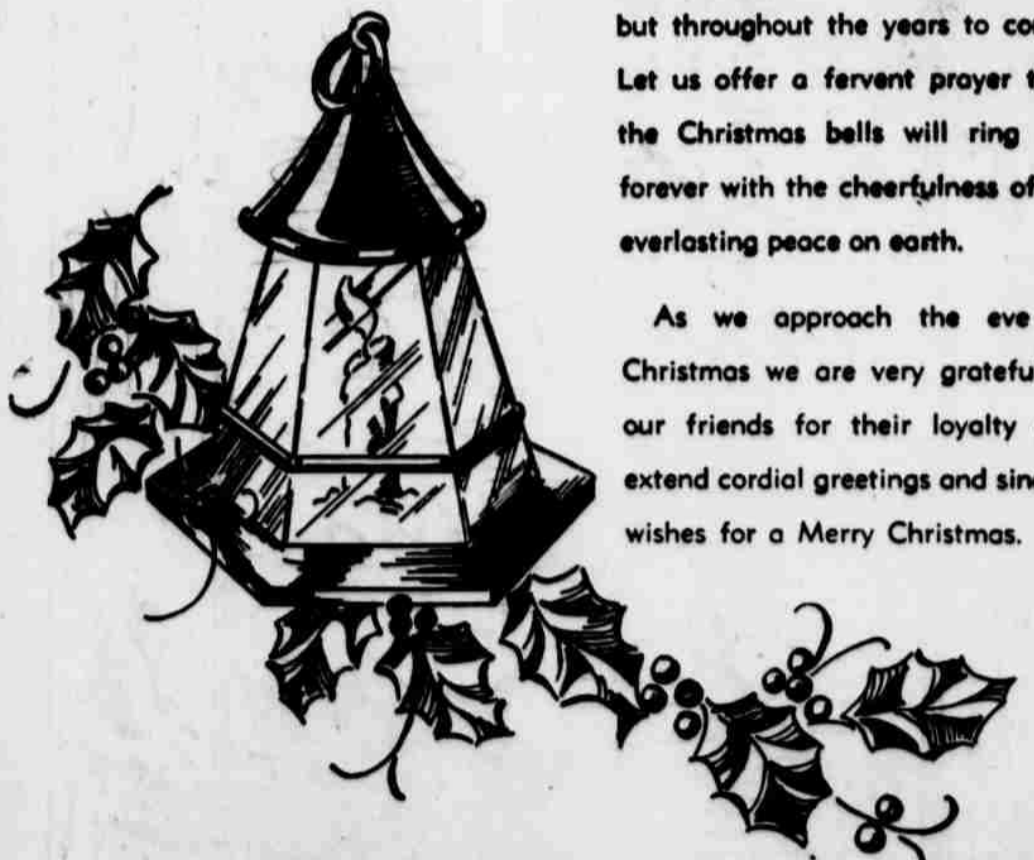
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6:45 p. m.—Baptist Training Union.

8:00 p. m.—Preaching Service.
Monday 7:30 p. m. Brotherhood Meeting. A cordial invitation to everyone to attend.
Wednesday 7:45 p. m.—Prayer meeting.
W. M. U. Meeting each Monday 4:00 p. m.

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Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
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Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Christmas message by Don McCall.
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Message by Don McCall.
Mid-Week Prayer Service 7:00 p. m.

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RULE, TEXAS
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9:45 A. M. Sunday School.
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7:30 P. M. Preaching Service.
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L. D. Ward, associate pastor

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7:45—Evening Worship.
Wednesday 7:15—Prayer service.
Friday 7:15—Teachers Meeting.

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H. G. Hammer, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Message, 11 a. m.
Regular preaching days, second and fourth Sundays.
Preaching Service 8 p. m.

CURRY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. L. F. Moreland, Pastor

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Preaching, 11 a. m.
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Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

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Evening Service 6:30-7:30
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6:45—Training Union.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching Service.
Wednesday 7:45 p. m.—Prayer meeting.
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Morning Message, 11:00 a. m.
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7:45 P. M. Evening Service.

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Morning message 11:00.
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