

Christmas Blessings

May this holy season of Christmas, with its message of love and peace, enrich your lives with many blessings.

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Miss Kay Peters' Engagement To Mr. Heflin Of Hawaii Announced



KAY FRANCES PETERS

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Peters of Eldorado, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kay Frances, to Mr. Neal Heflin, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stansky of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Miss Peters, a graduate of Eldorado High School, received her Bachelors Degree from North Texas State University in August, 1969 where she was named to the Dean's List. She has served as personnel chairman of her Sorority, Chi Omega. She was secretary of the Student Education Association and recording secretary of Sigma Alpha Eta, national fraternity in speech and hearing therapy. Miss Peters is presently a graduate assistant at North Texas State University where she is working toward her Master's Degree.

Mr. Heflin graduated from Iolani High School in Honolulu, Hawaii, and graduated from North Texas State University in 1968. He served as secretary of his fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma. Since graduation Mr. Heflin has been employed by Georgia-Pacific Corporation in Tulsa, Okla.

The couple will be married on Saturday, March 28, in the First United Methodist Church here in Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. George Long left last week for Borger where they will spend Christmas holidays in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smitley.

Bob Page returned recently from a 10-day stay in Methodist Hospital in Houston.



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Christmas Greetings



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We wish to express our appreciation for the many thoughtful deeds of kindness you have done: the flowers, gifts, cards, prayers, and visits.

I wish I could write each of you a special card, but my hands are unsteady and I tire so easy I can't.

The children, Owen & Ann, Bobby & Carolyn, Frank & Claryce, and Billy appreciate what you have done as much as I do.

We wish health to each of you and a very happy Holiday.

Mrs. J. Tom Williams

Gloria in Excelsis



That's our Yuletide Wish for you. You have loyally and generously allowed us to serve you, and we are enormously grateful.

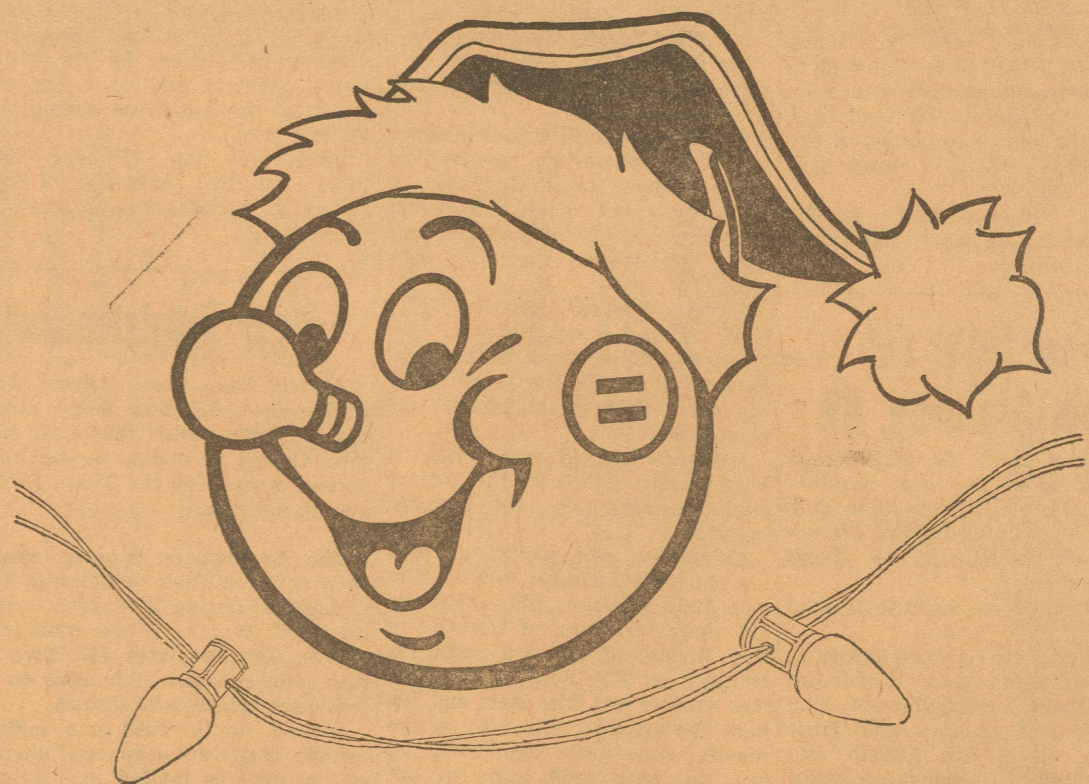
As in times past we're glad to offer the ageless and familiar greeting of the season to you as we say: "Have a Jolly Good Christmas"

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Eldorado-Divide District News

Flexibility In Stocking
By Bill Rountree
District Conservationist

Just as sure as rainfall fluctuates—*forage production will fluctuate* on our rangeland in the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District. This being the case, the grazing pressure by livestock should be flexible if we wish to maintain high forage production on our rangeland.

Granted, ranchers have a problem of adjusting livestock numbers to widely fluctuating forage production. With our erratic rainfall

perhaps it poses a greater problem here than in areas more favorably blessed with rainfall. To achieve efficient use of his range each year and truly become a conservation rancher, the rancher should understand the need for flexibility in adjusting stocking rates, as well as when and how adjustments should be made. This could very well be the first step toward becoming a successful rancher.

It is very questionable as to whether or not a person could be called a conservationist when he has only applied one or more conservation practices, such as cross fencing or brush control, with no plan or thought of follow up management. If ranchers do not eventually come to realize the need for managing their forage production

on the basis of each season's production, our ranges will continue to go on a downward trend.

In receiving all the factors that influence forage production would lead one to realize that there just isn't a safe constant normal carrying capacity when forage production has been known to vary in this district over three consecutive years as follows: 1300 lbs., and only 350 lbs. per acre. By stocking at a rate considered to be "normal" in this case would surely bring on disaster in years of low production. Take the month of August in this section, when normally most of our seasonal forage production will have already been made. However, if we did not receive our normal rainfall in peak grass growing months of April, May and June, or if production has been overused at this time; then the wise rancher needs to begin reducing his breeding herd in July or August. This can be done either by selling off a larger than usual number of older breeding stock, or else not keep the usual number of replacement stock. If normal rains have not come by mid-summer in this area, the chances are very good that we will not be able to grow enough grass in the fall to make up for the earlier lack of grass production. By ignoring this condition at this time the operator is inviting abused ranges and the resulting excessive feed bills.

Rainfall records for Schleicher county reveals that an average of 3.70 inches of rainfall is received during the month of September. This moisture at this time of year causes the grasses to turn green and look pretty, but generally there isn't enough time between then and frost to grow a lot of grass. At least not as much as can be grown in the spring and early summer when moisture is sufficient. Generally if rain isn't received by mid September, and the forage is seemingly short, the range manager should begin making plans for reducing numbers if he wishes to avoid abusing his rangeland and excessive winter feed bills.

In summation making adjustments in livestock numbers soon enough to prevent over-use of grasslands when production is low, and how to keep income as high as possible when the grass crop is so variable are two problems confronting ranchmen in this area from year to year. In years of low rainfall ranchers make some adjustments in stock numbers, but often adjustments are made too late to avoid losses in animal weights, damage to grass plants, and costly feed bills. Conservation ranchers in the district have found that with flexibility in stocking rates they can grow more pounds of grass per acre and produce more pounds of livestock, which is the key to a successful ranching operation.

METHODIST NOTES

As of this past Sunday, \$91.75 had been received for the Waco Home, and \$84.00 for the Mission Home in San Antonio.

Last Sunday evening, which was the Sunday just before Christmas, the Candlelighting Service was held and there was a reception afterwards in the parsonage.

This coming Sunday, Dec. 28th, Larry McGinnes will preach at the morning service. He is attending Tech at the present time and is a ministerial student. This is also Student Recognition Sunday.

Mrs. F. B. Faust Died December 7th

Mrs. Keno Ogden received word this week of the death of Mrs. F. B. Faust on December 7th, in a rest home near Dallas. Mrs. Faust was in her 80's. She was the widow of the late Rev. F. B. Faust who served as pastor of the Methodist Church here in Eldorado from 1941 to 1948.

Survivors include a son, James Faust of Washington, D. C., and a daughter, Mrs. Earl Ralston of Richardson, Texas; and two grandchildren.

For benefit of friends who might like to write the family, Libby's address is:

Mrs. Earl Ralston
1208 Cherokee Drive
Richardson, Texas 75080

Alva Lee Harris Finishes Border Patrol Course

Alva Lee Harris, 33, of Ozona, Texas, was graduated recently from the United States Border Patrol Academy at Los Fresnos, Texas, and will perform duties as a Patrol Inspector in the Chula Vista, California Border Patrol Sector.

Patrol Inspector Harris was a member of the 94th Session of the Border Patrol Academy and was one of 98 new officers successfully completing the intensive academy course in Immigration and Nationality laws and regulations, Spanish language, duties and authority to act, court procedures, civil rights, physical training, and other studies involving the duties of patrol officers.

Patrol Inspector Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orland A. Harris of Route 1, Eldorado, Tex. He attended Eldorado Elementary School and is a graduate of Eldorado High School.

Harris is married to the former Jane Ann Amacker of Poplarville, Mississippi. The couple have three children.

Before his appointment to the Border Patrol, Harris was a Lineman for the Southwest Texas Electric Co-Op, Inc., and was stationed in Ozona, Texas.

Harris was appointed from a register compiled in a nationwide competitive civil service examination offered periodically in local areas for prospective candidates for career service with the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

THE TEX-MEX NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Tis the Night before Christmas and all through the casa Not a creature is stirring:

Caramba, que pasa? The stockings are hung con mucho cuidado

In hopes that Saint Nicholas will feel obligado

To leave a few cosas aqui and all For chico and chica (y something for me)

Los Ninos are snuggled all safe in their camas

Some in vestidos and some in pajamas.

Their little cabezas all full of good things

They're all esperando que Santa will bring.

Rusty Meador is home for the holidays from SMU at Dallas, visiting his parents, the Ed Meadors, and other relatives and friends.

Jerry's T-V Service

wishes you a

Merry Christmas

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jerry — Bessie — Joey & Chuck

"...when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son,..."

GALATIANS 4:4



May Christmas bring you many blessings

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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Mr. and Mrs. Lum Davis

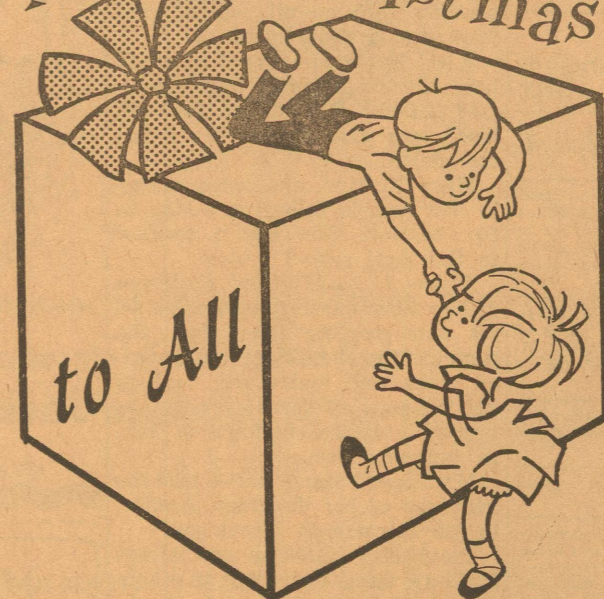


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In Those Days

Compiled From Success Files

ONE YEAR AGO

Dec. 26, 1968—Nancy Lux was winner in the state Make It Yourself With Wood contest held at Lubbock.

Steps were being taken to set up an Office of Economic Opportunity neighborhood center here.

A going-away party honored the Duane Branham family as they prepared to move to Brady.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1964—A virus epidemic swept this area, lowering attendance at school. Dr. Ernest Vernezobre was treating patients.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Banion were called to San Antonio on account of the death of his father, Guy Frank O'Banion.

Leslie Baker, B. L. Blakeway, and Jimmy Harris were winners in the decorating contest.

Gloria Jean Talley and Richard Glenn Kent were married.

Mrs. R. Q. Harris's piano students were presented in recital.

The Bill Rountree family were spending Christmas in Dallas.

Army Pvt. Robbye Waldron completed eight weeks of infantry basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

12 YEARS AGO

Dec. 26, 1957—Officials of General Telephone Company were requesting an across-the-board increase in their rates here.

Orland Harris was commander of the American Legion Post here as it staged its annual party for school children.

David Rutledge was on the job as mechanic at George Humphrey Motors.

The Joe Andrews family were spending the holidays visiting in Mississippi.

In Milwaukee, Wis., Brig. Gen. Jim Dan Hill was honored at the dinner meeting of the Wisconsin Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Tom Turkeys were 35c a pound, and a 3-lb. can of Star Hams cost \$2.99 at Parker Foods.

35 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1934—Funeral services were held on Christmas Day for Mayor J. N. Davis. He died in Shannon hospital from an attack of pneumonia.

Thorpe Parker became manager of the Red & White Store, replacing B. Hamilton who accepted a position with an oil company, to work out of San Angelo.

R. A. Evans announced plans to have the old Silliman building remodeled into a residence. Joe Williams was also having his house remodeled.

Mary Erskine was recuperating in San Angelo following a stay in the hospital. She was a teacher in the local school system.

Judge J. A. Whitten, chairman of the Centennial Advisory board, set new meeting times for the group in the Eldo hotel and reported plans well under way to help put the state of Texas over for the upcoming 1936 Centennial of Texas Independence.

Mrs. Cora Putman announced the marriage of her daughter, Annice, to Mr. Herman H. Murchison.

Joe Muller Christian and Albert McGinty were home for the holidays from Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Home from the University of Texas were Garnett Luedecke, Mrs. Willie Ruth Johnson, Roberta Milligan, and Bell Sample.

Two loaves of bread cost 15c, a no. 2 can of peas was 15c, homemade sausage was 16c a pound, a 25-lb. bag of sugar cost \$1.21, and two pounds of ground meat were 15c, at Self-Serve Grocery store.

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Community Calendar

Dec. 29, Monday. Chili supper at Golf Club House, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 30, Tuesday. Invitational Snowflake Ball, Memorial Bldg.
Jan. 5, Monday. School resumes following holidays.
Jan. 7, Wednesday. Lions Club meets 12:05, Memorial Building.
Jan. 8, Thursday. Hospital Auxiliary meets.
Jan. 8, Thursday. Bank shareholders' meeting, 3:00 p.m. at bank.

Use Color Scheme

If you choose one color scheme and stick to it, your packages will look more individual and you won't have ribbons and papers that don't match each other.

It is also much less expensive to buy one very large roll of paper, than to invest in costly packaged. Often the packaged papers turn out to have two square sheets which usually are too large or too small for your size package.


At the same time, it is wiser to buy large yardage bolts of ribbon and cheaper in the long run than ribbons measured in feet.

Christmas And Bells

Many poet and musicians have been inspired to write music and verses concerning bells, and bells have been associated with religion for centuries.

John Pierpont, a lawyer who was not happy practicing law, became a clergyman and wrote verses to "Jingle Bells" in about 1857. He called it "The One Horse Open Sleigh", and it is sung all over the world at Christmastime.

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Grandparents Like Practical Gifts

College Station, Tex.—Grandparents are practical. They want Christmas present such as gift certificates, staples and postage stamps.

They don't want bric-a-brac to catch dust.

Gift certificates could be for a local restaurant, the movies or the beauty parlor, suggests Minnie Bell, Extension specialist for aging. She says the elderly often do not have extra money for such outings.

If they get money as a gift they might save it but a person can make a "mad purchase" with a gift certificate, she adds.

Miss Bell, a specialist at Texas A&M University, has other suggestions: send staples for the kitchen, or a case of assorted soups and small boxes of crackers, or gourmet foods such as sauces, cheeses and fruits.

Give a pot plant instead of cut flowers—it will keep.

Or give something the grandchildren have made or a framed picture of the family.

Tickets to a good play is a unique gift. Include money for hotel and travel if necessary, Miss Bell suggests.

A wig, brightly flowered pillow cases and sheets, greeting cards with postage stamps and miniature casserole dishes and cooking pans for one or two are other ideas for Christmas gifts.

Eldorado-Divide District News

The year 1969 was a good year in the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District for applying and maintaining soil, water & plant conservation practices. Level closed end terraces continue to rank high among needed conservation practices applied and maintained, states Lloyd B. Johnson of the Soil Conservation Service. Level closed end terraces constructed to date total 642 miles in the Schleicher County portion of the District.

The method of terrace construction has kept pace with the change in farming operations. District cooperators have constructed terraces with many different kinds of implements. Terraces constructed by farmers, using their own farming equipment, contributed to a good percentage of the total miles constructed.

"The amount of terraces already constructed in the District is indicative of what land owners and operators think of terraces. Also, the maintenance of terraces already constructed is concrete evidence of the importance of terraces is recognized by farmers in the District," Johnson stated. Some of the first terraces constructed in the District are as good or better than when they were completed.

Terrace maintenance should be considered equally as important as terrace construction. Some farmers consider the maintenance of terraces to be of more importance than terrace construction. The damage seen on fields, without proper terrace maintenance, is why they consider terrace maintenance to be more important than terrace construction.

The frequency of terrace maintenance varies with the use given terraced fields. This is because some farming operations are carried out with or parallel to the terraces, and some farming operations cross terraces. Row crop farming should always follow terraces or contour. However, drilled or broadcast crops can be planted following field boundaries and across terraces. Whichever farming operation is used, terrace maintenance should be carried out when needed and as frequently as needed.

Most terrace maintenance is carried out by farmers with their farming implements. The one-way plow has probably been used more for terrace maintenance than any other implement. This is due to the fact that most farmers have a one-way plow and that a good maintenance job can be attained. Also, if fields are broken frequently with a one-way plow and terraces are followed, needed maintenance is done in the same operation. By starting at the top of each terrace, with the plow moving dirt toward the top of terrace, needed height and width can be maintained.

Terrace maintenance work does not necessarily have to be done each year, but should be done as often as needed. To determine if terraces need maintenance, checks can be made following a big rain. High water marks along the terrace ridge or water going over top of terraces indicate need for added height. Difficulty in planting and plowing terraces with equipment normally used on farm indicates more base width needed.

Level closed end terraces are constructed for the purpose of conserving soil and water. If terraces are not maintained to the needed height and width the maximum benefit of soil and water conservation can not be attained, Johnson concluded.

Just want to say Hi!

Merry Christmas



TO EACH AND EVERYONE


SCHLEICHER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Orval and Charlene

Jack ——— Fenna ——— Dorothy

"The Lord reigneth: let the earth rejoice." PSALM 97:1

SEASONS GREETINGS





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Jan. 7 Set As 'Rub Out Rubella' Day

The first German Measles vaccine will be available soon for a county wide program to immunize all children between the ages of one and ten years. Rubella, or German Measles, also called the "three day measles" is a mild disease that can produce deformities in infants if the disease is contacted by the mother during pregnancy. In 1964, there were 30,000 miscarriages and stillbirths and some 20,000 children born with defects ranging from mental retardation and heart disease to blindness and deafness in the United States.

The vaccine is now available for organized immunization programs through the Texas State Health Department.

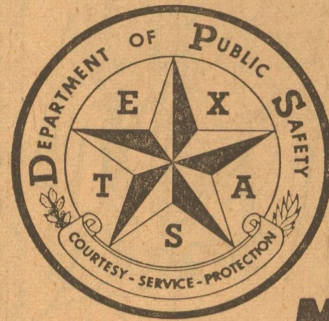
The State Health Department will provide the vaccine for all school age children, grades, pre-school through the fourth. All children must have signed permission slip at school by January 7th in order to take the vaccine.

Ages from one to pre-school will be given the vaccine at the Medical Center emergency room starting at 2:00 o'clock January 7th. All children must be accompanied by parent. In order to totally eradicate the disease, all children in the county between the ages of one and ten years should receive the vaccine. This portion of the program is to be sponsored by civic organizations in Schleicher county headed by Beta Sigma Phi. A carpool will be furnished.

Any questions will be answered by calling Mrs. Ronnie Griffin at 2601 or Mrs. C. F. Dacy at 2814. Help us set up January 7th as "Rub Out Rubella" Day.

OPERATION MOTORCIDE CHRISTMAS 1969

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**6 P.M.
DEC. 24**

**MIDNIGHT
DEC. 28**

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that 54 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the Christmas holiday period from 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 24 to midnight Sunday, December 28. DPS officials are joining with the Governor's highway safety program in urging Texans to "Drive Friendly" during the holidays and stay alive for the seventies.

BRIDGE WINNERS

Recent Eldorado Golf Club bridge winners were:

Dec. 11: Ralph Waldron and Delbert Taylor, 1st; Susie Martin and Melissa O'Harrow, 2nd; and Blakeways, 3rd.

Dec. 18: Ethel Olson and Jan Mobley, 1st; Childers and Porters, tied for 2nd; and Barfields, 4th.

There will be a chili supper at the club house for all members and their families on December 24 at 7:00 p.m. All urged to be there.

The Ben Fatherees plan to leave Wednesday on a trip to Oklahoma to visit parents and relatives. Ben's brother will be home after serving a year in Labrador with the Air Force.



SHOWER GAL . . . With her own tub and shower unit, this little doll can be showered and shampooed, shows enjoyment by bobbing her head back and forth.



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for happiness

Jerre's Drive - In

The Jim Holley Family

Destroy Unwanted Credit Cards

Cut and destroy unwanted credit cards, advises Linda Jacobsen, Extension home management specialist at Texas A&M University.

This eliminates keeping track of them and running the risk of a stolen card. By keeping the credit card, you have accepted the terms under which it was issued, even though no formal agreement was made.

Unsolicited credit cards may arrive through the mail from many sources: banks, oil companies or department stores.

Ceviche Recipe Spices Holidays

Austin, Tex.—If the usual chips and dips don't seem enough for a special holiday house party here's a favorite snack dish from Mexico which can be ladled up in small bowls and served with plastic spoons.

It's called "ceviche" and it's cooked in a traditional manner with citrus juices instead of heat, notes the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The basic ingredient is fish, virtually any species of fresh or salt-water fish. Most Mexican chefs use anything that swims. Whatever the choice, the fish should be in filet form (so that no bones get into the ceviche) and it can be diced in half-inch or one-inch chunks.

The first day, place one pound of diced filets in a baking dish and add the juice of five limes and one lemon. Cover with sauterne wine, if desired, and refrigerate 24 hours or more.

On the second or third day, add the following:

Two medium-size onions, finely chopped;

Five scallions, finely chopped, including green tops;

One No. 2 can of tomatoes. Remove cores and chop up residue;

One 8-oz. can of tomato sauce;

Two tablespoons of capers;

Half-cup salad peppers, chopped fine;

One teaspoon oregano;

One teaspoon sweet basil;

One teaspoon coriander;

Half-cup cilantro leaves, chopped (available in some Mexican grocery stores), or, if not available, add more coriander;

One tablespoon Tabasco sauce, or to individual taste.

Add to fish, stir thoroughly and refrigerate. This will last 10 days to two weeks, and makes approximately a quart and a half.

Before serving, stir in one teaspoon olive oil per pint. Serve as a snack, appetizer or light meal with crackers or hard-crusted bread.

R. E. Corbell left early this week for New Zealand where he will work with off-shore drilling.

New Babies

Mr. and Mrs. George Draper, Jr., are parents of a daughter born Dec. 11 in a San Angelo hospital. The new baby has been named Erica Shawn, and she weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Draper, and Mr. and Mrs. John Olive of San Angelo.

Santa Is Placed In Nativity Scene

In years, actually centuries, it has always been Joseph, Mary, the infant Jesus, a couple of sheep and perhaps the shepherds and three wise men who were depicted in Nativity scenes.

Last year the Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Port Angeles, Washington, added a new figure — Santa Claus.

It was explained that many Christians depend upon Christmas sales for their livelihood, "and they ought to be able to consecrate this part of their lives to God". A priest said, "We must get rid of this dichotomy, unless we're still laboring on the false idea that the body and the soul are separate." And a reverent Santa in the crib scene, he continued, follows the message that the church must incorporate the world.

Accepting Santa for the symbol of commercialization and then including him in the religious scene will help the church get its message across that man's whole life is permeated with religion.

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The Season's GREETINGS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We want to try to say 'Thank You' to all the people of Schleicher County who have been so wonderful to us the past 22 years.

In business, in sickness, and in sorrow we have appreciated your friendship and your patronage. May God bless each of you during this Christmas Season.

MRS. EVELYN STIGLER

EVA JOHNNY LINDA JERRY and COLENE

Home Demonstration Agent's Column

Ah, Sweet Christmas. The time of joy, anticipation and a universal engulfment of love for our fellow man.

The time of simple pleasures and complicated failures. The time of unexpected fulfillment, the time of a sense of loss because we have lost the mystery and glow of childhood. A time of sensing a cosmic peace; the great peace and a time of knowing failure for the peace makers. A time of the changing mood. A time of hearing a child's voice sing in its own high little pitch, "Sleep In Heavenly Peace, Sleep In Heavenly Peace," and have it ease the aching of muscles which have done too much for too long.

May your time be a happy time, and the best time of all is my Christmas wish for you.

Even though I wish this for everybody each year I reserve a special thought for some who might need a little extra brand of consideration.

So I says Merry Christmas to all

—Men who get lavender-striped ties from their mothers-in-law.

—Wives whose husbands brought in a crooked Christmas tree.

—Those whose tree lights burned out about 6:30 on Christmas Eve, after the stores had closed.

—Those who ordered gifts that have not come and who know that they never will come in time for Christmas.

—Whose popcorn balls would not stick together.

—Whose fudge didn't get quite firm enough.

—Whose turkey needed another 40 minutes in a slow oven at 2:00 p.m. on Christmas Day, and everybody at the table.

—Who will find out from some well meaning "friend" that the Christmas card they sent cost everybody who got one an extra 6 cents.

—Whose Christmas tree had lost all its needles (and a lot of its thread) by Christmas Eve.

—All those who are soon to discover that the "main big" toy runs by battery and no battery was included in the box. (Stores again closed.)

—All those who simply can't find the one address they have looked for all week.

—All those whose fruit cakes got just a little browner than was intended.

—All whose peanut brittle was a little scorched but who hope that no one will notice.

—For all who got gloves about one half size too small.

—To Louise and Dr. Edward Dyer, away up in Kremmling, Colorado, who have a new Ski Mobile and up until Dec. 14 NO SNOW!

—Who will discover a small hole on the corner of the Christmas tablecloth after it is too late to do anything about it.

—To all who got a beautiful diamond but secretly wished for a new dishwasher.

—To all who have worked and slaved over the Christmas dinner only to find that by the time the food is on the table they are too tired to eat.

—To all whose baby pulled the Christmas tree over on Christmas Eve.

—To those who did not get the outside decorations up on the house before the judging committee came by.

—To Mrs. Carl F. Matthews who lives in Potwin, Kansas, and who sent the most delicious pepper-nut cookies I ever tested—because Mrs. Matthews once lived in our county and still loves to come home.

—To a special pair of little boys who always wave when they see me . . .

—And to Dr. and Mrs. Jack Mowrey in Arizona whose town will soon have a new hospital, nearly like ours.

—And if I've missed anybody and you feel you deserve an extra thought just remember—you are included.

I love this little story which a friend declares is true.

At her family's rendition of Silent Night she noticed something sounding different. On listening carefully she realized that several children kept singing, "Round John Virgin, Mother, and Child." Finally the Mother stopped playing the piano and asked acidly, "Now who is this 'Round John Virgin'?" Her children piped up in unison, "He was one of the 'Twelve Opossums.'"

That's a child for you. May Christmas mean to you what it means to a child. They may have something we have never heard about.

Happy New Year—World.

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Christmas Blessings

**Peace On Earth
Good Will To One And All**

TOPLIFFE GAS & ELECTRIC SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Topliffe & Family

Merry Christmas



The blessed peace of Christmas . . . may it be yours.

ETHEREDGE TEXACO

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Etheredge and Employees

IT'S CHRISTMAS

and we are proud to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You" to all our good friends. May the season be filled with happiness for one and all!



ANDY NIXON WELDING & CONSTRUCTION CO.

The Andy Nixon Family & Employees

May there Come to you at this Holiday Time an Abundance of the precious Things of Life; Health Happiness and Enduring Friendships

WE WILL GIVE OUT DRAWING TICKETS 'TIL 2:30 P.M. DEC. 24TH

Be Sure To Attend The Drawing at 3:00 p.m.

Mobley Enco Service

Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Mobley & Employees

All good wishes FOR A **HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

We Will Be Open Christmas Eve.

Come Claim Your Lay-Aways

West'n Auto Associate Store

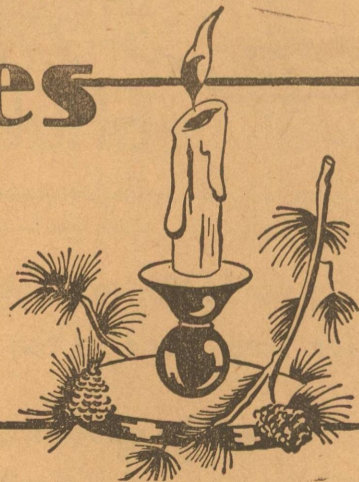
The Buddy White Family & Employees

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.



We Will Give Out Drawing Tickets Until 2:30 P.M. Wed., Dec. 24th

—DRAWING WILL BE 3:00 P.M., DECEMBER 24TH—


HEXT FOODS

Granvil Hext, Jack Hext, & Employees

CAREFUL SHOPPING

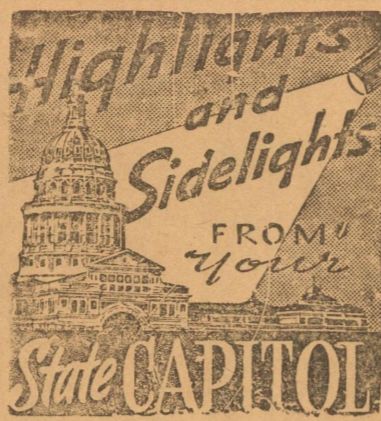
Don't be in such a hurry to do your shopping. You may be able to save money and disappointment by taking more time.

Shop only at reliable stores. Don't be blinded by bargains—they are not always good buys. Shop and compare prices. Prices can be extremely different for the same item.



Season's Greetings
 May each moment of Christmas ring with joy for you and your family.

H. A. — Dixie — Allen — Jimmy



Austin, Tex.—Highlight of the Holiday Season at your State Capitol always is the annual Christmas party for employees and state officials, held in the House of Representatives.

Featured at this year's festivities was a children's Life Corps Choir from Mexico City and Texas.

Climax of the revelry always is the group singing of Christmas carols around a giant Christmas tree, erected in the rotunda. This year's tree is 32 feet tall, and decorated with brilliant, colorful lights. It is so huge and so heavy that a crew of workmen had to hoist it into place with guide ropes secured to the second floor balcony. Watching them erect it got everyone in the holiday spirit.

After the giant tree went up, Gov. Preston Smith and the First Lady lighted the Mansion tree—a 22½-foot lace cedar. It was donated by a retired Central Texas couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Doss Sr. of Gay Hill near Brenham.

Thousands of Texans make the annual pilgrimage to the statehouse to admire the beauty of the capitol building and the matching attractiveness of Congress Avenue and the Governor's Mansion.

Safe Driving Urged

Governor Smith has appealed to Texas drivers to use "utmost caution" during the coming holiday season.

Department of Public Safety estimated traffic crashes in state during the Christmas-New Year period may claim as many as 87 lives.

Both the governor and the DPS said that this tragic toll can be averted if Texans will "drive safely and realize that no one is immune to a traffic crash."

Smith declared "a State of traffic safety emergency" through January 5.

Public School Education

A group of private citizens is distributing an 8-page booklet summarizing the results of the controversial report of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education (COPSE).

Booklet includes a rundown of the accomplishments to date and those that became law even in a modified sense. It also advocates action on the "additional improvements proposed by COPSE which are still needed to give Texas a first-class public school system." Included in that section are the proposals for tax equalization and consolidation of smaller schools that raised so much furor during the legislative session.

Short Snorts . . .

State Rep. Bob Armstrong of Austin has announced that he will run for Land Commissioner against the incumbent Jerry Sadler, who plans to seek re-election.

Harris, Dallas and Lee counties have been placed under federal quarantine for hog cholera as a result of an outbreak of the swine disease.

Texas Supreme Court has licensed 251 new attorneys.

Sen. Criss Cole of Houston, the only blind member of the Texas Senate, will be Governor for a Day on Jan. 10.

Nearly half of Texans eligible to vote—about 1.5 million—already have registered, according to the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Former Postal Employee Now Border Patrolman

Jimmie W. Harris, 30, of Eldorado and Marfa, Texas, was graduated last week from the United States Border Patrol Academy at Los Fresnos, Texas, and will perform duties as a Patrol Inspector in the Marfa, Texas Border Patrol Sector.

Patrol Inspector Harris was a member of the 94th Session of the Border Patrol Academy and was one of 98 new officers successfully completing the intensive academy courses.

Patrol Inspector Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orland A. Harris of Route 1, Eldorado, Texas. He attended Eldorado Elementary School and is a graduate of Eldorado High School. He attended Texas Technological College in 1957-58.

Harris is married to the former Bell Sutherland of Monahans, Tex. The couple have three children.

Before his appointment to the Border Patrol, Harris was an employee of the Post Office in Eldorado.

Ten Attend DAR Christmas Luncheon

On December 18, high noon, at Java Junction, Mmes. William Gunstead, Luke Thompson, and J. E. Hill were hostesses at the traditional DAR Christmas luncheon. The table was centered with a beautiful Christmas floral arrangement.

Mrs. Walter Ramsay gave the invocation, and later opened the Chapter with appropriate Scripture and prayer.

Mrs. Ernest E. Goens, regent, presided. The minutes were read by Mrs. Luke Thompson, secretary.

It was the pleasure of the Chapter to invite Mrs. Octavia Palmer, Mrs. P. K. McIntosh's guest, to membership in the El Dorado Chapter Daughters of American Revolution. Her name was presented to the Chapter Board in September.

The Christmas message of the President General Mrs. Erwin Frees Seimes was given by Mrs. Goens. The program, I Remember Christmas, was presented by Mrs. Ernest C. Hill.

It is a changing world but Christmas does not change. A young world greets Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray Stanford and family of Vista, Cal., are here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Stanford, and other relatives and friends.



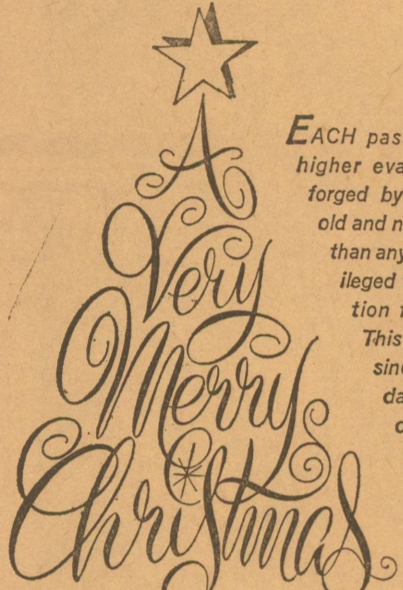
Merry Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our host of good friends, we send holiday wishes, with appreciation for your loyalty and good will.

Closing Noon, Christmas Eve
 Re-Opening Sunday Morning, Dec. 28th


JAVA JUNCTION CAFE
 Dessie Clements & Employees



A Very Merry Christmas

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.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Dannheim
 Carl and Mark



MRS. E. T. DAVIS

sends all of her friends and loved ones in Eldorado and Schleicher County Greetings and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and the coming New Year.

She will be happy to hear from any and all of you.

Her present address is:

8415 Delwin
 Houston, Texas 77034

MANY THANKS

I want to thank each and every one of you for the many nice cards, flowers, and visits during my 39 days in the Shannon hospital.

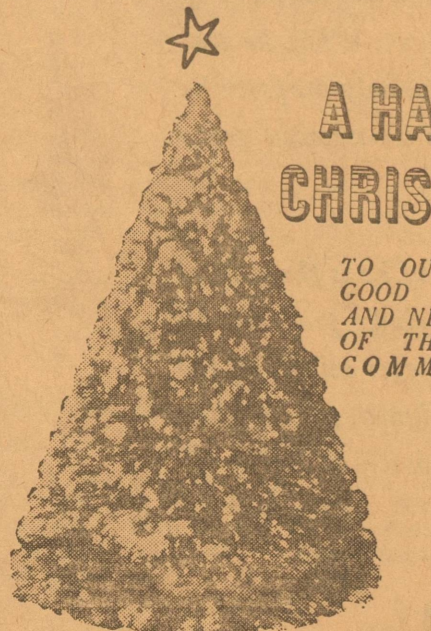
Love from your neighbors and friends shines through when sickness occurs.

We are staying with our daughter in San Angelo, whose address is 321 E. 47th, so drop in for coffee when you are in town. Our sincere thanks.

The A. P. Thigpen Family (c)

CHRISTMAS Greetings

SHAW'S MOTEL
 Mrs. C. N. Shaw & Employees



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

TO OUR MANY GOOD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF THIS FINE COMMUNITY

ROBERT (BOB) PAGE
 Oil Properties

Peace on earth



Lowe's Repair Shop
 Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Lowe and family

Gospel Meeting

STARTS FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 26th

AND CONTINUES THROUGH SUNDAY

DECEMBER 28th

Meetings Begin At 7:30 o'Clock Each Night

Portis Ribble

Of San Angelo

WILL CONDUCT THE GOSPEL MEETING

Dinner At Memorial Building On Sunday

At 12:00 Noon

WEST SIDE

Church Of Christ

Eldorado, Texas

EVERYONE CORDIALLY INVITED



One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city.

He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away.

He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that

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