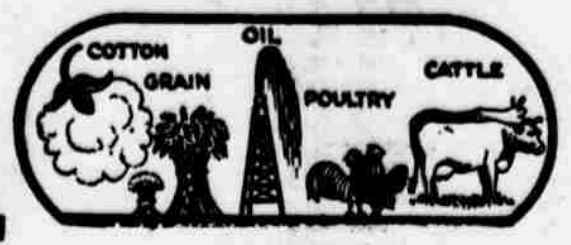


Merry Christmas

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THE SIXTY-EIGHT

HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1954

NUMBER 51

Directors Told of Plans for County Library Here

of the excessive now permitted in zones, and the establishment of the library highlighted the meeting of officers of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning.

Shetland Pony To Be Given Away Friday Destined To Bring Happiness To Many

A little Shetland pony purchased by the Lions Club several months ago will have a new owner on Christmas Day. It will likely be difficult to determine which of the boy or girl receiving the little animal.

Funeral Rites for Doyle Williamson Held Here Friday

Funeral services for Doyle Williamson, 53, who died Thursday Dec. 16 at his home in this city, were held at 1 p. m. Friday at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Kate Bagwell Rites Held Sunday In Rochester

Funeral services for Mrs. Kate L. Bagwell, long-time resident of Haskell County who died Dec. 17 in a Dallas hospital, were held in Rochester Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in the Church of Christ.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 3 years old and have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, a doll buggy, suit case and ironing board. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Annual Christmas Cantata Presented To Large and Appreciative Audience

Outstanding musical and social event of the season for the Haskell Harmony Club was the Christmas cantata which was held in the home of Dr. Gertrude Robinson Sunday evening, Dec. 19th.

Spill in Lake Puts Two Abilene Men In Hospital

Two Abilene men, Troy Taylor and Donald Lee Foster, were treated at the Haskell County Hospital Thursday after their boat had capsized and they spent almost 30 minutes in the near-freezing waters of Lake Stamford before being rescued.

Five-Room House Of Negro Couple Damaged by Fire

A five-room frame house belonging to John Webb, colored resident of Haskell, was heavily damaged by fire Thursday afternoon.

Fifty Tickets for Albany-Deer Park Tilt Available Here

Coach Royce Smith of the Haskell Indians has announced that 50 reserved seat tickets for the Albany-Deer Park Class A championship game have been made available for Haskell fans.

Haskell Students Return Home for Christmas

A large number of Haskell students in various schools and colleges have returned to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks and friends.

Texas Tech Coach Will Be Speaker At QB Banquet

Dewitt Weaver, head football coach at Texas Technological College, has accepted an invitation as guest speaker at the annual Quarterback Club football banquet, club president, Thos. B. Roberson has announced.

Saturday And Monday To Be Business Holidays Here

Haskell business concerns will have only one holiday during the Christmas period, that being Saturday, Dec. 25, when the office will be closed the entire day.

T. Cleo Scott To Preach at Church of Christ Sunday

In the absence of Minister Fred Custis Sunday, T. Cleo Scott of Houston, former resident and Superintendent of Schools here, will preach at both the morning and evening services Dec. 16 at the Church of Christ.

Texas Theatre to Sponsor Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation Fund Drive

B. L. Haley, manager of the Texas Theatre, today announced his theatre will participate in the 1954 Texas Theatres Crippled Children's Fund for Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation with audience collections during Christmas Week, Dec. 25-31.

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MERRY Christmas
We greet our friends at this happy time and wish them well, now and always.
STARR'S WELDING & MOTOR WORKS

Rochester News

By MRS. JAMES A. GREER

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Robinson were hosts to members of the Bess Porter Sunday School class and their husbands and guests Thursday evening, Dec. 16, at their home with a pretty Christmas party.

Party rooms were festive with the lavish decorations done by Dr. and Mrs. Robinson for the holiday season. In the large living room a beautiful decorated Christmas tree that had been sprayed with silver color and draped with silver balls and colored lights occupied the first landing of the stairway. Under the tree were gaily wrapped Christmas gifts that were drawn by numbers and presented to the guests. Rev. James Price acted in the capacity of Santa Claus in calling the numbers and presenting gifts.

Over the mantel the huge mirror was framed with a silver wreath and blue lights. The dining room was also decorated with silver sprayed foliage and colored lights.

The refreshment table was laid with a red fringed cloth and the centerpiece was an arrangement of silver foliage and red berries.

Six tables of progressive 42 were arranged for the players and bowls of Christmas candy on each table.

The hostess was assisted by members of her Sunday School class in serving sandwiches, salad wafers and cheese, pickles, celery, carrot sticks, cookies and coffee.

Present to enjoy the occasion were Mrs. Bess Porter, teacher of the class, Miss Zeola Corley; Messrs. and Mmes. George Wade, James A. Greer, Tom Buckner, J. H. Parsons, Cecil Jetton, Bob King, Alton Jones, Odell Cox, L. B. White, Pete Huntsman, Sr., Rev. and Mrs. James Price. Children were Sue Cox, Janice Jones, Mary Lou Jetton, Melinda Burt, Jean King, Susan and Keith Price.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. White spent Friday with their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Cannon and family at Hale Center.

Truett Alvis was honored with a surprise birthday party at his home Tuesday evening Dec. 14, by Mrs. Alvis.

Games of 42 were played during the evening.

Refreshments of angel food cake, hot chocolate, and coffee were served the guests. Christmas candy was also a part of the evening's refreshments.

Present to enjoy the party were Mrs. Willie Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alvis and Earlene, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mullino and the honoree and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Watkins and children spent the week end in Lubbock with relatives.

The Intermediate Training Union Class of the Baptist church had its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening Dec. 14, at 6:30 o'clock in the basement of the church.

Mrs. Dennis Williams, leader of the class, assisted by Mrs. Roy Clayton directed the young people in group games.

After refreshments of cookies and hot chocolate the class enjoyed an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Present were Diana Reid, Avis and Eileen Williams, Ava Lou Harper, Ann Speck, Peggy Smith, Jerry Hardin, David Griffin, Tommy Williams, Lester Burman, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Hamilton and Mrs. D. W. Hamilton were in Abilene Monday on business.

The Birthday Luncheon Club met Wednesday Dec. 14 in the home of Mrs. J. M. Hicks with Mrs. Hicks as honoree who received individual gifts from the club members.

A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour on a table decorated in the Christmas motif.

The ladies enjoyed an exchange of gifts from a beautifully decorated tree and games of 84 were also a feature of the afternoon amusement.

Present were Mmes. A. A. Gauntt, Vestus Alvis, L. M. Kay, J. E. Mansell, G. Hicks, W. J. Bragg, George Ballard, W. Z. Wadzeck, Sam T. Chapman, of Haskell, Mrs. E. L. Carr of Knox City, the hostess-honoree, Mrs. J. M. Hicks.

Bill Harper, student at Trinity University, San Antonio, is home to spend Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Willie Hines and family.

Mack Clark and Jerry Sego, students in ACC, Abilene are at home to spend the holidays.

Lt. William Porter of Fort Benning, Ga., is here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bess Porter.

Bobby Joe Helton, stationed at Fort Bliss with the U. S. Army is home to spend the holidays. Carmen Kay and Janice Corver, students in Texas Tech are

at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark spent the week end at Electra with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hudson and Phyllis.

Rogers Nanny, student at A&M College is at home for the holidays.

Jimmy Alvis of McMurry College is here to spend the holidays with home folks.

Dan Smith and Lena Faye Bevels, students in Baylor University, Waco, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wadzeck will have all of their children home for the Christmas holidays except one, Comer, who lives in California and will be unable to be here.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt Moseley of Melrose, N. M., came Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Watkins.

Luther Green of Irving and Frank Greer of Dallas came Saturday and spent the night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Greer. Mr. and Mrs. Greer

returned home with them Sunday where they will visit for several weeks in their homes and also with another son, Tommy Greer and family at Denton and a daughter, Mrs. Joe Wolcott and family at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Baugh of Austin came Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hap Smith and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baugh at Rule.

Funeral services for Mrs. T. B. Bagwell of Dallas were held Sunday afternoon Dec. 19, at the Church of Christ with H. L. Matheny of Austin, assisted by Bill Patterson, minister of the Church of Christ at Rochester, officiating.

Mrs. Bagwell, a former resident of Rochester, died Friday at Dallas where she had lived for about 12 years since she moved from Rochester.

Burial was made in the Rochester Cemetery beside her husband who passed away about 14 years ago.

Mansell-Smith Funeral Home was in charge of burial.



Joy at Christmas
Now is the time for all Good Holiday Wishes... may we wish to all our friends the best of health and joy for Christmas and the New Year.
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Wilson's Certified **HAMS** 10 to 12 lb. lb. 63c

Wilson's Family Style **BACON** 2 lb. pkg. \$1.08

Wilson's Picnic **HAMS** lb. 36c

Fresh Dressed **HENS** large size lb. 39c

Wilson's Pure Pork **SAUSAGE** pound roll 33c

Borden's **Biscuits** 6 cans for 59c

Jell-O 4 for 25c

Brach's **CHOCOLATE PARTY MIX** Pound Box 75c

Chocolate Covered **CHERRIES** lb. box 49c

GLADIOLA CAKE MIX box 29c

Sun - Spun **OLEO** lb. 21c

FRESH - EATMOR **Cranberries** Pound 25c

LARGE - FIRM **LETTUCE** Head 10c

PURE CANE **SUGAR** 10 lb. bag 89c

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Libby's Sweet **PICKLES** 15 oz. jar 29c

Heinz **MINCE MEAT** no. 2 can 39c

Letters to Santa

Rule, Texas
 Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl 3 years old and I have a 1-year-old sister. We have been pretty good this year, so would you please bring us some toys, candy and chewing gum for Christmas. Please bring us sister dolls, washing machine, ice box, house shoes, doll buggy, table and chairs and doll beds. Merry Christmas to you and your helpers. Please don't forget anybody, especially mommie and daddy. Yours truly,
 Pam and Pat Harris.

**Knox City, Texas
 Route 1**
 Dear Santa Claus:
 We are two little girls, Brenda Kay, age 3, and Judy Diane, age 16 months. We would like for you to bring us a little red table and two chairs, a set of dishes, a little stove and ice box and we would like a doll, also. We have been pretty good little girls so will you please come to see us? Don't forget all the other little boys and girls who have been good.
 Brenda Kay and Judy Diane
 Alexander

Weinert, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little boy 3 years old. I haven't been a very good boy, but if you would bring me a cowboy suit and some boots, it would help me be a better boy next year. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Thank you,
 Jimmy Berry.
 P. S. Don't forget Uncle Jim, Aunt Eva and Ronald.

Weinert, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little girl nine years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a basketball and Magic Mary paper doll. Please bring my little brother a ball, a gun, a tractor and a tricycle. Remember all the little boys and girls.
 Love,
 Wanda Jean Miller.

Weinert, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a doll and a blackboard, Magic Mary paper doll. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Love,
 Patsy Miller.

Haskell, Texas, Box 644
 Dear Santa:
 I am a little boy 3 years old, and this is my very first letter to you in my 3 years. I have tried very hard to be a good little boy to everyone. Would you remember other little boys and girls this year, especially in foreign lands. When you come to my house, would you bring me a spring hobby horse, a tool set and a guitar, please? Don't forget my Aunt Jeanney Kay and all my little cousins of Irby and my mommie and daddy, and "Merry Christmas" to you Santa. Your little friend,
 Dalton Eddie Moeller.

Haskell, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a walking doll with a pony tail, some doll dishes and a baton. My little sister wants a baby doll, a dollie baby bed and a doll suitcase. My little brother wants a tool set, a basketball and a set of guns.
 Margaret Ann Wall

Haskell, Texas
 Dear Santa:
 I am a little blond-headed girl nearly 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year, but will try to be a better girl next year. Please bring me a walking doll, housecoat and shoes and a little iron and ironing board. Please come to see all other little boys and girls. Thank you, Santa,
 Patricia Toliver.

Haskell, Texas
 Dear Santa:
 I am a little girl seven years old. For Christmas this year I would like a Princess Mary Walker doll with an evening dress, a red wagon and a cash register, and anything else you would like to bring me besides some fruit, nuts and candy. Mother thinks I have been good this year, Santa. Please don't forget all the other little girls and boys. I love you Santa. Your little friend,
 Charlotte Ann Hise.

Haskell, Texas
 Dear Santa:
 I'm a little girl three years old. I have been good and I want Santa to bring me a doll with hair, a doll buggy and ironing board and iron. I live at 606 South 11th street here in Haskell.
 Jeanie Kaye Conner.

Haskell, Texas
 Dearest Santa:
 I am a little blond haired girl 3 1-2 years old and I have been a very good girl this year. Would you please bring me a big piano and bench for Christmas. I would also like some new records for my record player and a "Baby Doll" also. Please don't forget the chewing gum and candy and also the other little girls and boys. Love you,
 Janice Lynn Gordon.

Haskell, Texas
 Dear Santa:
 Please, Santa, could you bring me a bicycle, some clothes and a pair of pink Sunday shoes for my doll, Susan, and a doll bed, Coca Cola machine. Also a car station, a Queen Elizabeth set of dishes.
 And for my brother Bill, a black and white Panda and a play pick-up that he can ride in, a pair of guns, and engineer suit, a plane and a boy doll.
 Mary Lois Wilson.
 P. S. My horse, Trigger, would like to have a red trailer to ride in.

Seymour, Texas
 Dearest Santa:
 I am a little boy four years old and live in Seymour. I have been a good little boy all year, so will you please bring me a cash register, a car that will wind up and an airplane. Also some nuts and fruit.
 Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Your friend,
 Scotty Glenn Griffin.
 P. S. I'll leave a Coke and sandwich on the table for you.

Haskell, Texas
 Dear Santa:
 I would like a 20-inch bicycle. I want it to be blue, but if you don't have any left make it red, like a tricycle and a big ball. My little brother, Sammy, would like 5 1-2 years and my brother is 3. Your little friend,
 Gary Lytle.

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Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little boy seven years old and in the first grade. I have a wonderful teacher and enjoy school very much. Please remember my teacher with some nice gifts. I would like for you to bring me a two gun holster set, an automatic pistol, a two-way telephone that my brother and I can talk over and a trumpet that I can play. Please do not forget any little boys and girls in the world. I love you.
 Michael Felker.

Dear Santa Claus:
 I am a little boy five years old. I live at 507 N. 5th St. I go to kindergarten and love my teacher and all of my classmates. Please remember my teacher with the things that she would like to have and all of my little friends, too. I would like for you to bring me a two gun holster set, a telephone set, a trumpet that plays real music and a bicycle if that isn't too much. I will let you decide that for me. Please do not forget any little boys and girls. I love you,
 Walter Viars Felker.

Dear Santa:
 I want a 20-inch bicycle. I'd like a red one. My big sister, Mari Beth wants a record player and some records. I am 5 1-2 and my sister is 11. Your little friend,
 Eddie Anderson.

Dear Santa:
 I would like to have a big ball and a tricycle. I don't care what color they are. My name is Sammy and I am 3 years old. Your little friend,
 Sammy Lytle.

Dear Santa:
 I want a record player for Christmas. I would like to have some records to play. If you can make it a three-speed one. My name is Mari Beth and I am 11 years old. Your friend,
 Mari Beth Anderson.

Dear Santa Claus:
 My name is Ronald Lee Hilliard, I am in the first grade. Please bring me a holster set and football. Bring my little brother, Kenneth, a tractor and a train. Bring sister Pat a Joe Palooka doll and a stove. Don't forget to bring our mommie and daddy a gift. Thank you. Merry Christmas.
 Ronald Lee Hilliard.

Dear Santa:
 I am one year old. Please bring me a doll, mop, broom and set of dishes. Bring Joan, my sister, a doll. She is two months old. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Love,
 Lorenia Caddell.



Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

ARROWHEAD MOTEL

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No words express more sincerely at this time of year all that is in our hearts for our many friends than the good old fashioned "Merry, Merry Christmas!"

Leon Newton
 Commissioner-Elect Prec. 2

GREETINGS to All

May all the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas be yours through all the New Year.

Ark Allred Radiator Shop

Merry Christmas

At Christmas time, And all the year through, Good health, good friends, And good luck to you.

Bill Pennington
 Sheriff-Elect

Santa Claus Wishes You...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Greetings

May Christmas and the New Year hold for you the blessings of health, happiness and prosperity...

JESSIE VICK
County Superintendent-Elect

Thanks to Public

We have sold our News Stand to D. A. Jones and want to express our sincere appreciation for the patronage given us through the past two years.

We wish to solicit the continued patronage for Mr. Jones which we have enjoyed.

Again we want to say thanks.

May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Beene

Season's Greetings

That this holiday season be the brightest and happiest ever is our heartfelt wish for all our friends and neighbors.

Hammer Laundry

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hammer
Mr. and Mrs. Otis Elmore

Sunshine Sewing Club Meets With Mrs. John Fouts

The Sunshine Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. John Fouts Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 7. The meeting opened with the singing of the club song, followed by prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Trudy Wheeler reported on flowers sent to the Johnston Rest Home for Thanksgiving. Flowers were carried for each room and some of the patients expressed their appreciation for the remembrance. A motion was made that the club send flower vases filled with flowers for each room at Christmas and that each patient be remembered with a Christmas card for Christmas at the home. Two get-well cards were sent during the month of November. A Christmas party was discussed and a motion was made and carried that the club have a Christmas tree in the home of Mrs. Hazel Tyler Monday night, Dec. 20 at 6:00. Names were drawn for presents to be given.

The social followed; games were played and fellowship was enjoyed. Refreshments of frosted Cokes were served to the following: Mmes. Lula Smith, Lucille McCurley, O. Cass, Mary Fouts, Clara Parks, Hilah Swinson, Trudy Wheeler, Ora McMillan, Hazel Tyler and hostess, Georgia Fouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Teaff Honored On 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Teaff of Weinert were honored with a luncheon in the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Stephens Sunday in observance of their golden wedding anniversary.

Following the luncheon, open house was held in the Teaff home from 2:00 until 5:00 p. m. Guests were registered in a golden book by Frankie Stephens, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teaff.

Refreshments of gold punch and cake were served in crystal service from a table laid with a white lace cloth over a gold underskirt. The cake was four-tiered with gold icing, with a rose on the icing around the first tier for each of the Teaff children now living, and a white rose of the same kind on the top tier for each of the three members of the Teaff family that have passed away. White napkins had the names "Mattie and Henry" and the dates "1904-1954" printed in gold.

The centerpiece was a white styrofoam arch entwined with gold ribbon with two golden wedding bells at the top. The Teaff daughters, Mrs. Earl Livengood, Mrs. C. W. Parkman and Mrs. Royce Stephens presided at the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Teaff were married in Capps, Texas, Dec. 19, 1904. She is the former Nettie Dora Frazier. They moved to Haskell County in 1924 and have made Weinert their home since that time. Mr. Teaff is still actively engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Teaff have seven children, their three daughters, Mrs. Livengood, Mrs. Parkman and Mrs. Stephens, and four sons, Marvin and Archie B. Teaff of Abernathy, Royce Teaff of Bula, and Vernon Loyd Teaff of Plainview. They have 10 grandsons, 10 granddaughters, and seven great-grandchildren.

More than 160 guests called during the afternoon. Guests were from Goree, Bula, Levelland, Haskell, Merkel, Tye, Plainview, O'Brien, Rochester, Abilene, Sudan, Knox City, Idalou, Littlefield, Rule, Munday, Abernathy, and Corpus Christi.

Wesleyan Service Guild Has Annual Christmas Party

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild met in the lovely home of Hazel Weaver Thursday evening for their Christmas party. The Christmas spirit really prevailed after viewing the beautiful tree and the many lovely decorations throughout the house.

The group sang Christmas carols, accompanied by Iva Palmer at the piano. Hazel Weaver brought a timely devotional, after which Bebe Middleton read the impressive story, "The Place Where the Young Child Lay," which was enjoyed by all.

Hazel Weaver, a past president, and very faithful member, was presented a life membership pin and certificate in recognition of her work.

A silver donation was taken for a needy family.

Gifts from the Christmas tree were exchanged by members.

A refreshment plate of tuna fish sandwiches, congealed cranberry salad and hot tea and coffee were served by the hostesses: Hazel Weaver, Jean Landess and Irene Ballard to the following members: Pauline Bean, Dora Montgomery, Myriam Weaver, Pearl Holmesley, Maude Derr, Bebe Middleton, Betty Husband, Durene Boone, Thursa Chamberlain, Grave Bisbee, Iva Palmer and Ima Dell Fitzgerald.

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Lola Phemister Is Honoree At Tea In Weinert

A gift tea was held in the home of Mrs. Damon Smith in Weinert Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 honoring Lola Phemister, bride-elect of Bob Tipton.

Guests were greeted by the hostess and registered by Mrs. Wayne Phemister. The bride's book was covered with white satin. In the center was a white heart bordered with white tulle ruffles, and embroidered with pearls and rhinestones. Red roses and tiny red mums were used in the living room.

The refreshment table was laid with an ecru lace cloth. Centerpiece was a Christmas decoration in red, white and silver and appointments were silver and crystal. Presiding at the table were Mrs. Ab Henderson and Mrs. Clyde Walker, who poured frosted punch and served angel food cake. Assisting Mrs. Smith as hostess were Mmes. J. E. Jetton, Cecil Hutchinson, C. B. Forehand, Ted Boykin, C. Hix, Glenn Caddell, M. A. Davis, R. E. Hutchinson, C. R. Vaughn, C. C. Campbell and Delbert Carroll.

Deborah S. S. Class Has Christmas Social

The Deborah Class of the First Baptist Church met Dec. 18th for their annual Christmas social.

The group joined in singing Joy to the World, It Came on the Midnight Clear, and Silent Night.

Mrs. John McMillen had charge of the program. Mrs. Edna Brown gave the prayer. Mrs. H. S. Moore brought the devotional from Isaiah 7:14-16 and Luke 2, followed by the song, Jesus Loves You.

Program numbers included "The Greatest Story Ever Told," given by Mrs. Cass, and "The Legend of Jesus" by Mrs. Ed Fouts.

The hostesses served delicious refreshments of spiced juices and cake.

Giving advice is easy—the difficulty is to find people with faith enough to use it.

Every bad habit acquired by a person actually places a chattel mortgage on his personality.

The high cost of living causes a man to sprint occasionally to keep up with his running expenses.

Modern News Stand Is Purchased By D. A. Jones

Announcement was made this week of the purchase of Modern News stand from Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Beene by D. A. Jones of Abilene, who will operate the business beginning Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Beene established the business here about two years ago, coming to Haskell from Abilene. They have enjoyed an increasing patronage since opening the concern.

Mr. Jones, the new owner, is no stranger to Haskell. He was engaged in the shoe repair business here for a number of years before moving to Abilene several years ago.

Half the people who preach preparedness don't have a cent laid up for a rainy day.

Greetings

May your Holiday season be enriched with the blessings that belong to Christmas.

Edith's Beauty Shop

Haskell Elementary Teachers Host Christmas Party

The Haskell School employees, wives and husbands from all the schools were invited to the Elementary Cafetorium for a Seasonal party Wednesday evening, Dec. 15 at 8:30 p. m. The building was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Games, contests and relays were directed by a committee composed of Vivian Roberson, La Veda Ivy, Laura Snow, Iva Palmer and Alma Terrell.

A refreshment plate consisting of an ice cream snow ball, topped with holly leaves and a lighted candle and coffee were served by the refreshment committee composed of Artie Mae Burkett, Brucille Nellums, Dora Macon, Myriam Weaver, Anna Beth Perkins, Edna Branch and Ima Dell Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bell entertained the group by singing "White Christmas" and then leading the entire group in some of the most familiar Christmas carols.

The highlight of the evening came when Billy Snow, Elementary School principal presented a gift to Supt. C. D. Allen from some of the school personnel to express in a small way the appreciation for so fine a school man and worthwhile citizen.

Amelia Fagan then presented Billy Snow with a gift of appreciation from the Elementary School employees.

Sixty-three people enjoyed the evening of fun and fellowship.

Attendants For Hambright-Thomas Wedding Named

Attendants have been named for the marriage of Charlie Hambright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hambright of Stamford, and Bill Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adell Thomas of Haskell.

Friends of the families are invited to attend the wedding, which will be performed at 3 p. m. on Sunday, Dec. 26, at the First Baptist Church in Stamford. Rev. M. D. Rexrode, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Haskell, will perform the ceremony.

Maid of honor will be Mary Ann Thomas, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids will be Mrs. Gerald Carney of Littlefield, Mrs. James Plumlee of Lawton, Okla., and Tille Black, Gaylan Cole of Plano, cousin of the groom, will be junior bridesmaid.

Johnny Lackey of Haskell will be best man and ushers will be Tebo Holley, Wayne Bradford and Kenneth Lane, all of Haskell.

Allen Brown, nephew of the bride, will carry the rings. Flower girls will be Becky Kohout and Gena Bohach, nieces of the bride.

Candles will be lighted by Tracy Hambright, brother of the bride, and Edward Bohach, her nephew.

The bride will be given in marriage by her father.

Bobbie Parker of Stamford will sing and Mrs. Carl Cope, aunt of the bride, will be the organist. In the reception which will follow, others in the household will be Johnnie Raughton, Ruth Ann White, pianist, Barbara Kay Flowers and Mrs. Johnny Lackey of Haskell.

Visits in Home of Sister Charlie Allison of Wellington, Texas, is spending the week visiting his sister, Mrs. May Larned.

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Sunshine Sewing Club Has Annual Christmas Social

On Monday night at 7 p. m. the Sunshine Sewing Club met in the home of Hazel Tyler for their annual Christmas social. Mrs. Tyler greeted each one at the door with a warm and hearty welcome.

Each member brought a gift to be placed on the tree. Names having been drawn at a previous meeting to buy a gift for the tree.

The house was made lovely throughout with scenes of Christmas.

Candles, pyrantheus berries and greenery made a lovely table scene.

The group assembled in the living room where a gaily decorated Christmas tree, heaped with beautifully wrapped packages, made each one feel that Christmas is truly a time to give. "And to Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself."

The program committee presented a short program that was enjoyed by all. A Christmas story, "Christmas Meditations," was read by Wilma Brown. This story reminded us that we should put Christ back into Christmas. And we must remember too, that it is His birthday, and not ours, that we are celebrating.

A game of scrambled Christmas words was written on paper and handed to each member with a pencil to write the correct answers.

After a lot of thought, laughter and fun, they finally unscrambled such words as stocking, ornament, greeting and Santa. Refreshments of coffee, nut cake with whipped cream, toasted nuts and candy were served to: Mary Fouts, Lulu Smith, Hilah Swenson, Lucille McCarty, Trudie Wheeler, Ora McMillan, Wilma Brown, Osee Cass, Elizabeth Whatley, Hazel Tyler, Della Ashley, Clara Parks, Georgia Mae Fouts, and two visitors, Dana Smith and Douglas Tyler. All reported a jolly time.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot convey our gratitude to the many friends who helped us during the illness and death of our husband and father. The expressions of sympathy, the many kind deeds, the food, and the beautiful floral offerings were a great solace to us in our hour of trial. Since in many cases we have no record of those who helped so generously we wish to use this means to thank those friends especially.

May God bless you for your wonderful kindness.—Mrs. J. W. Gholson and Children. 51p

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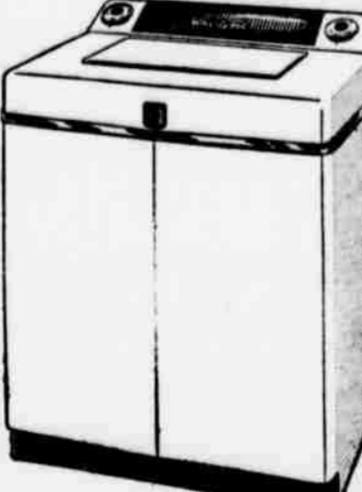
We take this means in trying to express our thanks and appreciation for the many nice things people have done for us since the loss of our home.

We especially thank S. W. Jr.'s class room and the school faculty for nice things done for S. W. Also we thank the fire de-

partment for their efforts in trying to save our home. May God bless you all.—The Doc Adams'. 51p

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A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this joyous holiday.

Claude L. Ashley
Commissioner-Elect
Precinct No. 1

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I am a boy seven years old and I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a highway patrol suit, a B-B gun and some B-B's to go with it. I would also like to have some nuts and candy. Hurry and come.
Your little friend,
David Smith.

Haskell, 203 S. Ave. J.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a red wagon and building blocks if you have any handy. Don't forget the other boys and girls who have been good all year. Be nice to my two cousins, Gwen and Gale Freeman. Bring them what they want best of all, them what they want best of all, fruit. Thanks,
Jerry Lynn Freeman.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old. I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a little truck, a little road grader, a little tractor and trailer and a little combine and of course some candy, nuts and fruit. And Santa Claus don't forget my big sister, Edna, and Barney who live in Abilene. Your little friend,
Ronnie Alexander.

Rochester, Texas
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 2 1-2 years old. I try to be good but just can't be too good, but I do hope you will come to see me. Please bring me a big doll that walks and gum and candy. Don't forget to visit all other little boys and girls. Don't forget my little cousin whose name is Rickie. Please bring him a big tricycle.
Love,
Karen Sanderson.

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Dear Santa Claus:
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Love,
J. B. Ozuna, Jr.

Haskell, Texas
December 16, 1954
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy almost 3 years old. I would like for you to bring me a tractor that I can ride, a dump truck and a top that spins and sings. Please bring me some fruit and candy too. Santa don't forget all the other little boys and girls and bring them something also.
Your little friend,
W. O. Elmore.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll and suitcase with doll clothes in it.
Kathie Burson.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Linda Nell Whiteker. I am nearly 5 years old. I would like to have a doll with hair you can curl and a doll bed for my dolls. Please bring me and Stevie some candy and fruit.
Love,
Linda Nell.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Steve Whiteker and I am 6 years old. I want a black cowboy hat and some Lone Ranger guns with fringe. I have tried to be a good boy. I hope you have a Merry Christmas, too. Love,
Steve.

Dear Santa:
We are cousins living with our granny at 300 S. Ave. El Doyle. Whitmore is six years old and Eddie Wilson three years old and we will be glad to receive some toys and good cats and please bring something to our cousins visiting us.
Doyle Ray and Eddie Frank.

Dear Santa Claus:
It is Christmas now and I am happy. I'm going shopping today for things to put under my Christmas tree tonight. I want you to bring me a doctor kit and Bible too. I better go now. Love,
Toni Graham.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. I am 8 years old. I am in the fourth grade. Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want you to bring me a doll bed, a doll, a nurse kit, a doll coat, a little stove, a little ice box, a little tin cabinet, a set of dishes, a doll house and the chairs and stuff with it and a table and chairs.
Frances Dee Foil.

Weinert, Texas
Route 1
Dear Santa:
I am seven years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year. I want a punching bag, baseball suit, airplane, boat, official size football, a set of guns, train, filling station with cars, and stilts. Please don't forget my sisters, Joan, who is two months old, and Lorenia, who is twenty months old, and Sharon, who is fourteen years old. Love,
Larry Caddell

December 15, 1954
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little nine year old girl. Please bring me a bride doll and a nurse kit, I want a bike, some nuts, fruit and candy.
Your friend, Minnie Kreger.
P. S. Please don't forget to bring other girls and ocys something.

Weinert, Texas
December 13, 1954
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 7 years old an dam going to school. I have two sweet little sisters, Frances and Minnie and I am Donald Dean. All I want is a boy's bike and fruit and nuts. Please don't forget all the other little girls and boys and my dear mother and daddy. With lots of love,
your friend,
Donald Dean Kreger.

Weinert, Texas
Route 1, Box 71
December 13, 1954
I am Frances Jewel Kreger and I would like to have a bride doll and a nurse kit and some nuts, apples and oranges. Bring my sister the same thing please. I don't know what my brother wants this year, I guess anything will be all right.
Your friend,
Frances Jewel Kreger.
P. S. Would you please bring mother an electric percolator and a steam iron? Please, if I am not asking too much.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I liked them very much. I hope they are as good this year as they were last year. This year I want a trapper model baseball glove and a hard ball too. I had rather have the glove. If you do not have enough give me anything else you have. I am a boy in the third grade, if you want to know, I am nine years old. By now, Write you again next year. Love,
Edwin Earl Roberts.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, doll buggy, one pair of skates, sandy, nuts, fruit and fireworks. I have been good. Santa I sure love you.
Brenda Kay Nicholson,
Caddo, Oklahoma

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll and suit case with doll clothes in it. Thank you.
Vickie Lee Burson.

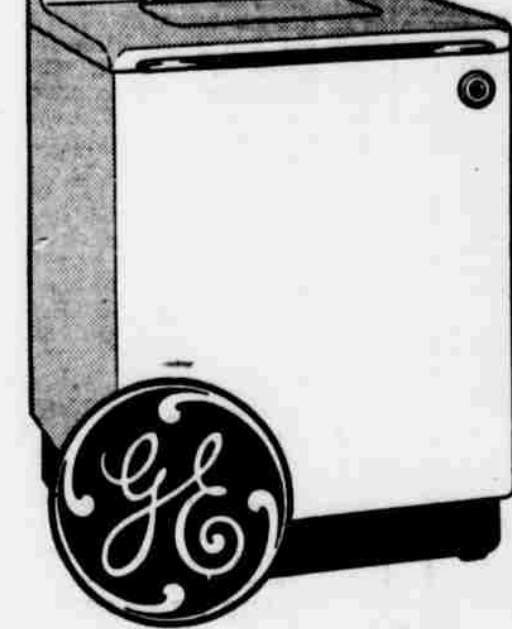
December 16, 1954
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy two years old. I live in Brownwood but I will be at my grannie's, Rt. 1, Weinert, so I would like for you to bring me a tricycle, red wagon, telephone and big ball to her house. Also remember granny and Pa Pa Drinnon and mammy and daddy. Bring lots of fruit, nuts and candy. A little friend,
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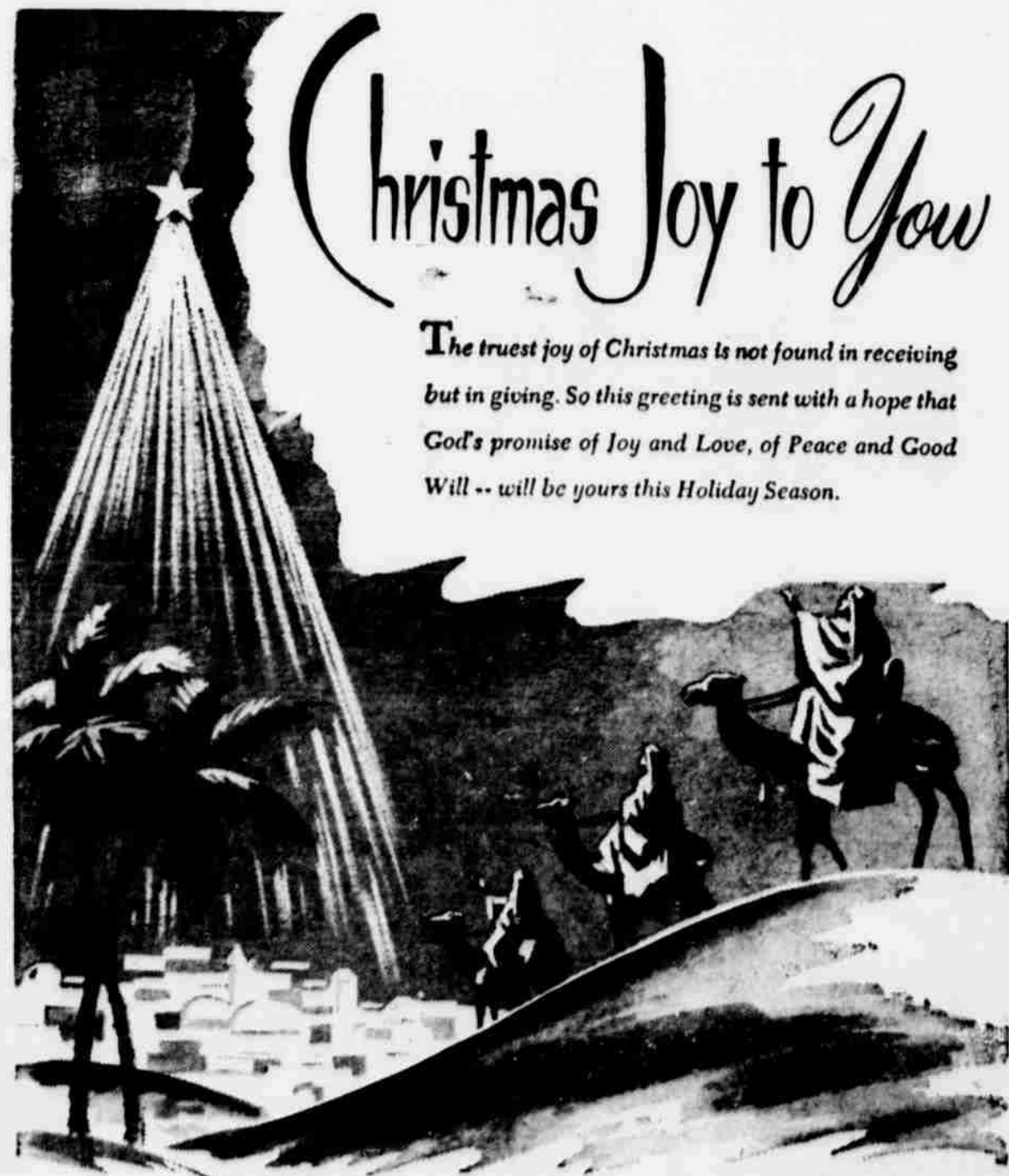
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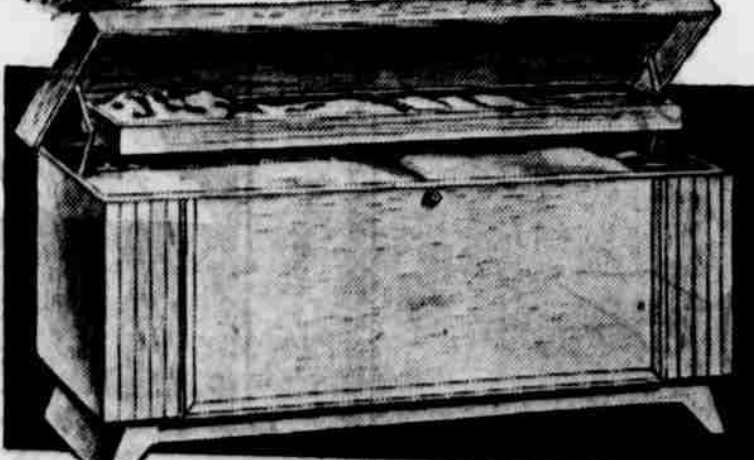
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Greetings of the SEASON

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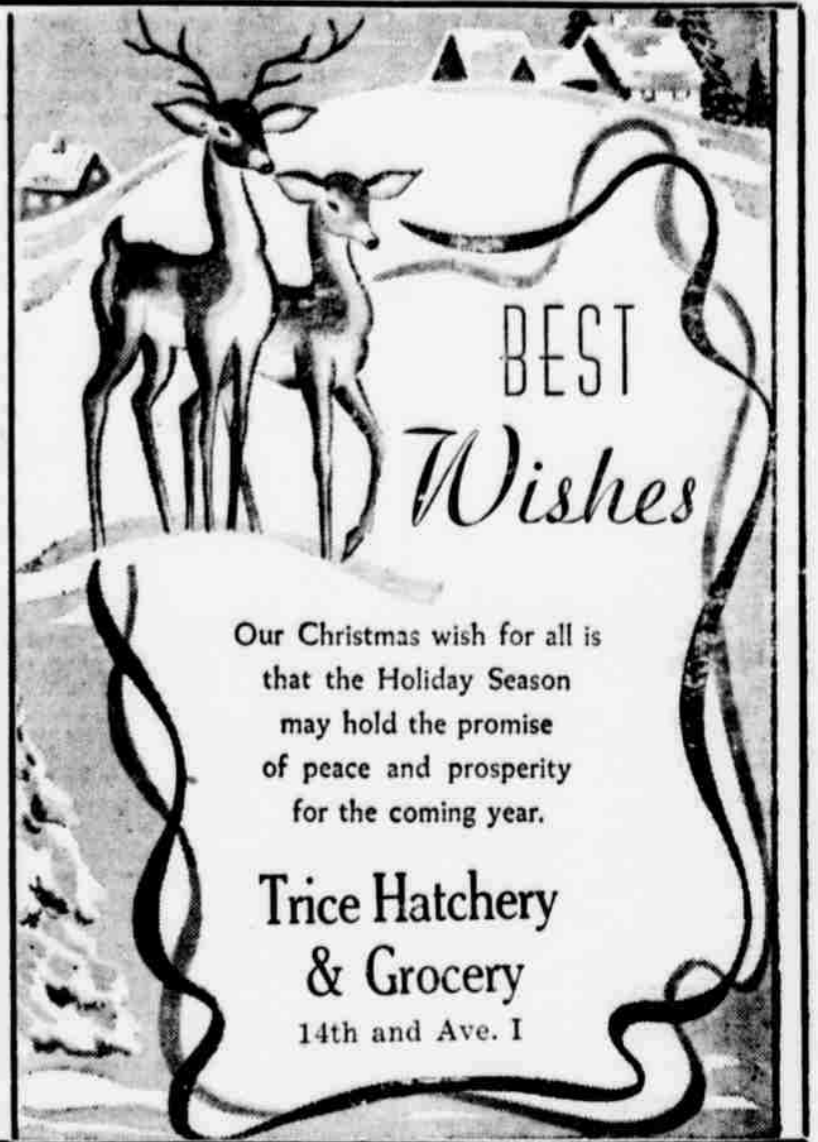
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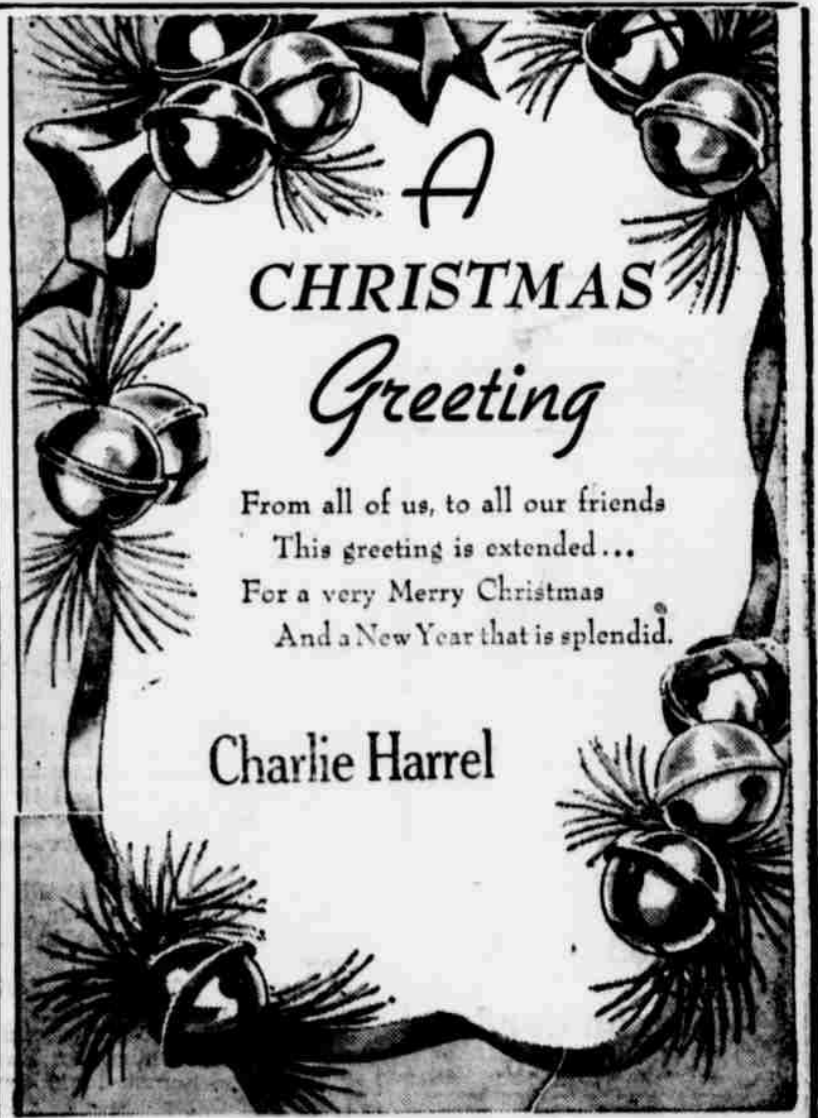
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Haskell Elementary School Busy Center Of Activities During Holiday Season

Principal Billy Snow of Haskell Elementary School believes that the school is for the children and the activities should be planned for the betterment of our children and that the school belongs to our community and should be used thus.

The two weeks preceding the Christmas holidays were filled with activity, work, and anticipation at the Elementary school.

The children and teachers began planning and making decorations for the classrooms. The patter of little feet up and down the hall were faster and mingled with joyous laughter.

The teacher's work did not end when the four o'clock bell rang as plans must be made for the next day to keep eager children busy and happy.

Plate favors and decorations for a large banquet were made. Many hours were spent getting the Nativity Scene fixed which now beautifies the lawn.

Two nights of this busy time were taken by presentation of a Christmas Operetta by the Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade children.

The West Texas Utilities Company had its annual Christmas party in the cafeteria Tuesday night.

The teachers of the Elementary School filled two large baskets for unfortunate families of the community.

The High School Band presented its annual Christmas Concert Thursday evening to an appreciative audience.

Then finally came Friday—"D Day" to the children. Seventeen parties were held in the afternoon after a delicious Christmas luncheon had been served the

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (A New Testament Church) John Barry, Minister Dennis P. Ratliff, Supt. of Bible School.

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship and the Lord's Supper at 10:50 a. m.

Sermon by the minister, topic, "What is the Unpardonable Sin?" The radio sermon by the minister over KDWT, 1:00 to 1:15 p. m., Standard, 1400 on your radio dial, topic, "Can We Believe the Bible?"

8:30 p. m. evening evangelistic service. Sermon by minister, topic, "Is Purgatory Taught in the Bible?"

Wednesday 7:00 p. m. Bible Study and prayer meeting. 8:00 p. m. Adult choir practice.

The Christian Church in Haskell is an undenominational congregation of Christians only with no earthly headquarters, no creed of men, no authority of Pope, bishop or priest.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone to attend and worship with us in the Spirit and Love of Christ.

children by the efficient lunch-room operators. Santa Claus made a brief visit to all the small children, distributing candy and taking orders, to say nothing about all the questions he answered.

Programs were presented, the real meaning of Christmas was taught from the First through the Fifth Grades. Christmas carols sounded up and down the hall as the children entertained their visiting parents.

Gifts were exchanged by all the children, refreshments were served and the building was left deserted for two weeks, with the ever-new phrase ringing in every teacher's ears, "Merry Christmas," and one First Grader said amidst all the noise, with eyes sparkling, "This is the greatest party I ever had."

The teachers removed decorations and cleaned rooms, while quietly thinking that a New Year will have begun when the boys and girls come back again. That thought prompted the resolve to do more for each one in their care and also do a little more for the school and community in which they reside.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH R. K. McCall, D. D., minister Services Sunday: 9:45 a. m. Sunday Church School. 11:00 a. m. Morning Worship. Subject of sermon "After Christmas What?" 5:00 p. m. Pioneers. 6:00 p. m. Senior High Fellowship. 7:00 p. m. Evening worship. Message by the minister.

CARD OF THANKS I take this method of thanking my many friends for their kind cards to me while I am ill. Your remembering me during these days of my illness has made me feel so good. You will never know what a boost your kindnesses have given me.

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I have been in Haskell fifty years this Christmas during which time I have never refused to relieve suffering. Now I receive joy out of these acts of kindness that you are returning to me. The doctors have been so kind and faithful in their care of me. I especially appreciate the care by Dr. Williams. I want to ex-

press my deep gratitude to these men and to all who have been so thoughtful and kind to me. When I am not suffering I am very happy. May the Lord bless all of you who have blessed me during the days of my present illness is my prayer. Sincerely yours, Dr. J. D. Smith.

YOUR INCOME TAX RETURN

Due to an extensive revision in tax laws during 1954, there are many changes which are unfamiliar to most individuals. Having access to a very complete tax service, we have been able to study these changes. Too, we are attending a tax school offered by the Internal Revenue Department.

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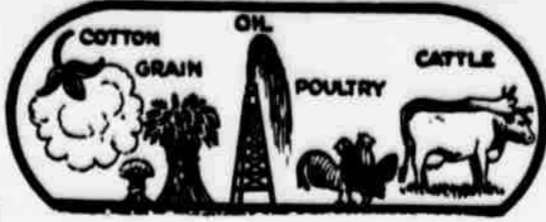
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SECTION TWO

SIXTY-EIGHT

Sincere Wishes

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



FOR SERVICE
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Come all ye faithful...

May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Christmas remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Haskell, Texas, Rt. 3
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old. This is my first year in school and I really love to go to school. I have the sweetest teacher. Her name is Mrs. Stubbiefield. Santa, will you please bring me a walking doll, suitcase and a doctor's set? Please don't forget other little girls and boys and please don't forget my grandmother and granddad, Andrews, and mother and daddy. I love you.
Doylene New.

Haskell, Texas, 902 N. Ave. F
Nov. 30, 1954
Dear Santa Claus:
For Christmas my little brother, Brian McMillin wants a typewriter, shoe-shine bank, play doctor kit and a pair of levis. I want a portable radio. We both want candy, nuts, fruit and fire-crackers. Love,
Robert Brian McMillin
Lon Dennis McMillin

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy, my name is Ronnie. I want a B-B gun, I want a truck and a ball glove, and a fire truck. I want a 24 bicycle. I am seven.
Ronnie.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am looking forward to seeing you in town Dec. 10. I am also going to leave you some cake under the Christmas tree Christmas Eve night. I would like for you to leave me a walking doll. I want a pair of skates. I also want lots of candy and sparklers. I am 8 years old and in the third grade. I would like very much to see you but Mother says you don't let little kids see you on Christmas Eve night. Please come to see me early. Love you Santa.
Ladell Sharon Currey.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa:
I hope you will be good to all little girls and boys this year. I am a little girl six years old. I want a Roy Rogers cowboy suit with guns and holster, an iron and ironing board and a guitar and anything else you want to bring me.
Joyce Cook.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa:
I am 7 years old. Please bring me a shoe-shine kit, a cash register, Marine holster set, sword set, an electric train, wood carving set, printer set, football and Teddy bear. My brother is four and he wants a doctor's set, a Roy Rogers rifle and woodpecker.
Your little friend

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa:
I would like a red tractor and fruit, nuts and candy for Christmas. Don't forget my mother and daddy, and remember my aunt Johnnie Mae and uncle Gene.
Your little friend,
"Mikey" Campbell.

Evergreen Symbol Of Mourning in Finland

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 ribbon 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 altars are banked with them, and the windows are filled with them, so that in the pre-dawn darkness (Christmas morning services begin at 6 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 observances, in some parts of Finland trinkets and useful gifts of wearing apparel are presented to children by Wainamoinen, the Kalevala hero of Finnish legend.

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 1639 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 into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

Another old German legend credits St. Boniface with the origin 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."

Star of Bethlehem Still Puzzle to Modern Scholars

Once again Christians see the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men of old, rejoice 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 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 of 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.

Pogrom means an organized massacre of a group or class.

An average bale of cotton weighs 480 pounds.

China adopted tea drinking because the water was impure.



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Haskell County History

20 Years Ago—Dec. 27, 1914

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

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

A final drive in the buying of

drouth-stricken cattle in Haskell County is under way this week by inspectors. Eight hundred and twenty-five cattle were purchased from Haskell County farmers last week, which brought total buying to around 6,000 head and placed over \$70,000 in the pockets of farmers. The buying program is expected to end this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Sanders spent Christmas Day in Munday with Mrs. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pendleton. Mrs. Arthur Edwards and daughter, Frances Merle, left Wednesday for San Angelo to visit relatives. Earnest Kimbrough of Dallas

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

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

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

30 Years Ago—Dec. 25, 1904

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

Elder J. D. Harvey of this city returned last week from a deer

hunt with several of his friends from Stamford. He killed one deer and two turkeys, and the entire party killed six deer on the trip.

Many turkeys have been handled by the Western Produce Company of this city during the past two months. F. L. Caldwell, manager of the concern, says more than 15,000 birds have been shipped from Haskell this season. Most of the birds were dressed and consigned to the larger cities in the north and east. He estimates each turkey netted an average of \$3.00 to the farmer, making around \$50,000 his company has paid out for turkeys alone this season.

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

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

50 Years Ago—Dec. 27, 1904

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

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

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

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

Barnett O'Bryan, who is attending Hills Business College at Waco, came home the first of the week to spend Christmas with homefolks.

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

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

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

A. M. Allen returned Friday night of last week from Wise County. He said that he met a number of people who are thinking of moving west and they were eager for information about Haskell County.

Lee Medford of Comanche County, who bought a tract of land on Paint Creek a year or so ago, is up on a visit to his relatives, John Howard and Jack Medford. He is having a house built and other improvements

Season's Greetings

May your enjoyment of the Holidays be young in spirit and gay in heart. And may you have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

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East Side of Square

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Blohm

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To Our Many Friends and Customers

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

If we strike a solemn note at this 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.

GOOD WISHES
for everyone

To each one of you, we wish greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors... and with sharing the Holiday with Him, in His house. And to this wish we add the hope the New Year brings to you a full measure of good health and prosperity.

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Best Wishes



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

JASON W. SMITH

ABSTRACTOR
Haskell, Texas

Truth About Santa Easy to Tell to Children

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.

One of the 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 a secret—so the legend of goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

Ancient Burial Urns Bear Out Stories

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serves 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.

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 the 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 Savior.

The first zoo in America was at Philadelphia in 1874.

There are 6,080 feet in a sea mile.

Cotton Burrs Help Moisture Penetrate Cropland

Tests conducted at the Spur Experiment Station show that moisture penetration was doubled on cropland where cotton burrs were spread on the land.

Mechanization of cotton harvesting is making more of this material available each year. Plenty of organic material in the soil aids in fighting drought.

Greetings

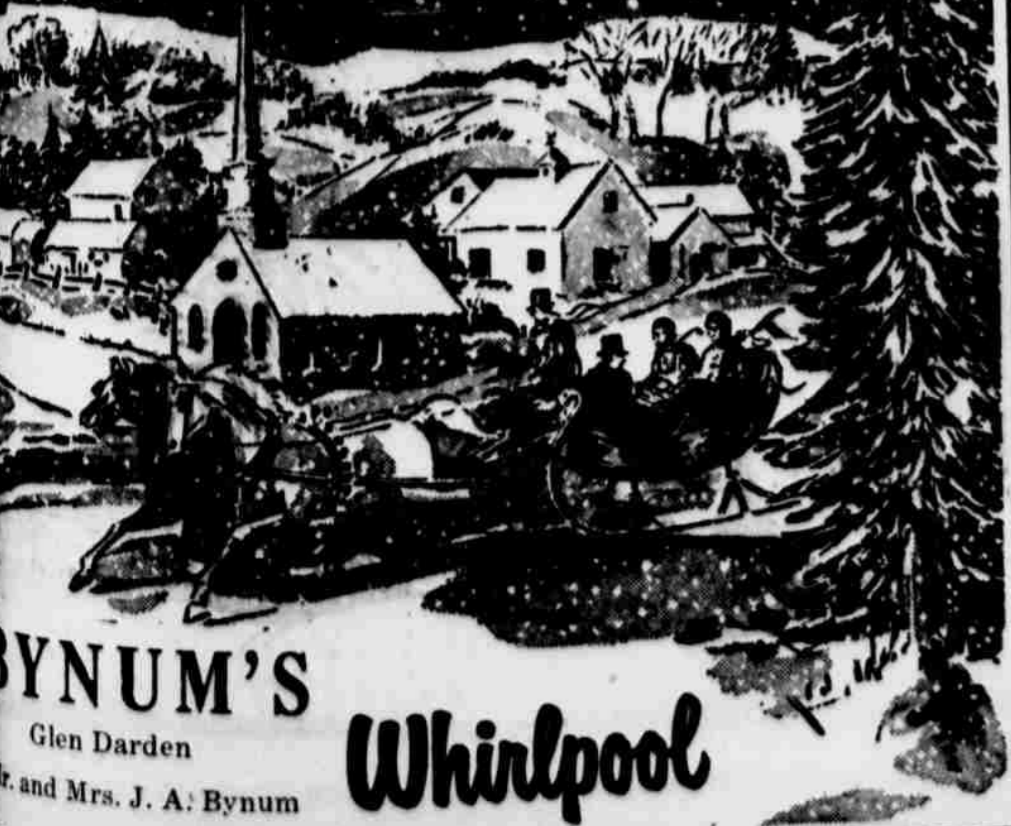
To all our many patrons... A Merry Christmas... May it be a forerunner of continued prosperity, good health and success in the New Year.

Collier Grocery

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collier

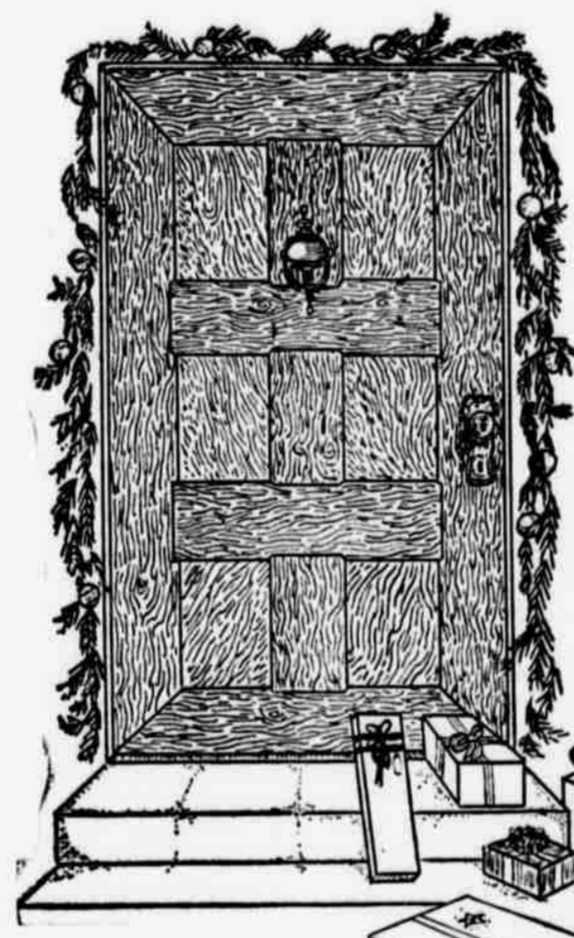
Greetings

May the joys of the Season and all its friendly cheer brighten your home at Christmas and abide with you all through the year... This is our warm Holiday wish for you and yours.



BYNUM'S
Glen Darden
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bynum

Whirlpool



We'd Like to Knock on Your Front Door

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!

Haskell National Bank

Member F. D. I. C.

Serving Haskell County Since 1890

A. C. PIERSON, President

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For now... for always...
Joy to our friends and neighbors, Peace to our nation, Good Will to all.

ZELMA'S STUDIO

New Fashion Takes Cue From France

A new fashion for little American girls is inspired by the dainty smock of the petite French miss. Called the "Madeleine," this charming little cotton garment is as attractive as a pinafore, but as sturdy as rugged blue-jeans.

The blue denim "Madeleine" fastens at the shoulders, its huge pockets go halfway around the garment, which is long enough to be worn over dresses.

The comfortable "Madeleine" is washable, easy to keep fresh and clean.

Lamb County 4-H club boy, Doyce Turner won first place in the 1954 Texas Hybrid Corn Production program and at the same time set a new state record. Irrigation, Texas Hybrid 30 and 200 pounds of 16-20-0 per acre was the combination that produced a whopping 204.3 bushels to the acre. The state average is roughly 17 bushels.

Uranium Deposits In Archer County

The first uranium lease in this section of Texas was filed this week in Archer County by a 32-year-old Wichita Falls man who turned to prospecting when he was out of work.

He is James W. Armstrong, who stayed with it when he read in bulletins of the Atomic Energy Commission that a fortune in uranium can be hidden under six inches of dirt, according to a story in the Wichita Falls Times.

There is good possibility that his perseverance has paid off, and in a matter of months he should know for sure.

The three-year lease covers 80 acres about seven miles north of Archer City out of the old Wilson estate in Archer County. The lessors number about 20 corporations and individuals, including the widespread Climax Molybdenum Company, a subsidiary of the Climax Uranium Corporation.

Terms of the lease are that Armstrong will complete at least 500 feet of exploratory drilling on the lands before Sept. 15, 1955, and that before Sept. 15, 1957, he will commence with the mining of commercial ores found therein. Should commercial production halt for any six-month period during the three years, the lease will expire. The lessors will receive 12 1-2 per cent of all gross value of all ores mined and shipped, said value to be determined by Atomic Energy Commission price scales.

It was by chance that Armstrong made his strike, along in November, 1953. But it was not by chance that he found the strange looking rocks contained uranium. He paid \$150 for a geiger counter mailed from Chicago, at a time when very few people in this area knew what they were.

On a knoll he noticed the unusual outcropping. He picked up samples of the rocks off the top of the ground. On Feb. 3, 1954, a letter from R. G. Knickerbocker from the U. S. Department of Interior field office at Rolla, Mo., confirmed that the reddish pieces of rock contained a uranium deposit of about .05 of one per cent, not high enough to be sold commercially.

Subsequently samples from the same spot, however, showed uranium content as high as .15 of one per cent. One-tenth of one per cent is generally considered by the AEC and others in the know as enough content to be handled commercially.

Armstrong was a long time getting the prospecting fever, but in the few short months he has been at it he has made the rounds. He has prospected in New Mexico and got in on the big rush around Randlett, Okla., even before it gained such proportions. He had no success there, and believes that the Archer County deposits will be much larger than those in Oklahoma.

His cash outlay so far has not been staggering, but with all the cash going out and none coming in, it has been telling. Armstrong estimates he has spent between \$500 and \$600 so far, including his geiger counter—but not including his time.

A veteran of the Marine Corps in World War II with service in the South Pacific, Armstrong was graduated from Midwestern University in 1949. His major was social science. He has been employed in the county clerk's office, with Consolidated Vultee Aircraft in Fort Worth, and later was a surveyor for the Texas Seismograph Company in Wichita Falls.

"I was without work in November of 1953, when stories about uranium in Utah and Colorado came to my attention," Armstrong remembers. "I tried to buy a geiger counter, but I couldn't find one in Wichita Falls. I couldn't even find one in Texas."

He borrowed geology books from friends, took quite a few out of the library and read up on uranium and prospecting in general. Finally, he saved up enough money to buy his geiger counter and ordered it from Chicago.

Actually, Armstrong's story is that of the average Texan who went prospecting at the height of the uranium interest. But his story now has a sprinkling of success. Only time will tell how much.

Waxing of Rose Plants Gives Increased Vigor

Dipping in wax before shipment causes commercial rose bushes to grow off earlier, bloom earlier and have greater plant vigor.

These were the benefits of waxed over non-waxed plants in tests conducted this year at the Tyler Agricultural Experiment Station.

P. R. Johnson, superintendent of the station explains the wax serves as a moisture seal and prevents the drying of the tender cones while in market channels. Rose plants normally are handled from the field in bundles of 10 of the same grade.

Five rose varieties, both waxed and non-waxed, were shipped from Tyler to Weslaco and Spur and were grown to maturity. Commercial growers are fast turning to this method.

Complete results of the Tyler tests are given in Progress Report 1724. Copies are available from the Agricultural Office, College Station, Texas.

Danger of Farm Fires Increase In Wintertime

Farm fires—estimated to cost over 3,000 lives and about \$142 million this year—present their gravest threat this winter.

This fact is borne out in a survey conducted in one mid-western state, showing that although there are over 10 buildings on the average farm in that state, 64 per cent of the damage by fire is to the dwelling, and over 75 per cent of dwelling fires were caused by flues and heating systems, or sparks on roofs—both winter hazards.

To protect your farm against fire this winter, the National Board of Fire Underwriters suggest the following principal precautions:

1. If your roof is shingled with wood, be sure the shingles are in good condition and that there are spark arresters on your chimneys.

2. See that chimneys are in good condition. Every fall, they should be inspected, particularly at the roof line, and cleaned. Repair cracks with cement mortar. Entry into the attic is necessary for a thorough inspection job.

3. Stoves, furnaces, ranges and fireplaces should be kept clean. Furnaces and wood stoves should be at least 18 inches from walls, beams or beams or woodwork unless the latter are properly insulated. Stovepipes should not run through attics or concealed spaces. A stovepipe which runs through a combustible partition should be equipped with a double metal ventilated thimble a foot larger in diameter than the pipe.

4. Fireplaces should be equipped with sturdy metal screens.

5. Keep portable oil heaters on a level surface, away from furniture, draperies and other combustibles. Never fill one while it is lit. Keep the fuel supply cutters and refill heaters there.

When one is burning, keep a window or door slightly open to provide an adequate oxygen supply. Any gas heater should be equipped with a vent to carry the fumes outside the house.

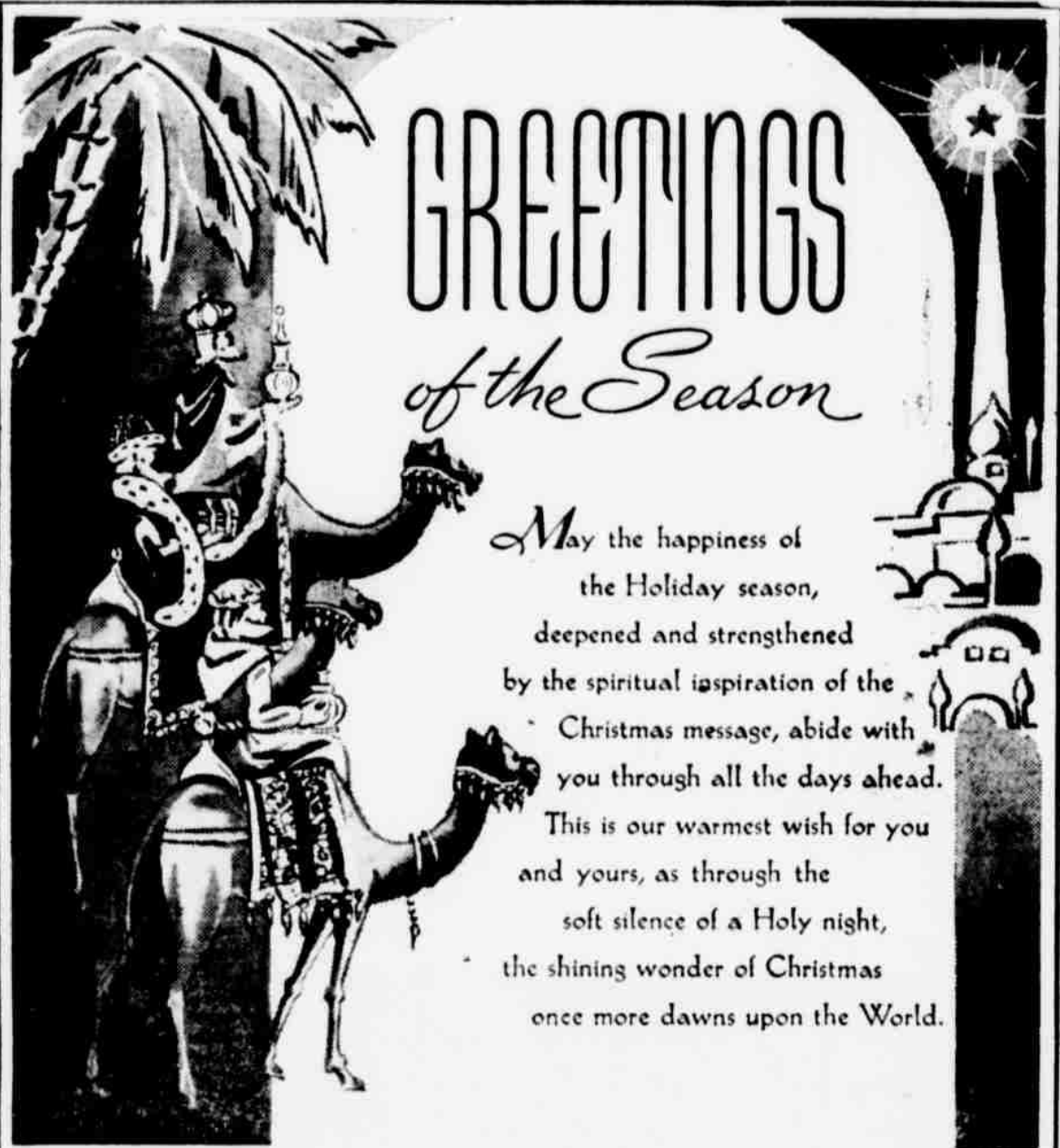
Peace on Earth



... and among all the Gifts which may be yours on this Joyous Occasion, may you know the Greatest of all Gifts... Health and Happiness

DR. GERTRUDE ROBINSON

GREETINGS of the Season



May the happiness of the Holiday season, deepened and strengthened by the spiritual inspiration of the Christmas message, abide with you through all the days ahead.

This is our warmest wish for you and yours, as through the soft silence of a Holy night, the shining wonder of Christmas once more dawns upon the World.

HATTOX HARDWARE & FURNITURE

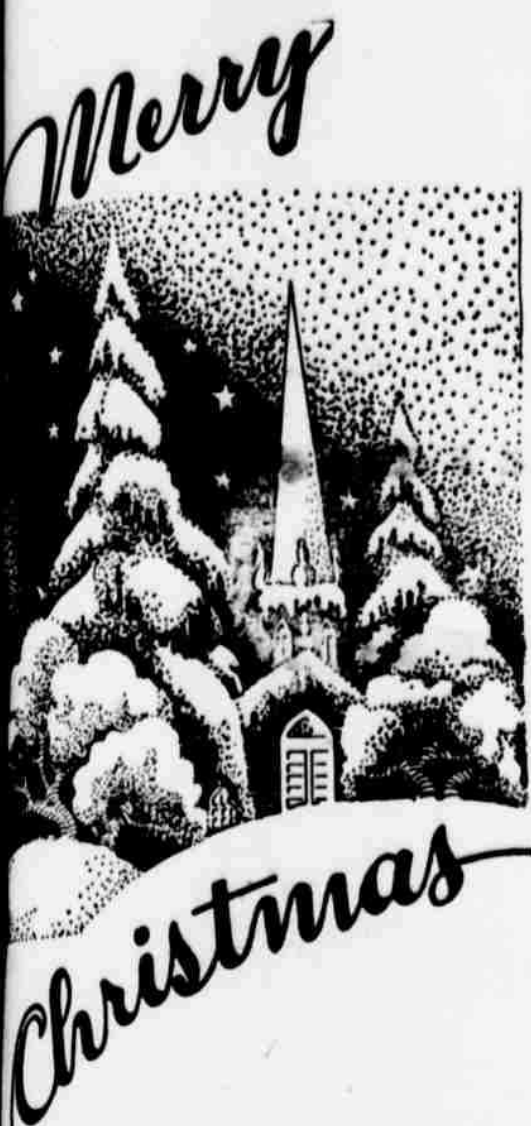
Sincerest wishes...

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

RICHEY - STRAIN CO.




LANE-FELKER



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

JOHN F. IVY INSURANCE AGENCY

Yule Reunions Add to Home Fire Hazards

The "gathering of the clan" traditional at Christmas is a pleasant custom, but calls for special fire safety precautions, warns the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

For several days each year, this custom fills many homes with more people than normally live there. Some of them may have indifferent fire safety habits. All are in a holiday mood, which may make them less careful than usual. Add to that the fact that the usual winter fire hazards are present—greater than at any other season.

If you are playing host this year the National Board suggests you take a few basic precautions before the first guest arrives:

1. Make sure there are plenty of ashtrays strategically located in every room in the house.
 2. See that the stove is clean and ready for the big cooking job ahead.
 3. If some of your guests will be children, put all matches, cigarette lighters and other dangerous objects out of their reach. As long as your company stays, keep these safety tips in mind:
 1. If you're heating more rooms than usual, don't try to "force" your furnace if it won't take the added load. Call an experienced repairman instead.
 2. Keep portable heaters away from combustibles, and also out of people's way.
 3. Keep order in the kitchen. Several extra people are offering to help can cause a "traffic jam" in which someone may lean too far over a pot of scalding liquid.
 4. If more electrical appliances than usual are being used—space heaters, for example—don't overload circuits. Fifteen ampere fuses are the safe size for most household circuits, and if a fuse blows some appliance should be switched to another outlet.
- Guests have responsibilities, too. If you are going to be a guest instead of a host, see that you and your entire family are on your best fire-safety behavior. It is also wise to be prepared for an emergency. Just as you always note the location of the nearest fire escape in a hotel, when you are an overnight guest in someone's home figure out two ways of reaching the ground from the room in which you sleep.

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

Origin of Yule Log Dates Back to Old Dominion

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 a 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 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 the third time—and then a wondrous thing happened. A miraculous power filled the old man's veins. His muscles became strong and tense, his crutch 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 snowbank.

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

Arriving there, he placed the child upon his 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 had ever seen.

The dingy little room immediately was filled with radiance and warmth, and the light enveloped the child, he laughed and laughed with a melody like a song from the heart. The old man turned his eyes 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 a 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 Christmas Child to give light and warmth.

Pop Corn Is Homey Treat

According to the history books, no white man had ever seen pop corn until the first Thanksgiving celebration.

The Indians brought it to the Pilgrim Fathers as part of their share of the historic first Thanksgiving Day—and made our founding fathers' eyes pop out when they saw the kernels burst into fluffy, tasty morsels of good eating.

Since then pop corn has been almost an exclusive American confection—and in many parts of the world is virtually unknown.

Pop corn is such a cheerful, homey treat that it really goes with the Thanksgiving holiday. Why don't you pop heaping bowls of pop corn this Thanksgiving holiday—place them throughout the house—for it is not only such good eating, but the very sight of pop corn lends a warm and happy atmosphere to the household. Every bowl of the snowy, fluffy delicacy seems to say, "Welcome—enjoy yourself."

There is no trick at all to have wonderful success in popping corn at home, if you follow these simple directions:

1. Any heavy pan or skillet will do—if you don't have a popper.
2. Get a good variety of pop corn—one that comes sealed airtight, so it is popping fresh—and is guaranteed to pop. Even if you have to pay a penny or two more for it it's well worth it—for to pop corn successfully you must start with good pop corn.
3. Pour a little cooking oil or shortening in the pan or popper. No special oils or fats are needed. Your own cooking oil and shortening are the best you can get.
4. Get the oil hot. Drop in 3 or 4 "test" kernels of pop corn . . . and when they "spin" the oil is just the right heat.
5. Cover the bottom of the pan no more than one kernel of pop corn in depth.
6. Cover and shake gently. When you hear the last few pops, remove pan from heat and empty contents in a large bowl. Pour over melted butter or margarine and salt to taste.

Greetings

We're thinking of you, all our friends, and hoping that this happy Christmas season brings to you good cheer, good health and good fellowship. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

THE FAIR STORE

CHRISTMAS Greetings

W. A. LYLES, JEWELER
EAST SIDE OF SQUARE HASKELL, TEXAS

Season's Greetings

May happiness and good health be yours throughout this Christmas season.

RE-SALE SHOP

Happy Christmas!

The true joy that descends upon each of us during the Yuletide season, comes not alone from the gifts that we give, but in the spirit of giving.

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



May your Christmas be sweetened by happiness that will be prolonged throughout the New Year.

CITY TAXI

Mistletoe Has Come Long Way Since Days of Druid

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshipped 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.

The Dominican Order was founded in 1215.

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 forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism 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 models 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, mummers 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.

For a period beginning just 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.

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

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

Between 40 and 50 per cent of America's farmers produce less than \$1,000 worth of food each year.

Clay pigeons are not made of clay, but asphaltum.

50 Per Cent Gain In Vehicles Seen For State by '75

An increase of 1,675,000 registered motor vehicles in Texas, raising the state total from its present 3,360,000 vehicles to about 5,035,000 in 1975, was forecast today by an official of the nation's largest independent auto sales finance company.

L. R. Mostley of Abilene, vice president in this area for the Universal C. I. T. Credit Corporation, said the increase in registered vehicles would amount to about 50 per cent. He based his estimate on a recent report of the President's Materials Commission, which forecast a national total of 85,000,000 cars, trucks, buses, and other vehicles by 1975.

"If Texas is going to absorb this volume of vehicles without increasing congestion, something must be done promptly to start modernizing and expanding the state's 221,000 miles of roads and streets," he said. "We're already experiencing losses—in lives, personal injuries, property damage and lost business—because of the lack of adequate facilities to handle the increasing flow of traffic."

Mostley, urging support of President Eisenhower's suggested 10-year 50 billion dollar highway modernization program, said there is now about one motor vehicle for every three persons in the country. By 1975, he added, the national population should grow from its present 161,000,000 to more than 200,000,000, and there will be one vehicle for every 2.4 persons.

Pre-Cut Draperies Ease Sewing Job

"Do it yourself" has become a by-word of the American household. Throughout the country both men and women are enthusiastically taking over many of the jobs that formerly had to be done by professionals.

Manufacturers are coming to the aid of the "do it yourself" home-owners. All sorts of new pre-cut and packaged products are going on the market to make things easier for the amateurs.

Latest entry in the do-it-yourself field is a package of pre-cut draperies which home sewers can make with little effort.

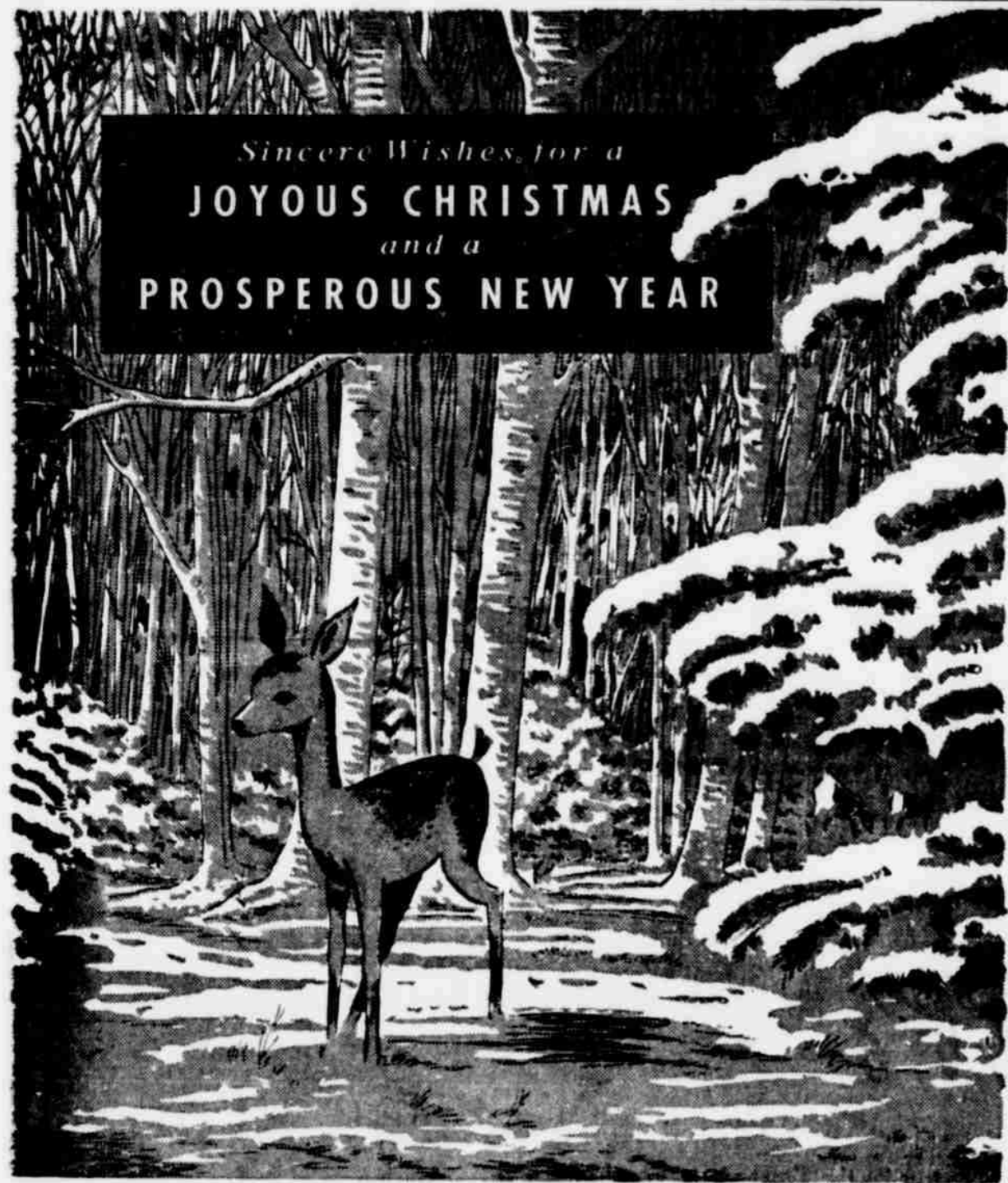
Each package contains a matching pair of cotton fabric panels, pre-cut; special pleating tape for making pinch or box pleats; plus thread, pins, hooks, and how-to-do-it instructions. These cotton drapery panels come in a range of print and solid colors. The draperies are simply styled for a minimum of sewing.

The Pillars of Hercules are two promontories on the Strait of Gibraltar.

000 to more than 200,000,000, and there will be one vehicle for every 2.4 persons.

"Although it will be a big job to bring our traffic facilities up-to-date and prepare adequately for this increase in vehicles," he said, "it will pay big dividends to our economy and help further the state's growth."

Advertisement for Queen Roofing Co. featuring the word 'Greetings' in a decorative font and the company name below.



Sincere Wishes for a JOYOUS CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

GILMORE IMPLEMENT CO.

Advertisement for Fred Allen Shoe Shop featuring a candle and the text 'GREETINGS' and 'MAY the joys of the Season be an everyday possession for the whole year, is our wish'.

Advertisement for Neely Dry Goods featuring the text 'Merry Christmas' and 'May all the joys of the season dwell in your heart and in your home on Christmas and throughout the year.' It also includes an illustration of a winter scene and the text 'NEELY DRY GOODS Northeast Corner Square'.

Advertisement for W. I. (Scotch) Coggins Ins. Agency featuring a photograph of a young girl praying and the text 'A PRAYER for Christmas' and 'As the curtain begins to draw across the old year, we pray that the spirit of Christmas be kept in the hearts of men not only this one day... but every day. For with Christmas in our hearts nothing in life could ever quench the joy or dim the light of our peace.'

Advertisement for White Auto Store featuring a large illustration of a car and the text 'Greetings OF THE SEASON' and 'Greeting our friends at Christmas time has become more than a habit with us. It is a manifestation of a deeply felt appreciation of the understanding and good will that we have been privileged to enjoy over these many years. And it is for this reason that we are so anxious now, to extend to everyone our sincerest wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.'



Christmas Greetings

May the true spirit of Christmas dwell in your home and in your heart throughout the year.

Frazier Radio & Record Shop

Early Settlers on Manhattan Claim First Santa Claus

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 Yorkers advance some interesting points to bolster their contentions. They declare that in the genial 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 mein 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 San Claus, or St. Nicholas, by the Dutch founders. For Santa Claus—or Sinterklaas, as it is sometimes written in Holland—is of course only the centuries-old pet name of the 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 Saster 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 Ft. Orange (Albany) and many other hamlets above the icy Hudson, the children in every good Dutch family gathered in expectant circles. For weeks beforehand they had learned their lessons and helped with their milkings and churning in an agony of good behavior. And now, all ready, they sang their songs to Santa Claus.

In the midst of the song would come a knocking at the door and in 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 to be a birch rod—an awful warning to a naughty boy.

Santa questioned each child in turn about his behavior in the year just passed and gave him a pat of approval or a warning shake of the head, as the record indicated. Then, bidding them all to look for presents in the morning, the good Saint suddenly flung a handful of lollipops into the room and in the ensuing scramble would vanish 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

Legend of The Three Wise Men

Legend has not only identified the Wise Men as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, it has crowned them and given them the kingdom 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 wisdom 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 nor 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.

and other good Dutch fare, were the blue stockings bulging with apples, balls, dolls and tops.

Christmas of 1804 Was Gala Affair In Chicago

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 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 festival-minded citizen) and the magnificent Christmas pudding, these morsels provided abundance for all. Everybody—the civilians and the military—drank a toast to Thomas Jefferson, the President of the United States.

The punch was "dizzy" and a couple of fiddles 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.

The flying squirrel can leap and glide, but cannot really fly.



Season's Greetings

TINKLING BELLS, holly wreaths, winter scenes with evergreens; logs on hearth, candles bright, little faces beam delight... these, to us, are all warm reminders that a very special time is here... so a very special wish is due... May this Holiday Season bring you abounding stores of good cheer, peace and happiness.

HUNTER MEN'S WEAR & DRY CLEANING



JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

May your heart rejoice anew in the message of the first Christmas... "on earth peace, good will toward men".

Fouts Dry Goods and Variety

Season's Greetings
AND ALL GOOD WISHES
FOR THE
New Year

FABRIC SHOP

OUR WISH For Friends and Patrons

As we approach this Christmas season and survey the past year, we are indeed happy for the wonderful patronage we have enjoyed. We want you to know it has been a pleasure to serve you and want to wish for each of you and your families a

Merry Christmas
AND A
Happy New Year
We Will Be Looking Forward to Serving You in 1955.

COOK BROS. BARBER SHOP
ROY and FLOYD COOK and LESLIE JONES

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.

O'NEAL FOOD STORE



Good wishes...

Like the gaily bedecked Christmas package, this greeting is filled with joyous thoughts of the Holiday. To all of our patrons and friends, we extend our sincerest gratitude, along with the wish that the coming year bring you bigger parcels of happiness and good cheer.

THE PERSONALITY SHOPPE

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 Christian festivals 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 god 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.

Fatigue Brings on More Danger of Catching Cold

Austin—You catch a cold from a person who has a cold when you take in more of his cold germs than your body defense can destroy. This is apt to happen when you are tired, and somebody is coughing or sneezing around you, says Dr. Henry A. Holle, State Health Officer.

Puritans Deplored Observance of 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."

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

Leif 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 resigning their pagan natures since King Olaf's methods were ruthless and his command "Be baptized or lest," 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 fairness to Leif—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.

Written Farm Rent Contracts Best Policy

At this time of year, landlords and tenants alike are thinking about farm rental agreements for 1955. While many operate from year to year on the basis of verbal agreements regulated largely by customs, written leases are better and may save disagreement and hard feelings between the parties.

Season's Greetings

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

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



SMITTY'S AUTO SUPPLY Haskell

Warm Wishes at Christmas



May this happy Yuletide season brim over with all good things —with surprises as merry and pleasing as the findings under your Christmas tree. To all our friends, both old and new, go our warmest and sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

JONES-COX & CO.



Best Wishes for Christmas

When the wise men followed the guiding star from out of the East...they found a beautiful and awesome sight at the end of their journey...

May the spirit of the first Christmas brighten your home with its joy and lighten your heart with its promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

POGUE GROCERY & MARKET

A roundup of Christmas Wishes to All Our Friends



L. LEWIS
County Treasurer

Letters to Santa Claus . . .

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy 10 years old. I have been good. I want a B-B gun for Christmas. I want to thank you for having a part in helping me get my glasses, they help me to read much better in school. Don't forget my sister, she wants a can can slip. She is 13 years old and her name is Patricia Ann Wright. Also remember our mother and daddy. Thanks,
John Paul Wright.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am Suzann Mercer. I have a little brother named Bill I am five years old. I have been a good girl all year. I go to school and I like my teacher, Mrs. Snow.

I would like for you to bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I want it to have one wheel in front and two wheels in the back. I want it to have a brake on the front wheel. I would also like to have a blackboard with a sliding chair on it. Would like you to bring my little brother a football helmet and a football suit. He wants a doodle-de-boob, too. We love you very much.
Suzann Mercer.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old and still like to play like I'm Roy Rogers. Please bring me a double holster and guns, hat, cowboy suit and handkerchiefs, stick horse, bathrobe and house shoes all in Roy Rogers style. Don't forget all my little friends. I love you,
Charles Ray Herren.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a gun that shoots balls and a crow shotgun, two pairs of blue jeans, green cowboy hat, a wagon and anything else you want to leave me. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Dewane Moore.

Dear Santa Claus:
Won't you please bring me some candy, fruit, nuts, doll, doll bed, nurse kit, iron and set of dishes. I'm trying to be a good girl. Love
Martha Spivey.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a Saucy Walker doll and two or three pairs of clothes for her. Also, I would like to have some new clothes. Please bring my brother a wagon and a pedal tractor and an electric train. We have been good. Please come to see us. Love
Darla and Jean

Rule, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a white Bible with my name on it. My little sister, Paula, would like a walking doll. Eddie, my little brother, would like a gun, truck, football and a hammer. We would like for you to leave us a 3-D viewmaster and a drum, some candy, fruit and nuts. Your friend
Elaine Elmore.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy seven years old and in the second grade. You have been so nice to me in the past years. I would like a B-B gun, paint set, model Farmall tractor and anything else. Please remember all my little classmates and my cousin, Perry Turnbow. Love
Freddy Kreger.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl that loves you very much. I will be 3 years old Dec. 27th. Would you please bring me a doll, washing machine, table and two chairs, little tractor and doll bed. I have a baby brother, Timmy, 1 year old and he wants one of my chairs and just bring him anything. We love you
Suzanne and Tim Bo Kreger.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a pretty good boy. Would you please bring my two brothers, my little sister and me a gym set. I would like some guns, too. I live in El Paso but I am visiting my grandparents now but we will be at my grandmother's in Giddings, Texas, Christmas and she has a chimney.
Michael McCain.

Dear Santa:
I want a pair of chaps and a hat, a pair of guns and lots of candy and nuts. My little brother, Freddie, wants a tractor and plow like granddaddy and plenty of candy and nuts. Thank you.
David and Freddie Ray.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa:
I'm a little girl 7. I'm in school and learning to tell time. Would you please bring me a watch, walking doll and wardrobe. Please bring all little children toys, too. Love
Charlotte Bland.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I'm only 2 years old and I'm not asking for very much, only a little train and dump truck. But if you have something else to leave, I'll be proud of it also. Don't forget any good boys and girls anywhere this year and I'll be looking for you. I love you.
Hugh Alton Lancaster.

Sweetwater, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I'm going to try and be a good boy so you can bring me a set of guns, jeep, roadgrader and boy doll. I'd like some fruit, nuts and candy, too. Love
Bubba Spivey.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa:
My name is Gwen Freeman and I am 7 years old. I have been pretty good. I would like to have a wood-burning set, a fountain brush paint set and a toy car and lots of fruit, nuts, candy and gum. I have a little sister 3 years old named Gayle, who has been real sweet and good. She also wants a toy car and ABC block set and records for both of us for our record player. Santa, please be good to all the other boys and girls. Don't forget the Donnell twins, Janice and Janette as they are my very good friends. Also bring Mary Hodges some gum. Thank you so much Santa. We love you.
Gwen and Gayle Freeman.

Dear Santa:
We are two little children who live in the Paint Creek community. We are writing you to let you know what we want for Christmas. We would like you to bring Terry Lynn a doll. She is only 1 year old, so I am writing for both of us. I would like some Gene Autry guns and scabbards, and a football outfit. Please don't forget to bring us some candy, fruit and nuts. Santa don't forget the other little boys and girls and we will be looking for you Christmas. Thanks,
Terry and Larry Watson.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 6 years old and in the first grade. Please bring me a Roy Rogers Troop Van, a slinky train and a cash register. I live at 1004 N Ave. K.
Love,
Bennie Harvey.

Dear Santa:
My name is Jerry. I am 7 years old and am in the second grade at Mattson school. I have been good this year. I would like to have a gun for Christmas. We would like for you to come to the party in our room. Merry Christmas.
Jerry.

Rt. 1, Haskell
Dear Santa:
My name is Bonnie Jean Howard. I would like to have a doll table and chairs, telephone, and basket ball. I am seven years old and have one sister and two brothers. Please bring them something for Christmas, too.
Bonnie Jean Howard.

Sweetwater, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl who will be three years old next March 2. I have pretty brown, curly hair. Santa do you think you could please bring me a toy piano, a little doll and any toys a little girl would like. Remember my Great-Granddaddy Taylor who is visiting in El Paso. Love,
Belinda Harrell.

P.S.—I will be at my Granny Taylor's in Haskell, Christmas.
Sweetwater, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I have talked to you on the phone but this is my first time to write you. I am a little boy 5 years old and when I am not bad I am pretty good. Santa I wish you would please leave my toys at my Granny Taylor's in Haskell, as that is where I want to be. I would like a jeep that pulls a trailer, a cattle truck, a tool chest, some other toys, maybe a new book and some clothes, some candy and fruit. Remember my Great-Granny Melton, in Corpus Christi. I can write my name. Your little friend,
David Paul Harrell.

Haskell, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? I am all right. I would like a nurse's kit that has everything to it, and would like if you have it, an xylophone. Your friend,
Jenneen.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Rolland Branch. I live in Haskell at 804 North 9th Street. I've been a pretty good boy and would like for you to bring me a cap rifle. If you have enough wagons would like a wagon, or else a carpenter tool set.
I have a little baby sister and I think she would like a big red ball and duck that you pull with a string.
We hope you are fine and we will have a piece of cake waiting for you Christmas Eve. Yours truly,
Rolland Branch.

Haskell, Texas
Rt. 3
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an electric football set, a basket ball, and some candy, nuts and fruit. And don't forget the other little boys and girls. I have two brothers and a sister. Please bring them something, too. Love,
Charles Gibson



GREETINGS

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

THE COBURNS
Austin, Pauline, Sandra and Robert



A JOYFUL SEASON

The remembrance of friends is one of the outstanding joys of Christmas. No wonder then, that we get such pleasure in the approach of the Holiday season, with its all-pervading spirit of friendship and good will. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

MATTHEWS WELDING SHOP
PORTABLE FIELD WELDING



GREETINGS!

We wish that Santa brings to you all the things you want most. And may you enjoy the memories of Christmas happiness each and every day of the New Year ahead.

DARNELL MOTOR CO.
John and Ann Darnell
Pete Snider J. B. Dunnam



Greetings for Christmas

We would like each shining ornament on your Christmas tree to reflect joyous Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

West Texas Sheet Metal and Plumbing
Otho Nanny Henry Fancher



Silent night...

*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
a Happy New Year to all.*

Bynum Service Station
Texaco Products

Season's Greetings



Christmas is wonderful... and its arrival always brings to us the realization that we have such wonderful friends. May your Holiday Season be filled with outstanding happiness.

Carl J. Anderson Const. Co.



May your Christmas be a merry one and may you recall all its happy memories throughout a bright New Year.

SHERMAN FLOOR CO.

**Far-Away Lands
Come to Life in
Christmas Toys**

Geography comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve. In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be a touch of many different lands. Besides a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nation in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U. S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which walks down the slope. Another gadget from Denmark called a "tippe top" a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.

Man of Bethlehem

Jesus Christ is a God whom we can approach without pride, and before whom we may abase ourselves without despair.—Pascal.

As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself so Christ is the express image—the perfect representation of God.—Ambrose.

The devotion to the person of Christ that steers clear of the doctrines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody.—Herrick Johnson.

This part of the glory of Christ as compared with the chiefest of His servants that He alone stands at the absolute center of humanity, the one completely harmonious man, unfolding all which was in humanity, equally and full on all sides, the only one in whom the earl, ideal met and were absolutely one. He is the absolute and perfect truth, the highest that humanity can reach; at once its perfect image and supreme Lord.—French.

**Christmas Rose
Enhances Yule's
Festive Mood**

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

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

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

of snow. *Heleborus niger* does not propagate well in the United States. Hence most of the tiny plants are imported from Belgium and the Netherlands. They develop best only in the western part of those countries where they thrive in soil peculiar to that region.

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

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

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

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose is hallowed by legend.

Experience is a grand teacher; but a mighty hard way to acquire an education.

**Scandinavian Elf
Was Santa's Helper**

Where did Santa's Little Helper come from?

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

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



Greetings

No Christmas would be complete for us without an expression of the warm feeling that we have for our many loyal and appreciative friends. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

BIARD'S CLEANERS

COFIELD DRESS SHOP

**Kirkpatrick
Beauty Shop**

**HOLDEN'S FUNERAL HOME
and
HOLDEN BENEFIT ASSN.
INSURANCE**

of the year's high pro- low prices, Texas are expected to in 1935. The ex- depends upon of breeder hens for production. This year for producers turkeys

Cattle and sheep grazing in the same pasture have made consistently higher gains than when grazed separately during the past five years at the Sonora Agricultural Experiment Station. Average gain was 624 pounds more when cattle grazed in combination with sheep and goats.

Commercial rose bushes are being dipped in wax before leaving the nursery to help conserve plant moisture. Research shows this causes the young rose to grow off quicker, bloom earlier and have greater plant vigor. The salesman who is lost in his work has found his future.

Cottonseed, Once Considered Waste, Is Now Basis for Big Industry

A four hundred million dollar industry today is built on a raw material that less than a century ago was discarded as "waste."

This "wasted material" is cottonseed—a commodity that now creates an annual farm income of some \$400 million dollars. At one time the precious pellets were considered worthless. Except for the small quantity needed for planting the new cotton crop, cottonseed were dumped in nearby basins of water or left to rot near the gin.

With each 100 pounds of cotton, the cotton plant yields approximately 180 pounds of cottonseed. Not more than 13 pounds of this seed are needed to plant the following year's crop. The rest goes into hundreds of different products ranging from food to gunpowder.

Cottonseed is made up of four component parts, and each of these parts in itself is a valuable raw material. Cottonseed oil, meal, hulls and linters each are utilized in a wide variety of products.

The American kitchen is filled with foods made from cottonseed oil, for nearly 100 per cent of the oil extracted from cottonseed is used in edible products.

Number one user of cottonseed oil is vegetable shortening. Next comes the popular table spread, margarine, which annually consumes millions of pounds of cottonseed oil. Large quantities of the oil also go into salad and cooking oils, salad dressing and mayonnaise. A small amount of cottonseed oil is put to use in the manufacture of washing powder, paint, linoleum, celluloid, and similar products.

Cottonseed meal, used primarily as a livestock feed, is second in value to the oil. Its chief value lies in its high protein content. Cottonseed meal is rich in protein elements needed for proper growth and development and provides an economical feed for livestock.

Rich in nitrogen as well as protein, cottonseed meal also is used as fertilizer. Meal is especially suitable for fertilizing tobacco, truck, orchard, and nursery crops and lawns.

Although cottonseed cake or meal is used primarily as an animal or plant food, the kernel of the cottonseed meal also has demonstrated its value as a food for man. Prepared from a specially processed cake, flour has been developed which is extremely high in protein content while practically free of starch. Though not on the market generally, this flour is used in health breads, cakes, cookies and pastries. Doctors frequently prescribe cottonseed flour for patients on starch-restricted diets.

Like meal, cottonseed hulls are used chiefly as livestock feed. Hulls differ from meal, however, in that they are a roughage rather than a protein concentrate.

Cottonseed hulls have a great potential value in industry. Scientists at the University of Tennessee recently developed a process for manufacturing a plastic in which hulls are the major ingredient. Several items of equipment for textile mills are being successfully produced from this material. The hull plastic also can be molded into such ar-

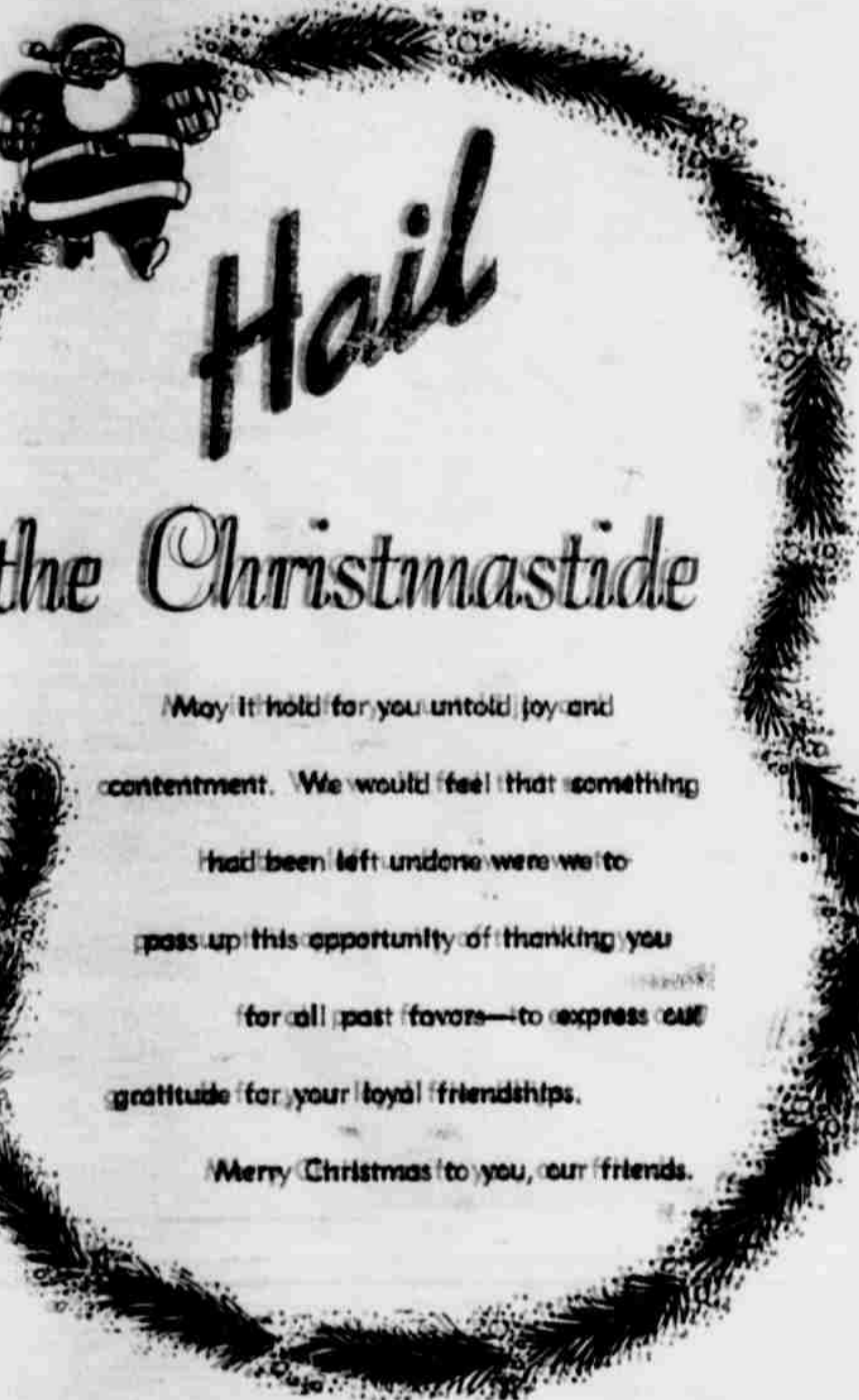
Toys for Children Can Provide Lasting Pleasure, Delight

Christmas toy shopping no longer means just going off on a lark to see what surprises and fascinating new toy gadgets are in store for little Johnny and Susie on Christmas morning.

It means finding just the right toys that will bring happiness not only on Christmas day, but will insure constructive play throughout the year.

Mrs. Eloise Johnson, family life specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says shopping for toys is an opportunity to provide the children on your list with lasting benefits as well as immediate delight. Toys are important to children for they are the tools of play—and play is a significant part of children's daily living. Play is much more than merely filling in time; it is the way in which children use their developing abilities. It is the means through which we come to an understanding of the activities going on around him—his channel for the expression of his thoughts and feelings about things, people and events which attract his attention.

So when you select toys for the children on your Christmas list, it is wise to select toys that fit their development at any given stage. And the specialist says, though Christmas has always been the main toy shopping time of the year, try to make your toy shopping plan an all-year-round one with additional major purchases at birthday and as the children's needs develop.



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.

KENNEDY LUMBER CO.

ROY KENNEDY J. W. McFARLIN PHONE 714

Greetings

The Christmas wishes we send you are meant to last as long as the green of the evergreen. And may it extend to all those you love, too.

M. C. WILFONG

Merry Christmas

To everyone at Christmas time comes the joy of giving and receiving. It is our pleasure now to offer our sincerest wishes for a very cheerful Holiday to all our friends.

M. R. MURRELL
COTTON BUYER

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we extend the Season's Greetings to all our many friends.

Criterion Beauty Service
Frances Averd

Silent Night

Christmas, to be kept fittingly, must bring to us a remembrance of Christ. Every true vision of the day must show us the Holy Child, with the light of divine love shining on His face—for Christmas with no thought of the love of Christ, is empty of all sacred meaning. In the spirit of this glorious Season we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DOTSON MOTOR COMPANY

Season's Greetings

WE HOPE THAT THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE A JUDYOUS ONE FOR ALL OUR FRIENDS

Tillie's Drive-Inn

... to make your Christmas brighter and to let you know that, busy as we are, we are still thinking of you.

WALLING BUTANE APPLIANCE CO.
"SERVICE FIRST"

Edna and J. E. Walling, Jr.	Junior Camp	Harold H. Hodge
Don Roll	Jack Usery	Glyde Hunt
G. H. Muegge		Art Brinlee



Holiday WISHES

To all our friends we wish good cheer, not only for Christmas, but for all of the coming New Year.

Haskell County Farm Bureau

Luck Created Odd Accidents During 1954

Lady Luck called the shots as she pleased in reeling off 1954's crop of unusual accidents.

With her blessing, it was child's play to get washed overboard in the stormy Atlantic or to fall off a high fire escape.

But in a different mood, Lady Luck made hash out of such things as sitting in a swivel chair or sticking the nose through a fence knothole.

These are the highlights of the National Safety Council's annual roundup of unusual accidents printed in its magazine Public Safety.

Judy Combs, 4, of Cincinnati, broke the family speed record for getting from the fourth to the second floor. She rolled off a fire escape, fell 20 feet, landed on a network of clothesline and gently bounced back to the lower fire escape landing—unhurt and unruffled.

Just as lucky were Lars Sele and Audun Jense, crew members of the Norwegian freighter Magnihild. They were washed overboard during a storm on the Atlantic only to be scooped back aboard when the vessel dipped deep down into a swell.

But Peter Passantino, 11, of Chicago, still runs the impulse that drove him to stick his nose through a knothole in a fence, just for the heck of it. An inquisitive dog loping by on the other side, sprang up and gave the tempting target a hard nip.

Desk Sgt. Frank Krueger of the Chicago police was convinced the swivel chair is not the safest place for a cop. The rollers slipped during a quick turn-around, dumping him to the floor so hard he had to go to the hospital for cuts and bruises.

In Korea, American Cpl. Gib Landell became the unwitting victim of the snappy salute. He threw his back out of joint and had to be evacuated to a hospital.

The first rung of the ladder became the Achilles heel of Morgan Wallace, circus daredevil who made 113 parachute jumps without a scratch. He fell 18 inches at his home in Pueblo, Colo., breaking a bone in his foot.

Dr. Otto Erhardt, 200-pound stage director of the New York City Opera Company, probably made the noisiest fall of the year. He tumbled into a kettle drum during dress rehearsal frenzy.

Edward Sweeney of Philadelphia, got four blowouts during a 60-foot auto trip. But his trip was straight down. His car ripped through a guard rail on a bridge over the Schuylkill River, turned a somersault and landed wheels down on a railroad siding 60 feet below.

Burial Place of Santa Claus Said To Be in Italy

Santa Claus, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1807 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains.

However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked inkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub. There were many other stories about St. Nicholas in the dialect of the New York Dutch.

Mistletoe Bestows Good Fortune

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

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe.

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

Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for that purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful powers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

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

"Silent Night" Is Often Called Song From Heaven

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence.

On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. A peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-burner's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home he saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later as he tried to put down on paper his feelings and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend Franz Xaver Gruber, a music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

"Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round your Virgin, Mother and Child;

Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace."



Joy at Christmas

May the wonderful holiday spirit of joy and peace be with you and yours at Christmas time.

Service Cleaners & Laundry

Hallie Phone 392 Bill



Greetings

May you find good cheer, peace and happiness at Christmas time. These are our sincere wishes for all our friends who have made this Christmas such a wonderful one for us.

BOB MOBLEY'S BELL SERVICE STATION



Season's Greetings

May the glad cheer of Christmas with its spirit of wonderful warmth remain as a precious token for all our friends, throughout the New Year.

PITMAN Gro. & Mkt.



Season's Greetings

May the chiming of the joyous Christmas bells, the voices of the choir boys, bring to you again the warmth of spirit and peace of heart of this glorious season.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all

Market Poultry & Egg Co.

A. T. BALLARD, Mgr.



Greetings

Once more, with the approach of Christmas, we take time out to express to all our friends and patrons our deep appreciation for the confidence placed in us and for the loyalty shown us throughout the past year.

It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled with a glad spirit and good health.

DUNCAN GIN COMPANY

Merry Christmas



HASKELL PHARMACY

Joyous Greetings

May every heart at your house be filled with good cheer and happiness this Christmas.

Non-Sheer Mfg. Co.

GREETINGS

of the season

Our Holiday Greetings to our friends come straight from the heart...simple and with no false frills. May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and a very Joyous New Year.

ESTLE GILLELAND

Commissioner, Prec. 3



Season's Greetings

May the spirit of brotherhood that is the meaning of our Christmas spread its teachings of Peace and Good Will around the world.

REID'S DRUG STORE



More than 2,400 members of New York's glamour world of the theater, arts and press turned out for a preview of new models in the Chrysler lines. Here, Phyllis Kirk, TV and screen star, and President L. L. Colbert of Chrysler Corporation, inspect the front of one of the striking new designs. All lines have been completely redesigned with longer, lower silhouettes. They will be shown to the public by dealers November 17.

Egyptians Made Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred—gods and ancestor images. Those doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then (their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess) and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls. Not until the thirteenth cen-

tury when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the time did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or nuts, or corncobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

The first Olympic Games recorded occurred in 776 B. C. in Greece.

Bethlehem Rites Include March To Nativity Cave

Christmas is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians.

All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.

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

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

The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable," in Biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem. On Christmas Eve, members of all denominations assemble to sing carols above the birthplace of the Holy Child before midnight mass is solemnized in the Church of the Nativity.

Trouble comes to all men, but those who are looking for it will get more than their share.

Xmas Preparations Started in Norway In Middle of Year

Christmas just couldn't help being the event of events in Norway when grandmother was a girl.

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

The cloth for the apparel, from the skin out, was woven on hand looms. Cobblers came to the house and made the shoes; dressmakers and tailors came. Everyone in the household had to have a new wardrobe for Christmas and since tailors and cobblers and dressmakers couldn't be at all places at once, it was necessary to get an early start.

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

The man who dreams he is wealthy, and wakes up poor, loses nothing but sleep.

No one but a blackmailer can turn the job of keeping secrets into a paying business.

All You Need for Child's Cough

When colds, measles or flu leave your child with a croupy cough get Creomulsion quick because chronic bronchitis may develop. Creomulsion soothes raw throat and chest membranes, loosens and helps expel gummy phlegm, mildly relaxes systemic tension and aids nature fight the cause of irritation. Get milder, tastier Creomulsion for Children in the pink and blue package at your drug counter.

CREOMULSION FOR CHILDREN

relieves Coughs, Chest Colds, Acute Bronchitis

GREETINGS and Best Wishes

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

Haskell County Nat'l Farm Loan Assn.
Joe Harper, Sec.-Treas.
Ruby Smith, Assistant Sec.-Treas.

CHRISTMAS Greetings TO EVERYONE

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

MRS. IVA PALMER

County Superintendent of Schools

Christmas

In the spirit of Christmas, we hope that you may always enjoy the peace, happiness and good cheer that we wish you this Yuletide Season.

City Barber Shop
DICK BRUCE

A Merry Christmas

This greeting goes to all our friends, With a special note of cheer — "We wish you joy on Christmas Day and happiness throughout the year."

Conner Nursery & Floral Co.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

First, a sincere "Thank You" for your courtesy, good will and loyal cooperation, they have made our associations with you a real pleasure.

Then, a cordial wish for the best for you and yours in the Holiday Season.

FARMERS CO-OP SOCIETY NO. 1

Allen Strickland, Manager



CHRISTMAS GREETING

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Smith

Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Found in Old Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's Eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns—Scotch Air," and Robert Burns is generally supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1778 of the second edition of his "Poes."

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained: "It is old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1638). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literature medium. Multitudes of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, nor does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original author and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality. And though the bells now welcome the New Year with joyous peals, symbolizing mankind's hope for a brighter future, the nostalgist of "Auld Lang Syne" summarizes an adherent reluctance to leave the security and friendship of the past and embark upon a future which, however promising, may be more pleasant. Thus, it remains a part of the English speaking heritage to "Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

Fear is darkroom where "negatives" are developed. Odd isn't it, that a feller can reach a greater height if he has more depth. The daydreamer leads a daze-to-daze existence. Ability and reliability make a good team.

Texan Relates Yarn Of Nabbing King Whitetail Buck

How he hunted and bagged the world's record whitetailed buck trophy is described by Henderson Coquat of San Antonio in the December issue of Texas Game and Fish Magazine.

The giant white-tailed, officially recognized by the Boone and Crockett Club, had a rack spread of 27 inches. It was taken in Webb County in deep South Texas in the fall of 1948 but it was not formally designated as the king of the white-tails until last March.

Coquat bought the scene of the historic harvest—the Old Apache Ranch—from the government in the fall of 1948. The ranch, on the east bank of the Rio Grande about fifty miles north of Laredo, was part of a bombing range during the last war. It bore so much shooting evidence that the new owner said he doubted "that much game had survived the mighty bombardments of our eager young pilots."

The champion went on in his narrative: "But I had not given full credit to the cunning and the courage of the whitetail. Not only had a goodly number of them survived, but they had learned what a man with a gun meant, and how to outwit him."

Coquat related how he had become increasingly intrigued by the tall tales brought back by his guests who referred to the enchanted bucks "with rocking chair-like heads that stared them into inaction."

Here is Coquat's own description of the climax to his quest. "I was alert and quick in feeling that huge-ghostly, gray deer was threading his way through the chaparral and cactus about 200 yards away. He may have been sneaking through the chaparral and cactus . . . but whatever his business, he sensed my presence just as I sensed his, and started in the opposite direction with that quick, crazy, dodging motion that has saved the lives of millions of his kind. "But I had seen his horns and realized that in that millionth of a second that he was the deer I hunted all my life. All the years of hunting experience, and all the hunter's instinct, surged up in me in that flashing moment, and my .250 began to talk. The first two shots had hollow sounds, and I knew they had not touched him. Then just the right shot showed at just the right instant, and the touch of the trigger was synchronized as happens in the best (or the luckiest) of shots. The crack of the rifle was followed by the thud of the bullet that said success. Down went the great rack of horns, and all was quiet except my pounding heart."

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

Some people don't pay as they go—because they plan to go. It is easier to form a good character than to reform one.

The man who is down and out usually has friends who are up and gone.

Trouble with a crew haircut on an older guy is that too many of the crew have already bailed out. It's an I for an I when two egotists get together.



Joy and Peace at CHRISTMAS

To all our Friends... May the Holy Season abound with Peace and Good Will and all other Blessings that combine to make life Joyously Beautiful.



CLUB CAFE
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tate



Horace Oneal County Clerk
Allie Belle Smith Deputy
Genelle Overton Deputy

Christmas at home...

It is our sincere hope that this Christmas will find you surrounded by family, friends and all those you love...enjoying the full warmth of the spirit of this happy Holiday.



J. E. WALLING, JR., AGENT
Humble Oil and Refining Co.
J. E. Walling, Sr. Billy Jack Ray
O. T. Smith Billy Marr

It's important to know where we stand, but more important to know where we're going.

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

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

You can't push yourself forward by patting yourself on the back.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our friends... May this Holiday Season be the happiest one you've ever enjoyed.

Indian Grill
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Stiewert

Seasons Greetings

It's Christmastime—and we want to take this opportunity and this means of extending to you and yours our best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas. And our most sincere wish will not come true unless the Season brings you bountiful pleasures and happiness.

CAMPBELL SERVICE STATION



ALVIN BENSON AUTO SUPPLY

Greetings
OF THE
Season
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
Pitman Motor Co.

Season's Greetings
AND
BEST WISHES TO ALL

ULA MAE'S BEAUTY SHOP

The 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 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 Claus 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 been the inspiration of cartoonists down to the present—notably the Republican elephant and the Democrat donkey.

Famous as the political symbols are today, Nast's Santa Claus probably holds first place in the hearts of Americans. Before Nast's day, a few artists had drawn Santa on one occasion or another but could not seem to agree on how the old gentleman should look.

Nast changed all that. He located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spyglass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep their records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time, the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.

Women should remember that it is easier to drive a man to drink than it is away from it.

Remember: When the mercury skids, so does your car.

The Mystery of Bethlehem Star

"Star" which signaled "the first Christmas" may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind as those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars," as opposed to "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth in a many thousand fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are the explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do the references exist.

From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

Bay and Rosemary Are Christmas Traditions

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

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

The association of the rosemary plant with Christmas also goes back to the early childhood of our Lord, namely to the flight into Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod. Its branches are said to have held the little garments of the Christ-Child that were placed upon them by the Virgin Mother. Originally its flowers were supposed to have been white, but the plant changed color of its blossoms to lavender so that they might bear the hue of the cloak Mary was wearing at the time.

Farm animals need an occasional dental checkup. Symptoms of dental troubles in animals include frequent drooling; slow deliberate chewing, indicating pain; and sudden drawing back from water while drinking. Call a veterinarian if these symptoms are noted.

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.

Saxon Custom

At Christmastide, the great hall of the Saxon lord was thrown open to peasant and noble alike—all mingling democratically and exchanging gifts and hearty cheer during the great feast and festivities composed of dance and song. With tremendous burst of shouting, the Yule Log was dragged into the hall and placed upon the open fire pit. These democratic Christmas festivities lasted until the last dying embers of the log.

In our south, prior to the Civil War, the slaves, following this Saxon custom, would soak a log in the cypress swamps to extend the length of their Christmas freedom.

This unrestrained friendship between the Saxon lord and his serf at Christmas time has come down to us in the form of the hospitable "Open House."

GREETINGS

May the season's joys follow you throughout a happy New Year.

BASSING JEWELRY

Greetings

On this joyous Christmas we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our patrons and business associates for their friendship—their cooperation—their loyalty during the past year. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

WEST SIDE BARBER SHOP

Sam Parks

Greetings for CHRISTMAS

We'll go along with Santa in wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

McCain Laundry

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McCain

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Cahill & Duncan

Holiday Wishes

The blessings of friendship and loyalty are the very essence of the Spirit of Christmas... and so, at this joyous and heartwarming season we want to wish all of our many friends the richest of life's treasures—peace, good health and happiness.

ROGERS FOOD STORE



Greetings

As "it came upon a midnight clear," may the message of Peace and Good Will dwell in your heart at Christmas.



The C & B Store
Edith and Bob Wheatley

Letters to Santa Claus

1102 North Ave. I
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old and I'm nice most of the time. On Christmas I hope you will bring me a big doll bed, a doll with rooted hair in a suit case with some clothes and cooking set. Please remember Judy and all my friends and the little poor children. Love you.
Carol Ann Baker.

Dear Santa:
I am 4 years old, and my little brother is 1 year old. My mother is helping me write for us. I have tried to be a good boy and helper. I would like a guitar, rubber knife, airplane, bow and arrow, nuts, fruit and candy. Would you please bring my little brother a wooden horse, a bowling set and a sock full of nuts, fruits and candy. We will be looking forward to your visit on Christmas Eve. Love
Dennis and Douglas Johnson.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle. I live at 303 North St., Haskell, Texas.
Rondy Anderson.

Haskell, Texas

I am a little girl 5 years old and would like for you to bring me a walking, talking doll, doctor set and fruit and candy. I also want you to remember my little nephew and my two cousins, Joan and Perry who live at Amarillo. Thank you.
Mary LaRue Brown.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa:
We have been good little girls and we are going to see you in Haskell the 10th and (1) Caroline would like for you to bring me a basketball set, a bake set and a pretty necklace and bracelet. (1) Wilma would like for you to bring me a doll with a blanket and a two wheel bicycle and a bake set. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. Santa. We love you
Wilma and Caroline Cox.

Dear Santa:
I want a bicycle and gun, also fruit, nuts and candy for Christmas. I will have a cake and pie for you. Your friend,
Gene Sanders.

Dear Santa:
I want a bridal doll and a record player and a pair of guns. I love you Santa, love
Rita June Moore.

500 South Ave. E, Haskell

Dear Santa:
I've tried to be a good girl and have done my school work pretty well. So for Christmas you bring me a Toni Doll, a magic writing board and chalk. Please remember all other little children.
Zona Carroll Bassing.

Weinert, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a holster and a gun. I am a good boy. I'm in the second grade. I have two sisters, one is 5. Her name is Ruby Jean and the baby's name is Dorothy Ellen—

she is 1 and I am seven, and bring mother and daddy something, too.
Leo Freeby.
Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl nearly two years old. Would you please bring me a doll, a rocky horse, a big ball, candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget my sister, Molly.
Mileszene Wright.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 12 years old. I have been good. I want a car slip and a shade lamp and a baton. Don't forget my two brothers, James and Marvin. James is 11 years old and wants a bicycle and Marvin is 1 year old and wants a tricycle.
Mattie Rose McFaddin.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 5 years old and I have been a good little boy, my mother and daddy says. So will you please bring me an electric train, army set, a toy oil well and lots of fruits, nuts

and candy. Don't forget other little boys and girls, also my sister and two big brothers. I love you lots, Santa. Your little friend
Ben Melton.
Haskell, Texas


Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 6 years old. Would you please bring me a walking doll, a set of dishes, a nurse's set and a suit case for doll clothes. Also some candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget my little sister, Mileszene.
Molly Sue Wright.

Dear Santa:
I am 6 years old. Please bring me a bride's doll and some doll clothes, a pretty ball and a play typewriter. Don't forget my cousins and all little girls and boys.
Love,
Bobbie Faye Haliburton.

All of us have to live with ourselves, so it is up to each individual to see to it that he lives in good company.

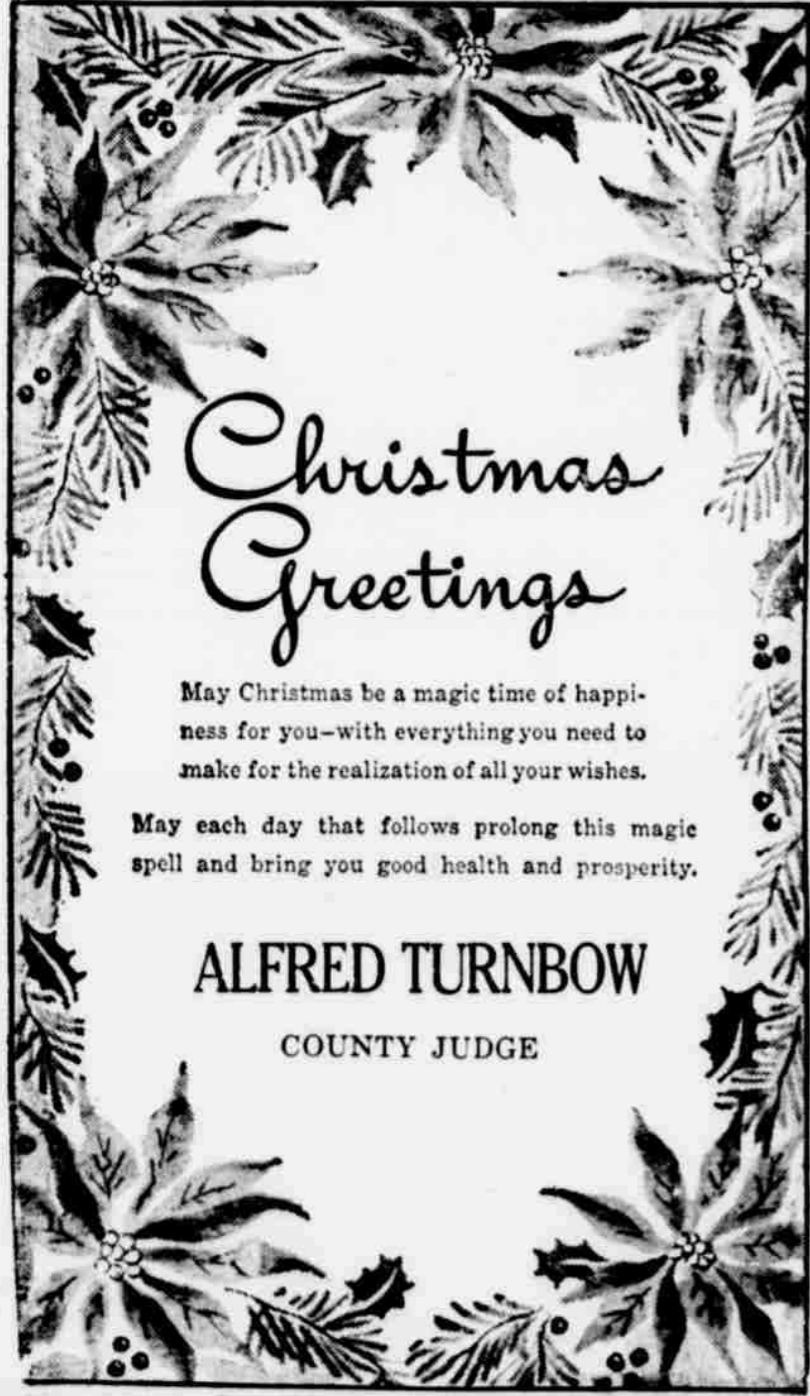
First Community Christmas Tree Held in 1912

The community Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in "Cleveland, the city of good will (unlimited), incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer." This was specified by holly-bordered certificates. Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will." Sale of stock was pushed every where, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.



May the hours of overflow cheer and for all our

J. D. TYLER GROCERY



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




Merry Christmas!

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will share in every Christmas pleasure.

And may the New Year be one of good health and contentment for all our many friends.

HIGHWAY DRIVE IN
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Burnett
Phone 36-J
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

GREETINGS

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

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