

LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

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## Christmas

On that blessed night, the world was hushed with wonder, and hope arose anew for all mankind . . . Christ the Saviour was born. Today, we pray for His guidance, that we may find peace in our hearts and renewed faith in a world in which men everywhere shall live in good will and understanding with one another.

# Davis Home Judged Best

The home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis was proclaimed as best among those decorated in McLean for the Lions Club sponsored home decorations contest. The selection was made by out-of-town judges Saturday night, Odell Mantooth, club president, stated.

Named as tops in the commercial division was the window of the McLean Flower Shop. Special recognition was given to the Bill Day Furniture and the Southwestern Public Service company.

Placing second in the home decorations contest was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ferguson, and third went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilkerson.

President Mantooth presented the winners with their checks Saturday night following the judging. One prize of \$10 was given in the commercial division. In the homes contest, first prize was \$10, second \$7.50, and third \$5.

No entrance in the contests was necessary since the judges rode throughout the town and studied each home and business firms decorated. Members of the Lions Club were not eligible for any of the prizes.

## Boys Win Title—SHAMROCK TOURNEY

The rough-and-ready McLean boys basketball team copped top honors in the field of 12 teams during the Shamrock invitational basketball tournament held last week-end.

The local lads won the title by defeating Samnorwood 55-45 in the final game Saturday night.

McLean's girls advanced to the semi-finals, but were ousted by the eventual champions, the Pantherettes, by a score of 44-39. Panhandle had beaten the local girls in the McLean tournament by five points also.

The boys opened their winning streak by downing Kelton 59-58, and then whipped Alanreed 56-44 in the second round. The Tigers drew a bye to the finals, missing the third round of play.

The local girls opened by defeating Clarendon 43-31, and then won by forfeit over the Alanreed girls to place them in the semi-finals against Panhandle.

Making the all-tournament team from McLean were Wayne Moore, Jimmy Farren, and Rod-

ney Gunn, on the boys' team; and Harlene Moore on the girls' team.

Beginning next Thursday, December 31, the boys will play in the Claude tournament, which is for boys' teams only. The tourney will continue through Saturday. Next regularly-scheduled games for the boys and girls will be those with Alanreed the night of January 7.

## SANTA LETTERS

Chambers, Ariz.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 6 years old. I enjoy school so much. Santa, I'm not asking for much this year. I have seen so many little Indian children who won't receive gifts this year. Please bring them gifts and fruit. I just want a rag doll and sled. Thank you.

Marie Gallegly.

Chambers, Ariz.

Dear Santa,

I guess it is a little late to start being good. You were a little boy once, Santa, so you know just how mischievous a little three-year-old boy can be. If you have toys for little stinkers, please bring me a farm set and a small train. I will try to be better next year. Love to you.

David Gallegly.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

Here I am again to thank you for being so nice to me last year. And hope to see you again this year. I am a boy in the 6th grade and have done my best to be nice to everyone. Will you please bring me a lot of nice things, just anything will be O. K. Don't forget all my friends, my Mother, Daddy, and brother and sister. Also my grandparents and cousins. I love you. Your friend,

Bill Kingston.

## BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 27—Mrs. J. M. Noel, Mrs. W. E. Bogan, Mrs. Frank Simpson, Joe Lynn Magee, Mary Erwin, Mrs. William Kelly, Terry Himes, Harold Petty, Herman Petty.

Dec. 28—Carl Watson, Kenneth Messenger, Odessa Preston, C. J. Magee, Vickie Mae Christie.

Dec. 29—Margaret Jean West.

Dec. 30—Delma Butrum, Mrs. Betty Putman.

Dec. 31—Mrs. C. J. Cash, Lee Wilson, Lydia Ann Smith.

Jan. 1—Glenda Smith, Betty Milam, Mrs. Joe Hindman, Mrs. W. R. Clark, Mrs. W. H. Floyd.

Jan. 2—Clyde Allen Windom, Velma Pearl Baker, Cula Jo McClellan, Louise Dwight, Opal Patterson, Norman Grigsby.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rodgers were in Amarillo Thursday of last week on business.

Bethie Mantooth, Bonita Bailey, Floella Cubine, Dortha Chase, and Dale Glass of WTSC, Canyon; Pat Reeves of University of Texas, Austin; and Donald Smith, Eddie Reeves, Gale Plummer, B. W. Duncan, Kenneth Gibson, and Mary Holloway of Texas Tech, Lubbock, are spending the holidays with their parents here.

Randy Mantooth of Claude visited with his brother, Odell Mantooth, Sunday.

## Merry Christmas



... to our dearest friends and patrons. Joy and happiness during the coming year.

McLean Flower Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Legon Burris



NO. 1 GRANDCHILDREN... Grandchildren of President Eisenhower get a look at Christmas dolls. They are (left to right) Susan, Barbara Anne, and Dwight David. The children spent last Christmas with their grandparents at 60 Morningside Drive, New York.

## Puritans Outlawed Yule as Frivolous

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in contrast to the lavish feasting and boisterous merry-making of olden time.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters' customers, "Christmas Boxes" were collected on St. Stephen's day.

## Pre-Red Russia Observed New Years

Before the revolution, New Year's was a gay and happy time in Russia.

In some cities the streets were decorated with flags and lanterns and thronged with merry-makers. The year was ushered in with a hundred shots fired from cannon. One New Year's Day the Winter Palace was opened to society. Festivity reigned throughout the city, hospitality and charity were the watchwords from palace to cottage.

The mythical Ovsen was supposed to be around about this time. He was usually depicted astride a boar, symbolically associated with the pork served for New Year dinner and the symbolism of Aryan descent.

Mrs. Della Holloway underwent surgery for a broken hip Friday of last week at Highland General Hospital in Pampa. Mrs. Ruel Smith and Mrs. Callie Haynes were with her in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Thompson, Miss Frances Thompson, and Mrs. Marian Brust and son Jimmy of Quannah were Sunday visitors with Mrs. J. P. Alexander.

Olen Davis, Claude Simmons, and Mrs. Ted Simmons were in Amarillo Saturday on business.



Teacher: Yes, Johnny, what is it?  
Johnny: I don't want to scare you, Miss Jones, but my father says if I don't get better grades, someone is due for a licking.

"The time will come," thundered the lady orator, "when women will get men's wages."

"Yeah," muttered the little man in a rear seat, "next Saturday night."

If you still haven't a gift suitable for the entire family, drive in and let us equip your car with a new set of Atlas tires. The whole family enjoys driving much, much more when they feel safer on the best in tires.

Chevron Gas Station

ODELL MANTOOTH

## Yule Seal Idea Was From Denmark

This year millions of Americans have received a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

The idea was conceived by a Danish postal clerk. He thought of the idea in 1903 while mailing Christmas packages and letters.

The clerk was Einar Holboell. He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

## Keep Trees Green

If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson and family and Mrs. Pat Pennington visited with Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Patterson in Amarillo Sunday.

McLean Lions Club  
Tuesday, 12:05  
Lions Hall - Visitors Welcome

Dr. Joel M. Gooch  
Optometrist

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Please Phone for Appointments



## OF THE SEASON TO YOU AND YOURS

May your Christmas be joyful, and the New Year to come be filled with happiness for each of you.

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## Gifts Galore

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We Will be Open December 26 to Care for Your Drug Needs

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU!

"Enjoy More in '54"



Much happiness and good cheer is our wish for you. And may every good thing be yours the New Year through!

## CLABORN FUNERAL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Claborn

# Proposed Dam May Help Local Area

A proposed dam over Salt Fork of Red River, which should prove eventually to be of considerable benefit to McLean and surrounding area, has been granted dam construction rights by the State Board of Water Engineers.

Communities most concerned are Clarendon, Hedley, Wellington, Memphis, Childress, Paducah, and Quanah, since these towns would receive water from the lake formed by the dam.

The dam itself, if constructed, will be located northeast of Hedley, where the river runs through the Bill Lewis ranch, according to A. H. Woolverton, consulting engineer of Austin who made the preliminary surveys for the project.

An organization called the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Association is working on legal technicalities of the project. The association has members from the towns which would obtain water from the lake.

If the dam is constructed, Clifford Farmer, manager of the Memphis chamber of commerce, said, water would be almost entirely for municipal and industrial use, and only citizens of the various towns interested in the matter will be eligible to vote. It is believed the next step is to hold an election to form a water authority district.

The grant by the State Board of Water Engineers for the construction right was issued only a short time ago. The grant is for one year, and for that reason, the association is endeavoring to get activity started at once.

Woolverton has estimated that such a dam would impound approximately 100,000 acre feet of water. The construction cost for the dam was set at about \$1,900,000 and estimated cost of the dam and a distribution system to carry water to towns that have been represented in discussions, is \$8,700,000.

The preliminary survey made by Woolverton showed that the dam would have a watershed of about 750 square miles. He estimated that this would furnish sufficient water to take about 25,000 acre feet annually from the proposed lake. Woolverton also estimated that this would be about five times what interested municipalities currently need, and the excess could be used for industrial and irrigation purposes.

The proposed location for the dam would be about 20 miles south and east of McLean.

## Fidelis S. S. Class Social Is Held At Tibbets Home

The Fidelis Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a pre-Christmas supper and social Tuesday night of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Tibbets.

The table bountifully laden with good things to eat greeted guests and members as they entered the kitchen where the meal was served buffet style.

Guests present were Dr. Buell Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wheeler, Betty Ruth Dilbeck, J. L. Johnston, H. W. Finley, T. D. Key, Wib Fowler, Luther Petty, and O. L. Tibbets. Class members present were Mesdames Finley, teacher, Johnston, Key, Fowler, Petty, Tibbets, Luther Quarles, Etta Carmichael, Pearl Turner, Essie Glenn, and Lummie Pruett. Mrs. Irvon Alderson was unable to be present.

Little Miss Dilbeck furnished accordion music at the close of the meal, followed by games by the group.

It had been decided previously by class members that instead of exchanging gifts, an offering would be made to add to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions now in progress at the church. This amounted to \$27, and a special offering of \$2 was made for Buckner Orphans Home.

Six attempts to gain statehood were made by Utah before it finally succeeded on January 4, 1896. Admission was repeatedly refused because of polygamous practices.

About six million bodies are entombed in the catacombs under Paris.

Strange Interlude, the play by O'Neill, ran from 5:30 p. m. to 11 p. m. with an hour's intermission for dinner.

A mandrill is a large baboon with a light blue nose, orange and yellow beard, and a forehead crest of greenish hair.



**At Christmas**  
... we wish you joy and happiness, health and prosperity for the coming year.

**McLEAN ZERO LOCKERS**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**BILL W. WATERS**  
County Attorney

## Panama Stakes Two New Tests

Two new gas test locations near McLean have been staked by Panama corporation, the company which is doing extensive drilling in this area.

The locations are as follows:  
P. J. Barnes No. B-1-1270 feet from W lines of Sec. 188, Blk. E, D&P Survey, 2 mi. W from McLean, PD 2800 feet.

C. L. McGee No. A-1-1320 feet from N and W lines of Sec. 71, Blk. E, D&P Survey, 2.5 mi. SW from McLean, PD 2800 feet.

## Junior Department Of Baptist Church Has Yuletide Party

The annual Christmas party for the junior department of the First Baptist Church was held at the church basement Thursday evening, December 17.

Games were played, and refreshments were served by the officers and teachers of the department, after which the children exchanged gifts from a lighted tree. Some 37 were in attendance.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am a boy 9 years old and have tried very hard to be good but sometimes I'm not so good. Will you please bring me a fielder's glove, ball, and bat, a belt, and anything else you have. I will be looking for you so don't forget me. Don't forget my school friends and especially my girl friend, also my Mother, Daddy, brother, and little sister. Please remember my grandparents and my teacher. I love you a lot. So hurry and come see me. Your pal,  
Jimmy Ray Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Petty of Vernon were Thursday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty.

He that is too secure is not safe.—Proverb.



**Merry Christmas**

Your good-will and friendship have been invaluable to us, and we take this time to extend our thanks.

**ELITE BARBER SHOP**  
Buddy Sutton

**Merry Christmas**



We really do hope this will be the merriest Christmas ever. May your life be filled with the joys of many friendships.

**LEWIS GOODRICH**  
District Judge



**Merry Christmas**

Greetings of the holiday season.

Our wishes for you, most sincere . . .

Have a Christmas that is merry and a New Year filled with cheer.

## GUNN BROS. STAMPS . . .

. . . wish for each of you the very greatest happiness and joy during the Yuletide season. May the coming year bring you your dearest desires . . . may you have peace and contentment throughout the New Year.



To our friends and acquaintances, to those we'll meet some day . . . and to those whom we may never meet . . . go our wishes for a happy holiday.

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## THE DANGERS WE FACE

IF THE HEARINGS by the State Industrial Commission, held in Austin from December 4-7, did nothing more than awaken the people of Texas to the dangers of Communism, the hearings were worthwhile.

But they did more than that. They proved conclusively that Communists have been in Texas and New Mexico. That the Mexican border is a point of contact, entrance, and exit of Communists. That there is a definite danger of Communists taking over the labor unions. That there are pro-Communists at the head of three labor unions that are now trying to gain a foothold in Texas. That the CIO in Texas has taken one national group under its wing in the face of indisputable evidence that the national leaders of that group have been members of the Communist party and still refuse, under the 5th amendment, to state that they are not now nor have been Communists. That there is a need for a law in Texas to prevent Communists from entering the state, to rid the labor unions of Communist sympathizers and to put teeth into the enforcement of provisions of such a law. That the time has come for the passage of state and federal laws prohibiting picketing and sympathy strikes.

If you had attended these hearings, you would have seen clear evidence of the necessity for such legislation. You would have heard statements from former Communists' own lips—statements that would make your blood boil. You would have listened to their outline of the plans of the Communist party—how the Communist smoothies work, how they infiltrate into important posts, how they aim to strike through the church, the government, the labor unions.

You would have learned that the small labor unions are just as important to the Communists as the major unions when it comes to work stoppage, infiltration, and sabotage. Communists use the minorities to control the majorities. In fact, of the 180 million Russians, only 40,000 are members of the Communist party. But they are in full control.

It is a known fact that when Communists are driven underground they lose 90 per cent of their membership. That is why it is so important that all of us do all we can to expose any type of Communist activity.

It is not our desire to cast troubles upon you during this happy Christmas season. But we should remember that Communists are not God-fearing people; and perhaps the best time to increase our battle against Communism is during the time when we observe the birth of Christ. That time, of course, is now.

## LES TALK

By LESTER

The time has come, the walrus said, to think of many things. And the time has come for me to write some kind of a Christmas column.

I could talk of the beauty of Christmas, the physical beauty of the Yuletide season . . . when there are gaily lighted trees in most every home . . . when there are gaily decorated doors . . . when there are gaily decorated business districts . . . when there are gaily decorated business firms.

But it's been done many times before.

I could talk of the joy of giving . . . how better it is for all of us to enjoy giving our Christmas gifts than receiving them . . . how much pleasure each of us gets out of remembering those we love . . . how much pleasure we receive in watching those who are the recipients of our gifts.

But it's been done many times before.

I could even talk of how much pleasure humans that we be, we get in receiving gifts . . . how much we so deeply appreciate receiving them, but are inadequate in expressing that appreciation . . . how often we wonder just how much something cost, and how we wonder whether the giver can afford that much . . . how we feel when the gift we give is so far inferior to that which we receive.

But it's been done many times before.

I could talk of the fundamental reason we all observe Christmas . . . how Mary and Joseph were forced to spend the night in a stable . . . how our Lord Jesus was born in that stable . . . how the shepherds heard the good news . . . how the wise men came to find the baby who was to rule our spiritual world.

But it's been done many times before.

I could talk of the manner in which our four and one-half year-old daughter Chris is enjoying the Christmas season . . . how the light glows in her eyes at each mention of Santa Claus . . . how she giggled so freely when we were decorating our sad-looking Christmas tree . . . how she talks and acts when some mention of gifts is made . . . how much pleasure we are getting from her this Yuletide season.

But it's been done many times before.

I could talk of how we should love one another . . . how terrible it is to have a hate for anyone . . . how all of us have been taught to love our enemies . . . how we have been taught to turn the other cheek . . . how the season of the birth of Christ

should mean so much to all of us.

But it's been done many times before.

I could talk of things sarcastic . . . how so few people entered into the home decorating spirit this year . . . how so few business houses really try to induce people into their stores to buy their Christmas needs . . . how so many people look forward to Christmas from the "cost" angle rather than the spiritual angle.

But it's been done many times before.

I could talk of wishing all of you a Merry Christmas . . . even spend an entire column telling each of you the pleasure I have had in living among you these more-than-seven-years . . . how many friends I feel that I have here . . . how wonderful our community really is . . . how we hope all of you have a Happy New Year.

It's been done many times before.

But I'm going to do that again. For really and truly.



## The McLean News

McLEAN, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1953

I know that I have many friends in our Community, and I want to say to all of you, Whether you're friends, Just acquaintances, Or even enemies, That I wish You and Yours A MERRY CHRISTMAS And a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Reeves attended the funeral of Henry Biggers, former McLean resident, in Hereford Monday of last week.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks for all the deeds, the flowers, cards, and prayers we received from our friends while we were in the hospital. May God bless each of you.  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl who is 4 years old. I have tried to be good and help Mommie. I would like for you to bring me a walking doll, an iron and ironing board, lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget my two brothers and Mommie and Daddy. Also my grandparents, all my cousins and little friends. I love

you very much, Santa. Your little friend,  
Judy Kingston

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Saucy Walker doll, a watch, doll house, some games, telephone set, doll clothes and candy and nuts. Please bring mother and father something too. I love you,  
Linda Kay Hindman



# Christmas

Christmas is more than "Santa and a tree" . . . to all it brings a message of peace and good will . . . and it is in this spirit that we extend our sincere greetings to you and your family.

**O. L. TIBBETS**  
Commissioner  
Precinct 4

# New 1954 Chevrolet

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**First and only low-priced car to bring you all these new features and advantages!**

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*First in the Low-Price Field!*  
Chevrolet Power Brakes make stopping wonderfully easy and convenient. Optional at extra cost on Powerglide models.

## New!

**AUTOMATIC WINDOW AND SEAT CONTROLS**  
*More Chevrolet "Firsts"!*  
Touch a button to adjust front windows or seat. Optional on Bel Air and "Two-Ten" models at extra cost.

## New!

**NEW POWER IN "BLUE-FLAME 125" ENGINE**  
*Most Powerful in its Field!*  
Most powerful Chevrolet passenger car engine ever built! Teamed with Powerglide, optional at extra cost.

## New!

**NEW POWER IN "BLUE-FLAME 115" ENGINE**  
*Out-Powers All Other Low-Priced Cars!*  
In gearshift models, the more powerful "Blue-Flame 115" engine also gives you finer performance with money-saving gas mileage!

## New!

**NEW STYLING IN BODY BY FISHER**  
*Another Chevrolet Exclusive!*  
All around the car, and from every angle, you see new beauty in the only Fisher Body in Chevrolet's field.

## New!

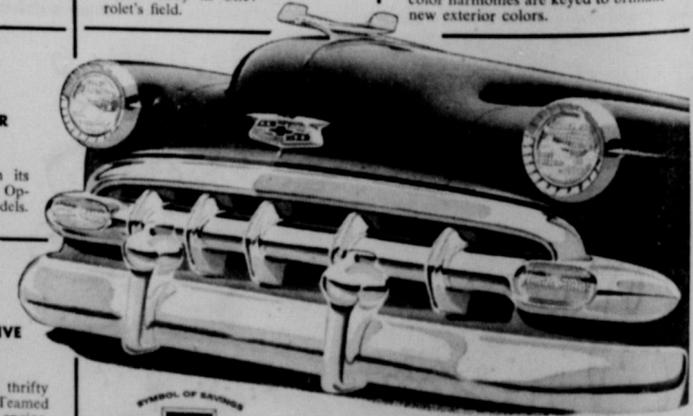
**FINEST, MOST COLORFUL INTERIORS**  
*In the Low-Price Field!*  
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## New!

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*Another Chevrolet "First"!*  
The first Power Steering in its field now reduced in price! Optional at extra cost on all models.

## New!

**CHEVROLET'S EXCLUSIVE POWERGLIDE**  
*Now for All Models!*  
Now you can have smooth, thrifty Powerglide on any model. Teamed with the "Blue-Flame 125" engine, it's optional at extra cost.



More things more people want, that's why  
**MORE PEOPLE BUY CHEVROLETS**  
than any other car!



## CAROL

We cannot bring to Thee Frankincense . . . treasure . . .  
Angel songs filling earth  
With heavenly measure . . .  
Out of our yearning hearts  
We proffer only:  
Wonder in children's eyes . . .  
Love for the lonely . . .  
Laughter to lift sad hearts . . .  
Warmth for the stranger . . .  
Bless these, our gifts to Thee,  
Child of the Manger!



**COOKE CHEVROLET CO.**

McLEAN, TEXAS

# Personal



## At Home — NEW BOSS

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gudgeon of Farmington, N. M., are the parents of a girl born December 9. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and has been named Rhonda Lynn. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Gudgeon and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones of McLean.

Frank Rodgers was in Oklahoma City and Weatherford, Okla., over the week-end on business.

Eula Mae Scales of Bethany, Okla., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scales.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Seago and daughter Sue, and Benny Hill of Lelia Lake visited with J. D. and Cleo Pope Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johnston of Brownfield are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Barber and daughter of Amarillo visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Chase and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Immel of Borger visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, and also Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nicholson, Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob House and children of College Station are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murff of Canyon spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anders and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Havens in Kellerville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Fulbright of Portales, N. M., spent the weekend with their mothers, Mrs. M. M. Newman and Mrs. J. C. McClellan.

Dorothea Back of Dumas and Mary Ann Back of Abilene are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Back.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and daughter of Dumas and LaRue Black of Portales, N. M., spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Beck and family.

Mrs. Joe Street and son of New Mexico are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. O. K. Lee.

Frank Wharton of Kermit, Miss Louise Black of Blossom, Mrs. F. L. Haberle of Jacksonville, and Mary Hunter of Lubbock spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Black. Bob Black Jr. accompanied Miss Louise Black to Blossom for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Wilson of Fort Worth visited over the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. C. S. Rice. Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. J. B. Tanner of Gainesville, returned home with them after a three-weeks visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bragg and daughters, accompanied by Bobbie Day, spent the week-end in Amarillo visiting with A. B. Bowerman, Mr. and Mrs. Cad Bowerman and family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Carter and family and Mrs. J. B. Pettit visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bazel Pettit in Pampa Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Lane and children of Lefors visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clawson Friday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wilham and grandson of Amarillo visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jesso Roberts Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Miller and son and Mrs. Frank Howard were in Amarillo Friday on business.

Mrs. Bud Scribner and daughter of Mobeetie, and Mrs. W. J. Whitt of Clarendon visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hauck Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oba Kunkel and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Elms in Lefors Sunday.



NEW YEAR'S EVE . . . And a very lovely Eve, too, is this young lady as she warns you that time is marching on.

## Most Beloved Carol Is 'Silent Night'

The most beloved carol of the world is "Silent Night" that simple and tender German song.

Its origin was unknown for many years. Recent research, however, disclosed that it was written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

The poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the carol for the first time on Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church in 1818.

The night it was sung the small church's organ was out of order and the choir sang to the accompaniment of a guitar.

Since then the carol has been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world and in the languages of nearly all men.

Mrs. J. M. Payne was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo last Friday for medical treatment. Her condition is reported as much improved.

Cliff Martindale of Amarillo is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Martindale.

## THE FUTURE



## WORRYING YOU?

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## Germans First Lighted Christmas Tree Here

German immigrants, homesick for the traditions of their native land, were the first to decorate Christmas trees in their homes in the United States, according to tradition.

Historians believe it was about the end of the Revolution that the practice began to grow in the colonies.

Before that the Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. And a Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

Historians also believe that Martin Luther was the first to decorate and light a tree. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

Cecil Dyer and son and Odell Dyer of Sidney, Mont., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Dyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eustace and daughter spent the week-end in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eustace.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ayers of Tulla visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Willis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brooks visited with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brooks in Amarillo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Curry visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Coon in Cheyenne, Okla., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Burton of Maude, Okla., visited with Mr.

and Mrs. M. G. Mullanax last Thursday

Mrs. Peb Everett and son are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Peb Everett Jr. in La Marque.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gross and children of Casper, Wyo., spent the week-end with Mrs. Lillie Johns and other relatives.

Wesley Smith of Pauls Valley, Okla., visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Chase Sunday.



Extending  
The Greetings  
of the Season

With this, the greatest of holidays, before us, we join in the good wishes of the world to promote good fellowship in the real spirit of Christmas.

## MEAD'S BAKERY

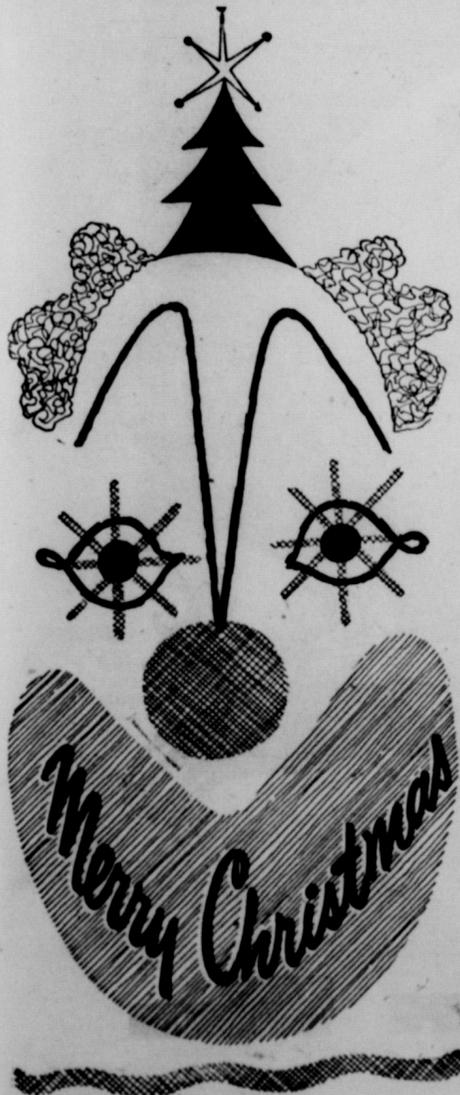
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin and Joe

## To Our Friends



This Yuletide Season marks the end of another year of service to you. May we thank you for your patronage and say that we hope to see you often in the future . . . Have a Happy Holiday!

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PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Odell Mantooth



We all wish to extend to you Christmas greetings, good will and Holiday cheer

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Victor . . . Jewel . . . Jimmy

# Greetings To You at Christmas

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 Good variety of fireworks at Buck Henley's home east of town. 512c

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 For Rent—4-room house with bath. J. D. Davenport. 12-tfc

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 Beauty Counsellors Cosmetics distributors needed in McLean. For information, write Bernice Carter, 312B W. 10th, Amarillo, Texas. 51-3p

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**Birthday Party Given in Honor Of Betty Dickinson**

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dickinson gave a surprise dinner Wednesday evening of last week honoring their daughter, Betty, on her 15th birthday. Attending were Pat Wiggins, Clea Sue Heasley, Monta Jean Kennedy, Pauline Erwin, and Rolena Chase. After the gifts had been opened, the girls played and sang Christmas carols, after which they went to their school class party at the First Baptist Church. The chief aid to memory is order.—Simonides.

**Gay —Neapolitans Noël!**



Highlight Christmas buffets with Neapolitan Noël—twinkling stars and frosty-tipped Christmas trees gleaming with sprinkles of bright-colored sugar. The Spry recipe for these delicate "French-Whip" pastries—filled with luscious creamy fruit filling—was just developed in the Leveg Test Kitchens.

**"French-Whip" Pastry**  
 1/4 cup Homogenized Spry 2 egg yolks, unbeaten  
 3 tablespoons boiling water 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
 1 tablespoon milk 1/3 cup sugar  
 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1 teaspoon salt

Put Spry in medium-sized mixing bowl. Add boiling water, milk, and lemon juice and break up shortening with fork. Tilt bowl and, with rapid cross-the-bowl strokes, whip with fork until all liquid is absorbed and mixture holds soft peaks when fork is lifted. Add egg yolks and beat until well blended. Sift flour, sugar, and salt onto the creamy-gold "French-Whip." Stir quickly with round-the-bowl strokes into a dough that clings together and "cleans" the bowl. Pick up and work into a smooth dough, shape into a flat round. Makes enough pastry for 16 Neapolitans.

**Neapolitan Noël**  
 Divide "French-Whip" Pastry dough in half, shape into 2 rounds. Roll each separately between two 12" squares of waxed paper into a circle size of paper and 1/8" thick. Peel off top paper, cut out small Christmas trees and stars with cookie cutters. Remove carefully to ungreased baking sheets. Prick. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 10-15 min., or until honey-gold. Remove to wire racks to cool. Repeat with other half of dough. There should be 48 cut-outs. Spread a layer of Fruity Cream Filling on 32, put together in pairs. Decorate remaining 16 as follows: moisten parts to be decorated lightly with finger dipped in cold water, then place cut-out, moistened side down, in colored sugar. Edges can be neatly outlined and decorative designs quickly made in this way. Place the 16 sugar-tops on the filled pairs. Makes 16 Neapolitans.

**Fruity Cream Filling**  
 Let a 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese soften in mixing bowl about 10 min., then cream with spoon. Add 2 tablespoons sugar, dash of salt, 1/8 teaspoon vanilla, mix well. Whip 1/2 cup heavy cream until stiff; fold into cheese mixture. Add 1 tablespoon each of finely chopped candied pineapple, dates, pecans, and well-drained candied cherries; 1 teaspoon finely chopped candied orange peel, blend. Makes filling for 16 Neapolitans.

**MRS. PUCKETT DIES IN SAYRE**

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Sayre, Okla., for Mrs. C. H. Puckett, former McLean resident, who died Saturday night, following a brief illness. Mrs. Puckett, who was making her home with a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Bowen of Sayre, was born January 22, 1875, in Woolvine, Va. She and her husband, who died January 17, 1951, made their home in McLean for a number of years before moving to Dimmitt, where they were making their home at the time of his death. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Bowen, and Mrs. Edith Finch of Dimmitt, and two grandchildren of California. Attending the funeral from McLean were R. T. Dickinson, Mrs. J. P. Dickinson, Mrs. Laura Stratton, and Mollie and Pauline Erwin.

**Called Meeting Of Eastern Star Is Held Here**

McLean Chapter 239, Order of the Eastern Star, met in a called session December 15 in the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Juanita Griffith, worthy matron, and C. R. Griffith, worthy patron, presided. An initiation ceremony was held for four candidates. Refreshments were served from tables decorated in the holiday motif. The next session will be January 7. The deputy grand matron, Mrs. Robbie Yates, will make her official visit at that time.

**STORES TO CLOSE**

Remember, folks, to buy your needs for a long week-end before the local stores close for Christmas. Most of the retail stores in McLean, including both Puckett's and Cooper's, will close both Christmas Day and the following day to allow employees Friday, Saturday, and Sunday off for Christmas. Many other towns in the area will follow a similar plan. So shop now, and get what you need for the three days of closing.

**Christmas Greetings—FROM NAZARETH**

(Editor's Note: The following is a letter from Rev. Herman Petty, who is working as a missionary for the Southern Baptist foreign mission board in Nazareth, Israel. Rev. Petty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty of McLean.)

Nazareth, Israel  
 Box 20  
 Dear Friends in Christ:

Christmas greetings from the Holy Land. As we approach this season our hearts are full. The Christmas story comes to us with renewed freshness as we view the very scenes where this greatest of all dramas was enacted almost two thousand years ago. Recently we drove along the border of the old city of Jerusalem and looked over into Bethlehem. There was great emotion in our hearts as we saw the very fields where the angels must have sung so many years ago. We are eagerly looking forward to this Christmas, for we are hoping to obtain permission to cross over into old Jerusalem and Bethlehem. What a privilege to see the little town where the Lord Jesus found His first resting place. What a greater privilege it is to have the peace that He came to bring in our hearts every day wherever we are. May this peace truly be yours as we worship our wonderful Savior together.

We are so happy in our work here in Nazareth. We are experiencing a real revival in our church. In the past two weeks people whom we have prayed for have come to know the Savior. There was great rejoicing on December 6 as Deleau, one of our own girls from the George W. Truett Home, came to the Savior. Rev. Milton

Murphy, who is in charge of the home, extended the invitation, and what joy was written on his face as he accepted this 8-year-old girl, the first of the children to make a profession of faith.

A great burden was lifted a few Sundays ago when Aida Toubaseh, one of our talented young women, came to know the Savior. We came to know Aida (pronounced Ida) through her sister Subheyah, who teaches in our primary school. When Subheyah returned to her home from Lebanon a few months ago, Aida immediately noticed a difference in the life of her sister who was truly letting her light shine. Subheyah had taken her definite stand for Christ and had followed Him in baptism only a month before her return. She shared with us her concern for Aida and also Aida's longing and desire to know the Lord. Together we prayed that she would accept the gift that was already provided and that she would have the courage to profess Christ openly. It isn't easy in Nazareth to break with the church of your parents and endure ridicule of friends. How happy we were when Aida walked the aisle for Christ.

We would like for you to join with us in prayer for some special requests. There are four Moslem boys in our classes in the school who seem interested and who listen very attentively as we tell them about Christ. Let us pray that they will come to the light while they are here. Our only Jewish student is praying earnestly that the rest of his family will come to know Christ. How wonderful it would

be for the family to be united. There are many others in our school and thousands about us on every hand who are yet unreached. Some of the villages are completely without a true witness.

David and Ann seem to be getting bigger every day and are very happy in their new home. David hasn't forgotten his friends back home either. Thanks so much for your many wonderful letters. You'll never know how much they help when you're so far away. We look forward to hearing from you.

May God truly bless you as you observe this holy season. Yours in His service, Herman and June Petty.

**TEEN TOWN MONDAY**

Teen Town will be held Monday, December 28, at the Legion Hall, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cooper and family of Pampa visited with Mrs. Madge Page Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Stevens and children, Jo Ann and Jimmy, were in Amarillo Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blaylock of Pampa spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sutton of Clinton, Okla., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Sutton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green of Amarillo spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Green.

Mrs. Ruth Nix of Santa Fe, N. M., is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Herndon and family.

A ship weighs the same as, or less than, the water it displaces.

**"FOODS WE GROW" PUZZLE**



- ACROSS**
- Vineyard fruit
  - Tropical fruit, good for reducers
  - Free
  - Large juicy fruit that grows on vines along ground
  - Clean up
  - Where Eve ate an apple
  - Fruit-bearing spike, as of corn
  - Purse the mouth
  - For example: abbr.
  - Kind of bean
  - Yale
  - Indian mulberry
  - Bird's home
  - Brood of pheasants
  - Either
  - And; Latin
  - Roman seven
  - Color of strawberries
  - Heap
  - Nurse
  - Old Testament; abbr.
  - French article
  - Drumbeat
  - Famous university
  - Candlenut tree
  - Condition in which fruit should be when bought
  - Nothing
  - Cultivate soil, as for vegetables
  - Let stand before
  - Flavorful bulb every-

- DOWN**
- Nutritious leaves and stems, as of spinach
  - Narrow elevation
  - Fresh fruit drink
  - Printer's measure
  - Origin of all fruit
  - Drill
  - Article
  - Friends; Fr.
  - Wandering food-seeker
  - Fruits that keep doctors away
  - Note of the scale
  - Nourishing element in
  - body likes but often brings tears
  - Crisp, pungent root, popular in salads
  - What fruits and vegetables are rich in
  - What vegetables grow in
  - Article
  - Food factor essential to health, found in fruits and vegetables
  - Loiters
  - World's most valuable vegetable crop
  - Fruits and vegetables are essential to maintain it
  - Java weight
  - Preposition
  - Metal-bearing rock
  - Utilizer
  - Phenyl; abbr.
  - Against
  - Suffix
  - Behold
  - Stall; abbr.

**Answer to Puzzle**

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Giraffes' eyes are so constructed that they can see to the rear without turning their heads.

Better is the frugal intellectual repast with contentment and virtue, than the luxury of learning with egotism and vice.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Virtue's paths are first rugged then pleasurable.—Thomas Fuller.

Virtue is bold, and goodness never fearful.—Shakespeare.

Virtue is the denial of self and response to what is right and proper.—Confucius.



From all of us—  
 The McLean News  
 Lester . . . Eunice . . . Stella . . . Don

# The McLean News



**THE NOSE . . .** It takes more than an hourglass, a hay cutter and a crop of chin spinach to camouflage the classic features of Jimmy Durante. Here he kids with a couple of Copacabana cuties.

## Jewish Calendar Now Reads 5715

The Jewish calendar, which the Jews adopted during the 15th century, reads 5715 in relation to 1954 A. D.

Use of the notation A. D. was inaugurated by Charles III of Germany, who affixed the symbolism to the years of his reign in 879.

Apparently the Egyptians were the first to figure out any "exact" measurement of time. They devised their calendar about 4,000 B. C. After the calendar, they turned their attention to estimating dates of the "beginning" and the Mundane era of Alexander fixed that estimate at 5502 B. C.

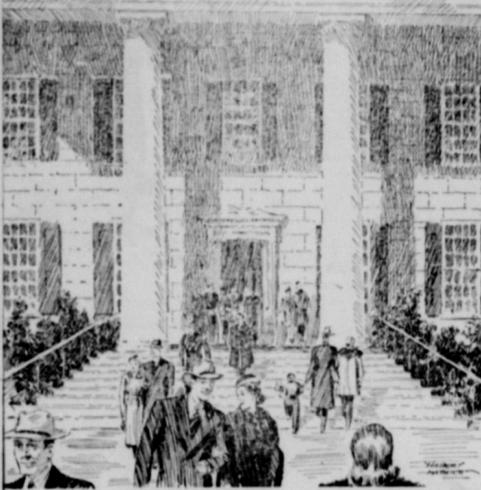
Modern research has developed a new time clock, which uses the principle of radioactivity. Wood samples can be radioactively dated back as far as 4,600 years.

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

### PRESCRIPTION for HEALTH

THE ADVANCE IN MEDICAL SCIENCE IS CONSTANTLY MAKING AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS, FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF DISEASE, NEW AND MORE EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES, NEW FACILITIES, AND NEW DRUGS.

## VILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



AMERICA'S IMPROVING HEALTH RECORD SHOWS THE ADVANTAGE AMERICA'S FAMILIES ARE GAINING FROM THIS PROGRESS. THEY ARE MEETING THE BILL, NOT ONLY BY THE TRADITIONAL METHOD OF SAVING FOR EMERGENCIES, BUT BY INSURING THE RISK. TODAY, MORE THAN 90 MILLIONS HAVE HOSPITAL PROTECTION AND MILLIONS MORE HAVE SURGICAL AND MEDICAL EXPENSE PROTECTION.



**MRS. SANTA . . .** She is lovely. This is Miami Beach's version of Mrs. Santa doing her chimney climbing in the warm southland.

## Bowl Games Have Become American New Year Tradition

Bowl games have become a great American New Year's tradition.

The fabulous Rose Bowl game started out as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses when the first east-west game was played on January 1, 1902. In that game the University of Michigan barnstormed to a 49 to 0 victory over Stanford.

The success of the Rose Bowl classic has "mushroomed" various bowl games from coast to coast. Among the many, there are the Orange Bowl, the Sun Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Gator Bowl, Hawaii's Pineapple Bowl and even Alaska's Ice Bowl.

But getting back to the Rose Bowl, after the first year a chariot race was substituted for the game in 1903. Originally run with amateur drivers, the chariot races became professional affairs after the first few years and the public lost interest.

The year 1916 brought a return to collegiate football via a contest in which Washington state defeated Brown university.

The Rose Bowl has been going strong ever since.

## Little Indiana Town Owes Fame To Unusual Name

The little community of Santa Claus, Indiana, owes its fame to its unusual name. And at Christmas time its small post-office is swamped with mail from throughout the world by people who want their letter postmarked Santa Claus.

In addition, thousands of letters are received at the post-office addressed to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind."

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mama doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of overshoes.

They come from countries all over the world—small village in Canada and big cities in Europe.



To you . . . from us our most sincere wishes

MR. AND MRS. W. C. SHULL and NEAL

## LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a typewriter and a blackboard. Be nice to all the other boys and girls too. Love, Jennifer Turner.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a doll purse, notebook, coloring book, and remember Daddy and all the other little boys and girls. Love, Sandra McDowell.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a "beauty kit." Don't forget I have a baby sister at my house this year, and she would like a small rubber doll. Love, Dorothy Beasley.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I have been a good little boy the past year. I am 7 years of age and in the first grade. I would like for you to bring me a crossing gate for my train, a punching bag, and a soldier set. Come to see all my friends. Sincerely, Jimmie Edwards

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a pair of chaps, set of guns, drag line truck, a play cannon, Christmas candy, a pair of boots, a space suit, and a space gun. And eye glasses. And a football suit. I have been real good and so have my sisters. Please remember them. Love, Max Coleman.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a

nurse kit. I am in the second grade. Love, Joyce Beasley.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Will you please bring me some dishes, a telephone, table and chair set, and a doll with little pink curlers. I am five years old. I don't have a chimney so I'll leave the front door unlocked. I love, love you, Janice Lynn Barker.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a truckload, a paint set, and a crowshooting game. I'm bad but I will try to be good. Don't forget my new baby brother Eric. Love, Jimmy Kritzer.

McLean, Texas

Lefors Route, McLean, Texas Alanreed School

Dear Santa Claus, I have been pretty nice this year. I am 7 years old and in the first grade. I would like to have some doll clothes for my big doll, a tricycle, and lots of nuts, fruit and candy. Please come to see my brothers and sister and all the other boys and girls. Bring me some doll dishes too. Your friend, Mary Belle Gibson.

McLean, Texas

P. S.—My sister is writing this for me.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, My name is Thacker Haynes. I'm three years old. I've been a good boy. So I've been told. I'd like you to bring me, on Christmas night, a helmet and shoulder pads, to play football right! I have a small sister. She's really a cryer. I'm sure

she could use a new pacifier. My grandad's yellow horse needs a new sack of oats; he told me to tell you whenever I wrote. Remember all the other kids, and treat them all right. Here's hoping you'll visit me, come Christmas Eve night! Best wishes, Samuel Thacker Haynes, Northfork, Texas

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 8 years old. Please bring me a pair of boots and a new house coat. My little brother wants a train and my little sister wants a sleepy doll. Bring my papa some work shirts and pants and my mama a pair of house shoes with poodle cloth on them. Thank you in advance. Carolyn Sue Parker.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll that can walk, a notebook, some doll clothes, and a suitcase for my doll. Be good to the other children. La Von Watson.

Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll with hair and a doll trunk that has hangers. Please bring my little sister the same. We have been good girls. Please leave them at Grandmother's. Jo Ann and BeVa Kunkel.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!

The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men!" —Longfellow.

The term "hand" in measuring the height of a horse, is four inches.



One of the joys at Christmas time is greeting folks like you . . . we wish you health and happiness throughout the New Year too!



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Leo Gibson Kenneth Gibson

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May gladness fill your heart throughout the holiday. May this glorious season usher in a year overflowing with peace and prosperity.

### AVALON THEATER

<b>Thursday, Friday:</b> Ann Sheridan, Sterling Hayden, Philip Reed "TAKE ME TO TOWN" in Technicolor	<b>Sunday, Monday:</b> Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh "HOUDINI" in Technicolor
<b>Saturday:</b> Yvonne De Carlo, Rock Hudson "SEA DEVILS"	<b>Tuesday, Wednesday:</b> John Derek, Wanda Hendrix, Walter Brennan "SEA OF LOST SHIPS"

**Thursday: Friday:**  
Elroy Hirsch, Lloyd Nolan, Joan Vohs  
"CRAZYLEGS"



**TIMES SQUARE CROWDS . . .** This picture was made from atop the marquee of the Hotel Astor looking southward along the "Gay White Way." Scenes like this are enacted every New Years Eve in Times Square, called the crossroads of the world.

**Extending  
The Greetings  
of the Season**

**TEXAS CAFE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore  
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Plum

**Greetings  
OF THE  
SEASON**

**CROCKETT GULF SERV. STA.**  
Sherman Crockett

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

May gladness reign  
in your house . . . may  
good cheer and happiness be  
permanent guests throughout  
Christmas and the whole New Year.

**C. O. GOODMAN**  
Plumber

## Christmas Card Idea Originated By Englishman

Christmas cards are so much a part of the modern Yule season that one seldom stops to wonder how the idea originated and by whom.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas brought honor and knighthood to the originator, Henry Cole, a middleclass Englishman.

Cole mailed his cards on a December day in 1846. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas custom of giving to the poor. They also bore the new-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

He had a thousand of the cards struck off by a lithograph. They were such a success that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

The cards we send today, however, a far cry from those mailed by Cole. The cards you send and receive this year will be designed by famous names in contemporary art.

An American shopping for cards this year may select scenes painted by such famous people as Winston Churchill, Britain's prime minister and famed amateur artist, and Grandma Moses, one of America's most famous artists.

The demand for cards is so great that many companies spend their entire time in designing and producing them for the holiday season.

## Birth of the Savior Was Greatest Event In World's History

Pleasant as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily.

However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

## That Reindeer Is Becoming a Tradition

That reindeer is becoming an American tradition.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.

**Merry  
Christmas**

May we add our  
voice to the chorus  
calling for abiding  
hope and peace.

**O. K. LEE & SON**  
Food . . . Produce

## SANTA LETTERS

White Deer, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 4 years old and I live in White Deer, Texas. I would like a doll, a trunk, and doll clothes for Christmas. Don't forget my cousins, Joe and Tommy.

Jan Burch.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 5 years old and I would like for you to bring me a doll, ice box, cabinet, cash register and a bicycle. Don't forget all the little orphan boys and girls. From someone who loves you very much.

Marilyn Kay Williams.

Skellytown, Texas

Dear Friend Santa,  
Although I seem spoiled and am an only child, my temper is usually sweet and mild, so, dear Santa, please leave me some toys and also some for other good cowboys. Thanks,  
Shad Brooks.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
It's kinda hard for 2-year-old boys to be real good, but I've tried. I'll hang my sock at Pa-Pa's house and hope I've been good enough to get a train and tractor. Remember my little cousins 'cause they have tried to be good kids too. Love,  
Tommy Gipson.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 3 years old. I have been a good girl. Will you bring me a doll, dishes, and a toy stove for Christmas. Don't forget my little sister LaNora and my brother Bobby. Thank you.

Christena Plum.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy 5 years old.

For Christmas I want a barber set, a stick horse, a pirate gun, some foot pajamas, a two-gun holster set, and a Smokey Joe bear. Don't forget my sisters and the other boys and girls. Your friend,  
Ronnie McElroy.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 8 years old. For Christmas I want a pair of house shoes, a doll that wets and drinks, dishes, and pajamas. Please don't forget my brother and sister and all the other boys and girls. Your friend,  
Marilyn McElroy.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a two-gun holster set, a choo-choo train and a jet airplane. Please don't bring Mrs. Hauck a new paddle, for the old one still works real well. Please don't forget anyone this year. Goddes of love,  
Terry Don Bidwell.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and I want some guns and I want a saxophone. I guess that I had better close now. Love,  
Randy Holmes.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
This is my first Christmas to write to you and I really don't want 'ery much because I'm not big enough to play with much yet. We already have our Christmas tree up and I think that it's real pretty. If you have any toys a little boy my age could play with I'd like to have them. I'm 6 months old. I only have two wishes for Christmas. I want to see my grandmothers and grandpas, and my uncle, aunt, and my cousin Kenny, and I think Mommie and Daddy will take me to see them. But Santa, my biggest wish of all is help people remember that Christmas is Jesus' birth-

Denton, Texas

day and that is what we are really celebrating. I live in Denton, but if you want to, you can leave what you have for me at either Grandmother Par-

menter's or Grandmother Ferguson's and I'll get it when I come to see them. Love,  
William Eugene (Bill) Parmenter.

**Merry  
Christmas  
Folks**

No matter where you go the meaning is the same . . . May the happiness of this Holiday Season fill your life throughout the coming New Year.

Your County  
Superintendent

**BERT R. NUCKOLS**

**Christmas  
Greetings**

In the spirit of brotherhood expressed by the Day itself the hopes and prayers of all mankind are for peace on earth . . . to which we would like to add our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and for the coming year may we say, "Happy New Year!"

## City of McLean

Mayor E. J. Lander  
C. P. Callahan, Ruel Smith, Guy Hibler, Odell Mantooth,  
Jess Kemp, Aldermen  
Pete Fulbright, Charlie Morgan, Jess Ledbetter, H. A.  
Pool, Utilities

D. A. Davis, Secretary  
Billie Sue Pettit, Clerk  
J. A. Sparks, Marshal  
Chas. Nicholson, Nightwatchman

## New Year's Day Was Not Always On January 1

New Year's was not always celebrated on January 1. In fact, even today New Years comes on different dates for some peoples. Prior to September 14, 1752, England and her colonies regarded January 1 with indifference because New Year's day was observed on March 25.

Today, many people who continue to use the Gregorian calendar still solemnize traditional feasts, including New Year, on different days. The Gregorian calendar was not presented to the world until 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII. The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox, beginning on Rosh Hashana and ends on Yom Kippur.

The Moslem calendar (dating from 628, A. D.) has 12 months of the year that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. As a result New Years and months retrace through the entire year in about 33 1/2 years.



FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU...  
*Merry Christmas*

It's a Busy Season for LONG DISTANCE

Like Santa Claus, Long Distance telephone lines will be mighty busy on the Christmas week-end.

Friends and relatives all over the country will want to exchange greetings. Most of these calls will go through promptly...but there will be some delays, particularly on calls to distant points.

Thank You

Serving Texas Arkansas Oklahoma Louisiana  
**THE SOUTHWESTERN STATES TELEPHONE CO.**



+ MERRY +  
CHRISTMAS



McLEAN GIN

S. R. Jones, Mgr.

## Doggie IN THE WINDOW

By LILLIAN MITCHELL

SANDRA sighed and slipped into her white fur jacket. Mabel laughed, her brown eyes crinkling at the corners. "Oh, well, maybe it isn't as much fun going out for New Year's Eve with a crowd of girls, Sandra. But, at least, come Monday morning, we shall have something to tell at the office."

"I know, I know," agreed the grey-eyed Sandra. "Only if I'd guessed how very few men there would be here in Emeryton, I'd have chosen to stay in the City where I do know men—from school days. And I'd never in the world have bought this fur jacket on the so-called easy term basis."

Arm in arm they left the boarding house and hurried towards the bus stop where they were to meet two other girls. The air was fresh and icy and Sandra pulled the collar of the white fur jacket closely.

In the darkness, a small dog crossed the sidewalk, nearly tripping them in the dragging leash.



"Come on," Mabel said. "The girls are waving that a bus is coming, Sandra."

"That must be the doggy in the window," Mabel laughed.

"That doggy must have a good home," Sandra chimed in. "What a coat! The golden fur drags on the sidewalk, for a fact."

The golden Pekingese looked up at her with enormous eyes and waited. Sandra stopped, looking closely at the collar that stated,

"I'm Tang, I live at 432 Euclid Avenue. Please take me home."

Sandra glanced up at the nearby house. "Well, Tang, you are home. Skip up those steps, Pup."

"Come on. The girls are waving that a bus is coming, Sandra," Mabel said.

"I'll meet you at the corner of State and Broadway. I'm going to ring the bell and tell them their dog is loose," Sandra said.

"Oh, the dog will get inside, all right. Come along!"

But Sandra stooped again, scooped the tiny dog into her arms and ran lightly up the greystone steps. Her ring brought no one to the door although she could clearly hear the soft chime when she pressed the button. Opening the door that was unlocked, she called gently, "Here's Tang. Anyone at home?"

"Oh, come in, please," answered a silvery voice.

Sandra, still holding little Tang, moved along the hallway to an open doorway where a fireplace glowed and an elderly woman sat in a wheelchair. "Donny took him walking, my dear, and Tang must have got away, somehow."

## Guard Against Fire This Yule Season

Guard against fire in your home this Yule season.

The average Christmas tree can go up in smoke in only a minute or so and that doesn't leave much time to call for help.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what is lacking in size.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.

"Ah, well, he couldn't have got himself lost," smiled Sandra. "He was right outside your door."

"Yes, but he chases cars. We even had him trained by a professional training school and they really trained him in everything except car-chasing—and with his leash dragging—" she sighed.

Then the door burst open and a tall, dark-haired young man rushed in. "Grandma! Tang—why, your little yellow rascal! You—"

"He's not yellow—he's golden!" interrupted his grandmother. "And I'll wager you took him in that convertible I got you for Christmas—and he jumped out—and this is the blonde girl who lives down at 666 on this same street—goes home every night with the brown haired girl at sixteen minutes after five. My grandson, Donny."

"How do you do," murmured Sandra, edging towards the doorway. "How in the world did you ever guess I lived at 666?"

"The lady who keeps it is a friend of mine, my dear. Me, I get to sit in the front window all the time because I fractured my hip ten years ago."

"Oh," said Sandra. "I am to meet some girls downtown—"

"How's for me driving you down, the busses will all be jammed at this time—on New Year's Eve—and if your brown-haired girl friend will double date, I've a classmate home from the hospital—he's an intern where I am this year—"

"That'll be nice—and maybe I'll see the four of you on TV when I look on at midnight," said his grandmother. "Don't let me keep you," she urged. She heard the front door click and motioned to the dog to jump into her lap.

"Well, ol' pup, I never made a better trip down that hallway to the front door—in double quick time, too. That girl and Donny—they couldn't be righter for each other, eh?"



We send you this cheery Holiday Greeting and hope our Faiths will cross during the coming year.

OLA GREGORY  
County Treasurer

Merry Christmas

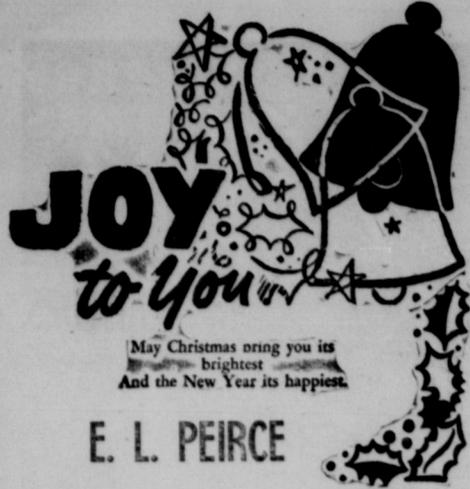
May this greeting bring you  
Enough Christmas cheer  
To last through every wonderful day  
Of a sparkling bright New Year.

DR. J. H. KRITZLER  
AND STAFF

Season's Greetings to You

Whatever it is you're wishing for  
That's our heartfelt wish for you...  
May Peace, Good Health and Happiness  
Be Yours the New Year Through.

STUBBLEFIELD'S  
DEPT. STORE



# JOY to You

May Christmas bring you its brightest  
And the New Year its happiest.

**E. L. PEIRCE**



**HAPPY HOLIDAY . . .** A parade makes it a happy holiday for children. Every year Macy's of New York has a gigantic pre-Christmas parade. Here excited youngsters watch the gay spectacle. They are having the time of their lives and the scene will be repeated in hundreds of towns throughout the country this Christmas season.

### Joseph Proved His Love for Mary, Mother of Jesus

Joseph, the bible relates, had to prove his faith in and love for Mary before they were married. It is one of the great love stories of all times.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privately. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying:

*"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."*  
*And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.*

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

**Make Gifts Attractive**  
Make your Christmas package attractive because half of the pleasure of the gift is the wrapping and opening a beautiful package. Use plenty of ribbon and gay colored paper. Add bells and Christmas ornaments to the bows. Tie ribbon about the corners and put the bows off-center to make the packages distinctive. A little disguising by putting small boxes in larger ones before wrapping adds to the mystery of the gift.



# Greetings

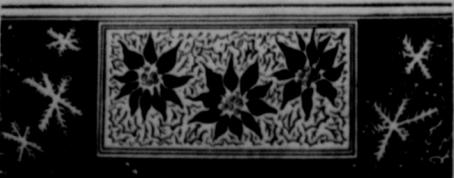
to all our friends . . . may we extend best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year.

**MASTER CLEANERS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Emory Crockett



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

**McLEAN AUTO SUPPLY**  
Ed Henley, Mar.



### SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll buggy and some new clothes for my doll; also some pajamas to keep me nice and warm. Santa, please don't forget my two sisters, Jacqueline, 12, and Rhonda Ann, 16 months. Bring lots of nuts, candy, gum, and fruit. Now hurry and don't forget all the other good boys and girls, especially my little friend, Mary Shirley. I am almost five years old. Santa, and anything else you decide I need will be fine. I love you,  
Jana Gay Davis.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 8 years old. I have been pretty good this year. I want a football, cavalry set, overshoes. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Charles Anderson.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy and I would like for you to bring me a train station and an airplane and a helicopter too.  
(No name signed)

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a pair of roller skates, a doll, a pair of boots, and some candy and nuts. My little brother would like a cowboy suit, a pair of holsters, a toy truck, and some candy and nuts also.  
With love,  
Linda Joyce Gull,  
Ricky Don Gull.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll house, piano, nursing doll, Ayer make-up doll, and Toni doll, and anything else you would like to bring me. I love you very much. Santa,  
Chris Campbell.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I want a rifle, airplane, and submarine, army tank, and a football. Please bring a nice gift for my Mother, Daddy, and Sister. Your friend,  
Michael Reed Grogan.

### SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Long time no see you, Santa Claus, but Christmastime is almost here again and I hope you have not forgotten me. I would like for you to bring a punching bag, a two-gun holster set, and a football suit. So long now and don't forget the other boys and girls. I love you,  
Larry Williams.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I have decided to write to you early, because I keep adding to the list and Mama and Daddy are getting worried. Please bring my sister Jamie a telephone and some dishes, a rocking chair, and a doll. I want a cash register, water gun, tractor, and a peg board set with a hammer, screw driver, and wrench. Mother said we better have some candy and nuts too. That's all for now. Lots of love,  
Hickman Brown III.

Pampa, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring my little brother Kirk a wheelbarrow, a tractor, and some small toys for his sock. Please bring me a bucket dirt loader, and some small trucks. Remember all my little friends. Yours truly,  
Billy Felton Webb.

Alanreed, Texas

Dear Santa,  
1. I want a smokey teddy bear. 2. And a cavalry set. 3. And American look set. 4. And a Viewmaster. 5. And a music box that plays "America." 6. And a fixit truck. 7. And radio flyer as a wagon. 8. I want a football suit. 8. And a football. Ronnie Frank McCracken. I want a windup train and tracks for my little nephew.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I am 2 years old. I am a little bit small to write a letter. I'm mostly good at tearing them up. But I will promise not to tear up my toys if you will bring me a fire truck, teddy bear, gun, and a rocking horse. If I'm asleep when you come, take a good look at me, cause that's when I'm a good boy. Love and kisses,  
James Vernon Barker Jr.  
(Just Jimmy)



**Right Down Your Alley**  
Merry Christmas  
We'd like to "bow" you over with a whole flock of good wishes . . . continued success and happiness to you and your loved ones.

**RUFÉ JORDAN**  
Gray County Sheriff



**BEST OF EVERYTHING**  
Our greeting is an old one, but Christmas is the time for old songs, old wishes and old friends.  
So again we say, Happy Holiday.

**McLEAN ELECTRIC CO.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams

### GREETINGS



With kindest remembrances and sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

**J. B. MAGUIRE JR.**  
County Judge, Gray County



**... Good Will To Men**  
May the light of the star of Bethlehem shine down through the ages to spread peace and happiness upon you in this season of great joy . . . Merry Christmas.

**BILL DAY FURNITURE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Day and Karen



Merry Christmas  
MARGARET'S GIFT SHOP  
Margaret Glass

Merry Christmas

From the warmth in our hearts to the warmth in your homes, we wish you one, big, joyous Christmas.

**HARRIS KING**  
Your Oldsmobile Dealer

Merry Christmas

**J. R. GLASS**  
Your Phillips 66 Jobber



Miriam Alvarez and Sally Loesch, employees of the New York Telephone Company, are surrounded by the dolls the workers distributed last year to 95 of New York's charitable institutions. It was one of the largest collections in the annual affair's 35 year history.

### LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Father doll, and a cash register, and a big wagon, and a big doll bed, and a bicycle. I've been a nice girl, and I want you to give all the other boys and girls nice gifts, too. Love,  
Nancy Jean Dickinson.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a space helmet, submarine, bicycle, army set, and a Toni doll for my sister, and a billfold for my brother. Thank you. Love,  
Larry Andrews.  
P. S.—Be nice to my Mother and Daddy.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Toni doll, doll house, and bending dolls. Thank you.  
Bara Ann Simpson.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, stroller, baby bed, and china dolls and dishes. Remember all the other little girls and boys. Love,  
Elaine Baker.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, doll house, coloring book, and a doctor set, and a radio. Please bring something nice for Mother and Daddy. I'll hang my stocking up for you. Love,  
Linda Hindman.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to be a good boy. I am counting the days until Christmas. Please bring me a pair of boots, a "choo-choo" train, and a screw driver. Remember all the boys and girls in the world, especially my sister. Much love,  
John Dickinson.

Amarillo, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I have moved to Amarillo from McLean since last Christmas and I live at 2104 South Pierce. Would you please bring me a walking doll, sewing set, some bubble bath and cologne. I also want a new robe and house shoes, some dishes, and a pair of skates. Don't forget my little friends in McLean, and also remember my friends here

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a steam shovel, dump truck, jet, space set, electric train, sword set, space suit and a football. Remember all the little boys and girls. Love,  
Jackie Quarles.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a electric train, Christmas candy, log truck, grader, and football. Be nice to all the little boys and girls. Love,  
Kennie Smith.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll named Terry Lee, and a bassinet for her and a buggy. With love,  
Suzanne Rogers.  
P. S.—You are very nice. Ha! Ha!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**CHARLIE THUT**  
County Clerk

### Christmas Candles Are Traditional For Many Peoples

*To learn your luck for the year they say, Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day. If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear, Good luck will be yours through the year.*

This old verse is believed in many lands around the world and is said to be one of the reasons that candles in homes are traditional around the world.

The custom is believed to have started in Ireland. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe." And it is the custom that the candle can only be snuffed by one named Mary.

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle," burned in the window on Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a Happy New Year to all of our friends

**MRS. W. M. RHODES**

Your Avon Representative

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some games to play in the house, and twin baby dolls. I would like some more things, but I don't know exactly what—just bring me whatever else you want to. We don't have a chimney, but I'll leave the front door open. Thank you. Santa.  
Sharon Sitter.

### Christmas Today Is Too Commercial, Many People Believe

Today we hear many people say that Christmas has been "commercialized" and has lost its true meaning.

Has it?

Is it wrong this one time in the year to make the dominate theme one of giving, rather than receiving?

Giving has always been a major part of the Christmas theme—the giving of joy and happiness to others whether it be spiritual or material.

It is true that economically no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. The holiday has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and Christmas specialties for the next year.

Giving will remain one of the great joys of Christmas for all time to come. The idea has survived through the centuries and nothing will ever stop it.

What, after all, brings more joy than seeing people happy; than watching children and loved ones open gifts and express their thanks in words and deeds?

It is, essentially, the Christmas story.

Greetings

TO YOU and YOURS

**JACK BACK**  
Tax Assessor-Collector

Season's Greetings

Along with the countless greetings you will receive during this Wonderful Yuletide Season Here's a wish we'd like to send . . . May this be the nicest Christmas That you have ever had.

**McLean Lions Club**  
Visitors Always Welcome

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a dity-doll, a billfold, and a cash register. Bring Mother, Daddy, Janice, and Joe something nice too. Thank you. Love,  
Marilyn Magee.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a army set, space set, b-b gun, desk, billfold, and a bicycle. I have been a nice boy and I'll leave you something to eat this year. Love,  
James McCarty.



By Dorothy Kilian  
IT WAS about eight o'clock on New Year's Eve when Jane Walters turned to stare out the kitchen window into the wintry darkness. She didn't want Don to see the tears in her eyes, but she hadn't been quick enough.

"It's a raw deal all right, honey," he said from the chair where he sat with one leg, in a cast, propped up on a stool. I take you away from all your city friends and bring you back to Brantville to live, and then what do I do? Break my stupid leg during our first holidays together and leave you high and dry without an escort for the New Year's Eve party."

"You couldn't help it, Don." She tried to sound bright, but the truth was it did matter. She had found herself more homesick than ever with the coming of the holidays. This little town to which Don had come back as operator of the grain elevator was like a foreign country to her. And, with the furnace acting up, here they were sitting in the kitchen of all places on New Year's Eve.

Jane sighed and turned slowly away from the window. "What kind of a party will Grandma Jenner be having?"



"It's a raw deal all right, honey," he said.

scuffling noise? Sounds like somebody's in our back yard."

"Lots of somebods, I'd say," Don replied.

There was a resounding thump on the back door. Jane opened it and stepped back, bewildered.

"Surprise, surprise!" a chorus of voices shouted, as a couple of dozen people trooped in. Grandma Jenner in the lead, swinging a huge granite coffee pot.

"You do look floored, my dear," she said, planting a peck briskly on Jane's cheek. "But it's an old custom around here—when you can't come to a party, the party comes to you. Look at Don there, he doesn't seem too surprised."

Don grinned. "I was kind of hoping this would happen," he said. "But Jane hasn't gotten too well acquainted yet."

"I know," Grandma said quickly. "And it's mostly our fault. To tell you the truth, honey,—she turned to Jane—"We were kind of afraid of you, you seemed sort of distant. But when you phoned that you and Don couldn't make the party, I heard the trem-

## New Years and Superstition Go Hand in Hand

Mankind has always been superstitious about New Years.

In olden times families south a glimpse into the future by the "dipping" custom. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger; the text, solemnly read and interpreted was indicative of the luck—good or bad—that was in store for them.

Probably one of the most widespread superstitions concerned the first person to cross the threshold on New Year's morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky, as where people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages, the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was hired to be the first-footer. Going from house to house, he would be the first person to cross the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year occurred often climbed upon the roof on New Year's eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

We moderns make as much noise as possible, presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.

First editions of a book are not always so stated or marked.

Socrates was often referred to as the "henpecked philosopher."

ble in your voice. I suddenly realized that you're just as human as the rest of us. So here we are. Now let's get on with the fun."

It seemed no time at all before Grandma called out, "We've just time for a spelling bee before midnight and refreshments. Get yourselves lined up folks while I put the coffee on to boil."

The crowd laughingly divided into two lines on either side of the big kitchen. As Jane hesitated, someone pulled her into position.

"Speer the words, Mac," Grandma said to the school principal. "You're used to this kind of thing."

Mr. MacRay began giving out words. Amid shouts of praise for the successful spellers and hoots of derision for those who stumbled over a word, the game progressed until only Jane and Mr. Nichols were left.

The caller cleared his throat and, turning towards Jane, pronounced the word, "hospitable."

Jane hesitated and looked slowly around the room. She saw Grandma Jenner hovering over the coffee pot at the stove, Mr. Appleton gently adjusting the cushion under Don's outstretched leg, and Mrs. Ames just coming in from the pantry with a tray of apple pies.

"Yes, I can spell 'hospitable,'" she said. "B-R-A-N-T-V-I-L-L-E."

There was a moment of silence.

"Bravo!" several voices called out, and just then the kitchen clock began to strike twelve.

"Happy New Year!" Jane echoed with the rest as she looked around at her new friends and finally met the eyes of her beaming husband. It was indeed going to be a good year.



## HOLIDAY Greetings

### 66 SERVICE STATION

Fred Patterson



and friendly wishes for a happy Holiday Season. May you continue to enjoy happiness and prosperity throughout the year.

## HELEN SPRINKLE

District Clerk  
Gray County



We wish that you and your family may be blessed with the Yuletide gifts of love and joy in abundance.

## HARRELL'S 5c & 10c STORE



We all wish to extend to you Christmas greetings and good will, and may boundless Holiday cheer be yours. To our ever-widening circle of friends we are especially grateful this year.

## CORINNE'S STYLE SHOP

Corinne Trimble

## New Year in France Day Par Excellence

January 1, la jour de la bonne annee, is the day par excellence in France.

It is the day of gift-giving and of ringing doorbells. Besides friends who come to present gifts, tradespeople are accustomed to call to offer compliments of the day and receive, in turn, small sums of money.

The atmosphere is full of joy and gaiety and hospitality. Gifts are proudly displayed and callers come and go amid many compliments and the toasting of everyone's health.

Jour de l'an has its serious side, too. Many families visit the graves of departed members, since this day is considered an appropriate time to remember the dead as well as the living.

The churches generally are crowded on New Year's Eve, which is also the Vigil of St. Sylvester,

an early pontiff and father of the Church. In various rural communities, the cattle are driven to the door of the village church where they are blessed by the priest who also says Mass for their protection during the New Year.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a cowgirl outfit with holster, guns, and boots. Also a doll with real hair I can comb and brush. Also some extra clothes for her. I'm a sweet little girl and I love you very much. I think my little brother Eric would like some pajamas. Love,  
Ellen Kay Kritzer.

McLean, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a big doll with hair that washes and rolls up, a washing machine, a bike, a sink and tub, a box, and a pair of roller skates. Bring me some candy and nuts. Don't forget my dog Sparky. Your little friend,  
Linda Kay Lisman.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Holiday happiness to all our friends  
May joy and prosperity never end

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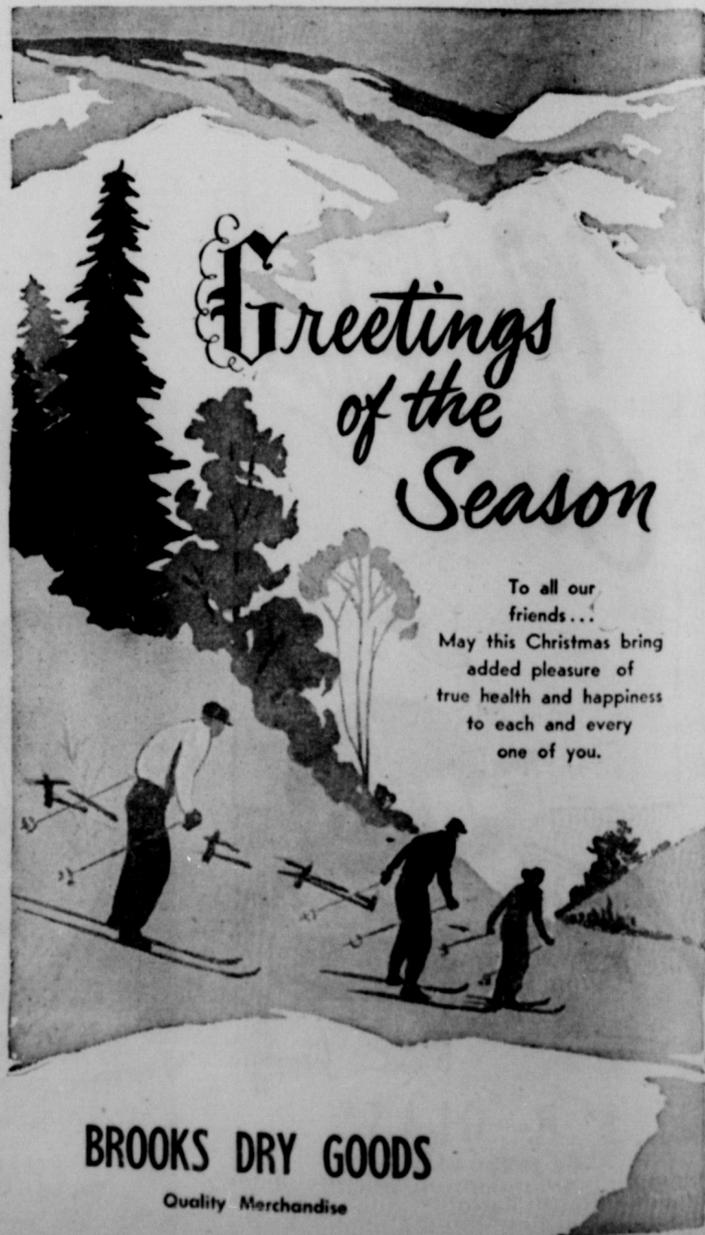


# Merry Christmas

to all of our many friends we wish Season's Greetings, with the hope that our friendship will increase during the coming year.

## CALLAHAN'S

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Callahan



# Greetings of the Season

To all our friends...  
May this Christmas bring added pleasure of true health and happiness to each and every one of you.

## BROOKS DRY GOODS

Quality Merchandise



REMEMBER . . . Last year at this time our soldiers were fighting in Korea. Using discarded 105-mm shells, these three GI's spell out "Happy New Year" in the snow somewhere in Korea.

A pig is the nearest relative to a hippopotamus.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We all wish to extend to you Christmas greetings and good will, and may boundless Holiday cheer be yours. To our ever-widening circle of friends we are especially grateful this year.

VERA BACK AGENCY

## Small Towns First to Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

The most spectacular outdoor displays in the United States are at the White House and Rockefeller Center in New York. The New York display is possibly the most elaborate in the world.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea. Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bells and stars at street intersections and have dazzling community trees.

### Christmas Tree Industry Is Big Business in U.S.

The Christmas tree industry is big business in the United States—better than \$50,000,000 annually.

The majority of our trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Midwest, and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

## A Husband and a Ghost

By DOROTHY KILIAN

THE music of the orchestra their club had imported for the New Year's Eve dance floated out to them. Gail pushed a little ahead of her husband as they walked over the creaky steps of the lodge hall. "Don't you like to look at the shine on the back of my pants?" Bill laughed. "What's the rush then? You said this morning that the baby had made you so tired you didn't think you'd want to come at all."

"Yes, I know, but that was before—" Gail bit her lip. "Guess I just have my second wind," she finished hurriedly. "Come on, let's see if all the old gang has arrived."

Now would have been the time to tell Bill, very casually, that she had learned that afternoon that Warren was back in town. After all, they had all been friends together in high school.

"See you," Bill said briefly as he went off to the men's coat room. Gail paused in the wide doorway, her eyes roaming over the couples already on the dance floor.

"You're late, Gail," Ginny Brown said as she came past with



She had almost forgotten that dancing could be like this.

an armload of confetti bags. "It won't be long 'til time to toss this stuff into the air. Wonder if Warren Hastings will make it before midnight. You've heard he blew in from New York just this morning?"

So they remembered. She remembered too, that was the trouble. The ghost of him still hovered in her dreams, particularly on those days when life seemed full of nothing but baby washings and house cleaning.

And then, all of a sudden, there he was coming in the door, holding out his arms to her as if time, Bill, the baby, were nothing.

As in a dream Gail took his hands in hers and looked up into his face.

"I knew you'd be here waiting for me," Warren said softly.

"But I wasn't, really," Gail murmured. She fought down the vague feeling that it had been rather presumptuous of him to imagine that.

"Let's dance," Warren said simply.

She had almost forgotten that dancing could be like this, held close to one's partner, no talking to break the spell of the dreamy music—Bill was forever calling out a greeting to a passing couple.

"Well, hi there, Warren, could I borrow my wife for awhile?" Bill was grinning at them both.

"Until later," Warren said, and turned away.

The rest of the evening was like a dream. Dancing with Bill, with other friends, even the horn blowing and whistle tooting at midnight seemed only a vague background for the presence of Warren in that room. When he came up to her much later and said, "Let's talk awhile," she followed him, as if hypnotized, to some chairs half hidden by a large potted palm.

"Here we are in a little world all our own," Warren said. "Gail, you're just as beautiful as—"

"Some juggling act, eh?" Bill boomed out, coming up to them with three plates of refreshments. "Grab 'em, kids."

Warren took his silently. Bill sat down on the other side of Gail and bit into a thick turkey sandwich. "Um, tasty," he sighed happily. "When I saw 'em being laid out I couldn't wait to begin."

"And besides," he went on, turning to Gail. "Since it's my turn to give the baby her 6 a. m. bottle tomorrow, I'm not in favor of hanging around here too much longer."

"You feed the baby?" Warren leaned across Gail and laughed incredulously. "Sleepy male in bathrobe, pumping milk into a squalling infant. I thought that was strictly cartoon stuff."

Gail gasped but Bill answered calmly. "Why shouldn't I feed her? She's half mine, isn't she?"

"She certainly is, darling. And you're right, it's time for all good parents to be going home," Gail said gently.

The ghost would be left sitting in the ballroom, she realized contentedly. This new year was going to be hers and Bill's alone.

Seattle, Wash., claims to be the healthiest city in the United States.

California produces more fruit than any other state in the nation.

Dry ice is solidified carbon dioxide.



## Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas would not be complete without expressing our deep appreciation for your patronage and wishing you and yours Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all...

McLEAN HARDWARE CO.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meacham



# Merry Christmas

May you find among your presents on Christmas morning the priceless gift of health, happiness and prosperity. And we hope to add to your comfort by offering faithful service throughout the New Year.

## AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

IN McLEAN

Member F. D. I. C.

May your heart be filled with the joy of Christmas . . . tree-trimming with the whole family . . . opening gifts Christmas morning . . . a thankful prayer before the family dinner . . . may all these dreams come true when we say, "Merry Christmas."

## CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.

Carl Jones, Mgr.

**Egypt, Rome Observed New Years in Spring**

Ancient Rome and Egypt celebrated New Year in the spring. Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly, in June.

The Babylonians began their year in March and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern.

Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of fruit trees and petitioning a "good howling crop."

Reflecting the fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; member of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the year.



**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT** . . . Full of Yule good fellowship, "Bingie" tries to arouse some ditto in the feline heart of "Ginger." Ginger, goodwill season or not, can't get over her distrust of dogs.

**Door Decorations**

In the last few years it has become more and more popular to decorate doors and doorways with bells and tree ornaments instead of the conventional wreath.

Your door and window frames can be made bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. You can hang the ribbon in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash bows for colorful effect.

Two presidents have received the Nobel Prize. They were Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, and Woodrow Wilson in 1919.



blinding clouds of dust continually drove through the diamond. But in spite of it, the game was well played on both sides.

From the first it looked as if the visitors were going to make a bat-feast of the session, the first two men who came up making three baggers, but the home boys held them down by dint of hard and fast work and gradually built their own runs up. When the locals came to the bat in the last half of the ninth inning, the score stood three to four in favor of the visitors. Massay came up and was safe on first, Ross Biggers singled and Massay advanced to third.

Roy Richardson took the count of three and Billie Biggers was out on a fly to the catcher. Bird came to the bat and took two strikes when Massay stole home on a balk, tying the score. Bird put a hot liner straight through the second baseman and Biggers scored. Thus the visitors were defeated by a score of

five to four.

It was a good game and a large crowd of fans was in attendance.

Ross Biggers and Rhea Loftin were the battery team for the home boys.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young.—Phillips Brooks.

I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time—a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely.—Charles Dickens.

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

Alcohol boils at a lower temperature than water.

**Merry Christmas**

**GREYHOUND DRUG**  
Martha Aldridge

**40 Years Ago—IT HAPPENED HERE**

Taken from the Files of The McLean News, 1913

**Crowds at Alanreed**

The little city of McLean turned out in force to witness the production of "A Daughter of the Desert" at the school auditorium at Alanreed on last Saturday night, something like 75 or 100 availing themselves of this opportunity.

The play was a huge success from every possible standpoint and the big audience testified to their pleasure and satisfaction with its liberal applause at every climax, and not infrequently a burst of applause would interrupt the proceedings in the middle of an act.

It would be impossible for us to make personal mention of every participant in the cast, but suffice it to say they made good without a single exception. Howard Craig, who impersonated Pedro Silvera, a Mexican renegade, deserves special recognition for his portrayal of this part. Whether he is amateur or professional we could not say, but certain it is that no professional could have made the part more realistic or instilled any more genuine loathing in the minds of the audience for the renegade.

We did not learn what the receipts were, but the house was filled to overflowing and many were compelled to accommodate themselves with "standing room only." It is understood the proceeds will be used in improving the auditorium.

**Conference Held Here**

The next annual meeting of the Clarendon District Methodist Conference will be held in McLean the early part of May, 1914, according to the sovereign will of the meeting held at Hedley. There were 12 delegates from the local church at the Hedley meeting and they report it a most successful one. The good people of Hedley entertained the conference was interesting and instructive. Rev. Carpenter of this city was re-elected to the office of secretary.

Those who attended from here were Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Carpenter and their little daughter, C. E. Anderson and two daughters, Beatrice and Eula Mae, R. Thompson, Fred and Miss Edith Stockton, R. S. Jordan, J. G. Hindrick, J. O. Phillips, and J. N. Saye.

**McLean Takes Another**

The most exciting ball game ever pulled off on the local diamond occurred Friday afternoon of last week when the Texola aggregation crossed bats with the locals for a return engagement. The wind was blowing a gale from the southwest and

**Merry Christmas**  
**JOY TO YOU**

We wish for you and yours the very merriest of Christmases. And we hope our friendship will grow stronger throughout the coming year.

**THE TEXAS CO.**  
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lowary

**Merry Christmas**

It has always been our pleasure to preserve the spirit and good will of the holiday season . . . and to each of our friends say, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

**McLEAN CAFE**  
Al and Orien Fuqua  
WE WILL BE OPEN CHRISTMAS

**Merry Christmas**

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