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Wishing You
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

*May Every Day
Be a Holiday*



Given our choice of good wishes for our friends, we'd like to see the Christmas Spirit manifest every day of the year. It is that time when the whole world is kin, when petty differences are forgotten and friendships are bound together in a closer relationship, when worries are left behind and the future looks more cheerful than ever before.

This institution plans to maintain this policy throughout the coming year; it is our pledge to show you we appreciate every courtesy and favor that has been ours. So we say again

*Sincere
Good Wishes*



*for Every Day
in the Year*

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS FORCE

West Texas C. of C. Has Released a Financial Prospectus for Financing Building Plans of All 16 State Schools

Abilene, Dec. 18. (Special)—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has released a financial prospectus setting out in detail its plan for supporting urgent building needs of Texas' state supported colleges, an activity called for by its board of directors at their referendum assembly last month.

The document contains nine amortization and statistical tables in support of the WTCC's contention that, for adequately and quickly financing building plans of all 16 state schools, \$37,000,000 in bonds can and should be floated from the revenues of the University of Texas permanent land fund. The chamber contends that this maximum funding program would produce \$14,800,000 for the University and Texas A. & M. College and \$22,200,000 for the 14 other institutions under a 50-40 per cent division as between them and the two big schools, against \$15,000,000 they would receive through a 5-cent state ad valorem tax levy as proposed by administrative heads and regent boards of the colleges.

The prospectus with the tables adds up to 6,000 words, and is a complete analysis of both the "College Plan" and the "Trust Fund Plan" prepared by D. A. Bundeen, WTCC manager, and the chamber's Educational Committee headed by Spencer A. Wells of Lubbock. The College Plan for financing the 14 schools from the 5-cent tax and for bonding the Permanent University Fund for its and Texas A. & M.'s needs is examined in detail under all of the terms and conditions as set forth in its own plan. This shows, WTCC says, that the big schools would be limited to \$15,000,000 for 25 years and that the maximum tax revenue for the 14 others would be \$15,000,000 for 10 years with like amounts possible in the following two decades.

The WTCC proposal for maximum bonding of the Permanent University Fund is illuminated with three of the nine amortization tables. One is based upon the fund buying its own bonds; another upon selling the \$37,000,000 issue at an interest loss of one-half of one per cent; and the third upon sale at no loss of interest. All tables are based upon an annual revenue of \$1,750,000 from the University fund, while revenues are now estimated at \$1,900,000.

The prospectus then in detail sets out the comparative distribution of funds directly to the

schools under both the College and Trust Fund plans. Tables covering this phase show that the 14 institutions can immediately get 48 per cent more from the Trust Fund Plan than from the College Plan, with the possibility of an additional like amount every subsequent decade.

The Trust Fund Plan concludes that the proposed 5-cent tax not only is not needed for financing the 14 schools' building needs, but, if put up to voters in a constitutional amendment election, would be defeated. In that eventuality, says the chamber, "the University and A. & M. would continue to monopolize all earnings from the land fund while the 14 other schools would find themselves left out on a limb without any money for their building needs. Why should they pin their entire hopes and future on the passage of a 5-cent ad valorem tax when the maximum utilization and fair division of the Permanent University Fund would give them \$7,200,000 more money immediately than the tax would provide even if voted? We believe they should not be placed in this impossible predicament and situation."

The prospectus carries a foreword by WTCC President H. C. Custard of Cleburne declaring the chamber's participation in the colleges' building problem "honestly springs from a group who are staunch patrons and supporters of higher education in Texas and who recognize that the urgent building needs of the schools should be discharged now."

Custard has transmitted the 16-page document to all WTCC affiliates, with the observation that "it is the most penetrating and fair analysis we have yet had on the building fund problem." The chamber's Educational Committee is sending it to all college administrative heads and regents; while a committee composed of state Representative Preston Smith of Lubbock, original author of the Trust Fund Plan, with Rep. Harley Sadler of Sweetwater, Sen. Pat Bullock of Colorado City and Sen. Sterling Parrish of Lubbock are seeing to its distribution among all members of the upcoming 50th Legislature.

Of the prospectus, Rep. Smith said: "It doubly assures me of the soundness of my position for the division of the Permanent University Fund. I will never subscribe to its utilization for the benefit of only one-eighth of our educational system but shall insist that it be used for all of our institutions of higher learning."

Father of Local Man Dies in El Paso Dec. 14

J. M. Stinebaugh, father of Jack Stinebaugh of Crowell, passed away in El Paso on Dec. 14 and was buried in Eastland on Monday, December 16, with Hamner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Stinebaugh resided here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stinebaugh for three years, and was well known here.

He was born on December 20, 1868. He is survived by the one son, Jack, and by five grandchildren.

Attending the funeral from Crowell were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stinebaugh, Mrs. Maggie Stinebaugh, Mrs. Bettie Eddy, Mrs. H. A. Stinebaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pratt and A. L. Davis.

Former Crowell Residents Married Fifty Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Jinks of Wichita Falls were surprised last Sunday, the anniversary of their marriage fifty years ago, when they were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kays, Mrs. Kays being the eldest daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Jinks. When they arrived, they were greeted by their two daughters, Mrs. Kays and Mrs. Robert Jeter, of Saint Joe; their four sons, W. L. of Dallas, W. G. of Arlington, D. T. of Beaumont and A. W. of Wichita Falls and also the four sisters of Mrs. Jinks, namely Mrs. Emma Howard of Galt, Calif., Mrs. D. E. Thomson of Quanah, Mrs. Chas. Gafford of Crowell and Mrs. Gregg Lawrence of Bay City. One son, H. L. Jinks of Oklahoma City, was unable to attend.

The daughters, assisted by the daughters-in-law, and Mrs. Ray Follock, served a delicious lunch, cafeteria style, to the family members. In the afternoon, the cake was cut by the bride and groom of fifty years and served with coffee or tea to a large number of relatives and friends.

The couple received many appropriate and useful gifts. The remainder of the day was spent in visiting and rehearsing the events of by-gone days. It was an enjoyable occasion for all who attended.

Christmas Program Will Be Given at Christian Church

A Christmas party and program will be given at the First Christian Church on Monday night, December 23, beginning at 7 o'clock. Marion Crowell is installing microphones for the children's voices. Each child and family of the church is expected to be present.

A practice for the Christmas program will be held at the church Thursday evening, Dec. 19, (tonight) at 7 o'clock.

Repair of Old Bank Building Completed

Repair and remodeling of the old bank building by F. J. Jonas and Leo Spencer was completed this week. The three rooms in the rear have been divided into six rooms and they have been decorated and equipped for offices for Drs. L. M. Altaras and J. T. Gilmore. A new lighting system has been installed and the floors covered with linoleum.

The front part of the building will be rented for some type of business.

PTA MEETS TUESDAY

The Crowell Parent Teacher Association met Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17, in the music room of the Grammar School with Mrs. Merv Kineaid in charge of the program.

Mrs. Carrie Hart gave a devotional based on the Christmas story. Mrs. Hart also gave interesting legends of the candle, mince pie and Christmas bells.

Miss Cora Carter's music pupils from the sixth grade sang two beautiful songs, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Larry Johnson then sang "Away in a Manger." Christmas readings were given by Sue Meason, Sharon Chatfield, and Ann Wishon.

To conclude the program, Jean Hughton told "The Legend of the Mistletoe" and Marcia Kineaid gave a piano selection, "Christmas Bells."

Room awards went to Mrs. Hart's room in the Primary; Mrs. Gordon Cooper's and Mrs. Otto Davenport's rooms tied in the Intermediate and the Senior Class in High School.

American Legion Sponsors All-Star Basketball Team

The Crowell American Legion will sponsor a local independent basketball team this season and will have the first practice game here Friday night, Dec. 20th. The Medicine Mound All-Star team will offer the opposition in this contest. The Medicine Mound boys have victories over both Quanah and Chillicothe this season in the two games played thus far. The admission will be the same for these games as has been charged in the High School games, 35c for adults and 20c for children. The proceeds from this game will be applied on uniforms for the local squad.

The Crowell Independents have been invited to play in a basketball league composed of teams from towns within a radius of fifty miles of Childress. The Childress American Legion post is sponsoring this league. The league games will not start until after the holidays.

The local independent team will journey to North Vernon to play that All-Star team next Monday night.

The following boys have been reporting for workouts for this team: Bob Gobin, Gus Russell, Clyde Russell, Marion Crowell, Cotton Owens, Marvin Myers, Howard Bell, Glendon Russell, Jack Turner, Henry Moss, J. L. Brock, Clifford White, Bert Ekern, Louis Purvis, Marcus Mills and Grady Graves.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Foard County Hospital

Patients In:

Mrs. Tom Ferguson
Mrs. E. W. Burrow
Mrs. Robert Choate
Mrs. J. B. Weathered
and infant daughter
Mrs. J. H. Kenner
and infant son

Patients Dismissed:

Billy Ray Davis
Mrs. Ann Wrenn
Miss Cora Carter
Mrs. Ray Glasscock
and infant daughter
Mrs. R. L. Woodard
and infant son
Mrs. Harold Crain
and infant son
Mary Walker (col.)

AGRICULTURE in County

(Joe E. Burkett, County Agent)

CLOTHING OUTLOOK

It looks like the day when you can buy all the clothes you want at the prices you want to pay is still in the dim future.

The Annual Agricultural Outlook conference at Washington, D. C., brought to light a few encouraging facts—rising prices are likely to develop resistance on the part of buyers, and expanded production will also check price increases. However, there seems to be no doubt that the great consumer demand and other factors will cause prices of textiles and clothing to rise further the first part of 1947.

Production of many lines of clothing have already climbed above pre-war levels, but low and moderate-cost garments and staple types of clothes are being turned out in relatively small quantities.

Demand for clothing and textile products are higher now than ever before, population has increased 6 per cent since 1941, people are wearing more and better clothes, there are millions of veterans who are still needing clothes. Because of these factors, it's going to take time for the situation to smooth out. It will be perhaps a year or longer before clothing and textiles will be back on store shelves in normal quantities.

HOUSING—1947

It's going to be a real problem either to improve farm housing or put up new buildings next year, the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service reports. Building costs are going to be higher, construction controls will probably remain in effect until the housing shortage is less critical and many necessary building materials will remain scarce, although prospects for getting most materials in 1947 are much better than in 1946.

Production of most building materials has increased, but only a few items have reached pre-war production levels. Hardwood flooring and mill work productions are already being turned out in pre-war quantities, but bathroom fixtures and screening will probably remain in short supply throughout 1947.

Building costs are due to remain high possibly for several years, the Extension specialists say, due to the extremely high demand for housing and building materials.

C. H. S. Basketball Team Loses Games to Olney, Quanah

The Crowell High School basketball team played two more practice games the past week. Two games were lost to the Olney Cubs and the Quanah Indians. The Olney team won by a 42 to 28 score at the Throckmorton tournament last Saturday. The Quanah Indians defeated the Wildcats by a 31 to 29 score at Quanah on Tuesday night of this week. The Wildcats had hard luck in this game as they were leading the Indians by nine points at the beginning of the final quarter, but the Indians got "hot" in the last of the fourth quarter of the game to tie the score, and "Lefty" Norton of Medicine Mound, playing forward for Quanah, made a field goal as the final whistle blew to break the tie. Captain Joe Mason, only Crowell player from last year's squad, continued to play outstanding ball to keep the Wildcats in the game. The Crowell boys were leading the Quanah boys by one point at half time, while they were one point behind at half time in the Olney game.

The Wildcats will play their last practice game before the holidays here this afternoon (Thursday) at two o'clock with the Rule High School team. There will be no admission for this contest.

All-Star Basketball Game Set for Thalia Gymnasium Tonight

The All-Star Basketball teams of Thalia and Leuders will play in the Thalia gymnasium tonight, starting at 7:30 o'clock. This promises to be a hard fought game, as Thalia defeated Leuders last Friday night, 49 to 45, at Leuders.

GIANT RADISH

Hugh Shultz brought a giant radish to the News office this week which he raised on his farm in the Margaret community. The radish weighs 13 pounds, is 15 inches long and 25 inches around. This is the largest radish we have ever seen or heard of.

According to scientists the sun can continue to emit radiation of heat and energy at its present rate for 50 billion years without exhausting its fuel of hydrogen.

J. T. Brooks Sells Grocery Store to Brownwood Man

In a sale consummated last week, J. T. Brooks sold his grocery and market to C. S. Steele of Brownwood. Mr. Steele and his wife will move to Crowell in the near future to make their home. The change in ownership will take place on January 4th.

Mr. Brooks retained ownership of the frozen food lockers and

Money Collected to Buy Gifts for Hospitalized Vets

A splendid offering to buy Christmas presents for veterans and soldiers in hospitals was collected here last week by members of the Gordon J. Ford Post, American Legion, and forwarded to W. W. Wendland, State Chairman, Christmas Gifts for Yanks, at Temple, Texas. The offering amounted to \$71.85 and a letter of acknowledgement and thanks was received by Adjutant Clyde Cobb Wednesday.

His plans for the future are indefinite as yet.

No Paper Next Week

The News Force has been wishing you a Merry Christmas for a great many years and each year it has been a sincere, pleasant experience. Each year we are more appreciative of the friendship and co-operation that has been manifested toward us. Each Yuletide has found us more determined to serve you better during the coming year.

This year, it seems to us, those wishes are more sincere and more enthusiastic than ever before, for many things have come to pass within the past year to enlarge our faith and broaden our outlook, and we truly realize that life without friends would not be worth the effort, so we again thank each patron and each citizen and wish all a prosperous New Year.

There will be no paper next week, according to the custom of taking one week of the year for a rest. On January 2, the Foard County News will begin its 1947 publication and with your continued co-operation, will attempt to give you a better paper than ever before.

T. B. KLEPPER, Publisher.

Weekly SURPLUS WAA

more and more merchants, small town and governments in their purchase of surplus government property is the prime aim of Karl E. Fort Worth regional of War Assets Administration. This week he established a Customer Service Division on the 6th floor in the region in the T. & P. Building.

by Bill Bishop, the Customer Service Division will aid in filling out orders for now in inventory and service, if the desired items are not in the 105 counties comprising the Fort Worth region. Bishop will change to any of the other 32 regions where desired property is on sale. It will make from WAA simpler, faster and more satisfactory in every respect.

disastrous fire which destroyed 2,220 square feet of the orphan's home at Tipton, enabled the Fort Worth office to show how quickly it can be replaced. To alleviate the suffering of 500 children, who were out of housing or schooling, D. D. Myers, chief of the Interest Division, slash-cut and started making a list of badly needed supplies within 72 hours of the first request made by the school. Kitchen equipment, furniture and other needs, school supplies, printing shop equipment and room equipment were located and shipped to the school to resume operation.

have the coal—WAA is offering surplus army barracks stoves, \$5.78 each—in minimum five—to veterans in minutes of five—to veterans in and others Dec. 20th, from priority groups and dealers will be filled January 3 in priority sale. The sale is being conducted by the Kansas City WAA.

Veterans Administration received about one and a half dollars worth of surplus tools from WAA for use in apprentice training and re-education programs. Tools will be distributed to G. I.'s in hospitals and vocational training programs for tools for skills such as making or leathercraft WAA said. They will also be given to veteran apprentices to be workers and skilled workers, painters, carpenters, and trades.

of \$240,000 worth of Bridges to the Texas State Department was announced this week by the Fort Worth WAA office. The bridges are used in emergencies to highways open where temporary crossings over streams are under construction of bridges or way or in cases where floods might wash out existing bridges. They are of the type and can span as wide as 600 feet. Extinguishers, tool boxes, watches, telescopes, 15 mm film developing machine among the items being by the Fort Worth WAA office in a sale which closes Dec. 23. The surplus property is at Amarillo AAF, Camp Childress AAF, and in Fort WAA warehouses.

Jack Seale as program for a Christmas program. Grady Halbert gave a story. The week's meeting will be Monday at the DeLuxe.

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and Mrs. L. M. Altaras

and any picture advertisement coming week at the Theatre in Crowell. We want you to be our

RIALTO THEATRE
Foard County News

Items from Neighboring Communities

MARGARET

(By Mrs. S. B. Middlebrook)

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Watts of Iowa Park and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Shultz and son, Leotis Shultz, of Vernon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shultz and son, Wayne.

Clark Golden and Miss Mary Barnett were married here Thursday, Rev. L. B. Taylor performing the ceremony.

Mrs. Bax Middlebrook visited Mrs. S. B. Middlebrook in Vernon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bradford and daughter, Glenda Sue, spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Studie Bradford.

Mrs. Green Sikes and Mrs. Luke Bledsoe were Vernon visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Painter are visiting relatives in Ada, Okla., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bradford were Vernon visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Huskey of Thalia spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Choate. R. C. Lindsay of Oklahoma is visiting his grandmother and other relatives here this week.

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OPTOMETRIST

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er relatives here this week. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shultz visited relatives here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Long and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Franz and Wayne Lindsay visited Mrs. Edith Lindsay in Wichita Falls Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith and son and Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Owens and son of Vernon visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, Sunday.

S. B. Middlebrook made a business trip to Wichita Falls Monday.

John Lisenby of Matador visited his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Ross, last week. His granddaughter, Edwina Ross, returned home with him.

Rev. L. B. Taylor, accompanied by Rev. D. D. Denison of Crowell, attended a spiritual life retreat meeting in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ayers and son, H. L., visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shultz Sunday.

Robert Choate of San Angelo came up Sunday because of the illness of Mrs. Choate, who was taken to the Crowell hospital Saturday for medical treatment.

FOARD CITY

(Mrs. Luther Marlow)

Mrs. J. L. Farrar and son, Joe, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Patton and son, Danny, at Crowell Friday night.

Grady Halbert and Grady McLain returned home Sunday from Rock Springs, where they had spent several days deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ferguson and daughter, Linda, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson attended a birthday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ferguson in Crowell, honoring Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Owens and son, Ronnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Payne and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hudson near Crowell Sunday night.

Mrs. Luther Marlow and Mrs. Howard Ferguson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Delmar McBeath of Thalia, attended the basketball game at Avoca Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Myers of Littlefield came Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Autry, and other friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar McBeath of Thalia spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson.

Ward Johnson of Abilene spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barker. He left Monday morning for Hector, Ark., accompanied by Mrs. Laura Johnson, where they will attend the wedding of Miss Helen Wisdom and Charles E. Lafoon, which will take place at the First Baptist Church in Russellville Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rader of Crowell.

Mrs. Roy Ferguson and Mrs. Luther Marlow entertained their Sunday School pupils with a Christmas social at the church Saturday afternoon.

J. L. Farrar returned home Monday from Amarillo, where he had been in the Veterans' Hospital for three weeks.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who is the head of the crime detention organization in the country known as the FBI?
2. Who holds the position of Secretary of Labor on the President's cabinet?
3. The Antarctic region surrounds the south pole. True or false?
4. Who wrote the new book, "The Miracle of the Bells?"
5. Who was it owned the fabled lamp from which the Geni emerged when the lamp was rubbed?
6. Who is the only woman to serve on the President's cabinet?
7. What causes an eclipse of the sun?
8. Bilbo is a U. S. Senator from what state?
9. With the advertising of what product do you associate the expression, "When it rains it pours?"
10. With the advertising of what product do you associate the expression, "The skin you love to touch?"

(Answers on page 3).

THALIA

(By Mrs. C. H. Wood)

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Adkins spent last week-end in Carrollton and Dallas.

Mrs. Jim Hammonds, Gus Hammonds and Lottie Hammonds went to Fort Worth last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watson of El Paso visited her sister, Mrs. J. L. McBeath, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Marlow and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson of Foard City visited the Delmar McBeaths last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rodgers of Electra visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Railsback, here Tuesday.

Clifford Cottrell from California was here last week.

Mrs. Delmar Paul McBeath entertained the Foard City Idle Hour Club here last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Taylor and daughter, Margaret Lynn, of Denton, returned home last week after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Ben Hogan.

Mrs. H. L. Swan went to Amarillo Monday for a visit with her son, Luke Swan.

J. M. Jackson took Mrs. J. R. Morris to Houston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mobly visited in Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. Pete Grubic and daughter, Paula Ann, visited her sister, Mrs. Willie Cato, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hogan were Wichita Falls visitors one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Zirrel Mason and grandson of Vernon visited her mother, Mrs. Mark Self, Sunday.

The Thalia All-Star basketball team: Duane Capps, Sherman and Carlos McBeath, Edgar Allen Johnson, Edgar Long and Lewis James went to Leuders Friday night for a game and came out victorious. From there they went on to Throckmorton for the Tournament there.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Ford and little nephew, Sugarman McKinley, visited their sister and mother, Beatrice Gamble, at Vernon last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gray visited Norman Gray and family in Hereford last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newsome of Northside were guests in the C. H. Wood home Saturday night and also visited her family, the G. C. Shorts, Sunday.

J. C. Jones and wife and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Jones visited Miss Carolita Jones, who is recovering from an operation in a Vernon hospital.

Max, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hammonds, is receiving medical treatment in a hospital in Vernon.

Miss Lucy Fay Wisdom spent last Thursday night with Miss Beatrice Gamble in Vernon.

Doyle Ford of Goodlett and Petty Short were dinner guests in the John Wright home Sunday.

W. L. Cottrell and son, J. W., of Rio Oso, Calif., were visiting in Thalia Sunday en route to their home.

Milton Adkins was a business visitor in Wichita Falls Monday.

Mrs. Oran Ford returned home Sunday from Levelland where she took Oran to work in the feed harvest.

Fred Hammonds was a business visitor to Altus, Okla., Friday.

Mrs. Flora Bell Arington and infant daughter, Paula Ann, are doing nicely since their recent return home from the Vernon hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ford, parents of John Wright, also his sister, Mrs. Doris Knouse, all of Goodlett, were dinner guests in

Veterans News

More than 13,000 veterans training in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi are currently suspended from Veterans Administration subsistence rolls for failure to report their earnings.

Subsistence checks ordinarily mailed to these veterans the first of every month will be held up until the required report is submitted to the proper VA regional office, VA officials said.

Both veterans in training and educational status must report their earnings for productive labor for the months of August, September and October.

Forms have been mailed to all veterans on the suspended list, but if these have been misplaced, the report on earnings can be made in a letter over the veteran's signature.

Under legislation passed last summer, veterans' payments and earnings are limited to a total of \$175 monthly for those without dependents and to \$200 monthly for those with dependents. In the event those figures are exceeded, the subsistence allowances must be reduced accordingly.

VA officials believe most of the reductions will be made in allowances to veterans taking on-the-job training. It is believed that only a few veterans in educational status will be affected.

The Veterans Administration has obtained an additional 1,600,000 books from the United States Armed Forces Institute to add to the 600,000 other surplus books still available to schools and colleges for their veteran-students, VA announced this week.

The USAFI list contains 196 different titles and includes standard cloth-bound texts, paperback volumes, and self-teaching texts. Mathematics, literature, foreign languages, science, history and business are among the many subjects included.

The Library of Congress is distributing the books. VA pays the library for its handling and pays the school for handling costs for books distributed. Only veteran students can obtain the surplus volumes.

The Library of Congress cannot send books direct to veterans. VA requests that veterans inquire only through school officials, or, in the case of job trainees, through VA training officers.

The Why of Hibernation

Whether or not the lack of food supplies in winter has worked to develop the habit of hibernation in certain animals, it is fortunate for them that they are able to sleep in this time when their food supplies are short.

The woodchuck, for instance, is supposed to sleep in his hole through weeks or months in winter. In summer he lives on garden stuff and such food, but in winter these supplies would be short. Now if he can go to sleep through these long months of dead vegetation, and come out in the spring, he has solved his food problem. Hibernating animals are said to lose 30 to 40 per cent of their weight in winter. Mr. Woodchuck fed so richly in summer, that he can probably stand that loss.

Energy given off by the sun each second is equivalent to five thousand billion atomic bombs.

erature, foreign languages, science, history and business are among the many subjects included.

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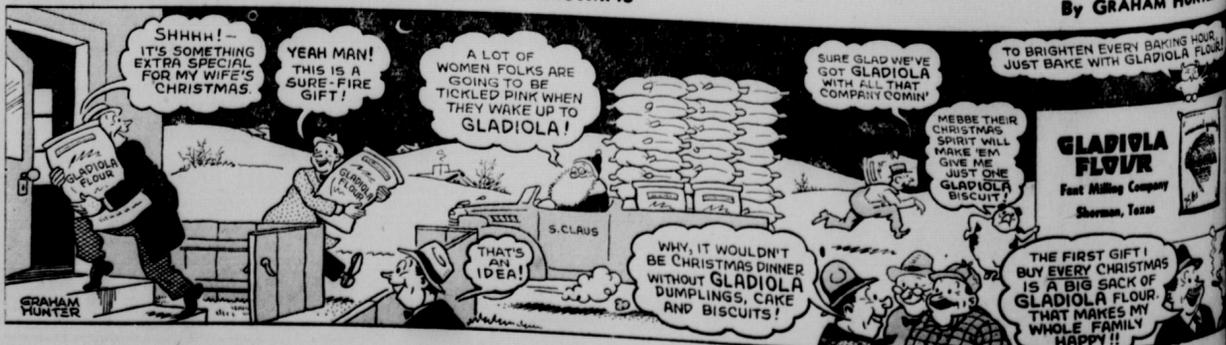
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When amilax, holly wreaths, trees of mistletoe... where the falling flakes of starry Christmas snow; masses of hurried shoppers, children's eyes aglow, reminiscent of a Light that shone—long ago.

Stores in the market place... you come and buy... was once a Gift that came, priceless, from the sky!

Many Christmases Christmas is located in Florida, Kentucky, Maine and Arizona. All small towns. But on December 25 is Christmas everywhere.

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In the excitement and hurry of the Christmas Season, it is difficult to see all one's friends even for a moment, to extend Yuletide Greetings. We do not wish to overlook any of our many friends at this glad time of the year so we are taking this means of wishing each of you a Merry Christmas; to acknowledge your many kindnesses and favors and to thank you for all you have done for us.

May good fortune follow you throughout the coming twelve months.

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East Side of the Square

Santa as He Appears in the Different Countries

SO SANTA CLAUS wears a red suit and a long white beard, and when he isn't busy in the toy store, drives a sleigh pulled by Donner and Blitzen?

Not if you live in Hawaii. There, on a moonlit December night, you might see Santa come riding in from the ocean on a surf-board. As likely as not there would be a lei, or wreath of flowers, about his neck, though he wears the same red suit and waterproof boots he dons for boys and girls of the United States, since Hawaii is really American territory.

In the Philippines, though it, too, is American, the white cap turns comical like a Spanish clown's. He carries a red-and-white lantern which helps him find the home of every good boy and girl, and drives buffalo, which they call carabao. The gifts are packed in baskets slung across the backs of these creatures.

What would you think of Santa in a rickshaw? But, after all, if you were a Chinese child isn't that what you would expect? And Santa never disappoints. In Japan he sits with his feet tucked under him to take his tea on a wintry afternoon, and in the African tropics—well, you just wouldn't recognize the red suit! He has even taken to using the airplane in our own country. I am sure that when he leaves the reindeer in his barn, he puts the nose of each one and urges the ice elves to feed them plenty of reindeer moss till he comes home again.—Frances Grinstead.

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THE sun shone bright through the half-frosted windows of the Perkins' hotel room. On his chair in the corner Ralph squirmed uneasily and avoided looking at Sheila.

Sheila and Ralph were troupers. On the stage they were billed as Seabee and Perkins, but in private life they were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins.

Sheila watched her husband thoughtfully for a few moments. Then she edged over and planted herself on his disengaged knee. "I don't know whether to laugh or cry," she whispered running her fingers through his curly locks. "Friday we start. Ten solid weeks of straight booking. How much money have we, dear?"

Ralph removed Sheila from his knee and stood up. "Thirty-three dollars," he announced solemnly after a careful inventory of his pockets. "And thirty of that goes for the hotel bill when we check out Friday."

"I can't ask for an advance until we've played at least one perform-



"The check," Ralph said casually. "I'll pay it now."

ance. That leaves us three dollars to live on for three days."

Before Ralph could question her or ask what she was going to do, she had popped one of the dollars into her purse and disappeared into the hall.

In a half hour she was back laden with supplies. "There," she said exultantly. "Liver sausage, bread, butter and pie. Enough for lunch and dinner."

Ralph stared and then suddenly began to laugh hysterically.

His wife was indignant. "What's the joke?" she demanded tartly.

Ralph finally got his breath and gave her a hug. "Darling, I couldn't help it. I was just laughing at the irony of the thing. How are we going to eat all this stuff? We haven't a knife, a fork, a spoon, a plate or a tablecloth. As a matter of fact, we haven't even a table."

Sheila gave one weak little moan and threw herself on the bed. Ralph watched her stupidly for a moment and then suddenly his face began to light up slowly like a beacon. "I've got it," he roared. "Sheila, how much did you spend for all this?"

His wife looked bewildered through her tears. "Seventy cents," she faltered.

"Fine," Ralph beamed. "Coffee is fifteen cents in the dining room downstairs. No matter what you order they send up a table with all the trimmings. We'll just ring up room service, order two cups and for thirty cents we can have our feast."

Sheila caught on right away. Carefully she concealed the food under the bed and Ralph phoned down for room service.

In a few minutes the waiter appeared and laid the cloth. When he had finished he presented the menu. "Just two cups of coffee," Ralph gave the order carelessly.

The man nodded mechanically and disappeared into the hall. In a short while he was back with a fragrant, steaming pot of coffee. He poured it into the two cups and retired.

Ralph and Sheila held their breath until his footsteps faded away down the hall, then they locked the door and dove under the bed after their supplies.

Finally, when they had disposed of all the pie and sandwiches they could hold and after they had carefully boxed the remainder to keep until supper time, Ralph phoned for the waiter.

He knocked softly at the door, entered and began to stack up the plates and remove the table.

"The check," Ralph said casually. "I'll pay it now."

"The check?" The waiter looked bewildered.

"Yes, the check," said Ralph nervously. "Didn't you bring it?"

"Why, there are no checks today," said the waiter. "This is New Year's day. Everything is on the house. And do you know," he added in a sudden burst of confidence, "you're the only people in the hotel that didn't order the whole menu." He shouldered the portable table and started down the hall. "Happy New Year," he called.

Sheila and Ralph stood huddled together in the doorway. "Happy New Year," they murmured faintly.

(McClure Syndicate—WNU Service.)



HOMESICKNESS, perhaps, had brought him back. Old Peter Johansen buttoned his threadbare overcoat, blew warm breath on his rough hands and jumped to the ground. There was no railroad detective to grab him for riding that freight train, because this was the day before Christmas. All but the homeless, like himself, seemed busy preparing for the Day of Days.

Forty years, Peter reflected, since he last set foot in Clark City. It had been a year after the big earthquake; a year after all hell broke loose, killing his parents and sister as they sat at dinner in the little house on Vine street.

Peter remembered: How he had come home late that evening; how the earth began quivering like a beast possessed; how he had



Peter stood alone for a long time watching the star appear.

searched like a madman through the ruins of that shock-wracked, fire-swept bungalow. Then, as Clark City began rebuilding, he had drifted off in a daze to roam up and down the earth—a ne'er-do-well, a hobo! But always he remembered Linda, dear little sister Linda. In 40 years her memory always came back stronger than ever on Christmas Eve, for it was then that they used to climb Lookout Hill hand-in-hand at dusk, watching the evening star rise in the heavens.

That, perhaps, was why he was back this Christmas Eve.

"Almost dusk now," he reflected, trudging along Clark City's busy thoroughfare. Christmas crowds jostled him, for he was a hapless wanderer with no place to go.

No place to go? Not Peter! Soon he found his way to the old residential district where Lookout Hill rose like a sentinel.

"The same old hill," he told himself. "Little Linda! If you were only here now to see your big brother! No—thank God you're not here, for your big brother is ashamed of himself!"

At the crest Peter stood alone for a long time, watching the star appear as it had since that first night over Bethlehem. He didn't notice the old lady until she spoke.

"Beautiful, that star, isn't it?"

Peter fumbled with his greasy-stained cap.

"Yes'm, it is. Especially from Lookout Hill."

"Many years ago," she continued, almost in a trance, "my little brother and I used to watch that star rise in the heavens each Christmas Eve, until—" (she wiped a tear away)—"we were separated somehow during the big earthquake. He was killed, they found out later."

"Each Christmas Eve ever since I've come back here, just to remember him. I hope he's happy up there in Heaven."

Peter was staring at her, fairly ready to shriek, for it was Linda! No doubt about it, now!

He recognized the tilt of her nose, unchanged by the years; the familiar ring of a voice that somehow had failed to grow old. But he held himself back, for Peter was ashamed of himself.

She didn't notice him shuffle off after awhile, for Linda was still watching the star.

In the freight yards he found an empty boxcar and bedded down under some straw in a corner. After a while he felt the car move, and somehow he was glad.

"Yes, it was Linda," he sobbed to himself, "but I just couldn't tell her. Thank God she's alive and happy. And Thank God she remembers me on Christmas eve as I was, not as I am."

After awhile he fell asleep. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Cakes Printed in Germany A famous Christmas cake in Germany is Aachen Printen, from which the English word "print" is derived. In the days before book-printing the idea of imprint belonged to the baking business to express the making of patterns in cakes. Many of these cakes have figures representing the old gods Wotan and Thor.

Santa May Not Smoke Cigars Santa Claus, perhaps, doesn't smoke—or he would be better informed on the quality of cigars.

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In the opinion of Mr. Joseph Folsom, sociology professor at Vassar college, a man before he marries should go with at least 50 girls.

40,000 persons die each year from automobile accidents.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A combination office supply and gift store makes an ideal place to do Christmas shopping for there you will find so many personal, home and office gifts all at one place. The Bentz Typewriter, Office Supply and Gift Store prints names on Christmas cards, stationery, napkins, billfolds, fountain pens and other gift items in gold, silver and matching colors. Their gift departments have so many of the new creations in ceramics, lucite and plastics you have been reading so much about in all the magazines. Bentz's Office Supply and Gift Store, 1618 Fannin Street in Vernon, also sells typewriters, adding machines, filing cabinets, typewriter stands and all such things usually found in an up-to-date gift and office supply store.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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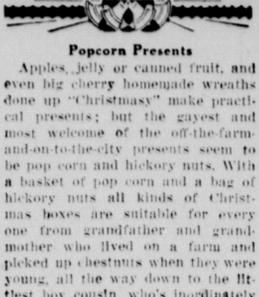
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Apples, jelly or canned fruit, and even big cherry homestead wreaths done up "Christmasy" make practical presents; but the gayest and most welcome of the off-the-farm-and-on-to-the-city presents seem to be pop corn and hickory nuts. With a basket of pop corn and a bag of hickory nuts all kinds of Christmas boxes are suitable for every one from grandfather and grandmother who lived on a farm and picked up chestnuts when they were young, all the way down to the fittest boy constn, who's inordinately fond of candy.

There are 750,000 persons in the United States afflicted with epilepsy.

The SPUR of the Moment
A CHRISTMAS EPISODE by J.A. WALDROD

EVERYBODY except confirmed bachelors and spinsters from choice is interested in domestic phenomena. And the marital happiness of others is a matter of matrimonial parties who have missed it.

The Vanners—Rose and John—had been married two years and had lived at a hotel all that period except the weeks devoted to honeymoon travel. They were happy, and this state in a hotel is unusual with married pairs for any considerable period.

After Mrs. Vanner's women friends had discussed the matter among themselves without solution one of them made bold to ask her about it. "A man and a woman can be happy anywhere if they are in love with each other and if they are truthful—absolutely truthful—with each other," was Mrs. Vanner's explanation.

Not that they prided themselves on their veracity, or paraded virtues. It just happened that they were such good pals that deceit had no place in their association. And while each, before marriage, had been lively enough in a decent way, they were so well satisfied with each other that they were seldom apart, except as business called Vanner or auction bridge or some other pastime engaged Mrs. Vanner.

The holidays were approaching. The Vanners were dining together at the hotel as usual when Mrs. Vanner asked: "Have you any plan for Christmas eve?"

"Not a plan," Vanner replied. "Want tickets for the theater?"

"No. We go to the theater all the time."
"Well, make your own plan."
"If you are keen for some mutual enjoyment, make one yourself. Think up something. But if you are not, I've an idea I should like to play bridge that evening if you could find something congenial!"

"The idea suggests one to me. Friends at the Sojourners' club have been trying for weeks to get me into a poker game. They are all 'alones' and live at the club. I think I can make a date for Christmas eve with them."

It's Easy to Select A Christmas Tree That Holds Needles

IF YOUR Christmas tree shed its needles early last winter, you probably had the wrong kind of tree. All trees will drop their leaves after they are cut and stored in a warm room, but some kinds hold their leaves far longer than others. Trees used most commonly on Christmas are the spruces, fir, hemlock, pine and redcedars.

Spruces are the least desirable of all evergreens because they are the first to shed their needles. A spruce can be identified by grasping a branch tightly, as its sharp pointed needles will prick your hand.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir. It resembles the spruce except that its needles are not sharp. The needles stay on the tree for a long time, and become a golden brown before they finally drop. Needles of a Douglas fir are flat and soft to the touch. This popular tree can be recognized by examining the cones which have small appendages on each side.

Hemlocks tend to shed their foliage early when kept indoors at a warm temperature. The distinguishing feature of this tree is the two white lines on the lower side of each of its needle-like narrow leaves.

Pines have never been very popular as Christmas trees, in spite of the fact they do not shed their needles early. This is probably due to their unsymmetrical appearance, which does not closely resemble the conventional Christmas tree. Their longer needles are associated in clusters of three or five.

Redcedars are occasionally used as Christmas trees in neighborhoods where they grow wild. The foliage is tiny and scalelike, and is prickly to the touch. It grows berries instead of cones.

No matter what kind of Christmas tree you select, it will hold its needles longer if it is standing in water. Place a little water in the base of your Christmas tree stand, and you will be bothered less with falling needles than you were last year.

A few centuries ago salt was considered a great luxury in many parts of the world, because of its scarcity.

New Year's Day Saw History Made

New Year's day may not seem very momentous to us, but in the past it has seen history made. It saw the uncurling of the first American flag by George Washington, and the emancipation of negro slaves.

- Following is a list of important events that took place on New Year's day:
- January 1
 - 38 B. C. The era of the Caesars began.
 - 1349 A. D. Edward III, king of England, defeated the French before Calais with great slaughter.
 - 1735 Paul Revere born.
 - 1757 Calcutta, India, captured by the British.
 - 1776 First Union flag of 13 stripes unfurled by George Washington.
 - 1792 Kentucky entered the Union.
 - 1801 Union of Ireland with Britain.
 - 1814 American dragoons attacked the British who had seized Buffalo, N. Y.

- 1815 Gen. Jackson repelled British when they attacked New Orleans.
- 1825 Great Britain acknowledged independence of South American republics.
- 1853 Emancipation of Negro slaves went into effect by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.
- 1907 Pure food law put into effect.
- 1913 Parcel post system inaugurated.
- 1919 New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.

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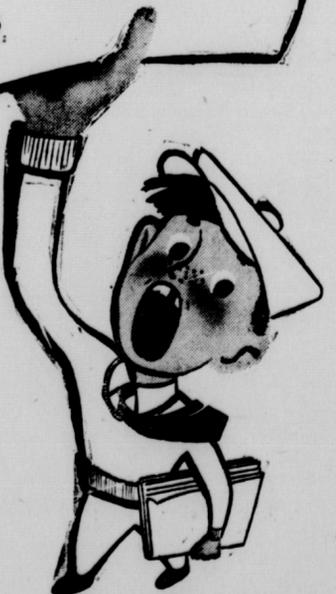
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"Merry Christmas," she cried.

"But you wouldn't go into the game as a regular thing, dear?"
"Oh, no!"
"Isn't poker a gambling game?"
"No more a gambling game than bridge, Rose."
"Shall you play late?"
"I shall probably be home by midnight."
"Well, we shall play but four rubbers. No doubt I'll be in bed and asleep when you come in. Just go to your room, and we'll see which of us wishes 'A Merry Christmas' first in the morning."
And so it was planned. The Vanners had dinner together at the hotel, as usual. Then Vanner went off to the Sojourners' club, and Mrs. Vanner started to drum up her trio of bridge devotees. But her plan did not carry. One of the women was suddenly called out of town, and another became just ill enough to eliminate the game. Mrs. Vanner finished a novel she was reading and went to bed. She was always a sound sleeper until very early in the morning.

The Sojourners' club bunch were amazed at Vanner's luck at poker. At midnight he had most of the chips, and in decency he had to play on. At 4 a. m. he insisted upon cashing in and started wearily for his hotel. He wished there might be some way to keep the knowledge of this innocent delinquency from Mrs. Vanner.

A Merry, Merry Christmas



If it were at all possible, we would see each of you personally, clasp your hand in a friendly sort of way, and say, "Merry Christmas!" At the same time, we would express our sincere thanks for all past favors, and invite your continued patronage on the basis of our genuine interest in your welfare and our desire to be of every service possible to you during the coming year.



We are sorry we cannot see each of you individually—and we want to convey, through this message, our heartfelt appreciation of your friendships and to wish you all the joys of the Christmas Season.

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Items from Neighboring Communities

VIVIAN
(By Mrs. W. O. Fish)

I. D. Gilbert and Harold Fish, who have been serving in the Merchant Marines the past twenty months, returned home last week. J. W. Klepper has returned to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Allen Fish after spending three months in the home of his son, T. B. Klepper, and family in Crowell. Mrs. W. O. Fish and sons, John and Bill, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fish and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Prater of Paducah Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lewis of Paducah spent Sunday of last week in the home of her brother, A. T. Fish, and family. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Walling visited her mother, Mrs. M. C. Gaudin, in Vernon and family Thursday. Miss Myrtle Fish, who has been visiting relatives in Abilene, returned home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Self and daughter, Glenna, were in Paducah Saturday afternoon. Mrs. A. L. Walling, Mrs. R. L. Walling and Mrs. W. O. Fish visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Henderson of Vernon Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fish visited their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Denton, and family of Paducah Sunday afternoon of last week. Miss Vaneta Smith of Ogden visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Walling Saturday evening of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sandin and Mr. and Mrs. James Sandin and daughter, Judy, were Vernon visitors Thursday of last week. A. T. Fish Jr. and I. D. Gilbert visited friends in Vernon Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lewis of Paducah visited her sister, Mrs. A. L. Walling, last Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fish visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fish and family of Paducah Sunday afternoon of last week. Mrs. W. O. Fish and sons, John and Bill, spent Tuesday in the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Wm. R. Henderson, and husband of Vernon. Mrs. A. L. Walling and Mrs. R. L. Walling spent Monday afternoon of last week with Mrs. H. H. Fish of Paducah. John Fish spent the week-end with friends in Brownfield. Miss Bessie Fish of Paducah spent the week-end with her father, A. T. Fish, and family.

RIVERSIDE
(By Mrs. Cap Adkins)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward spent the week-end with their son, Weston Ward, and family of Fort Worth. Ray Goble and Floyd Oliver of Thalia were guests of Louis Pyle Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Flowers

and Mrs. V. A. McGinnis have moved to Vernon to make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Phillips of Plainview will move to the place vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Flowers. Mr. and Mrs. August Rummel and family visited Robert Rummel and family of Five-in-One Sunday. H. B. Miller of Seminole, Texas, has been visiting his sisters, Mesdames Walter Carr and Ben Bradford. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Simmonds and children of Fort Worth visited in the R. G. Whitten home Sunday morning. Mrs. Johnnie Johnson and daughter of Thalia are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bice. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rettig of Crowell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Payne. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foske and children of Northside spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Bergt. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Becker and family and Hilton Bohat of Giddings spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schwarz, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Streit and family of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Streit, of Five-in-One and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Becker of East Vernon spent Sunday in the Herman Schwarz home. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cox and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Kirkpatrick of Vernon.

John Hardin of Vernon visited in the M. Wilson home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tillery of South Vernon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cribbs. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cribbs and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Butler of Thalia. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Barnes of Rayland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Pope, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. R. Haley of Sudan visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Ward, a few days last week. Bert Cerveny of Munday is visiting his uncle, Joe Coufal, and family. Diana and Don Ward, who have been visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, have returned to their home at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Adkins and daughter of Thalia visited in the Dave Shultz home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Claxton and son and Bennie Lee Bradford of Abilene spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bradford.

An average of 275 murders are committed in Chicago each year and there are twenty cities in the United States that have a higher annual murder rate than does Chicago. Ten inches of newly fallen snow yield an inch of water.

RAYLAND
(Norma Jeanne Beazley)

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dutton of Amherst visited Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dutton last week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKay and daughters spent the week-end in Wichita Falls with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bland and family have moved from Rayland to Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Beazley and Jeanne and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Garvin and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Beazley and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Wright and family Sunday.

Wilbert Joe Woods of Abilene visited here this week with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lawson and Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Townley and family of Ruodosa, N. M., are here visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dyer have moved from Rayland to Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hines announce the birth of a son, Larry Daniel. Mrs. Bill Lewellen is improving after a few days of illness. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lawson were business visitors in Llano and San Antonio this week.

ANSWERS

- (Questions on page 2).
1. J. Edgar Hoover.
2. Louis Schwellenbach.
3. True.
4. Russel Janney.
5. Aladdin.
6. Frances Perkins.
7. It results when the moon passes between the earth and the sun.
8. Mississippi.
9. Salt.
10. Hand and face lotion.

Arthur Raper of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics predicts that during the next ten years farm families will leave the farms at a faster rate than they have in the past twenty-five years.

Merry Christmas TO YOU, EVERYONE!



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NOTICE

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, we will open our stores at the usual time, but will close them at 10 a. m., and remain closed the remainder of the day.

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We cordially invite the people of this territory to do their Christmas shopping in our store which is full of articles that would make good Christmas gifts. Our toy department is well stocked with dolls, metal tricycles for children, rocking horses, etc.

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Foard County News

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HISTORY

Christmas — December 25: Christmas, the most important holiday of the entire Christian year, is the anniversary of the birth of Jesus. The story of the birth is told in the gospels. Although December 25 is observed as the date it does not represent the exact date, which is not known. From the earliest times and among the earliest observers of the day, doubt as to the exact date has existed. The name Christmas dates from the eleventh century when it was called Christes Maesse by the English, Kerst-Misse by the Dutch and in Latin Dies Natalis. The French term it Noel. This is derived from the Latin Natalis, meaning birthday. The English also referred to the day as Yuletide. The first hymn to the nativity was written in the fourth century. The earliest German songs appeared in the eleventh century and the French and English songs in the eleventh century. The use of mistletoe is of Druid origin and the holly came from England. The Christmas tree came from Germany and originated early in 1600. The idea of Santa Claus as the giver of gifts came from the Germans. The word Santa Claus comes from the legend of Saint Nicholas who, so the story goes, upon learning of three young women who had no suitors as their father was too poor to provide them with a dowry, one night filled three bags of gold and tossed them into the windows of the rooms occupied by the young women. As a result they were all happily married. Thereafter unexpected gifts were said to come from Saint Nicholas. The origin that Santa Claus descends the chimney comes from the Norsemen. The association of a sleigh and reindeer as a means of transportation for Santa and his gifts comes from Dr. Clement Clark Moore, a professor in the General Theological Seminary in New York who wrote for the amusement and entertainment of his children the poem "The Visit of Saint Nicholas" which is familiar to everyone and which begins with the line: 'Twas the night before Christmas.'

30 YEARS AGO IN THE NEWS

News items below were taken in whole or in part from the issue of the Foard County News of Dec. 22, 1916. Kimsey & Klepper, publishers:

The sandy section of the road leading from Vernon to Crowell, by way of the Thalia community, is to be clayed and converted into a first class road, the work to begin within the next four weeks.

The faculty of the Crowell school met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Roberts on last Friday evening at 6 o'clock, each bringing some part of the bountiful turkey dinner which was served at 7 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Taggart being guests. In the forty-two games that followed Misses Leona Young and Marguerite Stephens won high score.

Following the custom of the News for many years, the present management will not issue a paper next week.

John Miller of Ardmore, Okla., is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. T. King, near Crowell.

Heard Perry and Miss Elizabeth Barnes were married in Amarillo Sunday.

Miss Ada Stephens, assistant teacher at the Rayland school, came in Sunday afternoon to attend the Teachers' Institute. She was accompanied by Walter Hoffmann of Vernon.

Miss Ora Bell of C. I. A., Denton, and Everett Bell of T. C. U., Fort Worth, are at home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Ennis Johnson of Wichita Falls is here visiting friends.

Napoleon Johnson and family of Tell are here to spend Christmas with relatives and old-time friends.

Herbert Edwards returned home from Waco Saturday to spend the holidays. This is his second year at Baylor University.

Misses Una Self and Pauline Smith came in last week from Baylor University in Waco.

American Legion Auxiliary Holds Christmas Party

The Adelphian Club House was the scene of a cleverly arranged affair on Tuesday evening when the American Legion Auxiliary held its Christmas party.

A beautifully lighted Christmas tree was the center of attraction and the arrangements of cedar, mistletoe and red berries about the rooms at vantage points lent a distinctive holiday air to the setting.

The program under the direction of Mrs. Dessa Cates opened with the group singing "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful," after which Mrs. Cates presented an interesting talk on "Christmas Customs."

Mrs. LaVoyce Shook read the story of "The Nativity" from the Books of Matthew and Luke.

Christmas Carols were sung by the entire group, accompanied by Mrs. Marjorie Magee at the piano.

Mrs. Grethel Cobb then introduced all of the guests and an amusing "Christmas Word" contest provided entertainment, previous to the exchange of gifts, with Mrs. E. R. Roland playing the role of Santa.

The committee served Christmas cookies and coffee with plate favors of mistletoe buttonnires to the 25 guests.

Healthful Living During Christmas Season Essential

Austin.—"Despite the fact that America has her share of post war troubles, this Nation as a whole should not forget the true Christmas spirit of Happiness and Good Will, but we can do that much better if we are well and strong," asserts Doctor Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Many people are prone to throw caution to the wind and violate every principle of healthful living during the Christmas season. As a result, their health is jeopardized and sometimes serious damage is done," he said.

Doctor Cox pointed out the danger of using lighted candles on Christmas trees or in windows, as a possible source of disastrous fires. Excess eating, crowded home conditions, lack of exercise, and over-heated rooms often endanger health during the holiday season, according to Doctor Cox, and he warned parents against too much excitement and too late hours for small children.

"Intemperance during Christmas week, whether in food or holiday activities is not excusable from the standpoint of good health practice," he asserted, "and the maximum of pleasure will be gained by those individuals who practice precaution along these lines."

Emphasizing the fact that it is the duty of every individual to conserve his health as well as that of his neighbor, Doctor Cox said that from a standpoint of good citizenship alone every Texan should co-operate in promoting good health at Christmas time as he would at any other season of the year.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

The following letters have been received at the News Office, addressed to Santa Claus and lest he may not know what these children want, we print them for Santa Claus:

Foard City, Texas,
Dear Santa, I am seven years old and in the second grade. Thank you for the things you brought me before I learned to write. These are the things I would like to have if you can bring them, a doll buggy that folds, an autograph book and a color book. I love you a lot.
Love, De Ann Ferguson.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a cowboy belt, a rifle, a football, and a doctor kit. My little brother cannot write so please bring him a rifle, cap pistol and a cowboy belt. We love you,
Larry and Benny.

P. S.: Do not bring us any cowboy boots as Dad bought us some.

Veteran Fighters in "Till the End of Time"

Twenty-nine honorably discharged service men, ranging in rank from buck private to major, were tested by Producer Dore Schary for supporting roles in "Till the End of Time," RKO Radio's poignant commentary on newly made civilians. Dorothy McGuire and Guy Madison co-star with Robert Mitchum and

There is a good deal of complaint these days about control of one sort and another. Economists who take a long look ahead and who view the situation without any relation to any political party say that controls in the future are going to be more numerous and more drastic than they are now. They believe that we will be forced to resort to controls in order to insure to everyone a fair share of the world's fruits. Economists also add that they expect the complaints against the needed controls of the future will be just as loud and just as bitter as they are today.

Bill Williams at the Rialto Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25.

From the twenty-nine, each of whom was given three tests, Schary signed eighteen to portray Marines who face complex readjustment problems.

Among those tested was a major with the Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster, the Air Medal with cluster, Presidential citation and with 85 combat missions to his credit; the technical sergeant who was aboard the plane that rescued Eddie Rickenbacker and gave him first aid; a glider pilot with Air Medal, Bronze Arrowhead and Brererton Patch, who made ten glider combat landings in Germany; and a Technical Sergeant, a B-29 gunner, who, shot down in the Chinese interior, was rescued by Chinese guerrillas and who in five months hiked 1,500 miles to reach the nearest Allied Base.

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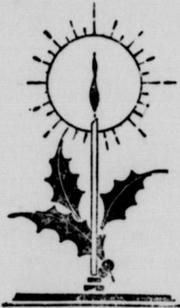
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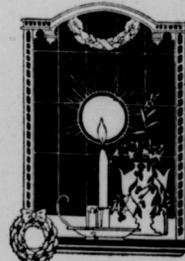
Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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Markham Spencer of Glendale, Calif., is at home to spend Christmas with his father, Leo Spencer, and sister, Mrs. Nelson Oliphant, and family.

Wanted — Heavy setting eggs from heavy breed chickens every Saturday. — Moyer Produce & Hatchery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hines Carter of Oakland, Calif., are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carter, and family.

Turkey dinner and all the trimmings here Sunday, Dec. 22nd. Plenty for all. Come!—Thalia Cafe, south side highway, Thalia, Texas. E. J. McKinley, owner. 23-1tp

Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Fox of Abilene spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thompson and other relatives and friends.

Gas heaters. — Edwards Hardware.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickerson of Abilene spent the week-end here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hunt and other relatives.

Norman H. Abrams of Waco, salesman for a water meter company, was here Tuesday on business with the City Council. He spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Cole.

Miss Mary Ragland Thompson, who is attending the University of Denver in Denver, Colo., arrived at home Sunday morning to spend the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thompson. She was met in Quanah by her father and brother, Charlie Thompson Sr. and Charlie Thompson Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carter of Toocoo, Ga., and Mrs. Nancy Benfield of Hayesville, N. C., arrived here last week to visit until after Christmas in the home of Mr. Carter's and Mrs. Benfield's brother, J. H. Carter. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carter's son, Herbert Carter, wife and son, James, also of Toocoo.

Eat Christmas turkey dinner for 45c Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Sims' Cafe, north side of highway, Thalia. 23-1tp

Poinsettias for Christmas. — Crowell Flower Shop.

Rugs, 9x12 and 7 1/2x9. — Edwards Hardware.

Charlie Thompson Jr., a student in Texas Tech in Lubbock, visited Saturday night and Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thompson.

Miss Nancy Anderson, niece of Mrs. J. R. Beverly, who is a student at Texas Tech at Lubbock, spent the week-end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly.

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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leija and two sons, Junior and Micky, have returned from Wichita Falls where they visited relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wells have sold their home in Fort Worth and have bought the Ernest Patton home in Crowell and have moved here to make their home. Mr. Wells is employed as pharmacist in Shirley Drug.

Mrs. Rosalie Kaminshine resumed her duties in the prescription department of Ferguson's Drug Store last week after being out for several months from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Clothes hampers. — Edwards Hardware.

Order baby chicks early. — Moyer Produce & Hatchery.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gobin will leave Friday for a visit in Pampa and then will visit Mrs. Gobin's mother in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Young, Miss Willie Mae Davenport and Mrs. Eula Davenport of Wichita Falls spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Davenport.

Mrs. Emma Howard left Tuesday afternoon for her home in Galt, Calif., after a visit of several months in the home of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Gafford, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Baker returned last week from Fort Worth where they visited Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. A. F. Cannon, who has been ill for some time, and other relatives. They also visited Mr. Baker's brother and family in Greenville.

Golden Krust Bread—it toasts good. Ask for Golden Krust.—Kane's Bakery. 16-tfc

Poinsettias for Christmas. — Crowell Flower Shop.

Plans for Annual Cowboys' Christmas Ball Announced

For the first time in twelve years during which the Annual Cowboys' Christmas Ball has been held, prizes will be given each of the four nights, Dec. 20, 21, 23 and 24, for the most appropriately dressed couples wearing costumes reminiscent of the "Old West," according to an announcement made this week by Roy Mays, president of Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association.

Prizes each night will total \$25.00; \$10.00 for first prize, \$7.50 for second prize, \$5.00 for third prize and \$2.50 for fourth prize.

Miss Lenora Barrett in 1934 instigated the establishment of the annual event in memory of the original ball held in 1885 in the Old Star Hotel, Anson, Texas.

Although winners each night will be barred from further competition in the contests, all are urged to continue to wear their costumes in order that the color and atmosphere of the Old West may be retained throughout the four nights. There will be a grand march each of the four nights.

The Cowboys' Christmas Ball is confined to old-time tunes featuring square dancing, polkas, schottisches, new shoes, Virginia reels, waltzes and two-steps.

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To us, that time is Christmas. And those things for which we give thanks are the many opportunities we have had to serve the fine people of this area.

These associations have meant a warmer and friendlier season—they have made possible a most successful year and we trust that these fine associations will be influential in making possible the continued increase of friends and the further growth of our business.

In our own way, let us say, "Thank you" and wish you a sincere Greeting. May the blessings of the Christmas Season be yours and may the New Year bring you ever so much happiness and prosperity.

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STRETCH CHRISTMAS DOLLARS

Don't don't do it. Let your sister's and brother's piggy bank alone and don't keep nagging your parents for money. If you don't have enough money for gifts for every one, fly in and make some. For your sister you can make a small perky tam out of Mother's old hat or a necklace or bracelet out of beans or pecans and colored thread. Gay colored house slippers from scraps of woolen material are useful. For 'Mom' there can be pot-lifters from old material and nice looking collars from white material with a touch of ruffling added. Pin cushions of any shape or color are acceptable. From old towels make wash rags with bright colored trimmings. For Dad you could make a to-

leaco pouch from Mother's old leather purse adding a zipper and a rayon lining also. A small coin purse can be made this way. Making all these presents will ease your mind, leave the pennies in sister's piggy bank, and make it easy on Dad's pocket book. You can have a happy look on your face and you can be confident of being prepared for Christmas.

DEAR EDITOR:

"Chewing Gum." Yes, it seems to be quite popular about Crowell High. Between periods you can see quite a few exercising their jaws, and some seem to be good enough to conceal it during classes. Occasionally someone is sent to dispose of it, and this is the main subject. There seems to be sufficient waste baskets and paper about the school. Why not throw your gum in them as you

pass by, or wrap it up in a small piece of paper until you pass by one instead of spitting it out in the drinking fountains. I have noticed enough in these lately, as I get a drink, to set this school up in gum business the next semester.

Everyone has noticed, I know. Do you think it's sanitary? I don't, and I hope you agree. Then let us stop it and make Crowell High a better place for all of us. —A Student.

WILDCAT CAGERS DROP TWO PRACTICE GAMES

The Crowell Wildcat basketball team dropped two practice games last week to Quanah and Olney. Tuesday night the Quanah Cagers were visitors in the Wildcat Gym in a fast-stepping game with the Indians finally emerging as victors 33-31.

The Wildcats also participated in the Throckmorton tournament Saturday but were defeated by a strong Olney team 42-28. The Wildcats have a tough schedule ahead after the Christmas holidays.

TELLS HOLIDAY WISH

Question: What do you want most for Christmas?
 Retta Bradford. The first thing I should like to have for Christmas is to get my watch repaired. I get tired wondering that time of day. Second, I should like a two-piece blue dress. (Probably to match her blue eyes.)

Joyce Hinkle. The best thing I could get for Christmas would be a birthstone ring, and white fur mittens trimmed in red leather. Joe Ray Settler. A lead moulding set would be tops. Also some mystery books and a wrist watch if Santa feels generous.

John Teague. I could do wonders with a film developing set.

Wanda Gilbert. Santa was early and left me a watch, but he could come again and bring me a locket.

Betty Brock. Wishes for a gold identification bracelet and a birthstone ring. P. S.: Santa, her birthday is in October.

Mrs. Davis. An electric eraser to keep her black boards clean. (Would be saving on elbow grease).

HOMEMAKING NOTES

The big day was here Friday, the sixth! The girls walked around so Mrs. Robert Lee could see all the good points of their dresses. They looked as cute as real models, in clothes they made themselves.

Those who deserved highly superior were Patsy Fox, Jolene Lanier, Ann Jo Lankford and Betty Brock. Models who got superior were La Verne Owens, Tommie Meason, Rondyn Self, and Elizabeth Joy. Dresses that rated excellent belonged to Clara Jones, Montez Laquey, Clementine Hammonds, Norma Lou Short, and Merlene Mitchell. Dresses that were marked as good were modeled by Bety Gene Smith, Virginia Bell, La Verne Farrar and Josephine Halenack.

Thursday the Home Ec. III girls and their guests had a delightful Christmas dinner. Hostess for the dinner was Bobbie Brock, and host was Floyd Oliver. The table was decorated with red and green ribbon while on the black board was a picture of a jolly old Santa Claus drawn by Joyce Smith.

Popcorn Tips
 Why not make popcorn balls in the form of Christmas trees on gumdrops stands? Pop corn and nuts mixed, made into balls and flattened with a stick stuck in them make lolly pops that can be wrapped in cellophane, tied with ribbon and hung on the tree.

What Can I Give Them?
 Do you have someone on your list that seems to have everything? Here's a tip. Buy some nuts and wrap them in a bandana hobo style.

HAS ANYBODY ELSE—

Hoped we could have more dances during the holidays? Decided to quit eating candy only to go some place and see every good kind? Maddening, isn't it?

Drooled over the basketball boys? Thought that Marlene and Bogie should get back together? Wondered whether he would have enough credits to graduate or not?

Wanted to go with Leon McBeath besides Tommie Meason. —(Paid adv.)

Thrilled at the thought of the

Christmas holidays?
 Seen at the "Spook" show— Sharon and Brock, Joan and Ed, Johnnie and Evelyn, Janet and Joe, Bootie and V., Maggie and Ray, Ava and Paul Chase, Mary Jo and Bob Edwards, Kathleen and Don.

Tried to peek in closets and find out what she has for Christmas?
 Gone mad after reading this far? (If you have been stuck with it this long).

Wished that certain group of boys would not congregate in the hall at the lockers just to the right of the auditorium center door?

DORIS JONES—LUCKY GIRL Leaves Our Midst at Mid-Term

States to the press that she likes blue, adores "For Sentimental Reasons," and loves Vernon. This little hazel eyed, blonde haired girl from Thalia, likes fried potatoes and veal cutlets, but dislikes people who talk about other people. Doris also enjoys those interesting talks in economics class. After school she is going to enter the Metropolitan Business College in Dallas. There she plans to get a good education. Since she didn't state anything from there, I imagine her ideas are similar to the rest of us girls. Good luck, Doris, we'll miss you next semester.

SPORTSMAN CLEAR THROUGH

An example of a true sportsman is Joe Mason. This eighteen year old Senior at Crowell High is equally capable of playing center on the basketball team and end on the Wildcat grid squad.

Joe is a favorite with everyone at Crowell High. He was, with the exception of two votes, unanimously elected captain of the 46-47 basketball team at the close of this season, and to those who have seen him play, I do not have to say he is really a basketball player.

Joe hails from the little town of Thalia, where he has lived the last 18 years, and says with enthusiasm, "That's the biggest little city in the world."

Joe has red curly hair and light grey eyes which shine with expectancy when the topic of school is mentioned. (Don't worry, Joe, nobody believes it anyhow).

Catty girls who glory in thinking they have someone under their thumb rates very low with Joe, and at the top of his rate list in the way of food is fried chicken and chocolate pie.

Besides playing football and basketball, Joe has a passion for hunting, which reveals his desire for the wide-open spaces and great out-of-doors.

After graduating, Joe plans to take his personality (and physique) to West Texas State at Canyon. His personality he'll use to charm everyone with whom he comes in contact, much the same way he has done here in Crowell; and with his physique he will continue his career in basketball.

So with the thought that West Texas State is very lucky to enroll a "swell guy," we say, "May

the best of everything be yours." (Because he deserves it.)

WILDCAT PURRS

TRUTH or CONSEQUENCES: Don Skillman, do you like Edna Dunn or Ima May James?

J. C. Autry, do you want your old flame back? Of course, we're speaking of Myrtle Bartley.

Marvin Briscoe, did you have fun with all the attention from the girls at Mary Norman's party?

Betty Brock, what happened to your and John Potts' romance? Could Vernon Jones be carrying the torch for Joyce Smith?

Is Mary Jones still true to Jesse? Johnny Mitchell and "Ham" Tamplen, have your mothers seen your haircuts?

NOTES and FLOWERS: Something new: Don Wilkins ask Maggie Eavenson.

If you are around very much you will see Janet R. and Joe M. and Booty Barker and V. Bond are definitely a steady.

Mary Johnson and Lowell (her out-of-town boy friend) were seen over the week-end.

Peggy Evans and Pete C. still top the date lists, as well as Sharon H. and M. W. W.

What happened to the affair of Emilie Kajs and Bobby Cato.

THESE FRESHMEN ARIN: What's this we hear about Floyd B. Tommie Meason and Rouse T. being a triangle?

Betty Barker and Grover Yocham are still seen on Friday nights.

Donald Rogers seems to be Joline Lanier's one and only.

Billy Johnson has his eye on Clementine H.

Laymond C. is still toting the torch for Betty Brock.

Blackie White things he and Norma Short would make a cute couple.

JUST IN CASE YOU WANT TO KNOW:

Is R. C. Slagle chasing Melba Davis? Where does Presley Thomson come in?

Weren't Kathleen E. and Kenyon Norman an adorable couple?

Why don't some boys open their eyes and look around? There are more cute girls roaming the halls unattached. Namely, Virginia Bell, Marlene Mitchell and Doris Cox.

Larry Wood says all girls are angels, for three reasons, if not more, girls are always up in the air; girls are always harping on something; and girls never have an earthly thing to wear. But we love 'em, he adds.

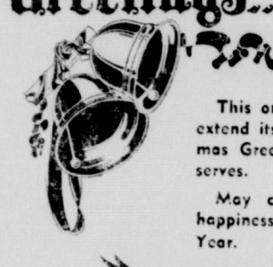
SIDE SPLITTERS

Mr. Black: How do you play hooky from a correspondence school?

Mrs. Davis: I send them an empty envelope.

When in the first grade, Larry Wood was asked:

How much is 4 and 6? Larry answered, "That's about 11, isn't it?" The teacher said "No, 4 and 6 are ten. Larry rose and shouted, "It can't be, 5 and 5 are 10." Teacher: Take 13 from 20.



Greetings.

This organization is happy to extend its most heartfelt Christmas Greetings to the people it serves.

May continued success and happiness be yours in the New Year.

DeLUXE CAFE
M. A. WILKINS



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

WE CAN think of no finer Yuletide sentiment than the old familiar "MERRY CHRISTMAS." We never grow tired of saying it to our friends nor do we grow tired of hearing it from others. It is the one universal greeting that carries with it the thought of others and the appreciation of fine friendships and associations.

It is this sentiment that forms the background of our thinking of you at this glad time of the year. We want you to know that when we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS," we include our thankfulness for all past favors. The best of everything to each of you.

STOVALL-THOMPSON GROCERY



Best Wishes

GREETINGS

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with sincere appreciation for your continued patronage.

SOUTHSIDE Sandwich Shop



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Friends and Customers of This Firm

Happy And a thousand thanks New Year for your patronage.

CROWELL SHOE SHOP
F. W. MABE

Suggestions for holiday travelers



- Start your holiday trip as soon as possible to avoid the rush during Christmas week.
- Make reservations as soon as possible.
- Be sure to tag your luggage with proper identification.
- Check all surplus luggage for handling via baggage service.

By following these friendly suggestions you will help us accommodate as many travelers as possible this holiday season, and enable us to do our best to serve you with the equipment that is available. Thanks for your cooperation.



GET WASHING DONE BEFORE HOLIDAYS

This laundry will be closed on the night of Dec. 24th and will not open again until Monday, Dec. 25th. We urge our customers to get their washing done before the holidays in order that they may not suffer any inconvenience during the time we are closed Christmas.

We appreciate the patronage that has been tendered to us during the short time we have been operating this laundry and wish for everybody a Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

NU-WAY LAUNDRY
MR. and MRS. ELMO HUDGINS

Merry Christmas, Friends!



The men and women who furnish your telephone service send you their very best wishes for a happy holiday season.

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Unchanged Centuries

Royal David's city set on a hill, six miles from Jerusalem. The flat-roofed homes are cozy enough, and its streets have an air of antiquity. In Bethlehem, any other town in its hillside you shepherd with their blinking overhead glowing stars.

ONLY A STARTER

talks the mistletoe. Can you doubt it? started by its aid, along without it.

Claus as Usual

is coming around as usual. Uncle to bring along enough seat of tax collector."



In lands of no snow Santa can be expected to use this novel method of bringing Yuletide joy to those who celebrate on the beaches. This warm-weather Santa who skips so nonchalantly over the deep blue sea happens to be Phil Daubens-Peck, famous Olympic games swimming champion.

It is reported that some 11,000 conscientious objectors are confined to the C. O. camps in this country.

Many authorities believe that man can go without food longer than he can go without sleep.

SNOWBOUND CHRISTMAS

BY CLYDE WILSON

BILL YARDLEY poked a tentative eye outside his blanket. It was daylight, at last. Across the tiny cabin Jim was snoozing quietly, his measured breath almost drowned by the roaring wind outside.

Bill's eyes surveyed the cabin with its old stove and rickety furniture. Cozy enough, perhaps, but this was no way to spend an entire winter, even for the sake of geographical accuracy. Several hundred miles to the south, in Winnipeg, the government office was waiting for early spring when Bill and Jim could finish their surveying assignment and bring back a report.



The pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle.

Ahead, meanwhile, were two months of this maddening snowbound silence.

Bill's glance drifted to the calendar. Suddenly he caught his breath—"Jim!" he shrieked. "Wake up! Wake up! Do you know what day this is?"

Jim groaned, stirred a bit, and answered sleepily.

"Tuesday, ain't it? And so what?" "Jim! It's Christmas Eve!"

A few minutes later they found themselves staring blankly out the window, almost wishing they'd never discovered it was Christmas.

It was kind of childish to let on that you cared, Bill thought. So he put on his parka and headed for the door.

"Let's forget it, Jim," he advised. "I'm going to look at our traps and get some fresh air. Be back soon!"

It was no picnic, trudging through knee-deep drifts for two hours. To make it worse, the traps were all empty. Even the animals were staying inside in this weather.

"Wonder if they'll miss Christmas, too?" he mused as he neared the cabin.

Suddenly he heard a faint hum in the sky. It grew nearer. Unmistakably a motor—an airplane!

Bill raced for the cabin door.

"A plane, Jim!" he cried. "Get some black smoke going up the chimney!" Then he raced out to the clearing.

The pilot saw him gesticulating wildly, or else he saw the fresh black smoke over the cabin. The big ship circled, flew off to the north, turned and came back, flying low. Over the clearing it almost stalled as the pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle that plummeted into the snow almost at Bill's feet. Then he waved and sped away.

They got it inside, somehow, though they wanted to open the bundle right where it landed. Once the rope was torn loose an oilskin pouch flew out. A note was inside. From the boss:

"In case you boys have forgotten," it read, "tomorrow's Christmas. Herewith the makings, including some presents your families asked us to send along."

Bill and Jim looked at each other, then they cheered.

"Merry Christmas?" asked Bill. "Why, it's the best ever! Wait'll you taste this turkey!"

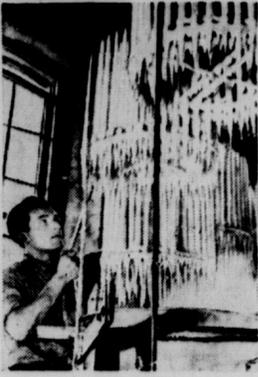
53 Sundays in Year

According to the Gregorian calendar, every year has 53 days of the one it begins on. Generally speaking, the year contains 53 Sundays every five or six years. This occurred in 1928, 1933, 1939, and again in 1944, 1950, 1956, 1961, 1967, etc. The United States naval observatory points out that in any continuous series of 28 years, five have 53 Sundays, unless the series includes a year whose number ends in two ciphers without its being a leap year, as in 1700, 1800, 1900. When leap year begins on Saturday, two of the six-year periods fall consecutively.—Philadelphia Inquirer. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Old-Time New Year Serious

Oldtime New England was serious on New Year's, as witness the title of a book published there in the year of 1702 by one Richard Standfast: "A New Year's Gift for Painting Souls, or, a little handful of cordial comforts scattered through several answers to 16 questions and objections: As also doubting Christians invited to Christ."

Chinese New Year's Greeting—The Chinese New Year's greeting is "Su-hi," or "May joy be yours."



Here you see a pause in the mass production of bayberry candles for the Yule season. Great bunches of wicks are dipped simultaneously until they are of desired thickness.

There are two snuff boxes in the Senate Chamber in Washington, one on each side of the rostrum.

Christmas Is Really Celebrated in Europe

Many countries in Europe celebrate Christmas on the principle that you cannot have too much of a good thing. In Italy, Holland, and elsewhere, the first celebrations begin on December 6, St. Nicholas' day, and last till Twelfth Night on January 6. In Poland the Christmas season lasts till February 2.

Old New Year Customs Survive in Scotland

In Scotland, New Year's day is said to transcend Christmas as the most important festival of the year. Many old customs still are preserved and widely followed. "First footing" is a midnight custom of New Year's eve. The person who first, after the stroke of the new year, sets foot inside the house of a friend, remains the guest throughout the day and is a privileged friend throughout the year.



May we take advantage of this occasion to express the Compliments of the Season to you, our valued friends and customers. We are grateful for all past favors and desirous of the privilege of being of further service to you during the New Year.

CATES PARTS CO.
CATES-HAYS MOTOR CO.



40,000 GOOD JOBS A MONTH

When somebody says to you, "Good jobs are hard to find"—DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT—if you're a physically and mentally fit young man from 18 to 34 inclusive!

In your new Regular Army, 40,000 good jobs a month are opening up... interesting jobs that pay well... that offer advancement, career opportunities and training and experience in many useful skills and trades.

New higher Army pay... food, clothing, quarters, travel, at no extra cost... GI Bill of Rights educational benefits for those who enlist before the official termination of the war and serve at least 90 days... and the opportunity for early retirement with a life income... add up to a career you can't afford to miss.

A 3-year enlistment permits you to choose any branch of service and overseas theater which still have openings.

Go after one of these good jobs now! You can get all the facts at your nearest U. S. Army Recruiting Station and ENLIST NOW!

NEW, HIGHER PAY FOR ARMY MEN

In Addition to Food, Lodging, Clothes and Medical Care

In Addition to Column One at the Right: 20% Increase for Service Overseas; 50% Increase, up to \$50 Maximum Per Month, if Member of Flying or Glider Crews; \$50 Per Month for Parachutists (Not in Flying-pay Status) While Engaged upon Parachute Duty; 5% Increase in Pay for Each 3 Years of Service.

Starting Base Pay Per Month	MONTHLY RETIREMENT INCOME AFTER:	
	20 Years' Service	30 Years' Service
Master Sergeant or First Sergeant	\$165.00	\$107.25 \$185.63
Technical Sergeant	135.00	87.75 151.88
Staff Sergeant	115.00	74.75 129.38
Sergeant	100.00	65.00 112.50
Corporal	90.00	58.50 101.25
Private First Class	80.00	52.00 90.00
Private	75.00	48.75 84.38

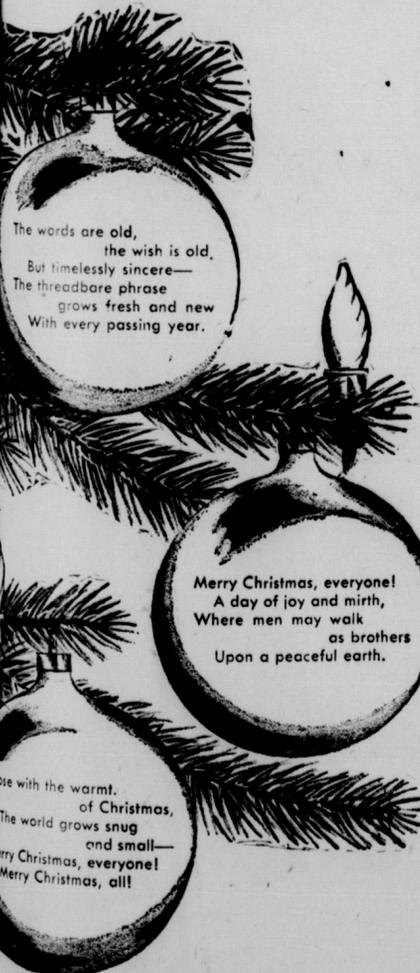
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Merry Christmas!



The words are old, the wish is old, But timelessly sincere— The threadbare phrase grows fresh and new With every passing year.

Merry Christmas, everyone! A day of joy and mirth, Where men may walk as brothers Upon a peaceful earth.

Close with the warmth of Christmas, The world grows snug and small— Merry Christmas, everyone! Merry Christmas, all!

West Texas Utilities Company

LEST WE FORGET

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Let us be thankful for Christmas and the things for which it stands. Let us be thankful for fine associations, loyal friends... let us give thanks for a high standard of living that makes it possible for us to get the fullest enjoyment out of life.

That part of Christmas so frequently minimized is its religious significance. This is the birthday of Him who taught

Faith, Hope and Charity.

Let us not forget to find time to be thankful, to sing praises to Him for the blessings received. As we celebrate Christmas day with rejoicing, let us celebrate it with a deep thankfulness in our hearts and a prayer that we may enjoy this significant occasion for many, many more years to come.

WOMACK'S

MRS. W. R. WOMACK RECIE WOMACK MRS. BERTHA BURKETT

December 19, 1946

CHURCHES

Will Baptist Church... Meet tonight (Thursday), at 8:00 at the Odd Fellows hall.

Thalia Baptist Church... Meet tonight (Thursday), at 8:00 at the Odd Fellows hall.

Methodist Church... School, 9:45 a. m. People's Service, 6:30

Christian Church... School at 10 a. m. Supper and Preaching

City Church... School every Sunday. Meeting every first and third

Catholic Church... School every Sunday. Meeting every first and third

St. Joseph's Catholic Church... School every Sunday. Meeting every first and third

St. Mary's Catholic Church... School every Sunday. Meeting every first and third

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LODGE NOTICES

Up Stairs in Rock Building. Meet tonight (Thursday), at 8:00 at the Odd Fellows hall.

Crowell Rebekah Lodge No. 388

Meets Second and Last Fridays at 7:30 p. m. at I. O. O. F. Hall.

CROWELL ENCAMPMENT No. 18

Meets at I. O. O. F. Hall the first and third Tuesday nights in each month.

Thalia Lodge No. 666 A. F. & A. M.

Meets every first and third Monday nights at 7:30 p. m.

STATED MEETING of Crowell Lodge No. 840, A. F. & A. M.

Jan. 13, 8 p. m. 2nd Mon. each month. Members urged to attend.

CROWELL ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Regular meeting, Friday night after 2nd Monday, Jan. 17

Two Minute Sermon

The Necessity of Harmony: To me the secret of a happy life is harmony.

Weekly Sermon

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Classified Ad Section

An Ad in This Section Will Get Results—Minimum 25c

For Sale

FOR SALE—Frigidaire.—Alva Spencer. 23-1tp

FOR SALE—1942 Plymouth. New motor and good tires.—S. B. Hord. 22-3tp

FOR SALE—Two gas heating stoves.—W. A. Cogdell. 23-1tp

FOR SALE—Large granary made of good lumber. Phone 47-M. 23-1tp

FOR SALE—My home in the northwest part of Crowell.—Mrs. C. D. Mullins. 22-2tc

FOR SALE—Three young Roan Durham bulls.—A. D. Campbell. 23-3tp

FOR SALE—Two good, clean used mattresses.—Mrs. Ed Rettig. 23-2tp

FOR SALE—Bundle Hegari and bundle cane, and 8-ft. Oliver one-way.—O'Neal Johnson. 23-2tp

FOR SALE—75-foot front in northeast part of Crowell.—Bob Weathers. 22-2tp

FOR SALE—Good Hegari bundle feed.—Jeff Matyssek, one mile south of Riverside school. 21-3tp

FOR SALE—One 6-foot MM one-way plow, A1 condition.—Lanier Finance Co. 22-1tc

FOR SALE—Concrete blocks, 12x15x5, ready for delivery.—John Martinez, at Codwin Tourist Camp. 22-2tp

FOR SALE—One 1946 Chevrolet truck, complete with factory-built bed with grain side-boards.—Lanier Finance Co. 23-1tc

FOR SALE—Two 10-38 Firestone tractor tires, nearly new. Will sell cheap.—Jeff Matyssek, y mile south of Riverside. 21-3tp

FOR SALE—Large, nearly new, sheet iron heater, bird cage, 4-burner New Perfection cook stove, day bed.—Mrs. Maggie Capps, Thalia. 23-1tc

FOR SALE—J. W. Klepper home in the west part of Crowell. Also three 50-foot lots on north side of Paducah highway, 3 blocks west of square. See Allen Fish. 23-1tp

FOR SALE—Man's 10-K Ruby ring, size 9 1/2. Also Airplane electric clock (Session), and costume jewelry.—S. F. Jefferson, phone 61-M. 20-4tc

FOR SALE—3-room stucco house with five lots. Also 2-room box house with 75-ft. front, or can be moved. One Frigidaire and other household furniture. See J. A. Wallen or E. J. Cummings. 22-3tp

Wanted

WANTED—Ironing to do in my home northwest corner of park.—Mrs. J. T. Furgason. 23-1tp

Salesmen Wanted

RAWLEIGH Dealer wanted at once. Good opportunity. Write at once. Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-175-105, Memphis, Tenn.

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Notices

NOTICE—I will again cut fence stays at 3c. See H. E. Minyard, 2 miles north of Lockett, or write Route 3, Vernon. 21-6tp

TO RENT FOR CASH—160 acres belonging to the Wm. Godwin estate in the Margaret community. One-half in cultivation. Reserve right to reject all bids. Send bids to W. C. Godwin, executor of the estate, Albany, Texas. 21-3tp

Trespass Notices

Positively no fishing or hunting on any of my land on Beaver Creek.—J. M. Hill. 4-1tc

NOTICE—No hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on my land.—Furd Halsell. 11-1tc

TRESPASS NOTICE—No hunting or fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on any land, owned or leased by me.—W. B. Johnson. 11-1tc

NOTICE—No fishing, hunting or trespassing of any kind allowed on my place.—Leslie McAdams. 15-1tc

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Released by Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for December 22

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A MESSAGE OF LOVE (CHRISTMAS LESSON)

LESSON TEXT—John 3:16; Ephesians 3:14-21.

MEMORY SELECTION—Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.—I Corinthians 2:14.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem there were only a few men and women of faith who could see in the Babe of the manger the glory and the power of Christ.

Indifferent, ignorant and sinful people are glad to try to capitalize on the spirit of Christmas, but they still despise and turn away from the Son of God, Jesus the Saviour.

It behooves us, therefore, to present once more the message of the Saviour who came at Christmas, that all men may hear of him.

Our lesson speaks of God's great gift of love and tells what manner of men and women we should be because he did give his Son for us.

I. God's Christmas Gift to Us (John 3:16).

God loved—so God gave. Love prompts the heart to give. One may give without loving, it is true, but one cannot love without giving.

God's love for man existed from all eternity. It provided a way of redemption for man and in due season the Saviour came to live, to love, to die for all mankind.

It was no chance event, no accident in history; it was the heart of God speaking in his "unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15) of his only begotten Son.

That leads us to our second Scripture and our second point. We who receive gifts try to express our appreciation in a polite and proper way.

II. Our "Thank You" to God (Eph. 3:14-21).

Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church (and for us also who are in the "family," v. 15) tells us how we may by our lives as Christians express our gratitude to God.

The church of Christ, made up of those who are believers in him, should show its relationship to God, and its appreciation of his grace by its

1. Strength (v. 16). It does not honor God nor is he properly represented in the world by those who are spiritually weak and ineffective.

It is the privilege of the believer to be "strengthened with might" (v. 16) and this takes place as the Holy Spirit has liberty "with power penetrating to your inmost being," as Weymouth translates it. No part of man's inner being is then left weak or without the light and grace of the Holy Spirit.

2. Love (v. 17). This is the strong foundation of all spiritual development and usefulness. Roots are put down deep (as we change the figure of speech) to hold the life steady, and to provide the nourishment for spiritual living.

This is all possible because Christ makes his home in the heart. Think of the privilege of making such a guest feel at home in our hearts! Let us be grateful, and let us recognize him and honor his presence.

3. Knowledge (vv. 18, 19). The believer has to know not only the knowable, but also that which passes knowledge, namely, the love of Christ.

We shall grow in grace as we grow in the knowledge of the love of Christ (II. Pet. 3:18). We with all of God's people—what a great and delightful company—are to comprehend, to really grasp, the length and breadth and height and depth of his life.

We say with the psalmist, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain to it" (Ps. 139:6). But then we remember that it is as Christ dwells "in our hearts by faith" (v. 17) that we are able to comprehend such truth.

Most Christians live on a very low plane, going along with a limited and unsatisfactory Christian experience when all this is available to them by faith.

4. Faith (v. 20). Here we see why it is possible to do the impossible, to know that which passes knowledge, to see the unseen. It is by faith in him who "is able to do infinitely beyond all our highest prayers and thoughts" (Weymouth, v. 20) that we attain unto this blessed place of blessing.

So this is the "Thank you" that God wants this Christmas. He wants the unbeliever to turn to him in faith, and the believer to really be what he ought to be and can be in Christ. Then a man's whole life will say, "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul."

For the tenth successive year the writer of these notes expresses his good wish for a most blessed Christmas both in heart and home. May the Lord give us all special grace this year to thank him for

his great Christmas Gift by a life wholly dedicated to him.

If the 1,000,000 Federal employees were seated side by side the line would extend from Washington to Las Vegas, Nevada.

It is estimated that 10,000 persons will lose their lives in fires in the United States in 1946.

Fire loss in the United States in 1946 it is estimated will reach \$600,000,000, twenty-five per cent above 1945.

CHRISTMAS GIFT. You all through the New Year. This message comes with genuine appreciation for all the nice things you have done for us in the past and with the hope that we may continue to be in your favor in the future.

MONROE'S GROCERY. MR. and MRS. J. I. MONROE. It is our wish that you, our friends, your loved ones and friends, may be happy in every way on this occasion of Christmas. May you have good health and much prosperity throughout the New Year.

CROWELL STATE BANK. Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. It is the goodwill created by this joyous Christmastime that inspires us to send you a word of Cheer. May the spirit of the Yuletide season spread throughout the coming year and make this community a better place in which to live.

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Guy Whitfield and Miss Kimbrow Wed in California Rites

The Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland, Calif., was the setting for nuptials which united Miss Leta Mae Kimbrow of Vernon and Guy Whitfield of Crowell on November 21. The Rev. Appleberry officiated at the rites.

The bride wore a green Jablow suit with brown lizard accessories and a corsage of orchids. Her maid of honor, Mrs. Jay Robbins, wore a beige and brown striped suit with brown accessories and a corsage of bouvardias. Jay Robbins served Mr. Whitfield as best man.

Mrs. Whitfield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kimbrow of Vernon. She attended the schools of Oklahoma and for the past several years has been employed at the Vernon Hospital and for the past two years has been office nurse for Dr. A. C. Rogers.

Mr. Whitfield, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitfield of Crowell, attended the Crowell schools and San Angelo Junior College. He served 3 1/2 years in the U. S. Navy, several months overseas, and was discharged in January, 1946.

A reception was held after the marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robbins in Brisbane, Calif. The couple was accompanied to California by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bryant of Vernon.

Marriage of Local Couple Takes Place Thursday Morning

The marriage of C. B. Graham and Mrs. Aylene Beard was solemnized on Thursday morning, December 12, at 10 o'clock in the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Grant Slagle with Rev. Slagle performing the ceremony.

Besides Rev. and Mrs. Slagle, those present were Mr. and Mrs. John E. Long and C. B. Graham Jr.

Mr. Graham is a well-known citizen, having resided here for many years. Mrs. Graham has lived in Crowell for several years. They will make their home in Crowell.

Birthday Party Given at Owens Home Saturday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Owens were hosts at their home Saturday evening as a compliment to Grady Magee on his birthday. Christmas decorations were in evidence throughout the home and a holiday air prevailed.

Games of forty-two were played in which Mrs. Carrie Hart and

Claud Brooks were high scorers for the ladies and the gentlemen.

The beautiful birthday cake, decorated with violets and lemons, in colored icing, was served with ice cream and coffee to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Grady Magee, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Magee, Mrs. Carrie Hart, Mrs. T. N. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brooks, and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Klepper.

Shower in Vernon to Honor Newlyweds

Mrs. Guy Whitfield, formerly Miss Leta Mae Kimbrow, was complimented on Monday evening, Dec. 9, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Rogers in Vernon, with a miscellaneous bridal shower. Hostesses for the shower were Mesdames A. C. Rogers, Andy Huffman, Charles Bolton, Don Palmer, J. P. Bryant, Garner Samuels and Miss Opal White.

Upon arrival, the guests were greeted by Miss White, who presented them to the receiving line composed of Mrs. Whitfield, her mother, Mrs. Paschall Kimbrow of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Rogers, hostess.

The antique setting provided at the Rogers home offered the decorative theme of the entertaining rooms. The living room was illuminated by antique lamps and guests registered in a white bride's book at a desk holding antique ornaments.

In the dining room, Mesdames Bolton, Samuels and Palmer presided at the silver coffee service. Assisting in serving were Mrs. Bob Bolton of Frederick, Okla., and Miss Barbara Bolton. The serving table was covered with a handmade crocheted cloth and centered with an arrangement of white chrysanthemums, snapdragons and baby's breath in a silver container. This was flanked by two silver candelabra holding white tapers. Two wall chandeliers holding tall white tapers provided the only illumination.

Mrs. Andy Huffman displayed the gifts in the gift room which was ornamented with a grouping of white chrysanthemums and snapdragons in an antique pitcher.

All members of the house party wore white corsages. Approximately fifty guests called between the hours of seven and nine o'clock.

ADELPHIAN CLUB

Mrs. Merl Kincaid, Mrs. H. E. Brown and Mrs. Louis Purvis entertained the Adelpian Club with a beautiful Christmas tea on December 11 at the Club House.

The spirit of Christmas cheer was spread by decorations in keeping with the holiday season—red candles, red berries and reindeer and a sleigh. On the piano a dainty arrangement of a miniature candle choir lent charm to the Yuletide atmosphere.

After a brief business session, Mrs. Lewis Sloan as leader presented Mrs. George D. Self, who gave "Echoes of the Bible Story," a religious setting of the Christmas story. Her talk was made vivid with pictures of the Holy Land, the Church of the Nativity, the Stable and other historical scenes.

Mrs. Sloan presented each person present with a copy of favorite Christmas recipes taken from the files of club members. She gave timely hints on Christmas foods and concluded her interesting suggestions with an amusing recipe of the French. Take a big olive marinated in oil and stuff it with capers and anchovies. Place it in the body of a fat ortolan, put that in the body of a lark, and all in the body of a thrush. Put the thrush in a juicy quail and the quail in a young partridge. Put the partridge in a tender woodcock and that in to a young wild duck. Put the duck into a fat chicken and the chicken into a fat pheasant, then put all into a meaty wild goose. Place in a pot with onion, carrots, ham, celery and spices, including garlic. Seal the pot and roast slowly for twenty-four hours. The sublime in gastronomy is reached. Undo the goose in like manner the ingredients and feed this to the dogs. Serve the olive in long splendor and eat it slowly, it is de-

FOARD CITY W. S. C. S.

Hostess for the Foard City Woman's Society of Christian Service at their Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 16, was Mrs. Howard Ferguson and her home was festive with Yuletide decorations.

Following the singing of "Silent Night" by the group, Mrs. Marlow led in prayer. Mrs. J. M. Barker brought the lesson on India, having as her theme the bridge by which that country may progress to modern methods of livelihood and a higher standard of civilization. Mrs. Barker told some of the advantages which came to India through the activities of the Allied Forces during the war.

Discussing the health conditions in India, Mrs. Virgil Johnson gave statistics on the number of births in India maternity homes today as compared with the number in

licious.

Christmas carols were sweetly sung by a chorus of Junior Adelpian club members. Sharon Haney told of a trip made by Phillips Brooks through Bethlehem on one Christmas Eve which later inspired him to write "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." Rodyn Self told of the origin of "Silent Night," which had its birth high up in the Austrian Alps. Its words spread from village to city until it was proclaimed the greatest of all religious Christmas songs.

After adjournment, the doors to the dining room were opened to reveal the beautiful lace draped table centered with an elaborate arrangement of red pyraeantha berries. At each end, giant red candles tied with red satin bows burned. Tall red tapers burned on the buffet. These were entwined with greenery.

Mrs. W. E. Tysinger and Mrs. Grady Graves poured coffee and tea and the hostesses served dainty sandwiches, cookies, stuffed fruit and nuts.

A large number of members and the following guests enjoyed the occasion: Mrs. S. T. Crews, Mrs. R. L. Kincaid, Mrs. D. E. Todd, Mrs. W. F. Staiser and Mrs. Otto Davenport. The club will meet on January 8 with a lesson on "Travel."

bygone days. She told of their ignorance of even the simplest forms of medication and of how the work of the missionary must be both a physical and a spiritual healing.

As chairman of the Christmas program, Mrs. Blake McDaniel brought a devotional in the story of the Wise Men in their search for the Christ Child. Today, human hearts still ask the question "Where is Jesus?" It may be the privilege and certainly it is the duty of Christians to help others find their way to Jesus.

"Let There Be Light," a one-act play concerning a man who had lost his faith only to find it, renewed and glorified, on Christmas Eve, was presented by Mrs. Grady Halbert. Mrs. McDaniel concluded the program with a Christmas wish that the faith of

all Christians be renewed. Mrs. Virgil Johnson closed the meeting with a prayer.

Gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree during the social hour, when the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Halbert and Mrs. John Rader, served refreshments to approximately twenty members and guests.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETS

The Altar Society of St. Joseph's Church met in the home of Mrs. Grady Magee, the president, Monday afternoon in regular session.

After the routine of business had been transacted, Miss Rosalie Drabek was winner in a Christmas contest. Mrs. H. Schindler presented Mrs. Magee with a beautiful plate in recognition and appreciation of her work as director of the children's choir.

The hostess served a lovely refreshment plate to those present.

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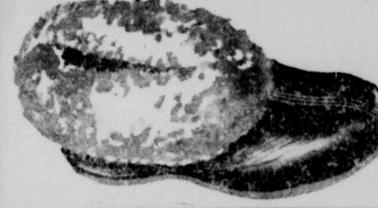
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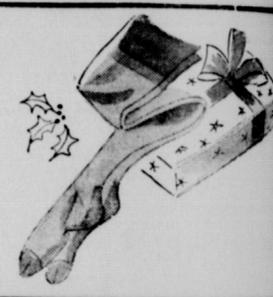
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