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## P-TA Has Program By Primary Rooms At Meeting Dec. 16

The Springlake P-TA met Thursday, Dec. 16 at the school. They were entertained by the five first grade rooms. The program was highlighted by a play entitled "The Story of the Fir Tree."

A nativity scene was presented by the Spanish first grade students, who sang two verses of "Silent Night" in Spanish.

Mrs. Jack Hinson gave a prayer for peace.

The group sang Christmas carols led by Mrs. Harry Axtell.

A large number were present.

## Christmas Program Given By Methodist Children Wed.

Members of the Children's department of the First Methodist church had their annual Christmas program Wednesday night. Mrs. Ray Axtell who is head of the children's department, and Mrs. Carolyn Coker, Mrs. Kenneth Cowley, and Mrs. Curran assisted several of the other Methodist ladies in directing the program.

An interesting program was presented to the large audience present.

## 55 Guests At Methodist Men Banquet Recently

Approximately 55 guests attended the banquet given by the Methodist Men recently. Those present were being honored for giving perfect attendance through October and November or were members of the Home Builders class which won the attendance contest.

The men prepared and served menu of the following: Steak, corn, french fried potatoes, green beans, pineapple salad, hot fruit cake and coffee.

## The Matlocks Entertain With Xmas Supper

A Christmas Supper was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matlock of Springlake, Dec. 17. Couples were seated at tables with red cloths and centerpiece around candles. A Christmas tree highlighted the decorations.

Games and conversation were enjoyed by all.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Dwan Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Art McFayter of Earth; Mr. and Mrs. Arlon Watson of Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges of Maysdale and the hosts.

## Stolen Christmas Gifts Recovered

Deputy Sheriff L. H. Randoles reported this week that all but one of the gifts stolen from under the Bryant Christmas tree at the home north of Olton were recovered in a bar ditch several miles away. The thief had opened them, then threw them all away except \$15 fountain pen set. \$62.25 in money taken at the same time has not been recovered.

No arrest have been made, but the sheriff's office is looking for suspect in the case.

## 3A Grade Room Has Yule Party

The 3A grade room was entertained Tuesday at 2 p.m. with a Christmas party and gift exchange in its room at school.

The room was richly decorated with a lighted Christmas tree and a big red Santa Claus standing guard to see that everyone was being nice.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served and a treat was given each child present. Gifts were exchanged and Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. Grace Coley and the room mother acted as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Coker spent the week end with their daughter and family. Mrs. J. P. Hill Dumas, while there they surprised Mrs. Hill with a birthday dinner in her honor. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nix and family of Sudan also were present for the birthday dinner.



THE WINNING HOME in the Christmas Decorating Contest is the Billy Hodge residence two miles north of Earth. The decorations consist of a floodlit set of cut-outs of Santa and his reindeer approaching the chimney. A brightly lit Yule tree shines through frosted windows. Second place winner was the Lester Hammons home, and the Guy Kelley display was picked for third. Honorable mentions went to R. H. Betew, Cecil Parish and Ray Kelley. Judges were Mrs. Lena Hite, Mrs. Roy Simmons and Mrs. A. C. Loftis. (News Photo)

## Young Local Musicians Play In Annual Christmas Musical

Six piano students from Earth and Pleasant Valley participated in the annual Christmas musical in Fellowship Hall at Muleshoe Sunday afternoon. The program was sponsored by the Hi-Lo Piano Club, an organization composed of mothers of the pupils of Mrs. Sam McKinstry.

The 4 to 6 o'clock affair was titled "An Afternoon of Music." It took place in a hall brilliantly decorated in the Christmas motif.

Between two blonde pianos stood a huge, brightly lighted Christmas tree. Evergreen boughs, interlaced with Christmas lights, covered much of the stage. Two large outdoor candles added the charm of flickering light through the program.

Among the 32 pupils who entertained the guests during the afternoon were Donna Kaye and Vicki Lynn Talbort, Gene Anglev, Johnny and James West, and Tomye Welch.

Hostesses were Mrs. John Cameron, Mrs. M. S. Childers, Mrs. Frank Hinkson, Mrs. B. O. McDaniel, Mrs. Oscar Allison and Mrs. L. J. Welch. They served Christmas cookies and cranberry punch to 200 guests.

Included in the 200 were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. John Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welch, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parish, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. James Anzelev, Mr. and Mrs. Denton Talbort, Mr. and Mrs. John West, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Welch.

The president of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce, Ray Franz, led the group in singing Christmas carols.

## Miss Beardon Is Recovering From Severe Collision Injuries

Jackie Beardon, 16 year old sister of Mrs. Gerald Inglis of Earth, is reported much improved after suffering critical injuries in a train-car collision at Paducah Friday night. She was one of five teenage passengers in the car, three of whom were killed.

Miss Beardon suffered a concussion, first feared to be severe but now much improved. She has a broken jaw, a broken collar bone and numerous cuts and bruises. She has been moved from Richards Memorial in Paducah to Parmer County Hospital in Friona, where the family doctor recently moved.

The accident occurred during a heavy dust storm when visibility was impaired. One of the dead boys had picked up the other four from buses returning from the Paducah - Albany football game in Wichita Falls. They were driving Miss Beardon to her farm home when they collided with the eighteenth car of a moving freight train at the Quench Acme and Pacific depot. Force of the collision knocked wheels from one end of the freight car.



Staying in the Inglis home this week and making daily trips to Friona are the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Beardon of Paducah, and a sister and her family, Mrs. James Bills of Texarkana. The Beardons are former residents of Springlake, having moved to Paducah in 1947.

## Owenbys Attend Open House At Her Parents Home

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owenby and Sammy Mac participated in the observance of her parent's 50th wedding anniversary. They are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Etheridge of Stratford.

Approximately one hundred guests attended the open house at the Etheridge home Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12.

The Etheridges were married in Ardmore, Indian Territory, in 1904.

Mrs. Sulser offered the opening prayer and Rev. Matthews gave the devotional. Instead of exchanging gifts, members brought an offering for India as outgrowth of the study that has just been completed.

Angel food cake, coffee, candy and nuts were served to Rev. Matthews, Messdames Sam Cearlev, J. L. Hinson, Ray Axtell, Milton Ott and daughter, and the hostesses. The next meeting of the society will be Jan. 3.

## Services Held For E. W. Worrell

E. W. Worrell, age 58, a resident of the Sunnyside community for several years died of a heart attack Sunday evening at 7 p.m. while visiting relatives in Fayetteville, Ark.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Sunnyside with the pastor officiating. Interment was in the Olton cemetery. He is survived by his widow, and an aunt of Amarillo.

## Brownie Leaders Given Gowns

Brownie Scout Troop 24 was given a Christmas party in the Legion hall Friday night, Dec. 17. The hall was decorated with cedar greens and a huge lighted Christmas tree and gaily wrapped packages.

The Brownies presented their leaders with nylon gowns, as tokens of appreciation for their work this past year.

Games were played and refreshments were served from an attractive table centered with sugar plum trees and a snowman scene.

The Brownies and their guests found their places marked with a Santa Claus boot filled with candy and their names written on each boot. The Brownies plate favors were Christmas corsages and a book marked with the Brownie emblem and Brownie Girl lapel pin.

The little boys had bags of plastic animals and cowboys for plate favors. The group exchanged gifts and then sang Christmas carols.

**WILL BE CLOSED**  
The Earth News office will be closed from now through Monday in order that we news folks can visit our parents in Oklahoma.  
Merry Christmas to all of you, and we'll see you Tuesday morning.

# Mass Meeting of People Wanting Phones Is Called

## Mrs. Tunnell Entertains Service Guild

The Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Mrs. Oliver Truemel on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Jack Angeley was in charge of the program "The Prince of Peace." Mrs. Ed Dawson gave the devotional and Mrs. Kenneth Cowley also gave a part of the program.

After the program, a social hour followed and gifts from a gaily decorated Christmas tree were exchanged.

Refreshments of dainty sandwiches, apple sauce cake, topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to Messdames J. B. Williams, Harry Axtell, Ed Dawson, Earl Moore, Jack Angeley, Eugene Matthews, J. J. Coker, Edwin O'Hair, Irvin Ott, Robert Duke, W. O. Jones, Jr., J. A. Littleton, Jr., Clarence Hamilton, Ross Brock, Kenneth Cowley, Mrs. Jim Gregory by the hostess Mrs. Oliver Tunnell.



Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hatchett

## Hatchetts Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hatchett celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary Dec. 10.

They were surprised with gifts and a two tiered cake inscribed "49th Anniversary" on it.

The cake and gifts were presented after church services. Lunch was served at the church to friends and relatives.

Their granddaughter and husband were present from Carven, Okla. out-of-town friends were present from Pecos, N.M. and Ballinger and Houston, Texas.

## Xmas Party For Brownies

Brownie Troop 24 held an annual Christmas party last Wednesday.

President Jennifer Miller announced a piano solo by Jane McCord, nativity scripture readings by Wanda Jenkins, Kay Davis and Jane McCord, a piano solo by Janice Cowley, a story by Linda Moore, a reading by Lana Gay Axtell, and two numbers by a vocal quartet composed of LaDon Messer, Barbara Barlow, Jennifer Miller and Dixie Parish.

The whole troop sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "Silent Night."

LaDon Messer dressed as Santa and gave out gifts.

Cookies, cocoa and Christmas candies were served to the Brownies and to Jill McCord, Dour Messer, Barbara Moore and Kathy Kelley.

Mothers present were Messdames Pat McCord, Marcus Messer, Chester Kelley, Edwin Barlow, R. C. Davis, H. A. Millers, and Kenneth Cowley.

## Obenhaus Loses Pump Accessories

Jack Obenhaus reports that a battery and a heat condenser were stolen Monday night from a pump motor near his home. The well is beside Highway 70 about eight miles west of Earth.

## Four Possible Rural Plans Threshed Out Monday Night

A group of civic and farm leaders learned a lot about rural telephone problems Monday night when they met in the Earth Community Building with officials of General Telephone Company and Five Area Telephone Cooperative. And they planned a meeting to pass that information on to the people who want rural phones.

They learned that there are at least four possible ways of developing telephone service for the area north of Earth, and that one or another of them needs to be adopted because it will be very difficult to mix them.

One is to encourage farmers in that area to tie-in to the Lazbud exchange about to be constructed by the co-op. This appears to offer the lowest first cost, but toll fees will be charged for calls into any town. Rate per month will be \$5 for an eight party line—much higher for fewer parties. Initial cost is \$50. Another way is for the co-operative (or a new co-operative) to build the Dodd exchange, as it originally planned and tie it into the Earth exchange on a toll free basis. This would require some extra equipment at the Earth exchange for which General would have to pay a rental. Officials were reluctant to guess what that rental would have to be but estimated it roughly at \$400 per month, or about \$1 for each phone now in the exchange and which could expect to be added by this plan. Construction cost would probably be about \$50 per subscriber because the government would loan 90 per cent of the cost of building a co-operative exchange. It will not loan on rural lines—only exchanges.

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## Christmas Party Held At Olton Roller Rink

Students of Springlake 8A class were entertained Thursday night with a Christmas party at the Olton roller rink.

They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. W. O. Coltrane, Mrs. Laughlin, their teacher Mrs. Fereh Riley and Mrs. J. T. Gipsom.

Twenty-two students were present.

## Roar of the Lion— \$400 Collected For Treats And Gifts For Children

The Lions Club meeting Tuesday was turned into a directors meeting after the meal and a couple of important items disposed of.

Public Serviceman Harry Vogt was appointed Tailwister.

Treasurer Bill Braden read a list of the bills and they were approved and ordered paid. Braden then pointed out that the club was spending about \$20 a month more on meals and other regular expenses than it had regular income from dues. He recommended that the club consider raising the dues by \$1 per month. The club voted to raise them to \$6 per month.

Jarvis Angeley reported that merchants had contributed \$400 to the club's Christmas fund. He said \$140 went for the sacks of treats handed out Wednesday and that the balance was being used to buy groceries and clothing for 15 needy families with 43 youngsters. He said he did not expect to have enough in the fund to buy toys for them.

Former Mayor A. D. Taylor said he was confident that Earth businessmen would help underwrite the cost of building such lines or of building the Dodd exchange, or of any plan which would permit the farmers in the trade area to call into town without a toll charge.

Present at the meeting were about 20 representatives of civic and farm organizations in the area. They voted to call a mass meeting at 7:30 a.m. on January 3 to present these possible plans to the people who want the phones, let them decide which plan they would rather follow, and then try to set everybody behind a movement to put that plan into effect.

Jarvis Angeley, who has been trying to get a rural telephone system in the area for 14 years, said it would be very difficult to get any sort of agreement until the exact construction costs are known, and that it is not possible to calculate construction costs until the number of subscribers is known. He wanted a survey made before a meeting was called but those who spoke then said they would not do that.

They will meet before they decide whether or not to include the area north of Earth.



LIONS CLUB MEMBERS gathered at Paul's Sausage treats for the youngsters. The 300 sacks were packed along with the Christmas Coloring Contest award. Pictured here doing the packing are (left to right) Walter Donald, Marcus Messer, Paul Wood, Houston Stephens, Marshall Kelley, Cecil Meadows, Marvin Ellis and Harry Vogt. (News Photo)





Most of the talking at Monday's telephone meeting originated in this corner of the room where the General Telephone representatives and a director of the telephone co-op were sitting. Left to right in the picture are A. D. Taylor, Herschel Patterson, Ray R. Jarvis, Jayvis Angeley (who was really very much awake, even though it doesn't look like it), Bill Thompson, Bob Blatz, Dusty Kempe and D. E. McCarty. The hand by the gong belongs to Bill Braden, who presided. The map on the table showed the areas which the cooperative is willing to serve, the lines which General now has, etc.



Women's clubs were represented by Mrs. A. Z. Anglin of the Town and Country Club, M. S. Wayne Rutherford of the Garden Club, Mrs. Ross Middleton of the Earth News, and Mrs. Golden Green of the Town and Country Club. Garden Club President, Mrs. Melton Welch arrived after the picture was taken. (News Photos)

mitt this week. We wish them well in their new home, but hate to loose them from our community.  
Mrs. L. D. Winders was a Sunnyside visitor Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Taylor and son Tom, left Thursday morning for Bonham, Texas where they attended the Taylor reunion in Windof Sunday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Powles of Dimmit, who visited their son Tommie in Fort Worth and his sister near Commerce. They returned home Monday.  
Mrs. Wade Dent of Plainview and daughter, Mrs. Bill Tudor and baby of Dallas, visited her mother, Mrs. T. J. Bridges and sister, Mrs. R. S. Ferguson Wednesday of last week.  
Arville Milburn returned to his home Saturday after a week's stay with his sister, Mrs. George Abbott and assisting her with her business transactions. Mrs. Abbott accompanied him home to spend Christmas with friends and relatives in Weatherfork.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Taylor and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. Shelby and Doug left Wednesday for Los Angeles, Calif., to visit in the S. E. Vaughn home. Mrs. Vaughn is a daughter of the Shelby's.

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### News from— Sunnyside Community

Our community was saddened Friday at the passing away of Grand dad Sweeney. He passed away at 1:40 a.m. at his home here in Sunnyside Friday after a long illness.  
Francis Marion Sweeney was born Oct. 2, 1872 in Missouri. He moved to Texas in 1907 in the Washburn community, 17 miles east of Amarillo and moved to this community 15 years ago, where he resided until his death.  
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertha Sweeney and two daughters, Mrs. Irving King, Sunnyside, Mrs. Harvey Looney of Amarillo and one son, W. M. Sweeney of Sunnyside; five grandchildren and a host of friends.  
Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Blackburn Show Chapel in Amarillo. Rev. C. M. Rogers, Pastor of Sunnyside Baptist church, officiated. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.  
Burial was in the Llano cemetery in Amarillo. Pallbearers were H. F. Bridges, Raymond Lilley and Embree Roy Sadler, Hugh Pugh, John Slater, and Clemmie Baker.  
Those from here attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lilley, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler and Myles, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Blanton, Ronald Lyn-

da and Randall, Mrs. Buford Elydon and Mrs. R. A. Ferguson and Rev. Murie Rogers.  
Our sympathy is extended to the family.  
Mrs. Houston Carson's father, Mr. A. L. Aven of Hart died of a heart attack Thursday. Funeral services were at Hart Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Carson is extended our sympathy also.  
Eldon Looney and family of Amarillo spent the week end with his grandmother Sweeney.  
Mr. and Mrs. Francis King and children of San Jose, N. M. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving King. All the family of the Sweeney's ate lunch Sunday in the Irving King home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lilley, took a load of sheep to Fort Worth Sunday night.  
Messames Pearl and E. R. Sadler were in Lubbock and Plainview on business Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bridges, returned home Thursday from a two week visit in Georgia.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Christain returned to their home in Ship, Texas Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Riley are moving to their new home in Dim-



Doing most of the talking at a meeting at which some questions were asked by A. K. Sicily, H. B. Lanester, Sam Cearley, Jack Yarbrough, Hilbert W. Alan, Roy Neal and Houston Stephens. The knee belongs to Frank Bozeman, who suggested some rural lines around Spang. Here where the co-op has no plans to build up instead, through W. Alan, also put in a request for a pay station, but General officials said the cost of installation plus the cost of servicing a pay station, would make it unprofitable. (News Photos)

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Green were Amarillo visitors Saturday.

### Miss Maxcey Is Honoree At 'Come & Go' Bridal Shower

Miss Joan Maxcey was the honoree at a "Come and Go" bridal shower Thursday, Dec. 18th from 3 to 5 in the Church of Christ Parsonage.  
As the guests arrived, they were greeted by Mrs. Enos Harper and registered by Mrs. Harvey Evans.  
The centerpiece was shaped to form a triangle. The table was

laid with a white cut work cloth on which was an oblong mirror decorated with a silver lace dolly and on one side was a miniature bride and groom while on the other was a large white satin bow centered with a white mum. "Joan and Lexie" was printed in silver on the satin streamers. At the back of the mirror, two entwined hearts were placed with white candles on either side.  
The cake was iced in white and decorated with white bells and pink bows.  
Favors were silver bells with "Joan and Lexie" printed on them.  
Hot spiced tea was poured from a silver service by Miss Lois Lewis and Miss Betty Gregory. Cake was served by Miss Shirley O'Hair and Miss Sherry Stine.  
Hostesses were Mesdames A. D. Taylor, H. L. Patterson, Cullen Hay, Carlis Bills, Perry Martin, Roy Gover, John Lutz, Wayne Rutherford, Earl Moore, Alvin Tunnell, Bill Beasley, Robert O'Hair, Henry Lewis, Edward Jones, R. D. Ussery, H. N. Seymour, Freddie Clayton, Janice Jones, Truman Stine, Enos Harper, Elvis Clayton, Harvey Evans and Bud Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Angeley and family left Thursday for San Diego, Calif., where they will visit relatives over the Christmas holidays.

### Auxiliary Has Christmas Party

Firmen's Auxiliary entertained their children with a Christmas party Friday evening at the Community Center.  
The hall was gaily decorated with seasonal decorations, and a gift was given to each child present. Sacks of candy, nuts and fruit were given out by a Santa.  
The group enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

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### Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ownby and son Sammy returned from Stratford Sunday night. They attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of her parents.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hickman visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Calwell of Olton Sunday night. Mrs. Calwell underwent surgery at the Plainview hospital last Monday and is doing nicely.

### Highest-Paid Santa

CHRISTMAS AND hospitality, closely interwoven as they are, give the Yuletide a particularly unique flavor in Richmond, Virginia, with its tradition of gift-giving in colonial era. Its dramatic store displays thrill adults. For kids, there's Santa—in the flesh!



COMMUNITY'S favorite Santa is William Strother, ex-champion human fly. Annually, 15,000 youngsters sit on his lap at twice-a-day December shows.



STROTH, PAID \$1,000 weekly, shares attention with Felix Adler, Ringling Brothers' clown and his pig, "Amelia," shown here, and the Fairy Snow Queen.

MILLER & BROADS department store, mammoth Richmond trade emporium, employs the "world's highest-paid Santa," Adler and Queen. Friendliness of holiday treat reflects in firm's year 'round activity. Typically, drivers of company's Internationals are known for courtesy.



### Miss Betty Gregory Weds Hilbert Wisian

The First Methodist Church of Earth was the scene of the double ring ceremony which united in marriage Miss Betty Gregory of near Earth and Hilbert Wisian of near Springlake at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gregory. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Wisian. Rev. Gene Matthews, pastor of the local Methodist church, read the vows.

A program of pre-nuptial music was played on the organ by Mrs. C. P. Parish of Earth. Mrs. Parish accompanied Miss Joan Maxey of Earth who sang "Wonderful One," "Always" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore white tulle. Her flowers were a corsage of orchids.

Miss Yvonne O'Hair of Earth, maid of honor, was attired in pink taffeta with a full net skirt. The two bridesmaids were Miss Beth Bulls and the bride's sister Miss June Gregory. They wore aqua taffeta under full net skirts. Their flowers were corsages of pink carnations with baby orchids in the center.

Serving as best man was the bride's brother, Elroy Wisian. Groomsmen were Darrell Ellis of Amarillo and Jimmy Burgess of Earth. Ushers were Weldon Schaeffer of Olton, cousin of the bridegroom and Doug Parish.

After a wedding trip to Galveston, the couple will be at home in Olton.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simmons and son Rogers spent the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Simmons in Wichita Falls.

mas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Fennell. He is stationed at Imperial Beach, California Naval Base.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lumsden are spending Christmas in Calif., with their son.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Adams are spending Christmas holidays with relatives in Arkansas.

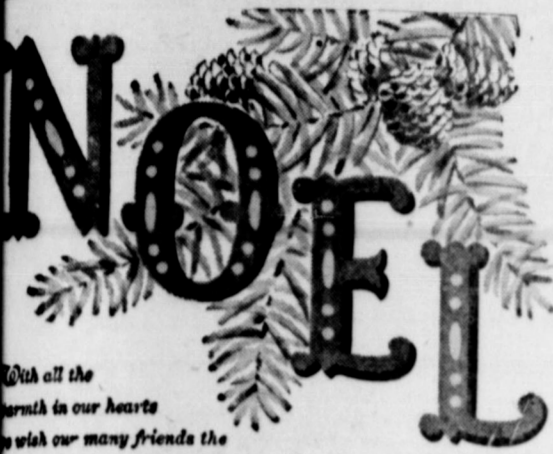
Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Sarradet are spending the holidays in Arizona with his sister.

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Bobby and Kent Coker, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coker have been ill for the past several days.

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### Supports On 1955 Grain Sorghums Cut By Benson

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture Benson this week reduced price supports for small feed grains—oats, rye, barley and grain sorghums—an endorsed production controls set up earlier to hold down total crop planting next year. The 1954 crops of these small feed grains will be supported at 70 per cent parity compared with 85 per cent this year.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices declared by law to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they pay.

Benson removed a regulation

which would have required farmers to comply with all acreage planting allotments assigned their farm next year in order to be eligible for price support on any crop.

Such allotments will be set for cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco, peanuts and rice.

Lifting of these regulation means for example, that a farmer who grows both wheat and corn may exceed his allotment for corn but still be eligible for price support aid on wheat if, of course, he planted within his wheat allotment.

The secretary also did away with a regulation that would have denied price support aid to farmers who used land diverted from allotment crops to the production of potatoes and commercial vegetables.

The secretary said the reduction in price supports for the small feed grains is designed to prevent overproduction of these grains next year as well as to bring prices of such grains down to a point where more of them will move into use rather than into storage under a government price support program.

The only controls next year will be those farmers vote on themselves in the form of marketing quotas on cotton, wheat, peanuts, and major types of tobacco, and possibly on rice and the acreage allotments on corn.

Also still in effect is a congressional directive that farmers must comply with all acreage allotments assigned them in order to be eligible for subsidies paid under a conservation program.

The 1955 support rates and those for this year, respectively, for the small grains include: oats, 61 cents and 75 cents a bushel, barley, 94 cents and \$1.15 a bushel; rye, \$1.18 and \$1.43 a bushel, and grain sorghums, \$1.78 and \$2.28 a hundred pounds.

The secretary said he believes his decision to lift these controls has the overwhelming approval of farmers although he conceded that some farm organizations opposed his decision.

The secretary said the lower price supports for the feed grains should provide considerable help to dairy men in the form of lower feed costs. Some dairy groups, when opposing a Benson action last summer lowering dairy price supports, argued that feed prices were too high.

Fertility of the soil is the wealth of our Nation.

"Agriculture is the most healthful, the most useful, and the most honorable employment of man."—George Washington.

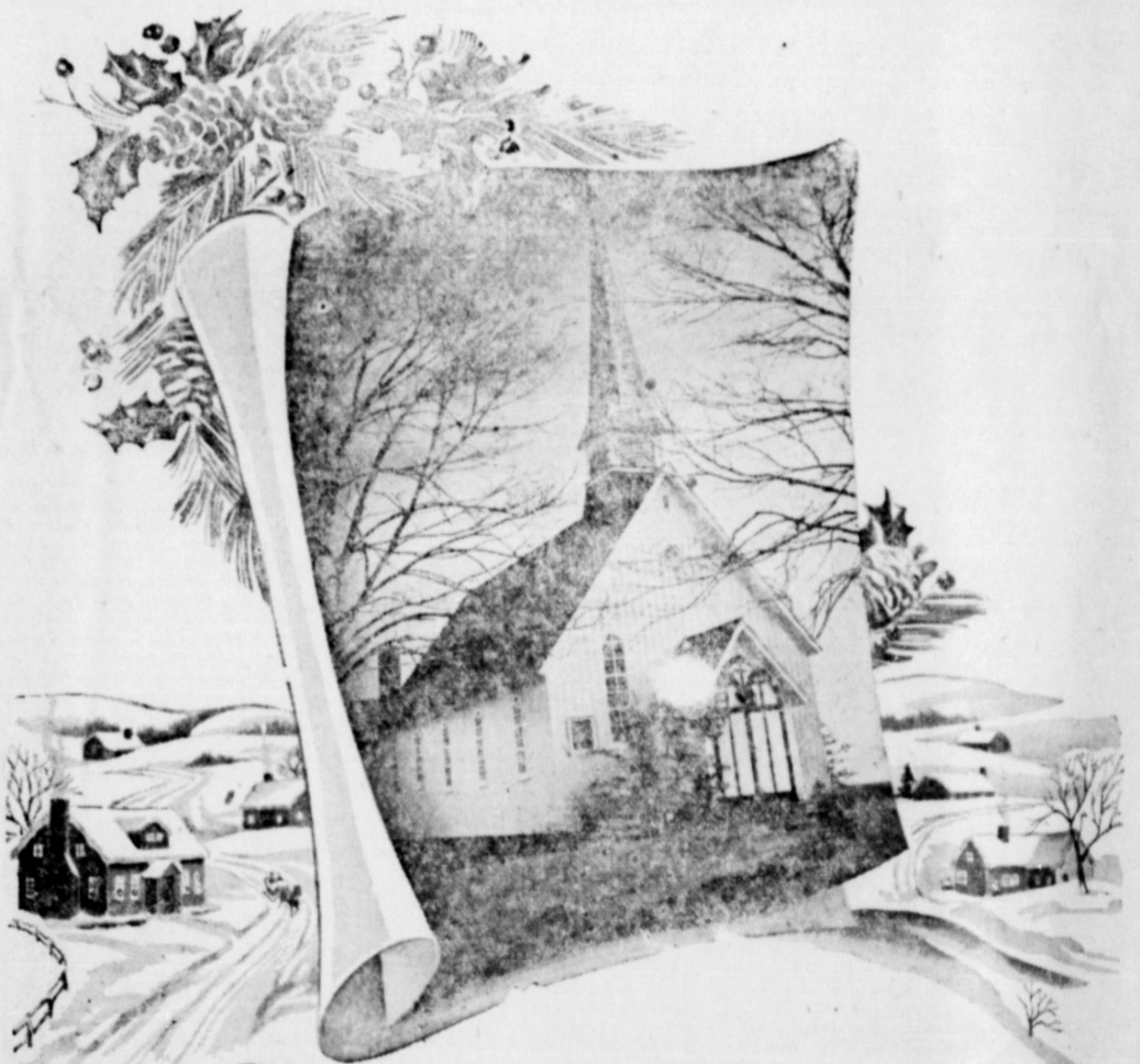


### Merry Christmas

May the joyous spirit of Christmas come to dwell in your home during this glorious season and remain to brighten your life throughout the New Year...

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### Season's Greetings

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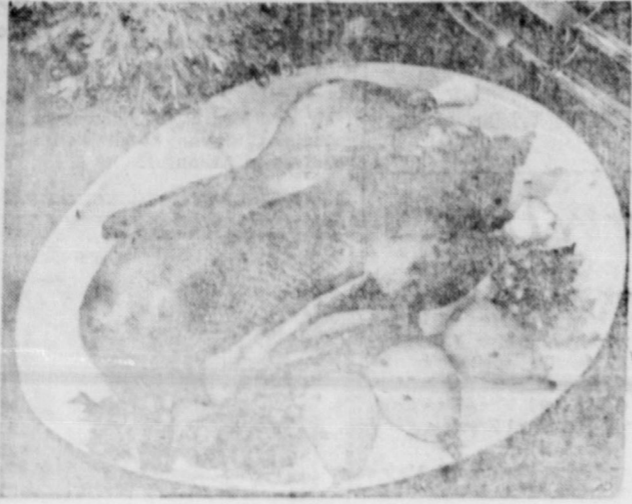


# Get Ready For The Holidays

By VIVIAN BROWN  
AP Newsfeatures Writer

**GOT EVERYTHING** set for the holidays? If you have you're an exception. But you've forgotten to order the wreaths or check the stove or your Christmas lights. There's so much to do that unless you get an early start the last hours are pretty hectic.

If you think it's too early to become annoyed by the "little things" way not make a checklist in your spare time. Keep it hanging in a prominent spot and perhaps you'll do things as you come to them. At least it will serve as a reminder that there's plenty to be done. Here are some suggestions:



BRUCE UP a wooden tray with petroleum jelly. Use a handkerchief and polish to an even luster.

1. Is the family coming? Or have you invited dear friends? If so you'll need to get that guest room or outer sleeping area ready. Curtains should be washed and starched if necessary. Bedspreads and blankets should be soiled, checked. See that bulbs are in

order and a few books are on the night-chest. Do you have enough linens and blankets?

2. Check the stove. You don't want a last minute breakdown or a fallen pie. Let your husband check the stove against tilt with his carpenter's level. Or fill a pan with water to test the degree of tilt. A few wedges will level the stove and insure even baking.

Clean your stove thoroughly. New oven cleaners make this an easy job. Spread some newspapers in the stove applying oven cleaner with the brush attached to the lid to oven lining, broiler pans, racks and shelves. Water rubber gloves. Let cleaner stand for two hours and then rinse off with a little water and vinegar.

3. Are your table supplies ready? Do you have the right amount of china, glassware, flatware. If not there is still time perhaps to add to your regular patterns or fill in the void with borrowed pieces.

4. Plan a centerpiece so you will not be scrounging around at the last minute looking for something to help dress the table. Candles are inexpensive and indispensable to table cheer. Plan a large bowl filled with nuts, oranges, apples and a cascade of grapes. Stick into it a few sprigs of broom corn, heather, dried Hawaiian flowers, slim tapers.

5. Check your table linens. There is still time to replace worn table cloths and napkins. Shine the silver—holloware and flatware.

6. Get out the wooden salad bowls and trays. Apply ordinary household petroleum jelly to them, rubbing well into the wood and polish to an even luster. If the outside of the bowl has become gummy from oil and dust rub lightly with sandpaper before applying the jelly.

7. This is the time to write the menu, organize your shopping

## Author James Michener Says Japanese Go Wild About Santa

By W. G. ROGERS

(ADVANCE) New York, Dec. 23 (AP)—"The Japanese love Christmas," says James A. Michener.

The Pulitzer prize-winning author of several successes, including that popular Japanese-American spent three Christmases in the land of the kimono, the geisha, the paper-walled house, the tea ceremony, and the marvelous prints in black-and-white and in color, and he reports:

"In fact, of course, the Japanese would do anything for a holiday, for any holiday. But they just go wild about Santa."

Michener was visiting New York in connection with the publication of his latest work, "The Floating World," the 200-year history of the Japanese prints known as ukiyo-e.

He talked about his book, but it was possible to persuade him to sandwich in a word or two that was specially appropriate to the holiday we—and the Nipponese—celebrate.

Michener's voice must be known to millions of Americans, a hearty voice that has been heard many times over the air. He has a lively conversational manner, but one day he's the novelist and the next—with his regular bedside and his real, impressive knowledge—the glib diarist.

It was a scholar that he began originally, as we are apt to forget. Studies in Siena carried him eventually to this handsome new tome about Japanese art, filled with information that could be assembled only in a few of the greatest American museums and in a few places in Japan.

He settled his foot more comfortably on the extra chair at the lunch table and went on about Christmas. The extra chair was needed because after seven or eight round-the-world trips since the war, he came home a couple of months ago and in a good safe (L.S. hotel) stubbed his toe and broke it and has been getting around with a cane ever since.

"Of course Japan is a cold country, too, with snow and ice and the proper traditional white setting for Santa Claus. So they had some pictures ready-made for this purpose, and many of their prints—if I may get back to the book for a moment—are regularly used in America as Christmas cards, particularly the works of Harunobu and Utamaro.

"Over there, Santa is a roly-poly figure even more than here and probably even more jovial. The children crowd around him as you'd expect them to in department stores or in village squares.

"Sometimes they have creches in the houses or outdoors, though the Christian aspects of the observance are not stressed as they are here.

"Their own principal celebration has fallen on New Year's, but they didn't object at all to stretching it out, or back, a week to include Christmas. For Dec. 31 they arranged three bamboo stocks, of different lengths with nine bows at the base of them in tubs of earth; and they serve for Christmas trees. An enormous number of actual Christmas trees is sold here but mostly to Americans.

"They are beginning to exchange gifts, too. But of course, except for the fact that they have

list.

8. Windows take time to clean. Get an early start. Ditto cleaning and waxing furniture. Spruce up upholstery with one of the new quick cleaners.

## Highlights and Sidelights From Your State Capitol

By VERN SANFORD  
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN, Tex.—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.

And to that a sizeable group of lobbyists and you find a lot of new faces in the capital city nowadays.

Major portions 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 things as parks and law enforcement.

Insurrection 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" Daisey B. Hardeman now. The President Pro Tem of the Senate takes over the chief executive's job for a day, Friday.

Shivers: Governor Shivers and Lieutenant Governor Ramsey were out of the Senate's permanent investigating committee and also chairman of the Texas Water Resources Committee.

Stricter Inspections

Former Senate of 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 flats" 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 a hilarious welcome for any and every holiday, they may abandon some Christmas trappings when the occupation is ended."

ght land in Zavala County after being led to believe that an oil and gas lease would pay it out.

### Changes Being Made

Willis Gersham, assistant attorney general, has resigned to enter private law practice in Houston. Gersham directed the state's investigation of financial and political activities of George B. Parr, which resulted in indictments against 104 Duval County officials.

Resignation of Rudy Rice as assistant attorney general also was announced by Attorney General John Ben Shepperd. Rice will join the law firm of Eskridge, Groce and Heddon in San Antonio.

Andrew P. Rollins of Dallas has announced his resignation effective Jan. 1 from the State Board of Water Engineers. He will be come manager of the North Texas Municipal Water District.

Tom Caldwell has resigned, effective Dec. 15, as executive secretary of the Texas Association of Home Builders. He will be replaced by John Terrell of Austin.

Claude W. Meadows, Sr., of San Antonio, has been designated "Mr. Good Neighbor of 1934" by the Texas Good Neighbor Commission. Meadows is a member of the commission and was Texas' representative on the five-states conference recently held in Monterey.

He was presented a silver star by Commission Chairman Neville Penrose, at a dinner in his honor. At the same time, Brigadier General Jaime Quinones of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, was named to honorary membership in the Texas as commission.

Emergency Relief

Governor Shivers and the state drought committee have recommended placing Ector, LaSalle, Uvalde, Wichita and Wilbarger Counties on emergency relief, and re-admitting Prio County.

Sixteen insurance companies have gone into receivership in Texas since January, 1933.

"He is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies."—Patrick Henry.

Our offices will be closed from noon Friday, Dec. 24, until Monday morning. Merry Christmas to All! Drs. Woods & Armis' cad. OPACHE WOODS Littlefield, Texas

Best Wishes May this Holiday Season be a joyous and healthful one for our many friends. D & C Garage near to Leon Hart—Ethel Chastren Earth, Texas

GREETINGS May the spirit of Peace and Good Will that came into the world with Him on that first Christmas, abide with you and those dear to you, now and always... STEPHENS and SON HDWE. Houston, Ernest, Bill, Lois, Ruth, June, and Gene

Again it's time for us to wish all our friends and neighbors a full and overflowing measure of the Season's good cheer and happiness. CITY JEWELRY MR. and MRS. MARVIN ELLIS and CHILDREN Phone 4311

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# Best Texans Use For Gun Practice... Highway Marker Sign Destruction Costs State \$200,000 Each Year

By H. C. EDMONDS  
Maintenance Foreman  
State Highway Department

A cartoon in a recent Sunday paper showed a farmer strolling into the living room of a house. As he dumped a tub full of assorted trash onto the floor, he said, "You forgot a few things when you picked up on my farm the other day."

The Texas Highway Department employees can't follow the farmer's example. They frequent the part of the traveling public's department uncounted thousands of dollars annually... because so much of the work is part of the highway routine and no accurate check is kept on the actual costs and cents involved.

### JUST VANDALISM

The thoughtlessness of motorists is one thing, but out-and-out vandalism to department property is a case by itself. There are people who crawl on highway with crayon or lipstick, and at them with rifles or shotguns knock them down with a single shot or just bend them out of shape.

The department keeps around signs on the highways of all sizes for the guidance and information of travelers. Without these markers, the motorist would be lost. He would not know when he wanted to go, or at least he could end in a serious accident due to

inadequate warning of danger ahead.

Without signs at crossroads, warnings at dangerous spots, and of our state would soon be all but useless. The strong-back-but-weak-mind set never gives these things a thought however. The fact that they are actually destroying their own property and endangering their own lives never enters their heads either.

### HAPPY MORON

Take the case of the Happy Moron. He happened to be driving down the highway in the Dallas district one sunny afternoon. He also just happened to be driving a winch truck. A hard-working highway department crew had just completed construction work in a new roadside park. He decided to stop in the park, fasten the winch hooks carefully to the newly built table and pull the top off.

Now for the benches. There! They're off too. Wasn't that fun? Bear in mind that these picnic facilities are constructed of concrete and brick. They are not easy to pull apart. A winch truck comes in mighty handy if the need to take one down ever arises. And so our Case of the Happy Moron closes with our hero driving contentedly off into the sunset, mighty pleased with his day's accomplishments. Did they ever catch him? Not as far as we know, because nobody saw him do it. One of these days though.

### TARGET PRACTICE

As the old zoo keeper once said, "People are stranger than anybody," and if you want to prove it, all you have to do is drive around the state and see what they can think up to do. Department statisticians have found that the placement of highway property follows a logical pattern.

In urban area, particularly around schools, signs are usually adorned with crayon or lipstick. In rural area with low traffic counts local nimrods think signs are ideal places to practice their marksmanship.

West Texans are particularly bad about using signs for target practice, making this the largest single cause of ruined signs. Fishermen take bolts and nuts from signs to use for sinkers, farmers appropriate them to repair farm machinery, and some strong-arm boys are content to simply bend the metal sign plate around the post. College boys think signs reading "Soft Shoulders" or "No Passing" make fine room decorations, and motorists who, like the chicken want to get from one side of the ditch to the other break of a sign and use it for a bridge.

### \$200,000 FOR REPAIRS

Some county road agencies say about 80 per cent of the replacements necessary in their territory is due to vandalism. The side rule boys in Austin state that it takes \$11 to replace each sign with around \$200,000 being spent by the department annually to repair and replace markers and signs destroyed by vandals.

The average cost of a mile of farm-to-market road is figured at \$15,000. This amount of money would build 13 and one-third miles of rural roads. Carrying this equation out of the nth power, or whatever it is that these boys do, 13 and one-third miles of farm-to-market road will serve 46 families, because statistically it is figured that four miles will serve 15 families.

The size of Texas families is placed at five members each, thus 230 people are left stuck in the mud on an unpaved road because someone decided to take pot shot at a highway sign.

### HOW ABOUT TRASH

This figure of \$200,000 does not include cost of removal of trash and garbage from highways and rights-of-way, repairs to roadside parks and turouts, and other miscellaneous highway property. Separate account books are not kept for this kind of maintenance work, but it undoubtedly runs in to thousands every year also.

## New Ham Stars in Christmas Buffet

By CECILY BROWNSTONE  
Associated Press Food Editor

ARE YOU OPENING your house this Christmas to some of your friends as well as your family? Then let the golden-brown glory of a glazed ham, studded with cloves, crown the buffet table.

See how the thin succulent slices fall from the carver's knife. It's pink, pretty, perfect! For this ham is streamlined, newer than new. A plump-and-rounded delight that comes minus shank, skin and excess fat. Joy to the cook heaven to the carver! The brain-child is one of our best known meat companies, the ham may be had two ways—fully cooked or regular cook-before-eating, with oven schedules on the wrapper.

Everyone he's himself to the dishes set around the ham. May be homemade cucumber marmalade and a drift of fluffy mashed sweet potatoes scented with orange.

The buffet table is cleared to make way for the desserts. Here they come. All the traditional ones plus one new Christmas offering—star-topped cranberry fluff in a meringue shell.

### Cranberry Meringue Shell

Ingredients: 1 1/2 packages (3 3/4 tablespoons) strawberry gelatin, 1 1/2 cup boiling water, canned jelly, 1 1/2 cup cranberry sauce, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 3/4 cup undiluted evaporated milk (chilled icy cold), one 9-inch Meringue Shell.

Method: Stir gelatin and boiling water together in a medium sized mixing bowl until gelatin dissolves. Cut 3 or 4 slices about 1 1/4 inch thick from the cranberry jelly; new cut stars from the slices with cookie cutter; reserve for garnish. Crush remainder of cranberry sauce and measure 1 cup; add the 1 cup cranberry sauce to the dissolved gelatin with the lemon juice. Chill, stirring a few times, until the consistency of unbeaten egg white.

Whip chilled evaporated milk until stiff enough to hold a peak. Fold quickly but thoroughly into a gelatin mixture. Turn into Meringue shell. Garnish top with cranberry stars. Chill until set, about 2 hours. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

### Meringue Shell

Ingredients: 2 egg whites, 1 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice, 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, 2-3 cup sugar.

Method: Add lemon juice and vanilla to egg whites; beat until very stiff. Add sugar gradually, about a tablespoon at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Turn meringue into a buttered 9-inch pie plate. With a spoon or spatula, pile meringue around inside edge of plate. Leave a covering of meringue about 1/4 inch thick over bottom. Bake in a very slow (275 degrees) oven until lightly browned—about 1 hour. Cool thoroughly before adding filling.

## 1955 Agricultural Outlook Any Increase Or Decrease In Purchasing Power Will Affect Farm Prices In 1955

By DAVE EATON, JR.  
Lamb County Agent

In the 1955 Agricultural Outlook there is an unknown factor that could cause significant changes in the domestic demand picture. In analyzing the outlook for domestic demand one basic assumption is made, and that is that the international situation will remain as is. Any decrease in the broad defense effort will have a tendency to decrease demand. Any increase in the defense effort will have a tendency to increase demand.

### Economic Summary

Here is a brief summary of economic factors affecting agriculture from Sept. 1953 to Sept. 1954:

On the unfavorable side: Industrial production is down. Civilian employment is slightly down.

Unemployment is up. Production worker's payrolls are down.

Prices paid are up. Parity ratio is down. Government purchasing of goods and services are down.

On the favorable side: Outlay for new construction is up.

Wholesale prices of all commodities are about the same. Consumer price index is about the same.

### 1955 OUTLOOK

Here is the economic activity in 1954 and the outlook for 1955:

Economic activity, a measure of demand, in 1954 has been at a slightly lower level than in 1953. In 1955, economic activity and the flow of income to consumer is likely to run near or slightly below that of 1954.

Domestic demand for food and other farm products is expected to continue high in 1955. However, here is little possibility that it will be as high as 1954.

Government expenditure for national security purposes are scheduled for further reductions in 1955. The continued rise in state and local government expenditures will be a strong offset, but not strong enough to completely offset the expanded decline in national security spending.

### INVESTMENTS DECLINE

Business investments in new plants and equipment has been gradually receding through 1954 and this trend will continue into 1955 in view of the substantial expansion which has occurred in recent years.

Personal savings continued to rise into the first quarter of 1954, but since early 1954, consumer buying has increased at the expense of personal savings. However, the maintenance of consumer buying power has supported a record level of consumer expenditures for goods and services in 1954. Sales of durable goods in the first three-quarter of 1954 were down 6 per cent from a year earlier.

Expenditures for non-durable goods were up a little with outlays for food slightly higher and purchases of clothing and shoes a little lower during the first three-quarter of 1954 compared with the same period in 1953. Expenditures for services continued to rise to offset the decline in sales of durable goods.

Installment credit extended in the first three quarters of 1954

What makes people do it? Nobody knows. Psychologists have advanced all sorts of high-toned theories to explain this destructive urge, but it still goes on. It's the same thing that made GIs in Europe during the last war deface everything with "Kilroy was here."

of consumer buying in 1955. However the expected high level may not be as high as in 1954 or 1953.

The purchasing power of the consumer of farm products depends primarily on total spending for goods and services the way the resulting income flow is distributed to the government for taxes, business as earning and depreciation allowances, and to personal incomes.

Any increase or decrease in the total purchasing power will affect farm prices. With prospects for continuing large supplies of farm products in 1955 and with the prospect that domestic demand may be slightly less in 1955, the index of prices received by farmers may average lower than in 1954.

The Lord placed men in this vineyard to care for it. What are you doing?

### PERK UP YOUR HOUSE FOR WINTER

The best way to perk up your house for winter is to wash everything washable and starch everything starchable. Bead-bling in the wash water will do much to freshen colors, and put sparkle back into dulled whites. Do starching of heavy items, like slip covers, in your washer. To the rinse water add a gallon batch of heavy starch to which you have added 4 sections of the little blue was ironing aid, there's a plus for starch that will make ironing extra easy, and make a smooth, soil-resistant finish.

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## Time Running Out For Two-Gun Inmate After 31 Years In Prison

HUNTSVILLE, TEX., AP—After 31 years in prison, Pete McKenzie wants out. "I've proved myself here," he says. "I've been a good prisoner." Calm words for a man wild and vicious years ago—a two-gun man.

They said Pete killed a merchant policeman. They said he killed a detective chief. Pete admits knifing a fellow convict.

Pete spent years in Death Row. He smashed to freedom only to be recaptured.

**YEARS AGO**

But that was years ago, he says. Over and done with. Now is today, say Pete McKenzie, and a respectable job waits on the outside. He wants out.

There's a tinge of desperation in that level voice. Time is running out on Pete. He is 52.

Pete claims he didn't commit the first murder he is accused of and that nobody knows who committed the second. He was no-billed in the convict death.

You may recall the notorious Pete McKenzie.

**IDENTIFIES PETE**

Born John M. MeeKnie in Missouri, Pete got in his first serious jam at El Paso in 1924. One black night a merchant policeman broke up a burglary in a laundry across the street from Pete's home. A bullet thudded into him. Dying, he identified Pete, and an El Paso jury sent Pete to prison for life.

In 1927, Pete broke out of Eastham State Farm. He turned up Sept. 10 of that year at San Antonio. He packed a 9mm. Luger under his arm and a .38 revolver in his coat pocket.

Sam Street, San Antonio chief of detectives, was investigating an attempted hijacking at a nearby grocery. Sam was a big, polite man. He walked up to Pete with a flashlight in his right hand and said:

"Pardon me, son. What are you doing here?"

Those were Sam Street's last words. A bullet caught him in the throat.

**SENTENCED TO DIE**

Pete McKenzie was sentenced to die in the electric chair.

Asked now whether he killed Street, Pete says:

"I don't know. Nobody does. Sure, I was shooting that night. Everybody was."

"When they spoke to me I said something smart and someone hit me. I jumped back and someone pulled a pistol and shot me twice in the legs. I pulled my guns and fired. Then I turned to run and they opened up on me. So I turned around and blasted over their heads and they ran like rabbits."

"I limped along about a block and fell down. My guns were empty."

The state said Street died from a .38 slug. Pete says he has since heard he was killed by a .45 slug.

"Yeah, that's what he says. But he killed old Sam. He admitted it to me and cried when he found out it was Sam who was dead."

**DID NOT DIE**

Pete did not die in the electric

chair. Dozens of stays saved him. One came minutes before death, his head shaved to take the electrode.

Pete shared Death Row with men like Ray Hamilton, Joe Palmer and Blackie Thompson. Hamilton, pal of Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, smuggled in .45 automatic and broke out. Pete could have gone. He didn't.

Cigar-smoking Bonnie and Bud Man Barrow died in a bullet-punctured car near Shreveport, machine guns cradled in their arms. Blackie Thompson was shot down on the outside. Hamilton and Palmer went in the electric chair.

Petes' still around.

Official began letting him walk the yard at will. A convict, thinking Pete had been currying favor, threatened him.

**GRABBED BOARD**

"The man again said he was going to kill me," Pete said. "I told him now's a good time to start. He grabbed a big board and started beating me. I backed away and when I commenced to black out I knew I couldn't go on any longer and I pulled out my knife and stabbed him."

The convict crumpled and died. Pete was no-billed after officials testified for him.

Fourteen years later, in 1949, a convict facing the electric chair went after Building Supt. E. W. McCullar with a razor. Pete stepped in, took the razor to the bone in his right arm and belted the convict off the cell tier and belted the convict off the cell tier and 20 feet down to a concrete floor.

The fall smashed the man's skull, but they saved him. Then he was electrocuted.

Pete was applauded for this but he asks sourly, slate-gray eyes bitter and hard:

"What good is it? Every time something violent happens to me they say, 'He's a killer...he's dangerous.' Well, I'm not. A person can be fearless but not dangerous."

Through the year various moves to free Pete have failed. Sheriff Kilday has been one of the chief blockers. Now Kilday says:

"I guess I'm the only one left who protested. Sam Street was the best friend I ever had. He kept me from going sour...he made me what I am today."

**WOULDN'T PROTEST**

"But it was a long time ago. I guess I wouldn't protest now if someone tried to get Pete out."

Atty. E. B. Simmons said he will ask a new hearing for Pete before the State Pardons Board by Christmas. He added, "Maybe we'll get him out this time."

Pete waits. He lives in a little cell with four cats, goes to Episcopal communion every Sunday, reads astronomy, philosophy, science, English and talks like an educated man. He has kept up with the outside, claims he could change his clothes and no one would know he was a convict. Should he be allowed to mingle with free society?

Pete McKenzie—hair graying, eyesight dimming, face tight...

## Farm Tips

Soil compaction someday may rank with erosion as a limiting factor in crop production. Best remedy for the condition is to work with and not against nature. Proper tillage, fewer trips over the fields with heavy equipment, avoiding the grazing of pastures and fields when too wet are a good rotation system including deep-rooted crops are suggested remedies.

Up to 30 per cent can be added to the useful life of farm machinery by giving it proper winter protection. Winter storage is of prime importance.

Knowing what soil needs, in the way of plant food and organic matter is an important part of any soil-building program, and this is the reason soil testing is important. Now is the time to take and submit samples to the testing lab from fields on which next year's crop will be produced. Do it early and avoid delays later.

A Christmas reminder from the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety committee—Your holiday season will be just as happy and safe as you make it. Don't take unnecessary chance in the home or on the highways. We need our farm families hale and hearty for the jobs ahead, says the committee.

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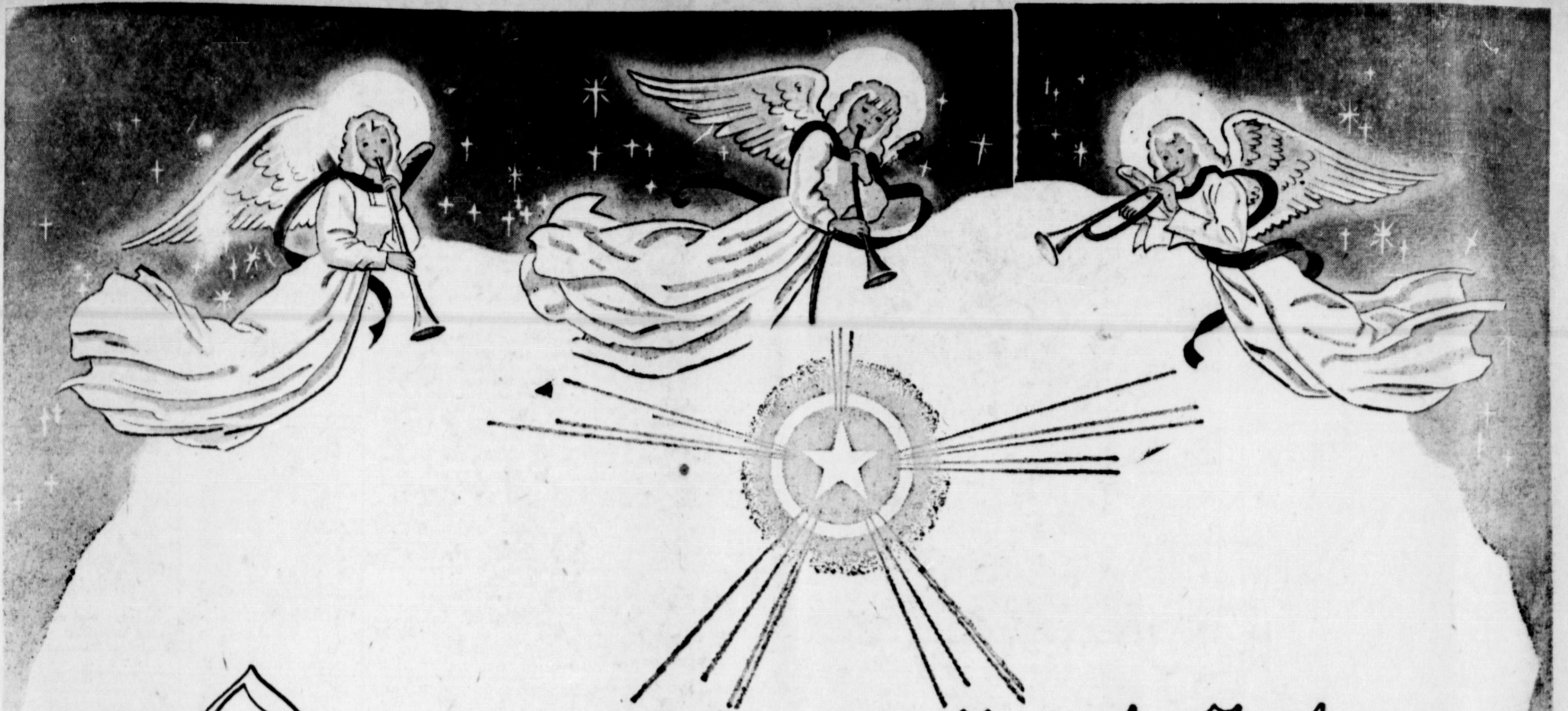
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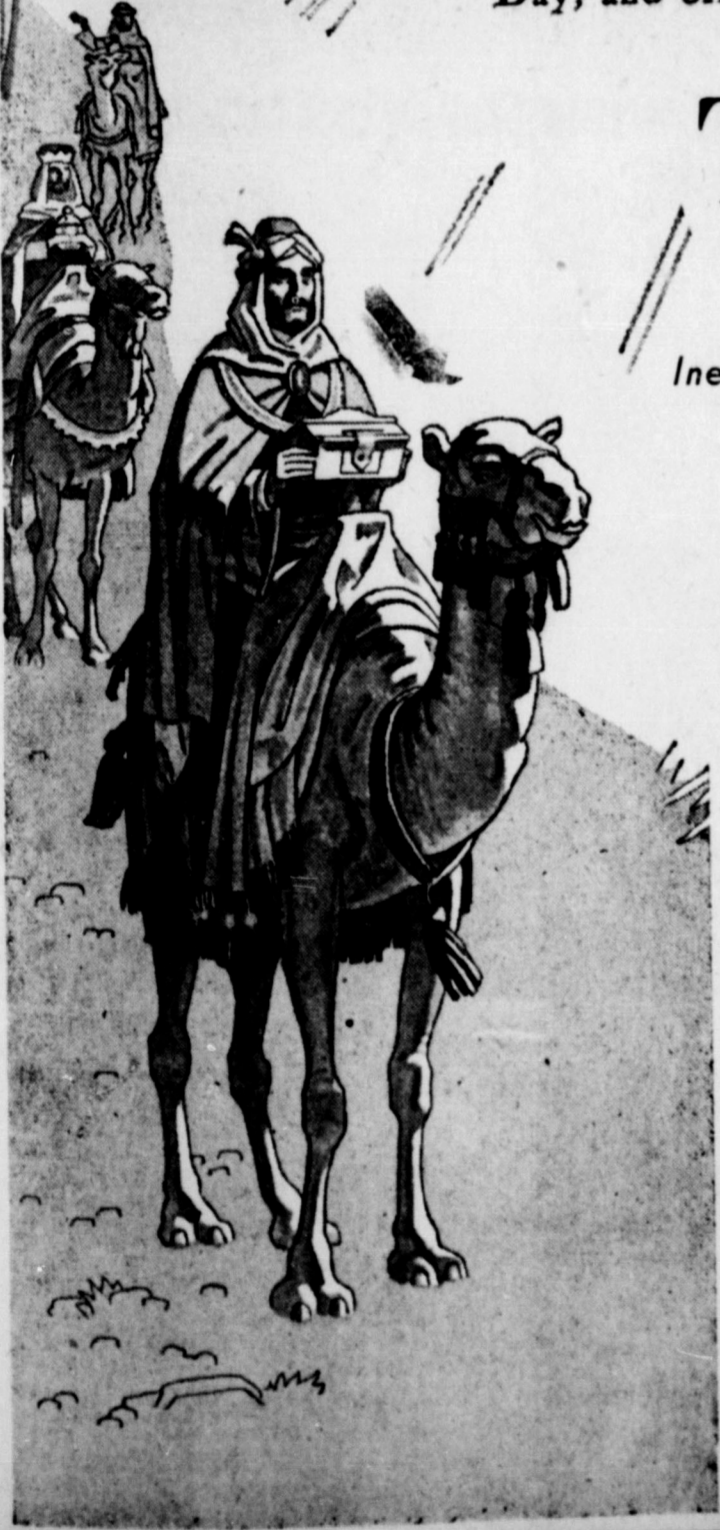
Joyful and triumphant, once more the message of Peace on Earth,  
 Good Will Toward Men rings out through all the world. As it came once upon a  
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 Day, and bring you serenity and happiness through all the days of the year ahead.

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# Commercialization of Christmas Takes Away From True Meaning

By Keith Parks  
Professor of Bible,  
Hardin Simmons University

A six-year-old boy of my acquaintance was so amazed at hearing a teacher explain the historical meaning of Christmas that he could hardly wait to announce his discovery to his mother. "Did you know," he questioned with wide eyes, "that Christmas is God's birthday?"

If no one explained that this day of celebration commemorated an obscure birth in a manger, how many Americans would recognize the fact? Somehow the sudden forests of firs and cedars

on corner lots, the rotund figures in white beards, and red suits, the bright lights, the frenzied buying, the loud noises and gaudy decorations seem entirely unrelated to the manger scene of Bethlehem.

### Led Simple Life

A borrowed manger is the first of many indications that Jesus of Nazareth lived a life of simplicity and even poverty.

The pomp and splendor which kings and more recently queens receive did not accompany the earthly life of the King of Kings. But in contrast today, his birth



Peace  
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is no longer associated with the simple quietness and lack of material riches. There are bulging under, an avalanche of wealth and glitter which defies description. Apparently Christmas has become the slave of commercialization.

Many who decry such exploitation of its birthday point an accusing finger at business enterprises and naively charge them with total guilt. A quick glance at bold headlines, full-page advertisements, tempting displays, unbelievable bargains and easy lay-away plans seems to uphold this accusation.

### Deeper Probe

But a deeper probe provokes the realization that these agencies could not accomplish such a phenomenal feat, were the money to pay for all this comes from the pay check of the average American family. Admittedly,

agencies which thrive on selling have promoted increased Christmas buying.

Starting with mid-summer campaigns to put dolls or jewelry in lay-away for Christmas, they add an ever-increasing pressure in early November to promote the extra buying power, which profits some retail and quantities of bicarbonate soda.

### Real Meaning Told

Somewhere in the middle of this tradition—suddenly, almost shattering, comes the desire for the exchange of goods for as much money as possible. Consequently, clever minds of promotion and advertising are not blameless for the commercialization of Christmas. But, in reality, the attitudes and activities of business men are mere reflections of the current American philosophy.

Before children of this generation are capable of reasoning or developing individual opinions, they are besieged with queries about what they expect from Santa Claus.

### An Impatient Wait

For the next few blissful in no event years they write extended lists of requests to him and impatiently wait for his nocturnal visit.

The desire for toys on Christmas is so deeply imbedded in young hearts that even the rowdiest find enough incentive to behave "angel like" for at least a few days.

And with the dawn of the eventful day youngsters attack bountiful treasures of presents and Christmas is spent hilariously displaying them. Accompanying this is an overabundance of too-rich food. This goes on until some parent, religious teacher or preacher explains to the little ones that all this is not the real meaning of Christmas.

The simple story of the Christ child is abruptly introduced into mid-December and the confused little minds are left to reconcile

## News From El Paso Camp

The annual company Christmas party was held Tuesday night in house No. 10. Santa Claus presented gifts to forty guest, employees and their families. Tables were decorated with a Christmas theme and each person present was served turkey, dressing, ham and all other goodies that go to make a perfect Christmas dinner. A film was shown by a company Safety Engineer from Jal. N. M. Mr. Mollie Goodrum of Houston arrived Sunday to spend the holidays in the home of her son,

the theoretical view to the familiar observance of Christmas.

The child says little but looks quizzically and with bewilderment at the actions of his elders. He sees them dashing with frowns and set jaws down crowded streets and feels the tension mounting in these last days before December 25.

### Pressed By Crowds

He is pressed by the unsympathetic crowd as he is pulled from one store to another. He sees furrowed brows and dejected, some times exasperated, faces as gift lists and bank accounts are compared. He hears talk of money borrowed and charge accounts opened.

He puzzles as gifts are gauged to equal or better those received last year from particular relatives and friends. His wonder increases as presents are given to those from whom one is expected.

Finally Christmas comes and the child looks at the worn-out adults who have overspent their money, time, nerves and patience. He hears the discharge of enough explosives to destroy dozens of tin cans, several fingers and the calm composure of everyone in his block.

### Conception Already Fixed

Again someone repeats that this is an observance of the birthday of Jesus, but the child's conception is fixed. He reaches adulthood and passes it on to his children. The joy and success of Christmas are measured in material returns, but lip service must be given to its religious meaning. Some shrug and say nothing can be done—so just enjoy it.

Others develop a disapproving attitude and condemn the multitudes. Still others wonder if these are the only approaches and contemplate constructive steps to de-commercialize Christmas.

### Few Steps Needed

If followed, a few simple steps could change the prevailing condition. If the true spirit of giving is re-instated at Christmas, we will seek to give to the needy, the forgotten and others from whom there is no return. Second, instead of the exhaustive expenditures of self on physical excitement, we can pause for the quietness of a sacred time spent in the presence of the central figure of Christmas. Reading the story of His birth and portions of His life would be rewarding. An third we can give ourselves and part of our substance to the One for whom Christmas is named. Again, a little child expressed wisdom beyond her years, when she asked, "If it's Jesus' birthday, where is His present?"

Earl Goodrum. Mrs. Willie Allen of Lubbock visited her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hendrick, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Buchanan and family of Spearman spent the week end with the Gary Moore's.

Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Hummer and daughter, Sharon, of Kermit, Texas spent the week end in the Glenn McGath home.

Jerry Keaton is spending the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Jake Beavers.

Those visiting the Earl Jones over the week end were their children, the A. J. Jones of Hereford and the Paul Dean Dyer's of Gallup, N. M.

Larry Beavers was honored on his fifth birthday Friday with a party. Decorations and favors were carried out in a Christmas theme. After the gifts were opened, cake and punch were served to Larry Beavers, David Goodrum, Barbara Jean Moore, Steve Hendrick and Artie Tenison.

Those spending the week end with the Jake Beavers were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Curlee of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Powell of Borger and Mr. White of Clovis, N. M. Mrs. Curlee, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Beavers are sisters. Bill Watson, company safety engineer, was here Friday to hold a safety meeting. After the lecture on safety in plant operation, a film of the highlights of Southwestern Conference 1964 football season was shown to the men.

The shrubs and trees have been planted on the lawns of the new houses. The addition of the trees has greatly improved the appearance of camp.

Gary Moore was the only employee to miss the Christmas party as he was working evening tower at the plant. He didn't miss out completely as a plentiful serving of each dish was carried to him.

Mrs. Eli Tenison visited her sister, Mrs. Dennis Serber, in Hereford Saturday.

Eunice Jenkins was honored by her parents with a Christmas party and slumber party recently. Eight girls were present. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to all.

Mrs. George Winkley spent Wednesday shopping in Lubbock.

Mrs. Rex Jenkins, Eunice and Wanda shopped in Littfield and Lubbock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goodrum, David and Mrs. Bolla Goodrum spent Monday visiting in the South Plains and Panhandle area.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hendrick and Steve shopped in Lubbock Wednesday.



In the spirit of the first Noel... a very merry Christmas to our wonderful friends and neighbors!

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# Moslems Share Christmas Story

By WILTON WYNN  
AP Newsfeatures

Jerusalem, Jordan—A Moslem woman chipped away a piece of the rough white stone forming the ceiling of a chapel in Bethlehem.

"This is Virgin's milk," she exclaimed. "I beat this into a powder and mix it with water to drink. It makes me strong."

The Moslem woman believes that the rock turned white when a drop of milk from the Virgin Mary's breast fell on it. The Holy Family was supposed to have paused at the spot on the flight to Egypt. At that time, the site has been called the "Milk Grotto," and is sacred by Moslems and Christians alike. Women of both religions believe the stone "Virgin's milk" has healing powers.

This is only one of numerous traditions shared by the two religions in Palestine regarding the birth and life of Christ. Sometimes a Moslem may be seen in the ancient Church of the

Nativity in Bethlehem, kneeling with his face toward Mecca as he prays. This is one of the few Christian churches in the world where Moslems pray. During the time of the Ottoman Turks, Moslems in the church were a frequent sight. They are more rare today, but occasionally some pray there.

The Moslem right to pray in this church dates back to the Caliph Omar, who conquered Palestine for the Moslems in the Seventh Century. The Caliph announced that Moslems could pray singly or in pairs but did not allow them to go there in groups and would not permit a muezzin to call the faithful to prayer in the church. The caliph made these restrictions to prevent Moslems from turning the church into a mosque.

The 1300-year-old regulations of the Caliph still prevail in tradition-robbed Bethlehem. Over the centuries the Caliph's injunctions often have saved the Church of the Nativity from destruction. During the Crusader's era when

Moslem-Christian rivalry sometimes led to the destruction of Christian sites and churches, the Church of the Nativity never was touched.

Another site of joint traditions is the smoky dark Tomb of the Virgin near the Garden of Gethsemane just outside the walled city of Jerusalem. The bearded, palsied old guardian of the tomb will give the traveler a small lighted candle and walk deep into the cavernous interior to show him a niche carved into the stone on the eastern wall in the tomb.

"This is the Mihrab (Moslem prayer niche) which points to Mecca," the old man explains. "Moslems put it here so that when they come here to pray, should face."

Although Moslems venerate the shrines connected with the Virgin birth of Christ, they do not hold sacred places connected with his death. This is because the Moslem Koran teaches the Virgin Birth, but denies that Christ was crucified.

The Koran says the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary in the form of a perfect man to announce that she would conceive a child, even though she was still a virgin. Mary hid in a remote place until the child was born. When she returned with a child, her family and friends considered her disgraced, until the infant in her arms spoke and told them of the miracle, the Koran says. The Moslem religion thus gives the Virgin Birth an important place, and shrines connected with it are sacred.

Moslems consider Christ a great prophet who one day will judge the world. The Koran recognizes Christ's miracles, although the Prophet Mohammed himself did not perform miracles.

In remote Moslem areas of Palestine today, story-tellers still recount miraculous deeds of "Isa Ibn Youssef" (Jesus, son of Joseph). Many miracle stories connected with Jesus are purely Moslem and not repeated in Christian traditions.

These common religious traditions have done much to produce the Christian-Moslem harmony so apparent in Palestine today. A Moslem family keeps the keys of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to act as arbiter among the various Christian sects there. The Moslem governor of Jerusalem attends as an honored guest at all the major Christian ceremonies and feasts.

Moslem King Hussein of Jordan always sends Christmas and Easter greetings to his Christian subjects. His grandfather, King Abdullah, prayed in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. A Moslem mosque encloses the site on the Mount of Ascension from where Christ ascended into Heaven. Probably nowhere else on earth do different religions show so much respect for each other's traditions.



CHRISTMAS SHRINE — Entrance of The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem where Moslems and Christians both pray. The pattern of the stones shows how the door was once much larger, but was reduced to keep out livestock.

# Top Toys Of 1954

Once upon a time, the three necessary toys for a successful juvenile Christmas were a doll, a teddy bear and a little red wagon.

This Christmas the basic ingredients in Santa's 960 million dollar pack are the same; but the variations are infinite. Dolls, stuffed animal and wheel toys are still tops in popularity, but today's models are far different from the simple toys of a generation ago.

And research into the educational value of toys has widened the field to include a large proportion of do-it-yourself toys such as construction sets, educational games, science kits and house-keeping toys. Says Melvin Freed, president of the Toy Guidance Council, whose organization specializes in advising parents and retailers on "the right toy for the right age."

"Our group of 104 prestige toys, chosen by panels of leading education and child guidance experts, illustrates the broad scope of the toy industry's contribution to young America's development. Dolls, animals, wheel toys and train accessories are prominently featured, of

course, but they share equal billing with a wide range of other toys and play materials."

Among the year's best-selling toys are the following: radio stations, trucks, a rubber train, a fire station, dolls that have almost human talents, a hospital nursery set, a doll bath set, doll

carriages, a collection of whimsical stuffed animals, finger paints, a pogo stick, stilts, Swiss Bells, a super market, school bus, electric trains and bicycles.

### 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.

*Joyous Christmas Wishes*

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# Getting To Know Your New Baby

By Dorothy V. Whipple, M.D.  
AP Newsfeatures

A newborn baby is a tight little bundle of reflexes. He lies in his crib all bunched together. His arms are bent at the elbows, his hands right clenched. He keeps his legs bent both at the hips and the knees. Even in his sleep he doesn't relax. If you pull his legs out just enough to put a diaper on him, he's furious and yells at you.

When he sleeps, he constantly moves about. He can't turn over yet, but he wiggles a leg or an arm or bob his head up and down. All his movements are on a "reflex level." His brain is all there, but it's not in working order yet and doesn't control what he does.

His muscles all work, but they just move at random. The baby cannot control them. He cannot make his neck muscles hold up his head, nor his back muscles support him in a sitting position. So he must stay lying down all the time.

Your newborn keeps his eyes closed most of the time. "Just like a baby kitty," said three-year-old Sue when she saw her new brother. Of course, it's not like a kitten because the baby can open his eyes, though he doesn't do it very often. A baby's eye muscles

move about in the same jumpy fashion as the rest of his muscles. If you don't know it ahead of time you may get quite a shock if your baby does happen to open his eyes for you. One eye may look east and the other west. Don't worry—this doesn't mean he's going to be cross-eyed. He'll bring them together when he gets ready to use his eyes. At birth a baby cannot see much.

But a baby hears well by the time he is a day old. You'll notice that he jumps with his whole body at the sound of a loud noise. Also you'll notice that he likes soft quiet sounds. From a very young age a baby will respond to your singing or to music. The lullaby has not existed since time

immemorial for no good reason. Smelling and tasting seem to be quite well developed at birth. A tiny baby will smell breast milk and will begin rooting around for it when he is on your arms. A hungry newborn has a reflex which will make him open his mouth and grab for a nipple to suck when he feels something brush against his cheek. For this reason never try to open his mouth by putting your hand on his cheeks. You just confuse him. It's better to adjust the nipple to make it easy for him to grasp with his mouth and keep your hands away from his face.

A newborn will let his wants be known by his good lusty yells. When he gets his needs satisfied, he tumbles back to sleep; he has no interest in playing yet.

*Christmas Wishes*

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**Come, all ye faithful...**

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# Story of "The Messiah" Is Clothed In Drama

From a man who, at 56, was sick and destitute, a composer who was apparently finished in the musical world, came the great Christmas oratorio, "The Messiah," which has gladdened the hearts of millions.

The story of Handel's mighty oratorio is one of the most dramatic episodes in all the history of music, and it is also a testament to the power of faith.

George Frederick Handel was the musical prodigy son of a German barber. At twenty-five, after four triumphant years in Italy, he arrived in London, where he proceeded to compose and produce Italian operas. He wrote an incredible amount of music (of which his forty-four operas were only a small part) and he worked at such phenomenal speed that as soon as interest in one production began to wane, he was ready to stage another. For years Handel and his Italian operas were the rage of London. King George I was his host and patron. He was made director of the Royal Academy of Music and he became an English citizen.

But Handel had a talent for making enemies as well as friends in high places. Arrayed against him were many influential writers and the leaders of smart society. Gradually his fortunes declined — the public abandoned opera in favor of French farces and he lost his influence with the king. To ridicule Handel's music, rival impresarios fished his best-known melodies and staged a raucous burlesque called "The Beggar's Opera." One failure followed another in the theatre and his creditors threatened him with prison. Finally, at 52, Handel suffered a paralytic stroke from which he never fully recovered.

On the night of August 21, 1741, after wandering aimlessly through the streets of London, Handel returned to his flat in Hanover Square, feeling in his heart the bitterness of utter defeat. Nothing mattered now, for he had lost faith in his own ability. Mechanically going about his study to light the candles, he noticed a package on his desk. Beside it was an envelope addressed in a familiar hand. Charles Jennens, his librettist, it turned out, had sent him a compilation of Scriptural texts called "Messiah." Jennens hoped that perhaps Handel would find in it an inspiration for the new oratorio he had been planning.

A wealthy, connoisseur dilettante, Jennens had been a devoted friend through the composer's misfortunes and had written the librettos for his earlier oratorios, "Saul" and "Israel in Egypt." Although Handel had only a meager knowledge of English, he knew that Jennens' rhymes were faulty and amateurish. Not even the best music could redeem them.

Wearily he opened the new manuscript and began to read: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith you: God. Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for your God..."

"And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

No lumbering verses these, he marveled, but poetry of power and wondrous beauty. He read on:

"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..."

"Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords; and it shall reign for ever and ever. Hallelujah!"

And it was then that one of the great miracles of musical creation took place. Suddenly the harmonies of mighty choruses, the music of violin and organ and trumpet flooded the barren mind and heart of George Frederick Handel. He reached for his pen and began to stab the notes onto paper.

That fall he received from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland an invitation to visit Dublin and perform some of his music for that "generous and polite nation."

Handel accepted at once, and early in the winter he journeyed to Dublin, taking with him the oratorio and his own carefully selected soloists. The "Messiah" was saved until the very end of the season, and, expecting the profits to be large, he announced that every penny would be used for the relief of men who had been imprisoned for debt.

For weeks he trained instrumentalists and the choir of boys and men from Dublin's two cathedrals. On April 13, 1742, in the Music Hall of Fishamble Street, a reverent and spellbound audience first heard the oratorio that today is loved throughout the world. The profits were more than \$2000, and Handel, whose misfortunes had brought him within the shadow of a debtor's prison, rejoiced that his music had been the means of freeing less fortunate men.

Back in England, he waited almost a year before he had the courage to offer "Messiah" to the London public. Finally, he advertised a series of performances to be given in March of 1743 at

Covent Garden Theatre. Immediately his enemies launched a campaign of vilification that has had no parallel in musical history. Street urchins were hired to tear down his posters as fast as he could have them put up. To rob Handel of his audience, society women organized balls and private concerts on the oratorio nights and pointedly sent invitations to Handel's faithful patrons. Theatre goers who could gush over the lewd farces then current on the English stage raised hypocritical protests that Handel had profaned the Scripture by setting it to dramatic music. Bigots took up the cry. Branding the "Messiah" as sacrilegious, they tried to obtain an injunction against its performance on the grounds that Covent Garden was a place of worldly amusement! Clerics denounced the blasphemy of printing the "Messiah" on a playbill, and until 1749 it was advertised only as "A Sacred Oratorio."

In the face of all this opposition, Handel went ahead with his plans, but each of the three performances in 1743 was a flat failure. In 1755 and once again four years later, but with no more success.

It is an odd fact that during the first eight years of its existence, the oratorio which today fills every church or auditorium in which it is sung was heard with chilling indifference. Genuine music-lovers must have appreciated the beauty of "Messiah," but they were not numerous or powerful enough to overcome the pressure of bigotry and social ostracism.

If the gruff and sometimes ill-tempered Handel had been a less charitable person at heart, the rejected oratorio might have perished. But Handel, although a bachelor, loved children. He was one of the governors of London's Foundling Hospital, an institution devoted to "the reception, maintenance and education of exposed and deserted young children."

When wealthy sponsors of the hospital contributed funds for a chapel, Handel promptly donated a splendid organ and offered to dedicate it on May 1, 1750, with a special performance on his "Sacred Oratorio."

The Foundling Hospital was a fashionable charity and on the day of the concert the chapel was crowded to its capacity of 1000. Many had to be turned away. Here in the solemnity of the chapel the music made so profound an impression that Handel was begged to repeat it.

Scored for eight years, "Messiah" suddenly became London's best-loved oratorio — and the composer's most profitable work. The Church endorsed it, and eventually it was performed in Westminster Abbey with full orchestra and a choir of 500 voices. To Handel it seemed especially fitting that the music he had written to glorify the birth of a Babe in a manger should be conserved to the welfare of homeless and unwanted infants. At least once a year, as long as he lived, he conducted "Messiah" for the Foundling Hospital, and from these concerts he contributed a total of more than \$35,000. For many years after his death, "Messiah" was the favorite composition for charities of all kinds. As

one writer of the time reported, "It fostered the orphan, fed the hungry, clothed the naked and relieved suffering more than any single musical production in any country in the world."

With the success of "Messiah," Handel's star rose again. All his neglected compositions were

brought out and London rededicated her adopted genius. But Handel was old and broken in health. His eyesight was failing and while writing "Jephtha" (the oratorio containing a chorus significantly titled "How Dark O Lord, Are Thy Ways"), Handel went blind.



## GREETINGS

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## Greetings

Now, at the happiest time of the year, we take the opportunity to express our deepest appreciation of your loyalty and friendship and extend our warmest wishes for your health and happiness.



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### 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 poor 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 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 from the Israeli side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

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."

**Best Wishes**  
To our friends and neighbors... greetings and sincerest wishes for the happiest Christmas you ever enjoyed.

**A. D. TAYLOR**  
Earth, Texas

# Christmas



O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

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# Celebration Of Christmas Period Has Beginning In Mesopotamia

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The Christmas story centers in the Christ—child of Bethlehem. However, this fascinating story and its beginning in ancient Mesopotamia, the cradle of the world, the probable site of Ed-  
The "twelve days" of Christmas, exchanging of gifts, brightly decorated floats, merrymaking, singing from house to house, feasting, religious processions were all and in Mesopotamia over four thousand years ago.  
The new year's festival lasted five days, as the Christmas season is supposed to do. It was time of crisis for the people as the old year died and the New year was born.  
Marduk, their chief god, had become the monsters of chaos creation, but this struggle was renewed each year.

**Fight To Renew World**  
The empty brown of the fields told the story that life was dying. Marduk must fight to renew the world.  
The people considered it their duty to help Marduk in any way that they could. Accordingly, much of the festival consisted in this support by the people.  
The Mesopotamian faced a three fold problem: purification from the sins of the past year, the finding of a substitute who would take the consequences of those sins, and the renewal of strength which the old year had taken away.  
**Creation Story**  
An important part of the festival was in the deification of the Creation story, re-acting the creation of the world by Marduk. As part of the drama the king must "die" at the end of the year

and go into the underworld with Marduk in order to battle at his side.  
However, a "mock" king saved the life of the real king by substituting for him. The "mock" king was dressed in royal robes, given homage, and then slain in place of the real king.  
**Great Rejoicing**  
At last came the moment of the festival when Marduk began to prevail over the powers of evil. In great rejoicing the people drew large floats down the streets.  
Many masqueraded in gay costumes. Friends exchanged gifts with one another.  
Such was the festival spirit of this ancient land.  
These ancient festivals found their way westward to Greece and Rome. It was in Rome that the festival of the Saturnalia was conducted with such boisterous rejoicing.  
It began around the middle of December and lasted until January first. In the midst was December 25, the day when the sun was at its lowest ebb, but soon ready to increase again and send its rays of warmth and growth to the earth.

them was his death and resurrection.  
In the early Church the deity of Christ was stressed much more than his humanity. As soon as the Church had settled to some extent the question of his deity, it continued with the question of his humanity.  
**Question Of Two Natures**  
Some had been unable to admit that he was really human. In time the question of the relation of the natures was much discussed. He was then viewed as being completely divine and completely human, a God-man, Jesus was born of a human mother, yet born divine, a Godinfant and a human infant.  
It is a curious fact that the idea of baptismal regeneration, which could be applied to infants, helped to accelerate the interest in the birth of Christ.  
As Christ was born divine, so could every infant receive the grace of God in a miraculous manner in baptism. Along with this, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was regarded in a new light. Up until now she had been revered with other great Christians of the Apostolic Church.  
Why was December 25 chosen as the day to celebrate the birth of Christ? This date was probably chosen because some of the ancient pagan festivals occurred at this time.  
The ancient Zagmuk and Saccia festivals of the Mesopotamians, the Saturnalia in Rome, and the winter solstice celebrations of the Northern European peoples made their contributions.  
All these celebrations came in the last days of the old year and the dawning of the New Year.

background, but because of its meaning to every Christian.  
**Stream Of History Broken**  
It means that over nineteen hundred years ago the supra-temporal Christ broke into the stream of human history by taking unto himself a human nature and being born of a human mother.  
It means that God has revealed himself to man.  
It means that God has come near man.  
It means that God has become man, the divine and human God-man.  
It means that the song of the angels was true.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord.  
A straight line is the shortest distance between two points and a straight furrow on rolling land is the shortest line to soil destruction.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Kasinger visited Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Martin of Muleshoe Tuesday.

**Party Line...**  
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wilson, Athens, arrived Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sanders and family of Dodd Community.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sanders left Tuesday for Wilmington, California to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weems. They plan to return to their home here on Jan. 2.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Starnes and family from Redwood City, Calif., arrived Monday to visit with relatives and friends in Springlake. The Starnes, are former residence of Springlake.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hickman will leave Thursday night for Chickasha, Okla., to spend Christmas with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hickman, Jr., and daughter, Susan. They will return home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kisinger and family will leave Friday night for Graham where, they will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kisinger and Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Davis.  
Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ardis and family will leave Friday morning for Winslow, Ariz., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bradford.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hickman will leave Thursday night for Chickasha, Okla., to spend Christmas with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hickman, Jr., and daughter, Susan. They will return home Sunday night.

**Letters To Santa Claus**  
Dear Santa,  
I am a boy. I am eight years old. I would like a carpenter set and a B B gun for Christmas. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Kenneth Schaefer  
Springlake, Texas  
"My greatest opportunity is to thought the first farmer of America."  
George Washington.

**Merry Christmas**  
The time has come to say again the things we feel all year... to wish you Health and Happiness and lots of Good Old Cheer!



**Starkey's Steak House**  
AND QUICK LUNCH  
HOMER and FAYE

**Time Of Rivalry**  
Saturnalia was a time of drunk revelry for many Romans. For others it was simply a time of making merry. Jolly crowds masqueraded through the streets, ate big dinners, and visited their friends. They exchanged gifts and wished one another good luck. Moreover, the Romans decorated their houses this time with boughs of laurel and green trees and with lighted candles and lamps. Slaves and masters ate together, often exchanging places, the masters waiting on the slaves.  
**Festival Changed**  
The early Christian tried to prevent the celebration of the Saturnalia, but in vain. What happened in history was that the festival was purged of its crude and immoral elements and made to honor the Christ-child of Bethlehem.  
After a battle of centuries the thoughts of the people were turned from the pagan gods to the worship of the Lord.  
The festival spirit of pagan merrymaking became the glad rejoicing over the birth of a Savior.  
When was Jesus born? No one knows the exact historical date of his birth. The observance of December 25 as the birthday of Christ was chosen several centuries after his death.  
**Birth Date Unimportant**  
In fact, the early Christians were not interested in the date of his birth. The important thing to

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To all our friends we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Holiday Season.  
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We join the clear-voiced carollers in sending out our wishes for a Happy Holiday to all our friends.



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**Blessings at Christmas**  
The spirit of that first Christmas is the most precious gift of all. May it abide with you and yours now and always.



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**happy holidays**  
May your hearts be filled with happiness throughout this joyous season



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**Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season**  
Comes Christmas... and warmly we welcome another opportunity to extend best wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a very happy Holiday Season, filled to overflowing with all of the best things in life.

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# Observance Of Christmas Reminds Of Christ's Birth

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The observance of Christmas is a reminder that long ago, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, some humble shepherds of Judea heard the good tidings of the birth of "a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

These shepherds also heard the angels sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Then they hastened to Bethlehem and found "the baby lying in a manger."

To early Christians, the most important thing that had ever happened in the world was the coming of Christ, his death, his resurrection.

### A New Era

His coming was the beginning of a new era.

During the first few Christian centuries more emphasis was given to the observance of the anniversary of the death of Christ than to the anniversary of his birth. (As to religious observances this is true also today among almost all Christian groups.

Gradually, however, the anniversary of his birth came to elicit more interest among Christians.

Since the first half of the fourth century a church festival has been held in celebration of Christ's birth. As no one knows the exact date of his birth, December 25 was adopted in the West for this purpose.

Some Christmas customs are in keeping with the Spirit of Christ and with Christian ideals.

### Because Angels Sang

Music early became a marked feature of the Christmas season. Could the fact that the angels sang when Jesus was born have had anything to do with this?

During the 13th century many Christmas carols were written and popularized under the influence of Francis of Assisi.

From Italy carols spread to France, Germany, England, America and all over the world. Everywhere they have retained their simplicity and fervor.

### Carols Customary

Some of the most sacred songs of the Christian faith are well-loved Christmas carols. Singing of carols is customary in religious

observances of the birthday of Christ and also in the more secular or festive type of Christmas celebration.

Music in itself has become one of the greatest tributes to Christmas. Among the many noble compositions of the great musicians on this theme, special mention goes to Handel's Messiah with its "Hallelujah Chorus."

In Evangelical and Protestant churches Christmas church music is made up of anthems sung by choirs with organ accompaniment and of hymns and carols sung by the congregation.

Evergreen trees, branches, and other seasonal decorations usually form a setting for these musical services.

### Catholics Use Mass

Dating from the sixth century Roman Catholics have held Christmas Eve midnight mass as one of the solemnities of Christ's birthday. The heart of this celebration is the cradle of Christ, the realistic tableaux in miniature of the Nativity of the characteristic object of reverence. Some scholars hold that the "adoration in the cave" which is a religious custom of the Syrian cult of Adonis, the cave where the child Adonis, was born was adopted for Christian cult by the Empress Helena and in 335 was richly endowed by the Emperor Constantine.

Others insist that the cradle of Christ had its origin in the story of the Magi bringing their gifts to the infant Jesus. If this usage did have its own origin, it seems to have become combined later with the custom known from the cult of Adonis.

Most Christmas customs now prevailing in Europe and America as well as those recorded from former times, are not Christian but have been absorbed by Christians or tolerated by them.

Christmas customs in America have evolved from many lands, and reflect various home, national, seasonal, and religious practices.

The use of fires and lights in Christmas celebrations has been traced to the Festival of the Sun of ancient peoples, the Feast of Lights of the Hebrews, the Saturnalia of the Romans, the Yule

Festival of the Northmen, the Festival of Kronos in ancient Greece and the Saccaea of the Mesopotamians.

Christmas has thus become another feast of the winter solstice.

### Log Burning

The Yule log dates back to the time of the Saxons and Goths, who burned such a log at their winter solstice.

The Roman Saturnalia lasted 8 days, being celebrated on December 17-24. Our Christmas season last 8 days, from December 24 to January 1. The Yule Festival lasted for 12 days. In northern Europe the Christmas holidays end with the 12th night after Christmas.

The Saturnalia has provided the model for most of the merry customs of Christmas time, such as the carnival merriment of eating and drinking (often excessively), games, dancing and giving of gifts (especially to children).

Superstitions Persist  
The Yule-time jolbot sacrifice

of Thor was for a good crop, for the year's luck, and for peace." Its influence is seen today in certain games, rhymes, riddles, and superstitious beliefs which prognosticate the events of the year, such as weather, the harvest, the prospects of the girls, fortune and misfortune, death, and other things.

From England has come the modern custom of sending Christmas cards and favors. Medieval Christmas customs, long since suppressed, continue to enrich the theme and artistry of Christmas cards of today.

### Christmas Tree Origin

It is believed that the Christmas tree dates back to Boniface, an English missionary to Germany in the eighth century. He replaced the sacrifices to Odinn's sacred oak by a fir tree adorned in tribute to the Christ child.

Accounts persist that Martin Luther introduced the tree lighted with candles.

German immigrants brought the custom to America. The Christ-

mas tree, so universally celebrated now with the Sunday School and children's services, is the happy home and family festival transferred to the church and given more hallowed and religious connotation. The use of decorations is of pre-Christmas origin.

Homes and Temples Ornamented  
The Romans ornamented their temples and homes with green boughs and flowers for the Saturnalia.

The Saxons used holly, ivy, and bay. The Druids gathered mistletoe with great ceremony and hung it in their homes.

The legend as to the magical properties of mistletoe, as well as the belief that the maiden who stands under the mistletoe is supposed to receive a kiss, comes from Scandinavia.

Santa Claus apart from which Christmas would not be complete for American children, is a variation of Saint Nicholas, who may have been archbishop of Myra in the fourth century.

He has taken various forms in

different countries, but everywhere he has always been a friend of children.

In America he is a fat, round, beaming elf who comes from the North Pole in his reindeer drawn sleigh, or more recently in his airplane.)

He scrambles down the chimney and fills the stockings beside the fire-place. The custom of hanging up stockings for Saint Nicholas has been traced back to medieval Europe.

Some Christian groups oppose the celebration of Christmas, both as a religious observance and as a merry festival.

Laws Against Festivities  
after they came into power, were able to pass legislation against the masquerading and wild license of bacchanalian Christmas celebrations which did not resemble the true meaning and inner vision of Christmas.

In early American history Christmas was not celebrated in New England because the Puritans opposed it.

They opposed gaily and merry making because they regarded that as sinful; they opposed religious observances because they considered that Romish.

Trend To Commercialization  
The tendency in America today, in addition to the observance of the season in a carnival spirit, is toward the complete commercialization of the whole idea of Christmas.

For generations both in Europe and in North America Christmas customs have focused around the fact that it belongs to a season of frost and snow.

People in tropical climates and in the regions "down under" celebrate Christmas in the summer.

In Brazil it is a summer festival with flowers for decorations, with fireworks, picnics, fiestas, and boating excursions.

"I know of no pursuit in which more real and important service can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture." — George Washington



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As you journey through the coming year, we wish you and your loved ones a full measure of all the very best things in life. Merry Christmas!

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for your friendship and your patronage during the past year. We appreciate both.

May your Christmas stocking be loaded with wonderful things and the new year bring you happiness and prosperity.



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## The Spirit of Christmas



In all the hustle-bustle of our happy Holiday preparations, let us never forget the true spirit of Christmas, so beautifully expressed in those carols of beloved memory. Let us dedicate ourselves to the ideal of which the Angel sang: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."

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