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WHEELER CO. 4-H GOLD STAR GIRL IS NAMED

Wheeler County 4-H Gold Star girl for 1949 is Jeanette Dixon, formerly of Briscoe, now of La Grande, Oregon.

In order for a girl to be eligible for this honor award she must have been in club work at least 3 years, be a good leader in club and community, and complete a definite demonstration for the year.

Jeanette is 14 years old and has been in club work 4 years. She is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Steen of Briscoe. She has served in office 3 of the 4 years as council delegate, vice president and president. She was bedroom demonstrator for her club this past year. She has helped to completely remodel her room twice, painting, papering, and varnishing the first time, and the second time she removed some doors and remodeled a corner cabinet to make a book and whatnot shelf. She redid her old curtains and used them, and painted with paint already on hand.

As Jeanette's first county project, she made an apron and won first place on it. She has also made dresses, dresser scarves, pillow cases, and pin cushions. Jeanette has painted 4 pictures and three sets of cup towels, and done a number of crocheted pieces including one bedjacket. She made serving trays of leather laces for 39c each and used them as Christmas gifts.

During the first and second years, Jeanette helped to can 75 quarts of fruits and vegetables each year and during the third and fourth years she helped with 56 quarts of the same. Some of her work was on display at the county fair in 1948.

The year Jeanette raised chickens, she raised 32 out of 35 to begun with.

We are all proud of Jeanette and hope she will continue her 4-H work in Oregon.

WHEELER BAND GIVES CONCERT

Patrick Boddy, who has been teaching band music to several Wheeler students the past several months, presented the new Wheeler Band in their first public performance at a Christmas tree and program which was held in connection with the closing of school for the holidays Wednesday afternoon.

The grade school auditorium was filled to overflowing for the occasion and judging from reports of spectators Mr. Boddy has done a fine job and Wheeler has a nice little band in the making.

The program for the opening performance included: "Silent Night" by the band; "Holiday in Toyland," marimba solo by Joyce Sims; "Jingle Bells," piano solo by Phyllis Callan; "Music March" by the band; "Near You," piano duet by Betty Jo Traylor and Patricia Hubbard; and "Long, Long Ago" by the band.

Members of the band together with the instruments they play include: Accordians—Anna Rose McCormick, Sarah Jane Goad, Laveta Moore, Daie Wolfford, Donna Greenhouse, Janet Russ and Georgia Herd; trombones—Bobby Moore and Harold Douglas; cornets—Burley Owen, Kenneth Berry and Doyle Brown; clarinets—Marilyn Swink, Vendell Hodges, Wanetta Burgess and Billie Owen; baritone—Barbara Mitchell; bell lyrics—Joyce Sims and Janice Jaco; snare drums—Helen Johnson and Sue Williamson; and bass drum—Betty Lou Kidwell.

Cathy Pendleton Is Buried At El Paso

Cathy Pendleton, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Pendleton of El Paso, died Monday in a Hot Springs, New Mexico hospital where she had been taken for treatment. Cathy had been in ill health for some time.

Funeral services were conducted at an El Paso funeral home chapel Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery there.

Survivors besides the parents include: One brother, Barry; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harrell of Sanderson. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Passons, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Pendleton and Oliver Pendleton all attended the funeral.

Mobeetie Happenings

By Rev. James M. Bryant

The Blue Bonnet Study Club met in the home of Mrs. J. H. Scribner Thursday, December 15. Roll call, which was conducted by Mrs. John Kent, was answered by Scripture quotations. A varied program was presented in which Mrs. John Kent gave, "The History of Christmas Music"; Mrs. Sam Thomas told a story, "To Vale Dale For Christmas"; Mrs. E. E. Johnston gave two readings, "Christmas," and "The Way You Feel Inside"; Mrs. Arthur Carmichael played recorded Christmas Carols for the group.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree with Mrs. C. J. Van Zandt, club president, acting as Santa Claus. Delicious refreshments were served in the Christmas motif and each person present received a miniature reindeer as a favor. Those present were one guest, Mrs. George Gablinsky, and the following members: Mrs. Grady Harris, Mrs. C. J. Van Zandt, Mrs. Arthur Carmichael, Mrs. John Kent, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. Tracy Willis, Mrs. Willard Godwin, Mrs. Austin Caldwell, Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Mrs. E. E. Johnston, Mrs. Sam Thomas, Mrs. Jim Hathaway, Mrs. H. E. Matthews, Miss Charley Ann Whitt, and the hostess, Mrs. J. H. Scribner.

The Mobeetie Chapter of the O. E. S. gave their annual Christmas party at the Masonic Hall Tuesday evening. After dinner was served, gifts were exchanged with Mrs. C. J. Van Zandt, Worthy Matron, making the presentations. Games were played and the group sang Christmas carols. There were about twenty-five members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Puryear announced the birth of a bay girl Tuesday at 12:00 noon. A name had not been selected at this writing.

Monday evening the faculty of the Mobeetie High School presented the High School students with the moving picture, "Kentucky". After the picture, the students and faculty exchanged presents.

Twenty-seven sixth and seventh grade students in the Mobeetie grade school in corporation with the Santa Fe Railroad went on an inspection tour of some of the Santa Fe facilities last week. A feature of the trip was a ride from Pampa to Amarillo on the diesel streamliner. At Amarillo, Mr. Herman B. Hill of the Public Relations department conducted the class on a tour through the yards and shops. The students saw some of the largest steam locomotives made and watched the operation of the intricate machines used in maintaining the railroad equipment. After visiting the railroad shops the students visited radio station KGNC and watched a broadcast by Bernie Howe. From Amarillo, they went to Canyon where they visited the museum and other interesting spots on the campus of West Texas State College. John Allen Neece was in charge of the group and Mrs. Galmor, Mrs. Patton, and Mrs. Corse went along as chaperons.

Ralph Wheat and Miss Genevieve Morton sponsored a party for 4-H club members Thursday, December 15. A feature of the party was a visit from Santa Claus. Refreshments were served and a number of games were played. There were about 70 club members and guests present.

School activities at Mobeetie ceased Thursday for the holidays and classes will take up again Monday, January 2.

Your reporter would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in making this column possible and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

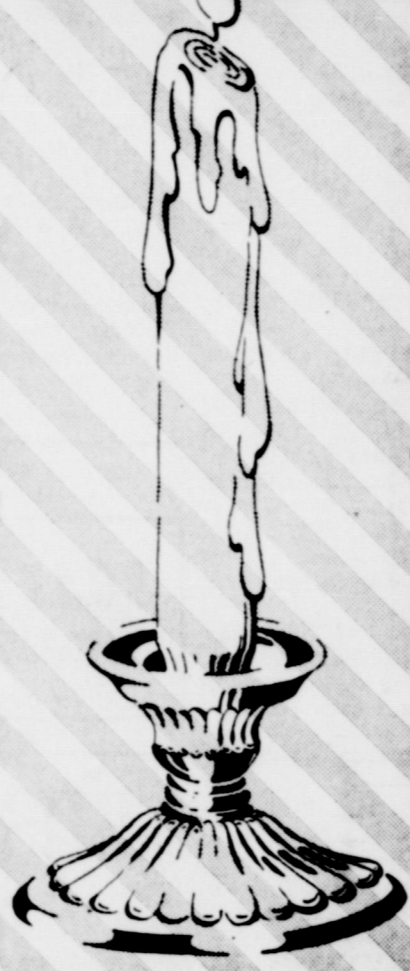
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pennington and Mrs. Jim Risner and son, Adrain, returned home Sunday from Memphis, Tenn. where they attended the graduation exercises of W. E. Pennington and James Scott Risner, who received their degree of Doctor of Optometry from the Southern College of Optometry. They were accompanied home by Scotty and W. E. and their families.

Mrs. Arthur Edwards and small daughter left last week to spend the holidays in Maryland with her sisters.

Dick Bivins, State Board Member, will be there; possibly H. L. Griffin from the Foundation School Program will be present.

Merry Christmas

To Each
of You, Our
Friends



Christmas Program, Santa To Be At ME Church Friday Night

Santa Claus is coming to Town. That's what he told us the other day, that he was going to be at the Wheeler Methodist Church on Friday night, December 23. He will be there to see all the boys and girls and to help distribute the gifts that will be exchanged following the program. The program will begin at 7:00 p. m.

Mrs. Lyndon Sims and Mrs. Carroll Adams are in charge of the program, and the boys and girls from the Nursery to the Intermediates will be in the program.

The program will include: A song by the congregation. "Christmas Prayer" by Elaine McCasland.

Special music on the bells and marimba.

"The First Christmas," a reading, by Dean Sims.

Christmas Story by Pantomime. group of Sunday School pupils with Patricia Hubbard doing the reading.

Reading by Annette Hutchison.

Reading by Amy Beth Lewis. Songs by primary class.

LOCAL CAGERS PLAY 8 GAMES

The Wheeler basketball teams didn't fare so well this past weekend in the Shamrock invitation tournament and in a pair of games with Darrouzette on the home court last Friday night, but came back to take a pair of contests from the Kelton teams in games played during the vacation.

The Wheeler teams will not play any more until after the holidays when they will meet Miami at Miami on Tuesday night, January 3 and then play Darrouzette at Darrouzette on Friday night of the same week.

In the Shamrock Tournament the Wheeler boys dropped their opening contest to the McLean Tigers, then bowed out of the tourney Friday night when they lost a tight contest to the Briscoe Bronchos in a consolation round match.

The Wheeler girls fared a little better in the Shamrock affair taking their opening contest from the Briscoe sextet then losing by one point to the Panhandle girls in their second game. The Panhandle-Wheeler contest was all tied up at the end of the regulation contest and required two three-minute overtimes to determine the winner.

Tuesday night the Wheeler girls scored a three-point 28 to 25 victory over the classy Kelton girls, sextet to repay them for a one-point victory they had taken from Wheeler earlier in the season.

After having the score tied at 11-all at the intermission in Tuesday night's contest with Kelton, the Wheeler boys caught fire to score 23 points against 7 for the losers during the second half and take the contest by a count of 34 to 18.

Darrouzette downed the Wheeler boys by a count of 45 to 36 in a closely played contest here last Friday night, and the Darrouzette girls defeated the Wheeler freshman girls by a narrow margin. The freshman girls were playing in the place of the regular team due to the fact that the regulars had engaged in a hard struggle with Panhandle earlier in the afternoon.

Masons Attend Banquet At Elk City Friday

A group of Wheeler masons and some of their wives attend an 18th District Masonic meeting at Elk City, Oklahoma last Friday night at which meeting R. H. Forrester of this city was principal speaker. The group was served a delicious banquet by the Elk City Eastern Star ladies and Rainbow girls. 109 members and guests were registered at the meeting.

Those attending from here besides the speaker included: Bill Owen, Otis Reid, Douglas Kidd, C. B. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daughtry and Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Williams of the Twitty community. A son of the Williams' is district deputy grand master of that district.

Mrs. V. C. Clay, Jr. is a medical patient in the Wheeler Hospital this week.

Kenneth Hammond underwent an appendectomy Monday morning at the local hospital.

DR. NICHOLSON V-P MED. GROUP

Dr. Walter Purviance, Pampa physician, was named president of the Top of Texas Medical Society Tuesday night at a meeting in the Elks Club in Borger. He will replace Dr. W. W. Brooks, Borger. Other officers elected for 1950 include: Drs. Brooks, first vice president; E. S. Williams, Pampa, second vice president; D. B. Bonner, Pampa, third vice president; H. E. Nicholson, Wheeler, fourth vice president; and H. L. Wilder, Pampa, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. P. C. Christian, Pampa, was elected censor for a three-year term. Dr. R. W. Bagwell, Borger, was named delegate to the state association for the next two years. Dr. M. McDaniel will serve as alternate delegate.

Following a steak dinner at the club, Dr. H. H. Latson, Amarillo, presented an address on "Cardiac Arrhythmias," which was centered around the irregularities of the heart beat.

The society voted to send Dr. J. H. Kelley flowers. Dr. Kelley recently underwent a major operation at St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.

The next meeting of the group will be held in Pampa. Others attending the meeting besides those previously mentioned include: Drs. P. A. Gates, M. H. Wyatt, J. R. Donaldson, R. M. Brown and Charles H. Ashby, Pampa; M. C. Kimble, M. M. Stephens, W. C. Burksdale, W. G. Stephens, J. D. Williams, H. M.

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County Singers To Meet In Shamrock Sunday

Mr. C. O. Killingsworth, president of the Wheeler County Singing Convention, would like to remind everyone that the Convention will meet at the Missionary Baptist Church in Shamrock Sunday afternoon, December 25, at 2 p. m.

This is regular meeting day for the convention and it was voted at the last meeting that it would be held even though it is on Christmas Day and everyone is invited to attend.

Times Observes 16th Birthday, Hopes To Be Of Long Service

If anyone has noticed the volume and issue number which appears at the upper right hand corner of the front page of the Times each week they will note that the Times observed its sixteenth birthday last week and is now in its seventeenth year of publication. Today's issue is Number 2 of Volume 17 and we might add is one of the largest papers ever published in Wheeler.

The Times is now in its fourth year under the present management and it is the hope of this concern that the Times will continue to be of service to the people of this area for many years to come.

Methodist SS Class Enjoys Xmas Party

The Friendship Class of the Wheeler Methodist Church had its annual Christmas party in the basement of the Church Wednesday night, December 21. Evonne Hubbard was in charge of the recreation.

Several Christmas party games were played, with Wayne Frey as the victor in all games except one. Gifts were exchanged by those present. The class surprised the pastor, Rev. Darris Egger, by giving him a very nice gift on his birthday, which was December 21. The group brought canned goods and fruit in the form of a Christmas basket to be given to a needy family.

Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cake were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Frey, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsie Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nash, Rev. and Mrs. Darris Egger, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burks, Evonne and Beulah Hubbard, and Mr. and Mrs. Spud Moore.

Mrs. Gwyn Edwards spent last weekend in Amarillo with her daughter, Marie, who underwent a tonsillectomy at the St. Anthony's Hospital there last Friday. Marie is recovering nicely and hopes to be home for the coming holidays.

COLE INFANT DIES DEC. 15

Word has been received here of the death of Mary Jean Cole, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. (Bobby) Cole of Amarillo, last Thursday morning. Little Mary Jean was found dead in bed at the family home at 7:15 a. m. on the morning of December 15.

Justice of the Peace, Mrs. Ivy Wilkinson, rendered a coroner's verdict of strangulation by mucous in the throat. Mrs. Wilkinson set the time of death at about 6:15 a. m.

The child had been ill from a cold, it was reported.

Funeral services were held at the family home last Friday at 4:00 o'clock p. m. with Rev. Martin Hartenberger, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating.

Burial was in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Home.

Survivors other than the parents include: A sister, Janet; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cole, Wheeler; and the maternal grandfather, Edward Karjala, Milwaukee, Wis.

School Men Invited To Meet At Clarendon

According to B. W. Beard, County Superintendent of Collingsworth County, there will be a meeting of all County Superintendents, ex-officio County Superintendents, and School Superintendents in the Donley County Court House at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday, January 3, 1950. Superintendents are asked to please bring a copy of the monthly form GA14-TIP849 for each month the school has operated this year. Also, please put on each copy the amount the district earned each month.

This meeting will be held for the purpose of trying to get some of our troubles taken care of in this special session of the Legislature.

Dick Bivins, State Board Member, will be there; possibly H. L. Griffin from the Foundation School Program will be present.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1949

Editorial

**WE CAN DO
WITHOUT FIREWORKS**

EDITOR'S NOTE:—We are reproducing
an editorial which appeared last week in the
Memphis Democrat and to which we would

like to say AMEN.

"Christmas just wouldn't be the same
without fireworks!"

Undoubtedly this is the reply countless
hundreds of persons gave to the announce-
ment by the Memphis City Council that it
was going to do everything within its power
to eradicate the city of the danger and nuis-
ance of firecracker popping in the fire zone
of the town.

It is probably true that a bit of noise
does add a certain amount of excitement to
the occasion. It is true that it wouldn't be
the same without it. But the City Council
doesn't want it to be the same—and that
goes for a large percentage of the citizens.

Heretofore, city police has been plead-
ing with children—as well as grown ups—to
refrain from the practice which not only is
dangerous, physically and materially, but
also mentally repulsive.

The very fact that firecrackers popping
has not been restricted, has cost various
organizations as exceedingly large amounts
in insurance premiums. But that would be
only a small amount of loss which would
occur if a firecracker caused a fire and de-
stroyed an entire plant—or a number of
plants.

Fire loss is one of the main reasons for
the curb; but not the only one. Persons ill
in hospitals or in their homes find it hard
to endure the noise which is caused by the
prankster. Churches are disturbed by the
nuisance.

It is virtually impossible for the city
police to completely rid the city of the fire-
works display—but guilty persons may find
the officers are going to make a more con-
centrated attempt this season that at any
other time previously. And parents of minors
may feel the pinch unless they keep their
children from disobeying the law.

This menace is something the strong
arm of the law shouldn't be required to curb.
It should be stopped by the most simple of
means—common sense.

Christmas is a joyous occasion—the an-
niversary of the birth of Jesus Christ. And
it is a time for all to enjoy. It definitely isn't
the time for a lot of dangerous and flagrant
noise making.

At the Gulf of Guinea where the prime
meridian crosses the equator at sea level,
the earth's surface has neither longitude,
latitude nor altitude.

Originally there were four months be-
tween presidential elections and the inaug-
uration to allow for slow methods of com-
munication and transportation.



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Church Calendar

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
W.M.U., Tuesday 2:30 p. m.
Prayer Service, Wed. 8:00 p. m.
Teacher's Meet, Tues. 8:00 p. m.
We preach Christ crucified,
buried, risen, and coming again.
M. B. SMITH, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Classes 10:00 a. m.
Worship and Sermon 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Ladies Bible Class, Mon. 3:00 p. m.
Wed. Eve. Classes 8:00 p. m.
B. M. LITTON, Minister

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evening Service 8:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 8:00 P. M.
Church Night - First Wednesday
Methodist Men, 2nd & 4th Thurs.
DARRIS L. EGGER, Pastor

CHURCH OF GOD

Old Mobeetie
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Willing Workers 2:30 p. m.
Tuesday
Young People's Service, 7:00 p. m.
Saturday
B. A. RATCHFORD, Pastor

BRISCOE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
First and Third Sundays.
Training Union 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
Wednesdays, following First
and Third Sunday preaching
services.
W.M.U. each First and Third Mon-
days at 2:00 p. m.
Each and everyone is cordially
invited to attend each service.

TWITTY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service 8:00 p. m.
NELSE D. WRIGHT, Pastor

KELTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School each Sunday at
10:00 a. m.
T. U. each Sunday at 7:30 p. m.
Preaching each Sunday at 11:00
a. m. and 8:30 p. m.
A. G. ROBERTS, Pastor

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship 11 a. m.
N.Y.P.S. 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 8:00 p. m.
C. D. CLIFFT, Pastor

ALLISON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Worship 11:00 a. m.
Young Folks Service - 7:30 p. m.
Worship 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting 8:00 p. m.
REV. ROBERT ESTES, Pastor

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Mobeetie, Texas
Church School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
M. G. F. Meeting 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Wed. Evening Prayer
Service 7:30 p. m.
You Are Welcome.
VERNON E. WILLARD, Pastor

BRISCOE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School Each
Sunday 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, second and fourth Sun-
days - 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
A hearty welcome to all.
L. J. HELM, Pastor

ALLISON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School Each
Sunday 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, first and third Sun-
days - 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
A warm welcome to all.
L. J. HELM, Pastor

ALLISON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Prayer Service 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Service 8:30 p. m.

KELTON METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m. every third
Sunday.
M.Y.F. W.S.C.S. and Bible Study
7:30 p. m.
Preaching 7:30 p. m. every third
Sunday.
H. E. LONG, Pastor

Dear Noah
GOIN THERE AND 'EM!
DEAR NOAH=DO FOOT-
BALL PLAYERS WEAR
WATERPROOF PANTS
BECAUSE THEY ARE
'BIG BABIES' ?
RALPH F. KISTLER -
WANAMAKERS, PENNA
DEAR NOAH=DO WHIRL
WINDS ROTATE THE
CROPS - OF WEEDS ?
ED BUNDESON -
SAN DIEGO, CALIF
SEND YOUR ACTIONS TO NOAH

Letters To Santa

Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy six years old.
I guess I have been pretty good
for a boy. So Santa would you
please bring me a train, a gun and
a bicycle? My brother, James, is
ten years old and he wants a B.B.
gun. We would like some nuts,
candy and fruit too.
Don't forget all the other little
boys and girls. And we will be
looking for you Christmas.
Lots of love,
Your friend, Freddie Walker

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy six years old. I
am in the first grade. Please bring
me a cap gun and a holster, a
jeep, road grader, a truck, a tele-
phone, some overshoes and some
apples, candy and nuts. Be sure
and be good to all the little boys
and girls.
David Treadwell
Mobeetie

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 y
old and in the third
school. Will you please
bring me a gun, fillin
fire truck, candy, fruit
With love,
Gary Puryear

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 8 y
am in the third grade
My name is Carol. I
for you to bring a little
real one. A B.B. gun
fruits, and candy. Do
other little boys and gi
Your little friend
Carol Daves. Wh

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Mobeetie, Texas

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
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Junior Church 7:30 p. m.
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Prayer Meeting, Tues. 7:30 p. m.
Young Peoples Ser.
Thursday 8:00 p. m.
H. E. LEE, Pastor

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SENIOR NEWS
 The senior class has happened
 late, at least not to

the senior class. We've got to have something to take up space, so here it goes.

ITEMS FROM SENIOR ROW

Charlotte got her hair cut again.
 The ex-seniors are home for their Christmas vacation.
 Neil's eye is healing. He got it hurt playing basketball.
 Jack and Lindon gave the little kids quite a race trying to beat them to Santa Claus when he was in Wheeler.

Corky and Doyle hardly missed a game at the Shamrock Tournament.

Linnie made a perfect Swede in English Class.

J. T. states that Briscoe might get along better if they had thicker shower curtains and locks on their doors.

The senior class wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

AROUND SCHOOL

The next issue of the Corral will not be published until next year. It will appear after we come back from Christmas vacation.

Several groups and classes have been having Christmas parties and more are scheduled. The High School Christmas Party took place Wednesday afternoon just before the gifts were passed out. The band was in charge of the program.

Well, the basketball girls almost got new suits the other day. If we had just talked a little harder and faster we could have managed it. As it is, we all need to read the

book, "How to Win Friends and Influence Mr. Carrick".

BASKETBALL NEWS

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the high school basketball teams were entered in the Shamrock Tournament. The girls played Briscoe and Panhandle. They won the first and lost the last. The boys played McLean and Briscoe. They lost both games.

Mobeetie girls and Shamrock boys won first in the tournament. McLean girls and Kelton boys placed second. Quail girls and Briscoe boys won the consolation bracket.

Darrouette basketball teams played here Friday night. They won both games. The freshman girls played in the place of the high school team.

JUNIOR NEWS

The Juniors had a Christmas party this week. We exchanged gifts. The party was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Pettit.

WHAT IF?

Bonnie was Silley instead of Tilley?

Dick was Pendle-pound instead of Pendle-ton?

Maurine was Flock instead of Herd?

Charlene weighed 250 pounds?

Annie didn't go steady?

Lucille was Richard-daughter instead of Richard-son?

Bill was Snatcher instead of Hook-er?

Smiley was Losses instead of Gains?

Mildred cotldn't laugh?

Leola played basketball?

Glenda went with a certain boy?

Edwina was Purple instead of Brown?

Maurice wasn't good in sports?

James didn't like a certain sophomore?

Edgar could get anywhere on time?

Wanda had long, straight black hair?

PERSONALITY

This week's personality is Charlene Chance. She is a junior, 5 feet tall, weighing 91 pounds. Her favorite subject is American History. Her favorite teacher is Coach Smith and her favorite food is sandwiches. She likes to play tennis and baseball. Her ambition is to become a professional tennis player.

F.H.A. NEWS

The F.H.A. Chapter gave the F.F.A. boys a Christmas party

Wednesday night at the cafeteria. The main event was the crowning of the F.H.A. King and Queen. The king, Richard Brown, and the queen, Sue Williamson, had eight escorts. They were: Nona Ann Byers, Jamie Clark, Betty Jo Laycock, Don Lowrie, Martha Hastings, Bobby Henderson, Dixie Sanders, and Darrell Greenhouse. The king and queen were crowned by Maurine Herd.

We played several games and then chose eating partners. We were served refreshments of lime sherbert with cookies and peanuts. After eating, we went Christmas Carolling.

Mr. Frey took pictures of the party. There were about fifty people present.

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

We are looking for a very nice Christmas. We now have our tree decorated and we are bringing our gifts. We all hope it snows since it adds to the Christmas spirit.

WONDER WHY?

J. E. looks at Sue Cox?
 Tootie likes Maxey?

Punkey and Georgia holds hands in class?

Glenn makes 100 in English? Jerry S. moved to the back of the room?

The answer to last week's Guess Who was Vondell Hodges.

Kerosene replaced whale oil as a means of illumination.

Earliest New England houses were built of thick planks instead of logs as is generally believed.

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Meantime,
 here's our greetings to you

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MR. AND MRS. W. L. ERWIN AND BOYS
 Wheeler, Texas

Christmas Greetings

There is a spirit that pervades our world during this season. You feel it in the joy of giving gifts . . . in the offering of wishes to those around you . . . in the hymns and carols. It is especially necessary, in these times, to spread this spirit to all . . . to attend the church of our choice and pray that the light of the Lord show us our way once more.

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And, may we add, our sincere thanks for the splendid patronage which you have given us during the year just closing. We invite your continued consideration.

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Sincerely . . . Wishing you
 Every good Cheer . . . Of the season

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IGA Brand PEACHES
Ragged home-style peaches with a tree-ripened flavor.
No. 2 1/2 Can **35c**

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CRUSHED No. 2 Can **30c**
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FARGO 7-1

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Assorted Flavors
Per Pkg. **5c**

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Per Pkg. **17c**

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6-oz. Pkg. **19c**

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2 No. 303 Cans

FREE

Come in and register for child's bicycle to be given away at 7 p. m. Saturday, December 24

GREEN
GIANT PEAS 20c
No. 303 Can

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GARDEN SWEET PEAS 21c
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GOLDEN CORN 31c
2 No. 303 Cans

PURASNOW FLOUR

5 Pound Sack **43c** 25 Pound Sack
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Vegetable Soup 13c

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SLICING TOMATOES 19c

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Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

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10 Pounds RED **49c**
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2-Pound Box

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CORN MEAL 53c
10-Pound Sack

CINCH
CAKE MIX 39c
17-Ounce Package

FIRST GRADE
CURED HAMS 49c
Half or Whole

WHITING FISH 15
LARGE—EXTRA SELECT
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FANCY MIXED
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Wheeler, Texas Phone 145 Free Delivery

FANCY CALIFORNIA
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B tractor, cultivator, planter, knife attachments, fertilizer box, sweeps, all in good condition and ready to go. 1 Letz Feed Mill and 1 Hammermill. W. L. Williams, 2 1/2 miles south west of Wheeler. 2-tf.

FOR SALE—New all metal kitchen cabinet for only \$199.50. See them at Nash Appliance and Supply Co. 43-1tc.

Just received new shipment of popular priced living room suites. See them at Nash Appliance and Supply Co. 44-1tc.

NEW ADDING MACHINES—We have just received 2 new Remington Rand adding machines which are the very latest models. We also have the Smith-Corona Adder. We'll sell them outright or we will try to trade with you. Stop by and see them.

The Wheeler Times
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A Frigidaire Refrigerator would make a nice gift. Ernest Lee Hardware. 2-1tc.

FOR SALE—Two door Ford sedan. Wheeler Gas Co. 47-2tc.

FOR SALE—150 x 150 ft. lot facing highway just south of Bowman's new home and 2-50 x 150 ft. lots directly across street from Lee Guthrie home. See A. M. Galmor. 2-2tp.

FILING EQUIPMENT—We have several 4-drawer letter files, 4-drawer legal files, 2-drawer letter files, 1-drawer letter files and plenty of file folders in stock to take care of your first of the year needs.

The Wheeler Times
Office Supplies Job Printing

Baby Beef turkeys now ready

for market. \$1.00 for dressing. John Tschirhart, Mobeetie. 52-3tp.

If you are looking for a new book-keeping system or are looking for replacements for your old set of books which are filled up, stop by the Wheeler Times. We have these supplies in stock for immediate delivery.

The Wheeler Times
Office Supplies Job Printing

MISCELLANEOUS

Monuments, grave covering, curbing and all memorial work. Will Warren. 21-tfc.

LOST Saturday—Brown billfold between Wheeler Drug and City Drug containing drivers license belonging to Helen Sanders, Kelton, O. E. A. card and some money. Finder please return to Wheeler Times. 2-1tp.

WANTED—To buy your butcher hogs and shoats. Call J. P. Barber or Albert Williams at Farmer's Livestock Market, Shamrock. Day phone 236, night phone 547-W. 23-4tc.

BRUCE & SONS TRANSFER
Local and long distance moving. Best equipment and vans. We have plenty storage space. Agent: North American Van Lines, serving the Nation. Phone 934, Pampa, Texas. 48-tfc.

No hunting on my place. George Porter. 43-tfc.

No hunting or trespassing allowed on my place. J. C. Bradstreet. 51-6tp.

Will give \$3.00 trade-in for old batteries on new Delco or Willard batteries. Owen's Service Station, Wheeler. 46-tfc.

ALCOHOL
PUBLIC enemy No. 1—

NOTICE:
Have your old mattress fixed like new. It will make it 25% warmer for these cold nights. Write or call your local mattress factory. Phone 9502, Shamrock, Texas. Shamrock Mattress Factory, P. O. Box 8. 52-4tc.

Alcoholics Anonymous offers help to men and women who have an honest desire to stop drinking. Write P. O. Box 589, Shamrock, Texas. 5-tfc.



New Year's Day, aside from its festive connection, may not seem very momentous to the average citizen, but in the past it figured prominently in the making of history.

It saw the unfurling of the first American flag by George Washington, and the emancipation of Negro slaves.

Here is a list of important events that have occurred on New Year's day throughout the ages:

Miss Lillie McClain, John Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crout attended a Christmas party in Canadian Wednesday night for the employees of the Soil Conservation Service of this district.

ALL OUT AID
for your Office



Give your office a break. Don't put off buying that file or wastebasket you've been needing. New equipment will greatly increase your efficiency. Everyone from the office boy to the boss will work better and faster with these aids to better business.

WHEELER
TIMES

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:
I am a six year old boy, and my little brother is two years old. We have tried to be good boys this year and we hope you will come to see us. I would like for you to bring me a large size toy tractor and a holster set. Larry would like to have a tractor. We want lots of candy, nuts and fruit too. Santa, please remember all the other boys and girls.

Your little Friend,
Richard Hampton

Dear Santa:
I have been a pretty good boy. Would you please bring me a toy filling station and a cash register, some chaps and a dump truck? Bring little Mike something too.

Your friend,
Jerry Burgess

Dear Santa:
I am a boy five years old. I have been a good boy this year. Would you please bring me a pair of cowboy boots size 11? An electric train, also two guns and scabbards, and fruits, nuts and candy? I have a baby sister six months old, her name is Sharon. Please bring her a red rattle, rubber doll and some candy. Thank you Santa. Don't forget other boys and girls.

Your little friend,
Jackie Lynn Daves
Wheeler, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lackey are the parents of a baby boy born at the Wheeler Hospital Thursday morning (today).

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crout left today (Thursday) to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with relatives and friends in South Texas.

Santa will probably catch us delivering flowers for your Merry Christmas—we haven't had a minute to address our Christmas cards. May we express our appreciation and pleasure in serving you in both the flower shop and the implement store. Most of all we value your FRIENDSHIP. It isn't the Texas Prairie but the FOLKS who live here that makes us proud to call this HOME. We count our friends among the rich and the poor—MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR TREASURED FRIENDS!

THE TISDALS
Stuart Felice
Pamelle Cheramy
Aprell
Shamrock, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sandifer left Tuesday morning for Liveoak, Calif. where they will spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. H. E. Wicker, and family.

L. D. Whiteley of Lubbock visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whiteley.

Miss Peggy Rodgers from Bay-

lor; Miss Billie V. Brown of T.C.U.; Miss Frances Porter of N.T.S.C.; Edna Helen Farmer, W.T.S.C.; R. B. Mann, Jr. and Leon Weatherly from Howard-Payne are among the college students who have arrived home to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Sandifer and Suzann of Clarendon spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sandifer.

Jerry Newberry is home visiting with relatives and friends during a thirty day leave from the U. S. Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne K. Frey and sons planned to leave today (Thursday) to spend Christmas with her parents near Ft. Worth.

Gwyn Edwards and son, Arthur, attended a big dairy sale of Holstein cows at Enid, Okla. Tuesday. They reported seeing some very nice cows.

Little David Jameson was dismissed from the hospital this morning (Thursday) after having received treatment there the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Waggoner are the parents of a baby girl born at the Wheeler Hospital Monday.

B & B Grocery and Market

MOBEETIE, TEXAS
FRI. & SAT.
DEC. 23 & 24

WE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH
FREE DONUTS AND COFFEE ALL DAY SATURDAY.

Shurfine Kidney BEANS 12 Tall Cans \$1.25	Scott TOMATO SOUP 12 Cans \$1.00	Sunny Evaporated MILK 12 Tall Cans 49c
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Elmdale CORN 6 No. 2 Cans 73c	Van Camp's PORK & BEANS 6 No. 1 Cans 57c	Chase & Sanborn COFFEE 1 Pound Can 61c
PURE LARD Home Made 8 Pound Bucket \$1.15	Chuck ROAST Per Pound 49c	Wilson's Certified BACON Per Pound 51c
Any Kind NUTS Per Pound 35c	CANDY 12 5 cent Bars 50c	Shurfine or Ocen Spray Cranberry SAUCE Tall Can 19c

Christmas Greetings

The Foundation of all business is confidence, and to you, whose confidence we treasure, we sincerely wish a Christmas of great joy.

FROM US TO YOU

Berry Christmas

PEANUT SQUARES 55c
2 Pounds

TEXAS or CALIF. ORANGES 10c
All Sizes Pound

PROVEDARY MATES 7 1/4-oz. Pkg. 22c	PECANS 2-Pounds ENGLISH WALNUTS 65c
MIN-SUCH SPINCE MEAT 2-Boxes 35c	OCEAN SPRAY No. 300 Can CRANBERRY SAUCE 15c
SHORTENING 3-lb. Can 83c	AUNT JEMIMA 10-lb. Bag CORN MEAL 63c
SUNSHINE 1-lb. Box CRISPY CRACKERS 25c	OLD KING COLE Quart Jar PEANUT BUTTER 59c

PUCKETT'S
RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Egg Nog
Broadcut: December 24, 1949
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups Fat Milk
1 cup water
Beat eggs until light and fluffy. Beat in gradually the sugar and salt. Beat vanilla in slowly. Stir in mixture of milk and water. Chill. Sprinkle each serving with nutmeg if desired. Makes 1 quart.
If desired, use 1/2 cup alcoholic flavoring in place of the vanilla.
—You Will Need!

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SLICED—TID-BITS—CHUNKS No. 2 Can, ea. DEL MONTE PINEAPPLE 32c
GIANT HERSHEY'S 2-Bars 29c
BAKER'S COCOANUT 4-oz. Box 15c
ALL CAN MILK Tall Cans—each 10c

ARMOUR'S SLICED RINDLESS BACON lb. 45c

FRESH LEAN PORK CHOPS Pound 43c

AMERICAN AND LONGHORN CHEESE Pound 43c

WITH PREMIUM MOTHER'S OATS 3-lb. Box 39c

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LEGION BLDG.

DEC. 24

DEC. 31

ADMISSION 50c

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Sports Editors ----- Peggy Williams
and Dale Haynes
Senior Reporter ----- Jay Willis
Junior Reporter, Madge Patterson
Sophomore Reporters ----- Pete Seitz
and Jim Bob Wright
Freshman Reporter, Vendell Wallis

SPORTS NEWS

Mobeetie girls won first at the Shamrock Tournament. The Mobeetie basketball girls entered the Shamrock tournament and won the first place trophy. The girls played Samnorwood first on Thursday afternoon winning by a score of 52 to 36. The second game was played Thursday night with Allison with a score of 72 to 6. The third game was played with Panhandle Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. The score was 36 to 21 which put Mobeetie in the finals Saturday night against McLean. Mobeetie beat

McLean in a hard-fought game with a score of 32 to 27. Patsy McCauley, Ruth Morris and Frances Totty were placed on the all-tournament team. Frances Totty was high-point forward of the tournament. All twelve of Mobeetie's players received basketballs for being the first-place team.

The Mobeetie boys lose to Panhandle in the Shamrock Tournament.

The Mobeetie boys drew a bye in the first round of the Shamrock tournament and met Panhandle Saturday morning for their first game. The team played fast ball from start to finish, first one team and then the other being ahead. When the final whistle blew, Panhandle had a one point lead with a score of 32 to 31.

Dale Haynes received a gold basketball for placing on the all-tournament team.

Mobeetie boys and girls play Darrouzette Thursday night at Darrouzette. Everyone is expecting Mobeetie to win.

FRESHMAN NEWS

As I was passing through Wichita Falls in 1960, I was very surprised to hear that Billy Kuykendall was in the insane asylum. I decided to go see him. They told me there, that there were two more of our classmates there. They were Bobby Reynolds and Larry Beck.

I learned in Vernon that Daris Ward had a good job as an artist of the Vernon Daily Globe. I also learned that Bill Thomas was the English teacher of Vernon High School.

As I was passing through a very small town in the Panhandle, Wheeler, I saw a familiar girl with two tone hair. It was none other than Patsy Taylor. She said that she and Dodd were very happy in their new home. She also told me that Sandra Holt, previously Sandra Barker, was very happy with her husband and two daughters.

North of Wheeler I came to a large town called Briscoe. There I found Lavada Hogan working in "Levitt's Dry Goods", she is working hard to get enough money for her and Kenneth to get married.

In Miami I found Waylan Newman working in a shoe store; Carl Alexander as an exhibition prize fighter; George Kilcrease farming for a living.

I found Martha Abbott in Pampa. She was chasing her twin boys down main street.

Joyce Bonds made her home in Kelton. She is working in Worley General Store. She seems very happy with Pee Wee to carry packages for her.

Aline Walker is washing dishes in a college lunch room to earn her tuition in college at Canyon.

I, Vendell Wallis, have finished my tour through Texas, so I will return to Hollywood to my career. My lonely days as a young lady made me a famous actress in sad pictures.

JUNIOR NEWS

One of our classmates, Joyce DeWitt has acquired a new name in the past few days. She is now Mrs. Jack Roberson. We wish them all the luck in the world, and hope they are very happy.

JUNIOR SAYINGS

Oudia—"Cabbage and Hot Pop Corn".
Ann Nell—"Gosh-O-Friday".
Patsy—"Oh Honey".
Joe—"It'll play old Billy Thunder".
Bernice—"My Lands".
Madge—"Gee Whiz".
Mary—"Well I love you too".
Edwin—"Who Me?".
Evelyn—"Dad Bob".
Bobby—"Oh, Heck".
Harold—"Golly".

LETTERS TO THE LOVELORN

Dear Miss Lovelorn:
Can you show me how I can do away with all my boyfriends? I would like to be an old maid.

Dear Despairing:
You had better get one before you start disposing of them.

Dear Miss Lovelorn:
Can you tell me where I can find "Despairing"? I'll gladly take some of her boyfriends.

Dear Despairing:
Better not depend on despairing for your boyfriends.

Dear Miss Lovelorn:
What can you do when your boyfriend gets his "Patsys" mixed up?

Dear Mixed Up:
Change your name to Pat, it is much easier to remember.

Dear Santa:
We, the senior class, think that we have been very good this year and this is our request.

Donald and Peggy would be satisfied with a new car so they could go more.

W. T. wants a new saddle so he can go "Dear" hunting. Hayward seems to like that idea too.

Dale and Patsy just want their parents' permission to go together more.

Kathryn and Betty Jean want you, Santa, to bring the teachers a change of heart so they won't assign such long, hard lessons.

Jack hopes that you put a great big green back in his stocking so it will help him put that third finger ring to present to a certain junior girl. Jay says that is his wish too.

Edith and Leida would settle for a boy friend, they are not particular they want a good looking one with lots of money and a new car, and one that they can get along with.

Don't forget, Santa, that we have all been good and be sure to bring us what we want.

Mobeetie, Texas December 19, 1949

Dear Santa:
Our class got me as reporter to write to you and give you some idea as to what our class as a whole wants for Christmas.

First, we'd like to have a pack of good will, seems like we need it awfully bad.

Patsy said that she needed another boy friend. She likes to write letters.

Ann Nell just wants you to bring Neil for Christmas.

Harold would like a car so he can go to Shamrock.

Edwin wants a girl friend. Bobby wants to continue his bachelorhood.

Evelyn would like to wake up and find Bob in her stocking. Reckon he'd fit?

Bernice wants Jack to get the money for that left hand, third finger ring.

Madge would be content just to stay out of jams.

Oudia would like another man on her string. It's not any fun with just one.

Joe needs an extra set of teeth. He keeps swallowing his others.

We think we've been pretty good—and thank you very much.

The Junior Class

Dear Santa:
The sophomore class of Mobeetie High School has been very good. All Inez Lancaster wants is a preacher's son signed, sealed, and delivered such as Vernon Willard. All Jimmy Coward and Bill Leonard wants is for "White-lightning" to be burned. Patricia Trimble and Frances Totty wants is a few gold basketballs. Paul, Wendell, Joe, and Harold wants some toys to play with in English class. Barbara Trimble wants to move out on the plains. Mearlene doesn't want much. She just wants to make a flying trip to San Antonio and back. Monroe and Jim Bob wants a new English book. All Nep wants is some red flannels. Rita wants nothing but a man. Since James is a carpenter, all he wants is a wife and 3 or 4 little shavers. We also want lots of candy and nuts. Don't forget us!

Yours truly,
The Sophomore Class

Dear Santa:
The freshman class have been good this year. We would like for

you to bring us something nice. Lavada and Vendell want two baby jumpers. Waylor and Carl would like to have kiddy cars. Sandra and Aline would be happy to have a 1950 Ford. George and Bobby would be very contented to have a baby bottle. Martina would simply die if she could have a tall, dark, and ????. Billy and Doris would be still in classes if they had a baby rattle. Patsy would be more than happy if she had "Dodd oh Dodd". Bill and Larry would like some flashy boots. Joyce would be happy to have a red pick-up.

Your angelic friends,
The Freshman Class

Dear Santa:
Reba wants you to bring her Tommy back to her. C. O. D. Marie wants "almost" anybody. (a boy). Joe Hathaway states he would like a reducing kit. Jolene wants a "boy repellent" except on Saturday night. Juanice asks for a lot of books to study since she likes to study so well. Ruth said you might send her a basketball suit that would be long enough to fit her "short" legs.

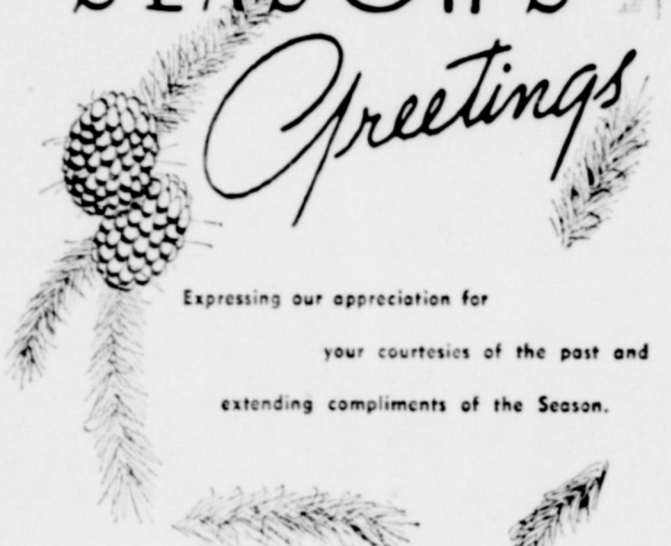
Rosalene wants a red hair. Clyde wants a won't make him sick. She a certain freshman who ball player. Maurea boys to quit writing to her. Virginia wants a who won't come back gets another one. Mary Briscoe. And finally a teacher who won't work in our workbooks. Everyone of the girls want to get rid of girls so that they can get girls.

We all think that we good enough, and des we want.

Sincerely yours,
The Eighth Grade
Newspaper Advertiser

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SEASON'S Greetings



Expressing our appreciation for
your courtesies of the past and
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Wheeler, Texas



The friendships and patronage
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We pledge our best efforts to serve
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May your Christmas be
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To greet you at Christmas and with

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Wheeler, Texas



We hope you and your loved ones and friends enjoy this occasion to the fullest extent and that you may have an abundance of joy and happiness.

A very merry Christmas to you, our friends.



Santa Is Listening Kiddies

Dear Santa:
I'm a little boy four years old. Please bring me a tricycle, a cap gun and a holster, and some candy and nuts. Santa bring Troy a new car.

Love,
Bobby Treadwell
Mobeetie

Dear Santa:
If you think we have been good boys and girls please bring Carol a doll and dishes; bring Mike a tractor and horn; then I would like a pocket knife and fire truck. We would love a few nuts and candy. Merry Christmas to you Santa.

Love,
Donald Gandy

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 7 years old. Will you bring me a pair of gloves and a gun and a black board or billfold, candy, nuts and fruit.

Love,
Eddie Pannell, Jr., Briscoe

Dear Santa:
I want a cowgirl suit. I want some nuts and fruit and I want some dishes. Do not forget all the other children.

Love,
Louise Reed

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a doll house if you have one and a big doll that cries when you lay her down with a rey under her arm. Also a set of dishes and glass ware.

If you don't have another doll house I would like a cabinet and ice box.

Remember all little boys and girls. I have tried to be a good little girl.

Thank you,
Marilyn Jones

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl at the age of 11. I have a little sister who is 5. My little sister's name is Mary. My little sister wants a little negro doll, her name is Amosandra. She wants 6 everyday dresses, two Sunday dresses, 7 diapers and a bag for her. She also wants a little blue bed with mattress, covers and pillow. She wants some Red Rider house shoes too. She wants a sweetheart bracelet and necklace to match. I guess that is all she wants.

This year I want a little of every thing, so I will not put down what I would like to have. I would like to have two fancy dolls, a pair of house shoes, a necklace or bracelet, some ear rings, a craman or a dress, there are lots of other things too, but I can't think of what I would like most. So just pick what you think is best.

Love,
Mary and Pat Black

P. S. Pat wants to say hello by herself. "Hello, Santa Claus". I had to help her a little so you could read it.

Dear Santa:
I am 17 months old. Please bring me a little gun, a ball, a small truck and a little wagon if you have one. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Bye for now.

Love,
Harvey Puryear

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a dollhouse and a doll and a pair of skates and a set of dishes. I hope you have a color book of you and I want a sock full of candy and nuts.

Love,
From Jeanette Morgan

Dearest Santa Claus:
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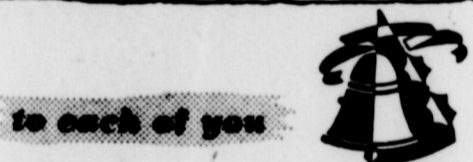


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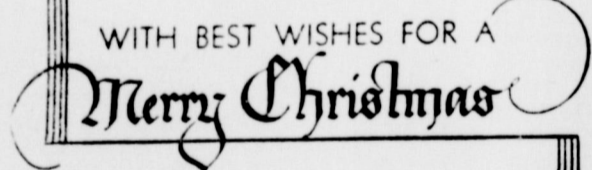
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CHRISTOPHER S. McCLAIN
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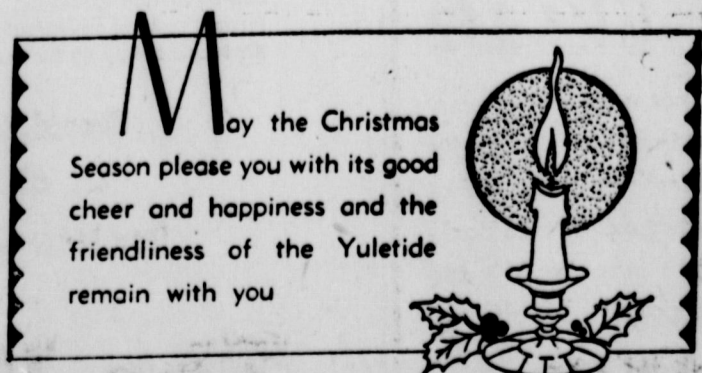
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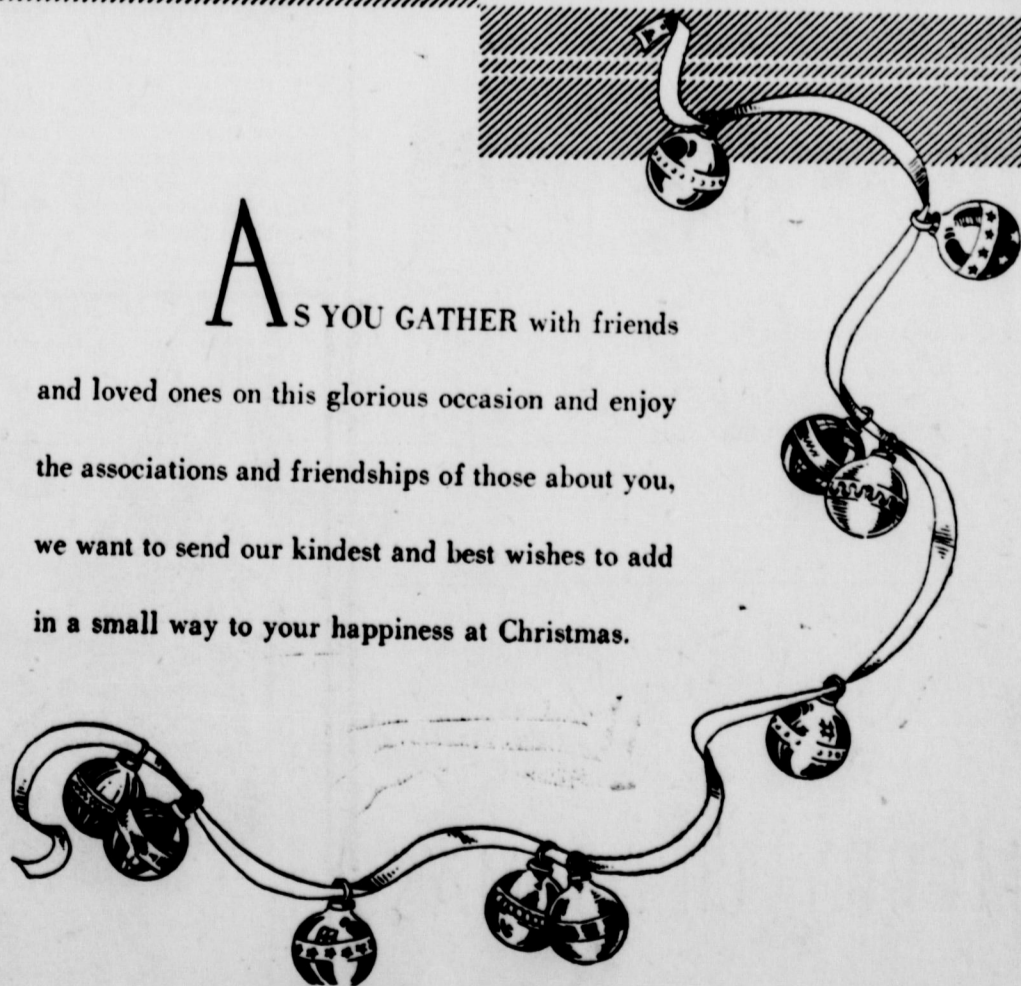
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Dr. Nicholson

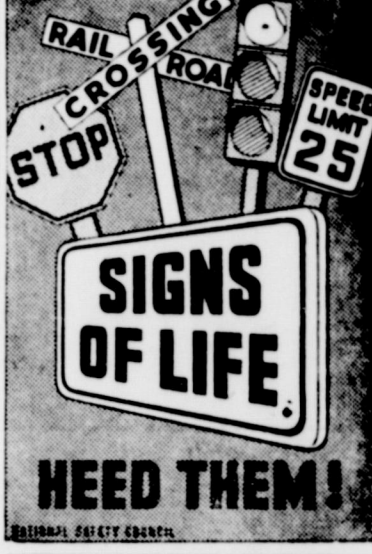
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Finally, Whitey Wizeozki, reputed to have the most skillful thumb north of the Harlem river, latched on to the shooter, but two days before the big tournament, the jinx caught up with him and he broke a couple of ribs falling off the back of an ice truck.

The easiest thing, of course, would have been to throw away the hex-heavy shooter but, as you know, the ways of men and urchins under the spell of superstition are hard to explain. Harry Winston's Hope Diamond, too, is supposed to carry

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Are more letters, Santa

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will be 8 December 26. I wish you would bring me some dishes, skates, and a housecoat, please! And Santa don't forget my little brother, and all the other boys and girls.

Thanks,
Phyllis Carol Callan

Dear Santa Claus:
Thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know what I would like to get for Christmas.

All I want you to bring me is a little house and it furnished. You know, big enough for two. Santa, I don't want to be choicy, but it looks like that is what I am going to need soon. Try and not forget me Santa as I've been a good little boy. Don't forget the other little kiddies. Bye Santa.

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SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA . . . It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirtsleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting on a park bench in New York.

Santa Affected By Restrictions

It's difficult to understand, but the genial spirit of Christmas, Santa Claus himself, hasn't always had it easy. There have been occasions when laws or traditions or regulations have put certain curbs on the old gentleman. Here are some examples:

In Newark, N. J., Santa is required to pass a stiff physical examination before he can serve in a department store. And even then he is barred from kissing any of the children who perch upon his knee.

In Charleston, S. C., charity Santas have been forbidden to make a pitch on public streets on the grounds that children flocking in to see them may create a traffic

Santa Letters

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy of four. I will be five July 23. I have been pretty good this year. Would you please bring me a gun and caps, boxing gloves and football. And Santa, please don't forget all the other little girls and boys.

Thanks,
Randy Leon Callan

Mobeetie

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Love,
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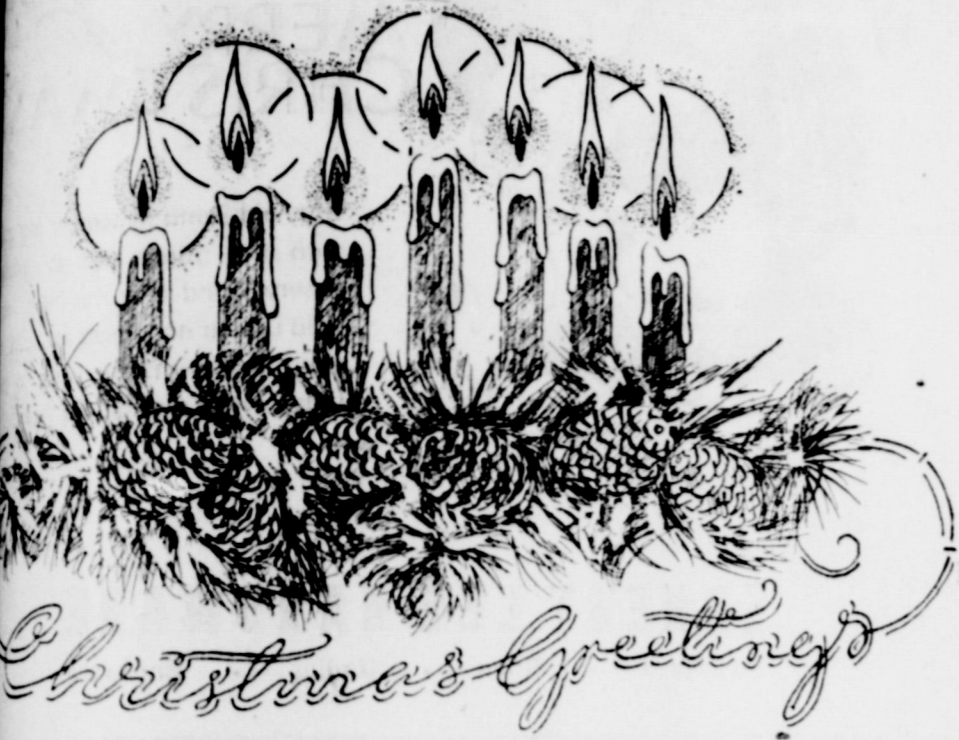
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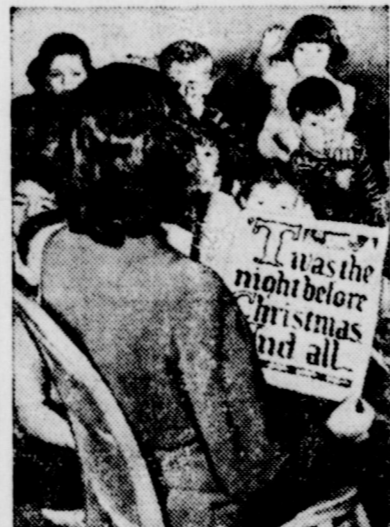


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Outside the U.S.A., Santa has had trouble, too. In Montreal, Canada, an influential organization fought against holding of the city's annual Santa Claus parade on the ground that it was "merely a display of grotesque and vulgar buffoonery." A prominent journalist in Rio de Janeiro fostered a movement to do away with Santa Claus (Papa Noel) in Brazil and substitute a toy-bearing grandfather Indian. In Mexico City the minister of education recommended that the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, instead of St. Nick, should bring gifts to children.

In the field of opinion, Santa has encountered some detractors. A Prof. Ivan E. McDougale, sociologist at Goucher college, Baltimore, declared: "The Santa Claus myth has lived too long. Parents should substitute philosophy"—whatever that is.

A Toronto psychiatrist got in his blast. "It should be made clear to children," he said, "that Santa Claus is not necessarily a real man any more than any other character out of a story book."



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Daily hide the Word of God in your hearts—

Blessed is the man who walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

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"I know someone who'll get a real kick out of this," he said, handing the Hope Diamond shooter to one of the nurses. "Will you give this marble to the patient in room 218, Whitey Wizeozcki—the little boy who broke his ribs."

NOW, IT FIGURES that by this time you're bustin' to know something about the owner of the Hope Diamond shooter, and how the fabled marble happened to wind up at the feet of a bunch of kids on the day of the big tournament. Well, for you to get the complete picture, it is necessary for me to sketch in some of the background of the shooter—a story which, I might add, in many respects, parallels the history of its super-jinxed namesake.

As the fen-everything set recalls it, the Hope Diamond was first brought to the Bronx by a player who originally hailed from Chepachet, Rhode Island. After a series of backyard triumphs, he won the right to participate in a semi-final, but the morning of the contest one of the ball-bearings in his skates got stuck and, in the header which followed, his shooting finger was so badly bruised that he had to withdraw.

Then, for a while, the malevolent marble was owned by Irs Sondergaard, but shortly after he acquired it, the boy developed a game leg and was forever barred by his doctor from kneeling on the damp earth.

Finally, Whitey Wizeozcki, reputed to have the most skillful thumb north of the Harlem river, latched on to the shooter, but two days before the big tournament, the jinx caught up with him and he broke a couple of ribs falling off the back of an ice truck.

The easiest thing, of course, would have been to throw away the hex-heavy shooter but, as you know, the ways of men and urchins under the spell of superstition are hard to explain. Harry Winston's Hope Diamond, too, is supposed to carry

veteran health officer said. He indicated that carbon monoxide claims more than its fair share of accidental deaths in Texas, but for some inexplicable reason it is not held in the same perspective as other accidents.

Dr. Cox believes this "killer" is due an explanation, and make the following recommendations for users of gas heaters:

(1) Make sure the heater is properly adjusted, by a gas serviceman if possible.

(2) Use metal tubing for connecting the stove to the gas line, and check for leaks before the stove is used.

(3) Always ventilate a room where heater is burning. Even if no carbon monoxide is being formed, oxygen is being consumed.

(4) Never operate a stove at its highest burning rate.

(5) Do not use propane or butane gas in a heater designed for natural gas.

(6) Never let the stove burn all

night. When other people using the same fuel line turn their stoves off, the line pressure will increase, and the flame of the burning stove will increase to the point where carbon monoxide may be produced.

Carbon monoxide expelled by an automobile exhaust is a big health hazard in winter, too, Cox warned. He said many motorists have wrecked their cars and been listed as a highway death, when carbon monoxide was really the killing agent.

Dr. Nicholson

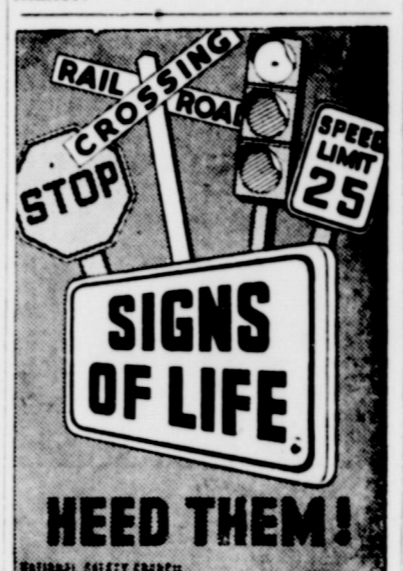
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Plaster of Paris was originally manufactured near Paris, France.

Heliotherapy is the treatment of disease by sun baths.

A horseshoe should be hung with the ends pointing down.

By trade, St. Paul was a tent-maker.



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are more letters, Santa

I am a little boy
you cold? I am
basketball and goal
this year and some
I get a basketball
Christmas. I am in
this year.
Ray Hill

will be 8 December 26. I wish you
would bring me some dishes,
skates, and a housecoat, please!
And Santa don't forget my little
brother, and all the other boys
and girls.

Thanks,
Phyllis Carol Callan

Dear Santa Claus:

Thought I would drop you a
few lines to let you know what I
would like to get for Christmas.

All I want you to bring me is a
little house and it furnished. You
know, big enough for two. Santa,
I don't want to be choicy, but it
looks like that is what I am going
to need soon. Try and not forget
me Santa as I've been a good
little boy. Don't forget the other
little kiddies. Bye Santa.
J. P. Keeton, Jr.
Canadian Rt. Gageby

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SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA . . . It's
not a common subject for discus-
sion, but Santa Claus sometimes
does take off his coat and just
lounges around in his beard and
shirt-sleeves. However, this is not
standard procedure, and it's
mighty few Santas you see sitting
on a park bench in New York.

Newspaper Advertising Pays!

A Very Merry Christmas

TO EACH OF
YOU WHOM
WE SERVE
AND THOSE
WE HOPE TO
SERVE IN
THE FUTURE

**Burch's Variety
& Shoe Shop**
Mobeetie, Texas

Santa Affected By Restrictions

It's difficult to understand, but
the genial spirit of Christmas,
Santa Claus himself, hasn't always
had it easy. There have been oc-
casions when laws or traditions or
regulations have put certain curbs
on the old gentleman. Here are
some examples:

In Newark, N. J., Santa is re-
quired to pass a stiff physical ex-
amination before he can serve in
a department store. And even then
he is barred from kissing any of
the children who perch upon his
knee.

In Charleston, S. C., charity San-
tas have been forbidden to make
a pitch on public streets on the
grounds that children flocking in to
see them may create a traffic



hazard. And in Washington a few
years ago, when the postmaster
general was asked to print a Santa
Claus stamp at Christmas time he
rejected the proposal with a scorn-
ful, "I should say not!"

Outside the U.S.A., Santa has
had trouble, too. In Montreal, Can-
ada, an influential organization
fought against holding of the city's
annual Santa Claus parade on the
ground that it was "merely a dis-
play of grotesque and vulgar bur-
lesquery." A prominent journalist in
Rio de Janeiro fostered a move-
ment to do away with Santa Claus
(Papa Noel) in Brazil and substi-
tute a toy-bearing grandfather
Indian. In Mexico City the minister
of education recommended that the
Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, instead of
St. Nick, should bring gifts to chil-
dren.

In the field of opinion, Santa has
encountered some detractors. A
Prof. Ivan E. McDougale, sociologist
at Goucher college, Baltimore, de-
clared: "The Santa Claus myth has
lived too long. Parents should sub-
stitute philosophy"—whatever that
is.

A Toronto psychiatrist got in his
blast. "It should be made clear to
children," he said, "that Santa
Claus is not necessarily a real man
any more than any other character
out of a story book."



OLD, OLD STORY . . . If teacher
could get this kind of attention as
she lectures on the three R's,
she'd have a room full of geniuses.
She is reading the ageless Clement
Moore classic "Twas the Night
Before Christmas." And not a
creature is stirring.

PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Christmas



GREETINGS

Sincere good wishes
to each of you
on this, the happiest
occasion
of all the year.

**BURGESS
SHOE SHOP**
Wheeler, Texas

Santa Letters

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy of four. I will
be five July 23. I have been pretty
good this year. Would you please
bring me a gun and caps, boxing
gloves and football. And Santa,
pleas don't forget all the other
little girls and boys.

Thanks,
Randy Leon Callan
Mobeetie

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 4 years old. I

try to be a good boy although I
do forget sometimes. Please bring
me a popgun, a tractor, car, candy,
fruit and nuts. I'll see you Chist-
mas.

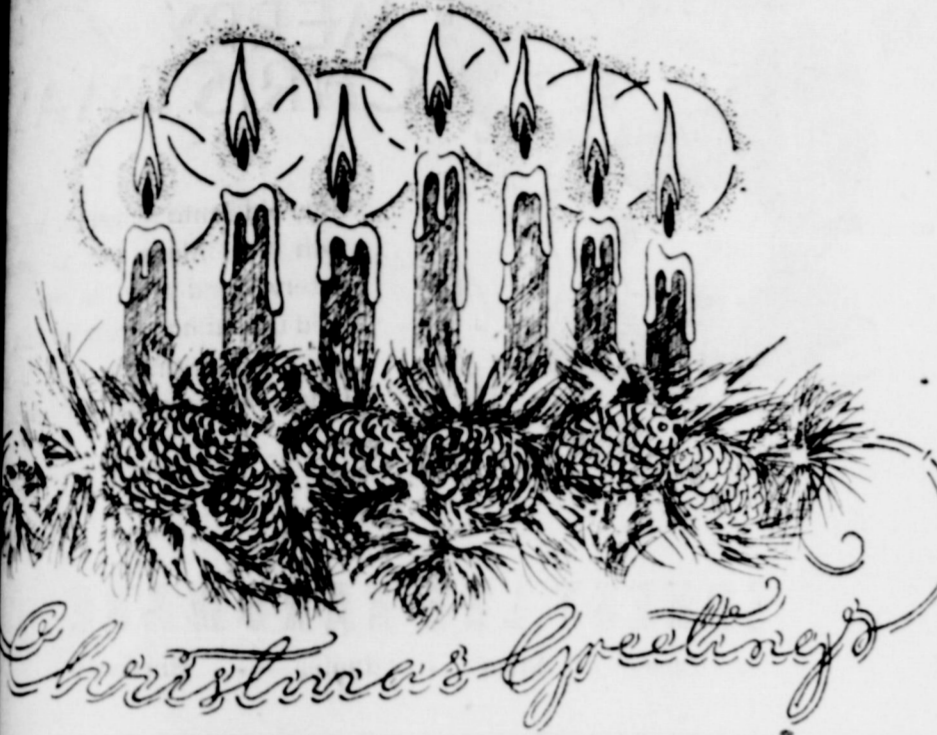
Love,
Larry Puryear

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you up north? I am
O.K. in school. I want you to bring
me a B.B. gun and a garbage
truck. Some nuts and candy too.

Yours,
Robert Beachamp

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Christmas Greetings

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

We will be closed from Sunday, December 25 through Friday,
December 30 for a short vacation—the first one we have taken in the more
than two years which we have operated the Denson Grill. Thanks for your
consideration.

DENSON GRILL

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Wheeler, Texas

West Side Square

Christmas Greetings

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

God has richly blessed through the days of the year that is
coming to a close, and we trust that these blessings shall be crowned with
a very joyous Christmas and New Year.

As we approach the New Year may we purpose in our hearts to
exalt the God of Heaven daily, and point men to the Lord Jesus Christ
whose birth we commemorate at this season.

Daily hide the Word of God in your hearts—

Blessed is the man who walketh not in the council of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he
meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers
of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall
not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind
driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sin-
ners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of
the ungodly shall perish—Psalm 1.

First Baptist Church

M. B. Smith, Pastor

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CHRISTMAS EVER,
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Mobeetie, Texas

Christmas

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for the Christmas Season
and for every day in
the coming year



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Mobeetie, Texas

Star of Bethlehem Continues to Puzzle Modern Scholars

Once again Christendom sees the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men of old, rejoices with exceeding great joy.

Astronomers have discounted possibilities that the star may have been a natural phenomenon since such phenomena occur too far from the earth to serve as any sort of local guide. Modern opinion is, however, inclined to hold that there was a Star — although the story probably has been touched by Oriental imagery.

St. Matthew suggests that even the Wise Men may have lost sight of the star while they were in Jerusalem; hence, they rejoiced when

they approached the Manger at Bethlehem.

Come to think of it, astronomers have sought an astronomically authentic star — and found it not; historians have sought an historically human Jesus of Nazareth — and are still arguing whether or not they have found Him; even zealous theologians, striving to harmonize messianic and eschatological theories with the illusive historical and human Jesus, have sometimes lost sight of the Babe in the Manger Who from His lowly stable draws unto Himself all who are weary and heavy-laden.

Pressing close to that sacred Manger, Christendom glimpses the Star of Bethlehem once more and rejoices in the light of righteousness and peace which has conquered every tyranny that evil men could think of, the light that shineth in the darkness and shall not fail.

When no dew follows a hot day, rain may be expected.

So called "closet dramas" are those designed to be read, but not acted.

Dairy cows are roughage eating animals. Give them plenty of good hay—as much as they want whenever they want and need it.



Christmas carols express better than anything else, probably, the true spirit of Christmas.

The word "carol" itself signifies joy and was originally used to accompany a dance. William Wallace Fyfe concludes that the term carol "signifies a song of joy or exultation." Another definition states: "A carol is a hymn of praise especially such as is sung at Christmas in the open air."

In England, which gave America most of its carols, they were sometimes gay and sometimes convivial until the time of the Puritans, who tried to suppress the Christmas spirit.

After the Restoration, the religious nature of the day was for a time almost forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism, and the carol was temporarily lost in the songs.

There are many quaint customs associated with the early carolers that might be used today to break the monotony of going from house to house singing Christmas hymns. It was about the 16th century that caroling became a Christmas custom, and is supposed to have been brought to England from Italy by the traveling clergy. The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

The idea of caroling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration

and a great home day with neighborly feeling, so it grew and flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages came to be known as "Waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummings and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for the householders to offer hospitality to these Christmas troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving alms and presents of various kinds was established.

This benign custom threatened at one time in England to become a profession and to lose its original simple charm.

For a period beginning just when no one knows and ending in 1820, there were in London and Westminster companies of "Waits" whose leaders held office by public appointment and who obtained an exclusive right to solicit contributions from the public.

The carolers were often accompanied by entertainers who gave a spirit of revelry to the occasions. The mummings often interrupted the singing to give their interpretation of "St. George and the Dragon." Tumblers, dressed in bright red, would perform their arts of skill to entertain the onlookers.

Indians in Canada are legally classed as minors.

The largest North American rodent is the Beaver.

Tennis was purely an amateur sport until 1926.

The first dirigible trip around

the world was made by the Graf Zeppelin in 1929.

Hard wood makes better coals for a campfire than soft wood.

The piccolo is the highest pitched of all musical instruments.

Embezzlers have been found to

have the highest any class of criminals.

In India, the King given the title of Emperor.

Rabbits can run than down because are longer than the

Newspaper Advertisers



NO FOOLING We wish you MERRY CHRISTMAS

May old Santa remember you with the things you so greatly deserve, and may the New Year hold untold happiness for each of you, is our sincere wish to those whom we call our friends.

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GAS RATES EXPLANATORY

In sending out a printed list of our domestic customers inside the corporate limits, and amount they paid for gas during 1948, our purpose was to show we had no large domestic consumers, and few medium ones.

In our cities, it is nothing uncommon for the large residences to use from \$250.00 to \$450.00 worth of gas per year.

We have only eight two story houses in our town, and only a few with over six rooms.

From the list sent out, you will note we had only 33 domestic consumers in the \$50.00 bracket; only 12 in the \$60.00 bracket; 6 in the \$70.00 bracket and 2 in the \$80.00 bracket.

The list was prepared hurriedly, but is reasonably accurate. We left out a couple inside town through error.

We have prepared the following table which will show you just how much the new rate will raise your gas bill.

M. ft.	Present Rate	New Rate	Increase
1	1.50	2.00	.50
2	1.50	2.00	.50
3	1.95	2.00	.05
4	2.40	2.40	none
5	2.85	3.00	.15
6	3.30	3.60	.30
7	3.75	4.20	.45
8	4.20	4.80	.60
9	4.65	5.40	.75
10	5.10	6.00	.90
11	5.55	6.50	.95
12	6.00	7.00	1.00
13	6.40	7.50	1.10
14	6.80	8.00	1.20
15	7.20	8.50	1.30
16	7.60	9.00	1.40
17	8.00	9.50	1.50
18	8.40	10.00	1.60
19	8.80	10.50	1.70
20	9.20	11.00	1.80
21	9.60	11.50	1.90
22	10.00	12.00	2.00
23	10.40	12.50	2.10
24	10.80	13.00	2.20
25	11.20	13.50	2.30

For all amounts above 25M, the advance would be only \$2.30. As we are making no further advance in the higher brackets.

We will be glad to furnish totals to our customers outside the corporate limits on request. However most of them are saving enough on city taxes to more than pay their gas bills.

All we are asking for at this time, is enough income to give you the kind of service we are now giving.

WHEELER GAS CO.

MANY THANKS

We want to thank all of our many friends for the many things they have done for us in helping rebuild our home, both with their cash donations and labor donations, and to wish you, one and all the very heartiest . . .

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whitener and Girls

Greetings

AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS



FIRST STATE BANK

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98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church on Cleveland's York street and his action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to learn of the origins of the Christmas tree tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was far from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

dark green tree where the tradition was established, a light green one where Christmas trees, at least, were known.

Pastor Schwan made his search for knowledge of the Christmas tree almost a crusade.

But as Christmas time approached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had not found enough church support for the tradition to light another tree at his Christmas service that year. So, with great regret, he resigned himself to the end of his hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received from the pastor of one of Cleveland's older churches the present of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized immediately that the present meant the acceptance of the custom by a churchman far more influential than himself, and his sadness vanished.

There was a Christmas tree in the York street Zion Lutheran church that year—and once accepted in Cleveland, the custom spread all over the United States.

York street where Pastor Schwan's church once stood is changed now and long ago was renamed Hamilton avenue; and the first tree, decorated with candles and a gold star at its top, has given way to trees with brighter, more colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and lighting Christmas trees, which is observed throughout the nation, is the same tradition which Pastor Schwan introduced to this country in the town of Cleveland nearly 100 years ago.

Newspaper Advertising Pays!

CORRECTION!

In the circular letter recently mailed out by the Wheeler Gas Company, a typographical error is called to your attention.

The second line in last paragraph should read:

"But we **DO NOT** believe we have many customers who want us to give them part of their gas." etc. The word **NOT** was left out through error.

WHEELER GAS COMPANY



A Rich and Joyous Season to all!

GRIFFIN BROTHERS

SERVICE STATION AND GROCERY
Wheeler, Texas

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl eight and a half years old and in the third grade. I have a very good little girl friend. I would like to have a doll, a record, and an accordion. And please don't forget Johnny. Bring me a teddy bear. Please bring us some nuts. I hope you have a Merry, Merry Christmas.
Love,
Annette Hutchison

Mobeetie
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy three years old. I would like very much for you to bring me a little tractor, wheat drill and a one-way plow. Please go see all the other little girls and boys.
Your little friend,
Carey Jack Johnson
Robert Fulton and Samuel F. B. Morse, two American inventors born within 10 years of 1800, helped finance themselves as young men through successful portrait painting.

Time Not Constant In the Celebrations Of Christ's Nativity

While December is now the month in which Christ's birthday is celebrated by Christians all over the world, research and study show that Christ's nativity has been celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October by various peoples.

And although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were popularized.

No historian pretends to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas became a general festival.

About all that is known is that during the fourth century the feast of the Nativity was observed in all western world churches at different dates.

The confusion resulting from celebrations in seven months of the year caused the western church authorities to meet in 340 to set a definite date for the celebration. The eastern churches did not cooperate until the sixth century when December 25 was set as the day to be observed.

The question has arisen innumerable times as to why December was selected as the month for rejoicing. The answer is that this month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in nearly every civilized land.

Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians all took part in the celebration of these festivals which had originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia.

It may seem strange to claim that the pagan riotousness might be the forerunner of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

Newspaper Advertising Pays!

THE VILLAGE HAS A HEART

Dorothy Boys Kilian

THE CLOCK struck nine as Nola hung the last bauble on the fragrant green Christmas tree. Without even stepping back to admire the finished effect she went to the front window and peered out. A cold white moon illumined a cold white earth. She shivered. How lonely she had been in this tiny, quiet village!

When she had written Jim two months before that she was being evicted from their apartment in Chicago he had answered, "I'm hoping against hope to be home from occupation duty in time for Christmas, and I can't think of any place more perfect than Pineville to spend the holidays and my terminal leave. Remember my telling you what happy summers I spent there as a child, and how I'd always wanted to see it in winter? Do investigate this, as a Christmas present for me, Nola darling."

So she had come here and found a house. But somehow she felt that the villagers had ignored her as an outsider.

And now it was Christmas Eve. "He's not going to make it and that's that," Nola thought miserably. She knew that he had landed at San Francisco three days before and had been trying desperately to get a seat on a train or plane.



"It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. My wife thought I'd better take you over."

The telephone rang. "There's a telegram just come for you, Mrs. West, down here at the drug store. Very important."

"Yes!" Nola breathed. "Chicago, 8 P.M. Am catching train. Get off Shoreham five miles east of Pineville 10 P.M. love Jim." Nola leaned heavily against the wall and stared at the phone.

"Mrs. West, are you there?" Mr. Trotter, the druggist, sounded anxious. "Listen, you go out in the garage and get your car motor to warming up. My wife'll be up there in five minutes to stay with your little boy. Hurry now."

In joyful haste Nola peeked in at Jimmy—"Santa Claus is bringing you your Daddy, honey"—powdered her nose and put on her fur coat and boots.

The garage door stuck in its icy groove although she bent her whole weight against it. Suddenly, out of the darkness, a voice called. "It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. I'm so used to driving out in all kinds of weather, my wife thought I'd better take you over."

"Dr. Ryan, I didn't realize 'til just now how I dreaded that trip alone."

A train whistle shrilled through the cold thin air as they drove up to the little depot.

"We made it!" Nola cried exultingly. "Come on." She held open the door.

But Doc muttered, "I'll stay here and keep my feet warm."

Now the huge black engine roared past, slowed down and slid to a stop. A coach vestibule door opened, and before the conductor could step down, a khaki-clad figure leaped onto the platform.

"Oh, darling, darling, darling," Nola's heart throbbed as she felt once more the thrilling warmth of Jim's arms around her.

"Nola!" Jim said everything in that word.

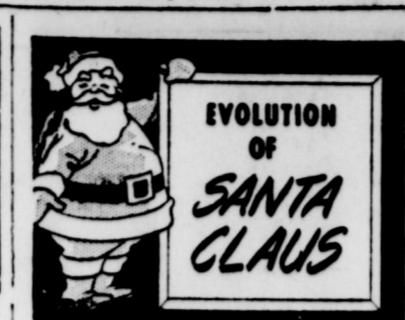
A few moments later as they walked to the car a voice boomed from within, "Glad you made it."

"Whoever you are—thanks," Jim answered. "It's people like you who made me want Nola to come to Pineville to wait for me."

"Get in and close the door. You're freezing me out." Doc grinned as he raced the motor.

"Christmas Eve," Jim said softly as they squeezed in with Doc. "You beside me, our baby just a few miles away, and a Christmas card place like Pineville to welcome us. Don't you love it there, darling?"

Nola glanced at Doc, thought of Mrs. Trotter and the others. "Yes, Jim, I do," she whispered. "I surely do."



Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

His creator was Thomas Nast, one of America's greatest cartoonists. During the early 1860's he was asked to illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, A Visit to St. Nicholas, better known to us as "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The result was Santa Claus as we know him.

Santa's creator was born in Bavaria in 1840, son of a musician in a Bavarian army band. When he was a fat little boy of six, Thomas' father left Germany to enlist in the United States navy, and Thomas' mother brought the boy to New York to live.

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Star of Bethlehem Continues to Puzzle Modern Scholars

Once again Christendom sees the Star of Bethlehem and, like the Wise Men of old, rejoices with exceeding great joy.

Astronomers have discounted possibilities that the star may have been a natural phenomenon since such phenomena occur too far from the earth to serve as any sort of local guide. Modern opinion is, however, inclined to hold that there was a Star — although the story probably has been touched by Oriental imagery.

St. Matthew suggests that even the Wise Men may have lost sight of the star while they were in Jerusalem; hence, they rejoiced when

they approached the Manger at Bethlehem.

Come to think of it, astronomers have sought an astronomically authentic star — and found it not; historians have sought an historically human Jesus of Nazareth — and are still arguing whether or not they have found Him; even zealous theologians, striving to harmonize messianic and eschatological theories with the illusive historical and human Jesus, have sometimes lost sight of the Babe in the Manger Who from His lowly stable draws unto Himself all who are weary and heavy-laden.

Pressing close to that sacred Manger, Christendom glimpses the Star of Bethlehem once more and rejoices in the light of righteousness and peace which has conquered every tyranny that evil men could think of, the light that shineth in the darkness and shall not fail.

When no dew follows a hot day, rain may be expected.

So called "closet dramas" are those designed to be read, but not acted.

Dairy cows are roughage eating animals. Give them plenty of good hay—as much as they want whenever they want and need it.



Christmas carols express better than anything else, probably, the true spirit of Christmas.

The word "carol" itself signifies joy and was originally used to accompany a dance. William Wallace Fyfe concludes that the term carol "signifies a song of joy or exultation." Another definition states: "A carol is a hymn of praise especially such as is sung at Christmas in the open air."

In England, which gave America most of its carols, they were sometimes gay and sometimes convivial until the time of the Puritans, who tried to suppress the Christmas spirit.

After the Restoration, the religious nature of the day was for a time almost forgotten in the reaction from Puritanism, and the carol was temporarily lost in the songs.

There are many quaint customs associated with the early carolers that might be used today to break the monotony of going from house to house singing Christmas hymns.

It was about the 16th century that caroling became a Christmas custom, and is supposed to have been brought to England from Italy by the traveling clergy. The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

The idea of caroling fitted admirably into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration

and a great home day with neighborly feeling, so it grew and flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages came to be known as "Waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummers and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for the householders to offer hospitality to these Christmas troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving alms and presents of various kinds was established.

This benign custom threatened at one time in England to become a profession and to lose its original simple charm.

For a period beginning just when no one knows and ending in 1820, there were in London and Westminster companies of "Waits" whose leaders held office by public appointment and who obtained an exclusive right to solicit contributions from the public.

The carolers were often accompanied by entertainers who gave a spirit of revelry to the occasions. The mummers often interrupted the singing to give their interpretation of "St. George and the Dragon." Tumblers, dressed in bright red, would perform their arts of skill to entertain the onlookers.

98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church on Cleveland's York street and his action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully-decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to learn of the origins of the Christmas tree tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was far from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

dark green tree where the tradition was established, a light green one where Christmas trees, at least, were known.

Pastor Schwan made his search for knowledge of the Christmas tree almost a crusade.

But as Christmas time approached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had not found enough church support for the tradition to light another tree at his Christmas service that year. So, with great regret, he resigned himself to the end of his hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received from the pastor of one of Cleveland's older churches the present of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized immediately that the present meant the acceptance of the custom by a churchman far more influential than himself, and his sadness vanished.

There was a Christmas tree in the York street Zion Lutheran church that year—and once accepted in Cleveland, the custom spread all over the United States.

York street where Pastor Schwan's church once stood is changed now and long ago was renamed Hamilton avenue; and the first tree, decorated with candles and a gold star at its top, has given way to trees with brighter, more colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and lighting Christmas trees, which is observed throughout the nation, is the same tradition which Pastor Schwan introduced to this country in the town of Cleveland nearly 100 years ago.

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MANY THANKS

We want to thank all of our many friends for the many things they have done for us in helping rebuild our home, both with their cash donations and labor donations, and to wish you, one and all the very heartiest . . .

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AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS



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A Rich and Joyous Season to all!

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CORRECTION!

In the circular letter recently mailed out by the Wheeler Gas Company, a typographical error is called to your attention.

The second line in last paragraph should read:

"But we **DO NOT** believe we have many customers who want us to give them part of their gas." etc. The word **NOT** was left out through error.

WHEELER GAS COMPANY

Indians in Canada are legally classed as minors.

The largest North American rodent is the Beaver.

Tennis was purely an amateur sport until 1926.

The first dirigible trip around the world was made by the Graf Zeppelin in 1929.

Hard wood makes better coals for a campfire than soft wood.

The piccolo is the highest pitched of all musical instruments.

Ebbezzlers have been found to have the highest any class of criminals.

In India, the King given the title of Emperor.

Rabbits can run than down because are longer than the Newspaper Advertiser.



NO FOOLING
We wish you MERRY CHRISTMAS

May old Santa remember you with the things you so greatly deserve, and may the New Year hold untold happiness for each you, is our sincere wish to those whom we call our friends.

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GAS RATES EXPLANATORY

In sending out a printed list of our domestic customers inside the corporate limits, and amount they paid for gas during 1948, our purpose was to show we had no large domestic consumers, and few medium ones.

In our cities, it is nothing uncommon for the large residences to use from \$250.00 to \$450.00 worth of gas per year.

We have only eight two story houses in our town, and only a few with over six rooms.

From the list sent out, you will note we had only 33 domestic consumers in the \$50.00 bracket; only 12 in the \$60.00 bracket; 6 in the \$70.00 bracket and 2 in the \$80.00 bracket.

The list was prepared hurriedly, but is reasonably accurate. We left out a couple inside town through error.

We have prepared the following table which will show you just how much the new rate will raise your gas bill.

M. ft.	Present Rate	New Rate	Increase
1	1.50	2.00	.50
2	1.50	2.00	.50
3	1.95	2.00	.05
4	2.40	2.40	none
5	2.85	3.00	.15
6	3.30	3.60	.30
7	3.75	4.20	.45
8	4.20	4.80	.60
9	4.65	5.40	.75
10	5.10	6.00	.90
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13	6.40	7.50	1.10
14	6.80	8.00	1.20
15	7.20	8.50	1.30
16	7.60	9.00	1.40
17	8.00	9.50	1.50
18	8.40	10.00	1.60
19	8.80	10.50	1.70
20	9.20	11.00	1.80
21	9.60	11.50	1.90
22	10.00	12.00	2.00
23	10.40	12.50	2.10
24	10.80	13.00	2.20
25	11.20	13.50	2.30

For all amounts above 25M, the advance would be only \$2.30. As we are making no further advance in the higher brackets.

We will be glad to furnish totals to our customers outside the corporate limits on request. However most of them are saving enough on city taxes to more than pay their gas bills.

All we are asking for at this time, is enough income to give you the kind of service we are now giving.

WHEELER GAS CO.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl three years old. I would like very much for you to bring me a little tractor, wheat drill and a one-way plow. Please go see all the other little girls and boys.

Your little friend,
Carey Jack Johnson

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THE CLOCK struck nine as Nola hung the last bauble on the fragrant green Christmas tree. Without even stepping back to admire the finished effect she went to the front window and peered out. A cold white moon illuminated a cold white earth. She shivered. How lonely she had been in this tiny, quiet village!

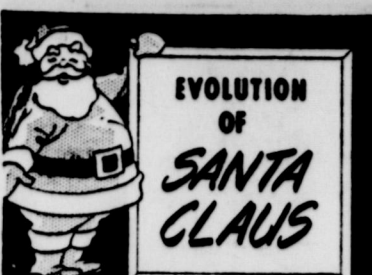
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So she had come here and found a house. But somehow she felt that the villagers had ignored her as an outsider.

And now it was Christmas Eve. "He's not going to make it and that's that," Nola thought miserably. She knew that he had landed at San Francisco three days before and had been trying desperately to get a seat on a train or plane.



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Christmas has rolled around once again and Santa Claus with round red cheeks, jolly smile and chunky figure looks the same as he did nearly 90 years ago.

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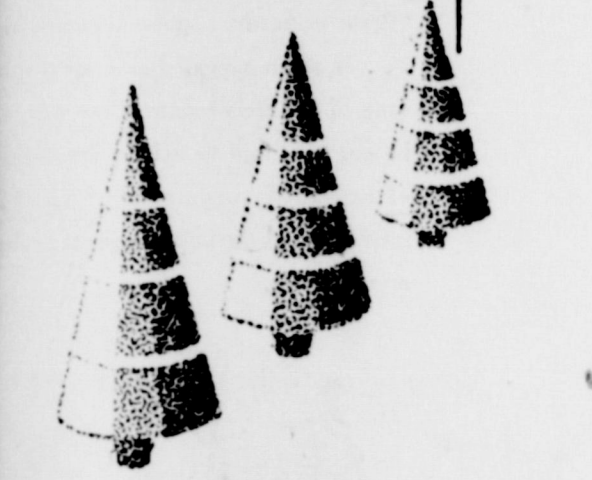
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The telephone rang. "There's a telegram just come for you, Mrs. West, down here at the drug store. Very important."

"Yes!" Nola breathed.

"Chicago, 8 P.M. Am catching train. Get off Shoreham five miles east of Pineville 10 P.M. love Jim."

Nola leaned heavily against the wall and stared at the phone.

"Mrs. West, are you there?" Mr. Trotter, the druggist, sounded anxious. "Listen, you go out in the garage and get your car motor to warming up. My wife'll be up there in five minutes to stay with your little boy. Hurry now."

In joyful haste Nola peeked at at Jimmy—"Santa Claus is bringing you your Daddy, honey"—powdered her nose and put on her fur coat and boots.

The garage door stuck in its key groove although she bent her whole weight against it. Suddenly, out of the darkness, a voice called.

"It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. I'm so used to driving out in all kinds of weather, my wife thought I'd better take you over."

"Dr. Ryan, I didn't realize 'til just now how I dreaded that trip alone."

A train whistle shrilled through the cold thin air as they drove up to the little depot.

"We made it!" Nola cried exultingly. "Come on." She held open the door.

But Doc muttered, "I'll stay here and keep my feet warm."

Now the huge black engine roared past, slowed down and slid to a stop. A coach vestibule door opened, and before the conductor could step down, a khaki-clad figure leaped onto the platform.

"Oh, darling, darling, darling," Nola's heart throbbed as she felt once more the thrilling warmth of Jim's arms around her.

"Nola!" Jim said everything in that word.

A few moments later as they walked to the car a voice boomed from within, "Glad you made it."

"Whoever you are—thanks," Jim answered. "It's people like you who made me want Nola to come to Pineville to wait for me."

"Get in and close the door. You're freezing me out." Doc grinned as he raced the motor.

"Christmas Eve," Jim said softly as they squeezed in with Doc. "You beside me, our baby just a few miles away, and a Christmas card place like Pineville to welcome us. Don't you love it there, darling?"

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New Year Resolutions Silly So Say Psychiatrists

In the opinion of some of the nation's leading psychiatrists, the practice of making New Year resolutions is "silly."

They believe that any person going around making resolutions and informing all and sundry of his decision is something of an exhibitionist and, in addition, is being childish.

The experts add that these persons "probably never carry out the resolutions anyway."

Some agree that New Year resolutions have little value. They feel that resolutions aren't the best way of curbing difficulties and correcting one's self. They point out that, instead, the best method is giving thought to what causes trouble and trying rationally to correct these faults.

Children especially, the experts argue, should not be encouraged in "making resolutions." They contend a "child should be taught to do the best he can at all times and not save his difficulties for any particular time, and attempt to tear them all up by one superhuman effort that is almost sure to fail."

Only persons who have been dead for ten years can qualify for election to the Hall of Fame. Molokai, the leper colony in the Hawaiian Islands, is supported by the United States.



The Scots have always made a big fuss over New Years, and no wonder. The wassail bowl goes 'round at New Year's time, filled with savory liquid and nostalgic memories.

Traditionally, the wassail bowl itself should be an ornament of graceful design; its contents should be warm and spicy—with sweetened wine, ale, sugar, and nutmeg.

Custom dictates that at the stroke of 12 on New Year's Eve, the head of the household should sip the mixture and then pass it among those present. A favorite custom of the Scots has been to pile into wagons or sleighs carrying kettles full of the wassail, cheese and buns. The party stops at various houses in the community and the refreshments go 'round at each stop without paying much attention to the approaching dawn.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was quite the vogue in the United States around the turn of the 20th century. Newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. And having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions and joined the procession of callers at other "open houses."

Human nature being what it is, receptions were often "crashed" by strangers prompted by the accessibility of free punch, and a succession of several "open houses" sometimes resulted in the most welcome guests arriving in excessively boisterous or mellow moods and contributed to the abandonment of the publicly announced "open house." But intimates still toast each other around a private wassail bowl and "drink a cup of kindness yet for Auld Lang Syne".

Farm records are an aid to better farm planning. They are the "eyes and ears" of the farm business.

Look for essentials rather than style when buying household equipment.



THE MAJESTIC STORY OF BETHLEHEM HAS INSPIRED MANKIND FOR CENTURIES, ITS GLORIOUS SCENES LIVE AGAIN ON THIS YEAR'S RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH THEIR REVERENT SENTIMENTS...

AGAIN HAS COME THE SEASON OF THE BLESSED SAVIOUR'S BIRTH, WHEN PEACE AND LOVE AND KINDNESS ENIRCLE ALL THE EARTH



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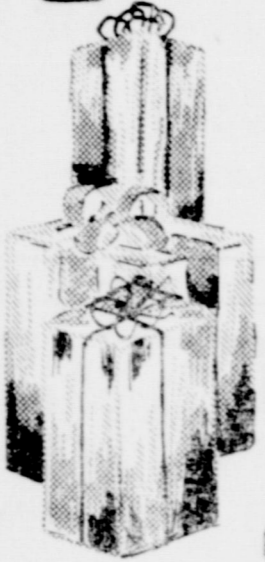
"Peace on earth... good will toward men... is again repeated in every story and song of all Christendom. Once more it will be our privilege to tell the beautiful story of the Nativity, and now more than ever, we need to weigh the implications of the Christmas message."

NASH APPLIANCE & SUPPLY CO.

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CHRISTMAS brings



pleasant thoughts of our friends. That's why it is a pleasure to think of you and each of us join in wishing you sincerely a Joyous Christmas.

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Mobeetie, Texas



Are Dangerous

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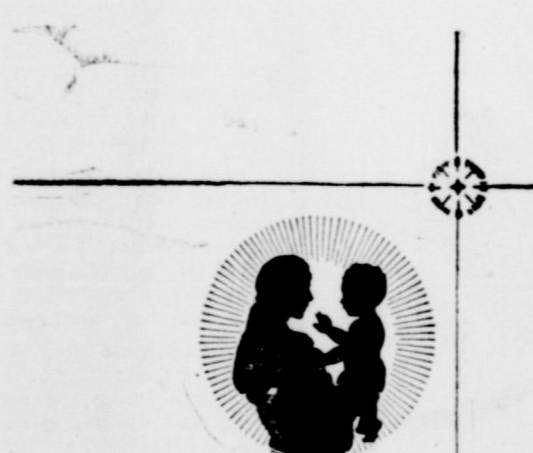
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New Year Resolutions Silly So Say Psychiatrists

In the opinion of some of the nation's leading psychiatrists, the practice of making New Year resolutions is "silly."

They believe that any person going around making resolutions and informing all and sundry of his decision is something of an exhibitionist and, in addition, is being childish.

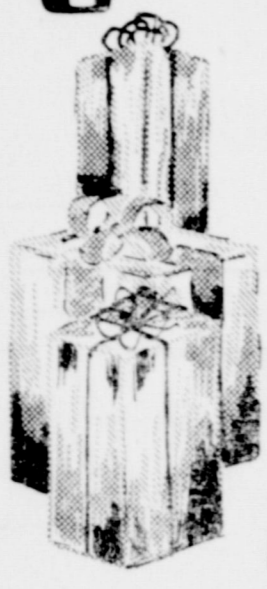
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Some agree that New Year resolutions have little value. They feel that resolutions aren't the best way of curbing difficulties and correcting one's self. They point out that, instead, the best method is giving thought to what causes trouble and trying rationally to correct these faults.

Children especially, the experts argue, should not be encouraged in "making resolutions." They contend a "child should be taught to do the best he can at all times and not save his difficulties for any particular time, and attempt to tear them all up by one superhuman effort that is almost sure to fail."

Only persons who have been Molokai, the leper colony in the dead for ten years can qualify for Hawaiian Islands, is supported by election to the Hall of Fame. the United States.

CHRISTMAS brings



pleasant thoughts of our friends. That's why it is a pleasure to think of you and each of us join in wishing you sincerely a Joyous Christmas.

MOBEETIE DRUG

Mobeetie, Texas



The Scots have always made a big fuss over New Years, and no wonder. The wassail bowl goes 'round at New Year's time, filled with savory liquid and nostalgic memories.

Traditionally, the wassail bowl itself should be an ornament of graceful design; its contents should be warm and spicy—with sweetened wine, ale, sugar, and nutmeg.

Custom dictates that at the stroke of 12 on New Year's Eve, the head of the household should sip the mixture and then pass it among those present. A favorite custom of the Scots has been to pile into wagons or sleighs carrying kettles full of the wassail, cheese and buns. The party stops at various houses in the community and the refreshments go 'round at each stop without paying much attention to the approaching dawn.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was quite the vogue in the United States around the turn of the 20th century. Newspapers carried columns of 'at home' notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. And having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions and joined the procession of callers at other 'open houses.'

Human nature being what it is, receptions were often 'crashed' by strangers prompted by the accessibility of free punch, and a succession of several 'open houses' sometimes resulted in the most welcome guests arriving in excessively boisterous or mellow moods and contributed to the abandonment of the publicly announced 'open house.' But intimates still toast each other around a private wassail bowl and "drink a cup of kindness yet for Auld Lang Syne".

Farm records are an aid to better farm planning. They are the "eyes and ears" of the farm business.

Look for essentials rather than style when buying household equipment.



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BUY OR SELL WITH A TIMES WANT-AD!!!!



Peace on earth... good will toward men

"Peace on earth... good will toward men... is again repeated in every story and song of all Christendom. Once more it will be our privilege to tell the beautiful story of the Nativity, and now more than ever, we need to weigh the implications of the Christmas message.

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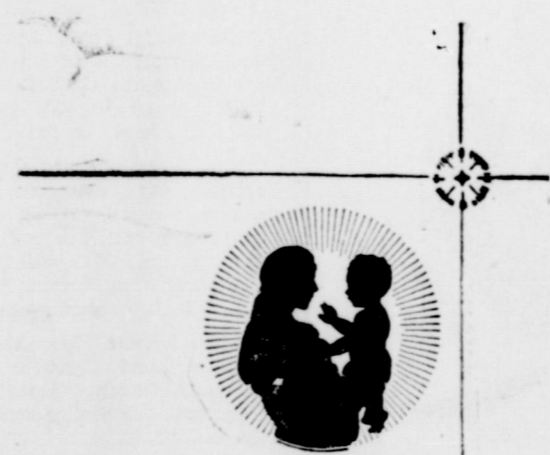
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HOPE THAT SUSTAINS THE WORLD . . . If there is anything more touching and inspiring than the sight of a little boy or girl waiting patiently for the arrival of his beloved Santa Claus, the world has yet to produce it. With boundless hope, after hanging up his stocking, he finally goes to bed, knowing as surely as he knows his own mother and father, that the Giftbringer will have been there when he awakens.

PERPETUAL



CALENDAR

In 1918 in a high school classroom, a 15-year old sophomore, confused by discussion of the calendar, asked his teacher: "Didn't the Caesars mess up the calendar?" She snapped back: "Do you think you could make a better one?"

The boy, Willard Edwards, went home that night and thought up six calendars, one of which he considered superior to any he knew. One of them was up for discussion by Congress. It was presented to and received favorably by delegates at the world security conference at San Francisco. Edwards sees a possibility that his perpetual calendar soon may be the international calendar.

Edwards, a navy veteran of action in the Pacific, outlined his plans for the calendar. It would simplify the present system by a switch that would involve a change in only two days.

In the Edwards perpetual calendar, the year would have 364 days

plus New Year's day completely apart from any month or week. It would be followed by Monday, the first day of the year. There would be 12 months, falling into a regularly rhythmical pattern of 30, 30, 31 days.

Monday, which psychologically is regarded as the first day of the week, would actually be first in the proposed calendar.

Leap Year day, like New Year's day, would be an international holiday, completely apart from any month. It would come following Sunday, June 31.

Labor Day and Christmas, for instance, would always be on Monday. With the possibility of a fixed Easter, there would be six three-day holidays. This, Edwards contends, would be of great advantage in planning vacations, transportation schedules, school terms, and especially to business concerns.

And for those of superstitious persuasion, there would be no Friday the 13th to worry about.



Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small-fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?:

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret—so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

MAY OLD SANTA REMEMBER YOU WELL

We hope the old gent just brings loads and loads of nice things to make this the happiest Christmas of them all.



MCCORMICK GARAGE
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TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Best Christmas Wishes



May your every wish for the Holiday Season be realized — that's our wish for you.


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W E have found that the value of friendships in business is invaluable and we are grateful for yours




JOYOUS SEASON TO YOU

CHAPMAN SERVICE STATION
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MAY ALL THE JOYS OF THIS CHEERY SEASON BE YOURS!

This Greeting is sent to you as an expression of appreciation for your friendly patronage and with the hope that you may enjoy a holiday season of joy and contentment, and a New Year of happiness.



Merry Christmas *A Happy New Year*

WHEELER GAS COMPANY

A Happy New Year? Then Pay All Debts

Want to assure yourself a happy and prosperous New Year?

Well, first of all, make sure that all debts are paid before midnight on New Year's Eve. This ancient Chinese custom is designed to start the New Year off with a clean slate and, although its origin is lost in antiquity, solvency is still a good foundation for prosperity and friendly business relations.

If you are unmarried and would like to remove the "un" from your status, be sure to put on the left stocking before putting on the right one when you dress New Year's morning—and try to be as left-handed as possible during the day, thereby increasing the potency of the charm which is supposed to aid



love's progress. Marriageable maidens who look out the window on New Year's morning, can anticipate being married before the year is out if they see a man before they see a woman.

Be sure to wish everyone a "Happy New Year," but keep your fingers crossed for luck while giving or receiving the greetings; and don't forget to say "rabbits" as soon as you wake up in the morning.

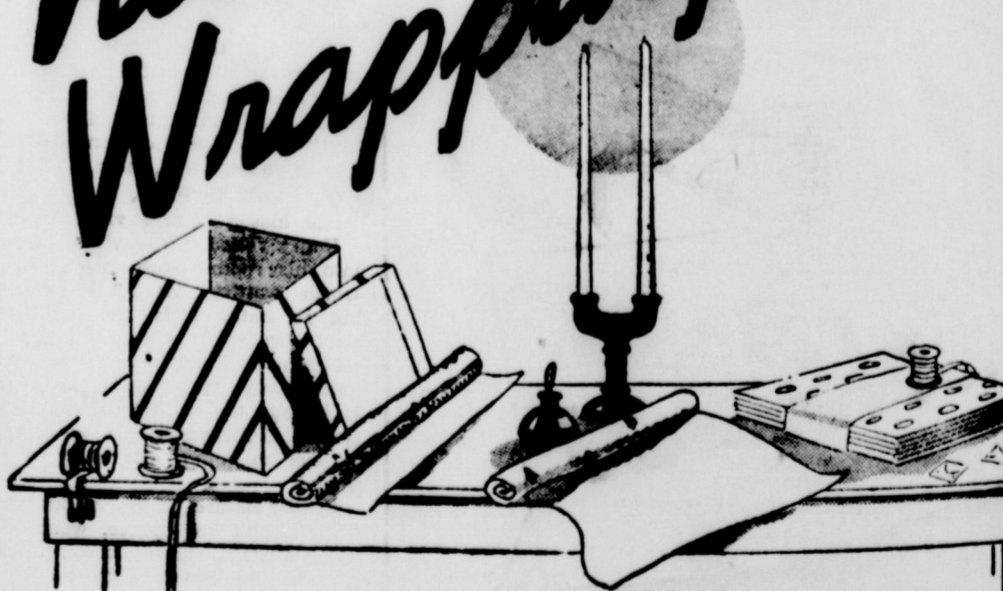
An old English custom, presumably founded on the superstition that whatever you do on New Year's Day is indicative of your fortune during the ensuing year, advises opening a bank account on January 1.

Since your New Year will be, to a certain extent, what you make it, resolve to make it a happy and prosperous one.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir, because of its tendency to hold its needles longer.

A final step in trimming the Christmas tree is frosting it with fluffy snow. A simple and popular form of snow is ordinary soap flakes.

Never Mind the Wrapping!



We've a little gift for you! It's not wrapped up in bright gift wrapping with pretty ribbons and seals — fancy trimmings add nothing to its value. You can't wear it and it isn't good to eat. Fact is, you can't even buy this little present yet you may exchange it with those about you at this glad season of the year. So, here it is, so simple, yet sincere

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WHEELER CO-OP GIN
Wheeler, Texas

Let the Yuletide Bells Ring in a Season of Happiness



May this Holiday bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it every success as a reward for your effort.

We are looking forward to serving you during the coming year and trust that our service will prove satisfactory to you in every way.

Merry Christmas . . . Happy New Year

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FIXES THINGS UP

By Dorothy Boys Killian

IT WAS Christmas Eve but the group of people sitting on the floor in the Reeds' living-room certainly weren't in a festive mood.

"Doggonit!" Dad exclaimed as he stared gloomily at the shiny tracks and the motionless cars of a new electric train. "What's wrong with this thing anyway?"

"We've put it together exactly according to directions, I'm sure we have," fifteen-year-old Rick insisted.

"Well, something's got to be done," said Mom, looking in from the kitchen where she was stuffing the turkey. "Little Jackie's been praying for that train for months, and how'll he feel tomorrow morning if the thing won't run?"

"Maybe Ralph can help. He's coming by for me in a few minutes, you know," said Wilma, the pretty big sister of the family.

"Oh, him!" Rick was scornful. "That guy from the big city with his socks and ties and handker-



chiefs that match! What does he know about motors?"

"Rick!" Mom reproved.

"Oh, I know you all think of him as an outsider," Wilma said. "If you only really knew him better! Mom, I do wish you'd let me ask him to breakfast tomorrow."

"I'm sorry dear, but I just don't think he'd fit in."

The doorbell rang. Wilma answered it and she and Ralph exchanged happy hellos.

Rick immediately threw out the challenge to the tall, blond, well-dressed young man. "We can't make this train go. Can you tell what's wrong with it?"

"Maybe," Ralph said quietly. "I used to have a train something like this."

"Look out, that cotton batting stuff will stick to your trousers," Dad warned.

"That's snow, and the snow around here is clean."

Dad looked slightly startled.

Wilma smiled. She remembered how impressed Ralph had been by the whiteness of the drifts even on Main street last night.

"The flakes are practically sooty before they even reach the ground in Chicago," he had said.

"Tracks are O.K.," Ralph straightened up. Then he picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

"The professional touch!" Rick muttered.

"There may be oil in the commutator," Ralph said. "That sometimes happens with a new engine. I'll see if I can get it out."

"I'll get you a rag, Ralph, just a minute," Wilma got up and started for the kitchen.

"Never mind, this'll do," Ralph answered, pulling his perfectly folded wine-colored handkerchief out of his jacket pocket.

He worked quietly for a moment, gently poking the corner of the handkerchief into the inside of the engine. Then he set the engine carefully down on the track and said, "Turn on the juice, will you Rick?"

Rick meekly moved forward the black lever at the transformer. There was a whirring sound, the wheels began to move, and the little puffer-billy whizzed and clacked around the curve.

"Praises be!" Dad heaved a loud sigh of relief.

Ralph quietly got up from the floor and turned to Wilma. "Maybe we'd better go now, if we want to catch the gang."

"Alright, Ralph," Wilma said. Her eyes turned pleadingly to Mrs. Reed. "Mom—"

"Oh, yes, Wilma," Mom interrupted. Turning to Ralph she said heartily, "In all the excitement we almost forgot to ask you to be sure to come over for late breakfast with us tomorrow. It's just a simple family affair, but we surely would like to have you with us."

"You bet," Dad's eyes twinkled. "Something might go wrong with it again and we'd feel safer with you around to fix it."

Christmas Gives Pleasant Thoughts

It doesn't seem twelve months since the last time we wished our many friends Season's Greetings.

You have helped us close another chapter in the life of our business and we are

truly appreciative of your cooperation and confidence.

Our warmest Greetings for Christmas and Sincere Good Wishes for the New

Year being ushered in . . . May it be your happiest.

EBB FARMER SERVICE STATION

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LOADS OF GOOD WISHES

May the Holiday Season bring to you all the pleasant moments so necessary for a Joyful Christmas



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That the approach of another Christmas season will bring with it loads of good cheer and happiness for each of you, our friends and customers.

OWEN'S SERVICE STATION

We Give S&H Green Stamps

Wheeler

May Your
CHRISTMAS

be a Happy One

This is the sincere wish of every member of this organization.

We are deeply appreciative of the opportunity we have had in serving you . . . and we truly hope that for each of you, this may be a day of great joy.

WHEELER LOCKER
MR. and MRS. BUSTER BLACK
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It Doesn't Seem Long...



Christmas comes, is enjoyed and is gone. This old world spins and whirls awhile, events come and pass and then first thing you know, why it's time for that festive season again.

It seems only yesterday that we were wrapping presents and wishing everyone a Joyous Holiday. That time is here again, so here's our wish for a Merry Christmas.

CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.
MOBBETTIE, TEXAS

Let
EVERY HEART

By Vera Tarpley

"BUT THEY don't believe in Christmas, Jim—you know that." Laura wished she hadn't spoken quite so loudly; her remark had stopped in midstream three rapid-running conversations. Her guests studied the rug pattern. Jim merely looked at his wife in silence.

"I mean, after all," she went on, "it's not their religion. . . so I assumed it would be embarrassing—to them—to invite them to our Christmas party." She swallowed uncomfortably.

"And I assumed that this party was for all the fellows in our office, including Ben." He smiled then, but didn't soften the accusation. Everyone in the room knew of the close friendship between Jim and Ben—they only guessed at his wife's resentment of the friendship.



"He asked us to sing 'Silent Night' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies."

Mr. Adams, office manager, broke the silence next. "I wouldn't worry about it too much, Jim. After all, Christmas is . . ." He emptied his glass and returned it to the coffee-table. "And we all feel a little differently about the holidays than they do."

About nine o'clock carolers came to the door, singing lustily and slightly off-key. "Let every heart prepare him room . . ." The oldest caroler was scarcely twelve. He rattled a box full of coins. Mr. Adams snatched the donation box from him, ceremoniously deposited nine pennies, and passed from guest to guest, bowing after each donation. Everyone put in nickels and dimes. Jim put in a five-dollar bill and everyone shouted "Show-off!" Laura was annoyed but kept still. Laura and Jim's little girl, Bonny, was out caroling too, but her group covered a different neighborhood.

No one noticed much when the telephone rang later in the evening and Jim went to answer it. But they noticed Jim's face when he returned to the living-room—it was white and twitched unpleasantly. Laura walked over to him. "Who was it, dear?"

"It was Ben—he called to apologize for not coming tonight."

"His daughter's been in Children's Hospital for the past month, you know."

Adams broke in. "Say, that's right—Ben said she was pulling out of it—that was last week I believe. How's she doing, did he say?"

"She died this afternoon."

Nobody seemed to have anything more to say after that. The party broke up within the next half-hour.

Just as the Adamases were leaving, Bonny came in from caroling. She was flushed with happiness and excitement. Laura clutched her in her arms convulsively.

"Did your group make a big haul tonight, Bonny?"

"Did we!" she gasped. "We got more than any other group I bet! And Mom, we sang for that Mr. Ben at Daddy's office, and—"

"Oh but you shouldn't have!" Laura looked at Jim with alarm. "Why not, Mom? He asked us to sing 'Silent Night,' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies, and gee, they're nice! And I told them hello from you and Daddy, and you know what? She cried! Isn't that funny, mother?"

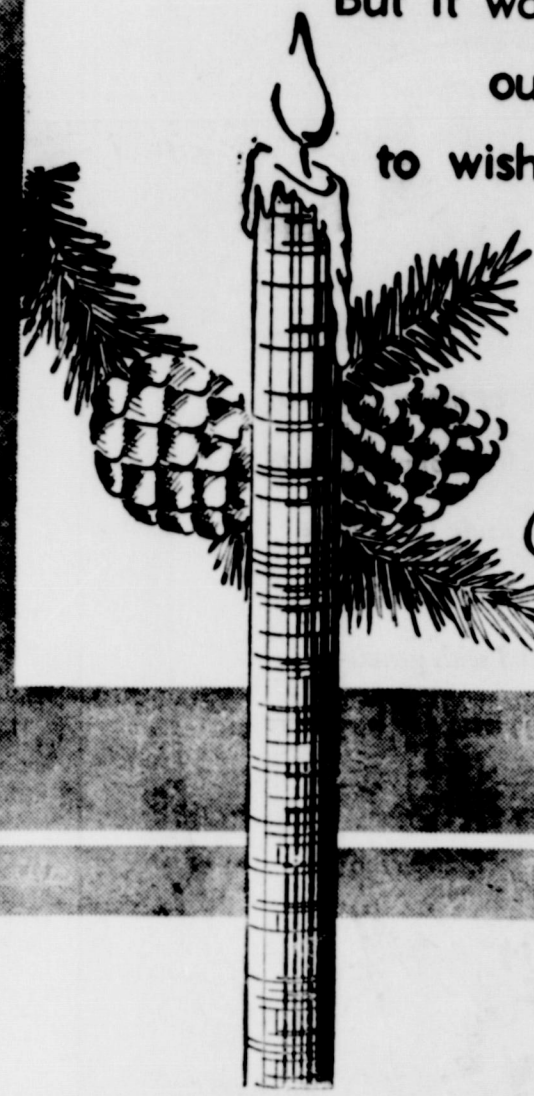
Jim looked at his stricken wife and wanted to take her in his arms, but Mr. and Mrs. Adams were standing there with their mouths open, so he merely grasped her hand firmly. Bonny babbled on happily.

"And you know what else? Mr. Ben asked me what the donations went for, and when I told him he took all the money out of his wallet and put it in our box, can you imagine? And then I asked him if he had any boys or girls like us and would they like to go caroling with us and he said no. And then she started crying again and we left. Wasn't that funny?"

Mr. Adams cleared his throat. "By the way, Bonny, just what were those donations for anyway? I forgot to notice when they came around here."

"Why, for the Children's Hospital fund—or something like that—it was all printed on the box."

IT'S an old and happy custom
But it warms our heart
to wish each of you a



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Pilgrims Deplored "Yo Christmas Day"

Puritan disapproval of Christmas celebrations disembarked from the Mayflower with the Pilgrims in 1621 and, accordingly, Governor Bradford issued a statement publicly rebuking certain young men who declined to work on December 25, "ye day called Christmas."

This first New England Christmas—or non-observance thereof—should not be credited as the first Christmas on American soil, since Leif Erikson spent a winter or two on the North American continent around the turn of the 11th century. Leif was a Christian, and it is likely that members of his crew were Christians, too; although it is quite possible that some had accepted the faith without remodeling their pagan natures, since King Olaf's methods were ruthless and his command "Be baptized, or else!" left them little choice.

Undoubtedly, flagons of crude, raw wine fermented from the grapes of Leif's Vinland were passed around and the celebration may have been rather boisterous, but in all fairness to Leif—who, according to excellent testimony, was a sincere convert—it is reasonable to assume that there was a trace of religious observance.

Perhaps Leif remembered the few words of Latin prayer he learned at the time of his conversion and recited them in honor of the birthday of the Redeemer he had accepted. . . . Thus, the first Christmas in America was observed.

The first Christmas card was designed in 1845.

Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat, botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.

On Christmas

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of smoking. Hot ashes dropped on tissue paper or a carelessly-tossed match could result in tragedy.

December 25 was decreed as the date of Christ's nativity by the Roman emperor Julian who began his reign as a Christian, but reverted to paganism before his death.

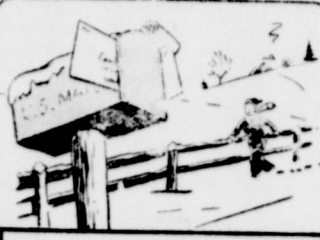
QUESTIONS ON CHRISTMAS



1. The Swedes know nothing is fun. They who they thought of the Christmas medicine? What should be done to the medicine for each stolen kiss? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a hat



2. We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Christmas gifts. They were Melchior, Balthasar and (a) Samuel (b) Casper (c) Shadrach?



3. Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1845 (b) about 1781 (c) about 1903



4. Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas ceremony? (a) Pope Gregory (b) Piers Plowman (c) Francis of Assisi.



5. The Christmas tree is the heart of our Christmas decorations. Which country first used the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France.



6. "Silent Night, Holy Night," one of the most beloved of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Bartholomew (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Martin Luther?

Answers: 1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (a) 6. (c)

Isn't One New Year's Day Enough? TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF SIX

Six New Year's Days in one year?

The New Year's Day of January 1 comes twice a year. In that part of the Occident whence lies America and sundry other places, January 1 comes on January 1; but in that part of the Occident wherein the orthodox Greek faith prevails, January 1 falls upon January 13.

In China, the New Year falls upon February 8. Continuing in the east, if one reached Siam on April 1, he would discover he had arrived on New Year's Day.

Suppose the mythical traveler reached Arabia on September 4. He would find a great salaaming, gift-giving and a general air of festivity. The reason: New Year's Day, Mohammedan version.

And that isn't all. In Abyssinia, New Year's Day falls upon September 10.

In conclusion, were you in Jerusalem on October 3, you would have arrived in time to help celebrate New Year's Day there—or Rosh Hoshana, as it is called, the Hebrew "head of the year."

Naturalized Citizen— That's Our Santa

Santa Claus as Americans know him is a naturalized American citizen, and as such is America's contribution to the Christmas legend. That's the opinion of Dr. Gustav O. Arit, of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arit.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas," he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christian legend and folklore," the professor stated.

Romans Began Custom Of Gifts at New Year

Some authorities claim that the invading Roman legions introduced the custom of gift-giving at New Year's time into England by "commandeering," a la Caesar, gifts and sums of money from the populace.

Medieval royalty, who were not as wealthy as they were reported to be, revived the custom as a means of replenishing the royal wardrobes, treasures and even larders. Queen Elizabeth relied on the custom for new petticoats, mantles, silk stockings, bracelets, necklaces, precious jewels, etc. Peers, bishops, clerics, ladies-in-waiting, physicians, cooks, everybody contributed.

Oliver Cromwell's Puritan government outlawed the custom, but it was re-revived when the Stuarts were restored to the throne. Individual circumstances governed the gift-giving among ordinary citizens and, since common pins were expensive in those days, middle class gentlemen usually gave their wives and daughters pins or "pin money."

Idiomatically, "pin money" has survived the days of the expensive pin, while the custom of gift-giving at New Year's time has deteriorated into obsolescence in England and the United States.

Observance of legal holidays in the various states make up the number of "legal work-less days" which, if all were observed over the nation, would cut the United States work week to one day.



The quietness and peace
of Christmas blends
with the spirit of thanksgiving
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and that the season
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Christopher Columbus was the first white man to celebrate New Year's day in the western hemisphere.

While his ships were being repaired on January 1, 1493, he enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti.

After his meal, historians say, the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco.

COOKIES CANDIES & CHRISTMAS

LIKE Santa's pack, your stock of holiday goodies should be plentiful and interesting. Since callers will be as much present as holly and gifts during the holidays, do your baking of cakes and cookies, so your cupboard will be ready for any who might drop in.

Home-made delicacies served during Christmas and New Year's are as heart-warming as the sound of the yule log crackling on the hearth. If you have a fruit cake, a variety of cookies and perhaps a few candies, and if you serve these with a festive beverage, you will have gone a long way in spelling holiday cheer to those who come to say "Merry Christmas" at your home.

Here is a simple type fruit cake which does not need the aging that a traditional cake requires. The recipe makes two 9x4x3 inch loaves and is the perfect answer as to what should be served during the holidays:

Raisin Fruit Cake

(Makes 2 loaves)

- 4 cups seeded raisins
- 2 tablespoons grated lemon rind
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon allspice
- 2 1/4 cups liquid
- 2 1/2 cups chopped nutmeats
- 4 cups sifted cake flour
- 5 teaspoons double acting baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or shortening
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine raisins, lemon rind, spices and water in a saucepan. Cover and simmer gently for eight minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid and add water or coffee to make one and one-half cups, and reserve. Grind raisins with nutmeats.

Sift flour once, measure and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift three times. Cream butter thoroughly, and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir until all flour is dampened. Beat vigorously for two minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into two 9x4x3 inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper and then greased again. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for one hour and 15

minutes, or until done. Let stand five minutes on cake rack, then remove from pan, leaving paper attached until ready to serve. Cool. Wrap in a clean cloth and store in tin container to keep moist.

*The liquid may be water or left-over coffee.

Kris Kringle Cookies

(Makes 30 balls)

- 1 cup butter cookie crumbs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 cup finely chopped, pitted dates
- 1 cup black walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

Combine cookie crumbs, salt, baking powder and flour. Add dates and nuts. Add sugar gradually to



RAISIN FRUIT CAKE

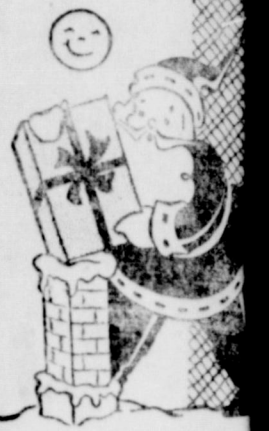
(for a spicy holiday)

beaten eggs. Blend in cookie crumb mixture and vanilla. Bake in a greased and floured nine-inch square pan and bake in a slow (325°) oven for 30 minutes. While still warm, cut into 30 squares. Roll each square into a ball, turning the top, crusty portion inwards as you roll. Place confectioners' sugar in a bag. Shake the balls in the sugar to coat evenly.



GLOBAL OUTLOOK . . . When you stop to think of it, the first day of 1950 probably is a good time to climb up on top of the world and take a look around. It might do a lot of good if enough people, including grown-ups, gave it a serious try.

As the years roll by, we realize more and more what it means to have the friendship of folks like you. That's why it is a pleasure to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.



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PLAY IT SAFE

Don't Mix Gaiety With Danger When Celebrating Christmas

While Christmas is the merriest of all seasons of the year it can also be a time of tragedy if certain hazards aren't avoided and some particular precautions taken.

The National Safety Council annually points out that the Christmas holidays are the most dangerous of the year, usually replete with casualties, home accidents, fires and falls.

The council has listed the following "don'ts" and precautions which if remembered will help make this Christmas season a safe one:

The Christmas tree shouldn't be placed near a stove or fireplace.
Don't give children any toys that could prove dangerous, such as those with sharp points. If toys are operated with electricity, be sure some grownup supervises their use.

The Christmas tree should not be decorated with lighted candles. Carefully-wired electric bulbs definitely are much safer.

Don't leave a lighted tree unguarded at any time. One should be on the lookout for fire all the time the tree is lighted. Especially dangerous is the practice of some families in leaving the Christmas tree lighted and unwatched all night long.
One should never use a rich-

ety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

Don't place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or any other inflammable decorations.

Remember, the Christmas tree can be made fire-resistant. According to the United States forestry service, it can be done in this manner: Divide the weight of your tree by four and buy that many pounds of ammonium sulphate. Dissolve it in water—one and one-half pints of water to each pound of ammonium sulphate. Cut the end of your tree trunk on a diagonal. Put some of the solution in a jar and stick the diagonal butt of the tree into it. Add more solution as the tree drinks it up.

Don't be excessive about Christmas "spirits."
Keep toys out of places where people might trip over them.

Remove the tree from the house before it dries out.
During Christmas you'll probably have many guests, so sprinkle salt or sand on icy steps and sidewalks.