

VILLAGE



GOSSIP (More or Less)

The meeting to organize a Dale Carnegie Club International... postponed until Thursday...

Marjorie Fowler was awarded merchandise certificates at Appreciation Day activity in McLean last Saturday afternoon...

Foundation ditches for the home, to be constructed by the Munday-Cooper...

REVEILLE



with the boys... Capt. Doyle Brown of Barstow, is visiting in the home of...

Sgt. and Mrs. Larry Ledbetter of Valdosta, Ga., are spending a 30-day with his parents...

Nursing Homes Call for Care Against Destructive Fires

"Tragedy season" for the aged may be here again, manifested in the form of one or more catastrophic fires in convalescent nursing homes...

In addition to carrying out all suggestions made by the local fire department, each nursing home administrator should have a definite plan that has been practiced and perfected to meet emergencies caused by a fire...

Miss Fern Landers of Albany, Ga., is visiting during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Landers.

Mrs. Nancy White of Trinidad, Colo., is visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dickinson and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dickinson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dickinson and daughter Nancy were in Amarillo on business Thursday.

Winnie Martindale is spending this week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Skinner in Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Heasley and daughter visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson in Shamrock Friday.

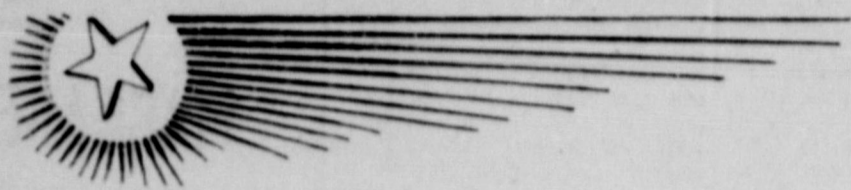
LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

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Greetings

For two thousand years the star that appeared in the East has offered hope and promise to the world. Man's earliest history tells of his dependency upon the stars...

Times have not changed radically over the years. We do not use the stars to tell us where we are going every day, but we do use them to check our scientific instruments...

We in the New World who are children of the restless, the seekers, the desperate, the explorers and the devoted still carry the heritage of their seeking which Benet tells of in his poem, Western Star—

There was a wind through the nations, and it blew. Strong, restless, the wind of the western star, The wind from the coasts of hope...

The troubled times when the Star of Bethlehem appeared and the troubled times when this new world—our world—was founded, have much in common with today, and the two stars, the one in the East and the western star, offered much the same promise and hope...

We owe much to those two stars of promise. We have come to a leadership which we did not seek. It has given us responsibilities not of our making. While we have found ourselves often disappointed, misunderstood, and disillusioned, we have much to offer, and we will continue to give because we are so constituted...

Four Tigers Make All-Regional Team

Four McLean players made the first all-regional team selected by the coaches of the Panhandle-Plains area and compiled by the Amarillo Daily News. The first and second teams, and honorable mentions, were given in the Sunday issue of the paper.

the second team, and three more received honorable mention. Listed on the first team were Rodney Gunn, end; James Jolly, guard; Ricky Mantooth, half-back; and James Smith, fullback. Making the second team was Don Trew, tackle; and honorable mention went to Arthur Vine-

yard, guard; Bob Boyd, center; and Don Haslam, halfback.

James Jolly, already awarded honors as all-district, all-regional, and all-state, received honorable mention on the all-Southern High School squad last week-end. Jolly was one of two Class A football players to receive such an honor. The announcement of the selection of several Texas boys on the All-Southern team was made by Putt Powell, Amarillo sports writer, who is Texas chairman for the selection of the squad.

Other members of the first team included Jack Powell of Paducah, end; Glenn Dalton of Hale Center and Bill Hines of Clarendon, tackles; Roger Freeman of Memphis, guard; R. J. Wooten of Lefors, center; Hal Sandefur of Paducah, quarterback; and James Dollar of Hale Center, halfback.

"No member of the team was an unanimous choice," wrote Eddie Mullens, Amarillo sports writer, "but the leading vote puller was McLean's James Smith, the shifty fullback who..."

Boys First in SHAMROCK CAGE TOURNEY

The McLean Tiger basketball team racked up their second tournament championship for the season last Saturday night when they defeated Wheeler 57-23 in the annual Shamrock meet.

The McLean girls had reached the finals, too, but were downed by the powerful Panhandle Pantherettes 75-56. It was the second time for the local girls to reach the finals and then lose out.

Rodney Gunn was the big gun for the Tigers in their final game, when he poured in 41 points to pace the team. Kay Williams of Panhandle did even better in

the girls' game, racking up 43 points against the McLean girls. The boys drew a bye in the opening round, and then defeated Kelton 57-55 to reach the finals. The McLean girls won from Shamrock 73-56 in the semi-final match to reach the final round with Panhandle. Texola won the boys' consolation crown, and Wheeler won the girls' consolation. James Jolly, Jimmy Farren, and Rodney Gunn were named to the boys' all-tournament team. Annette Smith and Mavis Medley from McLean were named to the girls' all-tournament team.

McLean Citizens Ready For Christmas Visiting

Christmas—now just a matter of hours away—has been in the McLean area in spirit for a number of days.

No special activities are planned in McLean on Christmas Day, but nearly everyone is either going somewhere to visit or is ex-

pecting visitors in their homes. The town has taken on the Christmas atmosphere in appearance, too. Hardly a home in town is without some type of holiday decorations—Christmas trees, bright lights, pictures of Santa Claus, etc.

During the past week, a number of residents, although smaller than usual, have put up some type of decorations outside their homes.

Most outstanding of the exterior decorations is that at the McLean Methodist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Fisher, along with help from some of their members, have erected a nativity scene on the lawn of the church. Brilliantly lighted at night, the scene is attracting a great deal of attention.

Santa Claus made his annual public appearance last Saturday afternoon when he rode in atop one of the McLean fire trucks. Numerous youngsters, as well as many parents, were present to meet him; the crowd, however, was not as large as in the past few years.

Most churches held their Christmas programs either last Sunday morning or Sunday evening, and do not plan special observances on Christmas Day.

Just about every store in town will be closed for Christmas. A few of the essential businesses plan to remain open, although some may be closed for a few hours to allow employers and employees a bit of time with their relatives.

SERVICES FOR MORRIS HELD AT MOBEETIE

Funeral services for Edwin Terrence (Ted) Morris, 61 years of age, were held at the Mobeetie Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Rev. H. A. Longino of McLean, assisted by Rev. Marvin Fisher, also of McLean, officiated. Burial was in the Mobeetie cemetery under the direction of the Claborn Funeral Home.

Morris, who lived on a farm about six miles southeast of McLean, died suddenly Sunday afternoon at about 5 o'clock. He had not complained of feeling ill. He had gone outside the house, and upon returning he lay down. He died almost instantly, apparently suffering a heart attack.

Pallbearers at the services were Joe Holland of Clarendon, Herbert Scurlock of McAllen, William R. Hillard and Raye Couch of Fort Worth, and Hugh M. and Charles Ellis of Pampa.

Morris was born February 17, 1893, at Cheyenne, Okla. He had lived in this area for the past 25 years, and was engaged in farming at the time of his death. His father, Walter George Morris, came to this area from Swenden, England, as one of the area's pioneers.

Survivors include Morris' wife, Ibonia Maye Morris; three sons, Louis D. Morris of Amarillo, William Walter Morris of McLean, and Val Park Morris of McAllen; three daughters, Sarah Mildred Ross of Mission, Georgiana Gipson of Dallas, and Julia Maye Lane of McAllen; and two brothers, Gilbert Morris of Oklahoma City and Walter William Morris of Mobeetie.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 26—Donald Ray Patterson, Hershel Nicholson, Donald Wayne Smithee, Doine Word Conatser, Martiese Cunningham.

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

Dec. 28—C. J. Magee, Carl Watson, Mrs. Jess Kemp, Odessa Preston, Vickie Mae Christie.

Dec. 29—Margaret Jean West.

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

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

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

Give the man who offers you something for nothing a wide berth.

Contest Winner—

WILKERSON HOME FIRST

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilkerson was judged as winner of the home decorations contest, one of the activities sponsored each Christmas by the McLean Lions Club.

Judges chose the Wilkerson home as first-place winner principally because of its striking appearance, they explained. The decoration was limited to the entrance door, but it was covered with brilliant green foil and accented by figures and lettering.

The second-place winner, the home of Mrs. Dyer, also mainly was judged on the door decoration. The door itself was of a

red background, with stand-out lettering for the greeting message. A highly lighted window near the door also aided in the decorations.

At the Sitter home, the highlight of the decorations was a picture window on the west side of the house. The window contained beautifully lighted figures in front of a blue background. The front of the Sitter home featured lights around the porch and a decorated door.

Local residents apparently took less interest in their Christmas decorations this year. The number of people doing any work on the outside of their homes was very limited. However, judges pointed out that three or four more homes had well-decorated doors.



At Home—

NEW BOSS

Mr. and Mrs. James Jolly are the parents of a boy born December 15. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and has been named James Andrew. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Chase and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jolly of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Blaylock and son of Farmington, N. M., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith in McLean, and Mrs. L. M. Blaylock in Pampa.



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Editorial

MORE WISE MEN NEEDED

(Editor's Note: The following is a timely editorial, reprinted here from the Canadian Record.)

MANY CENTURIES AGO, three Wise Men made a long journey and they arrived safely. The purpose of their trip to Bethlehem was to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

Now, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four years later, many men will journey to their own birthplace to join family and friends in celebrating that same birthday anniversary—Christmas.

These men will travel differently—by high speed motor vehicles—but if they are wise men they, too, can arrive safely.

It is ironic that this Christian occasion should be the most deadly from an accident standpoint, the National Safety Council says. Last year, 519 persons were killed in Christmas week-end traffic accidents—and December 24th is the most dangerous day of the year in traffic.

Early darkness and bad weather, which add up to poor visibility, increase holiday traffic hazards. Fogged windshields also make it difficult to see and avoid accident situations.

Rain, snow, and ice mean slippery streets and highways.

Good fellowship stimulates more drinking, often before driving. And thousands of unwise men fail to adjust their driving speeds

Merry Christmas

We hope you will have a Merry Christmas bright with Holiday cheer that starts with the Yuletide Season and lasts throughout the year!

LEWIS M. GOODRICH
District Judge



A Very Merry Christmas

BERT R. NUCKOLS
County Superintendent

to these hazardous conditions.

To overcome the added hazards of the season, the Council says, more wise men, bearing gifts of extra caution, courtesy, and common sense, are needed. Then the traditional spirit of Christmas—"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"—will spread over the highways and the land.

LES

TALK

By LESTER

Many of you know little James Amos Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Page. For the past several weeks, he has been a most excited boy . . . excited about the coming of Santa Claus. You can hardly mention Santa in front of James without his pretty eyes sparkling and showing wonder. Hickman Brown tells me that little Hickman is acting the same way; in fact, Hickman said he and his wife had to quit mentioning Santa Claus at all for a while to keep down the excitement in their boy.

Which all goes to show that Christmas is a wonderful thing; and that Santa Claus is a wonderful person to the little ones.

Our daughter Chris is excited, too. However, she really had her biggest year of excitement last Christmas. She's beginning to be a bit doubtful about the whole matter now; but she wants so badly to believe that there really is a Santa Claus. She's been playing with older children in the neighborhood, and I imagine they have made some remarks she didn't quite understand. Then all of these different Santas you see these days are hard for us to explain away. We try to tell her they are Santa's helpers, and he needs them because there are so many people for him to see. But Chris is five and a half years old now, and such stories aren't too convincing at that age.

But she's still excited about it all, even though not quite as excited as the youngsters a year or so younger.

The longer-than-usual football season threw me a little behind in my getting ready for Christmas. I like to have what store window decorations I'm gonna have, up shortly after December 1. And I like to have our home decorations up about that time, too. But it was the middle of last week before I managed to get up the window greeting; and last week-end before we finally got up our home door decoration. It is my hope that I will always be able to have some kind of decorations at home, on the outside, I mean, although I wouldn't take an oath that I always will.

Personally, I think that such decorations make Christmas much more enjoyable. I wish everyone would put up something every year. It doesn't matter whether it's elaborate or not. Ours this

year cost less than a dollar (we already had the lights, of course).

As you have probably noticed by now, this is our annual Christmas greeting edition. It contains greetings and words of good cheer from most of the business people in McLean. It contains letters to Santa Claus, and a number of Christmas stories and features.

So it must also contain the following:

It is my sincere wish that each of you has a most enjoyable and Merry Christmas . . . that you pass this Yuletide season in good spirits and excellent health . . . that your moments of visitation with friends and relatives are as pleasurable as you desire . . . that the New Year will bring only the best things of life to you, and to those you love.

'Tis truly a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that I wish for you . . . not just a few of you . . . but all of you.

Midland, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like very much to have some guns and a holster for Christmas. Also I want some toy horses and a mechanical seal. Please bring my big sister Marie, and my little sister Bethie some dolls.

I'm 4 years old and have been a good boy. I'm visiting my Aunt Eddie and Uncle Tuffy in McLean this week before Christmas but will be at my home for Christmas. I love you, Santa,
David Gallegly

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I want a blackboard, eraser and chalk, some dishes and knives and spoons. Don't forget my little sister. She wants a doll and some doll clothes.
Jana Gay Davis
P. S.—We have been good girls.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: MARY ANN LANE, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of January, A. D., 1955, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable 1st District Court of Gray County, at the Court House in Pampa, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was

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filed on the 29 day of November, 1954.

The file number of said suit being No. 11,197.

The names of the parties in said suit are: JERRY LANE as Plaintiff, and MARY ANN LANE as defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: That the plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on or about June 10, 1953, and were separated without fault on the part of the plaintiff on or about July 15, 1953; that the plaintiff has been a continuous, actual and bona fide resident and inhabitant of the State of Texas for more than 12 months and of Gray County for more than six months; and that the defendant's residence is unknown; that there are no children of this marriage and that there is no community property; and that the cause of action is mental cruelty; and plaintiff prays that citation be issued by publication and upon final hearing hereof that he be granted a divorce from the defendant.

Issued this 29th day of November, 1954.

Given under my hand and seal

of said Court, at office in Pampa, Texas, this the 29th day of November, A. D., 1954.

HELEN SPRINKLE, Clerk

District Court, Gray County, Texas

By GWENN GRAY, De

(SEAL)



May this Christmas be a merry one . . . and may the New Year bring each and every one of you added happiness and continued prosperity!

MARGARET'S GIFT SHOP



There is no better way than to say . . . Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to each and every one of you!

O. L. TIBBETS

County Commissioner



JUST A FEW WORDS

"D. O. M." Clinic actually means a "Doctor of Motors" Clinic, and such a clinic will be held at our place of business in the near future. Your repairman will likely attend, and the certificate he receives may mean much to you in the future care and repair of your car.

Sincerely,
Ed

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TO ALL!

The words may be old fashioned but the wish sincere and new . . . best wishes for the very happiest of holidays!

CHARLIE THUT

County Clerk



When the Christmas bells are tolling, the holly's hung, the presents wrapped, the punch bowl filled . . . 'tis the time to pause and remember the wonderful, the joyful year that's past. Time to hope and pray for a New Year filled with pleasure, prosperity . . . and, most of all, peace!

STUBBLEFIELD'S DEPT. STORE



All interested and qualified individuals are urged by John R. Anderson, district manager of the Social Security Administration office, to take the Federal Civil Service Junior Professional Assistant examination to be held January 18, 1955. The examination was announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Dallas.

The Social Security Administration will use the junior professional register for the selection of employees to fill the position of claims representative training, \$5,340 per annum. Upon the completion of 9 to 12 months of satisfactory performance, these trainees are promoted to the position of claims representative, \$5,700 at a starting salary of \$6,250 per annum.

As a result of the 1954 amendments to the Social Security Act, it is necessary to recruit a number of employees for this position. There will be immediate openings in locations in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas for persons who qualify. In general, the requirements for the position are a 4-year

course in an accredited college which includes 24 semester hours in specified subjects, or qualifying experience which can be substituted for, or combined with, the education in meeting the requirements. Except for persons entitled to veteran preference, applicants must not have passed their 35th birthday.

The closing date for this particular examination is January 6, and applications must reach the Civil Service Commission, Dallas, by this date. Application forms as well as specific requirements may be secured from the Civil Service secretary in the local post office.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

A Christmas dinner and 42 party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins Shaw in their home Saturday, December 18. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Castleberry, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Crisp, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Back.

Mr. and Mrs. Irven Alderson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Finley in Shamrock Sunday.

MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our father, J. A. Haynes, who passed away three years ago December 19.

Gone is the face we loved so dear, Silent the words we loved to hear; Too far away for sight or speech, But not too far for thought to reach. Sweet to remember him who once was here And who, though absent, is just as dear. Sadly missed by his family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyd spent the week-end visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Boyd, in Henrietta.

Mr. and Mrs. James McClellan and children of Wellington visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Drum, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blaylock and family of Pampa, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Steen of Magic City visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevens and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ayers and daughter were recent visitors in Swift, Ark., with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitzwater. They also made a business trip to Little Rock, Ark., before returning home.

Personal

Robin Tibbets and son Marlin of Abilene spent the week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Tibbets.

Dorthea Chase of WTSC, Canyon, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ledbetter and Mrs. Walter Evans made a business trip to Pampa Saturday.

Mrs. J. L. Betchan of Hollis, Okla., and H. D. Mims of Wichita,

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shaw of Casper, Wyo., are visiting with friends and relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brooks and sons of Lubbock, Mrs. Max Jordan and son of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brooks and daughter of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brooks and son of Clarendon visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brooks during the week-end.

Jerry Guyton of WTSC, Canyon, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guyton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Plum and children of Clarendon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tasso Pugh and

Mrs. Don Alexander is a patient in Highland General Hospital in Pampa.

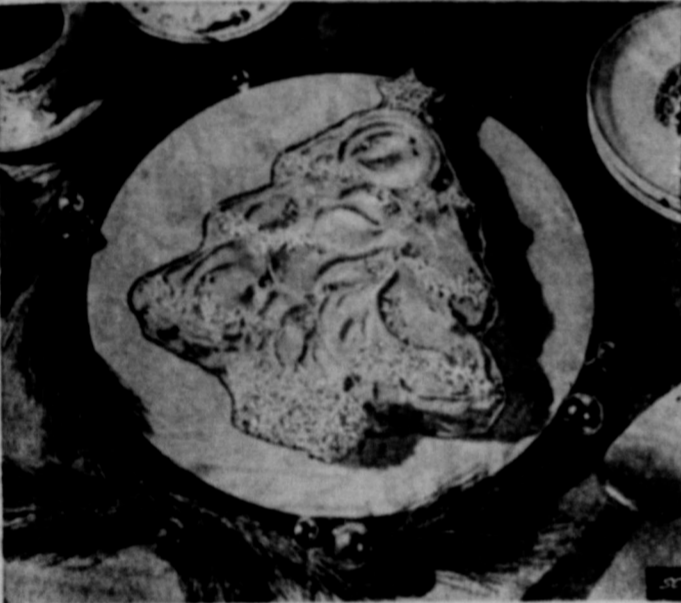
Mr. and Mrs. Irven Alderson spent Friday in Clarendon visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McClellan visited with Mr. and Mrs. Otis McClellan in Pampa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Martindale and family visited with the Neal Skinner family in Shamrock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patton of Pampa visited with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Herndon Sunday.

Glamour For Holiday Entertaining



There is novelty and beauty in this delicate tree-shaped cake laced with soft green frosting, adorned with coconut "snow," tiny Christmas balls, and lustrous silver dragees. Generous in size, the Spry recipe developed in the Lever Test Kitchens provides two glowing "trees" for Christmas entertaining.

Sweet-to-Eat Christmas Trees

- 2-1/2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 4 teaspoons double acting baking powder (tartrate powder, 5-1/2 tsp.)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup less 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 cup less 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 teaspoon orange extract
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 2/3 cup Homogenized Spry
- 5 egg whites, unbeaten

Sift first 4 ingredients into mixing bowl. Add water, milk and flavoring extracts. Drop in Spry and beat 300 strokes (3 min. by hand or on mixer at low speed). Scrape bowl and spoon or beater several times during mixing. Add egg whites and beat 200 strokes (same as before). Bake in two 10" Sprycoated Christmas tree pan 1-1/2" deep in moderately hot oven (375°F.) 25-30 min. Frost and decorate each layer separately. Spread top and sides of each layer with Fir Tree Icing. Decorate with finely cut coconut "snow" and clusters of tiny colored candies. Insert a star of silver dragees into tip of tree.

Fir Tree Icing

Blend 3 tablespoons Spry, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla, 1/4 teaspoon salt. Beat in 4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, alternately with about 1/2 cup scalded light cream, beating after each addition. Tint icing with green coloring. Makes enough icing for 2 trees.

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- Sweet Potatoes** lb 10c
- Cranberries** lb 25c

- Cigarettes** Camels Lucky Strike Chesterfield Carton \$2.02
- Cake Mix** Except Angel Food 3 for \$1.00
- Sweet Pickles** Kurer's 24 oz. jar 46c
- Salad Dressing** Miracle Whip pt. 34c
- Tangerine Juice** 46 oz. can 27c

- "Kim" **DOG FOOD** 3 cans 25c
- Save-All **TUNA** 2 cans 35c
- GUM** 3 pkgs. 10c
- New Whole **POTATOES** 303 can 10c
- Kurer's **CATSUP** 14 oz. bottle 18c
- Schilling's Black **PEPPER** 1 1/2 oz. can 15c
- Sunshine **HI HO** 1 lb box 33c
- Sunshine Cherry **CHOCOLATES** 1 lb 69c
- Aunt Jemima **CORN MEAL** 5 lb sack 43c



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Texas May Have Cases in Future Of Yellow Fever

Yellow fever mosquitos are known to be breeding in Texas, a senior engineer with the State Department of Health says, and "they could make trouble for us."

"We haven't had a recorded case of yellow fever in this state since 1905," says Frank Von Zuben, a specialist in insect control. "But with the volume of international travel we have today, together with the presence of yellow fever mosquitos, the situation is potentially dangerous."

Von Zuben, just back from an international conference on yellow

fever in Havana, Cuba, sees it like this:

Yellow fever has been kept under tight rein since the Spanish-American War. But the disease, spread exclusively by mosquitos known scientifically as aedes aegypti, has been perpetuated in jungle monkeys. Thus, United States citizens who travel in jungle countries, or natives of those countries visiting here, are sometimes exposed to bites of mosquitos which have been previously fed on infected monkeys.

When those international travelers pass through Texas port cities or air terminals, they may bring the infection with them. Local yellow fever mosquitos might easily take the infection from them to spread among others.

No species of mosquito other than aedes aegypti spreads yellow fever in municipal areas, says Von Zuben.

Health officials know the points at which yellow fever mosquitos are breeding, he indicated. Given working funds, they could be entirely eliminated in any given area in a year's time.

Aedes aegypti, Von Zuben points out, seldom fly beyond 100 feet from their breeding site. In any type of water container they breed prolifically, but are highly vulnerable to DDT.

He says the Caribbean island of Trinidad recently suffered an epidemic of yellow fever after being free for years. Since June of this year, the island's import-export trade has taken a loss of \$28,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Back and daughter Mary Ann spent the week-end in Dumas visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Oran Back and family, and Wayne and Dorotha Back. Mary Ann remained for an extended visit.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a twirler's suit, and a pair of twirler's boots. Santa Claus, please bring me a blackboard and a turtle-neck sweater. Goodby, Santa Claus.
Linda Sue Smith
P. S.—I would like a teddy bear.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old and would love for you to bring me a doll with clothes and a baton. Please don't forget my brother, Earnest. He wants a basketball, train, and two-gun holster set. Don't forget all the other good little boys and girls. We love you,
Brinda and Earnest Smith

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the first grade this year. I will be at home Christmas. Please bring me two guns and a holster and a cowboy hat. Santa, please remember all the first grade boys and girls and our teacher, Mrs. Hauck. I love you,
John Dickinson

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a football helmet, football suit, football shoes, football socks, and a puncture-proof ball.
Dick Vineyard

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I bet you don't know what I want. I want a bee-see gun and a football; please bring my little sister a tricycle and some little house shoes. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. I will

put \$2.03 under the Christmas tree. House No. 519. Your friend,
Keith Watson

Liberty H. D. Club Christmas Party At Bailey Home

The Liberty Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bailey Friday, December 17, for the annual Christmas party.

After several games had been played, gifts were exchanged by drawing numbers.

Refreshments were served by the hostess to Mr. and Mrs. Wink Gideon, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Railsback, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Daviss, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eustace, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kennedy, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson attended the wedding of Jane Boucher and Don Howard in Lefors Sunday.

Mrs. Stella Brooks of Mineral Wells spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brooks and other relatives.

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McLEAN, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1954

Mrs. R. T. Dickinson and daughter Nancy and Mrs. Nancy White were in Shamrock on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Crockett and son Charles attended the wedding of Don Howard and Jane Boucher in Lefors Sunday.

Sue and Dale Glass of Waco, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass.

Floella Cubine of WTSC Canyon, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erey Cubine.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Henson in Clarendon Sunday.

Don and David Hauck spent few days this week in Clarendon visiting with their grandparents, Mrs. J. J. Whitt.

Xmas Special

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Special Sale

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Xmas Special

Ladies' Moccasin

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Xmas Special

Justin Special

Cowboy Boots

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\$35.00 value

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Famous Brands

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Dress Shirts

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Pajamas

MERTEL'S STORE

CHURCH CALENDAR

(Churches of this area are invited to run their activity calendars weekly in this column.)

McLean Methodist Church

Each Sunday:
Church School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a. m.
Evening Fellowships 7:00 p. m.
Children, Youth, Adults
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
A cordial invitation is extended to the public, to attend any or all the services. Make plans to attend every Sunday.
Marvin E. Fisher, Pastor

First Presbyterian Church

Bible School 10 a. m.
Worship 11 a. m.
Youth groups at 5:30 and 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
A cordial invitation is extended to the friends in town and the community to attend any and all services. "The Spirit and the Bride say come—whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely."
J. Edwin Kerr, Pastor

Church of Christ

Sunday Services:
Bible School 10 a. m.
Preaching 10:50 a. m.
Communion 11:45 a. m.
Young People's Classes 6 p. m.
Evening Preaching 7 p. m.
Monday:
Men's Training Class, 7 p. m.
Wednesday Services:
Ladies Bible Study 2 p. m.
Bible Classes, all ages 7:30 p. m.
We welcome your attendance, investigation, and support. You need the church and the church needs you. "We preach only Christ and Him crucified."—1 Cor. 2:2. "We speak the truth in love."—Eph. 4:15. You are never a stranger but once you come.
Harold D. McColum, Minister

Pentecostal Holiness Church

Sunday Services:
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Youth meeting 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Woman's Auxiliary meets on Thursday, 1 p. m.
Prayer changes things for soul and body.—1 Thes. 4:23.
Archie Cooper, Pastor

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS . . .



. . . and out in the kitchen, final touches will be put on a party meal. Gay, Santa-salads of luscious pears and snowy coconut, will provide a merry note for the dining table, as well as very good eating! An amusing culinary caper, this—but wonderful for a children's party. Or if you're having a tree-trimming group in on Christmas Eve, serve Santa-salads—pass hot gingerbread and serve steaming cups of cocoa.

Santa Claus Salad

1 pkg. (3 ozs.) cream cheese
2 tablespoons cream
6 canned pear halves, drained and chilled
6 red maraschino cherries
3 green maraschino cherries
1/4 cup shredded coconut (about)

Mash cream cheese with a fork until softened. Add cream gradually; then beat until cheese is light and fluffy.
Place each pear half, cut side down, on crisp lettuce. Use large end of pear for face and tapered end for cap. Cut round pieces from red cherries for eyes and half a ring of red cherry for mouth. Arrange eyes and mouth on face.

Spread cream cheese on tapered end of pear half for cap and at base of large end for whiskers. Cut green cherries in half and place one half at tip of each cap for tassel. Sprinkle cap and whiskers with coconut. Serve with mayonnaise, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

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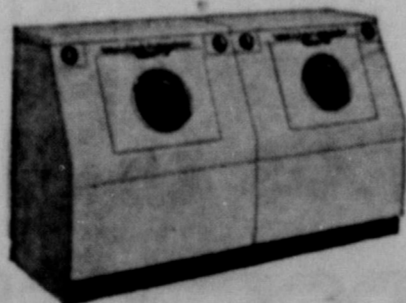
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WESTINGHOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS—

Any housewife will love to see the Westinghouse laundry twins—the Laundromat and the automatic clothes dryer—under the tree this Christmas. It's not too late . . . come in and let us explain how a small down payment and low monthly terms can place the "twins" in your home.

Other Ideas from the House of Westinghouse—

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- Electric Range
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JELL-O All Flavors 2 for 15c

Sugar Powdered or Brown 2 boxes 23c

Eagle Brand MILK 15 oz. can 29c

Libby Frozen STRAWBERRIES 10 oz. can 25c

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Hunt All Green Tips ASPARAGUS No. 1 can 33c

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day morning from Frederick, Okla., with his bride, who was formerly Miss Bessie Pool of that

DRIVE SAFELY

If you are to be one of the thousands on the highways this holiday week-end, we urge you to use extreme care in your driving. And remember, too, that you may have to watch the other fellow in his driving. High speeds are the cause of more traffic deaths than any other; so drive safely, drive carefully, drive sensibly.

BOYD MEADOR

General Insurance



May your holidays be rich in the pleasant memories of friendships that have lasted through the year... and may the inspiration of the spirit of the season be with you throughout a new year of increasing health, happiness and prosperity.

HELEN SPRINKLE

District Clerk

The McLean News

McLEAN, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1954

city, the wedding having occurred Sunday. The happy young couple are receiving the congratulations of hosts of friends to whom they will be at home for the present at the Stockton house formerly occupied by J. C. Wall. Mr. Coffey has been in McLean but a short time, being associated with his brother, T. J. Coffey, in the general merchandise business, but has made many friends among our citizens. The bride is a popular young woman who has made her home at Frederick, but until recently was engaged in the millinery business at Dallas.

Mr. Coffey is congratulating himself on having escaped the customary mule riding which is an ancient and dignified rite that is imposed on all newly married couples by local enthusiasts, the reason for the escape being that he did not return on scheduled time.

The News joins heartily in the extending of sincere good wishes for the future happiness of these popular young people.

Study With Mrs. Boyett
The Study Club met Friday afternoon of last week with Mrs. S. E. Boyett, a representative number being present. The subject of the lesson was "The European War" and was ably conducted by Mrs. Boyett.

A number of splendid papers were read, followed by an interesting round table discussion.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. R. E. Dorsey on New Year's Day and will be in charge of Miss McCurdy.

Mrs. J. S. Morse is a new member of the club.

Alanreed Items

Hog killing has been the order of the day for nearly a week.

Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, people are still marketing their feed stuff at a rapid rate.

A. McKeachern has sold his place to Billy Hicks.

Mr. Austin's family, having been away during the cotton picking season, returned to their home last Sunday.

Several horses and mules were sold here last Monday.

J. W. Sherrod is having an addition built to his residence.

Telephone lines are being built in different directions and we think that Alanreed will soon be connected with all parts of the country by a good system of telephones.

Several from the neighborhood are disposing of their belongings to move to Colorado, where they have taken claims of land.

Our school is moving along



HELPING HAND... "Not a creature was stirring..." except this two-year old who slipped downstairs to see what was up-or down. Guess who belongs to the boots.

nice under the management of Prof. Shultz, Grundy, and Reeves. Prof. Shultz' sister-in-law and her little son are now citizens of Alanreed.

Our old operator and agent, M. H. Keasler, has moved to Groom, while B. L. Burk and family have moved here to take his place.

O. T. Tipton has built a res-

Dr. Joel M. Gooch

Optometrist

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Shamrock, Texas

Please Phone for Appointments

idence on what is known as the "Tipton lease." Charlie and his wife are domiciled in their new home.

Wm. Kennedy is now in Colorado prospecting.

Since it has become such an easy matter to get "booze," we see some of the shameful effects of it daily on our streets. Let all Christian and moral people yet hope to drive from our land the accursed stuff that is dragging so many noble youths down to degradation and ruin.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring April and me some toys and candy for Christmas.

Johnny Reeves

The man who continually boasts about his principles usually means his prejudices.

Ready money is seldom ready when one needs to borrow some.

Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Junius I, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

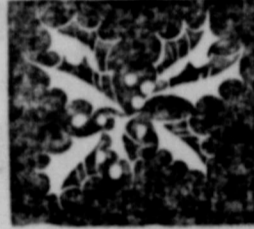
After 40, a cucumber in the hand is worth two in the tummy.



McLEAN LIONS CLUB
1st and 3rd
Tuesdays
12:05 p. m.

McLean Methodist Church
Visitors Welcome

Greetings



A Merry Christmas to you all! May goodwill and happiness be in abundance on this joyous Holiday for all our friends and patrons!

JOHNNIE F. MERTEL SHOE SHOP

To know the laws of God in nature and revelation, and then to fashion the affections and will into harmony with those laws—this is education.—S. Scovel.



Housewife: What do you find best for mopping the kitchen floor?

Neighbor: I have tried lots of things, but I find my husband best.

Nowadays too many people are suffering from bone trouble; too much in the head and too little in the back.

Foreman: I suppose you wish I was dead so you could spit on my grave.

Laborer: Nope, I hate to stand in line.

It's not too late to consider buying a new set of Atlas tires for a family Christmas gift. See us today.

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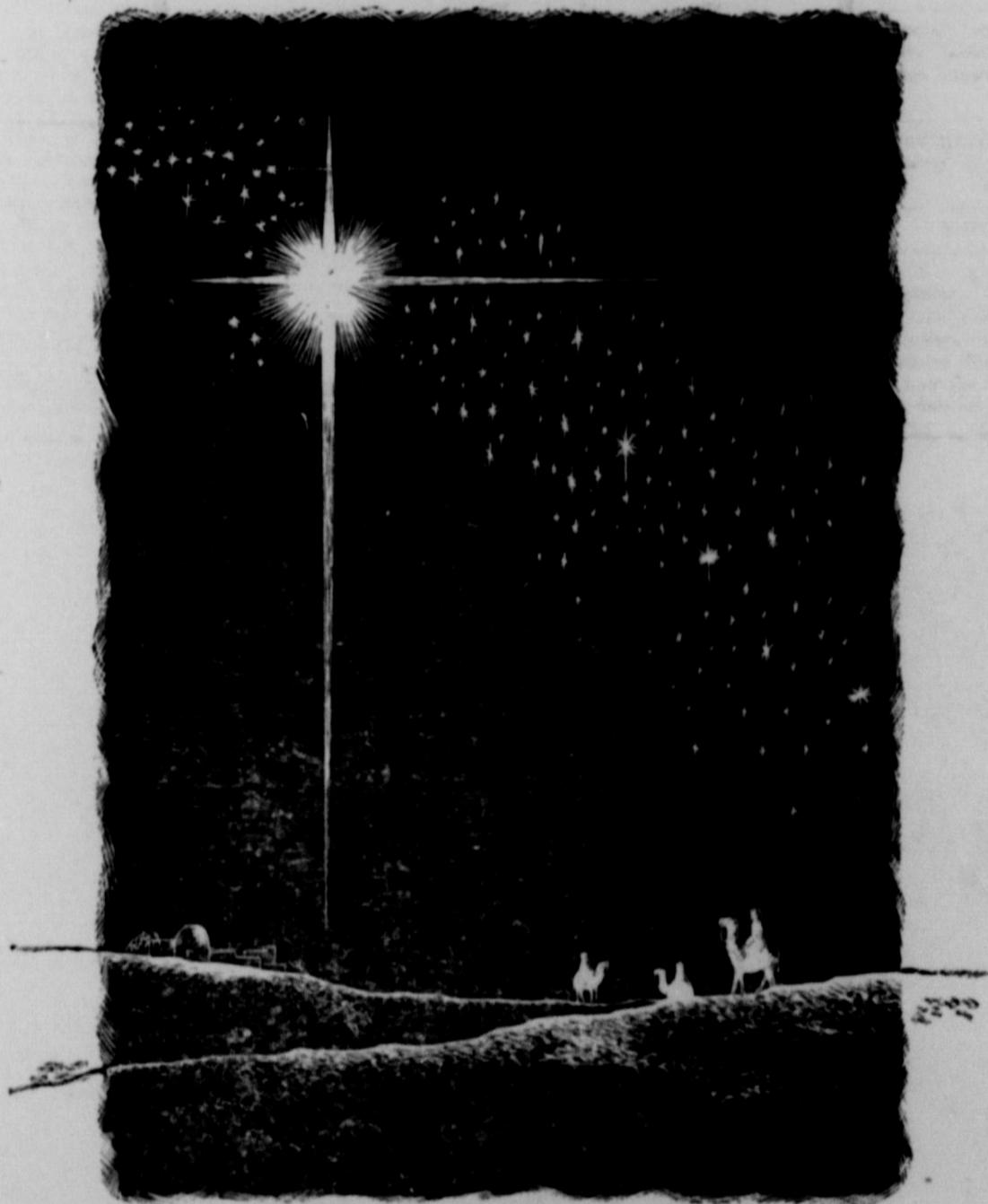
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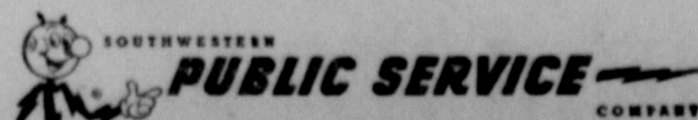
North of Shamrock

Phone 888

Christmas



O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.



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For Rent—4-room brick house, with bath. See Jimmy Newton, Phone 1606F22. 1c

MISCELLANEOUS

Will do saw filing. J. E. Smith, Phone 30W. 13-tfc

WARNING—I will be poisoning coyotes on Sitter Ranch south of town. Hunters are warned to keep dogs out. Rose Collie. 1p

WANTED

Wanted—Woman to help with housework, to stay day and night. Mrs. T. D. Key. 1p

Four Tigers—

(Continued from page 1)
 scored 218 points in 12 games. Teammate Ricky Mantooth, although a quarterback on Hap Rogers' single-wing attack, received more ballots as a half-back . . . Jack Powell and McLean's Rodney Gunn made up the pass catching department . . . James Jolly, the popular double-duty guard from McLean, led the linemen in balloting. Jolly, who turned down a chance to work in the backfield, was rewarded for his decision by being named by many of the coaches as one of the area's outstanding college prospects. . . . To touch briefly on the backfield of the first team, the mentors of this area selected four of the fastest, break-away runners in the area. Mantooth is possibly one of the better passers in the region as well as a gifted punter. . . . In the fullback slot, James Smith, although light in the meat packing department, displayed blinding speed and the gift to nab passes out of the air for touchdowns."

Like Mistletoe, Legend Surrounds Holly Plant

Holly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet, there are some interesting superstitions regarding holly. They believed that its ever-green leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and



therefore considered it sacred. Legend also has it that the leaves of the plant were once white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep, blood red.

It was also a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once-prevalent belief, would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

Virginia Beck of WTSC, Canyon, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Beck.

Pretty Pretty Pudding



AT HOLIDAY TIME when the mood is light, and colors bright, serve a smooth, pretty pudding, dressed up gaily with red cherries and whipped cream. This Lemon Pudding de Luxe is companionable with any Christmas cake or Christmas cookies you have on hand, so if your entertainment budget runs low towards the season's end it may be considered economical, too!

LEMON PUDDING DE LUXE

1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
 1 cup hot water
 1/2 cup cold water
 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup sugar
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1/2 cup heavy cream
 1/2 cup drained halved red sour pitted cherries

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add cold water, salt, sugar, and lemon juice. Chill until slightly thickened. Whip cream until thick and shiny, but not stiff. Fold cream and cherries into slightly thickened gelatin mixture. Pour into large serving dish or individual molds. Chill until firm. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Early Controversy Over Exact Christmas Date

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances.

Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that it occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.

Apiculture is the name given a bee-keeper.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a big baby doll and leave it at my grandma's and bring me a doll high chair and washing machine and leave them here at Mother's and Daddy's. With love,
 Norma Jean Page

A horned toad is actually a lizard.

Prospective Piano Buyers

Our display van will be in this vicinity shortly with such bargains as the following:

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A Merry and White

Christmas—

Lester . . . Martha . . . Eunice

. . . Stella at

The McLean News

Mexican Custom Will Brighten Christmas Party

If you're planning a Christmas party for the kiddies, why not brighten up the affair the Mexican way? Make plans for a "pinata" and we promise it will be the high spot of the gathering. Widely used in Mexico throughout the year, the pinata is busiest at Christmas time, during the Mex-



Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall, angular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face, figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nickelous." The best they could do was "Santa Kalouf," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe, and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly.

Future writers may try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waist line. It will be a tough job, for, though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.

Pat Shelton of WTSC, Canyon, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shelton.

Robert Martindale is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Moore in Amarillo this week.

Your Christmas Fireside Can Be Bright With Color

If you wish to get as much "color" as possible in your Christmas observance, here's a novel idea.

Pine cones, small kindling or chips can be so treated as to give off colored flames when burned in the fireplace. Dipped or soaked in a solution of various salts of certain metals, cones or chips will burn with a distinctive color. Cones will not readily absorb water, so salts must be suspended in a solution of turpentine.

Compounds which produce specific colors when burned are: Red—strontium chloride; green—barium chloride; blue-green—copper oxide or copper sulfate; orange—calcium chloride; lavender—potassium chloride; and yellow—sodium chloride.

A second method—if only cones are to be used—is to dip the cones in paraffin and before the paraffin hardens sprinkle with the following chemicals for desired color effect: Green—copper sulfate; red—strontium nitrate; orange—calcium nitrate; and yellow—sodium chloride.

John Adams is credited with the motto "E Pluribus Unum."

Texan breeds the greatest number of Jersey cows.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

To Our Friends and Customers

We Will Be Closed
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McLEAN LAUNDRY
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

May this Christmas be the merriest one you've ever had and may the bright New Year hold for you the fulfillment of all your cherished dreams.

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BEST WISHES TO YOU

J. D. FISH
Constable-Elect

Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations. Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us." This was in the small village of Garcia, in Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.



JOY TO THE WORLD . . . The famous boys' choir of St. Vincent Ferrer Church raises its collective voice in song during rehearsal of hymns which will be sung at Christmas Eve midnight mass. Boys are from eight to 14 years of age.

Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 16th century.

When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

MINCE PIE

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring in mince pie was said to represent the rich gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child.



Xmas Gift

Holiday Plants Need Special Care

Holiday plants require special care if they are to look their best. Just like human beings, they need bright light or sunlight, in the day and a proper amount of water.

Wilting, leaf yellowing and burning, leaf drop and premature loss of flowers can be caused by under-watering or over-watering plants. Thorough watering is important as soon as plants are dry, but avoid leaving plants standing in water. Puncture the tin foil or heavy paper on pots at the drainage hole to provide necessary drainage.

Here are some further suggestions:

Lower the night temperature to prolong the life of blooms. Minimum night temperature for poinsettias and Christmas begonias should be 60 degrees. The desirable night temperatures for azaleas, Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums, cyclamen, Jerusalem cherry, Kalanchoe, ornamental peppers, potted bulbs and cut flowers are between 50 degrees and 60 degrees. High room temperatures hasten the maturity of flowers and shorten their life.

Avoid sudden temperature changes and drafts. Keep both plants and cut flowers away from radiators and heat registers and out of drafts. Poinsettias are especially sensitive to sudden temperature changes. They should never be left near a window sill as drafts will cause leaves to turn yellow and drop.

Cedars Of Lebanon Oldest Christmas Trees

What some people consider to be the world's oldest Christmas trees have been standing on a Mediterranean plateau for centuries. These are the cedars of Lebanon, protected by both religion and by law.

Some of these magnificent trees have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

These trees were not always protected. Once, as the result of an agreement between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon, conscripted Hebrew laborers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem, as the contract stated "cedar trees without number."

XMAS CUSTOMS

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christian holidays, Christmas and New Year's had a long struggle to become firmly established.

Anyone is entitled to an opinion, but no one has a right to be wrong in relation to the facts.—Bernard Baruch.



KING SIZE . . . Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass. who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1953 Christmas celebration.

SANTA, INDIANA

The community of Santa Claus, Indiana owes its fame to its unusual name. At Christmas time its small post office is swamped with mail from throughout the world.



In the sincere spirit of Christmas we extend to you our greetings and a fervent hope that you have near those we know you hold so dear!

TEXAS CAFE

Kindly Light
at CHRISTMAS

. . . May the true spirit of Christmas fill your home at this festive season . . . and may its benefits linger throughout the entire year.

CALLAHAN'S
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Callahan

IT'S Christmas

. . . but our Christmas Wishes for you are no secret . . . may you enjoy continued GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY, and everlasting PEACE!

THE TEXAS CO.
Custer and Ruth Lowary

holiday greetings

No wish is more heartfelt,
No greeting more gay,
Than the Merry Christmas
We send to you today!

Enjoy a Movie During Yuletide

Thursday: Sterling Hayden, Gloria Grahame "Naked Alibi"	Sunday, Monday: Joan Crawford, Sterling Hayden, Mercedes McCambridge "Johnny Guitar" in Trucolor
Friday, Saturday: Van Heflin, Ruth Roman, Howard Duff "Tanganyika" in Technicolor	Wednesday, Thursday: Stewart Granger, Elizabeth Taylor, Peter Ustinov, Robert Morley "Beau Brummel" in Technicolor

AVALON THEATRE



LARGEST MANGER SCENE . . . Boy visitor is dwarfed by manger scene in stone and marble, by sculptor Vincenzo Ferri, in Rome. Each statue is from 8 to 12 feet tall, include the Madonna and infant; St. Joseph and the three wise kings bearing gifts.

Bethlehem

Holy City Today Filled With Poor And Homeless

As they have done since the first Christmas, Christians will this year follow the Star to the stable-grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem.

Always small and poor, Bethlehem is even poorer today than most people would believe. A recent visitor said, "Wanderers fill the streets—anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn."

Last Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem had to be especially watchful lest the sheep trap themselves in the barbed wire of the narrow no-man's land separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has as well been sorely affected by the hostility and the uneasy truce. It is crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehem's chief industry, the making and selling of objects of piety from olive wood, Dead Sea stone and mother-of-pearl. Except at Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit had gone from the business.

On Christmas Eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christian diplomats living in divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unused highway through no-man's land. Pilgrims from the Israeli side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

Pilgrims rich and poor alike, worship together in the fourth century Church of the Nativity. There is a High Mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through a series of underground chapels.

The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Manger. Outside, Christians from many lands will sing, as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



Christmas is for the YOUNG

Christmas is for the young! How many times do we hear grown-ups make this statement? Much too often.

Christmas belongs to all of us, to share, to take part in the celebration of the birth of the Saviour, the greatest event in the history of the world.

It seems to some that Christmas will then be young at heart.



is Christmas commercial?

Every year about this time we hear the same story: Christmas is getting too commercial.

Last year, in fact, some grown-ups rebelled and said because Christmas was getting "so commercial" they intended to tell their children that there was no Santa Claus.

Like little Virginia O'Hanlon, who wrote the famous "Is there a Santa" letter to the editor of the New York Sun, children are very easily disillusioned. But, like Virginia, they need only reassurance from someone they believe in to sustain their wonderful belief. It is entirely wrong for us to shatter their dreams.

Christmas IS commercial in some aspects. Thousands of people earn a livelihood working the year around in toy shops or factories which produce Christmas specialties. This, in itself, does not make Christmas "too commercial," for toymakers have produced Christmas novelties for hundreds and hundreds of years. In

If it is the truth, what does it matter who says it?—Anon.

Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra

Saint Nicholas lived some 1600 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre, province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.

Aristides won the first Kentucky Derby in 1875.

Season's Greetings BLUE & WHITE LAUNDRY Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bragg

MERRY CHRISTMAS FOLKS May the magic of the season bring you a sleighful of happiness! BILL R. CASH Your Magnolia Agent

WISHING YOU A Merry Christmas Best wishes for a Happy Holiday. May the spirit of Christmas continue throughout the New Year! BILL DAY FURNITURE Bill . . . Vernone . . . Karen

Hello It's Christmas HARRELL'S 5c & 10c Store

MERRY CHRISTMAS To you, our customers, whose friendly support during the past year has contributed so greatly to our welfare we extend cordial and appreciative thanks!

McLEAN ZERO LOCKERS Tot Conner, Mgr.

Joyous NOËL "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." ST. LUKE, Chap. II, 10 Let us all remember the blessed story and its lessons. Let us keep faith and love in our hearts for all mankind and this will be a truly Joyous Noël! CLABORN FUNERAL HOME



To you and your family we

extend our greetings for a truly wonderful

Holiday Season and a most prosperous New Year!

MR. & MRS. H. D. BUTRUM
Your Sinclair Dealer



**MULLANAX
MEN'S STORE**

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Mullanax



As the Christmas bells ring out and another year is about to be born we realize how very important your friendship has been to our success. We appreciate the opportunity this Holiday Season brings to Thank You and say...

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

ANDREWS EQUIPMENT CO.

Clyde Andrews

Xmas Mail



**Christmas Plant,
Poinsettia, Named
After Statesman**

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Poinsett was U.S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew the unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

**Old Superstitions About
Eating Of Mince Pies**

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

**Gift-Giving Custom
In Ancient England**

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth..." — Luke II-14



Christmas comes as a reminder, to nations as well as to individuals, that the promise of peace on earth is coupled with good will toward men.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Kellerville, Texas
Dear Santa,
I just want you to bring me something that my brothers won't tear up. I will be satisfied with most anything. I am really the best boy in the family, so please don't forget me. Love,
Johnny Roth
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am Janice Lynn Barker. I would like to have a doll, accordion, finger paints, and dishes. I have been a good girl, I hope. Lots of love,
Janice P. S.—I have a little brother, too.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I didn't get to go to school this year. I want a Bible, a nurse kit, and a billfold. I have been a good girl this year. I love you, Santa.
Sue Kunkel
Skellytown, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have moved to Skellytown since last year, so don't forget me. I am 7 years old and have been fairly good.
I would like very much for you to bring me a walking doll, a blackboard, and some clothes for my doll, and bring me some candy and nuts. Don't forget all of the other boys and girls. Love,
Donna Boyd
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 5 years old, as you know I will go to school next year. Will you please bring me a bicycle, a 2 gun holster set with a leather belt. I have tried to be good. Your little friend,
Richard Dean Moore
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and some doll clothes. Teresa wants a doll and some doll clothes, too. And I want a toy typewriter and Teresa wants a finger puppet.
Teresa and Toni Mertel
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 9 years old. Would you please bring me a monopoly set, a wrist watch and a nurse's kit. Your friend,
Patty McIlroy



The beauty of the oft-told Christmas story has been an inspiration to many for many centuries... may this Christmas bring all of us closer to the hopeful message... Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men!

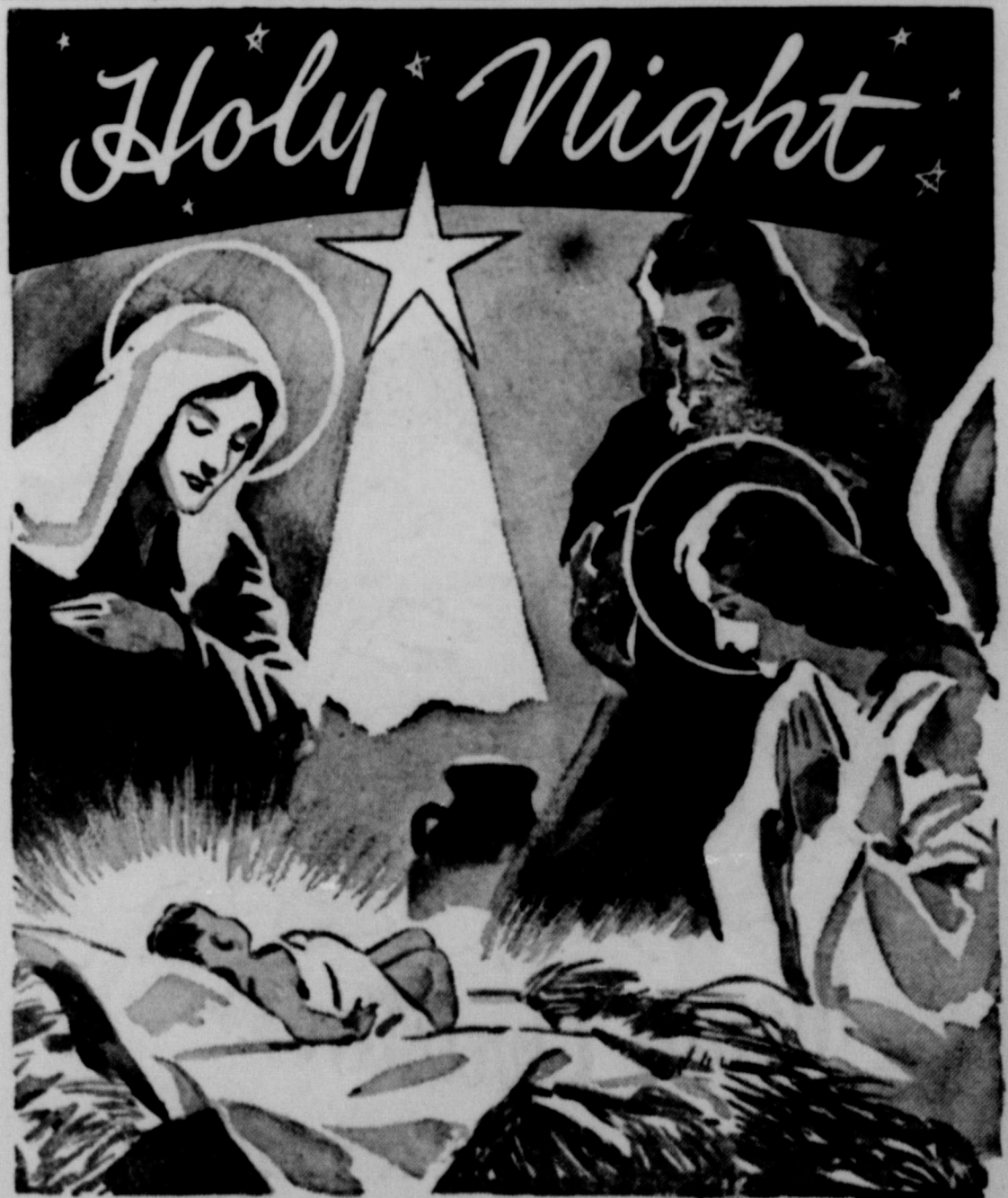
McLEAN FLOWER SHOP
Mr. and Mrs. Legon Earris



May this glorious Holiday bring cheer and gladness into your hearts!

May the spirit of Christmas bring peace to men on earth.

OLA GREGORY
County Treasurer



May the Spirit of Christmas fill our hearts as we join in a humble prayer for good will among men and peace among nations

**DR. J. H. KRITZLER
AND STAFF**



At Christmas

The time for remembering old friends, old songs, old pleasures of years gone by... and it's also time to start a fresh page in your book of memories for the new year!

RUFE JORDAN
County Sheriff

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Miss Tiny Tears doll and a tri-cycle. Don't forget my big brother Jimmy and my little brother Eric. I am trying to be a good girl, Santa. Love,
Ellen Kay Kritzer
P. S.—Santa, I am five years old.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
We are two little boys two and four. You have always been good

to us and we are good, too. This year we would like some road machinery, we want to re-instruct the roads when they get torn up. We want a wrecker and some little cars in our stockings. We would like a farm and a freight terminal, too. We know how to take turns, but we have only one gun set and we don't have time to take turns when we see a tiger in the Locust Grove. So please bring one more set. Remem-

ber our little friends: Barbara and Terry Don and Rocky, Thacker and Mikie and our cousin Susan and Shirley who lives near Lefors. Bring Mommy and Daddy something nice. You don't have to bring Grandmother anything. We already have her a present. Goodby,
Billy Webb
Kirk Webb

Lakeview, Texas
Dear Santa,
I wrote to you last year and you were so nice to me that I thought I would write again.

This year I want a rocking chair that is just my size. I also want a great big piggy bank to put my pennies in.

My Grandmother and Grandfather Ferguson and Parmenter are coming to my house this year and don't forget to bring something nice to them. Also bring my Mommie and Daddy something. Please don't forget to leave something nice at Uncle Bill's and Aunt Pat's for Kenny and Connie.

I've been a pretty good boy this year and would also like to have a toy box to keep my toys in, one like Kenny's.

I wish you would help remind people that it's Jesus' birthday, too, and He needs our help to make this a better world. Love,
William Eugene (Bill) Parmenter

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. For Xmas I want a football and a gun with a knife on it and two guns. I want some peppermint candy and some nuts. I try to be good. Bring all little boys and girls some toys.

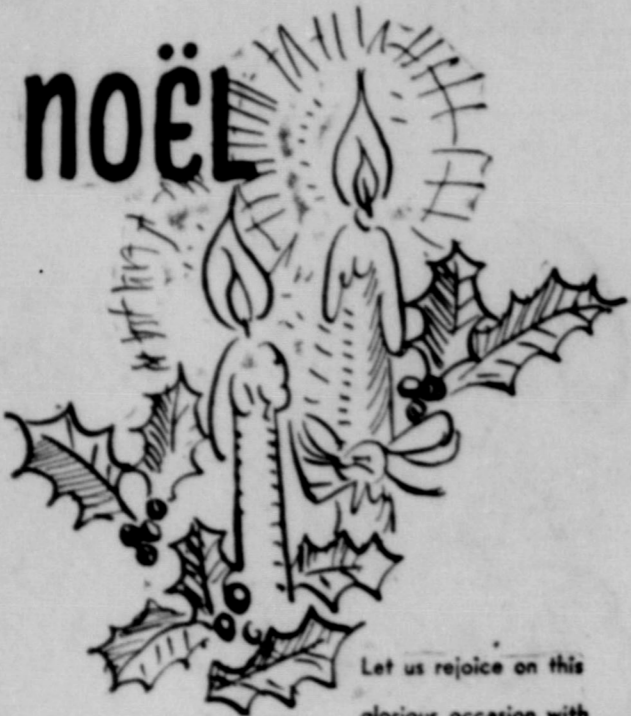
Ronnie McIlroy

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. Please bring me a doll with hair, a sewing machine and a sink. I have a little brother this Christmas, so bring him a top and a little black sheep. Bring us both candy and nuts. I love you,
Linda Kay Lisman

Kellerville, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy since Mama and Daddy have been telling me I had to be if you were going to remember me. Please bring me a wagon with sides on it, a blackboard, and a log set. Love,
Joe D. Roth



Let us rejoice on this glorious occasion with glad hearts and goodwill towards all mankind.

McLEAN ELECTRIC

Howard Williams



Merry Christmas

... EVERYONE!

We'd like to join our old friend with the

whiskers in wishing all of our cherished

friends a Merry Christmas and a very happy

New Year... may peace be with you always!

JOE SMITH MOTOR CO.
Your Friendly Ford Dealer

A Float For New Year's Frolic



New Year's seems to be the one day in all the year when friends drop in casually—without the usual telephone call ahead of time, without any fanfare. It's a wonderful time for open house, and one of the most charming ways to say welcome to all our friends—both big and little, is with a big, colorful bowl of punch. From the Test Kitchens of Minute Maid Fresh-Frozen Orange Juice comes a novel and delicious way to say "Happy New Year" with this Frozen Orange-Limeade Float. The punch is chilled with the delicately tinted, frozen "float" you make the day before. And for a happy coincidence, decorate your table around your "float" with deep red roses. They'll symbolize the New Year and its traditional Tournament of Roses.

FROZEN ORANGE-LIMEADE FLOAT

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| 1 can Minute Maid Fresh-Frozen Limeade (or Lemonade) undiluted | 5-6 drops green vegetable coloring |
| 2 cups heavy cream, whipped | 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine |
| ¼ cup sugar | ¼ cup cold water |

Defrost undiluted limeade (or lemonade) until semi-liquid. Whip cream in chilled bowl. Beat in sugar gradually. Stir in undiluted juice gradually, 2 tablespoons at a time. Blend in green coloring. Meantime soften gelatine in cold water 5 minutes, then stir over low heat until it is just melted. Cool. Beat into whipped cream mixture. Pour into quart mold which has been lightly brushed with vegetable oil. Chill in freezing compartment of refrigerator several hours or overnight. Unmold and float in following punch.

ORANGE PUNCH

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| 3 cans (6 oz.) Minute Maid Fresh-Frozen Orange Juice (undiluted) | 2 quarts ginger ale |
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Place undiluted fresh-frozen orange juice in large punch bowl. Dilute with ginger ale just before serving and float frozen limeade mixture in center of bowl. Serves 10-12.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old, and I would like a doll, a doll buggy, and a dresser for my doll and me and a doll bed large

enough for a big doll. I've tried real hard to be a good little girl. Please don't forget other little boys and girls. I love you,
Marilyn Kay Williams



May you receive into your hearts and homes this year the true spirit of Christmas, and enjoy the fulfillment of the angels' message... Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men!

CHEVRON GAS STATION

Odell & Whitey

'Tis CHRISTMAS

in our town...

There's the holly and mistletoe and the candles all aglow!
There's the bells gaily ringing and the carolers singing!
There's the trees lit and the wonderful gifts stacked high!
There's the candy and fruit... the cake and the punch!
There's the snow that falls and the laughter and cheer... and they all add up to a happy holiday and grand New Year.



CITY OF McLEAN

E. J. LANDER, Mayor -- D. A. DAVIS, Secretary -- C. G. NICHOLSON, Marshal
RUEL SMITH, C. P. CALLAHAN, GUY HIBLER, JESS KEMP, O. F. MANTOOTH, Aldermen
PETE FULBRIGHT, Supt. of Utilities -- ROBERT GLENN, Asst. Supt.
H. A. POOL, J. F. LEDBETTER, CHARLIE MORGAN, JO ANN STEVENS, J. B. GAUDIEL

Season's Greetings



May your Holiday be rich with joy and may the coming year bring you success and real happiness.

JACK BACK

County Tax Assessor-Collector

Outdoor Decorations Should Not Harm Evergreen Shrubs

It won't be a chilly Christmas for many outdoor evergreens and shrubs this year, with outside home decorations expected to be even more popular than in past years.

It's nice to have bright decorations outside, tree experts say, but too many home owners give their home grounds evergreens a hot foot while stringing them with overly-powerful Christmas lights for a blinking, brilliant colorama.

They offer this advice to protect trees while utilizing them to the best advantage in achieving that beautiful outdoor display:

Use only electrical fixtures designed to be strung on outdoor trees.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-watts. They're bright enough to be gay and colorful, yet don't generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.

Check periodically to determine if needles or foliage are turning brown in vicinity of lights. If so, rearrange the lights. Not even a beautiful light display is worth marring valuable evergreens that are a source of beauty the year round.

Judging a man's future by his past is always a poor policy.

Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.

Turkey Dinner



Planning a turkey dinner for Christmas? If you are, and you want to be sure it's a "good" bird when you place it on the festive table, then follow these tips in preparing that important part of your holiday meal.

Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled out easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other.

The drum stick can also be greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

Singe your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in lukewarm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried.

Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

In roasting the turkey, you'll find that the wing-tips can be brought over the back and tied to make a "rack" on which the bird will rest in the roaster.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want Zip the monkey and a real pretty Sunday dress that sticks out and that's all I want. Please get it, please. From
Suzanne Rogers

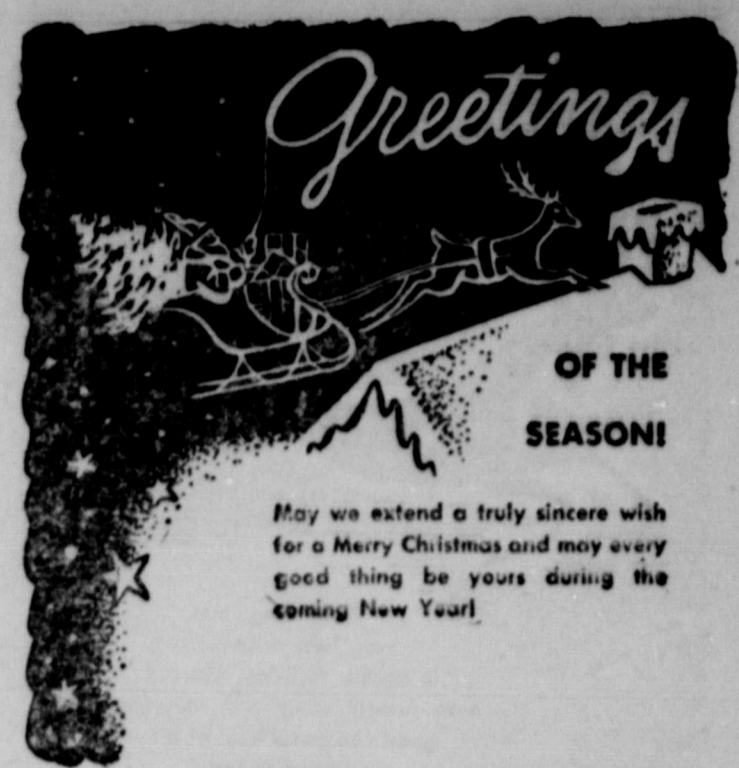
To Santa, Please don't forget my brother and sister.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please send me a football suit with a helmet and shoes. And lots of nuts and fruit. Love,
Ronnie McCracken

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy this year. I help my mother dry the dishes and I help take care of my little sister. I would like for you to bring me a road grader and a helicopter. Would you please bring my little sister a teddy bear? She tries to be good but sometimes she cries. I love you, Santa,
Brad Parker (Age 4)



OF THE SEASON!

May we extend a truly sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and may every good thing be yours during the coming New Year!

66 SERVICE STATION

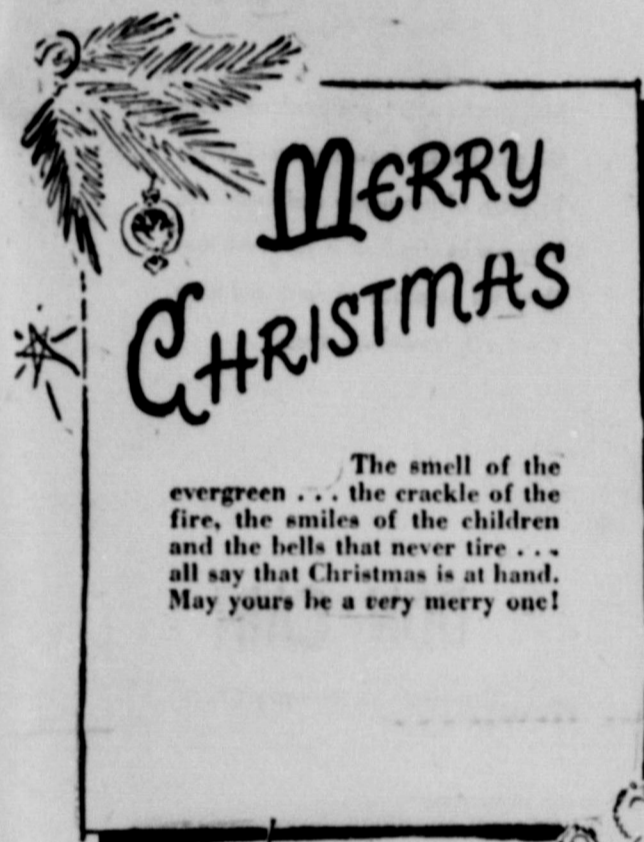
Fred Patterson



G & G AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY

Leo Gibson

Kenneth Gibson



McLEAN HARDWARE CO.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meacham

Greetings

TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS!

We'd like to tell you all how much we appreciate your patronage... how much we've enjoyed knowing and serving you. Fondest wishes for a Merry Christmas!

BOYD MEADOR

GENERAL INSURANCE

Boyd... Viola... S. A.



McLEAN LIONS CLUB

Meets Every First & Third Tuesdays 12:05 p. m.



Extending our very best wishes for a hoppy holiday blessed with joyous song and laughter, good food and best of all good friends!

BRUCE L. PARKER

County Judge-Elect

Christmas in New York



"Christmas in New York" is a magical phrase to anyone who has ever seen the City at this most exciting time of the year.

Christmas trees sparkle along Park Avenue . . . a giant Norway spruce, with two miles of festive lights strung through its branches, dominates Rockefeller Center . . . New York's fabulous store windows glitter and gleam with marvelous decorations . . . there's a Santa Claus on every other corner and in every department store. The very air seems to tinkle with holiday spirit.

In Central Park and Rockefeller Center, ice skaters whirl to the festive strains of Christmas carols. Reindeer suddenly become the most popular attraction in New York's zoos.

The visitor to New York finds the excitement contagious. There are new plays and movies to see; operas, ballets, and symphony concerts to attend; hockey and basketball games to watch, and, of course, there are the City's most famous year-round attractions: the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Statue of Liberty and the United Nations, to visit.

A Christmas vacation in this most glamorous City needn't be expensive, according to the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, because many of the City's most wonderful attractions are free, and because New York can provide hotels, restaurants, stores and entertainment in every price range, to suit every budget.



As another year passes by, we wish to thank each and every one of our friends for their kind favors and patronage! May the spirit of Christmas enrich your lives throughout the coming year! May there be peace and goodwill among all mankind!

MEAD'S BAKERY

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin and Joe



MERRY XMAS . . . It's an old costume but a new style Santa. Dancing Diane Sinclair tries on a suit for size.

Did You Wonder Why Santa Drops Gifts Down Chimney?

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chimney?

For the answer to this common belief about Santa and Christmas, we must go back to Saint Nicholas, responsible for so many other customs related to Christmas.

There's a story about an impoverished nobleman who was unable to find husbands for his three daughters because he could not afford a dowry for each. He was about to sell the daughters into slavery when St. Nicholas heard about it. Silently, Old Saint Nick dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. All three daughters soon married and lived happily ever after.

Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 343 A.D. and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

It could be said that St. Nick and Dr. Clement Moore, who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" (now better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas") contributed most to our present concept of Santa Claus.



E. L. PEIRCE

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 5 years old. I have tried to be a good girl. I help mother all I can. Will you please bring me a big doll, some dishes, and a doll suitcase, also candy, nuts, and fruit.

Now Santa, I will be looking for you, so don't disappoint me. Be good to Mother, Daddy, my two brothers, and all my friends. Also don't forget my grannie and paw. With all my love,

Judy Kingston
P. S.—I will leave you some candy under my Xmas tree.

White Deer, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 5 years old and live in White Deer. I would like a bicycle and a toy typewriter. Be good to all the other little children.

Jan Burch

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am 10 years old and in the 5th grade. Will you please bring me a Scout knife, a walkie talkie set, a gun and holster set, and anything else you want me to have. I have tried to be good, but sometimes I'm not. Don't forget my brother Bill, and sister, also Mother, Daddy, and all my friends. Don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Priest, also my grandparents. I love you lots. Your friend,

Jimmy Ray Kingston

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I would like to have some trucks, a football, and some building blocks. Please don't forget my sister. Love,

Jim Barker

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old. I want a bicycle and some boots. Some fruit and candy and nuts. Your friend,

Mary Belle Gibson

Kellerville, Texas

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a big truck and a blackboard, a wagon. Please don't forget Joe D. and Johnny. I have been a good boy. Love,

Jay Lynn Roth



May you be with those you love during this gala holiday season and receive the blessings of prosperity and happiness. May you be steadfast in your faith that there will be peace on earth and have good will toward all men!

DON CAIN

County Attorney-Elect



It's Christmastime again, and, as this season foretells the passing of another year, we think of those who have helped make that year so very enjoyable. Knowing and serving folks like you makes business a pleasure. It is indeed a privilege to greet you and wish you a Merry Christmas.



BROOKS DRY GOODS



...and for you, may this season and the new year bring
GOOD LUCK, GOOD HEALTH and GOOD FORTUNE!

J. R. GLASS

Phillips 66 Jobber

Kellerville, Texas
Bring Diana a baby doll, too.
Love,
Vicky Gail Bunch

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas—
a play rifle, watch, chapo,
a track knife, and hatchet. I
am going to Tennessee.
Randy Holmes

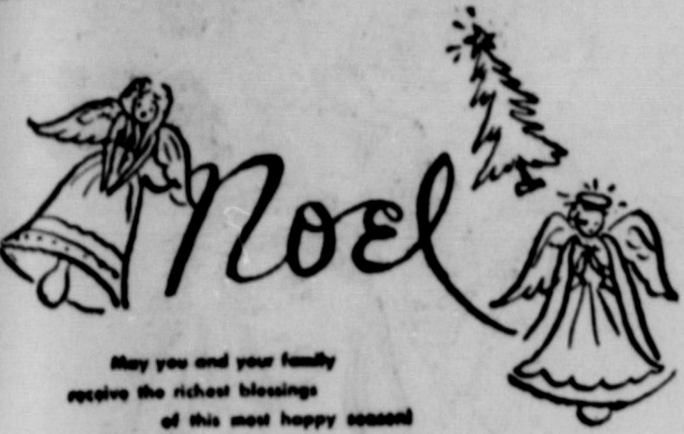
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl most
of the time. Please bring me a
Mrs. Potato Head, a
baby doll, and some doll clothes.

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas, please
bring me a Babe-Bee doll and
a Tiny Tears baby, and Doll-E-
Nurser. My card table is ruined
so please I'd like a new one and
some dishes. Thank you Santa,
Chris Campbell
P. S.—And lots of things to eat.



Peace
on
Earth



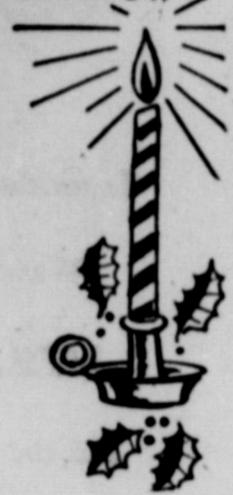
May you and your family
receive the richest blessings
of this most happy season!

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A Happy Christmas

May your days be bright with
the joys of the Yuletide Season,
May every good thing be yours
during the coming New Year!



**MOORE'S
TEXACO STATION**



With warmest thanks we wish to
send greetings for the Yuletide
and the New Year to all of our
friends . . . our customers. It's been a
pleasure to please you and may
we continue to do so throughout

EDWARDS JEWELRY

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Edwards

Holiday Whirl Means Extra Work For You-Know-Who

The holiday whirl is about us
again and before it is all over
some of us may feel like stretching
out on the sofa beneath a sign:
"Do not disturb until December 25,
1955."

But, let's face it. The common
casualty at this time of the year
is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the
job of doing all the "fixing," of
food, of decorations, of practically
everything? You guessed it—the
first one up in the mornings and
usually the last to retire at night
—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way
for a more enjoyable Christmas
this year and a happier New Year,
by making an early resolution. It
could be done with the simple de-
termination to help make Mom's
Christmas an easier one. It might
be done by dividing up some of
Mom's "extra" duties and assign-
ing a share to each member of the
family.

Christmas is a holy season and
a time of good will. Poor Mom,
though, is usually so tired she
doesn't even have time to think,
much less relax and enjoy the
spiritual blessings of the season.

Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a weapon of
death, later became to be consid-
ered as a magical medicine, is
now a universal symbol of love
and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (ac-
cording to Norse mythology) that
Loki killed Balder, the sun god,
after Balder's mother had ob-
tained a promise from all living
things, other than the mistletoe,
that they would not harm him.
Balder was restored to life and it
was ruled by the gods that the
mistletoe would never again be
used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered
the mistletoe a magical medicine.
They carried it about with them
for health and luck, and believed
it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy
as well as a charm promoting fer-
tility.

The present day custom of giv-
ing a kiss of love or peace be-
neath the mistletoe, although a
relatively modern one, is derived
from the fact that down through
the centuries the mistletoe has
been recognized throughout the
whole world as a symbol of lasting
peace.

SANTA LETTERS

Glenrock, Wyo.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have really tried to be a good
boy and I have helped my mother
take care of my little brothers
a lot, so I hope you will bring
me a sled because we have lots
of snow here. I also want a
dump truck, a movie projector,
bow and arrows, a dirt dumper,
Roy Rogers guns, and a cowboy
outfit. That's all I want, Santa,
and thank you for everything you
bring me. I love you a lot,
Freddie Pugh

P. S.—By the way, Santa, don't
forget we will be in Texas Christ-
mas. I'm so glad.

Glenrock, Wyo.

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa, bring me lots of toys.
I have been a real nice boy. I
would like to have a sled, a big
teddy bear, a dump truck, some
Two-Gun-Pete guns, and a cow-
boy hat. Bring my little bro-
ther, Dennis Rand, a little teddy
bear and rubber blocks. I will
be at Grandmother's house in
Texas. Lots of love,
Steven Pugh

Vacaville, Calif.

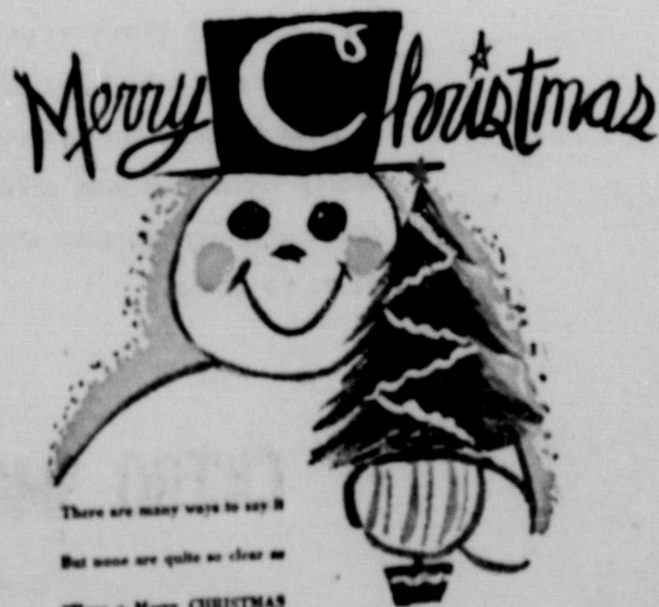
Dear Santa,

Thought I better let you know
where to find me this Christmas
Eve. Since Daddy came home
from France, we have been liv-
ing in California where it rains
so much I can't go outside to
play. It sure is hard to be a
good boy when I have to stay in
the house so much, but I try real
hard to be good. I would like
for you to bring me a cowboy
band, a steam shovel, and a
dump truck. And remember to
leave Pete and Paula's toys at
my house cause they are coming
to visit me. Give Joe, Jan, Roy,
Cheryl, and Linda all the things
they want cause they have tried
hard to be good kids. Love,
Tommy Gipson
Rt. 1, Box 410-A

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm a big boy four years old.
My sister Jamie Lynn is two
years old. Here is our Christ-
mas list: Jamie would like a
baby doll, telephone, truck like
mine, toy piano, and candy and
nuts. I would like a horn, car-
penter set, wind-up train, and
candy and nuts. We haven't
been very good, but we're trying
to be better. Love,
Hickman Brown III
Jamie Lynn Brown



There are many ways to say it
But none are quite so clear as
"Have a Merry CHRISTMAS
And a HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

ELITE BARBER SHOP

Buddy Sutton

President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25

Christmas is traditionally a day
of universal good will. Even in
times of war the battlefronts are
often quiet and serene, by mutual
consent, on Christmas Day.

It was also on December 25th,
in 1868, that President Johnson
issued his Civil War amnesty. In
an attempt to heal the wounds left
by the great war, Johnson issued
an amnesty proclamation which
did not exclude any persons or
classes of persons—not even the
highest officials of the Confeder-



acy. Previous amnesty proclama-
tions, issued both by Johnson and
his predecessor Lincoln had not
been "total" amnesties.

At the time, President Johnson
expressed the belief that universal
amnesty would tend to secure per-
manent peace, order, and prosper-
ity throughout the country and
would renew and restore respect
for and attachment to the nation-
al government.

The proclamation pardoned all
persons who participated directly
or indirectly against the United
States in the Civil War "with res-
toration of all rights, privileges
and immunities under the Consti-
tution and the laws which have
also been made in pursuance
thereof."

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

Please remember me at Christ-
mas. I am seven years old and
I would like to have an electric
train, a walkie-talkie, and a bass
horn. Also remember Larry Boyd
and Joyce and Shorty Blaylock.
They have been good boys and
girls, too. Love U, Santa,
Jimmy Stevens



Good Luck, Good Cheer

Throughout the coming year . . .

From your good friends

The folks 'round here . . .

VERA BACK AGENCY

Vera . . . Mary Emma . . .

Jane . . . Donna

• MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR •



TO ALL OF YOU
FROM ALL OF US!

May we extend our sincerest
wish for a joyous Yule-
tide Season! Our friendship
has grown through the years,
and we truly thank you for your
generosity and patronage. May the
future hold greater stores of
prosperity for you!

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President; Clifford Allison, Executive Vice President; T. Elmo Whaley, Cashier;
J. Alfred McMurtry, Milton Carpenter, Directors;
Conrad Cunningham, LaVerne Hutchison, Grace Glenn

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I help take care of the baby and I help my mother and I try to remember to say "yes, ma'am" and "yes, sir" when people ask me questions. Would you bring me a supersonic jet? But if you don't have one, I

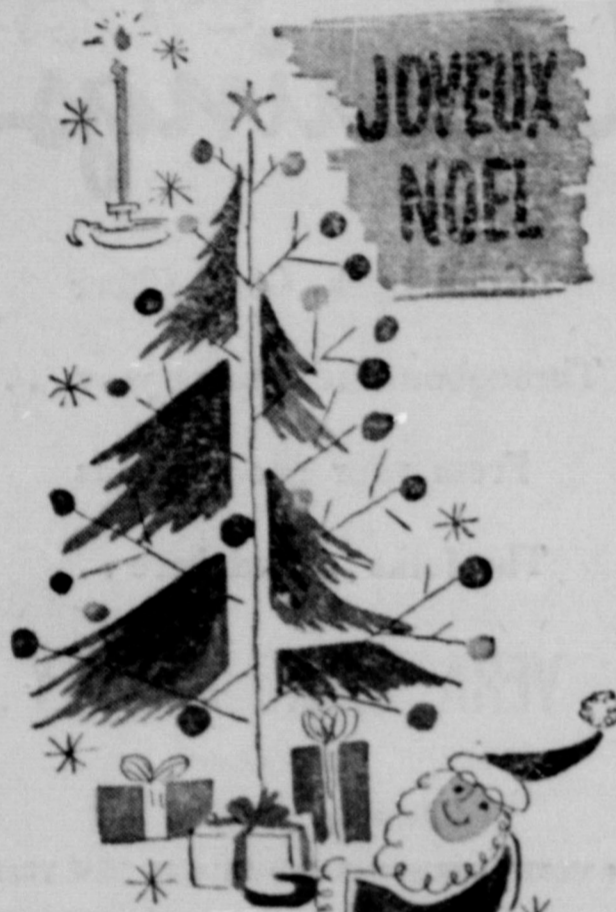
would like a bulldozer and a big truck. Michele would like a doll that she can hold. It would have to be little because she isn't very big. Remember all the other children in the world. I love you, Santa.
Bryan Parker (Age 6)
Art is not a thing; it is a way.
—Elbert Hubbard.



We'd like to tell all our good friends with whom we worked this past year . . . Thank You for your cooperation and patronage and Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

McLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lady Bryant



To thank you, we would like to do . . .
is far beyond our powers . . .
But if we had no friends like you
There'd be no fire like ours!

MASTER CLEANERS

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Crockett



May the joy and happiness of Christmastide abide with you. May the story of the infant Jesus be a constant inspiration. Let us pray that Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men will be true for all time.

CORINNE'S STYLE SHOP

Corinne Trimble



"I am sorry, Mary. They tell me they have no room."
And so it was that Joseph, the humble Galilean carpenter, and his queenly young wife Mary, took refuge in a stable near the edge of town. For them, there had been no room.
The population of Bethlehem was more than double, the descendants of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The journey had been a particularly tiresome one for Mary. The quietness of the stable and the small amount of warmth it provided was indeed welcomed by both She and Joseph.
Near the hour of midnight, the darkened sky came to life with the light of ethereal beauty, above the

There was no Room

stable, a bright new star with the brilliance of a million candles. In the distance angels were heard in a great psalm:
"Glory in the highest, And on earth, peace to men of good will."

The quietness of the stable gives way to the sounds of camels and voices of men, and there appears a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the brightness of the star in search of a new-born king. They bring gifts of precious gold.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, a manger for his throne, they find the Christ-Child.

Season Greenery Will Make Home Echo Xmas Spirit

Did you ever notice that the prettiest homes around the community at Christmas are the ones decorated liberally with the green things of the season? Their festive appearance is obtained easily with proper display of such things as evergreens, berries, seed pods, and pine cones.

These simple decorations are readily available to most everyone at no cost and to use an old expression: "The woods are full of them."
A trip into the country to gather them can also be turned into a pleasant excursion for the whole family and a brief rest period from the "getting ready" for Christmas company, parties, and holiday affairs.

One word of caution, however: Don't kill trees or bushes. Prune carefully when selecting your evergreens.

The Christmas tree — whether large or small—should be the center of the decorations. Place your tree in front of a window, so that its bright, cheerful glow can be seen from within and without. Dec-



orate the tree with balls of red, silver, blue and green, strands of popcorn and various decorations that are saved from year to year.

Be sure to hang a rope of evergreens—a spray or wreath on your front door—these signify to many who pass your home that you are celebrating this joyous season.

A rope of evergreens requires approximately four or five yards of rope. The place you plan to use it will determine the exact length. Next, you'll need several short lengths of wire, short sprays of evergreen, balls, bows, red berries or bells. Place a bunch of evergreen against the rope and fasten

in place with the wire; repeat until the rope has been completely covered. The rope may be draped over the door frame, mantel, or along the stair rail. Pick out other spots where additional decorations, like berries, balls or bells will add to the effectiveness of over-all appearance.



CITY STAR . . . A towering skyscraper is framed by a street light whose glow is much like the Star of Bethlehem.

ican Christmas Festival which



lasts 21 days. It is constructed of thin, fragile clay, filled with sweetmeats and trinkets, then suspended from the ceiling as a form of decoration.

Sometime during the gathering, each of the guests is blindfolded and given a stick which is brandished in the air until the pinata is shattered and the delicious contents pour forth.

It's a wonderful way to entertain the kiddies, but the game may be—and often is—enjoyed by older folks.

Lavoisier is called the "founder of modern chemistry."

Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (*helleborus niger*) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared. Upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled and as His fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.

Interesting Facts About Xmas Trees And Season Customs

"Twelfth Night," which many communities celebrate by a community burning of Christmas trees, is derived from the custom of early Christians who celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Christ for 12 days, placing special emphasis on the last or twelfth day. The "Twelfth Night" tree burning is also said to commemorate the light of the Star of Bethlehem.

The manufacture of toys for Christmas gifts and other uses last year required approximately 130,000 tons of steel products from all sources.

The first Christmas tree in San Francisco was made in 1850 from Douglas fir branches wired on a stick by a German wine shop proprietor.

Over three-fourths of the nation's Christmas trees come from the states bordering Canada.

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.

The first Christmas cards were mailed in 1846 by Henry Cole, an Englishman. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and bore the now-famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Patagonia is in southern South America.



From the depths of our hearts . . .

Warmest Wishes for a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and the Happiest of New Years!

McLEAN AUTO SUPPLY



TO EACH ONE OF YOU FROM EACH ONE OF US!

As Christmas draws near it is only natural that our thoughts turn to those who have played such a big part in our success . . . our friends, our customers. Our best way of wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is to assure you of continued high quality and courteous service in the year and years to come.

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