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The Greatest Gift...

HERE IS A STORY that has come down to us through centuries of war and peace and life and death as an eternal message of hope and faith. It has been told and told again in diverse languages and strange tongues, yet it has remained forever the same—the simple story of a King among men.



Men lived and died long before the coming of this King; yet the world began anew and mankind has since marked all time in His name.

How grand and glorious it might seem to say that trumpets announced His arrival and court criers were sent forth into the hills to awaken the sleeping multitudes with the great news. How magnificent to say He was born in a palatial mansion; how impressive to report that His people thronged to see Him in such great numbers they finally had to be turned away.



Yet centuries of retelling by the greatest of orators and writers have added no worldly lustre to the life and death of this King. No trumpets preceded Him. He had no credentials but Himself. No guards or royalty accompanied the humble pair that had journeyed to Bethlehem; this man,



THE GREATEST STORY

For almost 20 centuries, this simple story has been repeated time and again. It has been the subject for the world's greatest prose, poetry and music. Through man's struggles with himself and with his neighbor, in his constant battles with the elements of nature, in times of war, and in days of peace, this simple story has brought to generation upon generation new hope for eternal salvation and a greater faith in God. It is truly, "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

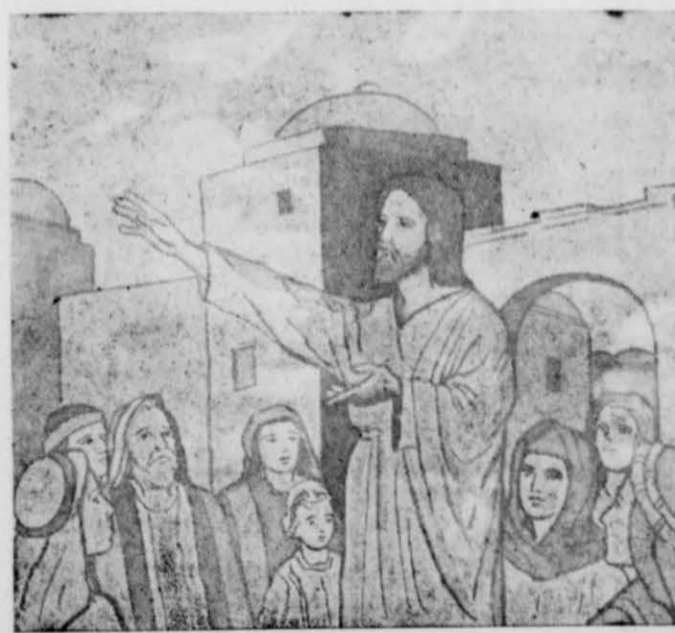
Joseph, weary and footsore, searching every inn, asking at every doorway, becoming more determined each time he was told there was no room for a poor carpenter and his expectant wife; this woman, Mary, pale and tired from a journey too long for a woman in her condition, resting uncomfortably upon the back of an ass whose plodding footsteps echoed through the night.

There was no palace, merely a stable where Joseph finally found refuge from the cold of the night; no trumpets, only a star which brought three chosen Wise Men from



the Orient; no court criers, only the soft voices of angels waking the sleeping shepherds on the hillside.

In the simplest of surroundings was born this King—and in such did He live, dwelling not in marble halls, sitting not upon a worldly throne, wearing no crown other than a wreath of thorns. For 30 years he lived quietly, following the humble trade



of a carpenter. For three years he walked among the people, preaching a strange new message of love, faith and hope.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone. Yet even today the simple birth, life and death of this one King, covering a span of merely thirty years and three, remains and shall remain the Greatest Gift mankind has ever known.



A Joyous Greeting

To all our friends, a sincere wish that the true spirit of Christmas abide with you in this joyous holiday season. And may good fortune and happiness be yours now and always.

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GREETINGS

As we celebrate the day of His birth, may His inspiration bring you the peace and love He wished for the world... may all the blessings of Christmas dwell in your home and your heart always.

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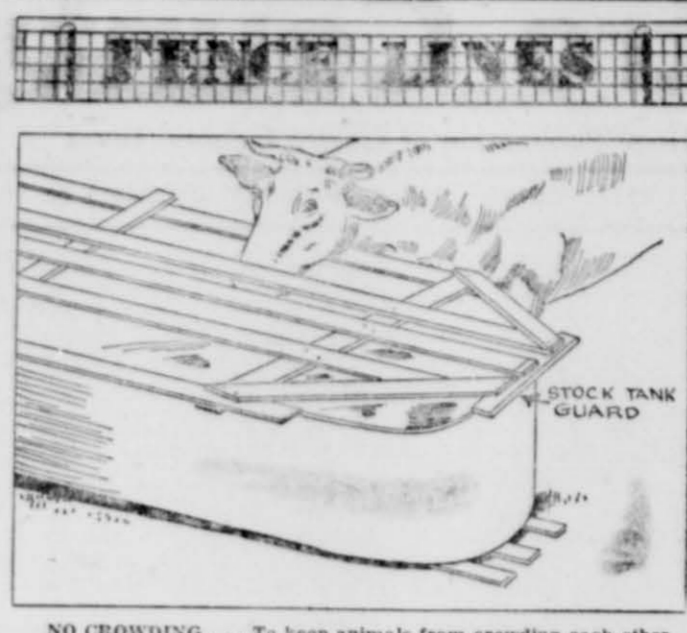


Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra

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

SAINT NICHOLAS . . . The remaining bones of famed St. Nicholas are preserved in the museum of Antalya in Southern Turkey. Most of the Christmas saint's remains were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. An old portrait of the saint is at the back.

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NO CROWDING . . . To keep animals from crowding each other on one side of watering tank, put up this simple guard which forces them to drink at each side of the tank.

Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day

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

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

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

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

In 1871, Japanese captured Hong Kong. In 1922, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti. In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

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

Egyptians Pioneers In Study of Time
The Egyptians were probably the first to develop any "exact" method of calculating time—about 4,000 B.C. they devised a "calendar."

The Christian era begins on January 1, in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome and in the 4714th year of the Julian period.

The Jewish calendar reads 5717 in relation to 1956 A.D., since according to Jewish dogma and tradition the Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. The Jewish calendar was adopted during the 15th century.

Use of the notation A.D. (year of our Lord) was inaugurated in 879 by Charles III of Germany.

Mrs. Abe Vineyard of Turkey is here for a visit with her sisters, the Misses Millers at the Insulan Shop.

Clara Bradford of Lubbock is a house guest of the Theo Bradfords this week.

WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH'S ORGANIZATION?

The church, to be Christ's, must be scriptural in all points. Christ must be its builder and foundation. It must have originated at the right time and place; wear a scriptural name and be scriptural in organization.

Christ is the King of his kingdom, 1 Tim. 6:15. He is the head of the church, Eph. 1:22. He has all authority, Matt. 28:18. He delegated authority to the apostles. They are His ambassadors, master builders, who laid the foundation of His church and others are to build according to their instructions. These were extraordinary and depended upon the miraculous endowment of the Holy Spirit, 1 Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11.

In New Testament times elders were appointed in every church, Acts 14:23. They are called presbyters or elders; bishops or overseers; pastors or shepherds. Their qualifications are listed, 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9.

Deacons are greeted by Paul, Phil. 1:1. Their qualifications are given, 1 Tim. 3:8-13. The New Testament knows or allows for no other organization for the church.

D. C. Lawrence, Minister
Church of Christ
Dimmitt, Texas

JUST TO SAY, "Merry Christmas" AND "Thank You" FOR YOUR FRIENDLY PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR. PESINA'S DRY GOODS

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NEWS FROM SUNNYSIDE

The Brotherhood met Tuesday night for their regular meeting. Dr. F. H. Foust from Earth was guest speaker. Two films, "A Life to Save," and "Rheumatic Fever," were shown. Fifteen members were present. Coffee, cookies and fruit cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hopper of San Angelo visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ogilvie and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cox Friday and Saturday.

The little infant nephew of Mr. C. J. Johnson stayed with them Tuesday while his parents shopped.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Alair and family went to Las Cruces this week to see Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cox and family. They visited Sandra Cox in the hospital in Truth or Consequences, N. M. days with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Gumm.

The Jennell Greer and Olive Circles met Wednesday night for the circle programs from Royal Service.

Many People Still Celebrate Feasts By Ancient Calendar

Many people who use the Gregorian calendar still observe traditional feasts, including New Year, in accordance with ancient calendar.

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox. The observances begin on Rosh Hashana and end on Yom Kippur; Rosh Hashana commemorates the Day of Creation and is also the annual day of judgment, with judgment being irrevocably sealed on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement); therefore the spirit of penance dominates the solemnities.

Paganism is also a feature of Hindu observances, solemnized in accordance with the ancient lunar calendar during the spring equinox. The Muslim calendar, which dates from 622 A. D., is unique, since the twelve months of the year begin with the approximate new moon without any calculations to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus, the months—and New Years, too—retrograde through the entire year in about 35 years.

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LONGEST YEAR
Once there was a year which contained 445 days—an extra two months.

Julius Caesar supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. Although revised several times, the calendar by Julius Caesar's time was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar set his experts to the task of revising the calendar in the 44th century, they found they had to meet the problem of catching up with the sun. So two months were inserted between the months of November and December for the year 46 B. C.

Mount Washington (6,288 feet) is the highest point in the northeastern United States. A crew of weathermen live there the year round, making tests of atmospheric conditions. In April, 1934, they recorded the greatest gust of wind ever measured on earth—231 miles an hour.

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ADVERTISING MAN. NEWS EDITOR. MANAGING EDITOR

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CASH & CARRY GROCERY

Warm Wishes
May the glow of holiday cheer brighten the homes of our many kind friends whose patronage we value so highly. Our thanks to you all.

EMORY & GENE
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As it came upon a midnight clear, may the joy of Christmas shine anew in your heart, and its abundant graces enrich your days throughout the coming year.

BROWN'S SERVICE STATION

Christmas Greetings
In the heavens the star shone and the angels sang. Reverently the Wise Men came, bearing gifts to Him... the holy Babe of Bethlehem, Now, as then, the time of His birth is a time of rejoicing and of quiet happiness and peace. It is our sincere wish that this festive season may bring to you all the many blessings that are truly a part of Christmas, and that spiritual joy and deep contentment may be yours to cherish throughout the year to come.

LEGAL NOTICES
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 TO: Bedford Town and Land Company, as a joint stock company, and Bedford Town and Land Company, as a partnership, and if said company be dissolved to the Last Board of Directors or to the surviving partners of Bedford Town and Land Company; G. M. Etter, A. R. Andrews, E. S. Jones, R. R. Dulin, R. L. Bolivar, H. G. Bedford, Wm. H. Bean, W. C. Dimmitt, E. F. Halseil, W. B. Strimou, J. W. Hinton and Rufus Bedford, and to the spouses of G. M. Etter, A. R. Andrews, E. S. Jones, R. R. Dulin, R. L. Bolivar, H. G. Bedford, Wm. H. Bean, W. C. Dimmitt, E. F. Halseil, W. B. Strimou, J. W. Hinton and Rufus Bedford;

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PRECIOUS GIFT
 It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the boisterous song of Hessian Mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than winter. Christmas trees, first to be seen in America, dangled tinsel and toys. The cobble streets were alive with laughter.

HART 4-H CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS
 The Hart 4-H Club has elected the following officers: Jack Sharp, president; Ralph Myrick, vice-president; Larry Lee, secretary; Mike Morrison, reporter; Wayne Curry, council delegate; Shirley Garrison and Roy Taack, club leaders.

YULETIDE GREETINGS



Our sincere thanks to all our kind friends for their continued patronage and our best wishes for a happy holiday.

FRAZIER'S JEWELRY & GIFT SHOP



GREETINGS

Christmas... a time to rejoice as we hear again the message of the Babe of Bethlehem, told in song and story. Christmas... a holy time. May it bring you peace.

Christmas... a time to gather with family and friends around the tree... to exchange gifts and greetings. Christmas... a happy time. May it bring you joy + + +

GIFFORD-HILL WESTERN

Greetings

Gladness in your heart, joy in your home and good cheer wherever you go... all these we wish for you, this holiday season. May the Yuletide be one you'll long and happily remember.

Cobb's

WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY

Just a friendly greeting to thank all our kind friends and patrons and to wish them the very merriest of holidays.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Castro County, at the Courthouse thereof, in Dimmitt, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28th day of January, 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 14th day of December, 1956, in this cause, numbered 2312 on the docket of said court and styled in the caption of said court and styled Dimmitt Wheat Growers, Inc., vs. Bedford Town and Land Company, et al. in which Dimmitt Wheat Growers, Inc. is plaintiff and the parties to whom this writ is directed are defendants.

PRECIOUS GIFT
 By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

That Letter
 By Edith Wright
 ONE evening in London's pea-soup fog, a taxi crawled along the curb in Jernyn Street and glided to a halt in front of the 'L'aperif' restaurant. "That will be three and sixpence," the driver said. The Honorable Neville Compton McFarlane gave him four shillings and went inside. "Good evening, sir," the head waiter Louis greeted him cordially without familiarity, "it is good to see you again."

Anger Strikes
 To allow Butch. For an instant anger blazed through me, then I remembered, with an effort, that Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy. "Butch when we were I promise

Hesitation
 A moment's hesitation before his hand tightened over the parched paper. "Date and everything!" he looked at her. "As always," she replied breathlessly.

Memories
 "Dear Heart," he lit a cigarette for her, "do you remember that night at Lugano, when we took a cabby along the lake and you kissed the horns right on the nose and you laughed until it hurt! And later—on the balcony? I have seen you happy, but never happier."



Lincoln Proclamation Issued on New Year's
 On New Year's day, 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation freeing the slaves in states and parts of states where the people were then in rebellion. The areas designated were Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and large parts of Louisiana and Virginia. Tennessee was excepted from the proclamation, although the Union armies were far from complete success in their task of bringing it under government control.

Holiday Wishes

Our sincere wishes for a happy holiday to all the good friends whom it has been such a pleasure to serve.

BAYLETS SHOE SHOP



THE Season's HEARTIEST Wishes

We're coming your way with best wishes for a happy holiday and many thanks for your patronage.

CASTRO CLEANERS

When he looked up again, her dark eyes were questioning his. "You were not supposed to," she answered demurely, slowly taking off her gloves. "Did you bring that letter, VII?"

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To wish you Peace, Joy and Happiness

In the spirit of the season, we wish for you a holiday filled to overflowing with happiness, and rich in the blessings that are so much a part of Christmas.

S. L. Harman
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 Velma Lambright
 Rose Pickard

Jewel Stine
 Gladys Leeth
 Armavena Buckmaster
 Jonalyn Alldridge
 Wade Maynard
 Ruby Power

HARMAN'S

NEWS FROM NAZARETH

NAZARETH—In a ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, and closing with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 15 aspirants were presented for reception into the Children of Mary Sodality by the Rev. Peter Morsch, pastor of the Nazareth Council.

CHRISTMAS WISHES
May all your dreams for a bright and happy Christmas come true for you in fullest measure!
MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION
GEORGE BRADFORD
Cotton Real Estate

and Mrs. Charles O. Heck, was baptised in Holy Family Church on December 4, by Father Peter Morsch. Mr. Edwin Schaeber and Mrs. Charles Heck, Sr. were sponsors.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
May the sparkle of Christmas cheer brighten every day of your New Year and bring you great happiness and good will.
Just a friendly greeting to wish you and yours all the joys of a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of health and happy days.

Carolyn Huseman made 26 and 25 points respectively to lead their team to victory. The B string Swifts, with Jerry Acker as high scorer with 6 points, won 16 to 13. The A boys' team lost 49 to 67.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
To greet you at Christmas... our warm, sincere wishes for a glad and glorious holiday. May the inspiration of the Christmas story ever be a comfort and a joy to you and yours.
M & K CLEANERS
Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron

Merry Christmas
The shining light in children's eyes...the sound of church bells chiming...the gladness of voices raised in carol singing...the spirit-lifting, heart-warming story of the Babe of Bethlehem...all these are part of Christmas, and our Yuletide wish for you is that you may enjoy all the blessings of this happy, holy season in fullest measure.
CASTRO COUNTY LUMBER CO.
BUDDY CALHOUN

Christmas Greetings
For you and your dear ones at Christmas, we wish the most precious gifts of all...the gifts of faith, hope and love...faith sustained by the spirit of Christmas...hope for lasting Peace on Earth...love ever bright with the blessings of family and home, and enriched by good will toward all men.
DIMMITT MOTOR CO.

Christmas Cheer
We're coming your way to wish you a good old-fashioned Merry Christmas abounding in the great gifts of health, happiness and contentment.
McGowan Auto Repair
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Holiday Greetings
Wishing you season's cheer in abundance. And may it linger in your heart all year!
F & K SALES & SERVICE

Season's Greetings
Happy holiday wishes to you, our friends and customers, and sincere thanks for the pleasure of serving you. May your Yuletide be bright with all the season's joys.
BROOKS VARIETY STORE

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

Greetings
To you, our friends and patrons, we extend every good wish for a happy holiday season, with our sincere thanks for the privilege of serving you over the years.
HAYNES MACHINERY CO.

Season's Greetings
Happy holiday wishes to you, our friends and customers, and sincere thanks for the pleasure of serving you. May your Yuletide be bright with all the season's joys.
CARLILE THEATRE

OLD MARTIN
By J. Conrad Inseherger
NANCY Miller, aged ten, had twelve Christmas cards left when she reached the last house on the street. She decided to try her luck with Old Martin.

Season's Greetings
Wishing you season's cheer in abundance. And may it linger in your heart all year!
F & K SALES & SERVICE

Season's Greetings
Happy holiday wishes to you, our friends and customers, and sincere thanks for the pleasure of serving you. May your Yuletide be bright with all the season's joys.
CARLILE THEATRE

Bright, Best Wishes
We wish you and yours a rich abundance of all the joys of this happy holiday season.
InaJan Shop

Merry Christmas
Christmas is here again, bringing a sparkle to children's eyes and joy to the hearts of all. May the spirit of the season enrich your life with its blessings, now and throughout the New Year.
E. L. IVEY
Insurance Agency

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
This is the Season when each of us can express our own feelings of good will and to exchange friendly messages, one with another. Here is our greeting, and with it is a sincere thanks for your fine patronage and friendships in the year just coming to a close.
AL TITTLE GARAGE

Charles Houtchens of Los Angeles is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houtchens over the Christmas holidays.



parents. She had tried to get a sales job, but she had discovered she was too late. There were no jobs left.

"Your relatives and neighbors don't expect you to give them gifts," her mother said. "I'd like to give them all some little thing."

"When you're older you can return their thoughtfulness." After supper Kathie went to Aunt Betty's and Uncle Ted's house to return a book.

"Hi, Kathie," Aunt Betty greeted. "I'm doing dishes so come on out in the kitchen."

"I've been hoping to make some fruitcakes for Christmas gifts, but I don't know whether I can do it this year," Aunt Betty said.



By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

children seem to take up all my time."

"Your fruitcakes are delicious." "They're a lot of work, though. Cutting up the fruit and chopping nuts takes nearly a day."

"I'll help you," Kathie volunteered. "I can come around after school and prepare the nuts and fruit and you can use them whenever you want."

For two afternoons Kathie chopped nuts and cut citrus fruit. By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

Busy Week

The rest of the week was a busy one for Kathie. Mrs. Mason asked her to take care of the children Saturday so that she could go into town to shop. Miss White, a shut-in who lived down the street, asked Kathie if she would select some Christmas cards for her and help her address them.

Two days before Christmas Mrs. Cummings asked Kathie to tend her children for the afternoon while she went shopping. After Kathie got them interested in games, she saw a list on the bulletin board headed "Things to do." The list outlined the tasks Mrs. Cummings had to do during Christmas week: clean house, bake cookies, wrap packages, write cards and so many other things.

Kathie got out the cookbook and found some recipes for Christmas cookies. When she finished mixing she wrapped each mound of dough in waxed paper and put it in the freezer.

As Kathie wrapped her mother's and father's gift, she felt depressed, for she knew all the people she loved so dearly were going to give to her. She had nothing to give in return.

Appreciation

Christmas morning Kathie noticed there were several cards among her gifts. She opened the first one which was written in the spidery hand that she identified as Miss White's penmanship.

"Dear Kathie: "Thank you so much for your valuable gift. Time in our lives is so important and you gave me such a generous piece of your life that I wish to thank you for it."

There were other letters, too. "Dear Kathie: I would never have baked my fruitcakes if it wasn't for your help." "I know the children will be pleased with the lovely way you wrapped their gifts. Thank you for your time. The cookies were wonderful."

With Mrs. Mason's gift there was a note thanking Kathie for her gift of time. Kathie had to blink away the tears when she finished reading the notes.

"You see, Kathie, you gave something that is most valuable—your time," her father explained.



Christmas Promise

By Shirley Sargent

WHEN I was a boy Christmas couldn't come soon or often enough. The longed-for day was more exciting than my birthday, Fourth of July and the last day of school all put together. It was magic. Sheer, unadulterated magic compounded of hoarded pennies, the scent of pine needles, locked closets, mysterious winks, expectation and the unusually peaceful household. This last because my brothers and I were doing our darndest to be good, as if to make up in one month for all the sins of the past year.

Later, Christmas lost its meaning to me, now a roving bachelor. In fact the great day came too quickly, too often, and I would work late to escape the carolers and sleep even later so my empty apartment wouldn't reproach me.

But now I have discovered the magic of Christmas again. A little boy gave it back to me along with a grubby kiss and a hug. It



He looked at me sadly. "Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he asked.

is Christmas Eve and I have been home from Korea for two weeks getting acquainted with Carol, the wife I married five months before I went overseas, and a rosy two-and-a-half-year-old named Butch. He is my son, the child I had never seen, and he is the boy that gave Christmas back to me.

Carol and I had planned eagerly on just what Butch should receive. Butch had a long list of toys that changed from day to day, but when I had asked him what he wanted most of all, he had just looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he had asked.

So I told Carol, "I think Butch is worried that there isn't a fireplace for Santa to come down. Say, do you think he's too young for a football? Just a small one, of course."

Preparations

That's how it went—peacefully, traditionally—from the purchase of the tree, to the opening of Christmas cards and the hiding of presents from Butch. Until now, Christmas Eve, I ran quickly to Butch when I heard him sobbing. His brown hair tousled, his baby-plump cheeks stained red with emotion, Butch was another boy from the one I had put to bed.

"What's wrong, dear? Tell Daddy?" "I wanta dog more'n anything an' I can't have it."

"Can't have it," I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wracked body in my arms. "Why not?"

Carol's hands were on my shoulders. "Because we live in an apartment."

MR. AND MRS. EDWIN RAMEY SERVE GOOSE DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ramey were hosts at a "Goose Dinner" evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Myrtle Crabb and her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, of Memphis. Afternoon callers were Mrs. Harvey Cash and Mrs. Newton Harrell of Canyon.

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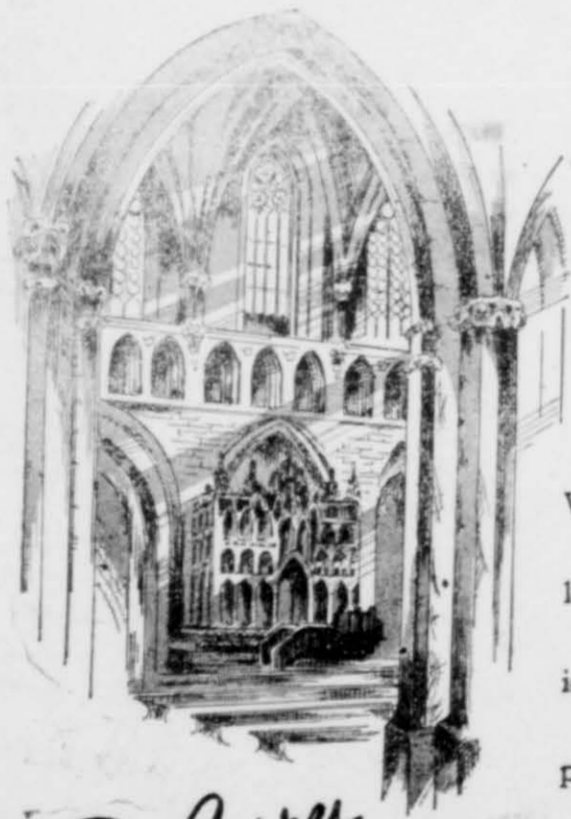
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With hopeful hearts, let us raise our voices in prayer that soon all people everywhere will come to know and love the true Spirit of Christmas... the joy that comes in giving as well as receiving.

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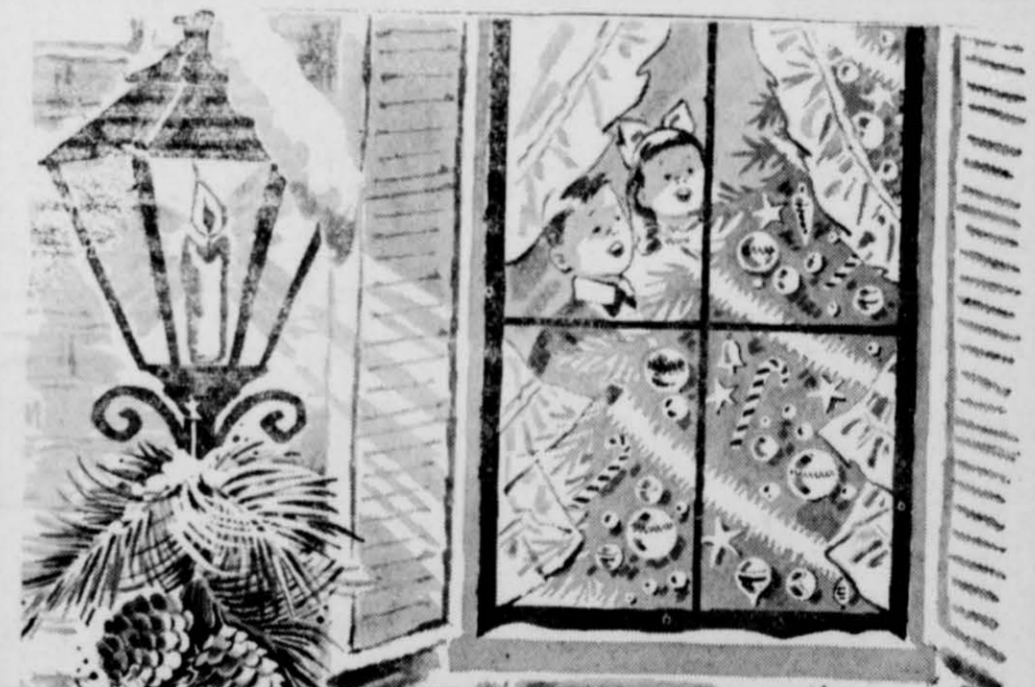
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By Jane Hall
EVERYONE was so nice, Kathie Carter thought as she remembered the Christmas gifts she had received last year. So many of her friends, neighbors, and relatives had remembered her.
"I'd love to buy something for them all," Kathie thought, but she knew it was impossible. She had only saved enough for a gift to her

parents. She had tried to get a sales job, but she had discovered she was too late. There were no jobs left.
"Your relatives and neighbors don't expect you to give them gifts," her mother said.
"I'd like to give them all some little thing."
"When you're older you can return their thoughtfulness."
After supper Kathie went to Aunt Betty's and Uncle Ted's house to return a book.
"Hi, Kathie," Aunt Betty greeted. "I'm doing dishes so come on out in the kitchen."
"I've been hoping to make some fruitcakes for Christmas gifts, but I don't know whether I can do it this year," Aunt Betty said.



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children seem to take up all my time."
"Your fruitcakes are delicious." "They're a lot of work, though. Cutting up the fruit and chopping nuts takes nearly a day."

"I'll help you," Kathie volunteered. "I can come around after school and prepare the nuts and fruit and you can use them whenever you want."

For two afternoons Kathie chopped nuts and cut citrus fruit. By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

Busy Week

The rest of the week was a busy one for Kathie. Mrs. Mason asked her to take care of the children Saturday so that she could go into town to shop. Miss White, a shut-in who lived down the street, asked Kathie if she would select some Christmas cards for her and help her address them.

Two days before Christmas Mrs. Cummings asked Kathie to tend her children for the afternoon while she went shopping. After Kathie got them interested in games, she saw a list on the bulletin board headed "Things to do." The list outlined the tasks Mrs. Cummings had to do during Christmas week: clean house, bake cookies, wrap packages, write cards and so many other things.

Kathie got out the cookbook and found some recipes for Christmas cookies. When she finished mixing she wrapped each mound of dough in waxed paper and put it in the freezer.

As Kathie wrapped her mother's and father's gift, she felt depressed, for she knew all the people she loved so dearly were going to give to her. She had nothing to give in return.

Appreciation

Christmas morning Kathie noticed there were several cards among her gifts. She opened the first one which was written in the spidery hand that she identified as Miss White's penmanship.

"Dear Kathie:
"Thank you so much for your valuable gift. Time in our lives is so important and you gave me such a generous piece of your life that I wish to thank you for it."
There were other letters, too.

"Dear Kathie: I would never have baked my fruitcakes if it wasn't for your help." "I know the children will be pleased with the lovely way you wrapped their gifts. Thank you for your time. The cookies were wonderful."
With Mrs. Mason's gift there was a note thanking Kathie for her gift of time. Kathie had to blink away the tears when she finished reading the notes.

"You see, Kathie, you gave something that is most valuable—your time," her father explained.

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By Shirley Sargent

WHEN I was a boy Christmas couldn't come soon or often enough. The longed-for day was more exciting than my birthday. Fourth of July and the last-day of school all put together. It was magic. Sheer, undiluted magic compounded of hoarded pennies, the scent of pine needles, locked closets, mysterious winks, expectation and the unusually peaceful household. This last because my brothers and I were doing our darndest to be good, as if to make up in one month for all the sins of the past year.

Later, Christmas lost its meaning to me, now a roving bachelor. In fact the great day came too quickly, too often, and I would work late to escape the carolers and sleep even later so my empty apartment wouldn't reproach me.

But now I have discovered the magic of Christmas again. A little boy gave it back to me along with a grubby kiss and a hug. It



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is Christmas Eve and I have been home from Korea for two weeks getting acquainted with Carol, the wife I married five months before I went overseas, and a rowdy two-and-a-half-year-old named Butch. He is my son, the child I had never seen, and he is the boy that gave Christmas back to me.

Carol and I had planned eagerly on just what Butch should receive. Butch had a long list of toys that changed from day to day, but when I had asked him what he wanted most of all, he had just looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he had asked.
So I told Carol, "I think Butch is worried that there isn't a fireplace for Santa to come down. Say, do you think he's too young for a football? Just a small one, of course."

Preparations

That's how it went—peacefully, traditionally—from the purchase of the tree, to the opening of Christmas cards and the hiding of presents from Butch. Until now, Christmas Eve. I ran quickly to Butch when I heard him sobbing. His brown hair tousled, his baby-pump cheeks stained red with from the one I had put to bed.

"What's wrong, dear? Tell Daddy?"
"I want a dog more'n anything an' I can't have it."

"Can't have it," I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wrecked body in my arms. "Why not?"
Carol's hands were on my shoulders, "Because we live in an apartment."

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GLAD TO MEETCHA—Young Mike Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ayers of Dimmitt, is all seriousness as he shakes the hand of Santa Claus Saturday afternoon. About three hundred massed around the area on the east side of the square as Santa

took the Christmas wishes of local children. After talking to the white-haired old gent, the youngsters were treated to socks filled with Christmas candy. Santa's visit was under the sponsorship of Dimmitt businessmen.

Raymond White Seriously Injured In Tractor Accident

Mr. Raymond White, 46, is listed in critical condition at Castro County Hospital following a tractor accident early Thursday morning.

It was presumed that Mr. White was bounced off the tractor. When it ran over him he suffered several crushed ribs and a broken back. A hospital spokesman said his condition was very serious Thursday. He was plowing four miles south and one mile west of the Flagg Gin when the accident occurred and he was brought to the hospital by a Dennis Funeral Home ambulance.

February 12th Is Date Set for Soil Fertility Program

The 1957 issue of Soils Fertility Day will be February 12. It was announced this week. This day is devoted to educating and reviewing with farmers the methods and practices best suited to this area for conserving fertility of the soil.

Primary arrangements for the popular event were made Tuesday night at the Steak House Cafe by a meeting of men in Dimmitt and elsewhere in the county who are most interested in agriculture. The dinner was given by the Fort Worth and Denver Railway Co.

Soils Fertility Day consists of about six hours of lectures, demonstrations, and discussions on soil and crop practices, punctuated by a luncheon provided by the Castro County Chamber of Commerce.

The speakers have been verified for the February 12 program. They are Jack King of Lubbock, who will talk on hybrid grain sorghums. He is an agronomist at Lubbock Experiment Station. Mr. Emmitt Dignon, banker from Colorado, will speak on the economic outlook for farmers in the tri-state area.

Other speakers are being contacted by the Soils Fertility Day committee. Three hundred persons attended the activities in February of this year.

The county agent, Soil Conservation Service, farmers, Gip Hudson of the Production Credit Association, Home Administration, and the agricultural representative of the First State Bank, Edd C. McElroy, were named on the arrangements committee.

Other topics will include fertilization and irrigating wheat, possibility of grasses and new crops, and fertilizing irrigated cotton and milo. An aerial movie and slides made in the county will be shown.

Dimmitt Eighth Graders Second In Tournament

Dimmitt's Eighth Grade Invitational Basketball Tournament came to a close Saturday evening with the Tulia boys and Happy girls walking away with the first place trophies.

Both of Dimmitt's teams fared well, winning second places in girls and boys divisions. In the finals the Dimmitt boys fell to Tulia 21-25 in a hotly contested scrap while Happy had an easy time of it defeating the future Bobbies 17-42.

Entered were teams from Olton, Hereford, Dimmitt, Hart, Happy, Tulia, Sudan, Muleshoe A and B teams and Clovis in the Boy's division. In girls play were Sudan, Tulia, Happy, Muleshoe A and B, Olton, Hart and Dimmitt.

Consolation winner in the boys division was Sudan first and Hereford second. Their game was a 38-23 walkaway in favor of Sudan. In the girls' division Muleshoe had a rough time squeezing by Hart 28-25 as the two teams took first and second place consolation honors, respectively.

High scorer in the tournament, girls division was Bernita Fortner of Dimmitt who scored a total of 53 points in three games for an average of 17.66. Closely following her was Vise of Tulia with an average of 17.5. For the boys, Junior Coffey of Dimmitt was high point man with 38 or an average of 9.5 points per game. He was followed by Lynch of Sudan with 32 for a 10.6 average. Morris Boothe of Dimmitt scored 23 points in two games for the highest average of 11.2.

Dimmitt Boxers Begin Season In Plainview Bouts

Castro County's youngest boxing team won two matches last week-end in the Plainview Boxing Tournament.

In the open division, Marvin Garza of Dimmitt won a decision over John Brown of Floydad. Outweighed 17 pounds by Brown, and after losing a close first round, Garza came back strong in the second and third rounds with a series of body punches leaving Brown hanging on the ropes at the bell in the final round. Garza won by a unanimous decision.

Ronald Curtis of Dimmitt scored a knockout over Dale Owens of Floydada in another open match. After a close first round, Curtis KO'd Owens in 20 seconds of the second round. After taking a stiff left to the jaw Curtis countered with a good left to the head followed with a left hook that sent Owens to the canvas for the full count.

In the pee-wee division, Bill Wilford of Tulia defeated Larry Mercer of Hart; Clifford Roland of Hart won a decision over Richard Castro, Plainview; Luoe Rodriguez of Plainview defeated Milford Mercer of Hart; and in a high school division bout Eddie Gonzales of Plainview won a TKO over Kenny Johnson of Hart.

"The Castro County team is looking good, but we need more boys," said Leon Bludell this week. He sponsors the team with Willis Hawkins, Jr., of Hart. Workouts are held three nights weekly, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, in the C & C Pump Company Building in Dimmitt. "We hope to have some boys ready for the Golden Gloves regional tournament to be held at Plainview January 8-11," Blundell said.

COUNTY RECEIVES .50 INCH OF MOISTURE

Castro County received a general average of .50 of an inch of moisture Wednesday through a combination of rain, sleet and snow.

New Water Rates In Effect Here Soon Outside City Limits

Users of water furnished by the City of Dimmitt Water Department will be required to pay more for this service effective with the January 1 billing if they live, or operate a business, outside the city limits.

Citizens whose homes and businesses are inside the city limits will have no increase in rates.

The new rates for past-city-limits users are an increase in the minimum of \$3.50 to \$6.00 per month for residential users. The minimum for commercial users has been increased from \$4.00 to \$7.00 and an increase in rates of 25 per cent per thousand gallons has been made. Residential users will pay the minimum \$6.00 for up to 2,000 gallons and for any amount more than that will be billed 35 cents per thousand for the next three thousand gallons. For every five thousand gallons used after that the rate will be decreased five cents per thousand until residential users of more than 20,000 gallons per month will be billed for 15 cents per thousand for all over that figure. An advertisement by the City Commissioner explains the new charge system in more detail elsewhere in this issue of the News. Formerly all rates were equal both inside and outside the city limits.

County Farmers Approve Cotton Marketing Quota

Castro County farmers thoroughly endorsed the Department of Agriculture's marketing quota program in the referendum of Tuesday, December 11. The vote was 136 for and 24 against.

This was a turn-out of 160 of 1,400 eligible voters. When all tabulations are in and it is established that two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are for the program, then price support will be available for the 1957 crop of upland cotton at a level between 75 and 90 percent of parity, and quota penalties will apply on any "excess" cotton. Had the program failed to gain favor with farmers of the nation, then there would be no quota penalties but the price support level to eligible growers would drop to 50 percent of parity.

County voting was as follows:

Community	for	against
Big Square	14	1
Hart	16	8
Dimmitt	66	11
Frio	23	2
Nazareth	17	2
Total	136	24

Jack Hodges Wins Policeman Award

Jack Hodges was one of ten policemen to receive merit awards last week in Amarillo. He has been on the 90-man force for about six months.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hodges of Nocona, who formerly lived in Dimmitt. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodges are graduates of Dimmitt High School. She is the former Beth Hance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hance of Dimmitt.

The award was presented by the Amarillo Junior Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, December 12, at a banquet in the Herring Hotel for policemen and their wives.

Beginning Nazareth:

Meet the Teachers...

(Ed note: Most of the Nazareth teachers are Sisters of the Benedictine Order of the Catholic Church, a group of ladies whose lives are dedicated to God and the service of humanity. The Benedictine Order of Sisters was formed in the sixth century by St. Scholastica after her twin brother, St. Benedict, had formed the Benedictine Brotherhood. The mother house of the Benedictine Sisters at Nazareth is in Fort Smith, Ark. The philosophy of Benedictine training is that no matter where the Sisters are called to serve — from the smallest elementary school to the largest university — those whom they serve receive the benefits of a high degree of training, both in the field of education and in theology.

We have been impressed with two strange circumstances during our "Meet the Teachers" series: (1) Many of our Castro County teachers are natives of Arkansas, and (2) Odd enough, they all seem to be proud of it. This week we even ran into some Arkansas Chamber of Commerce slogans, to wit:

We recently referred to Arkansas in this series as "The Ozark State." We learned from one of the Sisters, however, that it is "The Wonder State." This helped alleviate a problem with us: we didn't feel right about calling them "Arkansawyers" or "Ozarkers," so perhaps they wouldn't mind if we referred to them as "Wonderers."

We invite you to meet the teachers of the Nazareth Public Schools:

SISTER M. LOYOLA SCHMUCKI

Girls' Physical Education
Although Sister M. Loyola is a native of Switzerland, she says her home state is — you guessed it — Arkansas.

Sister M. Loyola teaches the fifth and sixth grades in the Nazareth Schools, as well as fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls' physical education.

Sister M. Loyola attended school in Charleston, Ark., and later attended Arkansas S'ate Teachers College in Conway, Kan. St. Louis University, and St. Mary College in Xavier, Kan. She holds a bachelor of science degree in education.

She is now in her sixth year with the Nazareth Schools. She previously taught in the Subiaco Public Schools at Subiaco, Ark. Sister M. Loyola attends college every summer and enjoys as her hobbies "knitting, reading, and antique jokes." She is a member of the Texas State Teachers Association.

What she enjoys most about teaching, she says, is "being with



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MRS. LUCILLE KING



SISTER GREGORY KEHRES



SISTER HERMAN JOSEPH BERKEMEYER

is her 12th year to teach there. Before coming to Nazareth she taught at St. Scholastica Academy in Fort Smith, Ark., her home town.

She teaches the seventh and eighth grades in the Nazareth Schools. Sister Gregory attended the University of Arkansas, the University of Missouri, Mt. St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kan., and Incarnate Word College in San Antonio. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in history from Mt. St. Scholastica College.

Since school lasts only nine months of the year, we asked Sister Gregory what her duties are during the summer months. She outlined her daily schedule for the summer months for us, a schedule which is generally that of all the Benedictine Sisters during the summer unless they attend college. Her daily program, from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., includes several hours each devoted to:

1. Prayer, meditation, and reading.
2. Auditing extension college courses taught at St. Scholastica Academy.

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County Receives Grant of \$22,800 For Highways

The Texas Highway Department will spend \$22,800 for improvements on highways in Castro County during 1957, D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, has announced. This is in addition to the regular construction and maintenance program.

The State Highway Commission has approved this appropriation to improve already existing highways in Castro County, and there will be little or no additional right-of-way requirements, Greer said. At the December meeting of the Highway Commission, \$30 million was allotted to 196 Texas counties for road improvement during 1957. The \$30 million is being spent for shoulder widening, seal coat jobs, additional surfacing, and for widening of structures and highways in these counties.

The three projects in Castro County will be under the supervision of the local highway district personnel.

"We should have this program moving by spring," Greer said. "We believe the \$22,800 spent in Castro County will go a long way toward bringing these highways up to date."

The \$22,800 in Castro County will be spent on the following projects:

1. On Farm to Market Road 1524 from Flagg, west, seal coat for a distance of seven miles.
2. On State 51 north from Dimmitt, seal coat, a distance of eight miles.
3. On State Highway 194 from eight miles southeast of Dimmitt to Hart, seal coat, a distance of eight miles.

Mac's Meat Market Open for Business On Hiway 51 North

Mac's Grocery and Meat Market put up a sign that said open Thursday afternoon to become Dimmitt's newest operating business.

Formal opening of the new store will be January 5, 1957. It is located about three blocks north of the square on Highway 51 between Fern's Beauty Shop and Dimmitt Drive In.

Owned and operated by Mr. Alton "Mac" McLain, the new store will stock groceries but will be mostly a meat market. "We will sell strictly home-killed beef," Mr. McLain said.

A slaughterhouse for the market will be opened in a month at a site north of Dimmitt. Custom butchering and processing will be done at the slaughterhouse. The new building measures 25x60 feet and was constructed by Posie Cunningham. It is made of concrete tile and brick.



SECOND PLACE GIRLS—These Dimmitt Eighth grade girls put up a strong battle during last week's tournament, but fell in the finals to the Happy girls, 17-42. They are (left to right, bottom row) Bernita Fortner, Tommie Allen, Willa Mae Scoggin, Zandra Barnes, Linda Griffin, Gayle Howell, Elizabeth Coker, Jeannette Wortham. Top row: Keitha Davis, Kay Carpenter, Ka Estes, Mary Behrends, Amy McSpaddin, Rosanetta Hyatt, Janice Wesson, Sharon Maynard, Trudy Wilson, Elizabeth Cleaver, Jane Smith, Coach Mrs. J. D. Covington.



SECOND PLACE BOYS—Winning second place in the eighth grade tournament, boys division, last week end were these members of the eighth grade team: (left to right, bottom row) Jack Thompson, Kent Hance, Richard Catoe, Junior Coffey, O'Neil Moulton, Kenneth Robison, James Powell, Mack Thompson, (top row) Bruce Odum, Sammy Kirk, Marshall Young, Darless Goolsley, Don Moke, Morris Boothe, Stanley Nelson, Billy Joe Stevens, Jerry Blackwell, and Coach Thomas Harrison.

Letters to Santa:

Merry Christmas to you and a happy new year. Tommy Lynn Harrison (P. S. Please bring me a Roy Rogers set.)

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a pair of boots, boxing gloves and a BB gun. We'll leave some coffee and cake for you when you come by.

Dear Santa: I would like a windshield for my motorcycle. I got a motorcooter for my birthday. I will let you be the judge what else to bring me.

Dear Santa: I have been a good boy. I have washed the dishes for mother, would like for you to bring me a Lincoln Log set, an airplane that runs on batteries, and anything else you would like to bring me.

Dear Santa: I'm a little red-headed girl three years old. Would you please bring me a baby bed for my doll, a red wagon and a new doll. Please bring my baby sister a teddy bear. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Thank you and a very Merry Christmas to all.

Dear Santa: I am 8 years old and have been a pretty good boy. For Christmas I would like these three things: Roy Rogers guns and holster set, an accordion and a football helmet. I hope you will visit all the other boys and girls; also bring them toys, candy and nuts. See you Santa Claus.

Dear Santa: Ricky, my little brother, and I want a real bow and arrow and a record player. Ricky wants a little dog that works off batteries. We would also like any other little toys you have to spare.

Joyous Christmas Wishes. Lots of holiday cheer to you and your family this Christmas. Killingsworth Builders Supply. 34 REDI-MIX CONCRETE SAND-GRAVEL.

ATTENTION! The Credit Union Board of Directors will recommend payment of 4% dividend on 1956 savings. Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union. 317 Sampson, Hereford.

City Car Dealers Can't Out-trade Local Agency. Dimmitt seems to be gaining a reputation over the country as the town to do business in.

ANNOUNCEMENT. WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR NEW GROCERY & MARKET IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS. McLain Grocery & Market. Phone 220. IN THIRD BLOCK NORTH OF TRAFFIC LIGHT.

Greetings. We hope the magic of this glorious season extends throughout the year for you and yours...bringing with it the blessing of happiness, the joy of good health and the pleasure of warm friendships. Castro County Grain Co. Homer Hill Store. HART, TEXAS.

Loads of Happiness. OUR WISH FOR YOU. It is pleasant at Christmas time to include with messages of good will and happiness...an appreciation for the many courtesies that have been sent our way. SEASON'S GREETINGS. Homer Hill Store. HART, TEXAS.

OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25-26

Merry Christmas. THE BEST GIFT OF ALL - FOOD. CHRISTMAS CANDY, NUTS AND FRUIT GALORE. 25 LB. PILLOW CASE PUR-ASNOW FLOUR \$1.98. WHITE SWAN COFFEE 1 LB. CAN 93c. JELLO 10 DELICIOUS FLAVORS 3 BOXES 25c.

MEATS. FROZEN FOOD. FOR LATE SHOPPERS. VEGETABLES. FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 10 LB. BAG 89c. TIDE GIANT BOX 69c. CRISCO 3 LB. CAN 89c. CASH WAY FOOD STORES. SPECIALS EVERY DAY.

Mrs. Kathleen Hill Jr., of Amarillo visited friends here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Soil Bank Checks Depend On Crops

When farmers receive their soil bank checks depends mostly on their crops, the ASC office said this week.

For farmers growing only winter wheat, "the Department expects to be in a position to start issuing payment certificates about the first of June." Farmers growing both cotton and winter wheat cannot expect payment until around cotton harvest time next fall.

The ASC also said that payments to farmers for participation in the 1957 Soil Bank Acreage Reserve program will be made as soon as possible after compliance can be determined for the latest crop that must be checked. This means that since compliance checks are made just before harvest, payments cannot be made until all the necessary

ROUGHAGE PROGRAM EXTENDED BY FIA

Application for feed grain and roughage can be accepted by the FIA to and including February 15, 1957, it was announced here this week. These grains are for a supply of feed and roughage sufficient to carry eligible livestock to and including March 15, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Miller are the proud parents of a little daughter born November 26 at Austin. The baby weighed 7 lbs. and one ounce and has been named Kim. Mr. and Mrs. Miller also have a son, Brent who is two years and four months of age. Mrs. Goodwin Miller visited Jack and family two weeks. Mr. Miller went to Austin last week-end and was accompanied home by Mrs. Miller Wednesday.

HOMEMAKERS CLASS HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY THURS.

Mrs. Ward Golden entertained the Homemakers Class of the First Baptist Church Thursday evening. A lighted Christmas tree in the yard and two candles four feet high by the door provided seasonal decorations. Guests were greeted by the hostess and Mrs. Loy Arnold, class president.

A devotional was given by Mrs. George Ray after a prayer by Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick. A story, "I Saw the World In My Christmas Tree," was told by Mrs. Lester Dowell. Christmas carols were sung by the group with Mrs. Ray leading. After a prayer by Mrs. Elmer Youts, gifts were presented to the class teacher, president, vice-president and the two class mothers.

Plans were made for the class to serve as "room mothers" for Mrs. Noel Gollehon's room at school on Tuesday. Mrs. Arnold presided at the

Walter Rogers' WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

On several occasions during my lifetime, I have heard criticism directed at people who, in referring to Christmas, used the term "Xmas." Some said the word "Christmas" should never be abbreviated. Others said that to use the term "Xmas" was to leave "Christ" out of Christmas. Others took the position that the use of the term "Xmas" indicated either laziness or inability to spell. In fact, the question came up at the Rogers household last year as to whether or not it was proper or improper to use the term "Xmas." I took the position that it was correct, and was immediately challenged to prove it. The truth is that I really didn't know whether it was right or wrong at the time. However, the challenge caused me to seek information on the problem, which I pass on to you.

The use of the term "Xmas" is not improper, is not a sign of laziness and is not leaving "Christ" out of Christmas. The fact is that the letter "X" signifies or represents "Christ." In Greek, Christ is written Xpistos and pronounced "Christos." The initial letter of the Greek word closely resembles our English letter "X." It is translated into English as "X" and is pronounced

TRAINING UNION TIME CHANGED TO 6:15

Beginning Sunday night Baptist Training Union will meet at 6:15 and the Evening Worship Service will commence at 7:15.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and family of Berger visited his mother, Mrs. W. S. Hembree, and Plainsview last week-end.

Mr. Hembree last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hembree and Mrs. Alta Gladman visited in and Plainsview last week-end.



JOYFUL CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

When the music of the Christmas carols fills the air with joyful tidings... when the earth is filled with beauty and the stars shine their brightest — that is the time to also be humble. It is well to pause, in the midst of world problems, to express reverent gratitude for our many blessings. The things we seek are the things He would have sought... man's humanity to man... hearts keyed to the eternal music of faith. We who love peace, and have sought it and fought for it, and offered prayer in its behalf, know that our ideals are built on a solid foundation. They cannot fail. So, at this great Christmas occasion, we bring you our sincere greetings... May this Christmas truly be one of genuine happiness for you and yours.

DIMMTT GIN & ELEVATOR COMPANY

John E. McCleskey, Manager Frank Smith, Gin Supt. Bill Birdwell, Bookkeeper
James Slough, Elevator Supt.

Merry Christmas

To all our friends, an old-fashioned Christmas wish. May all the joys of the season enrich your hearts this day and forever.

DIMMITT LAUNDRY

Season's Greetings

Our sincere thanks and best wishes for a happy holiday to our friends and patrons.

CITY BARBER SHOP

Curtis Louie

F & W BLACKSMITH & WELDING
O. B., JUNIOR, HOWARD, BEEZER

WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.

Christmas Greetings

A gay and glorious Holiday

Season is our sincere wish for all our wonderful friends.

May you enjoy peace and happiness throughout the year.

CASTRO CO-OP GIN

JACK TUCKER, Manager

Greetings

For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always.

M. M. FARM STORE

C. F. Webb George Goss Tom Warren Carl Cooper Frank Britt

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Houtchens visited in Amarillo last Thursday. Jimmy Jack Butler and Joe Lee Wilcox have returned from a visit with their friend Carlos Laffler of Sonora. They returned with two deer they shot on a hunting trip.

Lilburn and Odell Arnold were in Spur Sunday and Monday visiting their grandfather, F. O. Taylor who is ill and in the Spur hospital.

10 from County at Wayland Help Celebrate Accrediting

PLAINVIEW, Dec. 19 (Sp.)—Castro County students Ransel Ivy, Margaret Olson and Zella Vee Smith of Dimmitt; Leta Preston Johnston, Ray Don Newman, Jerry Phillips, Opal Ray and Yvonne Mitchell Wakefield, Hart; and Donald Larkin and Elizabeth Ann Lookinbill, Summerfield, all continue to have a busy time of it at Wayland Baptist College with everyone celebrating the admission of the college into full membership in Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and all the pre-Christmas activities.

To celebrate the newest accreditation recognition, Plainview citizens joined with the college group in a victory breakfast, Dec. 7, and afterward President A. Hope Ower declared a holiday. Student Government Association is sponsoring the traditional All-College Christmas Dinner and Party on Dec. 20, the night before the 16 days of holiday begin. All-College favorites will be announced at that time. This comes as a climax to many pre-Christmas affairs including the community-wide "Messiah" program sponsored by Wayland's Division of Fine Arts and the presentation of "Annal and the Night Visitors," the Gian-Carlo Menotti Christmas opera, both of which were directed by W. E. Stewart, chairman of fine arts.

Ransel, a junior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ivy of Dimmitt. She is serving as president of Young Women's Auxiliary and as secretary chairman of Metador Hall. She is also a member of Iwona, women's service organization.

A 1955 graduate of Dimmitt High School, Margaret is working toward the B.S. degree with a major in mathematics and a minor in English. In Bessie Florence Hall, she serves as representative to the council. The Hutchinson Flying Quers, of which she is a member, were recently filmed by Humble Oil Co. for their "College" Texas in Review.

which will be released within the month. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Olson, Dimmitt.

Also from Dimmitt is freshman Zella Vee Smith, who attended Texas Tech before coming to Wayland. She is training to be a teacher. As her major field she has chosen business administration on the B. A. degree. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith, Rt. A, Dimmitt, are her parents.

Mrs. Leta Preston Johnston, Hart, a post-graduate student, is working toward a teaching certificate. She was graduated from Wayland in 1952. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Preston, live in Quanah, and she is the wife of Rev. Jack Johnston, Hart.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Newman, Hart, Ray Don is a sophomore, majoring in history and mining in education on the B. S. degree. He is preparing to teach. Mr. Newman is a 1950 Hart High School graduate.

Classified as a junior, Jerry Phillips is a 1954 graduate of Hart High School. He is a member of the Wayland Pioneers basketball team and holds membership in the letterman's club. Physical education is his major, and his minor is education. Jerry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Phillips, Hart.

Aside from her duties as school teacher, Miss Ivy is taking one college course. She is now employed by the Hart Public Schools and is living with her mother.

parents, reside in Pampa.

A freshman, Miss Lookinbill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lookinbill, Summerfield. She is active in band and Future Teachers of America. A 1955 Hereford High School graduate, she has chosen business administration as her major and music as a minor.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Here they are! The season's best wishes to all our wonderful friends. May you enjoy to the fullest every minute of this glorious holiday.

TAYLOR'S GARAGE
D. C. Taylor, Charley Hestand

Season's Greetings

And may your Yuletide be bright with peace and happiness.

HONEA EQUIPMENT COMPANY

BLESSED CHRISTMAS

May we, with gratitude and humility, with reverence and rejoicing, celebrate this Christmas as He would have us do. To all, heartfelt wishes for a blessed Christmas.

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AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Let us stop, this day, to reflect on the true spirit of Christmas...the spirit of Charity and Good Faith...the spirit of Humility and Good Will Towards All. And let us pray that from this day forth, the Christmas Spirit will abide with us through all our lives, that we may be the better for it. May we take this opportunity to wish all our friends the very best on Christmas and for all of the days to come.

HARRIS LUMBER COMPANY
HART, TEXAS

Livestock Markets

December 19, 1956
(Marketed by Federal-State Market News Service, Amarillo)
Clearance of the week's supply

was made in two long days of selling at the Amarillo Livestock Auction Company, as receipts fell about 1,800 head short of last week's total of 6,707 head. Slaughter yearlings and calves were in moderate supply and sold fully steady to a good local demand. Cows comprised between 10 and 15 percent of receipts, and most sales were weak to 25 cents lower on slaughter classes. Stocker cow outfit was extremely

ly dull and narrow, which resulted in sales generally more than \$5.00 per head lower than last week and many offerings remained in first hands. The small supply of bulls sold strong to fully 50 cents higher. Stocker cattle were rather uneven, stocker and feeder steers steady to 50 cents lower, the most decline on early rounds and on feeders around 700 pounds and heavier. Common and medium grades were irregularly weak to \$1.00 off. Stocker steer calves sold fully 50 cents lower, quality considered. All feeder classes held largely steady with last week's prices.

Steer calves under 400 lbs.	\$15.00-19.00
Steer calves and yigs 450-550 lbs.	14.50-18.50
Feeder Steers 650-900 lbs.	14.50-17.25
Heifer Yearlings 450-650 lbs.	13.00-15.50
Medium and good stocker cows	7.50-10.00
Calves and yearlings good and choice	15.00-19.00
Commercial	12.00-15.00
Cows, canner and cutter	9.00-11.50
Bulls, utility and commercial	11.40-14.00

A Christmas Wish

A wish to each and every friend... may the joys of the season never end... and Christmas spirit glow in your heart all the year.

G. B. DUNCAN
Painting Contractor

A Very Merry Christmas

Good cheer to you and a bountiful measure of happy memories to cherish long after this Christmas day has passed.

Cletha's Tot-Teen Shop
107 Broadway

NOTICE TO CITY WATER USERS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

Effective with the January 1st billing, water rates for users outside the City limits will be as follows:

Residence:		
Minimum of 2,000 gallons		\$6.00
Next 3,000 gallons	35¢ per thousand	
Next 5,000 gallons	30¢ per thousand	
Next 5,000 gallons	25¢ per thousand	
Next 5,000 gallons	20¢ per thousand	
All over 20,000 gallons	15¢ per thousand	
Commercial:		
Minimum of 2,000 gallons		\$7.00
Next 10,000 gallons	50¢ per thousand	
Next 13,000 gallons	30¢ per thousand	
All over 25,000 gallons	20¢ per thousand	

There will be no change in rates to patrons inside the City limits

Signed
CITY COMMISSION
City of Dimmitt

A Joyous Christmas

How wonderful to pause at this grand season of the year to extend greetings to those around us. May we have a oneness in celebrating the Birthday of Him... whose humility and sincerity set a pattern for all to follow. We wish you a season of happiness and joyfulness.

POWELL TRACTOR COMPANY

Buck Leona W. C. Kenneth Johnny

One of the great joys of life, as we see it, is the friendship we experience through the years. Our firm has been blessed with many of these associations, reflected in the continued growth that has been ours to enjoy. At this glad season of the year we wish to once more express our sincere appreciation of these fine friendships and to invite your continued thoughtfulness and consideration. We like to think that there is a spirit of friendship underlying each business transaction. We value our business friendships as we value our personal friendships.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH OF YOU

Panhandle Compress and Warehouse Company

B. R. CRANFORD, Supt. Dimmitt
B. G. RICHMOND, Supt. Hart

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Christmas Message. Let our thoughts this Christmas turn to Him who was born in Bethlehem. Let us remember and cherish His message.

GREETINGS. The scene is set for Christmas—every heart aglow with a spirit that makes this the happiest of Holidays. To all our cherished friends we extend this sincerest of greetings—May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may good health accompany you throughout the coming year.

Greetings. May the joys of the Holiday Season surround you and your family, and linger long in your home and in your heart, to brighten the days that lie ahead. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

HIGGINBOTHAM - BARTLETT COMPANY. Ward Cordye Jack Bill Farren

Season's Greetings. To all of our wonderful friends and neighbors... we hope that Santa arrives bearing a sleigh-load of all the good things in life. May the season find you rich in the blessings of Happiness, Peace and Health. The season's best to all.

DIMMITT WHEAT GROWERS, INC.

SEARS GRAIN COMPANY. George Blanton, Raymond Nixon

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

May your holiday be one of genuine good cheer!

JOE BENSON
TEXACO

To wish You Christmas Joy

NELSON 51 STATION

Another Pedigreed Dog Lost or Stolen

Another pedigreed dog was reported lost or stolen this week. This time it was a registered Dachshund belonging to the Joe Deavenport family who farm north of town.

"We would appreciate any information that would help us recover the dog," Mr. Deavenport said, "and we would like to have her back by Christmas." The dog belongs to the small children of Mr. and Mrs. Deavenport. He is offering a \$25.00 reward for recovery of the dog. The family does not know whether she wandered away or was stolen, but if they get the dog back no questions will be asked, Mr. Deavenport said.

The dog is reddish-brown in color and has the usual characteristics of a Dachshund in that she has short legs and a long body. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this dog is urged to write Mr. Deavenport at Route 2, Hereford.

Mrs. Loy Arnold and Mrs. George Wood are visiting their brother, Mr. Hoyt Morgan of Wichita Falls over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. B. B. Boren, Mrs. Faye Holland, Mrs. Willie Waggoner and Mrs. E. F. Sadler visited Mrs. Myrtle Wright of Hereford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Woodburn of Colton, Calif., are here for a Christmas visit in the home of her brother, James Burnam, and with other relatives and friends.

GREETINGS

As an expression of our genuine appreciation of your friendship and all that it has meant to us, we wish you and those you love a Joyful Christmas Season.

BOB'S SERVICE STATION
Phillips 66 Gas & Oils



Christmas Greetings

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Yuletide... warm with good fellowship and rich in friendship... we wish you the Season's heartiest greetings. May your Holidays abound with good health and high happiness and leave you with a treasure trove of bright memories to cherish through the year ahead.

TAYLOR-HARRISON AGENCY
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T. E. Harrison, Sr., Shirley Stephens, Steve Taylor

Brightly the Holiday spirit lights new friendships and rekindles old ones year after year. We hope you are pleased with the way we have served you and pledge anew our willingness to help our Community in any way possible.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

to YOU and YOURS

SCOGGIN REAL ESTATE
Howard Scoggin Jean Byrnes

Once again it is Christmastime in Castro County. It is the season of the year when we traditionally take cognizance of the birthday of Christ and the deep import it has for our Christian way of life. It is the time, also, that we show our affection to our loved ones, when we return home, and when we really appreciate our spiritual ties.

The Castro County News joins with other business concerns represented in this issue to wish everyone in the county the best Christmas season of all. The regular front page this week will be found on Section B.

Come, all ye faithful...

New Year Celebration Popular in England

The English have always had a big time on New Year's Eve. When the Puritan government abolished Christmas and absolutely forbade any celebration of that day, the English vented all their holiday spirit on the New Year.

Gift-Giving Custom In Ancient England

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



Every year about this time we see the same scene. We can not see the same story. Christmas is too commercial to get too commercial. It is merely because newspapers, magazines and catalogues are filled with gift advertising as the holidays approach.



LARGEST MANGER SCENE . . . Boy visitor is dwarfed by manger scene in stone and marble, by sculptor Vincenzo Perù, in Rome. Each statue is from 8 to 15 feet tall, include the Madonna and infant, St. Joseph and the three wise kings bearing gifts.



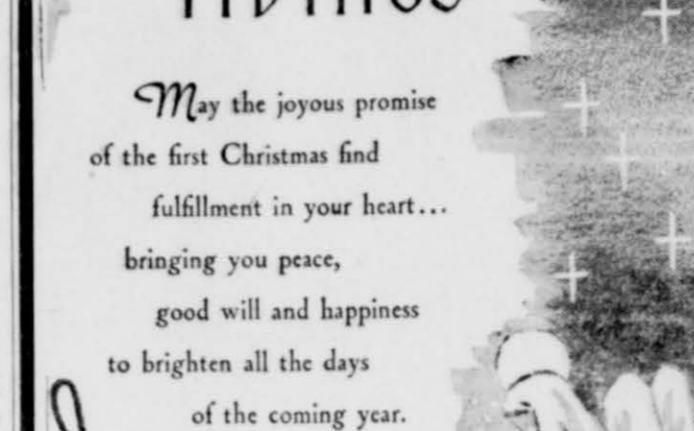
GLAD TIDINGS
May the joyous promise of the first Christmas find fulfillment in your heart. . . bringing you peace, good will and happiness to brighten all the days of the coming year.

Three Famous Americans Born New Year's Day

January 1, perennially celebrated as the start of a new year, is also the birthday of three famous Americans. On January 1, 1753, a boy was born in Boston, Mass. He grew up to be a silversmith and engraver, designed and printed the first Continental money and the first official seal of the colonies.

Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared, upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers.



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Dimmitt—Hereford
Office in Dimmitt Lumber Co. New Building



DIMMITT IMPLEMENT CO.

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GREETINGS
To our family of cherished friends, we wish the joys of a good old-fashioned Christmas. And along with our greetings, we'd like to send our sincere thanks for the opportunity of serving all our patrons.
Our Christmas present to our many fine patrons will be FREE COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS SATURDAY 9:00-11:00 A.M. and 2:00-5:00 P.M. We will be closed Sunday, Dec. 23, to Wednesday, Dec. 26.
DICKEY'S 51 CAFE
South on Highway 51

DIMMITT CITY DIRECTORY

PATRONIZE DIMMITT MERCHANTS FOR NEEDED MERCHANDISE AND SERVICE—They have a personal interest in your welfare and will appreciate the opportunity of serving you. It's always a pleasure to shop in Dimmitt.

Table listing various businesses in Dimmitt, including Dimmitt Food Bank, Froehner's Variety Store, Powells TV & Appliance, Olds Well Motors, West Texas Telephone Co., In Dimmitt It's Manning's, Cooper Implement, C & S Equipment Co., Castro County Grain Co., This Space For Sale, Sears Grain Company, Hays Implement Co., FIRST STATE BANK, Dimmitt Implement Company, D. C. TAYLOR GARAGE, Taylor-Harrison Agency, FRIGIDAIRE SALES and SERVICE, Dimmitt Motor Co., Dimmitt Parts & Supply, Honea Equipment Co., Building Material For Every Purpose, Higginbotham Bartlett Co., In The Block Crankshaft Grinding, Wheel Alignment, Wheel Balancing, Brake Service, SEAT COVERS, DIMMITT UPHOLSTERY AND GARAGE.

Bargains Are Always Found In the Want Ad Page! Read Them

Christmas Greetings
Our Christmas message is wreathed in good wishes and garlanded with gratitude for the privilege of serving all our many friends.
Womble Hardware
Try A Want Ad Today!
We Have Purchased 300 Old Model New Radiators \$15.00 Exchange STOWALL-BOOMER Radiator Sales & Service

Greetings
To all our valued patrons: our warmest thanks for the privilege of serving you during the year now drawing to a close and our very best wishes for your happiness and success in the new year now dawning.
Bruegel & Sons Elevator Co.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruegel Fred Bruegel, Jr. J. R. Brown, Manager Carl Bruegel



"I don't know that I can answer your question, son, but I'll try. 'The Christmas spirit' . . . well, it's something you can't touch as you can the tree or feel as you do the cold and the wind and snow. It's greater than the distance to a star or the silence of the night, more wonderful even than Santa Claus . . ."

Superstitions, Traditions Mark New Year Scene

Traditions and superstitions have been a part of the New Year scene around the world. The Chinese believe one must pay up all their debts if the New Year is to be a successful one. The English, on the other hand, consider it a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on the New Year's Day is indicative of what you will do the rest of the year.



The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event. But, particularly at Christmas, is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resonating peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Reddy hopes it's a great Christmas for you and your family and on behalf of his 1,800 fellow employees, wishes you and yours a Very Merry Christmas.
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we had manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations. Credited with the idea of the first display in St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas might visit you. In the woods near the altar you shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the infant Saviour became for us." This was in the small village of Grotto, in Italy, in the year 1290. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year. St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Julius I, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

EVERGREENS Christmas

The evergreen bough, mistletoe and holly used as Christmas decorations have been associated with ceremony and curious custom for thousands of years.

With Proper Care, Poinsettia Plant Will Bloom Again

The popular Christmas plant, the poinsettia, need not be discarded when the holiday is over. The right care can keep it in condition for blooming again next year.

President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25

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

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GREYHOUND
Our very best wishes to all our friends for a happy Holiday.
DIMMITT IMPLEMENT COMPANY
Try A Want Ad Today!

Merry Christmas
Here is a hope that the joy of the Christmas season will abide with you always. May its spirit of good fellowship live in your heart throughout the new year.
Ayers Studio

Early Controversy Over Exact Christmas Date

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

ROSE BOWL HISTORY

After Michigan routed Stanford 49-0 in the first Rose Bowl football game, January 1, 1902, there was no football game supplement to the Tournament of Roses until 1914.

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A CLEAN SLATE

By F. L. Kewley
BENNY SMITH may not be the handsomest guy in the world but he sure is the luckiest. That's what the gang said when they found out he was going to marry Penny Shelley. Not only was Penny easy on the eyes, but she was about as nice a kid as you'll find anywhere. The only one in town who wasn't exactly wild about the deal was Benny Blake. Benny had even sweet on Penny for a long time.



Bobby got his ginger ale and for a time all went fine. The night Benny came storming into Charlie's Place we all knew what had happened; Penny had told him she loved only Bobby Smith and that was that. "Here it is New Year's Eve," complained Benny, "and I ain't even got a date. A handsome guy like me with plenty of money and a new car. What's the matter with girls in this town?" "You're not exactly a church-goer," observed Charlie, "and if you're talking about Penny Shelley, as I believe you are, you know as well as I do that she steers clear of guys who drink." "Hates 'em like poison," I agreed.

"Benny scowled at me. "Anyway, it's still early," said Charlie. "Why don't you call a few numbers to see if they're booked for tonight? No girl wants to sit home alone on New Year's Eve."

Benny ducked into the phone booth. About this time Bobbie Smith sauntered in. Benny, who had come out of the phone booth, began to choke. I had to pound him on the back to bring him round. Then, to everyone's surprise he turned to Bobbie with a big smile. "Hello, Bobbie old pal! How about a drink on me?" Charlie and I looked at each other. Things like this just didn't happen.

"Well—O, K. Benny, I'll have a ginger ale."

Topped
Bobbie got her ginger ale and for awhile everything went fine. He and Benny got to talking about this and that, while Charlie and I made fishing plans for the follow-

ing summer. Suddenly we noticed Bobbie had his arm around Benny's neck. His talk was thick and his eyes were glassy and he didn't look good at all. "What you been feeding him?" asked Charlie, glaring at Benny. "Running over to Bobbie. I snuffed his 'ginger-ale.' It was loaded. "Look at the clock!" growled Charlie. "Penny will be here in five minutes. You steer this guy over to a table and I'll get some black coffee."

Well, we were pouring black coffee into Bobbie, slapping his face and telling him to stay out of it, when Penny walked through the door. She was dressed like a doll, although the effect was spoiled by the look in her eyes. I thought she was going to break down and cry right there. Charlie and I felt like crying ourselves. Then she turned slowly and walked out into the street. "It was six o'clock in the morning when we got Bobbie home. He was back to normal, but still very sick. Charlie and I didn't say anything about Penny; what was the use? As we turned to go, the door opened, and there she was!

Forgiving
She looked as lovely as ever. Rushing across the room to Bobbie, she threw her arms around his neck. Charlie and I just stood, we never did start a year got feeling better. After promising to be their best man I asked Penny, "What made you change your mind about Bobbie?" "Benny called me," she said, with her eyes still wide from looking at the ring Bobbie had given her. "He said that he'd done a mean thing—that he'd like to start the New Year with a clean slate." "Funny thing, Benny got to be a pretty dependable guy after that; didn't drink much either. Makes me kind of proud, Benny, you see, is my big brother."

New Year Day Double Holiday in Haiti
For Latin America's Republic of Haiti, January 1 marks not only the beginning of a new year, but also the anniversary of its independence. It was on January 1, 1804, that Jean Jacques Dessalines formally declared the island's freedom from France and the adoption of the Indian name of "Haiti" for the new nation. In defying the great Napoleon and winning its freedom from France, Haiti became the second nation of the Western hemisphere to win independence as well as the first and only French-speaking republic of the New World.

ROSE BOWL
The fabulous Rose Bowl game started out as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses when the first east-west game was played on January 1, 1902. Michigan beat Stanford, 49-0.

Greetings
From all of us to all of you...our very best wishes for the happiest holidays ever! And along with our greetings, we'd like to send our sincerest thanks for your patronage and good will. You've helped make this past year a fine one for us, and it's been a real pleasure to serve you. Here's hoping you have a wonderful time during the Yuletide season and in the year to come.
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RESOLUTIONS

why make 'em then break 'em...

Let's face it—there are no easy New Year resolutions. With each new year, man makes all kinds of promises to himself and to others. And, each year these same promises and resolutions fall by the wayside, even before the NEW year of the incoming year.

There is no easy resolution, for no resolution is worth the making unless it corrects a fault or curbs a bad habit. Something must be sacrificed if a resolution is to be worthwhile.

The chief reason most resolutions are never kept is because they were impractical to begin with. This year, 1957, we might all resolve that we will make no foolish resolutions that we shall not be able to keep.

With the world situation being what it is at the present time, we might all do well to settle on one single resolution—the will to work together for the achievement of a world peace. If we do this, and each live up to our individual responsibilities in regard to the achievement of such a high ideal, no other resolutions will be required.



Christmas is for the YOUNG

Christmas is for the young! belongs to the young because these How many times do we hear few fail to realize that children grow-ups make this statement see not engrossed with the troubles of everyday living in the fashion of their elders. They are young at heart.

Christmas belongs to all of us, to share, to take part in the celebration of the birth of the Saviour. For a true Christmas we need the greatest event in the history only renew our faith in the Saviour born at Christmas time. We, too, it seems to me that Christmas will then be young at heart.

New Year Gatherings Are Ancient Tradition

Gathering with family and friends to celebrate the New Year is a custom older than when the date January 1 became accepted as the first day of the year. Wishing the old year out and the new year in is one of the oldest and most universal of all celebrations. The ancient Romans got together, although they celebrated the New Year in the spring, to wish each other health, wealth and happiness in the days ahead.

And, long before this time, the Vikings built huge fires at the turn of the year to propitiate their fierce Norse gods.

FIRST CABLE

The first cable across the Pacific between San Francisco and Honolulu, 2,600 miles, was completed on January 1, 1900 and the first message sent that same day. The cable was played out by the "Albatross" a cable ship which departed from San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1899 and arrived at Honolulu on January 1, 1900, the same day the first message was sent.

Outdoor Decorations Should Not Harm Evergreen Shrubs

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

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

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

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

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

Did You Wonder Why Santa Drops Gifts Down Chimney?

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

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

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

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

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

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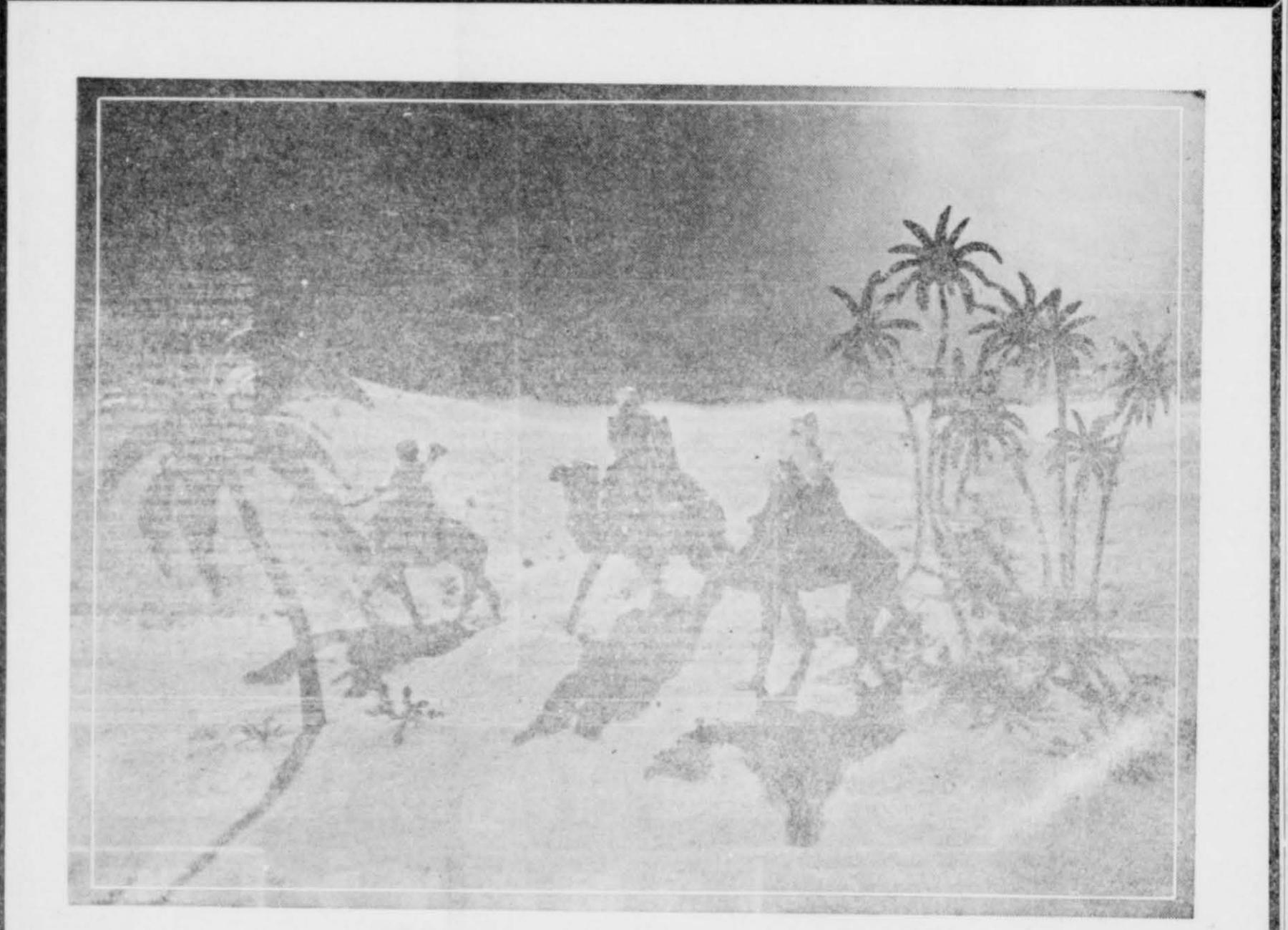
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Beautiful indeed is the Christmas story... the history of how, so many years ago, the Wise Men saw the shining star and followed it to a rich and wonderful reward. As we observe again the birth of Him, it is time to find new faith and new hope in the true spirit of Christmas. It is in this spirit that we send greetings to all our friends. And for your loyal and friendly patronage this past year, we extend our sincere thanks. We want to continue to be of service to you in the future.

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Merry Christmas

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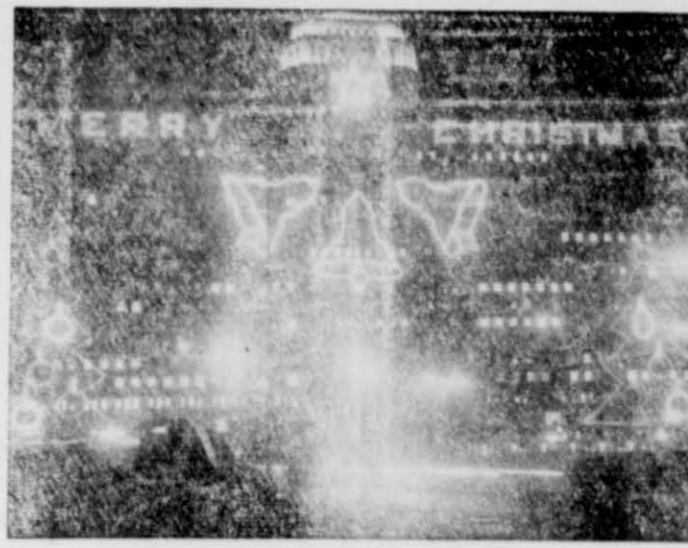
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BRIGHT DISPLAY . . . Long noted for its pleasing Christmas decorations, Chicago's Merchandise Mart, which boasts more floor space than any other structure in the world, presented this gala Christmas greeting to the people of Chicago.

OLD TIMES
 Before the revolution, New Year's was a gay time in Russia. In some cities the streets were decorated with flags and lanterns and thronged with merry-makers.



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

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

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

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

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

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

'NIGHT BEFORE XMAS

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 29 years.

Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies

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

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

PARADE OF FIREMEN

Firemen have always been popular heroes in Japan because the construction of Japanese homes makes them fire hazards. So an annual feature of New Year's Day is the annual dezomeshiki—parade of the fire brigades.

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