

To One MERRY CHRISTMAS!

1947

SHOPPING—
and Down
Street



The spirit of Christmas
is in the air and is reflected
in all we meet on
the streets. The love that the
city is fast being put in-
pack, as mamas and
daddies and janes, grand-
daddies go up and
down the streets armed with lists a
mile long to help old Santa with
his chimney delivery.
We feel, this year, is in
the air.

Shopping—four through
the Merchant's Christmas
... we found mes-
sage of good will expres-
sion from merchants, your city
and businessmen. The
filled with good will mes-
sage, thanking you read-
er's patronage through-
out the year. The merchants want
in your holiday happiness
using "Merry Christmas."
THE ADS, they are a
delicious Christmas Card
from the Post Dispatch from the
group of fellows in the na-

are a few firms which
are offering Christmas Cheer to
be the first time, while others
are following the custom
of more than thirty years. There
are numerous firms in the two
categories and many, many
of the one decade group.
Thank them yourself... it
is an interesting and infor-
mative experience.

to read Garza and the
story Evelyn Boyd, the good
story at the Dispatch.
as in Many Lands is the
of her column and many
and observations are told
to be sure you readers
enjoy.

the church column by Gay-
bby you'll find the story of
Christmas.
at, all through the paper
find interesting reading
folks, facts and fiction. The
has worked long hours over-
get this edition to you—
work but its also been
our boss and all the boys
at the Dispatch hope you
the special edition.



ve searched the books for a
time
clearly express what we
in mind.
nary one can we find
at quite equals the cherry,
the Merry Christmas!

face on earth, good will to-
morrow is realized only when
wiser men, are more con-
siderate of each other. May you
help in bringing about the
of a new reverence for
friendliness and helpful-
ness.

Most sincerely,
The Roving Reporter

Last Minute Reminders
Algeria Coffee Shop will be
open all day on Christmas; the
Raven Cafe will open at 5
p. m. Christmas Day; Dolph's
will be open all day; Giles
Room and Curb's Cafe will
be closed on Christmas Day un-
less otherwise noted.

The Garza Theatre folks will
be "It Happened on Fifth Ave-

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"THE POST DISPATCH COVERS GARZA COUNTY LIKE A SANDSTORM"

The Post Dispatch

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Yuletide Issue Of Dispatch Is Year's Biggest

The Post Dispatch is happy to present its annual Christmas Edition with today's issue of 28 pages—the largest single issue for 1947, published two days earlier than usual.

In addition to the usual run of current news, the edition is bulging with Christmas Greetings from the merchants who make possible the publication of the Post Dispatch each week.

Many of these merchants, such as Mason and Company, Wilkerson Lumber Company, Bob Warren, and Connell Chevrolet Company, have been publishing such

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Mrs. Sybert Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Palmyra Sybert, who has made her home here since September, died at the home of her son, Cecil Osborne, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Although the funeral was held at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, details as to pallbearers and the funeral program were not available in time for the Post Dispatch's early deadline. A Baptist minister, the Rev. Mr. Robertson, had been invited to officiate with the assistance of the Rev. Huron A. Polnac, local Baptist minister.

FIFTEEN FAMILIES GET CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM LIONS CLUB COMMITTEE

S. D. Strasner, chairman of the Lions Club committee which last night distributed food baskets and other gifts to 15 needy families in Garza County.

Most of the food was contributed by the public, who put it in boxes arranged for the purpose in the various grocery stores. The toys were gathered and repaired by Post Boy Scouts. Some of the toys were collected at the annual Kiddies Show at the Garza Theatre Saturday morning.



Christmas Greetings

"The twelve days of Christmas," embracing the period between Christmas Eve, December 24th, and Epiphany, or Twelfth Night, January 6th, is known as Christmas-tide. Great as the feast of Christmas is, nothing can be definitely traced as to its origin; nobody knows who first celebrated it, or when, or where, or how. We find that various communities of Christians kept the day on different dates, until about the middle of the Fourth Century when Pope Julius established the Festival of Rome, on December 25th. The holidays of the year are the red-letter days of its calendar. Among them all, Christmas is unique, inasmuch as it brings universal joy and good-will. Let the nations, therefore, rejoice and be glad in the gift of the world's greatest life.

FOLKS...FOOD...TRIPS...FUN—

Homecomings, Dinners, Christmas Tree Parties Planned

Christmas is the biggest homecoming of the year. Practically everybody in Garza County, who is not spending the holiday elsewhere, has his home decorated with a Christmas tree and other traditional Yuletide suggestions.

The pantry, deep freeze and refrigerator, as well as the oven, are filled with good things to eat. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Manly are making big plans for tomorrow when "Big Jude" and wife and son, "Little Jude," will be here from Odessa. Price will be home from Amarillo and Ruth will be home from Amarillo and Ruth will be home from Odessa.

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Truett, and daughter, Ganell; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Oden and Oscar Oden.

A family Christmas tree and dinner were also held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Propst, near Post. All of their children, except Charles who is in the army in Alaska, were home. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Markham, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McLaugh, Jr., of Petersburg, Dorrae and Jeniece Propst, Jimmy Napier of Lubbock and Miss Ida Montgomery of Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dove Mayfield and sons, Dove, Jr., Tommy and Johnny will stay home until after Santa Claus has gone, then they will drive to Roby tomorrow morning for a traditional family reunion and Christmas dinner in the home of Dove's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles McCrary and daughters, Mary Louise and Pamela, left this morning to spend the holidays with relatives in Fort Worth.

At Ranch Home
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Mr. and Mrs. Brent Thompson and family of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cravy of Seminole, J. W. Satterwhite of Seminole and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCampbell and children, Jerry Don and Judy.

Mrs. Harvey Moreman and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Moreman, and children, Jo Ann and Janice, will have Christmas dinner together. Mrs. Moreman's daughter, Ella Norene Jordan, of Denver, Colo., will be unable to come home.

Christmas started for Ann Wharton of Tahoka Friday night when her parents, the Winston Whartons, brought her over here to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Morrel, until after Christmas. The Whartons returned home the same evening, but will join the family here on Christmas Eve. Other guests in the Morrell home will be Mr. Morrell's mother, Mrs. R. P. Lomax, and daughter, Elizabeth, of Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Outlaw of Victoria arrived here Sunday to spend Christmas with their son, Gerald, who is spending the winter in the home of his uncle, N. C. Outlaw, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Outlaw and daughters, Alma who is

home from Baylor University in Waco and Zora Ann, have gone to Carlsbad, N. M., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Outlaw's father, Dr. L. H. Pate.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Richardson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mathis and daughter, Willie Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Floy Richardson and children, Larry Don and Danny, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McCrary and children, Bill, Laany and Butch, of Amarillo.

Attending a family Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Nance, near Justiceburg, are their children and their families, including Mrs. Monte Staniforth of Lubbock, Lewis Nance of Post and Mrs. Bob Stewart of Columbia, Mo. Mrs. Nance, by press time, also was expecting her sisters from Dermott and Snyder.

Mrs. Kelly Sims will have Christmas dinner for her immediate family and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Scarborough of Lubbock, Mrs. L. A. Pirtle and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Neff.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neff are spending Christmas in Carlsbad, N. M.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Richardson and their families will gather at the Richardson home, west of Post, for an all-day reunion, beginning with a Christmas tree and family dinner and ending somewhat after supper. Included in the gathering will be

Stores To Be Closed All Day For Christmas

Downtown Post stores will be closed on Christmas Day, but most business firms will resume activities on Friday. About the only business open tomorrow will be the Algerita Hotel Coffee Shop, the Dolph's Cafe, bus station and several service stations.

Bryant-Link Company will be closed both Christmas Day and Friday. A check with local grocery stores indicated that all will be closed.

The Garza Theatre will be open, as usual, during the afternoon and evening. The film to be shown today and tomorrow will be "It Happened on Fifth Avenue," with Don DeFore and Ann Harding.

The court house offices will be closed from noon today until Friday morning.

The Post Dispatch staff, except for an attendant to sell edi-

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Thieves Have Hey-Dey Here

Friday night was a hey-dey for thieves in Post. Whether or not the coverage made by pilferers here had anything to do with similar thefts in Snyder, Lubbock and other cities the same night and Saturday was not known by the Garza County sheriff's department by press time.

A phonograph record player, 40 records and two leather albums were taken from the locked automobile of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Simpson.

An automatic shotgun was stolen from Howard Rankin's pickup truck.

A leather coat, pair of eyeglasses and spare tire and wheel were taken from Edsel Cross's car.

A spare tire and wheel was stolen from Willard Kirkpatrick's, from N. C. Outlaw's and Harold Cass' respective automobiles.

Santa Claus To Come To Town Today

Firemen To Sponsor
St. Nick's Arrival

The streets of Post will be crowded this afternoon with youngsters who have been looking forward to seeing Santa Claus for many months.

Santa Claus will be brought to Post at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the white firetruck, escorted by the red truck, with siren fanfare. The trucks will parade Main Street so that all the people can get a glimpse of Santa Claus, then stop at the corner of Adams and Main for Santa Claus to give away bags of candy.

While Santa Claus is here, Hundley's Flying Service will dump 200 orange tickets from an airplane over Post. Two of the tickets will entitle the finders to free turkeys, contributed by Haws and Wacker stores, for the occasion. All tickets, except the winning ones, will be blank.

Also during Santa's visit, Boy Scout Troops 11 and 16 will give away eight turkeys contributed by eight merchants.

Santa's trip to downtown Post each Christmas Eve afternoon is arranged annually by the Post Volunteer Fire Department. The candy to be given away was bought and sacked by the firemen.

Seven Injured In Automobile Mishap Sunday

Seven young men were injured when a 1946 convertible, in which they were riding, left the road on the Lubbock-Tahoka highway a mile and a half south of Lubbock at 1:30 a. m. Sunday, rolled over a culvert and landed on its top.

The car was driven by the owner, Dale Cravy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cravy. The other passengers were Weldon Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers; David Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rogers, and Pat Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor, all of Post; Kenneth Woods of Brownfield, formerly of Post; Lubert Thomason of Brownfield, and a youth from Lubbock whose identity was not known here by press time.

David and Pat, the only ones conscious after the accident, which completely demolished the car, (Continued On Back Page, Col. 2)

THE GARZA THEATRE FOLKS WILL BE "IT HAPPENED ON FIFTH AVENUE" TOMORROW

Young mallard ducks can swim a third of a mile as soon as they leave the nest.

Wild turkeys, in the old days of American colonization, used to sell at 8 to 25 cent each.

Seven generations of elm aphids are required to produce an egg.

The population of Canada was estimated at 12,307,000 last year.

Spaniards brought the grapefruit to Florida in the 16th century.

When deer shed their antlers, squirrels and porcupines soon eat them away.

Ed Gossett Proposes Change In Way Of Electing U. S. President

Rep. Ed Gossett of Wichita Falls, formerly of Garza County, plans to press next year his proposed law to change the way of electing the President of the United States, the Associated Press has announced.

Under his plan, which would have to be ratified by three-fourths of the states since it would amend the constitution, the people would vote directly for a president and not for electors.

A House judiciary subcommittee conducted a hearing several months ago on Gossett's bill calling for submission of such an amendment to the states. Seven of the eight subcommittee members favor his bill, the Texan says, and he believes the full committee will approve it early next year.

The Gossett measure would abolish the present electoral college system. The voting strength of a state would remain unchanged, a vote for each representative and each senator. If 39 per cent of the people in a state should vote for the republican nominee, then he would get 49 per cent of the votes to which that state is entitled.

Texas Fight Recalled

At the hearing on the measure, frequent reference was made to the 1944 election in Texas because of the fight there between the anti-Roosevelt Democrats, who organized as the "Texas Regulars" and the faction which stayed in line with the party's national organization.

Uncertainty arose then as to which faction would cast Texas' 23 electoral votes. Two slates of Democratic electors appeared on the ballot and the Roosevelt group emerged victorious.

Rep. Kefauver, Democrat of Tennessee, testifying before the subcommittee, on behalf of the proposed change, said:

"The chaos existing in Texas during the 1944 campaign brings us face to face with the real possibility that the mandate of the people might not be carried out by the electors they have chosen."

Could Cause Revolution

"Any wholesale refusal to vote for the nominees of the party's choice on the part of the electors would certainly lead to much confusion, and might precipitate a revolution."

It is not Gossett's idea that the president be elected by a straight popular vote, with no regard for state lines. He points out that such a system would of necessity force adoption of a federal standard of qualification for voters, a right which is vested with the states.

"Under our present system," says Gossett, "the votes of millions of our citizens do not count

in the final tally. "We elect the most important officer of our government through a hocus-pocus method called the electoral college. We vote for electors, who in turn, through a dubious, confused and technical procedure, vote for one of the candidates for President."

"The candidate who receives the greatest number of popular votes in a particular state gets all of the electoral votes of that particular state."

Times Have Changed

The founding fathers who wrote the constitution envisioned electors as men of great wisdom and intelligence who would meet together and select the best fitted individuals in the country to be the president and vice president. Gossett adds. They did not foresee the creation and growth of political parties.

Twelve times the president of the United States has been elected with an actual minority of the popular votes, and on three occasions the man who became president had fewer votes than did their leading opponents—Adams in 1842, Hayes in 1876 and Harrison in 1888.

In 1912, Woodrow Wilson received only 42 per cent of the popular vote of the nation, yet received 82 per cent of the electoral vote.

In the very first election in the history of the nation, in 1796, three electors who were supposed to vote for Thomas Jefferson voted instead for John Adams. As a result, Adams received 71 electoral votes to 28 for Jefferson.

The popular vote in Texas in the 1944 election:

Roosevelt, 321,505; Dewey, 191,425; Thomas Socialist, 594; Watson (Prohibitionist), 1,017; all other candidates combined, 135,689.

Under the Gossett plan, Roosevelt would have received 71.4 per cent of Texas' 23 votes, Dewey 16.5.

That would have meant 16.4 votes for Roosevelt, 3.8 votes for Dewey, and the other remaining 2.8 of the state's 23 votes going to the other candidates.

A recent survey of 100,000 secondary school children indicates that they believe the influence of home and family accounts for 38 per cent of their personalities. The influence of teachers and church tied at 5 percent.

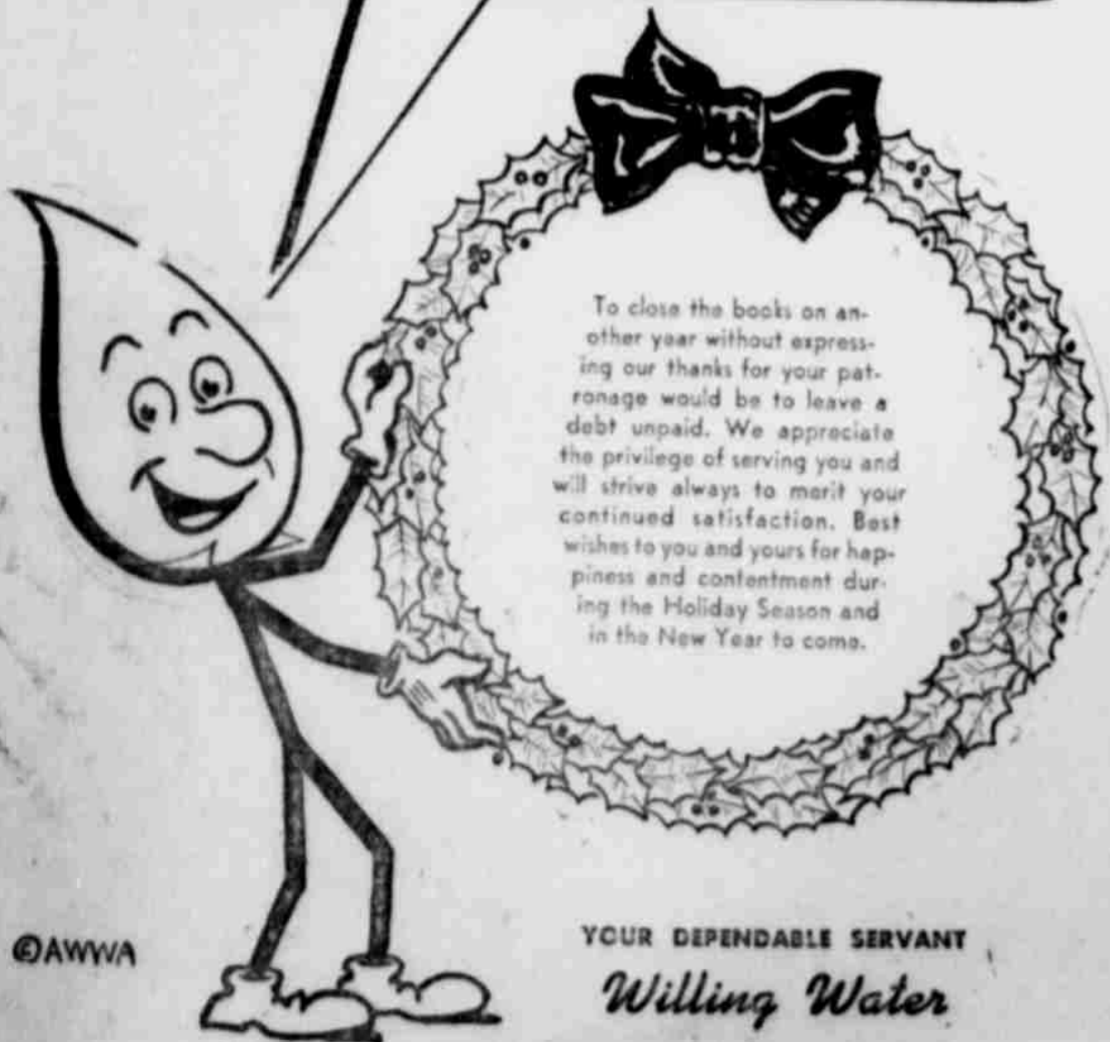


• Now, when Santa Claus is so busy making children happy and dispensing cheer all over the world, we want to extend a warm and friendly greeting to our friends. Accept our very best wishes for a Christmas season of unalloyed joy and happiness.

Garza Cooperative Association (Frozen Food Lockers)

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES SMILEY

Merry Christmas
TO EVERYONE



To close the books on another year without expressing our thanks for your patronage would be to leave a debt unpaid. We appreciate the privilege of serving you and will strive always to merit your continued satisfaction. Best wishes to you and yours for happiness and contentment during the Holiday Season and in the New Year to come.

YOUR DEPENDABLE SERVANT
Willing Water

AND EMPLOYEES OF
COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY



In the same old friendly way,
On the same old friendly day—
We extend our very best wishes
For a very joyous Yuletide,
And a very Happy New Year.

HIWAY GROCERY & MARKET

RAYMOND YOUNG, JACK KENNEDY, BLACKIE WRIGHT, R. E. JOSE
GAYLON YOUNG



CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS
1947

A holiday season brightened with the rare joys of the good old days of long ago—that's our Christmas wish for you.

Pioneer Cookie Company

1704 Avenue H

Lubbock, Texas

Christmas shopping plans is at its after sundown, statistics. The association urges cautiously and a man who isn't were in exist- mbs obliterated liminary pencil

The Texas Safety Association warns motorists that every time you follow the car ahead too closely, every time you pass on a blind curve, every time you mash the accelerator to the floor, you're gambling a few seconds against the blood and agony and death of 100 persons slated for death during the Christmas holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

REUNION AT CHRISTMAS

By HELEN PETRONE

JANET opened the door to her apartment, thinking as she did so that it had been only a week since Craig and she had shared this apartment they called their "Ivory tower," named that because of its odd shape. It had been a storage room until the housing shortage became prevalent. Then old Mrs. Root, feeling sympathetic toward the plight of Janet and Craig Norris, newly married and homeless, had cleared it out, partitioned it off into two small rooms and rented it to them.

That was just 13 months ago, Janet remembered, dropping her gloves on the table and lighting the lamp with the same gesture. They had been married only three weeks, just long enough to realize they were imposing on Craig's family who were cramped for quarters themselves.

Just a week ago they had the quarrel that had sent Craig from the apartment. It had been a blow



"She sat down at the window and looked out at the dark, starless sky."

to his pride from the day of their wedding that Janet should continue working. She enjoyed her position in the advertising firm where she had risen from a clerk to copy writer in just two years. Since she left the house after Craig in the morning and returned before him at night, she never felt her working interfered in any way with her household duties. But friends had spoiled everything with their snide remarks about "poor Janet still working," and it was more than Craig could bear. "They think I can't support you!" he'd storm at her, but the more he pleaded the more adamant she had become. And now he was gone.

The whole thing seemed so unimportant now. She glanced at the telephone, half-inclined to call him home, but her own recalcitrant nature refused to allow such a move. She turned on the radio instead and pretended the tears that welled in her eyes at the strains of "Silent Night" were merely tears of weariness after the preparation of the office party that morning. Deliberately she opened the dresser drawer to put away last night's ironing. Her souvenir box loomed temptingly before her. Lifting the cover, she stared at the items she had collected: Craig's class ring, exchanged for a diamond after their graduation from college; a pressed orchid, one of those she had carried at her wedding; various cards, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, valentine. She picked up a small gift card and read again, "To my dear wife, Janet, on our first Christmas." It was the card with the watch he had given her last year.

TREMBLING, she closed the box and turned quickly from the dresser. She had been a fool, she decided. Without Craig, Christmas could never hold the same meaning for her as it once had. She didn't stop to lock the door for there was nothing of value anyone could steal from her. Even her \$100 Christmas bonus lying on the table went unnoticed. The one thing she must not lose was happiness, and that was no longer in her home with Craig gone.

She hurried into her coat as she started breathlessly down the 34 flights of stairs. Tears coursed down her cheeks and she prayed with fanatic zeal that she was not too late. As she reached the last flight of stairs, she crashed into a figure who was hurrying up, as oblivious of his surroundings as she. She gasped at the impact, but the man quickly regained his balance and caught her before she could fall. "Janet!" he cried.

She looked at him almost in disbelief. Then, throwing her arms about him she gave full vent to her tears. "Oh, Craig! Darling, I was just coming for you."

He kissed her and held her tightly. "Janet, I've been such a fool. I didn't realize until tonight what an awful thing pride can be. Will you ever forgive me?"

She sighed. "There's nothing to forgive, Craig. I was the one who was wrong. I'm going to quit my job right away."

"No, you mustn't. I don't want to deprive you of any happiness and if you want to work, I'm not going to stop you."

She laughed shakily. "We'll argue that out later, shall we?"

Arm in arm they climbed up the stairs.

Best Wishes For A Merry, Merry Christmas.

Southland News

Please Send News Not Later Than MONDAY to MRS. FLOY KING Southland Correspondent

Mrs. Walter Kellum, Mrs. Winterrowd and Mrs. Floy King were presented gifts from the school faculty and pupils for their loyal work in the school lunch room.

Mrs. Gamble of Lubbock spoke at the Methodist church Sunday morning, and Sunday night a pageant was given by the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Weaver and children of Abilene visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Harbin of Denver, Colo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. W. Davis, and other relatives. Other visitors in the Davis home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hendrix and daughter of Loveland.

Lucie Gregory who is employed in Lubbock spent Saturday night here.

Wilbur Woods and family bought a new Pontiac Wednesday and left Thursday for Oregon where they will visit her sister.

Mrs. Don Pennell accompanied her brother, Harve Howard, to Wichita Falls Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Basinger spent part of last week in Oklahoma at the bedside of her mother, who has been seriously ill for some time.

In Mercy Hospital

Mrs. Frank Leazer and daughter were in Mercy Hospital last week with severe colds.

Mrs. Carl Wortes is ill.

The Freshman Class had a party and Christmas tree at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday night of last week. They went caroling after the party.

The Sophomore Class and sponsor, Mrs. Lindsey, were entertained at a formal party in the Howton Haire home Thursday night.

Tuesday night the Seniors enjoyed a party given by their sponsor, C. S. Lindsey, at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lindsey have gone to Quitman to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Wood spent Thursday night with her brother, Kary Mathis, and family in Lubbock.

Home From Tech

Wilma and Ferrell Wheeler are here to spend the holidays with their parents. Both are Tech students.

Jackie Lancaster who has been stationed in Japan is home with his Army discharge.

Victor Reyes has been discharged from the service.

Manuel Truelock and wife of San Diego, Calif., are here to spend the holidays with his par-

ents. He is in the Navy.

Uncle Billy Edmunds is visiting relatives in Nebraska.

Allyne Dunn, worthy matron of the O.E.S., entertained the Star members and their families with a Christmas party at the Masonic Hall December 18. A short pro-

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The state of New Mexico boasts over 10,000 miles of highways, and enjoys a large tourist travel.

Mt. Rainer National park, in the state of Washington, was established by act of Congress in 1899.

gram and a gift exchange provided the entertainment. Refreshments were served to approximately 40 people.

Better shove on the brake and be laughed at than step on the gas and be cried over.

Season's Greetings

May all the joys of Christmas be yours throughout the year.

Gladys Hyde

STEVENS STYLE SHOP

Holiday Greetings

Our wish for you is that gentle Bells of Christmas echo throughout your home all through this wondrous Holiday Season.

—Not only are you treasured customers, you're our friends too. Please remember that we wish for you the greatest, grandest HOLIDAY SEASON you've ever known.

osey's Grocery & Market

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY



AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Posthaste, from us to you, sincere good wishes for a Happy Yuletide!...

1947

Double U. Company

Joyful Christmas

We Include With Our

"Best Wishes"

A Promise To Serve You With Increasing Sincerity As Time Goes On.

POSTEX MILLS INC.



ROGER W. BABSON WRITES THIS WEEK:

GETTING OUT



On The LIMB

By

EDDIE the EDITOR

CHRISTMAS THOUGHT—Happiness adds and multiplies as we divide it with others.

In traveling along life's road, Each has his share of pain, His ups and downs, downs and ups; Some sunshine and some rain. We may be the best of pals, Each mile life's journey through. Or perchance just strangers, Men that each other never knew.

But if fate should rule it so, That we journey side by side, Let's be more pleasant travelers. For life is so short a ride. —Fern E. Garwood.

Every year at this time—while wondering how I am going to pay my Christmas bills and Uncle Sam, too—I make a few New Year's Resolutions, and while I'm at it I always make one that's extremely fragile.

I resolve every year just to be as pleasant half of the time as some of the folks around here are all of the time.

Last week, I was working on this list of resolutions and I got to counting the Post people with constant cheerful dispositions. Before I got through listing them I had more than enough names to fill up this column, and I was tempted to publish them.

Then I got to thinking. It won't do. All in the world it will accomplish will be to embarrass the people who are praised in such a manner—set them up for ridicule among their friends and relatives—and create bad will among the people whose names are not on the list.

So, for the benefit of all the fine people I would like to say nice things about I will not call their names, but I'm going to say the nice things about some of them, anyway.

Take all our doctors. Is there something about medical training—and being a doctor's wife—that just naturally makes one exude charm and good humor? In all my years of knowing every doctor in town and their wives, I have never seen one of them in a bad humor.

And I suppose the jolliest person I have ever known is a woman who lives on the west side of the city (one of her fine sons used to be postmaster.) It makes me happy just to say "hello" to her. This lovable woman also has a neighbor to the north and one to the south who are always extremely pleasant to meet.

And I always get a lift out of a brief chat with one of the big shots of the Double U Company. He commutes to Post from Lubbock every day and that alone ought to make him tired, but he never shows it. It's the same when I meet the water company man.

And I wish I could be as cooperative and as perennially pleasant as the mother of a couple of promising football players. She's building a fine big house, by way of giving you a hint as to her identity.

And there's the delightful personality who supervises the telephone office and gets cussed out daily for everything—from the bad weather to the fact that the garbage man didn't come. When you meet her and say "hello, how are you?" you know darn well that you are going to get a pleasant answer.

The mayor has a wife like that, and so does the gentleman from

Those Who Systematically Save Money Are Wisest

letters come to come to me from young men asking what kind of business they could enter, in order to have a business of their own. They also ask what is the minimum amount of capital that they should have. Neither the kind of business nor the capital, however, is so important as a good wife,—one who is economical, always optimistic and a real helper.

Different Kinds Of Business

Businesses may roughly be divided: (1) Professions, including law, medicine, ministry, engineering, etc.; (2) Manufacturing, the making of all lines of goods; (3) Finance, or raising the needed capital; (4) Agriculture, forestry and horticulture; and (5) Distribution of the goods manufactured and the products raised. All are useful and all offer opportunities. Remember, however, that 1948 will be a year of war preparedness. Hence, it will not be a year to buy into gas stations or other lines which suffered during World War II.

Garza and the World

Editor's Note—Opinions expressed here are those of the author, and they do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Post Dispatch. The column is carried in the interest of applying world news to the situation here at home.

By EVELYN BOYD

We are indebted to the very attractive magazine, Ideals, for the following notes on Christmas in Many Lands:

China Christmas in China is the climax of many days of Lenten preparation. Before church on Christmas Eve, the people dress in their best lanterns and parade up and down the winding streets singing Christmas carols to the accompaniment of a mandolin. This singing is stopped by a burst of firecrackers announcing midnight mass. Chinese children call their tree the "Tree of Light" instead of a Christmas tree.

England On Christmas Eve the yule log is brought inside and placed in the big fireplace. According to custom, each person in the family must sit on the log and salute it before it is lighted to assure good luck for the household in the new year. Religious services predominate in the English Christmas celebrations. Processions of carolers gather under the lofty arches of great cathedrals at midnight on Christmas Eve to sing the old and cherished hymns and carols.

Mexico A week before Christmas, street vendors display hand-carved religious figures in their booths and stalls, and tapestries of religious design are used as banners. Shepherds, following an old tradition, dress in grotesque clothes and go dancing and singing from house to house. A pretty custom in this country is the game of "pinata" in which the children find great joy. The "pinata" is an elaborate and colorful earthenware bowl resembling a face or an animal, filled with fresh fruits, peanuts, candy and good luck charms. When all is ready, the children after another is blindfolded and has his turn at breaking the "pinata". After many attempts, the "pinata" is finally broken—then the scramble begins, and each child can keep whatever he manages to find.

Czechoslovakia Christmas to the people of Czechoslovakia means the ending of all quarrels and the beginning of a new year among friends. It is the custom for all people to visit their friends and foes and forgive any misunderstandings that may have arisen during the year. A legend still believed in is the belief that St. Nick descends from a golden cord, led by a white-clad angel. The little children go to bed early on Christmas Eve to make sure that St. Nick will stop and leave a present for them.

Kansas City who is the boss man at U Lazy S. It's not always the person who is constantly gay that I want to pattern after. I'd like to be as droll, as dependable and as pleasantly philosophical as one of our pioneer hardware merchants.

I don't think I can keep this resolution, but I'll try. Meanwhile— MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY, sourpusses and all.

Capital Required I have always enjoyed selling, believing that both the employment of labor and the enjoyment of goods by consumers depends largely upon those who sell goods. The salesman is the great bridge between labor employment on the one hand, and living standards on the other. The very fact that salesmen are the only group that have never needed a labor union shows that they are performing the most important service of all. It requires very little capital to start in business oneself as a merchandiser. Begin by getting the agency of some interesting, useful and profitable product and then peddle it from house to house. After creating a good

trade, take on an assistant and gradually build up a sales force with a little store or office. But to succeed one must save a little money each month. Remember that the difference between an employer and a wage worker is this: Those who systematically always save a little money usually become employers; while those who never save money always remain wage workers.

What Our Contemporaries Are Saying:

NEW ATHLETIC BUS—The ease with which the Touchdown Club secured the money to buy a bus for the use in transporting participants in athletic events to and from other towns is demonstration of the spirit of the business men of Slaton, with more leadership and direction this civic pride could be turned into many more productive channels.—Slaton Slatonite.

FIRECRACKERS AND CHRISTMAS—The firecracker question mark was blazoned across Liberty County and Houston headlines last week when a 12-year-old student at Tarkington was named for life.

At the Cleveland Hospital the father of the boy unwrapped a blood-stained bundle—and there lay the amputated, shattered right hand of his son—two middle fingers entirely gone and the remainder a disfigured mass of flesh and bones—a hand that might have written fascinating stories or played inspiring music. A firecracker, carelessly thrown adjacent to the school grounds, did it.—Liberty Vindicator.

SOIL BUILDING PAYS—Soil and water conservation measures were begun in earnest in Scurry County less than 10 years ago, but already even the casual observer can notice a great difference in the productivity of many farms and ranches that have conducted conservation practices. The practices will continue to be expanded because they have proven worthwhile.

Many farmers and ranchers looked upon early proposals for soil and water conservation as more "scatter-brain ideas of college-bred farmers." But these same doubting Thomases are learning that most of those ideas are practical from the standpoint of remuneration. Terracing, contouring, tank building, strip cropping, rest periods for pastures, planting legumes for rebuilding depleted fertility in soils, mulching of vegetation on top of the ground rather than plowing it under deep—all these things are tenets of the soil conservation program. Less and less water is running off the arms and ranches of Scurry County. And in this semi-arid section we need all the water that fails to carry us through the year if our crop and grass yields are to be anywhere near normal.

One farmer who has been a county resident for 40 years declares that if we continue to save our rainfall, many of our streams in the area will go to running again within 25 years.—Scurry County Times.

LAWYERS TO BE ENFORCED—Fire Chief Leonard Henderson stated that something must be done about Colorado City people following the fire truck when it is making a run. The state law forbids driving

religious holiday. But the week after Christmas was just like the week before Christmas here. St. Basilus, the Greek Santa Claus, comes on New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day is very much like our American Christmas Day. Everybody takes a holiday, exchanges gifts with everybody else, drinks too much wine and is extremely merry.

My only fear is that you will not stay in business for yourself very long even if you start. Some employers who you will call upon to show your wares, will be impressed by you and make you a proposition to work for him at a greater income than if you remained in business for yourself. At the moment there is a shortage of goods and salesmen are not now needed in many lines, but the picture will soon change. Unless more good salesmen enter the field with new little businesses of their own, manufacturers will someday be obliged to shut down. Wage workers will then be thrown out of employment and a severe depression could then occur. Therefore, I always encourage young men to enter business for

Death lurks on December

streets and highways for your children, warns the Texas Safety Association. If possible, go with your youngster to do his shopping. Above all, instruct him to walk watchfully, cross only at the cross-

Terry County Herald.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

R. E. COX ROBERT COX

STRIKELINS ARE ROBBED—A statewide search is underway for a 39-year-old man who worked under the name of Truman Hauser as advertising solicitor for the Terry County Herald. Hauser is charged with having forged a large number of checks on his employers. Observers acquainted with signatures of the senior and junior Stricklins declared the copies to be very clever forgeries. Latest figures showed the sums of the forged checks to total in the neighborhood of \$1,800.00. The firm checks had been taken from a check book which the Herald kept in a vault. Some of the checks are still unaccounted for. The Herald family is greatly shocked over the matter and hope the culprit will soon be caught.

To Greet You



We wish you all the joys of the Christmas season and a very happy New Year too!

Thanks Folks...

FOR YOUR SPLENDID PATRONAGE DURING THIS YEAR, I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF ME. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU AND EVEN THOUGH I WILL NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATION AFTER JANUARY 1ST, I WILL ALWAYS ENJOY MEETING MY FRIENDS.

Triangle Service Station

JOHN DAVIS

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Claus:
I am a girl 8 years old. I live at Cross Roads. My mother is Mrs. Fisher. She is a very good mother. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Sparkle Plenty doll and a sewing machine. Bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget all the other little girls.
Love, Betty Ruth Cooper.

Daddy Work

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 3 years old. I live at Cross Roads. My mother is Mrs. Fisher. She is a very good mother. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Sparkle Plenty doll and a sewing machine. Bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget all the other little girls.
Love, Betty Ruth Cooper.

Mommy's Helper

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 3 years old. I live at Cross Roads. My mother is Mrs. Fisher. She is a very good mother. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Sparkle Plenty doll and a sewing machine. Bring me some candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget all the other little girls.
Love, Betty Ruth Hill.

Wants Bubble Gum

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 7 years old. I live at Cross Roads. My mother is Mrs. Fisher. She is a very good mother. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bicycle and a toy rifle. Also some candy, bubble gum and pecans. Don't forget all of my little cousins and all the rest of the little boys and girls.
Love, Tommie Jay Young.

Wants a Bicycle

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 3 years old. I live at Cross Roads. My mother is Mrs. Fisher. She is a very good mother. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bicycle and a toy watch. Also some candy, bubble gum, fruit and pecans. Remember all the other little boys and girls.
Love, Donald Wayne Young.



At Christmastime we greet good friends. If 'neath our roof you've rested, come again and be refreshed. If you have never crossed our threshold, visit us in the months ahead. To one and all we say,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

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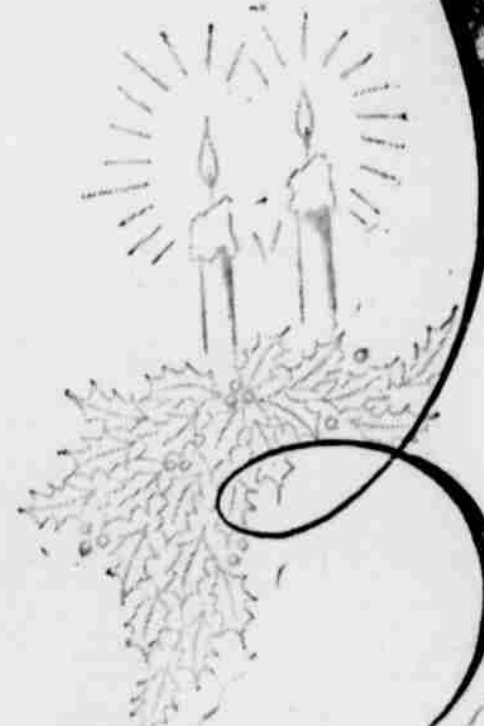
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Season's Greetings



To our friends . . . one and all . . . go our sincerest and best wishes for the best Yuletide ever. May health . . . happiness . . . good cheer . . . and the best of everything be yours. And with the coming of 1948 . . . may the new year bring you success and as many joys as there are Christmas lights on your tree. While the carolers sing of "Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Man" let the spirit of Christmas glow with an abundance of good things and happy memories.

Hudman Furniture Company



Ella Mae

Jimmie

SPORTS

FROM A STRICTLY LOCAL ANGLE

Post Antelopes Receive Bouquet From Lubbock Sports Department

Bob Cone, Lubbock Avalanche sports writer, gave Coach Bing Bingham and his Post Antelopes a nice bouquet in his paper last Saturday. The article follows:

When Post High school's sharp-shooting Antelopes go afloor these days those who were around last season ogle and wonder if Coach "Bing" Bingham in this, his second year as coach, is going to throw a repeater against the field.

For Post's Antelopes, in Bingham's first outing as coach, were undefeated in District 5-A's south zone, and lost one of the hottest cage duels of the South Plains season to Tahoka's Bulldogs in a double overtime battle, 38-37, for the district crown.

Two Cagers Graduate

But two of those Antelopes, Hugh Ingram, the six-foot-tall hawking, net swishing forward, and Roy Williams, his running mate around the scoring area, will graduate at mid-term and Bingham and his Antelopes will be sorely pressed to replace them.

However, the coach has started building early for that emergency, and has some fine young athletes

ready to step in and carry on.

Two other veterans from last year's squad, Junior Malouf, who has been handling the pivotal duties, and Gaylon Young, a good guard, will still be among the starters after the holidays. George (Shorty) Hester, the Antelopes' regular quarterback during the past grid season, is coming along fast and appears to be developing into one of the district's better floor men. Hester, like the rest of Bingham's younger cagers, is not tall, but is fast and handles the ball well.

Other Players Ready

Buddy Hays, Charles King, Kay Kirkpatrick, J. G. Cash and Charles McGuire also have been showing form, and will see plenty of action when the campaign really gets under way.

Halls high's Jackrabbits, another of the better South Plains fives, can attest to the ball hawking and goal caging abilities of Bingham's team. The Antelopes have taken the measure of the Rabbits twice this season, 46-16, and 42-23, and that's a lot of point to score against the Ralls team.

The Antelopes knocked off for the Yuletide Friday, but they'll be back with plenty to do after the first of the year. Their first competitive action will be in their own invitational tournament which will be held Jan. 2, 3 and 4.

Bingham didn't go in for the cage sport at Texas Tech, but he proved himself quite an athlete and played four years with the Red Raiders at left end.

POST BOYS AND GIRLS PLAY SUNDOWN JAN. 2

On Friday night, January 2, the second night of the Post Boys Basketball Tournament, both the boys and the girls will have conference games with Sundown.

Coach N. R. King said that it is possible that the girls will enter the Union-Dawson tournament which will be held January 1-3 inclusive.

Justiceburg News

Please Send News Not Later Than MONDAY to MRS. R. J. KEY Justiceburg Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Justice were in Lubbock one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Evans were in Slaton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith and daughter, Mary, are visiting their son and brother, Arnold, and wife in Waco.

Mrs. Hern Pettigrew and family of Slaton visited her mother, Mrs. Etta Clarkston, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Key and son, Jerry, are spending the Christmas holidays with their mothers, Mrs. J. G. Key and Mrs. W. M. Wallace, in Lewisville.

Mrs. Will Beggs and Mrs. Ike Wallace of Snyder visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tidwell and son, Bobby, recently visited relatives in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bill Beggs were in Lubbock Wednesday of last week.

The number of students attending the school is decreasing. Many of the families are moving elsewhere.

W. T. Parchman and wife were in Snyder Saturday.

The Rev. D. W. Reed visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Lobban and family visited relatives at Trent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Evans recently visited relatives at Plainview and Amarillo.

Mrs. Ethleen Masters and daughter, Shirley, of McKinney arrived in Justiceburg Tuesday morning to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parchman, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Davis left Friday for Dallas where they will spend the holidays with her parents.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Patty for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be Mr. and Mrs. June Caffey of Lubbock.

MRS. A. F. STORIE IS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

Mrs. A. F. Storie, a teacher in the Post School system, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon when the 1946 automobile she was driving was hit by a 1936 automobile driven by Joseph Woodson, whose driver's license was issued in Dallas.

The accident occurred at the intersection nearest the southwest corner of the grade school yard. Mrs. Storie was driving east and Woodson was driving south. Mrs. Storie's car was turned over and badly wrecked. She suffered three fractures of the pelvic bone and some bad bruises. Woodson was uninjured. It is estimated that Mrs. Storie will be in bed for about three months, members of the family said Monday.

Melvin Peterson and family of Monahans will spend Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Peterson.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. W. Morris will be their daughter, Mrs. R. B. Dodson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Downs and daughters of Odessa and Harlin Morris and family of the Graham Community.

The home of Mrs. Gladys Hyde and Miss Nora Stevens will be

the scene of a Christmas Day. Mrs. Elmer Hill of Waco Wednesday for services. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ruidosa, and Emory join them for the Christmas Eve night services.

Guests in the J. B. ceremony on Christmas for a ceremony and dinner. Mr. Foster's parents, Mr. R. Kemp and Spence, Foster's mother, Mr. J. D. who moved ago to Albany where business will be here for gathering. The Foster move to Albany as can sell their home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. expecting to have a Mrs. Jack Corley and live in the Nelson home with the hospitalities. will be "home for children of the Nelson families: Mr. and Mrs. sey of Texarkana, Mr. Alvin Anderson of Calvin, Deward and their families all Lynn.

Merry Christmas!



May Christmas bring you many blessings and much happiness

BOWEN INSURANCE AGENCY

Peace on Earth

Best Wishes

Not for just an hour -
Not for just a day -
But always...
Our best wishes
For a Merry Christmas
And a New Year
That will bring you
Every happiness.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

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SEASON'S *Greetings*
May good cheer and contentment be yours on this joyous holiday.

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INTEREST TO WOMEN

LYN BOYD, Phone 111

Please Send or Telephone News Not Later Than Tuesday Afternoon

GANELL BABB, Phone 111

Church News

GANELL BABB

Christmas Eve, there lived a Joseph and Mary. A little town called there he worked

uler of this land that all who lived taxed. Joseph travel a long way to pay their taxes. took several days. and led the donkey

reached the city. They were tired and began looking for a place to stay. They found a crowded and they way from many of the crowds and keepers could see poor. Finally at noon, they found a thought was very told them they his stable, which in the side of a

their way to the made a bed of hay she fell asleep.

around the city they watching their gently a great light sky. The shep- only surprised but they had never seen this before. Then voice coming from them not to be rejoice because a ing born in Beth- and bring happiness



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here that this little

Miss Shepherd To Be Married

Mrs. W. J. Shepherd is announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Dixie Nell, to Wilton J. Payne of Tahoka.

The wedding will take place at 7:30 o'clock in the evening Saturday, December 27, at the home of the bride's mother.

MRS. WILLIAMS READS CHRISTMAS STORY FOR WOMAN'S CULTURE CLUB

The Woman's Culture Club met the afternoon of December 17 in the home of Mrs. John Lane in the Pleasant Valley Community. Mrs. Lane and Mrs. T. L. Jones were hostesses.

Roll call was answered by Christmas customs, and the program was featured by the reading of an old German Christmas story by Mrs. D. C. Williams. The program was followed by a festive Christmas party at which gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

SURPRISE SHOWER OF GIFTS HONORS MAYRS

The Church of Christ congregation, after prayer meeting December 17, went to the new home of the pastor, Paul Mayr, and wife and gave them a surprise shower of gifts.

FIREMEN AND LADIES ENJOY HOLIDAY PARTY

All members of the Post Volunteer Fire Department, except two, and their wives or girl friends, attended an annual Christmas party last Thursday night at the City Hall.

An informal program of entertainment was given. The family lived until Herod died. Then they returned to their own land and went back to Nazareth where Joseph and Mary had lived before Jesus was born. It was here that Jesus grew up helping Joseph in the carpenter's shop, and getting ready for the many things he was to do when He became a Man.

Minute Prayer

Almighty God, we thank Thee for the giving of Thy Son, Jesus. Fill our hearts with confidence and hope and we pray that every day may be as joyous as Christmas Day. Amen.

NEEDLECRAFT MEMBERS ENJOY YULE PARTY IN HOME OF MRS. DALBY

The Needlecraft Club met the afternoon of December 19 in the home of Mrs. L. W. Dalby for an annual Christmas party. Co-hostesses were Mesdames C. W. Terry, Homer Gordon, C. R. Bivens, Surman Clark, J. R. Durrett and H. M. Snowden. Mrs. A. W. Bouchier read the First Christmas and then the group listened to the story of Dickens' Christmas Carol on a recording by Ronald Coleman.

The house was decorated in the Christmas motif. Chicken salad, hot rolls, fruit cake and coffee were served. Plate favors were tiny corsages with Christmas bells. Thirty women attended.

Teaff-Watson Vows Said In Pastor's Home

Miss Sybil Teaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Teaff of Close City, became the bride of Odus J. Watson of Levelland Saturday night at the home of the Rev. Curtis Butler, Close City Baptist pastor, who officiated with a double ring ceremony.

Miss Georgia Teaff of Lubbock served as her sister's maid of honor and Buck Robinson of Levelland served as best man.

The bride wore a white wool crepe dress with a purple orchid corsage, gold hat and other accessories in brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson are at home in Levelland, where the bridegroom is employed by an oil company. Mrs. Watson was employed in the office of the Postex Cotton Mills before her wedding.

BIRTHDAY SUPPER GIVEN FOR FERNETTIE WOMACK

Miss Fernettie Womack was honored with a supper given December 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hall of Close City.

A caramel cake trimmed in pink was served with coffee and hot chocolate.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hatcher, Edris, Larie, Mary Alice and Lorlene Hall, the honor guest and Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

Entertainment included dancing, the arrival of Santa Claus and a Christmas gift exchange.

Coffee and doughnuts were served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bratcher and family of Tucumcari, New Mexico, will arrive Christmas morning to spend several days with the A. W. Bratcher and Ed Carpenter families.

MR. AND MRS. TEAFF WILL CELEBRATE 35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

All of the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Will Teaff will gather at their home in the Close City Community Sunday to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary.

They will include a son-in-law, Erven Popham, and sons, Ernie Wayne and Dennis, of House, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Roberts and daughters of House; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bayer and daughter, Pamela Ann, of Lubbock; Miss Georgia Teaff of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Odus J. Watson of Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Nig Cockrell and son, Freddie, of Post, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Teaff and son, Howard Lee, of Post.

Others attending will be Colonel Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Roberts, Jr., of Post and Mrs. Meda Head of House.

A family Christmas dinner will be served. The family Christmas tree will be held at the Teaff home tonight, despite the fact that all members of the family cannot be present.

J. A. LANES ENTERTAIN VISITORS FROM LAMESA

Dinner guests in the country home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lane last Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon B. McGuire, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Darrell, Mrs. Lorene Groves, Mrs. Eleanor Rose Campbell and Miss Jo Stricklan, all of Lamesa; their nephew, William Abbott, and Mr. and Mrs. James Minor and Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Boyd.

Sonny McCrary arrived home Friday for the holidays. He is a student in Coffeetown Junior College, Coffeetown, Kan.

OES 'WHITE CHRISTMAS NETS GIFTS FOR NEEDY

Members of the local Order of the Eastern Star Chapter brought gifts of groceries, which will be distributed to needy families in Post, and money, to be sent to an Old Ladies' Home in Arlington, to the last meeting.

The occasion was the chapter's annual White Christmas offering.

Bits Of News

Among those who will spend Christmas Day in Grandmother Nichols home at Verbena are the Lester Nichols family of Post and the J. H. Miller, the Junior Davidson and the Buddy Miller families of Abilene.

Mrs. Alta Jones and children of Colorado City will spend Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Morris and other friends.

The annual Christmas Eve family party will take place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Duckworth at Justiceburg. Gathering around the tree to exchange gifts will be the Duckworth's two daughters and their families and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duckworth and members of the Ira Lee Duckworth family.

Guests in the Homer Gordon home for the holidays are Mrs. Gordon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Taylor of Slaton, and her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Taylor, Jr., of Canadian.

Eddie Baker, football star at Boys' Ranch, Tascosa, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker, and family.



AT CHRISTMAS TIME
more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

JACK AND MARIE CORLEY

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To wish you good cheer at

CHRISTMAS

and happiness throughout the coming year...

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A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community... the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

N. J. Lanotte Furniture Store



It came upon the midnight clear
 That glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the sky,
 To touch their harps of gold,
 Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
 From heaven's all-gracious King,
 The world in solemn stillness lay,
 To hear the angels sing.

Christmas Greetings

High above in the belfry tower the joyous peals proclaim the
 arrival of Christmas. Out and over the rooftops towards
 distant horizons goes the spirit of peace and rejoicing.

It is our wish to join in this spirit of good will and merriment
 by extending to all our friends our fondest hopes that they may
 enjoy the blessings of good health, happiness and prosper

We can think of no better way of saying it than

"A very Merry Christmas to one and all."

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Rep. Gossett Reputed To Be Domesticated

Rep. Ed Gossett of Wichita Falls, "Garza County Congressman," and Rep. Clark Fisher of San Angelo have teamed up, during the absence of their respective families, for their stay of at least six months in Washington, D. C. Gossett, who subleased his apartment when he returned to Texas with his family in the summer, is now batching with Clark in the latter's apartment, the Associated Press announced Sunday.

Their domestic activities, however, have been limited largely to turning back the bed covers at night. The maid of Mrs. W. R. (Bob) Poage, wife of the Waco congressman, comes over every day or two to straighten up the place. The Poages live in another unit in the same apartment center.

Gossett, incidentally, is the most domesticated gentleman of all the delegation. He recently became a father for the fifth time; he already had a well-established record as an exceedingly helpful dad in taking care of the youngsters, according to the Associated Press report.

The two oldest Gossett children are enrolled for the first semester in the public schools at Quanah, which also helps explain why the Congressman couldn't conveniently hurry his family back to Washington.

STAR TELEGRAM RATES TO CEASE ON DEC 31

Fort Worth Star-Telegram readers are reminded that the newspaper's annual bargain rate for subscription renewals will expire December 31.

Subscribers may renew for the remainder of this month at the bargain price of \$11.95 through the Post Dispatch. After January 1, the price will be \$15. Subscriptions taken now at the bargain rate will go into effect when the present subscriptions expire.

The pink address label on the front of the Star Telegram is required with each renewal. No new subscriptions are being taken by this newspaper because of the newsprint shortage.

The Lubbock Avalanche subscribers may renew until further notice at the bargain rate of \$9. New subscriptions also can be taken until further notice, at the same rate.

Subscriptions, both new and renewals, to the Post Dispatch can be taken, while the daily bargain rates are in effect, for \$2 in Garza

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 our heart-felt gratitude for both. Merry
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Cattlemen Of Texas Recall Herd Epidemic

There's a good reason for the present alarm among Texas cattlemen over the epidemic of foot and mouth disease in Mexican herds, Gordon K. Shearer, United Press correspondent, wrote in an interesting article Sunday. He said:

Two decades back, it cost the taxpayers of this state something like a million dollars to combat the disease when it showed up, in only a limited scale, among Texas animals.

During 1924 approximately 8,500 head of cattle were destroyed before officials gained control of the situation and in 1925 another 5,000 were killed.

Three hundred herds suffered slaughter in the two year battle with the disease and among them were many valuable breeding animals, including a \$10,000 bull.

Financially it was a heavy blow also to the State of Texas. In 1925 the legislature made an emergency appropriation of \$168,407 to pay for slaughtered animals. But that was only a starter.

The State Livestock Sanitary Commission had to call for \$799,000 more in 1926. Of this amount \$300,000 was to pay for slaughtered livestock. Then there came the claims for related losses and it was well into 1927 before the full bill had been settled.

Good feeding equipment prevents waste of feed and labor. County and \$2.50 elsewhere. This amounts to a saving of 50 cents per subscription.



Wishing you all
THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS
 and every happiness for
THE NEW YEAR

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Bring the Family to

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As you gather with your loved ones and friends for a happy Christmas, just remember that we shall be thinking of you, and of the amicable relations that have existed between us. We want you to know these associations mean much to us and we are hopeful that we may continue to enjoy your goodwill in the years to come.

May your Christmas be brim full of happiness and the New Year a thriving one for you and those dear to you.

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FOR SALE—F 20 Farmall tractor, 2-row equipment. G. L. Perkins, 3 1-2 miles north 1-2 west of Post. 3-tp

FOR SALE—Peerless trailer house, 28 ft., '45 model. Can be seen at Mrs. A. L. Browning's three blocks north of bank. 2-tp

FOR SALE—1942 Model Ford Jeep, Four Wheel Drive, six forward speeds, good condition. Garza Tire Company. tfe

FOR SALE—New Perfection 5-Burner Range, cook stove, 2 Florence heaters, in good condition. Will Barton, 1 1-2 mi. west Pleasant Valley. 4tp

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CATTLE RAISERS GIVE SUPPORT TO RESEARCH IN RANGELAND GRASSES

Plans of the University of Texas as Plant Research Institute to make a long range study improving rangeland grasses has been endorsed by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association.

A special committee of the Association approved the study, which may ultimately have great significance to all livestock and agricultural states.

The work will be biological in character, and will be conducted in the laboratory. Basic knowledge acquired in laboratory experiments later may be applied to the range.

Dr. Gordon Whaley, director of the Plant Research Institute, said the investigation will include three groups of interrelated problems: Mineral nutrition and metabolism of native and imported grasses of recognized or potential range value, and the relation of nutritional factors to development and general growth; an exact determination of relations between growth development of the grasses and

NEWS NOTES FROM . . .

Duck Creek Soil Conservation District . . . OFFICE AT POST

Soil Conservation Awards

The Fort Worth Press has published again for the third year, "Save the Soil and Save Texas." This booklet tells of the \$13,000 awards that are to be given away.

District Supervisors will make out score cards for entries. Individual awards include the best farmer or rancher in each District; the individual who has made the greatest unselfish contribution to soil conservation in each district and the farmer or rancher who has done the best job of reclaiming and restoring productivity to eroded property which he owns.

\$1,000 To Conservation Groups

Besides awards to outstanding soil conservation districts, and individuals an award of \$1,000 will be made to the outstanding soil conservation group. A soil conservation group is from four or five to perhaps a dozen neighbors cooperating with their soil conservation district. This conservation group has recognized that soil erosion does not follow fence lines, and the success of one farmer's conservation work may depend on his neighbor's controlling erosion. Conservation groups concentrate their conservation work for terrace and pond contractors, thus getting more accomplished for less money. They buy seed for cover crops, fertilizer and grass seed in large lots distributing it according to the needs of the individuals. Soil conservation groups request soil technicians to give group assistance to most of their members at the same time, thus making it possible for the district to serve more farmers. These neighbors exchange ideas and experiences in the technique of establishing proven conservation measures.

Soil Conservation Groups in the Duck Creek Soil Conservation

their environment by means of studies conducted in controlled environment laboratories in which it will be possible to alter at will light, temperature, humidity, and gas content of the atmosphere, and a study of complex biological factors of reproduction in grasses as preparation for the synthesis of new varieties.

The University Development Board will attempt to raise funds to supplement support now available to the Plant Institute, so that the new project may begin immediately.

Garnolia Notes

Please Send News Not Later Than MONDAY to
MRS. L. C. WHITE
Garnolia Correspondent

Roger Turner of Dallas will be here this week to visit a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Turner. The three will spend Christmas with Mr. Turner's sister, Mrs. Kid McCoy, in McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gerner will spend Christmas Day in Post with Pete Gerner, father of Mrs. Mueller and Amos Gerner.

J. E. Thomas, Jr., arrived home Thursday from Howard Payne College in Brownwood. He will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas.

Mrs. Birdie Jeffcoat and children, Marlene and Onal, are spending Christmas in Welch with Mrs. Jeffcoat's parents.

The annual session of the J. W. Brown family will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Caywood on Christmas Day when a turkey dinner and "all the trimmings" will be served. Enjoying the occasion will be the A. O. Rosenbaums, the O. F. Clarys, the J. W. Browns, the Joyce Steel family, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Maddox, Terrell Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foster and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. White and sons, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Caywood, Isaac Brown and Charlotte Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas visited relatives in Amarillo Sunday. Barry Ford is spending Christmas in Amarillo with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown's family Christmas tree will be in the home of their granddaughter, Mrs. Paul Foster, in Post.

Audrey Cash of Levelland will spend Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cash.

A nationwide farm rat control campaign will be sponsored jointly by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of Interior, with farm, industry and citizen groups co-operating.

District who feel they have done an outstanding job of conserving the soil, are urged to contact the local district supervisor and give him the information to enter their group for the award.

Mormans in the state of Utah were the first Anglo-Saxons to practice irrigation on a large scale.

Huffaker Will Not Run Again

District Attorney Calloway Huffaker of Tahoka has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. His statement follows:

"I have enjoyed the work as District Attorney of the 106th Judicial District a great deal and appreciate the cooperation that I have received from the officials of the Court, the Jurors and Citizens that I have worked with. I appreciate the interest that has been expressed by my

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Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me
a cowboy hat, a
and boots.
Please bring
and some toys.
We are good little
Love, Jim Bob
many friends to my
a third term, but I
right and proper that
and allow someone else
lege of serving the
District Attorney?
The weather report
be more interesting
than any other news

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is to you.
There is no wish
we can give more true
than this jolly
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is now bringing
to you.



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Merry Christmas
Marion & Young
COTTON COMPANY

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May this Christmas
bring you gladness and a full
measure of contentment.
And may
the New Year
open up
new vistas of happiness!

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**A
HAPPY
HOLIDAY**

HI, FOLKS—We can't get around to each and every one of our friends to say greetings of 1947, but we can reach you all through this medium; so believe in our sincerity as you read these words.—HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

---SHELLEY CAMP---

"Texaco Oil Products"
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Where I
Come In..."*



... to wish one and all a Christmas brimming over
with laughter, song and good cheer—a New Year filled with
health and happiness. May the lights on your tree be
symbolic of the brightness ahead—may the glow of the Yule log fill hearts
with eternal warmth, everlasting friendship and good will."

For The Twenty-Fourth Consecutive Year We Say....

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Homecomings, Dinners, Christmas Tree Parties Planned—

MRS. SYBERT'S DEATH—

(Continued From Front Page)
 tis parlor, Mrs. Sybert had been a member of the Baptist Church for 60 years.
 son, had been invited to officiate with assistance of the Rev. Huron A. Polnac, local Baptist pastor. Mrs. Sybert had been a member of the Baptist Church for 60 years. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery with Mason and Company in charge. All of her children were present. They included Cecil Osborne, Omar Anderson of Temple, Okla., Walter Anderson of Plainview and Mrs. R. E. Doren of Muleshoe.
 Mrs. Sybert is also survived by 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was born in

Mr. and Mrs. enjoyed pre-Christmas home of the mother in Lubbock night. They will Christmas Day and Mrs. Irz Mary Margay.
 Mr. and Mrs. baby of Oklahoma her parents, Mrs. chell Bowen, rald, Gayle and holidays.
 Sumner, Ky.
 FOR SALE—Post, 116 west

SEVEN INJURED—

(Continued From Front Page)
 dragged the other five boys from the vehicle and stopped automobiles, which transported the victims to a Lubbock hospital.
 By press time, all but two of the boys had been treated for cuts and other minor injuries and had been dismissed from the hospital. Dale Cravy, who is suffering from injuries to his head, one eye and hip, and Pat Taylor, who is being treated for several bad cuts about the face and head and a fractured ankle bone, are expecting to be dismissed from the hospital today.

(Continued From Front Page)
 man, Thelma and Doris Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Voss, and perhaps, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hotaling of Dallas.
In Oklahoma
 Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ottinger and two children left Friday for Duncan, Okla., to visit relatives. They will be back on December 29.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Roberts, Jr., will go to Levelland today to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Moss.
 Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mathis and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Mathis and daughter will spend Christmas in Muleshoe with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Robinson, parents of Mesdames Mathis who are twins.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Tomlinson will join their son, Bland, and wife and their two children, Gregory and Irene, of Slaton in O'Donnell on Christmas Day for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tomlinson. Bland and his family are visiting his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bingham, in Welch today and tonight.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Welch and children, by press time, were planning to attend a Welch family reunion at the home of Ralph's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Welch, in Sterling, on Christmas day. It will be the first time since before the war that Ralph and his two brothers have been together.
 The seven children of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Claborn of the Pleasant Valley Community and their families will have Christmas dinner tomorrow at the Claborn home. Attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Fay Claborn and family of Post, Mrs. Bob Little of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. George Condrey and

daughter of Lubbock, C. C. Claborn and family of the Garnolia Community, T. W., Evelyn and Nina Claborn of Pleasant Valley and their parents.
Home From Albuquerque
 Miss Thelma Campbell, who teaches at Albuquerque, N. M., arrived home last weekend to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. McCampbell. Her brother, Leland J. Campbell, and wife and two sons, Verne and Don, of Eunice, N. M., will arrive here this evening to spend Christmas with the family.
 Mrs. Ray Ricker of Kansas, formerly of Post, arrived here Wednesday of last week to visit relatives. Her husband will join the family here today for the Christmas dinner.
 Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Tipton will be their sons, Dr. T. H. Tipton, Jr., of Ralls and Marshall Tipton, Mrs. T. H. Tipton, Jr., and Miss Doris Jean Cross. The Ralls guests will remain here through Christmas Day.
 All of the children of Mrs. John H. Ramsey and their families will be here on Christmas day. They include L. I. Ramsey and family of Liberty Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Haire and son, Johnny, of Southland, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burress, Mrs. Bess Thompson and Mrs. Winnie Tuffing.
Visiting Mrs. Gollehon
 Mrs. Nora Collie of Dallas will arrive here Christmas Day to visit until Sunday with her sister, Mrs. I. L. Gollehon, and the latter's daughter, Miss Vera Gollehon.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Strasner will spend tonight in O'Donnell visiting Mr. Strasner's mother and

Tomorrow they will go to Oilton for a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Strasner's mother.
 Mrs. Helen McMurtry left Tuesday to visit relatives in Austin until Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alex Webb will have Christmas dinner with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Webb, and Jake, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Savage and two daughters of Lubbock will spend tomorrow with Mrs. Savage's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Storie.

YULETIDE ISSUE—

(Continued From Front Page)
 Christmas Greetings to their many customers for from 25 to 32 years. T. R. Greenfield, one of Post's pioneer merchants, is going to "be different" and publish his annual greetings in the New Year's Day issue.
 Represented also among the many greetings from merchants, are several new firms in the city.
 The Christmas Edition is also chock full of family reunions, holiday trips and other indications that throughout Garza County people are having the happiest, merriest Christmas since before the war.
 In addition, the various editorial columns and some special Christmas columns in the issue contain much information about Christmas and its customs throughout the world. This information was assembled for the benefit of parents who like to pass this knowledge along to their children during this holiday period each year.

Merry Christmas!

A JOLLY Christmas
EVERYONE
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER
 Open All Day Christmas
UNCLE DOLPHS CAFE
 R. JUSTICE

STORES TO BE CLOSED—

(Continued From Front Page)
 tions of the Christmas issue and take subscriptions, will be on vacation today through Sunday.
 The Postex Cotton Mills closed Tuesday night for a holiday until Monday morning.

NEW HOME TEAMS TAKE POST BOYS AND GIRLS

In boys' and girls' basketball games with New Home last Thursday night in the local gymnasium, the visitors took the honors.
 The New Home girls won 35-18 and the visiting boys won 25-20.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stanley plan to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Harbison in Ralls on Christmas Day.

Happy Yuletide Folks
CHRISTMAS 1947
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"Christmas Eve"

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SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW—
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 "COME AND BRING THE NEW YEAR IN WITH US"
 "Sweetheart Of Sigma Chi"

It's got more than any other musical—7 Top Tunes And the Nation's Swingstom—The Slim Gillard Trial! You'll love it.

Christmas Greetings

What better time than Christmas time . . . to wish you all the good things in life!

Wonder why we have to wait 'till Christmas to tell folks how much we think of them? It's so easy to say: "We Appreciate Your Friendship—To You The Best Ever."

GARZA Recreation Club
 Walter B. Holland

Greetings

We Appreciate Your Business And Hope To Serve You Better In 1948

POST PRODUCE
 JOY AND A. W. BRATCHER

To all our friends both old and new . . .

Greetings

Curb's Cafe
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 Cafe Will Be Closed Christmas Until Monday Morning

Happy Holidays to EVERYBODY

A Happy Holiday

WE CAN'T WAIT—To tell you how deeply we appreciate your faithful patronage. But for you we'd be occupied with wishful thinking instead of wish-ful thinking. You've made our store what it is today. So—to YOU, OUR FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS—the Most Bountiful Christmas you have ever known

from all the folks
Haus
 Department Store

CHRISTMAS JOY 1947

Down through the ages comes the glorious Christmas story. In this timeless, ageless season we greet our friends and neighbors.

POST WRECKING SHOP
 JIM AND CHARLIE

Season's Greetings 1947

EXPECTANCY OF THE SOIL, ARTICLE II—

How Long Can Hungry People Of World Count On The U. S.?

There are in the world there are acres of land that are alive. They may be productive acres, or the skimpier, eroded acres, never they are, they're and they're all you'll Two for you. Two for

written by Milton S. president of the College, in Collier's Permission to reproduce granted to the Soil Service of the U. S. of Agriculture, which, permitting the Post to publish the following

per cent of the world's used for food produc-

tion—a total of 4,000,000,000 acres. The world has 2,000,000,000 inhabitants, hence the two acres per person. It is not enough. Before the war two thirds of the world's people didn't get enough to eat. Today more than two thirds don't. Your two acres are not producing more food and fibre for you each year; they're producing less. All over the world men are fighting hard to make their acres produce more. Their weapons are scientific developments to provide better crop varieties, better production methods, better machines. But working against them are powerful destructive forces—accelerated erosion, depletion of soil fertility, man's ignorance and neglect. Slowly, but with an awful

certainty, the destructive forces are winning. Originally your two acres—and everyone else's had an average of about seven inches of topsoil. Those seven inches were all that stood between you and starvation. They still are—only in too many places on the earth the seven inches have been reduced by erosion and neglect to five or three or zero. Extend the zero to all the productive acres of the earth and man would die. The zero areas are being extended. It took Nature several hundred years to build each inch of that topsoil. Man and Nature have been destroying it recklessly. Three fourths of the world's productive areas are subject to ero-

sion, and all to fertility loss. Meanwhile the world's population is increasing. It has gone up half a billion in the last 40 years. So pretty soon you won't have two inches of topsoil. We each have more than two acres of productive land in the United States, of course. That is why hungry people everywhere look to us for part of their food. But for how long may they do so? Even in the United States, the forces of destruction are winning. We began with the richest resources on earth and have produced more abundantly than any other country. We have also destroyed our resources with greater abandon than any other country. Indeed, the greatest waste has

occurred during the last 50 years. Since the turn of the century a fourth of the cultivated land in Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma has already been essentially ruined, and more than that has been severely damaged. During World War I, the physical frontier disappeared. There was no more new land to move to. Logically, our attitude toward basic resources should have changed, but it didn't. During World War II, our soil experienced new indignities. War demands caused overuse nearly everywhere. Fields that should have been left to lie fallow were continuously planted. Sound rotation of crops was forgotten. Thirty million acres best suited

to hay and pasture were brought into cultivation. Fertility losses doubled in some areas. Erosion of the land injures more than agriculture. . . . The annual damage by erosion in the United States is nearly 4,000,000,000. Farms are like people's faces: Each is different. Each requires individual analysis. The soil and slope of each farm must be mapped and studied and a precise plan developed, conservation scientists have learned through years of research and experiment. The farmer may have to move his fences because most likely he cannot change to contour farming on square, undulating fields. Perhaps one part of his farm should

be planted to trees, another to grass. Terraces and proper rotations might have to be started on the bulk of his acres. There might be difficulty in establishing a grassed channel for the water from terraces; a tailor-made one might be called for. So it became necessary to set-up a nationwide survey organization to help each farmer map and analyze his soils as a basis for an individual farm plan. This will be explained further in the Post Dispatch next week, in an article showing that Garza County is far behind many other areas in the United States in the important project of saving the soil. Watch for "Life Expectancy of the Soil, Article III."

SECTION TWO

"THE POST DISPATCH COVERS GARZA COUNTY LIKE A SANDSTORM"

The Post Dispatch

XXII POST, TEXAS, "THE GATEWAY TO THE PLAINS" WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1947 "WHERE THE WEST IS WEST" NUMBER 5

Christmas Of Other Years Are Recalled

Were you doing last Christmas? The Christmas before a few Christmases before. Maybe these notes from Dispatch files will bring some pleasant memories

One Year Ago
H. Hoovers were having their first family reunion since all of the Tol Thomas kids, Ben L. were home. Kath-ahler was wishing her

Moving to Post
Santa: are visiting our grandpar- and hope to move to New Year. Bring us candy, apples, oranges and boys at Grandfather Wom- use. With love to Santa, four Connelly children.

birthday wasn't so close to Christmas. The B. H. Porters were having their usual combined celebration—their wedding anniversary and Christmas.

"Boots" Pierce and family attended a reunion of his brothers and sisters and their families in Lubbock. The P. E. Stevens family, Gladys Hyde and Nora Stevens went to Waco to visit Geno.

The J. H. Ramsey family had their usual jolly reunion. Jewell Hipp—we called her then—went to Olton for the holidays. The Postex Mill employees got a three-day holiday. The weather was fair and warm.

The Cecil Osbornes were living in Mulshoe and their daughter, Gradyline, was married to Hardy Burrow on December 4. Mamie Shepherd and Loring

Burdick were married on December 15, and Ray Smith's daughter, Lillian, became the bride of Bill Uhlman on December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pinkerton were running the Algeria Hotel Coffee Shop and the paper carried ads from Gray's Furniture Store, Ricker's Laundry, Billings Studio, Justice Grocery, Keith Kemp, Carmichael Variety Store, Outlaw Motor Company, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hill who were running the Lakeview Service Station, Edwards Help-Ur-Self Laundry, Roy and Voda Baker who were operating the Southside Grocery. The Plains Lumber Company was just getting acquainted here.

Christmas, 1945
Gordon Montague got out of the Marines and forsook Post for

Silverton. The H. L. Pattys had guests from Carlsbad, N. M., Lubbock and Fort Worth. Giles Dalby and a classmate came home from Peacock. Lois Nance was home from Kermit. Maxine Durrett, who was teaching at Lovington, N. M., spent Christmas here.

Mrs. Dale Stone and son went to Coronado, Calif., to meet Dale who docked there the 29th, en route home from Japan. The Boone Evanses had guests from Houston. Bobby Cash brought a U. of Texas pre-med student, Shelby Bewley, home for Christmas.

Alex Webb, who had just been discharged from the army, met his wife here. The Rev. and Mrs. Huron Polnac spent the holidays in Comanche and Walnut Springs. Evelyn and Dorothy Parr were home from Dallas. The Willard Kirkpatrick family visited Willard's mother in Pomona, Calif., and the K. Stoker's visited Mrs. Stoker's father in Abilene. The Mace Caseys of Baytown visited here. Mamie Slaughter left arrived for a visit with the John Lotts. A daughter named Margie Ann was born December 10 to the Buck Harrisons.

General George Patton died, and the "Give a Cictory Bond for Christmas" drive was a flop. Walter Duckworth was named chairman of the American Legion's United Clothing Collection for Overseas Relief. F. C. McAnally was running the Gulf Service Station, and Christmas ads were published by Whittie's Cafe, the Doughty Hardware Company, Mayor J. A. Stallings and the city commissioners and employees, Bill McNeely, dealer in Piper Cubs, Merle Carmichael who was running the American Cafe, the Zetzman Blacksmith Shop, the Star Service Station, Jennie's Tea Room and the late S. R. Rector, who was distributor of Gulf Petroleum Products.

Parties were being given for Shirley Bowen, bride-elect of Ray Ownby, Jr. Iris Parker arrived home from TSCW and celebrated by having open house. Sgt. Kenney Cash arrived in the states from Japan, and Lt. Dan Rodgers arrived home from Guam. Frances Williams Arceneaux and son, Jay, left to join Captain Arceneaux who had been discharged from the service.

Wartime Yule, 1944

Walter Duckworth sold a portion of the Post Feed and Fuel Company to Earl Hodges of Lubbock. Pharmacists Mate Second Class Allen Owens concluded a 30-day leave here, after 23 rugged months in the South Pacific. President Roosevelt signed a bill providing pensions for widows

and children of deceased World War I veterans. The Selective Service Board announced that a much larger proportion of older men would be inducted after February 1. Lt. Harvey O. Gilmore, who had been transferred to Liberal, Kans., for bomber pilot training, was the Post Dispatch's "Soldier of the Week."

Christmas ads were published by Hunt's Cafe, J. W. Rogers Service Station, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Graham, who were operating the Algeria Hotel Coffee Shop, Adams Shoe Shop, B. M. Bullard Tire Shop and The Buffalo Club, operated by J. C. Johnson.

O. D. Cardwell lost his black Parker "51" fountain pen. The National Housing Agency promised that 1,250,000 new housing units could be built within a year after the war's end. Alene Garner and Ben F. Brewer of Spur were married.

Christmas, 1943

The Lions Club put up an Honor Roll for Garza servicemen. Dick Woods was elected fire chief. Post basketball teams lost games to Southland, Ropes, Ralls and Lorenzo. Sugar Stamp No. 29, Book IV, was good for five pounds. Victor Hudman, Howard Price, Wesley Northcutt, W. Q. Jones and Charles Gilmore were in the first group of pre-Pearl Harbor married men to be inducted into the armed forces.

The late Cleo Ferguson became the proprietor of the Rodgers Hotel. Christmas ads were run by Mitchell Bowen Service Station, Lee's Shoe and Boot Shop, Dodson Garage, W. C. Windham who was running the Hudman Service Station, Post Courts Coffee Shop, Cardwell Beauty Shop, Dale Stone of the Gulf Service Station, Blondie's Laundry Service, Wilf and Jennie of the American Cafe, Power's Food Store, Mayor Walter W. Hyde and the City Commission, Pat O'Connor, manager of the Garza Locker Plant, and Edgar Parr, Jr., Star-Telegram agent.

Zora Ann Outlaw was a high school senior and good at playing the flute and piano. Peggy Robinson gave a Christmas party for the Sub-Deb Club. Lt. Connor Parsons of the Brady Air Field made a flying trip home. Martha Cearley fell in the yard at her home and broke her arm. The OPA announced that persons returning to civilian life from military service could get shoe ration stamps.

W. L. Woods was home from his air corps station in Nebraska, complaining about how cold it was up there. Drura Ann Hughes wrote a letter to Santa asking for a doll, a raincoat, candy and over-shoes.

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus—Reality Is Still Alive

A half a century ago, 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon sat down and wrote a newspaper editor to "Please tell me the truth. IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?"

The writer of the letter recently was interviewed by Associated Press Writer Hal Boyle in New York City. She is a 58-year-old school principal who never since has questioned the reality of Santa Claus. Hal wrote, in part:

The newspaperman who answered her back in 1897 with an unsigned editorial published in the New York Sun was Francis P. Church, and his reply has become a part of the American Christmas folklore.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

Church went on to point out that there is nothing else real and abiding but the beauty of the unseen world whose passwords are faith, fancy, poetry and romance, and concluded:

"No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand and years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Church died a number of years ago, and the little Virginia whose faith in Santa Claus he kept is now Mrs. Edward Douglas, a widow and principal of a public school in Manhattan's lower East Side.

They Never Met
Curiously, the girl who asked the famous question and the man who gave the famous answer never met or saw each other.

"A friend of my family, however, was a neighbor to Mr. Church and complained that he kept dogs that barked too much," she laughed. "That was all I knew of him."

A trim, pleasant-faced woman with gray hair and blue eyes, Mrs. Douglas recalled that at first she was mildly displeased by the original publication of her letter because schoolmates teased her.

"But the eritorial that Mr. Church wrote means even more to me now than then. As each year passes I see more in it."

She Still Believes
Its philosophy has influenced her own life, and she still believes with a whole heart in the things for which Santa Claus is one symbol.

Annually people from all parts of America write her the joy they have found in reading the famous editorial. She enjoys them all except a few from cranks who accuse her of personally inventing Santa Claus to confuse the downtrodden masses.

Mrs. Douglas has a daughter and six grandchildren, and her lifetime teaching career has kept her close to the world of childhood. Her school is in a poor neighborhood which is predominantly Jewish.

Many Are Patients
A number of the children are heart patients or are crippled, and she is particularly interested in seeing that these handicapped ones have a good Christmas.

"Children today are more sophisticated than when I was young," she said. "They begin to have doubts about Santa Claus at an earlier age. One reason is they are more mechanically minded, and they just can't figure how Santa can do what he's supposed to with nothing but reindeer pulling him."

But she thinks both children and grownups everywhere in the disturbed modern world need to renew their simple faith in what Santa Claus stands for.

"You don't want to isolate children in a world of make-believe," she said. "But with international conditions what they are, any small happiness that can be provided to counterbalance harsh realities is a fine thing. What is Santa Claus but the spirit of giving?"

And Mrs. Edward Douglas says she still believes in him just as much today as little Virginia O'Hanlon did half a century ago.

Tea plants are evergreens, but must grow in hot, moist climates.

Merry Christmas



West Texas Gas Company



TO GREET YOU AT Christmas

If we could—we would say "Merry Christmas" to each of you personally. Since we can't, the next best thing is to put our greetings in print.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

E. R. Burns

SLATON LAUNDRY



Merry Christmas

Our hearts are filled with song and happiness on this glorious day when He was born. May the coming year be a good one for all.

TOM POWER

"Your Friendly Ford Dealer"

Joys of the Season

You have many friends, we are sure, and we are glad. All of these fine acquaintances no doubt, are extending their good wishes to you at this glad season of the year and we want to include ours. We count ourselves your friends and are grateful for the many associations made possible by these friendships.

Success is measured not entirely in a material sort of way, but rather by friendships maintained, new acquaintances made, and service rendered. We like to feel that we have contributed our share, and that our success, whatever it may be, and however it may be measured, is but a reflection of the success of our friends.

May the coming months bring you Prosperity and Happiness.

Southside Grocery & Market

"RED" AND ZELDA KARPE

JIM HAYS

ESTELLE BARKER



By HELYN CONNELLY

BETTY JANE threw her purse at a chair and sat down heavily on the bed.

She wore her father's shirt and her brother's blue jeans, a costume she adopted a year before with Woody Anderson's permission.

"What's the matter, dear?" She jumped as the words cut the silence, but she didn't turn. She didn't want her mother to know anything was amiss—not yet, anyway. And then suddenly the tears came, like angry flood waters bursting through a barrier, unable to be restrained any longer.

Mrs. Miller was careful to keep a straight face as she wiped her 16-year-old daughter's face with her handkerchief. "Why, dear? Did Lance upset you?"

Betty Jane shook her head vehemently. Why did mother always think her brother was to blame for



"Gosh, you look wonderful like this!"

her tears? Grown women never cried over their brothers! "It's what Lance saw, not what he did," Betty said in a burst of confidence. As her mother waited she continued wretchedly. "He saw Woody buying a bottle of cologne. Cologne, mother, imagine! He was so glib when he told me I looked cute in jeans and now he's two-timing me with some fluff female who actually uses cologne! Oh, how can men be so beastly?"

"Darling, how do you know the cologne isn't for you? Maybe Woody thinks you've outgrown your jeans." "He knows what I think of these pink and white girls who use that horrible concoction! He wouldn't dare get me any. And besides, I already told him I wanted roller skates for Christmas. . . . I have to be ready for the new rink that's opening next month, don't I? I thought Woody and I would be going together, but now that's all over." She threw her arms around her mother and cried tragically, "Oh, mother, I'll never smile again! I definitely won't."

This time Mrs. Miller smiled over her daughter's head. She well recognized the stage Betty Jane was going through and decided she must take a hand. "You're sure the cologne wouldn't be for a sister or a cousin?"

"He hasn't a female in the family, and his mother never uses it, so who else could it possibly be for? I'll bet it's for Estelle Bryan. All the other fellows like her but Woody used to say she was too fragile. Oh, mother, how he's deceived me!"

HER mother arose. "Well, dry your eyes, Betty, dear. It's Christmas Eve and you want to be happy today. Woody will probably come over with your roller skates tonight and we'll surprise him. If he likes fragile girls, he'll get one."

Betty Jane sat up straight. "Mother, no! Not that horrible blue dress you bought me!"

"You wash up and put that dress on, Betty."

"We'll wait for you downstairs." With that, Mrs. Miller closed the door on her tomboy daughter and hurried downstairs. As she reached the bottom step the doorbell rang and she admitted Woody Anderson, a lanky boy with unruly red hair and freckles marching in perfect formation over the bridge of his nose. He was clutching a box, obviously containing the roller skates requested by Betty Jane.

"She'll be right down," Mrs. Miller informed him, then left him alone for the surprise.

It came a half-hour later when Betty Jane made her appearance. The blue dress looked even better than she had hoped it would.

"Gosh, Betty Jane!" Woody contributed to the conversation. The smile broadened. "For me, Woody?" she asked, nodding toward the box. "Is it cologne? Lance saw you buying some." So casual, so indifferent.

"Uh—gosh, no, Betty Jane. Gee, you asked for skates and I got them for you. I bought cologne for Miss Lindsay, the English teacher that helped me with my essay for that contest."

"How sweet of you." She stepped down into the living room and accepted the box from Woody. "Thank you," she said gravely. "Yours is under the tree."

"Gee, I didn't think I'd ever like you dressed up as a girl, Betty," he gulped. "Estelle looked so awful and I was proud to have you run around with me in blue jeans, but, gosh, you look wonderful like this!"

In Siam, a tea product called "miang" is chewed like gum.



● Again gay carols ring out with their cheery message of holiday joy.

● In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices of the carolers echo the message of "... tidings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men.

Corner Grocery

Mrs. W. R. Graeber

The L. A. Pressons



WHEN SANTA GOES HE GOES....



Eulas Brown

And All The Guys At The

GULF SERVICE STATION

Extend

Christmas Greetings

To All Our

Friends and Customers

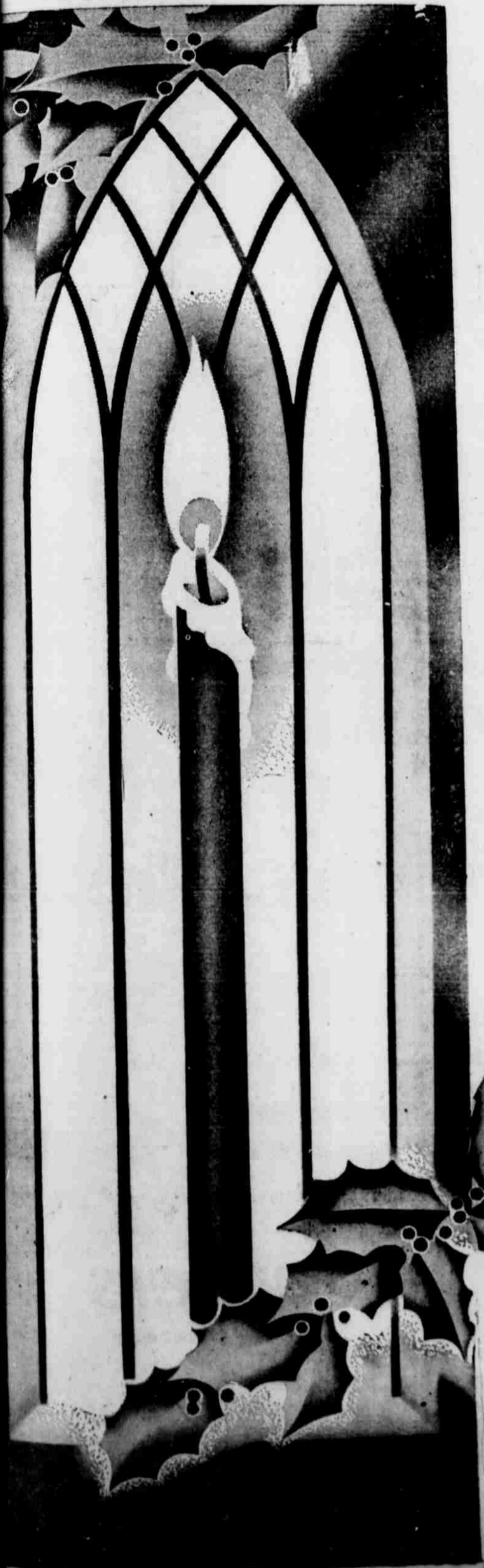
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Mason & Co.

extends....

**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS**

to all the folks in garza
county



Farm Placement Service To Use All Facilities In Labor Needs

"Texas farmers will come first in getting farm workers in 1948, R. M. McKinley, Texas Employment Commissioner, said as that agency went into high gear on the 1948 Farm Placement Service program which will be relinquished by the Department of Agriculture on December 31.

"Farmers needing one or a thousand hands will get exactly the same service from each of our offices," he said, "and when and if our Texas demands are met we will route the surplus to other states proving the greatest need. We intend to use local labor in all counties first," he continued, "and to route only as much extra labor into a community as is actually needed. We intend to route that labor out of communities when the job is done."

McKinley said producers were now completed and that training as local office managers in the 102 local offices in Texas would be completed by January 1, 1948. He pointed to a placement record in 1943 of 650,000 and said that, "although the farm labor force has shrunk considerably in the last four years, I believe we can better or at least equal the record we set up the last year we handled the program."

Plans, charts, maps and weather information controls have been set up in the Austin Office, McKinley said, and communication channels for instant contact with any or all agricultural areas have been established.

To Watch Fluctuation

"We will, as we have always done, keep constant check on those factors such as drouth, flood, insects, blights, etc., which cause labor demands to fluctuate," he said, "and we will have, during the height of seasonal demands, complete records on farm requirements. Our field crews are already compiling route schedules and methods for keeping in constant contact with workers and crew leaders as the season progresses. Should workers leave a community without direction, we contact them at the next point, regardless of the route taken."

McKinley was questioned about facilities for cooking, camping and sanitation and social improvements such as child care, education, nurses, and medical care that migratory workers have enjoyed under the direction of the Department of Agriculture.

Deplore Social Condition

"We sincerely deplore conditions not in good social order," he said, "however we have never had unlimited millions of dollars to spend on the social aspects of Farm Placement of migratory labor. In this respect, we differ in experience with that of the Department of Agriculture. Take for instance the rest stops and migratory camps which were built by the Farm Security Administration—some costing as much as a quarter of a million dollars. We

begged for this type of assistance from the very beginning—and in 1937, after getting no assistance from the Federal Government we undertook to establish camps on our own initiative. Byron Mitchell, Jim Bond, Everett Speer, Hank LeBlanc (now head of Texas Farm Placement Division) and several others of our staff worked with civic groups and farmers in Sinton, Crystal City, Lubbock, Waco, and other communities and succeeded in getting camp sites, running water, showers, cook stoves and privies. We borrowed fair grounds, picnic sites and anything else we could get our hands on.

Will Report Facts

"There are now 57 camps in Texas and we have arranged with communities in which the camps are located to use them to the best advantage of the worker with communities and farm groups footing the bill.

"Millions of dollars, with almost unlimited controls, were appropriated for this cause, but were knocked out by the last Congress. As of today, social benefits, at the expense of the Federal Government, are out of the picture

From New Mexico

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl almost five years old. I have been very good this year. I would like to have a Sparkle Plenty doll, some dishes and a telephone. My little sister, Vonda, who is two, wants a doll, a rocking chair and a telephone. Thank you very much.

Frankie Sue and Vonda Howell, Hobbs, New Mexico.

unless Congress decides on a re-appropriation.

"We are again concentrating on the facilities we have—facilities for getting the worker to the job, and referring social problems to the constituted agencies of the state, counties and municipalities, giving them full information concerning conditions as they exist. Some of these agencies have sufficient funds to perform their functions for migratory workers but others do not. We will report facts as we find them."



JUST A FRIENDLY WAY OF EXPRESSING TO YOU OUR MOST SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND THAT IT MAY BE AN ESPECIALLY JOYOUS ONE FOR YOU.

T. L. Jones Ice Company

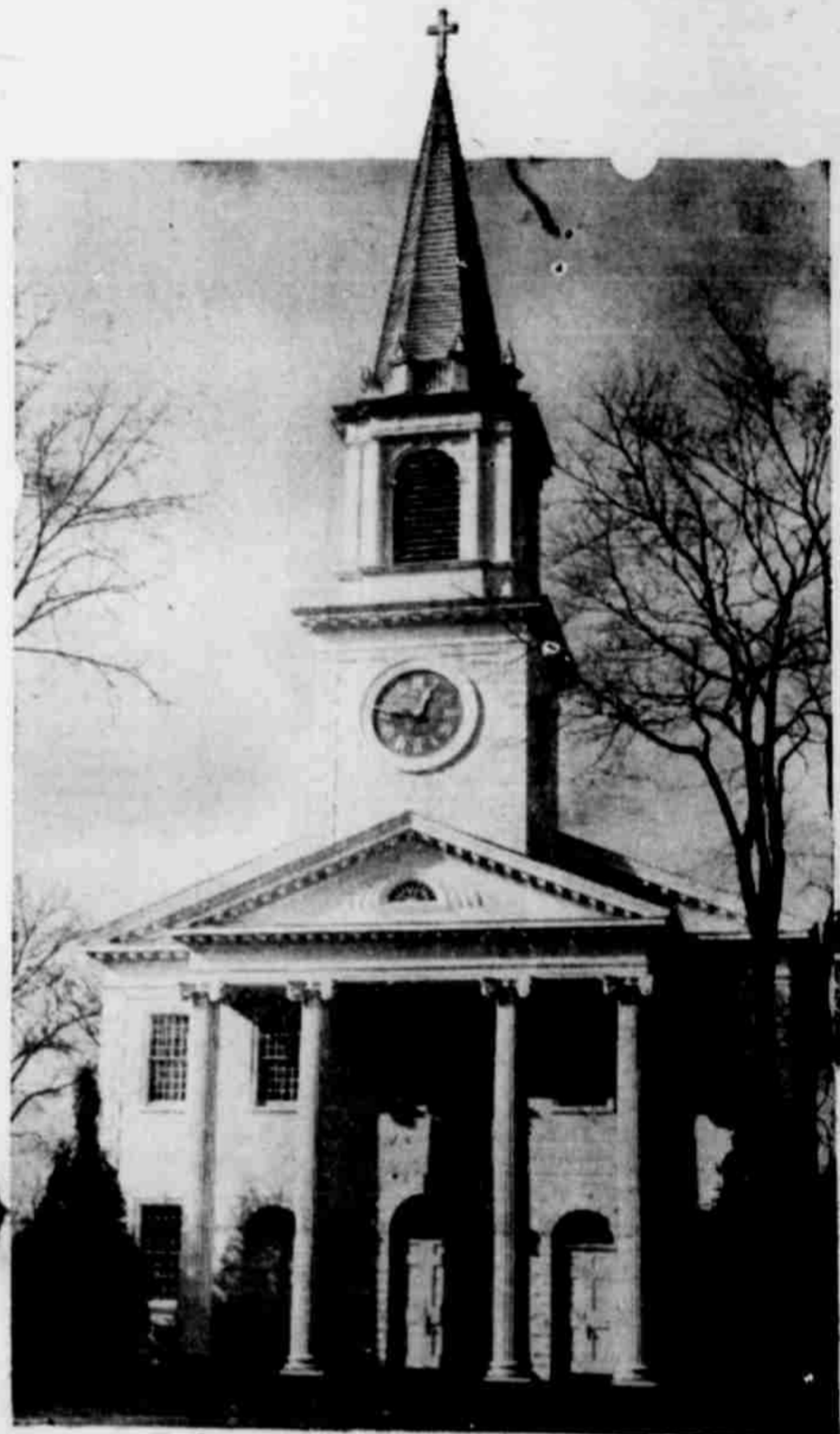


Greetings at CHRISTMAS



And when the day is gone Our wishes for our friends Continue on and on and on!

ARBETH'S BEAUTY SHOP



A Christmas Message

It is not riches or elaborate gifts that make a Christmas merry . . . but the simple,

familiar wishes of neighbors and friends, plus an unassailable faith in our Lord and Protector.

With this thought, we raise our voices in the age-old

greeting, "A Merry Christmas to each and everyone."

Wackers

"A CITY STORE AT YOUR DOOR"



Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

Smith And Justice

GENERAL MERCHANDISE
JUSTICEBURG, TEXAS
SKEETER — MASON — CECIL — IVA

Against The Law

Deputy Sheriff Fay Claborn pointed out this week that there is a state law against vehicles being driven through filling station drive-ins on corner lots, in order to avoid street lights or traffic while turning corners.

The Texas Safety Association warns motorists that death rides your fenders when you window-shop while driving. Don't do it!

DEADLINE IS EXTENDED FOR TAKING NATIONAL SERVICE POLICY BACK

The deadline for reinstating National Service Life Insurance under liberal regulations now in effect has been extended through next July, the Veterans Administration announced today.

SAVINGS BONDS ARE GOOD SECURITY FOR RANCHERS AND FARMERS OF TEXAS

There are five financial transactions carried on by farms and ranches in Texas all the time: Earning, spending, saving, investing and borrowing.

The Texas Safety Association warns Christmas shoppers that death waits for you in the middle of a block.

It is estimated that 670,000 aztec Indians still live in Mexico. The only important natural resource in Belgium is coal.

Barranquilla is the largest Caribbean seaport of Columbia. One quart of milk weighs 2.15 pounds.

NOEL



CHRISTMAS IS HERE! WE WISH FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES THE BEST THAT THIS HAPPY SEASON CAN BRING...

1947

D. CARDWELL

SOUTHWESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO.

The Texas Safety Association warns motorists that skidding on the highway is a sign of "speed too fast for conditions."



Best Wishes for the Season

May your Christmas Day be gay, and many the gifts that come your way. And as the New Year follows through, we wish you joy and warm friendships too.

Season's Greetings advertisement featuring a large bell illustration and a winter scene. Text includes: "Christmas is the time we remember our old friends and look forward to new friends. So our good wishes ring out for all... 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'; no words are richer in good cheer."

POST IMPLEMENT CO.

MR. AND MRS. JESS WRIGHT, JR.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS on the air, and the good old Christmas spirit in evidence on every hand! We are happy to extend once more our sincere good wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

Post Truck & Tractor Co.

- G. W. BASINGER, LEWIS PRICE, WELDON JOBE, LOLD EDWARDS, PAUL FOSTER, DOWE MAYFIELD, BILL BRADDOCK

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Giles Giles' Dining Room

CLOSED FROM XMAS DAY UNTIL MONDAY



Poinsettia—the flower of Christmas, with all its gentle beauty epitomizes our feeling of friendship for every one of you.

**TO ALL
A Merry Christmas**

Gordon Flower Shop
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gordon

JUNIOR HISTORIANS OF STATE TO VIE FOR \$100 PRIZE IN NEW CONTEST

The Texas State Historical Association has announced a first prize of \$100 for the winner of the 1947-1948 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Seventeen papers will receive awards totaling \$420.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under 21 years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of the Junior Historian, the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1948, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the Junior Historian, Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

LUCRATIVE PREMIUMS ANNOUNCED FOR STOCK SHOW IN FORT WORTH

A grand total of over \$71,500 in livestock and horse show premiums, a \$10,000 increase over last year, will be offered at the 1948 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth January 30 through February 3.

Herefords will compete for \$13,800, the highest premiums to be offered in a single department. Runners up for highest premium honors are the Aberdeen-Angus which will compete for \$7,580.

Premiums in other departments are fat steers, open classes, \$4,480; Polled Herefords, \$2,000; Shorthorns, \$3,760; Dairy Cattle \$2,719; Sheep and Angora Goats, \$4,288.50; Swine, \$5,660, and the Boys' Livestock Show, \$7,177.

Lucrative premiums coupled with Fort Worth's consistently high sales prices will send many an exhibitor home with pockets jingling.

Horse show premiums of about \$20,000 are included in the grand total figure, but the large rodeo purses are not.

Defective brakes cause 12 per cent of all accidents, according to the Texas Safety Association. The association urges you to check the brakes on your car before starting on that holiday trip.



With the friendliest of thoughts and the heartiest of wishes for a happy Yuletide.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE
R. B. and Beatrice Dodson

Dodson's



Greetings

We express to you Yuletide wishes as bright and gay as the lights on your Christmas tree. And a very happy New Year, too.

IN RETURN FOR THE THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION WE HAVE RECEIVED IN OUR TWO YEARS OF BUSINESS IN POST WE WANT TO EXPRESS A SINCERE "THANK YOU."

WE SHALL STRIVE TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION IN A MATERIAL WAY BY GIVING YOU AS COURTEOUS AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE AS POSSIBLE IN THE YEAR TO FOLLOW.

**Plains Lumber
Company**

English Printer's Devil Said To Have Sent First Yule Card

The popular custom of sending cheery Christmas cards is only a little more than 100 years old. Its history dates back to a stubborn resistance on the part of the public during the early days.

According to an article published in the Liberty Vindicator, the first known Christmas card was designed in 1842 in London, England, by William Maw Egley, a 16-year-old engraving apprentice. He printed only 100 copies and sent them to his friends.

His card, printed in black ink on white paper, showed a formal banquet, a party dance, skaters and a typically English pantomime performance. Under the illustrations he wrote "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year To You" — still the most popular Christmas greeting among all those ever composed.

No fame was brought to this apprentice and nothing is known as to what happened to him when he grew up.

Sir Henry's Card

Four years later, in 1846, Sir Henry Cole asked an artist friend, J. C. Horsley, to design a Christmas greeting card for him. The drawing featured a decorative trellis covered with a grapevine enclosing two small illustrations of acts of charity plus a larger panel picturing a merry family party, the celebrants all holding wineglasses filled to the brim. One thousand copies were lithographed and sent to Sir Henry's friends.

But, alas and alack for Sir Henry. The cards raised a storm of public criticism from crusaders for the temperance cause, who claimed that the design "promoted wine bibbing." So, Sir Henry, taught discretion, never issued another card.

A few more years went by and in 1862, a London publisher, Charles Goodall & Sons, courageously began issuing cards. And they won rapid acceptance. During the intervening 20 years, Prince Albert had presented Queen Victoria with the first Christmas tree in England, Charles Dickens' jolly writings had popularized Yuletide festivities, and the stern English attitude toward Christmas was changing.

Cards Appear in U. S.

Meanwhile, here in the United States, the first Christmas card had been published. R. H. Pease of Albany, N. Y., made one picturing a family group, toys, a Christmas dinner, a wassail bowl and advertising Pease's store.

This card is not dated, and since Mr. Pease was in business in Albany from 1834 to 1855, it is possible that this card was even earlier than William Egley's.

Louis Prang, who issued his first cards from his litho shop in Boston in 1874, is known as the "Father of the American Christmas Card." Within a few years, his cards were world-famous for their beauty and craftsmanship and were being sold all over the country.

Beautiful Reproductions
Reproduced in as many as 20

colors, many of the cards were large in size and trimmed with a luxurious silk fringe and sold for several dollars a piece. These cards are unsurpassed by even the modern Christmas cards.

Unlike the present-day cards, Prang's cards pictured designs featuring spring flowers, children playing, harvest scenes, birds and animals.

The Christmas card has made a great amount of progress since that day when the 16-year-old "printer's devil" made that first card. And as the bewildered post office department looks about at the literally millions of cards, wipes its figurative brow, and says, "from such a small beginning, too."

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Our greetings go out to you for the merriest Christmas

ever. May yours be a holiday overflowing with happiness

and good cheer. With our Yuletide greetings and

best wishes for a happy New Year go our heart-felt thanks

for your kind patronage of the past — for your

continued patronage in the future.

Hodges Tractor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hodges



● We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

Unique Beauty Shop

LOIS HOWELL
PATSY RODGERS



It Wouldn't Be Christmas Without Our Best Wishes To You

Have you ever found you forgot to send yuletide greetings to some good old friend — and experienced the apologetic regretfulness that follows? Multiply it a thousand-fold, and you know how we'd feel if we overlooked saying "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to you. We're saying it now; we're saying it here and you'll feel the spirit of it over and over, each time you enter our door, until the last Christmas light dims out.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Company

Best Wishes
FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

IDEAL LAUNDRY

Fleeting Time Crowded Lots Of Events Into

A year ago come January 1, 1948, Harold Voss was installed as acting postmaster. That he is still acting postmaster indicates that even Uncle Sam doesn't realize how time is flying. Here are a few highlights of the rapidly fleeting 1947:

January
All county officials took a two-year oath of office. Hundley's Men Store installed Post's first all-glass door. The Nazarene Church had a revival meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray Cook were honored with a bridal shower, and Ollie Weakley addressed the parent-teacher association.

John Boren found two large shaggy buffalo grazing in his pasture near Justiceburg; Miss Gannell Babb started working for the Post Dispatch; the Post Volunteer Fire Department had a 40-hour school underway, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Byrd were honored at

a housewarming. Eight thousand feet of five-inch pipeline was laid by Scurlock Oil Company from the Santa Fe Loading tracks to the Garza Field central oil well.

February
Robert Gibson resigned his AAA job to become a GI vocational agriculture teacher. The Groundhog saw his shadow and scurried back into his burrow for six more weeks of winter. The Pure Food Market added a cream testing station, and Bryant-Link sponsored a well-attended John Deere program. The Boy Scouts ran the city for a day. Katherine Reese became the bride of William Bruce Shepherd.

Mason and Company bought a 1947 Cadillac combination ambulance and hearse, and the March of Dimes campaign netted \$672.17. Evelyn Boyd started to work for the Post Dispatch, and the Post

Chamber of Commerce had a large crowd at its annual banquet. Harriet Dietrich was married to Arvel McBride.

The new houses were built for the Postex Cotton Mill workers, and the First Christian Church was host for a World Day of Prayer service for all denominations. Mike Custer was appointed PMA officer, and Jack Martin resigned from the Soil Conservation unit here.

March
Herring, Minor and Kahler were elected Chamber of Commerce directors, Jess Wright was named Cubmaster, the new G. F. Wacker store was opened, and Tom Magood of Seagraves bought the Garza Hotel from the A. Pinkertons. Odell Safford became the bride of W. J. Laster of Monahans.

John Lane was named Chamber

of Commerce president and James Minor became vice president. Garza County was the fifth in the state to reach its Red Cross quota. Oscar Garner became the sole owner of the Garner Appliance Company.

The Chamber of Commerce announced the Sewage Disposal project as its No. 1 problem. James Minor was elected Rotary president.

April
The nation's telephone service was disrupted by strikes. Approximately \$1,000 in damages to the courthouse resulted from the antics of some prisoners. The firemen staged their annual ball, and work got under way on the new Post Stampede and Rodeo Plant.

Mary Leah (Dickie) Robinson was married to George Buck Adrian of Bryan. Gerald and Joe Trussell drew big crowds at the Baptist Revival, and the Post firemen sent \$40 for aid to victims of the Texas City disaster. H. W. Dodd started building the bus station, and construction of the last half-mile on the Ralls Highway project was begun. Mason and Company celebrated its 32nd anniversary, and the Post High School Chorus won the district championship in Interscholastic League Contests. The Parent-Teacher Association won the district publicity prize. John Herd was elected mayor and Vachel Anderson and Clint Herring became city commissioners.

May
A Polio-Awareness Drive got under way. The Community Public Service Company installed a new booster pump, and Roy and Voda Baker sold the Southside Grocery to H. A. Karpe and Mrs. M. E. Kennedy. State highway patrolmen were arresting people right and left for traffic violations.

The Post Dispatch featured Mrs. J. H. Ramsey and family on Mother's Day. A severe wind and electrical storm put the electricity service on the blink; the Sears-Roebuck Educational Foundation gave nine registered Poland China hogs to Garza County 4-H boys, and the Post Stampede Association bought three prizes for the sponsor contest to be held during the rodeo.

The VFW Auxiliary sponsored an annual Buddy Poppy sale; a testimonial dinner honoring W. E. Dent was given in Lubbock by the Community Public Service Company; Coach V. F. Bingham offered his services for a summer boys' club in Post; Lanham Riley of Snyder won over Sonny Edwards of Big Spring in a roping contest here. Vernon Lusk won the Rotary Scholarship, and the Post Stampede boosters started making trips.

Ben L. Thomas took Miss Dulcie Rabern as his bride in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Truett Fry became worthy patron and matron of the local O. E. S. unit.

The rodeo association sponsored a street dance. Mrs. Truett Fry was injured by a fire in her home. The walls of the new Prigly Wigly store were damaged by a freak storm, and a third 1947 sugar rationing stamp became valid. The county commissioners were tooting it up in favor of the proposed Broadway to the Big Bend Highway. Repairs on the Boy Scout Camp got under way.

June
Another "rodeo street dance" was given. Post got its feelings hurt at Lubbock over their respective rodeos, and the big news

of the month was the wedding of Barbara Jo Cline and Charles Everett Hays. The Nazarene church had a revival meeting, and the Methodist Church...

The city got a new fire truck. The public was notified of the Indian dance at the Nazarene church. The Calvary Baptist church had a revival. The public was notified of the Indian dance at the Nazarene church.

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OUR WISH TO ALL....



A

Christmas Filled With
Joy and Happiness..

For both young and old there are untold joys at Christmas time.

There's laughter and gaiety and warmth in the hearts of men—

there's a happiness that knows no bounds—there's a spirit

of giving that is beautiful to behold . . . there's a

bright sparkle in the eyes of the kiddies, an excitement

in their little beings that only visions of

Santa can bring. That all may experience these magic joys is our sincere

wish this Christmas

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National
Bank



Merry
Christmas!

Christmas is the time of year when we are happiest to furnish you with telephone service. This year our wires will be carrying a record number of messages of joy and good cheer. So we suggest you spread your calls in the week between the holidays.

We take time out now to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you—from all of us.

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Roger W. Babson's Forecast For 1948 To Published Next Week

The Post Dispatch publishes Roger W. Babson's business and financial outlook for 1948, on the 23rd page.

Attention is called because 1948 may bring harmony leading to a long or world discord which eventually lead to a war along annihilation.

Mr. Babson's outlook will contain 50 forecasts on such important topics as General Business, Com. Prices, Farm Outlook, Taxes, Retail Sales, Foreign Labor Outlook, Inflation, Market, Bonds, Real Estate, etc.

Has Accurately

A pioneer in the business and financials, Babson enjoys an unrecorded accuracy in his forecasts. His score for 1947 is 93 per cent accurate.

American business is more inspiring personal in Roger W. Babson, internationally known business commentator and investment adviser. A standing feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of religiousness.

Born in 1875, real an old-fashioned atmosphere work and hustle on a far-floucest-er, he went to the Massachusetts Institute of Tech. Upon graduating in 1898, he in- stinctively to financial business activities.

"As Good As"

His exertions, he under- mined his health; attracted tuberculosis and he at West "as good as dead" while he was convalescing in this dread malady that led out some of the possible problems of business.

That was more 5 years ago. Today his statistical and financials are read by thousands of business- men and his research is carried on by a staff of workers.

He founded the Banstitute for men; and, in con with Mrs. Babson, developed the College for women, nationally-known educational institutions. Here young women may concentrate in the fundamentals among the frills of business.

Finds "Utopia"

More recently he completed the arrangements for the College named "Utopia" in Eureka, Kansas, the of Mr. Babson's "Magic City" where people of all ages may their



ROGER W. BABSON

financial well-being much as at the Mayo Clinic they would check their physical well-being. He is also reviving an interest in Sir Thomas More who—400 years ago—outlined in his "Utopia" the only solution to the problems.

To millions of newspaper readers, Babson is best known by his familiar weekly stories on business which appear in more than 380 papers throughout North America. Of unbounded energy, Roger W. Babson has probably done more than any other man to bring statistics to life, to instill a broader vision in business- men, and to publicise the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

HOMEMADE CANDY SENT TO VETERANS HOSPITAL

The Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, met December 10 in the home of Mrs. Pat Henderson and packed a large box of homemade candy which the members sent to the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo.

Look Who's New:

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. (Sam) Edwards, Jr., of Route 3 are announcing the birth of a son, weighing 7 lbs., 7 oz., at 1:55 a. m. Dec. 14 in the Lubbock Memorial Hospital.

A girl, Jesse Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dorman of Justiceburg on December 11 in the Roscoe Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franklin of the Garnolia Community are announcing the arrival of a son, Richard Michael, on December 9 in the Lamesa Hospital. He weighed 7 1/2 pounds.

Mrs. John Faulkner will have a house full of guests on Christmas Day. The only one who had arrived by press time was her sister, Mrs. Gillie Cass, of Medford, Ore., who plans to stay here several weeks.

U. S. Soldiers Disliked Less Than Russian

Here are some of the random observations and conclusions of Charles A. Guy, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal editor who is back in the United States after a 30-day army-sponsored visit in Germany, as reported Sunday from Washington, D. C. by the Associated Press:

Germany is operating on a cigarette economy—you can get anything you want if you have enough cigarettes.

For example: he went into a combination beauty parlor and barber shop and got a shave. Discovering he had no money on him at the moment, he asked whether a package of cigarettes would do, the honest woman cashier said yes, sir. Two would do—cigarettes, not packages.

School Supplies Needed

School children are in urgent need of more supplies—not only textbooks but tablets, pencils, slates, crayons and the like. Guy suggests that local organizations throughout the United States wishing to contribute something toward the rehabilitation of Germany might send over such supplies. More American personnel is needed to supervise German teaching staffs; it is estimated that even 40 per cent of the die-hard Nazi Hitler youth members can be redeemed. The greatest opportunity is with the grade school children.

Rubble still is heaped high in the bigger towns and cities, but things have been cleaned up considerably compared with two years ago.

Germans Like Americans

Germans who work for American occupation forces are envied by their fellow countrymen largely because of the one square meal daily they get at lunch time.

American occupation troops "should remain in Germany another 50 years, but we won't" because the American people would not permit it. The occupation forces are said to be taking their jobs more seriously than did apparently less mature G. I.'s of a year or two ago.

The average German "dislikes Americans least of all" occupying forces, and hates the Russians.

Stabilization of the German economy is essential if there is ever to be anything but chaos.

DON'T MISS THIS

Lionel Barrymore's traditional reading of Dickens' immortal Christmas Carol will be broadcast over a nationwide hook-up from 7 until 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Gordon Sanders and daughters, Joan and Karen, visited Saturday with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dent.

No Formal Celebration Being Held; But Everybody Is Happy

Christmas Day in Post will be without a formal celebration, but almost everybody has planned something special—either a trip out of town or a family reunion.

Coach and Mrs. V. F. Bingham are spending the holidays visiting relatives in Lubbock and Spur. The Antelope Booster Club mailed the coach a fine Christmas gift last Saturday morning.

Marshall Gibson will leave this afternoon to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Gibson, in Snyder until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox will go to Lubbock today to spend Christmas with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jess Hendrix, and family.

Bill Hays, who is attending a radio school in New Mexico, arrived home last Friday night to spend two weeks here with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hays, and family.

Joe S. Moss left Tuesday to visit relatives in Lufkin until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Greenfield will go to Petersburg today to spend Christmas with relatives.

Ranch Reunion

The family of Mrs. L. A. Barlow will spend tonight and Christmas day at the ranch. They include Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lane of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Taylor and daughter, Lou Ann, of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Perser of Carlsbad, N. M., and Mrs. Barlow.

The W. F. Pressons and J. R. Durrett will be happy to see their children, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Presson, who are arriving from Washington, D. C. today for the holidays.

O. G. Hamilton and daughters, Faye Ruth and Beth, are spending Christmas in Kerrville where Mrs. Hamilton is in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnon Haws are spending the holiday in Plainview visiting relatives of Mrs. Haws.

Christmas Eve guests of the Paul Jones family are Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harris of Brownfield, and brother,

Myron Harris, a student of Texas Technological College in Lubbock. The group hopes to go to Brownfield Christmas Day for a family reunion.

Mrs. Doyle Justice and daughters, Jan and Paula, of Lubbock arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with their parents and grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Surman. Mr. Justice will be here Christmas Day. Joining the family for Christmas dinner will be Mr. Justice's mother, Mrs. Della Justice; Mrs. Surman's mother, Mrs. Irene Harmon, and Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Kahler and daughters, Katherine and Glenda.

Visiting Kate Lowrie

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McClendon and Mr. McClendon's mother, Mrs. Carrie McClendon, all of Lubbock, will arrive today to spend Christmas with Mrs. O. E. McClendon's aunt, Miss Kate Lowrie. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McClendon also visited here last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Webb will leave today for Mineral Wells, where they will visit until Friday.

Mrs. Perry Graham and son, Tommy Frank, of Bluff Dale are here to spend Christmas week.

Spending Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Kennedy, at their ranch home east of Post, will be Jack Kennedy and family, Edsel Cross and family, James Kennedy and family of Breckenridge, and L. P. Kennedy, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sartain and family left Friday for Fort Smith, Ark., to spend the holidays. They stopped en route at Duncan, Okla. to visit relatives Friday night and Saturday.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Owen are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Owen and son, Walter; Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Owen and children, Bennie and Pamela; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Owen and sons, Harry and Wayne, all of Post; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owen and daughter, Judy of Levelland, and Mr. and Mrs. William F. Owen and children, Eva Mae and Patty, of Amherst.

Yule Money Is Well Spent On Useful Gifts

The old-fashioned Christmas is back in Post this year for the first time since the war. But it is the costliest in history.

After years of shortages, Yuletide shoppers are finding stores with the gayest variety of goods since pre-war days. Radios, vacuum cleaners and other home appliances, fancy household linens, a few refrigerators and even automobiles, good gas or electric stoves and numerous other scarce items are looming up at the edge of Garza County Christmas trees. Most prices are up. But since more goods are available, more also can be found in the lower price brackets. Quality of the merchandise is noticeably better than it was a year ago. This is particularly true of furniture.

Garza people probably are running up the biggest bill of all time—but little of the money will be spent foolishly. The accent, according to Main Street merchants, seems to be on practical gifts—things that people have been needing and wanting for a long time.

VFW AUXILIARY GIVES PARTY IN LEGION HALL

About 30 veterans and wives attended the forty-two party given by the local Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars last Thursday night in the American Legion Hall.

Cake, coffee, fruit and cakes were served at the conclusion of the games.



Merry Christmas



In This Joyous Season of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

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RUTH DALE, FAYE MADDOX, JOSEPHINE HODGES,
GENE BRUTON, FLETA MADDOX,
MRS. B. C. HENDERSON



WE WISH YOU
AT CHRISTMAS
MANY HAPPY HOURS
AND TRUST
WE MAY SERVE YOU
IN THE FUTURE.

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Boot Shop
GUY PETERSON

CHARLIE
BOWEN
SERVICE
STATION

Used Life Here

which the citizens bought last Thursday

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lung will save many... County, not only... suffering from... and other ailments."

case was the first... the respirator since... under sponsorship... Volunteer Fire De-... August.

1947

to you Merriest CHRISTMAS

lonial times Christ-... the gayest... happiest season of the... and so it is today... our sincere wish that... this Christmas of... the warm, sweet... of this blessed sea-... may fill your hearts... overflowing.

THE BAZAAR HARVEY MOREMAN

A Holiday Message

All the plea-... thoughts a gift... bring... all the h... wishes, too...

cheerfully offered in our Chris-... greeting to you.

YOUR BUSINESS IS APPRECIATED
J. A. FERGUSON
NORTHSIDE
GROCERY & MARKET

TEXAS UNIT OF WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION TO BE ENLARGED SOON

Texas is soon to have a modern and greatly enlarged treatment center for its crippled children, when the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation opens the doors to three new air-conditioned buildings. These new buildings are now being equipped and make up a center of six major structures.

Ross Boothe, president of the foundation, announces in connection with the increase in bed capacity from 26 to 110 that Dr. Frank B. Boyle, orthopedic surgeon of Dallas, will take over management of the hospital as medical director. Dr. Boyle is now selecting his medical staff and will assume his duties at the foundation on January 1.

The Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization, received its first patient in 1941 and has been operating as a 26-bed hospital. Facilities of the hospital are available to all children, rich or poor, who are stricken by infantile paralysis.

Centering around the famous 200,000-gallon Gonzales warm springs, the hospital cares for the educational as well as the physical needs of its patients.

The new structures comprise a Wheelchair Chapel, School and Theatre unit, and two hospital buildings. The chapel has been donated by Mrs. Margaret Cullen Marshall and Mrs. Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson, daughters of H. R. Cullen of Houston. The two hospital buildings were financed by citizens of Houston and Fort Worth.

Other main buildings now include the original Gonzales unit, a smaller 10-bed building and a two-story nurses' and doctor's residence.

A general appeal is being made to support the foundation and its expanded medical program by making contributions now. Gifts may be mailed direct to the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, Box 55, Gonzales, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their courtesies to us during our most enjoyable visit in Post. We are especially grateful for the many lovely gifts that were given to us and the parties that were given in our honor.

Alfred and Matilda Malouf Assad.

The great Kiruna iron deposits in Sweden lie north of the Arctic Circle.

CHRISTMAS

By Gerald Bradley, 11-Year-Old Post Boy

For Christmas cheer
A Happy New Year;
Then everyone will sing,
And the bells will ring.

I'll give some presents
We'll eat some pheasants;
Santa will bring toys
To all good boys.

He'll bring some candy
And lots of things dandy;
To some he'll bring a train,
Though it'll not rain.

Christmas Cheer
A Happy New Year
Christmas Cheer
I play all the year.

I play and have fun
By the light of the sun,
I went to the North Pole
And looked in a hole.

For Christmas Day
The children will say
Santa Claus and Cupid,
Though many people are stupid.

He'll bring a toy
And a Christmas joy;
There'll be many trees,
The children will love these.

Happy Christmas and a Happy
New Year
On Christmas don't shed a tear.

It is Christmas Eve
I will not leave;
I have a Christmas tree
Look on the floor, see.

I'll eat lots of Christmas candy
And get lots of presents dandy,
A Christmas cheer
And a Happy New Year!

Dip grapes of the purple variety
in slightly beaten egg white, then
roll in powdered sugar until they
are well-covered and have a
frosted appearance. They are
good to eat as well as attractive
in a fruit arrangement.

Planting Indian fashion means
dropping seeds in heaped-up
mounds of earth among tree
stumps.



... and the happiest
New Year is our wish
to all our many
friends.

YOUR PATRONAGE IS SINCERELY
APPRECIATED BY ALL THE
FOLKS AT

Floyd's Service

MR. AND MRS. GUY FLOYD
HADEN, REECE, CECIL, CHARLEY

Merry Christmas

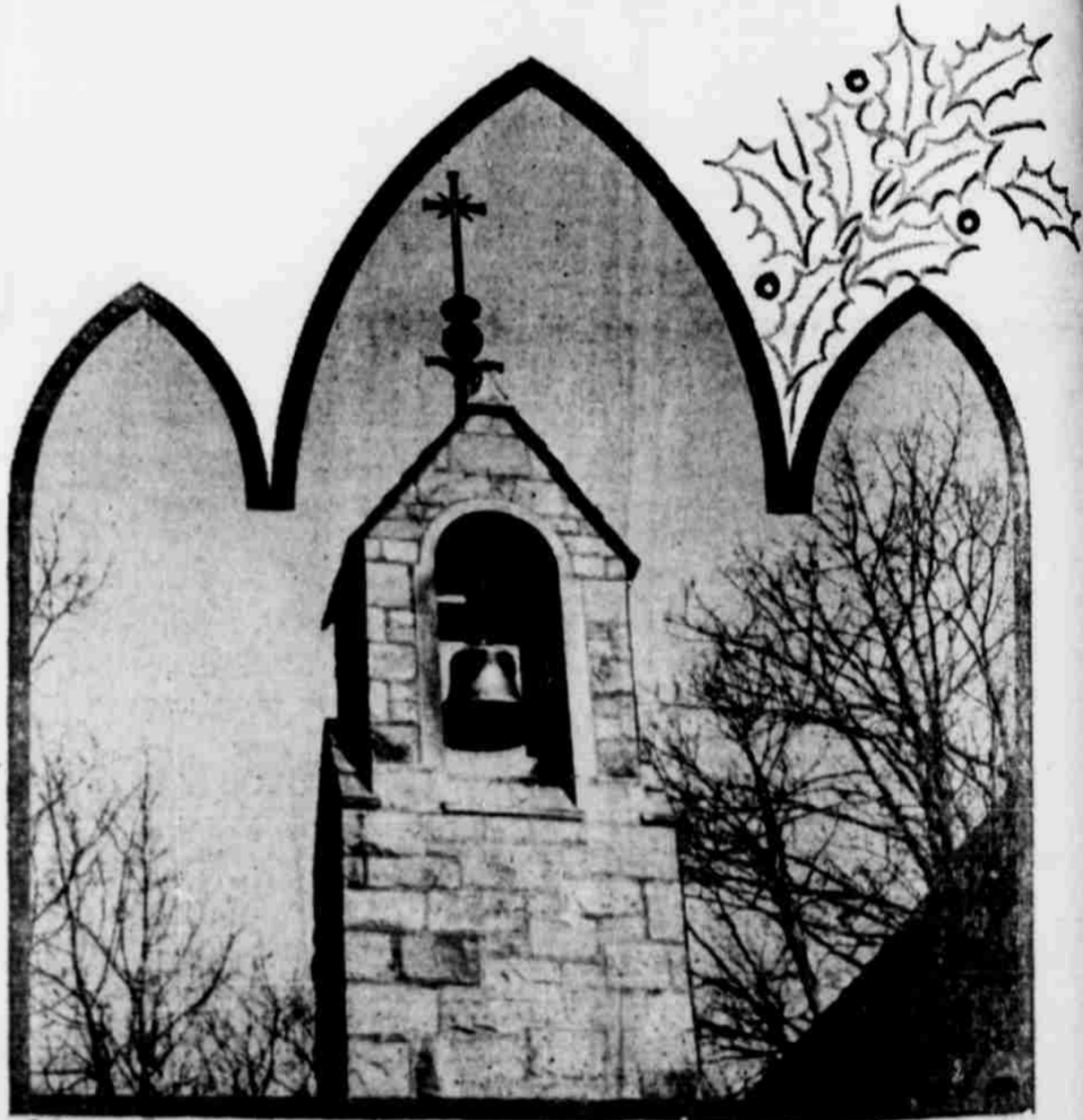
We cheerily add our greetings to the
many in store for you.

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*Holiday
Cheer
from us to
you
1947*

We share with you our
CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS

PLEASANT VALLEY GIN
J. A. LAKE, OWNER-MANAGER



AT *Christmas*

We think of our friends with deep affection and wish for them the very Merriest of Yuletide celebration and a New Year filled with good health and contentment.

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JERRY QUEEN BILLIE JONES VERNON BRADLEY
MR. AND MRS. S. C. STORIE, JR.
JAMES ALTMAN C. H. HOWELL



... AND MAY THE SPIRIT OF THIS DAY LINGER ON, BRINGING CHEER AND COMFORT LONG AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ITSELF IS GONE.

The Lavelle Shop
MRS. O. V. McMAHON

Bits Of News PICKED UP ALONG THE NEWS PATH

All of Mrs. A. Stone's sons and their families met in her home in the Graham Community Sunday for a Christmas dinner. They were Noah, Dale, James, Virgil and Albert Stone and their families.

Mrs. W. T. Ivy of Plainview recently visited her sister, Mrs. Elgie Stewart.

Mrs. Mamie Lott, who has been in Dallas and Mineral Wells for several weeks, arrived here last week to spend Christmas with her son, John Lott, and family. She has taken an apartment in Mineral Wells and will return there Friday to make her home for six months. Her aunt, Miss Tula May who has been staying in Dallas the past several months, will stay with her in Mineral Wells. Miss May has been quite ill.

Imogene Jewell is convalescing from mumps.

The Post Dispatch wishes "A Happy Birthday" to: Janene Haynie, December 25; Hans Hudman, December 27; Mrs. Cora Carpenter, December 31.

A good-trimmed, solid walnut gavel was presented by the Texas Department of the American Legion to the local Legion post as a prize for its having been the third post in the state to reach its quota in the 1947 membership drive. The gavel is decorated with the Legion emblem.

James Minor is \$50 richer because Mason and Company won fourth place in a Bendix selling contest conducted in the state. The prize was received by the store last Friday and presented to Minor.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Assad left last Friday morning for their home in Los Angeles after spending a month here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Malouf. They are planning to return in May.

TECH TEXTILE STUDENTS WEAVE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Unusual in the Christmas card field are fabric greetings woven by senior textile engineering students at Texas Technological College in Lubbock.

Fashioned of white cotton warp with rayon filling in shades of red, green, gold and blue, the design shows a shuttle and bobbin with thread from the bobbin forming the script words, "Merry Xmas." The fabric squares measure about eight inches on a side.

All students are using the same central design, but each threads the complicated jacquard loom to weave his own name at the bottom of his personal greeting cards.

Southland News

Please Send News Not Later Than MONDAY to MRS. FLOY KING Southland Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woods have a new hunting dog.

Mrs. Bessie Evans of Lubbock recently visited Mrs. Nettie Kellum.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eddie Winterrowd and baby and Dorothy Winterrowd, all of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and children recently visited the J. F. Winterrowds.

Sharla Taylor, daughter of the Hubert Taylors, recently celebrated her third birthday with a party. Eight children enjoyed an afternoon of games. Movies were taken, and ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Davies recently made a trip to Ferrin to take home their daughter, Mrs. Fred Davis, and son, Arthur Fred, who have been visiting here the past week.

Loy and Joy Trimble recently visited their brother, Bill Trimble, in Slaton.

Mrs. Duff's school pupils recently honored her with a surprise birthday party in the school lunch room. They were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Taylor.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whited were her nephew, Sgt. Vari Caldwell, who is stationed at Roswell, New Mexico; their grandson, Carlton Davies of New Home; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Whited and son, Don, and Wayne Whited.

Visitors in the W. W. Gilliland home recently were Homer Gilliland of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Samson Gilliland and children, Mrs. Dave Draper and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Childress and Beverly of Slaton, a nephew, Loyd Gilliland of Houston and his sister, Mildred, of Lubbock.

The Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Brooks were honored at a recent party in the home of Mrs. C. R. Terry. They were presented with a gift of silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bartlett and family of Brownfield, the Lonnie Bartletts of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spence and family recently visited the J. L. Bartletts.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sooter of Slaton recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woods.

Wants Talking Doll

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old. I want a doll that says "Mamma and Papa", stove, tricycle, cabinet and fruit, nuts and candy. I love you, Geneva Gilmore.

The Grand Canal of China is believed to be the longest and in some sections, the oldest artificial waterway in modern use.

The Texas Safety Association warns that gasoline and alcohol are a deadly brew! If you drink, don't drive!

William the Conqueror built the Tower of London.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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See our display of Granite Monuments or our representative will call at your invitation.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

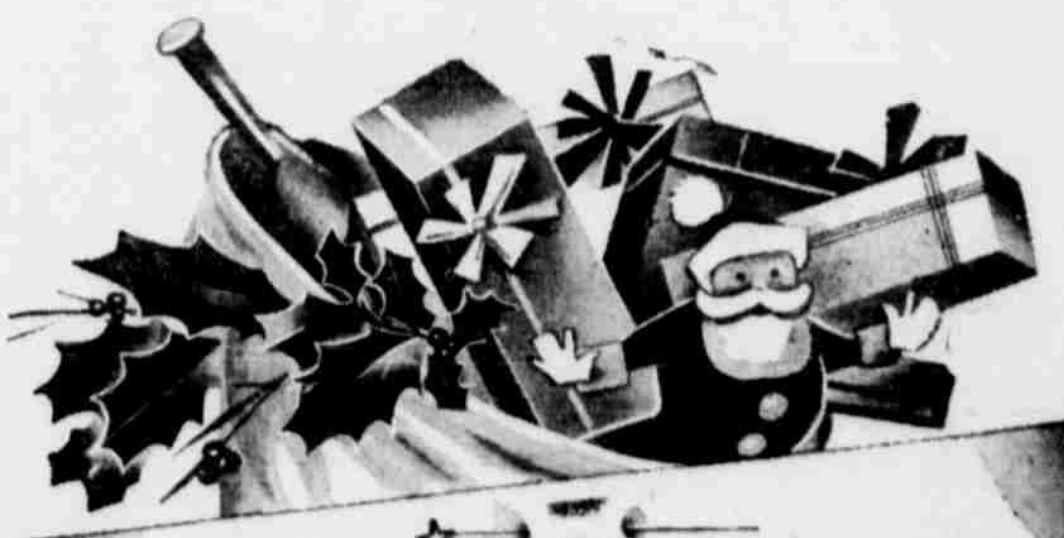
May the spirit of the First Christmas gladden your hearts this Christmas season.

Dr. B. E. Young



JOY
to All

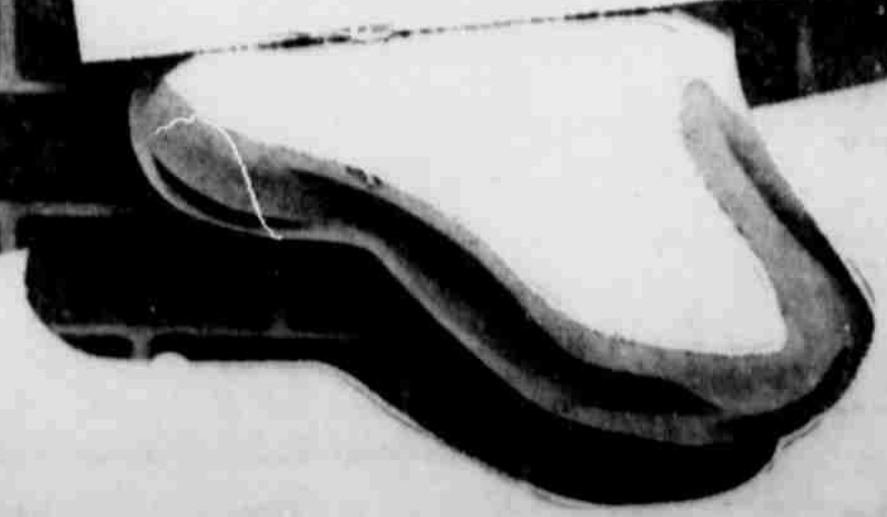
Ring out, oh bells...
Loud and clear
Your joyful song of Yuletide cheer.
Ring out, too, for all to hear
Our very best wishes
For a Happy New Year



Christmas is Friendship Time

... time for us to turn from our daily routine and wish a MERRY HOLIDAY to all our friends and patrons.

AMERICAN CAFE
WESLEY AND JESSIE NORTH CUTT
CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS



Hundley's

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TIP GIVEN ON HOW TO AVOID APPLIANCE JOBS

Unnecessary repair jobs on electric appliances are often caused because cords are disconnected at the appliance rather than at the wall, according to Miss Lola M. Drew, assistant professor of home management at Texas Technological College in Lubbock.

Dealers and repairmen report that one of the most frequently needed jobs on appliances is to fix damaged prongs where the cord connects, she said, explaining that these prongs are rather delicate and should not be subjected to unnecessary wear. It is generally more economical to

Collins of Lamesa visited Saturday in the home of Mrs. Wood's brother, Walter Boren, and family.

Lawrence J. Montgomery of Beverly Hills, Calif.; Carl Montgomery of Battle Creek, Mich., and W. Montgomery of Okmulgee, Okla., were here on business with the Double U. Company last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gibson and sons, Jim Bob and Charles Mack, left Tuesday to visit relatives in Lubbock until Sunday.

purchase enough electric cords to provide one for each appliance than to try to make one cord serve them all and have frequent repair bills, she added.



By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

TOM LARKIN opened the kitchen door. His wife looked up with a hopeful smile as he entered. He just shook his head.

"No mail at all?" she said as she went on fixing dinner.

"Oh, there were a couple of ads and a bill from the seed company." He hung his hat on a hook and crossed to the pump. His white hair was damp around his face when he straightened up again.

"It's just not like Bill," she sighed. "Bill's got an unforgivin' streak, always did have, even when he was a little feller." Pa's old briar gave off a pungent odor as he lit it.

"But this is different, Tom," she said, putting a pan of biscuits in the oven. "Tomorrow is Christmas. It's a long way to the coast. Maybe he wrote but didn't mail it in time."

"Ma," his tired old voice was filled with bitterness, "there's no



"She could see Pa striding into the living room."

need to stick pins in yourself by hopin'. Christmas or no Christmas... that boy is still mad."

The old lady's eyes shone with faith. "He might stay mad all year long but when Christmas comes... he'll write. I know. I'm his Ma."

"Don't forget," Tom said as he blew smoke at the ceiling. His eyes crinkled at the corners. "I'm his father."

"Dinner's ready, Pa," she said, filled with a deep longing and fought to keep the tears out of her voice. "I c'n understand that boy still bein' mad at me, but why does he have to take it out on you?"

"You're wrong, Tom," Ma replied as she lifted her head and smiled. "The day after Christmas, first delivery, we'll get a letter. You'll see."

"Not from him," he shook his head grimly.

"You're forgettin' Judy," she reminded him as they sat down. "She's a good daughter-in-law."

"Oh, I'm not blamin' her," replying as he covered his biscuits with gravy. "Judy's a fine girl. It's his bull headed pride."

She got up and taking the coffee pot off the cook stove filled his cup. They ate on in silence. Finally he pushed his plate back.

"You aren't eatin' much," he scolded.

"I'm just not hungry, Pa."

"I see," he stood up. "I'm goin' out and turn the heater on in the hen house. It'll be cold tonight."

His old shoulders slumped forward as he went outside. She shook her head and started picking up the dishes. Her mind sank back into the past. To the days when Christmas was alive with the excitement and laughter of young voices. She could see Pa striding into the living room bearing a large evergreen on his shoulder. Behind him there was always a highly excited little boy, bearing an axe. She wondered if the little boy ever thought of it.

PA CAME back on the porch. She smiled as he kicked his toe against the threshold. It's a wonder, she thought, that there's any threshold left after all these years. He came into the kitchen, dumping an arm load of kindling in the box behind the range.

"Snowin', Pa?"

He shook his head and took off his wraps, replying, "Stopped."

She hung the dish towels up to dry. He pulled a rocker in from the living room and sat down.

"Everything all right in the barn?" Ma asked as she threw a few lumps of coal in the fire.

"Sure," Pa said. A sad smile crossed his lips. "What's the use pretendin', Ma? We're both feelin' blue."

She sat down at the old kitchen table and started peeling apples, uttering, "I know it."

"Gonna bake me a pie?" he asked. She nodded. "Apple was always Billy's favorite, too."

"Now, Ma, what's the use of... he stopped as they heard a car drive up in the yard. "Must be Jim Rogers. Said today that new calf of his was sick." He opened the kitchen door and peered out into the night. She could hear him catch his breath as he watched a man and a woman get out. "Ma, who do you think?" his voice was low.

"I knew," Ma laughed as she laid the paring knife down with a happy smile. "I knew it all the time."

MERRY CHRISTMAS



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE KNOW OF NO BETTER TIME THAN CHRISTMAS TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO OUR MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO GREATLY TO OUR SUCCESS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

FROM ALL OF US ONCE MORE TO YOU, WHETHER YOU ARE OUR CUSTOMER OR NOT...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

BILL AND BESSIE WINDHAM

Lakeview Service Station and GROCERY

Greetings of the Season

We wish you everything good at Christmas time and through the year to follow. Make every minute ring with fun and contentment — enjoy every day in holiday spirit!

THANKS SINCERELY FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

Post Auto Supply

NOAH JESS DALE NORMAN BEN

Season's GREETINGS

We Wish To Express Our Appreciation For The Confidence, Friendship, Good Will And Cooperation Which Have Been Extended Us During The Year. We Extend Most Sincere Best Wishes For A Happy Holiday Season.

... The City Of Post
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Season's Greetings

The glow of Yuletide candles expresses our feelings for all of our friends on this glorious holiday.



Gossip about Garza Guys And Gals —by gay nellie

No school, campus kids returning home, engagement rings, wedding bells, all kinds of parties, and seeing all the kinfolks—is what Xmas means to the younger set.

This year quite a few are expected to join "the ole' gang" in the village, among them will be Kays, Polly and Josh Cook, Johnny and Buddy Malouf, Johnnie Cato, Jeff Justice, Norma Hudson, Harvey Mason, Elwood Wright, Mary Etta Norman, June Taylor and Rufus Gerner of Lubbock; H. T. Carr, Jr., and J.E. Thomas, Jr., from Brownwood; Joe Stokes and Jack Wright of College Station; Kathryn Childress, Betty Travis, Jimmie Rains, Iris Floyd, Betty Kennedy, D. G. Pöfterfield and A. C. Thomas of Abilene; Betty Williams, Lavenia Carpenter and Billie Robinson of Denton; Juanita Gregg of Bethany, Okla.; Mary Margaret Graham of Amarillo; Mary Margaret Duckworth and Alma Outlaw of Waco; Marshall Mason, Jr., of Jacksboro; E. W. Williams, Jr., and Percy Parsons of Dallas; Alarah Pierce of Fort Worth; Bill Fumagalli of Roswell, New Mexico; Alene Jones and Wayne Hundley of Brownfield; and Winifred Anderson of Seminole.

Dixie Shepherd will be Mrs. Wilton Payne after Saturday.

Clayton Pennington is giving Sudie Morris an engagement ring, she will get the other ring in June, I understand.

Betty Kennedy will go back to H. S. U. after the holidays are over, to show her Abilene friends her Christmas gift from Gaylon Young, which is also going to be a pretty for the left hand, third finger. (I've heard.) Speaking of Christmas gifts and Gaylon, wonder what was in that lovely package he got off the tree at school Friday—the one from Carl Adams, Jr.

Kathryn Childress will spend the latter part of the holidays in Houston.

Joan Smith who is employed in Fort Worth spent her Christmas holidays early this year. She visited her parents and friends here

Blast In Texas City Rated Top Story For 1947

The Texas City explosion was voted as the most important Texas news story for 1947 by editors of the Texas Associated Press member papers. These are the top 10 Texas stories, with votes in parentheses, as revealed by the poll:

1. Texas City tragedy (329).
2. The 41-day telephone strike (209).
3. The flying disks (149).
4. The Dr. Ross murder case (110).
5. The weather (hurricanes, blizzards, tornadoes) (104).
6. The student revolt at Texas A and M (95).
7. The East Texas forest fire (79).
8. President Truman's visit to Waco (78).
9. Legislature's refusal to vote new tax measures, plus voting record-breaking expenditures (69).
10. The four-day chaos in North east Texas for the phantom bandit (59).

The second 10:

11. Passage of first Texas teacher pay bill (55); 12. Texas prison system shakeup (53); 13. Firing of J Frank Dobie by University of Texas (51); 14. Foot-mouth disease threat, battle (50); 15. Enactment of labor-restrictive laws (49); 16. Waxahachie truck crash fatal to 20 (43); 17. Shooting of Beeville sheriff, prisoners (37); 18. Upset victory of SMU of Southwest Conference (3); 19. The Baptist Convention and developments (31); 20. Establishment of state's first Negro university (21).

recently.

Roy Williams got a right practical gift off the tree at school Friday, chewing tobacco.

Johnnie Cook (Hughz now) is a right smart ole gal. She made the lovely dresses that she and her attendants wore in the big wedding Saturday night.

"Bill" Kennedy is not only a good cowgirl, but right handy with a sewing machine. She turns out some swell looking shirts, one of which she gave Melba Miller for Christmas.

Forty-one statewide groups are backing Governor Jester's appeal for an accident-free Christmas season. The Texas Safety Association urges you to do your part as a motorist and drive within your safe stopping speed at all times.



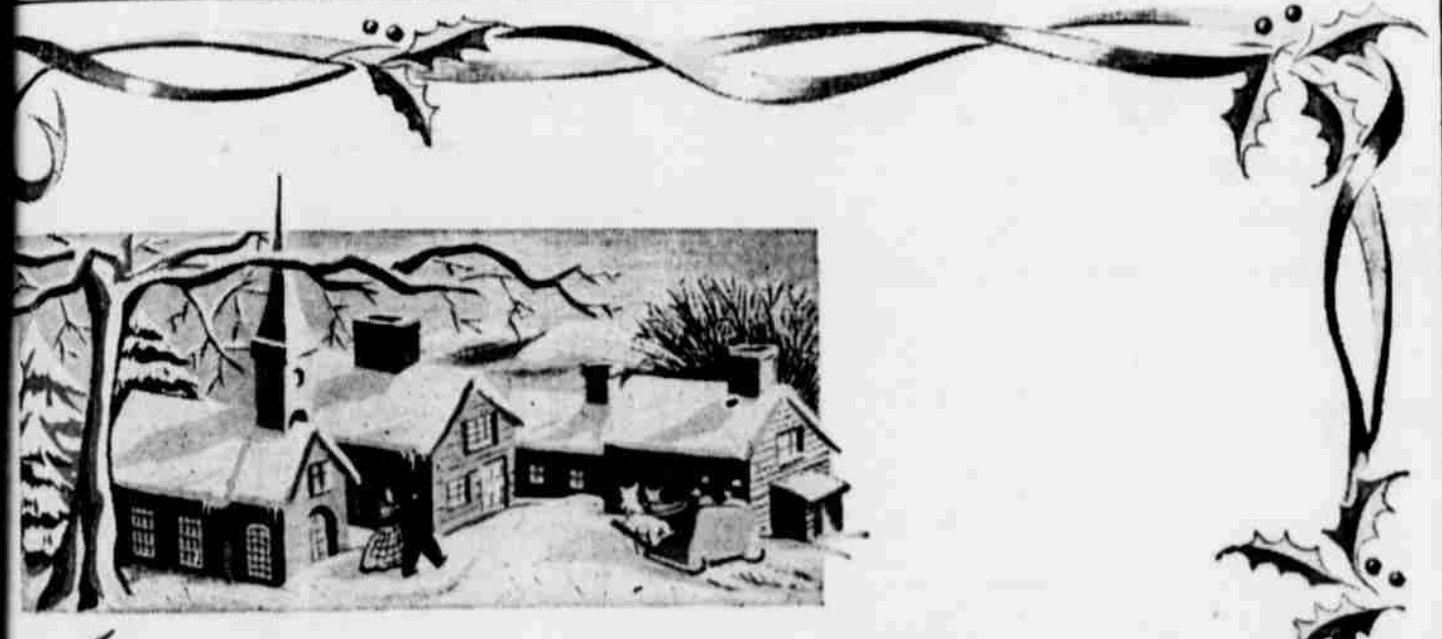
May the Bright Star of Christmas flood your home with its sacred light.

TO EACH OF YOU—Whom we have had the privilege of serving this year our heartiest wishes for a Joyful and Prosperous Holiday Season.

W. O. THAXTON Service Station

Post Art Studio

DAVID AND JOY SCHULTZ



WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR A
Happy Holiday Season

All that makes for a merry, merry Christmas... the voices of carol singers filling the air, the bells pealing melodiously, the holly wreaths hanging in the windows... all these things plus joy and happiness in your heart we sincerely hope is yours on this glorious holiday.

Fry Feed & Hatchery

TRUETT FRY — E. M. BASS



We join with all your other friends of this community to extend to you a very sincere wish that this Yuletide season may enrich your life with its spirit of friendliness and beauty.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Caprock Dairy
JAMES AND LOUISE DIETRICH

Heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States, accounted for 30 per cent of all U. S. deaths in 1944.

If the individual "period of roll" for a ship happens to correspond to the "wave period" of the water in which she is cruising, she will roll excessively.

Wants Large Truck

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a little boy seven years old. I want a football, cowboy suit, large truck, a gun and nuts, candy and fruit.

Love, Donald Lee Gilmore.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



By LYN CONNELLY

THE sharp wind lashed furiously about Larry's head and shoulders, flitting momentarily with the idea of sending his brown fedora spiraling down the street, but he sensed its capricious tendencies and held the brim of his hat tightly between his forefinger and thumb as he ran toward his car parked on the opposite corner.

It would be the last time he'd beat that particular path, he thought grimly. It was Christmas Eve and everybody was in a gay and anticipatory mood. Everybody, that is, except Larry. He had been reasonably happy until that morning when the whole world seemed to have crashed about him. Opening the door of the car, he slid in behind the wheel and started it toward home.

The face of Silas Henning, until fifteen minutes ago his boss, came to his mind and again he heard the words that he dreaded to repeat to Rosine: "I know you're not happy in your work, Larry, and it's not fair to either one of us when you don't put your best efforts into what you're doing. I think, therefore, that you'd better go elsewhere for a job. Today's as good a day as any to sever connections."

Fired on Christmas Eve! Of course, what Henning had said was true. Larry wasn't happy being a bookkeeper at Morrison's appliance shop. He had always yearned to be a writer, and wrote numerous short stories during his spare time.

When Rosine told him of their expected second child he had taken the job at Morrison's through sheer desperation. No longer could they live on their savings. He considered the job as temporary, but it had

TAKE CHRISTMAS TREE DOWN AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY TO AVOID FIRES

The belief of having bad luck from leaving your Christmas tree up until New Year's Day is no superstition, declared Marvin Hill, State Fire Insurance Commissioner.

Warning Texans to take down their trees as soon as needles start turning brown or falling, Hill said a week old tree was the greatest fire hazard a person could have in his home.

"The day a tree is cut, it starts slowly drying out," he said. "A fresh cut tree will not take fire any more easily than would the evergreen shrubs growing outside, but it becomes a more serious fire hazard every hour. At the end of the week it will be highly flammable."

Commissioner Hill cautioned that just taking the tree out to the backyard or down to the cellar is not safe either. The discarded tree should either be carefully burned in a regular metal or wire mesh trash container, or hauled away if the city provides such a method for disposal of trash.

Other special decorations should also be put away as soon after Christmas as possible, he said. Particularly leaves and berries and other temporary trimmings, should be taken down immediately after Christmas.

Grapefruit is also known as "Pomelo."

Shortly before the war, almost 100,000 miles of petroleum pipe lines were in operation in the United States, representing an investment of some 80-million dollars.

G. COURY, FORMER POST MAN, CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Malouf and sons, Johnny and Tommy, were in Dallas Sunday to attend funeral services for G. Coury, Malouf's brother-in-law who lived in Post a number of years ago. Mr. Coury died Friday morning at his home in Dallas.

Among developments in electrical appliances is a twin waffle baker that makes two full-size waffles at a time.

The water in Lake Titicaca is very cold even in summer, but never freezes.

Most Egyptians are Moslems.

An electric small enough to fit in glasses and...

Most of the...

MERRY CHRISTMAS



TALLYHO!

Due to a shortage of reindeer this season we send you our Christmas Greetings in this conventional way!

In this season of gift-giving may we say that your friendship is our choicest gift, and we appreciate it beyond words to express. May your Christmas be a merry one, indeed!

B and B Auto Supply

JERRALD BOWEN
PHONE 127 W



He picked up the letter at the same time she answered, "Truth magazine."

lasted seven months with still no prospects of entering the field he desired. Henning had seemed sympathetic, although he had cooled suddenly the past week. Perhaps in his daydreaming he had been inaccurate in his figures. At least Henning spared him any embarrassment if that were the case, but he could have waited until after the holidays to fire him. "And Bub Cratchit thought he worked for Scrooge," he mumbled, pulling up before his house.

HIS feet dragged as he trudged toward the door. He mustn't tell her tonight, he decided. He hoped he was capable of carrying off an act until the day after Christmas. Opening the door, he let himself in as unobtrusively as possible. Rosine was on a step ladder in the living room, decorating the tree, while Chuckie, aged five, sat on the floor, agog at the proceedings.

"Hello, darling," his wife called out gaily. He tried to equal the happiness in her voice as he replied, then kissed Chuckie and started for the kitchen.

"There's a letter for you on the radio," Rosine said.

"From whom?" His heart leaped hopefully at her words and he hurried toward the radio. He picked up the letter at the same time she answered, "Truth magazine."

It was from Truth. His hand trembled as he opened it. "Dear Mr. Shannon," he read aloud. "Our mutual friend, Silas Henning, recently submitted one of your articles for our consideration. We believe it shows promise and since we were given a splendid recommendation by Mr. Henning, we are writing to ask if you would be interested in a job in our editorial department. If so, call for an interview this week."

The telephone was ringing, but for a moment, Larry and Rosine merely stood as though mute, staring at each other. Larry became conscious of the bell first and picked up the receiver. It was Mr. Henning, laughing heartily. "Bet I had you worried, eh, Larry?"

"Mr. Henning! I didn't know... how did you...?" Larry was tongue-tied. Rosine walked to his side, putting one arm gently about his shoulder.

"I found that article you wrote on your son and the atomic age and sent it in to Asherton," Henning explained. "He's a good friend of mine and editor of Truth. Well, I won't hold you, Larry. Just wanted to wish you a merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas, Mr. Henning," Larry said as the telephone clicked at the other end. "Merry Christmas—and thanks for the best one I've ever had."

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Best wishes for a joyous Christmas, a bright and prosperous New Year.

At Christmastime—We look forward to this time of the year to let you know how deeply we appreciate your patronage and your loyalty. To all you the BEST CHRISTMAS EVER!

Garza Tire Shop

MAX GORDON — TRUMAN FRANCIS



Merry Christmas to All!

It's Christmas Eve. Everything lies in wait for the Big Day... the stockings ready for the filling... a tree adorned with multicolored balls prepared for the laughter and joyous voices of all who search 'neath it on the morrow for splendid gifts... warm, roomy chairs awaiting visitors to share Yuletide with the family... On this night before Christmas, we wish one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

White Auto Store

FUNK PEEL — AUTHORIZED DEALER — J. N. POWER — G. W. NORRIS

Christmas Is Special Day For Family Gatherings

The S. C. Storie family will gather at the Storie home Christmas morning for the family Christmas tree. They will include Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Savage and two daughters, Laverne and Mary Fern; Harold Storie who recently returned home after spending 22 months in the ser-

vice; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Storie, Jr., and family and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Sr. Mrs. W. R. Graeber will be host again for the traditional Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Presson and three children, Mrs. Don Olson of Houston, Glendon Presson of Houston and Kent

Presson of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Kent Presson, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Presson, Miss Effie Presson and Mrs. J. A. Alman and son, Carl. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Greenfield left this morning for Fort Worth to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards, and two children.

Off to Fort Worth
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Christmas guests of Mrs. J. M. Boren are her brother, R. O. Rankin, and sister, Mrs. Lilly Penn, and Mrs. Penn's son, Howard, all of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Anderson and son, Gaylord. Because the baby, Nancy Power, is now old enough to anticipate Santa Claus, the Babb-Power-Boyd families have changed the time of their tradition Christmas tree from Christmas Eve to Christmas morning. Attending will be the J. N. Power family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Power, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Boyd, Mrs. J. H. Babb, and Mrs. Babb's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell C. Babb, of Los Angeles, Calif. Later in the day, Mr. and Mrs. Joy McCarty and son, Alex, of San Antonio are expected to join the family. The Jerrell Babbs arrived here December 21 and will leave for California the day after Christmas.

Going to Morton
The following will have Christmas Day dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McBee in Morton: Mr. and Mrs. Max Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Tucker and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Odean Cummings, Mrs. Margie Brooks and daughter, Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tucker of Sundown.

The Bobby Colliers and Malcolm Bulls will spend Christmas Day with the Noah Stones and "Sonny." For the first time in the life of her Post children, Mrs. J. L. Stewart is spending Christmas away from them. She is visiting her son, P. H., and his wife, who is ill, in Tupela Miss.

Judge and Mrs. J. Lee Bowen and children are enjoying a family reunion with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bowen, who are home from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Cannon and two daughters of Petersburg and Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Everett are spending their first Christmas in

Dooleys Expect Guests
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dooley are expecting their son, Harold, and wife of Dallas to spend Christmas with them. Their granddaughter, Sherry Fay Yeager of Slaton who has been spending several weeks here, will remain in Post for Christmas. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Yeager, probably will not be able to visit here because of Mr. Yeager's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Howard are looking forward to their annual family Christmas tree tomorrow morning and the Christmas dinner which is to follow. The family includes Mr. and Mrs. Albert Howard and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop and children and Dale Gene and Gerand Howard. Guests of the J. A. Fergusons are their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Shropshire of Mart, and their son, Arville Ferguson, and family of Southland. The Shropshires arrived Monday and will stay until Friday. Mr. Shropshire is a Church of Christ minister.

Propsts Leave Monday
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Propst and family left Monday to spend the holidays with relatives near Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker and Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. T. A. Edmonson, left today to spend several days in Sweetwater with Mrs. Baker's sister, Mrs. H. D. Ammons.

Guests in the Marvin Hudman home include Mrs. Hudman's mother, Mrs. J. W. Jackson, of Stamford and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Ms. Roy Bullock, of Hagerman, New Mexico.

The family of Mrs. John Coleman will have an annual Christmas tree tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boren. Attending, besides Mr. and Mrs. Boren and four children and Mrs. Coleman, will be Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Griffin of Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Francis and daughter, Jane; M. and Mrs. Burney Frances and son, Neal; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bush and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Coleman.

Carroll Ward Smith of Longview, Wash., who is studying for the ministry at Abilene Christian College is spending the Christmas holidays with his grandfather, N. J. Lanotte, and other relatives.

Corn was the chief agricultural crop of Maine for 200 years.



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MAKERS OF FINE PRODUCTS FOR EIGHTY YEARS.
"CONCERTO"—the newest product is a striking new note in the perfumer's art; other fine cosmetics.
TRIED AND TRUE PRODUCTS FOR STOCK AND POULTRY
Medicines, Food Products, Toilet Articles
ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED BY
W. S. PALMER



While angels hovered overhead, the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to the Manger at Bethlehem. We cannot offer you their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gift must be restricted to the old, but heartfelt wish for all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

BAKER ELECTRIC SHOP
LEW BAKER



Arner's Appliance Co.



St. Nicholas

WISHES A MERRY YULETIDE TO ALL

Of Course you believe in Santy!...

But even if you don't right now, the chances are ten to one that at one time in your career—the short pants or long curls stage—there was no doubt in your mind that there was a Santa Claus. You not only believed in him but you were in awe of him!

Santa Claus was a short roly-poly gentleman habitually clad in red with flowing white beard. He drove through the world Christmas Eve in a heavily-laden sleigh drawn by eight dashing reindeer.

It's a beautiful old myth—as much a part of the joyous Christmas season as is our annual wish for a Merry Yuletide for you and yours!

Conoco Service Station

ROBERT MILLER IVEN CLARY NEAL CLARY



We're sextons this Yuletide... We're climbing to the belfry and ringing those joyous, silver-toned bells till everyone of our friends hears the peals of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

O. K. Food Store
OSCAR AND MARGARET BOWEN

Drilling Ahead Is Report For Several Wells

Union Oil Company of California and Cities Service Oil Company No. 1-A Davies, about seven miles northeast of Post, in northeast Garza county, section 7, block 4, K. Aycock survey, had reached 7,260 feet, and was going ahead in shale. It is due to dig to at least 9,000 feet, unless it has good reason to stop above that point.

The Ohio Oil Company No. 1 Swenson Land and Cattle company, another northeast Garza county prospector, which is also contracted to around 9,000 feet, and is located on section 26, block 2, H&GN survey, was drilling ahead past 2,652 feet in lime.

Ohio No. 1 Morgan Jones estate, just over the Garza county line in Crosby county, had progressed past 1,830 feet in lime and redbeds. It is scheduled as an 3,200-foot project.

Continental Oil company No. 1 Swenson Land & Cattle company, section 75, block 2 H&GN survey, was drilling ahead past 3,836 feet in lime and shale. It is contracted to go to 9,500 feet, unless it gets production above that point.

Operator called top of the San Andreas-Permian at 1,560 feet. Elevation is 2,454 feet.

Bit Of News:

Billy Cox of Menard visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cox, a couple of days last week.

Mrs. Dovie Davies underwent major surgery in a Fort Worth hospital Monday. Four of her sons, Harold, of Cisco, Elbert, Curtis and Garland were with her on the day of the operation. Mrs. Elbert Davies accompanied them as far as Cisco, where she stayed with her sister, Mrs. Harold Davies.

The Homer Gordons are driving a new Oldsmobile, dark blue.

Lawrence Snively, who is attending the Colorado State College in Boulder, Colo., ate lunch with Mrs. F. I. Bailey last Saturday.

Miss Billie June Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Kennedy, Jr., will leave Christmas Day with the James Kennedy family of Breckenridge to make her home in that city. She plans to work for an oil company.

POINSETTIAS GOT NAME FROM U. S. AMBASSADOR

Did you ever wonder how poinsettias came to be regarded as a Christmas flower?

Margaret Turner, Lubbock Avalanche columnist, says that it all started with the U. S. Ambassador to Mexico who was named Joel R. Poinsett.

It was he who introduced the Mexican Flame Leaf to the United States, in 1828, and the flower became known here as the poinsettia. The Spanish call this gay red flower flor de noche buena (flower of the good night) and the British call it the lobster flower.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Bits Of News

Mr. and Mrs. David Gossett of Galveston and his sister, Miss Enid Gossett of Wichita Falls, are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Gossett, near Post.

A Post Dispatch reporter called the Earl Hodges home Saturday and a child answered. "Is Mrs. Hodges there?" the reporter asked. "No," said the small young voice. "Will she be back pretty soon?" the P. D. voice asked. "No," was the answer. "Will she be home for supper?" "No," the little one said. "Is she out of town?" "No,"

was the answer. The reporter was curious enough to ask: "Where is she?" "She's down at the tractor house," the otherwise non-committal one explained.

Robert Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray N. Smith, left Monday to spend the week with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cannon, and daughter, Elaine, of near Idalou.

Giles Dining Room will be

closed from through the morning. Jackie Berry visited his uncle and Mrs. John Berry accompanied him from a trip to Ada. Tea plants must grow in



Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes for 1948

FROM THE FOLKS AT

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Your John Deere Dealer

R. D. TRAVIS HUGH BLEVINS
KERNA YOUNG J. H. YORK
LYDA MYRTLE EVERETT



Never a Christmas morning,
Never an old year ends,
But that someone thinks of
someone—
Old days, old times, old
friends!

M. J. MALOUF DRY GOODS

MR. AND MRS. M. J. MALOUF



Joyful Wishes

We join in the chorus of happy voices that sing out, "A Merry Christmas to One and All!"

THANK YOU, FOLKS... FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

NORRIS Radio Service



A REFLECTION OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

The jolly smile on Santa's face, the twinkle in his eye, the goodness in his mellow voice reflect the good wishes in our hearts for a joyous Yuletide for each and every one of our friends.

BEST WISHES FROM

Bob

AND ALL THE BUNCH AT

Warren's



Merry Christmas Everybody!
YOURS FOR GOOD EATING
Piggly Wiggly

WE'D LIKE TO TELL YOU— Perhaps we're a little slow in expressing our appreciation of your loyal patronage. It waited a whole year to come, but here it is: "YOU'RE TOPS! Merry Christmas, Friends."

PAUL JONES
DICK ALLEN

KENNY CASH
ALTON CLARY
CHARLEY CASEY

BOB POOLE
JACK BURRESS