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Xmas Presents No Substitute For Your Presence

"Even a thousand Christmas presents would be no substitute to your family for YOUR presence. For this reason, I urge everyone planning to take a motor trip this holiday season to drive with extra care."
Mr. R. B. Roaper of Houston, President of the Texas Safety Association, and Chief Safety Engineer for Humble Oil & Refining Company, made that comment today on the holiday Traffic Hazards program being conducted by The Texas Safety Association, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Safety Council.

"In December, the weather man throws his whole book of tricks at drivers and walkers," said Mr. Roaper. "We can expect rain, snow, sleet, ice and hail."

"And to add to the problem we find more than half the day in either dusk or darkness in December. Putting all of these factors together, it doesn't make for easy driving."

Mr. Roaper said the best all-around safety advice he could give motorists was "slow-down—adjust your speed to conditions." But he added these suggestions for motorists planning holiday trips:

1. Plan your trip so that as much of the driving as possible will be accomplished during the light hours of the day.
2. Postpone your trip entirely when the weather is particularly rainy, snowy, or when sleet and hail are in the weather forecast. Be sure to consult a weather forecast for the area to which you're driving.
3. Be certain your car is in tip-top mechanical condition before attempting to take any sort of a trip.
4. Use tire chains at all times when the road is covered with snow or ice.
5. Most important of all: Adjust your speed to conditions.

"Thousands of American homes will be saddened by traffic deaths at this time of year," Mr. Roaper continued. "Many of these traffic deaths need not occur—will not occur—if every citizen in Texas gives some thought and effort to safe driving."

Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, has released the annual forecast of violent deaths for the Christmas-New Year's holiday period. The estimates which are made by N. K. Woerner, Chief of the DPS Statistical Division, covers an 11 day period this year. His predictions for the period are: Motoricides 108; Homicides and suicides 42; other additional deaths 53; total 203.

Harlene Smith And Sue Talley Make All Tourney Team

Harlene Smith and Sue Talley were chosen as forwards on the all-star team at the Hedley basketball tournament last week end. The Clarendon girls played three games at the tournament and had wins over Lelia Lake and Mobeetie but lost to Quail in the final game.
In the game with Lelia Lake, Harlene scored 23 points and Sue scored 20. In the Mobeetie game Harlene and Sue each had 20 points. In the game with Quail Harlene had 19 points and Sue had 6. The Clarendon girls won second place in the tournament.

Merchants Extend Seasons Greetings In This Issue

This issue of your Donley County Leader is the annual Christmas Edition this year which is devoted to Christmas Greeting advertisements of local merchants, Christmas stories, articles, Santa letters, etc. Turn through each section of this edition and read the many greetings and ads of appreciation from your local merchants. They want each and everyone to know that without your patronage and good will, their business would not be in existence today. Over seventy business firms and individuals are represented and have used the Leader advertising columns as a medium of conveying their greetings at this time.

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

This issue of your Leader carries the December 23rd date line but is being published a day early so everyone in this area may receive it prior to Christmas. Our next issue will be published on Dec. 30th. Until then, we wish each and every one of our readers "A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year."

Court House To Close Friday Noon

An announcement is being made in this issue of the Leader that all offices in the court house will be closed from Friday noon until Monday, December 27th. If you have business to transact at the court house, be sure to keep the above closing in mind.
Law enforcement officers will be on duty all through the holidays as usual and Sheriff Truett Behrens is urging everyone to do their celebrating within the bounds of the law and be especially careful while driving.

Jr. Putman Opens Plumbing Service

Junior Putman, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Putman, is announcing in this issue of the Leader that he has entered the Plumbing business in Clarendon. Putman, a licensed plumber had several years of experience in the plumbing business prior to entering the service four years ago.
He received his discharge from the Air Corps Tuesday of last week and arrived here with his family Wednesday morning.

RECEIVES INJURIES IN CAR WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith received word Wednesday that their son-in-law, Otis Rolls, had been injured in a car wreck that day. Otis, who is production foreman for the Phillips Petroleum Company in their fields near Ft. Stockton, lost control of his car enroute from work with the car overturning. He had three broken vertebrae and internal injuries. He is showing improvement at the present time and is a patient in Memorial Hospital at Ft. Stockton. The family's small dog was riding with Mr. Rolls and likewise received a broken back.

Bennie Darnell arrived home Thursday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with home-folks. He has been discharged from the Santa Fe Hospital in Albuquerque and will have further treatment on his hand in Amarillo.
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Merchants Report Increase In Local Xmas Shopping

Local merchants are reporting quite an increase in Christmas shopping this week and are beginning to brace themselves for the multitude of last minute shoppers who will really be making the rounds the next three days.

Clarendon merchants have the largest and best assortment of gifts that they have had in years. The selection of gift items compare more closely with all that may be found in larger cities and prices here are reported lower and quality better than in most places.

Shoppers are buying both practical and luxury gift items which reflects the true buying spirit for this particular locality. More people all along are finding out that it pays to shop at home with the home merchants, for it is much easier to make any necessary exchanges and the local merchants are always ready to stand behind the merchandise they sell.

Hedley Legion Will Sponsor Holiday Dances

It has been announced that the Hedley Legion Post is sponsoring two holiday dances at the Hedley Legion Hall. The first will be held Christmas night, Dec. 25 and the second will be held New Year's night, Jan. 1, 1955. Music will be furnished by Emmett Allen and his Sunset Ramblers.

School To Turn Out Thursdays For Holidays

The Clarendon public schools will turn out Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the Christmas Holidays. Studies will be resumed on Monday, January 3, 1955.

High School Girls Win Second In Hedley Tournament

The Clarendon High School girls won second place in the Hedley basketball tournament December 16-17-18.

Thursday night the Clarendon girls defeated the Lelia Lake girls 55-52. Harlene Smith was high point girl for Clarendon with 23 points.

Friday night the local girls defeated the Mobeetie girls 49-48. In this game Harlene Smith and Sue Talley each had 20 points.

In the final game Saturday night they lost to Quail 54-41. Harlene Smith had 19 points and Nedra Hodge had 10.

The guards played very well in each game. Those turning in excellent performances were Carol Lane, Glenda Borden, Joyce Hall, Jeanie Hubbard, Elizabeth Smith, Joyce Eddings and Lucy Richardson. The forwards, Harlene Smith, Sue Talley, Elizabeth Smith and Nedra Hodge played well. Team work and hard play on the part of each member of the squad enabled the girls to bring home the second place trophy.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

This Christmas season will bring many visitors to your home or perhaps you will be able to visit with friends or relatives, in other towns. Whichever may be the case, you are invited to call 418 and turn in these items, for it is always interesting to see how friends have enjoyed the holidays. It is impossible to call each individual and often news is missed for this reason. Your cooperation will be appreciated. The phone number is 418.

CUB SCOUT MEETING TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY)

The regular Cub Scout Pack meeting has been set for tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 in the basement of the Donley Hotel. All cub scouts and their parents and prospective cub scouts and their parents are urged to attend.

Christmas Tree At Calvary Baptist Church

There will be a Christmas Tree and Program at the Calvary Baptist Church Wednesday Evening, Dec. 22nd at 7:30. We are urging all of the members to be present with their families and to invite other children who do not attend church anywhere. There will be fruit, candy and nuts for all.

COME ON CHILDREN, LET'S HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH SANTA.

Ernest Phillips, Pastor.

Xmas Eve Service At Episcopal Church

The congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church will have its annual Christmas Eve service at 11:30 P. M., Friday, December 24. This will be the 61st observance of Christmas at St. John's, and the congregation welcomes the Community, as it always has, to join in the singing of the traditional Christmas hymns and paying homage to Our Lord on the anniversary of His birth.

The Rt. Rev. George H. Quarterman, Bishop of the Missionary District of North Texas, will celebrate Holy Communion and preach in St. John's Episcopal Church at 11 A. M., on Sunday, December 26th. The congregation of St. John's hopes the Community will avail itself of this opportunity to share the Bishop with them.

Stores To Close 25th, Some On 24th

Practically every business firm in Clarendon will be closed Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day. The only exceptions will possibly be some of the service stations and part of these will be closed a part of the day.
A number of business firms will be closed Friday or a part of Friday.

PUBLIC INVITED TO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM THURS.

MIDNIGHT MASS WILL BE OFFERED CHRISTMAS AT SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE PANHANDLE

A midnight Mass will be offered Christmas at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Panhandle. The vigil will start at 12 o'clock Friday night, December 24th when Father L. Connaughton, pastor of the local Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. Christmas is a day of devotion and Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics throughout the world. People of other faiths are welcome to attend.

Youngsters Enjoy Santa Visit

A large number of youngsters, many accompanied by their parents, were on hand last Saturday morning to greet Santa as he arrived in Clarendon aboard the City Fire Truck. After a drag of main street, Santa made his official stop at the Court House lawn where several hundred bags of fruit, candy and nuts were handed out from underneath the large pine tree to all youngsters present. It was a grand sight to see the youngsters enjoy Santa's visit, and the local Chamber of Commerce was proud to make his visit here possible.

Assembly of God Revival To Begin Sunday, Dec. 26

A Revival will begin at the Assembly of God Church, 5th and McClellan St., Sunday, December 26th. Rev. Marvin L. Caswell of the South Texas District, Port Lavaca, Texas, will be the evangelist.
Rev. Caswell is a powerful young preacher and preaches the old time Gospel that Saves from Sin. Rev. Gibson, pastor of the local church, invites the public to attend.

Patching Club House Given Area For Parking Space

A deed was recently signed by heirs of the Federick George Patching Estate, giving to the City of Clarendon an additional 50 feet to be used as a parking area north of the Patching Club House. The first deed included the south 90 feet of lots 10, 11 and 12 of block 151. The last deed included the north 50 feet of these same lots which now gives the Patching Club House an area of 150 x 140 feet which is certainly appreciated by the various clubs and organizations using the club house.

Possibility Here Of Extension Course

There is a possibility of an extension course from West Texas State College being taught in Clarendon during the Spring semester. It could be an education or hobbies course which can be counted for under graduate or graduate study if enough are interested.
Those who think they may be interested in the course are requested to contact Ruth M. Richerson, county superintendent, not later than December 24th.
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Students from both junior college and senior high school will meet in the college auditorium Thursday, December 23, at 2:00 P. M. for a joint assembly. The following program, carrying out the Christmas theme will be presented:

Part I
Prelude — Rebecca King, Lugenia Hubbard; Medley of Christmas Airs.
One-act play — "The Tree" — College Speech Class.
Director—Mrs. Frank White.
Cast of characters:
James Davies, the father—Harold Clampitt.
Maude Davies, the mother—Wanda Kennard.
Kay Davies, daughter, freshman at college—Betty Tomlin.

Dick Davies, Kay's collegiate brother—Bill Porter.
Virginia Davies, younger sister in high school—Cherry Orcutt.
Ned Davies, high school brother—Dick Malcolm.
Buddy Davies, kid brother in seventh grade—Kenneth Kilgore.
Molly Pendleton, Kay's chum home from college—Mary Lynn Briggs.

Part II
"Let's Keep Christmas", Lucy Richardson—Peter Marshall
"Gesu Bambino"—Pietro Von
"Christmas Hymn", College Choir—17th century Eng. Hymn
"The Gifts of the Wise Men", Bill Dale Hill—Harvey Chinn
"Christmas Echoes", Lugenia Hubbard, Doris Newberry — Ryder.

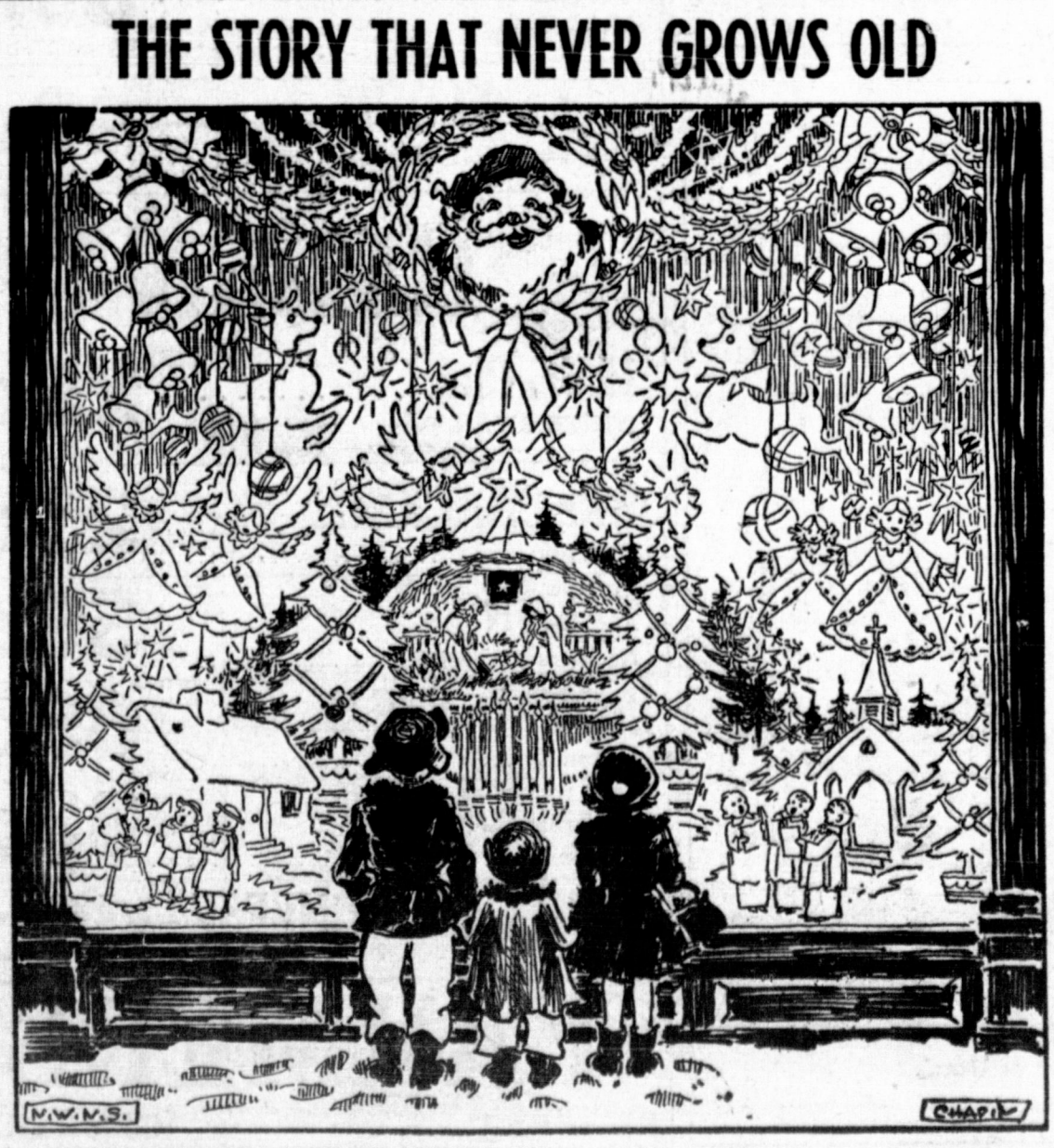
"Winter Wonderland"—Smith-Bernard.
"White Christmas", Senior Class Chorus—Berlin.
The public is cordially invited to attend this assembly.

Work Started Rebuilding Legion Hall

It was announced here this past week end that the Legion would rebuild at the same location and work is already underway by the contractor, John Jones. Wrecking of the fire-damaged building was started some time ago and the final decision to rebuild was made last week end. Legion members felt that they would be doing more for their town by rebuilding at the same location and removing part of the eye-sore that was created by fire.

Floor plans for the new structure were drawn by W. W. Sandifer, manager of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. These plans call for remodeling of the front of the building. The entrance lobby will be near the front center of the building with a check room and the Legion room to the north of the entrance and the Adjutant and the County Service Officers office to the south side with the men's rest room directly behind this office. In the rear of the building, the floor plan calls for a kitchen and snack bar to the south side, the Ladies Auxiliary room in the center and the ladies lounge to the north side. The main auditorium will contain about twice as much floor space as before and the band stand will be in the center to the rear of the auditorium. The building will be of one story design and will cover a space of 50 feet wide by 115 feet deep.

Mrs. Calvin Naylor of Amarillo attended the Fitzgerald-Whitell wedding here Thursday evening.



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**GABIE BETTS BURTON
 LIBRARY NOTES**

By May L. Prewitt

The Christmas magazine issues have contained some wonderful Christmas stories. Especially enjoyable was one in "Good House Keeping" entitled "The Substitute Santa Claus" and "The Last Christmas" in the "Ladies Home

Journal." Betty MacDonald's "Onions In the Stew" is complete in the Journal for this issue. There are so many interesting stories and suggestions in all the magazines that I'm sorry they haven't been read more extensively. Our rush season has prevented our patrons reading them. We are still receiving some donations. Mrs. Edens gave us a dollar recently. We shall soon have enough to permit us to or-

der the twelve dollars worth of books we have planned for the boys and girls.

HUDGINS NEWS

Mrs. Carl Barker

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tyler visited Mr. and Mrs. John Perdue Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Self visited relatives at Quail Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas and son, Randy of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Anderson Thursday night.

Billy Waddell visited his uncle, Alton Webb and family Sunday night.

Mrs. Bill Marshall visited Mrs. L. E. Tyler Friday afternoon. John Perdue made a business trip to Memphis Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hott were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Self Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann visited Mr. and Mrs. Mark Allen Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mooring and son, Don, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barker visited the Dub Tomlinson's at Phillips Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Harp and daughter-in-law, Doris visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mann Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shields and Jerry were dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. J. W. Shields Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barker shopped in Memphis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hott visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Higgins of Martin Wednesday night.

Bill Marshall of Amarillo visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pink Marshall Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Webb and children visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. R. M. Webb.

Mrs. Ode Meadows of Houston spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Foster.

Winefred Self visited Kenneth Webb Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perdue visited the Dane Perdue's in Ashtola Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hott visited Mr. and Mrs. Barker Saturday night.

Mrs. Lou Alice Nilo and daughters of Memphis spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shields.

Davis Williams was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Marshall Sunday.

Vida Shields shopped in Memphis Tuesday and visited with her mother, Mrs. J. D. May.

Pink Marshall visited Willard Marshall in Ashtola Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perdue visited Mr. and Mrs. Barker Thursday night.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs.

A. C. Carter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Garth Carter and Johnny of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Nuford Dill, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Darby, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carter are leaving Thursday to visit her father Odis Daniel of Waldo, Ark. to spend Christmas.

I want to thank each one for helping me with the news items, and wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MARTIN NEWS

Mrs. W. H. Morrow

There were 49 out for Sunday school and church Sunday.

Rev. Curtis preached in Rev. Harmonson's place Sunday. Rev. Harmonson is holding a meeting in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Land visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land Wednesday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fitzgerald at Clarendon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bulman visited Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Moreland Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bulman have a new TV.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Jack Land and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bulman Saturday night and watched TV.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hill and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop and family Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bulman visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop Thursday night and watched TV.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Risley and family Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Higgins vis-

ited Mr. and Mrs. Dock Higgins and family at Amarillo Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. L. Waldrop is staying with Mrs. Will Kennedy at Lelia Lake and helping take care of Mr. Kennedy who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop and family were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Hott visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Higgins Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallis Walling from Los Angeles, Calif. came Sunday to spend the Holidays here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bulman visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrow Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brinkley and Eddie visited Mr. and Mrs. Stiles at Hedley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ayers of Hedley were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrow Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wood of Clarendon visited Miss Della Wood Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brinkley and Eddie visited Mr. and Mrs. Odell Osburn Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Osburn and children visited Miss Della Wood Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cannon had their Xmas dinner Sunday. Those that were present were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Patterson, Mrs. Ray Turner and baby, Mrs. J. A. Pool, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bolen, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Parson, Mrs. Ella May Childress and two boys of Hereford; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pool of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cannon and family; Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. Pool, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons, all of Amarillo; Mr. Shortie Owens of Clarendon.

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 Armours Slab—1 Pound

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For the scrap book suggestion we offer the following little poem, also by an unknown author. It is called—

THE FEW

The Easy roads are crowded, The level roads are jammed; The pleasant little rivers With the drifting folks are crammed.

But off yonder where it's rocky, Where you get a better view, You will find the ranks are thinning, And the travelers are few.

JACK E. GRAY

PUBLIC BOOKKEEPING ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Where the going's smooth and pleasant You will always find a throng, For the many-more's the pity— Seem to like to drift along.

But the steeps that call for courage And the task that's hard to do, In the end result in glory For the never-wavering few.

There is no limit to the good a fellow can do, if he doesn't care who gets the credit.

Sometimes it is easier to pay a debt than to explain all the reasons why we think we shouldn't.

Someone has said, "Never argue with a fool; folks who may be listening won't know which one you are."

Many an argument is sound—just sound and nothing else.

Today we heard a young person say: "It seems like just about everyone thinks folks ought to drink at Christmas time, and not only that but it seems the whole world is trying to cash in on the occasion. Just what is Christmas anyway?"

This young person was asking a good question. Judging from the

way the world is acting; just what is Christmas, anyway? If you think the question is an easy one just start trying to answer it in the light of our modern day observance. We don't get very far until we can understand why this big question comes to the mind of even our young folks; just what is Christmas? We can't explain away our actions or find excuses for the things that folks do, but we can take you back to the beginning and let the beautiful words in the second chapter of St. Luke tell us whose birthday it is.

And she brought forth her first born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them; fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

The above was the first news story about Christmas, and what a beautiful story it was. If we could keep this story in our heart

Christmas could take its proper place in the world. Let's all try our very best to make this the Best Christmas we have ever had. Best Wishes from Mama and myself.

GOLDSTON NEWS

Mrs. Roy Roberson

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart and boys visited Sunday eve with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Eichelberger.

Bill Littlefield of Happy visited Sunday eve with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dale and Mr. J. R. Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Tims of Ash-tola spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Talley and family.

James Morgan of Clarendon spent Saturday night and Sunday with Jerry and David McBrayer.

Harold and Bob McDonald visited last week with their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Christopher and family of Big Lake Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moss and Shirley visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dunn of Goodnight.

Jim Littlefield of Vigo Park spent from Saturday of last week until Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Littlefield.

Lendia Ledbetter visited with Mrs. M. W. Hatley Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dee Blanks of Amarillo returned her mother, Mrs. Walter Goldston home after she had spent several days in the Amarillo hospital from an eye operation.

Mrs. Jim Peggram visited Saturday eve with Mrs. M. W. Hatley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart and boys visited Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Talley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Philley visited Wednesday eve with Mr. and Mrs. V. Littlefield.

Pat Roberson spent Saturday night and Sunday with Carl and Howard Talley.

Weldon Talley of Canyon came home Saturday to spend the Xmas holidays.

Mr. J. F. Jackson and girls took supper Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hatley.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Talley and boys and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moss and Shirley visited last Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hatley.

Those visiting Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Talley and family were Rev. C. L. Williams and Sophia Williams of Clarendon. Mr. J. F. Jackson and girls Mrs. Odel McBrayer and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moss and Shirley.

Nora and Geraldine Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hatley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberson, Pat and Minnie visited Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. V. Littlefield and Bill Littlefield.

Pat Roberson spent Wednesday night with Jerry and David McBrayer.

Bill Littlefield of Happy came Friday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roberson of Dodson spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberson, Pat and Minnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenord Dozier and grandsons of Clarendon took supper last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberson and Pat and Minnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Dickenson and babies visited Monday eve with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberson and Minnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Philley of Clarendon visited Wednesday morning with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hatley.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Covington and children took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberson, Pat and Minnie, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hott of Chamberlain community and Mr. and Mrs. Lenord Dozier of Clarendon visited in the afternoon Sunday.

tle ding-ding train and some candy, nuts and fruit for our stockings. We love you and thank you and will have a Coke and cake waiting for you.

Frank Phelan III and Charles

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a tricycle and a little pair of scissors. I am 2 years old. My little brother Wayne, who is 8 months old would like a little red wagon. Santa, we live at 340 Cisco St. Ridgecrest, Calif., but will be at our Grandma and Grandpa Allens and Nanny Hillman's house for Christmas. Since we won't have much room to take them home, will you just leave them there.

Thanks,

Mary Ann Hillman

P. S. We've both been little stinkers, but Mommie and Daddy still love us; hope you do too.

Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa,

I want a toy cash register for Christmas. I guess you will have to put some money in it because I don't have some money.

Love,

Phillip Finch

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a bow and arrow and an ol' tato head—the Mr. for me and "the mother" for Charles. Charles would like a lit-

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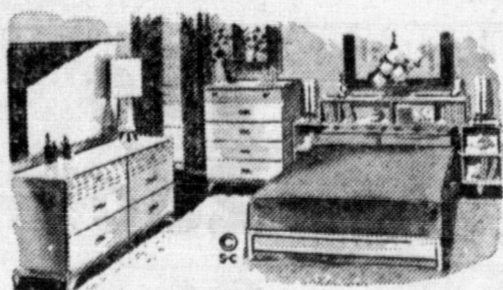


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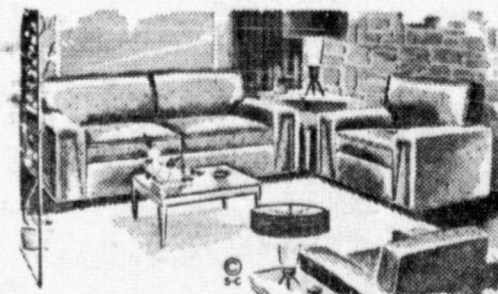
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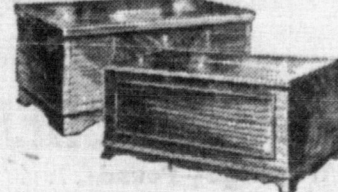
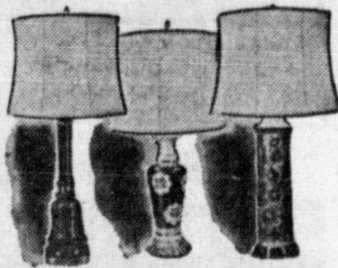
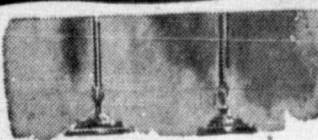


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Fitzgerald - Whitsell Nuptials Solemnized

Miss Mary Lou Fitzgerald and Dan Whitsell exchanged wedding vows Thursday evening, December 16, in a double ring ceremony at the Church of Christ, Clarendon, Texas. Bro. Bert Wells, minister, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fitzgerald of Clarendon. Mr. Whitsell is the son of Mrs. A. L. Whitsell, also of Clarendon.

Vows were read before an archway of greenery and peacody gladioli.

For her wedding the bride chose a light blue faille suit appointed with rhinestones and complemented by blue shoes and a white hat. She carried a colonial bouquet of French carnations showered with white satin streamers.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Land were the couples only attendants.

After a short wedding trip to Mexico, the couple will be at home in the Piercy Apartments, Clarendon, Texas.

Mrs. Whitsell is a graduate of Clarendon High School where she took an active part in school activities. She has been a member of the Kappas and at the time of her marriage was employed at the Telephone office.

Mr. Whitsell is also a graduate of Clarendon High School where he was active in all sports. Following his release from service, he has been employed with the REA.

Only members of the two families attended the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Molesworth and daughter Cynthia of Junction will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Molesworth and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adams.

H. D. CLUB

The Senior H. D. Club met Friday for the annual Christmas dinner held this year in the home of Mrs. Clyde Butler.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served from a table decorated with red berries and Christmas baubles. The improvised archway thru the center door was marked with evergreen and ornaments.

Miss Vanetta McClellan introduced the new pledges and their escorts and their big sisters presented the girls with their membership cards and fans made of red angel leaves and large white daisies.

Presented were Miss Carolyn McAbee escorted by Bill Hill, Miss Joyce Crutchfield the big sister, and Carolyn Thomas, escorted by David Lane, Jeanie McAnear the big sister. The pledges will receive their pins in a candlelight service to be held soon.

The group enjoyed dancing until midnight. There were many colorful and beautiful formal dresses worn by the girls. Colors of pink, red, blue, white, navy, green, brown, and polka-dots were seen throughout the evening.

Refreshments of individual cakes decorated with a red "K" and sparkling punch were served to approximately 100.

Parents attending included Mrs. J. G. McAnear, Mrs. Homer Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Estlack, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bell and Sue, and Mr. Elmer Drennan. The sponsors were Mrs. Mary Gain and Mrs. Lois Schollenbarger.

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SUB-DEBS HONOR PLEDGES

The Sub Debs formal Presentation Dance honoring fall pledges was held at the Canteen the evening of December 18. The Christmas motif was carried out in decoration. Walls and lights of the entertaining rooms were marked with streamers and shades in colors of red and green. Centering the ballroom floor was a shower of colorful balloons extending from the ceiling to the floor. The fireplace was draped in silver rope and icicles with a blanket of snow on the mantle.

Pledges were presented from an elevated platform draped in red and banked with evergreen and Christmas baubles. The improvised archway thru the center door was marked with evergreen and ornaments.

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WCS MEETS

The Womens Society of Christian Service met in Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church Wednesday. The hall was decorated in keeping with the holiday season.

Mrs. Bill Thornberry gave the Scripture reading. Prayer was rendered by Mrs. Chas. Lowry, and was followed by a beautiful medley of hymns played on the violin by Miss Rebecca King, accompanist Miss Mantie Graves.

"Let's Keep Christmas" by Peter Marshall was reviewed by Mrs. A. L. Thornberry. Mrs. T. M. Caldwell, Jr. sang "Come To The Stable With Jesus." A Christmas story, "Shepherd Boy" written by Amy Fox was given by Mrs. Bob Moss. A Christmas collection was taken for Wesley Community Center.

Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Bill Thornberry.

JOY S. S. CLASS

The Joy Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Alfred Estlack Thursday evening, Dec. 16, with Mrs. Joe Goldston co-hostess.

Mrs. Ed Byers had charge of the program for the evening and conducted a number of entertaining games. Christmas gifts were exchanged and the class presented a gift to Mrs. Joe Goldston, class teacher.

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ASHTOLA NEEDLE CLUB

Members of this club met Dec. 16th in the club room with Vena Hudson hostess for the Christmas party. The room was festive with arrangements of the season. Highlighting the decorations was a beautifully trimmed tree. The officers table was centered with a huge basket arrangement of red carnations. A unique snowman and sugar candy houses completed the Yuletide suggestions.

Ruby Jewel Hardin was leader and presented an interesting program. Several papers were given on the origin of Xmas, and Mrs. Hardin read an appropriate poem. Then Santa Claus came bouncing in and talked to all the children, and gave everyone presents from his well filled pack on his back and from the tree.

The hostess served a lovely refreshment plate to one guest, Mrs. J. T. Hill, and to members Hazel Brandon, Viola Crawford, Mary Bell-Debord, Florence Evans, Elizabeth Graham, Lena Mae Graham, Viola Graham, Nell Gray, Naomi Green, Ruby Hardin, Nonie Henders, Edna Perdue, Johnnie Foovey, Sue Rhoades.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The general meeting of the Presbyterian Women of the Church was held Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Carroll Knorpp with the officers serving as hostesses.

The meeting was opened with the reading of the Christmas story and prayer by the president, Mable Mongole. Following roll call and the reading of the minutes a short business meeting was held with the hearing of reports.

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GOOD NEIGHBORS CLUB

The Good Neighbors Club met Friday afternoon in the home of Bessie Helton for a Christmas party and gift exchange.

Those to enjoy the afternoon and the tree were members, Freida Siddle, Ruby Jordan, Velma Owens, Rosie Bingham, Eula Butler, Emma Davis, Bennie Crabtree, Dawsie Sullivan, and Bessie Helton.

We opened the meeting with prayer by Rosie Bingham. The minutes were read and new officers were elected. Elected were Eula Butler, president and secretary; and Emma Davis, Vice-president. Names were drawn for new Pollyannas. Gifts were enjoyed by everyone. This ends our quilting for 1954.

Our next quilting will be with Freida Siddle, Friday, January 14, 1955.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sub-Debs met in the home of Jeanie McAnear Wednesday evening for a Christmas party. In a short business session, plans were completed for the Presentation Dance.

Gifts were exchanged from a gaily ornamented Christmas tree. Refreshments of popcorn balls and hot chocolate were served to Tookie McClellan, Mable Dean Brock, Wanda Sibley, Eva Lee Farr, Charlotte Wilson, Ruby Mann, Joyce Crutchfield, Jackie Estlack, Carol McAbee, Carolyn Thomas, Shirley Blackwell, Lucy Richardson, Paula Skelton, Glenna Lane, Linda Lamberth, Margaret Cushing, Genella Mooring and the two sponsors, Mrs. Mary Gain and Mrs. Lois Schollenbarger, by the hostess, Jeanie McAnear. All of the Sub-Debs were present for the party.

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55th ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duckett of Lelia Lake were honored on their 55th Wedding Anniversary Friday, Dec. 17th with a dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Short. The Ducketts have been residents of Hall and Donley Counties since 1907. Others to enjoy the dinner and bringing gifts were Mrs. A. P. Todd and Mrs. Mary Eddings.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING
The United Pentecostal Church will have a fellowship meeting on Monday night, Dec. 27th at 7 o'clock at the local church here in Clarendon, stated Rev. N. J. Pope, pastor.

Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 4 years old and my name is Kerry Cannon. I have a little brother named Blake, and a little sister named Hulda Kathleen. I want a John Deere tractor and an International tractor with a dirt loader on it. My brother Blake wants an Oliver tractor and a baby doll. He is a nice little boy, just two years old. You can bring my little sister a baby doll and whatever a tiny baby needs. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Kerry Edward Cannon

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McBrayer of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ewing and girls of Phillips visited relatives and attended services at the Missionary Baptist Church thru the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craft, Cathy and Willie of Tahoka will arrive Thursday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Craft of Brice and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Molesworth.

BETA SIGMA PHI EXPRESSES APPRECIATION
The little walking doll dressed in one dollar bills which was sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi, went to Mrs. Katherine Kent. Little Tommy Ray Waldrop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop drew the lucky ticket Saturday, Dec. 18. The Beta Sigma Phi wishes to express their appreciation for the interest taken in the doll. Money derived from the doll went to Girl's Town at Whiteface.

North Ward Cagers Place Second In Tournament

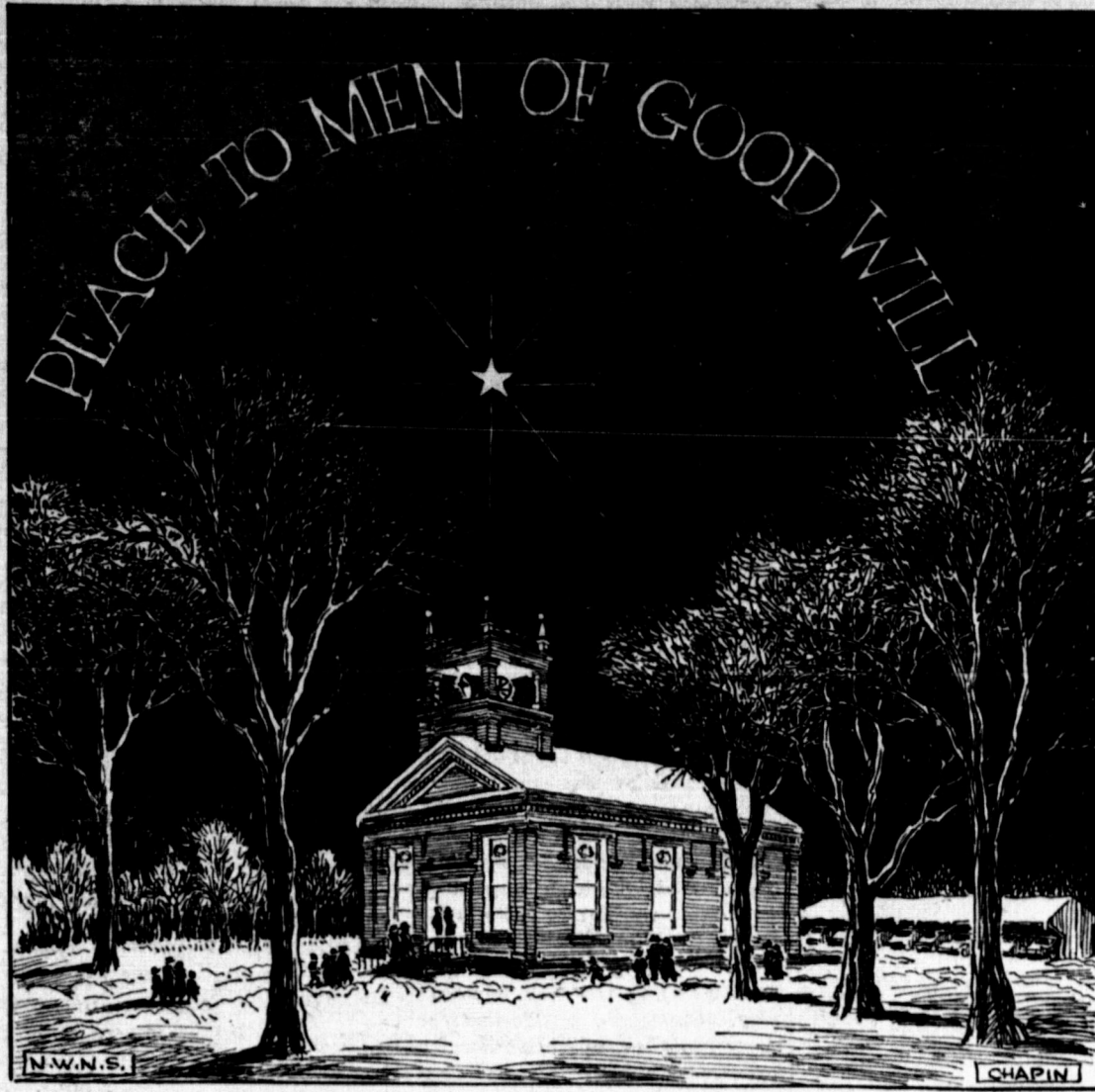
Clarendon's North Ward Steers basketball team, broke away from their jinx the past week and came out second place winner in the invitational tournament held at Wellington Dec. 11. In their first game, the Steers defeated Childress 26-21; in the second game they defeated Paducah 30-14, but were trimmed in the final game by the Wellington Bobcats 52-33.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cross and children Saturday were Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds of Tyler, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Riley; Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smallwood; Mrs. Wayne Ewing of Phillips; Mrs. Bessie Lane of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mrs. Bill Todd.

Pfc. Billy Scott arrived in Clarendon Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. He is stationed at Ft. Lewis Washington.

Mrs. Elton Amburn and boys of Magnolia, Ark. are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hill.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, EVER OLD, EVER NEW



Dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Benny Edens and son Bobby and Mrs. Ray Weeks of Colorado City, Texas visited the relatives here Sunday and at past week end in the Alfred Estlack home and in Amarillo. Mrs. C. C. LaGrone and children of Amarillo visited relatives here Sunday and attended services at the Missionary Baptist Church.

Miss Jeanette Stogner, a student at TSCW at Denton, arrived home Friday night to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Winnie Wester and other relatives.

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The innocent victim of many a quirk in everyday life now was never more sure of himself. Mr. Tweedy, a conscientious but uncertain cartoon character with a wrinkled brow and a black suit knows what he's doing when he offers a hand to the Post Office Department during the Christmas rush.

The nationally syndicated creation of Ned Riddle, promising young Dallas artist. Mr. Tweedy is advocating "mail early" and the separation of mail in bundles as an aid to Uncle Sam's postmen during the rush season, and Postmaster J. C. Estlack welcomes the assistance.

"The importance of mailing early—early during the Christmas season and early in the day—cannot be stressed too much," the Clarendon postmaster said. "Mail put in the post office early in the day helps relieve the load during the peak hours later in the day," he explained, "and the advantage to the individual of shopping and mailing early during the season are obvious."

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Postmaster Estlack hopes the patrons of the Clarendon Post Office will take a tip from the mild-mannered Mr. Tweedy who has an understanding of the little trials of people and the big problems of the post office. In mailing early, Mr. Tweedy is an average citizen, a taxpayer, who is taking an interest in the new Post Office objective of cutting costs and speeding deliveries. By posting his mail early in the day, Mr. Tweedy is helping to break the peak-load bottleneck that has been common in most post offices between the hours of 6 and 9 p. m. throughout the year.

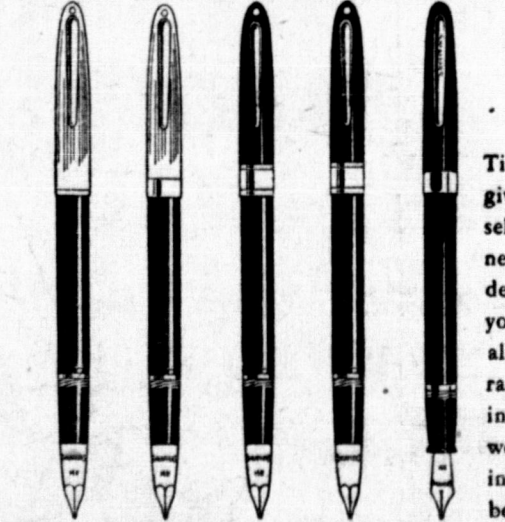
Mr. Tweedy may have been the victim when he was accidentally locked outside the Y.M.C.A. after walking through a door he thought led to the showers, but his "mail early" advice is "money in the taxpayer's pocket."



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Systemic Cotton Poison

Texas Dept of Agriculture

New weapons are being tested in the war against cotton insects which may result in some decisive victories for the farmer.

The Texas Experiment Station has turned up some promising new systemic insecticides that are lethal not only to certain sucking insects but also to such plant choppers as the boll weevil and the cotton leafworm.

Unlike the more common insecticidal sprays and dusts that form a protective layer over the outside surface of the plant, systemics are absorbed into the plant and carried by its sap. They may be applied to foliage, soil or seed. In this way, the stalk, the foliage and sometimes the fruit of a plant can be made toxic to feeding insects by treatment with an effective systemic poison.

Systemics are not new to some cotton growers. A few may have used systemics as foliage sprays or dusts against sap-sucking aphids and mites. But the chemicals under tests are the first that also kill insects that chew at stalks, leaves and fruits.

Two of these systemics have been tested in Texas in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. They proved lethal to the cotton boll weevil, the cotton leafworm, the cotton leaf perforator—all choppers—and to the cotton aphid and spider

mite (suckers) for more than a month. These tests were run under laboratory conditions however.

When applied to cotton planting seed in field tests, both compounds gave protection against thrips, aphids and spider mites for more than a month.

Research on these systemics is still in the early stages and their desirability is not yet proven. It is still necessary to work out a dependable method of seed treatment that won't lower germination. Also under study is how the new chemicals affect plant growth and to what extent they can build up injurious chemical residues in the plant.

The new chemicals are not yet available to growers. So entomologists advise farmers to stick by current recommended methods of insect control for the present and continue to apply insecticides as foliage dusts or sprays. But the tests show promise and may mean a new era in insect control.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hutson, Jack and John of Berger visited relatives here thru the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby LaFon of Canyon visited in the W. F. Barker home Monday.

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ASHTOLA NEWS

Mrs. Doyce Graham

Mrs. John Dial of Channink visited the W. A. Pooveys Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Butler and boys visited with the Pooveys Sunday.

Joe Tom Lovell visited with the James R. Lovells of Dumas Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gresham and LaWanda took his mother home to Newlin Tuesday night, and on their way home attended the basketball game at Hedley. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barker visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poovey Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tolleson were called to the bedside of his mother Thursday. She recently fell and broke her hip, and is very seriously ill.

Mrs. Lester Harrelson is with her mother who was taken to Methodist Hospital at Lubbock. Mrs. Doyce Graham and Mike

spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barker.

J. T. Hill made a business trip to Hollis last week.

Allen Ray Graham of Amarillo spent Thursday and Friday (his days off) with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Slayton Mahaffey returned the 18th from their trip to New York. They report a wonderful time and we will have more about their trip later.

Hubert Rhoades, John White and Doyce Graham made a business trip to Amarillo Monday.

Linda Kay Hardin was among students of Lillie Yarsen presented in a recital of her pupils of voice, piano, and organ at Key-board Hall 1307 Polk Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Deaton and Mr. and Mrs. John Ballard from Amarillo visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitte.

Dr. George Ingham, brother of Mrs. Millard Word—now has his invention in production. He has

just returned to Amarillo after two months spent in launching his invention of a safety hanger for developing X-ray pictures. Dr. Ingham, oral surgeon, attended regional dental society meetings in Florida and New York. First shipments of the hanger and its unique "dip and drip" pan were made by the Getz Corporation.

Those enjoying supper and the evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bulman Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cassle, Jerry and Jim, Miss Alice Cassle, Mr. J. W. Crawford Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford Jr. and Mr. Paul Loffler of Amarillo, Mrs. R. O. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson, Benny, Stanley and Gene, Miss Jean Self of Newlin, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Phipps, Jerry, Billy, Olin and Johnnie of Plainview, Mr. Frank J. Norfleet (writer) of Hale Center, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pruitt, Kay and Gay of Floydada, Perry Jordan, Gene McBrayer, Bill Hill and Wendell Gresham of Clarendon. A good time was had by all.

I wish for you all the best Xmas.

LELIA LAKE NEWS

Mrs. H. R. King

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mooring and Donnie and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barker of Hudgins spent Thursday in Phillips with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Tomlinson and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shields and boys of Wheeler spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Shields and other relatives.

Mrs. M. L. Allen of Tucumcari, New Mexico visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Smith accompanied her home to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Butler and Mrs. Billy Hill spent Sunday in Dalhart with Mrs. W. L. Butler and Mrs. Kate Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kennedy of Farwell were called here Friday by the serious illness of his father, Mr. George Kennedy.

Jim Barnett and sons spent several days in Denver, Colorado last week with their wife and mother who is in a Denver hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shields and daughters of Dalhart spent Sunday here with his mother and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Usrey.

Mrs. Barney Brown left Thursday for Lubbock to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Christian and baby.

Mrs. Benny Hill and new son, Stephen Benny, were able to come home from a Groom hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Oscar Roberts and Mrs. Carrie Ballew of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Myers Sunday.

Miss Onita Rampy of Amarillo came Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rampy and children.

Mr. Burnett was taken to an Amarillo hospital last week and underwent major surgery Thursday. He is in a critical condition. Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett and children of Hobbs, New Mexico and other children were called to his bedside.

Miss Jerlene Holland underwent surgery in a Groom hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Reed and daughter of Amarillo spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dishman.

Mrs. Fred Thomas and son of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Word of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. W. R. Christal Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Myers arrived home Monday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hester Shields.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH DISTRICT

By Congressman Walter Rogers

CHINA BLOCKADE

The big question internationally is the debate, pro and con, on the proposal for an economic blockade of China. The ardent supporters of Chiang Kai-shek in this country are the strong advocates of a physical blockade of the China ports. The administration has pointed out that this could, and probably would, be considered an act of war by the Peiping regime. However, it has not been entirely ruled out. The truth is that Red China could be very effectively blockaded without the commission of an act that could be construed as an act of war, because such blockade could be handled by the merchants of the freedom and peace loving nations of this world. The refusal to dispose of goods and commodities to Red China so long as she persisted in violating international law by holding American boys on trumped up charges would have a telling effect on her economy. She could purchase from other nations friendly to her, but her needs could not be fully satisfied from the five nations who voted for her recently in the UN. Such a blockade would not be the act of the government; in fact, it would be no act at all. It would be a failure to act. Such

procedure would no doubt affect the economy of this country to a certain extent, because it would involve the economies of many of our allies who depend to a certain extent upon trade with the Red nations. It would no doubt cost this country some money, but such cost would be infinitesimal compared with the 300 billion dollars that went down the drain in World War II, not to mention the number one price that was paid in blood of American boys. The reason this type of blockade would not be carried out is because of human greed, and some seem to think more of material gain than they do of the welfare of the nation. But the fact that we cannot expect a voluntary blockade on the part of the merchants does not rule out the possibility of such blockade under the supervision of the several governments involved. Laws, rules and regulations concerning exports could be adopted by those nations who claim to have dedicated themselves to the peaceful solution of international problems, that would outlaw trade with nations who refused to abide by the rules. By this method, the UN could render a definite service in determining whether or not such nation was an offending nation, without decreasing the cessation of trade with her. The cessation of trade with such offending nation would be for each of the several nations to determine.

Of course, this type of proceeding would require definite policing, because there would be violators of the same stripe as "bootleggers" and "dope peddlers". Traffic could be controlled to the extent that the bootleggers would have very little effect. A unified

front to effect this purpose by the free nations of this world would produce quick results.

After all, it was the economic pressure that finally brought Germany to its knees in World War II and Japas staggering before the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. What we do is to permit these aggressor nations to fill their store houses in preparation for war and then try to blockade them after the war has started. We know that a third world war would involve every nation in the world; and we also know that war is a direct result of one nation re-

fusing to abide by the rules. Therefore, why wouldn't it be sensible to enforce the rules of international law and conduct by peacefully channeling trade away from the violators, rather than waiting until war has been declared and then trying to prevent the trade by force of arms?

There are a number of ways of handling these situations, if we will use our heads. There has been entirely too much thinking along the line that we have a choice between only two alternatives: the one, to be insulted; the other, to go to war.



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FARM NEWS

from the County ASC Committee

1955 COTTON MARKETING QUOTA RESULTS:

On December 14, 1954, Donley County Cotton producers cast a total of 244 votes in the Cotton Marketing Quota Referendum. Out of the 244 votes cast, 210 were cast for Quotas and 34 were cast against. Cotton producers throughout the entire nation voted in favor of Marketing Quotas by a margin of over 90%.

NEW COTTON GROWERS

Each farm on which cotton was not planted during any of the years 1952, 1953, and 1954, cut on which the operator intends to

plant cotton in 1955 shall be considered by the county committee for an allotment if the following conditions are met:

(a) An acceptable application for a cotton acreage allotment shall be filed on Form MQ-25 by the farm operator with the county committee by the closing date established by the State Committee, which shall not be earlier than February 25, 1955.

(b) The farm operator shall be largely (more than 50%) dependent on income for the farm for his livelihood.

(c) The farm shall be the only farm in the county which is owned or operated by the farm operator or farm owner for which a cotton acreage allotment is established for 1955.

1955 ACP PROGRAM:

The initial sign-up period for



Pictured above are two Clarendon College students, Wilcey White left, and Bob Garton right, who do lots of shooting, mostly at the basket on the basketball court, but when they have a little spare time they get in some duck shooting, too. Stretched out between them are 14 ducks they gathered up after firing one shot each. The scene of the one-shot massacre was an undisclosed lake near Lelia Lake. Their bag included all Mallards, 5 drakes and 9 hens. White is from Lelia Lake and Garton is from LaCasa, Okla.

practices under the 1955 ACP program began December 20th. There will be a 10 day sign-up period each month for practices to be carried out the following month. Applications for Federal cost-sharing are now being taken for practices to be carried out in January.

NOTE: THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 24th and 25th.

A Few Words Of Appreciation

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

At this time we would also like to say that we have a very efficient staff of community reporters who have represented their respective communities to the fullest extent and we know that their neighbors appreciate their efforts as much or more than we.

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

College Girls Defeat Dowell Dolls 63-32

On Wednesday night, December 15th the Clarendon College girls gave a good exhibition of ball handling and shooting as they defeated the Dowell Dolls of Amarillo by a score of 63-32.

Jean Farmer led the scoring with 17 points. Jean's twin sister, Jo, had 13 points for second scoring honors. Barbara Head had 2 points, Dianne Templeton had 7, Lorene Wheelchel had 10, Peggy Tate 10, Shirley Brown 1, and Wanda Kennard had 3. Janice Grabbe failed to score but played well on defense.

This is girls basketball at its best. We should be proud of these girls and give them our support. These girls can do much for Clarendon Jr. College and for Clarendon.

We have some outstanding girls teams coming here the last semester and more information on these games will be forthcoming in a short time, stated Coach C. R. Brown.

On January 19th and 20th the Nashville Business College girls will be here for two games. The NBC team is one of the outstanding teams in the nation and are leading contenders for the national championship each year. Remember the date and help the girls fill the gym on January 19th and 20th.

Doyce Graham and family of Ashtola, Cloice Monroe and family of Amarillo, W. F. Ledbetter and wife of Stratford, Clyde Barker and family, Guy Sibley and family, and D. T. Goodman, all of Clarendon visited in the W. F. Barker home Sunday.

Clarendon Residents Display Beautiful Xmas Lighting And Displays

If you haven't driven around town after nightfall, you will receive much enjoyment in seeing the many decorations and beautiful Christmas lighting that is in evidence if you just take off a few minutes to take a little joy ride.

There are numerous Christmas trees visible to the streets and some of the outside lighting is very beautiful. Some of the more impressive decorations in the downtown district is the Nativity scene in the Wallace Monument Co. building, the inside decorations at the Donley County State Bank. If you want to get a good view of the Chamber of Commerce street lighting you can drive west past the turnoff to the overpass and turn south at the first intersection. It's really a beautiful sight, for you can get a straight-away look at the highway going east through Clarendon.

The Leader wishes to compliment those who have decorated and helped give our little city that warm, beautiful appearance of the real Christmas Spirit.

Mrs. Henry Edens of Clarendon and her daughter Mrs. Roland Salmon of Lakeview, left Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Edens' daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Barton and family at New Orleans, La. Mrs. Salmon is expected to return in a few days. Mrs. Edens will remain through the Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Helton of Amarillo visited Sunday in the J. H. Helton home.

Jr. High Girls And Boys Defeat Kellerville

The Clarendon Jr. High girls won their second straight conference game Thursday night by defeating Kellerville 36-18. Joan Bennett led the scoring for Clarendon with 16 points. Suzanne Sandifer had 6, Ola Mae Putman had 10, Jackie Richey had 2 and Ann Slavin had 2 points.

The Jr. High boys won their game over Kellerville 32-8. It was

their fourth straight victory. John Tom Morrow had 12 points for high point man, Jimmy Johnson had 6 for second high.

The next conference games for the Jr. High girls and boys will be here January 6th at the College gym. Their opponents will be the Lefors girls and boys.

This is the first year for a Jr. High conference and the local girls and boys have a good chance to win conference honors if they continue their good record. They will appreciate your support and presence at all their games.

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NOTE: The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe as listed on the December calendar will not be shown Friday, December 24th. The above program will be shown 3 days—Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, Dec. 22-24th.

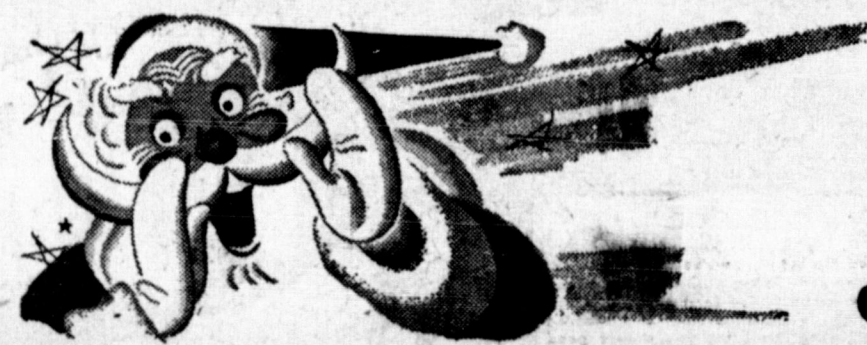


And, we add our greetings, too — to tell all our many friends — our good wishes for a very pleasant holiday!

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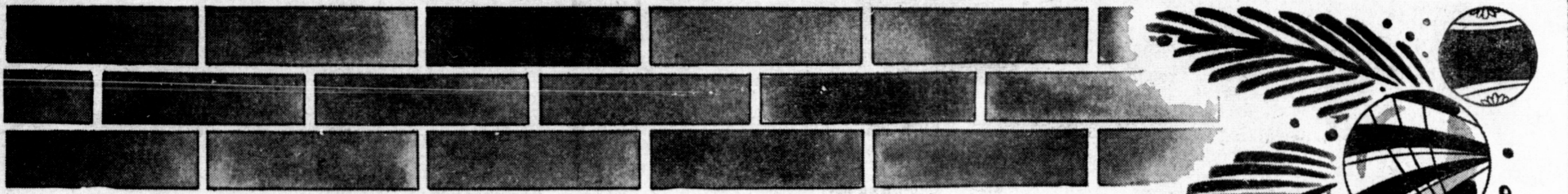
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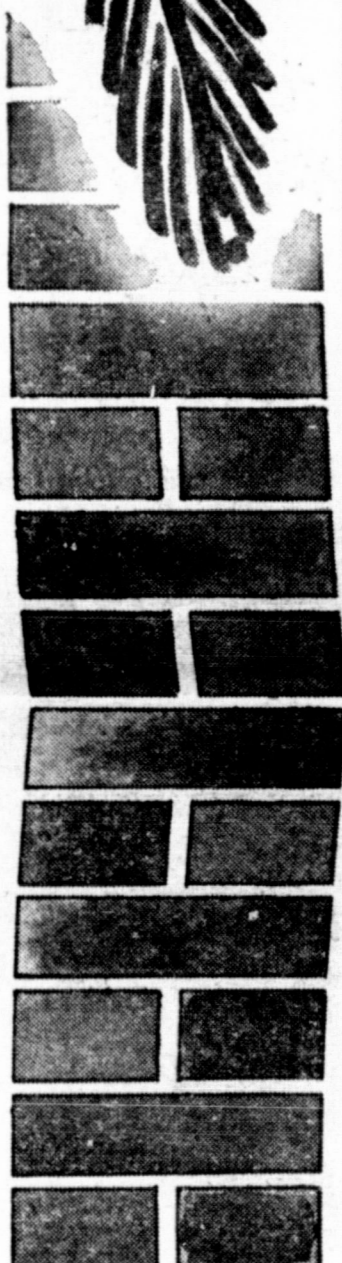
A Common Paper for Common People



GREETINGS!

Once again we are filled with the wonder of Christmas. Once more we lift up our voices in song and praise to herald the observance of the greatest occasion of all time. It is a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving, of meditation and the renewal of our faith.

Each year we eagerly await the Christmas Season because it affords us a welcome opportunity to renew the good relationships with our many friends of this community. You have been considerate and thoughtful of this firm during the past and we look forward to many more years of business relationships with you. So, as we say "thank you" to our faithful and cherished friends, we unselfishly wish you the most Joyful Christmas you have ever had. May the Peace of Christmas be yours forever — our sincere wish for you and yours.



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These simple decorations are readily available to most everyone at no cost and to use an old expression: "The woods are full of them."

A trip into the country to gather them can also be turned into a pleasant excursion for the whole family and a brief rest period from the "getting ready" for Christmas company, parties, and holiday affairs.

One word of caution, however: Don't kill trees or bushes. Prune carefully when selecting your evergreens.

The Christmas tree — whether large or small—should be the center of the decorations. Place your tree in front of a window, so that its bright, cheerful glow can be seen from within and without. Dec-



orate the tree with balls of red, silver, blue and green, strands of popcorn and various decorations that are saved from year to year.

Be sure to hang a rope of evergreens, a spray or wreath on your front door—these signify to many who pass your home that you are celebrating this joyous season.

A rope of evergreens requires approximately four or five yards of rope. The place you plan to use it will determine the exact length. Next, you'll need several short lengths of wire, short sprays of evergreen, balls, bows, red berries or bells. Place a bunch of evergreen against the rope and fasten in place with the wire; repeat until the rope has been completely covered. The rope may be draped over the door frame, mantel, or along the stair rail. Pick out other spots where additional decorations, like berries, balls or bells will add to the effectiveness of over-all appearance.



*Holiday Plants
Need Special Care*

Holiday plants require special care if they are to look their best. Just like human beings, they need bright light or sunlight, in the day and a proper amount of water.

Wilting, leaf yellowing and burning, leaf drop and premature loss of flowers can be caused by under-watering or over-watering plants. Thorough watering is important as soon as plants are dry, but avoid leaving plants standing in water. Puncture the tinfoil or heavy paper on pots at the drainage hole to provide necessary drainage.

Here are some further suggestions:

Lower the night temperature to prolong the life of blooms. Minimum night temperature for poinsettias and Christmas begonias should be 60 degrees. The desirable night temperatures for azaleas, Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums, cyclamen, Jerusalem cherry, Kalanchoe, ornamental peppers, potted bulbs and cut flowers are between 50 degrees and 60 degrees. High room temperatures hasten the maturity of flowers and shorten their life.

Avoid sudden temperature changes and drafts. Keep both plants and cut flowers away from radiators and heat registers and out of drafts. Poinsettias are especially sensitive to sudden temperature changes. They should never be left near a window sill as drafts will cause leaves to turn yellow and drop.

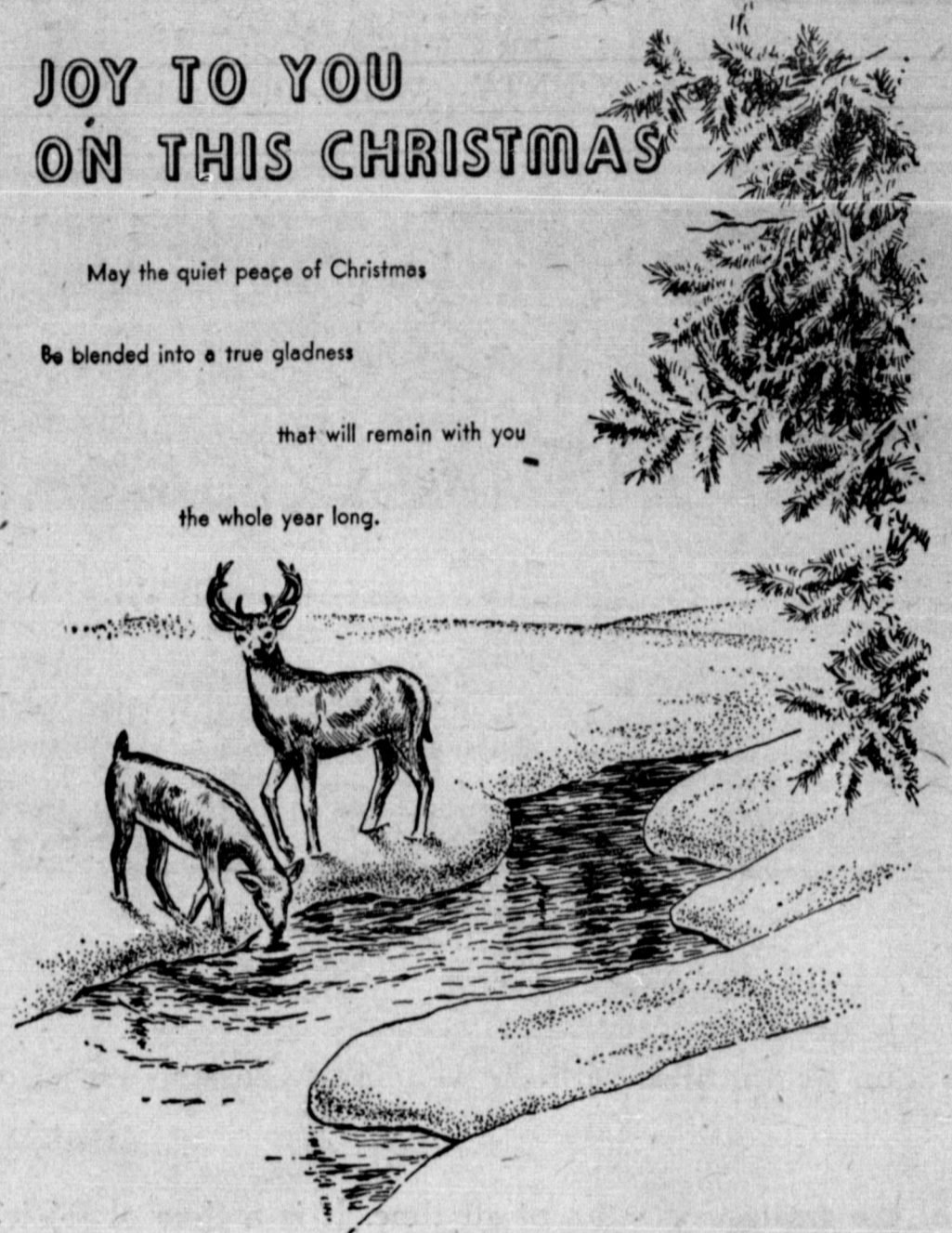
**JOY TO YOU
ON THIS CHRISTMAS**

May the quiet peace of Christmas

Be blended into a true gladness

that will remain with you

the whole year long.



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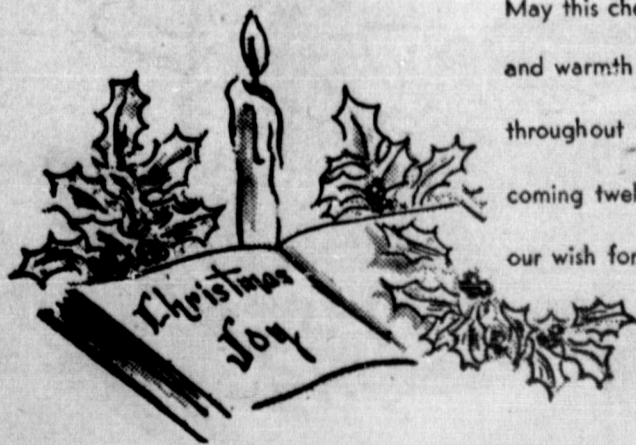
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*It's the JOY of
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May this cheerfulness and warmth remain with you throughout the coming twelve months, our wish for you and yours.



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Letters To Santa:

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Love, Pearl Marie Mills

Dear Santa, I am a little girl two years old. I am a good girl. Please bring me a little doll and doll buggy. Don't forget my friend Susan.

Love, Peggy Blackman

Dear Santa, I'm a little girl 5 years old. I would like to have a Toni Doll and a baking set. Please bring Dianne, my little sister, a doll.

I love you, Carol Cornell

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring my kitty a red ball and me a doll with long hair, a ring and an Xylophone. That is all Santa.

Love, Regina Rhea Borden

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 5 years old. My mother says I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a farm set, a big truck and some little cars, also a gun and holster set. Thank you very much Santa, we will have you some pie and coffee when you get to our house.

Your little friend, Jimmy Dale Shults

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 4 1/2 years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a big tricycle and a filling station and lots of fruits and nuts. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Love, Monty Blackman

Dear Santa Claus, I want a tricycle and lots of nuts and fruits. I want a cap gun and lots of caps, also please bring me a football and a truck. Thanks a lot.

Yours truly, Mike Graham

Dear Santa, I am a girl in the first grade. I like school very much. Will you please bring me a big doll and a story book.

Love, Jo Cockerham

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl nine years old. Please bring me a necklace, a bracelet, a dress, a watch, a bicycle, a little doll, a TV. Please bring me some fruit, nuts and candy, too.

Love, Patricia Green

P. S. Santa, you need not bring the TV. We had one when I got home from school.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll that is two feet tall, a book satchel, a little suitcase, and a bicycle. I am a little girl eight years old. I have tried to be good. Remember all the other girls and boys, too.

I love you, Lorena Crawford

Dear Santa, I am a boy five years old. Please bring me a little red wagon and a story book.

Love, Johnny Cockerham

Dear Santa, I am a little girl three years old, and I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a doll, piano, and a doll bed, and remember my little friend David Harmonson. I love you.

Love, Linda Beth Waldrop

Dear Santa, I want a doll, a bicycle, skates, and a stocking full of candy. Please bring Neva a doll, too. I am seven years old, and I go to school at Ashtola.

I love you, Linda Sue Hill

Dear Santa, I am a little girl six years old. Please bring me a tiny tears doll and a toy piano.

Love, Elaine Tolleson

Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring a Daisy B-B training rifle.

Love, Richard Wayne Bell

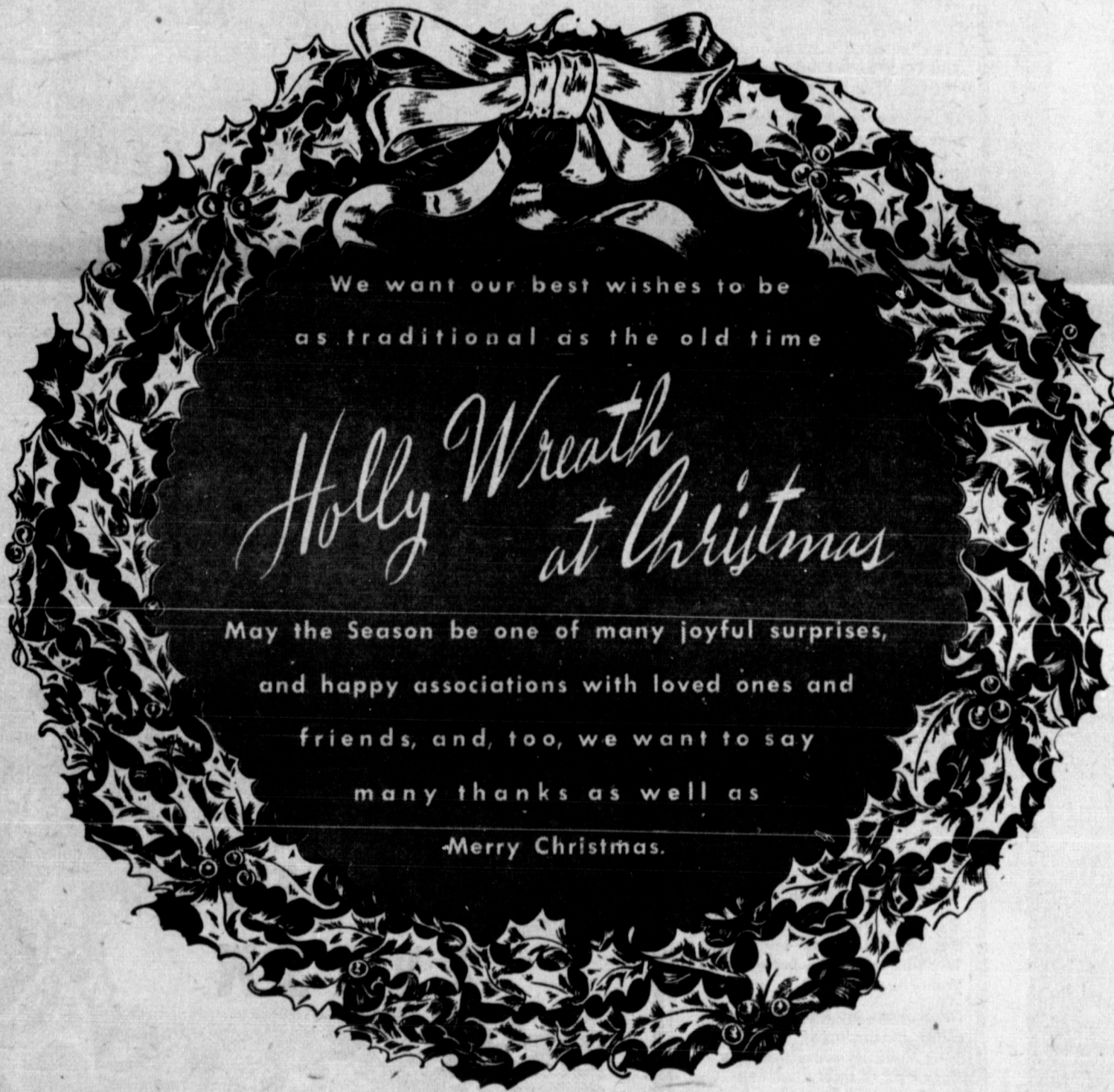
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God Answers Prayers

'Twas the night before Christmas
Goodnight had been said
And Annie and Willie
Had crept up to bed.

There were tears on their pillows
And tears in their eyes
And each little bosom
Was heaving with sighs.

For tonight their stern father's
Command had been given
That they should retire
Precisely at seven.

Instead of at-eight
For they troubled him more
While with stories he never
Had heard of before.

To tell such stories
He thought it a sin—
No such being as Santa Claus
Ever had been.

And further he hoped
They would never more hear
How he scrambled down chim-
neys
With presents each year.

And that was the reason
Why two little heads—
So restlessly tossed
In their soft downy beds.

Eight - nine - and the clock—
In the steeple tolled ten—
Not a word had been spoken
By either till then

When Willie's sad face
From the blankets did peep
And whispered "Dear Annie
Are you fast asleep?"

"Why no, brother Willie,"
Her soft voice replied—
"I have tried in vain
But I can't shut my eyes.

Somehow it makes me so
Sorry because—
Dear papa has said
There is no Santa Claus.

Now we know that there is,
For it can't be denied
That he came every year
Before dear mama died.

Somehow I think
That she used to pray—
And God 'would hear every word'
Our mama would say.

Then why can't we pray
Like as mama did then
And ask Him to send him—
With presents again."

"I've been thinking so too"—
And without a word more
Four little feet bounded
Out on the floor.

Four little knees
The soft carpet pressed—
Two little hands
Clasped each little breast.

Now Willie you know
We must firmly believe
That the presents we ask for,
We are sure to receive.

You wait very still
Till I say Amen,
And by that you will know
That your turn has come in.

Dear Jesus look down
On my brother and me
And grant us the favor
We are asking of Thee.

Let Santa Claus come
As he did long ago
With his sled and his reindeer
All covered with snow.

I would like a wax dolly—
A tea set and ring—
And an ebony work box
That shuts with a spring.

Bless papa dear Jesus
And cause him to see
That Santa Claus loves us
Far better than he.

We have tried to be good
But were bad now and then
We will try to be better
Tomorrow. Amen.

Dear Jesus let Santa Claus
Come in the night
And bring us some presents
Before it is light.

I want him to bring me
A nice little sled
With bright shining runners
And all painted red.

A box full of candy
A book and a toy,
Amen and dear Jesus
I will be a good boy.

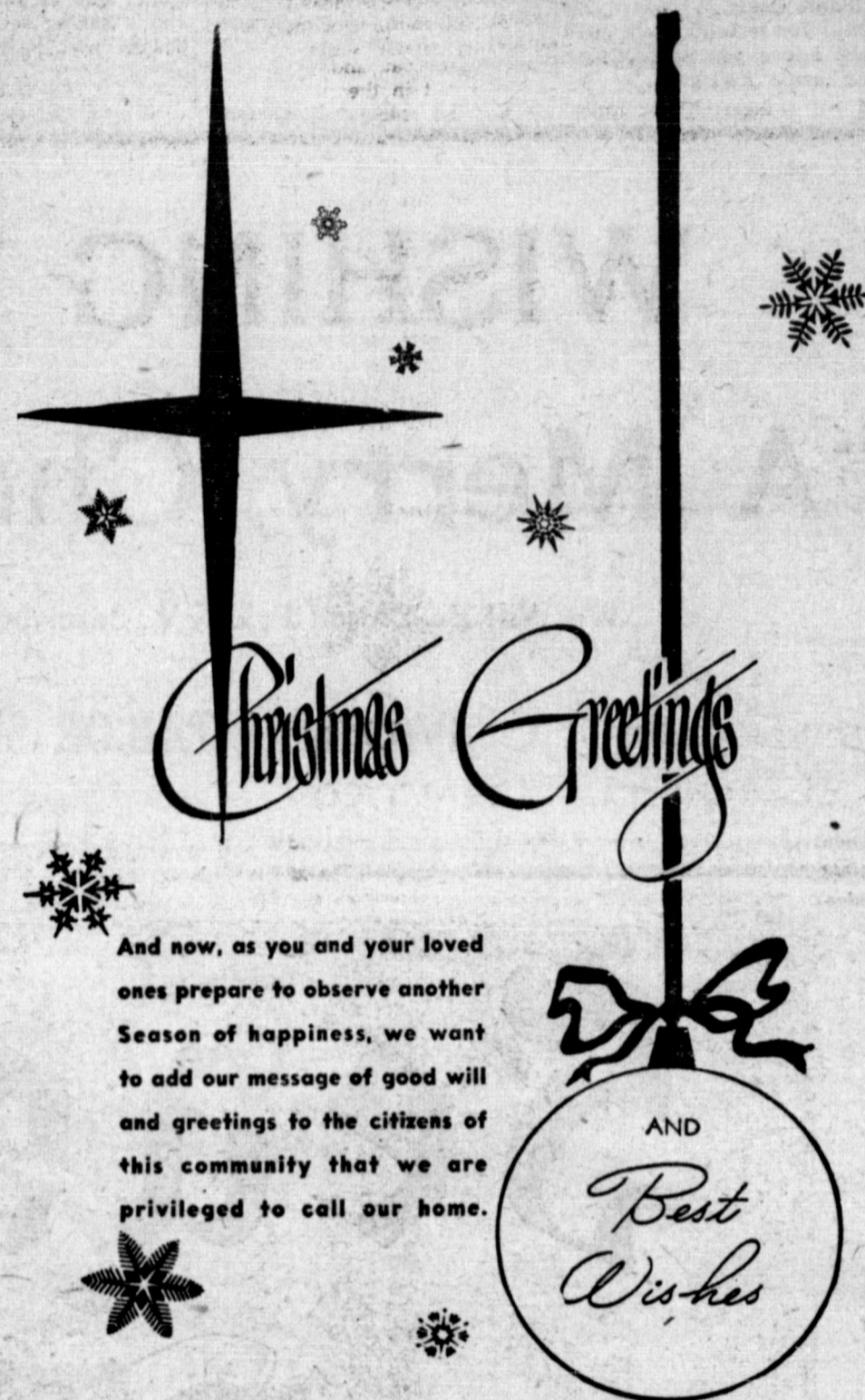
Their prayers being ended
They crept into bed
And visions of sugar plums
Danced through their heads.

Eight, nine, and the little French
Clock had ticked ten,
Ere the father once thought
Of his children again.

He seems now to hear
Annie's half suppressed sighs,
And sees the big tears stand
In Willie's blue eyes.

To have been harsh or cruel
He never had meant
But bank stocks had fallen
That day, ten per cent.

(Continued on next page)



And now, as you and your loved
ones prepare to observe another
Season of happiness, we want
to add our message of good will
and greetings to the citizens of
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God Answers Prayers

(Continued from opposite page)

But of course they've forgotten
Their troubles ere this
And that I denied
The thrice asked for kiss.

But just to make sure
I'll steal up to their door
For I never was harsh
To my darlings before.

So saying he softly
Ascended the stairs
And arrived just in time
To hear both of their prayers.

I'll atone for my harshness
He to himself said
By answering their prayers
Ere I sleep in my bed.

So, saying he turned
And swiftly went down
Threw off velvet slippers
And silk dressing gown.

Donned hat, coat, and boots
And was out in the street
Braving the cold,
The wind and the sleet.

Nor stopped until
He had bought everything
From the box full of candy
To the tiny gold ring.

With his purchases he
His home way he traced,
And with Aunt Mary's help
In the nursery was placed.

Miss Dolly was seated
Beneath a pine tree
In front of a table
Spread out for a tea.

In the center an ebony
Workbox was laid
And on it the ring
For which Annie had prayed.

A soldier in uniform
Stood by a sled
With bright shining runners
And all painted red.

The box full of candy
The books and the toy
Was just what was needed
To bring Willie joy.

Morning dawned
Four eyes out of sleep opened
wide

And at the same instant
Their presents they spied.

They laughed and shouted
In innocent glee
And called for their papa
To come quick and see.

Then Willie told papa
How Annie had said
That their dear loving mother
So long ago dead,

Used to kneel down
By the side of her chair
And pour out her soul
To her dear God in prayer.

So we knelt down and prayed
Just as good as we could
And God answered our prayers
Now wasn't he good?

I should think he was
If he brought you all these,
And knew just what presents
My children would please.

Well, well let him think so
The dear little elf
Too cruel to tell him
I did it myself.

But henceforth
I'll make it a rule I believe
To have Santa Claus visit us
Each Christmas eve.

Proud father who caused
Your stern heart to relent
Of the hasty words spoken
So soon to repent.

'Twas the being who made you
Steal softly upstairs
To make you his agent
In answering their prayers.

Lena Antrobus.

NOTE—She learned this poem
when she was 8 years old, 79
years ago in New Richmond,
Ohio.

Yuletide Thoughts

Heywood Brown once said, "Christ-
mas is not a date. It is a state of
mind."

No man lives today who does not
seek, in some way, to follow a guid-
ing star.

Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 years old. I
have tried to be a good boy, so
will you please bring me a peddle
tractor, a blackboard, some
Tinker Toys, and a ferris wheel,
and some candy, fruit and nuts.
Please remember all of my little
friends.

Love,
Gary Baker

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years
old. I'm good most of the time.
Will you please bring me a side-
walk bike, a farm set and a truck.
Don't forget my little sister,
Debbie. She's too little to talk so
she would like just anything you
bring her.

Love,
Larry Wayne King

Dear Santa,
I am a boy six years old. I am
in the first grade. I have tried to
be a good little boy. Please bring
me a bike, a football and helmet,
a ball glove so I can play ball
with my brother Barry, two guns
and anything else you bring me.
Remember all the other boys and
girls.

Love,
Freddy Gray

The Season's **GREETINGS**
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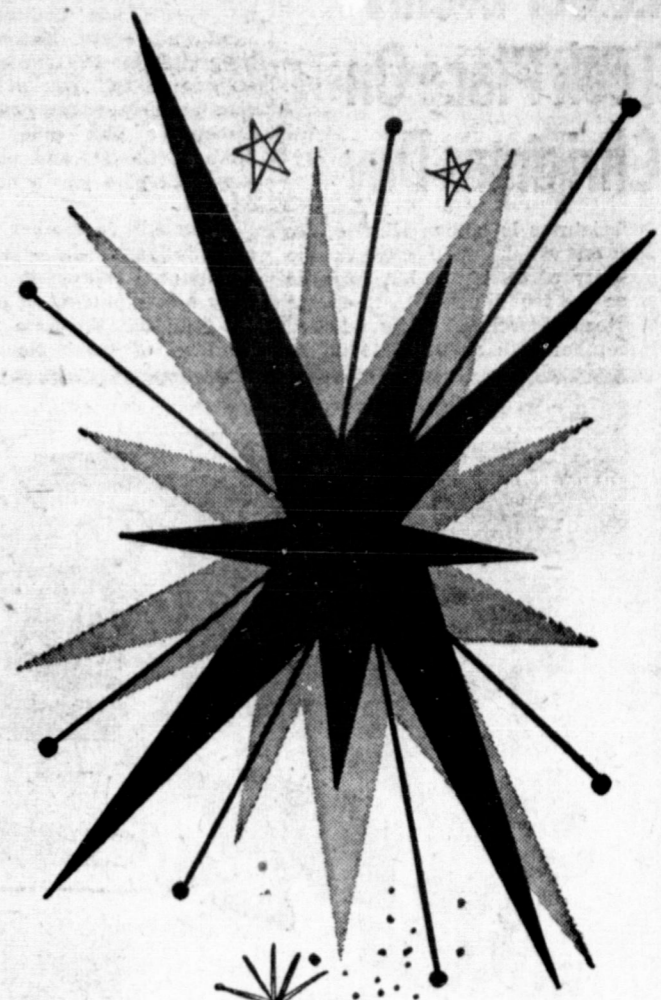


Merry Christmas to All

We say Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers . . .
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Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the

birth of the Saviour. Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara

Barton and Frances Blake, among others. Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.
In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.
In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.
In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.

Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

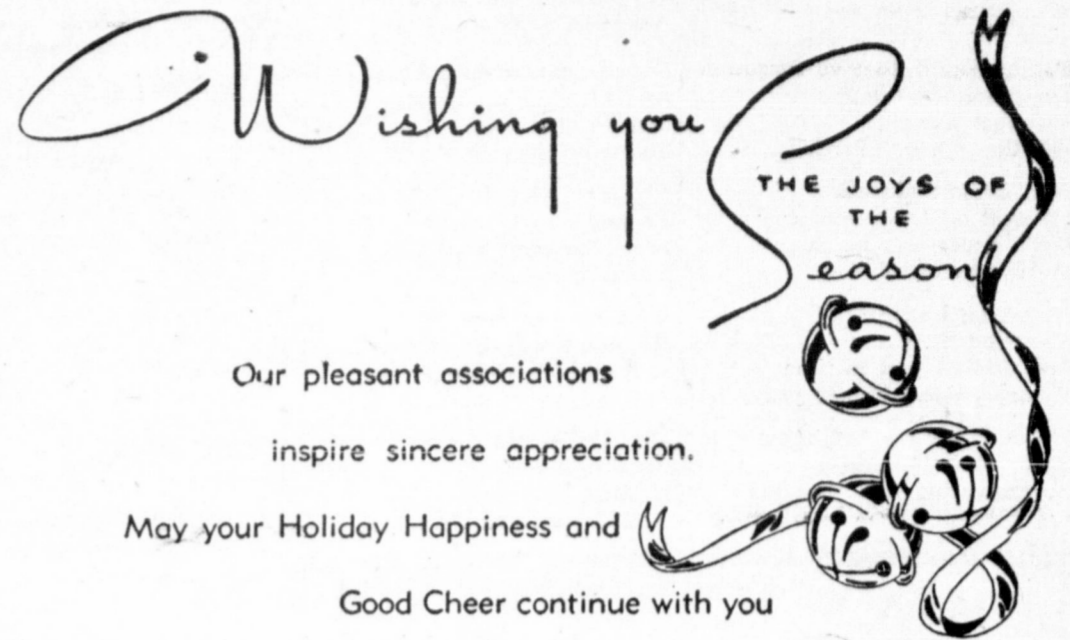
Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Junius I, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

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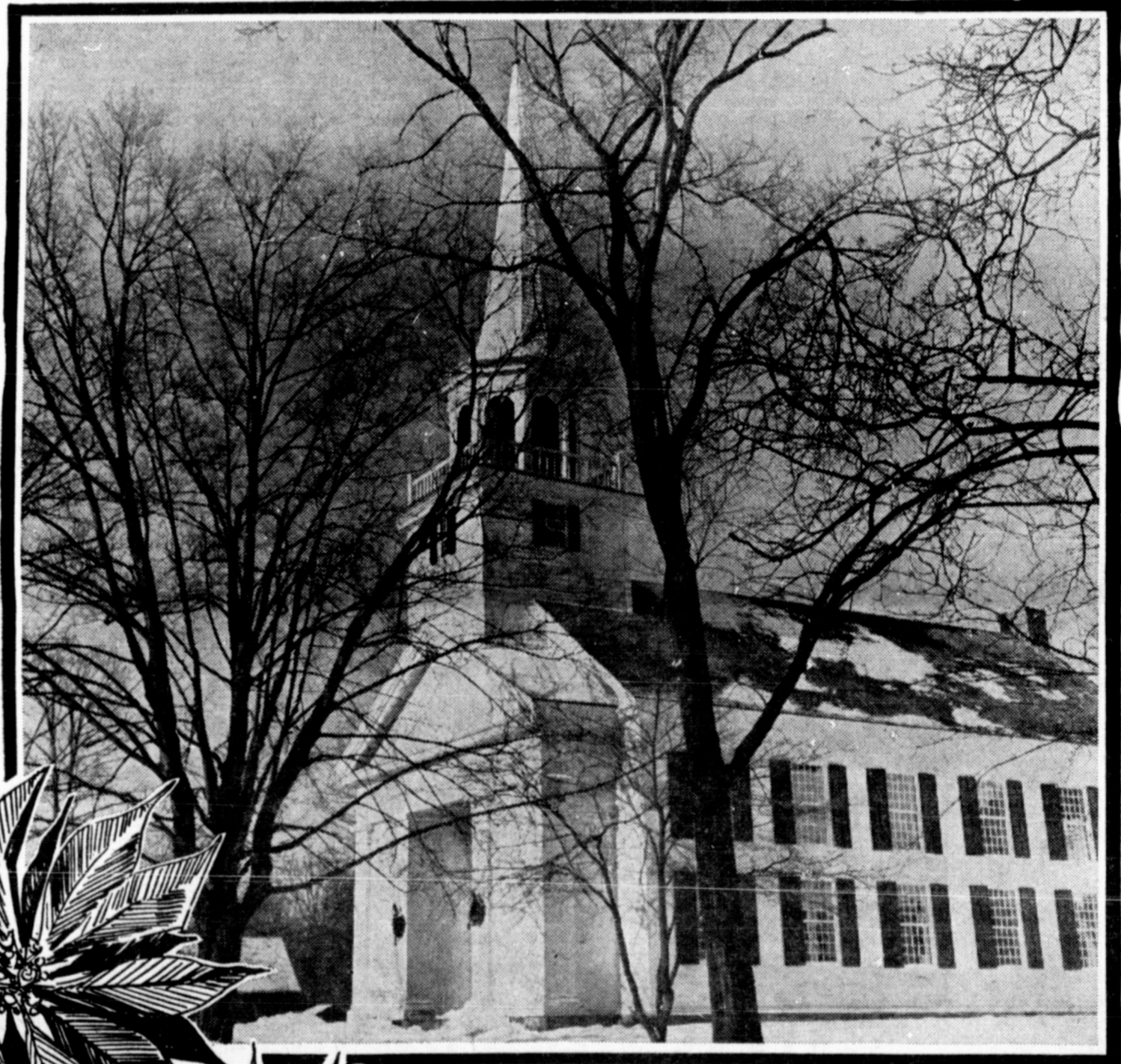
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Everybody in this firm, wishes each and every one a Wonderfully Merry Christmas!

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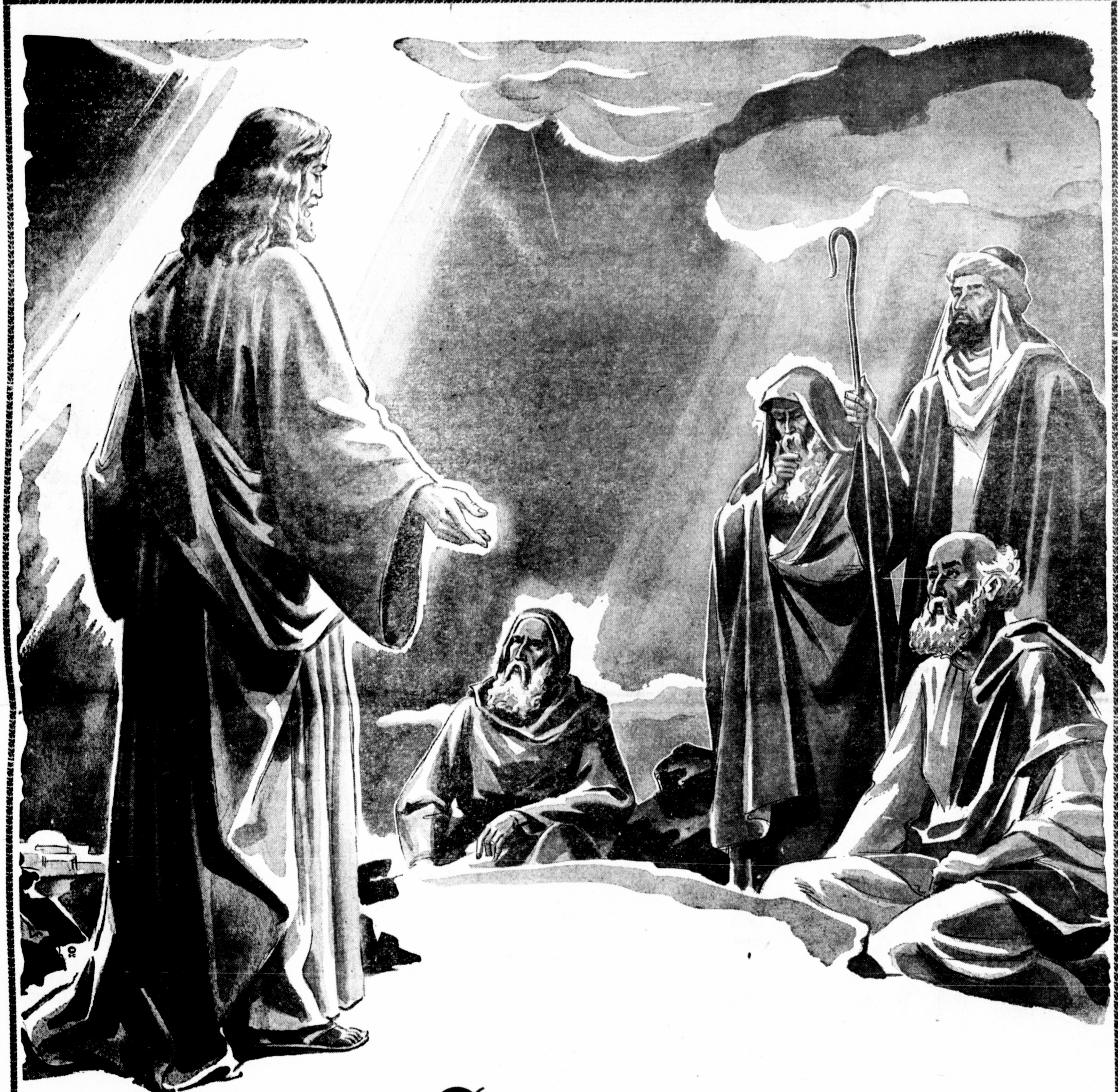
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Whether you observe Christmas Day in quiet prayer or make it ring with gaiety, we wish each and every one of our many friends and customers — a Holiday filled with rich blessings and joy!

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As the Christmas Story again unfolds its sacred message unto all men the world over, telling of peace, good will and the blessings of Christianity; We add our fervent prayer that your many prayers during this Holy Season be realized in happiness and joy for Christmas, and time to come!

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A Common Paper for Common People

Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been very good little kids and we want you to bring us some toys for Christmas. John wants a little red car and a choo-choo train. Linda wants a doll that can say Mama and Papa, and some clothes to go with it.

We love you Santa,
John and Linda
P. S. Bring us some goodies too.

Dear Santa,
I would like a roller with a truck and a roadgrader. I will be with my Grandad Bill feeding the cows. If it snows, me and Bill will come and get you.

So long,
Cowboy Jim Riley

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, and a wardrobe for the dolly I have now, also a bake set, then just anything nice you'd like to give me. I have been a good girl. I have made good grades on all my work. I haven't missed a day of school. I have a kind teacher. Her name is Mrs. Johnson. Please bring her something nice. Don't forget that mother wants a TV lamp for Christmas.

Your little friend,
Sandra Gail Shults

Dear Santa,
I want a Red Riding Hood doll and a doll house. Will you bring my kitty "Cutie Pie" a sucker. I will be at Ruby's house.

I love you Santa,
Vickie Riley

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a pair of guns. Would you bring me one? Please bring me one. I would like you to. My mother wants you. I want you to because my mother wants you. I want you to bring me a bicycle. Don't forget about my mother and father. They want some things too. Don't forget about my sisters, too, Santa Claus. They want some things, too.

Love,
Lloyd Lynn McCord

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a doll and a little play kitty, a play dog and a rabbit. Please bring me a bicycle and a baby bed. I love you,

Delphena Napier

Dear Santa,
I want a buggy, a dollie, a cabinet. I will be in Clarendon at my Grandmothers.

Love and kisses,
Janice Riley

P. S. I am 6 years and the fairies got my two front teeth. If you find them please bring them back.

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a bow and arrow. I want a guitar. I want a gun, a bat, some spurs, some leather chaps-I want some cars. I want you to bring a truck.

Corky Leffew

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a bow and arrow and two guns.

John Grady

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a doll, bicycle, and some skates? Be sure and remember other boys and girls. Let Rudolph lead the sled.

Love,
Linda DeBord

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a doll, a buggy and some candy and nuts. Danny wants some candy and nuts, too. Be good to all the boys and girls. I am seven years old.

Love,
Connie Lee Phillips

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy ten years old. Please bring me a suit of clothes, a coat, a pair of shoes, and a bicycle.

I love you,
Robert Lee Tolbert, Jr.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old. Please bring me a bicycle, a grader, two trucks, and a cowboy hat.

I love you,
William Tolbert

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 3 years old. I want a set of guns and holster.

With love,
Jerry Lynn Salmon

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and a doll buggy.

Thanks,
Deborah McAnear

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that drinks and a chair and a bicycle and some dresses and a notebook.

Thank you,
Sue Castleberry

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want you to bring me a pair of skates.

Love,
Melody Howard

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. Please bring me a Bible and a doll buggy.

I love you,
Ann Lee Porter

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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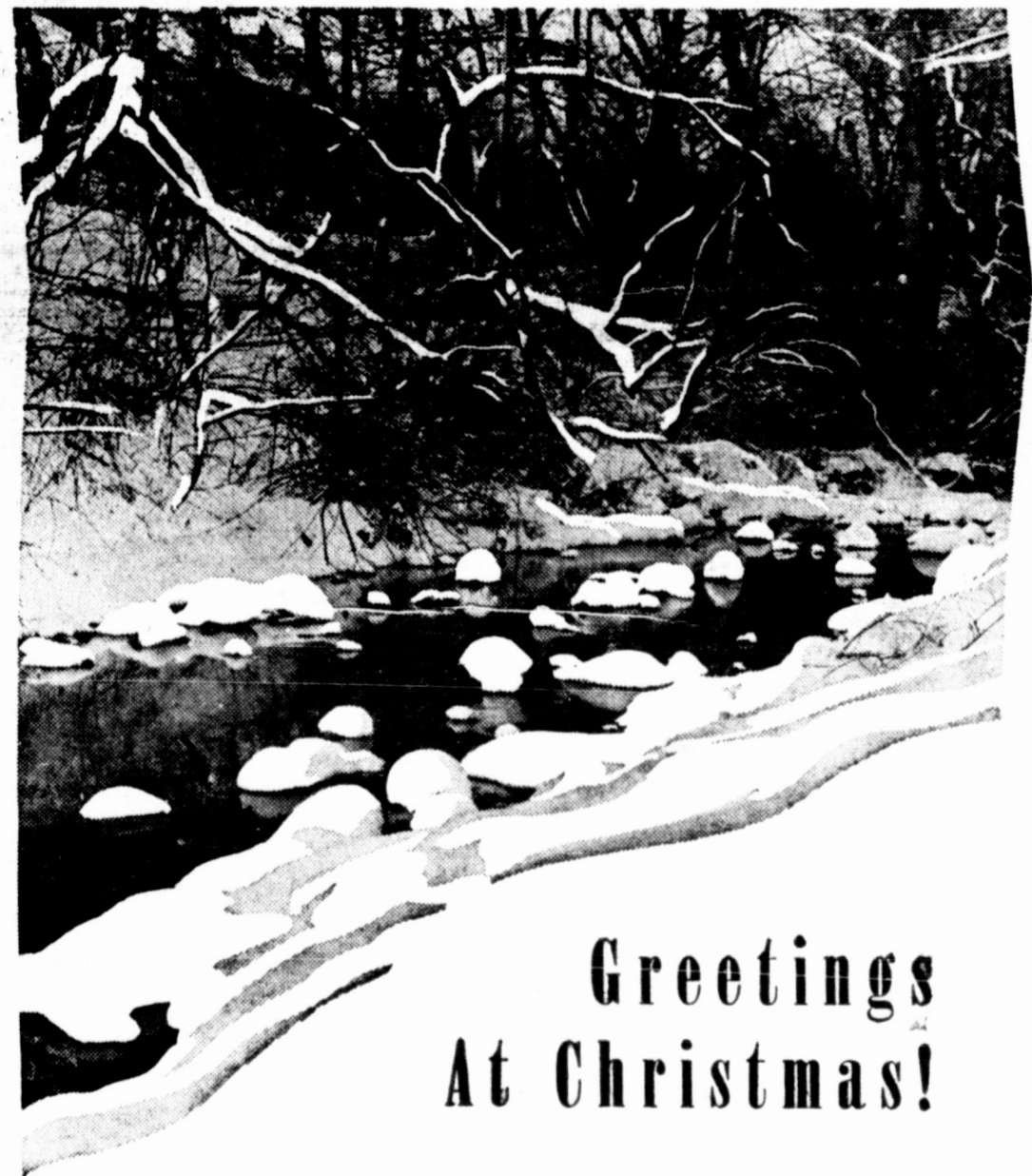
IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



We put aside all thoughts of day-by-day business, and extend to our many loyal Friends, our wishes that the Holy Spirit of Christmas and its blessings, enfold you and your family now, and for all time.

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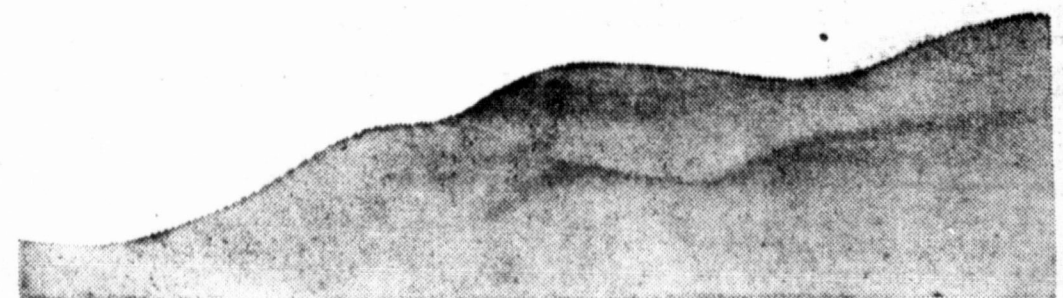


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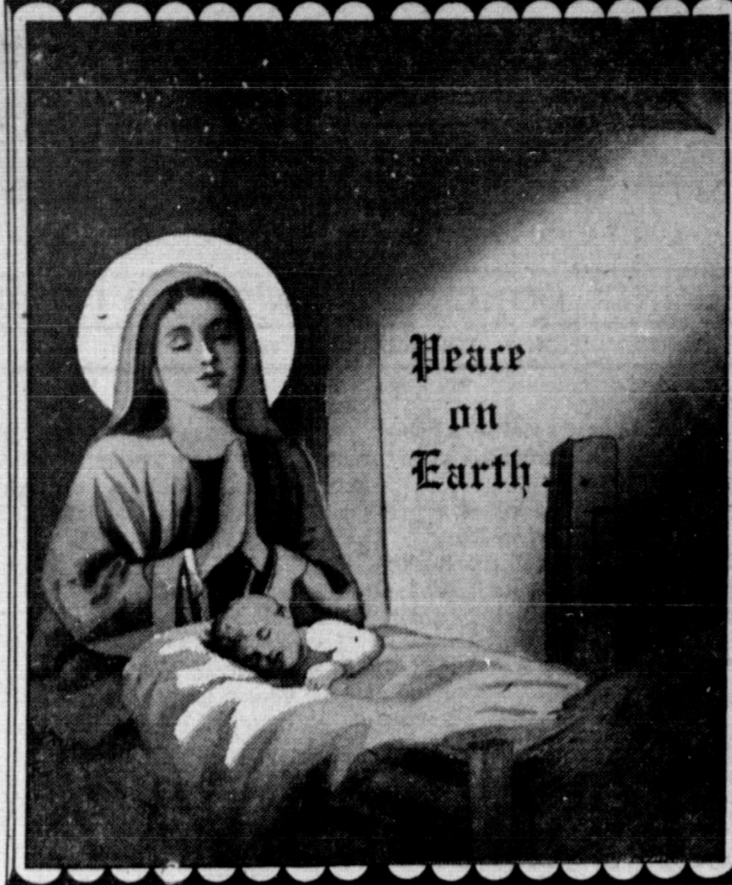
Old Irish Celebration Was 'Baking the Cake'

Old Erin had one of the most unusual New Year's day celebrations to be found anywhere. Called "baking the cake", it was a favorite with Irish peasants.

Proud husbands would invite all their friends over to participate in the ceremony and partake of the "gude woman's baking."

When the cake was fully prepared, the eldest son took it and hurled it with all his force against the door. Everyone scrambled to pick up the pieces, for, according to the superstition, he who picked up the first fragment to touch the floor would have a home and a New Year's cake to share the next year.

Vermont means "green mountain."



Every year about this time we hear the same story: Christmas is getting too commercial.

Last year, in fact, some grown-ups rebelled and said because Christmas was getting "so commercial" they intended to tell their children that there was no Santa Claus.

Like little Virginia O'Hanlon, who wrote the famous "Is there a Santa" letter to the editor of the New York Sun, children are very easily disillusioned. But, like Virginia, they need only reassurance from someone they believe in to sustain their wonderful belief. It is entirely wrong for us to shatter their dreams.

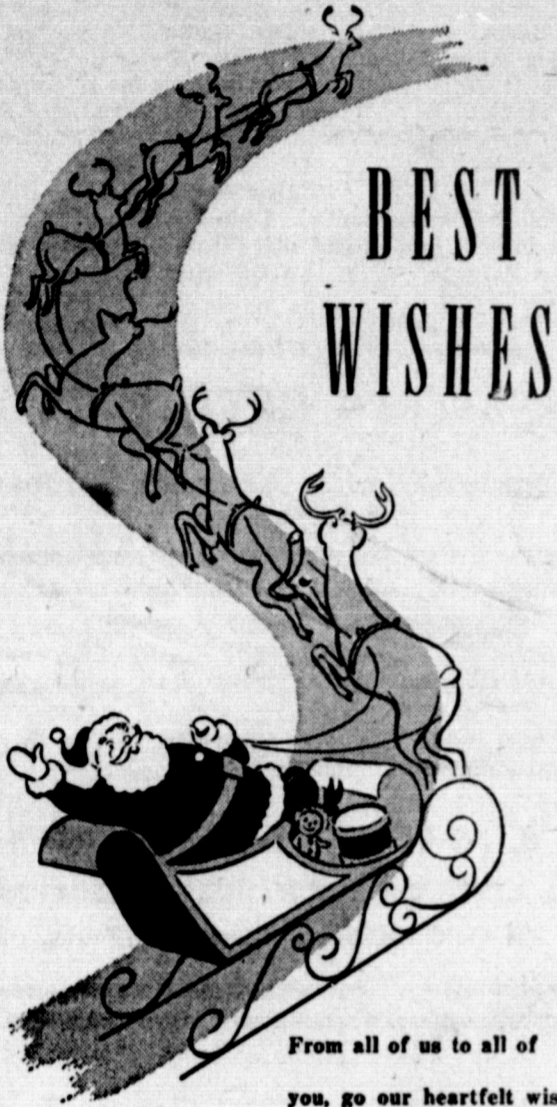
Christmas IS commercial in some aspects. Thousands of people earn a livelihood working the year around in toy shops or factories which produce Christmas specialties. This, in itself, does not make Christmas "too commercial," for toymakers have produced Christmas novelties for hundreds and hundreds of years. In

the same vein, we can not say Christmas is too commercial merely because newspapers, magazines and catalogs are filled with gift advertising as the holiday season approaches. They advertise Spring merchandise, Fall merchandise, etc., so why not Christmas merchandise, when the dominant theme is one of giving?

No—"Too commercial" is an overstatement. Christmas is too commercial only in the minds of grown-ups. If we think so, let's work to see that the "true spirit" of the season abounds about us and not attempt to take away from children the joy of one of the greatest moments in their young lives—the time when Santa visits.

For—"he exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus!"

Let there be a Santa as long as there are little Virginias.



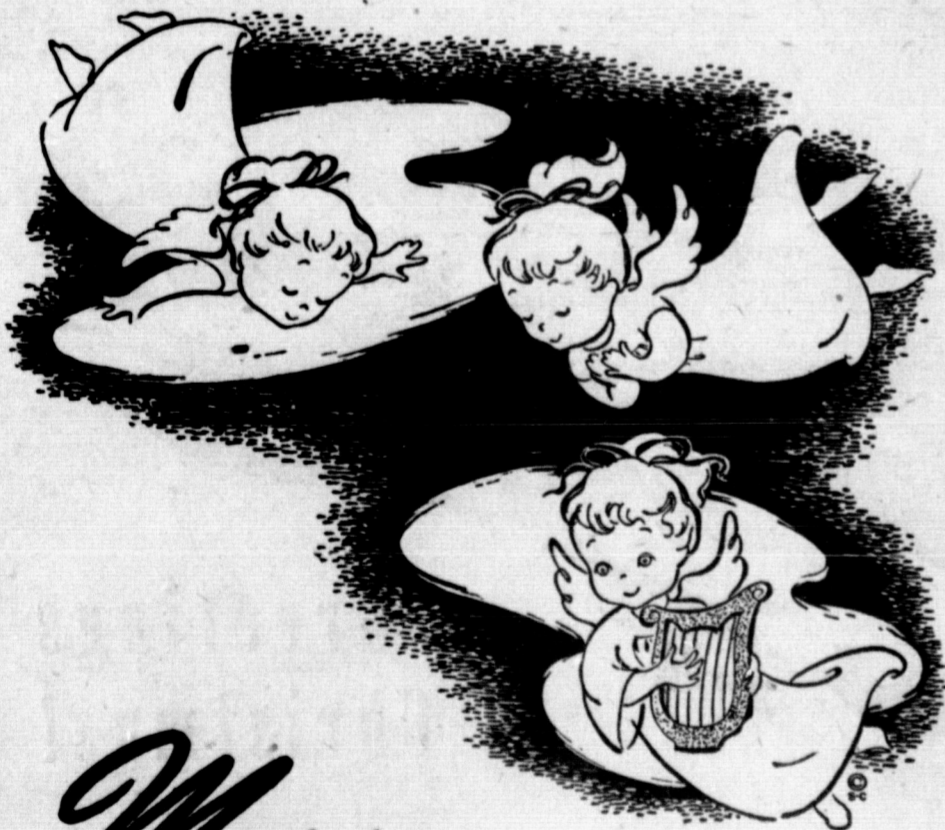
From all of us to all of you, go our heartfelt wishes that you may enjoy
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Merry Christmas!

And, may the wondrous peace and blessed spirit of this Holy Day find that all your fondest dreams have come true in the bounty of your Christmas gifts . . . That you all be gifted with health, happiness and much Yuletide Joy!

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Holiday Whirl Means Extra Work For You-Know-Who

The holiday whirl is about us again and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1955."

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the mornings and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year, by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's Christmas an easier one. It might be done by dividing up some of Mom's "extra" duties and assigning a share to each member of the family.

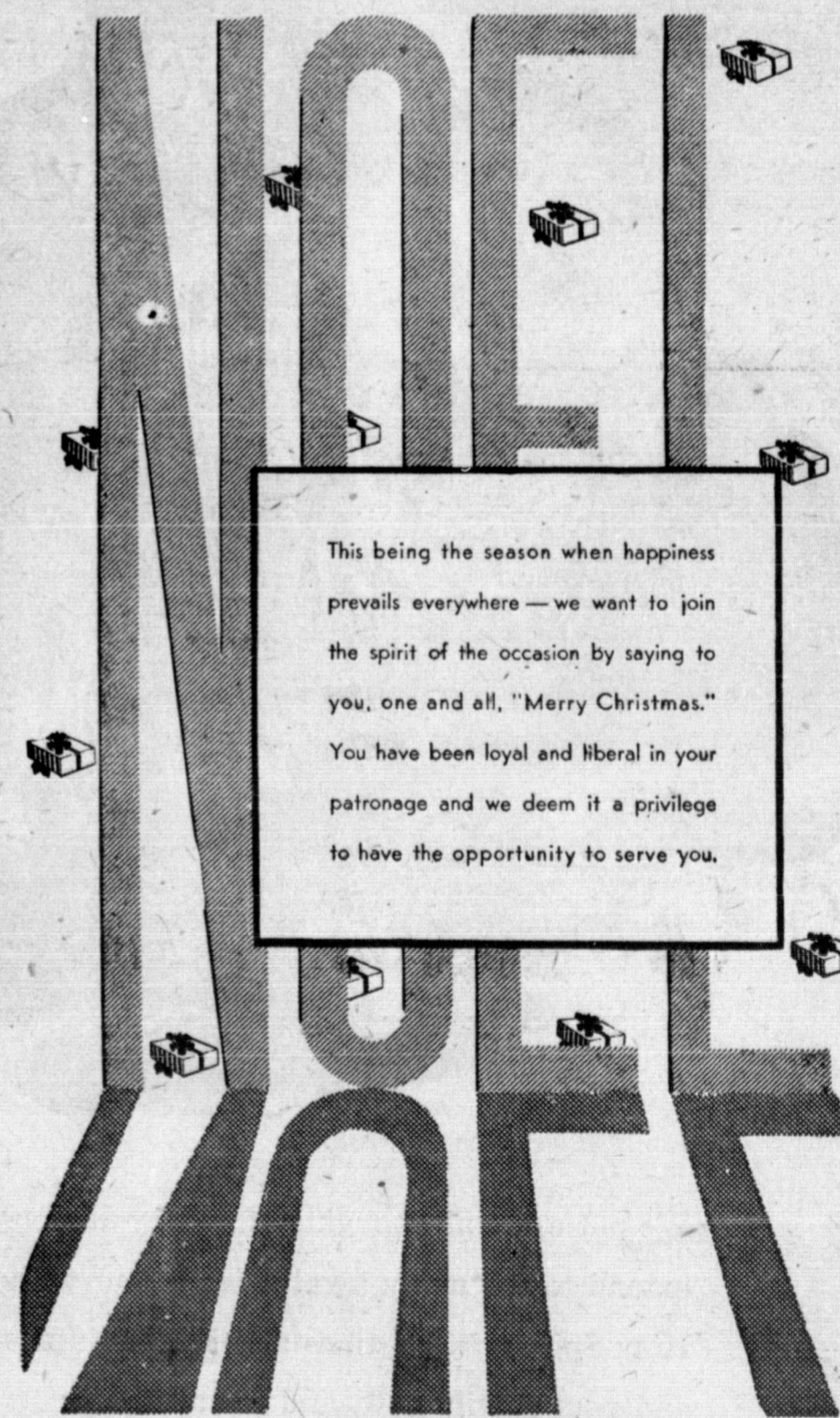
Christmas is a holy season and a time of good will. Poor Mom, though, is usually so tired she doesn't even have time to think, much less relax and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the season.

Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra

Saint Nicholas lived some 1000 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre, province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.

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Christmas Greetings

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NOTICE OF WATER CONTROL and IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT DIRECTORS ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF DONLEY

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF DONLEY COUNTY WATER CONTROL and IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1:

Take Notice that an election will be held on the 11th day of January, 1955, at the places, in the manner, and for the candidates for the office of said district, as set forth in the attached copy of an order for directors' election, duly entered by the Board of Directors of said above mentioned district on the 9th day of December, 1954. Said attached Order for Directors' Election is made a part of this notice for all intents and purposes.

Delbert W. Robinson
President, Board of Directors
Rayburn L. Smith
Secretary, Board of Directors (45-3c)

ORDER FOR DIRECTORS ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF DONLEY

On this the 9th day of December, 1954, the Board of Directors of Donley County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 convened in called session with the following members present, to-wit:

Delbert W. Robinson, President
Virginia B. Rogers, Vice-Pres.
Boyd Rogers
Rayburn L. Smith, Secretary and the following absent: Jack G. Harris, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:

Whereas on the next ensuing second Tuesday in January, being the 11th day of January, 1955, there will be elected 5 directors for this district;

Whereas this Board by order dated the 9th day of December, 1954 established the procedure for candidates who desire to file for said election;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DONLEY COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1:

That an election be held in said district on the second Tuesday in January, 1955, the same being the 11th day of January, 1955, for the purpose of electing 5 directors to the Board of Directors of said District;

That said election shall be held at the following places (1) in said District, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.

1. For Election Precinct No. 3, at Boyd Rogers Residence, in Donley County, Texas, within said District with Boyd Rogers as Presiding Judge, and Virginia B. Rogers, Clerk.

The following named persons have duly filed as candidates for said election in accordance with the above mentioned order for election procedure in Directors Election passed by this board, and their names shall be placed on the ballot for said election in alphabetical order as follows:

Jack G. Harris
Boyd Rogers
Virginia B. Rogers
Delbert W. Robinson
Rayburn L. Smith

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which this district is located, or if none is published in said county in the nearest county thereto, the first publication shall be at least 21 days prior to the date of election, and not more than 35 days prior thereto. Immediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof in triplicate, one being retained by the Presiding Judge, one delivered to the President of this Board, and one delivered to the Secretary. The ballot box and other election records and supplies shall be delivered to the Secretary at the office of the District and be preserved as provided by law in said office except the Stub box shall be returned to the District Clerk for this County.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Board voted AYE: Boyd Rogers, Virginia B. Rogers, Rayburn L. Smith, Delbert W. Robinson, and the following voted NO: none. **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this the 9th day of December, 1954.

Delbert W. Robinson
President, Board of Directors of Donley County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1

ATTEST:
Rayburn L. Smith
Secretary (45-3c)

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

The 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Law will bring Federal old-age and survivors insurance to most farm families beginning in January 1955, declared John R. Sanderson, Manager of the Amarillo Social Security District Office. These amendments, signed into law by the President on September 1, extend social security coverage to all farm operators who earn as much as \$400 in profits in 1955 and later years and to all farm employees whose cash earnings amount to as much as \$100 paid by the same employer farmer in 1955 and following years.

Any farm operator or farm employee who does not have a social security card should apply for one immediately. Application forms are available at most post offices. The social security number will identify a person's earnings which will be used when figuring the social security payments to which he will be entitled when he reaches age 65 and files a claim or the amounts payable to his family when he dies.

Farm operators and farm workers are urged to drop a postal card immediately to the Social Security Office at Amarillo, Texas and request a leaflet on social security for farm families. This leaflet will explain in understandable language what farmers and their families should know about their social security, and what they should do now and in the future to protect their rights.

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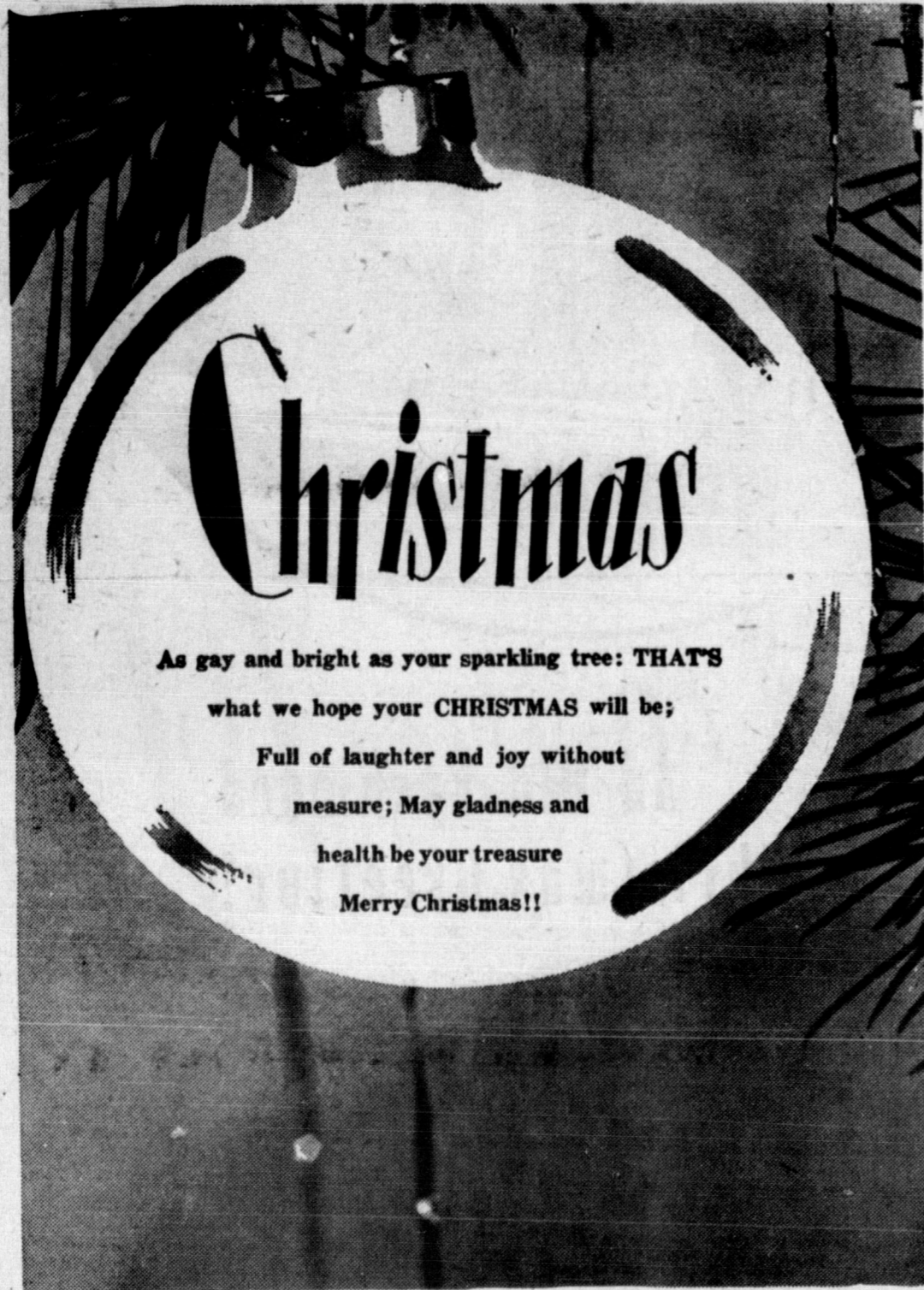
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Merry Christmas!!

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Merry

May the happiness that you look forward to at the Christmas time remain with you and yours for many days to follow. Your every wish and ambition — may they be yours to enjoy.

Christmas

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Bill Gerner - Harold Gerner

Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association
AUSTIN — Wheels are beginning to turn in anticipation of the Legislature convening here early next month.
Legislators— all 181 of them— are busy looking for places in

which to live. Some will rent homes. Others will be satisfied if they can find apartments or rooms.
Also seeking living quarters are several hundred new employees who will work during the 120-day session.



Greetings

May the serenity and happiness of the Joyous Christmas Season last you forever!
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May your Christmas be filled to overflowing with Joy and Happiness!

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JEWELER

Add to that a sizeable group of lobbyists and you find a lot of new faces in the capital city nowadays.
Major problem of the solons will be, as usual, how to go about getting the money, for demanded state services.
More financing will be asked for various purposes, including highways, welfare programs and education.
Those are the three big items of public expense. But other departments, boards, bureaus and commissions will ask funds for such items as parks and law enforcement.

Inauguration Plans
Also in preparation is the inauguration ceremony, celebrating the taking of office by Governor Allan Shivers and Lieutenant Governor Ben Ramsey.
While both are returning to the offices they have held, the occasion will take on the same air of festivity that always has marked such observances.

New Governor
It's "Governor" Dorsey B. Hardeman now. The President Pro Tem of the Senate took over the chief executive's job for a day, Friday.
Reason: Governor Shivers and Lieutenant Governor Ramsey were out of the state and the President Pro Tem is next in line.
"Governor" Hardeman, state senator from San Angelo, is chairman of the Senate's permanent investigating committee and also chairman of the Texas Water Resources Committee.

Stricter Inspections
Former Senator G. C. Morris of Greenville says the Legislature will be asked to strengthen the state's automobile inspection law. Morris is executive secretary of the Highway Safety Council of Texas. His organization which sponsored the original law, will ask that "steering mechanism" be included in the law. Inspection now is limited to warning devices, lights, horns and brakes.
Morris' group also will urge higher salaries for highway patrolmen and the addition of 200 patrolmen as well as 15 driver's license officers. Another proposal would require all types of trucks to use "mud flaps" regardless of weather conditions.

Land Case
Cletus P. Ernster of Cuero, one of three men arrested in the Veterans Land Program investigation, has been turned over to the Travis County grand jury.
Ernster is charged with using a forged instrument in connection with a land sale.

Meanwhile, two Cuero notaries public charged with falsely certifying to signatures they did not witness, are at liberty under \$5,000 bond each.
Chief witness of the state in the examining trial of Ernster was a Cuero Negro who said he bought land in Zavala County after being led to believe that an oil and gas lease would pay it out.
Sixteen insurance companies have gone into receivership in Texas since January, 1953.
Pioneer Western Mutual Insurance Co. of San Antonio was the sixteenth. A permanent injunction was granted the Attorney General's office against the firm after it failed in its attempts to raise \$130,000 to pay off outstanding claims.

Emergency Relief
Governor Shivers and the state drouth committee have recommended placing Ector, LaSalle, Uvalde, Wichita and Wilbarger Counties on emergency relief, and re-admitting Frio County. There are 113 Texas counties in the disaster area at present.

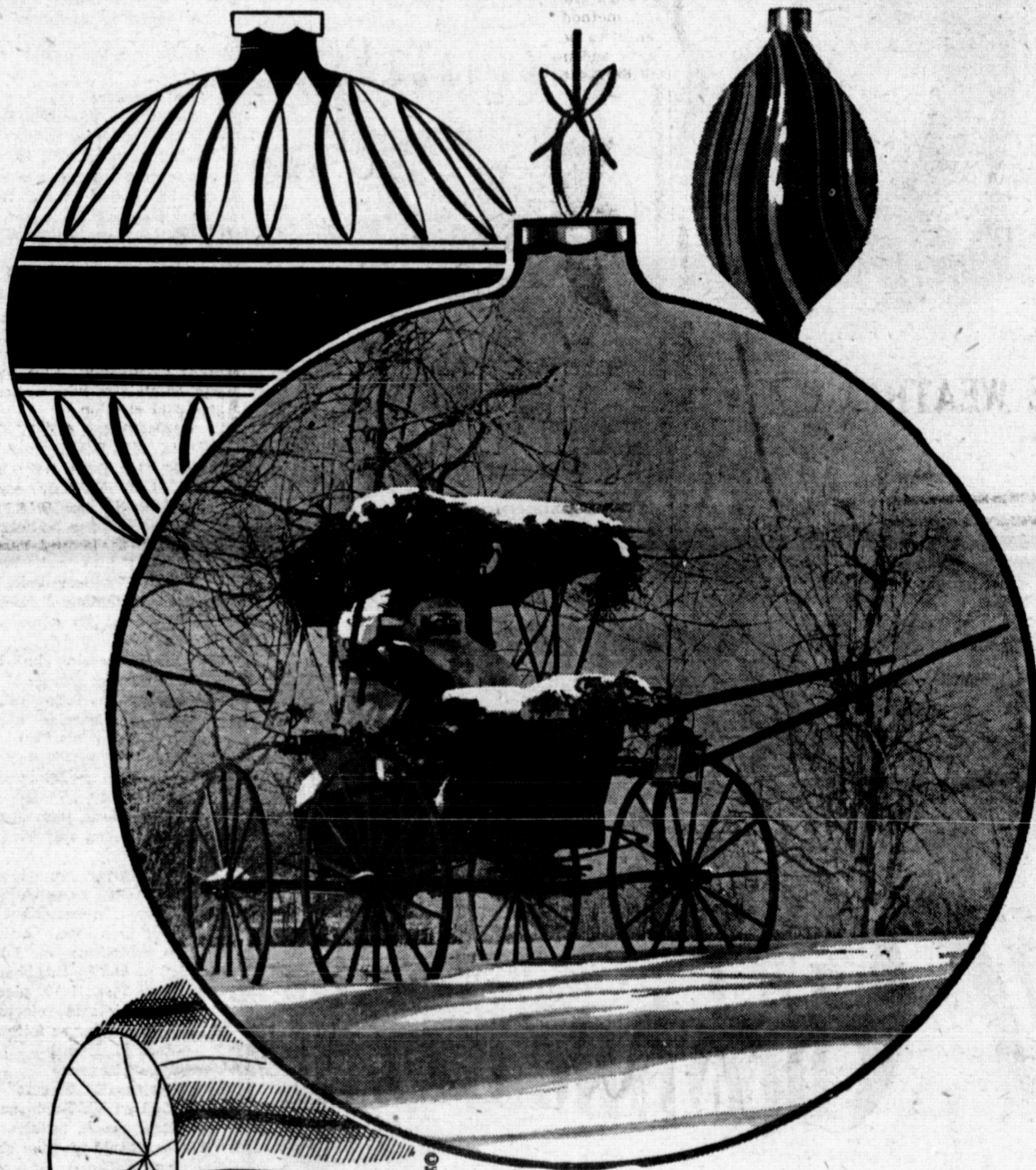


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'Midst all the bustle of this festive season, please, don't overlook all our good wishes ... we are proud to have served you this past year.
Merry Christmas to All!
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May your Yuletide be enriched with all the blessings of a traditional Christmas -- Peace, as quiet as new-fallen snow ... the heartwarming Joy of a family together ... Good Will for all! This is our old-fashioned wish for our friends and customers -- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Did You Wonder Why Santa Drops Gifts Down Chimney?

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chimney?
For the answer to this common belief about Santa and Christmas, we must go back to Saint Nicholas, responsible for so many other customs related to Christmas.

There's a story about an impoverished nobleman who was unable to find husbands for his three daughters because he could not afford a dowry for each. He was about to sell the daughters into slavery when St. Nicholas heard about it. Silently, Old Saint Nick dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. All three daughters soon married and lived happily ever after.

Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 343 A.D. and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

It could be said that St. Nick and Dr. Clement Moore, who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" (now better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas") contributed most to our present concept of Santa Claus.

Early Controversy Over Exact Christmas Date

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances.

Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that it occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH DISTRICT

By Congressman Walter Rogers

WHEAT

Since wheat is one of the major supports of our economy in the Panhandle, I thought it might be appropriate to point out a few of the interesting facts about its history. Its earliest ancestor, Einkorn, was first domesticated in Eastern Iraq and was one of

the earliest plants cultivated by man. Recently wheat kernels were found in Eastern Iraq under conditions indicating that they were 6500 to 7000 years old, and it was observed that the resemblance between these early kernels and modern grain is remarkable.

It has been interesting to notice that all civilizations have been founded on wheat or wheat and a combination of the other cereals such as rye, barley, oats, rice and corn. In both the old world and the new, the science of astronomy was invented by the cereal growers as a part of their planning for the planting and the harvest seasons. Out of this science, the calendar and a system of arithmetic was developed. Cereal cultivation has created sufficient food supplies to permit some leisure for the people. Leisure, in turn, fostered the development of arts, crafts, and sciences. I am glad that the people in the early days did not consider surpluses as sinful. Had they followed such a philosophy, it could logically be concluded that there would have been no beginning to many of the arts, crafts, and sciences.

Wheat first served as a food with no more being done to it than merely the parching of the grain. The second stage was the grinding and soaking of the parched grains. It is probable that this method was used for some centuries before bread came into being and use, because it appears

that bread wheats as we know them today were not developed until 2500 B. C. or 4500 years ago.

The key differences between the bread wheat and the early Einkorn is the ease with which the husks can be removed from the kernel by thrashing and the peculiar quality of their gluten or protein. Of all the cereals only the bread wheat can be made into light fluffy loaves, and this is due to the content of highly elastic gluten.

Christmas is for the YOUNG



Christmas is for the young! How many times do we hear grown-ups make this statement? Much too often. Christmas belongs to all of us, to share, to take part in the celebration of the birth of the Saviour, the greatest event in the history of the world. It seems to some that Christmas will then be young at heart.

As the population of the world increased, the production of wheat as a basic food had to increase and, of course, this is a process that will continue. In 1952 the world crop was almost one-fourth larger than pre-war; about 7,400,000,000 bushels, of which North America contributed 2,000,000,000 bushels, or a crop for our continent 100% larger than pre-war. The 1953 world crop was a little smaller, and that of 1954, by preliminary estimate, only about 10% above pre-war. This decline is actually man-made by acreage reduction.

FEDERAL PAYROLL

According to reports to the Committee on the Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures, the number of civilian employees in the Executive agencies of the Federal Government totaled 2,323,029 for the month of October, 1954. Of this total, 1,182,058 employees were working for civilian agencies, and 1,140,971 were working for military agencies. This is an increase of 5,464 compared with the preceding month of September.

In addition to these, there were 382,637 foreign nationals working for U. S. Military agencies overseas during the month of October.

Turkey Dinner

Planning a turkey dinner for Christmas? If you are, and you want to be sure it's a "good" bird when you place it on the festive table, then follow these tips in preparing that important part of your holiday meal.

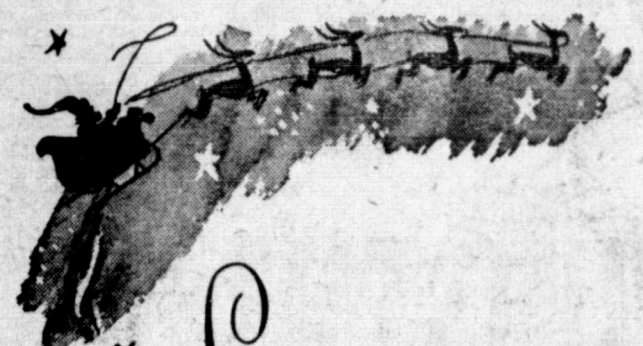
Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled out easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other. The drum stick can also be

greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

Singe your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in lukewarm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried.

Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

In roasting the turkey, you'll find that the wing-tips can be brought over the back and tied to make a "rack" on which the bird will rest in the roaster.



Season's Greetings



GEORGE WEATHERALL



Season's Greetings

At this time of the year, it is with deep appreciation that we say — MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS!

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To All Our Friends

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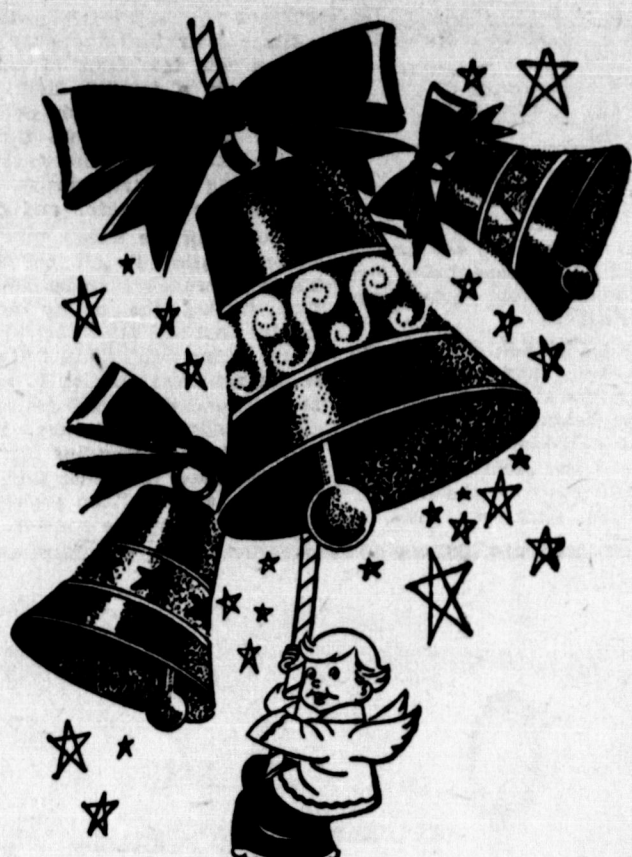


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Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared. Upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled and as His fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.



KING SIZE . . . Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass. who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1953 Christmas celebration.

Gift-Giving Custom In Ancient England

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

Quick Xmas Quiz

1. Why are candles used during the Christmas season?
2. Who gets credit for origin of the custom of hanging Christmas stockings?
3. Is Kris Kringle and Santa Claus the same?
4. A familiar plant to us — what is the golden bough?
5. Who was Joel Poinsett?
6. Who sent the first Christmas cards?
7. Which state has a town named Santa Claus?
8. Legend says the crown of Thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
9. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
10. Who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas"?

ANSWERS

1. As symbols of the Star of Bethlehem. 2. Saint Nicholas once dropped some coins down the chimney of a poor family. The coins fell in a stocking hung up to dry. 3. Kris Kringle is recognized as Santa's helper. 4. Mistletoe. 5. The American statesman who brought the poinsettia from Mexico. 6. Henry Cole, an Englishman in 1843. 7. Indiana. 8. Holly. 9. Christ Child. 10. Clement Moore.

Like Mistletoe, Legend Surrounds Holly Plant

Holly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet, there are some interesting superstitions regarding holly. They believed that its ever-green leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and



therefore considered it sacred.

Legend also has it that the leaves of the plant were once white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep, blood red.

It was also a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once-prevalent belief, would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

Once Plentiful Reindeer Dwindle in Numbers

Santa's helpers—the reindeer—once were plentiful in their native habitats in the north. In recent years, however, their number dwindled so seriously that conservationists once feared the animals might become extinct.

Chief enemy of the reindeer, as of so many animals, is the wolf. Some experts estimate that wolves have destroyed over 500,000 reindeer within the last 15 years or so. It was estimated in 1950 that there were 50,000 reindeer left.

In the past few years American boys and girls have been forced to settle for "stand-ins" or native deer wherever Santa's sled with its eight helpers was used. The true reindeer are difficult to keep alive in temperate climate and with the supply so short, protective measures don't allow the reindeer to come southward for the holiday season.



HELPING HAND . . . "Not a creature was stirring . . ." except this two-year old who slipped downstairs to see what was up—or down. Guess who belongs to the boots.

IT'S CHRISTMAS

and We Hope Everybody's Happy

BILL ALLEN MAGNOLIA SERVICE

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May the beauty of the Star that shone that Night so long ago, be reflected in your heart today. And may the happiness that came to all the world on that Night be with you this Christmas season.



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Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy two years old. I have been good. Please bring me a choo-choo train, a Dennis the Menace doll, a farm set, and a big truck. Santa, if you have a holster and belt, I would like one. Also a red harness for my little dog and lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Thank you,
Fright Banister

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a So-Wee drink, wet doll and a bunny rabbit and some skates. I am a little girl five years old.

Your little friend,
Susan Jane Cross

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll with a suitcase full of pretty clothes. My little sister Shelia wants a new rubber doll.

Thank you,
Judy McAnear

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old and have been pretty good lately. Please bring me a soldier gun and a football suit and a football. I wanted a cowboy suit too, but mother said it would be selfish to ask for both. My baby sister is too little to play with anything yet, but you might bring her a teddy bear.

Love,
Terry Moore

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old. I would like to have a walking doll with real hair, a swing set, some dishes and cooking utensils, and a doll house. I have tried to be good but sometimes I forget.

Love,
Cynthia Gray

Dear Santa,
I am a boy five (5) years old. My name is Pat Perkins. I have tried to be a good boy. I don't need much Santa because my Daddy gave me and my sister a baby screw tail pup already, and my Granny is going to give me a Parakeet. I want a table and chairs to share with Pam. I want a horn, bring any kind you want to bring, and a tiny one for Pam girl. I need a new gun for my old holster. Sure would like to have that brown dog down at my Daddies store. I love Santa. My Granny's name is Hartzog and they live at Panhandle. Bring anything other that you want. Remember my baby sister and my Auntie who lives next door. There will be a piece of bubble gum in my stocking for you. I

love you.
Your friend,
Pat Perkins

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy two years old. I've been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a Rocking horse, dump truck, holster set, drum and a Dennis The Menace doll. I have a little brother two months old. Please bring him some little toys to play with when he gets a little bigger. We will hang up our stockings, so please leave us some candy, nuts, and fruit. Don't forget Dolfia and Linda and all the other boys and girls.

Your little friend,
James Dennis Shadle

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 years old. I would like to have two guns, a Smoky Joe Bear, a blackboard, and a rifle. I have tried to be a good boy but sometimes I forget.

I love you,
David Easterling

Dear Santa,
I'm about two years old now. I think I'm old enough for a tricycle, don't you? Also I would like a wagon and a big cattle truck. Also some candy. Don't forget Janice, Ronnie and Billy, my cousins.

Thank you,
Stevie Lewis

P. S. I live on a ranch away out in the country in case you didn't know.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I started to school this year and like it fine. I want a tiny tears doll and clothes. My sister, Patricia wants something nice.

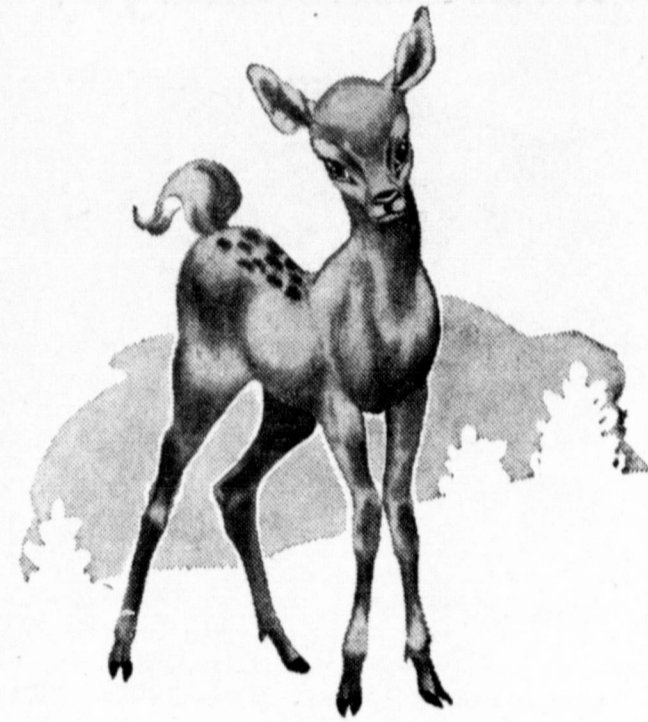
With love,
Linda Marie Salmon

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I want you to bring me a doll, some new shoes, and a new dress. I hope you bring me those things. I like you Santa Claus, because you bring me toys.

Judy Fern Hon

Dear Santa,
Please bring my little brother a set of blocks, ball and Teddy bear. I am four years old, so am big enough for a walking doll. We will be at Pete and Dee's house, so you can find us.

Donna Tomlinson



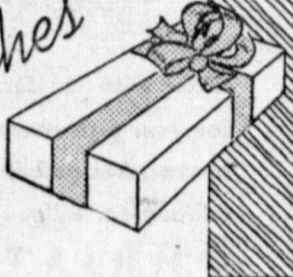
**To our many friends
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your holiday and make it the best ever!



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Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa, I want some chaps and a wood burning set. Be good to the other girls and boys. I love you,

Lester Lee Harrelson Dear Santa, I want a notebook, a doll buggy, and a doll. Please remember the other boys and girls. Love, Doris Chorlene Gray

Dear Santa, I am a little boy ten years old. I want a bow and arrow, and other toys, too. Don't forget the other children. Love, Jimmy Phillips

Dear Santa, I am seven years old. Please bring me some shoes, levis, and a negro-shooter. Santa, please don't forget the other boys and girls. With love, Bernie Green

Dear Santa Claus, I am eight years old. Will you please bring me some overshoes, levis, and shirts. With love, Larry Gray

Dear Santa, I'm too little to talk or write so Mommy will tell you what I might like. I am just 8 months old so I don't want very much. I'd like a doll, a teddy bear, a rocking horse, and some little tin dishes. I can't break that kind. Love, Debbie King

With Christmas Joy



Gay as the flowers of Christmas, Humble as the spirit of the Day -- Warm as the glowing Yuletide log, Are the Greetings we send your way!

CHARM BEAUTY SHOP

Winnie Wester

Essie Putman

Notice To Bidders.

THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT of Donley County, Texas, will receive bids for One (1) 100 H. P. or more Motor Grader equipped as follows: Large tires, cab, heater, 14' Mold Board, Steering Booster and Lights; 1-Allis-Chalmers AD-4-104 H.P. Motor Grader to be given in trade. Bids will be received in the office of the County Judge and will be opened on January 10th 1955, at 10 o'clock A. M., with the right to reject any and all bids. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, at Clarendon, Texas, this 15th day of December, A. D., 1954. Helen W. Churchman County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Donley County, Texas. (46-2c)

Religion was the subject of most English literature before the 12th century.

In Oldham, England 960 tons of soot per square mile were deposited by March 1915.

Bethlehem

Holy City Today Filled With Poor And Homeless

As they have done since the first Christmas, Christians will this year follow the Star to the stable-grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem. Always small and poor, Bethlehem is even poorer today than most people would believe. A recent visitor said, "Wanderers fill the streets--anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn." Last Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem had to be especially watchful lest the sheep trap themselves in the barbed wire of the narrow no-man's land separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has as well been sorely affected by the hostility and the uneasy truce. It is crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehem's chief industry, the making and selling of objects of piety from olive wood, Dead Sea stone and mother-of-pearl. Except at Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit had gone from the business. On Christmas Eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christian diplomats living in divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unused highway through no-man's land. Pilgrims rich and poor alike, worship together in the fourth century Church of the Nativity. There is a High Mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through a series of underground chapels. The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Manger. Outside, Christians from many lands will sing, as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Interesting Facts About Xmas Trees And Season Customs

"Twelfth Night," which many communities celebrate by a community burning of Christmas trees, is derived from the custom of early Christians who celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Christ for 12 days, placing special emphasis on the last or twelfth day. The "Twelfth Night" tree burning is also said to commemorate the light of the Star of Bethlehem.

The manufacture of toys for Christmas gifts and other uses last year required approximately 130,000 tons of steel products from all sources.

The first Christmas tree in San Francisco was made in 1850 from Douglas fir branches wired on a stick by a German wine shop proprietor.

Over three-fourths of the nation's Christmas trees come from the states bordering Canada.

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

The first Christmas cards were mailed in 1846 by Henry Cole, an Englishman. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and bore the now-famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 16th century.

When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

MINCE PIE

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring in mince pie was said to represent the rich gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child.

Use 'Air Parcel Post' For Gift Packages

Postal employees are bracing themselves for what may be the busiest week-end in Yuletide history. Explaining the urgency of their problem, Postmaster J. C. Estlack today said:

"I have frequently asked that all Christmas mail be posted before December 15. Now that time has past, and I know from previous experience the volume of Christmas mail hasn't reached its peak."

What to do? The Postmaster's advice is:

"Use 'air parcel post' for your gift packages going to other states. Air mail postage is the best idea for any remaining Christmas cards with out-of-town addresses."

Outdoor Decorations Should Not Harm Evergreen Shrubs

It won't be a chilly Christmas for many outdoor evergreens and shrubs this year, with outside home decorations expected to be even more popular than in past years.

It's nice to have bright decorations outside, tree experts say, but too many home owners give their home grounds evergreens a hot foot while stringing them with overly-powerful Christmas lights for a blinking, brilliant colorama.

They offer this advice to protect trees while utilizing them to the best advantage in achieving that beautiful outdoor display: Use only electrical fixtures designed to be strung on outdoor trees.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-watts. They're bright enough to be gay and colorful, yet don't generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact. Check periodically to determine if needles or foliage are turning brown in vicinity of lights. If so, rearrange the lights. Not even a beautiful light display is worth marring valuable evergreens that are a source of beauty the year round.

LEADER CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

"There's still time to complete all local deliveries by Christmas, if first-class postage is used. Mail carriers are scheduled to make as many daily trips as are necessary. So don't delay, and risk disappointing your loved ones." "But I hope," Postmaster

Estlack concluded, "that this is one year every mail bag will be empty, and every postal employee at home, on Christmas Eve. Then we can all relax--at least, until it's time for New Year's cards and 'thank you' notes!"



Along with our sincere thanks for your patronage, our very best wishes go out to you for a 'bang-up,' jolly... CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

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