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An Interesting Letter About Viet Nam

LETTER FROM
AUBREY LEE ROBERSON

Christmas Contemplation

—Ted Dott

Christmas is a time to think. And the first thoughts go always to the words, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. . ." This Son met hate and evil. Hate and evil put him on a cross. And this Son said, "Father forgive them. . ."

How can God forgive us? We sit in our warm houses. Life is full of nice things. It is not so in Viet Nam where we hate our enemies. Our sons whom we have trained to kill are there. Come Christmas some of them will be dead. Come Christmas some of them will have killed the enemy. Come Christmas, just two days hence, young men from both sides will be blinded, maimed, insane. No packages from home will still the screams nor cloud the night.

And Jesus said, "I say to you, love your enemies. . ." For two years I served in the infantry and I was promoted and I received a decoration. Yet, not once did those words leave me. It is a dirty business. God forgive us if we do not recall the Hell of war in this season.

How can God forgive us? We don't like one another. We speak around and backbite one another. Come Christmas we will not have tried to draw closer to one another. Come Christmas we will not have tried to see our shortcomings. Come Christmas we will have even more excuses for disliking this or that person.

And Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. . ." On every side the words ring out, "They are ignorant. They have enough money. They like it where they are." God forgive us if we excuse ourselves from this commandment from which there is no excuse.

How can God forgive us? The Viet Cong disembowled an American and hung his body on a fence as a warning. So, our men, to make captives talk, pushed one out of a high flying helicopter.

And Jesus said, ". . . as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." I hear it said, "they are more evil than we. They are just animals. We are not as bad as they." God forgive us for excusing our evil by pointing to the greater evil of someone else.

Let us think at this Christmas time. Jesus was not born into a nice, clean, orderly hospital. He was born in a barn. He has shown us the way to clean the barn, our world. He is in this world seeking to help us.

Come Christmas will we have heeded his help? Or, will we have turned our back on him?

O Lord, we most humbly pray for guidance in these

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Your responsibilities are to God — Country — Family, in that order. Because if you don't have faith in God and don't believe in and defend your Country and its principles, you cannot have family security. It takes all three to have freedom and if one is missing you do not have a complete freedom.

I am very proud of you and your class and all the people who believe as you do and would like to urge you to keep up the good work. I guess I could talk about this all day and never get tired of it.

We have had some pretty rough weather here and have been snowed in most of the time since about the first of November.

Joe - guess I better close for now - So you all take care of yourselves and be careful, cause we love you all.

Aubrey, Helen and Janet

Got your letter with the clipping from the Ropes paper about Viet Nam, and your and John's school pictures. You and John get a little better looking every day. Janet said you both look like you need your heads scrubbed. They are real good pictures.

I really enjoyed the letter to the boys in Viet Nam. The people over here in the States just can't imagine how much the boys over there appreciate support like that. The more they can get, the better. I only wish that everyone in the United States felt the same way your class feels. They and you are to be commended for a very patriotic deed which is greatly appreciated by all Freedom loving people of the world.

If the people that do not believe we are doing the right thing would stop and think, they would realize that it is much better to combat Communism every time it shows its nasty head than to let it get by with a little here and a little there. Before long it would be out of hand and instead of our boys going to another country to fight Communism for people of another country, we would be fighting a war on our own soil and endangering the lives of those we love, when it could have been prevented if we had done what we should earlier.

I don't mind telling you, that if I ever get the chance, I will go over there myself. I won't get the chance for a while as too many want to go and I just got back from overseas and they won't let me go until I have been back here in the States a certain time. Some guys don't have to wait very long and others have to wait longer. I would much rather go over there and fight Communism and know the one's I love are safe here than to be constantly worrying about having to fight on American soil. Many people say "Why do you want to go over there and leave your family and loved ones behind when you don't have to?" I want to go because I do love them all. They say, "Your first responsibility is to your family." This isn't true.

NOTICE—

The Ropes Food Store will close at 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 24th.

NOTICE—

Skating will not be held this Saturday night, December 25th at the Community Building.

NOTICE

The tax office of Ropes Independent School District will be closed from Thursday, December 23 through Wednesday, December 29, for Christmas. The office will be open December 30 and 31 for the convenience of those wishing to pay school tax in 1965.

CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

In honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Jesse E. Young, their brothers and sisters extend a cordial invitation to all former members and friends on Sunday, the 2nd of January from 3 to 5 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church at Sundown.

Delbert Hall Writes From Viet Nam

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thanks to my Father and Mother I am able to receive the Plainsman as far as Viet Nam. I pass it around for the other fellows to read.

Take the Ropes Food Store specials: the 10-pound bag of potatoes sure sounds good in place of these canned potatoes. We can get fresh fruits which sure helps a lot.

I remember stopping in Mr. Riojas' store from time to time. Going over to the schools and visiting with Mr. Fuller; over by the movie and down by the Fire Station.

We soldier boys are not out for a lot of glory - we just want the rest of the world to know that we believe in America and what she stands for. Just remember to drop your Soldier Boy a line now and then whether he be friend, boyfriend, husband, sweetheart, son, uncle, etc.

He likes to hear about the day to day happenings

I have been real lucky in receiving mail. I have been real proud of the home front.

Just tell the young men of the Ropesville area or those who read your paper that they have a wonderful town and state there to support.

Just keep up the good work, print the news as it happens. Remember I lived by the Plainsman while my Daddy was off to war. The old Ropes Plainsman leaves fond memories with me when I receive it weekly.

Thank you, Delbert.

PS. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

DELBERT HALL
(Delbert, we wish for you and your buddies a peaceful New Year and are looking forward to the day when you can once more visit our office.)

Following is Delbert's address in case you want to write to him. We know he would be happy to receive several letters from Ropes.

S-Sgt. Delbert L. Hall
R A 18387382
48th Avn. Co. (Airmobile) Lt.
APO 96321 San Francisco, California

CUB SCOUTS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ropes Cub Scouts of Pack 736 met Monday night for a Pack meeting and a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and much fun had by all who attended.

Den I had charge of the program, but all Dens and parents joined in singing of Christmas Carols.

A surprise visit from Santa Claus highlighted the evening, as he stopped by long enough to tell us a story about the house he lives in.

Awards were given to the following boys:

Lion Badges to Alfred Evans, Mike Moore, Danny and David Carpenter and Roy Don Dodson. These boys, along with Stanley Shockley and Perry Strickland are now ready for the Webelos.

Ronald Kimberlin received his Bobcat Badge. The Pack received a Summertime Activities Award, and Den III received the Attendance Banner this month.

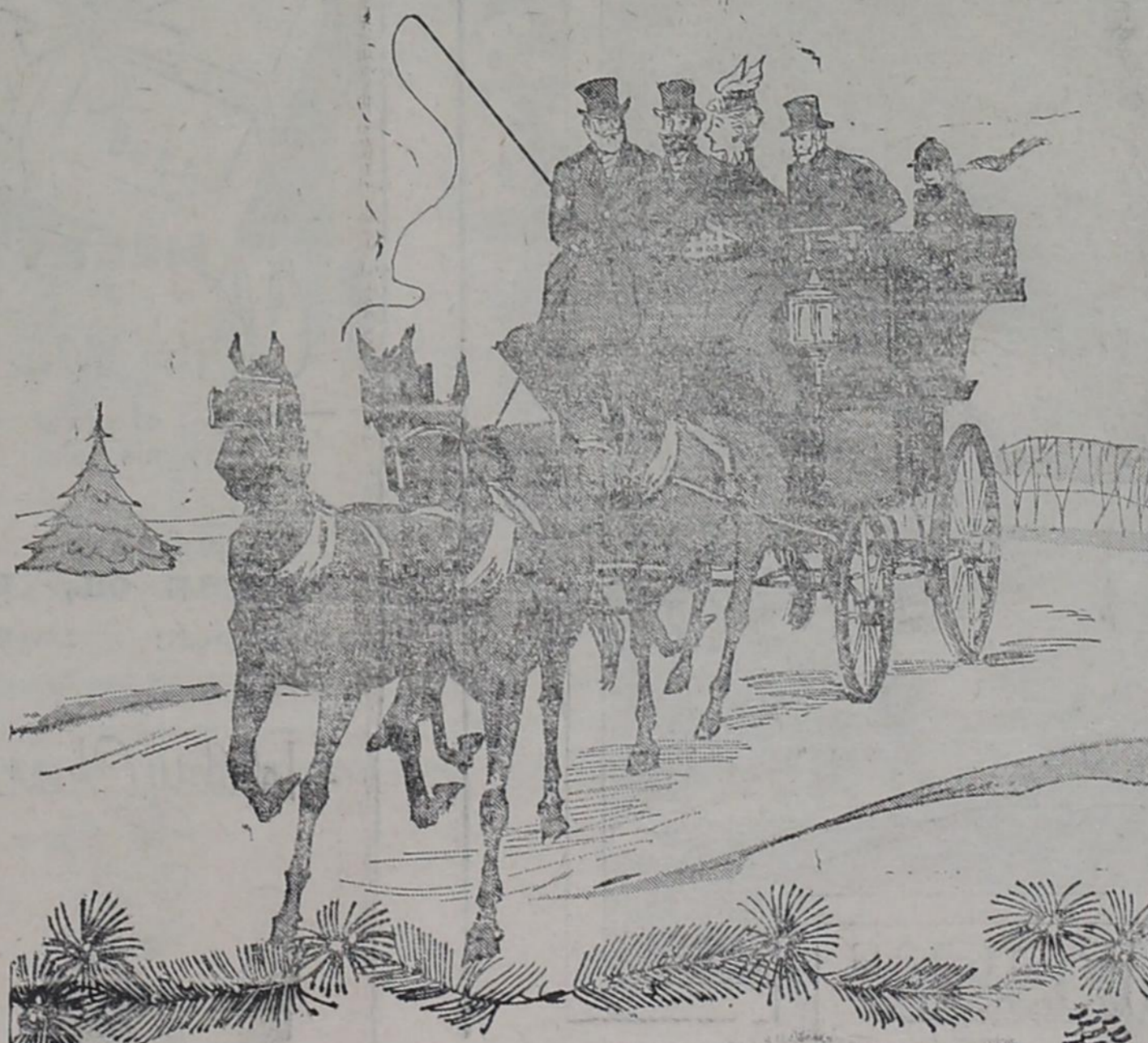
TRUCK CATCHES FIRE

We notice Dennis Rasberry is still picking stickers out of his hands that he acquired last week when he discovered the butane truck he was driving was on fire, and he jumped out into a sticker patch. He put the fire out with a fire extinguisher he carries in the truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Young blood and family of Denver City visited over the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rasberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Price were in Ralls Sunday for a Christmas dinner with relatives, and to celebrate the 83rd birthday of his uncle.

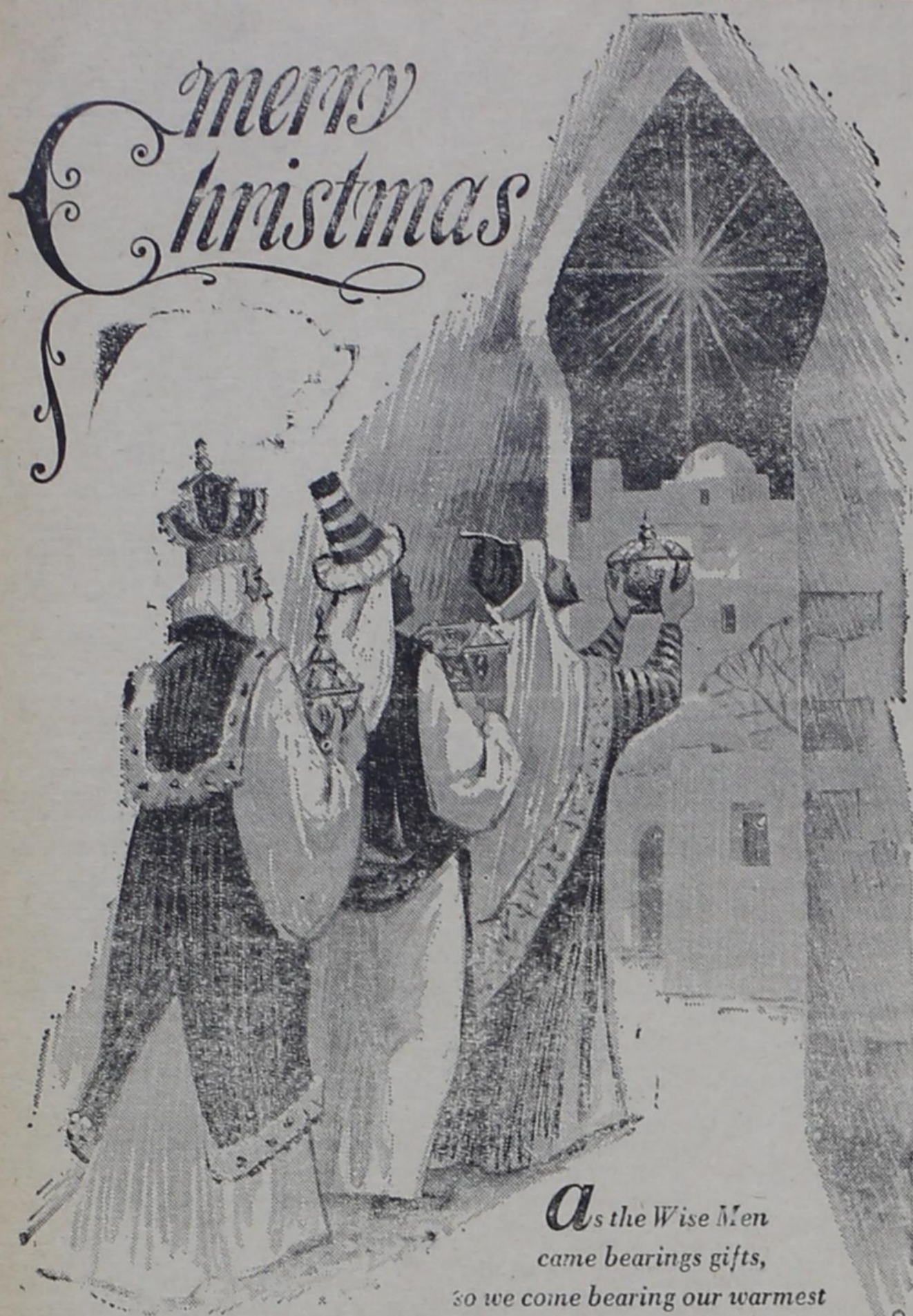
MERRIEST CHRISTMAS SEASON 1965



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The Ropes Plainsman

Merry Christmas



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Christmas

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HENRY

The following was turned in by Mrs. R. K. Lindsey of Morton:

My mother, Mrs. Brown, and the children want to send our best wishes for the nicest Christmas to all her friends who have been so nice and thoughtful to her, for all the nice things, cards, gifts, etc., they have done for her. She is doing fine. Did you see the picture of her

with the five generations on her birthday that was in the Lubbock paper.

Thanks a million. We love you all.

Mrs. R. K. Lindsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulys Gregg and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards are in McKinney attending the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Edwards, who suffered a stroke and is reported to be in a coma.



Holiday Greetings

We hope this holiday will bring you and your family the best of everything.



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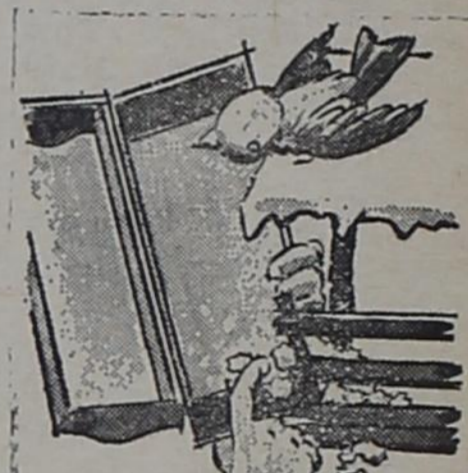


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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Young and boys were in Dimmitt on Sunday visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Scarbrough.

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Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Means on Tuesday were friends Mrs. Bessie Henley of Yucca Valley, California, Andy Earwood of Compton, California, and Ray Earwood of Santa Gabriel, California. They were enroute home after attending the funeral of their brother in Commerce recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson returned home this past weekend from Ballinger where they had been visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephenson and Scottie.

Gary Don Rucker will have one pig in competition at the 1966 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 28 through February 6.

W. R. Watt, Fort Worth Stock Show president and manager, expects the final list of 1966 livestock entries to top the 1965 record of over 11,000.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Adkins of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Abb Russell of Ropes, and Freda Pointer, who attends Tech.



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With genuine appreciation for your many favors and friendly good will, we take this opportunity to extend season's greetings and sincere good wishes for your holiday pleasure. May every festive hour be bright with joys as fresh as the smiling wonder on the faces of eager, happy children.

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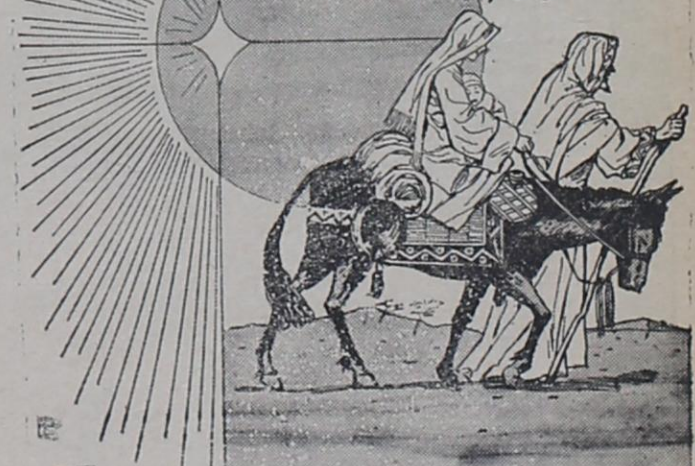


Christmas Carol

The wonderful spirit that pervaded the manger is ours to share again.

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Merry Christmas 1965



"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem." St. Luke Chap. 2

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Richard Riojas was here Riojas and children. He is for a few days visiting his now serving as residency in father, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph pediatrics at San Antonio.

FOR SALE - Beauty shop equipment and house. Will sell together or separately. Mrs. Susie Gonzales, 1 mile west, 1-4 mile north of Ropes on west side of road. ltp

Doy Whitener returned to his home in Mercedes last weekend. He had been here working at the Co-Op Gln.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bernard and boys of Bakersfield, California are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Willis and other relatives over the Christmas holidays.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Following is a calendar of events for the Ropes Public School year 1965-66:
 January 3: School takes up.
 March 4: TSTA Meeting.
 April 6 to 12: Easter Holidays.
 May 20: School dismisses.

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days.
We do not wish death and destruction as it exists in Viet Nam. Yet, we are unsure about how to stop it. Help us to heed thy Son who lives with us to the end that these horrible things may be solved.
Amen.

BOY SCOUTS WILL NOT MEET
C. T. McCormick announced to the Plainsman this week that the Boy Scouts will not meet December 22 and 29 due to the Christmas Holidays

Methodist Church
Sunday:
Church School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00
Wednesday:
Prayer meeting ... 6:00 PM

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Young Homemakers News

YOUNG HOMEMAKERS GO TO BROWNFIELD
This past Friday morning three of our Young Homemakers and one guest went to the Brownfield Convalescent Home to take cards, fruit and candies. Those who braved the very bad weather were Von Ayers, Mary Ann Jones, Betty Whitehead and Mary Nell Dalton. We know their visit appreciated and we hope to return in the near future when more can go. Our next meeting will be

January 10 at night and more will be said about our program later.
On January 25th in the morning we will tour Ralls-Tex Mills, and hope anyone who would like to go with us will feel welcome to do so.
YOUNG HOMEMAKER RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Meat Loaf With Sauce
by Von Ayers

1 egg
1 1-2 teaspoons salt
1 1-4 pepper
1 can tomato sauce
Moisten with 1-2 cup water.
SAUCE:
3 tablespoons vinegar
3 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons mustard
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
Pour over top of other mixture. Cook 1 hour and 15 minutes on 350 degrees.

Will You Please Help?

Dear Community Member:
This year the Area I Future Homemakers of America have become concerned about the boys in Viet Nam and have joined forces to begin a project called "Valentines for Heroes". This project is too large and too important for one local chapter to handle alone. Therefore, we are asking for YOUR help in making this small contribution to our service men a success.

contribute some of the following articles:
Candy (non-perishable, such as brittle, divinity, and other candies that will not melt. Please, no chocolate candy such as fudge.)
Cookies (non perishable)
Pre-sweetened Kool Aid (The water tastes so bad that they like to put kool-ade in it.)
Ready to pop popcorn.
Razor blades.
Toilet articles.
Books.
In order for our boys to receive these by Valentine Day they must be sent by January 6. They may be given to any FHA girl or left at the school or Ropes Food Store. We realize that this is a busy and expensive time of the year but Christmas is a season of giving. Is it too much to ask you to give these much needed articles when they are giving their lives to save our country?
Sincerely,
Ropes FHA

Have Christmas Party

Mrs. Bill Odom was hostess to the Locketville Home Demonstration Club Wednesday in her home for a Christmas party, and program.

Opening prayer was given by Mrs. Marshall Armstrong; a Bible reading from Luke was read by Mrs. Bud Arnwine; Mrs. J. C. Armstrong

gave a story "Is Christmas Too Commercialized"; a poem "Christmas Morning" was read by Mrs. Dalton Redman; and "What Shall I Get Him" was given by Mrs. James Pierce. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments enjoyed by all attending.

Present were Mmes. Bud Arnwine, Jack Ayers, J. C.

Armstrong, Marshall Armstrong, Arthur Murphy, E. E. Nix, Preston Reeves, Dalton Redman, Ronnie McNabb, James Pierce, Miss Glenda Dean Nix, and the hostess, Mrs. Bill Odom.

The next meeting will be January 5 in the home of Mrs. Bud Arnwine.

Roberson-Berry Vows Read

Miss Jackie Ann Berry became the bride of Charles Edward Roberson at 8 p.m. Friday, December 17, in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberson. The Rev. Wayne Perry officiated the double ring wedding vows. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Marvin Berry of Dallas and Jack W. Seales of Lubbock.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a full-length gown of organza over taffeta with full-length sleeves ending in petal points. The fitted bodice featured a circular neckline accented with pearls and sequins held a waist-

length veil. The bride carried a bouquet of white carnations atop a white Bible.

Mrs. Jimmie Lindsey, matron of honor, and Miss Lantette Henley, bridesmaid, wore pink floor-length formal gowns of brocade with sleeveless bodices featuring scoop necklines. They wore long white gloves and pink bow headpieces with face veils. Each carried a long-stem rose.

David Pinkert was best man and John Roberson was groomsman. Guests were seated by Billy Price.

Tania Michelle Seales of Lubbock was flower girl and Joe Bert Roberson was ring

bearer.

A reception was given in the home.

The bride chose for travel to Carlsbad Caverns, N. M., a royal blue suit trimmed with white with a white knit blouse and black accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberson will reside at 4909 36th St. Mrs. Roberson is a 1965 graduate of Monterey High School and was employed by Hemphill Wells Co. The bridegroom is a 1964 graduate of Ropesville High School and has completed a course at Jessie Lee's Hair Design Institute. He is employed by Tommy's Hacienda of Beauty.

As we go to press we learn of a pickup wreck that took the life of Monroe M. Brieger father of Mrs. Howard Johnson of Ropes.

FOUND — Set of keys at Plainsman Office.

THE MIRACLE OF SURVIVAL

The military survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor of December 7, 1941 are trying to perform a miracle by locating as many survivors as is possible in order to band together and form chapters in cities and states across the country as the "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association". We have located over 10,000 servicemen and women of all the uniformed military services who were there, and believe that some 40,000 more survivors may still be alive to day and would join with us if they knew that we have formed our National Association of Survivors of Pearl Harbor 1941, and seeking to perform the "Miracle of Survival" which is, "Returning Enmasse" to Honolulu, Hawaii, for our 25th anniversary and Memorial Service at

Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1966.

All of the arrangements have been made for this miraculous and historical reunion 25 years after the attack. If you are a military survivor who was stationed on the Island of Oahu, or serving aboard ship within 3 miles of Oahu, Hawaii, or if you may know of a survivor in any branch of the Uniformed Military Service who was there on December 7, 1941, then please write for full information on the "Miracle of Survival" to: The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Room No. 5, Jefferson Building, 101 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101, our National Headquarters, or write to your own State Chairman who is:

John J. Crawford
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NYPS 6:30 p.m.
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LETTER FROM VIET NAM

The following letter was given us by Ralph Riojas from PFC Francisco Medrano R A 18682899 Co. C 2nd BN 28th Inf. Frist Inf. Division San Francisco, California APO 96345

This is another example of how our boys feel who are serving our country in Viet Nam. Our sincere thanks to the Riojas' for letting us publish this letter.

Dear Sir,
Well, received your most

welcome letter yesterday. I was so glad to hear from you. I hope this letter will find you and your family in the best of health, as it leaves me.

Of news, not really much we got here to Viet Nam the 7th of October, 1965. Up to now we have had our share of this war. We have had the victory as well as the defeated side.

One thing I can proudly say is that I don't regret being here for it is our duty to do so for our country, as well

as to keep peace for all in this world of ours. Someday it will all come to peace again, and we will all come to see our loved ones once more. At the moment I am in a sort of rush so please excuse my writing and mistakes. So until next time I will close this letter, hoping to hear from you again soon.

Yours truly,
Frank Medrano

FORT SILL, Okla. (AHTNC)
- Pvt. Paul Castilleja, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sisilio Castilleja of Route 1, Meadow, completed advanced training as a cannoneer at the Army Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Okla., Dec. 16.

Castilleja was trained in the preparation, loading and firing of field artillery guns and howitzers.

The 21-year-old soldier entered the Army in July of this year and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He graduated from Meadow High School in 1962.

Deadline for news and ads to be printed in a Thursday issue of the paper must be in by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. This is necessary so that we may get it set up, and the paper on the press Wednesday afternoon in order to make the mail by Thursday morning.

**Ropes Eagles 1965-66
Basketball Schedule**

- *Jan. 4 New Home H
- Jan. 6, 7, 8 Ropes T. H
- *Jan. 11 Sundown H
- *Jan. 14 Meadow H
- *Jan. 18 Wellman T
- *Jan. 21 Union T

- *Jan. 25 Whiteface H
- *Jan. 28 New Home T
- *Feb. 1 Sundown T
- Feb. 4 Open
- *Feb. 8 Meadow T
- *Feb. 11 Wellman H
- *Feb. 15 Union H
- * Conference Games
- B Games5:30 p.m.
- A Games7:00 p.m.

**1965 66 ROPES
JUNIOR HIGH
Basketball Schedule**

- Jan 6 Sundown T
- Jan. 20-22 Wellman T'm't
- Jan. 27 Union H
- Feb. 3 New Home T
- Feb. 10 Whiteface H
- Feb. 10-12 Sundown T'm't
- Feb. 17 Meadow H
- Ropes Tournament to be Announced

Read the ads, and trade at home.

SPANISH MISSION

- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
- Morning worship....11:00 a.m.
- Evening worship 8:00 p.m.
- Classes 7:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

- Services Sunday:**
- Classes 10:00 A.M.
- Morning Worship....10:50 A.M.
- Even'g Worshp 6:00 P.M.
- Services Wednesday:**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

- Order of Services:
- Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
- Training Union 6:00 p.m.
- Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
- W.M.U. Tuesday after first and third Sundays - 3 p.m.
- Sunbeam, G. A.'s and R. A.'s 3:45 p.m.



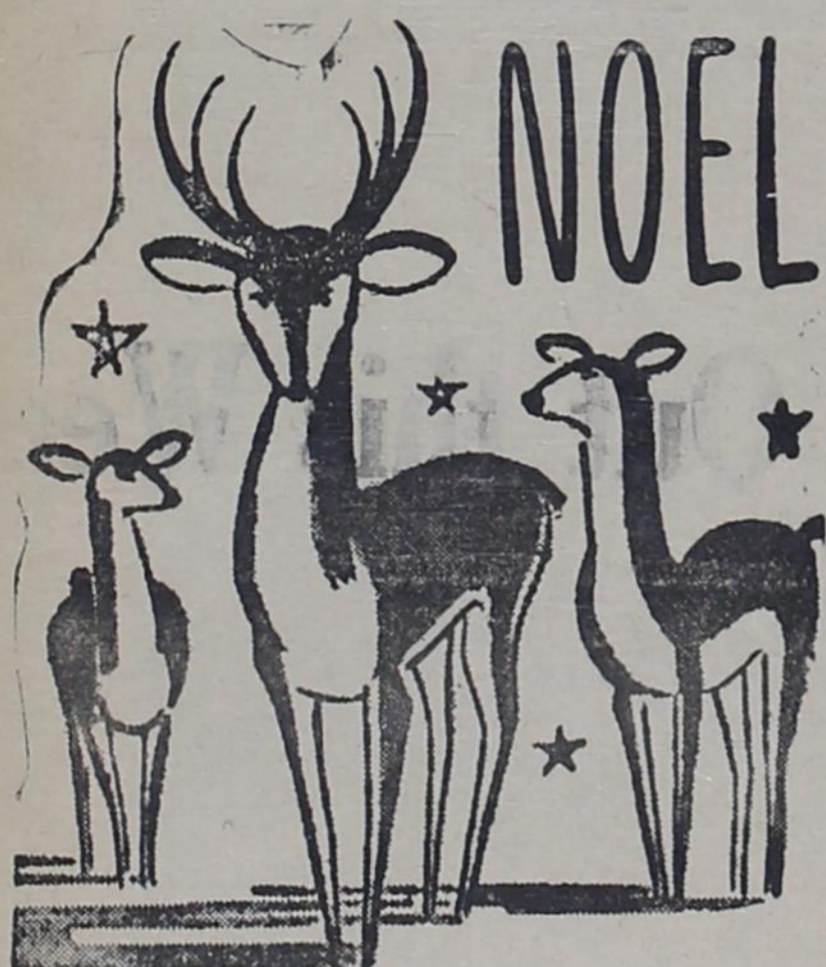
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