

Highway Department Waits on Earth

NOSIN.....
WITH POLLY

If the heart could use a road-map it would find all roads leading home Christmas.

That's the road we plan to use a few hours. (The one toward home.)

Christmas is quite a big affair, and home when all seven brothers and sisters begin gathering in. Each one of us thankful to once again be permitted to be together. We catch up on all the latest from each family. Mom usually just sits back and listens at first one group of conversation then another.

Mom is like most all mothers HER CROWS ARE THE BLACKEST. And if I do say so, I think her "Crows" have never outgrown the happiness they feel in knowing she thinks they're the BLACKEST. (However old we grow, we'll never outgrow the need of a mother's love.)

—nosin—

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. WHY? Is it because we take time to say nice things to our neighbors and friends? Is it because when we meet people we wish them a "Merry Christmas" and they likewise do us the same. Is it because we stop to be thankful for our friends and our families — (if these are part of the reason we like Christmas, why do we then just let ourselves enjoy our fellow associates once a year?)

—nosin—

I heard about "mental telepathy," but I never was quite positive of its results until this week, when I heard Mrs. Bill Beasley's story.

She went shopping this week just in the "pink of health," but it seems she came home with a pain all through her back. (She explained just as she charged Bill's Christmas present, the pain struck her.)

—nosin—

"Merry Christmas" to you our many friends, who by your friendship have made Earth a special place in our hearts. May your hearts be filled with contentment and happiness on this Christmas day and throughout the New Year. (We all have so much to be thankful for.) See you Monday.

**Bank Opening
Attended By Huge
Crowd Saturday**

The Citizens State Bank personnel were hosts Saturday afternoon to approximately 300 people who attended the opening of the beautiful modern new bank building.

A large number of out of town guests, as well as rural and city folks in this area attended the opening as well. Bank personnel from several towns in West Texas.

Beautiful flower arrangements and pot flowers sent by "Will Winters" decorated the bank throughout. To add extra beauty to the bank lobby was a large Christmas tree decorated by Mrs. W. R. Stockard.

The bank building is one of the most modern buildings in north Lamb County, and was built with faith in the future of Earth, with five teller booths, where only three will be in use at present.

The directors room was equipped with new modern furniture and plans are to have coffee on hand daily in the directors room. Bank President W. R. Stockard expressed their thanks for the many lovely floral arrangements.

**Color Contest
Winners To be
Announced Dec. 24**

The Color Contest sponsored by the merchants of Earth and Earth News has been judged and winners will be announced December 24 by old St. Nick here on Main Street at 3:00 p.m.

The Lions Club Santa Claus will be on main street to greet the youngsters and give each winner a certificate to present to the merchants whose plaque they have colored best and they will in turn receive a gift from that merchant. Every child is invited to be on hand to greet Santa, he will present each child with fruit and candy.

**Paul's Super
Market Broken
Into Sunday Nite**

Two Mexican youths broke into Paul's Super Market. Sunday night about 10:20 p.m. Nothing was taken due to the timely arrival of owner Paul Wood, who had dropped by the store to pick up some cake mix for his wife.

Wood said he entered the store by the east door, and saw the two 18 or 20 year old youths, one in the front of the store by the checking stand, while the other was in the back part of the store. He said he stood there and looked them over, so as to be able to identify them later. As he turned on all the larger lights the two become frightened and fled out the back west door leading to the alley, which had been left open for a hasty retreat.

The two gained admittance to the store by cutting the screen off a window in the store room located in the complete back of the store on the west side in the alley.

Woods said he was positive he could identify the two if he ever saw them again.

**Rev. Rocky Puente
Ordained Sunday**

Sunday evening an Ordination service was held in the First Baptist Church at Springlake. Rev. Rocky Puente, Mexican missionary of the Springlake Mexican Mission became an ordained minister.

Songs were led by Ken Bush as the ordained deacons assembled in the auditorium. Deacons from the Springlake church were W. T. Clayton, Ernest Baker, Troy Blackburn and Leslie Watson, and the guest deacons from other churches The visiting pastors assembled were Perry, Rev. C. T. Jordan, Rev. Wayne Perry, Rev. C. Meadows, Rev. Wayne Perry, Rev. C. Meadows, Rev. Wayne Perry, Rev. C. Meadows, Rev. Wayne Perry.

Rev. Swanner made the charge to the candidate and to the Mexican church as well as to the mother church, which is the First Baptist Church of Springlake. Then Rev. Swanner presented Rev. Puente a Spanish Bible, gift from the First Baptist Church.

Rev. Godsey of Olton delivered the ordination service in Spanish, interpreted by Rev. Robert Smith of Littlefield. Ordination prayer by Rev. Wayne Perry.

NOTICE . . .

Most all businesses except one or two grocery stores service stations and one laundry will be closed Monday, December 26.



This is Rex Loftis as he was presented with a trophy, Monday, December 19th for being the outstanding player of the year. The trophy was presented by the Earth Jaycees at their noon meeting in the community building. Rev. Eugene Matthews in presenting the trophy commended the entire ball team for the way in which they represented their school and their communities this season.

Ardis Barton was in charge of the program and presented a clothing certificate to Rev. Matthews as an appreciation gift.

After the team had eaten their fill of barbecue, red beans, potato salad, jello, cookies and milk they returned to their classes.



LARRY GRIFFIN

**L. Griffin To
Receive Discharge**

Larry D. Griffin son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffin who has served in the Medical Corp of the U. S. Army the past two years, will receive his discharge and arrive in Lubbock by plane this week.

Griffin who has been stationed in the St. Lawrence Islands, arrived in Tacoma, Washington at 8:00 a.m. Monday from Alaska, and called his parents at 4:30 p.m. that day.

**H. D. Christmas
Party Held At
Knight Home**

The Big Square Home Demonstration Club Christmas party was held December 16, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knight.

The home was decorated throughout with Christmas decorations. The dinner consisted of chicken and dressing, baked ham and all the trimmings.

Those attending were: Mrs. Irvin Ott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Behrends and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Collins, Leon and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chance, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Helf and John, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Booth and Janie, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Lowe and Kenneth, Mrs. C. W. Mick, Mr. Albert Schellar, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin O'Hair, Brenda and Danny, Quentin and Karron Knight, the host and hostess.

Secret pals were revealed with the exchange of gifts. "42" was played following the dinner.

**Jaycees Need The
Names Of
Needy Families**

Jaycee President, Ardis Barton stated Tuesday that all repairs had been made on the Toys that were turned in for needy families, and they seemed to have more toys than names of needy families, but stated he felt sure there were more needy families in this area if they only had the names.

Barton said he would appreciate calls from anyone knowing needy families with small children, until noon Saturday when volunteer Jaycees would begin delivery of the toys.

He said the respond to the call for old toys came from several of the area residents and from the White Auto Store who is donating toys that are shop worn from handling and also those that were left over from last year and failed to sale this year.

Barton, said the Jaycees wished to thank all of those who turned in their toys.

Delivering the toys Saturday will be Gerakl Haberer, Weldon Barton, Rev. Gene Matthews, Rex Angeley, Leonord Stephens, Billy H. Hodge, and Buddy Adrian.

**John Smith Buys
Texaco Station**

John Smith has purchased the former Paul's Texaco Station and has changed the name of his Station to "John's Texaco Station". Smith came to Earth in October and took over management of the station for Williams, when Williams and his family moved to Clovis.

Smith was formerly employed in Plainview and has had 5 years of experience in managing a station.

**M. Allen Suffers
Heart Attack**

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen left for Quinlan, Texas last week to spend Christmas holidays with their sons. Arnold and Willis Allen and families. Shortly upon arrival Mr. Allen suffered a heart attack and is in a hospital there.

His condition is reported to be very grave. Mr. Allen was employed by the County driving road maintainer.



LYNN GLASSCOCK

**Fire Department
Elects Officers
Glasscock Chief**

The annual meeting of the Earth Fire Dept. to elect new officers for the coming year was held Monday night.

Lynn Glasscock was elected Fire Chief. Paul Templeton, was elected assistant Fire Chief, and 2nd assistant Fire Chief was Keith Chasteen.

Harold Britton was re-elected secretary and treasurer and Carl Jones was re-elected as president. The Earth Fire Dept. are to be commended for the wonderful job they have done this year and we know they will be of even better service with new equipment in the coming years.

**W. R. Bartlett Leases
Mitchell Laundry**

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bartlett of Wellington, Texas leased the Mitchell Laundry last week and began operation of the laundry Monday.

Mr. Bartlett drilled irrigation wells prior to coming to Earth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have two children at home, Mike 10 years old, Micky, 2 1/2-years old and Mrs. Jim Glasscock of Earth.

The Bartletts are living in one of the Mitchell apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cole and family and Mrs. T. C. Martin shopped in Littlefield, Saturday.

**It's Up To Property Owners Now,
Easement Money Must Be Deposited**

**Earth, Texas Figures
In Yule Greeting Sent
Postmaster General**

WASHINGTON — Postmaster General and Mrs. Summerfield today were showing their friends an unusual Christmas card full of both postal and holiday sentiments.

The greeting, in king size, was originated by employes in the Postal Solicitor's office. They obtained postmarks from communities which have names appropriate to the Christmas season. Then they pasted the postmarks to a big card, with typewritten text inserted in between.

"Dear General and Mrs. Summerfield (Illinois):

"We wish you a verry Happy (Kentucky) Christmas (Florida) and hope Santa Claus (Indiana) is good to you. All Christian (West Virginia) peoples join the Wise Men (Arkansas) and the Sheperd (Michigan) to celebrate the advent of the Corpus Christi (Texas) to Mary (Kentucky) and Joseph (Utah).

"The Snowflake (Arizona) and the Turkey (N. Carolina) unite with the Trees (Louisiana), the Holly (Michigan) and the Bells (Tennessee) to make the Noel (Virginia) season more enjoyable. In the coming year may there be Goodwill (W. Virginia) and Prosperity (S. Carolina) on EARTH (Texas).

**Sudan Wins Over
Springlake in
Finals of Tourney**

The Springlake Tournament was well attended at all of the games. The closeness of the scores, with a difference of not more than 3 points in over half of the games, kept the crowd tense and excited during most of the games.

The fine officiating during the games was appreciated by everyone.

Sudan in winning the boys bracket beat Lockney, 1 point, Three-Way 2 points, and Springlake by 2 points. Amherst with their fine teamwork, was not pressed for scores and won first place easily.

The Athletic fund took in, at the gate and concession, was \$224.64 the first day, \$320.95 the second day, and \$18.17 the third day, making a total of \$883.76. The expenses have not been taken from that figure as yet.

**A-3c Larry Kelley
Home for Holidays**

Airman 3rd class Larry Kelley arrived home Tuesday night to his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kelley and other relatives and friends.

Kelley is stationed at Wichita Falls, where he is receiving special schooling.

New Arrivals

Lieut. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Burgess of Roswell, New Mexico are the proud parents of their first child a son born December 16, weighing 6 lbs and 15 oz.

He has been named Kenneth Lazzelle (Konny).

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Duggan of Seymour, Texas. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burgess of Earth.

The continued neglect on the part of property owners bordering Highway 70, to take time to sign the easements and pay for the curb and guttering, has created a serious problem.

The Highway Department have their hands tied at this point, they cannot go ahead with plans until all the easements are signed and money is in the bank.

Mr. Garrett the resident engineer has spent several days in Earth, explaining plans for draining this excess water that collects on our streets, backing up into huge mud holes.

The plans to end our drainage problems have been so clearly worked out, that Garrett said when the work was completed the Fire Department could wash our streets with the fire hose, and in ten minutes there would not be trace of water left anywhere on our streets.

The price for property owners to pay for the curbing and guttering is \$2.00 per running foot.

There has been many hours spent by our city officials in trying to contact these property owners and get the easements signed. The Lions Club have decided to assist the city officials in trying to get the easements signed, and money deposited, after hearing the absolute necessity of acting on the project NOW, before the Highway Department becomes discouraged with the unimportance Earth has placed on the \$54,000 set aside by the Highway Department for widening this highway through Earth, and just decide to by-pass Earth completely. But why should the Lions and the City officials have to spend so much of this time when property owners can come forth and sign without being called on.

Springlake and Olton have both had similar projects and have completed all easements and have their money in the bank.

Earth could possibly have secured the same contractor as Springlake and Olton, and could have probably gotten the work completed with a little less expense had they hastened to complete this project along with those towns.

**Petition to Change
Type of City Gov.**

A petition is being circulated in town this week to call an election to change the form of City government from Commissioner - Mayor type to Alderman - Mayor form of government.

If 10 per cent of the qualified voters sign the petition an election be called to decide if this type of government would be better for our city. This type of government has been discussed for quite a long time. The best reason for this type of government is to have more people to shoulder the load of city government.

**Group Goes
Caroling**

The junior department of the First Baptist Church met at the church at 6:30 p.m. Monday to go caroling for the evening.

Following the caroling of several homes the group met at the home of Mrs. Gene Reynolds with Mrs. Emerit Rose as co-hostess where games were played and gifts exchanged.

Treat sacks were presented to each child.

Those attending were Ronnie Yandell, Bobbie Borum, Don Yandell, Deanne Adrian, Sheryl Fuster, Alice Jaques, Loy Jean Reynolds, John Patterson, Martha and Randy Reynolds.

News from— Springlake

by Mrs. W. T. Clayton
Mr. Almon Whitford is reported on the sick list this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Cox and the home of Billy Wayne Clayton Sunday evening Cox and Clayton are ex-Aggie pals and graduates of the 1950 class of Texas A & M.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parish entertained a group of friends at 42 in their home Friday night. Those attending were, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Byers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Chitwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burrow, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sorley of Olton, Mr. and Mrs. James Busby, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Olton and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Clayton.

Mr. Z. T. Byers is in Albuquerque attending a grain sorghum school. Mrs. Byers and son Jim Don are visiting with her parents in Levelland while Z. T. is in Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baker shopped in Amarillo and also in Lubbock Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and Charlotte were shopping in Lubbock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Banks are moving to their farm northeast of town.

Mr. Ed Jones has been suffering with an infected hand.

The Springlake XIT Study Club members were hostesses at a chili supper Saturday night to the public, they made \$60.20 above expenses incurred for food and dishes used in the supper. Home made chili, red beans, onions, pickles, coffee, cocoa and home made pies were served to the large crowd that attended the supper.

Mrs. Ashley Davis shopped in Littlefield Tuesday.

Harlon Watson transacted business in Dallas last week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Williams shopped in Lubbock Thursday and also visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Henry Cox.

We are happy to report that Mr. W. O. Watson is home and is steadily improving.

The choir at the Baptist Church has been practicing this week for the program to be presented Wednesday night at the church. Treats are being prepared for the Mexican Mission.

Mr. Ernest Baker and Billy Wayne Clayton attended the Masonic Christmas dinner at the Olton lodge hall Tuesday night. TAGO go hall Thursday night.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Goforth visited in the home of Ernest Goforth Saturday night. Rev. and Mrs. Goforth are the parents of Ernest. On the following Monday morning Mrs. J. W. Goforth was taken to a Lubbock hospital, she is under the care of Dr. McCarty.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders of Hart visited Sunday in the home of their daughter and family, Mrs. Furch Riley.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Tanner was very ill last week, but is much improved. Little Brenda Tanner was also ill Sunday.

Visiting in the Baptist Church Sunday morning was Miss Virginia McCleskey of Earth and her twin sister, Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock and Miss Marylyn Riley a student of West Texas State College, Canyon.

Mrs. Bounds of Levelland visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swanner.

Mrs. A. C. Loftis and Mrs. W.

B. Hucks shopped in Clovis Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. John T. Williams and Ken Bush were Sunday guests in the Almon Whitford home.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Clayton, Brenda and Tommy were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Green visited in Goldwaite with Mr. Green's father.

The Alvin Hatton Junior R. A. chapter met at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church with six members present, Phil Bearden, Don Sanders, Jimmy Stone, Darwin Sanders, Ray Packard and their councillor, Mrs. Jim Stone. The program was on the Foreign Mission Board. A fellowship hour followed, games were played and popcorn and iced drink was served.

Miss Barbara Brock visited in Denver City over the week end with friends.

Mrs. W. A. McClanahan is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones of Hereford visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Almon Whitford last Thursday. They also attended a Christmas party at El Paso Gas plant.

The Olton Enterprise gave a Christmas banquet for the employees in the banquet room of the Ideal Cafe at Olton Saturday night. Mrs. Ernest Baker the Springlake correspondent attended and had a part on the program. Mr. Troy Martin, owner of the Enterprise was toastmaster. Mrs. Gordon Thomas, editor, gave the welcome. Mrs. Ernest Baker gave the invocation and table grace. Turkey and all the trimmings was served to 30 persons. Mr. Troy Martin made the introductions and everyone entered into the singing. Carols led by Mrs. Troy Martin. Joe, the little Mexican boy read the Christmas story in Spanish from the Gospel of St. Luke. Mrs. Troy Martin and Miss Leabelle Sludder sang "Winter Wonderland." Gifts were exchanged and Mr. Harold Dean Carson gave the benediction.

Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Martin and girls left last week to visit Mrs. Martin's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Peacock of Roseville, California and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cole had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Martin, Mr. J. G. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cole and daughter of Olton.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Chasteen shopped in Lubbock, Saturday. They visited Mrs. Chasteen's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Durham while in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Brock and family will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Brock's parents, Mr.

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and Mrs. Jim Nix of Amherst, Mrs. Brock's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Taylor of Peggs, Oklahoma will also be there.

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Ronnie and Don visited in Portal, New Mexico, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Lander of Muleshoe visited Mrs. Lander's mother, Mrs. Lena Hurst, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cowley and family will spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cowley's mother, Mrs. Janie Doughty of Mar-

tha, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cowley of Willow, Oklahoma.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cowley were Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCord and Kay of Batesville, Arkansas and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kimbell and sons.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mesemer and Charlene, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mangum and children from Lockney

and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Reynolds and children of Clovis, New Mexico.

Ross Brock and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nix of Amherst will leave Tuesday for Peggs, Oklahoma to visit Mr. and Tommie Taylor.

Rev. and Mrs. John T. Williams of Springlake will receive a most welcomed phone call Christmas day from their son, Sgt. John T. Williams Jr. stationed with the U. S. Marines in Oahu, Hawaii.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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EARTH LOCKER

MARKET BASKET

EARTH, TEXAS

Party Line...

of the First Baptist Church in Pearsburg, Tuesday. —PL—
 Mrs. Clarence Lightfoot and Mrs. E. O. Lightfoot visited Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Conway at Childress, Texas Wednesday and returned home Thursday. —PL—
 Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown and Kathie will spend Christmas Eve with Mr. Brown's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burnett of Hale Center, Texas. The Browns will

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ray Davis of Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith will have Christmas dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith. —PL—
 Mrs. Travis Scott and Mrs. H. Barker of Littlefield will attend District Worker's Conference

They Came To The Party, Too



Photo: Canadian National Railway
 The Thomas family, who are the only wintertime residents of Government Park, Ontario, Canada, a fishing camp on Cedar Lake in Algonquin Park along the Trans-Continental Line of the Canadian National Railway, set up their Yuletide Christmas tree, complete with lights and tinsel, on the back porch. Two young deer, whose mother was a pet of the Thomas' after they had saved her from a pack of wolves when she was a helpless fawn, attracted by the colored lights, invited themselves to the Christmas party. Anticipating they would be attracted, a "trap" was set to flash a bulb and trip a camera so the deer could take their own picture. The camera caught one of the curious animals, minus an antler apparently lost in an encounter with a tree or another of his kind, sniffing the decorations as his twin-antlered brother looks on.

left Saturday to spend Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. W. Love of Covington, Texas. —PL—
 Mr. and Mrs. Barney Glasscock and Larry visited Mr. and Mrs. James Glasscock and family in Morton, Sunday. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson will spend Christmas day with Mr. Watson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Watson. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. James Washington will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Washington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morrison. —PL—

Mr. Bill Braden left Sunday for Kerrville, Texas to hunt deer. Mrs. Braden and family will join him later this week and all will spend Christmas in the Valley of South Texas. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wood and Judy will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Wood's sister Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tarter at Quanah, Texas. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Burnett, Mike, Gayle and Sue of Wichita Falls, Texas will spend Christmas with Mrs. Burnett's parents, Rev. and Mrs. John T. Williams of Springlake. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Phillips and children from Littlefield had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Reed Yandell Friday night. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bills, Frances Cole and La Rue Glasscock shopped in Muleshoe, Saturday. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller will leave Friday for Rotan, Texas to spend the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Minnie McKinney. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller have as their guest, Mrs. Miller's brother, Airman 2nd class Don Gregory, who is stationed at Cheyenne, Wyoming. —PL—

spend Christmas day in Breckenridge, Texas with Mrs. Brown's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Cramer. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Scott and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Fairles and family of Clovis will leave Thursday night to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Oma Fairles of Houston, Texas. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lightfoot Linda and Dick will spend Christmas in Colorado City, Texas with Mrs. Lightfoot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hestand. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Howard, Pat and Mike visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Foster Sunday. —PL—

Mrs. Homer Starkey and girls spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Georgia Strickland in Matador. Mrs. Strickland who suffered a

heart attack recently is much improved. Francis Strickland accompanied Mrs. Starkey home after spending a week with her mother. —PL—

Connie Powers of Muleshoe spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Clyde Knight. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Montgomery will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Montgomery's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Davis of Melrose, New Mexico. —PL—

Mr. and Mrs. James Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson will spend Monday, following Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Washington at Silverton, Texas. —PL—

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Marylyn Riley and Doug Higgins United

Miss Marylyn Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Purche Riley of Springlake and Douglas Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Higgins were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony, December 20 6:30 p. m. in the Springlake Baptist Church. The Rev. John T. Williams of Springlake read the vows.

An arch of greenery, flanked with candlebra and baskets of white chrysanthemums with blue satin bows formed the setting for the wedding.

Miss Betty Parish, pianist, played soft wedding music, accompanied by Loyd Reynolds of Berger who sang "At Dawning", "One Alone" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father the bride was attired in a original model of white imported French lace and pleated tulle over net and satin. Designed with a portrait neckline, the fitted bodice had a sheer yoke of pleated tulle outlined with applique of lace, long sleeves tapering to points over the hands and terminate with deep points at the center front waist skirt of lace fully shirred encircled and dotted with applique of lace and joined to a wide ruffle of lace at the bottom the immense fullness of stiffened lace, tulle and satin swept into a full graceful train at back.

Her veil of silk illusion was joined to a half crown of lace embroidered with beads, iridescent sequins and seed pearls.

Miss Wanda Webb of Springlake, friend of the bride was maid of honor.

Miss Dorothy Warnett of Olton and Misses Elaine and Elanor Riley, sisters of the bride were bridesmaids.

The attendants wore imported lace and tulle over net and taffeta in a beautiful shade of pastel blue, fashioned with a strapless bodice, complimented by stoles worn over the shoulders. The fitted bodices were fashioned with shirred tulle outlined with double net ruching, over bustlines designed with rounded waistlines. The immense waltz length skirts made of tulle, were enhanced with printed overskirts of lace, edged with net ruchings, and dotted with rhinestones. Headdresses were banderous of sheer pleated braid accented with tiny velvet ribbon holding tiny nose veils.

Flower girl, was Teresa Glasscock of Earth, niece of the bridegroom. Ring bearer was Billy Sanders of Hart, cousin of the bride.

Eugene Higgins was best man for his brother. Ushers and candlelighters were R. L. Rhoten of Canyon, Archer Souter of Olton and Robert Riley of Springlake, brother of the bride.

Following the wedding a reception was held in the church parlor. Miss Laquita Patterson of Happy and Mrs. R. L. Rhoten presided at the punch bowl from a table laid with white over blue.

Guests were registered by Rozelle Templar.

For the wedding trip, the bride chose a white brocade satin sheath dress with navy accessories. The couple will be at home January 2 in Canyon, Texas.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Higgins are graduates of Springlake High School and both are attending West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon.

Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell will leave this week for Long Beach, Calif. to spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. Mitchell's parents. Mrs. Paul Stine and Mrs. T. Mitchell plan to stay a month in California visiting their relatives.

Mrs. W. F. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. James Greer and children of Earth, California will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Williamson. This is Mr. Williamson's mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Glascock and Connie shopped in Sudan and attended to business Wednesday afternoon.

"CAPD OF THANKS"

We wish to thank each and every one of you who have been so wonderful to us since the loss of our household furniture and clothing in the fire last week. We are so thankful to be a part of a community like this, who are always eager to assist those who have met with misfortune. Gifts of clothing, quilts, furniture and money have been bestowed upon us, and for this, we say thank you, and may God bless you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown and family
Mrs. Janie Brooks
Mr. Earl Henderson



MRS. DOUGLAS HIGGINS

Christmas Party Saturday Night

A group of boys and girls of the Church of Christ were entertained with a Christmas party, Saturday night at the Lion's Hall.

A small Christmas tree surrounded by gifts formed the centerpiece. Bud Irvine was in charge of entertainment. Gifts were exchanged. A number of the group placed their gifts in a box to be given to the underprivileged children.

Cookies, soft drinks and coffee were served to Linda and Pamela Beasley, Jeanne Garrett, Linta Lewis, Pam Lemmons, Jane Gover, Joan Stansell, Judy Upchurch, Linda Lightfoot, Susie Evans, Betty Cody, Bonnie Brown, Judy Garner, Mike Price, Filmore Cody, Dale and Dwayne Montgomery, Dale and Ronnie Dent, Stanley Irvine, Leslie Lewis, Robert O'Hair, Ronnie and Don Johnson, Dick Lightfoot, Boyd and Norman, Clayton, Johnnie and James Garrett.

Hostesses were Mesdames, Fred

Clayton, Pat Montgomery, Bud Irvine, Bill Beasley, David Johnson, Ray Stansell, Carl Cody, Roy Gover, Harvey Evans, John Garrett, Lavoy Dent and Virgil Lewis.

P. Parish Enlists In U. S. Navy

Robert Parish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parish left Monday for San Francisco, California, where he will serve another four years in the U. S. Navy.

Parish served four years prior to this, but was home three years between enlistments.

A supper was held in his honor at the home of his parents, Sunday night with 27 relatives attending.

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Girl Scout Troop 23 Have Christmas Party

Mrs. Kenneth Cowley assisted by Mrs. Pat McCord entertained the Girl Scout Troop 23, Wednesday, December 14 at the school with a Christmas party.

The Christmas party was held in Mrs. Parish's room. Games of "Bingo" and "Uncle Ned Died" were played.

Following the exchange of gifts, members were served Christmas cookies and soft drinks.

Those present were Lana Gay Axtell, Judy Jones, Janis Cowley, Linda Lightfoot, Linda Jo Moore, Jennifer Miller, Jane McCord, Dixie Parish, LaDon Messer and Wanda Jenkins. Guests were Mrs. W. T. Jones and Joyce and Mrs. Gladys Parish.

Rev. and Mrs. Diamond of Earth, left Tuesday night for Gladewater, Texas to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter Mrs. Lenora Jones. They plan a short visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Diamond of Sulphur Springs enroute to Gladewater. Rev. Diamond is pastor of the Assembly of God Church.

Christmas Party For Firemen's Auxiliary

Mrs. Jerry Kelley was hostess at a Christmas party for the Firemen's Auxiliary, Tuesday night in her home.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with beautiful seasonal decorations.

Refreshments of ribbon loaf, pickles, olives, fruit cake topped with whipped cream, coffee and punch were served from a lace covered table.

Members present were mesdames, Lester Hammons, Keith Chas teen, Harold Miller, Rex Angeley, Carl Jones, Lynn Glascock, Harold Britton, Ervin Anderson, Bill Kisinger, Paul Templeton, Jack Hadaway, W. F. Williamson and Ray Glascock.

The next meeting will be January 3rd, at the home of Mrs. Harold Miller. Every Firemen's wife is invited to join at this time.

Honored With Pink And Blue Shower

The West Circle of the W.M.U. of the First Baptist Church honored Mrs. Alton Taylor with a pink and blue shower, Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Mrs. Eldon Davis presented the gifts.

Delicious refreshments of fruit cake and pink fruit punch were served to about 18 members.

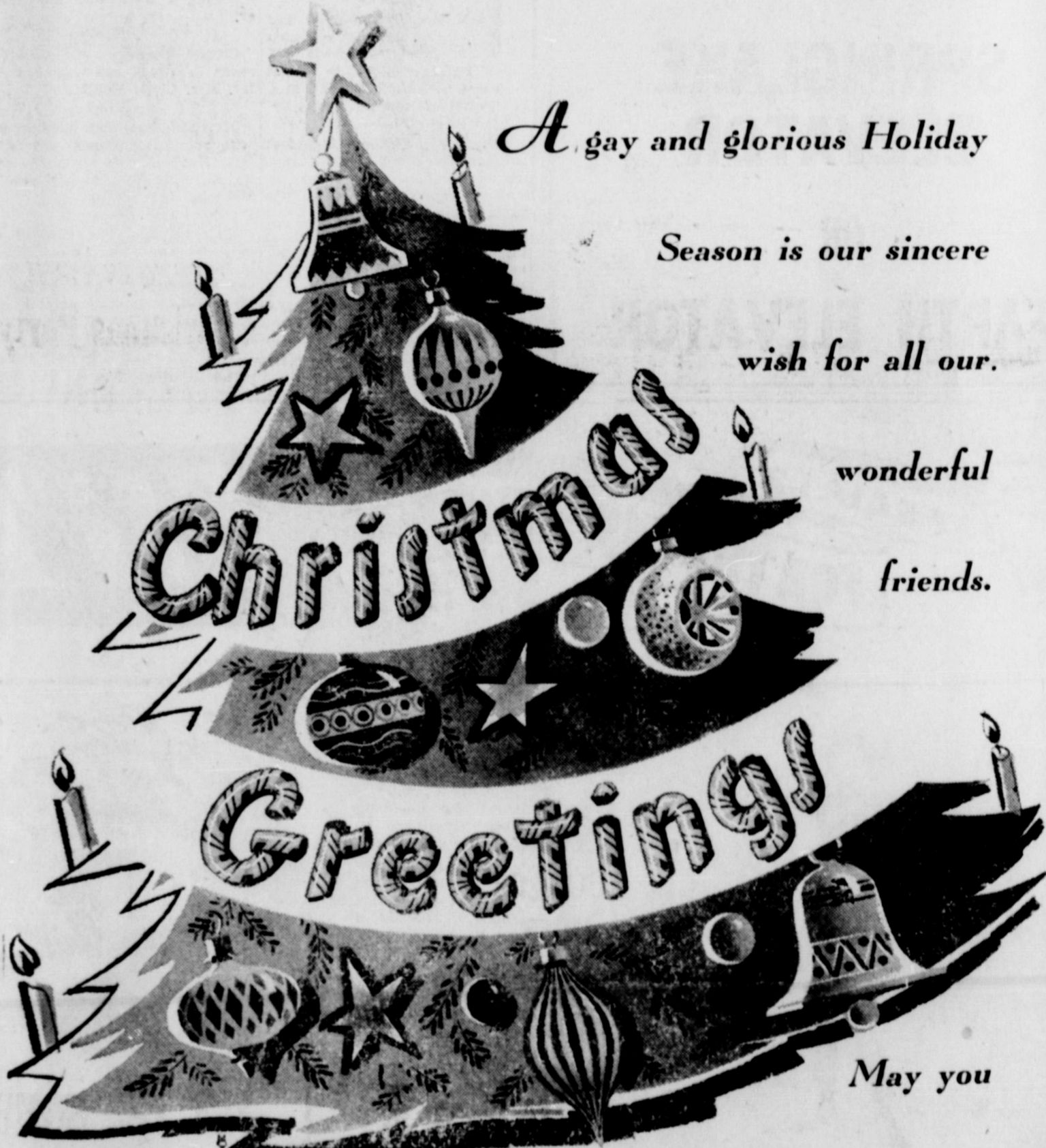
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Garden Club Members Have Christmas Party

The Good Earth Garden Club Christmas Party was held Friday night at the home of Mrs. W. H. Braden with Mrs. B. Cambell as hostess.

Mrs. R. H. Belew gave the Christmas story. Christmas carols were sung by Nelda Roach, Linda Kelley and Anita Messer accompanied by Sue Neal at the piano. Gifts were exchanged and secret names revealed. Each member drew a new secret name for the coming year.

The serving table was decorated with a beautiful seasonal centerpiece.

During the social hour, refreshments of fruit cokes, whipped cream coffee and assorted nuts were served to 24 members and one guest, Mrs. Marvin Sanders, who presided at the silver coffee service.

Members present were Messrs. L. T. Smith, Arnold Shelby, Lena Hite, Bruce Higgins, L. Z. Anglin, Clarence Kelley, C. O. Taylor, Ed Barton, R. E. Barton, E. H. Belew, Marie Bock, E. R. Hawkins, Homer Hodge, Guy Kelley, Jim Sanders, Marvin Sanders, Forrest Simmons, W. R. Stockard, Wayne Rutherford, John Welch, Melton Welch and Alvin Wheatly and the hostesses Mrs. B. Cambell and Mrs. W. H. Braden and one guest, Mrs. Fry.



Pictured above is a group of fourth grade students as they entertained the P. T. A. with Christmas carols, Thursday night.

Firemen and Wives Have Turkey Dinner

A turkey dinner and party was held at the Lion's Hall, Friday night for the Firemen and their wives.

Those enjoying the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hadaway, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Angeley, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ha-



A group of third grade students as they attended the P. T. A. with a "Christmas Playette" at the school gymnasium, Thursday night.

Lavita Davis Bride Of L. Rogers Jr.

Immediately following the wedding a reception was held. The couple will make their home in Oklahoma City, Okla. where the bridegroom is employed by an oil company.

Before a pastel pink Christmas tree trimmed in silver, flanked with baskets of pink and white gladiolas, Miss Lavita Davis, became the bride of Lewis Rogers Jr. of Oklahoma City, Okla., at 6:00 p. m. December 17 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ott, sister of the bride.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John C. Davis of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rogers Sr. of Gulfport, Miss.

Miss Sandra Howard of Muleshoe, organist, played traditional wedding selections accompanied by Miss Irvaleen Ott, vocalist.

Miss Gennie Robers of Wichita Falls, Texas was maid of honor. The attendant wore a tweed suit with a yellow cornation corsage.

Bob Bentley of Midland, Texas, friend of the groom was best man. Given in Marriage by her father, the bride wore a blue Slipper Satin Suit complimented with matching accessories.

Out of town guests were Barbara Collinsworth, Lois Helevey, Wendell Thomason, and Hazel Winters of Midland, Texas, James Hall of Okla. City, Lefty Langford of Lubbock, Bernard Beris of Wichita Falls Texas and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Howard and family of Muleshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Stansill of Slaton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stansell Sunday.



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G. A. Christmas Party Monday

The Girl's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church and their friends were entertained with a Christmas party, Monday, 4:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. E. A. Upchurch with Mrs. Earl Miller as co-hostess.

Eldon Upchurch acted as Santa Claus, presenting each girl with a comical gift.

Refreshments of hot chocolate with marshmallows and cookies was served to Sarah Valencia, Gera Lana Jaquess, Vicki Prather, Pruda Kay Sanders, Alice Jaquess, Pamela Beasley, Joyce Dutton, Barbara Barlow, Rebecca Garner, Judy Dutton, Gay Upchurch, Lulu McBride, Loy Jean Hamilton, Janell Hook, Judy Upchurch, Dorothy Garner, Jo Ann Killough, Cheryl Foster, June Propes and Carolyn Jaquess.

Auxiliary Have Christmas Party For Children

Children of the Firemen's Auxiliary were entertained with a Christmas party, Friday at 4:30 p. m. in the Lion's Hall.

Gifts, sacks of fruit and candy were presented to Norma and Kirby Kelley, Beverly and Janice Miller, Donald and Lavinia Templeton, Beverly, Suzie, Janet and Brian Britton, Pauletta, Terry and Gaylon Templeton, Pam and Pat Kisinger, Marietta Hammons, Jerry and Jay Anderson, Bobby Robnett, Tresa and Hoyt Glasscock, Alan Dale and Tena Angeley, Keith Wayne and Janice Chasteen and Connie Glasscock.

Mrs. Rex Carrell was admitted to the Amherst Hospital, Monday where she is receiving treatment. Tuesday afternoon.

News from— Big Square Community

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Crantrill called on Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Carter one evening this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Behrends visited her parents in Hereford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis English visited Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Black Sunday afternoon.

Sandra and Jerry Howard of Muleshoe spent the week end with their cousin, Irvaleen and Raybern Ott.

Mr and Mrs. Rudy Ardis and children plan to leave today or Friday for Winslow, Arizona, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Bradford.

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By GENEVIEVE LOUDDER

Phillip Jennings and Shirley Green were really on the prowl this week. They were seen every night at the tournament, (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) and were also together Sunday.

Donald Sandel didn't let Ronald have the car too much this week. Lois Lewis was with him Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Monday night they had a party at Lois's house. Happy birthday, Lois — This Bobby Angeley is one boy that has really been on the ball this week. Helen Salsman was with him Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Marylu McCord was with him Sunday evening and he went to the drive in Sunday night and Noreta Caruthers got with him.

Max Neal and Charlene Hamilton were together Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the ball games. Max had a little competition Wednesday night. Charlene went with Robert Riley.

Rex Loftis has become a "roving boy". He was seen escorting Frances Phipps Thursday and Friday nights and with Carol Hamilton Saturday and Sunday night. Good going Rex.

Kenneth Lowe and Sue Neal made the rounds quite regularly. They were seen together Thursday Friday, Saturday and Sunday night they went to the Christmas Cantata.

Seymore Evans and Sharon Hay were together Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Sharon, when does

Seymore have to go back to school?

Jimmy Herring and Elaine Riley were together Thursday night. We didn't see you Saturday night. Were you together?

Claude Davis and Frances Cole seem to make it at least once a week. They were seen together Sunday night.

Sherry Stine and Eddie Hayden were together Friday, Saturday in Lubbock and Sunday in church. Sherry, I hear you had a long wait. How about that?

A. J. Phillips and Janis Jonse were seen together Saturday and Sunday nights. Janis is it true that you had a headache and went to bed early Friday night?

Barbara Brock sure goes a long way to see her man. Doug Lewis and Barbara Linn McCaskill took her to Denver City Saturday night. They got there about one and come back Sunday night. Barbara Linn and Doug were also together every other night. Monday they went shopping in Lubbock. That's a little tiresome after a long trip isn't it?

Houston Bartlett came to see Laura Mae Northcott Thursday at the ball game. They went to Littlefield Saturday and Sunday nights.

Ronald Sandel and Kay Haberer were together Friday and Saturday nights.

Myers Ogletree and Marisue Woodburn were together Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Myers saw Marisue in Earth Sunday evening. Did you go hunting?

Janice Prather and Gene Stephens must have had another falling out. She was with Jerry Tunnel Thursday and Saturday nights. She was with Gene Friday night. Where were you Sunday.

Twelve Years Of Wanderings End At Abilene College

ABILENE, TEXAS (Spl.) — A raid by 750 American bombers on Frankfurt, Germany, 12 years ago started Mrs. Bn R. Bessent on a life of wandering that has finally brought her to the faculty of Abilene Christian College.

The former Helga Wickle, who teaches English and German at ACC, admits that 10 years have brought a great change in her life but have not wiped away unkind memories of war.

That massive raid by American planes on October 4, 1943, destroyed 65 percent of Frankfurt, including Helga's home. She was sent then to her grandparents, who lived in Oberglogau, about 20 miles from the Polish border.

The 29-year-old brunette recalls that the Russians began to near that area of Germany early in 1945, and finally by March 17 the Reds had surrounded Oberglogau. For nine weeks the town was encircled; food and medicine were dropped by planes. The people cried that they must go West.

Finally, Helga and a 14-year-old girlfriend made their dash for freedom, running two miles without a rest before getting through the Russian lines. Whining bullets spurred the girls on in their flight.

Helga wandered as a refugee in Czechoslovakia and Austria before being confined to a Russian prison camp near Lintz, Austria, the summer of 1945.

She escaped eight weeks later, but a Russian bullet pierced her leg while she ran. She still has a scar from the wound.

Helga then wandered some 800 miles, mostly by foot, before reaching her parents in Frankfurt; they had thought she was dead.

Mrs. Bessent returned to school in Frankfurt and taught elementary school there for two years before coming to the United States.

In this country she received her B. A. degree from David Lipscomb College, Nashville, and her M. A. from Vanderbilt. Both degrees are in English.

Helga met Ben Bessent while in Nashville, and they were married Sept. 3, this year. Ben is a pre-med student at Abilene Christian College.

Helga isn't a citizen of the United States yet, but she has applied for residence.

"Right now," she laughs, "I am a girl without a country. No passport, no visa — I had to send them all to the authorities."

Our jolly good wishes go out to all our friends and neighbors for this season of good will and cheer!

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AMONG THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Buddy Robnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Robnett has been ill the past week and unable to attend school.

Judy Black is suffering from a relapse of influenza at her home.

Jane Gover is able to be out after being ill for some time.

L. H. (Shorty) Randolph is suffering from a cold and confined to his bed.

Mr. W. O. Watson was dismissed Wednesday from the Olton Memorial Hospital. Mr. Watson is much improved.

Mr. H. N. Seymore was removed from the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock to the Amherst Hospital, Friday. Mr. Seymore is slowly improving and still suffers much pain.

Texas where they had been deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stockard will have their son and family Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stockard and boys for Christmas dinner.

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A New Star Brightens In Our Season of Hope

After centuries of obscurity, a new star has appeared to intrigue astronomers and to challenge the imagination of the mystic. Some will discuss it as an explosive creation in terms of distance covered by a given number of light years.

Others, eschewing the scientific, will speculate on its being another Bethlehem Star because its first appearance has been consonant with the Christmas season. But whether scientist or visionary, one may see it in the northwest heavens just after sunset. Of third magnitude, and as bright as any star in the Big Dipper, it can be found just below and to the right of Vega, second brightest of all stars visible to western eyes.

Had it appeared at any other season it would have attracted a minimum of attention. Because it has come on the eve of the Nativity when human eyes are more apt to be lifted hopefully upward, there will be a greater inclination to accept it as a proper symbol of the Event to be commemorated on Sunday.

From man's beginning the Heavens have been associated with the mystery of creation and immortality. The Star which lured the Magi on their long and perilous journey to Bethlehem was just such a radiant star as that new one which scientists are attempting to fathom. The star is the principal symbol of the Nativity and the Christmas season. How many of us, as children, having heard the story of the Christ Child's birth, have not, in wonder, looked to the Heavens to see if the Christmas Star had not reappeared? How many yet do that very thing?

And it is good to contemplate the Heavens at Christmastide. At no other season do the discoveries of science join so well with the imaginations of the poets and the saints to help us realize the glory and power of a Supreme Intelligence as it is demonstrated through the radiance of star strewn skies.

Uplifted eyes seek out and find the familiar landmarks of the stellar scenery. There is the Great Bear, and the Lesser Bear, performing a solemn round about the polar star. They are seen just as they were seen by the Shepherds of Chaldea nearly 2,000 years ago; as the first man and woman saw them from their home in Paradise; as Noah watched them from his ship as the turbulent waters roared past; as Abraham looked on them from the plains of Mamre.

There is Orion, girded with a gleaming belt and sword to form a gigantic cross. This cross was there when the Hope Star of mankind first shone on Bethlehem. It was there, as a prophetic omen, during all the Nazarene's earthy career. It is there today, a symbol of the perpetual crucifixion by mankind of the ideals established for man by the Christmas Child.

David sang of the Heavens declaring the glory of God. David saw no more and knew less of the stars than we of today. Few hear the song of the stars and few really vision their glory. All too many of us are like the ardent lover of nature who stops short with the creature and never seeks beyond the earth's loveliness; too many like those who love books for their binding but never care to look within; too many like those who see only the bright tints of a painting but never seek the deep significance of the art.

The stars are the serene and steadfast beauties which us with Infinity. And most serene, sure, steadfast, and unchangeable is the Christmas Star, that Star which assures us that this life is not all.

Not until there is assurance that the Christmas Star, as a symbol of the soul's faith, shall never shine again, will it be time to say that Christmas is "just another day" and that the grave is the ultimate in human accomplishment.

No circumstance of politics or economics, no fear of what the future holds, or the past hides, gives man a right to shield his eyes from the radiance of the Christmas Star.

It has lost neither its beauty nor its compulsion. Nor will it—ever.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett and family spent Sunday in Seminole, Texas with Mrs. Garrett's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gatewood. They all enjoyed a pre-Christmas of gifts opening.



Letters To Santa Claus

Dearest Santa:

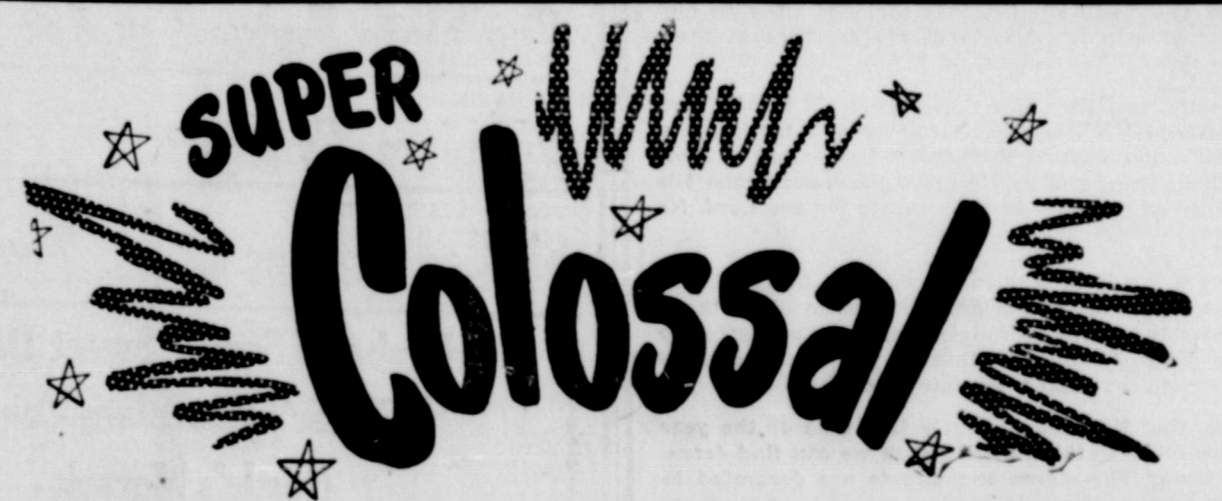
I'm a little girl ;: vbffb I'm a little girl three and a half years old. My mommie says I've been a sweet little girl and I'd like very much to have a walking doll, dishes, nursery set and anything else that little girls like, please remember all the other little boys and girls. Also Randy. Merry Christmas
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Tom Davis Of Vernon Selected to Direct R.C.

William W. Overton, Jr., Dallas financier and industrialist, has been appointed to serve as national vice chairman for the 1956 Red Cross Campaign in East Texas, starting next March 1, it was announced today by Joseph R. Stewart of Kansas City, Mo., national campaign chairman.

Simultaneously with the announcement of Mr. Overton's appointment, Mr. Stewart said the Red Cross Campaign in West Texas would be headed by Tom Davis, County Attorney of Vernon. Mr. Overton and Mr. Davis will be joined by a group of state Red Cross leaders in assisting officials of the 251 local chapters to organize for the coming campaign. They will discuss the need & distribution of Red Cross funds to business and civic groups in their areas.

Mr. Overton is a member of the national Red Cross Board of Governors and was national campaign chairman in 1954. He is chairman of the board of the Texas Bank and Trust Company; president of W. W. Overton and Company, the Downtown Investment Company,

and the Overton Real Estate Company. He is director of Chance Vought Aircraft Corporation.

The Dallas civic leader serves on the board of stewards of Highland Park Methodist Church and is president of the Downtown Improvement and Property Owners Association, director of the Dallas Downtown Club, a member of the Dallas Historical Society, the Texas Historical Society, the Citizens Council, the Greater Dallas Planning Council, the Dallas Variety Club and the Masons.

Mr. Davis is Chairman of the board of director for the Wilbarger County Chapter of the Red Cross and in 1954 served as chapter campaign chairman.

A graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, Mr. Davis is a member of the Wilbarger County Bar Association, and is past president of that organization.

In addition to his activities with the Red Cross and Bar Association, Mr. Davis served as chairman for the Wilbarger County Chest fund drive in 1947 and is a past president of the Toastmaster Club of Vernon.

He also serves as appeals agent for Draft Board No. 131 which includes Foard, Hardeman and Wilbarger counties.

The Red Cross membership and fund drive is conducted annual-

ly throughout the month of March. This is the Red Cross means of financing its 10 major services offered to civilians and members of the armed forces. Included in these services are disaster aid, blood collection, service to the military and veterans, home visiting, safety services and the Junior Red Cross.

In addition to program financing, the March drive is designed to recruit the organization's membership. This membership elects local chapter officers and sends delegates to the National Convention where they elect members of the 50-man Board of Governors. Members of the Board are all volunteers who have the power of direction and government of the American National Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Davis and family of Melrose, N. Mex. visited Mr. and Mrs. Pat Montgomery.

Christmas Program Presented For P. T. A.

The regular monthly meeting of Parent Teacher's Association met at 8:00 p.m., December 15 in the old gym building.

But Irvin, Minister of the Earth



Shown above are a group chatting as they attend the opening of the new bank building.

Church of Christ led with prayer. Mrs. Marvin Sanders, P. T. A. President read a poem entitled "The Week Before Christmas"

Mrs. Roy Simmons, program chairman introduced the 3 rd. grade students, who presented a Christmas playlet.

The 3rd. and 4th. grades sang Christmas Carols. A large number of parents and teachers were present.

Fausts to Spend Holidays In Bridgeport, Conn.

Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Faust Wednesday morning by car Amarillo. From there Dr. and Mrs. Faust will fly to New York City, N. Y. and on to Bridgeport, Conn. to spend Christmas holidays with Mrs. Faust's sister, Mrs. George Peterson.

Other relative of Mrs. Faust from various parts of the United States will be present, including Mrs. Faust elderly mother, Mr. George Thompon.

The Fausts will return home December 28.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Williamson, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rose and Mrs. Turmine of Amherst, Chas. E. pps, Mrs. Nell Ruzel, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Newberry of Littlefield.

Let Us Reason Together

By W. E. IRVINE

NO ROOM FOR THE KING

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7.

Even before He was born Christ was rejected among men. This incident marked His life while on earth and continues to mark His memory among men on earth today. People had no room for the Christ Child then, and as He grew older and began His ministry they still had no room in their hearts for the Lord. No room for the King!

When the royal family of England visited the United States great preparation was made and a grand reception given them. When we announce there will be religious services conducted to the honor of the King of Kings and that He will be there, there is hardly a stir among the people. No room for the King.

Let us try to find Him today. Surely this time of the year when so many are made to think of His birth we can find Jesus. We walk down town. The stores and streets are decorated in keeping with the season. Music is coming out of loud speakers proclaiming the "saviour is born." Yet we overhear the conversation of two talking about gifts. One says, "I wish I knew how much Sally is going to spend on me this year. Last year I gave her a gift costing \$5 and her gift to me was \$4." Again we hear, "I can't stand being near John, but he is influential in the community and for sake of my business I better stay on the good side of him, so I'm giving him an expensive gift." Another comment, "I surely love to see Xmas come around, for I can hike my prices and sell nearly anything." Can Jesus be found amidst conversation like this? Has this time of the year become so commercial? "Peace on earth and good will among men," should be our thought this time of year and always. No. in many places we do not find Jesus on the streets, even during this season of the year.

Perhaps in the home we can find Jesus. We visit one. Preparation being made to celebrate "Xmas." What does it mean? Liquor is being bought, and as the time draws near, the members of this home become drunk with their friends and no thought is to be found in their hearts concerning the Christ. Christmas is only an excuse to revel. Jesus can't be found there.

We look into our hearts. Can we find Jesus there? We're not talking about this season of the year, but every day of every year the Christ should live in lives. We have no way of knowing the actual birthdate of Christ and we have no authority in the Bible to commemorate His birth as a special religious day. We are told in 1 Cor. 11th chapter to commemorate His death "till He comes again."

So, let's not be guilty of looking to Christ's birth this particular time of the year only, and place special religious emphasis on this day that has, because of tradition of the Catholic church, been set aside as the birthday of our Lord, but let us meditate and think on His birth EVERY day and allow Him to be in our hearts EVERY day. Let us not "go to church" just around this time of the year, but let us "forsake not the assembling of ourselves together" to worship God in Spirit and truth EVERY opportunity. Is there room for the King in your life? Come worship and study with us at the church of Christ.

SUNDAY

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES — 10:00 A.M.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY — 10:50 A.M.
YOUNG FOLK'S CLASS — 6:00 P.M.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY — 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

LADIES BIBLE CLASS — 10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

MID-WEEK PREACHING — 7:00 P.M.

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EXTRA FANCY
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LIBBY'S FROZEN
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A Prayer For A Christmas Gift

As long as mortals have the nerve to pray for things they don't deserve; As long as conscience has a stain, The prayers of men will be in vain. So, humbly, Lord, we ask of Thee that princely gift - sincerity. And may we use it thru life's span To build on earth a better man. And should we crave for gifts more royal,

Please make us, God, a bit more loyal, That we may give to those we serve A measure full as they deserve. And make us rich with eager zest To give our work the very best, To know the wheat, reject the chaff, To have the nerve to stand the gaff. O Lord, in mercy intervene To keep our hearts both young and clean. The will to give a man a lift. Make this, O God, our Christmas gift.

Quote

A child's Prayer . . .

Francis Thompson caught the wondering about Jesus' childhood in a child's prayer (the poem "Little Jesus") Little Jesus, wast Thou shy Once, and just as small as I? And what did it feel like to be Out of heaven, and just like me? Hadst Thou ever any toys, Like us little girls and boys? And did Thy Mother at the night Kiss Thee and fold the clothes in right? And didst Thou feel quit good in bed, Kiss'd, and sweet, and Thy prayers said?

The Best Gift Of All, Our Saviour

The BEST GIFT of all, our Saviour. Edith G. Estey has expressed it thus:

Have you made your Christmas list, Thought of every one? Grandpa, grandma, mother, dad, daughter, too, and son? Have you made your Christmas list? Giving is in the air! Nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, friends from everywhere. Have you made your list? Yes, beyond a doubt. It is Jesus' birthday, too; did you leave Him out? Make His gift the first of all Inasmuch as ye Did it to the least of mine Ye did it unto me." Christmas gift to all the world - Dearest, first and best! When I make my Christmas list, His name leads all the rest.

Keeping Christmas

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to try to understand what those who live in the same

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane Women's Travel Authority

How much does it cost to own and operate your family car for a year? If your car is in the \$2000 class and you drive 18,000 miles a year, your variable costs are about 3.5 cents a mile. Your fixed costs are about \$1.65 a day. Variable costs include gasoline and oil, maintenance and tires. Fixed costs include fire and theft insurance, property damage and liability, license fees and depreciation.

Since the variable costs are computed on the basis of average driving speed, it should be remembered that as the driving speed increases so does the cost of operation per mile. The more you drive, the cheaper the operating cost per mile. The motorist who drives 10,000 miles a year will find that his operating cost is equal to about 9.52 cents a mile. In contrast, the motorist who drives 20,000 miles a year will find that it will only cost him an average of 6.62 cents a mile. (This includes a special depreciation allowance for every thousand miles driven over 18,000 miles per year.) The car driven only 5,000 miles throughout the year will cost the motorist about 15.54 cents per mile.

How can this be? It's because fixed costs stay fixed, no matter how much you drive. So the more miles you go, the lower the fixed cost per mile and hence the lower the total operating cost.

Details on this information can be found in a brochure titled "Your Driving Costs" which the AAA has printed. This brochure also explains how to compute car costs while on company business, as well as tips on vacation budgeting.

The main thing to remember is that the more you travel in your car, the less it costs per mile and, incidentally, the less it costs per person as the number of passengers increases.

house with you really want, with out waiting for them to aell you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings. With the gate open . . . are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas. Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world . . . stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death . . . and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred year ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone. Henry Van Dyke

Anytime a man opens the door and helps his wife into the car, you can just bet he has just acquired one or the other.

That Night . . .

That night when in Judean skies The mystic star dispensed its light,

A blind man moved in his sleep- And dreamed that he had sight!

That night when shepherds heard the song

Of hosts angelic choring near, A deaf man stirred in slumber's spell -

And dreamed that he could hear!

That night when in the cattle stall

Slept child and mother cheek by jowl,

A cripple turned his crippled limbs -

And dreamed that he was whole!

That night when o'er the New Born Babe

The tender may rose to lean, A loathsome leper smiled in sleep-

And dreamed that he was clean!

That night when to the mother's breast

The little king was pressed secure.

A harlot slept a happy sleep— And dreamed that she was pure!

That night when in the manger lay

The Sanctified who came to save,

A man moved in the sleep of death—

And dreamed there was no grave!

Merry Christmas City Shoe Shop and Western Wear

SEASON'S Greetings EARTH DRY GOODS

holiday greetings To every member of our community, we extend sincere wishes for a happy, hearty Holiday Season that is filled with the joys of good health, good cheer and good fellowship. EARTH THEATRES

Merry Christmas Once again we are happy to wish all of you the most wonderful, happiest Christmas ever! C. and B. SHAMROCK STA. EARTH, TEXAS WATCH FOR OUR ADVERTISEMENT NEXT WEEK

A CHRISTMAS GREETING Let us harken to the clear-voiced choristers, as they hail the approach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year. PAYMASTER GIN SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS

Dear Santa:
The only thing I want for Xmas is for you to bring all my friends everything they want, because they have been so nice to me while I have been sick.
Dianne Hodge
Earth, Texas

Crockett and a suit of a cowboy.
Your friend,
Jose Fuentes
Springlake, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please send to me a doll a dress and a jumping rope.
Love,
Annette Parker
Dimmitt, Texas



Dear Santa:
I want two pistols and a drag-net set, and boxing gloves, and a punching bag.
Your Friend,
Bobby Coker
Rt. 2,
Hart, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl, I am eight years old.
Please bring me a record player, and bring me a Tiny Tears

doll and a baby bed and a bicycle.
MEERY CHRISTMAS
Your Friend
Peggy Kelley
Springlake School

DDar Sana Claus:
I want a doll for Christmas and a jumping rope too. I like Santa Claus, I hope to see you Santa Claus.
Your Friend,
Donna
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good girl, I am in the second grade.
I want an oil paint set, and a watch and purse. My mother wants a jewelry box. My daddy wants an all day sucker. My middle sister wants a chemistry set. I don't know what my big sister wants.
Thank You,
Your Friend,
Etwila Axtell
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old. I have been a pretty good little boy this year.
Please bring me a little boy shaving kit, a gun with bullet airplane, doctor's kit, and a blue board; Please fill my stocking with lots of nuts and candy. Don't forget my little girl friend Debbi.
Thank You,
Richie Rudd
Box 117
Springlake, Texas

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Silent Night

May the glorious spirit of the first Christmas dwell in your heart now and always.

ELLIS JEWELRY and FLORAL
EARTH, TEXAS

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
Please bring me an electric train; and please bring me an army truck and some army men and bring me a rifle, and that is all.
Love,
Michael McClure
Rt 10,
Springlake, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please send to me a doll, and a Davey Crockett dress, and a telephone call, and a jack-in-the-box, and a buggy.
Love,
Dominga Hernandez
Rt 4
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please send to me a jewelry kit and a doll that cries and a box of cars.
Your Friend,
Linda Jones
Rt. 2
Springlake, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please send to me a truck, I want two guns.
Your Friend,
Rt. 1
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me doll and clothes and a record player.
Your Friend,
Cheryl Welch
Box 544,
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Davey Crockett dress and a jack-in-the-box and a doll and some candy and some toys.
Your Friend,
Anita Hernandez
Rt. 4,
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bow and arrows and a Robin Hood set and two guns that I can put play bullets in.
Your Friend
Lynnwood Hamilton
Rt. 4,
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a ballet doll and a buggy and a housecoat. I have been good all year.
Love
Dave Gregory
Rt. 4,
Muleshoe, Texas

Dear Sana:
I want a Dave Crockett hat, a play telephone and some candy.
Love,
Ken Dawson
Rt. 1,
Dimmitt, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me an Aunt Jemima set and a pair of Smokey Bear house slippers, candy and nuts.
Love,
Laura Ann Jones
Box 367
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please send to me a truck.
Your Friend,
Jessie Calderon
Rt. 2
Springlake, Texas

Dear Santa:
I would like you to bring me a rifle and two guns and some caps.
Love
Davy Haberer
Rt. 4
Muleshoe, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl of eight. I want a doll and doll clothes too. Please bring me a pair of skates and a record player. Santa do not forget other girls and goys in other lands.
Merry Christmas,
Love,
Beverly Colleen Kelley
Springlake School

Cheerful Holiday Wishes

Mind if we pop up with a Yuletide wish for everybody?
May your Christmas be a joyous one, remembered for years to come.

RALPH RUDD
TEXACO STATION
SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS

GREETINGS

May the blessings of the first Christmas abide with you for all time.

May the spirit of good will to all men be your guiding faith forever.

"BRIGHTEN THE CORNER"
FURNITURE MART
EARTH, TEXAS

Greetings

To all our cherished friends we extend our sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas... abounding in the blessings of good health and happiness.

DR. LILLIAN BOONE
AND
DR. ALTON BOONE

Here's wishing all our friends and neighbors a very, very Merry Christmas

KIMBELL GIN
EARTH, TEXAS

Greetings

For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always.

MARKET BASKET
EARTH, TEXAS

The Unexpected Christmas Guest

It happened in the home of Mary Gray, but perhaps it might just as easily have occurred in our home or mine. Mary and John were above the average Christians. I'm sure you agree with me when I tell you

that they even went to prayer meeting - - - sometimes. They attended church service regularly. Measured by the way some of the members gave, they were liberal givers. Mary was Chairman of one of the circles in the W.M.S. and it was A-1. Be it said to her credit that her four children belonged to the Junior organizations of the W.M.U. and what's more she saw to it that

they attended regular. Now you will know for sure that she was the average Christian.

Christmas was near. Mary's circle and all the others had duly observed the "Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions" and their Christmas offerings and now that all that was over and out of the way, Mary could make ready for the "real" thing - the usual celebration of Christmas.

Probably it would be better to let Mary tell you the story in her own words.

You see, we were planning for an unusually happy Christmas. Our oldest daughter had gone to college that fall and would be home for the holidays and of course we wanted to give her a happy time. I planned to have our family dinner on Christmas Day, John's sister lives in our town and she has two children; and my Aunt Sallie also lives here, and she has a daughter about Julie's age - so of course, I included them. Then I invited two of Julie's high school chums you see; I felt that I had to have all these for a meal while Julia was at home, and it seemed the best thing to have them all at one big dinner on Christmas Day.

Following the dinner, we were to have the family Christmas tree. I told John he would have to get an unusually large one and he did. It was a beauty. But you know, when I got out the decorations that I had put away so carefully from last Christmas, I found that I didn't have half enough for the tree. It looked too skimpy for words. So I had to go to town to get more decorations for the tree. It seemed that they had never shown such beautiful tinsel and new kind of lights. And I just had to have some extra lights for this large tree. And oh, they showed me such adorable little ornaments, and I knew they would look so beautiful, that I just couldn't resist buying two or three dozen of them. So the first thing I knew, I had not only broken the ten dollar bill which I had in my purse, but spent every bit of it and more for extra decorations.

About that time a little buzzer went off in my conscience and gave me a twinge, but I quickly silenced it by assuring myself that I just had to buy those things. And anyway, Christmas comes just once a year and you just naturally have to have things pretty.

And then came the buying of the family presents, and it seemed in every instance we had to get unusually nice ones. There was Julia we told her when she went off to college that if she made a fine grade we would give her the wrist watch she had wanted so long. Well, she had to get the watch and we felt it should be a good one. Then there was John - John is 12 years old and had been begging for a bicycle for 2 years. Poor kid, I felt so sorry for him last Christmas when he didn't get the bicycle. He tried so hard not to show how disappointed he was; but I knew he almost cried, and I've felt sorry for him all the year as he'd borrow some other boy's bicycle to ride. You see, nearly every boy on this street has a bicycle except our John; and I just told big John that our boy just had to have one this Christmas. So we got it, and it cost \$79.00.

And Fred, our other boy, wanted skates and a football. I really didn't know that a good football cost \$15.00, but is seemed foolish to buy a cheap one that would soon come to pieces. Then there is my little girl - She's just five years old - and when I took her to town to see Santa Clause, I declare she wanted everything she saw, and I just couldn't get the big doll out of her arms until I promised her that Santa Clause would bring her one just like it. And then I bought a little table and chairs for her to use to have little tea parties. I really didn't know it cost \$12.00 until I had it laid aside, but it was good value, for it was substantially built.

Next the presents for the kin-folks. We've always given John's sister's family and Aunt Sallie's right nice things, but I had to get them a little better than usual this year as they would be at the Christmas tree and we didn't want their presents to look to cheap along side of our own.

But Oh, when I got out that list of presents that friends had sent me last year! You see, I tried to buy for them things that cost about as much as I imagined the things cost that they had sent me last year; and oh, it was a job. I thought I'd never get around; and so by the time Christmas came I was well nigh spent, in fact, I was all spent - money, nerves, and everything else.

Christmas morning was bright and beautiful, and we were so happy as we assembled around the breakfast table, with Julia home again. As soon as breakfast was over, Julia started to get the car; she wanted to run around to see some of her friends, but I stopped her and said "Wait awhile, dear, you know we always have our Christmas devotional the first thing. We went into the living room

and little Fred told the Christmas story from Luke, and then we all clasped hands and John and I prayed. In closing my prayer I said, Oh, Christ of the Christmas tide, come and be our Guest this happy day. Then the children were off in the car, and I got busy with the many last minute preparations for that dinner. About noon everything was finished and if I do say so myself, my table was attractive with its miniature Christmas tree center piece and the red and green decorations. I took one final look at our big Christmas tree. My! it was a thing of beauty! Then I closed the living room door so that no one could see the tree until after dinner and went up to make ready for my guests. Oh, I forgot to mention that John's gift to me was a new dress; I hadn't had one that cost \$60.00 since I don't know when. I was dolling up in it, putting on the finishing touches, when the door opened and John came in

excitedly. His face was white. Oh, I knew something was wrong for John is usually so calm.

"Oh, John, what has happened," I asked. Then the mother instinct asserted itself and I cried, "Have Julia and John gotten back in the car."

"Yes, said John," The children are all downstairs in the den, and - he paused - a Guest has arrived."

"Well, said I, what is there to be excited about over a guests arriving? I was expecting our guests about noon."

There was a queer light in John's eyes as he answered, yes, but I hardly think you were expectin this one.

"Oh John", and I put my hand on his arm, - please tell me what has happened? Who has come?"

Then John said in a tense tone, Mary, the Master Himself is down stairs. I could never put into words the emotions that surged through my heart - amazement, awe, and - yes fear.

"Oh, John" I said you cannot mean - "I mean the Lord Jesus," he said. "How did it happen, John?" "The children and I were sitting in the den. Hearing a knock at the door, we all hastened to greet our guest. When we opened the door - there stood the Master Himself. Seeing our great amazement, He seemed to hesitate, but quickly he smiled and said, "Oh, you were not expecting me? But Mary is, for she prayed to me this morning to come and be her Guest today."

Then I remembered that closing sentence in my prayer that morning; and suddenly I realized how little I really meant by those words. Well, as soon as I could calm myself, I went down to meet my Guest Divine. One look into his radiant, loving face, and the turmoil in my heart became calm, and it seemed so wondrously blessed to have Him with us in person. Of course we

gave Him the seat of honor at our table. When He lifted His hands in blessing and we saw, for the first time, those jagged scars in the palms, the quick tears started from every eye. As He looked down into our hearts and saw that we continued to be so amazed that He would come and be our Guest, He said, Marvel ye at this? Have I not said, Behold, I stand at the door and knock? If any man will open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with Me.

So all would have been well but for that Christmas tree! From the minute He came, the uppermost question in my mind had been; What will He think of my gift to Him when He sees that tree. Every minute my embarrassment and pain of heart increased. What would I do? Oh, I would have kept the living

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Season's Greetings

One-year journey through the Holiday Season, may good health and happiness always ride with you.

KEITH CHASTEEN
KENNETH LEONHARDT
D. and C. GARAGE
Earth, Texas

Greetings

Come let us adore Him...the Christ Child...who brought into this world a new spirit of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men...a spirit that shines brightly in our hearts today.

BLAIR'S DRY GOODS
Earth, Texas

SEASON'S Greetings

Joyfully we join the merry carolers warmly wish our wonderful friends and patrons a Happy Holiday Season.

HIGGINBOTHAM - BARTLETT LUMBER CO.

Holiday Greetings

May this Holiday Season bring you everything you want most.

EARTH BARBER SHOP

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the happiness of Christmas abide in your home and in your heart now and throughout the gladsome Holiday Season.

LOTT WELDING and HARDWARE
SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS

Greetings

May the joys of the Holiday Season surround you and your family, and linger long in your home and in your heart, to brighten the days that lie ahead. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

Patterson Bros. Grocery
EARTH, TEXAS

The Unexpected Christmas Guest

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room doors closed and not had any Christmas tree that day, but we I knew that closed doors did not shut seeing eyes. One idea came to me, and as soon as dinner was over, I called John aside and said, "John, you know we have two hundred dollars in our safety deposit box at the bank for an emergency. Do get it and let me put it on the tree for Him. But John said, "We can't get it. This is a holiday. The bank is closed."

There was nothing to do but to proceed with our plans. The doors were opened. The Master was seated. John turned on the lights. The tree with its lights and ornaments all be-sprinkled with Christmas snow gleamed and glistened, but it had lost its

charm for me. I noted the Master's calm appraising gaze as He looked the tree over. I knew that He knew that the decorations on that tree (to say nothing of the presents) had cost twice as much as I had given Him and I had felt so self-satisfied when I handed in my envelope that day at the Church. As the many gifts were handed out, my cheeks burned. I sat with eyes down-cast. Then, drawn by an irresistible impulse, I looked up at the Master. In His open hand there lay that lonesome five dollar bill - my so called love gift to my Savior and my Lord. There was such a sad expression on His face and a far away look in His eyes, and He was saying half aloud "Do ye not remember?" Then His eyes met mine. Oh, if He had only censured me, if only He had said the words I deserved to hear, I could have borne it but He only looked at me with the hurt look in His eyes, the

hurt of wounded love, and said slowly and tenderly, "Mary I see that you were not expecting Me either today"—As I extended my hands to beg his forgiveness... He was gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Vaughn and family of Lazbuddie, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Breedlove of Hollis, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Guenn McKinney of Oklahoma City and Mr. Laverne Vaughn of Earth will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Vaughn.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane
Women's Travel Authority

"Jack Frost" will soon be here for his annual winter stay. He's an influential fellow. We change our wardrobe when he arrives, warm-up the house and, if we're smart, get our car ready for his visit, too.

While many of us take vitamins for extra protection against the cold, we should remember that many car ailments during this time can be avoided by proper servicing. Here are a few tips on car care and operating techniques.

Your car suffers more from wintertime driving than it does during the warm days of summer. Snow is more destructive to a car kept out-of-doors than any summer rain. More frequent car washings are necessary in the winter to prevent rusting and corroding of parts as the snow splashes up underneath your car. You'll find that if you "open" your small ventilating windows in the front of the car to allow a small stream of air in, your windshield won't tend to steam-up on cold days.

Tires don't necessarily need more air in them, but thin smooth treads are treacherous on ice. In snow belt sections of the country, special tires with winter tread designs are available. They can save you trouble as well as preserve your regular tires. As for the radiator, you'll find the safest and easiest way to keep it in good health is to be sure it has an adequate supply of anti-freeze. Keep a "weather-eye" on the oil—it will need frequent changes during winter. Make sure the battery is fully charged at all times. Have the brakes checked periodically, as they take a pretty fair beating in winter.

Too much trouble to check all this? Not at all. Shell Oil automotive experts suggest you prepare your car for winter—by having your car's oil, tires, battery, radiator, brakes and windshield wiper checked. Then, when Jack Frost touches the winter scene, driving will be an even greater pleasure.

If Christ Had not been born...

The promises of God given through the prophets would not have been fulfilled; the faithfulness of God's Word would be in serious doubt.

There would be no Saviour for mankind; men would still be in the darkness, the misery and condemnation of sin.

The character of God who seeks us out in love and deals with us as a father, would still be unknown.

Every man would be a law to himself, for there would have been no one who could rightfully

claim to be Master and Lord. The secret of peace in one's soul and peace among men would be unrevealed.

Men would continue to live as a kind of advanced species of animal, never knowing their true state as children of God.

The blessings of freedom would be denied men, and women would remain in bondage.

The world would be without the marvelous example of a sinless life.

Young people would be forced to grope their way to maturity without His matchless teaching and guidance.

Prayers would be useless and without prospect of answer apart from His gracious intercession.

There would be no good cheer when life gets us down without

the encouragement of One Who was victorious.

The cheery music of the carols and the thrilling songs of the Gospel would never have been written.

There would be no balm for troubled minds and no comfort for those in sorrow.

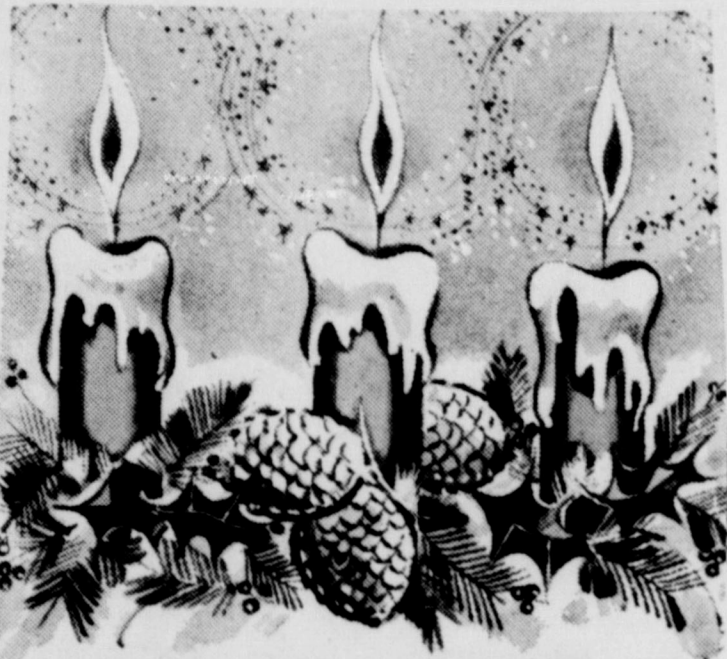
Men would not have the miracle-working power of God, nor would they have known this same divine power in their own lives. Eternal life would still be a

fond hope instead of a great conviction and an eager expectation.

The truth of Jesus' words is apparent:

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (Jn. 10:10)

—Copied
Heard the other day about fellow whose doctor advised him to cut his drinking in half — he eliminated the chasers.



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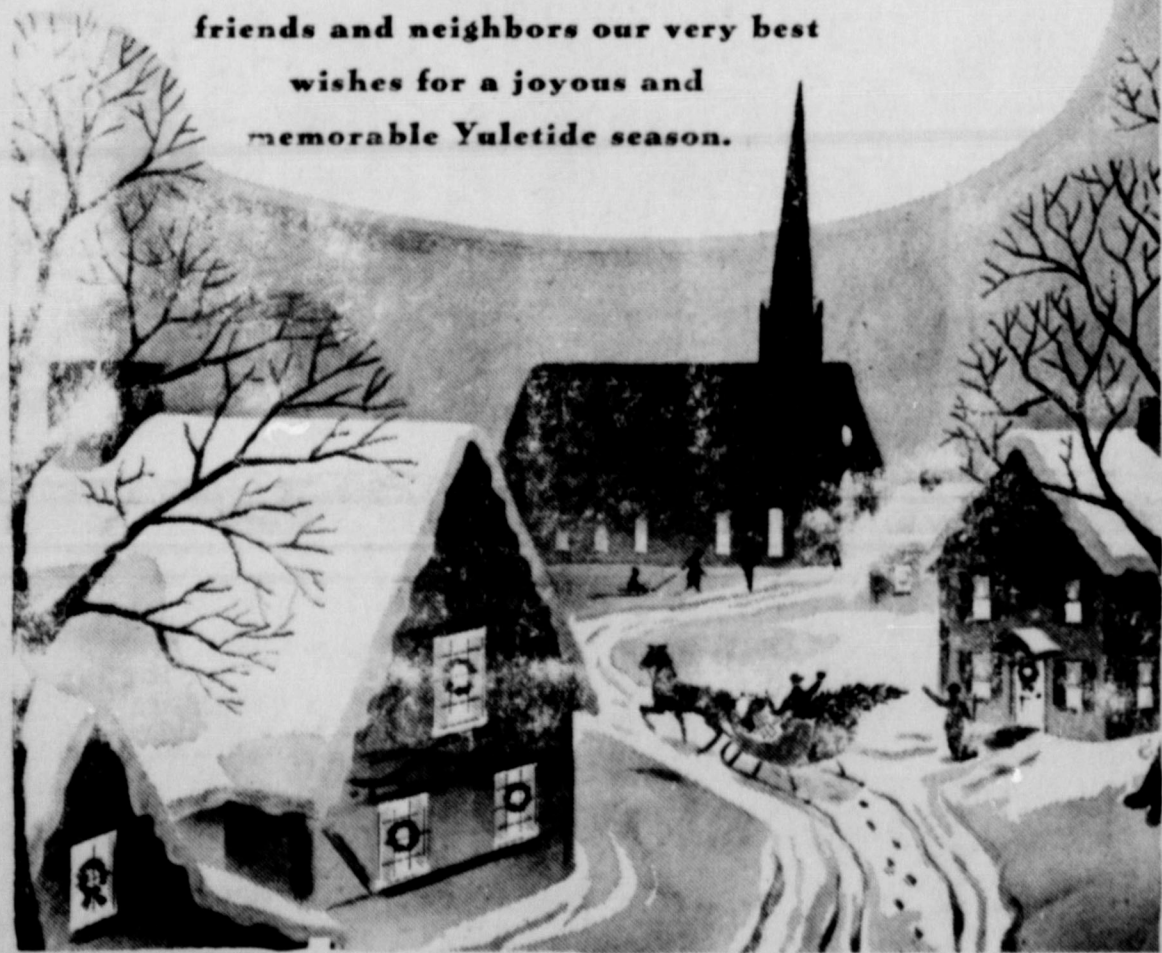
With happy memories of many pleasant friendships, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas to all.

EARTH CLEANERS

CAMPBELL'S COTTON GIN INC.

WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

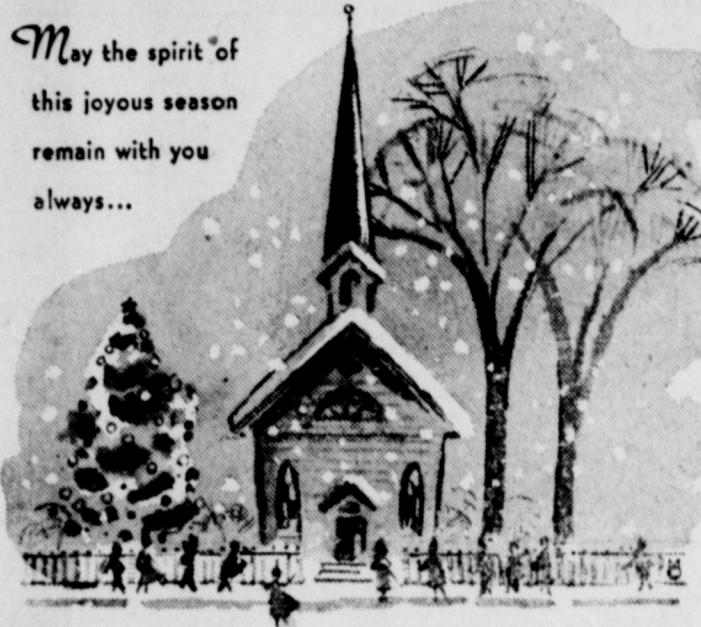
As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.



THANKS FOR A GOOD SEASON

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the spirit of this joyous season remain with you always...



A. D. TAYLOR
EARTH, TEXAS

The Spirit of Christmas



At this joyous time of Christmas, may happiness fill your heart and may the blessings of peace, good health and good fortune be yours.

FAUST CLINIC and LABORATORY

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EARTH, TEXAS

GREETINGS

AND THANKS FOR A GOOD SEASON



The scene is set for Christmas—every heart aglow with a spirit that makes this the happiest of Holidays. To all our cherished friends we extend this sincerest of greetings—May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may good health accompany you throughout the coming year.

PLEASANT VALLEY GIN

No Room In The Inn . . .

Mary Johnston

"We have no room," the keeper said, when Joseph asked for a room and bed. No room in the Inn, but a barn to the right where you and your wife may spend the night."

No room in the Inn for the hallowed birth of the Prince of Peace when he came to earth! No room for the only begotten Son who would give his life for everyone.

The night came on, a baby's cry floated out on the air to the passers by. Wrapped in swaddling clothes, he lay,

Craddled and warm on a bed of hay.

The heavenly host on the hillside steep, Sang to the shepherds, who watched their sheep, And the song they sang was of "Peace on earth, To men good will," at the Christ Child's birth.

The wise men heard the call and thence, With gifts of myrrh and frankincense, They followed the star as it led them on To the place where the Prince of Peace was born.

When over the stable the star stood still, They did not falter, but crossed the sill, And kneeling there paid homage, all, To the baby King, in the cattle stall.

Do you have room in your heart today For Him, who was craddled upon the hay? Will you give him a place that he may abide? Or leave him to stand and knock, outside?

Candles Can Help Lost Hunters

By Dion Henderson

There is a time when the friendly woods turn cold and the warm pleasures of a day afield go flat and bleak. It is the time when you realize you don't know the way home.

Under these conditions, the outdoors is no fun. But despite the grave possibilities, the novice is likely to be much less concerned over the prospect than the veteran.

You don't need a trackless wilderness the size of Yukon Territory to get lost. You can be just as thoroughly lost—and as lonely and cold, and hungry, and possibly panic-stricken—in a square mile of brush just higher than your head.

And, while it's fine to have

thrilling outdoor experiences to look back on, here are a few of the things veterans do to guard against recurrence of experiences a little more thrilling than they care about.

They take with them, as surely as their shoes:

Plenty of matches, in waterproof container, with a candle stub. A candle will start even wet wood alight in time.

A pocket knife and a belt ax. Don't sell that hatchet short in favor of a pretty hunting knife. Did you ever try to cut down a tree with silverware?

A compass. And they use the compass going out from camp, so that if necessary they can use it to get back. Remember that a compass won't tell you where you're going if you don't know where you've been. A map has the same depressing limitations. A chocolate bar or two. In

Strange country, save them for eating when you're in sight of camp. Otherwise they may be needed for three meals tomorrow while you sit on a stump and wait for smarter people to find you.

That is about the best thing to do if you get yourself misplaced in unfamiliar geography. While broad daylight lasts you can try to walk your way out to road.

If you plan to use a river or stream as guide, walk downstream not up. It's nearly impossible to stay on the main stream when you encounter tributaries.

And if you decide to follow a ridge, wollow it up, not down, because when it runs out into the flat you'll be in different country.

When daylight starts to wane one, collect enough wood to last you all night and then some, and

get your fire going. Pick a spot high enough to be visible—which is about anywhere in timber country where there are forest rangers and lookout towers.

Cars are headed for the beaches these days, bumper to bumper, and when they arrive the crowd is so great the people sit the same way.



BUSBY MOTOR CO.
SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS

The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things to life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

O. C. McBRIDE and SONS GIN

EARTH PLEASANT VALLEY

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane
Women's Travel Authority

You can take photographs from a moving car and you don't have to be an expert to do it. But don't try it while you're driving! Let someone else drive while you take pictures. Just keep your camera in a handy place and when you come across something particularly photogenic—just snap it through your windshield! Distant scenes can be photographed from a car moving 20 miles an hour or less with even a simple box camera.

But remember, a simple camera is limited to getting scenes approaching head-on and not scenes passing across the camera viewfinder. A scene passing across the finder can be taken if your camera has a fast shutter and if you're adept at panning; that is, aiming your camera as the car approaches, moving the camera so as to keep it "on the scene," taking the picture as the car passes the view you want. Cameras with eye-level viewfinders are good for taking photos from a moving car because they are easy to "aim."

When you take pictures from a moving car you won't have a great deal of time to compose the shot as well as you might like. But you can always crop, or trim away the unwanted portion of the photograph after the film is processed.

If you stop to photograph a roadside scene, remember to observe safety rules. Don't just go on the car on the edge of the highway—move it well off the road so you don't impede traffic or create a hazardous situation. Stopper once in a while to snap pictures with the camera to the side of the road. The more it stays put, the better the picture.

Greetings

May the joys of Christmas enrich your heart throughout the Holiday Season.

ROACH'S LAUNDRY
SPRINGLAKE, TEXAS

Joyful Wishes

In harmony with the Holiday spirit, we add this cheery note: May you and yours enjoy for years to come, all the happiness we wish for you this Christmas.

MR. and MRS. J. A. NOLAN

EARTH LAUNDRY

O, Holy Night

As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

WATSON BROTHERS BUTANE

EARTH SPRINGLAKE



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:

How are you Mrs. Santa getting along? A boy helping polish your reindeer horns? Is Mrs. Santa brushing off your pretty red suit for Christmas?

I am a little girl 10 years old and I am in the fifth grade. Will you please bring me a 18" Betsy Wetsy doll, a basket net, a doll

stroller, a pair of roller skates and Donald Duck projector.

Love Always,
Deann Adrian

P. S. — Please tell Mrs. Santa to make me a pretty pink blanket for my new doll. I have a little sister who would like for you to bring her a rocking horse.
Thank You Very much.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, I am in grade 2. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll and a doll to.
Thank You
Your Friend,
Mary De La Garza
Springlake, Texas

Dear Santa:
It is getting close to Christmas and I am trying to be good. Please bring me a doll, Tiny Tears, dishes and mix set and M-M tractor. Be nice to other boys and girls.
Love,
Jane Branscum

Dear Santa:
I'm a little girl five years old. Would you please bring me a Tiny Tears doll refrigerator and stove, and anything else you think I'd like.
I've been pretty good. Thank you.

Janice Chasteen
Box 565
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa:
I'm eight years old and have been pretty good. I'd like a rifle, that makes noise, but doesn't shoot B-B's. A ball glove, and a Hopalong Cassidy wrist watch.
Thank You,
Wayne Chasteen
Box 565,
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please remember me this Christmas with a bicycle and police set. Hope you'll remember Sharla with some nice toys too. Bring fruit and candy, please.

Love
Danny Haberer
Rt. 4,
Muleshoe, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a truck, a train tractor, a glove, ball and baseball bat. Also lots of nuts, fruit and candy. Don't forget my little brother and sister.

Loads of Love,
Billy Laine
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a truck, train tractor, catcher glove ball and ball bat, lots of nuts, fruit and candy, don't forget my big brother and my little sister.

Loads of Love,
Gary Don Lanier
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl this year, please bring me a bicycle and apples, candy nuts and bring my mother something to and my sister and brother to.

Love,
Lucille Etheridge
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 4 years old. I have been a good little boy I want a tractor for Christmas and my little sisters Judy and Dena Kay want a doll apiece, and oranges, apples and nuts.
I love you Santa,
Jerry Etheridge
Earth, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would come tonight. I want a doll with curly hair Dear Santa Claus with lots toys. I like you Santa Claus, I am a little girl. My name is Mary and my little sister and my little brother love you to.
Mary Rodriguez
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an English bicycle, I want a B B gun and a card

player too. Remember the other little boys and girls.
Thank You
Terry Parish
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like a Tiny Tears doll and a nurse kit please.
Nancy Louise Alair

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a bicycle and two guns I have been

nice all year, I got two guns last year, I want two guns this year and one bicycle. I like to ride a bicycle it is fun to ride on it.

Your Friend,
Lee Condren
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 7, my birthday is 8 February.

I want a doll and a bicycle, I hope to see you soon, and a hap-

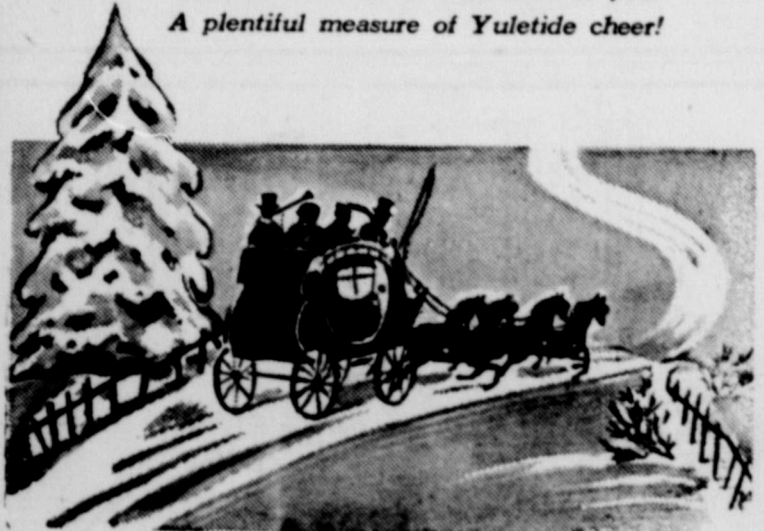
py Christmas to you.
Thank You
Your Friend,
Donna Ruth Gover
Springlake, School

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven I'm in the second grade. And I want B B gun a little car that runs on batteries ad an English bicycle.
Thank You,
Larry Glasscock
Springlake School

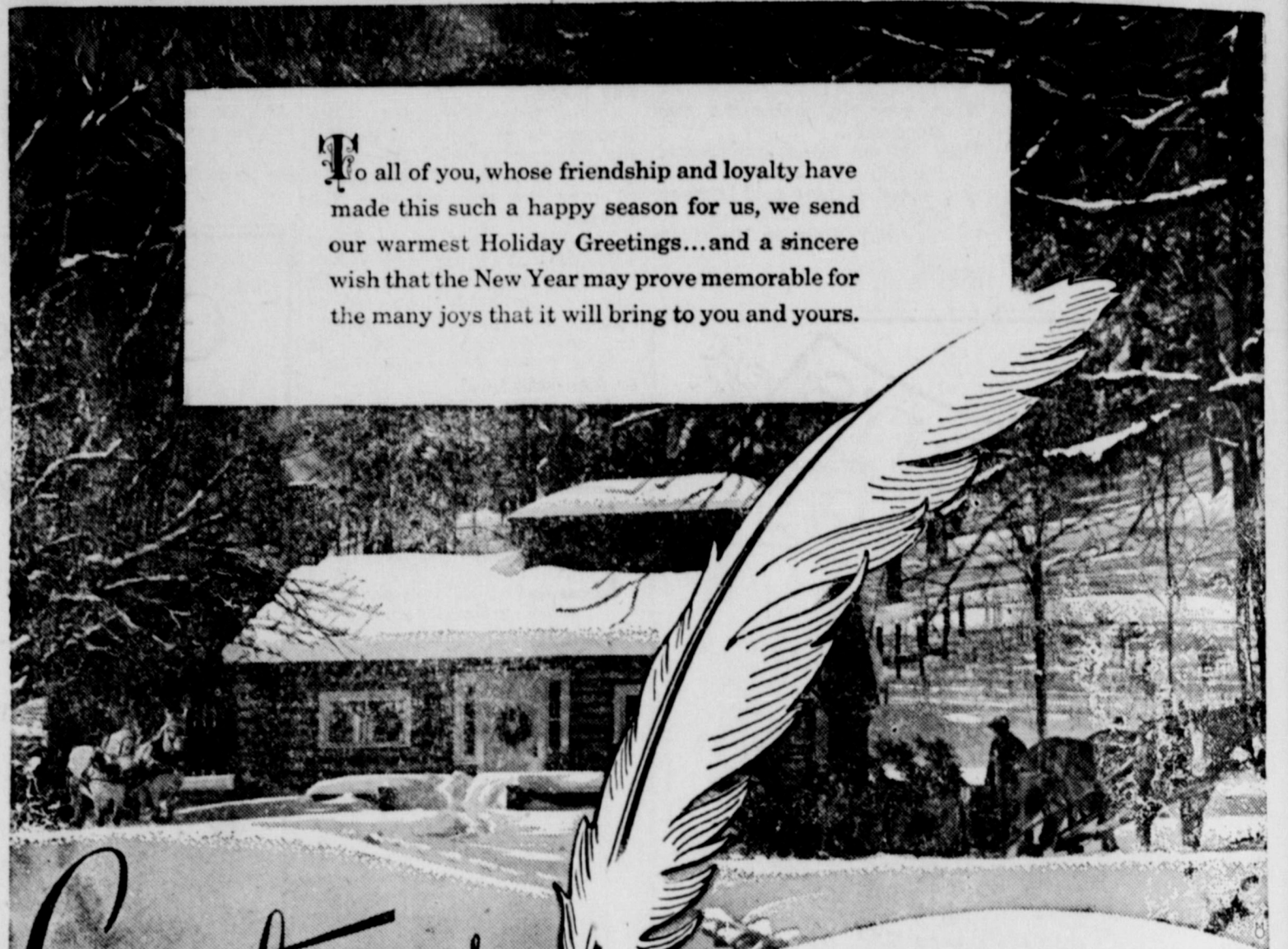


MERRY CHRISTMAS

The time for joy, the time for peace;
The time for pleasures that never cease.
We wish you all at this time of year
A plentiful measure of Yuletide cheer!



EARTH ELEVATOR CO.



To all of you, whose friendship and loyalty have made this such a happy season for us, we send our warmest Holiday Greetings...and a sincere wish that the New Year may prove memorable for the many joys that it will bring to you and yours.

Greetings

RUTHERFORD and CO.
EARTH, TEXAS



Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks...
a Star shone brightly in the hush of a
Holy Night... a Babe was born
in a manger... and a new spirit of
Peace and Good Will came into the world.
May that spirit abide
with you and your
family now and always.

PAUL'S SUPER MARKET, Inc.
EARTH, TEXAS

Season's Greetings

To all of our wonderful friends
and neighbors... we hope that Santa
arrives bearing a sleigh-load
of all the good things in life.
May the season find you rich in the
blessings of Happiness, Peace and
Health. The season's best to all.

EARTH GIN CO.



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a record player and cowboy suit and band suit and baton and baton boots and curly hair and hat and a baby bed.
Pauletta Templeton

Dear Santa:
I want some Tinker Toys and some guns. I want a cowboy hat and a toy horse. I am a boy.
Joe Bob Robertson
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a train for Christmas. I want a big train, I want some little cars for Christmas. Please bring me a truck. I am a boy.
Joe Bob Robertson
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good girl. I should like to have some records and some doll clothes and a toy cat.
Thank You.
Love
Jane Randolph
Springlake, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am nine years old, I am a girl. I want a doll and a watch to, I am in second grade, and I want some bells too and I like some things that I can play with it and I want a rope to jump with it.
Love
Elisa Duran
Springlak School

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll. Come and stay with us Santa Claus. I like you do you like me to? I do want a doll. Do you still have my doll?
Love
Wanda Lee Newsom
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope Santa Claus bring me a bicycle. I hope I get me some guns I am a good boy Santa Claus. I wish for a football set I hope Santa Claus will bring every boy and girl some nice things.
Jimmy Black
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Davey Crockett fort, I want a bicycle, I want a Davy Crockett rifle, I want a police car, I want a tank I want a fire truck. I am Michael Matthews.
Michael Matthews
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good boy. I want a gun, and watch and do not forget the other girls and boys.
Your Friend,
Jimmy Lee Shirey
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring a bed, My little brother wants a horse, I want a table and the chairs. I am a little girl.
I wish you would come tonight. I like you Santa Claus. My name is Sylvia and my little brother is Joe.
Your Friend,
Sylvia Flores
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Betsy - Wetsy doll. I was a nice girl. I am going to be at my house this Christmas and not at my grandmothers. Donna wants two books and Sherry wants some luggage.
That's All,
Jan Scott

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy I would like to have a Davey Crockett Fort and B B gun too, I should have a record player and a train and a drum and sailor hat and a Davey Crockett puppet and a wagon to and a dump truck and a pencil sharpener and a football suit.
Freddie Kelley
Springlake School

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl three years old. I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me a doll and piano, nuts and candy.
Please bring my little sister Renay some toys too.
Thank You,
Linda James
Olton, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl I am in grade 2. Please bring me a Tiny Tars doll, and a record player and a bicycle and a jewelry box.
Thank You,
Your Friend,
Peggy Kelley
Springlake School

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Santa Claus
North Pole
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 5 years old. Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll and an accordion. Kerry, my 8 year old brother wants a watch, woodburning set and cub scout knife.
Please remember all other boys and girls.

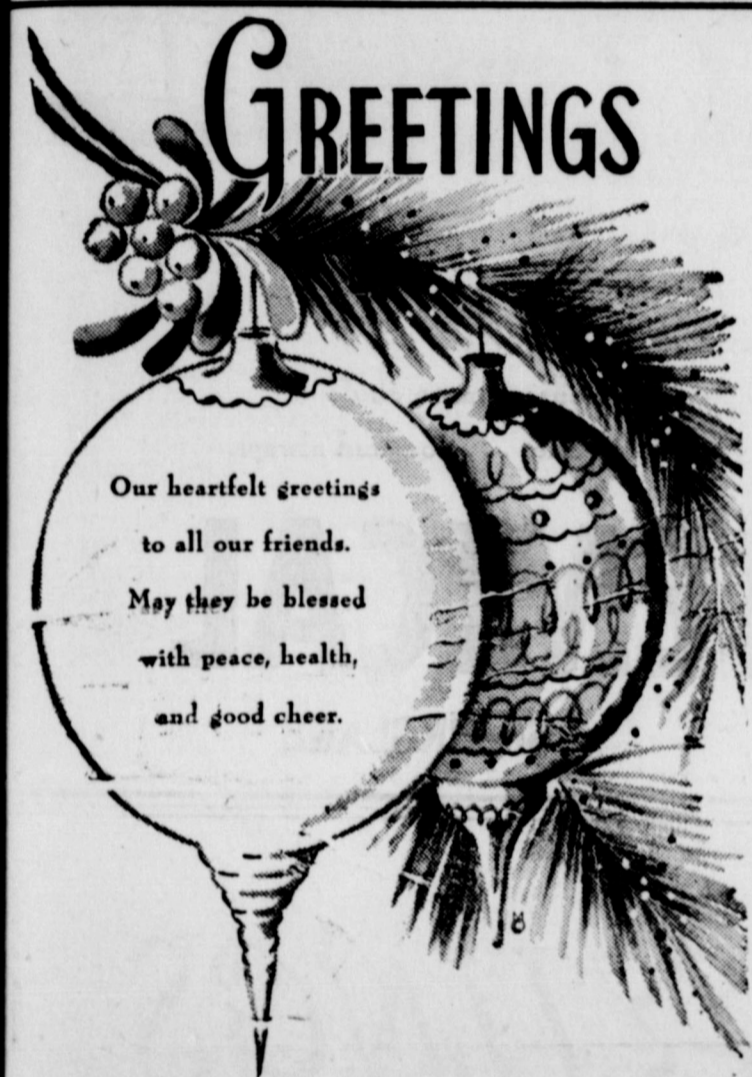
We Love You,
Kita Nell Struve
Kerry Layne Struve
Springlake, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a new Disneyland paint-by-number oil set. A

personalized pencil set, a flower set, a 12 kit Shellacraft set.
Yours Truly,
Jennifer Miller

Dear Santa Claus:
I want some guns and a Davey Crockett set and a horse shoe game and bring all the other boys and girls something.
Floyd Henderson
Springlake School

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a watch and guns and do not forget the other boys and girls.
Your Friend,
Jimmy Lee Shirey
Springlake School



Our heartfelt greetings to all our friends. May they be blessed with peace, health, and good cheer.

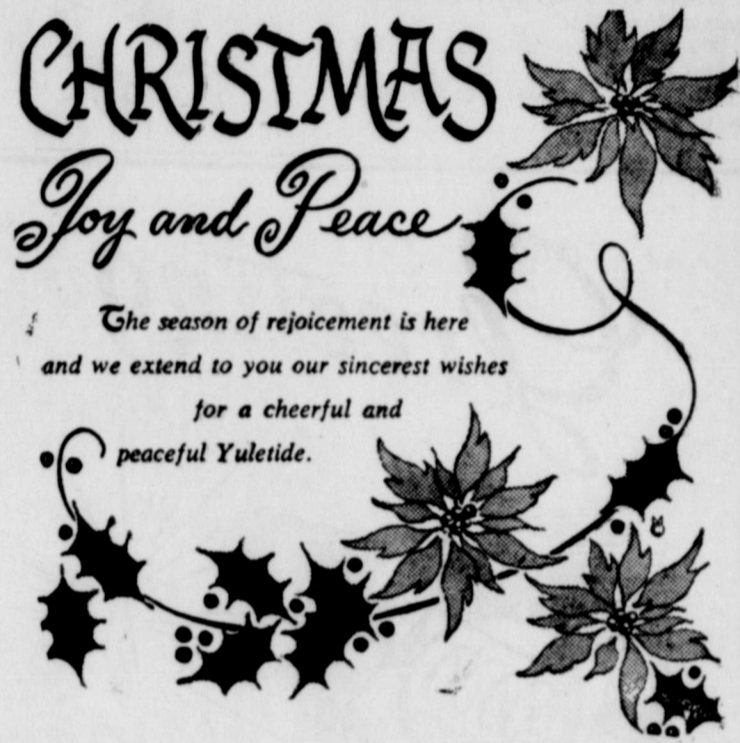
BROWN'S PRODUCE & FEED
EARTH, TEXAS



We hope this glorious season is filled with joy and good health for our many friends.

JIM DICK and MUTT McNEILL

EARTH FURNITURE EXCHANGE



The season of rejoicement is here and we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a cheerful and peaceful Yuletide.

B and I VARIETY and HARDWARE

EARTH, TEXAS

Merry Christmas



It is our sincerest wish that this Christmas brings a great abundance of warm and lasting pleasures to everyone.

MARTIN BROTHERS WELDING

EARTH, TEXAS



Greetings

We hope the magic of this glorious season extends throughout the year for you and yours...bringing with it the blessing of happiness, the joy of good health and the pleasure of warm friendships.



EARTH OIL COMPANY

JIM GREY
DAVID JOHNSON
JAMES WAGES

DOYLE WOOLEY
LEON SMITH

BILL MILLER
MRS. CLYDELL SIMMONS
BILL BEASLEY

Let Us Keep Christmas

Whatever else be lost among the years
Let us keep Christmas a shining thing;
Whatever doubts assail us, or what fears,
Let us hold close one day, remembering
Its poignant meaning for the hearts of men;
Let us get back our childlike faith again.

Wealth may have taken wings, yet still there are Clear window-panes to glow with candlelight;
There are boughs for garlands, and a tinsel star
To tip some little fir tree's lifted height.
There is no heart too heavy or too sad

But some small gift of love can make it glad.

And there are home-sweet rooms where laughter rings,
And we can sing the carols as of old.

Above the western hills a white star swings;
There is an ancient story to be told;
There are kind words and cheering words to say.
Let us be happy this glad Christ Child's day.
—Grace Noll Crowell



Who Are The Wise Men . . .

Who were the wise Men in the long ago?

Not Herod, fearful lest he lose his throne;
Not Pharisees too proud to claim their own;
Not priests and scribes whose province was to know;
Not money-changers running to and fro;
But three who traveled, weary and alone,
With dauntless faith, because before them shone
The Star that led them to a manger low.

Who are the Wise men now, when all is told?
Not men of science; not the great and strong;
Not those who wear a kingly diadem;
Not those whose eager hands pile high the gold;
But those amid the tumult and the throng
Who follow still the Star of Bethlehem.
B. Y. Williams

Music By Former ACC Student To Be Featured At Pageant

ABILEN, Texas (Spl.) — Thirty-five minutes of original music by a young composer will be featured in Abilene Christian College's 50th anniversary historical pageant in February.

Robert Page of New York City, a 1948 graduate of ACC, is the author of words and music for six musical selections to be used in the pageant, "A City Set on a Hill" The musical drama will be staged February 16-18 and 20-23 as a major event in the college's current 50th anniversary celebration.

Page, now studying on a Danforth Foundation grant at New York University, made the arrangement of "Rock a My Soul," a negro spiritual, that is used by the world-famous Westminster Choir He is now on leave from Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, where he is a member of the faculty and director of the college choirs.

While attending ACC Page was active in music and dramatic activities, directing two productions of a student musical, "Swanee." He has produced a new version of "Swanee" each year at ENMU since he joined the faculty of the school in 1951.

Depicting campus life and events during ACC's 50 years, he has written the following for the pageant:

"A City Set on a Hill," the introductory and closing number; "Let's Go for a Stroll Downtown," a musical comedy of the girl's dormitory life in 1918; "Fire on the Campus," a number on the 19-

29 fire which destroyed the old Administration Building; "The Beany Boys," a musical comedy depicting the student work system initiated in the 1930's; "A Wedding Hymn," story of the marriages resulting from friendships at ACC; and "What's Nicer than a picnic?" a selection that tells of student life. Two numbers, "A City Set on a Hill" and "A Wedding Hymn," will be given strictly a cappella.

Script for the pageant has been written by Mrs. James Bearden of Lubbock, 1942 ACC graduate. The pageant personnel will include several members, who will aid in directing the music, and least 300 students in speaking parts, musical roles and work. The pageant will be a two-set show composed of 25 major scenes.



As old as our faith, as young as our hopes, is the spirit of Christmas. May it once more lift your heart, lighten your cares and brighten every corner of your life. May its infinite joy and glorious promise abide with you and your loved ones . . . now and always.

FARM CHEMICAL

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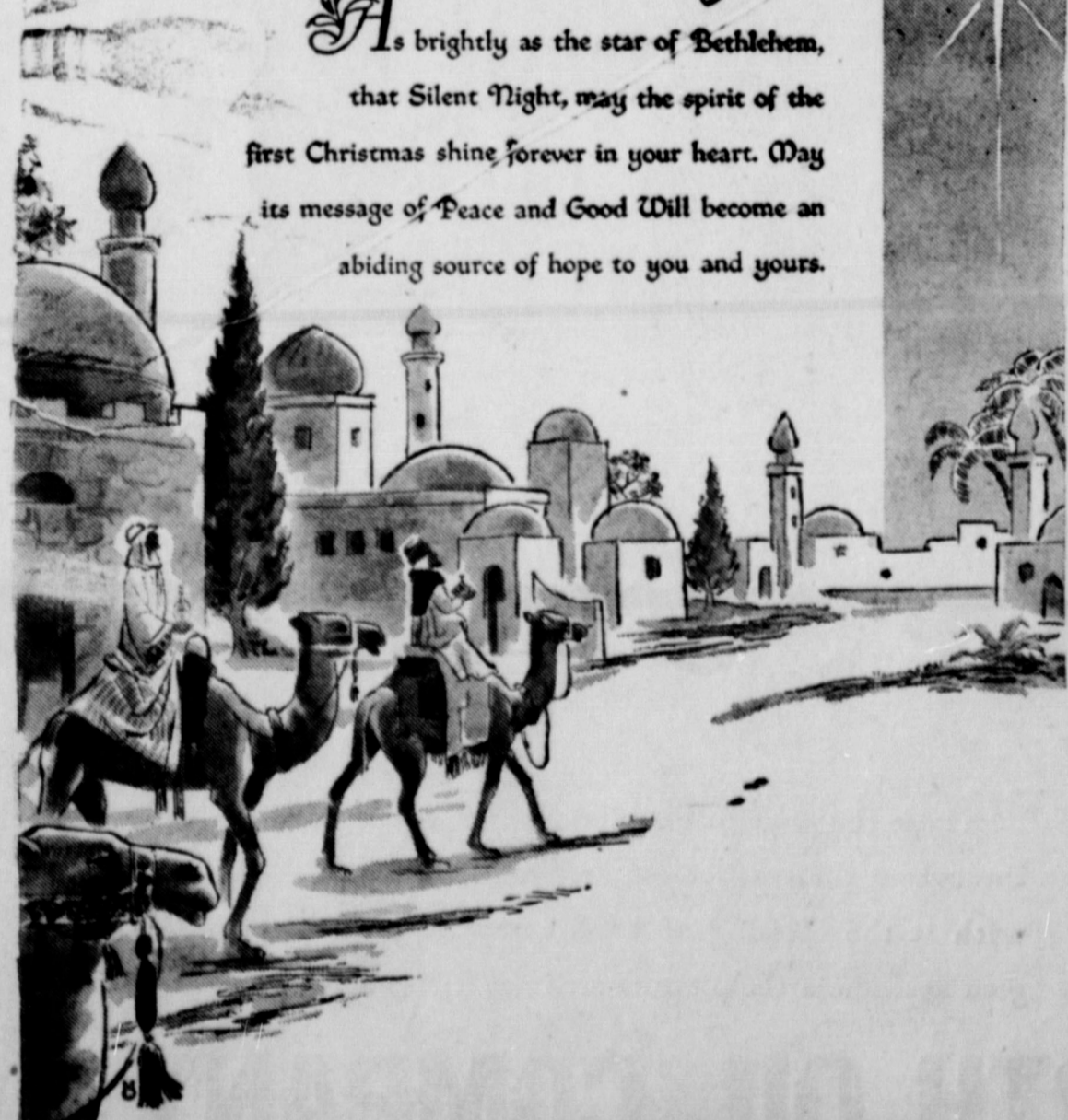
Greetings



JOHN'S TEXACO STATION

JOHN SMITH OWNER and MANAGER
EARTH, TEXAS

Season's Greetings



As brightly as the star of Bethlehem, that Silent Night, may the spirit of the first Christmas shine forever in your heart. May its message of Peace and Good Will become an abiding source of hope to you and yours.

BARTON BROTHERS BUTANE

EARTH, TEXAS

GREETINGS

Christmas
1955

Dear Friend:

Being able to say "Thank You" to good friends and customers is one of the nicest things about being in business.

And at this Happy Holiday Season, as we pause to express sincere appreciation for your patronage, we send warm wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve you this past year — and to say that we are deeply grateful for your good will is but a mild expression of our true feelings. It is folks like you who make our business possible — and we will strive to merit your continued friendship and confidence in the future.

And today . . . with Santa Claus peepin' around the corner and everybody thinking of everybody else . . . we are wishing you the finest Christmas of your life, with a New Year of bounteous blessings for you and those you love.

Sincerely,
BROWND & WHITE EQUIPMENT CO.

C. O. LARUE
EARL JORDAN
ELMER PRATHER
BARNEY SCHELLER
O. D. SCHELLER

CLIFF HALLUM
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