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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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PLANT EXPLOSION KILLS 18



SIOUX CITY, IOWA—A terrific explosion in the packing plant of Swift and Co. caused the death of 18 employees and injury to about 90 others. Photo shows firemen and volunteers digging through debris for bodies of victims.

School Meeting Set For January 3rd

Miss Ruth M. Richerson, county school superintendent, announced this week that an important meeting of Superintendents, ex-officio superintendents and county superintendents and all interested persons would be held in Clarendon January 3rd, 7 p. m. for the purpose of discussing in particular the transportation problem as confronts each of us in this area of Texas.

Mr. Dick Bivins, new State Board member, and Mr. Hall Griffin, Director of Transportation School Foundation Program will both be present for the meeting and the Senators and Representatives from this area have been invited to the meeting.

Miss Richerson is requesting that each person make a summary of transportation costs so far this school term and have the figures ready to present to Mr. Bivins.

C H S BASKETBALL NEWS

By Vernon Goldston

Clarendon Meets Double Defeat By Lelia Lake Teams

The Lelia Lake girls team gave the local Bronchoettes a heart-breaking defeat last Friday night. The score was close throughout the entire game and climaxed with a score of 23-19. Tension tightened in the final minutes of play when June Reed sank a free shot to tie the score at 19-19. Then with less than two minutes to play Bobbie Seago scored with two free shots and Marilyn Butler made a field goal to win by four points. The local girls played hard throughout the entire game, but just couldn't work the ball in past Lelia Lake's defense.

The Clarendon Bronchos met their second defeat of the season in the following game with a score of 12-25. The boys seemed pretty confident, but certainly had the wind taken out of them by the Lelia Lake team. They were outplayed throughout the game and were just beaten by a better team. A remarkable long shot from mid court by Johnny English amazed the crowd. Bill Jack Cornell copped high scoring honors with 4 points. Jenkins and English were fouled off in the final minutes and Youree and Adams finished the game.

Christmas Giving - - A Pleasure

Christmas giving is certainly a pleasure and especially when the gift goes to someone who is actually in need and would have very little Christmas without the help of someone else.

A number of Christmas baskets of food and toys have already been distributed by the United Charities organization, local churches and lodges and more will be distributed later this week according to a statement made by Mrs. Allen Jeffries. A number of older people living alone have been or will be invited to have Christmas dinner which will be paid for by the United Charities.

Mrs. Jeffries has requested that anyone knowing of some needy family or person that has been missed to please notify her at once so they can be taken care of as it is the desire of the organization that no one be missed this Christmas, especially the children.

ECA MEN FREED IN KOREA



SOUTH KOREA—Two American officials of the Economic Co-Operation Administration were released unharmed after 81 days as prisoners of North Korean communists. Photo shows Albert E. Willis, (left), as he was greeted by his wife Beatrice and son Albert Jr., 8. Holding flowers is Alfred T. Metscher, second "captive", and at right is Capt. C. H. Ritchie of the ECA. The two Americans were seized aboard an American ship operated by South Koreans who mutinied and sailed the ship into North Korea.

Christmas Buying Increases Past Week

Business firms all up and down main street have reported a spirited increase in Christmas Gift buying the past week and this week end will probably seem like a mad house in most business places.

The trend of buying this year has covered a wide range of items with dry goods items leading the field. Household appliances, electrical goods and other practical gift items are running a close second and there is more indication of heavier purchases of luxury gift items. As a whole there has been more purchases along every line the past several days.

Christmas Holiday To Be Observed Monday

Since Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year, local merchants will observe Monday as their closing holiday so be sure to buy what you will need Saturday to hold you over until next Tuesday. A number of business firms which ordinarily remain open seven days a week, will close Christmas Day. This includes some eating places, service stations, etc. The two local Lumber yards will close Saturday and Monday. Be sure to read the ads carefully in this issue if you have business or services needed on the above dates as a number of firms have their closing intentions stated in their ads.

Bert Barns Receives Scholarship

Bert Barns notified his mother this week that he had received a scholarship at the University of New Mexico where he is now attending school. The scholarship was awarded by the Phikeia Corporation. It is in the sum of \$360, payable \$40 a month for nine months.

Bert stated in his letter that it would come in handy as he needed to cut down on his outside work on account of his school activities. At the present he is historian and publicity director for Delta Sigma Pi, International fraternity in the field of business and commerce and he is an editorial associate on the Thunderbird, one of the school publications.

Bert's many Clarendon friends will be happy to know of his new award and wish him every success.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Donley County unit of the Texas State Teachers Association met in the school house at Lelia Lake December 14th at 7 p. m. Twenty-eight teachers of the fifty-six in the county were present. The purpose of the meeting was to organize the unit, elect new officers and discuss some important school matters.

The following officers were elected: President, Walter Stroup; Vice-president, Virgie Strawn; Secretary-Treas, Ruth M. Richerson, all of Clarendon.

The Lelia Lake teachers served cookies and coffee after the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. A. Warren, Mrs. Ardith Butler, Mrs. Gilbert Mann Jr. and Miss Evalyn Warren were in Memphis Monday.

A. B. Bynum was here from Lelia Lake Monday, attending business matters.

Last Rites Held Wednesday For Charlie Johnson

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church for Charlie Johnson with Rev. L. A. Sartain officiating.

Mr. Johnson, age 75 years, died suddenly at his home about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

With the passing of Mr. Johnson, Donley County has lost another old timer that had the pleasure of watching this section of the country develop into what it is today. He came to this area in 1891 and was with the JA Ranch for a long number of years, varying his occupation between ranching and farming during that time. He was frequently reminiscing the happenings of days gone by, recalling incidents when the Indians still roamed the Panhandle and the many hardships which were endured by those who first settled here. Charlie always had a kind word and cordial welcome for everyone.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Eula May Johnson and one son, Lloyd Johnson of Clarendon; two brothers, John E. Johnson of Clarendon and S. E. Johnson of Amarillo; one sister, Mrs. Laura Springs, Riverside, Calif. Three sons preceded him in death.

Active pallbearers were H. P. Barnard Jr., M. M. McCully, Wyatt Heisler, Curtis Mears, Ernest Kent, Grady Tyler, W. W. Noblet and Houston Bell.

Honorary pallbearers were Elmer, Tom and Charlie Bagwell, Fred and Edgar Patching, Jim Woodburn, Clarence Percy, J. L. McMurtry, Nash Blassingame, Slim Dell, John Blocker, Dick Shelton, Roy Allard, Forrest McCrary, Oscar and Horace Hill, Oscar Cobb, Joe McMurtry, Bob Baird, Roy Blackwell, Bud Long, Bill Word, Fayne Kent, Lou McClellan, Ralph and Don Grady, Joe Ritter and Tom Otis.

Burial was in Citizens Cemetery with the Murphy-Spicer Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Flying Santa Held Up By Bad Weather

Reindeer and a sleigh was what Santa needed Wednesday morning as the frigid weather from the north prevented him from flying in by plane on schedule, and in addition to the dampness of the weather was just a little too much for our youngsters to get out in. Although he was unable to make it yesterday, weather permitting, he will be at the local airport at 11 o'clock this morning to hand out his bags of goodies to the youngsters.

Here is the schedule just in case the weather is bad today. He will try again Friday; if the weather is still bad he will try again Saturday morning, and then if it is impossible for him to fly or the weather is to disagreeable for the youngsters to go out to the airport, as a last resort, he will arrive on main street in a truck Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

In all probability he will be able to fly in today as the weather was due to clear but remain cold.

Santa's arrival here is being sponsored by the local Lions Club, airport attendants and the Donley County Aviation Club.

Lee Bell, manager of the Mulkey Theatre, has announced that there will be a free show for all youngsters in this area Saturday morning, Dec. 24th at 10:30, so all you youngsters keep this date in mind also.

A Few Words Of Appreciation

The Leader force at this time wishes to extend a few words of appreciation in regard to the publication of this Christmas Edition of the Leader and a number of things that have made the Leader more worthwhile throughout the past year. We want to express our gratitude to our advertisers who have certainly been very considerate in letting us have their copy early in order to make this edition possible.

At this time we would also like to say that we have the nicest group of community reporters that could be found anywhere. They have been very considerate of our deadline for their news and have certainly represented their respective communities to the fullest extent and we know that their neighbors appreciate their efforts as much or more than we.

So, in extending these words of appreciation we would like to include them right along with the Leader force in telling you, the public in general, how much your cooperation in turning in news items has meant to us and to the progress of our community.

Rural correspondents for the Leader are: Mrs. Doyce Graham, Ashtola; Mrs. H. R. King, Lelia Lake; Mrs. J. H. Helton, Martin; Mrs. Carl Barker, Hudgins; Carolyn McBrayer, Goldston; Mrs. John Goldston, Midway. We want to include Joan Putman also as she represented Goldston until a few weeks ago.

Local Sheriff Makes Plea For Sane, Safe And Sober Holiday

Sheriff Guy Wright made his annual plea yesterday in regard to the holiday season. "Please do your holiday drinking in a safe place and not mix it with gasoline or expose yourself to the public as a nuisance," he stated.

"It is better to honor your family or friends with your presence instead of presents, so drive carefully, observe the law in every detail and it will be a much happier Christmas for everyone", he added.

Sheriff Wright stated that he was expecting a quiet holiday season but that in event that it should be otherwise, his force would be on the job. He also remarked that the highway Department was going to patrol the highways closer this year than ever before.

Who visit you all year around through these columns may pass this season partially unnoticed in favor of kin and friends seen or heard from only at Christmas.

It is but fitting that loved ones gather with you upon the day of Jesus' birth and that those far away who cannot come receive special remembrance. We can bear your forgetting us for a little while for this cheer-laden reason.

We wish to take advantage of the congregation of your friends and family members from other neighborhoods to extend, by them through you, a heaping measure of yuletide good will to every nook and corner of America.

Our first interest is this community, but its welfare is interlaced with the good of other communities. This city and county have a just store of the Christian and humane spirit that sustains man through daily life. They have enough left over for export.

Think how many distant hearts you may fill with a joyous holiday feeling if you give unto your Christmas guests to carry back to their home towns this, our special wish:

Merry Christmas 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Eudy and Bobbie Claude and Mrs. G. H. Milligan of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Head Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Smith and Don and Harlene spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parrish at Shawnee, Okla.

Pfc. Ralph R. Percival of Sheppard Air Force Base at Wichita Falls spent last week end with homefolks.

L. D. and Dayle Carlile of Amarillo, linoleum contractors, were here the forepart of the week on business.

This issue of your Leader is the annual Christmas Edition which is almost entirely devoted to Christmas Greeting advertising of local merchants and Christmas stories, articles and Santa Letters. Turn through each section of this edition and read the many greetings and ads of appreciation from your local merchants. They want each and everyone to know that without your patronage and good will, their business would not be in existence today. Over 75 business firms and individuals are represented and have used the Leader's medium of advertising to convey their greetings at this time.

We hope everyone enjoys reading this issue of the Leader as much as the Leader force has enjoyed bringing it to you.

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MEMBERS OF

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TO THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXPAYERS OF CLARENDON

The following named committee: Rollie Brumley, Clyde Slaviv, Bob Head, Ray J. Noblitt, Loyd Shelton, J. W. Murphy and Alfred McMurtry met with the Clarendon Independent School trustees representing a corporation composed of Alfred McMurtry, Rollie Brumley, J. W. Murphy, C. T. McMurtry, Joe McMurtry, Loyd Shelton, J. F. Blocker, Bob Head and W. J. Lewis Jr. (Mr. Lewis says he did not know the purpose of this corporation, he thought it was for an intended pageant), incorporators asking the school trustees to deed the athletic grounds (the tax payers' property), the football field to this corporation to manage and keep up for their use for the consideration of what? Nothing? Maybe a few toilets and as much maintenance as they see fit, maybe.

This corporation will agree to keep this property up to certain conditions and in case they do not do so, same will revert to the school tax payers in whatever condition it happens to be in.

This committee claimed 98% of the people want these rodeos. I don't agree with any such statement. I think 75% do not want any rodeo with its filth, flies, danger of polo, horses and cattle, etc. for the benefit of a few amateur rodeo performers and their parents. I believe the people of Clarendon have some pride in their city and do not want a rodeo in the heart of it. That stadium was built for football, not for cattle pens.

I would sincerely like to have your opinions. If you tax payers of the school want the school trustees to sell your property let me know, but remember that the sale is forever and you deed the property for keeps to these men. You had better look into this corporation and see how this corporation, with no capital stock nor shares could be forged to pay for the damage done to your property or anything else. And you had better be sure you want these young athletes playing football on grounds torn up by horses, cattle and men. An injury to a football kid by rough ground can be very serious. Will this corporation pay for an injury to these kids, for doctors, hospitals, medicine, etc. And will said corporation pay for damages of any kind? If the fences or stands blow or burn down will they put them back? or will it be up to the tax payers. Does the Roping Club take over on Sunday, roping half the day and night?

If this sale is made, my opinion is: The school will lose its affiliation with the athletic council. What then? The school never made any money without the council, from football. It has done fine with this affiliation.

What responsibility does this corporation have? What is the capital stock? Nothing. Why do they create a corporation with no capital and no shares? I would like to have your opinion. If you want it this way, O. K. If you don't, then advise me. I am perfectly willing to ask the court for an injunction to stop the sale of this property to this corporation, but I must know the desires of the tax payers as I will not fight it alone. It's up to you. Your name will not be used in anyway without your consent. Any tax payer has a right to enjoin the school board from making this sale. You can see the charter and learn about their proposition.

W. H. Cooke, Jr.
Box 71

visited Sunday with his father in Clarendon.

Frances Allison who has been visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hill has returned to her home in Santa Maria, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land spent Friday and Saturday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. South at Spearman.

Miller and Ellen Fay Land of

Hedley, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fitzgerald and Garry, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Land and Monte of Clarendon visited Sunday in the Pete Land home.

Bro. and Mrs. Phillips and Joveda Roberts were dinner guests in the O. T. Hill home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Christie visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin at Dalhart

over the weekend.

Those visiting in the C. C. Hearn home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Burdett Hitt and daughter of Amarillo, Mrs. Frank Lyle of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Willingham and son of Borger. Mr. and Mrs. Terry have gone to East Texas to visit relatives over the Christmas holidays.

Donley County Leader \$2.50 yr. in County.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. R. Cox of 93 1st Ave., Hawthorne, N. J. are announcing the birth of a son, born Nov. 28th. The young man has been named James Robert. His grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Cox, lives in Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phelan Sr. will spend Christmas at Bonham, Texas with relatives.

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MARTIN

Mrs. J. H. Helton

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Higgins visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Crofford Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bulman Jr. visited Sunday afternoon in the George Bulman Sr. home.

Margie Crofford visited the George Bulmans Sunday.

Mr. Foster of the Chamberlain community spent the weekend with his daughter and family, the O. T. Elliots.

Those shopping in Amarillo last Thursday from Martin were Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Helton, Franky, Frances and Frieda Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. George Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson.

Mrs. Smith of Groom visited in the F. C. Crofford home Saturday.

Frances Helton visited Betty Sullivan in Clarendon Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Higgins visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Croffords and Mayrene Phillips visited in the Guy Sibley home Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sibley and children of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Higgins and son of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pittman and son Duane of Stratford, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop and boys Bobby and Tommie spent Sunday in the W. D. Higgins home.

Frances Helton spent Sunday night in the Lavell Phillips home at Clarendon.

Clyde Pittman of Stratford

Joe Goldston

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ASHTOLA

Mrs. Doyce Graham

Bill Throdachek of El Paso is visiting his sister, Mrs. Betty Nelson.

Mrs. Watt Hardin went to Clifton, Tenn. last week for the burial of her father.

Grandmother Scarborough, Jessie Mae and Vera Scarborough visited Mrs. S. G. Evans last week.

Clarence Moss was hospitalized Friday with a strained back.

Bill Throdachek and Betty Nelson made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Hardin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carrial Parker in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wheeler visited relatives in Lamesa last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poovey visited Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dewey of Lelia Lake Wednesday.

Murel Johnson was in North-west Hospital in Amarillo from

Saturday until Wednesday with influenza and was near pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Reid were in Amarillo Thursday.

Mrs. N. L. Jones visited friends here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Declis Sutton and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sutton of Vernon, Mrs. J. C. Sutton and sons of Martin and the Harold Graham family had dinner in the James Tolbert home Sunday.

The teachers presented an appropriate program Friday night. Santa Claus came to our tree and gave every child a bag of candy, nuts, and fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nikkel and children left Saturday for Colony, Okla., where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Catoe and son of El Paso arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Poovey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gillispie and daughter of Peacock, Texas spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wallace.

James Reed and Joe Tom Lov-

ell arrived Wednesday morning from SMU to spend Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Merle Thompson and Laura Mae Harp of Amarillo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harp.

Mr. and Mrs. Slaton Mahaffey had as guests Friday night his cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dorman of Lusk, Wyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Butler and son and Mrs. Lavera Miller of Borger visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poovey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Slaton Mahaffey served turkey dinner Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Dane Perdue and Wynona of Hudgins and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mahaffey, James and Gary in honor of Mrs. Perdue's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cook and son spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lovell.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke DeBord and Claud were in Amarillo Wednesday where Claud received medical attention.

Donlev County Leader, \$2.50 year

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY NOTES

By May L. Prewitt

We are beginning to remember where the books are placed, and can work automatically as in the old location. When we have time to get curtains for the windows the work with the exception of the regular routine will be completed. The room and arrangement of books, also reading material in general will compare favorably with any place of our population. We can use your current magazines and good readable books.

Some books can be re-read with great enjoyment. In the first reading, if the book contains a strong element of suspense, the second reading will not produce the tingle of excitement as keenly as the first, but the hurried impatience, and compulsion to rush forward did not attract your at-

tention to the beauty and details of description that the reader frequently enjoys with the second reading. Quoting from New York Times Book Review, Donald Adams states "Some of the keenest of our reading pleasures come from books with which we have long been familiar." New rewards await the reader if the book is big enough. The Zane Grey books are reread more so than any light fiction, or western literature. Then "The Robe" by Lloyd Douglas, and "Gone With the Wind" by Mitchell are very often rechecked.

We have ordered ten new books that will arrive by the first of the year. Among these are "Prince of Egypt", "The Way West". These two are extensively discussed, and on the "Best Seller Shelf." Van Wyck Mason has out a new book, "Dardanelles Derelict", then "Gypsy Six Pense," by Edison Marshall will be of interest to those who enjoyed "Yankee Posha." Several were ordered that will be readable by the "teen age" group.

Frank White III gave two books to the Boy's Shelf—"Circus Dan" and "The Jet Plane Mystery" by Roy Snell. Mrs. Ella Evans, Ashtola, gave "Death Be Not Proud." Several have promised us material. However, we have hundreds of excellent books if you will visit our Library and use them. Please stop by when you have the leisure.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Morris of San Angelo will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sowell and sisters, Mrs. Cordie Thompson and Mrs. Walter Clifford and families.

Pfc. Geo. Thompson from Barstow, Calif. will arrive Friday on a five days leave to spend Xmas with his mother, Mrs. Cordia Thompson.

Mrs. T. A. Lane and baby from Layetteville, N. C. are visiting her mother and family, Mrs. Cordie Thompson.

Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa:

Here we come asking you to be real nice to us again. We live in Amarillo but will be at granddad Wood. I want a gun and a holster, a pair of skates. My sister LuAnn wants a pretty doll with curly hair, a set of dishes and anything else you care to bring and please do not forget the little boys and girls that have had polio and the orphans.

With love,
Wayne and LuAnn Wood
P. S. You will find us at Granddad's house up close to the park.

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to leave a doll at my house. I live at Ashtola close to my little friends Ray Morris, his little brother Royce, Also June Reed. I don't know how to spell my name. All I know it starts with a "J" and my last name is Davis. I guess that is all I want.

Bye Santa,
J. Davis

Dear Santa:

I am a little late about writing you. But I've been very busy going to school. I want to tell you I have tried to be a good boy. I will tell you what I want for Xmas, a football, a Dick Tracy Siren, squad car, nuts, candy and fruit, and please don't forget my little brother, Dady and Mother. Please remember Mrs. Kyser. She is my teacher.

Your little friend,
Keith Barbee

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a girl 14 years old. I am not going to have much Xmas this year, so I would like to have a new dress size 16. My father is out of a job, so I would like for him to have a double blanket for his bed. His name is Roy Chasteen, and my little sister wants a table and four chairs for Xmas. And my two little brothers want B-B guns. Their name is Odell and Earnest Lee. And Howard my other brother wants a ditch machine for Xmas. I would like very much if you would bring my little baby sister a doll buggy. Her name is Betty. My two big brothers want a pocket watch. Their name is Lee Roy and Elmer Ray. My mother wants a set of dishes. My father wants a shaving set. That is all for now.

Your friend,
Velma Ruth Chasteen
P. S. I am at Lelia Lake, Texas. If you can't come out leave them at Painter Drug & Grocery at Lelia Lake.

Geo. B. Bagby will leave Saturday for Clarksville, Texas to spend the Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hudson of Goodnight, Miss Mavis Hudson of childress and Wayne Grant of Amarillo were visitors in the Grant home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Grant received a telegram from El Paso that they have a new great grandson, Robt. Daniel III. The mother is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Grant of Amarillo.

Get in step with your neighbor—join the Farm Bureau. (Adv.)



For a Merry AMERICAN Christmas

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FLOUR Amarylils (guaranteed)—25 lbs.	\$1 69
CRISCO For Cakes and fine pastry—3 lb. Can	83c
POP-CORN Curtiss Golden Giant—2 Cans	35c
BEANS Fancy whole vertical packed—No. 2 Can	32c
ORANGE JUICE Nu-Zest, U. S. grade A, Fancy—46 oz. Can 3 Cans	35c \$1.00
COFFEE Instant Hygrades, Barrington Hall—Jar	29c

Farmers Exchange

Recipe of the Week
BY MARY LEE TAYLOR

Holiday Sauce

1/2 cup Fat Milk
1 cup fresh cranberries
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind
2 medium oranges, peeled

Chill milk until ice cold. Wash cranberries, then dry on towel. Put through fine knife of food chopper. Add sugar, salt and orange rind. Boil slowly and stir 3 min.; remove from heat. Cut oranges in small pieces. Add to cranberry mixture; chill. At serving time, whip chilled milk with cold rotary beater, or electric beater at high speed, until stiff. Fold into chilled fruit. Serve on plain cake, canned fruit or other desserts. Makes 4 servings.

You Will Need:

PET MILK 6 SMALL OR 3 LARGE	33c
Bisquick 2 1/2 LB. Pkg.	42c
SEEDLESS Raisins SUN-MAID Pkg.	21c
SCHILLINGS Cinnamon Pkg.	18c

Preserves Apricot or Peach—2 lbs.	39c
Preserves Plum, Durate—2 lb. Jar 3 Jars for	35c \$1.00
Apple Jelly Pure—5 lb. Jar	69c
Jello All flavors—2 Pkgs.	15c
Marshmallows Snow White—8 oz.	13c

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USE PET MILK IN COOKING...IT'S THRIFTY

BACON Cudahy's Sliced—1 Pound	35c
PICNIC HAMS Pound	39c
BEEF ROAST Choice—1 lb.	45c
CHEESE American—1 lb.	45c
LOIN STEAK 1 lb.	69c
DRESSED HENS 1 lb.	49c
BOLOGNA Pound	46c
OLEO Admiral—1 lb.	25c

SUGAR PURE CANE 10 LBS.	89c
Oranges Navel—Doz.	49c
Celery Lg. Pascal—Stalk	15c
Lettuce Large Head	13c
Apples Rome Beauty—1 lb.	8c

COFFEE SCHILLINGS POUND	73c
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POL-MER-IK Linseed Oil 90c Quart	100% pure linseed oil, super-treated through special polymerizing and blending process.
Sheetrock New Low Price 5 1/2c sq. ft.	Fireproof with perforated joints. Provides walls that can be painted or wallpapered. Sheets 4' x 8'.
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FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH LUMBER COMPANY
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DR. D. P. WHEATLEY, of England, has used Vitamin K to effect complete relief from chilblains. He reasoned that, since the symptoms of chilblains and Vitamin K deficiency were the same, the anti-bleeding vitamin should prove effective in the relief of chilblains. He tried it - - and it worked.

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Extra traction when you need it... automatically. That is how the Model WD's hydraulic Traction Booster increases the pulling power of the tractor.

The 4-cylinder hydraulic pump automatically shifts weight to the rear wheels as the load increases. The WD's quick-mounted plow, with two 16-inch bottoms at your control, bites deep and stays deep. The Traction Booster also works with other rear-mounted implements.

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Society

Mrs. J. C. Estlack, Society Editor
Phone 455

Morgan-Siddle

Saturday evening in a candle-light ceremony, Charlene Morgan and W. B. Siddle exchanged wedding vows at the Church of Christ with Bro. Doyle Williams officiating. The vows were read before an arch of Evergreen boughs entwined with white roses, Poinsettias and wedding bells and flanked with lighted tapers.

Nuptial selections, "I Love You Truly" and "Because" were sung by the choir, composed of Misses Shirley Ann Morris, Mary Jo Hester, Lois Marie Hommel, Jo Ann Ritter and Fanchon Allred under the direction of Miss Wilma Dee Smith. Traditional wedding marches were also played. Candles were lighted by Joyce Crutchfield and Clyde Morgan.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white satin with a shoulder length veil of net falling from a bandeau of white carnations and carried a bouquet of white gladioli and narcissus.

Mrs. Louise Horton, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Rhonda Edmondson, Norma Bobbitt and Nelda Morgan. Benny Horton was best man and groomsmen were Benny Roberts, Claude Siddle and Roy Clyde Jenkins.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Morgan wore a suit of green gaberdine with brown accessories. Mrs. Peggy Jones, sister of the groom, wore navy blue with black and white accessories.

Following the wedding a reception was held in the home of Mrs. H. G. Bobbitt. The serving table was centered with bridal cake. Mrs. T. T. Allred served the cake while Mrs. Roy Crutchfield pour-

ed coffee. Out-of-town guests included an aunt, Mrs. R. W. Edmondson and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Morgan.

The couple will be at home in Clarendon.

ENTERTAINED WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday night, December 19, the Intermediates of the First Baptist Church of Lelia Lake were entertained with a lovely Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Christal. The guests arrived to find the house impressively decorated with a beautiful Christmas tree and other greenery. Candlelight was used throughout the house greatly enhancing the beauty and effect of the tasteful decorations.

Shortly after arrival, the guests went caroling, calling upon the shut-ins and the aged of the community. Upon returning to the Christal home, an enjoyable impromptu program was given by several of the guests. Following this, gifts from the Christmas tree were exchanged.

At the close of the pleasant evening delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Juandell Brown, Billie Scott, Cleo Kirkland, Woody Varderman, Ava Halloway, Rowena Ivey, Shirley Aten, Troy Hamlin, Eddie Floyd, Benny Darnell, Kenneth Wilkerson, Terry Munk, Betty Reed, James Kirkland, Sylvia Luttrell, Joanne Kirkland, Gaynell Scott, Keith Reed, Joanne Christal, Janiece Christal, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Mrs. Luttrell, Rev. and Mrs. Varderman, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Christal.

1926 BOOK CLUB

The 1926 Book Club had its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Allen Bryan with Mrs. Frank Phelan, Sr. as assistant hostess. Attractive Christmas decorations were used throughout the entertaining rooms.

In keeping with the holiday spirit, Mrs. Joe Ritter told the story of "The Littlest Angel" by Charles Tazewell. Gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree by members of the social committee.

The serving table was covered with a cut work cloth of linen and ornamented with a miniature Christmas tree. Mrs. W. C. Bennett and Mrs. W. E. Clifford presided at the table.

Guests and members attending included Mrs. Claude Moore, Carroll Brunley, Joe Ritter, J. R. Porter, J. G. Stewart, C. B. Morris, Lloyd Shelton, W. C. Thornberry, Alvin Landers, W. E. Clifford, E. S. Ballew, W. E. Ray, M. R. Allensworth, C. M. Lowry, C. W. Bennett, Rayburn Smith, Frank White, Jr., J. R. Ross, B. C. Antrobus, Rolle Brunley, Jolly Johnson, O. D. Lowry, and Miss Lucile Polk.

KAPPA MEETING

The Kappa Sub-Debs met Wednesday night in the home of Doris Jean Wallace. A book review entitled "The Birds' Christmas Carol" by Kate Douglas Wiggin, was given by Mary Edna Elmore. Gifts were exchanged, and a wonderful time was had by all.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mrs. Rufus White, Elba Jean Ballew, Lois Marie Hommel, Mae Morris, Ann Thompson, Shirley Brunley, Jo Anne Sibley, Nancy Bennett, Alice McCrary, Mary Edna Elmore, Fanchon Allred, Jo Anne Ritter, Nell Bentley, Patsy Blair, Doris Smith, Nellie Jon Heathington, Mary Lou Barker, RaNelle Nichols, June Star Allred, Sandra Bownds, Dorris Knorpp, Joyce Hall, and the hostess, Doris Jean Wallace.

—Reporter
Mary Lou Barker

ASHTOLA NEEDLE CLUB

Ashtola Needle Club met in the home of Mrs. Scharlotte Word. House was called to order by president and prayer by Mrs. Jones.

Roll call was answered and the minutes read by secretary. Scripture story of Christ read by Johnnie Poovey; a Xmas prayer by Vena Hudson; Ledegon by Delene Beverly; The Inkeeper by Crain; Xmas carols by everyone with Viola Graham at piano.

Officers were elected: Viola Graham back in chair; Sue Rhoades as Vice; Delene reelected for Sec.-Treas., with Mary Belle DeBord, assistant; Poovey, reporter, and Evans assistant.

Pollyanna gifts were exchanged and drew for new ones. All members were present but two. Visitors were Mrs. Crane, from Goodnight, Mrs. Jones from Clarendon and Mrs. Smith from Ashtola. We want to thank Mrs. Word for a wonderful time at her home and beautiful Xmas tree.

The Reporter.

KILL KARE KNEEDLE KLUB

The ladies of the Needle Club met at the Donley Hotel Thursday, where they were served a lovely Xmas dinner. They went from the hotel to the home of Mrs. Grover Heath for a Xmas tree where gifts were exchanged from the tree and a very enjoyable social hour was enjoyed. At a short business meeting Mrs. W. A. Land was elected president for the coming year.

Those present were Mesdames H. C. Brumley, Frank White Sr., S. W. Lowe, Grover Heath, H. Mulkey, R. R. Dawkins, Ed Speed, W. A. Land, Buel Sanford, R. O. Thomas, J. R. Bartlett, C. E. Lindsey, A. O. Hefner, Eugene Noland, and Misses Ida and Etta Harned.

ENTERTAIN EMPLOYEES

On Thursday, Dec. 15th Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McMurtry entertained the personnel of the ranches with their annual noonday turkey dinner at the headquarters home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace McClellan.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ronda Ray, Margaret and Don of Ashtola, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roland and Bobby of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Brown, Wayne, Charlotte, and Betty of Alanreed, Mr. and Mrs. Horace McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Slavin and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slavin, Ann and Charlie, Slick Johnson, Jerry Morgan, Dick Spradlin, Billy Chilton, Miss Ira Jean Estlack, Mr. and Mrs. McMurtry, all of Clarendon.

Each employee was presented with a Christmas bonus check.

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Cranberry Sauce 21c Can

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COFFEE SCHILLINGS Pound .68

LARD PURE HOG 3 lb. Carton .49

ORANGES New Crop Sunkist, large 150 size—Doz. 50c

Mixed Fruits For Fruit Cake—Pound 59c

XMAS CANDY Pound 25c

PEAS Mission—No. 2 Can 15c

CELERY Large Crisp Stalk—Each 17c

PINEAPPLE Doles Chunket—No. 2 Can 35c

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CLARENDON TEXAS

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Merry Christmas

Good Luck
Good Cheer
and Many
Happy Days

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CLARENDON H. D. CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The members of the H. D. Club met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Estlack Friday, Dec. 16th for their annual Christmas dinner party. In the afternoon a Christmas program, arranged by the committee, in which all members took part, was enjoyed. Gifts were exchanged also.

Those to enjoy the occasion, Mesdames Laura Taylor, M. C. Rappy, Joe Terry, W. D. Van Eaton, Lena Antrobus, Austin Rhoades, M. G. Cottingham, Emmett Bryson, G. A. Anderson, Claude Darden, H. B. Hill, C. D. McDowell, A. W. Simpson, Bertha Benson, A. L. Chase, Clyde Butler, O. C. Watson, hostess Mrs. Estlack and guest, Mrs. Eva Humphrey.

CUE AND CURTAIN CLUB

Sunday, December 18, 1949 at 3:00 o'clock at the Youth Center, the members of the Cue and Curtain Club gave a recital and tea for their parents and friends. Those to the program were:

Bill Porter, Sandra Shelton, Willetta Riney, Joane Swink, Geraldine Durham, Nancy Bennett, Doris Wallace, Sam Patterson, Inelle Cox, Alice McCrary, Mary Ann Landers, and Ladelle Cox.

After the program, star cookies, tea and coffee were served by Inelle Cox and Alice McCrary. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Christmas program very much. —Reporter

CUE AND CURTAIN CLUB CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The Cue and Curtain Club's annual Christmas banquet was held Monday, December 19, 1949 at the Donley Hotel. The tables were decorated with candles, small Santa Clauses, and snow men.

Toastmaster was Sam Patterson. Ladelle Cox and Mae Morris gave a Christmas program and the guest speaker was William Hutchinson of Canyon. The banquet was enjoyed by the following: Mrs. Johnson, William Hutchinson, Sam Patterson, Shirley Wilson, Bill Porter, Ladelle Cox,

Joe Dilli, Mary Ann Landers, Tommye Gattis, Geraldine Durham, Jerry Moore, Sandra Shelton, Patsy Estlack, Inelle Cox, Bill Rieves, Alice McCrary, Bill Pittman, Glenda Sue Davis, Joane Swink, Bob Clifford, Ralph Nichols, Doris Wallace, Joe Deger, and Mae Morris.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Thomas A. Gray, Minister
Dec. 25, 1949

We will hold our regular services on Christmas Day at the usual hours. Bible School at 9:45 and Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper at 11 in the morning. Our evening service is at 7:30. This church extends to everyone in the community our best wishes for a very happy holiday season.

EIGHT FOOTLIGHTS BANQUET

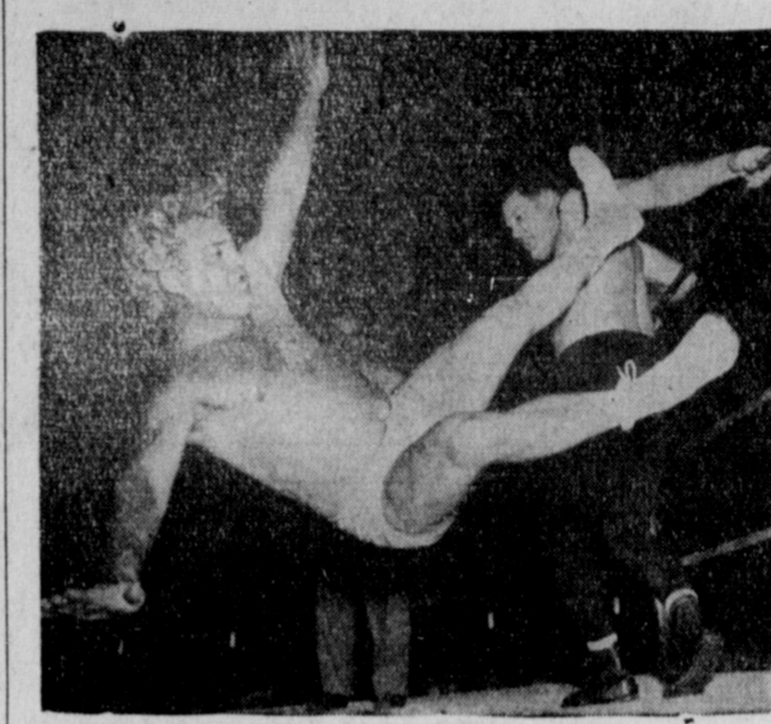
The Eight Footlights banquet was held in the home of Mrs. Jolly Johnson Dec. 17. A delicious dinner was served by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Granvill McAnear. After dinner a program was given by the members of the club. Then each member and guest received a gift off the Christmas tree. Members of the club are Jackie Estlack, Jeanie McAnear, Patsy Schull, Jonna Lee Blocker, Joyce Eddings, and Tommy Lane. The guests were Beth Gillham, Harold Holland, George Thompson, Connie McMurtry and Wanda Lewis.

ATTENTION, EMPLOYERS

Income tax time is soon here. Please remember that, under the law, you, as an employer, are required to furnish every employee for the calendar year, 1949, a statement of wages earned and taxes withheld, Form W-2, on or before Jan. 31, 1950. You can't make your own report, your employees cannot make theirs until this is done. The failure to do this, causes many to be late with their reports and causes endless delays and confusion. If you do not have these forms, see your local tax consultant.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dyer left Tuesday for New Orleans for the Xmas holidays.

WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE



CHICAGO, ILL. — Gorgeous George, marcelled beauty of wrestling, floats toward the canvas after being thrown by Rudy Kay, shown at right. However, George came back to win the final two falls of the match.

GOLDSTON
Carolyn McBrayer

Mr. and Mrs. Talley went shopping in Pampa Monday.

Margie Henslee spent the week end with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Littlefield.

Mrs. Wilson Gray and Mrs. Raymond Farr attended a Christmas party in Clarendon Thursday at the Methodist Church.

Lucille Dale is spending the Christmas holidays with home-folks.

Mrs. Hatley visited Mrs. Wilson Gray Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dale visited in Canyon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McBrayer visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McBrayer in Hedley Sunday.

J. F. Jackson and girls visited Grandma Jackson Sunday night. James Ashcraft visited in the J. F. Jackson home Sunday.

O. L. McBrayer visited in Okla. City Friday.

R. V. Hatley and son visited in the Mode Hatley home Sunday.

Mrs. Wilson Gray spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Doc Yankee.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Hedley Ind. School District will accept sealed bids on one 1947 Ford 1 Ton Panel. Bids will close January 10, 1950. Mail all bids to A. L. Davis, Supt. of Schools, Box 107, Hedley, Texas. (45-3c)

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Brumley arrived Monday for the Xmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brumley.

Mr. H. B. Hill went to Carey on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Bill Lane and son Tommy visited her sister, Mrs. Dorothea Kelly at Amarillo Sunday. Her nephew, Rickey Kelly accompanied them home for a visit.

Miss Margaret Jenkins of Dallas will visit relatives in and near Clarendon Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Powell will spend Xmas at Waco with relatives.

Mrs. Martin Weiss and daughter Jeanie are visiting her parents at Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hardin were Amarillo shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wadsworth were Amarillo shoppers Tuesday.

Bill Floyd, prominent farmer from over Hedley way, was in Clarendon Tuesday attending business matters.

Mrs. C. Huffman received word Monday that her mother, Mrs. Stone was very ill and not expected to live. She left Monday afternoon for DeLeon, Texas to be with her.

PLUMBING

Call or See
A. E. CONNER
Phone 374

Mrs. Grady Tyler of SMU at Dallas is home to spend the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. Laura Taylor is visiting Mrs. J. B. Jones at Amarillo this week.

Louise Green from Dallas will spend the Xmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Moreman of Groom visited Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Lowe Tuesday.

Mrs. A. J. Emmons, Bobbie and Gaydine and June Selmon were shopping in Amarillo Monday.

Alexander Graham Bell was 29 years of age when the telephone was patented.

Glad Thoughts at Christmas
BEST WISHES FOR A GLORIOUS HOLIDAY.

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Sincere good wishes to all!

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Christmas Greetings

Just the same old wish, 'tis true
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Plenty of Dressed Beef (half or whole) for sale at Donley County Consumer Frozen Food Locker. (27fc)

FOUR FOOT ROTARY SCRAPERS at \$95.00. Estlack Machinery Co. Phone 262. (11fc)

FOR SALE — Used Frigidaire in good condition. Mrs. J. C. Estlack. Phone 455 or 386. (25fc)

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FOR SALE — 1944 Model Ford Tractor, A-1 condition, complete overhaul. Would trade for stock or cattle. 4 miles west of Ashtola. G. J. Hinders. (48-p)

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FOR SALE—Moving and must sell two tractors; M-M and International B. Also 4,000 sorghum bundles and saddle mare. See Paul Thompson, Rt. 1. (45-p)

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WANTED—Plowing. Am prepared and experienced in any kind of garden and farm plowing. Call or see C. L. Goins. (45-p)

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Sybil Head, Louva Hunt and Jim and Joe Lovell from SMU at Dallas will arrive Wednesday for the Xmas holidays.

Marvin Land and son Tommy of Tucumcari, N. Mex. visited his mother, Mrs. W. A. Land Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Butler are visiting their children in Calif.

Miss Mantie Graves is spending Xmas with her brother, A. S. Graves at Whitedeer.

The northernmost point of the U. S. is located in Minnesota.



Skeptics regard the whole thing as mere invention, colored with Oriental imagery, designed to honor Christ; and faith accepts the star as the supernatural phenomenon which proclaimed the birth of Jesus.

The first chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew begins:

"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham . . ."

And confirming Bethlehem as the city of David, the angel of the Lord declared:

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOUR which is CHRIST the Lord." St. Luke 2:11.

Considering tradition, which accepts that King David's shield formed a six-pointed star, the Star of Bethlehem appropriately . . . stood over where the young Child was," St. Matthew 2:9.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
3. Where is Christmas Island?
4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?

8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?
10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?
11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"?
12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried?

Yule Means December
 The word "Yule" for Christmas comes from the Anglo-Saxon "geol," meaning December.

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during our time of bereavement and for the beautiful flowers. May God's richest blessings be with each of you always.
 The Keys and Heisler families.
 Mr. and Mrs. Leck Goldston have gone to Houston to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frey for the Xmas holidays.

Christmas GREETINGS and THANK YOU

MARY'S BEAUTY SHOP
 Mary Essie Dona Ruby

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Church News

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. W. Warrin Fry
December 24th, Christmas Eve, 11:30 p. m. Carols and Holy Communion.
January first, New Year's Day, 11 a. m. Holy Communion and

Sermon, 11 a. m. Sunday School.
METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John A. English, Pastor
SUNDAY:
Church School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a. m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7:15 p. m.
MONDAY:
Wesleyan Service Guild meet-

ings every first and third week at 7:30 p. m.
WEDNESDAY:
Circle Meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, 3:30 p. m.
THURSDAY:
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
L. A. Sartain M. Hillis
Pastor Music
9:45—Sunday School
Jack Eddings, Supt.
11:00—Morning Service
6:30—Training Union
S. J. Furrow, Director
7:30—Evening Service
Monday:
7:00—Royal Ambassadors' meeting.
Tuesday:
5:00—Junior Girls' Auxiliary Meeting.
Wednesday:
3:00—W.M.S. Meets
4:00—Intermediate Girl's Auxiliary Meets.
7:00—Mid-week prayer service
7:45—Weekly choir rehearsal.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Doyle Williams, Minister
Bible School—10:00 a. m.
Preaching—11 a. m. & 7:45 p. m.
Communion at 11:45 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Ladies Bible study Wednesday at 2:00 p. m.
Mid-week Bible study, Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.
You are welcome to every service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
J. J. Wester, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45
Morning Worship, 11:00
Youth Fellowship, 6:30
Evening Worship, 7:30.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lelia Lake, Texas
Rev. H. M. Vardeman, Pastor
Sunday School—10 a. m.
Morning Service—11 a. m.
Training Union—7:30.
Evening Service—8:30.
Wednesday night Prayer meeting at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Patman left Thursday (today) for Astoria, Ill., where they will be joined by their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Patman and visit their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price and Shirley.

Mrs. Ray Wilson and daughter Jane of Paducah will spend the Xmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Cap Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kirby of Groom will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cap Lane and family Xmas.

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LELIA LAKE

Mrs. H. R. King
Mrs. Willard Huckaby and children of Dalhart spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gerner.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Roberts of Amarillo spent the weekend here with relatives and friends.
Mrs. Marjorie Batson and Mrs. Mary Bownds both of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roberts last Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Johnson had business in Amarillo Saturday.

Mrs. Earl Myers spent several days last week in Amarillo with friends and relatives. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Albert Sanders and Gene for the weekend.
Mrs. James Smith shopped in Childress last Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mooring had business in Amarillo last Thursday.

Mrs. Champion of Tucson, Arizona is visiting her sisters, Mrs. W. N. Poole and Mrs. Anderson.
Mrs. David Hudgins and son of Lesley visited Mrs. Quinn Aten Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams and Sharon of Canyon spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Leathers.
Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Mooring and Larry of Borger are visiting relatives here.
Ray Roberts of Amarillo spent Monday night and Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Myers and E. R. Myers had business in

Childress Saturday.
W. N. Poole made a business trip to Okla. City Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Nollie Simmons are driving a new Ford.

Robert Gerner underwent an appendectomy in the Adair Hospital in Clarendon Friday night.
Joe Matthews was able to return home from a Clarendon hospital Thursday after a major operation.

The Mystic Weavers Club met with Mrs. James Smith Thursday Dec. 15th with an all day meeting. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at noon and a gift exchange in the afternoon. There were thirteen club members and the following visitors: Mrs. Kate Johnston, Mrs. Vardeman, Mrs. Bertie Leathers, Mrs. Young of Hedley, and Mrs. David Hudgins of Lesley.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fox and children returned last Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Buffalo Springs and Wichita Falls.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. White shopped in Amarillo last Tuesday.

J. W. Shields and Arthur made a business trip to Amarillo Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kidd of Amarillo spent the weekend with Mrs. Evelyn Murphy and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bowling and children and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sossaman and children were called to Hugo, Okla. Sunday night by the death of the ladies' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones were business visitors in Amarillo Saturday. They also visited her brother, Edwin J. Evans and wife.

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California Has Mile Long Avenue of Lighted Trees



Merry Christmas

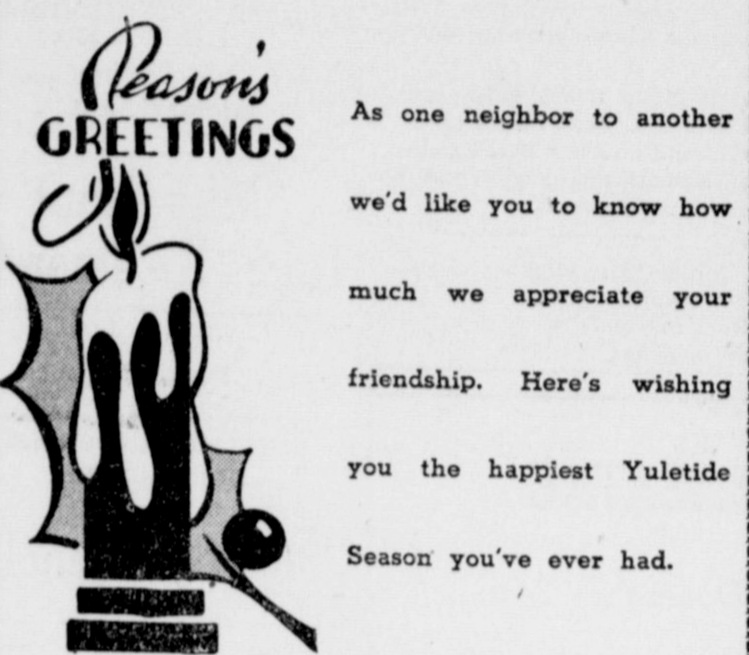
The trees comprising the mile long Avenue of Christmas Trees in Altadena, Calif., are descendants of the Deodar Cedars of India which grow upon the slopes of the Himalayas.
While traveling in India in 1882, Capt. Frederick J. Woodbury gathered the seeds which he planted later on his ranch in California. When the seedlings were about two feet tall, the captain's sons transplanted them to line the wire driveway leading to the ranch residence.
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Hodening Horse Of British Isles

Strange miracle plays were always intrinsic parts of the holiday season in the British Isles and in many such traditional performances, one of the characters rode a grotesque hobby horse. Gradually, the horse assumed the characteristics of a star performer and in time, stepping out of the play altogether, began going from house to house—expecting hospitality, after frightening families half out of their wits.

Of course, the Hodening Horse was no ordinary horse: two boys, covered with sheets and a horse blanket, usually supplied his vitality; his wooden head was hideously carved with gouged eyes, hobnail teeth, etc. The boys manipulated strings to make the teeth clank, etc., and sometimes placed a lighted candle in the hollow of the head to make the mouth seem to belch forth flames.

In Wales, it was customary for the Hodening Horse to recite long extemporaneous verses: if the Horse outwitted his host, he was invited in for cakes and cider. A less witty procedure was followed in some rural communities and along lonely roads: wealthy citizens and travelers were attacked by unknown Hodening Horses who demanded "fines" from their victims.



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Tall Can		Pound	
FRUIT COCKTAIL	21c	APPLES	25c
Tall Can		Delicious—2 lbs.	
PEACHES	25c	ORANGES	9c
Delmonte—No. 2 1/2 Can		California—Pound	
CRANBERRY SAUCE	18c	CELERY	15c
Ocean Spray—Tall Can		Large Stalk	
Xmas Mixed Candy	25c	GRAPES	17c
Pound		White—1 lb.	
BLACKEYED PEAS	12c	LETTUCE	10c
Tall Can		Large Head	
SHORTENING	59c	JELLO	5c
3 lb. Carton		Box	
MEAT VALUES		PINEAPPLE	35c
KRAFT DINNER	29c	No. 1 Can—2 for	
2 for		VEL or DREFT	25c
SLICED BACON	37c	Box	
Wicklow—1 lb.		SUGAR	89c
BEEF ROAST	42c	Cane—10 lbs.	
Nice—1 lb.		MILK	25c
Plenty of Cured Hams		Tall Cans—2 for	
		CRACKERS	48c
		2 lb. Box	
		Yukon Best FLOUR	\$1 79
		25 lb. Sack	

NOTICE

TO OUR CUSTOMERS
We Will Be Closed Saturday Thru Monday
Regular Monday Pickups will be made Tuesday Morning.

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FARM NEWS

From the County PMA Committee

PERFORMANCE SCHOOL:

On Monday and Tuesday of this week Community Committeemen and several other men in the County met at the office to attend a school conducted by Alan R. Saunders, one of our District Performance Supervisors. The school was held to instruct them in the measurement of wheat acres that producers in the County have planted according to their 1950 wheat allotment. The school was well attended and a big success. The men expect to get a greater part of the work done during the holidays.

DECEMBER 31st DEADLINE:

December 31, 1949 is the last day to earn a payment on any practice under the 1949 Program Year. All practices for which prior approvals have been issued must be completed by this date, and must be reported not later than January 15, 1950.

STALKS & STUBBLE:

We would like to have all approvals issued for leaving stalks and stubbles on the land turned

in by January 1, 1950. Don't forget to come in and make your report so you can earn a payment.

APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT:

We have an Application for Payment on file for every producer in the County who has carried out a practice. As soon as we receive our supply of envelopes from the State Office, we will mail a letter to everyone asking them to come to the office and sign their Application for Payment. Work is going slow on these at the present time, but by the 1st of the year we expect to have this program in "full swing".

COTTONSEED PURCHASE:

December 31, 1949 has been set by CCC as the final date for County PMA offices to purchase cottonseed from producers in the County. After this date, the office cannot buy your seed. If you have any seed stored at home that you weren't going to put into a loan, you need to sell it by the 31st in order to benefit from the support price.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Our 1949 budget is almost gone. To date we only have \$156.24 left. This wouldn't go very far in paying for mechanical practices; but

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it would help some if a producer wanted to plant some grass seed or something like that. However, we have received our 1950 allocation, and it is \$75,300.00. At this time, we are allowed to issue approvals out of the 1950 budget. If you are interested in any kind of a practice such as terraces, deep plowing, chiseling, earthen dams, tanks, etc., drop by the office and let us issue an approval to you.

COTTON ALLOTMENTS:

The Cotton Allotments were mailed to every producer eligible for one on December 10, 1949. If

you want to file an appeal on your allotment, please do so by December 23. Appeals must be filed within 15 days after the notices are mailed out. If you did not receive a Cotton Allotment, and you want to plant some cotton in 1950, please file for a New Grower Allotment.

GRAIN SORGHUM LOANS:

It still isn't too late to put your grain sorghum in a loan. If you are interested, come to the office and let us tell you the requirements and how to complete a loan. To date we have completed over \$42,000.00 in Warehouse Loans alone.

RECENT APPROVALS:

Even though this program year is almost over, we still have a few farmers who are carrying out last minute practices. Some of them are: Josephine Hutton and Annie O. Reeves have approvals for the construction of large ridge terraces; Fred Thompson, Ernest Lamb, and George Bulman have approvals for the construction of diversion terraces; H. C. Shaw, Jr., H. C. Shaw, Freddie Hutson, and Oscar Anderson have approvals to do some chiseling; and of course we have our many approvals issued on leaving stalks and stubble on the land.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

The office force wants to take this time to wish all the County Committeemen, Community Committeemen, producers and their families a very Merry Christmas.

The Lion's Roar

By Dee Lewry

The Lions Club held its regular meeting Tuesday, December 20 in the club hall. Eight guests and 82% of the members were present for this meeting.

The Boss Lion announced that the club would not hold its regular meeting next week, December 27. Also the January 3rd meeting will be postponed to Jan. 5th at which time the club will have a Ladies Night in connection with the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Lion George Schollenbarger was the Lucky Lion at this meeting.

Lion Joe Jones presented the club Christmas gifts to the kitchen force. Again the club wishes to thank Mrs. G. A. Anderson for those good meals we enjoy each week.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Jolly Johnson. Pat Murphy sang two songs and Doris Wallace and Mae Morris told Christmas stories. Thanks to Mrs. Johnson for this nice program.

Lions the next meeting will be in 1950. Start the new year off right by meeting with your club.

OPENS NEW TAX OFFICE AT MEMPHIS

E. J. Chenault, manager of the Warren-Chenault Income Tax Service office here, which has operated for many years, has opened up a branch office for this class of work in the Whaley Bldg. in Memphis. He is associated in the business by Miss Clyde Sheppard of Memphis, who formerly was employed here in the J. A. Warren tax office, and who, since, has been doing this work there. Miss Sheppard is local office manager in the new office. Mr. Chenault will remain in charge of the Clarendon office as heretofore.

Mrs. M. H. Henexson was Amarillo shopping Monday.

Notes from - - -

CITY HALL

The City Commission's next meeting will be January 3, 1950. We, at our meeting Tuesday night, approved repairing the water tank on the hill. We also had all city employees at the meeting and outlined our program for 1950. We again brought before the City Commission and employees that we, your city government, are your servants, ready and willing to do all that is within our power and is the desire of the majority of the people, any civic project possible.

We, your city government wish all of you every thing nice for this Yule Season, and hope our New Year may bring you bountiful blessings.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolly Johnson left Wednesday for Houston to spend the Xmas holidays with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

FIRST DAY OF WINTER IS WORST SO FAR

Yesterday, Wednesday, December 21st, was the first day of winter and winter it was, the worst day so far for the season. It was also the shortest day of the year, and beginning today the days will begin to grow longer. The present wintry spell is expected to hold on through Friday and then begin to warm up a bit Saturday. According to the latest forecast, there is very little possibility of a white Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dozier enjoyed having all their children at home the week end for an early Xmas family get-together. Farris of Denver, Arline of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Boles of Dalhart and Sayles and Mr. and Mrs. Dozier.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle are expecting their daughter, Miss Annie from Indiana this week to spend the holidays.

MULKEY THEATRE

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APPLES 45c
Delicious—Dozen

BANANAS 25c
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Large Stalk

FREE TURKEY

Come in and Register for Free Turkey to be Given away Free at 3 p. m. Xmas Eve.

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HAMS PICNIC—1 lb. 39c Pound 55c

CHEESE Longhorn—Pound 45c

CRANBERRY SAUCE Ocean Spray—Can 19c



APPLES 10c
Delicious—Pound

ORANGES 9c
Texas—1 lb.

Chocolate Covered Cherries 49c
1 lb. Box

WALNUTS 35c
1 lb. Bag

CRANBERRY SAUCE 19c
Can

PEACHES 25c
Brimfull—No. 2 1/2 Can

PINEAPPLE 35c
No. 2 Can

PICKLES 25c
Sour—Quart

TOILET TISSUE 25c
Fort Howard—3 Rolls

CAKE FLOUR 39c
Swansdown—Large Box

FRESH EGGS 35c
Dozen

PICNIC HAMS 37c
Pound

DRESSED HENS 49c
Pound

PORK ROAST 39c
Pound

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A Common Paper for Common People

Keep Dangerous Toys Away From Children

Christmas, of all holidays, belongs to the children. But, warns the National Board of Fire Underwriters, Christmas turns out to be a tragic time for many children

every year. The toys they were meant to take delight in, sometimes mean grief for the youngsters. Poorly constructed electric toys can cause serious burns. Toys using gasoline or kerosene are equally dangerous.

Be careful in choosing your children's toys. If you're planning to buy electric vacuum cleaners, stoves, irons or other electric gadgets, be sure they have the marker of the Underwriters' Laboratories Inc. When small children are play-

ing with electric toys always have an adult plug and unplug the toys.

Don't give them stuffed animals or play costumes of brushed rayon or any highly inflammable material unless they've been flameproofed. You might flame-

proof such playthings yourself by rinsing or spraying them with a mixture of 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid dissolved in one gallon of water.

Set up electric trains away from the tree where a spark won't ignite decorations or needles.

The Statue of Liberty faces away from shore because she is supposed to be enlightening the world.

One horsepower is the power required to lift 33,000 pounds one foot in one minute.

U.S. Stands Low On List of Nations Getting New Year

From the precise instruments of the naval observatory in Washington, and through the great Arlington radio towers, America and much of the world will learn the exact instant when the old year has passed and 1950 has taken its place. And it is from another haunt of science in the capital, The National Geographic Society, that one learns when and where the new year begins.

The United States, accustomed to ranking itself pretty highly in world esteem, has to content itself with being about sixth-rate in the eyes of Father Time, the society points out. For time serves up the new year to Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe and most of South America before he gets around to the first of our citizens in Maine.

Then, for three more hours, the people of California must munch the crusts and pick the bones of the old year before they receive a fresh helping of time; and the residents of Alaska must wait two more hours beyond that.

When the New Year actually is born it will be 7 a. m. December 31 in our eastern cities; 6 a. m. in the central time zone; 5 a. m. in the mountain zone, and 4 a. m. in the Pacific coast states.

While the New Year celebrations in all countries are basically similar, there are many interesting variations and special features. For example, in Great Britain the king's honor list provides a large topic of conversation on New Year's day. The wassail bowl is an important part of the New Year observance in England, and "open house" is generally kept in town as well as country.

New Year's customs always have had a joyful theme. Few tears ever mark the death of the old year, but there is always gladness at the advent of the new era which mankind always hopes will prove to be better than the old one.

A Happy New Year? Then Pay All Debts

Want to assure yourself a happy and prosperous New Year?

Well, first of all make sure that all debts are paid before midnight on New Year's Eve. This ancient Chinese custom is designed to start the New Year off with a clean slate and, although its origin is lost in antiquity, solvency is still a good foundation for prosperity and friendly business relations.

If you are unmarried and would like to remove the "un" from your status, be sure to put on the left stocking before putting on the right one when you dress New Year's morning—and try to be as left-handed as possible during the day, thereby increasing the potency of the charm which is supposed to aid



love's progress. Marriageable maidens who look out the window on New Year's morning, can anticipate being married before the year is out if they see a man before they see a woman.

Be sure to wish everyone a "Happy New Year," but keep your fingers crossed for luck while giving or receiving the greetings; and don't forget to say "rabbits" as soon as you wake up in the morning.

An old English custom, presumably founded on the superstition that whatever you do on New Year's Day is indicative of your fortune during the ensuing year, advises opening a bank account on January 1.

Since your New Year will be, to a certain extent, what you make it, resolve to make it a happy and prosperous one.

One twentieth of the world's population lives south of the equator.



Yes, it's true we've been wishing our friends and neighbors a hearty "Merry Christmas" for a long time. Each season's greetings seems to take on added significance because we find ourselves with new friends and new customers whom we wish to include in our list.

As we look about us and give serious thought to what has transpired the past twelve months, we welcome the Christmas season with even more enthusiasm than ever before. We have much for which to be thankful—a host of friends, a fine community, a spirit of loyalty that makes us proud to call this our home.

It is good to be among friends at Christmas and to send you our annual message of "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

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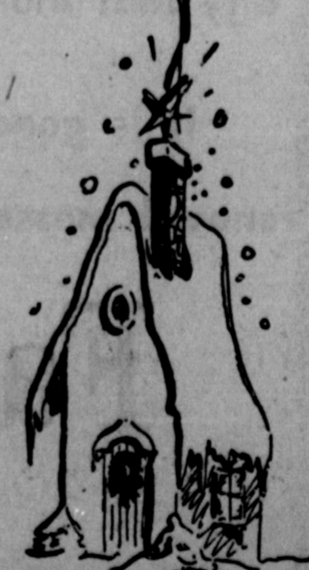
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QUESTIONS ON CHRISTMAS



1. The Swedes know kissing is fun. That's why they thought of the Christmas mistletoe. What should be done to the mistletoe for each stolen kiss? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a leaf.



2. We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Christmas gifts. They were Melchior, Balthasar and (a) Samuel (b) Casper (c) Shadrach?



3. Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1845 (b) about 1781 (c) about 1903.



4. Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas ceremony? (a) Pope Gregory (b) Frans Plowman (c) St. Francis of Assisi.



5. The Christmas tree is the heart of our Christmas decorations. Which country first used the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France.



6. "Silent Night, Holy Night," one of the most beloved of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Beethoven (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Martin Luther?

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (a) 6. (c)

Speaking of Christmas

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . . Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits . . . Christmas Eve, 1863,



saw a near tragedy in Virginia City, Nevada . . . Two friends celebrated with a terrific round of festivity . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . . . A policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great humorists—Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince pies, so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic significance . . . The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born . . . The crust represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men; the many spices, the frankincense and myrrh . . . On May 11, 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christmas . . . Anyone celebrating, stopping work, serving holiday fare or deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . The righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely—for how could good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years before that law was repealed.



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JAPANESE FOLLOW WESTERN CHRISTMAS TREE CUSTOM—The Japanese have adopted the Christmas tree and given it an oriental appearance by decorating its branches with Japanese dolls, woodcuts, small tangerines and rice cookies called "sembei," that hold paper slips of fortunes.

Gift Suggestions

Christmas always brings the problem of what to give him or her. The best way to solve this problem is to first think of the things he or she likes to do. Then, buy a gift that will be suitable for the person's activities.

Here are some suggestions. Even if the person has one of these items he'll not mind having another one.

FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE GAMES—cards, chess or checkers, ash trays, score pads and pencils, a card table cover, a book about a favorite game.

IF SHE LIKES TO SEW—embroidery package of stamped material complete with threads and directions, pinking shears, a sweater stretcher, press cloth and tailor's cushions, workbag, dress or blouse material, wool and needles.

FOR TRAVELERS—luggage, compact mending or cleaning kit, a camera, film, portable radio, travel iron, flashlight-tipped pencil or key holder, compact shaving kit.

THE OUTDOOR TYPE—hand-tied flies, tennis balls in tins, golf balls, nylon fish lines, ski wax, wool socks, new set of mittens for the golf clubs, bright caps and jackets.

THE GARDENER—garden gloves, shears, picking basket, a set of stakes, a new book about gardening, hand sprayer, a peaked cap.

THE YOUNGER SET—her first permanent, watches, crazy sports shirts, his first shaving kit, dancing lessons, their first piece of luggage with their names on it, start her on a set of silver, books about his hobby or some equipment for it.



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

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

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

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

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

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

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

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

strengthened.

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

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

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

Christmas of 1804 Was Chicago's Best

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

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

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

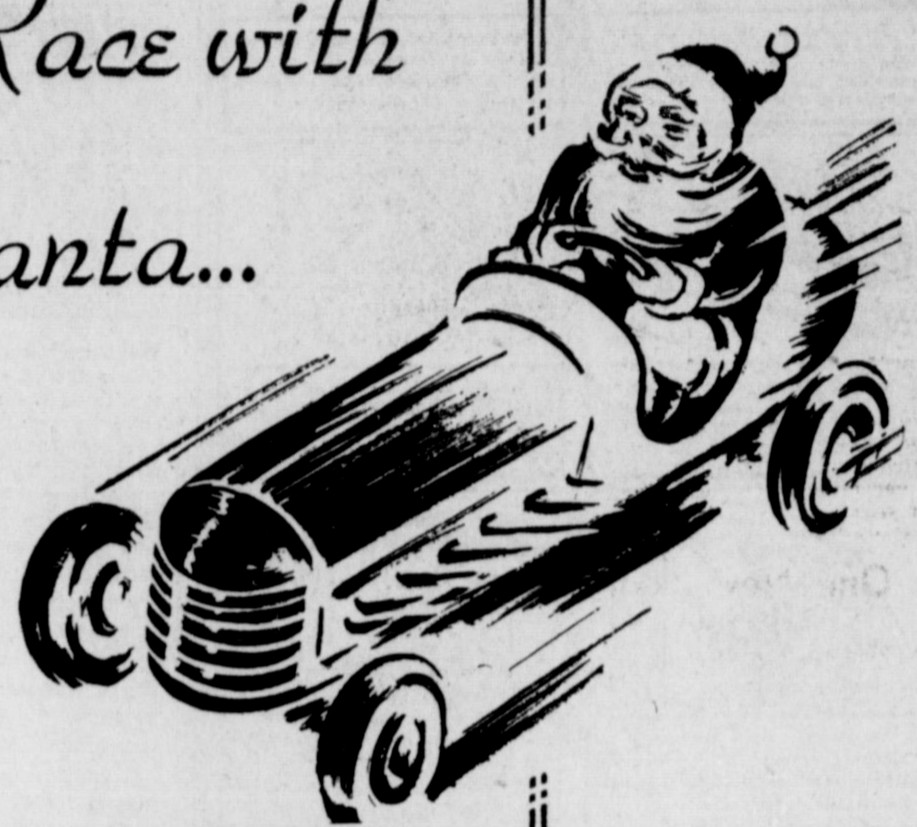
The punch was "dizzy" and there were fifes and drums and a couple of fiddles to play for the dancing.

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

The first Christmas card was designed in 1845.

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

A Friendly Race with Santa...



We hasten to beat the old gent to your house to wish you enjoyment to the fullest for this season.

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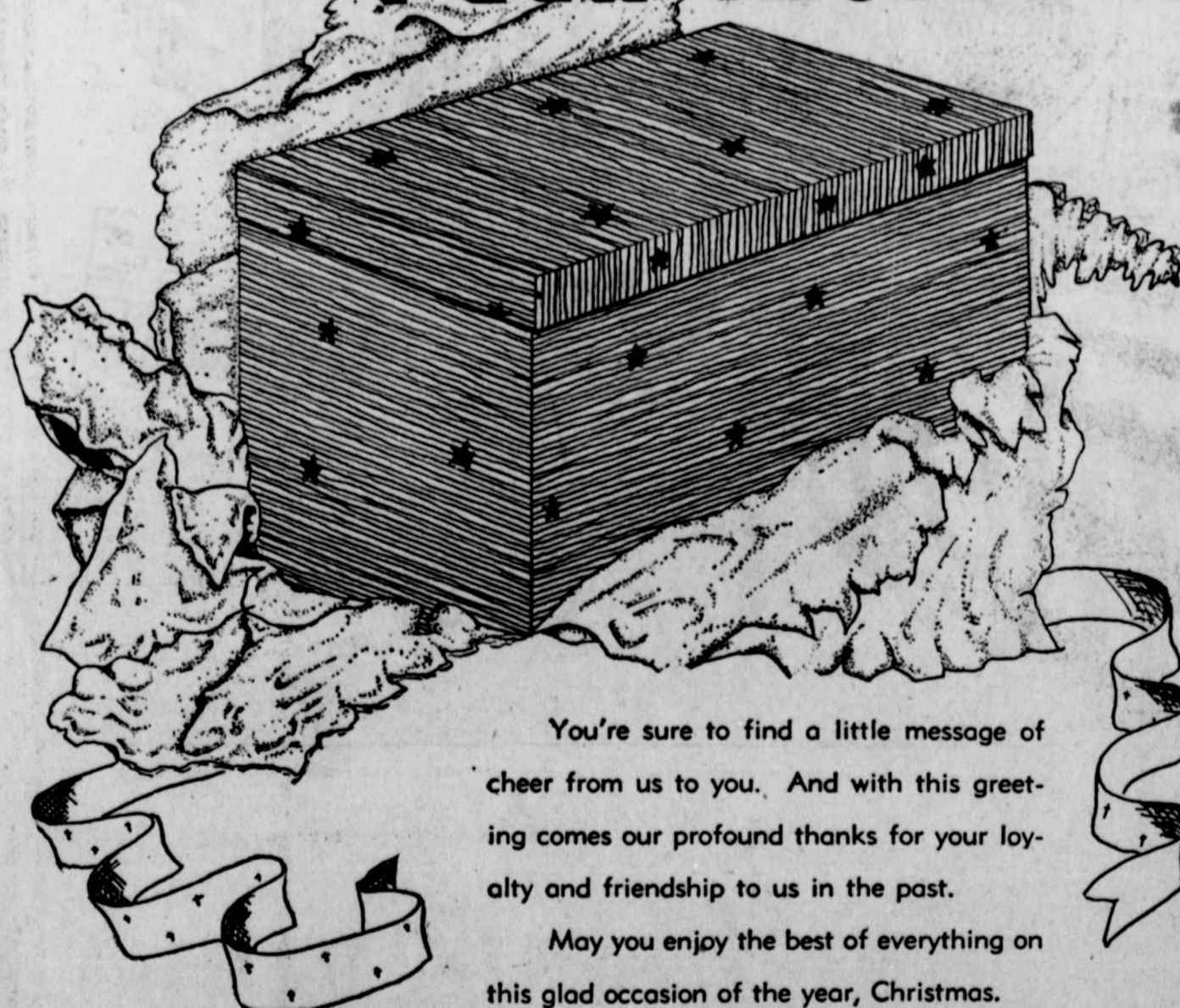
CHRISTMAS Greetings



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GO AHEAD--- PEEK INSIDE!!



You're sure to find a little message of cheer from us to you. And with this greeting comes our profound thanks for your loyalty and friendship to us in the past. May you enjoy the best of everything on this glad occasion of the year, Christmas.

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IF IT'S HEAT, IT CAN ALWAYS
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"TIME, YOU OLD GYPSY MAN" . . . Every 12 months, as the earth spins along its course, we fondly re-enact the cherished old conceit of the aged and worn man, representing the Old Year, meeting for a brief instant with his cherubic successor, the New Year. For in that bit of make-believe are embodied the resolutions we would make for ourselves, our faith in the future and our hope that things will be better next year.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

In 1918 in a high school classroom, a 15-year old sophomore, confused by discussion of the calendar, asked his teacher: "Didn't the Caesars mess up the calendar?" She snapped back: "Do you think you could make a better one?"

The boy, Willard Edwards, went home that night and thought up six calendars, one of which he considered superior to any he knew. One of them was up for discussion by Congress. It was presented to and received favorably by delegates at the world security conference at San Francisco. Edwards sees a possibility that his perpetual calendar soon may be the international calendar.

Edwards, a navy veteran of action in the Pacific, outlined his plans for the calendar. It would simplify the present system by a switch that would involve a change in only two days.

In the Edwards perpetual calendar, the year would have 364 days plus New Year's day completely apart from any month or week. It would be followed by Monday, the first day of the year. There would be 12 months, falling into a regularly rhythmical pattern of 30, 30, 31 days.

Monday, which psychologically is regarded as the first day of the week, would actually be first in the proposed calendar.

Leap Year day, like New Year's day, would be an international holiday, completely apart from any month. It would come following Sunday, June 31.

Labor Day and Christmas, for instance, would always be on Monday. With the possibility of a fixed Easter, there would be six three-day holidays. This, Edwards contends, would be of great advantage in planning vacations, transportation schedules, school terms, and especially to business concerns.

And for those of superstitious persuasion, there would be no Friday the 13th to worry about.

Isn't One New Year's Day Enough?

TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF SIX

Six New Year's Days in one year?

The New Year's Day of January 1 comes twice a year. In that part of the Occident whence lies America and sundry other places, January 1 comes on January 1; but in that part of the Occident wherein the orthodox Greek faith prevails, January 1 falls upon January 13.

In China, the New Year falls upon February 8. Continuing in the east, if one reached Siam on April 1, he would discover he had arrived on New Year's Day.

Suppose the mythical traveler reached Arabia on September 4. He would find a great salaaming, gift-giving and a general air of festivity. The reason: New Year's Day, Mohammedan version.

And that isn't all. In Abyssinia, New Year's Day falls upon September 10.

In conclusion, were you in Jerusalem on October 3, you would have arrived in time to help celebrate New Year's Day there—or Rosh Hoshana, as it is called, the Hebrew "head of the year."

We Still Travel to Grandmother's on Christmas

"To grandmother's house for Christmas. . ."

That part of the holiday theme has become as much a part of the Yule season as the mistletoe and holly. And where, in days of yore, the trip to grandmother's house was made by sleigh, it now is being made by airplane.

With more planes available and expanded facilities, airlines are anticipating the greatest holiday travel season in history.

Many families are making "split trips"—the children going unescorted aboard flights from their home to the destination airport, where they are met by their grandparents. Mother and father follow later after completing various tasks essential to a complete Christmas.

"To grandmother's house for Christmas. . ." goes the old song. And this year throughout the nation the trip is being made by the modern mode of air transportation.

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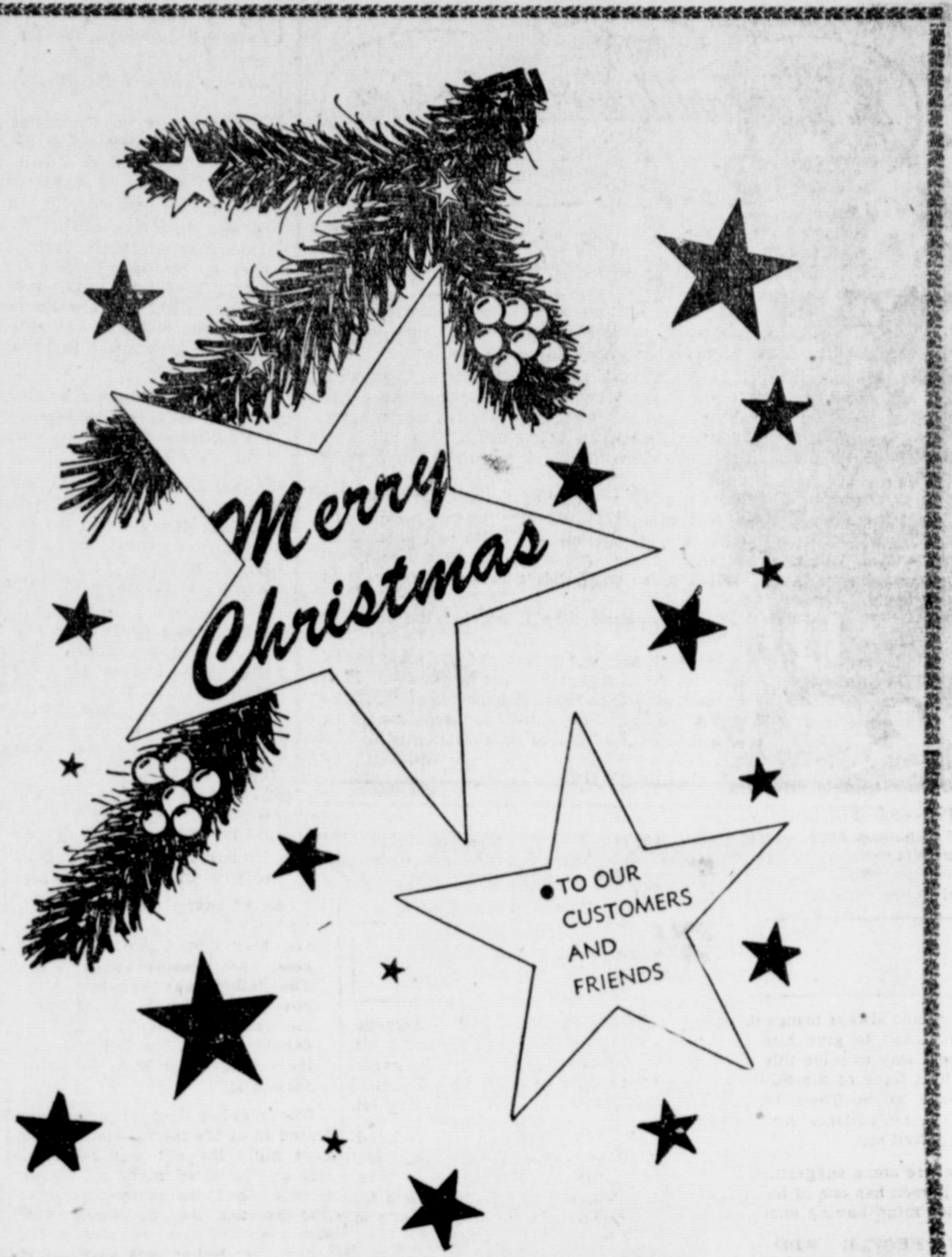


SEASONS' GREETINGS

IS IT POSSIBLE . . . ? That another year has passed since the familiar sights of the Christmas season have greeted us at every turn? It seems that Old Santa just slips up on us a little faster each year, so we hasten to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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Phone 60

A Joy No Earthly Wealth Can Give

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



HOPE THAT SUSTAINS THE WORLD . . . If there is anything more touching and inspiring than the sight of a little boy or girl waiting patiently for the arrival of his beloved Santa Claus, the world has yet to produce it. With boundless hope, after hanging up his stocking, he finally goes to bed, knowing as surely as he knows his own mother and father, that the Giftbringer will have been there when he awakens.

Bringers of Gifts Range From Santa To Knight Ruppert

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so the Magi may feed their

horses while they leave gifts. The elder people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

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

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

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

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

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

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



OLD, OLD STORY . . . If teacher could get this kind of attention as she lectures on the three R's, she'd have a room full of geniuses. She is reading the ageless Moore classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas." And not a creature is stirring.

on Christmas morning!



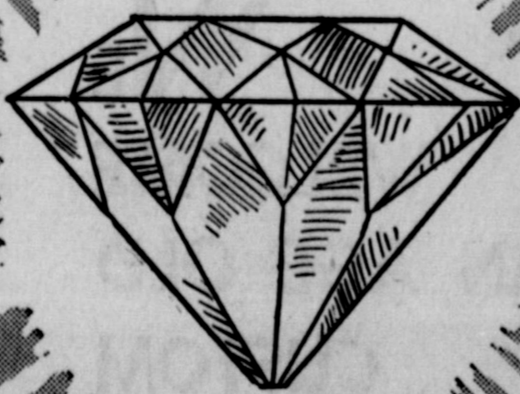
We like to look back over the past twelve months on Christmas morning. It seems to accentuate the passing of another year, a year of work made a pleasure by associating with and serving people like you. We of this organization wish you a genuine Greeting of Cheer for the Holidays.

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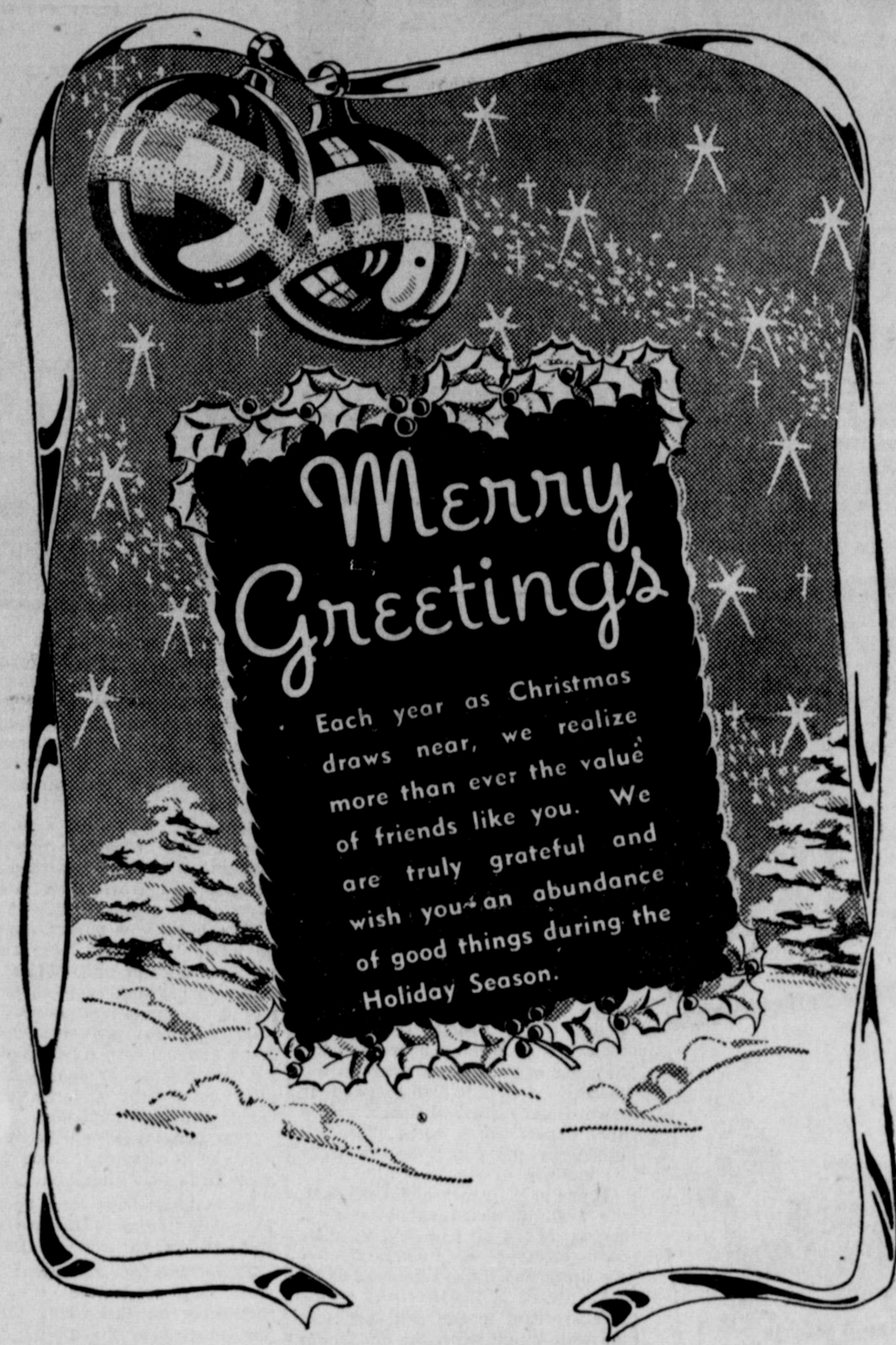
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New Year Resolutions Silly So Say Psychiatrists

In the opinion of some of the nation's leading psychiatrists, the practice of making New Year resolutions is "silly."

They believe that any person going around making resolutions and informing all and sundry of his decision is something of an exhibitionist and, in addition, is being childish.

The experts add that these persons "probably never carry out the resolutions anyway."

Some agree that New Year resolutions have little value. They feel that resolutions aren't the best way of curbing difficulties and correcting one's self. They point out that, instead, the best method is giving thought to what causes trouble and trying rationally to correct these faults.

Children especially, the experts argue, should not be encouraged in "making resolutions." They contend a "child should be taught to do the best he can at all times and not save his difficulties for any particular time, and attempt to tear them all up by one superhuman effort that is almost sure to fail."



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

Pilgrims Deplored "Ye Christmas Day"

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

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

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

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

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

MEASURED TIME

The ancient Egyptians were among the first people to figure out any so-called "exact" measurement of time: Their calendar of 365 days was divided into 12 periods of 30 days each, with the remaining five days tacked on to the last period or month without any provision for leap years.

Actually, the solar year consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. Consequently, a well-ordered system of Leap Years is necessary to keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent.

The Gregorian calendar, devised and presented to the world in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, provides that years divisible by four—exclusive of the years numbering the centuries—shall have 366 days, and the century marking years shall be leap years only if they are divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

This system guarantees the accuracy of the Gregorian calendar until, at least, 2500 A.D.

And if this accuracy is unique, the Moslem calendar is unique because of its inaccuracy—or rather, its regressive accuracy.

The 12 lunar months which comprise the Mohammedan year begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep the months geared to the solar equinoxes. Thus, the months retrogress through the entire solar year in about 33½ years.

Observance of legal holidays in the various states make up the number of "legal work-less days" which, if all were observed over the nation, would cut the United States work week to one day.



WITCHING HOUR . . . All across the land, as the hands of the clock approach midnight on Saturday, December 31, young ladies—and other people, too—will be pointing out the time and saying, "Look, it's almost 1950." They probably won't be wearing swim suits, however.



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

The Gospel text's specific wise men from the east logically identifies them with Zoroastrianism—an ancient monotheistic religion of Persia. Zoroastrian priests were

Along the Way



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Merry Christmas to you, one and all.

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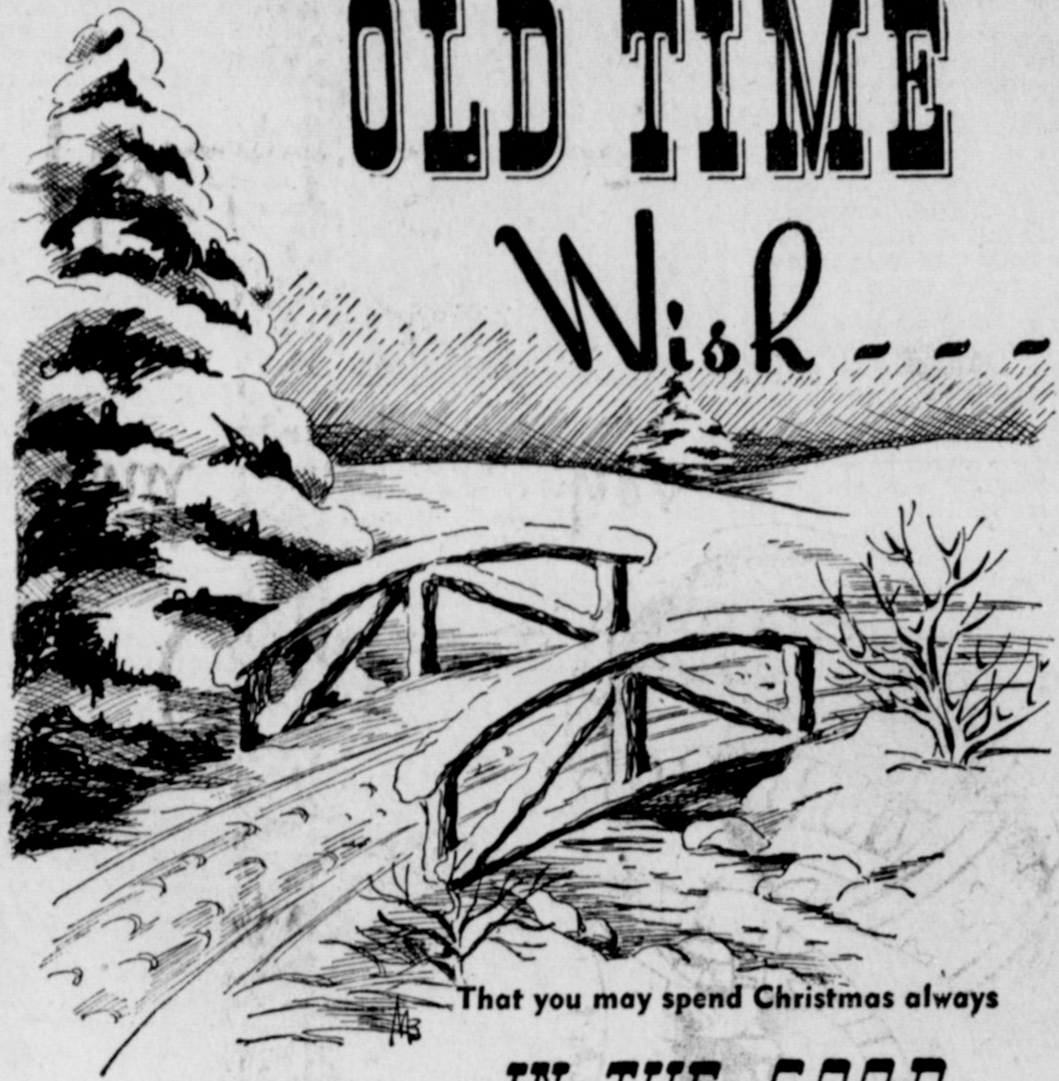


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SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA... It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirtsleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting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

Swiss Brotherhood Sang at Christmas To Banish Plague

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden. According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims.

If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12. Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its con-

gregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian. For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads.

On New Year's eve, between 9 and 10 o'clock, the Brethren make another round of the fountains, this time singing an old song which concludes with the wish that St. Sebastian may intercede for all in the New Year so that they may be safeguarded from war, pestilence and other perils.

Toys FOR THE CHILDREN

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

A New York toy manufacturer declares that only a few parents will select the proper playthings for their children each Christmas.

Most, he said, buy toys that please themselves, rather than the children.

The man, who owns a company that makes creative playthings, warns that "gadgets" toys may be harmful and frustrating. And, he adds, children quickly tire of them. "The best toy a parent can buy," he said, "is a set of plain unpainted, wooden unit blocks. Children will use and enjoy them from age 18 months to nine years."

He said that girls between age 3 and 7 should have a "doll corner." He said the corner should be supplied first with a large wooden stove, bed and cupboard.

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

He contends boys from ages 2 to 7 mostly enjoy "transportation" play—trucks, cars and boats.

There was no statement about what parents should choose at Christmas for the young teen-age boy or girl—in the 13-16 year-old group, whose interests already are deeply grained in social activities, and who prefer parties and dances to play-at-home activities.

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



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Here's Our Greeting

Merry Christmas

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A Common Paper for Common People



Today, I heard a person fussin' about getting Christmas cards; said that if people couldn't think of him but once a year, that he didn't care whether they did then or not. Another fellow came up quick as a flash that he had rather be thought of once a year than not at all. As for me I love our Christmas cards, everyone of them, especially the new ones; the new folks that have not sent you one before. I wonder what Mama and I could have done through the year to make them think about us at all. Anyway, thanks for the many, many cards that you have sent to us this year. We don't deserve all the nice things you have said about us,

and so many have little notes written inside. Again this year, please, please remember your Postmaster; try in every way to make his big job easier, and if you have another card left over after you have sent Uncle Zeb one, send it to this fellow that works so hard at Christmas time—our Postmaster and his Helpers. . . .

Had so much mail this week, and so many suggestions and comments that we are going to just have to hit the high spots. One of the sweetest and nicest letters that I have ever received came from Mrs. Alice Boone, who used to live here and now lives with her son in Ohio. Anyway, among the many little poems an sayings that she sent me to use from time to time was the following that she in a way dedicated to our friendship . . . Some folks just pass, like ships, and leave no ripple on life's stream. They go and we forget them like shadows in a dream. But some are so wonderful, and fine and dear and true. They live forever in our hearts; Dear loving friends like you -

Thanks Mrs. Boone for the sweet words, and for the much needed help you sent our way, and a Merry Christmas to all you folks up that way. . . .

Actually, I received a wonderful card from the Children Home in Amarillo, and I should have been sending them something. I have been out there only once in my life, but these children are so nice, so sweet, so well mannered and so lovable. Best Wishes Children and God Bless You, anyway - . . .

Another nice greeting from Boy's Ranch, and what a swell bunch this is. Wendell Smith suggested that the readers of my column should help buy at least one suit for these boys. I was afraid to suggest it as I never was sure whether I had more than two readers or not; that's all George Young thinks that I have, I think. Uncle Jay don't rate me that high. Anytime I can be of help to any of these worthwhile things I will be glad to do so; including the movement to help Armstrong County fix up their Community home, or cross the canyon with a

road - - -

Mrs. Geo. Crowell tells me such an interesting story about some of her childhood experiences with exchanging presents; sometimes they turn our way for us big boys and girls - - - Anyway, once she received a jar of cold cream that was absolutely guaranteed to make your complexion five shades lighter. On reading the directions she discovered that it was put out by a negro firm for the use of colored patrons. Once she spent all her allowance on presents for the opposite sex, except a box of conservative writing paper that she had bought for a spinster aunt. Contrary to a beforehand understanding with the girls, on Christmas morning one and then another came with gifts. She hastily changed the card on Aunt Ellen's present, and gave that to the first, and kept changing each present that she received in turn until the day was over and then gave Aunt Ellen the one she ended up with; which turned out to be blue stationery with little cupids and bows all over it. She says Aunt Ellen never forgave her. Thanks Mrs. Crowell for

the unusual experience, that almost nearly happens to all of us. . . .

A nice little note from Bro. Davidson down Memphis way. Speaking of Preachers, Mrs. Emory May tells of a preacher telling his congregation the following definition of an excuse in a lecture on not attending church: "An excuse is the skin of a dead reason, stuffed with lies." Sounds like a pretty good definition to me. . . .

I have almost quit looking for greener pastures; sometimes I think the best thing in the world would be a good shady place to lie down. . . .

Someone please thank the Claude News for doing such a good job setting up my last poem. Mama almost didn't figure out who the author was - -

A lot of meetings over the world are being held to try to unite folks more closely along religious lines. One of my friends argues that 90% of the folks are going along with the idea and 10% pulling back. Anyway, I

hope we can join hands in trying to do more good by our fellowman, to absorb into our lives more and more Love from our Heavenly Father, and that it might Glow and Grow in our life and Go out into the world as rays of light that folks might praise the giver of all good. . . .

Our good friend Quincy Bingham has been having a lot of fun circulatin' this story around town. Two fellows bought a quart of whiskey and sat down to drink it. About two-thirds of the way down the bottle one of them said: "I'm settin' purty; don't owe a dime, an' got money in both banks." Said the other: "Let me have one more little nip' out of that bottle, I'm not quite out of debt yet." And after all ain't that just about the way it is with the stuff. Makes you think you got something when you ain't. Makes you brave when you ought to get scared and go home—makes you stop worryin' and makes everyone one that loves you start worryin'. Before I start gettin' Preachey, I better stop. . . .

I knew a fellow once that was always using this saying: "I wish I had been born rich, instead of so good-looking," and as you might guess he was so ugly that he would stop a pedestrian. Anyway, I happened to think about it the other day, so I repeated it before Mama. She said "I do too, for your looks is sure not paying off." As usual she put me in my right place. Wonder what makes me so Ornerery, anyhow - - -

Thanks Readers, each of you, and both of you, and all of you, from this grateful heart, for the generosity of your kindness to all of mine this past year. I wouldn't trade one of the friends that we have made for all the money in the world - - And if we have said one word that hurt anyone or made anyone sad we take it back a thousand times, and we beg your forgiveness a million times, and to all the Editors, and all the Readers, and to every person made in His Own Image we say, Merry Christmas - - -

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Saint Nicholas Day in Holland

When Christmas rolls around in Holland, it is quietly and religiously observed: St. Nicholas Day, December 6, is the day of gift-giving and jollification.

For weeks, life-sized figures of St. Nicholas have decorated shop windows and men dressed as Nicholas have stood in front of business establishments, and driven around in horse-drawn carts delivering parcels.

At last the great day arrives: if there are several children in the household, sometimes they are gathered together from neighboring households, Bishop Nicholas (dressed in full vestments and accompanied by his Moorish servant) attends the children's party and impresses them by his knowledge of their shortcomings and chides them fatherly before distributing the trinkets and gifts he has brought for them.

After the youngsters have had their fun, the grown-ups sit around a festive table and open their surprises. Small gifts are baked in loaves of bread, packed in enormous crates, wrapped in bales of paper—each wrapper directing the present to a different person: the longer the donor and final recipient remain unknown, the greater the general jollification.

Indicative of the spirit of the season, packages containing gifts are often entrusted to strange passers-by who are instructed to leave the parcel on such and such a doorstep and ring the bell.

A department store Santa Claus listened to a long recital of requests by a tot, assuring her he would do his best to meet her requirements. Before she left, Santa handed her a bright red apple. "What do you want Santa to do now?" her mother asked.

The moppet promptly snapped: "Peel it!"

98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church on Cleveland's York street and his action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully-decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to learn of the origins of the Christmas tree tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was far from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

dark green tree where the tradition was established, a light green one where Christmas trees, at least, were known.

Pastor Schwan made his search for knowledge of the Christmas tree almost a crusade.

But as Christmas time approached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had not found enough church support for the tradition to light another tree at his Christmas service that year. So, with great regret, he resigned himself to the end of his hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received from the pastor of one of Cleveland's older churches the present of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized immediately that the present meant the acceptance of the custom by a churchman far more influential than himself, and his sadness vanished.

There was a Christmas tree in the York street Zion Lutheran church that year—and once accepted in Cleveland, the custom spread all over the United States.

York street where Pastor Schwan's church once stood is changed now and long ago was named Hamilton avenue; and the first tree, decorated with candles and a gold star at its top, has given way to trees with brighter, more colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and lighting Christmas trees, which is observed throughout the nation, is the same tradition which Pastor Schwan introduced to this country in the town of Cleveland nearly 100 years ago.

Mince Pies of Deep Christmas Tradition

No Christmas dinner would be complete without mince pies. While they have long been a part of our Christmas tradition, they originally had a deep symbolic significance.



Patterned after the manger in which Christ was born, they were oblong in shape. The crust, baked a golden brown, represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men.

Crowding Hens Unprofitable

COLLEGE STATION — The poultryman who sells the extra pullets rather than overcrowds the laying house will be money ahead, says W. J. Moore, associate extension poultry husbandman of Texas A&M College.

Too many hens in the laying house can cause plenty of trouble during the winter season, because ventilation systems may be ineffective when the house is overcrowded, says Moore. The result is too much moisture in the air, damp litter and wet walls and generally unhealthy conditions. The birds are more likely to be troubled with diseases and thus a reduction in the eggs produced.

According to Moore there is a definite relationship between the floor space provided and potential egg production. He says that three to four square feet of floor space should be allowed for each bird in

a well equipped house. If there is overcrowding, sufficient feeding space will not be available and the hens cannot get enough feed to produce at maximum levels. Moore recommends at least six inches of feeder space per hen.

He says there should be at least one nest for every five hens in the house and cautions poultrymen to be sure and supply plenty of good fresh, clean drinking water for the hens. When the weather is cold, it is a good idea, says Moore, to warm the water before it is given to the hens. You can figure that 100 hens will drink about five gallons of water per day. Moore says if the little items in poultry management are observed and taken care of the hens will respond by producing during the season when egg prices are highest.

Louisiana is the only state whose laws are not based on English common law.

very very...
MERRY
Christmas

It is with grateful appreciation of your courtesies during the past year that we take this means of expressing the compliments of the season. Mistakes and problems of the last twelve months are of minor importance at this glad season and we look forward to the future with every confidence and anticipation. A very Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

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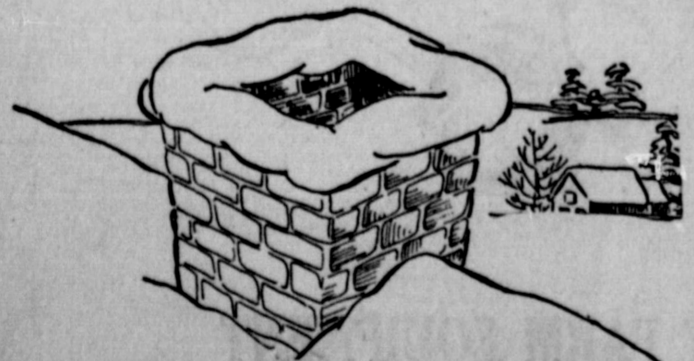


Before

Old Santa Gets here

It won't be long until old Saint Nick will be knocking at your chimney, bringing you loads of happiness and joy. But before he arrives, we want to drop in for just a little visit to wish you a

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS



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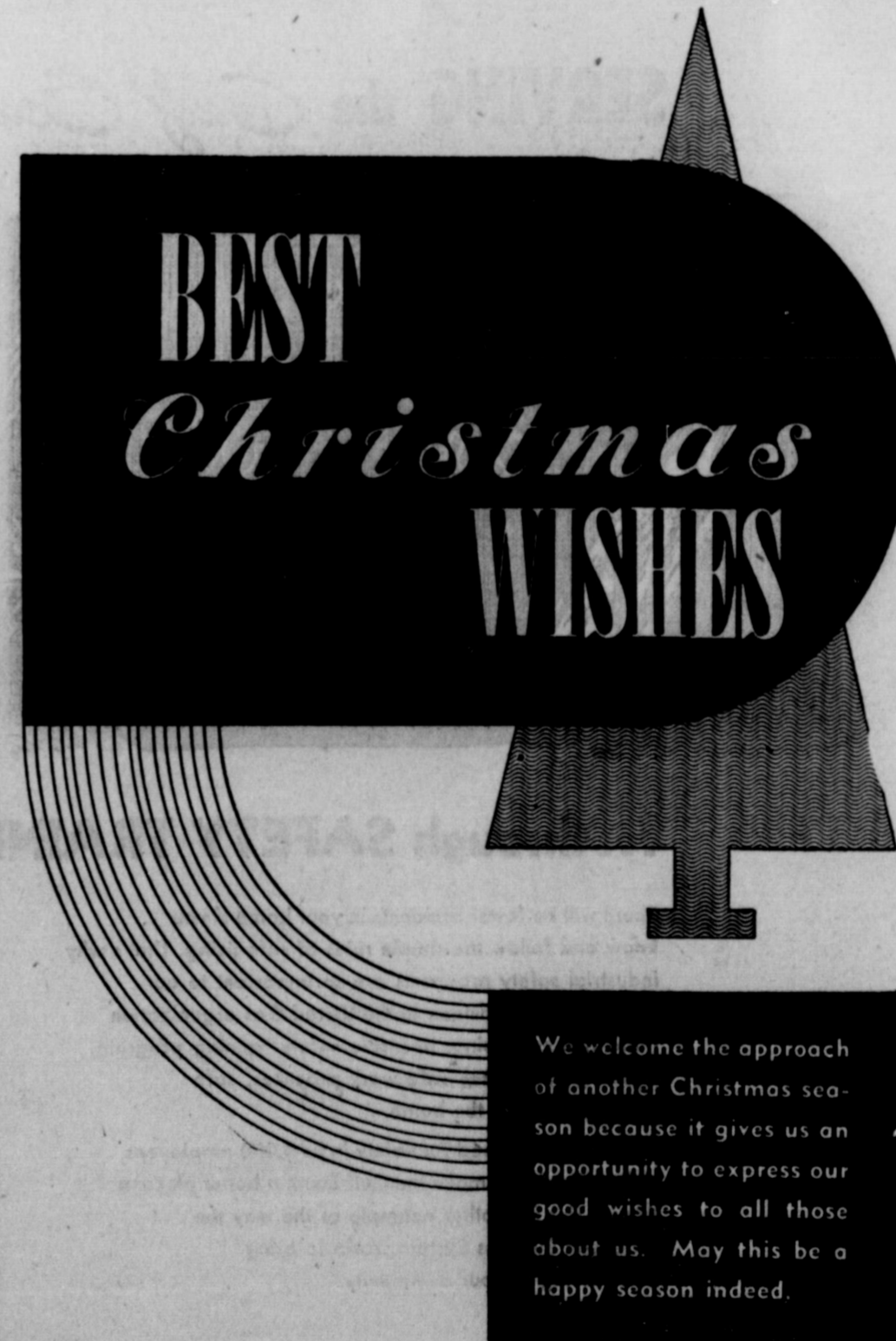
SEASON'S GREETINGS

We have found that friendship in business is an invaluable asset and we are truly grateful for yours.

In appreciation may we wish a most pleasant Christmas to you and those about you.

HARLAN'S FLOWERS

Phone 37



We welcome the approach of another Christmas season because it gives us an opportunity to express our good wishes to all those about us. May this be a happy season indeed.

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DRY GOODS COMPANY

New York Claims Santa Claus to Be Its Private Property

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

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

It was in New York, too, they assert, that Santa acquired his reindeer sleigh and his habit of arriving on Christmas instead of on the Dutch St. Nicholas eve (December 5). And thus, in

his New York paucity, he finally found his way to all parts of the United States, England and even Australia and India.

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

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

So, year after year, as regularly as St. Nicholas eve came around in New Amsterdam, in Breuckelen (Brooklyn), in Fort Orange (Albany) and many other hamlets above the icy Hudson, the children in every good Dutch family gathered in expectant circle. For weeks beforehand they had learned their lessons and helped with the milking

and churning in an agony of good behavior. And now, all ready, they sang their song to Santa Claus.

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

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

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

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

the door. But Doc muttered, "I'll stay here and keep my feet warm."

Now the huge black engine roared past, slowed down and slid to a stop. A coach vestibule door opened, and before the conductor could step down, a khaki-clad figure leaped onto the platform.

"Oh, darling, darling, darling," Nola's heart throbbed as she felt once more the thrilling warmth of Jim's arms around her.

"Nola!" Jim said everything in that word.

A few moments later as they walked to the car a voice boomed from within, "Glad you made it."

"Whoever you are—thanks," Jim answered. "It's people like you who made me want Nola to come to Pineville to wait for me."

"Get in and close the door. You're freezing me out." Doc grinned as he raced the motor.

"Christmas Eve," Jim said softly as they squeezed in with Doc. "You beside me, our baby just a few miles away, and a Christmas card place like Pineville to welcome us. Don't you love it there, darling?"

Nola glanced at Doc, thought of Mrs. Trotter and the others. "Yes, Jim, I do," she whispered. "I surely do."

Christian Charity Reveals Intrinsic Value of American Democracy

BRENNHAM—"Christian charity more than anything else can reveal to the world the intrinsic value of American democracy.

"Christian giving to the people overseas who find themselves in destitute circumstances brings to these people an appreciated bit of the spiritual and material wealth, which our institutional bases of democracy have wrought.

"In Texas and in most all other states of the Union we are now giving an expression of the Christian service worth of our way of life—so richly blessed by Providence—by sharing some of our abundance with those in dire need through the avenue of the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP).

"These commodities of food and fabric, such as the people of Washington County are giving and dedicating here today, will go to people only who cannot look

for life sustaining help to any other source than church relief agencies.

"The church relief agencies distribute the commodities collected by CROP to those in greatest need irrespective of race, creed, nationality, or political affiliation, wherever they may be."

It was by these words and in the spirit that Elmore R. Torn, State CROP Director, Sunday accepted Washington County's 21 bales of cotton gift for the Christian relief overseas program from John Eckert, County CROP Chairman at the dedication service.

The dedication was presided over by the Rev. E. C. Poehlman of the Lutheran Church of Greenvine Community, District CROP Director, whose area of five counties are making a substantial contribution to CROP.

Rev. E. H. Schwengel of the Evangelical & Reformed Church of Burton, whose congregation gave 6 bales of the county contribution, spoke on the need still existing.

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Rayburn L. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer

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Our pleasant associations inspire sincere appreciation.
May your Holiday Happiness and Good Cheer continue with you throughout the coming twelve months.

We will be Closed December 26th and January 2nd

TILLIE'S BEAUTY SHOP

Phone 38

THE VILLAGE HAS A HEART

Dorothy Boys Kilian

THE CLOCK struck nine as Nola hung the last bauble on the fragrant green Christmas tree. Without even stepping back to admire the finished effect she went to the front window and peered out. A cold white moon illumined a cold white earth. She shivered. How lonely she had been in this tiny, quiet village!

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

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

And now it was Christmas Eve. "He's not going to make it and that's that," Nola thought miserably. She knew that he had landed at San Francisco three days before and had been trying desperately to get a seat on a train or plane.



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

The telephone rang. "There's a telegram just come for you, Mrs. West, down here at the drug store. Very important."

"Yes?" Nola breathed.

"Chicago, 8 P.M. Am catching train. Get off Shoreham five miles east of Pineville 10 P.M. love Jim."

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

"Mrs. West, are you there?" Mr. Trotter, the druggist, sounded anxious. "Listen, you go out in the garage and get your car motor to warming up. My wife'll be up there in five minutes to stay with your little boy. Hurry now."

In joyful haste Nola peeked in at Jimmy—"Santa Claus is bringing you your Daddy, honey"—powdered her nose and put on her fur coat and boots.

The garage door stuck in its icy groove although she bent her whole weight against it. Suddenly, out of the darkness, a voice called. "It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. I'm so used to driving out in all kinds of weather, my wife thought I'd better take you over."

"Dr. Ryan, I didn't realize 'til just now how I dreaded that trip alone."

A train whistle shrilled through the cold thin air as they drove up to the little depot.

"We made it!" Nola cried excitedly. "Come on." She held open

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Merry Christmas



For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you

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Clarendon Electric

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Wishing you a very merry Christmas...



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Away in a Manger

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

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

There was no room in the inn

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

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

1913 Parcel post system inaugurated.

1919 New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.



Christmas dinner tables are loaded with food - and old superstitions, too. If a guest refuses mince pie, there's bad luck in store for him; eat apples at midnight for good health; be sure to have plum pudding lest you lose a friend during the year. The feeding of animals, sending cards, singing carols and paying Christmas gifts are all in superstitious tradition of things to do for good luck.

Thank the early American Puritan pioneers for your Christmas turkey and cranberries. It was they who discovered what could be done to nice, fat turkey and cranberries to make a delicious December 25th feast. Since then turkey and cranberries have been the basis of the American Christmas dinner. Santa Claus, holly, mistletoe and the custom of giving gifts were also brought from the Puritan homeland.



The Leader Classified Ads are read by everyone—Use them often.

Archaeologists' Findings Bear Out Bible Stories

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

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

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

The Hebrew and Aramic inscriptions contained common names like Miriam, Simeon, and Matti. The Greek inscriptions and symbols beside them contained references to Christianity and, it seems probable, to the crucifixion.

HUDGINS

Mrs. Carl Barker
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shields spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shields of Amarillo.

Wayne Chenault spent Sunday with Jerry Shields.
Gid Williams spent the week end with Davis Williams.

A stork shower was given to Mrs. Koontz Tuesday by Mrs. Elliott. Twelve ladies were present. Many useful gifts were received. Three sent gifts. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perdue and L. L. Foster attended Sunday school and church at Martin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bufford Holland visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Foster Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shaw visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shelton

Sunday.
Mary Lou Barker visited Mrs. Shirley Williams Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shields visited Mr. and Mrs. Barker Saturday night.

Dear Santa:

How are you tonight. We are just fine. Is it cold up there where you are. It is cold here tonight. Well Santa, I would like a pretty doll with curly hair, a pretty set of dishes, a folding tea table and chairs. My little brother Ronnie Ray wants a gun and holster set, a fire truck, an electric train and some real good candy and fruits and Santa do not forget other children. So we will be looking for you. Maybe I can talk mother into giving you some cake, if so it will be on the table in the kitchen, so bye with lots of love.
Your real friends,

Carolee Lee & Ronnie Ray Wood
way down at Lelia Lake.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT A FRIENDLY WISH . . .

May this message convey to you
our best wishes for

Christmas that will long

be remembered.

LYNN BARBER SHOP

Merl (Shorty) Lynn

Ralph Keys

FOR PROMPT AMBULANCE SERVICE

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Burns-Bain Funeral Home

Clarendon, Texas



VOLUMES OF GOOD CHEER

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS WHOM WE
HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING . . .

HOLLAND BROS. PONTIAC

SHAMROCK GAS & OIL

Sincerely

This is more than an ordinary greeting this year. It is evidence of our gratitude to the folks who have lived before us, who have made this Christmas of priceless happiness possible.

In this spirit we send our sincere good wishes for you and all those dear to you. May this Holiday time be one of joy and happiness to you and yours.

HAPPY
New Year



PAT SLAVIN OIL CO.

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As the years roll by

we realize more and more

how much it means to have

the confidence of folks like you.

It is a pleasure to wish you

• Merry Christmas.



The past year has been a good year. Many new friends have been made and the relationships of old friends are reassured. These associations we treasure and trust it will be our privilege to enjoy them for many more years to come.

Christmas Greetings!

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THE TEMPLE OF TRUTH

By the Apostle

Merry Christmas everybody.

Those who do the most for others are said to be those who really get the most enjoyment out of Christmas.

When a fellow is young he does a lot of wishful thinking. When he grows old, he does a lot of thoughtful wishing.

The older locomotive engines had a cowcatcher. The diesel type have an auto catcher.

Some fellows are fired with an ambition. Others are fired for a lack of it.

Nothing cooks your goose like a boiling temper.

Man comes into this world very slowly, and goes out the same way. But my gosh! How that old boy does breeze around in between the beginning and end!

Henry H. Coward is the sheriff of Atascosa county, Texas. Despite his name, he is doing a swell job, it is claimed.

B. P. Wray is the largest man in Texas, also the tallest. He measures 7 feet and 2 inches and weighs 305 pounds. He was for some time a sparring partner of Jack Dempsey. He lives in Borger.

Crime experts tell us that crime is on the increase among the younger men and women simply because we hear so much of it played up over the radio, in magazines and the picture show. "Look over the display of reading matter in the news stands in any town," a federal officer suggested to the writer recently. He stated that crime and sexy magazines alone made up fully 90 percent of the stock of magazines.

Asking a woman her age is like buying a second hand car; The speedometer has been set back, But you can't tell just how far.

People often get old too early trying to save their health too late.

When her husband never seemed to fit in anywhere, she gave him fits.

It takes a lot of mental horsepower to pull a load of bad judgment.

Trial delays, legal loopholes, lenient juries, criminal sentiment and faked insanity are the principal causes of the increased amount of sex crimes being committed. Unless the next Legislature passes a most stringent death penalty for this heinous crime, the public will go back to the days when the mob took over.

Again my folks, wherever you are, may this Christmas bring you and yours together and make of it the happiest year of your life. No one ever lived who did not enjoy great blessings. It is merely a matter of enjoying the many privileges of Him who made Christmas possible.

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Donley County State Bank of Clarendon, Texas, will be held in the office of the bank at 10 a. m. Monday, January 9, 1950. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and attending to such other business properly coming before said meeting. F. E. Chamberlain, President

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OLD PATHS By DOYLE WILLIAMS Minister of Christ

I believe we promised to study with you this week, some of the results of last weeks article, in the lives of men and women. We will not possibly take these up in order as were given in our former article, but will try to notice all of them in the light of true authority, and not according to any man or set of men. We propose to leave them either in harmony with the authority of Christ, or to show by his authority; that they are untrue.

The first that we shall notice is the very prevalent and common assertion that, "We are all seeking the same place." Is this true? I am sure that it is: to all that are seeking any place at all after this life. Surely no one is in the absolute sense and in their right mind is seeking to be lost, or trying to go to torment. But because of this being true is no proof that we will all reach the same destination, that all who are seeking will reach that Heavenly goal. Then, it can be true that we are all in some measure seeking the same place, and equally true that, we are not all going to get to heaven, just because of our limited seeking in some manner.

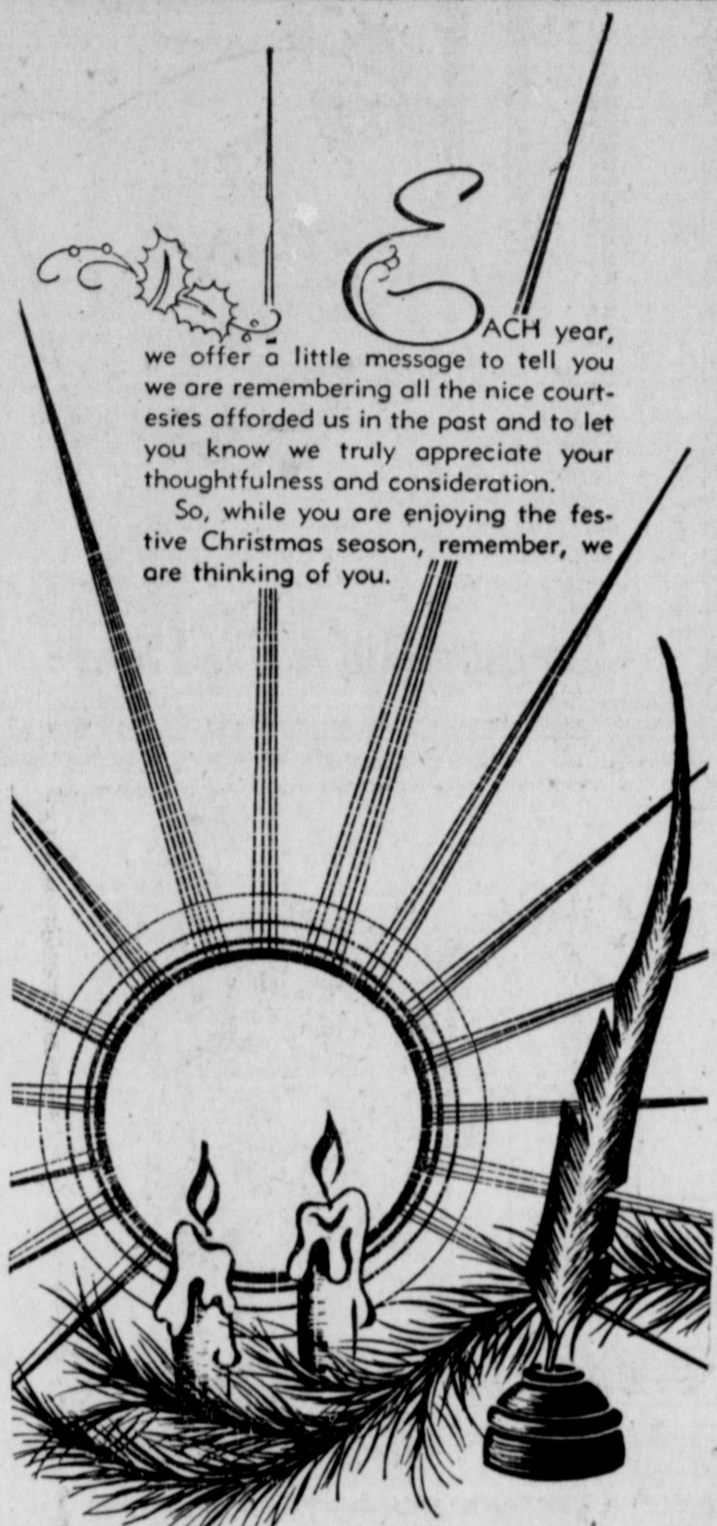
We can not all get to heaven for the simple fact that, all who are seeking are not going in the same direction. Those who claim to be seeking are going in so many directions it perplexes the mind to even think about it. The extent of this is almost beyond the imagination. A serious honest heart begins to meditate upon such things, and soon he is so perplexed that his thinking capacity almost seems like a hair net looks, and this has a tendency to retard his good intentions to start with, instead of creating within him a greater desire to go to heaven. He looks into the home and there sees it divided into several factions, yet all or every faction, claiming to be on the road to heaven, or seeking the same place. And it doesn't stop in the home it goes into every community, County and State, and in the same manner divides them into many factions and sects; yet, at the same time all affirming with equal firmness that they are on their way to glory.

The Lord said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Mtt. 7: 22,23. Here were some people that the

Lord ascribed as striving to go to heaven, but were refused. Just because we assert that we are striving to get to heaven, or the same place, is no proof that we are going to make it; expressed by the Lord's own mouth.

Dear Santa, I am a little boy living at Martin. I have tried to be good all year. Would you please send me a toy dairy barn and some cows, also a red scooter like the one in Sears Roebuck catalogue. Don't

forget all the other little boys like George Bulman and Pete Land. Love, Richard Cannon Officially, the high seas begin three miles from shore.



EACH year, we offer a little message to tell you we are remembering all the nice courtesies afforded us in the past and to let you know we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and consideration. So, while you are enjoying the festive Christmas season, remember, we are thinking of you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Patterson Service Station

SHAMROCK PRODUCTS - U. S. TIRES

U. Z. Patterson Phone 389



With all the cordiality that is in our hearts, and with all the appreciation of the kindnesses you have bestowed upon us, we extend this Christmas message to you.

May the Holiday be one of abundant happiness.

PALMER MOTOR CO.

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Thank You! AT CHRISTMAS While we're going about the business of wishing everybody a Merry Christmas, we don't want to forget that we owe our friends our sincerest appreciation for making possible one of the best years we have ever enjoyed in this community. Thank you, each and every one.

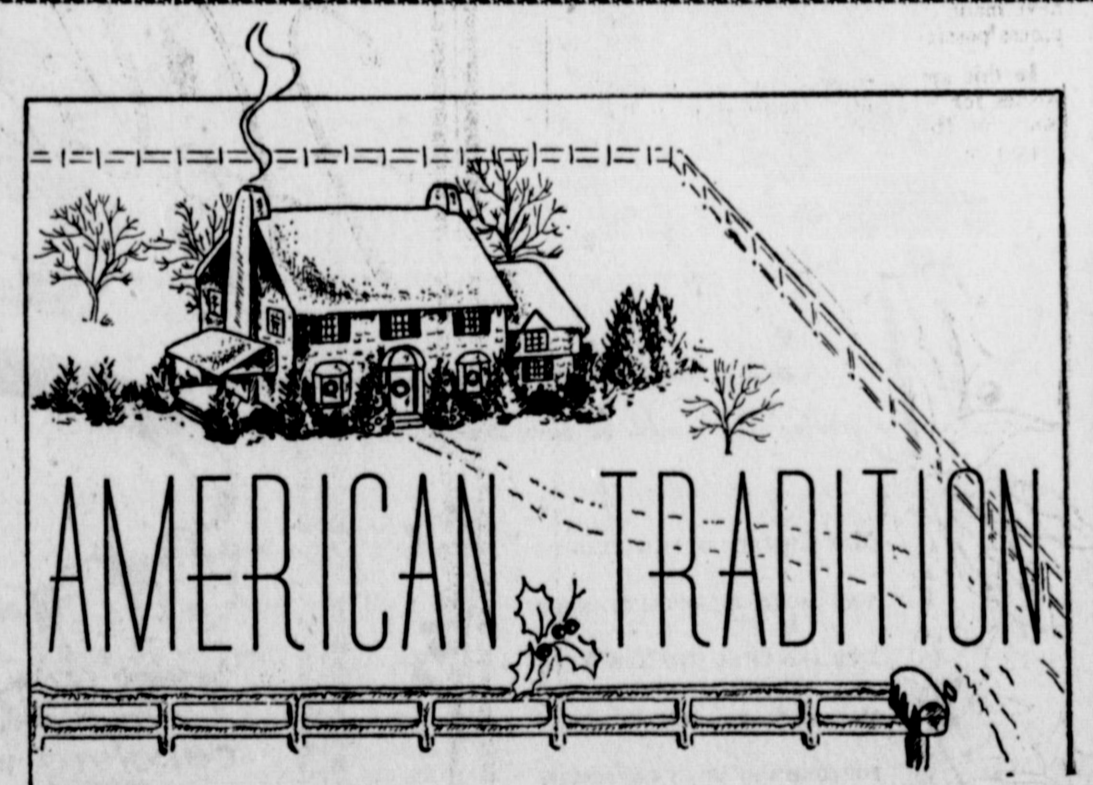
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Greetings FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

Mears Feed & Seed Store

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Season's Greetings

To All Our Friends

We wish for a moment that we were back in the days when towncriers proclaimed the news. Then we'd stop off at the houses of all the folks we know, and personally wish each one of you a joyous and bountiful Christmas followed by a year filled with contentment.

THOMPSON BROS.

Clarendon, Texas



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



The Scots have always made a big fuss over New Years, and no wonder. The wassail bowl goes 'round at New Year's time, filled with savory liquid and nostalgic memories.

Traditionally, the wassail bowl itself should be an ornament of graceful design; its contents should be warm and spicy—with sweetened wine, ale, sugar, and nutmeg.

Custom dictates that at the stroke of 12 on New Year's Eve, the head of the household should sip the mixture and then pass it among those present. A favorite custom of the Scots has been to pile into wagons

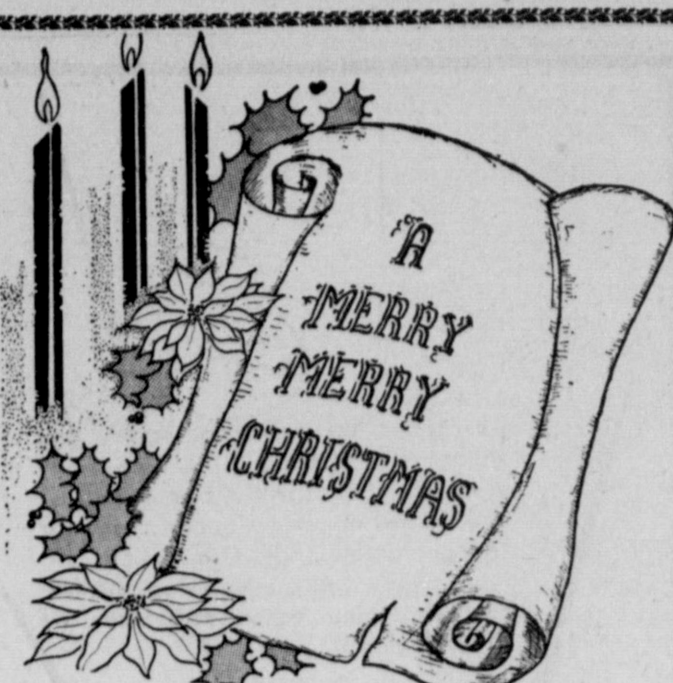
or sleighs carrying kettles full of the wassail, cheese and buns. The party stops at various houses in the community and the refreshments go 'round at each stop without paying much attention to the approaching dawn.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was quite the vogue in the United States around the turn of the 20th century. Newspapers carried columns of 'at home' notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. And having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions and joined the procession of callers at other 'open houses.'

Human nature being what it is, receptions were often 'crashed' by strangers prompted by the accessibility of free punch, and a succession of several 'open houses' sometimes resulted in the most welcome guests arriving in excessively boisterous or mellow moods and contributed to the abandonment of the publicly announced 'open house.' But intimates still toast each other around a private wassail bowl and "drink a cup of kindness yet for Auld Lang Syne".



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

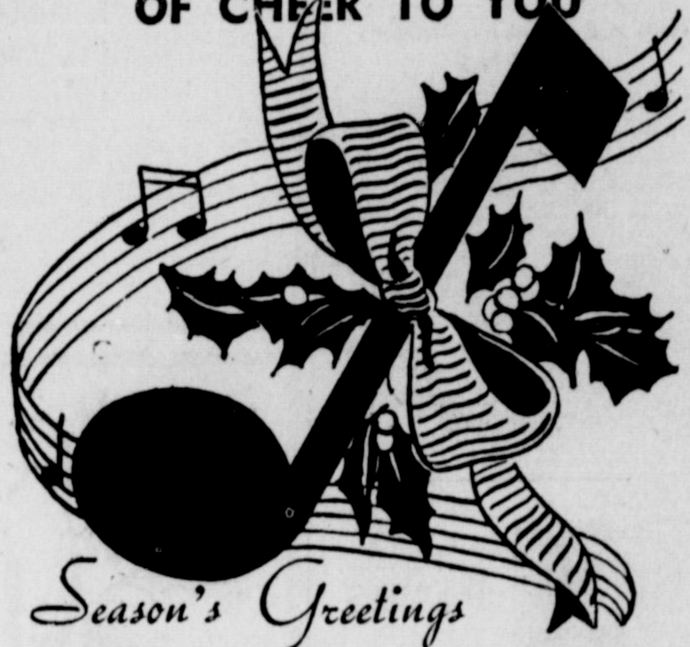


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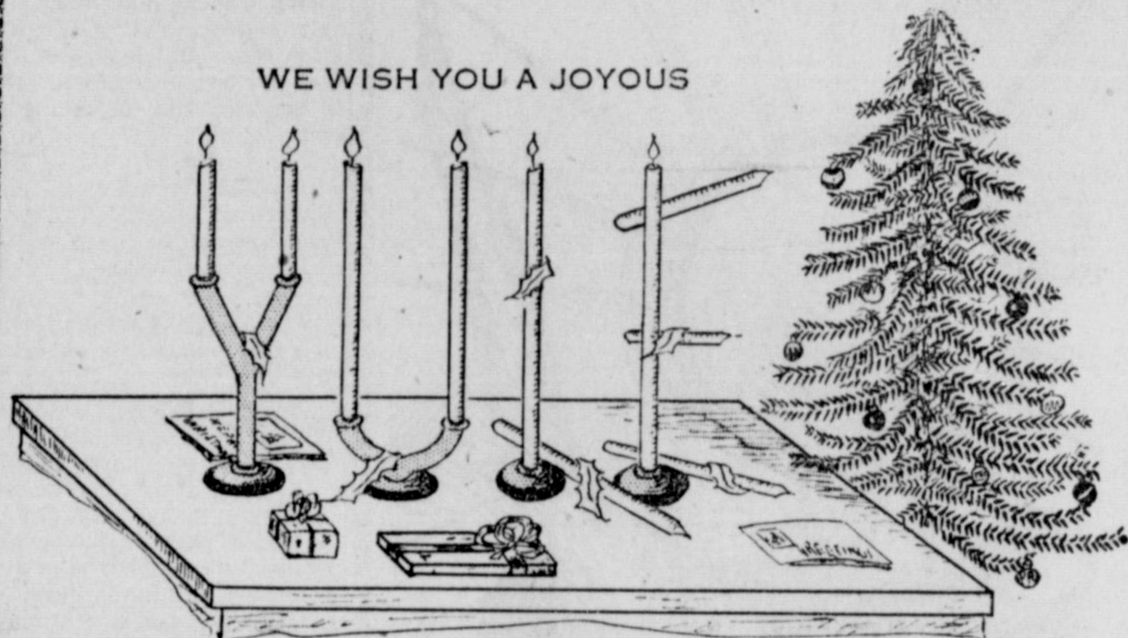
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A LITTLE CHRISTMAS NOTE OF CHEER TO YOU



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This GREETING comes to wish you all the joy and happiness which belong to the Holiday Season
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MAY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR BE THE MOST GLORIOUS OF YOUR LIFE AND THAT THE NEW YEAR MAY BRING YOU HEALTH, GOOD FORTUNE AND GREAT HAPPINESS.
We very much appreciate the opportunity you have given us to serve you in the past and even more do we appreciate you as a friend.
May we deserve this friendship always.

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The crackling of holly leaves.
mistletoe over the door...
caroling voices of children
what could this mean but Christmas?

The crackling of holly leaves, mistletoe over the door, caroling voices of children . . . what else could this mean but Christmas? Yes, that joyous day is here and we of this organization wish you the most delightful one anybody could have.

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COOKIES ANDIES & CHRISTMAS

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

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

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

- Raisin Fruit Cake (Makes 2 loaves)**
- 4 cups seeded raisins
 - 2 tablespoons grated lemon rind
 - 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 - 1 tablespoon allspice
 - 2 1/4 cups liquid
 - 2 1/2 cups chopped nutmeats
 - 4 cups sifted cake flour
 - 5 teaspoons double acting baking powder
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter or shortening
 - 2 eggs, well beaten
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla

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

Sift flour once, measure and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift three times. Cream butter thoroughly, and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir until all flour is dampened. Beat vigorously for two minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into two 9x4x3 inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper and then greased again. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for one hour and 15

minutes, or until done. Let stand five minutes on cake rack, then remove from pan, leaving paper attached until ready to serve. Cool. Wrap in a clean cloth and store in tin container to keep moist.

*The liquid may be water or leftover coffee.

Kris Kringle cookies are a tasty concoction of dates and nuts. If stored in a tightly covered container, they will keep moist for several days:

- Kris Kringle Cookies (Makes 30 balls)**
- 1 cup butter cookie crumbs
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup finely chopped, pitted dates
 - 1 cup black walnuts, chopped
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

Combine cookie crumbs, salt, baking powder and flour. Add dates and nuts. Add sugar gradually to



RAISIN FRUIT CAKE for a spicy holiday

beaten eggs. Blend in cookie crumb mixture and vanilla. Bake in a greased and floured nine-inch square pan and bake in a slow (325°) oven for 30 minutes. While still warm, cut into 30 squares. Roll each square into a ball, turning the top, crusty portion inwards as you roll. Place confectioners' sugar in a bag. Shake the balls in the sugar to coat evenly.

Veterans News

Questions and Answers

Q—If there is a recurrence of my brother's service-connected ailment while he is at home, may he be treated by his own physician at VA expense?

A—Yes, if he receives prior approval from VA for such care, and providing a VA hospital or outpatient clinic is not "feasibly available."

Q—I have seen the splendid work accomplished by the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service. How may I take part in this work?

A—If you are a member of a service or welfare organization, ask your president about the participation of your organization in the VAVS program at the nearest VA hospital. If you are not a member of such an organization,

get in touch with the chief of Special Services at your nearest VA hospital.

Q—If I apply for volunteer work in a VA hospital, will I have to take a course as practical nurse before I am permitted to participate?

A—No, but you will be required to take a course that will inform you of the hospital's care and treatment program for patients and will show you where you, as a volunteer worker, could fit in the hospital's program for patients.

Q—My estranged husband, a World War II veteran, died recently. Who is entitled to the last

check due him at the time of his death?

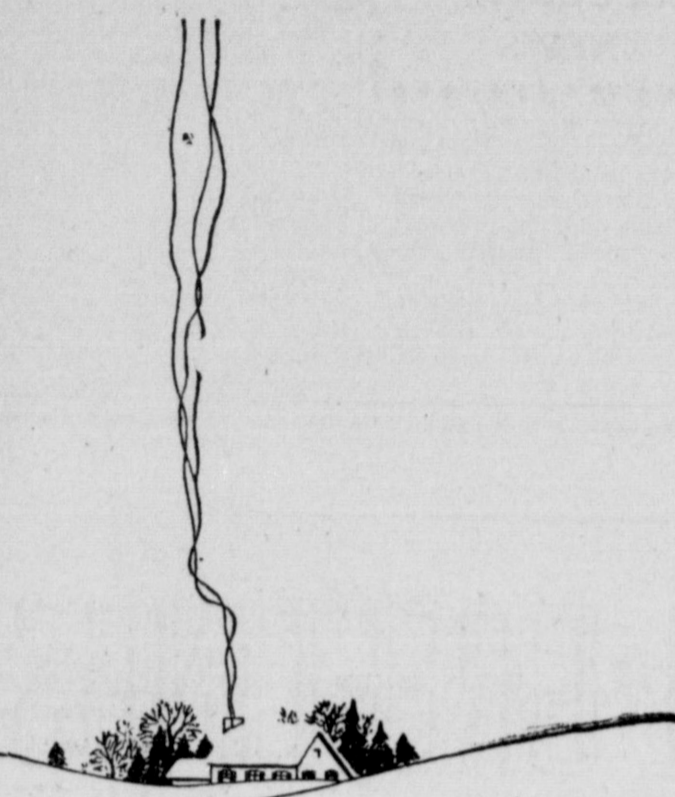
A—It depends on whether the check was received at his residence prior to his death. If so received, it becomes an asset of his estate otherwise it is payable to a limited class or may be used to pay the expenses of his last illness or burial.

At a traffic intersection, the U. S. Mail truck has the right of way over all other vehicles, at all times.

"Nixie is a postal term meaning mail which for some reason cannot be delivered.



DONLEY COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY
C. E. Killough Phone 44



THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

As we herald the approach of another Christmas season, we count our blessings in good friends and pleasant associations.

It is appropriate, then, that we extend our warmest greetings and add the hope that the coming year will be the best you have ever enjoyed and that from the experiences of the past we may gain strength for the problems of the future.

DONLEY COUNTY CONSUMERS

Season's Greetings

May your Christmas bring good cheer and the new year much health happiness and peace

GOLDSTON & BRUMLEY

YOUR LEADING JEWELERS



The past year was a very pleasant one for us and we sincerely appreciate all you have done to make it so. May your every wish be fulfilled to complete your happiness on this glad occasion, that's our Christmas wish for you and yours.

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It Happened on NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year's Day, aside from its festive connection, may not seem very momentous to the average citizen, but in the past it figured prominently in the making of history.

It saw the unfurling of the first American flag by George Washington, and the emancipation of Negro slaves.

Here is a list of important events that have occurred on New Year's day throughout the ages:

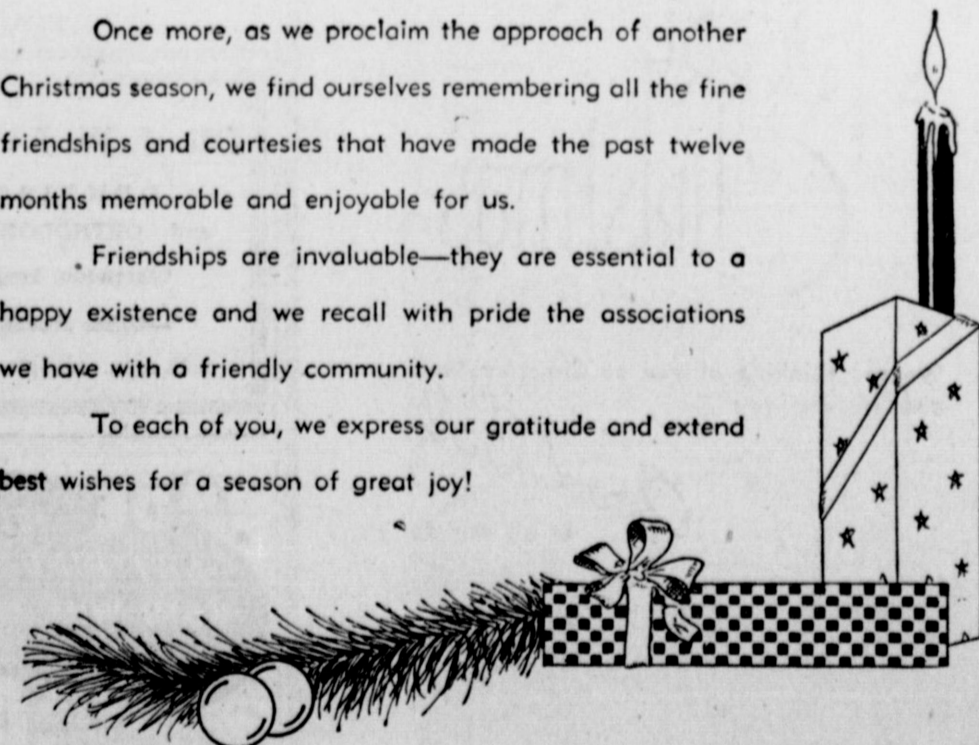
- January 1
- 38 B. C. The era of the Caesars began.
- 1349 A. D. Edward III, king of England, defeated the French before Calais with great slaughter.
- 1735 Paul Revere born.
- 1757 Calcutta, India, captured by the British.
- 1776 First Union flag of 13 stripes unfurled by George Washington.
- 1792 Kentucky admitted to the Union.
- 1801 Union of Ireland with Britain.
- 1814 American dragons attacked the British who had seized Buffalo, N. Y.
- 1815 General Jackson repelled British when they attacked New Orleans.
- 1825 Great Britain acknowledged independence of South American republics.
- 1863 Emancipation of Negro slaves became effective by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.
- 1907 U. S. pure food law put into effect.

The Joys of Another Christmas

Once more, as we proclaim the approach of another Christmas season, we find ourselves remembering all the fine friendships and courtesies that have made the past twelve months memorable and enjoyable for us.

Friendships are invaluable—they are essential to a happy existence and we recall with pride the associations we have with a friendly community.

To each of you, we express our gratitude and extend best wishes for a season of great joy!



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CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL
By Bobbie Seago

Contrary to the belief that young people only like Christmas for the parties, gifts, and things for their own benefit our youth contribute their time, effort and personal gifts to orphan homes, hospitals, and prisons. Their campaigns for gifts and things may not be as spectacular as their elders, but as the saying goes it just takes a little to make a lot.

We may appear to be careless and never really stop to think about Christmas, Easter and other holidays, but really deep down in our hearts we are all thankful for these days. Since Christmas is coming soon we want to be especially thankful. All over the world there will be plays, songs, radio broadcasts, and many other things concerning the birth of Jesus and of how he was born in a manger in Bethlehem.

Come on young kids let's show them we aren't really as thoughtless as we appear to be.

BLUEBIRDS DEFEATED BY LAKEVIEW

A thrilling game was played between Lelia Lake boys and Lakeview boys Tuesday night at Lelia Lake. The scores were twenty-seven to twenty-eight in Lakeview's favor.

The starting lineup was Billy and Bobby Hill as guards, Billy White and Kenneth Wilkinson as forwards, and Ralph Ayers as center.

The Bluebird's high point man was Billy White, who made nineteen points. Lakeview's high point man was Kenneth Sams, who made eight points.

GIRLS LOSE GAME 40-22

Lelia Lake girls basketball team was defeated by the Lakeview girls Tuesday night, December 13, at the Lelia Lake gymnasium. The final score was Lakeview 40, Lelia Lake 22.

The high scoring girl on Lelia Lake's team was Marilyn Butler. The high scoring girls for Lakeview were Sams and Henry.

RALPH AYERS GIVES CANTEN PARTY

Ralph Ayers of Lelia Lake was the host of a party at the canteen in Clarendon, Wednesday night, December 14, at 7 o'clock.

Very lovely refreshments of steaming hot chocolate and assorted cookies were served by Bobbie Seago, Shirley Aten and Mrs. Bill Lowe, their sponsor.

Those who enjoyed the refreshments were: Patsy Carter, Kenneth Wilkinson, Billie Jean Poole, Billy White, Bobbie Seago, Benny Darnell, Marilyn Butler, Ralph Ayers, Ava Grace Hallaway, Woody Varderman, Keith Reed, Shirley Aten, Wiley White, T. J. Carter, Mrs. Bill Poole, Mrs. Luther Butler, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowe.

Mrs. Bill Poole, Mrs. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowe came as chaperones and sponsors.

EACH GRADE HAS CHRISTMAS TREES

In Lelia Lake as well as every other school, every one is in a bright state of mind. It is the custom of every grade in the Lelia Lake school to close school for Christmas holidays with a class tree and some kind of entertainment. This year the primary grades have got the Christmas spirit by making window, tree, and board decorations. Each room has its own separate tree. The teachers, Mrs. Wilma Batson, and Mrs. Lou Ella Myers, will have as guests several of the children's parents.

The fifth and sixth grade pupils are giving a program along with their refreshments and gifts. They have a very brightly decorated room.

The seventh and eighth grade will be entertained with Christmas stories and music. The seventh and eighth grade teachers have planned refreshments for their pupils.

Miss Billy Jean Pool spent the weekend with her grandmother in Hedley.

Miss Margie Sue Tims had company Sunday from Amarillo. Sonny Aldhan was her guest.

T. J. Carter spent the weekend in Hereford with relatives.

Misses Marilyn Butler and Bobbie Seago went to Amarillo Saturday on a business trip with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Butler.

Misses Carolyn Alexander and Patsy Moss spent Saturday in Amarillo Christmas shopping.

B. H. King and Raymond made a business trip to Amarillo Monday to get Jerrie some new

glasses.

Miss Jaquetta Briggs went to Amarillo on a business trip Tuesday.

Miss Romaine Anderson spent the night with Patsy Moss Thursday.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET HELD

The annual high school formal Christmas banquet was held Thursday, December 22. The home economics II girls prepared the meal as one of their home projects. The menu consisted of chicken, dressing, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad, rolls, butter, sherbet, cookies and hot chocolate.

For the program there was a grace said by the chorus; toastmaster, Craig Johnson; Story of the Birth of Christ, Keith Reed; "Silent Night" and "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear", chorus; Thoughts for Christmas, Shirley Aten; "O Come All Ye Faithful," chorus; benediction, Joanne Christal; and "White Christmas," chorus.

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

"Employees who have obtained temporary jobs during the Christmas shopping season are required to have social security cards."


J. R. Sanderson, manager of the Amarillo social security office, said today.

Sanderson said that every year about this time his office receives numerous inquiries from both employers and employees who

believe that temporary work is not covered by the old-age and survivors insurance program. Others think that the law applies only if the employer has several people working for him. Both of these beliefs are incorrect, Sanderson emphasized. He added that the law covers all employees in business and industry, whether one person or several hundred are employed, and regardless of whether the work is part-time or full-time.

Persons may obtain application forms without charge at the Post Office Building, Room 324, or by writing the Amarillo social security office at that address.

CORDIAL GREETINGS
AND A NOTE TO SANTA--
We know you are busy--so's everybody else. We just want to remind you that here in this community are the finest folks in the world, and we are hoping that you will remember them well in your Christmas Eve travels. Our friends here are deserving of all good things. Please don't forget them!



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