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They came wearily from Nazareth to the town in Judea that was the city of David or Bethlehem, to register according to a decree that had gone forth from Caesar Augustus that a census should be taken. They were Joseph, a humble carpenter, and his espoused wife, Mary, who was with child. The journey was long and tiresome, yet Mary uttered not a single word of complaint for her faith was great and her purpose to be fulfilled.



When the angels appeared as messengers of great joy, the shepherds on the hillside were frightened. They were, however, men of simple faith and when the angels advised them to leave their flocks and go into Bethlehem in search of the newborn king, they left their watch and went forth into Bethlehem.



There were shepherds watching their flocks on the hillsides near Bethlehem. At first it was for them no more than a beautiful, star-lit night. But it turned into a night of wonder and these simple men were to be given as witnesses to the greatest single event in the history of life upon this earth.



And so they came to the stable where Mary and Joseph had taken refuge because there was no room at the inn. The Wise Men who had followed the star, the shepherds who had left their sleep on the hillside, these men were witnesses to the Holy Scene—that Jesus, the son of God was born that night in a stable at Bethlehem. For generations, the story of the Holy Birth is told and re-told and it remains forever unchanged.



Three wise men from the East, each a king in his own domain, were travelers into the night. They had long followed the light of a brilliant star, seeking the fulfillment of a prophecy. These kings of men were strong of purpose and they carried with them gifts of value. At journey's end, they hoped to kneel down and pay homage to an infant—a newborn child—the "king of kings."



For 33 years, Jesus lived upon earth, setting forth the highest example of a life of humility, faith, obedience and dedication. He gave not only these years, but as well life itself and this great gift is the foundation upon which men today build eternal happiness. Christmas is the time for all Christians to recognize and remember this greatest of all stories.

Back In 1925 . . 40 Years Ago . . .

When Floyd Collins and Scopes Trial Dominated The News, Coolidge Was Serving As President, And Eldorado High School Graduated 10 Seniors

Nobody knows what the future may offer, but we are consoled by what the past has brought. One of the best safaris in life is a trip back through memory. You can pick the time and weather for your journey and find good companions. The cost is usually less than a tear and often no more than a smile.

If you can look back four decades to the year 1925, you have probably minted many a happy and sad memory, and if you are too young to remember that far back, you will find the period interesting as history.

World War I had ended just a few years before and the United States had since sought fun and frolic. It got Prohibition, Capone, bathtub gin, short skirts, and bobbed hair; small-town millionaires who played the market, Stutz Bearcats and raccoon coats, football and marathon dances, Charlie Chaplin and Fatty Arbuckle and Al Jolson.

This then was the background of the year 1925.

Occupying the White House was the Republican President Coolidge, who had had an easy victory the year before over John W. Davis. Coolidge was noted for his quiet insistence upon economy and tax reduction and had a knack for making himself appear the personal embodiment of prosperity. He also became noted for long afternoon naps and a somewhat sour New England disposition, but he was referred to by many people as "the Perfect President."

As the year got under way, Misses Ruth DeLong, Delta Boothe

and Tillie Young and William Bearce were preparing to return to their studies at McMurry college after spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays here with home folks.

Mrs. A. T. Wright and little daughter, Beatrice, left for Eastland to visit in the A. V. Grimes home.

With Judge W. F. Ford officiating, Miss Pauline Clark became the bride of Milton C. Aycock of Temple.

Mrs. Will Isaacs and daughter Isabell, and Mrs. Frank Bradley returned from Fife in McCulloch county where they visited their father, R. K. Finlay. Mr. Finlay was celebrating his 80th birthday.

O. W. Evans bought the Highway Garage from his father, J. M. Evans, for \$6,500. The property was occupied by Bush Motor Co.

J. L. Neill, local county engineer for three years, was appointed road superintendent over a district comprising 10 or 12 counties. Judge J. F. Sutton became the new judge of the 41st Judicial District.

Fourth grade honor roll: Mildred Young, Marjorie Thornton, Willie Ruth Nicks, Roberta Milligan, Evelyn Anderson, J. R. Conner, Desmond King, Hansel Ratliff, Cecil Brazelton, Luther Kent, Marshall Turner, Lawrence Morgan, Alvis Enochs, and Sammie Luedecke.

Carl Brown announced purchase of a half interest in the electric light plant from Mr. Hadley.

A son was born January 4, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DeLong at Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webb were called to Harper, Texas, on account of the serious illness of her father.

W. O. Alexander announced that Rev. Paul Ray of Peniel, Texas, accepted the call to be pastor of the First Baptist church, and was expected to come here about the first of February.

On a Jr. League program were Taylor Wright, J. R. Conner, Margaret Bradley, Mary DeLong, Ola Mae Watson, Harold Isaacs, Mabel McClatchy, and Vivian Reagan.

C. W. Galbreath reported that his brother-in-law, Marvin McDonald of Melvin, was accidentally shot in the foot while out hunting.

Earner Chaney and Miss Gladys Hobbs were married in San Angelo.

W. D. Holcomb, publisher and mayor of San Angelo, was a business visitor here and spoke at a Chamber of Commerce banquet.

W. L. McWhorter reported that he had bought C. C. West's business house and lot occupied by the Sanitary Meat Market for about \$1,600.

Mrs. Ola Christman died at 70, and a daughter was born Jan. 27 to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Robinson.

On January 30, Floyd Collins was trapped underground in a cave in Kentucky and the nation watched and prayed as his plight became known. Eighteen days later he died and was entombed where he was trapped. His ordeal was recalled in later years in several songs. In Alaska, a half-breed malamute dog named Balto gained fame for delivering diphtheria serum across several hundred miles of icy wastes to an Eskimo. President Coolidge got himself a mechanical horse to take exercise in the White House.

The month of February, 1925, came on with O. E. Conner going in with the Evans Commission Co. The firm had an office on Main Street.

Jim Hoover was reported around again after a bout with the measles.

Funeral services were held for W. H. Douglas, a 10-lb. son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oran Nicks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Atkins visited in Miles and returned by San Angelo where they attended a meeting of West Texas Lumber Co. men, which closed with a banquet.

On a Sr. BYPU program were Leslie Baker, Paul Ray, Leo Spencer, Otto Williams, Mildred Kent, Earl Whittenden, and Truett Stanford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Woods and children of the Rio Grande Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Wade of Snyder visited their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Myers.

An Executive Board meeting of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association was held here, and those present included: Roy E. Aldwell, Oscar Appelt, W. C. Bryson, Fred T. Eadwood, all of Sonora; F. C. Bates, Jr., Sheffield; Ed Downie, Sanderson; S. S. Bundy, Roosevelt; Jim Moore, Cleo; C. A. Broome, Abe Mayer, San Angelo; V. A. Brown, C. B. Wardlaw, Rocksprings; Bob Davis, Rio Frio; T. L. Drisdale, E. E. Stricklen, B. E. Wilson, of Juno; Frank Greenwood, Sr., Hal A. Hamilton, E. K. Fawcett, Del Rio; H. E. Guinn, Comstock; W. M. Noelke, Duwain E. Hughes, Sam M. Oglesby, Merton; F. O. Landrum, Legdna; R. H. Martin, Eagle Pass; Frank Montgomery, Bandera; A. C. Hoover and Earl Baggett, Ozona; James Brock, Brady; Walter Russell, Menard; and J. A. Whitten of Eldorado.

On an intermediate BYPU program were Louise Evans, Ethel Enochs, Fay Jones, Jessie Brazelton, Bertha Bratton, Bernette Perry, Vivian Smith, and Wince Murphy.

George E. Baugh purchased 4260 acres of land from J. W. Willoughby, including the headquarters place on the Willoughby ranch 22 miles west of Eldorado. Price was \$11.50 per acre.

Margaret Tisdale, Albert Williams, Margaret Bradley, Marshall Chick, J. R. Conner and Elizabeth Bradley were on a Jr. League program. The death of P. F. Patsch at Christoval was reported.

Ed Davis of the Kaffir neighborhood was taken to San Angelo and operated on for appendicitis.

The Commissioners named election judges for the ensuing two years: Brice Dabney, G. C. Crosby, J. R. Alexander, A. K. Bailey, H. Leslie Jones, W. H. Williams, C. S. Chick, and J. E. Garvin.

Grady Parker bought an interest in his father's grocery store, and the business became W. H. Parker and Son.

On a Sr. League program were Earline Atkins, Pete Finley, Thomas Baker, Hermie Lee Hooker, Ruby Dee Shugart, Ouida Beavers, Louise Hinyard, Bro. Young, Beeler Brown, and Annie Neill.

H. T. Finley opened a new barber shop in Big Lake, and Mr. Mann, who had been with him here, went there to work.

The Government paid the country's 1500 Prohibition agents forty dollars a week, which was expected to overcome the bribe money then in vogue. Most feared of the agents were Izzy and Mae, who with surnames of Einstein and Smith were played up as they snooped around New York City ferreting out illicit stills. The Government extended the "war" on rumrunners all the way to the Gulf and Pacific coasts and the Canadian border. The Internal Revenue Service revoked all permits allowing people to make 200 gallons of tax-free wines in their homes.

The Senior class of '25 of E.H.S. were presenting their play, "The Adventures of Grandpa," as the month of March got under way. The cast included Lola Mae Tisdale, Robert Isaacs, Mable Roach, Eula Wright, Earl Calhoun, Tommy Dee Oliver, Truett Ray, Beeler Brown and Annie Neill.

C. C. West announced plans to build a new \$7,000 house of concrete blocks near town.

T. K. Jones and John Williams were ordained as deacons in the Presbyterian church.

W. L. McWhorter was getting ready to start a new 30 by 45-foot building of hollow tile on the lot occupied by the post office.

Coralie West was home visiting from her nursing job at Yoakum. Yancy Implement Co. was advertising the new 1925 Perfection Oil Stove.

Joe Wilson reported that he had returned from the Wade ranch on the Pecos and while there he went to Fort Worth with two carloads of cows shipped out.

A daughter was born March 7 in San Angelo to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thompson.

A nine-car caravan of gypsies came in and began to visit all the places of business, but Sheriff Luedecke soon led them to believe that they were not wanted here, so their stay was very short.

Mrs. T. D. Weaver returned from Big Spring where she attended the Golden Wedding of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Boyce.

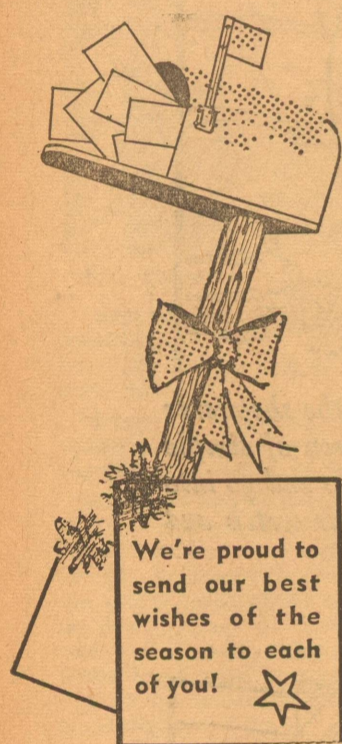
Jim Neal Hinyard was a member of the Schreiner Institute baseball team that won its first two games.

Sam Oglesby Jr. leased about 11,520 acres of University land from C. W. Hemphill of Coleman.

With J. E. Hill as manager and Buck Bailey as captain, a baseball team was organized. Other team members were Robinson, Cain, Barber, Ballew, Penn, Sweatt, Griffin, Brown, Willie Isaacs, and Williams.



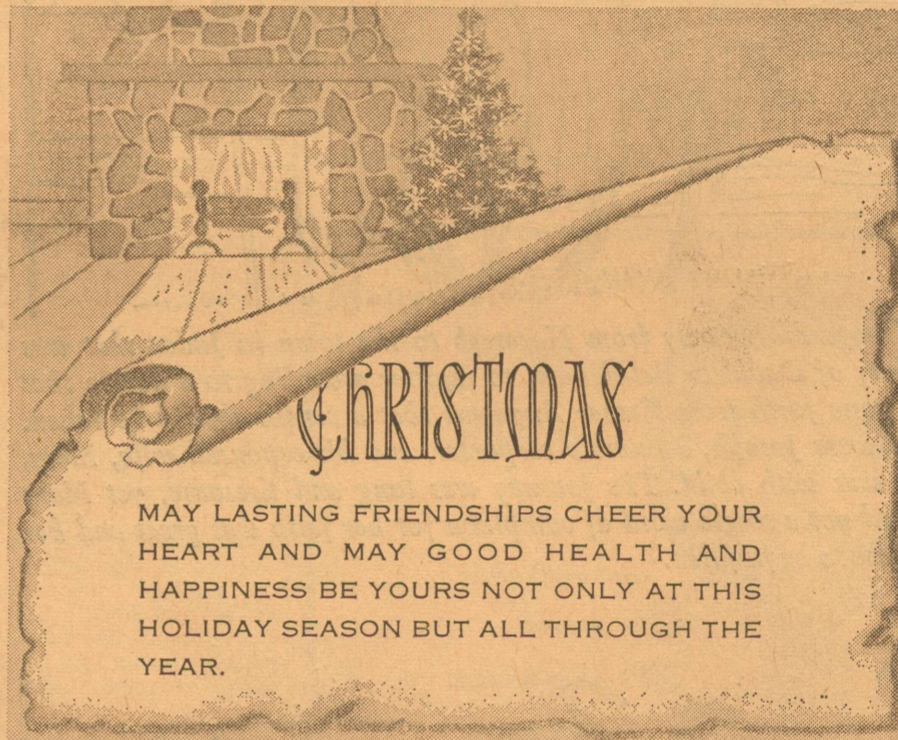
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Year 1925 — Continued

A daughter was born March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rodgers, and on March 21 a 10-pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

The month of March drew to a close with District Court meeting on the 30th. The Grand Jury list included: T. G. Chaney, J. T. Burleson, C. A. Graves, C. M. McWhorter, W. A. Davis, Geo. DeLong, W. R. Nicks, L. M. Hoover, V. H. Humphrey, Sam Jones, L. L. Ball, J. O. Willoughby, C. L. Meador Jr., J. R. Alexander, Jim Rodgers, and J. F. Skeet.

J. L. Neill left for Shackelford county to do road work.

Miss Jewel Roach was here visiting from San Antonio where she was attending school at the Convent.

F. Scott Fitzgerald was an upcoming author, and his The Great Gatsby was published in '25; in later years he would be remembered as the poet-prophet of the Jazz Age . . . It was the year in which Harold Ross founded his New Yorker magazine with a prospectus proclaiming that it was "not for the old lady from Dubuque." The publication would record the passing scene in realistic post-Victorian terms. This simple sophisticated approach made Ross a reasonably wealthy citizen.

As April came on, the local High School baseball team defeated Ozona in a game with Buck Bailey as umpire. Billie Stewardson was pitcher and Mossie Brown catcher for the home team.

Oliva McKaughan, Pauline Kent, Marjorie Thornton, Evelyn Anderson, Luther Kent, Alf Bruton, and Earl Thigpen were on a Jr. BYPU program.

J. D. Ramsey purchased from Mrs. Kate Robinson the lot adjoining the Seth Ramsey house, and announced plans to erect a new house on the property.

Here from Rocksprings looking after business was the Rev. F. G. Clark. A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Parson.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Norton left to return to their home at Conroe after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Page on the ranch.

Mrs. L. H. Smith and son Jesse were visiting at Lakewater, New Mexico.

A. J. Atkins, T. P. Robinson, and F. M. Bradley were re-elected as school trustees.

L. M. Hoover was accompanied by his brother, Dennis Hoover of Ballinger and nephew, Light Hoover of Winters, on a fishing trip.

Mrs. M. Mund was taken to San Angelo by her sons, Irvin and

Will, for medical examination. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sweatt left on a trip to Fort Worth.

Miss Lois Smith became the bride of Thomas Baker, and Rev. Paul Ray officiated at the ceremony in the Baptist parsonage. The bridegroom was employed in Mrs. Kate Robinson's store.

Leaving for Llano for a few days fishing were L. T. Wilson, D. C. Hill, and Joe Wilson.

W. L. McWhorter resigned from the school board, and W. D. Swift was appointed to fill his unexpired term.

Conducting a revival at the Methodist church was the Rev. H. E. Draper.

G. R. Edens was to erect J. D. Ramsey's new house for \$2,660. C. S. Chick lost his barn by fire; his place was six miles west of town.

A boy was born in the Baptist Sanitarium in San Angelo to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Key.

On the silent movie screen, you might see Charles Rey and Duane Thompson in Some Punks, or Lillian Rich in The Golden Bed. The great latin lover was Rudolph Valentino, while the comedians of the screen were Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd and Charlie Chaplin. Tom Mix and Hoot Gibson were top western stars. And Clara Bow was the IT Girl, the epitome of Flaming Youth. Other popular stars included Gloria Swanson and

Pola Negri. Every girl in America dreamed of dancing with the Prince of Wales or riding off in a white horse into the desert with Rudolph Valentino . . .

The month of May found Prof. A. B. Tyson of Brady being elected superintendent of schools here. The board also re-elected Mr. Key, Mrs. Milligan, Mrs. McClain, and Miss Lee to their school positions.

Sons were reported born to Mr. and Mrs. John Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meador.

Bill Mund, Sam Lawhon and J. E. Hill went north to see the flood waters. On their way back, their car was swept into flood-swollen Cold Creek draw. As soon as the water subsided, the men got help to pull their car out.

V. P. O'Harrow purchased a half-interest in Jess L. Thompson's blacksmith shop.

Jake Hannum, a Christoval resident for 35 years, died.

Buck Bailey, Joe Williams and L. T. Barber went to Kerrville where Buck played in the ball game between San Antonio and Kerrville.

Piano pupils of Mrs. C. B. Reagan in recital were: Nell Campbell, Hollis Reagan, Mildred Young, Isabella Isaacs, Elizabeth Bradley, Anna Florence Page, Louise Williams, Margaret Williams, Una and

Oma Ford, Vivian Reagan, Elizabeth Stewardson, Agnes Wright, and Jym Newsom.

R. M. Calcote and Miss Winnie Chaney were married in San Angelo.

Ten were all set to receive diplomas as E.H.S. Grads of '25: Autery Sofge, Tommie Dee Oliver, Annie Neill, Lola Mae Tisdale, Mabel Roach, Eula Wright, Earl Calhoun, Beeler Brown, Robert Isaacs and Truet Ray.

Mrs. J. S. Pelt left for Arkansas to be at the bedside of her father who was 90, and very ill.

Carter & Hall of San Angelo was low bidder for the contract for erecting the new school building and remodeling the old one.

A. J. Atkins, A. F. Luedecke, A. C. Anderson, and S. L. Wright attended an Odd Fellows meeting in San Angelo.

In a wedding ceremony in Austin, Edith Winslow became the bride of Forrest Runge of Christoval.

The new post office building was nearing completion, and Jim Neal Hinyard visited here from Kerrville, as the month of May drew to a close.

The summer of 1925 was when an exploratory expedition went into the wilds of Brazil led by a man who believed that somewhere in the Amazon there existed a lost and dead civilization founded perhaps by the survivors of the lost continent, Atlantis. He was Colonel P. H. Fawcett, the veteran South American explorer; he was accompanied by his son Jack, and the photographer Raleigh Rimell. The party disappeared and for 40 years now, the civilized world has been intrigued by the Fawcett mystery. Time and again it has been "solved" only for the evidence to dissolve into dust. Like the ultimate fate of John Wilkes Boothe and Amelia Earhart, Col. Fawcett's remains an enigma to this day . . .

Crockett county sprang into the oil boom strongly early in June, when the bit in the L. P. Powell pasture reached 3,625 feet and an oil showing.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davidson.

W. O. Alexander and family went to Brownwood where they picked up their son, Lewel, who was completing the year at Howard Payne college, and went on to Clifton to visit.

Elected directors of the local Chamber of Commerce were Dr. E. B. Newsom, A. T. Wright, J. E. Hill, Don McCormick, C. W. Galbreath, J. F. Isaacs, and John Williams.

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JOYFUL TIDINGS

This is the Anniversary of an event in human history which has profoundly influenced the minds of men and directed their search for what is Right and Good. On this occasion, people everywhere experience a common mood of goodwill, good cheer, and good fellowship.

We, too, joyfully and humbly participate in this Commemoration of the Birth of Christ, and share with you the sentiments with which the Season imbues our hearts. May Christmas bring you all the joy, and love, and warmth that Christ Our King gave to mankind that Holy Night He came to earth.

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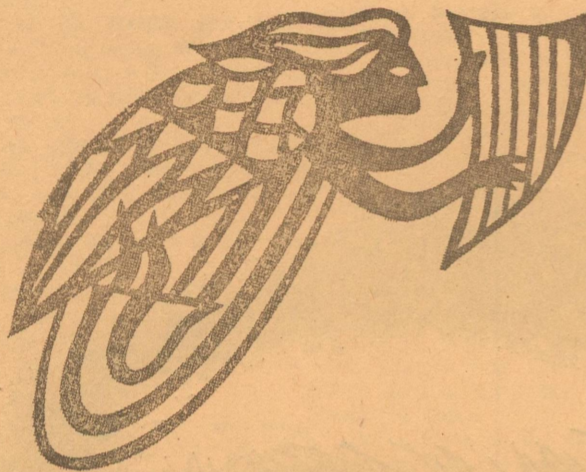


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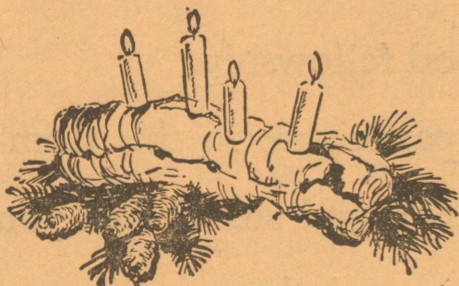
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Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring my sister a new dress? My mother some new furniture. My daddy some new shoes. And everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Your friend, Jill Hodges. ***

Dear Santa Claus, Will you please come to our play. I want a doll and I want bicycle of Merry, Christmas. I want to my family come to see Merry Christmas. I am 11 year old. I am a good girl. I am in third grade. Year friend, Gabriela Gonsales. ***

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a very good girl this year. I am eight years old. Please give me a good Christmas present this year. I hope you have a very Happy New Year. I want to get my family a good Christmas present. My sister wants some boots for Christmas. My mother wants some furniture for Christmas. And daddy wants a shoe shine kit. And Jean and I want a Television. And I want a baby sweater and some dishes. And I wish you a Happy New Year. Your friend, Karen Rountree. ***

Dear Santa Claus, I want a play tow that runs, to get for Christmas. It is a bicycle preece, can I have it preece. Your friend, Efrain Maya. ***

Dear Santa Claus, I want a thinge makr set please. My brother wants a Electric foot ball set. I hoop we get a big Christmas tree. I have been shaking the gifts. Your friend, Jerry Gartman. ***

Dear Santa Claus, May I have a farm set please? Would you please bring my teacher something for Christmas. Have a Jolly Jolly Christmas. Your friend, Steve Toburen. ***

Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me a Bulldozer or an airplane helmet. Your friend, Dan McWhorter. ***

Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me and my brother a happy Merry Christmas holiday. Mother and daddy wood like a flower. Your friend, Jimmy Cawley. ***

Dear Santa Claus, I want a play train and a bilke to go to skool in it and a sox of candy for my brother and a hotroat so I can play races. I want you to bring my sister a playhous so she can play dolls. Your friend, Alfred Suarez. ***

Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring our family a very Merry Christmas. My brother Charles has been a very good boy. Would you please bring him a little toy gun. And my mother a bottle of perfume. Would you bring father some shaving cream. I am 8 years old and I have been a very good girl. Would you please bring me a Andy doll. Your friend, Becky Blair. ***

Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring my mother, father and my four brothers and me and my little sister a big big surprise. And we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New year. I wish you could bring me a pretty new bike. And my little sister a bikciel and my four brothers some thing that they would like. My brothers, and mother, clothes, it some shoes to wear. And I am nine years old. Your friend, Lidia Martinez. ***

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a kitchen set and some china dishes and a Mickey Mouse play house. I have been a good girl. And bring my brothers guns. Your friend, Tem Mittel. ***

Dear Santa Claus, Would you pless bring me bicycle. Happy Merry Christmas. Your friend, Sammy Tanguma. ***

Dear Santa Claus, I wants a toy bldoer and daddy wants a daptrack. Bring my daddy, brother a toy tot. Your friend, John Ford Oglesby. ***

Dear Santa Clause, My name is Neria Garcia. I have 2 sisters and 1 brother. They like Christmas and I do too. I would like some cake mixes because I like to cook. And be sure to give something to my teacher. Her name is Mrs. Moore. She is a nice teacher. I like her very much. Have a Merry Christmas Santa Clause. Love, Neria Garcia. ***

Dear Santa, I have ben very good and my two brothers are very good to me. And my mother and daddy have ben very very good to me. But it was last year and this year. For Chrishmas I want a gun and a Electric train. Santa I love you very much. Love, Billy Dean. ***

Dear Santa. We have to sisters and one brother. I want a bicycle for Christmas. We have a lot of fun on Chritmas Eve. My Mother buy me some paper dolls, opened it right away. She is going to buy me another preasant for me. With love, Juanita Villearreal. ***

Dear Santa, I had to be bad yesterday becouce we were playing marbles and then we started fighting, but my brother told us to qiet fight. All of my family wish for a TV. Love, Robert. ***

Dear Santa. I sure i need som school suf. And for Christmas i don't no about that. But i do no that Christmas is coming. My sister wants a doll, and my brother wants a B B gun, and i want a B B gun. But Christmas is my day now. With love, Charles Murphy. ***

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle and a train and a bi bi gun. And I want a talking doll for my sister to. With love, Victor. ***

Dear Santa, I would like to have a train set. A walkie-talkie. A electrick fotball set. But about 25 times my brother and I have fights. With love, Forrest Henderson. ***

Dear Santa, I would like a Tressy set please? I would also like a new pair of shoes? I have one brother. He wants a electric train set. Yours truly, Belinda Bailey. ***

Dear Santa Class, How are you doing Will you please bring me a football and a bibigun and a train. With love, Dale Storie. ***

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I am jist fin. I have two sisters. Their names are Sherry and Donna. I want a whach and a cowboy hat. Love, Dale Davis. ***

Dear Santa, I want a watch. Every thing is beganing to looke so bright. I want a watch so I can tell time when I want to. I like how the Chrismas-trees look. On one house is your picture; it turns on and off. You look very jolly in it. Your friend, Rosa Bellman. ***

Dear Santa, Please bring me a cowboy hat. Have I ben good? Please do not put swetches in my stocking. I have a brother named John Rae. I guess he has ben pretty nice. He wants another baby hound dog. Love, Margaret Powell. ***

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle for Crismes. I like Crismes best than any other month of the year. With love, Rebecca Rodriquez. ***

Dear Santa, I hape been very nice. Will you please bring me some more boots. My brother has been a little nice. But not very nice. He wants a westurne coat. My Mother and Father were very nice. Love, Vicki Mika. ***

Dear Santa, I wounder if Roud-off is going to lead your sled Christmas night. At skool we got our Christmas tree up Tuesday. I would like you to bring me a game because Wayne and I like to play and a watch so I can tell time. With love, Wally Joiner. ***



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I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger... 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 towards men. ST. LUKE

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From Third Graders

Dear Santa, I have tow setar and tow dog; i want a bickli and a kittine for Chremas, and a doll for may setar and a ball for me. With love, Johnny Rodrigues.

Dear Santa, Bring me a baseball and a football for my brother, but I'm not a very good boy, but i want you to bring baseball i me. With love, Manuel.

Dear Santa Clause, I wonder how cold it is at the North Pole. I hope it is not turning to ice. I would very much like a ukelele for Chistmas. I know almost all the chords. I also hope you can ride your sleigh Christmas Eve. With Love, Carolyn Page.

Dear Santa, I am going to my Aunt Punks for Christmas, and won't be at home. I have been good. I would like to have pipe cleaner set. I would like to have it because I can make things out of it. With love, Jill Edmiston.

Dear Santa, I would like a gutar, for Christmas so I can play for family and a speed bike so I will not be late for school. My sister Jennie would like a baby doll and a cradle. Your friend, Larry Day.

Dear Santa Claus, I like Christmas very much. What I want for Christmas is a dart bord. How are your Reendeer? How is Roudoff at the head of the slaigh? If there are any polabears would you try catch me a baby one? How are all your snowmen? Do children build snowmen up there? I hope they don't fall apart. We have got a Christmas tree in our room. It is decorated. It sher does look pretty. It has angels, bells, and lot of other things too. We have not got our Christmas tree up yet. I think it will be silver. I hope every body has a nice Christmas. Your friend, Mike Salter.

Dear Santa, I want a playhouses so that I can play. We wood like you to come to our room. Are you going to come to our houes? We hope you wood come. Your friend, Maria Sanchez.

Dear Santa, Is Rudof nose still brit? I have Christmas early becaes we are going to Dimit. I want a gun so I can play with it. With love, Gary.

Dear Santa, I wonder how cold it is in the North pole? I want a football and a cat and a dog. Your friend, Donald.

Dear Santa, I hope not every raindeer is sike. I want a hi hiddy and roller skats and baton and a purse for Christmas. Or you going by train or reindeer? Don't forget my sister and brother. Your friend, Carla.

Dear Santa, How are your raindeers? I want a bicksicl and How is Mrs. Santa? I hope none of your raindeers are sick. Your friend, Martha Arispe.

Dear Santa, How are your raindeers? I want a bike and a pino. And how is Mrs. Santa? I hope we have a happy Christmas day. Your friend, Melva Robledo.

Dear Santa, I want a football and how are your reindeer, and does Ruteaf still has his nose red? We have the Christmas tree up. And we have a little tree too. How are your deer? Your friend, Robert Martinez.

Dear Santa, I want a musttang, a rick-a-saye gun, a surt, a red white and blue sweater, a mata-cars. How is Mrs. Santa Calus? And my brother wants the same things. Yor friend, Jace.

Dear Santa, Did eney of your raindear die yet? Or your wife die yet? I want for Christmas a football and my brother wants that to. Your friend, Daniel.

Dear Santa, Is it cold? I want a football stand. You know why I want a foot ball stand? Because so I can kik good. And I want a gun. Because I can play with it. Merry Christmas. Your friend, Walter Ray.

The Success thanks Curtis Humphries, elementary principal, and the Third Grade teachers, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Stigler and Mrs. Whittis, for their co-operation in turning in the foregoing Letters to Santa Claus.



every good wish for happiness

from **MIKESKA GIN**

INTEREST IN POLITICS WILL BE KICKED OFF WITH NEW YEAR

The political announcements column shown beside this article is awaiting candidates' announcements. It will begin running in the Eldorado Success issue of January 6, 1966.

Following the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Schleicher county and the rest of the state of Texas will go into the political year of 1966. Interest in politics will build up both locally and statewide after the first of the year.

Interest is expected to run high on local and state levels, which will culminate in the First Democratic Primary on Saturday, May 7. Local officials are now elected for four-year terms, and deadline for candidates to file and get their names on the Primary ballot is early in February.

W. R. Bearce, the present county judge, was elected to that office in 1954, emerging as high man in a three way race that year which included incumbent E. W. Craig and George Stanley Finley. Judge Bearce has been unopposed since that time; he did not have an opponent in 1958 or in 1962.

J. P. Enochs was elected County Clerk in 1952, defeating the late H. T. (Dogie) Finley. He has not had an opponent since that initial campaign.

A. G. (Mack) McCormack is completing his second four-year term as County Treasurer. He was elected to that office in 1958, and did not have an opponent in 1962.

Two of Schleicher county's sparsely populated Commissioner precincts, 2 and 4, will be up for contest this coming year. Gene McCalla is present commissioner of Precinct 2, and Thomas Baker is serving Precinct 4.

McCalla is completing his initial four-year term in office, and Baker will be completing two terms.

B. L. Blakeway will be completing his first four-year term as Justice of Peace Precinct No. 1, having defeated Jack Montgomery for the position four years ago.

It remains to be seen how much interest develops in regard to higher offices.

Dorsey Hardeman of San Angelo has been serving as State Senator since he was elected in 1946, the year he defeated Penrose Metcalf. Hardeman's district, however, will now be larger in area as result of redistricting of the past year.

For nearly a quarter of a century, O. C. Fisher has been Congressman from the 21st District. He was elected to his initial term back in the early 1940's. His most recent opponents were Ira Gallo-way of Coleman in 1952 and Sam Connolly of San Saba in 1954. Congressman Fisher's future campaign, too, is to be greatly affected by redistricting. Our 21st District has been extended west to take in Ector county (Odessa) and southeast to include a sizable slice of San Antonio. If Fisher gets an opponent, for the first time in over a decade, the campaign will have to be conducted over the entire 350-mile stretch between Odessa and San Antonio.

Texas Republicans no doubt already realize that they will have plenty to keep them busy this coming year as they try to keep Republican U. S. Senator, John Tower, in office. Tower is presently the lone Republican representative from Texas in the national government, and there is some speculation among top Democrats as to who will win in the Democratic Primary, to oppose Tower in the General Election next November.

Governor, Lt. Governor, and other top state officials will also be on the Democratic Primary ballot again next May, since Texas voters rejected the proposed amendment to the State Constitution which would have given them four-year terms.

Active races may develop for some of the top political jobs; the

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The Eldorado Success is authorized to announce the following names of candidates for office, subject to action of the Democratic Primary May 7, 1966:

- For County Judge:
- For County and District Clerk:
- For County Treasurer:
- For Commissioner, Precinct 2:
- For Commissioner, Precinct 4:
- For Justice Of The Peace Justice Precinct No. 1:

coming five months will tell the story.

Both County Democratic Chairman Dick Preston and County Republican Chairman Ford Oglesby, and their respective committees, have urged local residents to be sure to pay their Poll Tax by the Jan. 31st deadline, so that they will be eligible to vote in ALL elections which will be coming up in 1966.

Christmas At The White House

The first Christmas in the White House was celebrated by President and Mrs. John Adams, in the year 1800. The mansion was incomplete, the walls were still damp and the rooms were cold. Shivering guests remained only briefly.

Five years later things were merrier and Thomas Jefferson entertained guests with lively violin tunes. Young relatives of Andrew Jackson made Christmas of 1835 memorable for him when they filled his stocking with a corncob pipe, tobacco and trinkets.

Young Tad Lincoln invited street children into the White House to share his Christmas dinner and his father allowed them to stay. Benjamin Harrison ordered the first Christmas tree set up in the White House. Calvin Coolidge started the practice of lighting a decorated spruce on the White House lawn as the Nation's Christmas tree. Franklin D. Roosevelt and his large family celebrated Christmas with a series of White House parties and gatherings for family, friends and staff. Mrs. Eisenhower usually wore a bright-red dress while presiding at holiday parties for her grandchildren.

ST. FRANCIS
St. Francis of Assisi is generally credited with popularizing Christmas carols. St. Francis is responsible for staging the first manger scene with real people and animals. Legend has it that the on-lookers were so delighted with the pageant that they burst into spontaneous song. Caroling then became as important to St. Francis' Christmas celebration as Christmas music is to us in these modern times.

Texas Almanacs at Success.

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It's Christmas

The French say "Noel". The Spanish refer to "Navidad". The Italians say "Natale" and the Germans say "Weihnachten". But Christmas in our part of the world

is derived from an old English term Cristes maesse (Christ's Mass), a term first used in the 11th century.

SALES PADS for sale at the Success office.

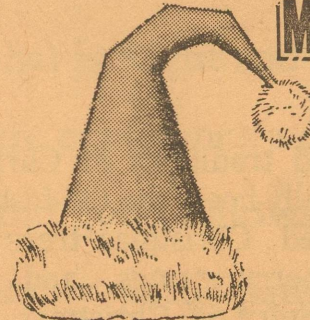
Season's GREETINGS



As another year of pleasant association draws to a close, we pause to extend, with sincere appreciation, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TOPLIFFE

GAS AND ELECTRIC SERVICE
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Topliffe and family



MANY GOOD WISHES

of the Season

We Have Enjoyed Serving You, Our Customers. As the Holiday Season Rolls Around We Are Glad To Extend Our Thanks, and Our Best Wishes For A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Hazelwood Laundry

Mr. and Mrs. Laman Hazelwood
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hazelwood

Year 1925 — Continued

Wright's Cash Store moved into the McWhorter building which was formerly occupied by J. O. High-tower.

Visiting their sister, Mrs. C. C. Doty, were Mrs. J. B. Sherbino, Mrs. B. A. Edens, and Mrs. Annie Rice.

In a home ceremony, Winnie Alice Wilson became the bride of Marvin T. Logan.

Robert Shepperd, proprietor of the Highway Garage in Christoval, and J. A. Holland, in charge of the swimming pool there, were here on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hill were touring New Mexico and Arizona, and were to bring their daughter, Miltia home from Arizona where she had been teaching.

Miss Ena Ford was at home after attending school at Atlanta.

C. M. McWhorter announced plans to erect a new tile house, with basement, which would cost about \$7,000.

Sunday, June 14, 1925, in the Ira McDonald home, Floyd Green Farrington and Miss Lora Ethel McDonald were married.

On June 13, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Potter.

While hunting rabbits on the Sid Boothe farm a mile east of Eldorado, Lyonelle Ballew, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ballew, was accidentally shot.

A major fire loss was reported at Rocksprings. Tate Dismukes' confectionary business was one of the losers.

Mrs. H. W. Smith and little daughter, Mary Jane, of Angleton, arrived to spend a few days with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bearce.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Beavers and daughter, Ouida, visited in Dallas and Dr. and Mrs. Patton visited in San Antonio.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Tisdale and family, Eula Wright, L. T. Barber and Lewis Ballew were on an outing at the Ingram ranch on the Pecos.

A son, Edward Frisby, was born June 25 in San Antonio to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Silliman, and on June 28 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bradley.

And as June closed, E. M. Thornton's Chevrolet touring car burned while he and Lewis Ballew were on their way to Spring Creek to fish. Local Presbyterians reported \$4,000 in a building fund for a new church.

Dayton, Tennessee, was scene of a trial that summer of 1925 in which John Thomas Scopes, 24-year-old high school biology teacher, was charged with teaching evolution in violation of Tennessee laws. He was defended by Clarence Darrow, famed criminal lawyer of the day, while William Jennings Bryan headed the prosecution. Ultimately, Scopes was found guilty and sentenced to pay a \$100 fine, later thrown out on a technicality. The reporters, movie men, syndicate writers and telegraph operators shook the dust of Dayton from their feet; the monkey trial had been a good show for the front pages, and the country at large regarded it with amazement and amusement.

As July, 1925, got under way, Judge Ford called a city incorporation election for the 10th. Sam E. Jones was to officiate.

W. C. Cloud returned from San Angelo where he had medical treatment.

H. W. Chriesman sold his two-section ranch 10 miles northeast of Eldorado to W. H. McClatchy for \$18 an acre.

Mrs. E. C. Haynes had her nephew, Ralph Young, visiting from Dallas. With his sister, Rose, they were spending the summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Espy and son Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sessions and children, and Mrs. Lee King and daughters, Mildred and Marie, of Brady, were visiting friends and relatives here. They, with Sam E. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wells of Lampasas made up a party of about 31 fishing on Devil's River.

By a vote of 77 to 42, Eldorado voters approved incorporation of the city. August 15 was date set to elect five aldermen and a mayor.

E. M. Barbee visited his sister, Mrs. S. W. Holland, from the government hospital at Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Whitley, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker.

Sheriff Luedecke and his deputy Jess L. Thompson, brought in a large still they found on the Henderson ranch, 22 miles northwest of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex McCormick and son, Hollis, visited in Barnhart with relatives.

Deaths reported: Felix S. Miller, Sr., 57, and Green W. Parks who died at his home eight miles west of town.

After being in the confectionary business for 2½ years, Sam Lawhon sold out to Mrs. W. W. Jackson.

Schleicher county's tax renditions were reported as \$3,730,000, an increase of \$82,000 over the previous year.

J. E. Hill was rebuilding his home, and George Williams was building a new house on his stock farm just south of town.

George B. McCamey had no idea a town would be named after him and a thriving oil field would flourish in the shadows of Castle Gap when he and his partner, J. P. Johnson, started a wildcat along about the first day of August in 1925. The land was lonesome then, the sound of the wild bands of Indians had died out, Charles Goodnight had long since ceased to drive thousands of head of Longhorn cattle through Castle Gap and Horsehead Crossing, and The Butterfield Overland Mail Route had been replaced by more modern conveyances. The country had settled back into a peaceful ranching industry.

August came in with Clarence Johnson going to Coleman to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. S. D. Conner.

Misses Anna Best Alexander, Nell Russell and Henrietta Guion of Ballinger were guests of Miss Ouida Beavers for a few days.

Marvin Evans and family and Otis Pelt and family of Pharr were visiting here with W. L. McWhorter and W. T. Whitten.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Chaney hosted about 80 relatives with a family reunion at their ranch home.

E. W. Brooks had his arm broken while cranking his car. Ola Mae Watson returned from a visit with her grandparents at Goldthwaite, and Annie Neill, Earline Atkins, and Floyd Young were on a Senior League program.

Ed Ratliff was opening a meat market in a new building on Main street, near the W. H. Parker store. Jack Whitley was to be in the business with Mr. Ratliff.

Clarence Stark of Dallas visited here with old friends. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Conner were Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wilson of Williamson county.

Named directors of the permanent Fair Association were George Williams, Tom R. Henderson, Lon M. Hoover, J. E. Hill, E. C. Hill, T. K. Jones and O. K. Enochs.

The first City Election was held, and C. A. Spencer was elected mayor, receiving 49 votes to C. I. Dabney's 12. Ben L. Isaacs was elected marshal.

Daniel Budd of San Angelo visited here. He lived in the Bailey Ranch area in about 1905.

Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Starbuck of Corpus Christi visited here with Rev. J. C. Young and other friends.

The F. M. Bradley family were visiting at Fife, in McCulloch county.


Maude Kent underwent surgery in San Angelo for appendicitis.

On August 20, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tatsch.

O. K. Enochs brought in the county's first bale, and received a bonus of about \$60.

Mrs. R. P. Hinyard's and Mrs. A. T. Wright's Sunday School classes went to Christoval for an outing.

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Merry Christmas

from

Eldorado

Wool Company

Best Wishes To You All

For 1966

Drive Carefully During The Holidays. The Life You Save May Be Your Own

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Best Wishes
For A
Happy
Holiday



Many of the old traditions of Christmas are gone . . . the tally-hoes, the old-fashioned sleighs, candlelighted Christmas trees with popcorn and cranberry strings, and many others. Yet the Spirit of Christmas is the same today as it has always been and we are truly grateful because now, more than ever, we need the guiding Light that so greatly enhances the joy of living.

Always quality lumber and complete stock of Building Supplies. May we have the opportunity of serving you next year as we say thanks for your patronage during the past.

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ELDORADO, TEXAS



Year 1925 — Continued

C. E. Thompson died in San Angelo. His survivors included two sons, Luke Thompson of this county, and H. L. Thompson of San Antonio.

The Landon hotel burned in San Angelo.

J. W. L. Hall, director of field service of Texas Farm Bureau, addressed the people of Eldorado on Saturday afternoon, as August drew to a close.

As autumn came on, the Scopes trial was receding into memory, Santa Barbara was steadying itself from the shock of earthquake, Red Grange was fading from fame, and the cornerstone for Bishop Manning's house of prayer for all people was about to be laid. This was also when Brig. Gen. Smedley Butler was wishing he had never undertaken to mop up Philadelphia, and Bruce Barton's book, *The Man Nobody Knows*, was selling in the tens of thousands.

As September came in, Tom R. Henderson announced plans to erect a new house here, just north of the J. V. Evans home.

Mrs. F. G. Clark was teacher in the Rudd school, and had 20 pupils attending.

Russell Gunn and Katie Gill were married in Fort Stockton. The Sonora Theater was to show Zane Gray's *The Thundering Herd*.

E. W. Brooks' store was advertising sheeting, ticking, and domestic.

Seth Swift of Los Angeles, California, was here visiting his brother, W. D. Swift. Another brother, Ira Swift of Eastland, was also here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dragoo of Marathon visited Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Weaver. The women were sisters.

Mrs. A. E. Shepperd's funeral was held at Christoval.

On Sept. 8th, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Henderson.

Eldorado Gin Co. announced purchase of a Western Electric light plant from C. E. Brown, local dealer, who would soon have it installed.

Contractor Edens had J. W. Hill's new house nearly complete.

J. F. Isaacs, Will Isaacs and Ben L. Isaacs attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, J. L. Denson at Lometa.

Eldorado Townsite reported sale of lots to A. A. Bush, W. L. McWhorter, A. L. Jones, O. K. Enochs, Joe Williams, Miss Mollie Turner, Eldorado Gin Co., and John F. Isaacs.

Funerals reported: T. B. (Babe) Stidham, and Mrs. Tom Taylor.

Gertrude Copple became the bride of H. L. Spencer.

On the school-opening program were Rev. J. C. Young, Dr. E. B. Newsom, Rev. W. P. Ray, Judge W. F. Ford, J. B. Smith, Mrs. R. A. Evans, Joab Campbell, and the faculty members.

A. B. Tyson was superintendent of the Eldorado schools which were opening for the 1925-26 term. On high school faculty were Miss Una Lee, Mrs. McLain, Mrs. Robert Milligan, Miss Lodice Putman, Mrs. Jim Hoover, Mrs. A. B. Tyson, Miss Hempree, Miss Striegler, and W. J. Willingham.

Bush Motor Co. was Ford dealer. Ford touring cars were being advertised for \$290; runabout \$260; coupe, \$520; tudor sedan, \$580; and forord sedan, \$660.

Sam McGinnes bought the Tom Williams house from J. M. Evans for \$1,250.

Leaving for colleges were: Annie Neill, C.I.A. at Denton; Walter Ramsay, Edwin Johnson, and Kenneth Cheek, Simmons college at Abilene; W. C. Mund, McMurry; Malone Hill, Baylor.

Harry Rounds of the Sanitary Meat Market was advertising round steak, 20c lb.; loin and t-bone, 20c lb.; stew meat, 10c; chili meat, 10c; prime rib roast, 13c; rump roast, 12½c; and forequarter steak, 15c and 17½c per pound.

The Navy dirigible, *The Shenandoah*, was wrecked. . . the Florida real-estate boom reached its dizzyest height. . . it was a great sporting era with men playing golf in plus-fours, with tennis at the knee and checked stockings. As Red Grange was preparing to reap fame for the University of Illinois football team, Gertrude Ederie was preparing to swim the English channel, and Gene Tunney was about to challenge Jack Dempsey's heavyweight crown. . . Texas Technological College was being established at Lubbock.

The month of October, 1925, was when material came in for building the new Presbyterian church. In other building news, Tom Henderson hired Roberts of San Angelo to erect his new brick and tile house here; cost was to be about \$15,000 (it's now the E. C. Hill house).

Advertisers in the Success included C. E. Brown, Wright's Cash Store, L. M. Hoover, City Barber Shop, Palace Barber Shop, Haynes Confectionary, W. H. Parker & Son, San Angelo Telephone Co., Benton Abstract & Title Co., Alf Bruton, Bruce Duncan, H. S. Espy, Ratliff & Whitley, and Mrs. Kate M. Robinson.

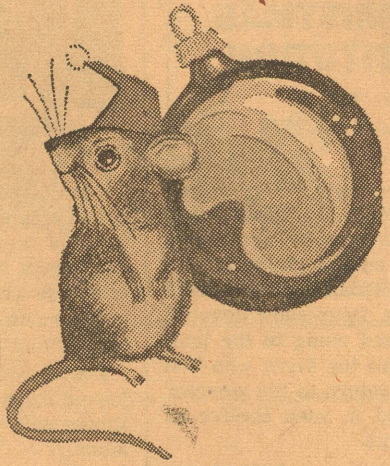
Little John Luedecke was painfully hurt at school when struck in the mouth by a swing. Two stitches were required to close the wound.

Howard Williams visited here. He had recently sold his barber-shop in Mertzon.

Joe Williams' new home was nearly complete. W. L. McWhorter went to Temple for surgery, and Billy Bevans, Billy Marchison, and Claude Callen, all of Menard, were business visitors here.

JUST WANTED TO ADD OUR OWN SMALL, BUT SPECIAL GREETING TO EACH OF OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS. OUR HEART-FELT THANKS AND BEST WISHES.

Merry Christmas



We Have Enjoyed Serving You As Your Electrician, And Hope To Merit Your Friendly Relationship In The Coming Years

BLAKE'S ELECTRIC

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Blakeway



Thank You

is the most sincere expression we know to convey our appreciation of your friendship this past year.

We extend to you our warmest greetings and good wishes for happiness.

Eldorado Welding Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dean Clark & Family

a wish for a HAPPY MERRY CHRISTMAS



and we thank you for your patronage during the year drawing to a close.

We look forward to continuing to serve your throughout 1966.

FRIENDLY WASH

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McEwen

Season's GREETINGS

We'd like to take a moment of the season to tell you how much we've enjoyed knowing you and serving you this past year. Our special and sincere Yuletide wishes to you and your entire family.

GRIFFIN'S GULF SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Griffin, Curt and Craig



Thank You

FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, GOOD WILL AND LOYALTY. MAY THE HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER OF GOOD HOLIDAY SEASONS BE YOURS FOR ALL THE DAYS TO COME.

B. F. Harkey ENCO Products

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Harkey and Kaye And Employees

The First Methodist church observed the 25th anniversary of its founding in Eldorado.

The Gassaway Comedy Company were performing here with comedians, singers, dancers, ventriloquists, and other acts.

T. G. Chaney was in and reported he had ginned 30 bales of cotton. Frank Webb purchased the A. O. Beavers home.

Rev. Young officiated at the funeral of A. H. Green in the Methodist church. Another death reported was that of R. L. Calcutte, 56.

Coach Willingham and W. P. Ray accompanied the football team to Ballinger for a game.

Hoover Drug and Brooks store had tickets on sale for a Lyceum Course to start Nov. 21st. It was being sponsored here by the P.T.A.

Paul A. Otts of Sonora put in a jewelry repair shop in part of Wright's store.

Mrs. R. P. Hinyard attended a Grand Lodge meeting of the Eastern Star in San Antonio.

Bill Mund, Herrin Ramsey, Edgar Spencer and Dick Bearce attended the Fair in San Angelo.

Senator Robert M. LaFollette died. . . Theodore Dreiser's *American Tragedy* and John Dos Passos' *Manhattan Transfer* came out, but neither made number one on the best seller lists. . . the Ford roadster sold for \$260. . . the silver-tongued Jimmy Walker, who loved the high life more than the infinite detail of running the world's richest city, was sworn in as Mayor of New York.

In November, George Williams, president of the Eldorado school board, reported that the new school building was complete, although the new seats had yet to be installed.

The First National Bank advertised adequate facilities for quick collection of cotton drafts, and complete market service every 30 minutes.

Dr. W. H. Looks, dentist, opened an office here in the Bearce building.

Miss Cecile Dickens became the bride of Sam Calhoun.

Dr. Patton reported that on Wednesday, Nov. 4, a son was born to

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Martin and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Owens on Nov. 3.

R. C. Morgan purchased a Reo Speedwagon and went into the trucking business.

F. R. Keele announced that Bro. D. D. Rose of Santa Anna would start a meeting at the Church of Christ.

Mrs. W. W. Jackson installed a new fountain at the Corner Confectionary.

Gilbert Edens advertised, Let me figure with you on your carpenter work or painting.

Ovid Wade sold 640 acres of unimproved land four miles west of Eldorado to Tom Alexander for \$22.50 an acre.

On the school honor roll were Roberta Milligan, Jess Ella Johnson, Lillie Bell Kent, Cleone Morgan, John I. Jones, Johnie Alexander, Nell Campbell, Anna Ruth Spurgers, Sammie Luedecke, Marshall Chick, Alf Bruton, and Ruth Chick.

The Eagles played Ozona to a scoreless tie on Armistice Day. Isaacs was the Eagle captain, and Ray was defensive tackle. Murphy and Ballew were offensive tackles, the McLeod boys were guards, and Cain was lineman on the field.

A horse auction was scheduled at the W. T. Whitten ranch five miles north of Eldorado.

Noah Beilharz, "Master Make-Up Artist" gave a show Nov. 21st sponsored by the P.T.A.

Wade Bros. of Eldorado paid \$35,000 for a 16-section ranch near Sheffield.

Picking was still under way in county cotton fields, and the two local gins reported 4,000 bales ginned.

Mat Roach of Mertzon was erecting a new store building on Dr. Patton's lot next to the bank. It was to house a grocery store for Marvin Shaffer.

On Nov. 21, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Aycock. On the 25th, daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Butler, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Graves.

Bert Page, Jim Griffin, W. T. Whitten, and Jeff Enochs returned from the Guadalupe mountains with five deer.

The Carnegie Hero Commission awarded a bronze medal and \$1,600 in cash to Imogene Lovelace of Menard, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lovelace, for saving three children from drowning in the San Saba river.

November came to a close with the death of Mrs. Cynthia Johnson at Cheapside, near Gonzales. She was the mother of Tom Johnson and Mrs. Cora Putman of Eldorado.

On Broadway, you could see Josephine Hull in *Craig's Wife*, Lunt and Fontanne in *Arms and the Man*, Fay Bainter in *The Enemy*, Ina Claire in *The Last of Mrs. Cheney*, Noel Coward in *The Vortex*, George Jessel in *The Jazz Singer*, Janie Cowl in *Easy Virtue*, Peggy Wood in *Candida*, Lionel Barrymore in *The Pikor*, Basil Rathbone in *The Duchess And The Waiter*, Marilyn Miller in *Sunny*, Al Jolson in *Puzzles Of 1925*, Dennis King in *The Vagabond King*, and Ethel Barrymore and Walter Hampden in *The Merchant of Venice*.

December was when George Williams and Charlie Mund moved into their newly completed homes near Eldorado.

L. T. Wilson, Joe Burlinson, and E. H. Sweatt were accompanied on a hunting trip by J. H. Robinson of Dallas and W. Clem of Carrollton.

Carrie Brown was home from Big Lake where she had been working for the telephone company.

Jim Hinyard and Bill Stewardson were awarded football letters at Schreiner Institute.

About 320 acres of grass were burned off the Hensel Matthews place when a fire started from a Mexican camp fire. The neighbors quickly gathered and brought it under control.

Marvin McDonald of Melvin bought A. M. Nixon's 640-acre farm and ranch 16 miles west of Eldorado. Sale was arranged by Galbreath & Hines and price was \$11,880.

Taylor Neill and Clay Adams completed the new curtain for the high school auditorium.

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GOOD WISHES FOR Christmas

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.

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A CHRISTMAS RESTITUTION

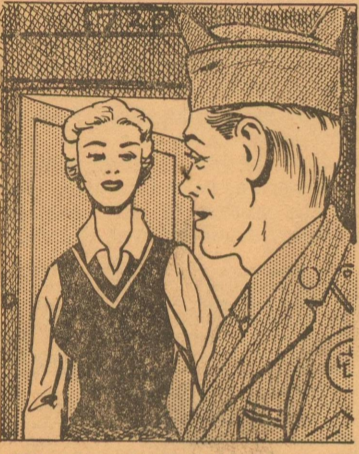
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MARY WENDELL stood at her bedroom window scratching at the frost on the glass. It was bitterly cold outside, with a hard wind blowing. Deep snow covered the ground and clung to the leafless trees, and the birds who had neglected to return to the warmer south huddled in such shelter as could be found.

Mary's face wore a look of sorrow and dejection, and a sob rose once in a while to relieve the tension that otherwise threatened to engulf her.

She had tried to save a little money for Christmas, but after paying her bills she hadn't a cent left. Christmas's hadn't mattered much because Donnie had been too young to know about such things. This year he had heard people talk about Santa Claus and had asked questions.

It was the day before Christmas, a time of cheer and good will. But there was no cheer in her heart. Life had been trying for her since she had left Concord and cut herself off from her friends of former days. Sickness and the loss of one job after another had kept her on the edge of destitution.



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"Mommie, will Santa bring me something?" Donnie had asked when she had put him to bed the night before.

"I don't know, darling," she had answered, knowing she couldn't buy him even a stick of candy.

She raised her head and looked at the crib where he was sleeping. He was well covered and warm. She left the window and went into the sitting room where a cheery fire dispelled most of the cold. She went to the window and pulled the shade down as if, unconsciously, she could dispose of the black mood that assailed her.

In the center of the room she fell to her knees. "Oh, God," she prayed in anguish, "please lift my burden from me. I know I did wrong, but I know you have forgiven me by allowing me to keep my little boy. Please, God, provide me with the means of making this a happy time for him, in recognition of Your Son's sacrifices for us. Amen."

Visitor

A knock on the door brought her to her feet. She glanced that way but didn't cross the room until it was repeated. Then she opened the door to confront a tall, blond man in army uniform who stood in the dimly lit hallway. She recognized him instantly.

"Why, Donald Bruce," she cried hoarsely.

"May I come in?" he inquired. She was too startled to answer, so he laughingly brushed her aside and entered.

He took a quick look around the room and noticed the evidences of poverty. "Why did you quit writing?" he inquired.

"There wasn't much to say," she answered weakly.

He went to the doorway of the kitchen and looked inside. Then he crossed the room to the bedroom doorway, saying: "It seems to me there could have been a lot to say."

His eyes took in the crib and the baby in it. He hurried across the room, Mary following him. He looked down and studied the face of the sleeping child for a few minutes, and then turned to Mary with an unspoken inquiry in his eyes.

"That's why I left Concord—to avoid the talk and gossip," she said.

He looked again at the child searchingly, and then said: "Why didn't you tell me?"

"I didn't think you would care." "Good Heavens, woman, do you think I'm heartless? Do you think I'd have left you to face all this alone without my help?"

He held his arms out to her, and she flew into them, the tears coming freely.

A voice came from the bedroom. "Mommie, has Santa come yet?" "In a little while, dear, and He's going to bring you a new papa," she answered.



THE Christmas season is a magical time of year. Children make impossible wishes, and the dreams they dream delight even the angels. My sister Kathy, at the age of seven, was possessed of one such dream. She credited it to her 'Christmas Star.'

I was twelve at the time, and looked upon Santa Claus and such things with the tolerant eye of an adult.

"Do you know what I dreamed last night, mommy?" asked Kathy this particular Christmas Eve.

My mother looked up from the dressing she was making. "That you were a princess in a far-off castle?" she asked.

"Oh mother! I dreamed THAT last summer. Last night I dreamed that Santa Claus came to visit me, and he brought a lot of friends with him, and each of his friends had a present for me, and—"

"Oh brother, has this kid got the 'gimmies,'" I cut in. "You'd think she was the only one on Santa Claus' list."

"Shut up! Make him shut up, mommy. If I ask my Christmas Star it will happen—just like in



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my dream."

My mother gave me a significant frown. She turned to Kathy: "You should be happy with one or two presents, dear. Besides, I'm sure Santa Claus is far too busy to bring all his helpers to one house." Then she asked me: "Is it still snowing, Bob?"

My mother wasn't merely changing the subject. She was worried about my father. He was due on the 7:15. Our town lay at the end of a spur. During heavy snowfalls the main line was kept clear by the plows, but our little side track usually waited until the next day.

I pulled back the curtain. "It's stopped; sure is deep, though. Look how clear the sky is all of a sudden. I'll bet Kathy will be able to see her Christmas Star tonight."

"Goody! Goody!" cried Kathy. She scooted for the stairs leading to the second floor.

My mother shook her head. "Kathy will be awfully disappointed if your father has to stay in town."

"Dad knows that. He'll make it somehow," I assured her. But I had my doubts. Lesser storms than this had stopped the train.

Fear Grows

Kathy went to bed early to speed things up. My mother and I trimmed the tree. By eleven o'clock mother could no longer hide her disappointment. "Isn't this terrible, Bob?" she asked. "If only we had the teddy bear. That's what Kathy wanted most."

Suddenly there was a commotion outside the front door. The door flew open before we could reach it. Grinning like a triumphant general, my father stood in the doorway. Several other persons stood on the porch behind him; some of them were strangers to me.

"We made it!" cried my father. "The railroad sent a special train out because it's Christmas Eve. It's stuck in a drift this side of the quarry. Fix these folks some hot coffee, honey, so we can get 'em home for Christmas. The plows are working on the roads already."

Happiness

I'd never seen my mother so happy. She served coffee to fifteen or twenty people. They sat in a circle around the tree and chatted noisily. Old Pete Dawkins even tried on the red and white suit he had bought.

Suddenly the talk stopped. All eyes turned to the little girl on the stairs.

"It's Santa's helpers!" cried Kathy. She rushed down the stairs and into my mother's arms. "See mommy, they're here, just like I told you! Now do you believe my Christmas Star?"

"I believe it, darling." And you know, I felt kind of creepy myself. I went to the window and pulled back the curtains. Kathy's Christmas Star was still there, brighter than the rest, and winking a Merry Christmas to all.

Year 1925 — Continued

A male quartet consisting of J. W. Whitten, W. T. Whitten, E. W. Brooks and W. O. Alexander rendered selections at a Buckner Orphans Home program given in the Baptist church. Also, Maggie Lee Isaacs and Isabelle Isaacs gave a violin duet.

Mrs. C. B. Reagan's music pupils in recital included Hollis Reagan, Roberta Milligan, Nell Campbell, Lula May Bruton, Dell Armentrout, Vivian Reagan, Miss Hooker, Agnes Wright, Mildred Young, Anna Florence Page, Margaret Tisdale, Jym Newsom, Mildred Smith, Louise Williams, and Margaret Williams.

F. H. Watson was building a new \$3,000 residence for Van McCormick.

Miss Joyce Johnson became the bride of O. R. Burden, assistant superintendent of the Texas Pipe Line Co.

In northwestern Eldorado, near the West Addition, T. P. Robinson was having a new residence built.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker left to spend the Christmas holidays in El Paso with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker.

Beeler Brown was home from Big Lake, where he was working. Christmas Day, 1925, L. T. Barber and Eula Wright were married in the bride's home, with Rev. J. C. Young officiating.

Rev. W. P. Ray officiated at the wedding Dec. 24 of Marion Owens and Miss May Brazelton. And as the year, 1925, drew to a close, a son was born Dec. 30th to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Neill.

The mists of distance have softened the outlines of the 1920's and middle-aged and elderly people reading reminiscences such as this one can smile now at the memory of those charming, crazy days when the radio was a thrilling novelty, and girls wore bobbed hair and knee-length skirts. Perhaps they have forgotten the frustrated hopes for many that followed World War I, the aching disillusionment of the hard-boiled era, its oily scandals, and the harshness of its gaiety. In retrospect, they remember and talk of the good old days.

But life for many people still had something of a pioneer quality, and hardship and discomfort were pretty much taken for granted. Weather and work held people in thrall far more than they do now; leisure was more for the dead than for the living.

When old timers reminisce, they forget that back then most homes did not have indoor plumbing; most homes were heated by wood-burning stoves and wood and ashes had to be carried in and out, and the cows had to be milked, with monotonous regularity. If you made a trip of any distance in your car, roads were so bad that you were lucky to go 25 miles without a flat tire; and if you had a flat you fixed it yourself. Thus the year 1925, which was drawing to a close 40 years ago.

NIGHT OF CAKES

Christmas Eve is called the Night of Cakes in Ireland, because of an ancient custom of baking special Christmas cakes spiced with caraway seeds for eating on the night before Christmas.

Fruity Meat Loaf



FRUIT-TOPPED meat loaf turns thrifty ground beef into elegant family meal.

APRICOT-CRANBERRY MEAT LOAF

- 2 lb. ground beef
- 1-1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 slice stale bread
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup minced parsley
- 2 tbsp. A. I. Steak Sauce
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1 cube beef bouillon
- 1/3 cup minced onion
- 8 canned apricot halves
- 4 tsp. cranberry sauce

Dissolve bouillon cube in hot water, mix together lightly all ingredients except last 2. Shape into loaf, place in 9 x 5 x 3" loaf pan. Press fruit halves into meat, hollow side up, put 1/2 tsp. cranberry sauce in center of each. Bake 50 min. in 350° oven. Serves 6-8.

Dear Friends: As we are not sending Christmas Cards this year we wish to take this means of wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless you.

Levis and Sybil Kinser

Vacation Good Gift

Some women want minks . . . others want new kitchen sinks . . . but there's one gift all the gals appreciate because they all need it—a rest, a change of pace, a holiday!

Ever try to figure out how many miles the little woman walks while wallowing rugs, quieting walling kids and getting the meals and marketing done? About 1,825 miles a year! The daily grind deserves a reward—and what's better than letting others do the cooking for the little woman?

HUNG WITH CARE

The custom of hanging stockings for Santa at Christmas began centuries ago in Amsterdam, when youngsters realized that a stocking would stretch and thus hold more than a wooden shoe, the traditional receptacle for holiday gifts until that time.

Statement Pads, 40 sheets to pad. 25c at Success.

In Those Days

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ONE YEAR AGO

Dec. 31, 1964—Herbert S. Joiner, lease pumper and gauger for Humble Oil & Gas Company, was awarded a 30-year service emblem and watch by his company.

Gloria Jean Talley and Richard Glenn Kent were married.

Billy Bruce moved from a Gandy house to a Mattocks house.

Robbye Waldron was taking Army training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Dec. 29, 1960—Billy Sam Hale, Ila Jean Boyer, Jim Steward, Judy Nixon, Donna Beth McCormick, Linda Love, Ann Blair, David Steen, Hardy Van Dusen, and June Williams were among the college students home for the holidays.

The Fred Watsons, Billy McCraeys, and A. M. Whitises were decorating contest winners.

Mrs. J. E. Hill was program leader as the D.A.R. held their Christmas meeting at the Java Junction cafe.

Ernest Finnigan was observing his 18th anniversary as Gulf consignee.

12 YEARS AGO

Dec. 31, 1953—Jimmy Doyle was recognized as football hero as the pep squad entertained the team with a banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Johnson observed their 60th wedding anniversary.

Pvt. Lewis D. Wilson of Comstock, formerly of Eldorado, was completing 16 weeks of Army basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The W. M. Rountree family were spending the holidays in Dallas. Sky Commando, Treasure of Sierra Madre, Dangerous When Wet, War Paint and Thunder Bay were among the movies being shown at the Eagle Drive-In Theatre.

Mrs. Howard Derrick and Mrs. John Miller gave a bridge luncheon.

35 YEARS AGO

Jan. 2, 1931—Christmas morning in Eldorado was marred by the burning and death of Mrs. B. A. Whitten. She was starting a fire in the wood stove with kerosene when it exploded, on the Whitten ranch 7 miles west of town. Also severely burned were Eloise, 10, and Betty Jo, 8. Mr. Whitten managed to get the three into Eldorado where they were transferred by ambulance to San Angelo, and Mrs. Whitten died at about noon. "The tragedy threw a gloom of sadness over the entire community, Christmas day being the 10th anniversary of Eloise, the oldest daughter."

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Hodges and died two hours after birth.

Mrs. J. A. Cope died at the age of 49.

W. A. Mullett was new Santa Fe agent here.

Sam McGinnes and family visited here from Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Finley and son, George Stanley, visited C. M. Weatherly in Fort Worth.

A daughter was born Dec. 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Stump Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Brittain and son Bunch King visited in Dallas, guests of Mr. Brittain's parents.

F. M. Bradley, county judge, and O. E. Conner, sheriff, were new county officials being sworn in.

May Joy and Good Cheer be at your fireside. Best Wishes to All!

BOYER ELECTRIC
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyer and Danny

to all our many customers and friends in Eldorado and Schleicher county. This is our 3rd Christmas Season in the business district. I express thanks for your patronage and invite you to keep coming here during 1966. — Mary Shipman.

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