



SECTION TWO

LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

The McLean News

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LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
We are two little girls, Jana Gay, age seven, and Rhonda, age three. We have tried to be very nice this year. Would you please bring Rhonda a doll and anything you have for me? Jana Gay would like a "nurse set" and what ever else you have for me. Don't forget the candy, nuts, fruit. Also remember all the other boys and girls, especially our big sister, Jacqueline. We love you.
Rhonda and Jana Gay Davis
P. S. "Hurry, Santa, we can hardly wait."

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a girl 6 years old, and have tried to be good. Would you please bring me a "Tiny Tears" doll, a kitchen set, some blankets and clothes for my dolls. Also some candy, nuts and fruits. Don't forget all my cousins, friends, and my brother. Also my grandmother and granddad, and please don't forget my mother and daddy. Thank you, Santa. Your friend,
Judy Margaret Kingston

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am eleven years old and hope you won't forget me. I try my best to be good but sometimes it is impossible. Would you please bring me an army and air force set, a basketball set, and I sure would like a new cornet. Don't forget all my friends, also my brother and sister. Be good to all the poor kids, and I will be looking for you. All my love,
Jimmy Ray Kingston

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
My name is Arthur James Dwyer II. I am seven years old. I would like to have two guns

Hints For Christmas Mailing

Hundreds of thousands of Christmas cards and packages will be lost this year because of illegibly written addresses. Servicemen overseas, relatives, friends, business associates—all will be part of a disappointed army whose mail goes astray, because, as a national magazine recently stated, we have become a "nation of scrawlers."

Yet a few simple rules and just a little attention to it will improve anybody's handwriting immediately, says the Handwriting Foundation in a special appeal aimed at cutting down losses.

All addresses, says the Foundation, should be written in at least three well-spaced lines, with zone numbers included. This goes for the return address as well. Take special care with the "tricky" letters and numbers shown on the chart.

Your signature, on greeting and gift cards, should be legible. Include the last name when identification might otherwise be in doubt. If it's a family card, make the children part of the greeting, and let them sign the card, too.

For far away friends and relatives, add a short note—a few words of greeting and maybe a promise of a longer letter soon. A New Year's card is appropriate for friends you've forgotten at Christmas. And never give money gifts to the postman, milkman and others without at least the personal touch of your signature.

You don't have to be an artist to decorate a card or gift package. A pen and colored inks (try red and green for Christmas) is all you need. A tree in outline, some stars, a few heavy dots . . . and you've drawn your own Christmas spirit. Another personal touch is a note in an envelope attached to the outside of a gift package.

As for next year's greeting card and gift list, compile it now. Write each name on a separate index card, and alphabetize them in a file box to simplify additions and changes. Or keep a booklet, with blank pages between names for newcomers. Such a list prevents embarrassing duplication or omission at card-sending time.

And always remember, concludes the Handwriting Foundation, that the written message is part of the Christmas spirit. Be sure to make the message legible.

WATCH OUT FOR TRICKY LETTERS

Never close these loops: *e l f*

Never loop non-looped strokes: *t i d*

Always close letters like: *a g d*

WATCH OUT FOR "LOOK-ALIKE" NUMBERS

1-7 3-5-8 NP

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, a pair of shoes, turtle neck sweater, snow boots and paint set. Love,
Toni Mertel

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy four years old. My name is Jerry Don Dwyer. I have been a good boy all year. I would like very much to have two guns and holster set, also a black hat with a mask. Yours truly,
Jerry Don Dwyer

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 25—Mrs. J. W. Kibler, Ted Simmons, C. E. Cortis, Joe Dean McConahie, Carlin Scott.
Dec. 26—Donald Ray Patterson, Doine Word Conatser, Martiese Cunningham, Hershel Nicholson.
Dec. 27—Mrs. W. E. Bogan, Mrs. J. M. Noel, Mrs. Frank Simpson, Mary Erwin, Joe Lynn Magee, Terry Himes.
Dec. 28—Carl Watson, C. J. Magee, Mrs. Jess Kemp, Odessa Preston, Vickie Mae Christie.
Dec. 29—Margaret Jean West.
Dec. 30—Judy Day, Delma Butrum, Mrs. Betty Putman.
Dec. 31—Mrs. C. J. Cash, Lydia Ann Smith.

MISTLETOE ONCE SYMBOL OF DEATH

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later came to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained 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 them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy, as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath 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.

Nothing relieves and ventilates the mind like a resolution.—John Burroughs.

A
Merry Christmas

JOE, ROSALIE, RACHEL & LAURA SUDERMAN

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like very much for you to remember my teacher, Mrs. Hauck. Yours truly,
Arthur James Dwyer II

Philadelphia, Pa. was chartered as a city in 1701.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a wooden puppet and blue house shoes, a baby doll, a skirt and blouse and snow boots. Love,
Teresa Mertel



...and on Earth
Peace and
Good Will
to Men...

The holly and the mistletoe,
The lovely candles all aglow,
The songs of carolers in the air,
The pure, white snow that's everywhere
Tell us that Christmas Time is here
And may it bring a bright New Year!



Christmas Greetings

The warmth of a hearty handshake and the friendly welcome of a smile remind us 'tis the season for good wishes and good cheer. May yours be a Christmas of hope and peace and may you have a prosperous New Year!

Claborn Funeral Home

CITY OF MCLEAN

E. J. LANDER, Mayor
D. A. DAVIS, Secretary
C. G. NICHOLSON, Marshal
BOYD MEADOR, 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, STELLA LEE



Merry Christmas, Everybody!



Season's Greetings

May the joys of Christmas brighten your hearts during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year to come!

MAY WE SERVE YOU THROUGH 1956
CLIE TT CLEANERS
Victor Jewel James



May this wonderful season be long remembered as one of the happiest our friends and patrons have ever enjoyed!

We sincerely wish you prosperity in the coming NEW YEAR!

WATSON GULF STATION



SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope the treasured moments of your families' Christmas remain throughout the coming year . . . to be relived and relived by all as the only guide by which peace is finally attained.

OLA GREGORY
County Treasurer

"TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY!"



SPEAKING OF CARDS

AN END PLAY—COLLEGE STYLE

Under terms of a recent bequest, Notre Dame University, whose name for years has been practically synonymous with football, may soon become famous in an entirely different field of intercollegiate activity—Bridge playing!

Yes, that's correct—Contract Bridge.

A Michigan industrialist, James Gerity, Jr., who also owns several radio and television stations in the Midwest, recently bequeathed \$5,000 to the famous Indiana university to encourage student participation in Bridge and golf.

Actually, competition in intercollegiate Bridge and golf is not new to the university whose name is popularly associated with the gridiron. Few people are aware that Notre Dame is one of the first universities to have developed intramural sports to the fullest. One of the largest boarding schools in the world, it has 15 residence halls on its 117-acre campus, each boasting its own athletic teams and clubs. Interhall com-



petition in Bridge and golf at Notre Dame is sometimes as fierce as in football.

For many years, Notre Dame, along with nearly 175 colleges and universities throughout the country, has competed in the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament. Two years ago its team took third place. On that team was Oswald Jacoby, Jr., son of the famous Bridge expert. His brother John is now a freshman at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame's Bridge benefactor maintains, however, that his gift is not aimed at heightening intercollegiate competition at the university. He wants to reach the students who would not ordinarily play. "As life goes on," according to Gerity, "there are only three things you can do in sports—golf, Bridge and swimming. Not all boys are fitted for strenuous athletics and they ought to find some other means of recreation. Besides, it can be a big help later on in the business world to know how to play Bridge and golf. I made this donation just to keep the ball rolling."

Under the guidance of Latin professor John Turley, Notre Dame has already launched the program with lectures for students and guests by card experts Charles Goren and Oswald Jacoby. Another faculty enthusiast is Notre Dame's youthful football coach, Terry Brennan, who is an expert Bridge player and participates in many student-faculty contests. Future plans call for more Bridge clinics and interhall and intercollegiate tournaments with silver cups and plaques as prizes.

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.
Evening worship 7:30
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
Evening preaching 5:00 p. m.
6:00 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 . . . come.

Harold D. McColum
Minister

Church of the Nazarene
Sunday Services:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
Evening services 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday prayer service 7:30 p. m.
N. F. M. S. every 3rd Wednesday
Come and Get Your Faith Lifted.
I. A. Miller, Pastor

First Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship service 11 a. m.
Training Union 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Youth Fellowship following the evening service.
Tuesday:
W. M. U. meetings.
Wednesday:
Sunday School teachers and officers meet at 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting and Bible study at 7:30 p. m., followed by choir practice.
Buell T. Wells, Pastor

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

Alanreed Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 7 p. m.
Evening worship 8 p. m.
Monday: W. M. S. 2 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer meeting 8 p. m.
Come and worship with us. Be among those who say, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."—Psalms 122:1.
R. M. Cole, Pastor

solider fort. Put it under the Christmas tree. Remember my cousins in Arkansas and the Golden Spread. Bring something nice for my Mommy and Daddy, and all my little friends, and all my big friends, too. Love,
Billy Felton Webb
P. S. Bring me a field glass, too.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all day. Please bring me a stocking filled with little things to play with. Under our tree leave me a farm with a chicken house, also a bow and arrow (I want to kill me a bar at the age of three).
Brad Parker

Be nice to my daddy, mommy, and all my friends. If you have toys for cats, leave something for our simonize cats. Love,
Lewis Kirk Webb
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am five years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a King Arthur set and a double barrel shotgun. I would like a Davy Crockett set, too. You have one.
Please bring Michele a doll and a stick horse. She is just 1 year old, but she has been a good girl. Love,
Brad Parker

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
We're writing our letter. Hope it won't cause you pains. It's coming from Thacker and Jennifer Haynes.

We've tried to be good. Since this time last year. So on this Christmas Eve. Hope you'll be stopping here.

I'd like a rifle. The Davy Crockett kind; And Jenny a new doll, Whichever you find.

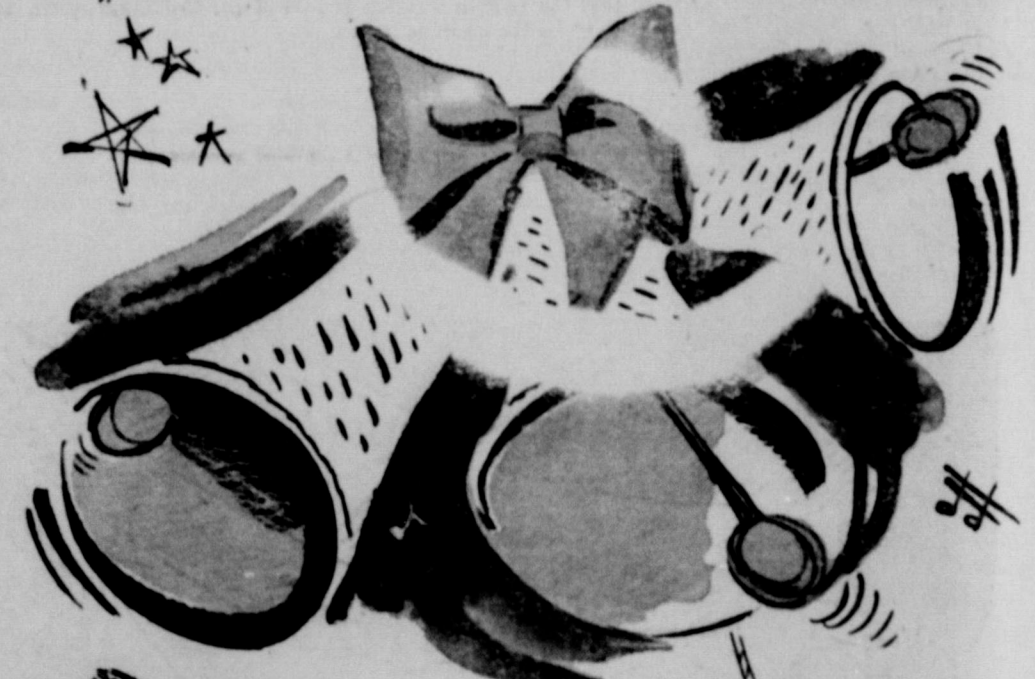
Please try not forget The farm and ranch kids; These silly Republicans Have us about on the skids.

Best wishes to you, And Mrs. Santa, too; With a brand New Year Happy all the way through.
Samuel Thacker Haynes
Jennifer Lynn Haynes
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy all day. Please leave a well-filled stocking in my bedroom to keep me occupied until the family wakes (I arise at the crack of dawn). Please bring me an Apache



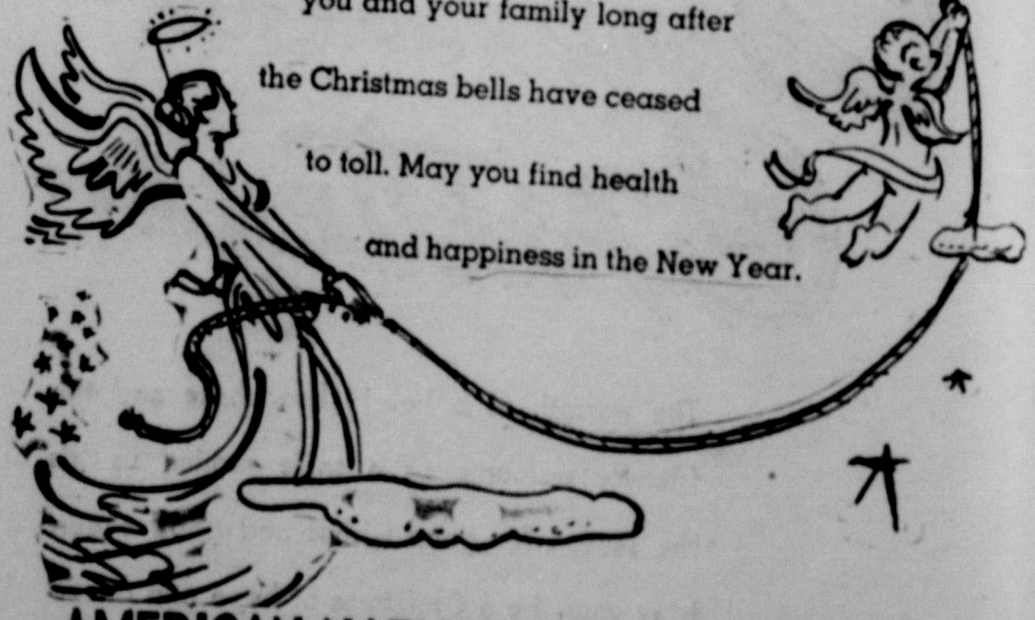
From All of Us at
JANE SIMPSON AGENCY
Jane, Mary Emma, Frank, & Donna



JOY TO YOU

ALL YEAR THROUGH . . .

We hope the joyous spirit of the Yuletide will remain with you and your family long after the Christmas bells have ceased to toll. May you find health and happiness in the New Year.



AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK IN McLEAN
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May this very heartfelt wish follow you and your family throughout the Holiday Season and the New Year to come. Pray with us that men of all nations remember the true meaning of Christmas.

J. D. FISH
Constable, Precinct 5



Turkey Tempter, a casserole featuring turkey, noodles and lima beans, is a real taste tempter for holiday appetites.

Perk up your after-holiday meal plans by scheduling Turkey Tempter. This casserole combines the unbeatable flavor of turkey with versatile noodles, cream of mushroom soup, lima beans and a cheery touch of chopped pimiento.

Turkey Tempter will cut down your time in the kitchen, you'll find. Noodles are quick to cook, and they're mixed right into the mushroom soup, which doubles as a sauce. When all ingredients are combined, the casserole takes only 30 minutes to bake.

Just add a crisp salad and hard rolls to make this Turkey Tempter dinner complete, taste-wise as well as nutritionally. Noodles, like macaroni and spaghetti, add valuable plant protein to your family's diet.

TURKEY TEMPTER

- 4 ounces noodles
- 1 1/4 cups condensed cream of mushroom soup (10 1/2-ounce can)
- 5 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup cooked diced turkey
- 1 cup cooked lima beans
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
- 3/4 cup enriched bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine

Cook noodles in boiling salted water until tender (about 4 minutes). Drain and rinse. While noodles are cooking, combine mushroom soup and milk and stir until smooth. Add turkey, lima beans, pimiento and noodles. Mix well. Pour into greased 1 1/4 quart casserole. Combine bread crumbs and butter or margarine and sprinkle over turkey-noodle mixture. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) about 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Well, here it is nearly Christmas time again and I'm writing you another letter. It's sure nice to have someone you can write to and ask for the things you want most and receive them. As you know I'm nearly 8 years old so I'm asking for the things a more grown up girl would want. I would like a china dinner set, a camera that will really take pictures, and a nurse kit.
Marilyn Williams

1304 Axtell, Clovis, N. M.

Dear Santa,
I have tried again this year to be a good boy but every year it gets harder. I hope I've been good enough for a dirt loader and earth mover. I like to play in the sand at Pa-Pa's house. Remember all the other little boys and girls, especially Joe and Jan. Love,
Tommy Gipson

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I want a bicycle and a football. I love you,
Skipper Dwight

Merry Christmas



TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

McLEAN ELECTRIC
Howard Williams

Singing of the Declaration of Independence took place in Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

There are 39 books in the Old Testament; 27 in the New.



As another Holy Season approaches, when friendships are not measured but cherished, we want to wish our family of friends a truly Merry Christmas, a Christmas that will linger endlessly.

MASTER CLEANERS

Emory Marye and Cleo

Wishing You All Merry Christmas

We're glad for the chance to wish our many patrons and friends a holiday season filled with good luck, cheer and happiness.

CORINNE'S STYLE SHOP

Greetings



Horsedrawn carriages are a thing of the past, but wishing our good friends everywhere a Merry Christmas will never be out of style.

G & G Automotive Supply



MAY our prayers for peace and brotherhood

among men be as

clear and true as the pealing of the bells

in the steeple.

May men everywhere come to know the true

meaning of this

joyous holiday. Merry Christmas . . .

and A Happy New Year

BROOKS DRY GOODS

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Editorial

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

It was only September, and 1897's Christmas was three months in the future. But Virginia O'Hanlon's concern was with an important problem that, to her, knew no season. That was why she wrote her letter to the New York Sun.

The answer to Virginia's question, written in a moment of spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament expressing two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.

New York, N. Y.
September 8, 1897

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?

Yours truly,
Virginia O'Hanlon

"Yes, Virginia, yes, indeed!

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your Papa to hire a man to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's not proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Cyanide was invented by Nikodem Cara and Adolf Frank in 1905.

Sir Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1929.

Glue on the back of a postage stamp is made from tapioca.

The Eiffel Tower in Paris, France is 984 feet high.

Dr. Joel M. Gooch

Optometrist

207 N. Wall Phone 800

Shamrock, Texas

Please Phone for Appointments

THE AMERICAN WAY



Just A Middleman

40 Years Ago—

IT HAPPENED HERE

Taken from the Files of The McLean News, 1915

Communion Service

A communion service will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All officers and members of the church are invited to be present. A special offering will be taken

for foreign missions.

Singing Convention

The attention of the public is called to the fact that the Wheeler County District Singing Convention will hold its next meeting at the Heald school house on the third Sunday in this month, beginning the Saturday before.

There will be an unusually large attendance and everyone who can conveniently do so is urged to be on hand and make it a success.

President Earp is authority for the statement that there will be a big dinner on the ground and good singing all day Sunday, and he is anxious that there be a big attendance from this section in order to bring the next meeting back this side of the river.

Faulkner-Thompson

Their many friends were quite agreeably surprised to learn of the wedding of J. F. Faulkner and Mrs. May Thompson, which occurred in Amarillo Friday of last week. Mrs. Thompson formerly lived in McLean but had moved to Amarillo and when Mr. Faulkner went up ostensibly on a visit, no one knew that he intended to bring her back his bride. They have fitted up a home in the S. H. Bundy residence for the present.

Mr. Faulkner is the son of F. M. Faulkner of this city and is a prominent young man, having been honored by the appointment to the postmastership of the local office.

Their hosts of friends join in wishing the happy couple a long life of happiness and prosperity.

J. T. Foster Passes Away

At his home in the city Tuesday morning, December 21, J. T. Foster passed into eternal life after a lingering illness of several weeks. He had suffered since early manhood from white swelling in one of his limbs and the poison from this infection had gradually spread through his system, causing his death.

Funeral services were had at the home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. F. Hamilton, and a long procession of friends and loved ones followed his mortal remains to the cemetery where he was laid to rest.

Mr. Foster was 57 years old and a native of Georgia, but had lived here in Texas for many years, coming to McLean from Eastland County. He was a man of strong character and keen mentality, a public benefactor in many ways. He had been twice

elected as mayor of McLean, in which capacity he was serving at the time of his death. Both of his aged parents are living. Besides these he leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his passing.

That Mr. Foster will be sorely missed will be attested by the fact that he was identified actively with every good work for the public weal, and he was never too busy with his own affairs to lend a helping hand to his neighbor. Yes, Uncle Tom will be missed, and although his crutches have been laid aside, his old buggy backed out to grass, and old Huldy turned out to grass, the memory of the man will ever be green in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Peace be to his ashes.

Rish Phillips is moving to the Kroch place, recently vacated by J. H. Whitley, where he will farm next year.

The Bank of England is called "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street."

The Leaning Tower of Pisa leans more than 16 feet out of the perpendicular.

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City was begun in 1892, but is not yet completed.

Warren G. Harding was the first President to address the American public over the radio.



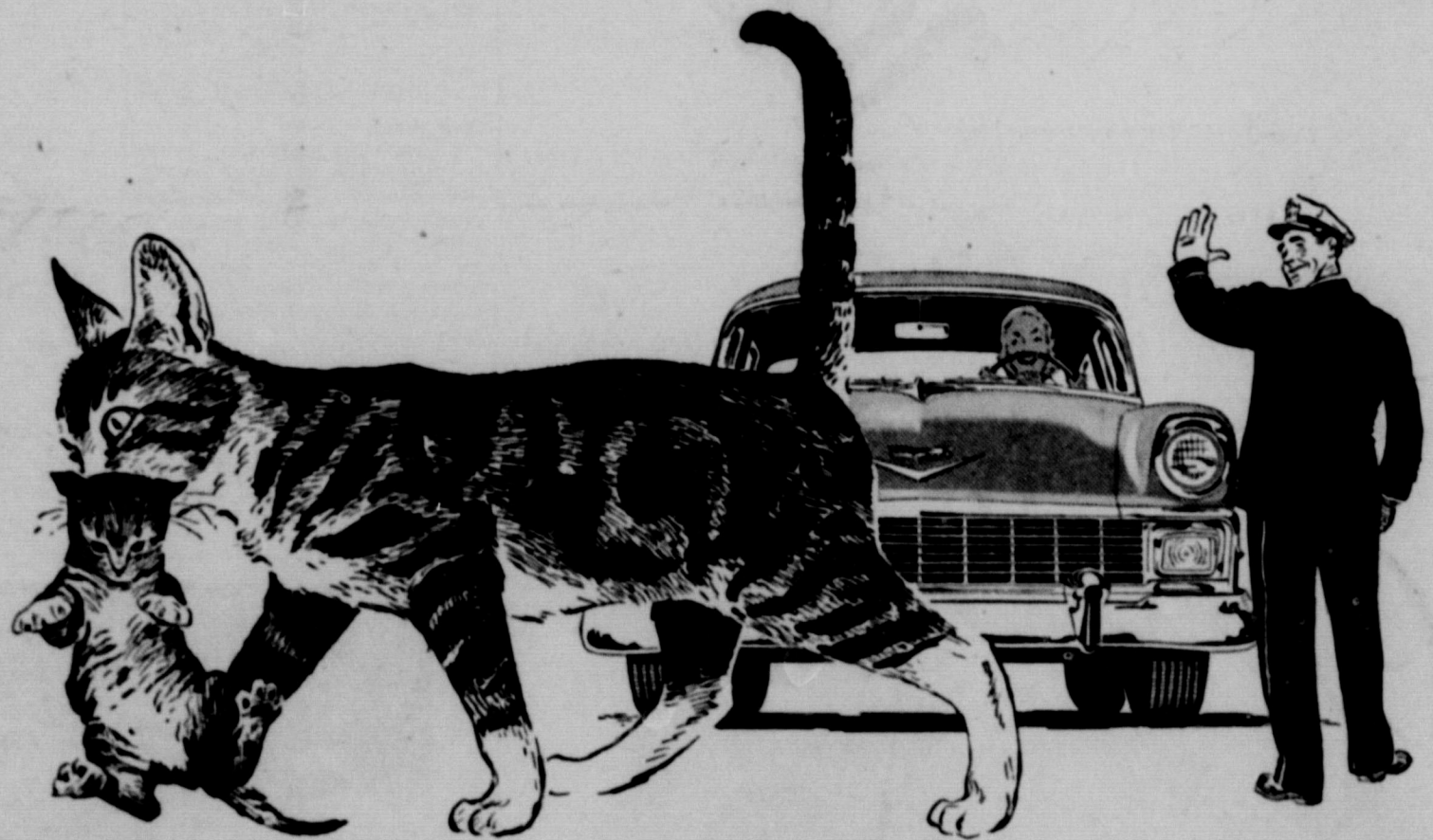
TO ALL YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE!

May your stockings be filled with the best of gifts!

May you have a truly warm Christmas and a grand, happy New Year!

McLEAN HARDWARE

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meacham



Two things that make for SAFER driving!

The first and most important thing is you—the driver. As the highway safety organizations and law enforcement agencies point out, the courtesy, care, and common sense you show count more than anything else. You can drive any car safely — or foolishly.

The second thing is the car itself. All cars are safer today. That's shown by the number of accidents in relation to the number of miles passenger cars are driven. The figure's been going down steadily and sharply.

Chevrolet engineers and designers have always made your safety a major consideration, introducing many such features as the all-steel top, safety plate glass all around, and windshield-wide defrosters into the low-price field. And this '56 Chevrolet is the safest one ever built.

Its lively new power means safer passing. Its special Ball-Race steering—the oversize brakes with Anti-Dive control—the Unisteel construction and safety door latches of its Fisher Body—the nailed-to-the-road stability that comes from outrigger rear springs, an advanced suspension system and better balance—the sweeping panoramic windshield — all these things add to your safety.

Seat belts with or without shoulder harness? Instrument panel padding? Of course, they're available at extra cost on your new Chevrolet. But the best protection of all is to keep out of accidents in the first place. And that depends mostly on you and the built-in safety of your car.

As your Chevrolet dealer, we'll be glad to show you the many safety features of the '56 Chevrolet.



COOKE CHEVROLET CO.

McLEAN, TEXAS

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a little trunk, a bicycle, and a new housecoat. Thank you for being so nice.
Janice Barker

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am Jimmy Barker and I want a bicycle just like my sister's. We love you.
Jim

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Tiny Tears doll and a Dr. and nurse set, and my little sister, Diana, wants a walking doll. We have been good girls and we would like to have these things very much. Thank you.
Vicky Gail and Diana Jean Bunch

Kellerville, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am only asking for a farm set and a tool set this year, because I haven't been the best little boy ever, but please try to bring me just these two things. Lots of love,
Joe D. Roth

Kellerville, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tool set, a wrecker truck, and a set of tinkler toys. I have tried to be a good little boy, but I am only 3, so you can't expect me to be very good. Lots of love,
Jay Lynn Roth

Kellerville, Texas
Dear Santa,
I may be the baby of the family, but Mama and Daddy say I'm the meanest boy they have, so please bring me something like a truck or tractor. Oh, yes, Santa, if you bring my two brothers a tool set, you'll just have to bring me one so I won't always be taking theirs away from them. Lots of love,
Johnny Roth

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy 4½ years old. I have been a nice boy. My name is Richard Craig Fuller.
Please bring me a truck with a trailer and a steam shovel and a dump truck. I would also like a pair of brown cowboy boots

The True Saint Nicholas



THE NATIVE LAND of Saint Nicholas—or "Santa Claus," as his name has come to be written and pronounced in America—will honor him this Christmas by issuing a special stamp through the government's Post Office Department. If you're surprised to read that the North Pole has a post office, the explanation is that we're not referring to the North Pole, for St. Nick's native land was far from there indeed: he was born in sunny Turkey, in the palm-covered province of Antalya on the Mediterranean. The above portrait is found in Turkey in the church where he served as a bishop until his death in 342 A.D. Renowned for his many kind deeds, and especially for his loving generosity towards children, the good bishop has become a legendary figure in the folklore of many nations. To accommodate the many travelers who visit the church, located in the blue mountains of the city of Demre, the Turkish government has constructed a new road.

Biblical tradition is very rich in the ancient lands of Turkey. In the city of Antioch, where the followers of Christ first called themselves Christians, the site where St. Peter led the first Mass can still be seen. Many other saints, including the Apostles Paul, John, James, Luke and Barnaby were born in this region. Mary, Mother of Christ, retired after the Crucifixion to the city of Ephesus, where her abode has been excavated and opened to the public by the Turkish government.

and a gun and holster set with milk for you on Christmas Eve. bullets in the belt.
Love,
Richard Craig Fuller

Please bring a bicycle with a P. S. I love in McLean, Texas.

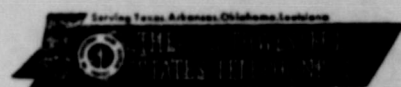
A violin maker is called a I will leave some cake and luthier.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the Folks at the

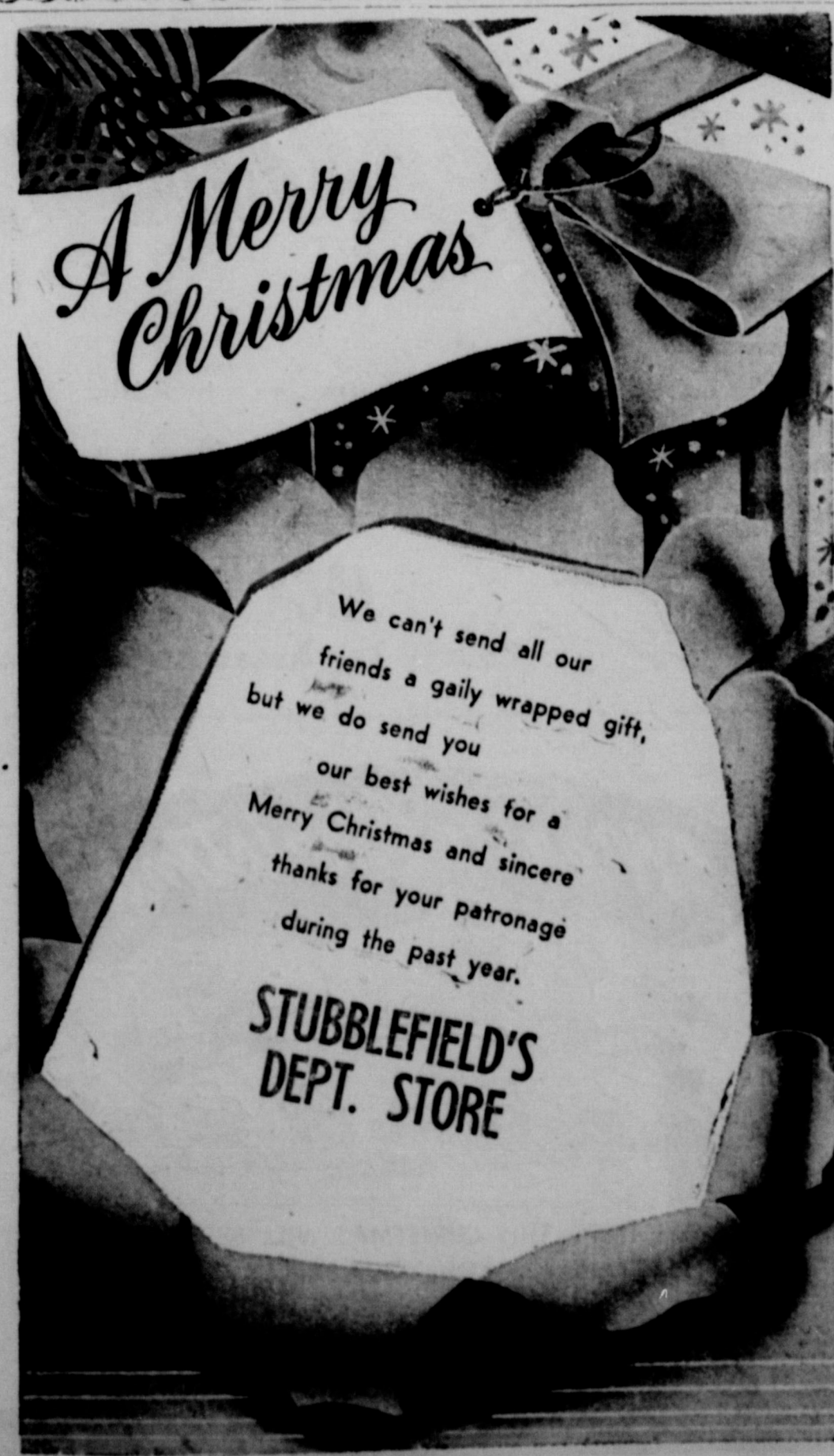
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
 Since I am only eight months old, I really don't want much for Christmas, but, please, Santa, bring all the other boys and girls what they want.
 I would like to have a rubber doll and some cuddling toys. Love,
 DeAnn Sargent



What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—(Micah 6:8.)

For all the greatness of His mercy to us, His love for us, God requires so very little of us—and yet some of us find that little so difficult, find it so hard, even while doing justly, to be merciful to those less fortunate, to be humble in our proud self-assurance.

Dear Santa,
 I am a little boy 7 years old. I want a pair of boots and a Roy Rogers game. Don't forget Mrs. Hauck, my teacher, and everybody else. Your little friend,
 Ronald McIlroy

Dear Santa,
 Will you bring me a piano and a Winkie Dinkie set? I am 6 years old. My name is
 Particia Pardue

Dear Santa Claus,
 I am 2 years old and have been a good boy most of the time. I would like to have a new Pontiac car, just a model, not a real one, a truck, a musical bear, a blackboard and some cowboy boots. I have a baby brother, Phil, who is 7 months old, and he wants a musical bear, some blocks, and a cloth book, so he won't have to chew on my books.
 Please tell Pa Pa and Grandma Ferguson and Granny and Granddaddy Parmenter to come see me and take them something nice.
 Remember all the other boys



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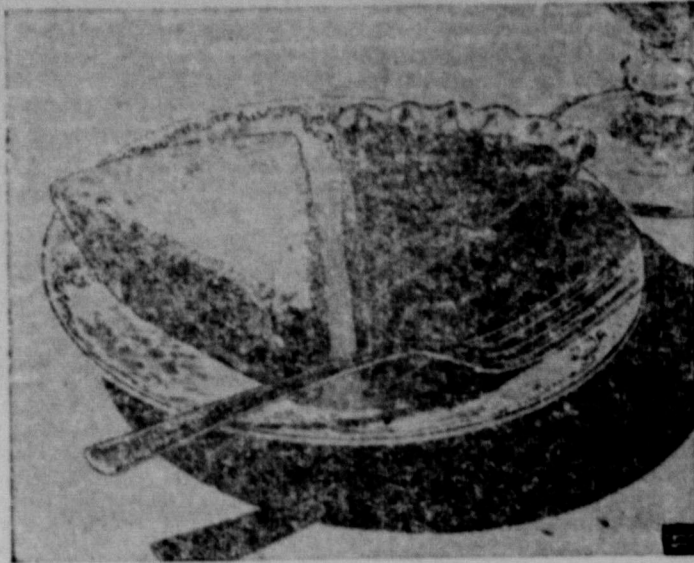
The C. P. Callahan's



May all our friends and patrons from far and near
 Accept our best wishes for health and good cheer!
 May joy fill each moment of Christmas for you
 And then may the New Year be wonderful, Too!

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Butrum

Traditional Holiday Pies



This is the time of year when the spicy air of fall and winter can be matched on the dining table.

Bakers have assembled from all over the world the ingredients, with emphasis on spices, necessary to produce the nation's favorite fall desserts—mince pie and pumpkin pie.

Cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, mace, cloves, allspice, candied citron, fruits and nuts—these are the products which produce the tantalizing aroma and the wonderful taste which have made these traditional desserts a standard in American homes since the forefathers settled in Virginia and Massachusetts more than 300 years ago.

Cloves come from Madagascar, British East Africa, Lebanon and Mozambique; allspice from Jamaica; cinnamon from China and Burma; ginger from British West Africa, Jamaica, China, and Cuba; nutmeg and

mace from Indonesia; and nuts and fruits from our nation and abroad.

They all meet on American tables at this time of year, in the pumpkin and mince pies featured particularly on Thanksgiving Day.

When these pies first came into the American scene, spices were even more important than they are today. In Colonial times, spices were guarded jealously by the master of the house, kept locked in his private desk. They were considered treasures to be used only on special occasions.

Today the spice shelves at home are filled with a wider variety than our forefathers could hope to own. But, then as now, their most important use is on the day when all America gives thought to its blessings and returns its thanks to the Great Power which has made these blessings a reality.

and girls and remind the people that this is Jesus' birthday. Love,
 Bill Parmenter

Dear Santa,
 I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a bicycle and a doll. I am 9 years old. I go to Alanreed school. Don't forget my brother, Eddie. He is 5 years old. Love,
 Mona Lou Finley

SPEAKING OF CARDS

NO CHICANERY HERE

Two new words beginning with the letter "C"—Calypso and chicanery—appear to be well on their way to becoming household expressions among card players throughout the country.

Calypso, of course, is the exciting new card game which comes to us from Trinidad by way of London where it scored a tremendous success with English card players. A partnership game designed for four players, Calypso is the first card game to provide each player with his own personal trump suit and is played with four decks of cards shuffled together to form one large pack.

Now making its appearance with more frequency on the card tables of America, Calypso, according to many of the experts, may become the greatest news in card games since Canasta swept the country a few years ago.

Along with the rising popularity of Calypso is the increasing use of the word "chicanery." Not to be confused with "chicanery," which the

dictionary defines as trickery, "chicanery" is a word that our forefathers used often while playing Whist, the 300-year-old card game that is often called the grandfather of Bridge, Auction, Contract and other trump games of the partnership family.

Chicanery is the rarely-used Bridge-Whist expression for a hand without trumps, although most modern Bridge players have never heard of the term and are more likely to use such expressions as "void" and "I've drawn a blank" in its stead.

In Calypso, however, which one expert has called the first really new card game since Whist, "chicanery" is apt to occur frequently and with spectacular effect on the outcome. For example, since all four packs are shuffled together as one, you as the Spade player may pick up a hand absolutely devoid of Spades. But if Spades is your trump and you lead it no matter how low the card, you take the trick unless one of the other three players can't follow suit and takes the trick with his personal trump.

That's Calypso! Although it may sound complicated, experts say it is one of the easiest games to learn and play. Calypso can be played with any four complete packs or there are special Calypso sets on the market which contain extra equipment.

Free rules for playing this exciting new card game may be obtained by sending a card or letter to Calypso, c/o Playing Cards, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17.



HOLIDAY Greetings

A wish that's mighty cordial

Warm and friendly, too

Hoping Christmastime will bring

Joy and Cheer for you!

RUFE JORDAN
 COUNTY SHERIFF

and girls.
 Hickman III, Jamie and Susan Brown

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good girl. I am in the second grade at school. I am mostly a tomboy. So will you please bring me two guns, a basketball, and a goal, a watch and a jewelry box. Please bring my little sister a doll. Your friend,
 Sarah Coleman

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MR. AND MRS. M. G. MULLANAX AND GAYLE



DON CAIN, County Attorney



The Holiday season at last is here,

Time to wish friends far and near

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. HG 185

JACK BACK
 County Tax Assessor-Collector



WE HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS WILL BE ESPECIALLY PLEASANT FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

BRUCE PARKER, County Judge

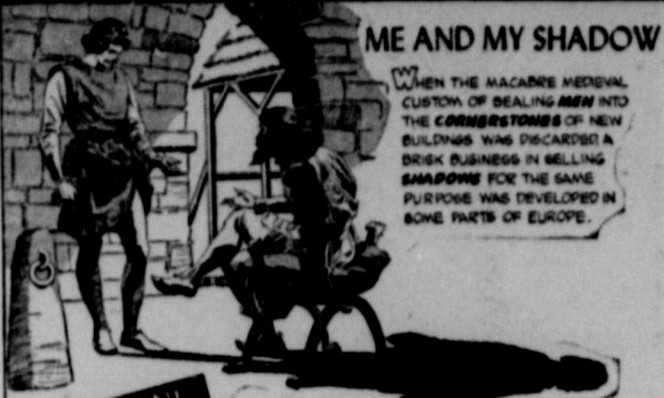
Greetings



May all of you feast upon the joys of a Glorious Holiday! May the fruits of added prosperity overflow your hearts and homes!

B. R. NUCKOLS
County Superintendent

THAT'S A FACT



ME AND MY SHADOW

WHEN THE MAGICAL MEDICAL CUSTOM OF SEALING AWAY INTO THE CORNERS OF NEW BUILDINGS WAS DISCARDED A DISK BUSINESS IN SELLING SHADOWS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE WAS DEVELOPED IN SOME PARTS OF EUROPE.

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IMPORT

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UMBRELLA?

SAVINGS AREN'T JUST FOR RAINY DAYS! U.S. SAVINGS BONDS WILL MAKE THE FUTURE DRY SUNNY AND BRIGHT—BECAUSE THEY BRING THE SECURITY THAT MEANS FREEDOM FROM FINANCIAL PROBLEMS!

NO. 1910
ESTATE OF IRENE WADE, DECEASED.
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, IN MATTERS PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF IRENE WADE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the Estate of Irene Wade, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 6th day of December, 1955, by the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My

residence and post office address are P. O. Box 4082, Tech Station, Lubbock, County of Lubbock, State of Texas.

BENNIE WADE McMAHAN, Administratrix of the Estate of Irene Wade, Deceased.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: BILLY W. AREY.

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 23rd day of January, A. D., 1956, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable 31st District Court of Gray County, at the Court House in Pampa, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 7 day of September, 1955.

The file number of said suit being No. 11,466.

The names of the parties in said suit are: WILMA RODGERS AREY as Plaintiff, and BILLY W. AREY as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Suit for Annulment.

Issued this the 7th day of December, 1955.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Pampa, Texas, this the 7th day of December, A. D., 1955.

HELEN SPRINKLE, Clerk Dist. Court, Gray County, Texas (SEAL) By GWENN GRAY, Deputy

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The American continents were named for Americus Vesputius, a map maker.

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PEB EVERETT

The Christmas Story

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to-



This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.—(Psalm 34:6.)

What is our attitude when we pray? Are we telling God what we want, and why and when we want it? Do we ask that His will, not ours, be done? When we come humbly and penitently to Him, firm in our faith, seeking only His mercy and His love, we are never denied.

ward men.—The Gospel according to Luke.

Constantinople was once known as Byzantium.

President Taylor was known as "old rough and ready."

Paul Revere was born January 1, 1735.

Merry Christmas

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Merry Christmas To You, Son



It will be a Merry Christmas to this boy when he finds a brand new U. S. Savings Bond, wrapped in a free Treasury gift jacket, on his Christmas tree. That Bond is a present for his future, a symbol of security and for the great things he plans on doing in later years. Thousands of children, like him, will receive Bonds for Christmas this year. It's the present that grows.

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, 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-keeper while they were en route 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 murder. He restored the boys to life thru prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.



"No matter how much a man can make, the cost of living is fixed at...how much a man can make!"



Christmas Decor You Can Eat



Here's a quick and easy way you can make unusual and beautiful Christmas tree decorations that look good enough to eat. In fact, you can eat them—they're made from frozen ice box cookie rolls obtainable in the frozen foods section at your grocer's. There's no end to the variety of decorations you can make from Simple Simon frozen cookie rolls. Let your imagination run wild. Decorate each cookie differently, using frosting, colored sugars and cake decorating candies. Let the children in on the fun of making these easy, tasty ornaments. Also hang cookies on a small wire or plastic hors d'oeuvre "tree" to make a festive table or buffet decoration.

Christmas Cookie Tree Ornaments

Slice Simple Simon frozen cookie rolls and place on cookie sheet. Put one piece of uncooked macaroni through each cookie about 1/4 inch from the edge to make hole for hanging cookie. Bake according to directions leaving macaroni in cookie.

To decorate: Remove macaroni while cookies are warm. In a bowl, mix 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and 1 to 2 tablespoons milk to spreading consistency. Add food coloring if desired. Frost a few cookies at a time, sprinkle with colored sugar and decorating candies. When icing hardens, put ribbon through holes and hang on tree.

For a holiday dessert treat, serve Simple Simon frozen mince pie. It's flaky, tender pie crust chock full of real old-fashioned mince meat. All the work is done for you—you simply bake!

GIFT-GIVING IN ANCIENT ENGLAND

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

In the days of knights, it was the 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.

That man is sure to win who can command the situation instead of allowing the situation to control him.—Hollis Burke Frisell.

Conquer thyself. Till thou hast done this, thou art but a slave; for it is almost as well to be subjected to another's appetite as to thine own.—Robert Burton.



"What's the matter, Pop? You WERE expecting him, weren't you?"



Season's Greetings

Best wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

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The Season's
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The McLean News

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PLAIN TALK

By BILL PERKINS

Here is that issue with all the letters to Santa and greetings from all your friends. We hope we didn't leave any of the letters or greetings out. We have always enjoyed putting out this particular paper each year as this issue enters each home at the happiest time of the year and we always get a kick out of reading the Santa letters ourself.

Just about every newspaper we know publishes these letters around Christmas and some of them are dillys.

Last week we read one from a boy in the third grade. It went something like this:

"Dear Santa, This is the letter telling you real'y what I want for Christmas. Don't pay any attention to that other letter I wrote you, my teacher made me write it."

Another interesting story we read in the Paducah Post. It was about the "Benson Barbecue" that the Farmers Union had down there. They barbecued seven hogs and one beef and this was served with "Benson gravy" and other allergic sounding dishes. You can get more information about this from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stubbs. They were there.

We read in Time where Americans had bought and sent more Christmas cards than ever this year. Last year only 5% of the cards sold were religious. This year religious cards were 25% of the total sales. Santa himself dropped from third place in Christmas card sales to eighth.

Johnnie Back and the post office crew have really been rushed this week. Monday alone, 6,400 letters were cancelled and passed through the local post office.

We plan to travel about a thousand miles this week-end. Officials have predicted that 204 Texans will die of violent death, mostly traffic, during the 11-day holiday season. We are going to try our best not to be one of them. Our office will be closed Monday along with most everything else in town. If you have news items that you want to get in next week's paper, just slip them under the door and we will get them early Tuesday morning.

A group of folks were talking about the lady in Fort Worth who won a Dodge automobile each year for life in a recent contest. One of the wits we know commented that as far as he was concerned it had been a "dodge for life" ever since women had been driving. He said it. We didn't.

Merry Christmas!

VILLAGE



GOSSIP (More or Less)

Claude Stewart of Lubbock, brother of F. E. Stewart of McLean, died Tuesday, December 13, at Dallas at the age of 60. Funeral services were held in Dumas Thursday at 2 o'clock.

Other survivors include two sons, Delbert of Dumas and Quinton of Dallas; five grandchildren; six brothers, Sid of Olton, Neal of Lubbock, Lonnie and Lee of Amarillo, Vernon and Tony of Fresno, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Stiles of Hedley and Mrs. Nannie Foster of Culver City, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stewart and Truitt Stewart of McLean, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Mae Stewart of Pampa attended the services in Dumas Thursday.

G. C. Bible was awarded \$29 in merchandise certificates at the Appreciation Day activity in McLean last Saturday.

James Dale Andrews of New Mexico Military Institute is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Andrews.

LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

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FHA Great Plains LOAN PROGRAM REVISED

Revised loan regulations sent to county offices of the Farmers Home Administration this week emphasize that the ability of farmers and ranchers to repay the loans they receive is the major factor to consider in determining the soundness of a loan, according to Walter T. McKay, the agency's state director.

The loan policies of the Great Plains credit program—which began last August—were reviewed last week by agency officials at meetings in Denver and Amarillo.

Special loans made in 145 counties in six Great Plains states enable farmers and ranchers to pay the cost of developing and carrying on the type of farming that provides for proper land use in the area; in addition credit is available for annual operating needs. Soil resources, past production record of the farm, the applicant's ability and experience, farm plans and similar factors are used to determine the repayment ability of the applicant. A land capacity map will be prepared by the Soil Conservation Service for the farm or ranch to be operated with the proceeds of the loan.

Each loan application is expected to carry out farming practices that will make proper use of his land and to take part in all programs designed to develop a sound agricultural economy. However, whether or not a loan is made depends upon whether it finances the type of farming that will enable the borrower to repay the funds advanced.

When needed adjustment in farming practices are to be made a detailed farm and home plan will be prepared and management guidance will be provided by the county supervisors of the FHA to the extent needed. When credit is required only to finance annual operating expenses only a minimum of planning is required and farm management guidance will not accompany the loan.

The credit provided by the Farmers Home Administration will be used only to supplement credit available from private and cooperative lenders.

Loans are made for the purchase of livestock, farm equipment, seed, fertilizer, feed, insecticides, farm supplies, and other farm and home operating needs. Loans are also made to finance soil conservation measures, development of domestic and irrigation water systems, repair of existing farm buildings, and when necessary the purchase of additional land needed to provide an economic unit. In cases where it is necessary, to enable the farmer or rancher to continue his operations, loans may include funds to refinance certain chattel indebtedness.

A loan may be made to a farm owner or farm operator if the applicant (1) is an established operation and is primarily engaged in farming or livestock operations; (2) is unable to obtain the necessary credit elsewhere; (3) will have reasonable prospects of success with the assistance of the loan; and (4) will own or have available under satisfactory tenure arrangements a farm suitable for carrying on successful farming operations.

Gray is among the 57 Texas counties included in the Great Plains credit program.

Applications for loans are made at the county offices of the Farmers Home Administration. The local county FHA committee determines the eligibility of applicants for these loans.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beard of near Sedalia, Mo., visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty.

Mrs. Scott Shirley, formerly of Los Angeles, Calif., left McLean Thursday to meet her husband in Omaha, Neb., where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris visited his mother, Mrs. T. H. Harris, at Sayre, Okla., Friday.



NEW BOSS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart of Dumas are the parents of a boy born December 15. He weighed 6 pounds 11 1/2 ounces and has been named Michael Claude. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sid Stewart of Olton and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Duncan of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Little of Fort Worth are the parents of a boy born December 20, and weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce. He has been named Lynn Olen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Duncan of McLean.

Income Tax Forms And Instructions To Be Mailed Soon

The 1955 income tax forms and instructions to individual taxpayers will be mailed between December 27 and January 10 from Kansas City, H. B. Hammil of the Amarillo office announced this week. "Taxpayers should postpone their inquiries regarding these forms until after January 10," he said.

"Taxpayers receiving tax blanks and instructions by mail should not misplace or discard them, but should save them for use in filing their tax returns, since the supply of instruction pamphlets is limited," he added.

A study of the new tax forms shows a few changes which make the return easier to complete. A new tax table for married taxpayers filing jointly eliminates the complicated computation on the return for figuring tax on split incomes.

Farmers who file and pay estimated taxes by the January 15, 1956, deadline may also obtain the forms they require at district and local offices. Most post offices have a supply of tax forms for local residents.

From 1777 to 1791, Vermont was an independent republic.



PROBE LEADERS CONFER Three key figures in the Texas veterans land investigations confer in a Kerrville hospital on the many state-wide criminal and civil cases now in various stages of prosecution. Left to right—Wiley Cheatham, former DeWitt County Attorney recently appointed by the Attorney General to head the criminal division of the Attorney General's Office in coordinating the cases under prosecution, and Attorney General John Ben Sheppard, visit Kenneth Towery, editor of the Cuero Record, who recently won a Pulitzer Prize for his work in exposing the first fraudulent land sales in the veterans land program. Towery is recuperating in the Kerrville hospital.

GRACE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

We thank Thee . . . For a world of wondrous things—the flame of winter dawns . . . soft-spread snow . . . the white star-fire of winter nights;

For talents which enable us to win this food, this home, this heart-deep warmth;

For family love—the strength and stabilizer of our lives; For the familiar blessings of today—the hope and unknown promise of tomorrow;

For the constant whisper in our minds—spurring us to shape more lofty thoughts, desires and deeds.

And we thank Thee, most of all, for the One Who brought the spirit of Christmas to the world, urging us to keep Good Will aglow, not as a brief winter's flame, but as constant splendor.

Amen.

(Christmas meditation from Employers Mutuals of Wausau)

Services Announced For Christmas Day At Methodist Church

Rev. Marvin Fisher, pastor of the McLean Methodist Church, has announced that regular services will be held at the church Christmas morning, Sunday, Dec. 25.

Church school will be held at 9:45 and morning worship will begin at 10:55.

No services are scheduled for Sunday evening, Rev. Fisher said.

GUEST SPEAKER TO CONDUCT SERVICES IN METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY

Rev. Norman Grigsby of Valley View will bring the morning message at 10:55 o'clock Sunday, at the McLean Methodist Church, Rev. Marvin Fisher, pastor, has announced.

Rev. Grigsby was reared in McLean, and Rev. Fisher said: "I am sure that many of his friends would like to hear this message, hence I take this opportunity of extending a cordial invitation to the public. In this blessed of all seasons, may the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord be born ANEW in our hearts."

SAVINGS BONDS SALES UP IN TEXAS

Nathan Adams and Ed Gossett, co-chairmen of the savings bonds committee for Texas, announced this week that savings bonds sales for the month of November were \$13.2 million.

Sales for the period of January 1 through November have been \$175.7 million. This figure represents an increase of 17% over the same period in 1954.

"We have now reached 87% of our 1955 quota, Adams and Gossett continued, "and we are confident that the people of Texas will do their part to see that Texas will reach its 1955 quota of \$201.9 million."

REVEILLE



with the boys

A/3c and Mrs. Linden Immel of Rantou, Ill., are visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bragg.

Visiting in the George Colebank home over the week-end were their grandchildren, Lt. and Mrs. Benny Cooper of Mineral Wells and Joe and Ann Cooper, students in Baylor University, Waco.

Second Grade Gives P-TA Program

The McLean P-T-A. met Wednesday, December 14, at 3:45 in the grade school cafeteria.

The program was given by Mrs. Sinclair Armstrong's second grade pupils, who sang Christmas carols and gave reading depicting Christmas in various countries of the world, also concerning Santa's suit and the coming year.

Ice cream was served by the second graders.

The P-T-A. project for the year is landscaping the grounds for the new hospital and clinic. Mrs. Margaret Coleman was appointed as chairman of the landscaping committee.

Plentiful Foods List For January Is Big

Pork, beef and grapefruit top the list of plentiful foods for January.

Mae Belle Smith, extension specialist in consumer education, says shoppers will find a wide variety of kinds and cuts of pork and beef to suit the taste and family budget. Fresh and cured pork will continue to be a good buy and all kinds of beef will be plentiful, especially the higher grades.

Grapefruit is important in the daily diet for it is rich in vitamin C, a vitamin that everyone needs each day. Shoppers are also reminded by Miss Smith that tangerines are a good buy as are winter pears, oranges, potatoes, pinto beans and peanuts.

Eggs are on the plentiful list for the first time in several months and are an excellent source of several needed food elements.

If more calcium is needed in the diet, milk and other dairy products should be considered. Rounding out the January list are canned tuna and the vegetable fats and oils. Food prices, says the specialist, will stay high in 1956. This means that homemakers will have to buy wisely and plan carefully to keep within the family food budget.

The palace of the League of Nations in Geneva was completed in 1936.

Most Business Firms To Be Closed Monday

Most McLean business firms will be closed Monday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday which falls on Sunday this year.

McLean and Alanreed schools were dismissed yesterday afternoon at 3:45 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Classes will be resumed Tuesday morning, January 3, School Superintendents Melton and Tindall have announced.

Lions Club to Give Christmas Baskets To Needy Families

The McLean Lions Club met in its regular third Tuesday session at noon in the fellowship hall of the McLean Methodist Church.

The meeting was opened by the singing of Christmas songs under the direction of Lion George Saunders.

Program Chairman Amos Page introduced Lion Saunders who, with James Massay and Lions Joe Suderman and Leslie Talbert, sang three religious songs that were most appropriate.

Lion Ralph Thomas of Pampa, with his son-in-law, Pete Tension of Albuquerque, N. M., were guests of the club as were George Terry, Jesse Coleman and James Massay.

In other business Lion Flea Simpson expressed his thanks for the aid given him at the pancake supper held recently and stated that net proceeds from the supper was approximately \$72. Part of this money was used to pay for the candy distributed by Santa here Saturday, December 10.

It was noted that some Christmas trees were still on hand but that Mrs. Shull and Neal had already sold enough to make about \$75 for the club. Money received from the Christmas tree sales will be used to fill baskets for needy families in the McLean area in addition to gifts of toys for each child in these families, and household articles. Lions Marvin Fisher and Boyd Meador are in charge of the baskets for the needy.

The senior class announced that this year they wished to aid the Lions in this worthwhile endeavor and that each senior would give fifty cents toward the filling of these baskets instead of exchanging gifts as they had in the past.

Lion Sweetheart Donna Magee and Lion W. C. Simpson were commended for the work they did at the pancake supper.

Lion Boss Hickman Brown presented Donna with a Christmas gift on behalf of the club.

The meeting was adjourned with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held January 3, 1956.

McLean Places Three On All-Tournament Team at Shamrock

The McLean Tiger basketball team took the consolation award in last week's tourney at Shamrock.

Two McLean girls, Glenda Switzer and Helen Bruner, were chosen for the all-tournament team, and Harvey Shelton of McLean placed on the boys' all-tournament team.

McLean's Tigerettes were defeated by Quail in a close one, 48-46, in the semi-finals.

The Wellington boys team and the Shamrock girls won first place in the tournament played in Shamrock last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Laura Stratton left Tuesday for Bakersfield, Calif., to spend Christmas in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Douglas. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Meier of Amarillo.

SERVICES HELD SUNDAY FOR MRS. TEDDER

Funeral services for Mrs. Nettie Josephine Tedder, 84, were held Sunday, December 18, at 3:00 p. m. at the Church of Christ in McLean with Harold McColum officiating. Mrs. Tedder had been a resident of McLean for 34 years, moving here from Chester, Okla.

Mrs. Tedder was born July 12, 1871. She is survived by five sons, Ben of McLean, Bill of Yuca Valley, Calif., Jim of Weatherford, Okla., Clarence of Phillips, Ernest of Long Beach, Calif.; and one daughter, Mrs. C. D. Burns of Richmond, Calif.

Other survivors include a brother, Bob Cox of Oroville, Calif., and two sisters, Mrs. John Heck of Wilson, and Mrs. J. E. Miles of Mansfield, La.; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Lawrence Watson, Odell Mantooth, Olen Davis, Bill Pettit, John Moore and Alvin Brock.

Funeral services were under the direction of Claborn Funeral Home and burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

'Do-It-Yourself' Tax Assistance Program To Be Continued

Enthusiastic public acceptance of the "do-it-yourself" taxpayer assistance program has led to its continuance and improvement for the income tax filing period beginning January 1, according to H. B. Hammil of the Internal Revenue Service office in Amarillo.

Last filing period the service made a substantial reduction in the cost of rendering individual taxpayer assistance, by encouraging the public to fill out their own tax forms, using the instruction booklet sent through the mail. Those needing further help were assembled in groups with a tax specialist answering individual questions as each taxpayer filled out his return.

"This streamlining increased revenue in the five-state southwestern region \$28,000,000 in the first four months of 1955, compared with the same period in 1954. The additional revenue resulted largely from the notable decline in man-hours spent on the taxpayer assistance program. Where in 1954 we spent more than 175,000 hours in the region, in 1955 less than 100,000 hours were devoted to this activity, and we hope to make further reductions in 1956," the official said.

The majority of taxpayers deserve tremendous credit for accepting the challenge of the "do-it-yourself" approach, he added. Since there are few changes affecting individuals in the tax laws this year, the service feels that more taxpayers can prepare their own returns by studying the instruction booklet mailed with their blank tax forms.

A taxpayer assistance day will be scheduled each week during the filing period in all offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The schedule will be announced before December 31.

"Many taxpayers believe that by coming to our offices for assistance their returns will not be subject to audit later on. This is not correct," Hammil pointed out. "Such returns will be examined in the same manner as returns prepared by taxpayers themselves or with professional assistance," he added.

Taxpayers will do themselves and their government a service by preparing and filing their returns early, Hammil said. Employers can also help by furnishing Forms W-2 to their employees as soon as possible.

When at table, remember that we never repent of having eaten or drunk too little.—Thomas Jefferson.



Society



Joyce Nicholas and Jim Evans Are Wed In Ceremony at First Baptist Church

Marriage vows for Joyce Nicholas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Nicholas of McLean, and Jim Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans of McLean, were read December 10 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the First Baptist Church in McLean.

Dr. Buell Wells, pastor, read the double-ring ceremony against a background of fern and blue candles in tall candelabra flanked by baskets of white mums tied with blue ribbon.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of blue embroidered taffeta, with a low rounded neckline and tiny sleeves, made princess style. She wore matching shoes and hat and carried white carnations on a White Bible.

Sue Evans, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. She wore a dress of rose faille styled with a long waist and full skirt. Her accessories were black and white.

Best man was Bob Evans of Cactus, brother of the groom. Joe Don Evans, brother of the groom, served as usher. Candelighters were Danny Brown, cousin of the bride, and Johnny Evans, brother of the groom.

Miss Jo Ann Stevens, organist, played pre-nuptial music and the traditional wedding marches. Mrs. Morris Brown sang "Through the Years" and Mrs. Paul Miller sang "Perfect Love."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Corbin. A number of relatives and friends attended.

The bride has attended schools at Kellerville and McLean, graduating with the class of 1955 at McLean High School, and is now employed by the Lubbock National Bank in Lubbock.

The groom attended schools in Dallas and McLean, and is also a graduate with the class of '55. He is employed by the paper mill in Lubbock and is attending Texas Tech.

The couple will make their home at 2105 14th St. in Lubbock.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. T. I. Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nicholas and family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Holden of Chillicothe; Mr. and Mrs. Clois Hanner and Glenda, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Phillips of Lela; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Evans and Sharon of Cactus; Joe Ed Sherrod and Jo Ann Stevens of Lubbock.

The basis of Christmas is love loving its enemies, returning good for evil, love that "suffereth long, and is kind."—Mary Baker Eddy.

Shower Honors Miss Sue Glass In C. E. Cooke-Home

Miss Sue Glass, bride-elect of Joe Bob Barnhill of Tulsa, was honored with a shower December 12 in the Charles E. Cooke home. The Presbyterian ladies were hostesses.

The bride-elect's chosen colors of red and white were featured in the decorations. The refreshment table was laid with a white lace cloth over red. The centerpiece was a bell tower formed of red and white Christmas canes with a cluster of white bells suspended from the peak over a platform of white with red letters spelling out the names "Sue and Joe." On either side of the bell tower were red candles decorated with styrofoam snowballs and red net. In the den, a huge white-flocked Christmas tree was decorated with red glass balls.

Miss Glass, her mother, Mrs. J. R. Glass, and Mrs. Harry Barnhill of Turkey, mother of the prospective bridegroom, greeted the guests. Mrs. Petie Everett and Mrs. K. W. Hambricht served refreshments, and Mrs. Bill Stubbs presided at the guest register.

Those present or sending gifts were: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. David Guest of Turkey, Rev. and Mrs. J. Edwin Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnhill, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lacy and Delores, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bell, Jr. and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. George Colebank, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Back, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bow, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Blume, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Eudy, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Young.

Mesdames Charles Carpenter, June Woods, Spencer Sitter, Evan Sitter, Earnest Beck, Arthur Dwyer, Scott Shirley, Willie Harris, Jim Back, Amos Page, Bob Black, C. R. Griffith, Joanne Back, Eric Cubine, Marvin Hindman, Don Alexander, Fidell Stubbs, Kineth Hambricht, Ruel Smith, J. M. Haynes, Wilson Boyd, S. A. Cousins, Legon Burris, Pete Fulbright, Ernest Godfrey, Vernon Wood, H. E. Franks, Pvb Everett, Freeman Melton, Jimmy Shelton.

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Bailey, Nina Carpenter, Madge Page, Cleo Hegsicy, Jack McClellan, Conald Cunningham, H. W. Brooks, Harold Bunch, Lena Pettit, Kate Everett, Allen Wilson, Sam McClellan, Don Taylor, Kay Purce, Ronnie Eudy, Johnny Vineyard, Jenkins Shaw, Alma Turman, Mattie Graham, Willie Boyett, Elton Johnston.

Mesdames George Orrick, C. O. Goodman, K. E. Windom, F. E. Hambricht, E. J. Windom Sr., Carl Jones, Pat McGentry, W. R. Mahan, J. T. Trew, Delbert Trew, J. B. Moody, P. B. Snooks, T. A. Massay, E. J. Windom Jr., Clyde Brown, C. P. Callahan, Frank Simpson, Neville Back, J. L. Hess, Jesse Coleman, N. A. Greer, J. J. Railsback, Joe Back, Loraine

Mesdames John Scott, L. M. Watson, Bryan McPherson, Bud Back, Lizzie Miller, Millie Isaacs, Odell Mantooth, Claude Powell, J. W. Meacham, Denver Dowell, Willie Walker, J. C. Adamson Sr., Iva Dean Martin, Charles A. Russell, W. L. Hedrick, A. F. Coker Jr., John Lane, Drew Halcomb, Ted Glass, Buck Glass.

Mesdames E. J. Lander, Billie Gull, Beulah Riley, B. L. Webb, J. C. Holloway, Gene Greer, C. A. Watkins, Boyd Reeves, Betty Allsup, Petie Everett, J. P. Dickinson, R. M. Wiley, Raymond Guyton, E. L. Price, N. Bradshaw, L. Bourland, C. E. Cortis, Boyd Meador, Kid McCoy, T. E. Crisp, Farrah Guyton, W. E. Bogan, Eva Marrs, Marvin Hall.

J. B. Hembrece, Tonamy Watkins, Byron Young, John and Bob Glass, Ben Wiley, the Boswells, Dickie and Lester Back, the Friendship Class.

Misses Becky Barker, Donna Magee, Monta Jean Kennedy, Judy Glass, Donna Meacham, Rolena Chase, Sammie Wood, Peggy Duncan, Pat Shelton, Virginia Beck, Leona Forbes, Gussie Bledsoe, Kate Morgan, Floella Cubine, Betty Dickinson.



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 Allen's Whole New **IRISH POTATOES** 303 Size can 10c
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 Kurer's **Sweet Pickles** 24 oz. Jar 47c
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Texas 4-H'ers Win National Honors

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Bob Bates, 17, of Wichita Falls; Garden; Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company Tractor Group.
Melton Frosch, 16, of Mabank; Soil and Water Conservation; Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.
Bill Kolter, 18, of Wichita Falls; Achievement; Ford Motor Company.
Rush McGinty, 16, of Spur; Public Speaking; Pure Oil Company.
Joe L. Weaver, 19, of Temple; Field Crops; Nitrogen Division of Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation.
Della Borchardt, 20, of Orange Grove; Frozen Foods; International Harvester Company.
Ives June Casey, 16, of Rule. Is one of eight national winners in the Dairy Foods Demonstration program who received a trip to the Club Congress provided by the Carnation Company.

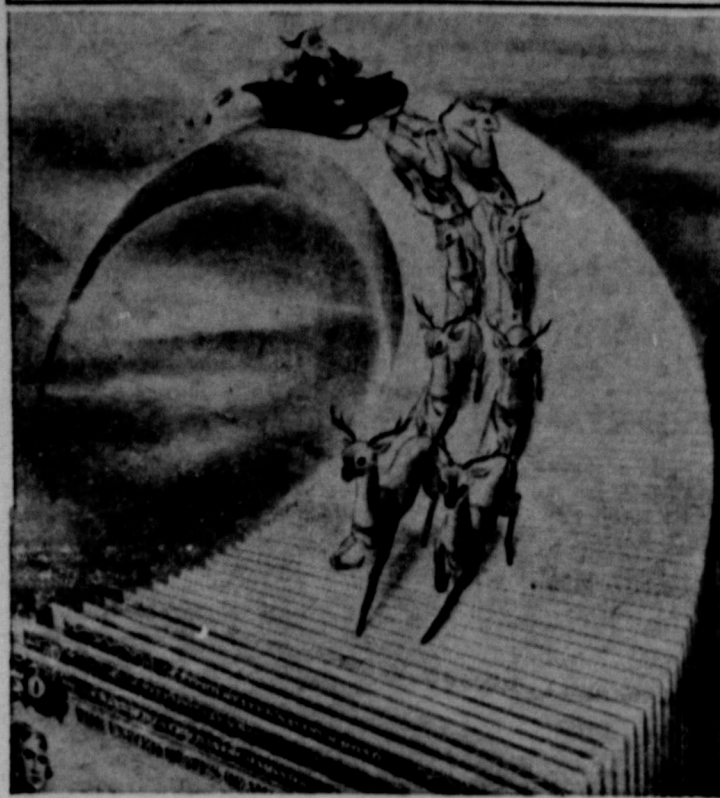


"Improving Family and Community Living." Among the prominent speakers on the program was Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of the Peoples Church of Chicago, who spoke on "What Youth Can Do." Other topics presented and discussed were "Understanding Begins With U" and "Working Together for World Understanding."

Over 1,200 4-H Club boys and girls from the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Canada, attended the Congress, along with young people and youth leaders from 22 foreign countries. During the week, the delegates participated in discussions, heard outstanding speakers, met sports stars, enjoyed top-flight entertainment at banquets and major meal events, attended the International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Show, took part in press conferences, made radio and TV appearances, toured the city and visited the museums, and attended a party at the Aragon Ballroom. The theme of the Congress was

Entertainment highlights included the appearance of the Purdue University Glee Club and a "Pops Concert" by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The National 4-H Club Congress is a cooperative effort of the Agricultural Extension Service, fifty public-spirited business and civic organizations and individuals, and the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work.

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 Ted Davis Simmons
 McLean, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 7 years old. I would like a baby doll a make-up kit, a rocker and a diaper bag. Bring my little brother, Ross Allen, a big car, a truck, a gun and a teddy bear. Bring us lots of nuts, candy and fruits. I love you,
 Linda Kay Lisman
 McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I want a stuffed dog. I want a gun, car and a book. We have a Christmas tree with a Santa Claus on it. I was a good boy. I want a little money thing so we can put money in it.
 Bobby Ray Talbert
 McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I want a ballet doll and a refrigerator. I have been a good girl. If you have room, I want a closet for my broom and things. Be good to little girls and boys across the waters. Santa, I love you.
 Linda Jaie Talbert
 McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy four years

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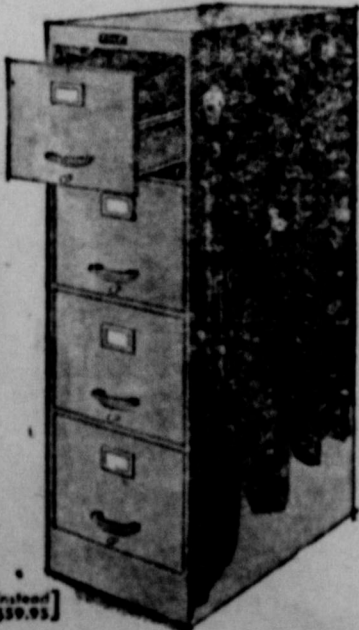
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 Richard Dean Moore

Students home from college for the Christmas holidays include Mario Coleman and Wayne Woods of Texas A. and M.; Kenneth Gibson, B. W. Duncan, Billy Don Day, and Don Godfrey of Texas Tech; Dale and Sue Glass, Joe Crockett, Joe Miller, Don Trew,

Jerry Ray Guyton and Virginia Beck of West Texas State; Ricky Mantooth of Oklahoma A. and M.; and James Jolly of Tulsa University.

Mrs. John Haynes was in Pampa Monday.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Everett and children of Dumas visited this week in the Peb Everett and Milton Carpenter homes

Mr. and Mrs. George Humphreys and son, Jack, visited in Wheeler Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gunkel of Borger, and Mrs. Babbington of Eldorado, Okla., visited Sunday in the A. R. Clawson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard visited last week-end in Sunray with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howard, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Immel and daughter, LaVetta, of Stinnett visited Mrs. Immel's mother, Mrs. Lona Jones, and other relatives over the week-end.

Max Greer of Littlefield visited this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hiatt visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Williams.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. W. M. Tibbets Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hiatt and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Massey of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Horton of Amarillo spent the week-end with the Noah Smith family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reeves and children of Lubbock visited this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Reeves.

M. G. Mullanax and son, Gayle, were in Pampa Saturday on business.

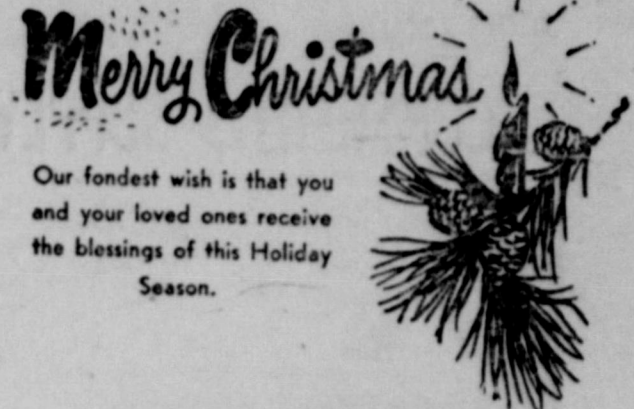
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Western of Amarillo visited Wednesday with Mrs. Pat Carmichael.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Plumlee and Lynn of Tulla visited last week with their father, J. D. Brock, and sister, Mrs. A. R. Clawson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Miller of Vivian, La., are visiting this week in the home of their son, Paul Miller, and family.



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Christmas Bells In Bible Land



WHEN THESE BELLS atop the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, Israel ring out the tidings of "peace on earth, good will toward men." Israel's 40,000 Christians will observe Christmas much as their fellow-believers in the United States do—with prayer and feasting. Each year Israel also welcomes thousands of pilgrims and tourists to take part in extensive Christmas observances in the Holy Land.

News For Veterans

By HARRY BOOTHE

Reservist Trainees Insured If Disabled

Reservists who train on active duty for periods of from three to six months under terms of the new reserve program will become eligible for special post-service National Service Life Insurance coverage if disabled as a result of their active duty training, the General Counsel of the Veterans Administration has ruled.

Trainees who are not disabled in line of duty are specifically denied post-service NSLI benefits by terms of the Reserve Forces Act of 1955. For this reason, it has been questioned whether any trainee could qualify for any post-service VA insurance.

But the VA General Counsel, Edward Odum, has ruled that the law does not bar a reservist from qualifying for the special post-service NSLI extended to service-connected disabled Korea veterans if the trainee is so disabled and meets all other qualifications.

The reservist will be able to take out policies ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in value, less any other government insurance

in force. It is not expected that any of them will carry other government insurance, as World War II-type National Service Life Insurance has not been available to men newly entering active service since April, 1951. In order to qualify for this you must have received other than a dishonorable discharge, must have a service-connected disability for which compensation would be applicable if the ailment were disabling to a degree of 10 per cent or more, must have no non-service-connected disability which by itself would make one eligible. Must make application for the special insurance coverage within one year from date the VA finds their disabilities to be service-connected.

Military Life to Set Type of Discharge

The type of discharge a soldier receives in the future will depend on his behavior while in the service, not his record prior to induction, senate investigators heard last week.

Col. Marvin C. Hillman, president of the Army Discharge Review Board, told the senate subcommittee on constitutional rights that if a man with a criminal record makes a "clean breast" of his past, and does not try to conceal the facts in filling out his induction papers, he will be judged by his conduct while in the service.

A man with a criminal record even for murder or arson, stands a better chance of getting an honorable discharge than one who had belonged to an allegedly subversive organization, Hillman said.

Meanwhile, the department of defense moved to spare security risks the stigma of less than honorable discharges by attempting to weed them out before induction. However, Charles E. Wilson in announcing the new directive, did not say whether it would apply to men who have already received such discharges.

The joy of brightening others' lives, bearing others' burdens, easing others' loads, and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas.—W. C. Jones.

Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" in 1814.



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Society

Back Family Reunion Held December 11 at Legion Hall

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Back held their family reunion December 11 at the American Legion Hall in McLean, with all the surviving children present.

Mr. and Mrs. Back were pioneer residents of this area, moving here in 1904 from Collin County, and settling in what was to become known as the Back community, nine miles north of McLean.

The invocation was offered by a grandson, Richard Back. Dinner was served buffet style.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Back of Pampa; Mrs. Joe Back, Mrs. Lorraine Clark, Lo-kett Back, Jimmy and Doris, of Carter, Okla.; Mrs. Scott Shurley of Omaha, Neb.; Joe Bob Barnhill of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Back, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Back, Victor Back, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Glas, Sue, Dale, Judy, Johnny and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Watson, Marie, Jimmy and Lavon, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Street, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Back, Douglas Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Back, Dickie and Leslie, Mrs. Bud Back, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Back, Larry Anita Gary and Mollie, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Crockett, Joe, Flo-nelle and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. June Woods, David and Don, Mosa Kathy Walling, and Mrs. Doris Sanders.

Willing Workers Class Has Christmas Luncheon Dec. 14

The Willing Workers Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held a Christmas party and luncheon in the church parlor Wednesday, December 14.

Former teachers of the class, Mrs. Leroy Williams, Mrs. R. L. Appling, and Mrs. Joe Taylor, were honored guests, and were presented corsages.

Odie Claborn's group was in charge of the program, and the hostesses were Louise McDonald, Pat Barker, Hazel Smith, and Rosalie Suderman.

Class members present were Odie Claborn, Joann Miller, Hazel Smith, Frances Potter, Katie Price, Marjorie Fowler, Edna Graham, Jewel Smith, Lahoma Herron, Rosalie Suderman, Louise McDonald, Rae Simpson, Billie Cash, Pat Barker, Mildred Wyatt, and Gladys Stewart. Eight children were present.

Baptist Sunday School Intermediates Have Christmas Party

The intermediate department of the Baptist Sunday School met Thursday night, December 15, in the church basement for a Christmas party.

Mrs. Boyd Reeves, superintendent of the department, led the

group in playing games and singing Christmas carols. The exchange of gifts was the highlight of the evening.

Refreshments of candy, fruit, and nuts were served to Alice Cunningham, Susie Trout, Billie Smith, Lena Maye Herron, Michal Massay, Jeanie Simpson, Louvera Taylor, Lequita Wells, Peggy Sharp, Judy Wyatt, Judy Day, Shirley Gudgel, Winnie Martindale, Rita Ann Brown, Jobey Claborn, Carey Don Smith, Jerry Smith, Jerry Biggers, Kent Wiggins, Worth Miller, Johnny Pettit, Bill Herron, Mrs. Boyd Reeves, Mrs. Howard Williams, and Miss Marjorie Fowler.

Carolyn Ann Pool and Robert West Married in Clovis

Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Pool of McLean are announcing the recent marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Ann, to Robert West, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. West, of McLean.

Wedding vows were read at the Methodist church in Clovis, N. M. The couple was attended by Mattie West, sister of the groom, and Pete King.

The bride, a sophomore in McLean High School, wore for her wedding a rose-colored corduroy dress, with black accessories. She is a member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, and was formerly reporter for a Pampa paper.

Mr. West attended school at McLean, and is now employed by the City Service Garage in Pampa.

The young people are making their home in Pampa.

Baptist Circles Meet Tuesday

The Helen McCollough circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Paul Miller.

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Boyd Reeves. Mrs. E. L. Price gave a Christmas story and the history of Christmas was given by Mrs. Gene Herron. Special music was by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Truitt Stewart, and Christmas carols were sung under the direction of Mrs. Reeves.

Those present were Mesdames Reeves, Price, Herron, Stewart, Miller, Lonnie Day, Frank Howard, and Oba Kunkel.

The Lena Lair circle met in the home of Mrs. H. W. Finley for a Christmas party.

Each brought a gift for exchange. A Christmas story was given by Mrs. Frank Simpson.

Those present were Mesdames George Moss, Troy Corbin, R. L. Appling, J. M. Stevens, R. L. McDonald, Joe Taylor, E. E. Wyatt, Morris Brown, Simpson and Finley.

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.—Charles Dickens.

Mello Airs Orchestra To Play at Teen-Town Christmas Dance

Teen-Town's Christmas dance will be held at the American Legion Hall Friday night, Dec. 23, at 8:30. Mrs. Bill Stubbs announced this week.

All teen-agers and college students are invited to attend the dance, Mrs. Stubbs said. Girls will wear formals.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Mello Airs orchestra of Pampa.

There is but one failure, and that is, not to be true to the very best one knows.—Canon Farrar.

1934 Sewing Club Meets Friday With Mrs. Page

The 1934 Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. Midge Page Friday evening for their Christmas party.

The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Beatrice Foster. Mrs. Leon Andrews told a Christmas story and Mrs. Irma Heister read some humorous readings.

The exchange of gifts brought delight to everyone. Delicious refreshments were served to 20 members and one guest, Mrs. Bill Webb.

The next meeting will be held

Baptist Juniors Entertained at Christmas Party

January 6 in the home of Mrs. Eyrd Gullik.

Members of the junior department of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church were given their annual Christmas party last Friday night in Fellowship Hall at the church.

After playing games, the children exchanged gifts, and the officers and teachers of the department gave each a bag of treats.

Fidelis Class Has Party in Finley Home

The Fidelis Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held their Christmas party Thursday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. H. W. Finley.

A salad plate and coffee were served to Mesdames George Colebank, W. R. James, T. D. Key, J. L. Johnston, O. L. Tibbets, Wilb Fowler, Ola Henderson, Etta Carmichael, Joe Taylor, Luther Petty and the hostess.

The area of Texas is one-eleventh of the entire United States.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Meitel and girls were in Lela last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert West of Pampa visited last week-end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. West and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pool.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sisson and family of Concord, Calif., visited here Monday night with Mrs. Sisson's aunt, Mrs. Noah Smith, and family.



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SHURFINE Sweet Potatoes	No. 2 can	24c
SHURFINE Apple Sauce	300 size can	17c
SUNSHINE Marshmallows	1 lb	29c
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We are wishing all of you a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 Joe Bruton

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends for their kindness and sympathy during the long illness of our dear one. May God richly bless each and every one of you.
 The Tedder Family

Grasshoppers Threat Panhandle Ranchers And Farmers in 1956

Livestock producers and farmers in the Texas Panhandle and in counties along the caprock south to Borden and east to Kent and Stonewall are alerted to possible widespread and damaging infestations of grasshoppers in 1956. Also counties in the central part of the state from the Oklahoma state line southward to Gonzales and Guadalupe, should watch developments very closely.

Extension Entomologist F. M. Fuller says surveys made by the plant pest control branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture last summer and fall show that 8,747,000 acres of rangeland in the West Texas areas are carrying hopper populations ranging from 14 to 100 per square yard. This compares with an estimated four and a half million acres infested at this time last year. Favorable weather conditions at and immediately after the hatching season could produce more trouble from hoppers than has been experienced in several years, says Fuller.

On the other hand, he points out, unfavorable weather and the presence of predators and grasshopper parasites could cut the anticipated infestation. But, he adds, the situation should be carefully watched and plans made for an all-out control program. The area where heaviest populations are expected also has about the same acreage of cropland infested now. The rangelands are the better ranges which are covered with gramma and buffalo grasses.

If the expected outbreaks occur in large areas controls should be applied between June 1 and July

Christmas Gifts For Your Son-In-Law

by Spring Byington

A gift for your son-in-law should be something he'll like. You may smile at this obvious suggestion, but I mean it sincerely. You'd be surprised how often a gift is something the giver likes, expressing his own taste and not that of the person for whom the gift is intended.

Give extra special thought to your son-in-law's gift. After all, he's in love with the girl who happens to be your daughter.

Consider his hobbies. Is his camera his most precious possession? Or his car? Is he happiest at "do-it-yourself" projects? Or is pipe-smoking his greatest joy? The latest gadgets that help him enjoy his pastime more will be received with greatest pleasure.

Gifts that keep on giving, such as magazine subscriptions, or membership in the Fruit or Candy-of-the-Month Clubs will remind him of your consideration all year long.

I feel I'm something of an expert in the gifts for sons-in-law department because I have two married daughters. And each week, I am the television mother of a married daughter, too, in the CBS-TV comedy, "December Bride." So believe me, if you do a little checking up on what would make the perfect gift for him, it will be worth it in pleasure to you as the giver. In return, you'll receive his appreciation and love all year 'round.



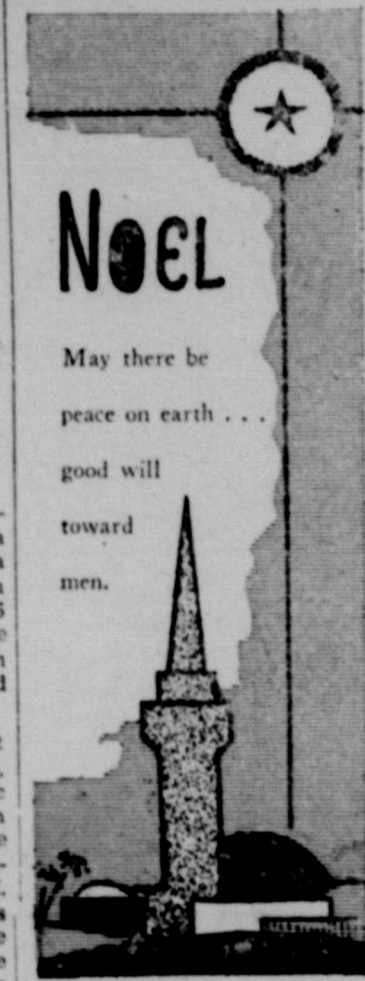
Spring Celebrates Christmas

and Lonnie Walker.

It was decided that information needed by farmers and ranchers would be the economic outlook for next year, and John McHoney, economist of the Extension Service, will present this to the people. Irrigation will be discussed by Jack Barton, specialist of the Extension Service. The rest of the program will be composed of some specialist yet to be contacted and will deal with commercial fertilizers, legumes adapted to this area, and beef cattle.

Breedlove says to watch your local papers for more information on the all-day clinic to be held in Clarendon and make plans to attend and bring all the neighbors.

Men always have hope of a better world when they see the miracle of Christmas.—Charles Wells.



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Agriculture Clinic Set in February At Clarendon

Farmers and ranchers of Donley County and surrounding area will have a chance to attend a big soil fertility and irrigation meeting in Clarendon February 16 from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. The meeting could better be called an agriculture clinic and will be held at the Mulkey Theatre.

H. M. Breedlove, county agent in charge of the all-day meeting, says that the agriculture clinic is being held in cooperation with the Agriculture Department of the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad and the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service. Plans for the all-day meeting were formed at a breakfast at the Donley Hotel last week when Knox Parr, district agent for the Extension service, and M. K. Orman, agriculture agent for the Fort Worth and Denver, met with Breedlove and a planning committee composed of Rex Wood, E. S. Ballou, John Head J. R. Porter, Frank Murray, Henry Moore,

15. The federal government will bear one-third of the cost of treating rangeland and providing technical assistance. The estimated cost per acre is 60 cents. The savings in grass could amount to several millions of dollars.

Fuller points out that an infestation of 6 to 7 hoppers per square yard on 10 acres can consume grass at about the same rate as a cow and that 8.7 million acres now have potential populations of from 14 to 100 hoppers per square yard. Local county agents will be watching developments and organizing for control, but will need the cooperation of all concerned, says Fuller.

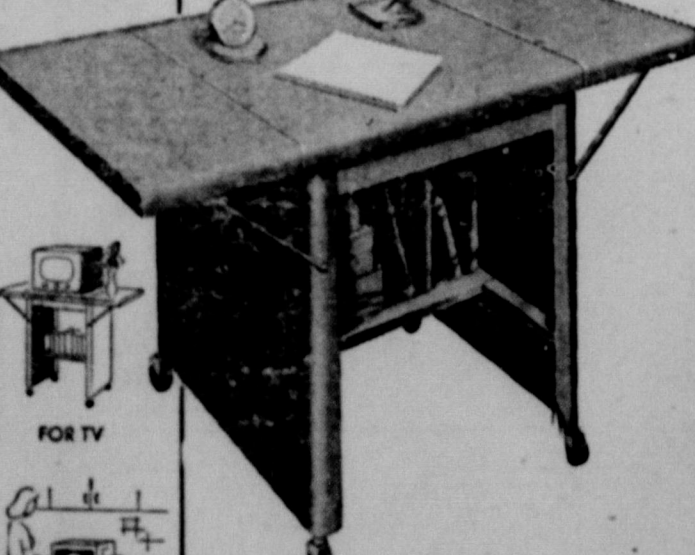
The deserts and the wilderness rejoice, and angels whisper, peace, good will to earth.—Robert Ellis Key.

The voice of conscience is so delicate that it is easy to stifle it, but it is also so clear that it is impossible to mistake it.—Mme. de Staël.

George Washington had red hair.

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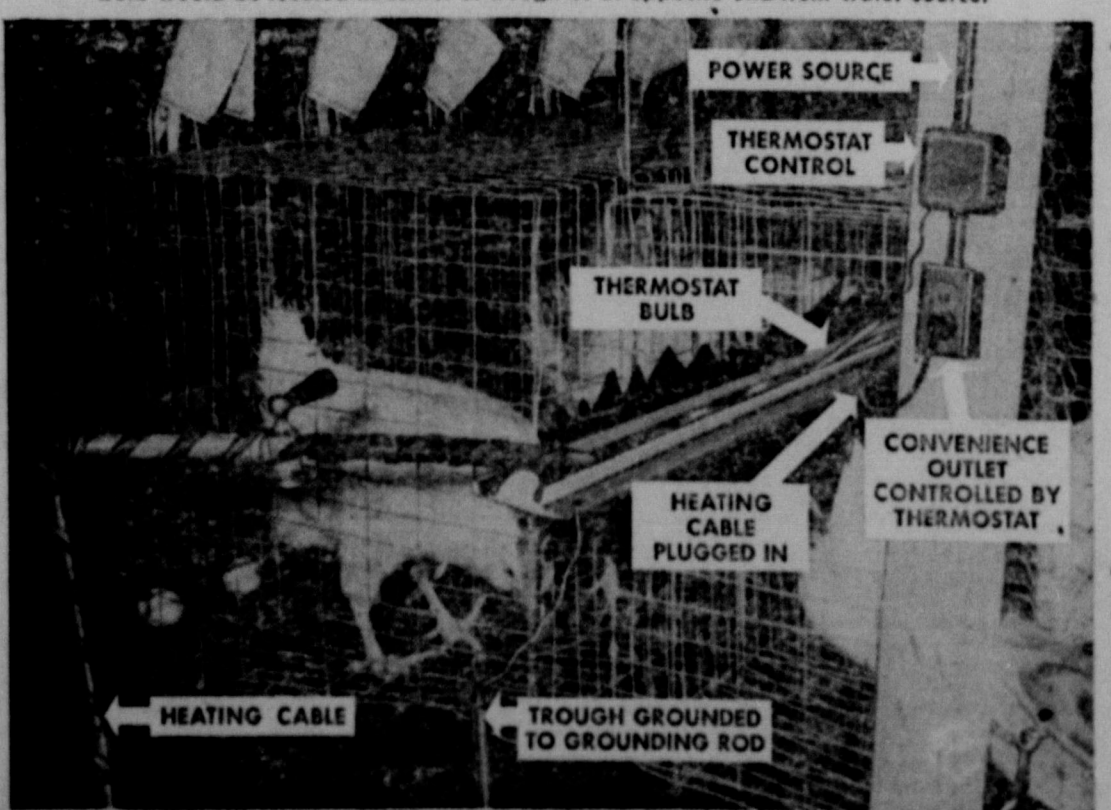
REDDY'S Farm Report
 FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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Although the "cage system" for poultry laying houses is the most profitable method, it has created one winter-time problem which, fortunately, can be easily solved through the use of electric heating cable.

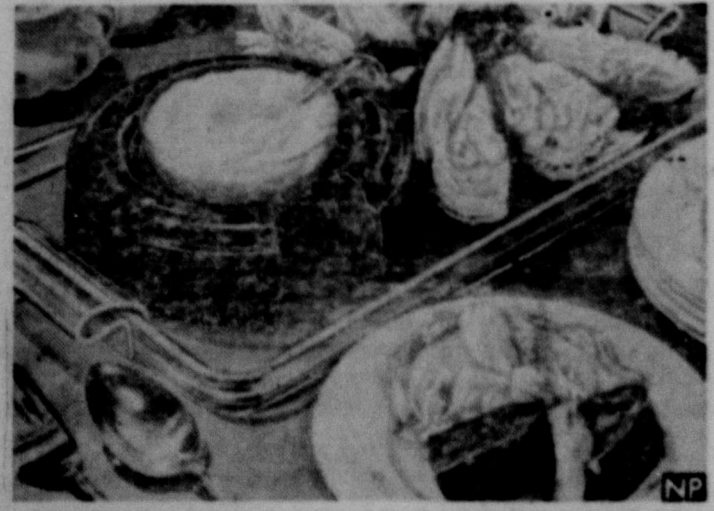
It is a proven fact that water for poultry must be kept warm enough for adequate drinking; otherwise, egg production suffers sometimes to the extent that the flock never recovers its former high production. The long watering troughs used in cage laying houses actually act as radiators, giving up their heat content into the surrounding cold air and cooling or freezing the water. Electric heating cable installed the full length of the trough warms the water uniformly the entire length

of the trough. If cable with sufficient heating capacity is employed, you will be assured of palatable water at all times in your poultry house. Here's why electric heating cable is the only proven satisfactory answer to warm drinking water for poultry:
 1. It is easy to install; however, it must be properly installed. Your local electrical contractor and your dealer can assist you in proper installation.
 2. It is thermostatically controlled. Once plugged in, the equipment operates without attention until you unplug it in the Spring. The water is warmed to the desired temperature; the electricity shuts off automatically. You are never using electricity when it is not needed.
 3. It is an economical system. The average cost for power throughout the State of Texas has been less than one egg per hen per season. Original equipment cost averaged over a period of years is low.
 4. It pays. Holding high egg production through just one severe cold spell could pay for your entire installation.
 5. It is safe. With proper installation of equipment and grounding of the troughs, there is no safety problem. You can get additional information from your Agricultural Agent. Experience among egg producers proves that drinking water must be maintained somewhere between 50 and 70 degrees. The problem is more than keeping frost out of the water. The water must be kept warm if you are to maintain high production of large grade "A" eggs. A loss in production or small, under-grade eggs means a loss of money out of your pocket.
 Heating cable can be the profit factor in your wintertime egg production.

Artist's drawing superimposed over photo shows various parts of water warming installation using electric heating cable. In actual installation, thermostat bulb would be located in center of trough or at opposite end from water source.



Apple-Cranberry Holiday Salad



You'll have fun serving this jellied salad during the holiday season. The salad is rosy-red. Given the contrast of fresh green lettuce wedges, it's sheer delight to the eye. And the taste! Tart and refreshing, it's a fruity combination of apple, cranberry and orange. You'll notice, too, that the crunchy pieces are evenly distributed all through the salad. The secret is canned apple sauce. Canned apple sauce provides smooth "body" for the chunky bits of cranberries, nuts and celery, holds them blended evenly throughout. It also bestows the delicious apple taste. Make the salad . . . try it out on Dad and the youngsters. Chances are, it'll end not only as your pride as a party salad but a family favorite, too.

APPLE-CRANBERRY HOLIDAY SALAD

3 cups raw cranberries
 1 orange, quartered
 1 cup sugar
 1 1/2 cups canned apple sauce
 2 envelopes unflavored gelatine
 1/2 cup cold water
 1/2 cup boiling water
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 1 cup diced celery
 Salad greens
 Mayonnaise

Using medium blade of food chopper, grind cranberries and orange (rind and pulp); add sugar. Mix well. Soften gelatine in cold water, let stand 5 minutes. Add boiling water to gelatine, stirring until dissolved. Combine cranberry mixture, apple sauce, walnuts, and celery; gradually add dissolved gelatine; mix thoroughly. Pour into 1 1/2 quart ring mold, which has been rinsed in cold water. Chill until firm. Unmold on salad greens. Serve with mayonnaise. Yields 8 servings.