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A Savior Is Born

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first born son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flocks by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said unto them.

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." The Gospel according to St. Luke.



Year 1944 — Continued

was transferred from training at Kingsville to Gainesville.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church for James B. Mercer, 62.

Rev. Lee Ramsour, pastor of the Harris Avenue Baptist church in San Angelo, was speaker at the banquet given honoring the Senior class in the local First Baptist church.

Luke M. Stephens announced for commissioner of Precinct 4.

Bailey Ranch H. D. Club announced that a "Sack Supper" was to be held at the school house for benefit of the Red Cross Fund. Mrs. Robert Page reported that \$2,008 had been raised of this county's \$2,782.50 quota for the Red Cross Drive.

The approaching marriage of Mary Jo Horton and Midshipman Jo Ed Hill was announced.

W. T. (Pete) Parker left for service. He was manager of the Red and White Store. Store personnel were announced as: Bill Sproul, general manager; Mrs. W. M. Davis, bookkeeper and assistant manager; Jack Whitley, market manager; Mrs. R. L. Wilson, clerk-checker; and Russell Donaldson

and Virgil Farris, clerks.

Robert G. Hughes announced for district attorney.

Funeral services were held in Sonora for Mrs. George Barrow, 32, wife of the jeweler there, following an automobile accident in which both were involved. Mr. Barrow was in critical condition.

The annual Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the Lions club was coming up. E. B. Keng, John Hughes and W. R. Bearce were on the committee. With candy eggs unavailable, they were making an appeal for hen eggs to be boiled and tinted for the hunt.

R. C. Spurgers sold his ice house business to E. M. Doty.

Rosa Sauer and Sgt. Thomas Beckett of Ozark, Ark., were married.

April came on with J. W. Lawhon Jr. and Jimmie West elected to the school board, as election was held. Jess Koy retired from the board.

Mrs. Mattie Cozens was notified of the death in Glendale, Arizona, of her sister, Mrs. Oscar Gibson.

A son, Charles Mack, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ratliff.

Leola Sauer and Capt. George W. Cartwright were married in San Angelo.

Mrs. Rum Dameron announced opening of her "Bert's Sandwich Shop" in the Dr. Patton office building on Main street.

C. C. McLaughlin, W. M. Patterson, and E. W. Brooks attended a Lions ladies night in Ballinger.

The bandroom of the high school was converted into an old Dutch Garden for the Junior-Senior banquet. Those on the program included G. B. Green, Paul Page, Bob Oglesby, Luke Thompson, Lavella Meckel, Clara Lloyd Ochsner, Gloria Watson, Patsy Martin, C. A. Reynolds, Betty Bryant, Katherine Davis, Patsy Ballew, Frances Thompson, Mrs. Lawton Brevard, and Frankie Thompson.

Rev. Clarence Morton of Ballinger was to be evangelist at a revival getting under way at the First Baptist church.

On April 16th, Miss Mary Jo Horton became the bride of Ensign Jo Ed Hill, in the First Methodist church chapel in Fort Worth.

"Mama's Baby Boy" was the Senior play coming up. The cast included Edna Luedecke, Bobby Barber, Gus Green, Elaine Watson, Ruby Butler, Luke Thompson, Jane Davis, Sarah Sweett, Virginia Calcote, Tom Enochs, and Tommie

Lee Wilson.

Mrs. W. E. Baker was honored on her 75th birthday.

Also late in April, Sgt. Delbert Edmiston wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edmiston here from a prison camp in Germany. A daughter, Genelle, was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Edmiston.

A fire destroyed the H. E. Crooks residence in Reynolds, as the month of May came.

Mrs. D. C. Hill was installing officer for the Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. S. D. Harper was installed president; Mrs. Kenneth Cheek, first vice-president; and Mrs. W. J. Humphrey was 2nd vice-president.

H.S. Principal G. B. Green announced that Mary Virginia Griffin was on the honor roll from the Senior class. Honorees from the Junior class were Katherine Davis, Paul Page, and Donald Gholston.

Elementary Principal E. A. McMillan announced that Jo Anne Bearce, Grace Butler, Emily Ann Harper, Jane Mund, and Marselaine Patterson were on the Eighth Grade honor roll.

Seventh grade honor roll: Ebba Ann Finley, Joyce Ann Van Horn, Pat Humphrey. Sixth: Jonnie Lee Dickens, Mary Thompson, and

Lilla Jean Ellington.

Miss Ruth Mund was selected to be one of the life guards at the swimming pool at Texas State College for Women at Denton.

Second Grade pupils took a train ride to the rail crossing near Runge Ranch where Mr. Runge met them with a wagon to take the 35 children and adults, Mr. and Mrs. Gordie Alexander, Mrs. Ruth Prince, teacher, and Mmes. O. A. Harris, Raymond Dickens, and Reuben Dickens to the ranch for a party. Room mothers were Mrs. Gordie Alexander, Mrs. Perry Mittel, and Mrs. J. F. Runge.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Christian. A daughter, Priscilla Claire, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Linthicum.

Graduation exercises for the '44 Senior Class of E.H.S. were set for May 23, announced Supt. C. A. Reynolds. Mary Virginia Griffin was valedictorian and Edna Luedecke was salutatorian.

Other classmen scheduled to receive diplomas were Tom Potter, Pat O'Harrow, Gus Green, Bobby Barber, Luke Thompson, W. A. Pointer, Jane Davis, Virginia Calcote, Robert Martin, Maurice Sofge, Sarah Sweett, Earlene Biggs, Ruby Butler, Tom Enochs, Doris

Jeffrey, Elmer McMillan, Pauline McLaughlin, Maxine Rampsy, Tommie Lee Wilson and Elaine Watson.

A daughter, Virginia Ruth, was born April 22 in a Beaumont hospital to the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Green.

W. S. Leslie, San Angelo attorney, announced for district judge. The Eldorado School of Music announced that a concert by the eminent pianist, Katherine Braun Carlo, would be presented in the Presbyterian church May 29th.

Miss Ruth Baker was employed as new Public Librarian, replacing Mrs. Nora Jolly who resigned.

Mrs. Reuben Dickens honored her daughter, Carol Lynn, with a party on her 8th birthday.

Delwood Blair announced that he had leased the Stanford Cream-Top Dairy.

The month of June came on with Mrs. M. M. Reynolds receiving a telegram that her son, Sgt. Raymond R. Reynolds, had been killed in action in the European theater of war.

District Judge John F. Sutton announced for re-election.

Funeral services were held in

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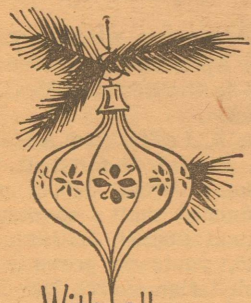


JOYFUL CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

When the music of the Christmas carols fills the air with joyful tidings... when the earth is filled with beauty and the stars shine their brightest — that is the time to also be humble. It is well to pause, in the midst of world problems, to express reverent gratitude for our many blessings. The things we seek are the things He would have sought... man's humanity to man... hearts keyed to the eternal music of faith. We who love peace, and have sought it and fought for it, and offered prayer in its behalf, know that our ideals are built on a solid foundation. They cannot fail. So, at this great Christmas occasion, we bring you our sincere greetings... May this Christmas truly be one of genuine happiness for you and yours.

Southwest Texas Electric CoOperative, Inc.

Owned By Those
It Serves



With all
good wishes
for a Merry
Christmas

**Tyler's
Barber Shop**

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tyler
and family

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS FROM
ELDORADO THIRD GRADE PUPILS**

(The Success thanks Curtis T. Humphries, elementary principal, and the Third Grade teachers, Miss Mund, Mrs. Whitis, and Mrs. Stigler, for co-operation in providing these letters.)

Dear Santa, I am 9 years. I live in Eldorado, Texas. I have been a good boy this year. I want a transistor radio. With love, Robert.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a baby brite for Christmas. I have been a good girl. And I want a cowgirl suit. Yours truly, Shirley Casbeer.

Dear Santa, I don't know what I want. But bring me something. I have been a good boy. Merry Christmas too you. With love, Mike Prater.

Dear Santa Claus, I will hang my stocking on the wall. Have I bin good? I want a star line baton for Christmas. Love, Vonda Maness.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pear of boots and a gun and baters for my raid, and a bike and a gitar and frincharp and a whip. I live on the Big Lake highway. With love, Gene Nixon.

Dear Santa Claus, I am eight years old. I will be nine years old in March. I have been a good girl. I want a Baby Bright for Christmas. With love, Marleen Ballard.

Dear Santa Claus, In Christmas I want you to bring me some toyes. I want you to pass by our house and bring me a biceckle. With love, Santos Castro.

Dear Santa, I would like to have Penny Bright the doll. I would like to have a bike. I would like Tressy. I have bin a good girl. And I would like a Tammy doll. I have not got a spanking since school started. With love, Marsha Kothmann.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a baby Bright for Christmas. I have ben good. I want a baby that you can spank and she will cry. With love, Susan Posey.

Dear Santa Claus, How are you. I want a varoom motor. I am 8 years old. I am in the third grade. With love, Larry Holsey.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a Jonny seven one man, and please a pair of britches. I am in the third grade. I have not got a whipping, yet. I am making 100's on my test, one 90. I like you, too. Thank you for the bike you sent me last year. I had the best time last year just because of you. With love, Tim Edmiston.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Mary Poppens doll, and I want a Slinky. I'll be shure to live you a pie, hamburger, glass of milk, hot dog, cake, and a coke. Boy I bet you'll be so full you can't even get down the chimney. And I want a pear of white boots, and a white hat with a silver band around it. Guess what, Martha Jo got to see one of her presents. And there's one more thing, that's a bike. With love, Sherri Fitts.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a gitar for Cristmas. I do not know what I am going to get. But I hope it is what I am thinking. But I might not. Your friend, Kim S. Branham.

Dear Santa Claus, I am nine years old and have one sister and brother. I am good and would like a bike for Christmas. Love, Johnny Hanusch.

Dear Santa, I will like a bright doll and babby doll. I am going to see you Santa. With love, Sandy Rodriguez.

Dear Santa Claus, Hi Santa Claus. I am going to have fun in Christmas. I want a football and a bicke and to have fun Santa Claus. With love, George Ortega.

Dear Santa Claus, Santa Claus I want for Christmas a baby Bright and a talking doll. With love, Maria.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good. Will you get me a canteen and a monkey division? Will you bring to me Santa Claus? With love, James.

Dear Santa Claus, I am Debbie Page and I am 8 years old. I am a cowgirl. I would like you to bring me a Patty Burp and a Mr. Snow Cone Maker. And a Give A Show Projector too. Your friend, Debbie Page.

Dear Santa Claus, I am nine years old. I am in the third grade. I live in town. I would like to have a watch, barbie doll and a bicycle. My sister would like an ole lazy bone and play table and chairs. A portable radio for my family. I would like a bonnie Lassie tea set for my sister. Your friend, Gail Storie.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a Pata Barpe doll, and a magik bottle. Would you please bring me a baby buge for my doll. I want a dress. Your friend, Andrea.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring the whole famly Tape Recorder. And please bring a Walkie-Talkie and some Arrow. I live on a farm. I am 9 year old. I am in the 3 grade. Your friend, Roy Gene Lloyd.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a football for Christmas and I want a Bicycle for Christmas. I will Thank you. Your friend, Ruben Adame.

Dear Santa Claus, I am 9 years. My birthday comes in October. I am in the third grade. My teacher is Mrs. Stigler. For Christmas please bring me a Johnny Seven O. M. A. Texas Ranger Bicycle and a 45 Piece Melmac Dinnerware for the famly. Your friend, Timmy Farris.

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the third grade. I am eight years old. I like school. Would you please bring me a Hot Rod set, Football suit and an electric train. Your friend, David Haynes.

Dear Santa Claus, Pleas bring a bicycle girl; mine sister like a Sleepy Babies and mine sister like a monkey. Your friend, your friend, your friend Connie Mejia.

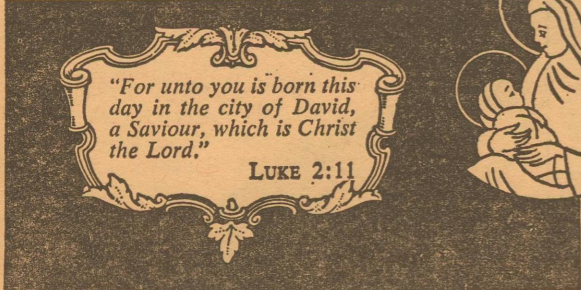


Holiday calls are a vital part of CHRISTMAS and across the land folks hurry on these pleasant errands.

Since we cannot come in person, we take this means of expressing our appreciation for your friendship and good will and to sincerely wish that your Holiday Season be a joyous one.

Joe Gault Sales

A MERRY CHRISTMAS



GRIFFIN'S GULF SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Griffin and Curt



to all our many customers and friends in Eldorado and Schleicher county. This is our 2nd Christmas Season in the business district. I express thanks for your patronage and invite you to keep coming here during 1965. —Mary Shipman.

Studio Girl cosmetics in stock
Just the thing for those last-minute gifts

SHIPMAN GROCERY

Located at Sofge Motel
Closed Christmas Day—Open New Year's



We Thank You For Your Patronage
and Extend Our
BEST WISHES
FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Frontier Stamps

Etheredge Texaco Station

Jack Etheredge and Employees



Many Thanks

To our Faithful Old Friends,
To our Cherished New Friends,
And To Those whose friendship we hope
To Earn,

We wish you a Very Happy Christmas,
and a Happy New Year.

Davis Cosden Service

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Davis and Jan

—More Letters to Santa From Our Third Graders

Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring my sister a talking doll, and me a Bicycle. And my Mother a G. E. kitchen clock. And a Texan Saddle Set. I am 9 years old. I am in the 3 grade. Your friend, Frank Martienz.

Dear Santa Claus, Please send me a gas powered plane and a watch. Your friend, Ken Peters.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bicycle and football. A Johnny seven and radio. And a tool box for the whole family. I am 8 years of age and I am a boy. Your friend, Benjie Jay.

Dear Santa Claus, I am 9 years old. I am in the third grade. I have two sisters and a brother. I am a girl. My Daddy is the mail man. I want you to bring me a watch, Alan Doll, Play House, and a T. V. for my family. Your friend, Eva Jo Blaylock.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a doll. The name of the doll Betsy Mcall. I would like a Snow Cone Maker too. I am a girl. I am 8 years old. I live on a ranch too. My little sister wants a Teny Tiny Tears. I hope you will bring it to us. Your friend, Beverly Hart-graves.

Dear Santa Claus, How many toys do you have in your shop? I have a new baby sister and her name is Sarah Loise. Now we have nine in our family. Arithmetic is very fun for me. We have seven children in our family. My brother wants a drum for Christmas. We have five girls and two boys in the family. At school we are making clowns and they are made out of coffe cans. They are going to be candy cans. I would like to have a horse for Christmas. Thank you very much for Betsy Wetsy last year. Do you ever see a polar bear? Do you see a seal up there? I like you very much. With love, Beth Day.

Dear Santa Claus, How cold is it

down there? The teacher likes our room. How are you? How many elfs do you have? Are elfs very little? It is a little cold up there. I like school very much. I think elfs are ver cute. I hope you are all right. I would like to have a doll crib. Thank-you for the doll that you gave me last year. I like you very much. With love, Van-essa.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to see you. Do you know me? I fell out of the car and landed on my face and cut it all up. Did you fall out of your sled? I had to stay in bed for three days. I would like some Barby dolls and a live horse. Love, Cathy Jo.

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you will not come to school sick. I hope you will come well. I hope you will like our room. We also like you so much. And thank you so much for the things that you brought to school. And we wish you a mary chismas. I like for you to bring me a doll. Your friend, Debbie.

Dear Santa Claus, How many toys do you have in the shop? We are six in our faimly. How do you come in the snow to town? Do you come in the sled over here? We are 20 in our class room. I will like to have a puana for Christmas. I am trying to be a good girl. I will like to go and see you. Are you going to the big building with the red little car? Thank you for the play dishes you gave me last year. I am glad to see you. It is time for cold winter. Your friend, Gloria.

Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy, I'm 9 years old, and I am in the third grade, and a wish I had a bicycle, and a toy picup. And play with it and pleas bring me a toy gun for Christmas and I will thank you. Your friend, Aurelio Gomez.

Dear Santa Claus, I am 8 years old. I live on a farm. My famly wants a electit blanket. I'm in the third grade. I want a bicycle. My brother wants a wagon and a train set. Your friend, Lester Paul Nixon.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Alan oll and a midge sport car and a skating suit and a midge nurse kit. Your friend, Charlene Castro.

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I hope you don't have a cold. What time is it when you get up in the morning? How is Rudolph? Does he have a cold to? How many helpers do you have? I like Rudolph's red nose; it looks like a cherry. I would like to have a Baby Brite, a purse, a Bible, a pare of gloves and a hat, a baby crib and a baby blaket and a silver bible book barker. And that is what I want for Christmas. Thank you, Santa. With love, Billie Marie.

Dear Santa Claus, How are you doing up there? I am 8 years old and I would like to have for Christmas a watch and some candy. My family put up our Christmas tree on Friday. We worked till there was no more. But we had fun. We had bought our presents before we got our tree so we put them under it. I hope I have been good? Your friend, Kathleen Ann Page.

Dear Santa Claus, How many reindeer are you having to pull your sled? How do you like it up in the north pold? I like my teather. My stocking is at home. My mother has not put up our Christmas tree. And I would like to know how Mrs. Santa Claus is doing? And I would like three sped bike, and candy. And I want to thank you for the things you bring me. Your friend, Mort Mertz.

Dear Santa Claus, I hop you will get here withe the randears. I want to tale you how cold it is in the north pold. And we are making some anglos for Christmas; my teacher is Mrs. Whitis and she is good to us. And I want a bicycle for Christmas. Your friend, Ramon.

Dear Santa Claus, We are six in our family. I have to clean all the houses. It has been relly cold and has been raining. How are you I have been doing better at school and I want a wash for Chistmas and you ar a nice Santo Clous and I think that I am going to see you Satday and I am glad to see you. I will like to go and see you. Thanks for all the things that you have giving us. Your love, Alma.

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you would tell me if your toys all had keys on them. Any way if they do your going to bust your lid what I am going to ask! I want a be be gun and a Clancy the great monkey and a ten speed Shing bike. Your friend, Jimmy Deaton.

Dear Santa Claus, Are you ready for Christmas? I have a nice teacher. Is it cold up in the North pole? We're all waiting for you. This year I would like to have a B-B gun. And that is all I want for this year. I hope you can come this Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus, How are things at the North Pole? I'd like to know how many toys you are making this year. I am in the third grade, my teacher is Mrs. Whitis. Christmas is coming and we are making a lot of things for our room. I want a bicycle for Christmas, but if you can't bring me the bicycle please give Cathy Hull a preasent for Christmas. We will put up our Christmas tree next week. Thankyou for all the toys you've given me all these years. With love, Jane.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been racking the yard. I tack out the trash and hang out the clothes. I am nine years old. I have a Mother, Daddy, Wally and John Paul. I hope you do not run out of toys. I want a three speed bike and a bebe gun. Your friend, Wayne.

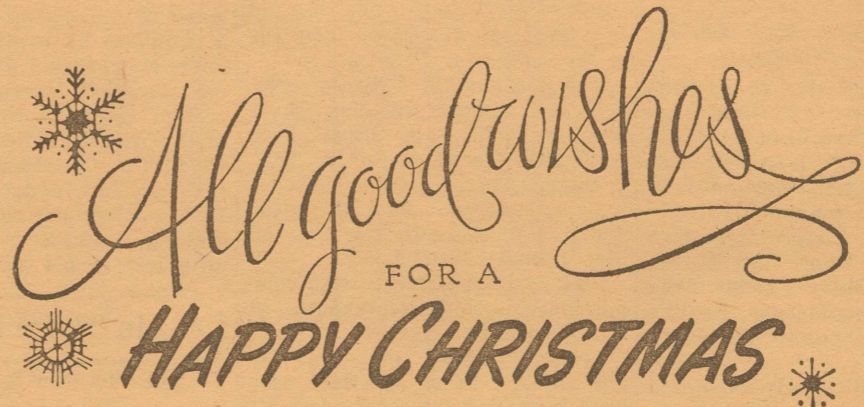
Dear Santa Claus, I want a BB gun. It is fun to play foot ball. It is fun to watch the foot ball game. I have been a good boy. Your friend, David.

Dear Santa Claus, How are things at the north pole? Are you coming in a car are a slad. I want a foot ball for Christmas and a slad too. I cant wat for Christmas night. Your friend, Chris Gartman.

Dear Santa Claus, How many famly do you have in all. We have six in all. Are you ready to come through the houses? I am ready for Christmas. How many toys do you have and how many randdeer do you have and thank you for the big red ball. We have not put the Christmastree up but we put it today. I like so much the school but when I get sick I hais to stay home. Love, Irma.

Dear Santa Claus, I wat a bicycle. That's all that I want for Christmas. An a box of candy. Or you comen to town. At two clock. I will come down town to see you. Your friend, Andy.

Dere Santa Claus, We got our Christmas tree up. I want a wath for Christmas. We are telling time in school. How cold is it down there? How meny raindere pull your sled? Are you ready for Christmas? How meny toys do you make? Are you come in a airplan? When do you get up? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? Your friend, John.



OUR OFFICES IN THE COURT HOUSE
WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS EVE
AND REMAIN CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY AND DEC. 26

Also Closed All Day New Year's Day

Your County Officials

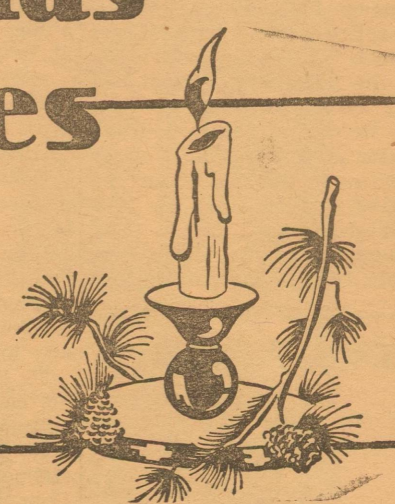
Of Schleicher County

WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE

Christmas Candles

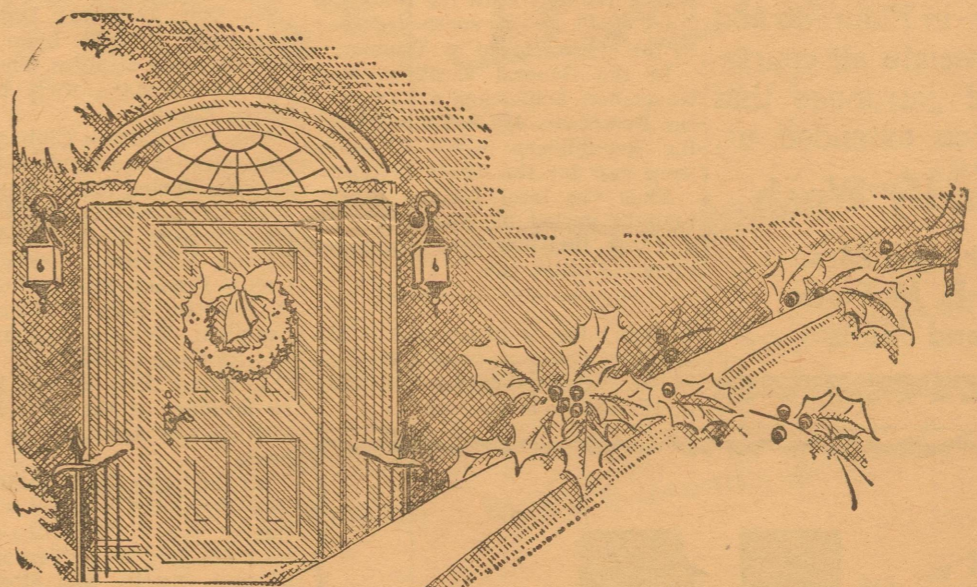
At this season of good cheer, may they signify joy and gladness to fill your heart for many days to come.

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



Robert (Bob) Page - Oil Properties

AND ELDORADO ABSTRACT CO., INC.

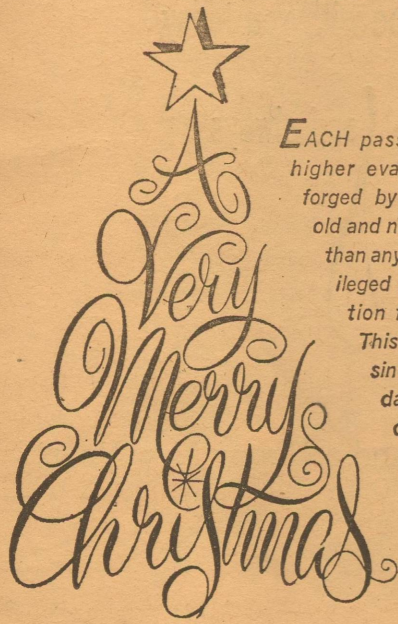


IT'S CHRISTMAS AGAIN

and at no time of year are we more mindful of the many pleasant relationships we have enjoyed with the people of this area. We have had a pleasant year serving our customers and look forward to a continuation in 1965.

Our Wish For Each of You Is a Most Pleasant
Holiday Season With Your Loved Ones

B. F. HARKEY ENCO PRODUCTS
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Harkey and Kaye And Employees



EACH passing year brings us a higher evaluation of the bonds forged by pleasant associations, old and new. At Christmas, more than any other time, we are privileged to express our appreciation for these friendships. This message brings you our sincere wish that your Holiday Season be a joyous one, with a full measure of happiness for all.

TOPLIFFE

GAS AND ELECTRIC SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Topliffe and family



to all our many friends and we hope you have an enjoyable Holiday Season with your loved ones.

OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 25 & 26

THE RATLIFF STORE

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ratliff
and Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Sudduth



As the musicians of old welcomed the Holiday Season with a song in their hearts, so do we welcome the gay and Holy Christmas occasion. Thanks for all your fine favors in the past.

Our Cafe will Be Closed Dec. 25 & 26

NEFF'S CAFE

C.O.—Opal—And Nell

Hattie—Dot—Evelyn—Fern—Rosa—Alice

TREES A' PLENTY

The popularity of the family Christmas tree is found in the fact that approximately 45 million commercially-grown trees were sold in the United States last holiday season. This number does not include the small operator who cuts and sells trees locally, nor the hardy individuals who venture forth to chop down their own.

vent the pagans, he wisely instructed them to allow converts to transfer the harmless features of pagan winter celebrations into the spiritual fabric of the Christmas observance. Mistletoe, the Yule log, and the Wassail bowl are examples. In the 8th century, the missionary Boniface may have started the Christmas tree tradition when he persuaded the Teutons to accept an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ Child and do away with worship of Odin's sacred oak.

HOLIDAY HOLDOVERS

In the year A.D. 601, when Pope Gregory I sent missionaries to con-

Holiday Stains May Require Special Care

How do you remove Christmas stains? The best trick to remember is to work fast. Don't let the stain set in the fabric. Even a short delay can be disastrous.

Following are directions for treating washable fabrics to remove the stains you will most probably encounter during the holidays:

Ballpoint ink—use carbon tetrachloride to remove the stains. Soak in warm soap or detergent suds, then wash and rinse in clear water. If discoloration remains on white or bleached material, use a mild bleach and launder again.

Candle wax—scrape off excess wax with a table knife. Place stained spot between blotters (white) and press with hot iron. Then rub spot gently with turpentine and wash in warm suds.

Glue—soak in warm suds until dissolved; then launder in fresh warm suds.

Chocolate or cocoa—wash in hot suds. Treat any remaining stain with a weak solution of household bleach or hydrogen peroxide and launder again in hot suds.

Meat juices—soak in cool water; then wash in hot suds.

Gravy and white sauce—soak in cool water then wash in hot suds.

Paint—if fresh, use lots of suds. Otherwise, apply turpentine or kerosene and then wash in hot suds.

Alcoholic beverages—soak or sponge with cool water promptly; then wash in warm suds.

HOLIDAY CLEAN-UP

Don't discard those holiday shopping bags. Keep at least two of them for Christmas morning—one to hold the paper and ribbon you want to keep, one to hold the scraps to be thrown away.

THE HOLIDAY FIRESIDE

The open fireplace so popular in today's modern homes is helping to renew the popularity of the Yule Log tradition. Not many moderns are likely to venture into the woods to select their own Yule Log, yet there will be a glowing fire in thousands of homes this holiday eve. If you are going to sit by the fireside this holiday, you'll be in keeping with tradition.



from

Eldorado

Wool Company

Best Wishes To You All

For 1965

Christmas Greetings



This message is warm with friendliness and filled with good wishes for Christmas

Best Wishes

For a Merry Christmas

and a

Happy and Prosperous New Year



The Federal Land Bank Association

Sonora, Texas

Keep The Christmas

Christmas is essentially a religious holiday, so church activities should be an important part of holiday planning. The homemaker who entertains during the holidays can plan ahead and prepare foods which will require little last minute attention. Buffet serving is recommended for large groups as it can be informal and easily done.

CARBON PAPER at the Success.

"THE CRICKET"

Charles Dickens is best remembered for "The Christmas Carol"—but this was not the most popular of his Christmas stories during his lifetime. An instant hit with the public was "The Cricket on the Hearth," a touching story of a father's attempts to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life. Shortly after it appeared in 1845, some 12 different theaters in London were presenting dramatic versions of "The Cricket."



SEASONS' GREETINGS

IS IT POSSIBLE . . . ? That another year has passed since the

familiar sights of the Christmas season have greeted us at every turn? It seems that Old Santa just slips up on us a little faster each year, so we hasten to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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Not So Many Christmases Ago, this relic was the key to Family Life and a Source of Holiday Joy, along with the big wood-burning stove. Climb up here on Grandpa's knee, Sonny Boy, and hear about Christmas as it used to be. And don't snicker at that gadget shown at the top of this column. That was more important that today's space ship.

The old coal-oil lamp and the kitchen stove were the key units in family life. Mainly, the elaborate cuisine of those times was prepared there. The range was the center of many other activities.

Cut the wood just right for the voracious fire-box, and you were

entitled to take a dipper of warm water from the reservoir and wash your face and hands.

On cool mornings, when you brought the milk in from the barn, if you were on good terms with the cook you might also tarry a few seconds to warm your chilled hands. An extraordinary standing with the cupboard crew might enable you to indulge in the further luxury of backing up to the glowing appliance.

Junior, you can never know what the old kitchen range meant. It contrasted so mightily with the present push-button culinary routine. Yes, it was more than the

source of energy to pursue the rigorous times. It was something that had to be mastered by Milady herself. The Little Woman of those days who did not know how to cook simply did not exist. It was either knowing the kitchen ritual or waving farewell to romance. Because the word got around if Sweet Matilda really couldn't cook. Those times, Son, spawned the classic saying that: "You can't live on love."

No sir, there were no T.V. dinners to be flipped on the table. You got your piece de resistance from the smokehouse or else had one of the men folks behead a fat hen for the appetizing chicken dumpling spread.

But perish the thought, Sonny Boy, that the drudgery was not mastered by the household. Summer and winter, around the calendar, those tireless, dedicated women smilingly fetched wave after wave of steaming victuals to the groaning table. Every meal was a challenge.

Why my Father didn't have to harangue anyone that he expected superior results from the old kitchen range. That was axiomatic, just the same at Uncle Pete's and Aunt Sarah's, and Uncle Charley's, and on down the family line. Of course, the big test was the inevitable hot biscuits. Some of the heroic women varied their mixture blends and even their browning techniques. Maybe the miller who scooped the finished flour for our sacked wheat was responsible. Same for the cornbread, brought home mule back from the grist mill, powered down on the creek by the chugging all-purpose J. I. Case threshing engine. Ah, but those steaming grits on a cold morning. And when my father bowed his head, as he did before each meal, and thanked God for His blessings—well, those were genuine sentiments.

Naturally, Son, the over-worked kitchen range was backed up by the old indispensable big, black kettle in the back yard. When the volume was too much for the inside cooker the old kettle swung into use. That caught the main impact at hog-killing time when the lard had to be rendered and all that. Other times, the pot was used for boiling clothes, and rendering out soap.

Yet the kitchen stove was usually stacked between meals with some big boiler or another doing its duty to bulwark the foodstuffs program. Such as at apple butter time when our own family readied countless jars for the menu between growing seasons. So it was, too, for canning tomatoes—many dozen jars. And pickles, and kraut and the forty eleven other choice edibles that families stocked themselves or simply went without.

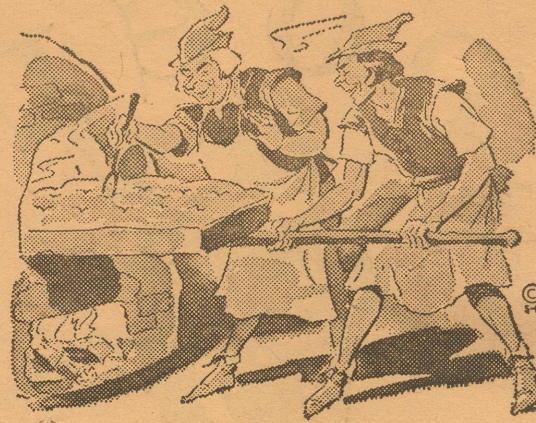
Ah, but the sweets that emanated from the old kitchen stove. The custards, the cobblers, the preserves, the jellies, the plain pies and those old fashioned cookies, ginger bread or what have you.

The electrifying fragrance of it all, Sonny Boy, really kept you inspired and hustling. And out there in the field Jack and Kate, the mighty mules, weren't the only ones reluctantly making another turn down the rows of growing grain, just before the dinner bell when winds wafted the aroma of cooking food on the old kitchen range. Man, that called for discipline!

Christmas meant extra effort by that magic cooking utility. Cakes, pies and every conceivable do-it-yourself concoction. Game got special treatment. My beloved father, plus his double barreled shotgun and faithful Old Queenie, the setter, was the hero in this act because he was an expert quail shot. Reinforcements in this department usually came from my maternal, fiddle-playing grandfather, who was the original dead-eye Dick shooting squirrels with his muzzle-loader.

Sonny Boy, when you observe those odd-shaped gadgets with handles, from the attic or see them on a stove-top in a museum—no, they weren't something with which to fight off the Indians, Sonny. Those are flat irons. They put those pretty ruffles and pleats in Sis-

What Wrath Hath The Mince Pie Raised!



In England, before the Reformation, mince pie was made in oblong form to represent the manger. Often a little figure of Jesus was added to the top. After the Reformation, the Puritans raised a cry against mince pie. They objected only to the shape and use of the figure Jesus, but they were so aroused that the dish itself was attacked, and finally forbidden. When the Puritan regime fell, mince pie returned, in a round shape. But for years after, mince pie was eaten along with qualms of conscience.

ter's gowns. Also some snazzy creases in the men folks' trousers. And whoever was sick abed was cozily toasted by those irons while the old-time remedies attacked the aches and pains.

Your own Grandpaw, always had a special admiration for all the faithful kitchen providers, Junior. Because nights, on putting up my mule, after carrying the Star Mail Route, there always was a snack

kept sizzling in the warming oven. Now never mind, young feller, what I carried on that route besides the dozen or so one cent postal cards. That was an Old-Timer's traditional privilege.

Thanks to all of my wonderful friends for the cards, letters, gifts, flowers and good wishes. Thanks to Dr. Browne and the fine nurses that took such good care of me while I was in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year. —Love, Chris Enochs.



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