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Clarendon College All-Stars To Play In Christmas Bowl At Childress

CHILDRESS, Dec. 20—In this season of bowl football games, Childress, too, will have its turn. The Childress Christmas Bowl, a proposed annual affair backed by the Quarterback Club, will be played in the Childress football stadium at 2 p. m. Saturday, Christmas Day, Dub Nelson, past president, has announced.

A team composed of former Childress players and who are now stars in colleges of this area has been picked by the Quarterback Club to meet an aggregation dubbed the Clarendon College All-Stars.

The Childress team will be composed of the following men: Dorman Williamson, WTSTC, re; Charles Kitchen, WTSTC, le; Bill Hood and Charles Smoot, Hardin-Simmons and ACC respectively, rts; Wade Musgrove, Hardin-Simmons, lt; Doc Bates, WTSTC, rg; Marion Goodson, WTSTC, lg.

Weldon Trice and Dean Decker, WTSTC and A&M respectively, centers; Vic Bates, WTSTC, fb; Bill Cagle, Hardin-Simmons, lb; Bill Gravely, Hardin College, rh; and Jack Barry, Hardin College, qb.

The club will be coached by Don Ezell, from TCU, and coach at Childress. Coached by Max Jones, former Childress grid great and now coach at Clarendon, the Clarendon All-Stars will include backs, Davis, McFee, White, Lowe, Brittain and Paul Burton; Junior Spear and Posey, ends; Cudd and Hermesmyer, tackles; Burl Clinton, G. Pointer and Pete Bromley, guards and Pierce, center.

Bromley is from WTSTC and Davis is a promising freshman from Hardin Simmons.

Gold footballs will be given participants and a capacity crowd of 4,000 is expected if good weather prevails. Prices of admission is 50c for adults and 25c for children.

Geologist Gives Data On Irrigation

W. L. Broadhurst, District Geologist of the U. S. Department of the Interior, gave a very interesting talk to approximately 75 business men and farmers at the Lions Club Hall Monday evening in regard to the water situation in this area.

Mr. Broadhurst gave a history of underground water in the High Plains area and discussed water storage in this area. He also pointed out the possibilities of irrigation here in Donley County and stated that some parts of the county would have sufficient underground water whereby other sections would not. Enough water has already been found to make irrigation a worthwhile project and the present wells would help considerably in getting other good wells, and the only way of finding the irrigation possibilities in other sections of the county will be by drilling test wells in each locality, he added.

Mr. Broadhurst also gave a discussion on legislation which is now being prepared to control usage of underground water as a protective measure.

Prior to the meeting at the Lions Club Hall, a dinner, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the City, was held at the Donley Hotel with approximately 30 men attending to honor Mr. Broadhurst.

Government Trappers Bag 1000 Coyotes In Armstrong County

Armstrong County Agent Charles Reed reports that two government supervised coyote hunters using the cyanide gas shells will actually thin out near a 1,000 coyotes in the south and east parts of Armstrong County by January.

Charles Harper reported to the J. A. Ranch the first week in October, and set out about 300 cyanide guns for coyotes. The J. A. is paying all of his salary and uses him full time on the ranch property to thin out coyotes. A group of about 30 Armstrong County ranchers donated funds to coyote trapping fund, and hired another Government supervised trapper to thin out coyotes in balance of ranch country. Edwin Ware reported for work about the middle of October.

During October these two trappers actually scalped 337 coyotes. In November their official scalp report indicated 277 scalps. Reports from trappers thus far in December indicates that they are still catching plenty of coyotes and will take about 250 or more in December.

These coyote booby traps are actually special 38 shells loaded with a cyanide gas. Stink bait is used to lure coyotes to the gun. The coyote chews the bait, and the slight upward pull on bait, releases a trigger to fire the shell forcing the gas into the coyote's mouth and lungs. This causes instant death by suffocation. Most coyotes will be dropped within a 100 yards of the booby trap. With mesquite, brush, eagles, etc., many of the coyotes are not found by the trappers. These stink baited traps are not attractive to calves, cows, horse stock, sheep or goats. However, skunks, coons, and dogs will pull the guns. Dog owners are cautioned not to hunt on the places that are co-operating with this coyote control program. Dogs will pull the guns, and these guns will kill dogs as easily as the coyotes.

Armstrong ranchers participating in this coyote control program are:

J. A. Ranch, S. J. Cattle Company, Hedgecock's Estate, Clyde Gilbert, Fred Stephenson, Glenn Wilkins, J. P. Whelchel, Bud Bagwell, Ralph Bagwell, LeRoy Campbell, R. P. Wood, Leland Wood, J. J. Justiss, Judge Davis, Nelson Bros., Horace Dye, Russell Blanton, Edwin Reid, Delton Dye, Don Ransom, Roy Ransom, Terrill Christian, Jones Christian, Newt Harrell, Horace Baker, E. L. Morris, J. T. McGehee, Sr., McGehee Estate, McGehee Bros.

DONLEY COUNTY RECEIVES ROAD REPAIR ALLOTMENT ON 66

The Texas Highway department announced early this week that Donley County had been included in the \$3,000,000 asphalt program in Texas which read as follows:

In Gray and Donley Counties on U. S. Highway 66 from Carson County Line to Rockledge, a distance of approximately 16.1 miles, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed in the most feasible and economical manner with the work of placing Seal Coat at an estimated cost of \$18,000.00.

Business Increase At Post Office

The Clarendon Post Office has by far the largest volume of business this year in her history, states postmaster J. C. Estlack. December postal sales greatly exceed those of any other year to date.

In former years, that of 1947 led with a total for December of \$2860.67.

Parcel post shipments this season exceed those of last year. Christmas cards afford a hobby for the folks and also bring millions into Uncle's coffers each season.

Friday of last week 7560 letters and cards were run through the canceling machine. Monday of this week the total amounted to 6,610.

For several days the cancellations were above the five thousand mark.

Those mailing cards will do themselves a favor if they will separate the cards directed to stop in Clarendon from those being sent outside town. This saves the time of the clerk, and with the larger volume the remainder of this week, it is possible that some cards will be delayed a day when the volume cannot be handled by the present clerical force.

Those wishing to send late parcels, should take advantage of the cheap air mail rate. This insures delivery of your parcel to most any point in the nation within 24 hours.

Saturday, Christmas Day, the package window only will be open. The hours will be from 8 a. m. to 12. This arrangement is made to accommodate those whose parcels arrive late. This is the first time that the local post office has been open these hours on Christmas day.

Last Sunday the entire post office force was required to work all day in order to catch up with the large volume of accumulated mail left from Saturday, and to this was added big shipments off the trains Sunday. Monday morning the force started with a clean slate, made possible by a trained bunch of clerks working in harmony.

Mail as early as possible. The Postal Department will do its best to serve you promptly and efficiently.

The Lion's Roar

By O. D. Lowry

The regular meeting of the Lions Club was held in the club hall Tuesday, Dec. 21. Attendance was below average. Guests for this meeting were Lions Noel, Deal, and Pool, W. F. Perkins, Carroll Brumley, Bob Head, Mr. Broadhurst, Johnny Beard, Jackie Brooks, Jimmy Dick Lowry, and Mr. Clark.

Lion Charles Lowry presented Christmas gifts to the cooks and the club sweetheart.

Lion Deal of Hedley announced that their Ladies Night would be held Dec. 30 at 7:30.

The Boss Lion announced that the club would not have the regular meeting Dec. 28.

The program consisted of a talk on Boy's Ranch as given by Cal Farley. Thanks to Lion Ray Nollitt for this fine program.

Lions a good new year's resolution would be to attend every meeting of your Lions club.

Mrs. W. H. Martin is visiting her daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Younger through the Holidays.

Leader Published One Day Early

Through the cooperation of our fine friends, neighbors and everyone involved, the Leader force was able to bring to you this issue of your Donley County Leader one day early on Wednesday instead of Thursday and at a very appropriate time for Christmas. It is principally a greeting edition with ads from practically every local business firm and others wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

This is the largest edition of the Leader that has been published in recent years, 32 pages in all, and it has been quite a task to assemble it and have it ready to go into the mails today (Wednesday). We, the Leader force, want to express our appreciation for the cooperation we have received and wish you all a very enjoyable Holiday season.

Your next issue of the Leader will be published on December 30th on the regular publication date.

EASTERLING REUNION WILL BE HELD XMAS DAY

Mrs. J. H. Easterling will have all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren with her Christmas Day out to her farm home 6 miles west of town in the Martin community at Pete Easterling's.

Included will be Mrs. Fred Gray of Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jordan and Ben of Friona; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Easterling, Celia, Betty and Jerry of Bentonville, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Easterling, Mark, Phil and Rex of Rogers, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Easterling and Janice of Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Easterling, Norma Jean, and Nelda Jane of Compton, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Easterling, Bobby and Phyllis of Farmington, N. Mex.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morrow and Linda of Clovis, N. Mex.; Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gray and Patsy of Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray, Barry and Freddy of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Christie, Richard, Brenda and Bobby of Muleshoe; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jordan and Bobby Ray of Lubbock.

Friends are invited to call Christmas afternoon and evening.

Christmas Giving—A Pleasure

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

Christmas baskets were distributed to a number of people this morning (Wednesday) thru the United Charities organization and the American Legion.

Another instance where there was much pleasure of giving was revealed this week when it was learned that Mrs. Nellie Vess and two daughters, Mary 6 and Jean 3 who live on the Brogdon farm in the Chamberlain community, received a very nice Christmas through the efforts of Mrs. Joe Ritter's Sunday School class and a number of individuals living in the Chamberlain community which included Mark Allen, Joe Ritter and others. Bob Baird used his Jeep to carry the gifts to this appreciative family.

Great pleasure is found in giving when you, and only yourself, can sit back with that happy feeling inside which comes to a person upon such an occasion.

"It is not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare."

OFFICE TO CLOSE OVER WEEKEND

Ruth Richerson, County School Superintendent, said Monday that her office would be closed from Wednesday noon through Sunday. It will be reopened Monday morning, she stated.

Christmas Buying Hits Highest Peak In Many Years

Business firms all up and down main street have reported the best Christmas Gift buying in many years and it has not only been for the past week but for the past three or four weeks.

The trend of buying this year has covered a wide range of items with dry goods items leading the field. Household appliances, electrical goods and other practical gift items are running a close second and there is more indication of heavier purchases of luxury gift items. As a whole there has been more purchases along every line as more pre-war items have appeared this year at a more reasonable price.

The buying this year has seemed more like the old times as business firms have been busy every day of the week instead of just a few mad-rushing days, and the steady buying is expected to go on through Friday night without any type of let-up. Another report well worth mentioning at this time is the fact that more people are buying right here at home instead of going out of town. Local merchants have laid in a much better selection of merchandise in every category which has made the above reports a reality.

The buying at this time shows no indication whatever of a panic or any cause to worry over a slack period. The prospect for continued expansion is still very good.

Truly, this is a wonderful Christmas period for the good citizens of old Donley County and surrounding areas.

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Large Crowd of Youths Greet Santa At Airport This Morning (Wed.)

SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD MEETING CALLED

A full meeting of the members of Selective Service Board No. 52 has been called by C. H. Walker, Chairman, for Tuesday, January 4th at 2 o'clock P. M. at Pampa. The main object of the meeting is to hear registrants who are not satisfied with their classifications. Their sworn testimony will be taken. All registrants who want to appear at this time must have a written request to do so a few days ahead.

Registrants who have married since being classified in 1-A will be carefully investigated before being re-classified as a registrant with dependents. Registrants who have been ordered for their pre-induction physical examination will not be accepted as volunteers by the Recruiting Service.

Donley County Farm News

Merry Christmas, to all of you from the Donley County Agricultural Conservation Association. We would like to be able to extend personal Seasons Greetings to each of the 750 farmers and their families in Donley County.

We promised to let you know the results of the County Committee election this week and we are ready to report that the election was carried out to the satisfaction of the delegates which you elected. The delegates voted to leave Roy Jewell in the office of chairman and W. M. Pickering will remain as vice Chairman. The only change is that Claude Moore will succeed Slayton Mahaffey as the regular member of the County Committee. We want to thank Mr. Mahaffey for the excellent service he has given to the farmers in Donley County in 1948, and welcome Mr. Moore as a member. We are sure Mr. Moore will be as good at Committee work as he has proven himself to be at farming.

We have been negligent in informing the farmers about the 1949 practice of Subsoiling, or Chiseling. We are interested in seeing this practice carried out and it is rapidly gathering the attention of the farmers. The purpose of the practice is to permit the better penetration of water. The specifications state that the subsoiling must be at a depth of 12 inches or more, so as to shatter the hardpan and permit penetration of the water. The spacing of the chisels must be 4 feet or less. We feel that this practice will also be helpful in preventing wind erosion.

The Donley County AAA Office will be closed Friday afternoon December 24th. Anyone who plans to come into the office on that day should make their plans to come in Friday morning.

BAPTIST MEETING TO START AT CHAMBERLAIN DECEMBER 27

It has been announced that a meeting of the Baptist Church will begin at the Chamberlain school house on December 27, and continue thru the 31st. Rev. J. W. Reynolds, pastor of the Tyler Baptist Church will do the preaching. There will be both morning and evening services and everyone is cordially invited.

In spite of the cool weather, a large number of youngsters from Clarendon and surrounding communities were on hand at 9:30 this morning (Wednesday) to greet that wonderful old fellow, Santa, as he arrived by plane at the local airport. He was almost swamped by the youngsters in their eagerness to tell the fine old fellow what they wanted most, and to receive the bag of candy and nuts that he had brought in with him.

A large number of bags were distributed among the youngsters and many of them contained extra slips that were good for an individual gift at most of the local business firms.

After the youngsters greeted ole Santa they came back to town to attend the free Christmas feature at the Mulkey Theatre, sponsored by Mrs. Homer Mulkey and Lee Bell, manager of the Theatre.

Santa's visit to the airport was made possible through the cooperation of the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, local merchants and operators at the airport.

DuLaney Bros. Buy Local Tractor Firm Possibilities

Bowen DuLaney and Dale DuLaney of Hereford, Texas purchased the International Harvester Implement firm here from W. C. Mooney the past week and will take over active management of the firm within the next few days. The DuLaney Brothers, prominent farm operators at Hereford, were reared on a farm near Fritch and are both ex-service men.

Both brothers are married and Bowen has two children. They both plan to move to Clarendon next week.

They plan to have their repair shop for all types of farm machinery open within the near future and will have a modern up to date repair department in every respect.

Mr. Mooney is moving his family to Amarillo next week where he has other business interests. We regret losing the Mooney family as citizens of Clarendon, but in turn are happy to welcome these two young brothers as new neighbors to take their place.

ROBBERY SUSPECT HELD IN AMARILLO

A robbery suspect was being held and questioned in Amarillo late Tuesday afternoon in connection with the robbery of Jimmie's Cafe and the Bryant Service station here sometime last Thursday night.

Sheriff Wright stated that the robber entered Jimmie's Cafe through a rear window, took approximately \$10 in cash and had a meal while there. At the Bryant Service station it was reported that he entered through a back door into the wash room and then through a window into the main office. Bryant reported approximately \$8 in cash missing.

According to the Sheriff's department, the suspect being held, will probably come under the juvenile age bracket and the youth is said to be a former Clarendon resident.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cross and son Bill visited in the D. T. Smallwood home Sunday.

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GOLDSTON

Daphne Roberson
Mrs. Wilson Gray entertained the Quilting Club with a Christmas party last Tuesday evening. Everyone reported having a good time.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hauck and Ann visited in the Roy Roberson home awhile Wednesday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Estel Goodjohn and daughters of Plainview visited in the Leonard Putman home Tuesday night.
Mrs. Hauck had a Christmas tree and program for her pupils Friday night, and Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Hauck entertained the larger school children with a Christmas party. On both occasions everyone had a nice time.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson visited in the J. F. Jackson home Wednesday night.
Yvonne Putman spent Tuesday night with Glenda Moore.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brock and daughter visited with Mrs. Roy Roberson awhile Wednesday morning.
Mr. Virgil Littlefield has been on the sick list the past week but is improving.
John Smith from Borger spent the weekend in the H. C. Smith home.
Ann Hauck spent Tuesday nite

ing were Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Putman and Mrs. Jack Foster of Clarendon.
Ann Hauck spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Whitt.
Mr. J. F. Jackson and family were Amarillo shoppers Thurs.

ASHTOLA

Mrs. Doyce Graham
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lane left Saturday to visit relatives in Breckenridge, Austin and Ida Bell.
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lane visited Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Lane and baby at Stinnett Monday.
Mrs. Harold Graham was in Amarillo Wednesday for medical treatment.
Mrs. Millard Word and Millard Jr. shopped in Amarillo Friday.
The SJ Ranch Xmas party was held Tuesday night in the Bill Thompson home. Those attending enjoyed a bountiful feast and the annual tree with exchange of gifts.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Lewis attended a party of some friends in Amarillo Tuesday nite.
Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Graham and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Rush and son at Elida, N. Mex., Mr. and Mrs. James Clark at Lubbock, and Fred and Robert Graham and families at Plainview the first of the week.
Joe and Jim Lovell, Billy Ray Reid, Bob Word and Homer Hardin are home from college to

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spend the holidays with their parents.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hardin are spending several days in Lubbock with relatives.
Mrs. W. P. Holley has recovered from her operation and has returned to her home.
Mrs. Ida Wallace celebrated her birthday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wallace Sunday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Marshall, Jr. of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mitchell of Shamrock and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poovey.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Butler were luncheon guests of the W. A. Pooveys Thursday.
Mrs. Slaton Mahaffey fixed birthday dinner for her daughter, Edna, and Mrs. John Perdue both

of Hudgins on Sunday.
The Ashtola school children presented a very interesting Christmas program Thursday evening. A large number of patrons attended.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Warren are expecting all their children home for the Holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Mandril came in Saturday from Raton, N. M. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tiller and babies will arrive Wednesday from Muleshoe; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Crafton of Batesville, Ark. will arrive Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Warren, Jr. and daughter of Borger, Weldon Warren of Borger and Mrs. Harry Moore of Amarillo will arrive later.

ULTRASONIC SOUND VIBRATIONS MAY BE USED TO DO FARM CHORES
Schenectady, N. Y.—Ultrasonic sound vibrations, now the subject of broad scientific research, may in the future be used to help do the chores around the farm, according to Arthur H. Hemker, Hilltop Road, manager of the Farm Industry Division of the General Electric Apparatus Department. He spoke recently on the General Electric Farm Forum.
Mr. Hemker said on the WGY-WGFM program that ultrasonic vibrations may be used to homogenize milk. Further use of ultrasonics may be in the modification of seeds to make them

grow more rapidly, he continued.
Mr. Hemker pointed out that experiments are being conducted which may produce a farm implement capable of keeping farm water pure all year. Heart of this device, he said, would be the germicidal lamp, known to have tremendous power in killing air- and water-borne bacteria.
Infra-red heat waves, he predicted, will come more and more into use in making farm work easier.
Mr. Hemker also pointed out the many ways electrical tools are helping to simplify farming.
Mr. and Mrs. John West of Gould, Okla. spent the weekend visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Tyler.

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O. B. SPAGHETTI or MACARONI—3 Boxes	19c
COCONUT Durkees fancy shreds—4 oz. Pkg.	19c
RAISINS Sun Maid—2 lbs. 39c 15 oz.	21c
JERIS DEAL Hair Tonic 75c. Cream Oil 75c—Both	76c
MODART Shampoo—Reg. Size	49c
Yes Tender Touch Tissue 300 sheets 8 1/4 x 10 in., Reg. 29c—4 Boxes	98c

 46 oz. Can 18c 1 doz. Cans \$2.10 2 for 35c
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CHERRIES Stokely's Red sour pitted—No. 2 Can 31c 1 doz. Cans \$3.50
CRANBERRY SAUCE Stokely's No. 2 Can 20c 1 doz. Cans \$2.25
FRUIT COCKTAIL Stokely's No. 1 Can 26c 1 doz. Cans \$3.00
ASPARAGUS Stokely's 300 size—Each 28c 1 doz. Cans \$3.25
CUT WAX BEANS Stokely's No. 2 Can 30c 1 doz. Cans \$3.45
TINY GREEN LIMAS Stokely's—No. 2 Can 27c 1 doz. Cans \$3.10
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TOMATO JUICE Stokely's—46 oz. Can 33c 1 doz. Cans \$3.70	PICKLES Stokely's, whole sour—12 oz. Jar 22c 1 doz. Jars \$2.50
PICKLES Stokely's, Dill—12 oz. Jar 22c 1 doz. Jars \$2.50	PICKLES Stokely's Sweet—12 oz. Jar 33c 1 doz. Jars \$3.80
PICKLES Stokely's—12 oz. Jar 25c 1 doz. Jars \$2.85	APPLE JELLY Stokely's—12 oz. Jar 21c 1 doz. Jars \$2.40
PRESERVES Stokely's, Pineapple—12 oz. Jar 27c 1 doz. Jars \$3.10	PRESERVES Stokely's, Strawberry—12 oz. Jar 39c 1 doz. Jars \$4.50
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PECANS 2 lbs.	59c
SALMON Alaska Pink Beauty 2 for \$1.25 Each	65c
RICE Comet—2 lbs.	42c
SUGAR 10 lbs.	89c
WAX PAPER Diamond, safety-edge—125 feet	25c
COFFEE FOLGERS—Reg. or Drip 2 lbs. \$1.05 1 lb.	53c
RINSO Reg. Box 18c—Large 39c—2 box deal 1 Case—12 Deals	43c \$4.69
Lux Toilet Soap 3 Bars 1 Case—60 Bars	29c \$5.25
TISSUE Great Northern—3 Rolls	29c
BABY FOOD Heinz's—3 Cans	27c

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HARRISON—JONES

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harrison announce the marriage of their daughter, Nelda Lee, to John D. Jones, son of John D. Jones Sr., all of Clarendon, Texas. The marriage vows were solemnized December 14, 1948 in the pastor's study of the First Baptist Church, Childress, Texas, by Rev. A. L. Parrock, assistant pastor.

The bride wore a navy blue faille suit, white blouse, and accessories of grey. The groom wore a blue suit.

The couple were attended by H. A. Harrison, Jr., brother of the bride.

The young couple are both graduates of Clarendon High school, and were attending Clarendon Jr. College at the time of their marriage.

JOHNNY LINN SPEAKER FOR CUE AND CURTAIN CLUB

At the annual Christmas banquet of the Cue and Curtain Club held in the Donley Hotel, Mr. J. B. Linn of KGNC was the guest speaker. He spoke to this group of dramatic enthusiasts on the possibilities in the field of radio. After a brief "round-table discussion," Mr. Linn told several examples of human interest stories emphasizing the Christmas spirit. Other numbers on program were invocation, Lynn Leathers; Welcome, Mae Morris; Response, Douglas Shelton; Choral Readings, the Club; Christmas Carols, the Group, Mae Morris, president, was toastmistress.

The banquet table was attractive in decorations featuring the holiday motif. Centering the table was a gum-drop tree with smaller trees spaced at intervals; also small Santa Claus were placed between the trees. White tapers in red boots lighted the table. Programs were printed on little white paper snow-men, topped

with black hats and carrying tiny evergreen trees. Place cards were attached to tiny gum-drop candle holders, bearing a small lighted candle. On a small table in the banquet hall was a snow scene similar to the one on the main table; also a lighted tree completed the decorative scheme.

Those present to enjoy this delightful occasion besides the members of the club were the sponsor, Mrs. Johnson, and the following guests: Dwayne Hudson, Douglas Shelton, Royce Morris, Ray Morris, Kenneth Burns, Ralph Nichols, and Geraldine Durham.

ASHTOLA NEEDLE CLUB

The Ashtola Needle Club met Dec. 16 with vice president Sue Rhoades in the chair; meeting was opened with a prayer by Laura Mahaffey.

During the business session the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Viola Graham; Vice Pres., Vena Hudson; Sec.-Treas., Delena Beverly; assistant Sec.-Treas., Lillie Knox; reporter, Mary Belle DeBord; assistant reporter, Ima Wallace.

Each made a guess as to who their polyanthuses were. Names for polyanthuses for the next 6 months were drawn. We also drew dates for hostesses.

Thanks to the decorating committee for a beautiful decorated tree and room. Each received a nice gift from their polyanthuses and friends. The Club Mother received a number of beautiful gifts for which she is very thankful.

Each member brought a pair of socks, one of which was filled with Christmas goodies. These were exchanged and all enjoyed a pleasant hour visiting and eating. Had one new member, Charlotte Word.

Reporter

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Mrs. Will Johnson entertained the ladies of this club at her home Thursday afternoon. The guest rooms were beautifully decorated with a lovely lighted Xmas tree from which each guest received an exchange gift. A poem on Friends was read by Mrs. Will Johnson.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Victor Smith, Johnny Johnson, Bert Smith Jr., Frances McCord, Lonnie Wood, Allgren, H. T. Warner, J. I. Spurgeon, Basil Smith and hostess, Mrs. Johnson; also Mrs. Forrest McCrary, Mrs. Bennie Crabtree and Mrs. Herman Dodson.

CLARENDON H. D. CLUB

The Clarendon Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Estlack Friday, Dec. 17 in their annual Christmas dinner and party. A pretty lighted Xmas tree and Xmas decorations were used to make the rooms look more like Christmas. At the noon hour a delicious turkey dinner was served. In the afternoon Mrs. Watson had charge of a Xmas program. "Silent Night" and "White Christmas" were sung. A question was given each member on Xmas and the birth of Christ which was answered at the roll call. Xmas gifts were exchanged. During a short business session new officers were elected. Mrs. M. C. Rumpy was elected president; Mrs. Clyde Butler re-elected vice president; Mrs. Claude Darden, Sec.-Treas.

The next meeting will be January 21 at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. G. A. Anderson. Those present were guests, Mrs. Wilson, Ind., Mrs. M. G. Cottingham, Lelia Lake, Mrs. Eva Humphrey, Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. Alfred Estlack and daughters Ira Jean and little Danalene; Club members, Mesdames G. A. Anderson, Lena Antrobus, Clyde Butler, Emmett Bryson, A. L. Chase, Claude Darden, H. B. Hill, M. C. Rumpy, C. D. McDowell, William Payne, Henry Williams, A. W. Simpson, Geo. Green, D. F. Wadsworth, Laura Taylor, Joe Terry, Austin Rhoades, O. C. Watson, and hostess, Mrs. J. C. Estlack.

KILL KARE KNEEDLE KLUB

The Needle Club members met at the Donley Hotel for their club Xmas dinner Thursday. After dinner the ladies went to the home of Mrs. Grover Heath where she had a beautiful decorated Xmas tree with exchange gifts on it for each member. Several Xmas carols were sung with Nita Heath at the piano.

Those present were Mrs. W. D. Kidd from Pampa and Mesdames Cap Lane and her granddaughter Patti Lane, Eva Draffin, Major Hudson, Gene Noland, Clarence Piercy, Frank White, Frank Whitlock, Homer Mulkey, R. O. Thomas, S. W. Lowe, J. R. Bartlett, Buel Sanford, R. R. Dawkins, and Misses Ida and Etta Harned and the hostess, Mrs. Heath and daughter Nita.

LEATHERS FAMILIES FETED DECEMBER 18th

The H. K. Leathers home was the festive scene of the annual Leathers Family Christmas party held on the night of December 18.

The gaiety of the affair was greatly enhanced by the tasteful house decorations of traditional holly, mistletoe, and cedar. The focal point of interest was the large Christmas tree, sparkling with innumerable lights and bright bangles.

Shortly after arrival, the guests witnessed an impressive candle-light Christmas Sequence "The Christ Child", in which the ageless Christmas story was told by words and by music. Those participating in this sequence, which was written and directed by Robert C. Leathers, were: Joanne and Janiece Christal, Johnny Leathers, Sandra Shelton, Lynn Leathers, Douglas Shelton, and Gene Alderson.

Following this effective program, gifts from the Christmas tree were exchanged.

At the conclusion of the evening, delicious refreshment plates were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Leathers, Mrs. Myrtle Christal, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Leathers, Mr. and Mrs. Kinch Leathers and Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Leathers and Johnny; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shelton, Douglas and Sandra; Mr. and Mrs. Billie Christal, Joanne and Janiece; Mr. and Mrs. Earl

Alderson and Gene; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy B. Leathers and Dorothy of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robert Leathers, Beverly and Wayne; and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Leathers and Robert.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Wilson Gray entertained the quilting club with a party Dec. 14th. Contests were enjoyed until time for Santa's visit. Each lady received a lovely gift.

Refreshments were served to members Etta Reynolds, Joy Roberson, Ida Stewart, Flossie Reynolds, Mazie Eichelberger, Sarah Pegram, Mae Pearl McDonald, Ola McBrayer, Connie Talley, Ruth Littlefield, Francis Ford, Sallie Hatley, Vena Brock, Teara Putman, Lela Hinton, Nora Smith; one visitor, Mrs. Jack Foster of Clarendon; hostess, Blanche Gray and co-hostess, Nina Dale. A nice time was reported by all.

Club Reporter.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET FOR EIGHT FOOTLIGHTS CLUB

The Eight Footlights Club entertained guests with a banquet and recital at the home of Mrs. Jolly Johnson on Saturday evening. Tommy Lane, president of the club was toastmaster and after pronouncing the invocation welcomed the guests. Loretta Mooney responded for the guests. A delicious meal of chicken and dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, and cherry pie was served by mothers of the members. The table was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme.

After the banquet the following program was presented: "Santa Claus," Gene Elmore; "The Beautiful Garden of Toys," Patricia Spurgeon; "A Visit from St. Nick," Janet Mooney; "In Santa Land," Maralyn Matheson; "Santa's Romance," Jeanie McAnear; "The Shepherd Maid," Jackie Estlack; and "When Christmas Comes," Tommy Lane. Jeanie McAnear played "White Christmas" as a violin solo.

Following the program, members and guests exchanged gifts around a Christmas tree, and Christmas carols were sung.

Besides the members the following guests attended: Loretta

and Glendi Mooney, Allen Homer Estlack, Ray Henry, Billy Mack Hicks, and Mary Francis McCully.

MARTIN QUILTING CLUB

The Martin Quilting Club met in the home of Mrs. Guy Sibley December 16. Everyone received gifts from a beautiful Xmas tree.

New officers were elected. Ruby Jordan was elected president; Helen Land, vice-president; and Gracie Crofford, Sec.-Treas.

Those present to enjoy the occasion were Marguerite Waldrop, Lizzy Morrow, Sally Christie, Ola Bradshaw, Ruby Jordan, Bessie Helton, Gracie Crofford, Nola Hill, Helen Jo Land, Blanch Higgins, Jannie Wilson, Lois Stevenson, Lela Bulman, Willie Marshall, Ruthie Gray, Emma Davis, Ruby Fitzgerald, Anna Waldrop, Mrs. Barker, Yvonne Barker, Laverne Horton, Nena Marshall, and hostess Lois Sibley. New members are Neva Marshall, Velma Hearn, and Roxie Patterson.

Refreshments were served and the date and place of the next meeting was announced. The first quilting party of 1949 will be held in the home of Lizzy Morrow on January 13th.

JR. BEAUX ARTS CLUB

The Jr. Beaux Arts Club met in the home of Delene Blair, Wednesday afternoon, December 15, at 4:00 for their Christmas party. The club sang carols, after which a reading "Why the Chimes Rang," was given by Ladelle Cox. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of apple sauce cake topped with whipped cream, plate favors, and spiced tea were served.

Those present were Daphne Roberson, Mae Morris, Juanita Carpenter, Ladelle Cox, Melba Lee Pipes, Mary Harrison Cannon, Jeannie Hall, Sybil Head, Mary Helen Tankersley, Ira Jean Estlack, Louva Hunt, Evelyn Carpenter, Lucy Brown Saye, Jane Johnson, Portia Hay, the sponsors Miss Mary Howren, Miss Lucile Polk and the hostesses, Mae Morris, Lucille Dale, Layma Tatum, Juanelle Stevenson and Delene Blair.

KAPPA SUB-DEB CLUB

The Christmas party for the Kappa Sub-Deb Club was held in the home of Shirley Brumley. The girls met in the beautifully decorated home Wednesday evening, December 15, at 6:00. Christmas carols were sung, after which the club was entertained by Miss Johnnie Johnson giving Dickens' much loved "A Christmas Carol." Gifts which had been placed under the huge Christmas tree, were then opened and admired by everyone.

Refreshments of sandwiches and mints in the shape of Christmas trees, salad and tea were served from the dining table which carried out the yuletide theme.

Those present were Mae Morris, Portia Hay, Jane Johnson, Alma Murphy Hunsaker, Anne Thompson, Sybil Head, Pat Pittman, Jo Anne Ritter, Patsy Blair, Fanchon Allred, Nell Bentley, Layma Tatum, Juanita Carpenter, Louva Hunt, Jo Anne Blackwell Davis, Elba Jean Ballew, Jo Anne Sibley, Nancy Bennett, Mary Edna Elmore, Doris Wallace, Lois Hommel, the sponsor, Mrs. Rufus White, one guest, Miss Johnnie Johnson, and the hostess, Shirley Brumley.

Capt. and Mrs. Tom Conway of Red Bank, N. J. are here for the holidays visiting relatives. She will be remembered here as Ruth Cauthen.

Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa:
I want a Mickey Mouse watch. Don't forget the other boys and girls and a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Love,
Phyllis Hill

Dear Santa:
I have tried very hard to be an extra good little girl this year, and I hope that you will grant my one little wish. I won't ask for a thing for myself, and I will even sweep under the bed every day if you will see that every home has a pretty Christmas tree this year.

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LELIA LAKE

Mrs. H. R. King

Mr. and Mrs. John Gerner returned Wednesday from Dalhart where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Willard Huckaby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mooring and son spent Friday night and Saturday with friends at Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolford spent part of the weekend in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey returned Wednesday from Borger where they were called by the illness of a grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Corder of Amarillo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Don Tomlinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Mooring had their children home for their Christmas dinner Sunday.

Archie Wood made a business trip to Ft. Worth last week.

Neal Molder of U. S. Marine Corps, and stationed at Philadelphia, came last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Molder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Leathers and Johnny left Saturday night to spend Christmas in Modesto, Calif. with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams and Sharon.

Those to attend the school of instruction for members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Memphis Wednesday evening were: Mary Bynum, Mary Chenuit, Rachel Butler and Wilma Batson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Myers and Lester, Mrs. Pauline Roberts of Amarillo and Miss Lou Ella

White returned Saturday night from a trip to Ft. Worth and Dallas. They were accompanied home by Glenn, who will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Lou Ann Wood of Amarillo visited Carole Wood last week. Bobby and Cletus Smith of Clarendon were guests of Richard Finch Sunday.

Miss Maxine Sisson of Amarillo spent several days last week with Billie Jean Pool and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKinley and children of San Carlos, Ariz. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hinton.

C. L. Lewis made a business trip to Denver, Colo. last week returning Wednesday.

Mrs. Cleota Dilli and daughter spent Sunday with her father J. D. Pope and Mr. and Mrs. Seago.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Aten were hosts to the Batson family Sunday with a Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Those to attend were: Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rasco and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Webster, Mrs. Brice Webster, Mrs. T. B. Roberts, Mrs. Allie Caviness and June, all of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts and Raelnell of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. David Hudgins and sons of Lesley, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Rice Batson, Shirley Aten, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Aten.

Mothers who helped the Martin school children enjoy their Christmas tree Friday afternoon were Mrs. Tick Barbee, Mrs. Wade Jones, Mrs. R. B. Marshall, Mrs. Othel Elliott, Mrs. T. B. Nelson, Mrs. W. G. Tims, Mrs. R. C. Wakefield, Mrs. Raymond Waldrop, and Mrs. E. O. Wilson.

MARTIN

By Mrs. J. H. Helton

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Mr. John Rhodes and Howard Rhodes of Tell, Texas are visiting their sister, Mrs. Basil Hail at Texarkana, Texas. She is seriously ill.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during our time of bereavement. May God's richest blessings be with each of you always.

Mrs. J. H. Clark and Family.

Mrs. Chas. Pennington and baby of Dallas are visiting in the Wayne McElroy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shelley of Munday are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rhodes and family. They will go to Lubbock to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shelley, Friday.

GRASS JUDGING CONTEST AND SPECIAL RODEO

FORT WORTH—A grass judging contest and special rodeo—first of their kind for any South-west show—will highlight 4-H Club and FFA Day January 29, at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show here Jan. 28 through Feb. 6.

The boys will judge grasses, legumes and seeds common to Texas soils, since Exposition officials believe the knowledge of range grasses is important to Lone Star beef progress. The new contest will be staged in cooperation with the Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors. Rufus R. Peeples of Teahuacana is superintendent.

Teams for the contest will be composed of three boys and two alternates, with not more than one 4-H team from each county and one FFA team from each chapter participating. Over \$200 worth of awards and medals will be presented winners.

A complete special rodeo will be presented for the FFA and 4-H members at 9:30 a. m. January 29 at a special low price by the Exposition. One of the feature attractions will be "Little Brown Jug," 11-year-old Don K. Reynolds of Van Nuys, Calif., who uses a pint-sized Shetland pony and a pair of matched Palominos for an array of riding and roping tricks. Don has played in a number of Western movies during the past five years, and is currently signed to play "Little Beaver" in coming Red Ryder films.

The young farmers will get a peek at the "giving end" of the rodeo too, when 12 of them—six FFA and six 4-H—complete in a junior calf roping contest. Another 12 will also compete in a calf riding contest.

Mr. John Rhodes and Howard Rhodes of Tell, Texas are visiting their sister, Mrs. Basil Hail at Texarkana, Texas. She is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cauthen and children of Bryan plan to be in Clarendon for the holidays.

Mrs. Lola Barns spent Friday at Amarillo with her son Edwin who recently underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Rhea of Texas University will arrive home for the Xmas holidays.

Leo Wayne Underdown of the Navy from San Diego, Calif. is home on 15 days leave visiting homefolks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Darnell left Tuesday afternoon for Houston where they will spend Xmas.

Albert Johnson who had an operation at Amarillo is at the Will Johnson home recuperating. He is improving.

Ernest Jones of Bakersfield, Calif. is spending Xmas with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Jones and Mr. Mrs. Lola Barns and son Ned

attended a Xmas get-together of relatives at Abilene from Saturday to Tuesday.

Mrs. Alfred McMurtry is at home from Dallas where she received medical service. She is improving.

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ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION

AUSTIN—Electric power consumption in Texas fell 10 per cent from September to October, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

In comparison with October 1947, power consumption rose 12 per cent.

All types of electric power consumption declined from September to October. Commercial consumption slid 13 per cent; industrial, 6 per cent; and residential, 17 per cent.

On the other hand, all three groups consumed more electric power in October than they did a year earlier. Residential and commercial consumption both stepped up 14 per cent in a year's time, while industrial consumption rose 7 per cent.

The Bureau's seasonally-adjusted index of industrial consumption slid 2 per cent to 290 per cent of the base period (1935-39).

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 10, 1949. 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. (44-2c)

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Donley County Consumers Frozen Food Lockers of Clarendon, Texas will be held at the Locker Plant on the 4th day of January, 1949, at 8:00 p. m. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

LAWRENCE C. NEECE Secretary. (44-2c)

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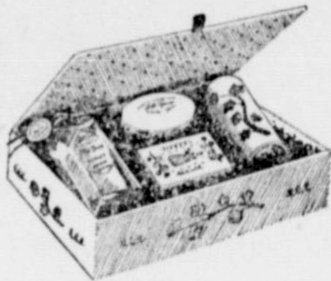
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FOR SALE - Four foot Rotary Scrapers \$90.00. Estlack Machinery Co. Phone 262. (12tf)

FOR SALE - Two row Moline Tractor. May be seen at Hudson Bros. Imp. Co. W. M. Boston, owner, Goodnight, Texas. (46-p)

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MALE AND FEMALE MAN OR WOMAN to take over route of established Watkins Customers in Clarendon. Full time income \$45 weekly. No car or investment necessary. We will help you get started. Write Roy C. Ruble, J. R. Watkins Company, 62-70 West Iowa, Memphis, Tennessee. (45-p)

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FOR RENT - 3 room apartment furnished or unfurnished; also bed room for rent. Wise Apts. Phone 330-R. (45-p)

FOR RENT—2 room unfurnished apartment, private bath. Call 245-J. (41tf)

FOR RENT—Farm land. See Mrs. M. F. Roberson. (45-p)

FOR RENT - Furnished Apartment. Phone 363-M. Mrs. E. M. Ozier. (43tf)

FOR RENT - One Bedroom apartment. Close in. Phone 129-J. (45tf)

MISCELLANEOUS

Plumbing, Paint & Wallpaper. Lazy "H" Plumbing & Supply, Phone 183. A. O. Hott, Mgr.

Saw filing by hand or machine. See John Watters. (38tf)

Anyone interested in buying new Willys Overland products call 356J at Wellington, Texas and I will be glad to come to see you. Johnson Motor Co. Mat Johnson, Owner. (41tf)

See those unusual hand embroidered things at the Farmers Exchange made by Mrs. Leona Jones. (43-3c)

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GREETINGS

Church News

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. W. Warrin Fry
Phone 276

December 24th, Christmas Eve.
11:30 p. m. Christmas Communion Service. Over by 12:30 a. m.

December 26th First Sunday after Christmas.
4:30 Evening Prayer and Sermon; Church School.

December 28th Holy Innocents Day, Tuesday.
10 a. m. Holy Communion.
Your church is on the Air Friday over the Mutual Broadcasting System at 7:00 p. m. KVAI 940, Amarillo. "Great Scenes from Great Plays." Sunday at

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7:30 a. m., over KGNC. National Broadcasting System. "The Episcopal Hour."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Paul D. Wright, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
5:00 p. m.—Evening Worship.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Doyle Williams, Minister
Bible School—10:00 a. m.
Preaching—11 a. m. & 7:45 p. m.
Communion at 11:45 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Ladies Bible study Wednesday at 3:00 p. m.
Mid-week Bible study, Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.
You are welcome to every service.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Clarendon, Texas
Bible School—9:45
Roy Clampitt, Supt.

Joe Goldston
OPTOMETRIST
Goldston Bldg.
CLARENDON, TEXAS
Phone 36

R. C. Bolton will bring the morning message at 10:45. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Bro. Bolton plans to open the new Washington Avenue Christian Church, located at 38th & Washington, Amarillo, Texas, on January 2nd.
Renew that good habit and bring a friend to church with you Sunday.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Stanley W. Hayne, Pastor
9:45 A. M.—Church School
J. R. Gillham, Superintendent
10:50—Morning Worship
7:15—Evening Worship

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
L. A. Sartain, Pastor
J. M. Rampy, Music & Education
9:45—Sunday School
Alfred Estlack, Supt.
11:00—Morning Worship
6:30—Training Union
Jack Eddings, Director

Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa:
I am 6 years old and have been pretty good. I would like to have a cash register, electric train, marble machine, 2 gunner, transport truck and a western shirt. Please bring Gary Wayne who is 2 years old a tricycle, a gun, western belt, and a truck and candy and nuts. Thank you.
Jimmie and Gary Luinstra

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 6 years old. I will get to go to school next year. I would like for you to bring me a dolly and a buggy for her and some doll clothes if you have any extra. I would like some new socks and any thing else you would like to bring me. I like candy and nuts. Please remember all the other little children. I need some fingernail polish.
Your little friend,
Wilma Faye Mann

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a doll, a set of dishes, cooking pans and tea table and chairs. I'll be seeing you.
Love,
Carole Wood

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Phone 271

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy, at least as good as a little boy can be. I would like for you to bring me a farm set, a football. Don't tell anybody but I want a doll too.
Lots of love,
Ronnie Wood

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, and I am seven years old. I would like for you to bring me a bow and arrow, an inner tube for my bicycle and also bring the other boys and girls things they want. Don't forget mother, daddy, brother and sister.
Love,
John Bob Butler
P. S. Don't forget anybody.
Good-bye.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Who is Required To File Reports For 1948
You are required to file and income tax report for 1948 if your Gross Income was \$600 or more, regardless of whether single or married, or the number of dependents.
This report must be filed even if it will show no tax due and none withheld.
If you earned less than \$600.00, and if taxes were withheld from your wages, you must file a report for the year, in order to get a refund of such amounts withheld from your wages.
If you do not file a report in this case, you have just lost all the taxes withheld, and Uncle

will be that much ahead and you will be correspondingly poorer, so you had better remember this and file your report.

REMEMBER—NO TAX REPORT—NO REFUND.

Time for filing reports:
In the case of farmers and ranchers (not hired hands) who have not filed 1948 Estimated reports and paid their taxes, these final reports must be in by Jan. 15th.

In the case of business operators, professional men and women, and the like, who operate their own business, and have paid their estimated taxes, these have until March 15, 1949 to file their annual reports.

In the case of employed persons, whose tax have been withheld from wages and you have no other income, then you have until March 15, 1949.

For workers and employees, such as farm and ranch hands, who have paid your estimated taxes, you have until March 15, 1949. If you have not paid your estimated taxes for any reason, then your report must be in by Jan. 15, 1949, to avoid a penalty. Feel free to call at this office for information at any time.

J. A. Warren E. J. Chenault
Office Mgr.
Goldston Bldg.,
Clarendon, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal and Melba Ruth Grady of Canyon are visiting the Xmas Holidays with their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hoggatt.

HUDGINS

Mrs. Carl Barker

Mr. and Mrs. John Perdue called in the Carl Barker home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shields spent Sunday with their son Coleman Shields and family of Lelia Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Goble Barker of Ashtola spent Sunday, in the Carl Barker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutson of Ft. Worth are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. ohn Hutson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hutson are visiting their children at Borger this week.

Mrs. Bill Mooring and David spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chenault of Lelia Lake visited Mr. and

Dr. George Shadid
DENTIST
Located in Goldston Bldg.
Room 208
Office Phone 328 Res. 173-J

Mrs. I. J. Self Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Self are leaving Thursday for Tulsa to spend Xmas with their daughter.

Mrs. Pat Cearley of Amarillo spent last week in the Otto Elliott home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tims of Levelland visited in the Otto Elliott and L. C. Tims home this week.


Mr. and Mrs. Pat Myers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Elliott.

W. T. Elliott is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Pat Myers this week.

Mr. L. L. Foster visited Leon Foster last week.

Helen Louise Green of Dallas came Wednesday to spend the Xmas Holidays with homefolks.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Dutch Miller's
Back in Uniform

After ten days in the city, Dutch is back in uniform. I don't mean Army khaki or Navy blue—but a different uniform, that's every bit as patriotic and American.

Blue jeans and a denim shirt, for work around the yards and barns; stout boots for tramping through the fields; and a straw hat when the sun gets high—a uniform you see from Maine to Texas, Iowa to Alabama.

It's the uniform of an army—the great army of American farmers who, by their productivity, are helping to keep this nation strong—bolstering the forces of democracy that guard our freedom.

And in their way of life, too, they are champions of freedom. Temperate folk who enjoy a moderate glass of beer—but never quarrel with those who prefer cider. Tolerant people who fight to the bitter end against oppression and intolerance. From where I sit, a credit to America!

Joe Marsh

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MEAL	YUKON BEST 10 lbs.	59c
COFFEE	White Swan POUND	49c
Cranberry Sauce	OCEAN SPRAY TALL CAN	19c
FRUITS & VEGETABLES		
APPLES	Red Delicious—1 lb.	15c
CELERY	Crisp & Crunchy—Stalk	12c
CRANBERRIES	1 lb.	25c
ORANGES	Sweet & Juicy—1 lb.	8c
WALNUTS	No. 1 Diamonds—Pound	39c
JELLO	2 Pkgs.	15c
CHERRIES	No. 2 Can	29c
APRICOTS	White Swan, whole—No. 2 1/2 Can	25c
FRUIT COCKTAIL	Del Monte—No. 2 1/2 Can	39c
Luncheon PEAS	White Swan—No. 2 Can	23c

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M - S Y S T E M
DICK VALLANCE, Mgr. CLARENDON, TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Johnson and daughter Carolyn and her mother Mrs. Fowler left Wednesday to visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reed at Rocky Ford, Colo.

Albert Louis Johnson of Wellington is spending the Xmas Holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson and his father, Albert Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reed and son of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. LaGrone Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Riley left Monday for Compton, Calif. to spend Xmas holidays with relatives.

MULKEY—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday—December 26-28th

MIGHTIEST ADVENTURES OF THE CHISHOLM TRAIL!!!

JOHN WAYNE
in
RED RIVER

WALTER BRENNAN • MONTGOMERY CLIFT • JOANNE DOD

Fox News

PLOWIN' Out the CORNERS
by Uncle Zeb

The following poem was clipped from a trade magazine by Clarence Blakeney. It was written by Mabel Freer Lovridge and just about fits my sentiments on the subject:

WAR FOREBODING
While I am rocking you, my son,
And singing lullabies,
Someone is planning stouter planes
For Death to ride the skies.
While I am dressing you, my son
In little boyish suits,
Someone is making uniforms,
And sturdy soldier boots.

While you are chasing butterflies,
Amid the tangled grass,
Someone is testing chemicals
To make a deadlier gas.
And while you eat your simple fare
Perhaps the war lords sit,
To start again the bugle notes,
That only call the fit.

While I would build a splendid man,
So fine and strong, my son,
Some one in secret tries to make
A farther reaching gun—
A gun that on some distant day
When drums of battle roll,
May leave me with a golden star,
And iron in my soul.

At least two farmers have told me lately that wheat does all of its growing at night. Is this true?

MULKEY
Saturday Only—December 25th

A Mighty Drama of a STALLION OUTLAW!

Gene Autry
and Champion in
THE STRAWBERRY ROAN

with Gloria HENRY Jack HOLT

in CINECOLOR

Cartoon and Sports

Anyway, will some honest to goodness farmer write and tell me for sure. I won't consider information coming from Side Walk farmers, radio, or newspaper men.

I saw a man the other day that, before he was old enough to be gray had lost all of his hair. Suddenly I felt it almost a privilege to be gray.

Add to the A.S.R.N.S., as an honorary member Forethe Sower (I wonder how you spell his first name)

Salesman — "One dose of this medicine will make you feel like a million dollars."

Gloomy customer—"Anyway, a million dollars ain't what it used to be."

Anyway, it is Christmas. I realize it even before I look in my mail box and find all those nice Christmas cards from my friends. I realize it when I am passing the window in the front of the post office. I get a glimpse of our Postmaster, his head bobbing up and down, trying to see over the stacks and stacks of Christmas cards. It is then that I begin to feel the spirit of the season, and by the time I open my box and start unloading all the nice little messages I am usually singing Jingle Bells to the top of my heart. Seriously, if there is a time of the year when we should all appreciate our postmaster it is Christmas time, and again this year let's all send him a Christmas card. Even if you have only one card left and were planning on sending it to Uncle Zeb, don't do it - - - send it to your Postmaster instead.

Anyhow, all through the year we think too much about making money, about trying to get ahead in the world, trying to keep up with the Joneses and ahead of our neighbors. We try too hard to justify our own actions, and spend too much time criticizing our neighbors. But when Christmas comes along it is different; the only important things seem to be friends, love and kindness. The same as when we were kids, we start wishing we had been better through the year; feeling guilty before Old Santa, hoping that we might be better next year. Anyway, neath the light of the Star of Bethlehem the only things we seem to see are the friends we have made and kept, the little kind deeds that we have done for others, and all the things that begin and end with love.

And again this year, A Merry, Merry Christmas to every one that reads our little column, and to the new friends and the old friends that we have found and kept, and to everyone in the whole world A Happy, Happy New Year from Mama and Uncle Zeb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McMurtry returned home Thursday afternoon from Mineral Wells, Texas, where they had been for medical treatment and rest.

Mrs. Cal Merchant and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Merchant and Richard left Wednesday to spend the Xmas Holidays with his mother, Mrs. Cassey at Dallas.

The many friends of Mrs. D. T. Ross, mother of Mrs. Lela Beville of Amarillo, will regret to hear that she is seriously ill at the Northwest Texas Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Moore attended the funeral of Mrs. Maggie Jackson at Tucumcari last Saturday. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Moore were girlhood friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Semrad of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Semrad of Amarillo are visiting homefolks through the Xmas Holidays.

MULKEY—Wednesday Only—Bargain Day—Dec. 29th.

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Warren DOUGLAS

A girl who's only happy making love...or trouble!

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Do your Christmas Shopping
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Shortening 3 lb. Carton **.85**

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Cranberries 25c
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Nice Large Stalk

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Large Paper Shells—1 lb.

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Sugar PURE CANE 10 lbs. **.89**

COFFEE Bright & Early 1 LB. GLASS JAR 41c	PICNIC HAMS Pound 45c
MILK LARGE CAN 14c	OLEO Meadolake—1 lb. 35c
	CURED HAMS Pound 59c
	DRESSED HENS Pound 55c

Cranberry Sauce Ocean Spray 2 Cans Each **.18**

SEASON'S Greetings



The arrival of another Christmas season brings with it the joyous recollections of many pleasant and friendly associations with those whom it has been our pleasure to serve in this community.

Each year we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the Christmas season because in it we find the opportunity to express again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and consideration.

And as we extend our thanks, we hasten to add our best wishes to you for the Holiday Season. May it be one of manifold blessings . . . a time of merriment and thanksgiving. May this Christmas be your happiest.

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A Common Paper for Common People

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

By Joan Stedman

"WE'RE tired of the camp and we're going to move on. See?"

Orrek Gordon lifted his head. "Going to walk out on me and quit? Your wages are good here."

The foreman of the lumber gang sneered. "Say, money ain't everything. We want to get back to town and we're going." He slouched back to the tent and joined the crowd of surly men around the great campfire.

From the log bungalow beyond the camp twinkled many lights. Orrek stared at the Christmas candles. Marcia had placed them there, saying they brought peace to the household. And now, with his men walking out on him, Marcia would be lost to him.

A skimming sound on the firm snow aroused him and Marcia, a gay little figure in her white furs, caught at his arm and came to a standstill on her skis. "Why stay out here when I want you, Orrek? We're making up a bridge table."

A bridge table when his future career was toppling down!

"Orrek, what's wrong with the men?" she asked. "My maid told me there had been a row there."

Orrek's eyes blazed as he tucked the small hand under his arm. How he loved her! In a few brief sentences he told her of the discontent among his men. "It's the loneliness that gets them," he finished, "the lack of amusement."

"If they walk out you cannot keep your contract. That will queer you with the owners." She turned and left him in silence.

Back at the bungalow Marcia tumbled the contents of her clothes closet while talking rapidly to her maid, Ninette. "Isn't it lucky that I taught you those chords, Ninette?"

The camp men, grumbling around the fire, fell into a sudden silence as the gay plink-a-plunk of a banjo sounded in the clearing.

Gebert, surly gang leader, jerked out his pipe. "Listen, boys!"

Down the hill Marcia came gaily, her fingers bringing jolly notes from the strings. The frosty air echoed and re-echoed as Ninette joined in.

"I know that," declared Gebert. Carried along by memories, the men joined in, forgetting the loneliness of the Christmas eve, forgetting their fancied troubles.

Marcia had come to the very edge of the great fire and stood there picking at the strings. Above her lowered the man she loved, just beyond her stood the men in a semi-circle, their unshaven faces lighted by a mutual love of music.

"How many of you play small instruments?" she asked softly.

The answers brought a quick smile to her lips. "I thought there would be many of you to help me out," she cried.

"I want to have a string-band," hurried on Marcia, "and I need volunteers. A violin, maybe two or three. A guitar—"

"I play the flute," interrupted Jacques.

"And I the piccolo."

"At home I have an accordion," came a wistful voice, "but—"

"Fine," interrupted Marcia. "I have, tonight, made out an order that should have been mailed sooner. It is my Christmas gift to our men. The order is for musical instruments. I wish each man would write down his instrument and give it to me. With luck we should have the order filled in three days and we'll practice hard so that New Year's day may find us ready. How about it?"

There was an instant response as hardened palms came together.

Just beyond the pines a wolf howled, but Marcia was looking up into her lover's eyes.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Original Vitamin Factor
In Worcestershire, mistletoe was thought to render cattle prolific and avert bad luck from the dairy herd.

Merry Christmas

We are always glad of the opportunity to say "Hello" to our friends but somehow no occasion affords a better opportunity than Christmas to add a word of good wishes.

The associations we've enjoyed in the past are many and we are grateful for them. We appreciate what they stand for and with the passing of each year, we become more and more impressed with the true value of genuine friendships. The faithfulness of those whom we strive to serve has been invaluable in the progress of this organization.

In recognition of your consideration and patronage in the past, we desire to express our sincere good wishes to each of you for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled to overflowing with joy and prosperity.

Clarendon Furniture Company

CLARENDON, TEXAS

A Volunteer Santa Speaks His Heart

"I know what it is to be a disappointed kid on Christmas morning—"

"I always wanted a boat, but my folks were poor and I never got one—that's why I became Santa Claus, I guess."



Volunteers of America worker plays hostess to some of the organization's Santas.

"Working for the Volunteers of America, I've played Santa to thousands of youngsters during the last 16 years. I read a lot of minds, too, during the depression when people plodded past my cardboard chimney; folks are happy now and the carols, that gave them a far-away look while war almost blacked out the Christmas Spirit, make them smile and drop coins in the chimney."

"It's fun to have a part in the happy Christmases of so many youngsters. Most of those that I see come downtown with their mothers, and I try to get a nod of approval before I make any definite promises—kinda make sure the kids won't be disappointed."

"Just the same, I can't help thinking about the kids I never see who want dolls and dishes, drums and sleds, picture books, skates, trains . . . and boats; what a lot of helpers Santa needs to see that all these things get to the right places at the right time!"

"Wish we could be sure there will be no broken hearts this Christmas."

Children's Day New Year's in Bulgaria

Bulgarian children receive small gifts on Christmas Day from Grandpa Koleda—an ancient winter god—but New Year's Day is really the children's holiday.



Dressed in their newest and best clothes, the youngsters bear gifts to their elders: they receive presents and small sums of money in return. In rural communities the older children visit neighbors: switching the householder with cornel rods, they wish him a happy and prosperous New Year. The word "surva" is repeated frequently—the visitors expecting to be served with goodies—but if the supply is exhausted, the situation is accepted with characteristic good humor.

The holiday season climaxes on Epiphany. The orthodox priest leads a procession to the river and, commemorating Christ's baptism, tosses a cross into the water; sometimes the ice has to be broken, but youths dive for the cross unhesitatingly—the retriever supposedly receiving a special blessing.

Saint Sylvester's Feast Day Marks End of Year

The feast of St. Sylvester, who was Pope from 314 A. D. until his death in 335, is observed by the Roman and Anglican churches on December 31.

In Germany and Belgium the morning of St. Sylvester's Day is commemorated religiously, while the afternoon and evening are devoted to various kinds of horseplay in anticipation of the coming New Year.

Christmas Was At One Time Illegal
The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

Jews Celebrate the Festival of Lights

To the Orthodox Jews, the Christmas period was the "Festival of Lights," called Hanukkah or Chanukah. Jewish history relates that in 165 B. C. a large force of Maccabees met and vanquished an army of Syrians.

Judas Maccabees entered Jerusalem with his army and found it a place of desolation. He began the work of purification and on the 25th day of Kislev it was finished and a sacred light was lit.

In their destruction of the temple the sacred oil was practically exhausted, but they did find a jar which they judged would burn one day. It lasted eight days, therefore each year the Jews decree that the eight days previous to December 25 be celebrated.

Christmas Seals
As usual, it is expected that Dora this year will think that Christmas seals are fur coats.

Edible Manger In Ukraine Rituals

In the Ukraine an elaborate Christmas Eve supper breaks a 39-day fast during which no meat has been eaten. Twelve courses are served, one for each of the twelve Apostles: buckwheat and mushroom soup, pancakes in flax, prunes, fish, bread, and nuts are included in the menu.

An additional course of honey and porridge is also served: called Koutia, the dish represents the holy crib; the porridge represents the straw—as in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit; the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit and blood of the Saviour.

Favored Ash Yule Log
The Yule log, which used to be part of every home on Christmas, was nearly always an ash log, because the legend avers that it was before an ash fire that the Holy Babe was first washed and dressed by his mother.

A Burglar for Christmas
By Rolana Flagel

IT WAS midnight on Christmas Eve. Seven-year-old Jack, having baffled the sandman since eight o'clock, tossed back the covers and crept downstairs.

Now, at long last, he would learn the truth about Santa Claus. Man or myth. Chimney sweeper or a lovable old red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack was still sitting patiently in the chair by the fireplace, watching the embers glow and wane. Tinsel on the nearby Christmas tree glistened. It was all very exciting, but where was Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment later might have been Santa but it didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in the shadows while he heard the dining room window raise slowly. A gush of cold air, heavy footsteps, and then Jack heard the window close.

Frightened, he crept forward until he could see where blue moonlight filtered into the dining room. There Jack saw—not Santa Claus but a masked burglar, systematically looting the silverware!

Seconds later his softly slipped feet carried the lad upstairs into his parents' bedroom. The boy shook his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes blazing. "Dad! Wake up!" "Grummph," came the sleepy answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call the police!"

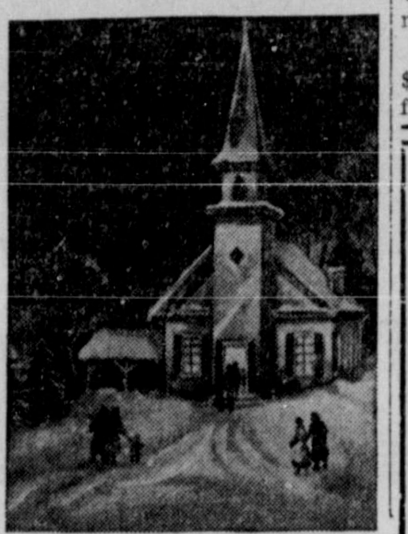
Not waiting, Jack reached for the bedside telephone himself. His mother still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the police over to our house right away! There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's hands. His parents were wide awake now, clinging to their hero

'White Christmas,' Modern Day Carol

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" has definitely joined the procession of Christmas music! Lest we hesitate to admit so recent a creation to the inner sanctum of cherished traditions, let's see just how old some of our Christmas favorites really are.



Denmark launched the annual Christmas Seal campaign against tuberculosis in 1904; Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was written in 1843; Samuel Clement Moore wrote "The Night Before Christmas" in 1822; W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite artists, dispatched the first Christmas card in 1845, and, historically, the first Christmas tree was set up in 1604.

One can imagine the first Christmas carol—the "Gloria in Excelsis" of the angels. However, of our popular Christmas carols today, "Adeste Fideles" is undoubtedly the oldest. Its origin is controversial; some say it was a graduate of the Cistercians, others date its composition variously—from 1250 to 1680. Even accepting 1680, "O Come All Ye Faithful" antedates—for example—"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" (1720), "Silent Night" (1818), and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (1868).

There's a lot of Christmas tied up in the confident expectancy of childhood and the nostalgic memories of grown-ups; so, "May your days be merry and bright And may all your Christmases be white."

Insurance of Marriage
Crippen tells us that the maiden who receives no kisses under the mistletoe will not marry for years

Loans Made By Savings And Loan Associations

AUSTIN—Loans in Texas totaled 1,732 in October, falling 5 per cent from September, reports from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research showed.

October loans, amounting to \$6,704,052, declined 14 per cent from a year earlier.

Loans for home construction rose 15 per cent from September, while other types of loans declined during the month. Home purchase loans fell 18 per cent; recondition loans, 10 per cent; and refinance loans, 3 per cent.

Compared with October 1947, loans for home reconditioning rose 6 per cent, while home purchase loans fell 34 per cent; and loans for home construction and home refinancing slipped 1 per cent each.



Thank You!
AT CHRISTMAS

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

We Will be Closed All Day Christmas
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son and listening. During the next two minutes they heard a stark drama—downstairs the dining room window opened and closed. In the distance, growing ever nearer, was the hum of a motor which they knew would be the police car.

They heard it stop outside. Then came a shout, "Stop thief!" A brief scuffle, and they knew the burglar was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling. "I forgot to ask last night how you happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed.

"I was downstairs, Dad, waiting for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if he really does come on Christmas eve."

His father laughed heartily.

"But Jack!" he protested. "Don't you know that Santa Claus never comes when little boys and girls are watching? I'll bet he's been here by this time, though. Let's go see!"

Downstairs Jack's surprise was divided between two equally fascinating subjects. Around the Christmas tree were more presents than he'd ever seen before, including a brand new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly looking, blue-uniformed policeman.

"Sonny," the copper began. "That burglar you captured last night was 'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious house breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped.

"Best of all," the policeman continued. "there's a \$300 reward for his capture, and it all belongs to you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled, "that Santa Claus is wearing a blue uniform this year."

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Who is This Man?

Why, everyone knows that it's old St. Nick himself, and it's time again to begin to notice that as always, the old fellow brings with him joy, and cheer for the Christmas season. May this Christmas be one of jolly remembrance for you.

HEATH MOTOR CO.
Phone 143



A Christmas Scene

Nothing reminds us more of the holidays than a Christmas scene, whether it be one of a winter landscape, a roaring fireplace, or children playing with bright new toys. Christmas reminds us of well wishing, particularly to the people whom we enjoy serving . . . our customers. So we say to you with real appreciation,

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON.
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Lyons First Born Welcomed Warmly

"... But the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."—St. Matthew 8:20.

At Foundling hospital in Lyons, France, the first infant received on Christmas Day is luxuriously welcomed with great ceremony: the tradition contrasting the lot of the infant Saviour and that of one of His most helpless little ones.



Greetings

AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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"THE QUALITY STORE"



WHERE THE BOY JESUS PLAYED . . . Looking southeast from the Hill of Precipitation, Nazareth, is shown the view where the boy Jesus played.

A NEW YEAR'S CALL

By HAROLD L. COOK

JANUARY first was hanging heavily on the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Willer. They felt that they should do something to distinguish it from other holidays or from Sunday, but four o'clock in the afternoon arrived without anything happening to impress upon them that they had really entered upon a new year.

The New England town where they lived lay peacefully under its blanket of white, and probably most of its forty thousand inhabitants were as peacefully dozing in their chairs, satisfied with their creature comforts, and thankful that they were not as other people.

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I WISH I COULD...

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we realize more and more
how much it means to have
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It is a pleasure to wish you
a Merry Christmas.



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Lynn Payne



At this Holiday Season we desire to express our sincere appreciation for our pleasant relationships and extend to you and yours best wishes for a

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National Farm Loan Association
Rayburn L. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer



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Goldston & Brumley

JEWELERS

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And with everybody's mind on Christmas, we particularly think of our friends and patrons whom we have enjoyed serving this past year. We say to all of you, "May you have a very cheerful and happy Holiday."

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Clarendon, Texas

Christmas

Has a Meaning of Its Own

Every holiday occasion has its significance but none can compare with the Christmas Season. It is the one time of the year when all are united in one common attitude of good will toward fellowmen.

Christmas is always a welcome event with us. The reasons are twofold, first, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that predominates everywhere, second, because it affords us an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to those whom we serve, for their cooperation in the past. It is also fitting that we, at the same time, invite your continued patronage, as well as the consideration of those whom it has not been our pleasure to serve.

We hope this will be a Merry Christmas for you, one and all. We also wish you all the joys of a happy, successful New Year, one in which you will see the fulfillment of your every ambition. Best wishes to everyone!



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Christmas Poem



The time draws near
The birth of Christ.
The moon is hid; the
night is still;
The Christmas bells
from hill to hill
Answer each other in
the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round,
From far and near, on mead and
moor,
Swell out and fall, as if a door
Were shut between me and the
sound.

Each voice four changes on the
wind,
That now dilate, and now decrease,
Peace and good-will, good-will
and peace,
Peace and good-will, to all mankind.
—Tennyson.

Real St. Nicholas Of 4th Century

St. Nicholas is popularly associ-
ated with Christmas and gift-giving
presumably because once during
his mortal existence he reportedly
endowed three dowerless maidens
with three purses of gold.

Historically—as the Archbishop of
Myra, Nicholas was a member of
the council of Nicea. In 325
A. D., Constantine the Great called
together the theologians of the
Christian world in the first complete
general council of the entire Chris-
tian church.

The council, assembled near Con-
stantinople, and presided over by the
still unbaptized Constantine, pro-
claimed the first exact definition of
Christian teaching—as embodied in
the Nicene Creed—and marks the
beginning of Christianity as it is un-
derstood today.

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day we repeat the
old familiar greeting that, each
year, in some mystic way rings
fresh and true—"Merry Christmas."
Like such words as "hello" and
"good-by," there really isn't any-
thing else to say that pulls at our
heartstrings as do these old dear
words. And so again we say:

Merry Christmas—to the littlest
ones who skip downstairs in the
gray dawn to ex-
plore their stockings
and the wondrous
tree and to look at
Christmas with the
special radiance of
youth . . . who lend
to the rest of us lit-
tle glimmers of the
real Christmas
glamour.

Merry Christmas
—to father who'll
strain a point any
day to give us all the things we
want . . . who probably works much
too hard and yet keeps younger and
more alert because of the responsi-
bility of a family and the competi-
tion of business . . . who makes the
gesture of tut-tutting all the fuss and
feathers yet beams with affection
and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to mother who
really calls the tune for the holidays
and does the plan-
ning and pulling to-
gether . . . who flut-
ters and bustles ra-
diantly for weeks
ahead and undoubt-
edly has the best
and busiest time of
all.

Merry Christmas—to the butcher,
the baker, the candlestick-maker,
not to mention all those who sold
us shoes and ships and sealing wax
 . . . for what would Christmas be
without them? For through them
we've all been able to share our own
little prosperity in the most whole-
some way of all—by spending it.

Merry Christmas—to dear friends
far and near who've sent us greet-
ings and gifts . . .
most especially do
we cherish the
greetings because
even more than
gifts they express
the true spirit of
Christmas.

Merry Christmas
—to the droppers-in
who come with holiday cheer and
friendship . . . who come to our
parties or stop by to leave a glass
of extra elegant jelly or an origi-
nal privately invented relish.

Merry Christmas—to ourself, for
that matter. But then we feel pret-
ty sure that we'll have one for we've
put so much work and excitement
and loving getting-ready into it. For
of course we all get out of Christ-
mas just about what we put in.

Many Are the Legends of Ancient Yule Log Customs

Old books and legends surround
the Yule Log with much mystery
and superstition.

Thus, it must be touched and
lighted with scrupulously clean
hands: certain types of persons—
such as squinting or flatfooted—are
unwelcome while it is burning and,
should the fire go out during the
night, bad luck is portended for the
New Year.

Less superstitiously, Tyroleans
decorate their Log with paper flow-
ers and bright ribbons. Wine is
poured over it by the youngest child
of the household who offers a prayer
that the fire may warm the cold,
the hungry obtain food, the weary
find rest, and all may enjoy heav-
en's blessing and peace.



CHRISTMAS IN MIDDLE AMERICA . . . While the Christmas customs vary in the ten Middle America republics, bells play an important part in every country. This belfry in church tower at Panama City plays a big part in their holiday celebration.

Santa Claus
U.S.A.

Good Little Girls and
Good Little Boys
Everywhere.

Good Little Girls and Boys Everywhere: Your old friend Santa has received your letters. While he could not answer them all from Santa Claus, Ind., he wants you to know that he is watching over you and knows you will become stronger in every way before next Christmas.

Best Wishes
FOR A
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AND A
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- It is said that the coming year's weather may be forecasted by cocking an eye at the sky during Christmas week. Here are a few of the beliefs; conflicting in many details:
- If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas Day, there will be a good crop the following year.
- If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterwards.
- Thunder and lightning Christmas week means much snow the balance of the winter.
- Rain causes more damage than frost before than after Christmas.
- At Christmas if meadows are green, at Easter they will be covered with frost.
- If windy Christmas Day, trees will bear much fruit.
- A wet Christmas means an empty granary and barrel.
- A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard.
- A warm Christmas means a cold Easter.
- A green Christmas is followed by a white Easter.

Traditions and Customs Are Bequeathed by Ancient World

Early Christians did not celebrate the birthday of Christ. It was not until the Fourth century that December 25 came to be accepted as the presumed anniversary of the great event. In that year Pope Gregory V set this day officially. His intention was partly to absorb the old pagan festival of the returning sun (the winter solstice on December 22) in a Christian feast. A number of pagan celebrations were overlapped in this manner during the first centuries of Christianity.

In Great Britain, for instance, the "Lord of Misrule" led the frolicking, parading, and carol singing. This period of pranks and general foolishness is supposed to have descended from the Saturnalia of pagan Rome. Only a few Britons now follow this jolly old custom.

Nativity Plays.

The Santa Claus tradition represents the combining of a number of widely differing relics of old superstitions and beliefs. The northern Europeans in pre-Christian times believed in a spirit of woods and fields who had to be placated now and then, or he would ruin the harvests. This being was known in Norway as the "Nisse," and by various names in other Scandinavian countries. It is still a custom in rural regions for children to set out porridge and beer on Christmas Eve to please the Nisse. He is merging, however, with the popular figure of Santa Claus.

In Britain the character known as "Father Christmas" is supposed to be a Christian version of this ancient spirit of the fields. The Dutch Sinter Klass, or St. Nicholas, is still recognizable as the good bishop of Myra in Dutch plays, but he too is being absorbed in the more popular version of Santa Claus, the fat, red-coated little man with the big bag of presents. This idea of Santa Claus is a south German interpretation. In other parts of Germany the dispenser of gifts is "Dame Bertha." The custom of hanging up stockings comes from Italy.

Switzerland has developed the custom of parading from house to house and singing carols in a picturesque way. Costumes are remarkable. Young men and women wear headdresses representing houses, ships, mountains, and so forth. Huge sleigh bells tinkle from their waists and shoulders. These Swiss carolers also have a peculiar dance used only on Christmas Eve. In Switzerland, as in other southern European countries, the gifts are brought to good children, not by Santa Claus, but by the Christ Child, who comes from the North Pole in a fairy sleigh.

In many German villages an old man with a small drum marches about the house after the Christmas dinner, leading a procession. His drum is to frighten away any witches who might have come into the house during the year. He finally reaches the last room where the Christmas tree stands, laden with presents.

Mexican Christmas.

Mexican Christmas Eve is a pretty combination of the religious and the festive observance. There is a dance in every village until midnight. At the stroke of twelve the musicians play a mystical sacred melody, and everyone converges in front of the "nacimento," or crib representation. Then the oldest woman present picks up the image of the Christ Child and marches slowly to the church, followed by all the villagers. They enter the church for the midnight mass. When this is over, the dancing and revelry, complete with fireworks, recommences, and lasts until dawn.

Members of the Orthodox Greek church, who cling to the old style calendar, celebrate Christ's birthday on January 6. Many people in Greece, Serbia, Romania and other Balkan states, as well as many Russians, belong to the Orthodox church. Their Christmas feast traditionally begins with a bowl of "kutya," which is a combination of wheat, honey, ground poppy seed and pecans. Mushroom soup, fruit, fish and nuts are also served. A small layer of hay is spread under the table cloth to show humility for Christ's birth in a stable. Polish people also follow this last custom.

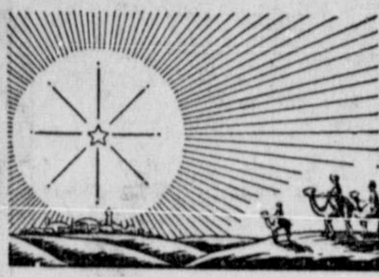
So every country and every district often has its own special ways of keeping Christmas. The United States, being composed of people from everywhere, has received customs from every people, and has adopted those it liked, and altered them to fit the American style. So it has been with Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe, the Christmas plays and carols, the luscious menus—everything has been gladly taken over, with thanks to the many nations and peoples that have bequeathed them to us.

Wise Men Patron Saints of Travelers

The Three Kings of Cologne have become patron saints of travelers, and very appropriately, too, since the Wise Men traveled considerably even after their death.

Biblically we know very little about the Wise Men. Church tradition, based on the three specifically mentioned gifts, has established three Wise Men and identified them as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar; the Kings of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia, respectively.

Legend advances that on their way to Bethlehem, the Magi met at Ur and St. Matthew states that they departed into their own country by a different route. Whether each returned to his own country or whether all three journeyed into one country are matters for conjecture. Legend continues that they were baptized, distributed their wealth among the poor, and went about preaching the doctrine of peace and repentance; all three seem to have suffered martyrdom in India at the same time.



In the fourth century Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, arranged for the transfer of their bodies to Constantinople.

When the Greek Emperor was overpowered by the first crusade in 1096, the holy remains were sent to Milan where they were enshrined until the latter part of the 12th century when Frederick Barbarossa ordered their removal to Cologne.

The Archbishop of Cologne adorned the relics with precious jewels and enshrined them within the Cologne Cathedral: in time, anything which touched the skulls of the Three Kings was considered as a charm against accidents, hence, the Wise Men became popular patron saints of travelers.

Leading Carols

By LYN CONNELLY
A SONG which made its appearance in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its fourth year and well on its way to permanent recognition as a Christmas favorite.



The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a yuletide song reached its peak last year when a poll conducted to establish the favorite carol of servicemen revealed that 22 per cent of the votes went to this early war song written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Tin Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was entirely by accident despite rumors to the contrary which attribute its conception to the war. Actually, it was composed in 1940. A Hollywood studio had an idea for a motion picture to be called "Holiday Inn," co-starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. The theme of the picture was based on the holidays of the year and a song was needed to represent each holiday. Irving Berlin was contracted for the compositions. The picture, released in 1942, was synonymous with our second wartime Christmas, and in that year the song sold one million copies in four months. Although nothing is done on the part of the publishers to exploit the song, it automatically rings the register each year as the holiday season approaches. Berlin calls it his favorite song, with the exception of his "God Bless America" written during World War I. "It's difficult to predict a song's future," says Berlin, "but judging from its past, I would say 'White Christmas' has a very good chance of becoming a permanent song along with other Christmas carols."

Lincoln Issued Famous Emancipation January 1.

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln on New Year's Day, 1863. The Proclamation abolished slavery in those states and parts of states which were in rebellion on that date and, though other days are observed in various parts of the country, January 1 is the date most generally observed as Emancipation Day.

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and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

ON CHRISTMAS DAY may the companionship of friends and family make your home happy and gay. Your friends and neighbors at the West Texas Utilities Company wish the best of everything for you and yours. We hope that during the coming year our service will in some way make each new day more pleasant.

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Season's GREETINGS

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First Watch Night Service Held by Pioneers in 1770

In addition to the more or less hilarious secular celebrations on New Year's Eve, many religious denominations hold special "watch-night" services from nine or ten to twelve o'clock. The custom was inaugurated by St. George Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia, where the first "watch-night" service was held in 1770.

Peace, Good-Will

The time draws near the birth of Christ: The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist. Four voices of four hamlets round, From far and near, on mead and moor, Swell out and fall, as if a door Were shut between me and the sound.

Christmas Music By Bach, Handel

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening — until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratorios and carols came from Bach and Handel.

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Deciphers Story of Old Syrian Tablet

A scholar at Yale university recently translated an inscription on a clay tablet found in Northern Syria which comprised "the oldest known narrative of the miraculous birth of an exceptional child," antedating similar tales familiar in Old Testament literature.

The ancient tablet was one of several unearthed during a series of archeological expeditions begun in 1929 at Ras Shamra, the site of ancient Ugarit, and the translation was made by Dr. Julian J. Obermann, director of Judaica-research at Yale.

He said the inscription, in cuneiform alphabet, formed the prologue of a Canaanite saga about a certain Daniel, who lived more than 1,000 years before his namesake who invaded the lions' den, and how he begat a son named Aqhat.

Extra-Curricular 'Navcad' Activity



There's plenty of good, wholesome food at every "chow down" period for Naval Aviation Cadets in training at Pensacola Naval Air Station and seconds are always in order. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active duty. (Official Navy Photograph)



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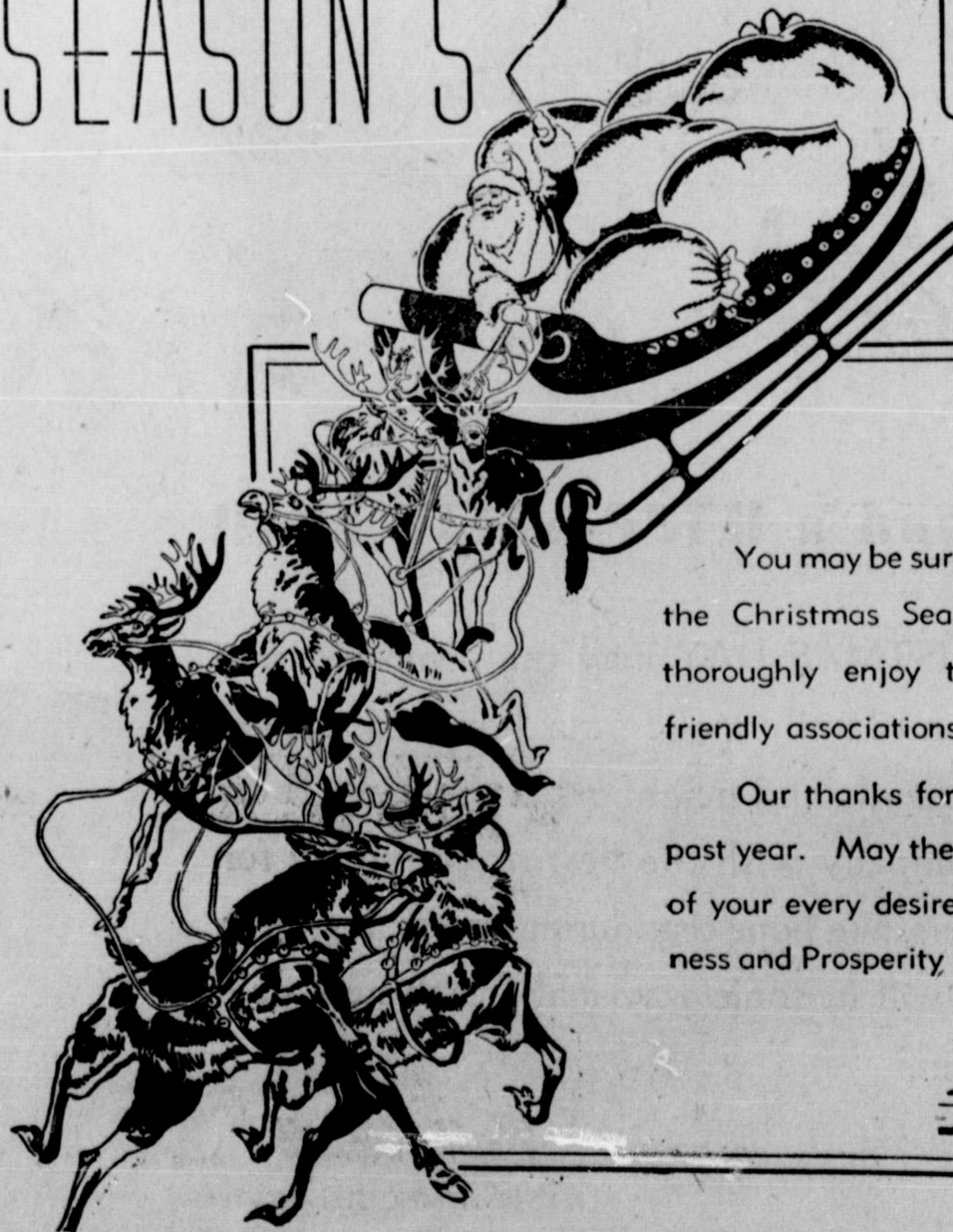
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Christmas Play

By Katherine Edelman

THE town hall was wreathed with holly and mistletoe. Bright red bells hung from the old-fashioned chandeliers. Christmas candles sent their soft glow into the night. The whole place cried out welcome to the crowd who thronged through the doors.

By eight o'clock every seat was occupied. Small gossip and murmurs of expectancy ran through the crowd. The little town was proud of the boy who was taking the leading part in the play. They had known Ted Rawlings all their lives. Known him as an easy-going lad, interested in nothing more than fishing and hunting around the country, and later as an astonishingly changed ambitious fellow. No one seemed to understand how the quick transition occurred.

All eyes turned to the stage as the heavy curtain rolled upward. Three hundred pairs of eyes fastened themselves upon the moving, speaking figures. "Isn't Ted wonderful," young girls whispered breathlessly to each other. Between acts, thunderous bursts of applause filled the room. Hands clapped with vehemence. Small boys made their approval known by shrill whistling.



"Ted, you were perfectly wonderful," Sally was saying.

Ted carried the audience with him, every step of the way. He seemed to enter, to merge himself completely in the character he portrayed. His make-believe was so intense in the last act, that there was a deep silence for a moment when the final curtain fell.

FOR the time it was no make-believe to Ted. He was living again all the agony of parting, of seeing Sally Howard go away without a word. He had been sure until her train pulled out that she would come and say how sorry she was for the bitter, reproachful words she had hurled at him. Words that had left their mark upon his soul—that had stung him into a mad, ambitious desire to show her what he could do.

He found no real satisfaction in the tumultuous applause that followed. In this hour of his triumph, his heart cried out for Sally. If only she was here! If only she had cared! He scarcely knew what he was saying in answer to the lavish congratulations.

Suddenly small hands pressed tightly around his arm, and a remembered voice spoke in his ear. "Ted, you were perfectly wonderful," Sally was saying, "wonderful, wonderful. I'm so proud—so proud of you."

"But, Sally, I don't understand. I thought you were in New York."

"I was, until last night. I've been keeping track of you. I knew all about the play, and—and the way you have been working lately. I wouldn't have missed this for anything in the world."

"But the things you said, Sally? They hurt—they still do."

"I wanted them to hurt, Ted. I know—I know it was cruel, but there seemed no other way. Someone had to give you the right kind of push to get you going. You know you were really lazy? But now, well, you've really put on speed."

"Nothing like the speed I'm going to show in getting ready for a Christmas wedding. There's just two days left. We've got to make it a really big event. Let's give out the announcement now—while the crowd is still in the hall."

In England's Wassail Bowls
Brewed in England's Yuletide wassail bowls are baked apples, hot ale seasoned with spice, orange juice and rind and whipped eggs.

Plan Christmas Dinner
Plan to prepare as much of the meal as possible on the day prior to Christmas so that the housewife can enjoy the day with her family.

Used As Good Luck Charm
Rings of mistletoe were worn around the neck in Sweden to prevent sickness.

Sweethearts' Reunion Under Mistletoe Twig

BETTY JANE dressed carefully, wondering if college had changed Bill much. It was grand having him home for the holidays. The doorbell rang.

"Christmas gift," cried Bill, handing her a gayly-wrapped package, and taking her in his arms. Betty Jane drew back. She wasn't sure she liked this Bill so well—he seemed so sure of himself. She remembered Bill as humble, wooing for her favors.

"Come say hello to the folks," Betty Jane invited, "and see the tree and smell turkey."

They went, hand in hand. "I suppose you've met a lot of girls at college," she hazarded. "Tell me about them."

"Well, there's just one I'm really crazy about," Bill answered. "All the fellows think she's swell. Her picture's on my dresser, and whenever I'm in doubt, I talk things over with her."

"How grand," said Betty Jane in a tight little voice. They came to the mistletoe. How different from last year, when she was just learning to love him!

"I have her picture on my watch, too," Bill went on, his eyes twinkling brighter than the silver star atop the tree.

"You used to carry mine there," Betty Jane observed, and managed somehow to laugh lightly.

"And still do," said Bill, exhibiting it. "All the fellows are jealous of the girl I left behind me. There isn't a girl in all the world, let alone college, like you, Betty Jane. And by the way, don't you know that a pretty girl should always stop when she comes to mistletoe?"—Helen Waterman.

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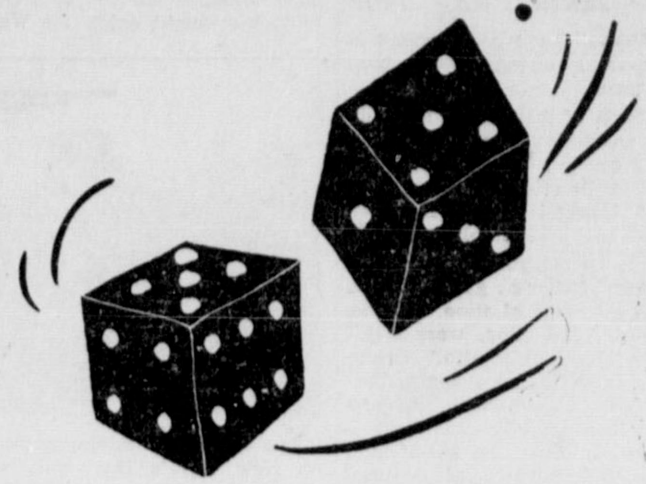
IN SEASON



Santa—Stick 'em up!

Believe Animals Fall on Knees
A superstitious notion prevails in the western part of Devonshire, England, that at 12 midnight Christmas eve the oxen in the stables always fall on their knees.

Strange and Interesting Facts



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LIFE INSURANCE SALES

AUSTIN—Life insurance sales in Texas dipped 2 per cent from September to October, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Sales in September totaled \$57,031,000, down 7 per cent from a year earlier.

In the United States as a whole,

life insurance sales reached \$1,149,985,000 in October, a 7-per cent rise from September, but an 11-per cent decline from October 1947.

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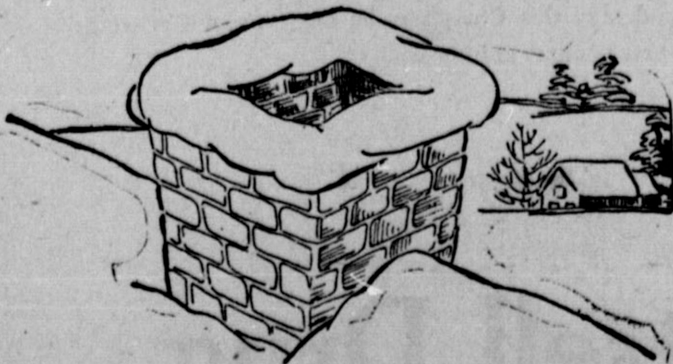


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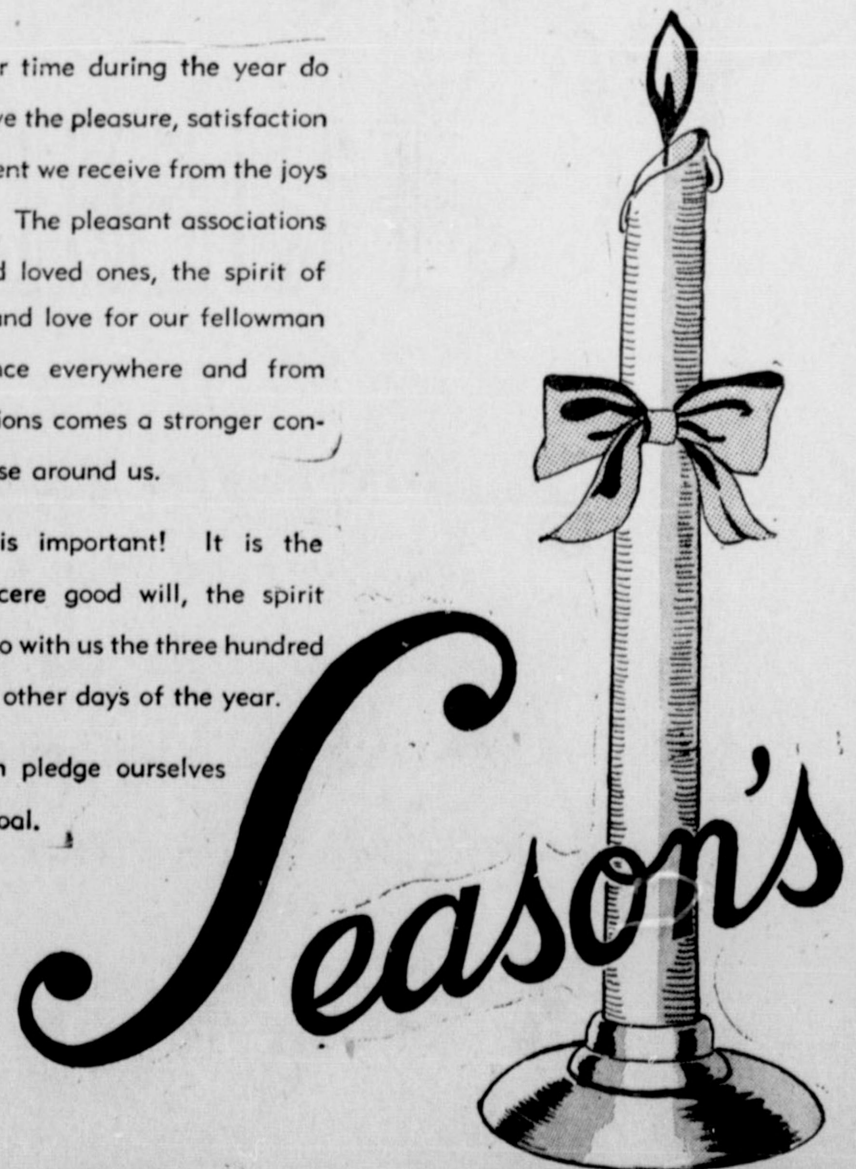
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At no other time during the year do any of us derive the pleasure, satisfaction and contentment we receive from the joys of Christmas. The pleasant associations of friends and loved ones, the spirit of good feeling and love for our fellowman are in evidence everywhere and from these associations comes a stronger confidence in those around us.

Christmas is important! It is the season of sincere good will, the spirit which should go with us the three hundred and sixty-four other days of the year.

Let us each pledge ourselves toward this goal.



Season's GREETINGS
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Wassail Bowl For Auld Lang Syne

The Wassail bowl goes around in Scotland—and elsewhere—at New Year's time.

The origin of the custom is really lost in antiquity: Saxon ancestors probably quaffed their ale from the polished skulls of defeated enemies, and the Rowena legend must be classified as "presumably fiction."

Rowena is reported to have offered her father's guest—Prince Vortigren—a bowl of wine with the salutation "Lord King, wass-hael," literally, "To Your Health." Draining the bowl with one draught, Vortigren fell in love with Rowena and they lived happily ever after.

Anyway, in time the bowl itself became an ornament of graceful design—decorated with branches of greenery which formed a canopy over the bowl. The mixture within was warm and included ale, sugar, spices, sweetened wine was added by hosts who could afford it, apples floated on top of the decoction, sometimes called "lamb's wool" or the "old man's beard." The poorer

classes carried a bowl decorated with ribbons around the neighborhood, begging that it be filled, so they, too, might enjoy the Wassail.



The custom of making short calls on New Year's Day was in full swing throughout America about 1900. Newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices specifying the hours during which visitors would be received. A succession of "open houses" and punch bowls sometimes minimized the courtesies accorded to hostesses—receptions were often "crashed" by bibulous strangers;

hence, the publicity announced "open house" custom has fallen into decline and, New Year's calls now being exchanged only by intimates, the Wassail bowl goes 'round in private.

Smash the Pinata South of Border

Smashing the Pinata is a red-letter feature of Mexican Christmas festivities.

An earthen jar is filled with nuts, candies and small gifts. Elaborately disguised and decorated with tissue paper, etc., it often represents a doll's face or an entire figure—perhaps a bull fighter.

Children of the household, blindfolded and armed with a club, are each given three chances to break the Pinata. Inasmuch as the basic earthen jar has been selected because of its fragility, it shatters easily, releasing a shower of goodies and trinkets and causing everyone in the party to scramble for a share.

RED ROSES BY Perna Krick

BR—RR—ING!

Ann Carson climbed quickly down off the small stepladder she was using to hang the glittering angel on the topmost bough of the Christmas tree. The sharp clang of the doorbell was a welcome sound. Hastening joyously she flung the door wide open.

"For me? Come in, Timmy." She smiled down at the wizened old hunchback shivering on the doorstep. Ann took the package tendered almost ceremoniously, bearing conspicuously the label of his own small flower shop. And with the privilege of a lifelong friend Timmy followed her into the warm lamp-lit room.

Slowly and musingly Ann untied the bright tinsel bows. She knew without looking what the box contained and as her fingers broke the seals she seemed again to hear Jerry's voice, low, quivering and hurt.

They had gone to a dance that memorable Christmas eve and homeward through the whitening mist she had tried, bravely, to tell him she must marry another man.

A frantic Jerry pleading and a strange new ache at her heart, she had stood for a moment on the run-



White Roses!

ning board of his car and Jerry had whispered: "But, darling little Ann, I'll love you always—always!"

He had touched with reverent clumsy fingers the single crimson rose she was wearing on the soft black fur of her evening wrap. The touch seemed to give him an idea. Jerry was romantic and they were both so young. "No matter wherever I may be, little Ann," he said, "I'll send you red roses at Christmas time and you will know."

"If ever," he had added, crushing her close as he lifted her down, "if ever I feel I can live without you, when the scars of this night heal, I'll send white ones. Remember!" and with a quick stride he was gone.

But she had not married the other man. Somehow after that she couldn't. But impulsive hot-headed Jerry left that night, a stowaway on a tramp steamer bound for China, and now one, two, three, four long years unrolled before her.

Her letters, pleading and unashamed had followed him half way around the earth gathering curious postmarks, undecipherable, but eventually they had returned, tattered, torn—but unclaimed.

But they had come. From strange lands in far odd corners they had come, those orders to old Timmy the florist for the red, red roses as red as her own heart's blood that now beat so chokingly in her throat. And she would wait, wait forever if need be, for Jerry.

Exultantly she lifted the lid. Roses!

But slowly over her face froze a look of piteous unbelief. The mass of blossoms blurred before her eyes and Jerry's pain-torn words rang in her ears: "If ever I can live without you, I'll send white ones." And—these were white. As white as the drifting snow outside. White roses! Mutely her lips formed the words. Oh, God, it couldn't be, after all these years! White roses!

"You don't like them? I very sorry." Crestfallen, apologetic, old Timmy was turning to go. "But the order came so late. No red ones left for you, only little wilty buds and so I peck the beeg, beeg white ones for you." His dim old eyes pleaded eloquently for her understanding.

Oh!—Oh!—breathlessly. The light that ne'er was on land or sea came flooding back into Ann's face and clear as a child's faith in Santa Claus the far-away chimes were pealing. Peace, good will to men! Jerry had meant red roses after all.

(McClure Syndicate—WNU Service.)

When the Infant Jesus Selected His Playmate

According to various legends, the Holy Family travels about on Christmas Eve. Long ago—in England—sick babies were carried to the threshold at midnight. If the child recovered, it had been healed by the passing Christ; if the baby died, the Holy Child had chosen the infant to be His playmate in heaven.

Fun at Dingley

When they were all tired of blind-man's bluff, there was a great game at snap-dragon and, when fingers enough were burned with that, and all the raisins gone, they sat down by the huge fire of blazing logs to a substantial supper and a mighty bowl of wassail, something smaller than an ordinary wash-house copper, in which the hot apples were hissing and bubbling with a rich look, and a jolly sound that were perfectly irresistible.



"This," said Mr. Pickwick, looking round him, "this is indeed comfort."

"Our invariable custom," said Mr. Wardle. "Everybody sits down with us on Christmas Eve, as you see them now—servants and all; and here we wait till the clock strikes twelve to usher Christmas in, and while away the time with forfeits and old stories. Trundle by, rake up the fire."

Up flew the bright sparks myriads as the logs were stirred, and the deep, red blaze sent forth a rich glow that penetrated into the farthest corner of the room and cast its cheerful tint on every face.

"Come," said Wardle, "a song—a Christmas song, give you one in default of a better."

"Bravo!" said Mr. Pickwick. "Fill up!" cried Wardle. "It will be two hours gone before you see the bottom of the bowl through the deep rich colour of the wassail; fill up all round, and now the song."—From Charles Dickens' "Pickwick Papers."

Star of Bethlehem Phenomenon of Age

The Star of Bethlehem has been the subject of extensive research and discussion. Modern astronomers have considered several natural phenomenon theories without attaching too much weight to any such hypothesis.

Karkantari's Fear Of Burned Leather

Christmas fires burn brightly in Greek households throughout the holiday season and Macedonians save their old shoes for the purpose of burning them at Christmas time since the odor of burning leather is said to be offensive to the Karkantari.

The Karkantari are mysterious creatures which wander about the rural communities of Greece between Christmas and Epiphany. Dreaded because their gremlin-like

tricks make life generally miserable for everybody, the Karkantari are particularly fond of attacking and beating persons who are a bit drowsy after an unusually hearty meal.

Of course, the orthodox Greek priest effectively banishes the Karkantari when he comes around with his copper vessel of holy water and cross entwined with sprigs of basil. The priest dips the cross into the vessel and sprinkles each room with the holy water—after which the Karkantari are expected to disappear and not return until the following Christmas.

Season's Greetings

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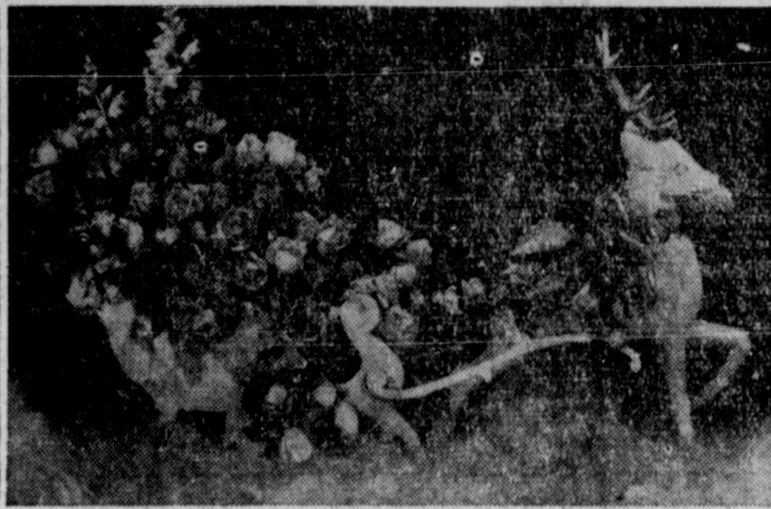
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A Common Paper for Common People



en route to Bethlehem the Wise Men crossed the path of a little shepherdess named Madelon. Enraptured at the wondrous tale about the birth of Christ which they related, she was heartbroken because she had no gift to offer.

While she was crying she detected a sweet-smelling aroma and looked up. Standing next to her was an angel who inquired the reason for her sadness. Madelon explained that while she wanted to pay homage to the newly-born Babe, she didn't even have a single, beautiful flower such as grew in the fields in the summer to give Him. The angel waved her arm and a stunning bunch of gorgeous, snowy white Christmas roses appeared.

Madelon gathered her precious gift in her arms and hurried off to Bethlehem where the Wise Men had gone. After the Wise Men's offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh, she humbly proffered her flowers to the tiny infant, who stretched out a hand to touch the roses. His fingers lightly brushed the immaculate petals and immediately they changed to a delicate pink.

Poinsettias which head the popularity list of Christmas flowers, ironically enough do not have any legends attached to them because of

garded cedar as a symbol of endurance, strength, life and eternity. Recognized by its characteristic, pleasant aroma, cedar also was an emblem of purity because its tree-tops were frequently covered with snow during a large part of the year.

An old-time favorite of sailors who visited Mediterranean ports was Rosemary because of the aromatic perfume the plant yielded. Familiar to most Americans as a straggling hedge plant, Rosemary droops in massive festoons 12 feet long in its native Italy.

Legend has it that the flowers were colorless until the Blessed Virgin, during the flight into Egypt, hung the clothes of Jesus on Rosemary bushes to dry. Thereafter, Rosemary bushes blossomed forth with their sparkling blue flowers.

The Hawthorn bush with its white or red flowers originally was the May tree of the Old World. Peculiarly, the bush never blooms in May. According to historians, Joseph of Arimathea went to England and on the completion of his pilgrimage at the Abbey of Glastonbury he pushed his staff into the ground where it burst forth leaves and flowers. Since then the Hawthorn bush always flowers at Christmas, which is out of its regular season.

Courtesy Important When Sending Cards

The exchange of cheerful Christmas cards between friends is one of our most delightful Yuletide customs—and like all other social relationships, it is governed by simple, common-sense rules of etiquette.

You may properly send your holiday greetings to almost everyone—business and professional associates, if you wish, as well as social acquaintances and relatives.

Be sure to choose appropriate cards, however. If Aunt Jennie is a garden enthusiast, she'll probably appreciate a beautiful flower print more than a dozen Santa Claus designs.

Special Titles. Cards with special titles, such as "Merry Christmas, Mother," are available for mothers, wives, sweethearts and practically all relatives, including the in-laws, and are a mark of individual thoughtfulness.

If you can spare a moment or two, pen a brief holiday note on each card. It adds a warm sincerity and a touch of your individual personality to your Yuletide greetings. Christmas time is a sentimental and nostalgic season for everyone, and many a friendship has been kept alive through the years by the annual exchange of holiday greetings.

Colored ink is entirely proper both for signing the card and addressing the envelope, provided it harmonizes with the color scheme of the card itself.

Signatures need not be formal, except on engraved Christmas cards. You may have your name neatly printed if you wish, or take your pen in hand and sign the greetings yourself with a holiday flourish.

"Mr. and Mrs." Married couples may omit the "Mr. and Mrs." if they prefer and sign their cards simply "Paul and Jenny Wilson." Either the husband's name or the wife's may appear first. Children in the family

rate a place in the signature, too.

In addressing the envelopes, it is best to send one card to a husband and wife, and separate cards to other adult members of the family too. As an alternative, one card may be mailed to the whole family if you are careful to write the names of each individual on the envelope, including the children.

Use three-cent stamps for your Christmas cards, following the rule of good taste which says that first-class friends deserve first-class mail. It is entirely proper to write your return address on the envelope, to help friends keep tab on changes of address.

Selecting attractive Christmas cards for each of your friends is a delightful pre-Christmas activity. Don't treat it as a sober social responsibility. Plunge in with a smile and the gay holiday scenes on the cards will soon fill your heart with Yuletide cheer and sentiment.

Santa Claus School Trains Jolly Gents

In a colonial farmhouse at Albion, N. Y., there's a Santa Claus school and it's the only educational institution of its kind in the world.

Graduates wear white wig and whiskers, red suit trimmed in white fur, wide white belt, and black leather boots.

A course at the school prepares the prospective Santa Claus to properly shake when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly, remain calm when a child glares and yells "there ain't no Santa Claus" and maintain proper diplomatic relations with a parent who thinks Santa has given her the brushoff.

Birthday of Jesus An Uncertain Date

It is not surprising that the day and year of the birth of Jesus are uncertain, for methods of keeping track of dates during the era when Christ was born were not very reliable. For years, eminent scholars

have been searching the scriptures, and all possible records, to try to establish an exact date. So far, they have not succeeded.

Matthew states that Jesus was born during the reign of King Herod which helps to establish the period of His birth and this is the starting point from which the scholars attempt to reckon the year.

The statement by Matthew that the wise men from the east, in inquiring "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" aroused Herod so that he ordered the massacre of all children two years old or less, is very significant. It is taken as proof that Jesus must have been born about two years before this infamous decree was issued.

No less an authority than the Catholic encyclopedia places the birth of Christ in the year which, by our modern methods of keeping track of dates, would be 7 B. C. Thus, Christ's birth does not exactly determine the difference between B. C. and A. D. date.

Most people, however, do not care if the exact day and year of Christ's birth are unknown. What matters most is the deathless vigor of the Christmas Spirit throughout the world.

Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.



"I WAS A GOOD GIRL ALL YEAR" . . . It looks as though Santa believes her, too. Right now Santa is busy with millions of interviews like this, but he's expected to stay on schedule and arrive here December 25.



Perhaps the most typical thing about America at this time is the Christmas tree, for with its holiday garb of tinsel and goodies, its religious significance and spirit of festivity, it mirrors the cultural traditions and customs of the world.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The multi-colored lights which adorn your Christmas tree will be reflected, we hope, in the radiance of your joy through all the years to follow. And may the happy surprises which await you mark the beginning of a future which will be filled with good health, good will, good luck and a pack of happiness to last a lifetime over. We thank you sincerely for your past patronage and look forward to serving you to your complete satisfaction in the New Year.

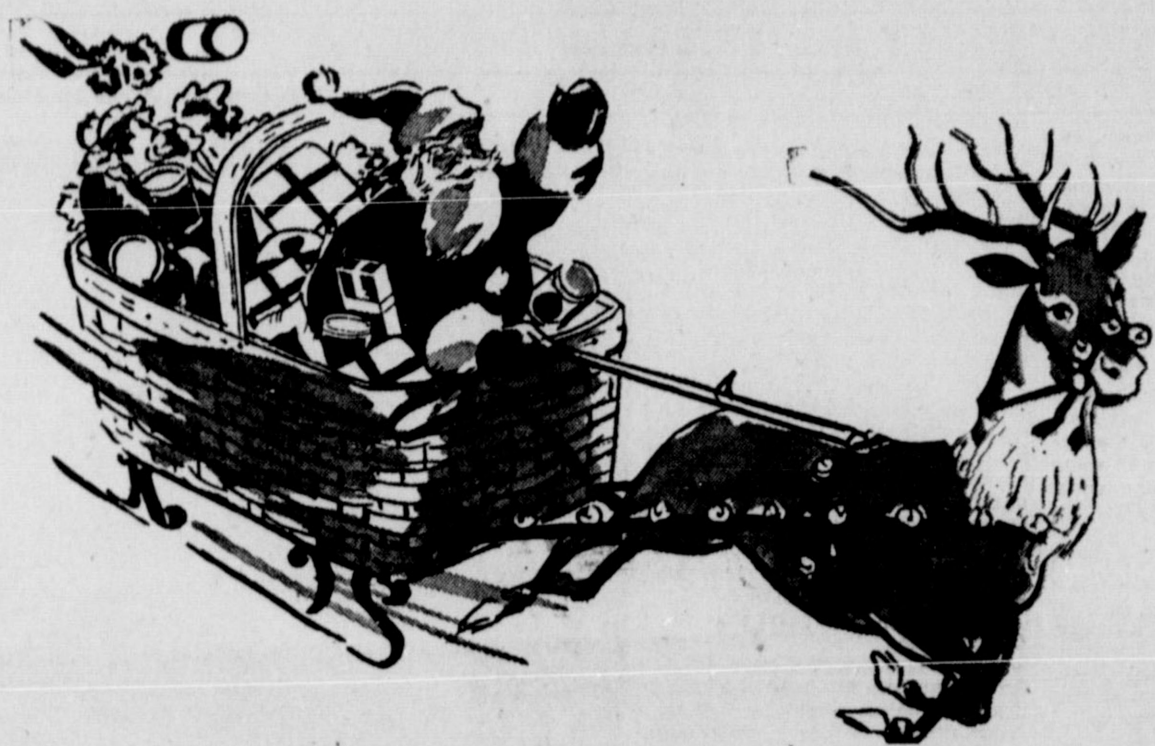
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Mail Carriers Walk Many Weary Miles



LOADED . . . A familiar sight on the streets this time of year. He wishes he had Santa's reindeer

Give a thought to the foot-sore mail carrier, who probably trudges more weary miles during Christmas week than does old St. Nick himself.

His malsack will be even heavier this year than in 1947. Last December, the nation's postal service delivered 5,000,000,000 pieces of mail. They expect to break that record this Christmas.

You can help spare your mail carrier's bunions—and incidentally speed delivery of your own Yuletide letters, Christmas cards, and packages—by heeding the Post Office Department's suggestions:

1. Shop now—get your Christmas mail and packages off as early as possible.
2. Wrap your gifts carefully. Address them plainly—Aunt Susie may be able to decipher your handwriting, but not all postmen carry magnifying glasses and crystal balls: Register valuable letters. Insure valuable packages.
3. Be sure to put the full address on each piece of mail. Include city zone numbers.

4. Send your Christmas cards by first-class mail. Put a three-cent stamp on every Christmas card and seal the envelopes. They are more personal that way, and if your friend has moved, the card will be forwarded. Third-class mail doesn't have that privilege.

5. Remember that Air Mail for letters and Christmas cards is only a nickel, and it will get them to distant points more quickly—especially if you slip up on Suggestion No. 1.

Silent Night

The famous Christmas hymn, "Silent night, holy night," was written in Obendorf, one of Austria's loveliest villages, on Christmas Eve, 1818, by the local clergyman, who took the words to the home of the village organist the same night, where they were immediately set to the well-known tune.

Tinsel

Old and tarnished tinsel can be made to look almost as bright as new by washing it in warm soap suds to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. Dry tinsel with a towel and hang it up to finish drying.

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who

built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those peoples.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to

Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.



Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers was chewing on his fingernails. He had just been indicted by a federal grand jury for perjury at a senate committee hearing.

Donald E. Blodgett of Evanston, Ill., was extending a hearty welcome to two visitors from St. Nikolaas, Belgium, Mr. and Mrs. George Smet. They had shielded him from Nazis when, as an AAF pilot, his plane was shot down in 1944.

President Harry Truman was wondering what he should do with a brand new spaniel pup. One of his friends in Missouri had sent it to him. The dog's name was Feller. Lt. Glenn Davis (Mr. Outside of the West Point Blanchard-Davis backfield combination) was sulking in his tent. The army had refused to permit him to resign so he could play pro football.

Henry Agard Wallace was being progressive. He announced that he would run for president in 1948 on a third party platform of "peace and abundance for all."

Congressman Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan was being difficult. He set up a barren Christmas tree outside his office and placed a sign on it reading "Nothing for the home folks. They've sent it all abroad." New Yorkers were calling grumpily for St. Bernards and brandy kegs. They had been presented with 25.8 inches of snow by a 16-hour blizzard.

Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault was beaming with happiness. He had just married a Chinese girl, Ann Chan, in Shanghai.

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Merry Christmas

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Phone No. 12

SEASON'S GREETINGS



With the pleasant thoughts that come from the knowledge of many new friendships formed the past twelve months, we warmly wish each of you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

PARKER - PERKINS

UNDER YOUR TREE on Christmas Morn

Here's a little Christmas Greeting to place under your tree on Christmas morn. May it convey our sincere thanks to you for all you've done for us.

Shamburger Lumber Co.
GLENN HOGGATT OSCAR THOMAS, Mgr. CLAUDE SIDDLE



SANTA CLAUS is one of the most precious wonders of childhood. American mothers overwhelmingly agree that he should be portrayed as the spirit of generosity, kindness, and gift-giving.

Although the modern conception of Santa Claus is American, the Spirit of Santa Claus is neither

modern nor American. The real Saint Nicholas lived in Asia Minor and ever since his death in 343 stories concerning him have been repeated around the firesides of Europe.

The children of Lapland and northern climates naturally picture Santa dressed in fur and dashing through the snow in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. But in central Europe, St. Nicholas first appeared on his liturgical feast day, December 6, and he was a thin, austere churchman who rode a mule and carried gifts for good children and a bundle of birch rods with which to switch the naughty.

Under Dutch influence St. Nicholas lost his solemnity. The Dutch colonists who brought him to America were very practical people and they decided against two gift-giving days in the same month. Thus, Sinter Klass started coming around only at Christmas time.

Santa Gets a Sleigh.

Eventually, ancient legends were woven into American Christmas traditions. Washington Irving sent

St. Nicholas flying through Christmas skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh in 1809; Dr. Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822, gave Santa " . . . a little round belly that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly;" and a series of drawings in 1863 by Thomas Nast added much to the traditional pictures and appearance of the Santa we see today.

In every youngster's life there comes the time when he begins to suspect that the various be-whiskered gentlemen, so numerous during this season, are not exactly the real Santa Claus. Wise parents advance the "helper" theory as soon as they are asked questions and teach their children to make the Christmas dreams of less fortunate tots and their families come true.

Thus, the real Santa Claus isn't just myth or legend. He is the Spirit of Christmas who lives in the sparkling eyes of children and in the hearts of all grown-ups who strive for peace and good will among men.

When Heart Rules Head
At Christmas the heart dethrones the head. It compels us to do high things; it permits us to do foolish things; it sanctions our being child-like. It urges us, for one brief week, to be gloriously, recklessly, unselfish.—American Magazine.



PRESENT . . . This puppy is as happy as his master. Experts say that a pet is an ideal gift for children.

Home-Sick Tailor Cut First Tree

To August Imgard, a home-sick immigrant tailor, goes the credit for introducing the Christmas tree to America.

Imgard came to this country in 1847 to visit his brother in Wooster, Ohio. With the prospects of a dismal Christmas for the first time away from his native land, August decided to bring to his newly adopted home all the Christmas spirit and festivities he had loved so much in Wetzlar, Hussia. To his young nephew and niece he would show how Christmas was celebrated in the old country.

First, he needed a Christmas tree. This is the way he described how he got it: "I walked up Apple creek. . . . When I got to where the trees were I found the water so high I could not get across. So I walked along until I found a tree fallen from bank to bank and crossed on that. I cut a tree and carried it to the fallen log. But to get across this time I had to tie the tree to my neck and crawl on hands and feet. People looked at me with considerable curiosity when I walked through town with my tree."

Adept with scissors, Imgard cut his own paper ornaments and a local tinsmith fashioned a shiny star for the top.

Pine Cone Legend

Once upon a time—according to Harz mountain legend—a poor miner's wife was gathering pine cones in the forest. It was just before Christmas, her husband was ill, and there was no money in the house for food. So, she gathered the cones and sold them to the villagers for kindling—obtaining enough for the day's necessities.

One morning while she was looking for such cones, a little imp jumped out of a huge fir tree.

"Here, here are the biggest, driest cones of all! Take these," he shrieked, jumping up and down excitedly.

Suddenly, there was such a shower of cones that the poor woman was frightened. She tried to run away, but could not move until the little imp had filled her basket. And, having started home, the basket grew heavier and heavier—she wished the elf hadn't disappeared, he might have helped her.

When she finally reached her hut, she called the children to help carry the basket inside. Emptying the basket, they found that every cone was made of solid silver.

Commemorating these legendary silver cones, gilded pine cones are sold in modern stores, to decorate our homes—to burn and crackle gaily in our Christmas fires.

Thousands of Bulbs On Largest Tree

Three thousand multi-colored electric bulbs and tons of Spanish moss decorate the world's largest Christmas tree located in Hilton Municipal Park at Wilmington, North Carolina. The giant, 300-year-old water oak rises to a height of 275 feet and its branches spread 110 feet.

Its magnificence has been enhanced by a radio station constructed beneath the spreading limbs from which emanates Christmas music that reaches the crowds from loud speakers concealed in the branches and an apparent voice from the heavens that comes from a speaker mounted atop a nearby giant water tower.

Throngs of people gather around it each night during December to listen or join in the Christmas caroling. The tree won its title as the largest Christmas tree in a contest held several years ago.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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

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

Harlan's Flowers

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Kelly Chamberlain
INSURANCE

Above All

WE WISH YOU A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the fine tradition of the past it is again our privilege to extend Season's Greetings to our friends in this area. May the old time joyousness of the occasion never be subdued and may it always be in evidence for each of you as you observe this glad occasion.

The hope of your happiness and well-being is ever before us and it is our sincere wish that you will enjoy life to its fullest extent. We are proud of the friendships that have been ours the years past, and in this pride we can properly say to you—

"Merry Greetings, friends!"

F. J. HOMMEL
MAGNOLIA WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR

CONFIDENCE Is the Word

A KIN TO FAITH, it is essential in the ordinary scheme of life. The management and personnel of this organization realize that we exist and progress only because of the confidence of our customers and we have grown in proportion to their patronage inspired by faith in dependable service.

As we turn again to the Holiday Season, Christmas and the New Year, we pledge our efforts to a continuance of the better ways of doing business. Nearing the close of another year, we wish to express our appreciation for all the fine things our customers have done for us, and for the confidence they have bestowed on our organization.

the Season's Best to All!

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company
and PERSONNEL

Christmas Name For Three Islands

Although Santa Claus doesn't live on any of them, there are three islands in the world named Christmas. One is the largest atoll in the Pacific ocean. It was discovered in 1777 by Cook, and annexed by Great Britain in 1888. The island is about 100 miles round and less than 100 people live on it. They earn their livelihood by cultivating the island's coconut groves.

Another Christmas island is located in the Indian ocean, 200 miles south of Java. It is 12 miles long by nine miles wide. Surrounded by ocean depths of 14,000 feet, its own highest ground reaches more than 1,000 feet above sea level. It also belongs to Great Britain and a few hundred Chinese, Malays, Javanese, and a few Europeans are engaged in the shipping of phosphate of lime.

Christmas island in the Little Bras d'Or, Nova Scotia, 30 miles southwest of Sydney, is a tiny fishing island of 1,400 population.

Flowers Are Part Of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history. Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had hidden them.

Much Family Fun In Group Games

"Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together." This suggestion comes from E. H. Regnier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making—airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population.

Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellcraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble games are excellent.

Mistletoe Distinct As Yule Decoration

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough
At our Christmas board
Shall hang to the honor
Of Christ our Lord.

Christmas Poinsettias Popular Holiday Plant

THE brilliant street lights of a large city were flickering into the cozy front apartment of the Malory sisters. They were sitting alone on Christmas eve enjoying their snow white tree gleaming under its burden of blue electric bulbs in true modern fashion.

"Oh, dear," sighed Lois, "doesn't Christmas always remind you of poinsettias?"

"Sure does," replied her sister,

wistfully. "How could we ever forget them? Remember how mother used to send us out in the sleigh to deliver these scarlet beauties to our friends, every Christmas? Those were the good old days!"

"Wasn't it fun, though? I can just see the dear old home simply loaded down with the 'Christmas stars' as we used to call them."

At this very moment several blocks down the street the telephone was ringing profusely in one of the busiest florist shops on the avenue. An order was being placed for the largest and very best poinsettia plant in stock. It was to be delivered to the Misses Lois and Mae

Malory, on Rugby street.

Just fifteen minutes later the door bell at this residence rang and a messenger delivered the gift beautifully wrapped and tied in Christmas colors.

"Oh, Lois, come quick!" shouted Mae. "A gift from the home town. What can it be?"

"Why, it's a pot of poinsettias—one mass of crimson stars! Who could have sent it?"

When they discovered the card, it was more puzzling than ever, for the only inscription upon it was, "Poinsettias For Christmas." — Alice B. Palmer.

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This is a time when we should all think of the underprivileged and do what we are able to help make the Holidays a pleasant one for them.

The Community Chest and Red Cross are agencies that will see that your donations are properly spent where they will do the most good.

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Our pleasant associations inspire sincere appreciation.

May your Holiday Happiness and Good Cheer continue with you

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Evelyn Powell - Pauline Watters
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PHONE 160

Season's Best Wishes

Season's Greetings

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Friends

Merry Christmas

Greetings

To Our Friends Everywhere Best Wishes

A. R. HENSON TIRE COMPANY
CLARENDON, TEXAS
PHONE 71



He was born in a manger under the Star
 For lack of room elsewhere.
 But the homes of earth may be glorified
 By His gracious presence there.
 He built no temple with stately walls,
 Yet there are many today
 Where weary men may adore His name
 As they bow their hearts to pray.

He wrote no book, but His message of truth
 Pervades the tongues of men,
 He left no riches, although in His name
 The wealth of His friends is given.
 He founded no kingdom, made no laws
 Yet the world will learn some day
 That only those nations can endure
 Which follow His matchless Way.

Tree Decorations Symbolize Myths

You may not realize it, but most of the ornaments on your Christmas tree are symbols of myths and legends that were popular three thousand years before the birth of Christ.

At that time the Aryan race, living in the foothills of the Himalaya mountains, bent as they passed through the humid air, the image of a gigantic tree. These sun poets added to the tree image suggestions from the more distant heavens; the sun, the moon and the stars became the golden fruit that hung on the branches. The larger clouds suggested birds, swans and doves flying in and about the tree. The golden flash of heat-lightning became the mystical flower that grew on the tree, the celestial mistletoe. The showers that watered the tree came from the streams at its base.

From these fragmentary old legends in folklore we get the tree itself, the golden tinsel to represent the rising sun, the golden fruit for

stars and the moon, swans and doves for clouds, mistletoe for lightning and showers or streamers of silver tinsel for water.

Animal Costumes For Christmas

Polish children masquerade in animal costumes on Christmas Eve. It's done to honor the legend that attributes the power of speech to birds and animals during the midnight hour of Christmas Eve in recognition of the animals who, sharing the stable of Bethlehem, warmed the Holy Infant with their breath.

CHRISTMAS 'MOTHER'S DAY'

In Yugoslavia, the second Sunday before Christmas is celebrated as Mother's day. While mother tends not to notice, one of the children slips in cautiously and ties her feet to the chair. The other children rush in shouting, "Mother's day! Mother's day! What will you pay to get away!" The mother then buys her release with Christmas gifts.

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night thru and yearns for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Some Safety Rules For Holiday Season

It only takes a small amount of carelessness to turn the joyful Christmas holiday into a tragic event. The Christmas tree is the danger spot. There are a few simple precautions that will assure a safe and merry Christmas.

Never burn real candles on your tree.

Don't risk using frayed cords and broken plugs.

Avoid placing powerful lamp bulbs near fancy ornaments, synthetic materials, paper or cotton.

Don't go away and leave your tree lighted.

Be very careful when smoking around Christmas package wrapping material.

Secure the tree by wires to the wall so that tiny tots will not be able to bump or pull it over.

Place your tree so that, standing or fallen, it cannot block a doorway which might be needed to escape from the room.

If you go in for elaborate decorations, better make sure they're all made of incombustible material. Flameproofed materials can be purchased at many stores. Insist on

Have Tree Base Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

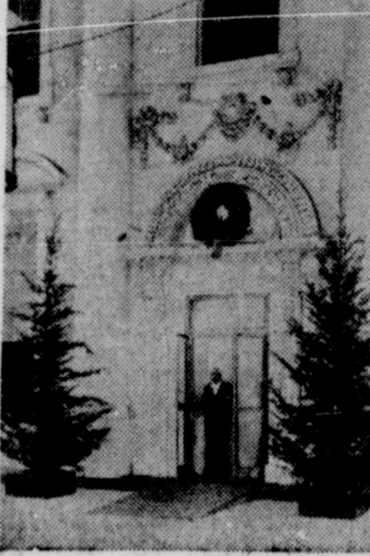
Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible.

Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

December Dates

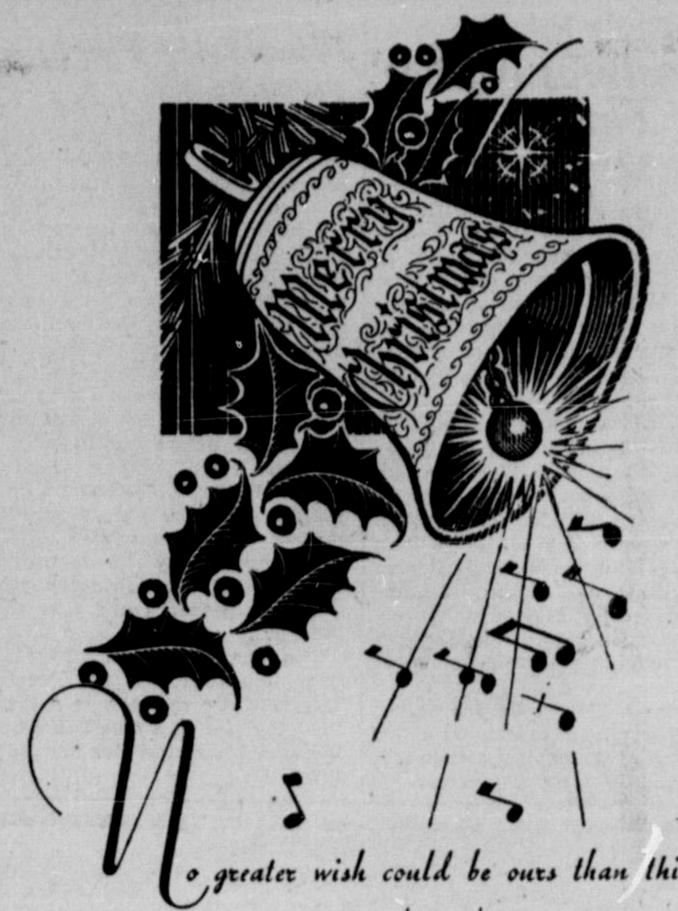
There aren't very many famous birthdays during December—too near Christmas! However, a few of history's prominent people were born in December and here they are:

- Dec. 8, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.
- Dec. 16, Ludwig von Beethoven.
- Dec. 17, John Greenleaf Whittier.
- Dec. 24, Christopher (Kit) Carson.
- Dec. 27, Louis Pasteur.
- Dec. 28, Woodrow Wilson.
- Dec. 31, Rudyard Kipling.



WHITE HOUSE DOOR . . . If you were having Christmas dinner at the White House this is what you'd see as you approached it.

England has two towns with Christmas names. Christmas Pie is a small village near Guildford, Surrey, while Christmas Common is near Oxford and Henley.



No greater wish could be ours than this:

MAY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR BE
 THE MOST GLORIOUS OF YOUR
 LIFE AND THAT THE NEW YEAR
 MAY BRING YOU HEALTH, GOOD
 FORTUNE AND GREAT HAPPINESS.

We very much appreciate the opportunity you have given us to serve you in the past and even more do we appreciate you as a friend.
 May we deserve this friendship always.

THOMPSON BROS.

WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE

Christmas Candles



At this season of good cheer, may they signify joy and gladness to fill your heart for many days to come.

All of us in this firm extend to all of you in your home, Holiday Greetings.

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HERE'S A GREAT BIG WISH FOR YOU



Merry Christmas

And a word of appreciation to you for your thoughtful friendships. May all the joys of a good Christmas be yours!

E. F. "Bert" SMITH GIN CO
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Here's a Christmas PLEDGE TO THOSE WHOM WE SERVE

AS THE SHADOWS OF THE OLD YEAR LENGTHEN TOWARD THE TWILIGHT AND AS WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE PROBLEMS OF THE NEW YEAR, IT GIVES US REASON TO PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OR TWO TO CONSIDER THE PLEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN OURS. WE SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MANY GENUINE FRIENDSHIPS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS FINE COMMUNITY. FRIENDSHIPS WE VALUE ABOVE ALL THINGS MATERIAL. ASSOCIATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CEMENTED

BY THE LOYAL THOUGHTFULNESS OF THOSE WHOM WE SERVE WE ARE INDEED GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO US, AND WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU. WE DO NOT HESITATE TO RENEW OUR PLEDGE OF SERVICE AND CO-OPERATION IN WHATEVER CAPACITY WE MAY BE CALLED UPON. A JOYOUS AMERICAN CHRISTMAS IS EXTENDED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS AREA.

IF IT'S HEAT, IT CAN ALWAYS BE DONE BETTER WITH NATURAL GAS

City Gas Company

Phone 111

Sincerely

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

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

HAPPY New Year



Bryan Clothing Co. ALLEN J. BRYAN, MANAGER Glarendon, Texas

Cannon Fire Hails Christmas in Rome

A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastic dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight Mass.

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala after-midnight in Rome: hotels and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire.

Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds—Pifferani—revisit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferani play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and receive gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their hosts.

Nut-Bowl Filled From Many Lands

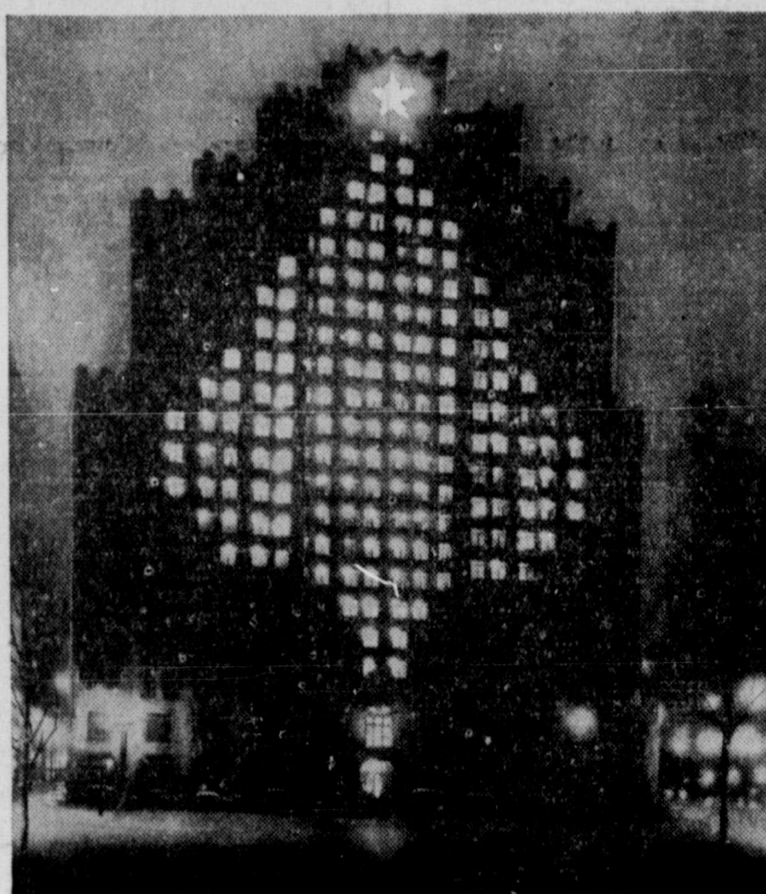
Nuts from all over the world go into your nut-bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

The keeping of Christmas or saint's days, and the making of mince pies were illegal in the early Massachusetts and New Haven colonies. The strict religion of the Puritans banned observance of holy days.



UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TREE . . . Just one star and the proper window lighting creates this picture on the side of a Minneapolis, Minn., office building. The tree is over twenty floors high.

Christmas Went Underground With Puritan Ban of 1644

THERE was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its way out.

It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law and a Christmas underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas." This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Cryer of Canterbury had upon Wednesday, December 22, "openly proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down, and a market which being kept on Christmas day, Which being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the

town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people, caused them to rise in a rebellious way."

Among the rarest of the pamphlets issued at that time is one entitled "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this little volume, "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled." The Judge was called Judge Hate-bate, the Sheriff's name was called Leonard Love-peace."

In the end Christmas is acquitted, but is cautioned by Judge Hate-bate, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon you for the future, do think fit to admonish you, that you remember your Office is not so much to feast the Body, as to refresh the Soul, by thankful and pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "Jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.

MAY

Every Good Wish Come True!

It is only natural at this glad Season of the year to think of those who have made the past so worthwhile and whose loyal support and friendships give added strength to the future.

We extend our compliments of the Christmas Season and take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage.

Sincere good wishes to all!

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JOY at Christmas

TO EXTEND
SEASON'S BEST GREETINGS

We are happy that the Holiday season again furnishes us an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the continued friendships of you, and you and you. It is a blessing we value highly.

Our thoughts are with you, friends, and we hope next year will be one of full happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

JIMMIE'S CAFE

Phone 82-J

Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipagno, that fabulous realm of the Orient Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

Abandon Ship.

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and dispatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

Christmas Banquet.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were

also presents of gold for the crew. In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift-giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"

Parents Can Spoil Children's Play

Here's a Christmas resolution for parents. It's one that ought to be made before New Year's resolutions are even considered. It goes, "I will keep my hands off the child, dress' toys all day on Christmas."

It'll be a hard one to keep because Mother likes to fuss with Ann's doll. She pretends she is showing Ann how to put on the bonnet, but she's actually having a grand time playing. And once Father gets his hands on the train, or the auto that winds up, the boys can't get near them.

It isn't fair. The children are crying for a little peace and freedom. After all, adults can play with toys for the next 364 days if they want to.



The minstrels played their Christmas tune. Tonight beneath my cottage eaves; While, smitten by a lofty moon, The encircling laurels, thick with leaves, Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen. That overpowered their natural green.

Through hill and valley every breeze Had sunk to rest with folded wings; Keen was the air, but could not freeze. Nor check the music of the strings; So stout and hardy were the band That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.

And who but listened? till was paid Respect to every inmate's claim; The greeting given, the music played In honor of each household name, Duly pronounced with lusty call, And "merry Christmas" wished to all!

—William Wordsworth.



The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, His hair was like a light, (O weary, weary were the world, But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast, His hair was like a star, (O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)

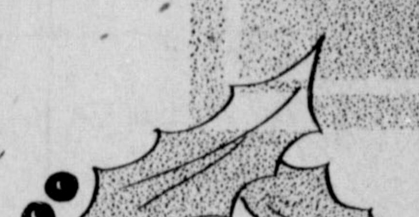
The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart, His hair was like a fire, (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee, His hair was like a crown, And all the flowers looked up at Him, And all the stars looked down.

—G. K. Chesterton.

Christmas

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