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American Republic To Drill Plug and Run Test

(Palo Pinto) field was assured Mon- the test Monday 7-inch casing was stem test which lasted one hour and that day. 45 minutes. Gas appeared at the surface in 12 minutes and blew steadily for the remainder of the test. Gravity of the oil was 48 to 50 and it contain-

Several attempts to run a drillstem test had failed Saturday and Sunday

"PEACE ON EARTH"

By Rev. V. D. Price

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

message and the very spirit of Christmas is that of "peace, good will." Amidst all the unrest of our day and time we need this Christmas season when we think on the meaning of the coming of the Prince of peace. He came to reconcile man to God and to his fellow-man. He is the source of inward peace and peace between neighbors and nations. This is a good time to forget all ill-will, to be done with those things that rob us of joy, and to commit ourselves anew to the principles of "peace, good will." May the carols, the gifts, etc. say to us what the bells said to Whittier: I heard the bells on Christmas Day

Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet Their words repeat

Of peace on earth, good will to men. Then pealed the bells more loud and God is not dead; nor doth he sleep.

The wrong shall fail The right prevail With peace on earth, good will to men.

LOCAL LIONS TO HELP **NEEDY FAMILIES**

At the regular meeting of the Lions club Wednesday noon, the local Lions voted to spend \$100 to help approximately 20 needy families in this area during Christmas.

Steve Badley, Cecil Kemp, Tuffy who holds the future! Sims, C. E. Bruton and Ben Oglesby will collect and distribute the Christmas gifts and foods Friday. The Lions asked that anyone having toys, cloth- 4-H BOYS AND GIRLS ing or food that they wish to donate to this worthy cause leave their contributions at the White Auto Store in Bronte.

Lions present for the meeting were: Edward Cumbie, Norman Kiker, Sam Spruell, L. T. Youngblood, H. O. Whitt, Taylor Emerson, Frank Keeney, H. A. Springer, C. E. Bruton, Jeff Dean, Steve Badley, J. B. Mackey, Cecil Kemp, T. F. Sims, Jr., Charlie Boecking and Ben Oglesby.

BLACKWELL CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale

Members of the Euterpean club of Blackwell were entertained with a Christmas party Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. V. Copeland

A lighted Christmas tree and other holiday decorations ornamented the living room. A babe in the manger

Mrs. F. S. Youree was leader of the program. Mrs. Charles Ragsdale gave a Christmas poem "There Was a Star". Mrs. P. G. Dabney told the Christmas story "As a Little Child" while Mrs. W. W. Youngblood, Mrs. H. C. Raney and Mrs. James Little

The group sang Christmas carols and gifts were exchanged.

A refreshment plate was served to Mmes. O. T. Colvin, P. G. Dabney, Vernon Haggerton, W. A. Hickman, James Little, B. R. McCorley, O. Z. Porter, Charles Ragsdale, H. C. Raney, J. R. Sanderson, L. W. Sweet, the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bruton will celebrate Christmas at home and Mr. tribution of water to users throughout and Mrs. Spec Nicholas of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bon Spoonts and Johnny will spend the day with them.

day afternoon when American Re- set and cemented. The cement will public Corp. No. 1 J. A. Percifull re- be hardened by Sunday and present covered 1,830 feet of oil on a drill- plans call for drilling of the plug on

> Humble No. 2 R. E. Hickman was at 2,485 feet in lime after having set 7%-inch casing on the bottom of the hole with 450 sacks of cement. Hickok & Reynolds and Dan Auld No. 1 O. R. McQueen was drilling at 1,740

Sun No. 1 C. C. Millican on a 21hour test ending at 4:30 Thursday morning through a quarter-inch choke made 339 barrels of oil and no water.

Al G. Hill No. 3 Ralph H. Harris Estate filed the completion of that well. This is the third well completed on the Harris ranch and the second that flowed. This new field has been The dominant note of the angelic designated as the Lygay field, and production is from the Strawn sand. On a 24-hour test the well made 115 barrels of oil and gas-oil ratio was 1,547-1. Top of pay was reached at 5,758 feet and total depth was 5,800.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Rev. Alvin R. Mauldin

The Shepherds who were "sore afraid" remind us of ourselves today. Headlines of our newspapers are frightening. We are afraid of inflation and depression, Communism and Nazism, the atomic bomb and war. Have we forgotten into what kind of world Christ was born? The Babe of Bethlehem would never have made the headlines. What was he as compaerd to the mighty Caesar, a dictator of the first order? Caesar Augustus, after the assassination of Julius Caesar, shared the rule of the Roman world with two other men, the three having sealed their agreement with a blood purge in which 300 senators and 2,000 noblemen were slain, and their estates divided among friends of the rulers. Augustus soon disposed of both of his rivals and became the supreme ruler of Rome with the power of life and death. Yet against such great odds the Babe of Bethlehem came out winner, and if born into our hearts we need have no fear. We know not what the future holds, but we know

HAVE ANNUAL BANQUET

Coke County 4-H boys and girls Thursday evening heard Le Drew and Wayne Arrott tell of their experiences at the 4-H Club Congress and National Livestock Exposition. Ninetyfive 4-H'ers and their mothers and dads, together with several visitors, attended the Annual Achievement Banquet.

As is customary, the boys furnished the chicken 'n dressing with all the trimmins' while the girls furnished pies for dessert. The meeting was held in the new music room at Robert Lee High School.

The program, principally in the hands of the 4-H boys and girls, was as follows: Singing of Christmas carols, led by Mrs. C. E. Arrott; Invocation, Rev. Ross T. Welch; Meal; Welwith Mrs. Joe Weddle as co-hostess. come, Jerome Sheppard; Response, J. P. Arrott; National 4-H Congress Hilights, Wayne Arrott; National Sheep Shearing Contest, Le Drew Arrott; and three wise men scene decorated Achievement awards by T. B. Hicks and Mary Pearl Bearden; and the Benediction, Rev. Fred T. Blake.

Delmir Sheppard was given a special service award for his many years of 4-H leadership.

NEW WATER LINE IS PROGRESSING NICELY

Work on Bronte's new water line was progressing nicely at press time this week, according to Mayor H. O. Whitt. He said that he estimated that approximately one-half of the pipe has been laid and that work on the north side of town is about fin-W. W. Youngblood, F. S. Youree and ished. Work on the south side of town is beginning, as pipe was be-

ing distributed Wednesday. The new line will facilitate the dis-

A CHRISTMAS WISH



Now Christ Mas Born . . .

That night the soft sky over Bethlehem was hushed with the peace of the angels and shining with the divinity of God's highest blessing on earth. For His Son had come as the Son of Man - not a prince in rich robes but a child in swaddling clothes. And this child in the manger was love and peace incarnate, mercy and goodness made law. Now was Christ born to light the world along the path to God.

AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

AT CHRISTMAS TIME . . .

Beach, California, are in Bronte visit- spend Christmas in San Angelo with ing relatives through the holidays. Mrs. Richard's mother. They will spend Christmas with the O. C. Ivey family. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miss Myrtle Lasswell will spend Ivey of Hale Center and Mr. and Mrs. Christmas at home and will have a Ray Ivey of Mertzon will also spend large group of relatives visiting her. Christmas there.

Angelo will be guests in the Emmett days visiting their parents. Caperton home Christmas, for the family's annual Christmas tree. All the Caperton children will also be

La Mar and Hubert Whitt arrived home Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Whitt. Both boys have been attending Texas Tech in

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tatum and Janie are planning to spend Christmas in San Angelo with Mr. Tatum's brother, the Rev. Ed Tatum, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boecking and son will leave Christmas day for a visit with his parents in Johnson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keeney will have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ivey.

Mrs. Mabel Athey and Daniel Scott and family from Dallas and Leroy Scott and family from Jal, New Mexico will be in Bronte this weekend to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. M. A. Scott, and their brother, Walter Scott, and family, and their sister, Mrs. John Coalson, and family.

Brooks Jones of Eldorado and his son, J. D. Jones, and Mrs. Jones of Fort Worth, will spend Christmas in the T. F. Sims home. Brooks Jones is a brother to Mrs. Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Allen and Camille will go to Coleman Christmas day for a Christmas dinner with relatives. Jack and Bob Good, who are attending Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, arrived home this week

their aunt, Mrs. Carrie Williams.

Mr. Bryan Ivey and family of Long Mr. and Mrs. Grant Richards will

Mrs. Bob Coleman and family of San in Bronte during the Christmas holi- 21 miles north of San Angelo.

to Sweetwater for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Langford. The group will celebrate Christmas on Sunday instead of Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Liles will spend the holidays in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Modgling of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Modgling and children of Weatherford will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Modgling.

Mrs. Jess Percifull will leave Christmas day for a few days visit in La Veda, Colorado with her son, Waymon, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fry will spend Christmas in Fort Worth visiting their

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Leonard and family from Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Leonard and family from Big Spring will spend Christmas with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith and family will spend Christmas in San Angelo with his brother, Curtis Smith, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Thomason will have Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson as their Christmas guests. They will all have dinner with Mr. Thomason's mother, who lives at Maverick.

W. R. Kirkland from Belen, N. M., came in Sunday to visit during the holidays. Mrs. Ollie and son from San Antonio will come to Bronte on to spend the Christmas holidays with Christmas day for a visit with the Bud Kirkland family, also.

City of Bronte Buys New GMC Truck To Be Equipped for Fire Department

equipment for the city. They left Bronte with the idea that a chemical chemical trucks have largely been replaced with fog equipment.

The three Bronte men, after careful study, decided on the purchase

Everyone Urged to Aid March of Dimes

Below is a copy of a telegram re-ceived by J. M. Rippetoe, Coke County March of Dimes campaign mana-ger. The wire is from Basil O'Connor, national campaign manager, of New York. It points out the necessity for everyone to support the March of Dimes. The telegram follows:

I am sending this wire to all fund raising chairmen because of my duty to advise you of the importance of the next March of Dimes drive. In 1948 alone it has cost seventeen million dollars to care for infantile paralysis patients. Of this mount national headquarters sent to chapters six million five hundred thousand dollars. Our epidemic emergency aid fund at national headquarters is now completely exhausted. Many chapter treasuries have been totally depleted. Make no mistake about it, this is an emergency situation. If we are to continue to help polio victims and be perpared for epidemics next year and continue our research and educational program, the March of Dimes next January must be the greatest ever and net at least thirty million. Without this sum we cannot fulfill our pledge to patients and the public. Please do everything to help.

Basil O'Connor, President

ONE KILLED TWO HURT IN ACCIDENT SUNDAY

Wayne Hodge McRaney, 21, of Ozona was killed and Herbert Ables, 25, also of Ozona, was critically injured in an automobile accident Sunday night between Bronte and San Angelo. John D. McRaney, 28, driv-Dorothy Ruth Stephenson and Ida er of the vehicle and brother of the Mr. and Mrs. Buck Coleman and Lou Modgling, students at Hardin- dead man, was also injured when the family from Ballinger and Mr. and Simmons University in Abilene, are 1946 Pontiac struck a culvert about

> Two of the men, Herbert Ables and John McRaney, were employees Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spruell will go of the McQueen-Clevenger Drilling company, currently drilling the Humble No. 2 R. E. Hickman well west of Bronte.

Funeral services for McRaney were held Wednesday in Kerens. He is survived by his father, J. E. McRaney of Fort Worth; three sisters and three brothers.

Investigations showed that the driver of the vehicle apparently went to sleep and the automobile crashed headon into the culvert. The car was completely demolished.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Dec. 15: Miss Aadie Fletcher and Mrs. J. F. Bickham dismissed. Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fow ler of Sanco.

Dec. 16: Mrs. James Saunders admitted; Mrs. D. M. Phillips dismissed; son born to Mr. and Mrs. James Saunders of Blackwell.

Dec. 18: Mrs. A. T. Hughes of Robert Lee admitted.

Dec. 19: J. T. Bramlett admitted. Dec. 20: Mrs. L. D. Hull and Mary Dean Cresap dismissed; Mrs. Frank Hagerman and Robert Wearden admitted.

Dec. 21: Mrs. A. T. Hughes, Robert Wearden, Mrs. James Saunders and son, Mrs. Ed Rawlings and Mrs. Frank Hagerman dismissed. Mrs. Maud Sims, Mary Frances Brock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Brock admitted.

Mr. and Mrs. Evert Best will spend Christmas in Bronte. They plan to visit around with local relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sparks of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. White of Lamesa will be Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sims.

Otis Smith, C. E. Bruton and W. of a GMC six-cylinder, 100 horse-W. Milliken returned to Bronte last power truck. The truck was bought Thursday after visiting nine fire de- from the Morgan GMC-Pontiac compartments in Texas in an effort to de- pany of Ballinger. Mr. Morgan sold termine the best type of fire fighting | the truck to the city for cost less \$100.

Present plans call for equipment to be furnished by the Burke and Simtruck is needed here, according to mons fire fighting equipment com-Bruton, but in their visits found that pany of San Antonio. Equipment will consist of complete machinery for fighting fires with water and fog, and will also contain small chemical tanks for extinguishing small fires.

Tom Biggs, of the San Angelo fire department, has made several trips to Bronte to confer with local officials and advise them on their needs. His help has been of great aid to the local men, Commissioner Bruton said.

The commissioners court of this county appropriated \$2,500 for the use of the city in the purchase of the new truck.

Local officials expressed their appreciation to everyone who assisted them in acquiring the new truck. They especially thanked Malcolm Morgan, the Ballinger GMC dealer, and the commissioners court of Coke County for the valuable assistance they gave.

A THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON

By W. L. Fry

Again, we have come to the season of the year when the sons of men remember more vividly the star of Bethlehem which shone brightly the night when angels came near the earth to sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased." It is the season when hearts are merry and thoughts of home and loved ones bring a flood of happy memories. But there is a sad note also. Because we know that many will desecrate the very purpose of this season and spend their time and thoughts selfishly, and many will give themselves to revelry and the gratification of the desires of the flesh. Would it not be much better if we entered into the true spirit of Christmas and imitate our Creator in bringing true joy and happiness into the lives of others? "And thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from

WSCS CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY AT ROGGE HOME

The Methodist WSCS had their quarterly party honoring members who have had birthdays in the past quarter and their annual Christmas party Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. H. Rogge. Hostesses for the occasion were:

Mmes. Rogge, S. A. Kiker, Bob Knierem, T. F. Sims, O. W. Chapman, B. F. Bridges and Lum Laswell.

Mrs. Mauldin opened the meeting with prayer and Mrs. Lum Lasswell reviewed "The Other Wise Man." Members of the organization who had birthdays in the past three months, Mmes. T. F. Sims, Helen Kirkland, A. L. Carlisle and R. W. Rees, were honored with the happy birthday

Gifts were exchanged on a lighted Christmas tree.

A salad plate was served to those present from a table centered with an open Bible and red candles. Those present were: Mmes. R. W. Rees, Bob Knierem, Ocie Glenn, T. A. Carlisle, Bagwell, Lum Lasswell, T. F. Sims, S. A. Kiker, F. S. Higginbotham, Calvin McCutchen, Helen Kirkland, Jess Percifull, O. W. Chapman, Mauldin, T. H. Rogge, B. F. Modgling and Irene Phillips.

BAPTIST SS CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS TREE

Mrs. Emmett Caperton's Sunday school class of the Baptist church had a Christmas party and Christmas tree Saturday night at the Caperton home. About 16 persons were present.

The group played 42 and gifts were exchanged on the Christmas tree.

MYF ENTERTAINED AT CHICKEN DINNER

The MYF of the Methodist church had a Christmas dinner Monday night at the educational building at the church. The group gathered for a chicken dinner and games were play-

ed following the dinner. Gifts were exchanged by the group and then they went to Billie Jean Millikin's house for recreation.



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GULF SERVICE STATION



O'Hanlon wrote the following letter to the editor of the New York Sun: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth - is there a Santa Claus?" The editor wrote a newspaper and literary classic in reply to this childish plea. It is reprinted here.

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

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

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

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa

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

'Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! "You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Calus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus - the most real things in the world are those neither children nor

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and uneeable in the world.

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

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

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

ABILENE MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF STOVES

C. Martin Tyler of Abilene has made \$500 bond after being charged with the theft of two heaters from the Juniper school building on or about December 10. The complaint was filed by Justice of the Peace Robinson

Tyler's case has been bound over to the grand jury which will convene on April 11, 1949.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Alvin R. Mauldin, Pastor

BRONTE

10 a.m., Church School 11 a.m., Morning Worship

7 p.m., Evening Worship 7 p. m., Youth Fellowship HAYRICK:

3 p. m., Afternoon Service

This item was picked up from the Puffing Down the Santa Fe column in the Sunday Standard-Times "Glenn L. Hines is the operator assigned at Bronte to work from 4 p. m. until 10 p.m. This added service is on account of the importance of Bronte as a business section since the oil wells came in around there."

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GIFTS EXCHANGED AT WHD PARTY

The Hayrick WHD club had their annual Christmas party and Christmas tree Friday afternoon n the home of Mrs. Aubrey Denman. The house was candlelighted and decorated for Christmas. Gifts were exchanged from lighted Christmas tree.

Roll call was answered by each member with a verse of scripture pertaining to the Christmas season. The group sang Christmas carols.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Denman and Mrs. L. C. Robbins. Spiced tea, Christmas tree sandwiches, date bars and candy were served to club members from a table centered with a Santa Claus snow

Those present were: Mmes. Wesley Labenske, H. M. Stevens, Bill Braswell, W. G. Cresap, E. B. Fletcher, Cain and daughter, Betty, Grandmother and Miss Gladys Waldrop, Jeanna Kay Denman and the hostess.

England has two towns with Christmas names. Christmas Pie is a small village near Guildford, Surrey, while Christmas Common is near Oxford and Henley

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BROOKSHIRE BROWSINGS

By Mrs. Herbert Holland

A large crowd enjoyed a Christmas program, including the film "Child of Bethlehem" and the Christmas tree at the Brookshire Baptist church Satur-

Mrs. Ellis Lee and Mrs. Bonnie Hedges and Cathie visited Mrs. James

Holland and baby Thursday. Mrs. Hurlen Lee visited relatives in San Angelo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Gleghorn of Levelland are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith of Ballinger and Mr. and

Mrs. T. G. Gleghorn. Mrs. Georgia Mae Nixon of Dallas visited the Willard Caudles and James Lees Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Oats and Mary Evelyn of San Angelo spent the weekend with the Caudles.

Rev. and Mrs. Dee Cox were guests and visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones Sunday.

The sewing club met with Mrs. Hurlen Lee Wednesday and had their Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of fruit, candy, cocoa and coffee were served to Mmes. Floyd McCartey, James Lee, Charlie Brown, Willard Caudle, N. Lee, Johnnie Brown, Herbert Holland and Junior, Judy Lee, Tommie Lee, Leonard McCartey and the hostess. The club will meet with Mrs. Herbert Holland on December 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Duffy, Mr. and Mrs. George Hardin and Georgia Gene of Big Lake visited Mr. and efforts to further public health in Mrs. James Holland Thursday night. Texas.

Mrs. Emil Michulka of Ballinger and Mrs. Carrie Holland of Miles visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Caudle had Christmas tree at their home Friday night. Present were: Mrs. Georgia Mae Nixon of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Oats and Mary of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. James Lee, Judy and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Hurlen Lee, Martin and Tommie, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boatright and Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Hedges and Cathie.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and Stevie of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holland Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herring and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Herring are both driving new fleetline Chevrolets.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hegwood, Mr. and Mrs. Robe Freeman and family, all from San ters here to share it with them. The Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Essary, girls and their families are: Mr. and Ted Horton and Mr. and Mrs. Arla Mrs. Bill Meyer, Cold Water, Michi-Van Holden of San Angelo.

Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mrs. Jack Hamilton and baby of Dal-

linger and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Warren Hames, Crosbyton and Mr. with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Holden. Mr. of Tennyson.

and Mrs. Arla Van Holden of San For December 24, 1948
Angelo visited the Holdens Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Horton of Wilmeth spent the weekend with the Irvng Horton family

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boatright spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hester near Adeline.

Luther Nixon spent Sunday with the Dee Fosters.

Mrs. James Lee visited Mrs. T. G. Gleghorn Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown, James

Lee, Franklin Thomas and T. G. Gleghorn attended a school meeting at Ballinger Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boatright attended the funeral of their cousin,

Mrs. Jane Boatright, at San Angelo Wednesday. Burial was at Grape Creek.

TIME TO GIVE THANKS FOR GOOD HEALTH

The editor of this paper has just of the J. C. Boatrights Saturday night received a beautiful Christmas card signed by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, carrying the following message to be published for the citizens of Texas:

"The Texas State Department of Health is happy to report that with your help the incidence of communicable disease in Texas has reached an all time low; also people are living longer, on the average, than at any time in the past.

"Christmas is a proper time to give thanks for the degree of health we new enjoy. I want to thank you for your assistance in making this record possible, and ask you to continue your

"May you and all those you hold dear have a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of Good Health. Sincerely yours, Geo. W. Cox, M. D., State Health Officer.

On the front of the card is a handsome picture of the new State Health Department Building which was first occupied by the Department in 1943, and on which has just been completed a fourth floor addition. Prior to occupying this building, the entire Health Department was housed on part of one floor of the old Land Office Building.

Dr. Cox was re-appointed to his th consecutive two-year term as State Health Officer, by the State Board of Health in December.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Higginbotham are expecting to have a very merry Christmas with all six of their daugh-

gan; Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baucum of San of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Mr. and las; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fitzhugh and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kemp of Bal-children, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Tennyson spent Sunday and Mrs. Frank Sayner and children



Our most sincere wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas.

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BALLINGER

Mrs. Ruth Coleman is back home mother, Mrs. Lula Oglesby, in Lubgain after a two and one-half months' bock. risit in Clovis, New Mexico.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Stevens will Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oglesby and go to Sweetwater Sunday for a Christ-Margaret will leave Saturday to spend mas dinner in the home of his parents, the weekend with Mr. Oglesby's Mr. and Mrs. H. Langford.



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The Bronte Enterprise TENNYSON TOPICS . . .

By Billie Tounget

George James was in San Angelo Monday for medical treatment after injuring his knee.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl James and Jessie Lee of San Angelo visited the George

McKenzie and Herbert of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tounget of Miles, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wade and William of near Bronte. It was Friscilla Gayl Tounget's birthday.

Mrs. Connie Gibbs and boys visited the McCutchens at Bronte last week-

Mrs. Pearl Dellashaw returned to her home in Fort Worth after visiting lege for the holidays. Mrs. Dan Hale for several months.

A number from here attended the funeral of Jim Cornelius at San An-

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ray visited in the A. C. Westbrook home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wade and William of near Bronte visited the Toungets Saturday evening.

Mrs. Maggie Sayner was in San Angelo Wednesday. Dorothy and Hazel James spent the

weekend in San Angelo. Faye Goss, Jane Farr, Junie and day. Joel Webb went to Ozona Friday

afternoon and visited at the Bar S ranch in Mertzon that evening. Carol Westbrook and Raymond

Ditmore are home from college for day. the holidays. Billie Tounget visited Buford James

Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Rainwater and boys were Ballinger shoppers Saturday and spent the weekend with her parents

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Gibbs and boys were in Ballinger Monday.

Attending the Christmas tree in the Tounget home Tuesday evening were: Corine, Linda and Robert Feil, Ola Sue, Lena and Russell Brown, Donna and Penny Garrett, Bennie and Peggy Corley, Kenneth Clark, Eddie and Stanley Westbrook, Leon and Neely McCarty, Elwin Rainwater, Clayton Latham, Carolyn Stucky, Dee Arrott, Jackie, Brenda, Mary and Gary Corley, Billie, Patricia and Jerry Tounget, Betsy Roach, Bufford James, Pete Thomas and Mmes. Marvin and Jack Corley, James Arrott, W. H. Feil, Harold Garrett, John Clark, R. I. Brown and Mrs. Tounget.

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Conger back home from Temple where she was in the hospital for three weeks.

Mrs. W. T. Green, Grace and Wil- Lem Cowley. liam went to Rankin over the weekend to attend the wedding of Martha Etta Schlagel.

Mr. and Mrs. C

boys have the former's brother and

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Arrott and Dee were in San Angelo Sunday. Dee spent Sunday night with Mrs. Martin and family there.

The quilting club met with Mrs. Harold Garrett Tuesday for a Christmas tree. Gifts were exchanged. Cup caeks, candy and coffee were served to Mmes. James Arrott, E. D. Little, Dan Hale, W. H. Feil, W. H. Thomas. Mrs. Tounget and children were C. A. Myers, Tug Boatright, Marvin dinner guests of the J. P. Toungets Corley, Eddie Fiveash, Zack Tounget, Sunday. Others there were Mr. and Johnny, Charlie and Robert Brown, Mrs. Earl Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ben Brooks, Jack Corley, J. W. Latham, Connie Gibbs, John Clark, Adaline Carper, A. C. Westbrook and Misses Bessie Clark, Carol Westbrook and Grace Green.

> Mmes. J. W. Latham and James Arrott were San Angelo shoppers Monday and visited their sister, Mrs. Martin, while there.

Harvey Latham is home from col-

The BTU fellowship hour was in the Floyd McCarty home Sunday night. Attending were Charles and gelo Saturday. Burial was in the Mule | Carol Westbrook, Faye Goss, Turk Creek cemetery. He was a brother of Farr, J. B. Clark, George, Hazel, Dor-Mrs. Dan Hale, Bert and Homer othy and Buford James, J. B. Arrott, L. E. Conger, Joel and Juney Webb, Royce Lee Latham, Leon, Neely and Travis McCarty.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Finck, Betsy and Jerry attended services and a Christmas tree at Bronte Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Brown and family spent Sunday with the Edd Holdens.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Fiveash and family visited the Sam Jacksons Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Feil and family were in Bronte Saturady.

Ola Sue and Russell Brown visited Corine, Lynda and Robert Feil Sun-

Mrs. Tounget and Jerry and Mrs. Ditmore and Raymond visited the Barney Westbrooks Tuesday.

The Bronte Seniors had a Christmas tree and party in the James Arrott home Friday night.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Aileen Conner is in an Abilene hospital.

Mrs. Chester Rerrick and Shirley and Mrs. Claude Ditmore were in Bronte Friday.

Mmes. Sudie, and Robert Brown and Russell and R. B. Caldwell were Bronte business visitors Monday.

Mrs. Tounget and Jerry visited Mrs. Rainwater Monday afternoon. Elmer Allen visited George James

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Westbrook were in Dallas last week to bring Joyce home from the hospital. Everyone is glad to have her home again. She had been n the hospital since

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and Jean will go to Valley View for Christmas to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reddis are going to Duncan, Oklahoma to spend holidays with relativ

WE WISH YOU -A VERY, VERY—



It is with grateful appreciation of your courtesies during the past year that we take this means of expressing the compliments of the season. Mistakes and problems of the past twelve months are of minor importance at this glad season and we look forward to the future with every confidence and anticipation.

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HERE'S BLACKWELL . . .

By Mrs. Charles Ragsdale

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leach are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Horace Rat-liff and Mr. Ratliff in Yuma, Arizona. They plan to stay several months.

Mr. and Mrs. James Saunders are the parents of a boy. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Saunders, Sr. and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lackey. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ratliff and chil-

dren have moved to Sweetwater. Seaman Donald Childers of San Diego, California is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sissom and son of Hylton and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sissom and daughters of Blackwell are spending the holidays in

Mr. and Mrs. James Little are spending the holidays in El Paso. Their daughter, Devota, is visiting in Fort Worth.

J. D. Black of the U. S. Coast Guard, stationed at Cape May, New Jersey, is visiting his mother, Mrs.

Mrs. H. Autrey and Don of Dallas visited in the Roy Sanderson home last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bruce and daughter are spending the holidays in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Whitehead visited in San Angelo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Walls and daughter of San Angelo visited in the B. N. Wall home Sunday. Maudene Wall returned home with them to spend the week.

Lee Hylton of Elko, Nevada, is visiting in Hylton, Blackwell and San

Mrs. Robert D. Harris and little daughter, Jonila, have returned to their home in Dallas after a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Sanderson. Jonila has ten living grandaparents. Grand-parents are: Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Sanderson of Blackwell, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris of Merkel. Great grandaparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sanderson, Blackwell, Mrs. Dora Harris of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. James of Lubbock and her great-great grandmother, Mrs. Nickelson, lives in Lubbock.

Bronte and Blackwell boys and girls played basketball at Blackwell Thursday night. Blackwell won both games. The Bronte girls have just organized their team.

Young folks home from college for the holidays are: Clarence Smith from Texas University at Austin; Bobby Dean Spence from John Tarleton, Stephenville; Jack Youree of Hardin Simmons, Abilene; Bettye Sanderson and Dona Hendry of McMurry, Abilene; Katheryne Michaels and Helen Faye Nabors of Hardin-Simmons and Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene.

The Decker club ladies made a quilt and sold chances for it. They gave it away last Saturday and Mrs. Charles Ragsdale was the lucky winner. The quilt brought \$26.25 which will be sent to the polio foundation. The school children gave away a turkey and Mrs. Roy Sanderson was the

winner. The turkey brought over \$30. Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hargrave and son of Andrews have moved to Blackwell where they will stay until they locate in some oil field nearby.

Miss Elmer Lee Grimes became the bride of Mr. C. C. Cunningham of Vicilia, California in Ballinger Saturday afternoon. Rev. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist church in Ballinger, read the wedding ceremony. Mrs. Cunningham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grimes of Blackwell and is a graduate of Blackwell High School.

Mr. Lawrence Sims and daughter, Kirksey, of San Antonio, were in Bronte last Monday and Tuesday visiting his brother, T. F. Sims, and

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DALLINGER OF BALLINGER

The Bronte Enterprise CANNON FIRE HAILS CHRISTMAS IN ROME

A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastic dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight

Since everyone has fasted for 24 hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala after-midnight in Rome: hotels and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in for-

Between Christmas and Epiphany. the Calabrian shepherds-Pifferanirevisit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferani play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and receive gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their

SECRET GIFTS LEFT BY ST. NICHOLAS

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift-giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history

One time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were mar-

After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching

to see who brought the gifts, ran af- | NUT-BOWL IS FILLED ter St. Nicholas and thanked him FROM MANY LANDS

Nuts from all over the globe go into your nut-bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture they have employed Speedy Smith as of many varieties and different his-

The English walnut, for instance, s not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called promises to please his customers. "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. the hickory nut, the black walnut and Harvey Rouse and family

the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every known variety is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

TREE DECORATIONS SYMBOLIZE MYTHS

You may not realize it, but most of the ornaments on your Christmas tree are symbols of myths and legends that were popular three thousand years before the birth of Christ.

At that time the Aryan race, living at the foothills of the Himalaya mountains in the East, saw the rays of the rising sun, bent as they passed thru the humid air, the image of a gigantic tree. These sun poets added to the tree image suggestions from the more distant heavens; the sun, the moon and the stars became the golden fruit that hung on the branches. The larger clouds suggested birds, swans, doves flying in and about the tree. The golden flash of heat-lighting became the mystical flower that grew on the tree, the celestial mistletoe. The showers that watered the tree came from the streams at its base.

From these fragmentary legends in folklore we get the tree itself, the golden tinsel to represent the rising sun, the golden fruit for the stars and the moon, swans and doves for clouds, mistletoe for lightning and showers or streamers of silver tinsel for water.

HAVE NEW COOK

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nutter of the Cactus Cafe announced this week that a new cook at their cafe. Smith is from Ballinger and will be the afternoon and evening cook. He has had 25 years experience as a cook and

Mrs. Mandy Rouse is spending the Christmas holidays in McCamey, Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, with her son and daughter-in-law,



An International Christmas

It's hands across the Christmas tree as a symbol of international good will during the Yuletide. That good will is expressed by members of the International Club of the YMCA Hotel of Chicago as they gather for the trimming of the tree. Representatives from all over the world are listed on the club roster. Members pictured are: (clockwise) Knud Kjellund, Copenhagen, Denmark; S.C. Li, Nanking, China; Vlasta Melo, Prague, Czechoslovakia; George Francis, Springfield, Mass.; Dorothy Schaub, Decatur, Ill.; and Dr. Jose Aponte, Caborojo, Puerto Rico.

for his kindness. St. Nicholas made

him promise not to divulge his gift-

giving and after that he always de-

posited his presents so secretly that

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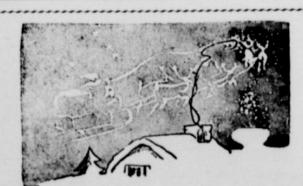
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READING YULETIDE STORIES ADDS TO FAMILY CHRISTMAS

The reading of literature's most beloved Christmas stories, including the Gospels, is one of the best ways for family to prepare for the day itself.

A family reading session, planned for the last few days before Christmas, will make it easier for the children to stand the tension of waiting and will add meaning and happy family memories to the occasion.

Christmas is, first of all, religious, and the New Testament accounts of the birth of Jesus ought always to be read first. Both the Christmas stories poetry and literature.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas book in the world, after the Bible stories, is Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843. It is a tale which will be told and retold as long as there is Christmas. It is profound enough for the most adult taste and it is still a children's classic.

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Men," is another story which has become a Christmas classic. It tells of a fourth wise man who saw the star rising and set out to follow it. The great desire of this pilgrim was denied, yet fulfilled in the denial.

For a good, unoffensive funny story about Christmas try "How Come Christmas?" by Roark Bradford. It concerns the efforts of a group of Negroes to decide which came first, Santa Claus or the Little Lord Jesus.

Probably the most famous American Christmas tale is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol." There are other American Christmas stories well worth reading, though, such as Louisa May Alcott's "Christmas at Orchard House" and Vincent Starrett's "Snow for Christmas." Christopher Morley's "The Worst Christmas Story" happens to be almost one of the best.

These are just a few of the possibilities for a literary Christmas menu. When it is selected and served to the family circle, have the fireplace going and the tree lights on.

CHRISTMAS WORKERS MUST HAVE SS NUMBERS

for the holiday season must have a social security number, George Clark, San Angelo social security field office manager, reminded today.

tide. Clark urges that each person

employed, part-time or full-time, se-cure a social security account number immediately, if he does not already have one. He should make a point of showing it to the employer at the time he is entered on the payroll.

Employers were also reminded to see that each person hired has a so cial security number. A record of the number should be made at the A course at the school prepares the time the persons enter the service of

Clark reminded business men, hofull of jelly, remain calm when a tel managers, and other people who child glares and yells "there am t no Santa Claus" and maintain proper diplomatic relations with a parent who thinks Santa has given her tot the the individual holder. child glares and yells "there ain't no receive checks for cashing or in pay-

SURPRISE BREAKFAST IS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR JR. STUDY CLUB

A "come as you are" breakfast was served to members of the Bronte Junior study club last Friday, December 17, at the home of Mrs. Noel Percifull. Members, having been invited at 8 a.m., were picked up by the hostess and co-hostess, Mrs. Bon Spoonts, between 6 and 7 a.m. and taken to the breakfast in housecoats or whatever they happened to be

Upon arrival of the guests, waffles, bacon and coffee were served to: Mmes. R. T. Caperton, Earl F. Glenn, of Matthew and Luke are beautiful Binks McCutchen, Charlie Phillips, Francis Pruitt, Roy Robinson, Frank Sayner, Robert Hugh Sims, Hollis Stevens, Norman Kiker, Jarvis Moragne, W. L. Fry, James Allen, Ben Oglesby and the hostesses.

> Mrs. W. L. Fry and Mrs. Frank Sayner had charge of the program which included a style show and each member modeled her early morning wearing apparel. Votes were cast for the one looking "best" and the one looking "worst" in the mornings.

> Gifts were exchanged on the lighted Christmas tree which stood in the living room. Christmas decorations were carried out and the breakfast was served from the dining table centered with snowmen candles skating on a snow covered mirror. The mantle was decorated with an arrangement of fall leaves.

WMU MEMBERS **EXCHANGE GIFTS**

The Kickapoo WMU met Saturday December 18. The president, Mrs. Holman, had charge of the program. Mrs. Arthur Wrinkle taught the lesson. Members exchanged Christmas gifts following the program.

The next meeting will be Saturday January 8, and the lesson will be the 20th chapter of John.

Members present were: Mmes. Ida Warner, Dink Beaver, Billy Labenske, Noah Pruitt, Monroe Alexander, Murl Andrews, George Wrinkle, Truman Parker, Claude Beaver, Evert Best, Marshall Stephenson, Garland Spencer, Cullen Clark, Eula Holman, Pat Beaver, Collie Warner, Arthur Wrin-Additional salespeople employed kle and Misses Dean, Ouida Beaver Richard Spencer and Juanita Wrinkle.

Betty Jo Glenn is here visiting her family and friends during the holi-With the Christmas rush at full days. She has been teaching journalism in the college at Victoria.

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During the Holiday Season, a wonderful spirit of happiness and good-cheer prevails throughout our land. To the children it's a time of excitement; and Santa's visit on Christmas Eve is eagerly awaited. To the rest of us the Christmas season is a busy time of last-minute-shopping and preparing for the biggest feast of the year.

Yes, Christmas is truly a time of happiness and goodcheer. But how many of us stop to think about the real meaning of Christmas? How many of us think of it as just a time of celebration? Most of us, perhaps, take Christmas for granted and give little thought as to its real meaning. This year, then, let's all take "time-out" and give thanks to Him whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day. Let us give thanks for the many blessings He has bestowed on us.

On this glorious day we honor Him who taught the greatest lessons ever known. We give thanks to Him who blessed us with the privilege of living in a country that is strong and free . . . a country whose people can worship in any manner they choose without fear or prejudice . . . a country that is striving to make on of His greatest lessons become a reality,

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Even Our Snow Man

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The Star of Bethlehem which guided the Three Wise Men to the manger where the child-Jesus lay, still casts its gentle beams on this troubled Earth. Let us lift up our eyes unto this beacon—this symbol of Heavenly guidance. Let us enrich the lives of our fellow-men this Christmas with a new understanding of the brother-hood of Man.

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(Editor's Note: The following letter was written by J. C. Jones, an independent oil operator, and is published here, as something for Bronte citizens to think about and act upon according to the way they think it will affect their interests.) Dear fellow citizen:

Some months ago I wrote a letter suggesting that you ask all candidates to the Legislature how they stood on the oil lease unitization bill that major oil companies are going to again try to pass at the coming legislature

It won't be long until your representative and senator will be going to Austin for the meeting of the Legislature and you should see him again and insist that he vote against the major oil companies unitization bill that keeps the little man from getting his fair share of wells drilled on his property. If the big oil companies get this unitization bill passed the man with a small farm won't have a Chinaman's chance. The oil he will get won't grease a gimlet.

Let's get busy and have our neigh bors to write, call and talk to our representatives and senators and let them know that the small land owner wants things left like they are now. We can unitize our small pieces of land now if we want to - voluntary. Let's don't let the big oil companies cram this thing down our throats.

Our legislators are our only protection. See yours before he goes to Austin next month. See at least five of your neighbors and have them write or see him and have him vote to help the little man.

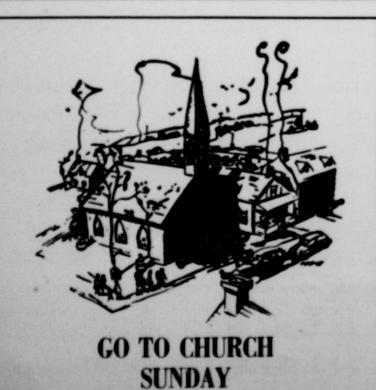
J. C. JONES Independent Oil Operator

CHRISTMAS FORCED UNDERGROUND IN 1644

There was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its

It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law and a Christmas underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas." This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Cryer of Canterbury had upon Wednesday. December 22, "openly proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put downe, and a market should be kept on Christmas day. Which being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people,



Among the rarest of the pamphlets "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this little volume, "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled." The Judge was called Judge Hate-bate, the Sheriff's name was called Leonard Love- tree.

In the end Christmas is acquitted, but is cautioned by Judge Hate-bate, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon you for the future, do think fit to admonish you, that you remember your Office is not so much to feast the Body, as to refresh the Soul, by thankful and pious Meditations.'

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.

Christmas guests of the J. M. Ripetoe family and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bernard will be Sgt. and Mrs. Gaylord Bernard and son from Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Littlefield and daughter Novele, from Palestine, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bernard and daughter from Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Bernard and children, Jimmie and Judy, from Rosenburg, Mrs. W. Littlefield and daughters, Glenda and Jovce from Robert Lee. and Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Littlefield from Robert Lee.



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It only takes a small amount of carelessness to turn the joyful Christmas holiday into a tragic event. The Christmas tree is the danger spot. There are a few simple precautions that will assure a safe and merry Christmas.

Never burn real candles on your

Don't risk using frayed cords and broken plugs.

Avoid placing powerful lamp bulbs near fancy ornaments, synthetic materials, paper or cotton.

Don't go away and leave your tree

Be very careful when smoking around Christmas package wrapping

Secure the tree by wires to the wall

so that tiny tots will not be able to SILENT NIGHT bump or pull it over.

Place your tree so that, standing which might be needed to escape

If you go in for elaborate decora-

The famous Christmas hymn, "Silent Night, Holy Night," was written or fallen, it cannot block a doorway in Obendorf, one of Austria's loveliest villages, on Christmas Eve, 1818, by the local clergyman, who took the tions, better make sure they're all words to the home of the village made of incombustible material. organist the same night, where they Flameproofed materials can be pur-chased at many stores. Insist on them. known tune.

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