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A Common Paper for Common People

Tire Rationing To End January 1st

Tire rationing will end at 12:01 a. m. on January 1st. Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced Thursday night.

He said the rationing program can be terminated then "because production of tires, particularly passenger tires, the shortage of which has been most acute, has increased steadily during the past two months, reaching an output for this quarter of about 11,000,000."

Holders of tire purchase certificates will have through Dec. 31 to turn in ration coupons to dealers and obtain passenger or truck tires before unrationed sales begin.

After Friday, no additional ration certificates will be issued except in emergency cases.

Bowles warned that termination of rationing does not mean there is an ample supply of tires to meet all requests.

Christmas Edition Three Days Early

The Leader force is happy to bring to their readers this extra large Christmas edition this week in time for Christmas. The main contents of this issue are the greetings extended by local business firms who wish to express their sentiments and appreciations for the holiday season and the business they enjoyed during the past year.

Also in this issue you will find all kinds of Christmas stories, articles and Santa Claus letters which arrived at the Leader office too late for our previous two issues. However, the letters published in this issue were forwarded on to Santa when they came in, and of course reached him in time to fill all orders.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to those who have handed in news items early and our advertisers for giving us their copy early in order to bring the Leader to you today (Monday, December 24th).

The next issue of the Leader will come to you at the regular time the first week in January, 1946.

The staff wishes for each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a glorious and prosperous New Year. It is our wish that the forthcoming year shall be symbolic of the peaceful years that we pray shall follow, and enlighten the darkened period of war which has hovered over the world for the past five years, and made Christmas a day in which we wished more than ever those boys were home to share that joy, that dinner, and more than ever, that peace which we now have won. May it reign forever.

WHAT SORT OF A XMAS ARE YOU HAVING?

By Claude Hearn

"Gonna have a big Christmas?" This is a popular question at this time of the year. A popular and general answer is, "Yeah, pretty nice, I guess." Why? Because you're a little better off this time? Because that boy or those boys are home? Or because this is a Christmas at peace?

All of them might answer the question; they're all good reasons why we're having a nice Christmas this year. Over three million fighting men and women are home for the holiday season for the first time in one, two, or maybe five years; gift buying has set a record; and for the first time in five years, there is no war.

Now stop to think of the millions who will not enjoy this Christmas; millions who are starving, homeless, and destitute as a result of the great conflict just ended. Are we not fortunate that we are a part of the greatest nation on Earth? Yes sir, you're mighty right we are!

PH M 2/c C. G. KIRKLAND HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Ph. M. 2/c C. G. Kirkland arrived home December 19th to spend the holiday season with his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Howard, and his mother, Mrs. Emma Davis of Amarillo, and formerly of Clarendon. Ph. M. Kirkland served in a Fleet Hospital in the South Pacific twenty-two months. After his thirty day leave expires, the first he has had since joining the Navy, he will report to Terminal Island, Calif., a Naval Separation Center, for discharge. He arrived here December 11th.

CLINICAL ADAIR HOSPITAL HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR TEACHING OF INTERNS

The Clarendon Clinical Adair Osteopathic Hospital has been approved for the teaching of interns following the inspection of the institution by the committee on hospital inspection of the American Osteopathic Association, it has been announced in Chicago by association officials.

Annual inspection of hospitals is required by the national osteopathic body and the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons as a condition necessary to retention of the institution on the approved teaching list.

Mrs. J. Gordon Stewart and small son Larry left last week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Easterling at Abott, Texas. Dr. J. Gordon Stewart went down Sunday to enjoy Xmas with the family and to bring Mrs. Stewart and son home.

Services Held Sunday For Roy R. Johnson

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Church of Christ at Plainview for Roy R. Johnson with Rev. Arthur B. Watkins of Lubbock officiating, assisted by Rev. Paul McClung of Plainview. Mr. Johnson, age 21, passed away here at a local hospital last Monday afternoon after receiving injuries in an auto accident Thursday morning, December 13.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Johnson of Plainview, one sister, Mrs. Florence Echols of Plainview and eleven brothers; Frank of Clements, Calif.; Clyde of Vega; Bruce of Floydada; Hugh of Portales; Howard of Albuquerque; Evert of Clarendon; Paul of Magnolia, N. M.; Cpl. Earl Johnson of Puerto Rico; Richard, Robert, and William J. Johnson of Plainview.

Burial was in the cemetery at Plainview with the Blackburn-Shaw-Buntin Funeral Home of Clarendon in charge of arrangements.

BILL GERNER GM 2/c RECEIVES DISCHARGE

GM 2/c Bill Gerner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gerner of Lelia Lake, received his discharge from the Navy December 11th at Terminal Island, California.

Bill arrived back in the states November 14th, after serving 26 months on a Sub Chaser in the south and central Pacific. This is the first time that he has been home since he entered the service in July, 1943.

Highland Park; Waco Tigers In State Grid Final

Highland Park's versatile Scot-ties bounced the Wichita Falls Coyotes from the Texas schoolboy football race Saturday, advancing to the finals with a 13-0 triumph. They will meet the Waco Tigers this coming Saturday in the final game of the season. The Tigers moved into the finals after defeating the Goose Creek Ganders 7-0 at Houston. This places two very strong teams in the final play-off which will be played either at Waco or Ft. Worth, whichever wins the toss of the coin. Both teams are evenly matched and the winner of the coming game will probably be the team that gets the breaks.

MILLER INFANT BURIED FRIDAY

Funeral services for Olin Samuel Miller, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Welborn D. Miller, were held here Friday afternoon at the Blackburn-Shaw-Buntin Chapel with Rev. H. W. Hanks officiating.

Olin Samuel Miller was born December 16th and passed away December 21st at a local hospital. Besides the parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Miller of this city.

W. D. was discharged from the army two weeks ago and he with his wife are making their home at Mrs. Griggs' apartment. They are formerly of Floydada.

Mrs. Allen C. Jones of Amarillo and Sgt. Doyle Martin from Lubbock Army Airfield are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Martin through the Christmas holidays.

No Moisture Seen For Christmas Week End

Only mild temperatures and no moisture at all is in prospect for Clarendon and vicinity over the Christmas week-end.

Despite Texas' unpredictable weather, tonight and Monday is supposed to be around 20 degrees low and a high of 45. Cloudy weather will prevail in some sections, but a general forecast is a clear sky.

There has been very little rain fall reported in Texas during the past 24 hours. Wheat and winter crops here in the Panhandle have been in need of moisture for some time. Grazing of wheat land has been cut to a minimum due to the prevailing winter drought.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS HERE WITH PARENTS

Colonel and Mrs. Knox Dunlap and daughter, Mary, of Durham, North Carolina are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Shelton. For the past four months, Colonel Dunlap has been executive officer of the hospital center at Camp Butner, North Carolina. He is now under orders to report to Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he will assume duties in orthopedic surgery. Mrs. Dunlap and Mary will accompany the Colonel to Fort Sam Houston where they will make their home.

Miss Edith Shelton, who teaches at Sanborn School in Amarillo, is home to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Connally and Chester Williams are spending Xmas with homefolks.

Donley War Bond Drive Over Top

C OF C DANCE AGAIN NEXT THURS. NIGHT

Lee Bell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, announced early today (Monday) that another dance in benefit of the High School Band, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, would be held this coming Thursday night December 27th at the High school gymnasium.

Lawrence Heckman's band will provide the music and the admission will be \$1.50 per couple, \$1.00 stag.

The dance, sponsored by the C of C, last Saturday night was quite successful with a nice crowd in attendance.

All the proceeds from these dances will go toward the maintenance of the High School Band, and all of you who enjoy this type of exercise and enjoyment as well as listening to good string music should make your plans to attend this next one Thursday night.

CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS BUS SYSTEM PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

Continental Trailways Bus System, Fort Worth, Texas, today played Santa Claus to their 1200 employees with an announcement by M. E. Moore, President, that Christmas Gift checks totaling more than \$75,000 were being mailed out over the system.

The amounts of the individual gifts will be governed by the length of service with the company, ranging from those with over three years service down to those with less than six months service.

R. M. 3/c JACK SHELLEY HOME AFTER TWELVE MONTHS OVERSEAS

RM 3/c Jack Shelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shelley, arrived back in the States Dec. 15th after serving 12 months aboard the U.S.S. Lexington in the Pacific, which since Sept. 6 has operated in and out of Tokyo Bay. He served as a Radio operator aboard the Aircraft carrier. He arrived in Clarendon last Wednesday to be with his folks through the Christmas holidays. He will report back to Los Angeles after a 30 day leave.

BILLY RAY BELL HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Petty Officer 3/c Billy Ray Bell is enjoying a thirty day leave with his parents at the present time, the first leave he has received since his enlistment in the Navy in October, 1943. He landed in the States on October 5, after serving many months in the Pacific, and arrived here on leave December 20th. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bell.

J. R. Porter, chairman of the Victory Loan Drive for Donley County, announced Friday that enough E Bonds had been sold or subscribed, to put the county over the quota of \$80,000.

The overall quota has been raised for several weeks with the total at the present time around \$400,000 but until the E Bond quota was raised, Donley county had failed, as the E Bonds were the most important of the entire drive.

We wish to take this opportunity to throw Mr. Porter a little bouquet, for he has really done a fine job of heading this last drive and the previous War Loan Drives. He has given much of his time in order to help our government, our boys and you - - - for the bonds you have bought and are still buying will go much farther and will mean much more in monetary value on down the line.

We would also like to say that we are very proud of the bond buyers in our county, for without your support none of our drives could have been a success. The people of our county can say they did their part as far as the money was concerned and all other things that had any connection with helping win the war.

When Donley County is called upon to do a job - - - she gets it done.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO SING CAROLS OVER TOWN

The Clarendon High School Band under the direction of J. G. Stanley, is planning on Christmas Caroling the town tonight (Monday) if everything turns out alright, the weather included. Members of the band have been preparing this feat for quite some time and everyone is asked to be on the alert to hear them. This will be quite a treat to most everyone as it has been a long, long time since anything of this kind has taken place around our little city.

The concert presented by the band last Thursday night was well attended and met with much success. Their program was highly commended by all those who attended.

Mr. Stanley wishes to announce a Band Parent meeting for Thursday night, December 27.

To Spend Christmas Here

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Griswald and Mrs. Ethel Moss from Shamrock, Odiss and Clint Martin from Los Anamas, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Puett of Amarillo, Clyde Martin from South Pacific and wife, all will spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. W. D. Martin. Clyde Martin has recently received his discharge from the service.

It's Christmas---Christmas!

Holly on the door and a candled wreath in the window. Stockings by the fireplace, carols in the dark, and the jeweled Christmas tree glittering through the night. What would Christmas be without them?

The answer is - - - it would still be Christmas.

For Christmas isn't symbols - - - Christmas is something that happens to people. It wells up, overflows, bursts forth from the heart of every human being. It goes far beyond the traditional forms of our American observance - - - adopts a hundred different forms all over the world and transcends them all. Christmas is the sweetest emotional experience shared at one time by mankind.

The joy of Christmas will be more complete this year because thousands of our fighting men will be home with loved ones. Yet, many homes will not feel the fullness of joy because their fighting men are still on foreign soil or service duties will not permit them Christmas leave. Their thoughts and love and prayers, however, tonight are very close to you.

So let not the absence of a loved one depress you or steal your holiday joy. The Spirit of Christmas is working in his heart as in yours; he is sharing your Christmas with you just as certainly as if he were greeting you in the glow of your own lighted tree - - - as he will, most assuredly, on a Christmas yet to come.

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LIBRARY NOTES

By Mrs. C. A. Burton

Franz Werfel was only 54 years old when he died at his Hollywood home in the summer. He was born in Prague and studied at the University of Prague and the University of Leipzig. He published a book of poems in his early twenties, and soon gained a reputation as a poet. He served two years with the Austrian

army in the first World War, and afterward lived in Vienna. He was one of the first to speak out against "the Nazi pestilence, and as early as 1932 was "a marked man." With his wife, widow of Gutav Mahler, the composer, he fled to Paris, and finally the U.S. He had already become famous as the author of "Forty Days of Musa Dagh," and during a temporary refuge at Lourdes, France, he first heard the story of Bernadette Soubirons. His "Song of Bernadette" at once became his

best known story. Both of these books are on our shelves—both are very good.

Ben Ames Williams does the first drafts of his books in long-hand. His next book, a Civil War novel, already runs to 2,118 pages typewritten, with more to come.

A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm named three men, one from London University and two from Oxford as winners of the Nobel Prize for the discovery of Penicillin.

Lin Yulang is reported to have been working on an invention of no small significance over a period of years: a Chinese typewriter. The multitude of characters in the language has thus far prohibited such a device, but according to his design, one is to be able to type 50,000 different words or characters on a bank of only 65 keys, twenty-odd more than one finds on an English typewriter.

"Mein Kampf" was officially blacklisted on October 9 in Germany. A special German "sifting committee" banned, at the same time, works of some 2,200 authors including Joseph Goebbels' famous books.

There is a blackmarket in Paris even on notebooks. Textbooks are said to be virtually unobtainable, and attics have been scoured for old grammars and other textbooks used a generation ago.

One of the winners of past-service fellowships awarded by the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation was Oliver La Farge, who is known to our readers by his

stories of the Navajo Indians. Two books which our young readers have greatly enjoyed are "Bambi," and "Bambi's Children" by Felix Satten who died at Zurich Switzerland in October at the age of 75. He was a dramatic critic in Vienna before he left Austria for Switzerland at the time of Hitler's invasion.

Nine Temporary Recruiting Stations Listed

Colonel Robert L. Hardy, District Recruiting Officer, West Texas U. S. Army Recruiting District with headquarters in Lubbock, Texas, has announced the opening of nine temporary Recruiting Stations in the West Texas District. These stations are being opened in order to obtain closer contact with men desiring enlistment in the Regular Army. The new recruiting stations are to be opened prior to December 20, 1945 and will be located in Pampa, Borger, Wellington, Odessa, Sweetwater, Lamesa and Dalhart, Texas. Two temporary stations have already been opened in Childress and Plainview. These Recruiting Stations are being opened in order to reach all sections of this district and to place the U. S. Army Recruiting Service in cities easily available to all interested parties without their having to travel long distances on their own.

In outlining the Recruiting Program for the new recruiting stations, particular emphasis has been placed on securing high school graduates and other men who desire to continue with their education upon the completion of their army enlistment through the G. I. Bill of Rights which has been extended to those enlisting prior to October 1946.

In selecting the personnel to open these new recruiting stations, Colonel Hardy has picked the very best and most qualified enlisted men in his command. The enlistment quota set for the West Texas Recruiting District is 1,325 recruits for the month of December.

Home for Holidays



Three million servicemen, who were absent last Christmas, will be home with their loved ones this year.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll, a telephone, a pair of gloves, fruit, nuts and candy.

Flay Swindle

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big doll, a telephone, a pair of gloves, fruit, nuts and candy.

Iva Jean Swindle

Dear Santa Claus, I will be at Claudine's this

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Christmas Eve night. Will you please bring my things there. I would like to have a bride's doll, house slippers, and a set of tin dishes.

Thank you very much.

Love,
Iva Jean McAnear

San Bernardino, Calif.
Dear Santa,

We live in California, but want to let you know we will spend Xmas in Clarendon. So please bring our gifts there. We are brothers and have been good boys.

I, Dwayne, want you to bring me a bow and arrow set, paint set, Jeep, story book, Bingo game and other games, tinkler toys, cowboy boots and fill my stocking with good things to eat.

I, Keith, want you to bring me a crane, bow and arrow set, Jeep, paint set, tinkler toys, cowboy boots, tanks, games and fill my stocking with goodies. Just bring

us anything else you think we would like.

Love,
Dwayne and
Keith Yates

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...that the opportunity of making a difference to us every one in this world as a reward for their

...the people around here that make the bottom of our

...where it is our duty to be with you on Christmas

...have been

for a Glorious

CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONAL AS THE HOLLY WREATH

Each year, as Christmas rolls around, we find ourselves looking forward with keen anticipation toward the opportunity of sending Season's Greetings to our friends.

This custom has become as traditional with us as the holly wreath is with Christmas. To each of you we say, with a warm feeling of appreciation, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Pharmaci

PLAY SAFE

If you are saying Merry Christmas with light this year, Miss Myrtle Fahsbender, director of Home Lighting for Westinghouse, urges you to be sure and check your strings of lights which probably have served you during the war and many years before. Sockets may have become broken and cords frayed, and if so, proper repairs should be made to reduce risks of hazards from short circuits.

TRY THIS ON PACKAGES

Slightly dampen the string before tying up mail-bound packages and there's less chance of it working loose in transit because, as Mrs. Julia Kiene, director of the Westinghouse Home Economics Institute, explains, the string shrinks a little as it dries.

An Ultimatum offered in 1775 to England by the American Colonies was called the Olive Branch Petition. It was rejected.

Evolution Given Of Santa Claus

St. Nicholas and Santa Claus met at the Sunday School Christmas party and, being sort of busy right then, agreed to rendezvous at midnight under the Christmas tree.

St. Nicholas, a lean Asiatic wearing his mitre and canonical robes, spoke first.

"I lived in Asia Minor some 1600 years ago. I was Archbishop of Myra and, while living on earth, I did drop a few purses of gold down a poor man's chimney so his daughters could be supplied with dowries. European countries celebrate my liturgical Feast Day—December 6—as a day of gift-giving and for centuries I rode across Europe on my old gray mare; my pockets bulged with apples and nuts and trinkets, which I gave to good children while switching the naughty



Santa at army outpost.

ones with my bundle of birch rods. But what is all this Christmas business—and where did that red suit come from?"

"When the Dutch settlers came to America," replied Santa Claus. "They brought many legends about St. Nicholas with them. These legends, with writers and cartoonists cooperating, gradually slipped into American traditions; Santa Claus started coming around at Christmas time; Washington Irving suggested the sleigh and reindeer in 1809; Thomas Nast supplied the red suit, and Dr. Clement Moore sort of tied the whole idea together when he wrote 'The Visit of St. Nicholas' in 1822."

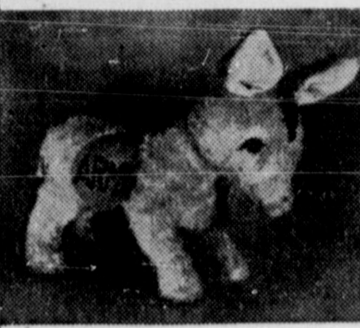
The latest craze isn't always found in the asylum.



Origin of Stockings And Shoes for Gifts

Why have stockings come to be the traditional receptacles for family Christmas gifts?

Although historians can give no completely authentic answer, they point out that children's stockings are usually hung by the chimney to keep warm or dry out, so it was natural that Santa



Claus should pick them as the place in which to deposit gifts.

In certain regions of France it is the shoe that is put out on Christmas Eve. Some authorities say that shoes and stockings were put near the fireplace for the same reason that an old boot was associated with a wedding—in order to bring good luck and drive away evil spirits.

One Christmas story stresses the good luck feature. St. Nicholas, it is related, once dropped a purse down a chimney. Instead of falling on the hearth, the purse dropped into a stocking, and ever since then the happy custom of filling the Christmas stocking has been universally popular.

Women prefer skinny men because they like anything that is reduced.

A bog is just another name for a marsh.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 3 years old and have been pretty good. I would like for you to bring me a big doll, a doll buggy and a red wagon and a blackboard. My little cousins Wayne and Lu Ann want a little table and chairs, so bring us some fruit, candy and nuts. I would like hersheys if you can find them. Oh, yes, Santa, I have moved down close to Lelia Lake, but you can find me, so do not forget other little boys and girls. Thanks a lot.

Your little friend, Carole Lee Wood P. S. Os, yes, Santa, I saw you in Amarillo Monday eve and I like you a lot, bye.

Dear Santa,

I am a wee little boy 1 year old. I would like for you to bring me a little red wagon and anything you

would like, bring it along. I think my brother Bobby wants a bicycle. Now you can find me. I live right across north of the Park. Bring us some fruit and candy. Your sweet little friend, Gearald Johnson

Rodin spent twenty years on "The Portal of Hell", a bronze door for the Museum of Decorative Art in Paris.

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We Wish You Well

Our every thought this Yuletide is for those about us whom it has been our privilege to serve and those whom we would like to serve in the future.

Your consideration and regard mean much to us and we are grateful for your friendships.

May this be a Christmas never to be forgotten for its happiness and contentment.



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Here's OUR GREETINGS

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Whatever your disappointments may have been the past year, whatever sacrifices may have been yours, may you find strength to face the future with a cheerful heart.



We welcome again the opportunity of the Christmas season to say to each of you, our friends and customers, "Thanks!" May the season be one of joy and happiness, and the New Year one of health, and prosperity and an abundance of good things.

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"Happy, Alice?" he asked.

Custer has invited Bill before the young people go to the dance.

"Come on, Alice, let's show these kids what for." In spite of the crowd, William covered the ground as he had in college when she fell in love with him. She was glad that she had managed to have her hair done Saturday. The gardenias the children had given her to wear to church yesterday were still fresh. She'd let Sister wear them tonight if her date didn't crash through. Bill had bet Sis fifty cents he wouldn't.

The orchestra melted into "White Christmas," and young Bill tapped his father on the shoulder. "Mom's favorite, Dad. Let's change."

Alice said, "You dance almost as well as your Dad."

"Look at him, will you?" said Bill. "Quite the old boy."

Before long everyone was helping Bill and Sister dress for the dance. Bill lost his wager, and whistled over the red roses that were just right on the turquoise blue of Sister's frock.

She said Bill looked simply gorgeous in his tuxedo and when his father saw him he said, "Too bad they don't wear 'em in the army, son."

They heard Bill call Rosemary's number on the phone downstairs and then he closed the door for privacy. "Wouldn't you think," said Sister, "he'd give the poor girl a chance to take a bath? I bet she gets good and sick of him."

Suddenly Alice remembered a call she had forgotten to make about the baskets the church distributed yesterday. She flew to the upstairs' extension, and when she heard Bill still talking in laudatory fashion, she opened her mouth to say, as she often did when necessary, "Hang up, you two, I need the phone."

But she didn't say those words or any others. She listened a few moments and her eyes filled with tears. The disappointment and hurt at the way her family had preferred to spend their Christmas vanished as her very best Christmas present of 1945 was received on the wire.

"Heck no," Bill was saying. "I can hardly wait for an old-fashioned Christmas dinner. That hotel business was all Dad's idea, so Mom wouldn't have to cook and wash dishes all day. None of us liked it at all. Mom had a good time, though."

WE'RE THANKFUL AT CHRISTMAS

As we look about at this glad season of the year, we find many things for which to be thankful.

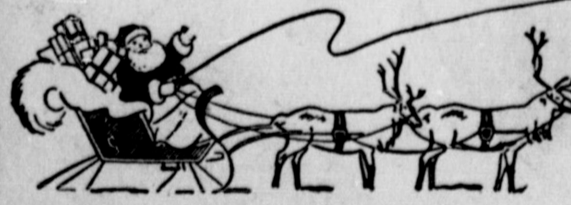
First, we are glad that we are Americans, free to enjoy life, and live in a land where freedom is the heritage of everyone. We are grateful for this privilege.

Thankful are we that have friends whose associations we treasure immeasurably. It is comforting to know these are lasting friendships, cemented by the experiences we have had together, in times that are good and in times when it is difficult to express one's feelings in order that we might share the disappointments and sorrows of our friends.

It is gratifying to be a part of this community, to participate in its progress and to watch its forward development.

We are thankful for the patronage you have given us, ever mindful of your consideration and your understanding of our efforts to serve you, even though conditions sometimes make it difficult for us to maintain the high standard that has always been our policy.

We are glad it's Christmas and trust yours will be one of happiness and rejoicing.



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Denton, Texas—The marriage of Miss Jane O'Neill of Lubbock to Lewis Chamberlain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Chamberlain of Clarendon, was solemnized Thursday, December 20, in a candlelight ceremony at the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods at Texas State College for Women. Rev. Bob McKee, pastor of the Irving Presbyterian Church of Dallas, officiated before an altar banked with white gladioli and fern.

Misses Margaret McGough, organist, and Shirley Voelkel of TSCW furnished traditional wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Meredith P.

Gentry. Her cream-colored satin wedding gown was an heirloom, worn first by Mr. Gentry's aunt in 1869. The hand-made veil came from Belgium in 1847. The bride carried a white muff topped with a white orchid.

Miss Elizabeth O'Neill of Lubbock attended her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Mahala Menefee of Houston and Pat O'Neill of Salida, Colorado. Frederick W. Westphal of the TSCW music faculty acted as best man for the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the TSCW tearoom, where Misses Beverly Clark and Vellene Sanders assisted as hostesses and Miss Katherine Scott of TSCW presided at the Bride's Book.

After a wedding trip the couple will be at home January 2nd in Ft. Stockton where the bridegroom is supervisor of music in the public schools.

At the time of her marriage the bride was a student at TSCW, majoring in costume design and

clothing. She is a member of the Chaparral Club and last year was named a Redbud Princes. She is a 1943 graduate of Lubbock High School, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. O'Neill of Lubbock.

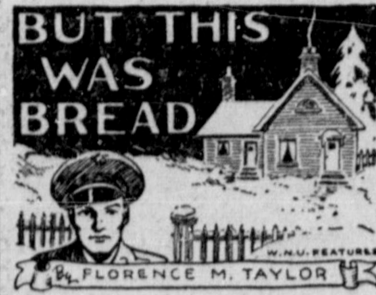
The bridegroom is a graduate of Clarendon High School and received his bachelor of music degree at Vandercook School of Music. He has worked toward the master's degree at American Conservatory of Music and Baylor University.

ASHTOLA NEEDLE CLUB

The Ashtola Needle Club met Dec. 20 in the Clubroom with Viola Graham, Jo Harp, Julia Springer and Elizabeth Graham as hostesses. Pollyannas were revealed, election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and new polyantha names were drawn. The main attraction of the afternoon was a beautifully decorated Xmas tree loaded with gifts.

Those to enjoy the Xmas party were Jimmy Graham, Richard Bownds and Eutha Hickey, and members Cula McClellan, Pearl Moore, Lillie Knox, Vena Hudson, Laura Mahaffey, Nettie Marshall, Sue Rhoades, Dora and Hazel Brandon, Marybelle Debord, Jo Harp, Viola Graham, Nonie Hinders and Julia Springer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chamberlain and small daughter of Claude are visiting relatives this week.



FLORENCE M. TAYLOR

PEOPLE on the snow-packed downtown streets were scurrying home. Wretchedly Private Kane hunched his shoulders deeper into his Army coat. It was Christmas Eve—and his last furlough. What should he do with himself? And he didn't even have a bed.

A sign on a door read "Bundles for America," and he went in. At a desk a woman was warning, "Miss Rigby, don't shove the candy into these stockings too hard. The net tears."

"I'm sorry," Miss Rigby's hands fluttered. "I—I guess I don't do much good." Private Kane figured she must be seventy.

The young woman urged, "You'd better go home now. It's dark. You've helped a lot, really." She informed Private Kane, "Homes Registry—244 Market Street—will get a room for you." Then added, "Merry Christmas."

At the door he stood looking out. Merry Christmas! That was a laugh. Christmas meant home and he'd never had one. Not that he hadn't appreciated the orphanage. But he was to be shipped soon and perhaps—perhaps he might never know what a home was like.

His Army buddies wore mittens knitted by mothers, sweaters by aunts. They whisked out family pictures, pictures of sweethearts. And he—he had nothing! His chest hurt him, and his cough was harsh. "Liniment's good for that, soldier."

It was the little lady. Her black hat sat high on her head. He thought, her ears will be cold.

"Rub your chest and put flannel over it." Her hands made a darting gesture to push his collar close about his neck. She was the kind who mothered everybody. "You—you could sleep at my house," she said timidly. "You—maybe have an engagement first—"

What could he lose? But as he



"You could sleep at my house," she said.

helped her into a taxi he regretted his impulse to accept.

The driver stopped in front of a toy of a house. Snow peaked the fence posts and was like crushed diamonds on the walk. She opened a door into the kitchen, and Private Kane looked around at the fancy lamp with glass prisms, the elegant silver canister on the worn red and white checked tablecloth. "Where's everyone?" he asked.

"I live alone." Her blue eyes were apologetic. "I told you you'd better go on and have a jolly Christmas Eve—"

He lifted a stove lid on the range. A red glow flickered. He dumped in coal and opened the drafts with an authoritative flip. "It'll be cozy in no time. Better getcha some coal."

"You shouldn't have all this trouble," she protested.

"Trouble!" A wry grin twisted his lips. "Say, don't take off your coat. We're going to shop."

Private Kane and Miss Rigby selected carefully. He stopped before a fir. "Let's buy it." Private Kane smiled as he set his purchases down at the door. "You wait here a minute." Of course, he reminded himself, this was only make-believe having a home. Just the crumbs.

He had bought her a fuzzy blue scarf when he asked her to wait. Back at the house he set the table. The silverware was carved with cherubs. "Goah, that's swell hardware."

After supper they trimmed the tree. "That's a little tarnished," she said. "Oh! The angel!" She held it tenderly. "Pe always fascinated it on the way up."

His eyes lingered on the lamp, the tree, the silverware. Goah, the quiet of it! Christmas to remember. "You couldn't have a room at your own—"

she stopped. "That's—well, you wanted to come back here. After the war, I mean." She picked a strand of tinsel like he had. "My father, I want you to have it."

Private Kane set up "Go!" he said. "Well, you wish you had said 'no' when I asked if you'd like to have it. Now it's too late."

"Merry Christmas," she murmured. "I hope you'll be home to see me."

Church News

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Robert D. Bankes, Minister

EVERY SUNDAY
Bible classes—10 a. m.
(a class for every age under competent teachers)

Worship, with sermon by the minister—10:45 a. m.
Young People's class—6:15 p. m.
Evening worship—7:00 p. m.
(with sermon)

Ladies Bible class—3:00 p. m. on Wednesday.
Mid-week Bible study—7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Mens Bible class—7:30 p. m. on Thursday.

You are cordially invited to attend our services.

Your 1945 Income Taxes

By
J. A. WARREN,
INCOME TAX SERVICE
Clarendon, Texas

WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FILE REPORTS

Since the 1944 rules and regulations governing the filing of income tax reports have not been changed in any manner, naturally your 1945 requirements remain the same.

All married persons with gross income of \$1000.00 or more in 1945, are required to file reports.

All single persons with gross income of \$500.00 or more in 1945 are required to file reports.

All persons earning salaries from which the tax is withheld, regardless of the amount so earned, during 1945, are required to file reports.

Farmers, who have not filed Estimated Reports for 1945, must file their final reports by Jan. 15th, 1946.

Business men, professional men, and others, who have filed Estimated Reports and paid their tax, have until March 15th, 1946 to file final reports.

Salaried persons, who have no other income than their salaries, from which the tax is withheld,

As the shadows of the old year lengthen, we pause to say—



Ruby's Beauty Shop
Phone 234-J for appointment

OPERATORS
Lorraine Tipton
Mary Chenault Evelyn Powell

Season's Greetings

FROM
SIMPSON'S MILL & FEED STORE

This Season, more than ever before, we realize the true significance of Christmas. As in years past, we have looked forward to the opportunity of expressing Season's Greetings to our friends and customers, and this year is no exception.

Much has happened within the past year to alter our habits and customs. Such changes have been necessary, and we have gladly tried to do our part. Because of these changes, the true meaning of Christmas is brought home to us more forcibly. Christmas is a tangible thing that means so much in a chaotic world. It is a season of good fellowship to which American people look forward with enthusiasm. It is the one time of the year when cares can be forgotten, and an occasion which you can treasure through the months to come.

We are sure that you have had your problems and your cares. You have had your share of disappointments. It is because we are fully conscious of your problems that we want to attempt to bring a note of peace to you at this Christmastime. Our sincere feelings of friendship and appreciation, we wish for you a happy Christmas.

The Peace

Co.

have until March 15th, 1946, to file their final reports. If in doubt as to your status, see your income tax consultant. (441fc.)

Ivan Moore from Camp Chaffee, Arkansas is home on furlough for a Xmas visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Speed and daughter Betty Ann left Saturday to spend the Xmas holidays with their son and family, 1st Lt. Homer Chas. Speed at Lake Charles, La. They will visit their daughter, Mrs. Harry Tyler at Ft. Worth Saturday night. She will accompany them Sunday.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

And all good wishes for a Merry American Christmas

C. C. POWELL

Merry Christmas

Tillie's Beauty Shop

Pauline Watters OPERATORS Aileen McElroy
Tillie Ozier Phone 38 Billy LaGrone

AMERICAN TRADITION

at Christmastime!

Did you ever go to Grandmother's for an old fashioned Christmas? A little old farm house, nestled back in the hills, surrounded by giant oaks with a white mantle of fresh snow... the old fashioned kitchen with its savory fumes of roast turkey, dressing and plum pudding... the old pine Christmas tree with its tinsel tresses... the heaps of gayly wrapped Christmas gifts... the log blazing merrily in the open fireplace... the stockings of the youngsters presenting an unforgettable silhouette

... the spirit of warmth and contentment... the glorious reunion of loved ones and friends brought together once again by Christmas... underneath it all, the real significant spirit of the occasion.

It is a cheerful picture, is it not? Perhaps it will not be your good fortune to enjoy such a Christmas this year, but it is a kind of Christmas we think of when we say "We hope you enjoy an old fashioned American Christmas."

PARSONS BROS.

Phone 27

READ THE CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Three room, bungalow house, boxed and stripped. See Winfred Doherty, Hedley, Texas. (45-p)

CHOCOLATE CANDY—Fine chocolate candy packed in handsome CEDAR BOXES with mirrored tops. Stocking's Drug Store

PREVENT SEPTICEMIA—For prevention and treatment of hemorrhagic-septicemia use Globe whole culture bacterin. For sale at Stocking's Drug Store

FOR SALE—About 3000 good red-top cane bundles; free of Johnson grass; 8 1/2¢ per bundle. E. Leathers. (44tf)

WE FRAME PICTURES Any Size NEW LINE OF MOULDING "You Always Save at the" PAINT STORE Hudson & Taylor Phone 82-M (38tf)

FOR SALE—Flowers for all occasions. Clarendon Plant & Floral Company. Mrs. F. A. Cooper, Prop. Phone 60. (9tf)

DEHORNING CATTLE—Stop bleeding with GLOBE A-B-C BLOOD-CLOTTING Powder. Stops hemorrhage now. Stocking's Drug Store

FOR SALE—480 acre farm, part cultivation, part grass, fair improvements. See J. Fred Smith Jr. Phone 428-M. (38tf)

FOR SALE—8x14 metal Grain Bins. Hold 1,000 bu. Shamburger Lbr. Co. (42tf)

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LOST & FOUND
LOST—Black Greyhound dog near Lelia Lake. Answers to name of "Smokey". Finder please notify Arlie Woods. 45-p

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MISCELLANEOUS
TOP PRICES—I pay top prices for hogs, and buy every day but Sunday. S. H. Haile, one mile south of Hedley. (47-c)

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All Home for Christmas
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Green are enjoying all their children home for the Xmas holidays. They are Mr. and Mrs. William Green and family of Trinidad, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Bentley and daughter of Dallas; Pfc. Robert Green and family from Mundy, Miss Helen Louise Green of Amarillo.

Loeva Koen of Wellington visited Mrs. Chester Martin, Wed.

Tom Goodner from Texas Tech at Lubbock has arrived home for the Xmas holidays.

Neal Thompson of Chicago is here spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson. Ernest Thompson who is attending University of Arizona is also home.

Charles Sims, recently discharged from service, and wife have moved to Borger where he has accepted a position.

Joe Jones, Chattanooga, Tenn. is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. L. Jones.

Mrs. Marguerite Goodner spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Upshaw and mother, Mrs. Cook at Amarillo.

Mrs. Jo Ann Barrett left Sunday night to visit her daughter through the Christmas holidays at Dallas.

Miss Shirley West spent Sunday visiting her cousin, Leo Ferguson at the Veterans Hospital at Amarillo.

Joe Landreth from S.M.U. at Dallas is spending Xmas with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Landreth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane and family, recently of California, are here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lane.

Inez Morris of Amarillo spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Chester Martin.

The honeymoon is over when she stops dropping her eyes and starts raising her voice.

Auction Sale

Monday, December 31st at 10:30 a. m.
R. H. DAVIS and F. M. BROWN, Owners
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THIS Holiday SEASON

This Holiday season—may it be filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence. The future looks brighter.
Justice, freedom and unity prevail and from this will come a happier world. We are indeed grateful.
We extend heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all our friends in this area. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our ability in the months to come.
Best wishes to you and yours.
We wish to announce that we will be closed until Friday, December 28th.
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Christmas Tree And Decorations Are Fire Hazard

Fire hazards lurk in your Christmas tree and in the decorations that make it gay. Carefulness is therefore the watchword in order to prevent tragic accidents.
A few sensible precautions, plus the use of fireproofing chemicals, can provide you with insurance against damage.
First of all, remember that a fresh cut tree will not take fire any more easily during the first day or two than would the evergreen shrubs growing outside your window. But the fire hazard grows after that.
So the best procedure is to bring in a fresh tree as short a time before Christmas as possible and remove it as soon afterwards as you can. Be careful in placing your tree in the home. Set it well away from stoves, radiators and other sources of heat. Above all, when you smoke, keep away from the tree.
Use Special Safeguards.
If you want to keep your tree from a week or more before Christmas until after New Year's day, special safeguards are necessary. One of these is to see that the base of the tree stands in a con-




A Tie Christmas will serve as a postwar necessity.
tainer of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least 1 inch above the original cut and see that the water level is always kept above the cut. This helps keep the tree fresh and reduces the chances of fire.
Another and important safeguard is to use a chemical flameproofing solution.
Dissolve one pound of sodium-chloride in one and one-half pints of water. That will take care of a tree that weighs approximately four pounds. If the tree weighs eight pounds, use two pounds of chemical and three pints of water.
Put the solution in the container in which the tree stands. Let the tree soak up as much of the chemical solution as possible. In case calcium chloride is not available, ammonium sulfate will be highly satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burton King from Mesquite, Texas are spending the Xmas Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wadsworth.
Mrs. Faye Scoggins of Glendale, Arizona is spending the Xmas holidays with relatives here.
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Riley and family from Belen, N. M. are spending the Xmas holidays with their parents and other relatives.
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy who will be four years old January 6th. I have been a good boy, part of the time, anyway. Will you please bring me a truck, a tractor, a gun and a drum. Also some candy, nuts and fruit.
Don't forget my little sister, Carol, age 18 months. Please bring her a teddy bear, a doll and some blocks.
Love,
Kenneth Alvin Duncan

THE MATCHLESS BEAUTY OF CHRISTMAS

In a world torn asunder with strife and unhappiness the one outstanding event of the year which remains unchanged is Christmas. On this notable occasion most of us can gain refuge from the burdens of the day.
The beauty of Christmas is matchless! Home, loved ones, gay festivities, loyal friendships, the thrill of remembering our friends, the anticipation of being remembered and the host of other beautiful things that are enthroned in the true spirit of Christmas. On no other occasion is there such a feeling of contentment and happiness. It is priceless!
Let us enjoy it to the fullest extent. May the spirit of the event remain with you throughout the 365 days of the coming year.



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By GRAHAM HUNTER



Letters to Santa

Compton, Calif.
Dear Santa,
Thank you for working so hard all year for us. I'm going to leave you a supper on the table. We all want toys.

Love,
Dale Earl Bailey

Hedley, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bow and arrow set, and a coaster.

Dale Ayers

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old and go to school. Please bring me a

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Many Relics of St. Nicholas Still Are Enshrined in Southern Italy

To the residents of the town of Bari, Italy, the possession of a saint's body meant much in the early 11th century. That is why all that is mortal of Santa Claus—otherwise St. Nicholas, the bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor—now rests in Bari.

The body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra by Italian sailors, who thought as most Europeans thought back in 1087, that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to a town. Even an arm or a toe was rated highly among civic possessions.

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

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a

doll that says mama, a toy phonograph with records, a blackboard and a telephone and nuts, candy and fruit. Don't forget my daddy who is across.

Love,
Lillie Joyce Clark
P. S. Please don't forget my little cousins at Brice, Jerry and Gene.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I have tried very hard to be good this year. I thought I should write and tell you that I have moved since last Christmas. I used to live

at Memphis, Texas, but moved here in Clarendon last spring. I would like very much for you to bring me a doll and doll clothes, set of dishes, dial telephone and a xylophone, some candy, nuts and fruit. I remain your little friend,
Alice Jane Cheshire

Dear Santa,
How are you. We are a little boy and girl. I am almost 5 years old, little sister is 2½ years old. Our daddy has been overseas but sailing the 20th for home, and are

we happy! I would like for you to bring me a Jap gun like daddy sent Uncle Arlie and a big red wagon. Little sister wants a doll and doll buggy. Bring us some fruit and nuts. Do not forget other children and the soldier boys. Leave our things at grandmother Woods. Oh, yes, Santa, do not forget mother and daddy. We are going to leave daddy's things on the tree for him, so bye.

Your little friends,
Wayne and
Lu Ann Wood.

Hedley, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and a little bunk bed, also a table and two chairs.

Marilyn Ayers

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of skates, a doll, a tea set and a table and chairs.

Kay Frances Nethery

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old and started to school this year. I would like you to bring me a big doll, a little rocker and a jig-saw puzzle and don't forget my little brother.

Your little pal,
Joyce Marie Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 3 years old. I have been a pretty good boy since you came to my house last. I want

a little horse, gun, truck and a little football, some candy and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Your friend,
Ronnie Hall

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little girl this year, most of the time, anyway. If you have any extra toys in your big sack, I'd like to have a paint set, a gun, a doll, and some clay, and be sure not to forget all the other little boys and girls. Thank you very much, Santa.

Patricia Ann Knox

The person with but little to share is always willing to share it.

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IT SEEMS only yesterday we expressed our Christmas greetings but now another year has gone by. Much has happened, and we are sure there have been days and weeks that seemed unusually long to a lot of us. Yet the year passed quickly and once again we arrive at the most glorious season of the year.

Here indeed, is an opportunity to relax, to be contented and to enjoy the associations of our loved ones and the friendships of our acquaintances to the fullest extent.

It's good to have Christmas. Its value is immeasurable because of the feeling of goodwill each has toward another.

So, we wish you a Merry Christmas and trust the next twelve months will speed by as quickly and that much happier days will be found as the New Year gets under way.

JUST
TWELVE
SHORT
MONTHS

Season's Greetings

PARKER - PERKINS

Cordial Greetings

IN A COUNTRY
IN A WORLD
When the glowing torch of Liberty and Freedom still burns brightly
and we enter a New Year we express
our gratitude for having made our experiences throughout the
year so profitable and joyful.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
PROSPEROUS

The
Finest GIFT
OF THEM ALL

Greater liberty than we could enjoy elsewhere in the world, is the gift every American enjoys this Christmas. It is yours . . . it is ours . . . given to ourselves because we chose to work and live in freedom.

We should appreciate this gift of liberty more this year than ever in our history. Do you ask why?

It is because the gift of liberty this Christmas has been given us by thousands upon thousands of the youth of our land who have gone to the distant points of the globe to fight for freedom loving Americans.

In the midst of our Christmas celebration, our every thought should be, and must be, centered around the men who have made it possible for us to continue to enjoy the occasion.

The gift of liberty is priceless. It has not been made without cost. So, as we extend our greetings to you, we want it understood that we are also thinking of those brave lads who have unselfishly presented the gift of liberty to America.

HOLLAND BROS.

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 7, 1946. 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,
Executive Vice-President
(45-c)

The old saying "Here today and gone tomorrow" should be changed to "hare today, mink tomorrow."

POPCORN SURPRISE

When heating butter or salad oil to pour over popcorn Westinghouse home economists sometimes add a spoonful or so of peanut butter. It mixes readily with the hot fat. Salt to taste as usual after pouring over the hot popcorn.

APPLES FOR SALAD

When preparing apples for salad at the Westinghouse Home Economics Institute, the peeled apples are dropped in salt water and allowed to remain for at least 15 minutes before dicing. This prevents the apples from turning brown.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

Santa Claus Is Bearer of Gifts In Many Lands

Mothers of America are overwhelmingly agreed that parents should teach their children to believe in Santa Claus.

At least that is the conclusion drawn from a recent opinion poll by a leading woman's magazine. One of the women polled made an answer typical of many: "Belief in Santa Claus is one of the beautiful wonders of childhood. It gives us a period in which dreams come true and anything is possible."

Christmas is like heaven on earth for the very young, the magazine points out. But as America moves from war to peace, there is an inevitable emphasis on reality and truth. No one wants to fool or be



They knew he would come.

fooled. Therefore, should even happy myths be promoted?

Should children still be taught to believe in Santa Claus? Should they enjoy all the magic of childhood while they can, including the traditional myths, or should they be told the truth in preparation for the adult world they must some day face?

Considering these questions, the opinion poll asked a group of women representing a cross-section of millions of American homes, "Do you think parents should teach their children to believe in Santa Claus?"

The response was decisively affirmative. More than 87 per cent of the women voted "yes."

BUY VICTORY "E" BONDS

NEW YEARS AT THE CORNERS



"POP," Maw Levis called from the kitchen, "you get your lazy bones out of that chair and wash up! Dinner'll be ready in two shakes of a lamb's tail."

Pop managed to lift his six feet of bone and sinew to his feet and headed for the kitchen sink.

"Don't you go usin' that clean towel, neither," Maw admonished. "That's for company. Use the roller towel. Sakes alive, I do believe you'd wipe your dirty feet on the front door mat if I'd leave it out."

"What's a door mat fer," Pop flared, "if it ain't to wipe feet on?" Pop gave the roller towel a vicious jerk. "Y'know tonight bein' New Year's Eve, Maw, you 'nd me ought to step out somewheres. They're having a big shindig over at the



"Jed Hafe's openin' a keg."

Corners store. Jed Hafe's openin' a keg."

"If it's anything like that keg he opened Thanksgiving, you ain't gettin' any nearer to it than you are right now. Pretty howdy-do, you comin' home six o'clock in the mornin' and shootin' off the shotgun through the roof so it leaks like a sieve. No, sree, you ain't even gettin' near enough to have a smell of any keg Jed Hafe opens," Maw said.

Suddenly Pop looked up from his plate. "Well, consarn! What you cryin' about, Maw?"

"I ain't cryin'," Maw denied. "I'm just thinkin'—thinkin' back fifty-two years. You was payin' attention to me and kind o' jealous like. I couldn't turn 'round but what you was kissin' me. You was jealous o' Jed Hafe—jealouser than anything."

Pop snorted disdainfully. "What'd I have to be jealous o' Jed Hafe fer? Tell me that."

"Plenty," Maw said, "I was going to marry him."

Pop dropped his fork. "You was a-goin' to marry Jed?"

"Sure. Only his folks wanted him to marry Edda Stout. She owned all the bottom land nearly in Clarke county. He couldn't marry me until he was of age, on account o' his folks wantin' him to marry Edda. In a year he figures he can get all her money and then divorce her and marry me. Meanwhile he said I might as well marry you, then when he got all Edda's money I could divorce you and marry him. Said you was about the most harmless male bein' in all Clarke county and no harm would come to me marryin' you. He said if I married anybody else I might fall in love with him and then he'd lose out."

"So that was the way o' things! I remember. Jed did divorce Edda a year or so later. How come you never told me this before, Lil? And how come you not to divorce me and marry Jed after he got his divorce?"

"How come?" Maw said. "Well, Pop, I guess maybe you was kind o' responsible for that. Ain't no tellin' how a woman looks at things until she's hedged to a man. I just didn't matter so much, after all. I found out it was the man that mattered. You kind o' had good ways about you, Pop. Different kind o' ways, only they was the right kind. Made a girl think twice afore jumpin' from the fryin' pan into the fire. You was good enough for me, I found. If there was any better men'n you, I wouldn't have no way o' knowin', o' course. Everything was so nice I didn't think it could be any nicer, so I just decided to hang onto you and let Jed root for himself."

"By gum!" Pop exclaimed after a moment's reflection. "Now I an a-goin' to that keg openin' tonight if it kills me. And you're a-goin' with me, Lil. I won't have Jed thinkin' he didn't get cheated in the deal, consarn his danged hide! If I go without you he'll think I don't care none about you, and I want to make him feel right good and jealous."

"Jed jealous after fifty-two years?" Maw said incredulously.

"Well, if he ain't he ought to be! Happy New Year, Maw!"

"I'll go," Maw said, "but remember, Pop Levis, if you get drunk tonight I'll break the mop handle over your head when we get home—that is, if I'm still able to tell a mop handle from a crowbar."

Mistletoe May Mean Messenger of God

Some say that the word mistletoe comes from the missel thrush, a messenger of the gods who brought the plant to the earth. Actually, the bird is very fond of the berries and is responsible for the wide distribution. Growing as it does, on trees as a parasite, it is showy because of its huge mass of dense light green foliage.

Its Latin name, Phoradendron, means tree-thief.

In Virgil, mistletoe was the golden bough, by the plucking of which Aeneas was enabled to descend into the underworld and return safely.

In ancient Britain it was the sacred plant of the Druids. The chief nature festival of these forest worshippers was around the oak tree with the most mistletoe on it. The Arch-Druid ascended the tree to the lowest bough on which the sacred mistletoe was growing. With a golden sickle he cropped the branch and allowed it to fall in a fold of his ample robes. The plant was so sacred that it must never touch the earth. The priest then broke the bough into many pieces and gave a twig to each of his followers with a prayer.

In the language of the flowers, mistletoe means "give me a kiss." This has its basis from a Scandinavian myth.

A painting by Zeuxis, Greek painter of the 5th Century, B. C. was so realistic that it is said that birds pecked at the grapes.

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New Stadium For Texas Tech

LUBBOCK — Convenience of the spectator will be the major objective in construction of the proposed new \$300,000 stadium at Texas Tech, Morley Jennings, athletic director, asserts.

Plans call for 50 rows of seats on the west side, to accommodate upwards of 10,000 persons, and 30 rows on the east side, to be used by students. The present stands

have 25 rows on each side. The stadium will extend 90 yards on each side of the field, giving every spectator a seat alongside the playing area. Future construction would provide a horse-shoe on each end of the field to double capacity.

The program calls for a structure of steel and concrete, with raised wooden seats. Ramps will lead to various levels in order to permit quick reaching of any seat and rapid emptying of the structure, Jennings said.

A spacious enclosed press box will include seats for 50 or more

newspapermen, special enclosed sections for broadcasters and a large enclosure for taking of motion pictures. A built-in loud speaking system and electric scoreboard will be operated from the press box and the electric clock will be set up for control from the field or press box.

Refreshment booths will be located beneath the stands, as will several adequate rest rooms and dressing rooms for varsity and freshmen teams of Tech and visiting elevens. Also beneath the stands will be a large projection room for showing motion pictures to players.

The entire stadium will be surrounded by parking areas and drives to permit spectators to unload near entrances, it was said. The outside of the stadium will be so constructed that additional rows of seats may be added with a minimum of trouble and expense.

It is expected that erection will be on or near the site of the present stadium. Plans call for completion of the new structure in time for the 1946 football season.

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DONLEY COUNTY ABSTRACT



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Texas Centennial Postage Stamp

Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan has announced the issuance of a special postage stamp commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the admission of Texas to statehood. The stamp will be of the 3-cent denomination and will be placed on first-day sale at Austin on December 29, 1945. Buchanan Winn, artist of Wimberly, where he has a ranch-studio, designed the stamp.

The first sheet of 100 stamps will be reserved for the Centennial Commission, Karl Hoblitzelle, chairman.

Stamp collectors and others desiring official Centennial of Statehood first-day or later cancellations of the 3-cent Texas stamp may send their orders for as many envelopes as they desire, accompanied with remittance for the stamp to be affixed plus five cents for the cost of addressing each envelope desired, to the Headquarters of the Texas Centennial of Statehood Commission, Austin, Texas, or to A. Garland Adair, Curator of History, Texas Memor-

ial Museum, Austin. The Texas stamp will be .84 by 1.44 inches in size, arranged horizontally with a single line border. The central design comprises the American flag with a ray shining from the twenty-eighth star to the

single star of the Texas State flag. On the left side in a vertical panel is the word "Texas" in white face Gothic on a shaded background. The wording "United States Postage" appears in a panel across the bottom of the stamp in white face Gothic on a dark background. To the left of the center, above the bottom panel, there appears in dark Gothic lettering "Statehood" and the dates "1845-1946" in two lines. In the upper right corner is the denomination designation "3c" in dark Gothic.

Mrs. Slick Naylor is home from Groom where she has been for medical treatment. Her mother from Conway is here with her.

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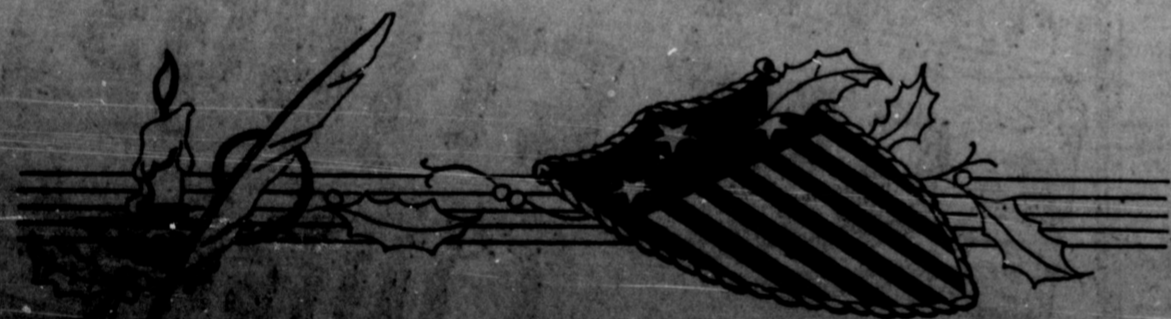
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A Common Paper for Common People

Texas Sweet Potato Rated High In Grade

The quality of the Texas sweet potato is second to none and this fact is recognized from coast to coast, declared Commissioner of Agriculture J. E. McDonald in announcing that most other states are now looking to Texas for their seed sweet potatoes.

This situation is being brought about primarily, the Commissioner said, by the spread of diseases in many of the large sweet potato producing areas of other states, whereas the Texas State Department of Agriculture and Texas growers have been and will continue to make every effort to keep Texas sweet potatoes free of diseases.

Under the certification program carried on by the State Department of Agriculture for the benefit of growers, no producer is forced to certify, as the program is entirely voluntary, McDonald pointed out. Participation in the program, however, means more money in growers' pockets from seed and slips, as both must be certified as to their freedom from disease before either are allowed to move into other states. Mr. McDonald also disclosed that records show a constantly increasing demand for certified potatoes over non-certified, and a gratifying demand from the west coast markets for Texas sweet potatoes.

While certification is voluntary, there are certain requirements which must be met in order to certify. First, the potato must be grown in the Pest Free Zone, which means freedom from the sweet potato weevil; second, freedom from transmissible diseases; and third, the bedding of good seed approved by the State Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner McDonald believes that Texas growers have an almost unlimited market in prospect in the future for their certified seed and certified slips, provided their potatoes are kept free of the sweet potato weevil and diseases, and if producers will continue their present program for a still finer quality.

Commissioner McDonald cautioned against allowing sweet potatoes to come into the Pest Free Zone from weevil infested areas, because just one load of potatoes infested with weevils would ruin the entire growing market.

Tech Grid Great To Participate In East-West Game

LUBBOCK — Walter Schlinkman, Texas Tech's plunging full-back, has accepted an invitation to participate in the annual East-West game sponsored by the Shriners in San Francisco New Year's Day. Proceeds from this peak all-star game go to the Shriner crippled children's fund.

Schlankman during the past season gained 871 yards from scrimmage, a total almost 200 yards greater than any other back in Texas. The New Year's game is the second all-star contest in which he will participate. Last summer he was a member of the College All-Stars in their clash with the Green Bay Packers, National Professional league champion in the clash in Chicago for



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Eradicating Mesquite

College Station — Mesquite can be eradicated successfully if all parts of the plant capable of sprouting, and thus of regenerating top-growth, are destroyed by mechanical means or chemical action, according to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Studies of some of the factors affecting the action of chemicals and oils in killing off mesquite were made between 1939 and 1944 on experimental areas near Spur and Amarillo by the Station and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. Results of these experiments are given in a technical report prepared by C. E. Fisher, TAES agronomist at the Spur station, Jess L. Fultz, SCS associate agronomist at the Amarillo Conservation Experiment Station, and Henry Hopp, SCS soil conservationist from the Beltsville (Md.) Experiment Station.

Morphological studies showed that the dormant buds on the underground stem of mesquite, a sprouting shrub, must be destroyed to kill the plant. These buds are easily visible when the bark of the underground stem is stripped back to the wood. The action of chemicals and oils were studied on individual trees, on small plots and on field-size areas. Chemicals such as sodium arsenite are able to move in the sapstream from the point of application to roots, stems and leaves, while oils do not move in the sapstream and kill only at the point of contact.

Of the many chemicals tested, none was found more effective in killing mesquite than sodium arsenite. Kerosene, diesel fuel, and other oils were sufficiently toxic to kill the sprouting stems when applied in quantities great enough to reach all the dormant buds. The report recommends that the choice of the killing agent should depend upon cost and availability. Toxicity and percentage kills were not increased by the addition of oil soluble chemicals to kerosene and other oils.

The movement of sodium arsenite in plant tissue was reported related to the length of time it remains in moist contact with the sapwood. This movement takes place vertically through the vascular system with little or no tangential or lateral movement. Downward movement was restricted by the presence of living tissue in forked stems, and also by areas of dead tissue between the point of application and the critical zone of dormant buds.

A concentration of at least 4 pounds of white arsenic (arsenious oxide) per gallon of solution applied as sodium arsenite to the sapwood of the root crown was necessary to give consistently high effective kills. The solution also contained one pound of caustic soda or lye (sodium hydroxide), and the balance water. The growth form of mesquite should govern the method of application, whether to the root crown or girdled stem. It should be applied, the report said, immediately after the sapwood is prepared. Equally effective results were secured during all seasons of the year.

That roaring noise you hear from an airplane is the propeller. It drowns out the noise of the motor.

Montana was organized as a territory in 1864 and was admitted to the Union as a State in 1889.

Save Greeting Cards for Making Different Unique Gift Decorations

Here's a suggestion that will make your friends wish they had thought of it first.

Don't throw away the lovely greeting cards you have received and saved during the year. Keep them as ornaments for packages, or to decorate an otherwise plain wall.

The next time you wrap a gift for someone, glance through the greeting cards you have saved and pick out one with a colorful or appropriate picture on it. Cut the picture out neatly, glue or paste it on your gift wrapping. That's all there is to it.

There are any number of objects about the house that cutouts from greeting cards might brighten: closet doors, furniture, waste paper baskets, screen and cigarette boxes. Pasted on and coated with a preservative of clear shellac, greeting cards can serve a variety of decorative purposes.

Inexpensive and distinctive gift novelties can be made from the

greeting cards. Bookends, jelly jars for flower vases, bookmarks, matchbooks, handblotters, tally cards and score pads can be made to look quite impressive by the simple addition of a design cut out from greeting cards and pasted on these objects.

The lovely etchings and reproductions of famous masters and the flower prints that appear on so many greeting cards are well worth the price of a small frame. These pint-sized pictures are "just the thing" to brighten a dark corner of some room or entrance hall.

Some rainy afternoon when the children are looking for something to do, give them the greeting cards you have saved during the year. Especially will they like to make gay blotters from the cutout designs. Have them make small-sized ones for checkbooks, a good-sized one for Dad's desk, and a pretty feminine one for Mother's correspondence, or selected ones for friends.

Date of Nativity Fixed By Roman Emperor

December 25 was decreed as the date of Christ's Nativity by the Roman Emperor Julian who began his reign as a Christian but reverted to paganism before his death in 363 A. D.

Julian based his decree on the opinions advanced by the fathers of the Western churches.

December 25 was, moreover, acceptable to most churches and peoples because the season of the winter solstice had always been celebrated as a festival period—Roman Saturnalia, Scandinavian Yule, the Mithrasian Feast of sol invictus, etc.

Some Eastern churches, however, consistently claimed January 6 as Christmas and have continued celebrating Christmas upon that date throughout the centuries.

LEND LEASE: We lend it to them; they lease it to us.

Constructive Toys Make Better Gifts

When you buy toys for children, give a thought to their constructive qualities. How much can they do with the gifts you are providing them? Will they soon tire of them and go back to the good old spoons and pans in the cupboard that they can do so many things with? If you buy a doll, get one that can be dressed, bathed and brushed. If a boy wants a doll, let him have it. Fathers love children.

Growing children need big toys that require lifting, tugging, running—movement of muscles. Blocks are ideal. Think of the things that can be done with them! One carpenter out of work made quite a good thing last Christmas of children's blocks. He collected odds and ends of boards at the lumber yard, planed them off smoothly, painted them gay colors and sold them in lots of a dozen up to 100. Wagons, cars, scooters, skates, sleds, and skis are good. But the toy should suit the age of the recipient. Every boy should have a ball of some kind. Boys like trains, but wooden blocks painted to resemble cars are better than the kinds that can run only on tracks. Girls are pleased with rolling pins, doll beds, houses, trunks, small chairs and tables, and dishes. One mother writes that her son's most cherished gift last Christmas was five pounds of assorted nails given him by an understanding uncle.

For older folks, books and Christmas just seem to go together as naturally as bread and jam, or

Wax Candle Spots Are Easy to Remove

Dripping candle wax is especially prevalent during the holiday season but a few simple household remedies can be used to clean it up.

Wax spots on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test the mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto the linen can be removed by the same method of first scraping and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

Wax spots on the mantel will come off if rubbed vigorously with a cloth.

Disease Hazards Of Young Poultry On Decrease

College Station—Pullorum disease and coccidiosis are the greatest disease hazards of baby chicks in Texas during the brooding season, according to a three-year record of poultry disease determinations by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Leucosis, roup and reproductive disorders occurred more frequently in disease determinations for chickens over six weeks old. Coccidiosis and fowl typhoid in turkey poults, and blackhead and botulism in turkeys over six weeks of age were more prevalent in submissions during the same period.

Progress Report No. 970 by Dr. John P. Delaplane, poultry pathologist, summarizes disease determinations from 804 submissions of poultry comprising 2692 birds received from July 1, 1942 through October 25, 1945 at the laboratory of the Station's Division of Veterinary Science.

The extremely good showing during the 1945 brooding season for turkey poults reflects the benefits derived from the pullorum disease control program, Dr. Delaplane said. Also, incidence of fowl typhoid in turkey poults was very low during the 1945 brooding season, though high in the other years.

During the period covered, the laboratory received for disease determinations 117 submissions of brooder chicks, 320 submissions of chickens over six weeks old, 141 submissions of turkey poults, and 162 submissions of turkeys over six weeks of age.

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Educational toys are popular. ham and eggs. A home-made book may make a hit. It may consist of leaves of brightly colored cambric, ten colors in all, sewed securely through the middle to hold them together, and with pinked edges.

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Christmas Plant Was Named for U. S. Diplomat

Poinsettia Brought Here From Mexico Adopted As Christmas Plant.

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

Nearly a century and a quarter ago, Poinsett, then U. S. ambassador to Mexico, first brought cuttings of the "fire plant" to his South Carolina home. Carefully he tended the transplanted tropical beauty. Under his skillful hands the flower thrived and improved.

Soon the fame of this colorful new plant spread to other states and Robert Buist, a Philadelphia botanist, bought some cuttings from Poinsett. He named them euphorbia poinsettia.

Since that day enthusiasts not only in the United States but throughout the world have continued to improve the poinsettia, until today there are a score of varieties from giant six-foot stalks to diminutive dwarfs, double and single varieties, green poinsettias with red veins, white varieties and a gradation of reds from the traditional flaming scarlets to pale pinks.

Besides serving as ambassador to Mexico, Poinsett was a member of congress from South Carolina and served as secretary of war in President Van Buren's cabinet. He was a personal friend of Presidents Madison, Monroe, Jackson and Van Buren.

It is peculiar how some people stimulate our mind and others paralyze it.

Christmas Stars Tell a Story

Birth of Universe, Growth Shown in Heavens.

The stars at Christmas have a story of their own to tell of creation—the story that gradually is becoming better understood by astronomers.

It is the story of the birth and growth of our galaxy which we recognize as the Milky Way and which includes our sun with the earth and other planets.

Recent calculations show that the galaxy, measured in the time scale of its own years, is very youthful and is approaching its 12th year.

But that does not mean 12 years in our time. Rather it is made up of years in which each is the period in which a rotating body completes one circuit around a central mass. Our galaxy is rotating around its central mass. Our sun, out near the edge of the galaxy, is moving along with the rest of the stars in the disc-shaped system and is doing so at a rate which enables it to make a circuit of its orbit in about 250,000,000 earth years.

Clear, moonless, winter nights furnish a good opportunity for viewing the Milky Way and visualizing our position in it and its relation to the rest of the universe.

On Christmas night the moon will be half way between first quarter and full moon, reaching the latter state on December 29. The dark new moon comes on January 14, so after the first week in January there will be a period in which the moon will not interfere with star gazing during the first half of the night.

Some of the dresses women wear are more than skin tight. At least they can sit down in their skin.

What Is Christmas Without Toys?



There is no shortage of toys, although the trend has been toward mechanical or educational types. Dolls have not been forgotten, however.

When a horse takes a fence, he jumps. When a man takes offense, you jump.

They refer to ships as she because they both make their best showing in the wind.

Christmas Card Is Century Old

The centennial of the Christmas card is being observed this year.

It was in 1845—just 100 years ago—that the first Christmas card was designed and distributed.

This pioneer greeting was the creation of W. C. Dobson, a noted British artist, who was said to be a favorite of Queen Victoria. Dobson, according to tradition, made copies of his card and sent them to friends in London and elsewhere in the British Isles.

The custom established by Dobson found numerous devotees. In 1846, an English nobleman, Sir Henry Cole, commissioned an artist, John Calcott Horsley, to design a Christmas card for him.

According to one story, Sir Henry Cole had received such a large number of holiday letters that he could not find time to answer them all. As a means of solving this problem, he called in Horsley and asked him to design an appropriate card.

Horsley's first Christmas card depicted a Victorian English family enjoying the holiday. Except for the profusion of detail, the card is like many of the modern greetings. The traditional "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" was inscribed on the card, with blank spaces for filling in the name of the sender and the recipient.

From this beginning a century ago, the custom of sending Christmas cards has spread across the ocean to the United States where it has become a traditional part of the holiday observance.

TWO TIMES FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY

In order to get all the social security benefits for which a worker and his family may be eligible, there are two times for action, said John D. Palmer, acting manager of the Amarillo, Texas Social Security Board office.

One is when the worker reaches 65. At that time he should get in touch with the nearest office of the Social Security Board—even if he does not intend to retire soon—and ask about his benefits. Retirement benefit amounts do not stand still. Periods of sickness, unemployment, or of work in jobs not covered by old-age and survivors insurance reduce the average monthly wage on which benefits are based and so decrease the benefit amount. Fortunately, at 65 the insured worker can "fix" the amount of his benefit by filing his claim. If he keeps on working at the same or higher wages, he may later raise his benefit amount.

by filing a request for recomputation.

The other occasion for action is when the worker dies. Then the family or a friend should get in touch with the nearest office of the Board—promptly—whether or not they know the worker was insured. There may be insurance benefits for the family. Benefits for widows and children can be paid retroactively for only three months after a claim is filed. Thus, the family may lose benefits by delay.

Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys demanded the surrender of Fort Ticonderoga, on May 10, 1775, "in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress."

The hunting leopard of India, known as the cheetah, is rated as the swiftest four-footed wild animal known to man. Its endurance is not great, but its speed is faster than any antelope or deer.



ONE OF THE FREE THINGS FOR WHICH MEN FIGHT

May we be humble in our thoughts at Christmas, fully aware of the sacrifices which have made it possible for us to enjoy another free American Christmas.



May our Christmas greeting be extended not only to our friends at home but those in distant lands who have fought so valiantly for the things in which Americans believe.

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Christmas 25

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IT'S THE BIG DAY OF THE YEAR!

It's here! The BIG DAY! That one day of the year to which each of us look with eager anticipation. It is the day when all of us, at least for the moment, can relax and enjoy the fellowship of loved ones and friends.

We enjoy our friends all through the year, it's true, but there's something about Christmas that makes it stand out as the one day of the year when the cares of the morrow are forgotten in

the spirit of cheerfulness that is evidenced at Christmastime.

And so, as we gather with our loved ones, our neighbors and friends, let's receive comfort and happiness from the thoughts of courtesies and friendly acts of kindness which we have enjoyed during the past year. And on this BIG DAY of the year, please accept our sincere good wishes for the days of next year.

MAY THE YEAR 1946 BE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS

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GREETINGS!

TO YOU,
ONE AND ALL!



It's time for each of us to enjoy the finest time of the year—Christmas. It's also time for each of us to take stock of the year just closing and to make our plans for the coming year.

Looking back over the past twelve months we find that we have fallen far short of what may have been expected of us and now, at this Christmastime we pledge to you that we will make every effort to do a better job in the future.



When we express our Christmas Greetings to you, we want you to know that we are fully aware of your problems and it is our hope that you may derive some amount of happiness in this expression, knowing that it comes from one who is your friend.

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Letters to Santa

Hedley, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a tractor, airplane, and a car also lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Remember my sister and brother.
Love,
Jimmy Stout

Dear Santa:
I have been a good little girl, so bring me a doll, little house and house shoes. I am looking for you.
Cleeta Joy Koontz

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a doll, a laundry set, house shoes and broom, also plenty of fruit, candy and nuts. Bring all of the other boys and girls something.
Love,
Glenda Kay Koontz

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll with hair, a blackboard, house shoes, and lots of candy, nuts and fruit.
Goodbye,
Barbara Koontz

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 8 years old and am in the second grade. Please bring me a baseball, a gun and a lunch pail. I have been a good little boy. Also bring me some candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
Steve Reynolds

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl nine years old and am in the third grade. I go to Martin school. I would like very much for you to bring me a telephone, doll clothes that will fit a doll 13 inches tall, compact, bubble gum and a locket.
Wanda Joyce Sibley

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl at the age of ten and I am in the fifth grade, and I go to Martin school. We are going to have a Christmas program at the school. The name of it is "Still Shines the Star." I would like to have a ring and a dresser set. My birthday is in October, the 4th. I don't know much to write so will close for now.
Your friend,
Frankie Aleene Mays

Still Center of Nation's Celebration



The White House belonged to the children on Christmas, during the late F. D. Roosevelt terms, and this Christmas will find President Truman's daughter and her friends carrying on the American traditions.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some blow gum and a bow and arrow and a gun and scabbard or a train, or a bicycle, candy and fruit. I have been a good boy I am seven years old.
Your friend,
Charles Ray

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and I want some blow gum, bracelet, ring, compact and a new dress.
Your friend,
Nelda Louise Patterson

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm about nine years old. I want a telephone, compact, bracelet, necklace, blow gum, apples, oranges and nuts and a bicycle, candy.
Nelda Jane Easterling

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old and for Christmas I want a tricycle and an iron gun and holster. I wish I had a scooter and bow and arrow, too.
Your friend,
Joe Don Davis

Wise Men Came From the East

Church tradition, presumably considering the Biblical mention of three specific gifts as presented to the Infant Jesus by the Wise Men, has identified the Magi as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

There could have been more than three; legend reports that there were 12 Wise Men and that their journey to Bethlehem had been anticipated for generations.

Twelve learned men who lived in a Far Eastern land appointed themselves to watch for the star of beauty which they believed would announce the birth of the Saviour. Each year, after the crops were harvested, the patriarchs ascended to a cavernous retreat upon the plateau of a high mountain to pray and praise God in silence for three days while they watched for the star.

This went on for generations: when one of the patriarchs died, his son or kinsman would take his place.

Finally the star appeared, descending upon the mountain and having within itself the form of a child beneath the similitude of a cross.

The Sign spoke to them and commanded them to go to Judea. The journey to Bethlehem is said to have necessitated two years of pressing travel and, though in their haste they provided no food for themselves, neither food nor drink failed in their vessels.

Dear Santa,
We have been having cold weather down here and we hope it will snow for sleighing so that you won't ruin the slides on your sleigh. I will expect you at the school house Christmas eve night.

We are going to put on a play and I want you to see it if you can.

Will you please send me a dart board, a pair of boxing gloves, a birthstone ring and candy. I do not want too many things because people and children in Europe need them worse than I do.

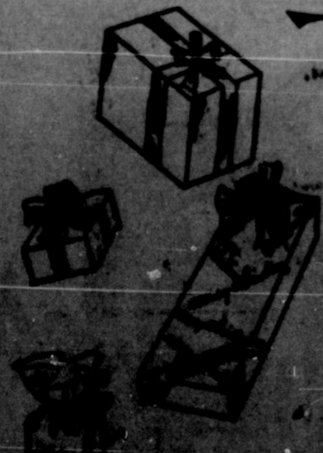
I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade. Well so long for now.
Your friend,
Duane Hearn

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl nearly eleven years of age. I want a ring, necklace and bracelet and some bubble gum to blow. There are nineteen in our room. The grades are the fifth, sixth and seventh. I am in the sixth grade. It is hard too. Be sure to bring a lot of candy, nuts and fruit.
Your friend,
La Vell Gibson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy ten years old and in the fifth grade. I go to Martin school. Please bring me a B-B gun, a football and some candy, fruit and nuts.
Your friend,
Tommy Hodnett

Dear Santa,
Since it is getting close to Christmas, I thought I would let you know what I would like to have. I would like to have an airplane that will fly. Santa, I am a boy at the age of 10 and I have two sisters, Otha Dean, Wilma. Both want a big doll. Santa, I had better go for now.
Yours truly,
Harold Elliott

for a RICHER CHRISTMAS



FOR those of us here in America let this be truly a rich Christmas. Let it be a season to be remembered for many years to come.

Here, in America, is cause for rejoicing. We have had no invasion, our homes are still intact, we have food, warmth, good fellowship—and FREEDOM. What greater heritage could be ours.

Let us be appreciative. Let us carry on in the traditional spirit of the happy holiday occasion. We owe it to ourselves, and more important, we owe it to those who have gone before us to keep the Christmas tradition alive as a part of the thing for which they have fought.

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YOUR CHRISTMAS AND OURS

We believe in Christmas! We believe in Christmas because we fully understand the true significance of the occasion.

We believe in it because it gives us an opportunity to express our thanks for the courtesies with which you have favored us in the Past.

We believe in Christmas because it is an established custom which encourages good fellowship and presents

to All!

the opportunity of renewing old acquaintances which otherwise might be forgotten.

We believe in it because it is a time when everybody should and can be happy. All of us, regardless of circumstances, have much for which to be thankful. We are aware of these facts, and fully appreciate them when we express our Christmas Greetings to those whom we serve.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy about nine years old and I would like to have four pair of socks, and a bow and arrow. I also would like any thing you will bring me, too. I would take a wagon and a gun and scabbard and some candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Perry Jordon

Dear Santa,
I am a boy and I am in the 7th grade. I am eleven. I want a foot-

ball, bicycle, candy, gum, nuts and a gun.

I go to school at Martin. My teacher is Mrs. Gibbs. She is a good one.

Your friend,
Drew Christie

Dear Santa Claus,
I lived near Canyon last year, but this Christmas I live near Martin. I would like to have a bicycle, a red wagon, a bow and arrow set and a gun set. I could also use a pocket knife.

Your friend,
John Charles Jander



The true meaning of Christmas is best manifest by the cheerful atmosphere and the friendly associations of those about us. It is the time of good fellowship and the thoughtful consideration of others.

May this happiness be yours to enjoy, not only at Christmas but during every day of the coming year.

Magnolia Service Station

U. Z. PATTERSON, Manager

Colorful Homemade Decorations Lend Gaiety to Christmas Tree

Contriving homemade Christmas wreaths is a family project that can provide fun for youngsters and adults alike. Moreover, it offers chances for ingenuity in design that may awaken the inventive spirit of everybody concerned.

The materials are usually not hard to find. Designs can be based on a few basic ideas which can be expanded into almost endless variety.

For Christmas wreaths, various greens, wire, binder twine and string are of course, the principal ingredients. The greens may come from the home yard, neighboring woods or a convenient florist. Among common varieties are holly, pine, spruce,



boxwood, yew, arborvitae, ivy and mountain laurel. For color, such fruits as crabapples, cranberries, grapes, or small tangerines may be added. A coat of shellac will help preserve the fruit.

First, it is wise to decide the size of the wreaths you want and then work from there.

If the wreath is to be small—say not to exceed three feet in circumference—the frame can be made from a coat hanger that is straightened out and then fashioned into the form of a circle. For larger wreaths, several coat hangers may be combined to form a frame, or else wire salvaged from some farm or home operation can be utilized.

Among greens best suited for small wreaths are holly, boxwood, yew or arborvitae. For larger wreaths, holly, pine, fir, ivy are effective.

So far as possible, in working with evergreens, it is advisable to use

the tips of branches, cutting the material into sprays about half a foot long. Hold the material in the left hand and place it on the frame with the right. Tie the first spray securely with binder twine, or if you have it, fine spool wire. Add successive groups of sprays, facing them in the same direction as the first spray and being certain to tie them securely, too. Watch the outline of the wreath as you proceed, so the greens are evenly distributed and the contour of the circle is preserved.

Some irregularities and bunching may of course occur regardless of how careful your work is. These can be corrected by using shears to trim off excess foliage.

After the wreath is finished it is still possible to add decorative features, such as pine cones, berries or small fruits. These should be wired at the stems and then fastened securely to the wreath.

Sizes and types of wreaths will depend on the materials available and to a certain extent on the family's geographical location. But many variations on the basic design will suggest themselves, once the project of wreath-making is undertaken.

Nightly Posadas Drama Of Nine-Day Christmas

In Mexico, "Posadas" commemorate the journey of Mary and Joseph and their attempt to find lodging in Bethlehem.

Families and friends are divided into two groups—the Holy Pilgrims and the Cruel Hearted Innkeepers. The Pilgrims, led by an angel guiding Mary and Joseph, march through the house carrying lighted candles and singing the Litany of Loretto.

The Innkeepers slip into a room and close the door; soon Joseph begs entrance, which is refused until much coaxing and explanation reveal how desperately Mary needs shelter and the Pilgrims are finally admitted whereupon the whole assembly kneels in prayer before an improvised altar.

After the "Posada" is over, refreshments are served and the evening is spent in jollification.

Won't someone please tell us at what age a bachelor becomes confirmed?

The shortage of women's girdles has broadened the masculine outlook.

Turkey, American Style, Very Tasty

Roast peacock is still the piece de resistance of Christmas dinner in Argentina.

In Medieval England, the peacock was served with all his brilliant plumage in tact; sometimes, when he was baked in a pie, his head appeared from one end of the crust and his tail from the other; more often, he was served sitting upon a large tray—borne to the feast by a lady of the court who was chosen and honored to do so.

To serve him whole, the bird was flayed—skin and feathers together; care was taken to leave the head attached to the skin and the neck bone unbroken.

Having been roasted and allowed to cool, the peacock was wrapped in his feathers and propped upon a tray—as he was wont to sit when alive, showing off his magnificent tail; a sponge, saturated with spirits, was placed in his gilded beak and lighted as the bird was being served—but for all his good looks, the peacock was cold and dry when eaten.

Balsam Fir Chosen by Heavenly Messengers

According to Ansgarius, who converted the Vikings to Christianity, the Lord sent Faith, Hope and Charity to earth to select His Christmas Tree.

They selected the Balsam Fir because it was as high as Hope, as wide as Love, and bore the sign of the cross on every branch.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl about twelve years old and am in the seventh grade. I would like for you to bring me a locket, bracelet, ouija board, compact and lots of candy, bubble gum, nuts and fruit.

I go to Martin school, and my teacher's name is Mrs. Gibbs. She is a very good teacher. I have a sister in the third grade. Her name is Wanda Joyce. I only have one sister.

There are ten pupils in my grade, three girls and seven boys, one of the girls in our grade is my cousin, Norma Jean Easterling. There are thirty-one children in the school. We are going to have a play at the school house Xmas Eve night. I will thank you very much.

Your friend,
Joanne Sibley

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little first grade boy at Martin school. I want a red wagon, a teddy bear and an army truck. All little boys like fruit and candy.

Your friend,
Dannis Gibson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl at the age of 10 and I am in the 5th grade. I have red hair and blue eyes. I am going to Martin school. My teachers name is Mrs. Gibbs. She is a good teacher.

er. There are five in the 5th grade and 19 in all. I am looking for a good Christmas and a good Christmas tree. I would like for you to bring me some games to play, ring, bracelet, nuts, candy, oranges and apples. Don't forget the other children and the ones across the ocean.

Your friend,
Betty Joyce Sullivan

Dear Santa Claus,
I am only 6 years old and this is my first year to go to school. I want a bow and arrow set, a lumber truck and a jeep. I'll try to be a good boy.

Your friend,
Bobbie Neal Cole

Dear Santa,
I hope you find me this year as I have moved. I want a bicycle, a blackboard, a wagon and a notebook. Some gloves would help to keep my hands warm.

Your friend,
Rudolph Jander

Dearest Santa Claus,
I am a little girl four years old. My name is Linda Carole. I think I've been a good girl most of the time. Would you please bring me a doll with sleepy eyes, a rocking chair, and some tinker toys?

Don't forget my little brother, and other little girls and boys.
Your little friend,
Linda Carole Dodson

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WE'RE THANKFUL AT CHRISTMAS

As we look about at this glad season of the year, we find many things for which to be thankful.

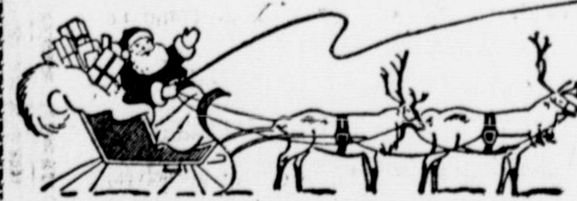
First, we are glad that we are Americans, free to enjoy life, and live in a land where freedom is the heritage of everyone. We are grateful for this privilege.

Thankful are we that have friends whose associations we treasure immeasurably. It is comforting to know these are lasting friendships, cemented by the experiences we have had together, in times that are good and in times when it is difficult to express one's feelings in order that we might share the disappointments and sorrows of our friends.

It is gratifying to be a part of this community, to participate in its progress and to watch its forward development.

We are thankful for the patronage you have given us, ever mindful of your consideration and your understanding of our efforts to serve you, even though conditions sometimes make it difficult for us to maintain the high standard that has always been our policy.

We are glad it's Christmas and trust yours will be one of happiness and rejoicing.



Happy New Year

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CHRISTMAS

Arising magnificently from the problems and difficulties that have been the experiences of each of us the past year, is the tolerance we have for the shortcomings of others. We see more clearly our own faults, consequently we are more sympathetic of the other fellow.

The old years fades into history. Many, many important events have taken place and we find ourselves with mixed emotions. We ponder the next twelve months, yet we face it with the same determination that has carried America thus far.

We do not fear the new year. We welcome it, with all its possibilities and the promise of happier days. Grant that we may continue to be tolerant one with another and as the dawn of the new year approaches, we say, "Season's Greetings to You, Our Friends."

In the Twilight of Another Year



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Peace on earth good will to men

Christmas, 1945 --- of all Christmases ---
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 itative. A friendly day in which to
 dream as well as make merry --- a day
 when "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"
 will assume a greater meaning --- a hope
 so profound that it transcends utterance.
 Give thanks for this land where people are free
 to gather openly and pray. Give thanks
 for the birth of the Saviour who taught the
 world that love is more powerful than
 hate, good mightier than evil, life stronger
 than death. Express your thanks.



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To You and Yours

A YULETIDE OF MUCH MERRINESS

A NEW YEAR OF GREAT HAPPINESS

May old Santa remember you well this Christmas—our wish for you and yours.

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Winter beauty and winter sports reach the acme of perfection in Switzerland by Christmas time. For many of the natives, however, this glad season signifies in addition a period full of sacred mystery and the anniversary of days particularly specified in ancient legends.

However, the ruddy-cheeked St. Nicholas has in some parts of the country been supplanted by the Christkindl, or Christ child. This lovely angel is said to have come from the Far North and it always brings to each home it visits a Christmas tree decorated with all the glittering things associated with fairyland and heavily laden with gifts.

Forecasting with Onions.
If you want, for instance, to find out how the weather will be during the next year, cut, on Christmas Eve, an onion into half; peel off 12 layers, one for each month, and fill the same with salt. Those peellings which contain damp salt the next morning predict rainy weather for the respective month.

Young people who are anxious to learn something about their matrimonial prospects are advised to drink three times from nine different fountains, when the church bells are ringing on Christmas Eve and they will then behold their future mate standing at the church door.



"Zucher Tirgel," a kind of Christmas cookie that have been made in Switzerland many centuries, are an essential feature of the holidays, particularly in the neighborhood of Zurich. Wooden molds dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries are still used. The so-called "Tirgel sentences" are very popular, which depict an entire series of some story. The one in the picture reads, "So isst gut Reisen" or "Sleigh riding is fine."

If you are courageous enough to consult the oracle as to the length of time which is still allotted to you on earth, take your Bible on Christmas Eve and the first psalm which strikes your eye contains in stanzas the number of years which you are yet given to live.



IN THE streetcar crowded with holiday shoppers Mrs. Weston couldn't see the couple behind her but their words added to her mounting despair and fury. Overhead, tinsel-wreathed placards exhorted to buy fur coats, diamonds, perfume. She shut her eyes to them but she could not shut her ears.

"That was one swell party last night," sighed the man. "Oh, boy!" The girl squealed. Mrs. Weston cringed. The high laughter was like the whistle in Puppo, the rubber dog they'd given Harvey Jr. his third Christmas. Puppo had become more than a toy. He still lived in glory, a kind of household god enshrined in the whatnot in Harvey's room. "Love to Puppo," Harvey ended his letters. Puppo always topped the



"Lady, you have the wrong angle." Christmas tree. There'd be no tree this year. It was worse than childish of Harv to want one. She wouldn't have it. A package had been sent to Harvey Jr. overseas in October, but there'd be no Christmasing at home.

Wicked, horrible, thought Mrs. Weston, that people are going through all the old motions of a Merry Christmas. No one has a right to be merry. "You looked super last night," said the man. "You are super, honey. You're so beautiful." Mrs. Weston turned slightly and caught a glimpse of a flat pretty face surrounded by blond curls. "You rate orchids, honey," the man went on, "and you're goin' to have them."

The constant ache in Mrs. Weston's heart sharpened to a stab. For such fools her Harvey was risking his life. Another block of their chatter and Mrs. Weston would say, "The money squandered on orchids, young man, would buy a good many war stamps," or, "This is no occasion for whoopee."

"Jack thinks the Army is going to get him this time." It was the girl speaking. "And is he scared!" The woman next her got off and another squeezed in. "Certainly going to be a big Christmas," observed the newcomer cheerfully. "Were you downtown Saturday? Worst jam I ever saw."

"I was not," Mrs. Weston felt compelled to explain. "I am going to town now only to select a wreath for my mother's grave." Behind her the young people were still shrilling about Jack and the Army. "Tell him we'll give him a farewell party. Tell him if he gets shot he'll have a pretty nurse." The man was chortling. "Let's get off next corner, beautiful. You can buy me a drink."

Liquor, thought Mrs. Weston furiously. That explained their incessant giggling over nothing. She raised her voice. "I don't see how people can think about Christmas. How they can drink and laugh and waste money on silly things. Life is so terrible—" her voice broke. Heavens, people were staring! "My son—somewhere in the Pacific," she added hurriedly in a low voice. "I—I'm thinking of him."

She felt a hand on her shoulder. "Lady you have the wrong angle." The man behind her leaned forward. Her eyes met compassionate blue ones in a face curiously pale. "It don't help your boy any for you to have no Christmas. Be as merry as you can. Like as not he'll be back, fit as a fiddle—like me." He lurched to his feet.

Something caught in Mrs. Weston's throat. He was limping to the door. The car jolted to a stop and the girl thrust a steady little hand under his arm. Drunk, thought Mrs. Weston, drunk with the joy of being alive. She sprang to her feet, without apology pushed through the crowd. "Wait!" But they were getting off.

She was halted by the crowds on the sidewalk. Standing on tiptoe she saw the couple turn in at the dairy bar. A drink. They'd laugh and make love over an ice cream soda. "Merry Christmas, soldier," she whispered. "Be as merry as you can."

Misty-eyed, she walked to the corner rimmed with Christmas trees. "A small tree," choked Mrs. Weston. She wiped her eyes and picked one up, testing its weight. "It must be strong," she told the vendor firmly. "Strong enough to hold up a good sized rubber dog, and—our spirits."

Christmas QUIZ

1. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana, (b) New York, (c) California, (d) Texas.
2. The poinsettia plant owes its name to (a) Stanley Coulter, (b) Howard E. Eiders, (c) James Madison, (d) Joel Roberts Poinsett.
3. Mothers in America are overwhelmingly agreed that they (a) should, (b) should not teach their children to believe in Santa Claus.
4. The nation's Christmas tree was dedicated on Christmas day (a) 1918, (b) 1925, (c) 1935, (d) 1940.
5. If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be (a) good, (b) medium, (c) bad crops the following year.
6. A warm Christmas gives a (a) cold, (b) warm, (c) hot, (d) cool Easter.
7. There are (a) 4, (b) 100, (c) 450, (d) 800 varieties of mistletoe grown in the various parts of the world.
8. The mistletoe is the state flower of (a) Florida, (b) Delaware, (c) Oklahoma, (d) Mississippi.
9. New England mistletoe is so small that botanists overlooked it until (a) 1776, (b) 1871, (c) 1900, (d) 1930.
10. Rings of mistletoe were worn around the neck to prevent sickness in (a) Denmark, (b) France, (c) Spain, (d) Sweden.

- ANSWERS:
1. (c) California.
 2. (d) Joel Roberts Poinsett.
 3. (a) Should.
 4. (b) 1925.
 5. (a) Good.
 6. (a) Cold.
 7. (d) 800.
 8. (c) Oklahoma.
 9. (b) 1871.
 10. (d) Sweden.
- Rating—90-100, a genius; 80-90, excellent; 70-80, good; 50-70, fair; less than 50, you be the judge.
- Each correct answer counts a score of 10 points. Correct your own answers.

Men who hid themselves in swamps during the Civil War, to avoid being drafted into the Southern Army, were called "Mossbacks."



AS THE highest joys of Christmas come to us from the blessing of giving, we gather our humble share by giving our service to this community and our cordial and heartfelt wishes for your happiness. May the Spirit of the Nativity go with you throughout the coming year, and may your share of joy be brightened by the acknowledgment of our appreciation of your past favors

GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR

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AMERICAN STYLE

The aroma of Yule logs burning . . . gay holly wreaths . . . tinsel Christmas tree by the fire place . . . beribboned gifts and whispered conferences . . . Christmas stockings . . . the eager anticipation of children awaiting Santa . . . the Christmas dinner in all its traditional glory . . . the associations of loved ones . . . the greetings of friends and the goodwill of all . . . the feeling of deep contentment and satisfaction brought about by the combination of these pleasing thoughts . . . that's Christmas, American style.

May it forever be so and may this Christmas be the type of Christmas you treasure so preciously, this is our Yuletide wish.

Clyde Wilson

SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a telephone and a nurse kit, a house coat and a leather belt too. Thank you, Santa. I have been a good girl, too.

Love,
Barbara Nell McNear

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 1 year old and I would like for you to bring me a pretty cloth doll, a comb and brush set, and a pull toy.

Love,
Brenda Kay McNear

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 4 years old. Will you please bring me a table and chairs, doll, knives and forks, and if you can find it, please bring me a little plane that sounds like a big one so I can teach my brothers (Rockne and Rondet) how to

play—and be good to all little girls and boys everywhere, and hope you don't have the flu Christmas.

Lots of love,
Juana De Shazo

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old, and I am in the first grade. Will you please bring me a school girl doll, some candy, nuts, fruit, and a few story books.

Please don't forget to bring my teacher, Mrs. Mears, something nice for Xmas. Also please don't forget my daddy, mother, sister, brother, grandmother, and grandfather, also my cousins and my friend Pansy Huckins.

Love,
Johnnie Bell Waddell

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old and my little brother is seven months old. We have been a very good little girl and boy this year.

White Deer, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five years old and have tried to be a good girl. I'd like for you to bring me a Kewpie doll, an ironing board, iron, and a rocky horse; also, some nuts, candy, and fruit.

I have a little sister six months old that would like for you to bring her some rattlers, ball, roly poly, and a beaded doll. Be sure to remember all of the little boys and girls and especially the soldier boys who are sick and those that can't be home.

Love,
Mary Louise and Margaret Sue McCord

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 yrs. old. I would like to have a doll and buggy and a house coat and house slippers. My little brother is three years old. He wants a little truck and airplane. We have been very good children and we will be looking for you.

Patsy and Larry Don Wise

Dear Santa,
I am five years old and I have been a good little girl all, well - most of the time. So if you have enough room in your sleigh, please put a Shirley Temple doll in my stocking and if you have enough to spare, I would like some candy, too.

Sincerely,
Naomi Glenn

I would like very much for you to bring me a doll and table and chair set. Bring James Carroll a car and horse. Please bring us some candy, nuts, apples, and oranges. And don't forget all the other little boys and girls this year.

Yours truly,
Ona Mae and James Carroll Moffett

Groom, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl eleven years old asking you to bring me a Kewpie doll, a pair of Levi pants, plaid shirt, a loom, and a bubble set, also some books, nuts, fruits, and candy.

Be sure to remember my little friends and girls and boys everywhere. I want you to see the ill

soldiers and the soldiers overseas before me.

Love,
Cora Lee Hearn

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. Will you please bring me a big doll, table and chairs, and dishes. Please visit Grandmother and Granddaddy Ray while you are in Clarendon.

Thanks and love to you,
Carol Ray Combost

Dear Santa,
Do you think you can find a wagon to bring me? If not, I would like very much to have a tommy-gun, toy train, and a truck. Please bring nuts, candy, and fruit, too. I am three years old.

Thank you,
Billy Ed Combost

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy of good and meanness. I am 12 years of age. I would like to have an electric train, bicycle parts, boat, bow and arrow, football, ring and lots of nice candy. I live in Martin community. I have lived here for 5 months I like it here very much. I also like my teacher too.

Yours sincerely,
Lyndle Lynn Patterson

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring us a big metal wagon, a gun and scabbard each and some new gloves and lots of candy.

We have tried to be good boys.
Love,
Jimmie and Wayne McNear

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl the age of eleven and I want a ring and a necklace. I guess that is all I want except the candy you will bring me. We

are going to have a play at Martin school and I am an angel in the play. I wish you could come to see the play but I guess you are too busy making so many toys that you can't. I hope it snows at Xmas Well I will close.

Yours truly,
Dorthy Ann Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy thirteen years old, and in the 7th grade. I have tried to be good. For Christmas I want an automatic twenty-two and some shells. I would also like to have a Texas Ranger bicycle,

some candy, fruit, bubble gum, and nuts. I would like to have plenty of snow on the ground.

Your friend,
Donald Patterson

Dear Santa,
I am a boy twelve years old, in the seventh grade and go to Martin school. My teacher is Mrs. Gibbs. My hobbies are horseback riding, swimming and playing football. Please give me a football and a ring if you can get them. Thank you very much.

Your friend,
Lloyd Mays

Dear Santa,
I am a boy thirteen, and in the seventh grade and go to Martin school I want a B-B gun for Xmas and that is all. I want nuts, candy and fruit.

Dear Santa,
Santa, I would like to have an automatic rifle, a harp, football, and some candy. For I like to play football very much. Don't forget mom, day and sis.

Sincerely yours,
Joe Shade

Dear Santa,
I am a boy thirteen, and in the seventh grade and go to Martin school I want a B-B gun for Xmas and that is all. I want nuts, candy and fruit.

Your friend,
Franky Gene Helton

THE PEACE AND CONTENTMENT OF Christmas



Would that the spirit of Christmas remain with each of us throughout the days of the coming year. What joy and happiness would be in store for all. It would lead to a better world, a more complete understanding of the problems of our loved ones and friends, a happier life.

May each of us, in our own way, resolve to carry the spirit of the Nativity in our hearts, maintaining the cheer of Christmas all through the year.

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Merry Christmas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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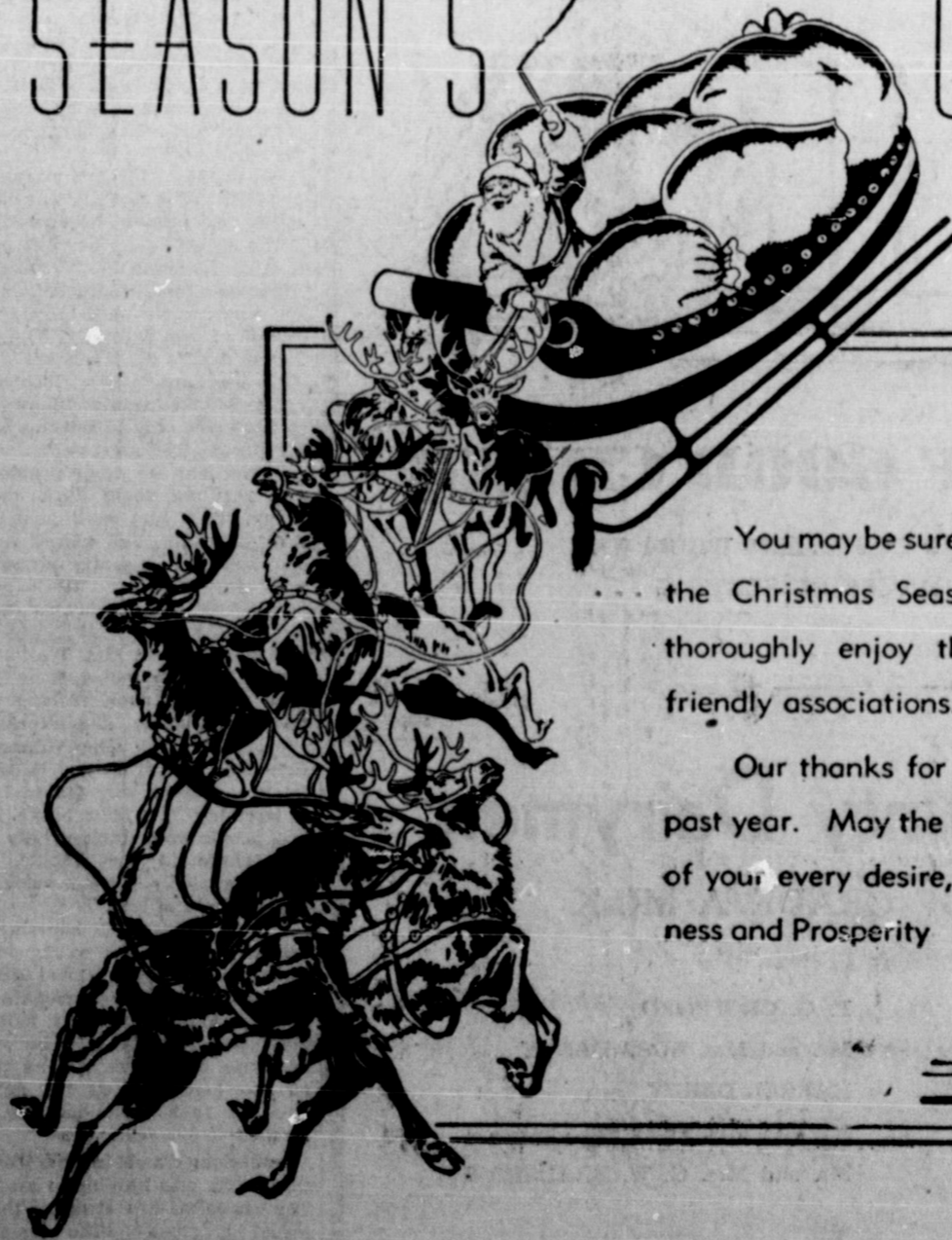
We've been searching for a little different way of expressing our Season's Greeting to our friends, for words that would convey the true feeling we have in our hearts.

There are lots of fancy phrases and we tried some of them out. But somehow they just didn't get the job done. Every time we came back to the tried and proven formula—"Merry Christmas."

It's a time-worn phrase, and many times expressed without feeling. But to us, it is the only appropriate sentiment. It, above all others, carries the true spirit of the occasion.

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