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Marvin A. Taylor Dies Monday

Funeral services for Marvin A. Taylor are scheduled for 3 p. m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church. Rev. R. E. Wiley, pastor, will conduct the services and interment will be in Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Mr. Taylor became suddenly ill about 2 p. m. Monday. At 6 p. m. he was rushed to the Medical-Surgical Hospital here and passed away about 8:15 p. m. while undergoing an emergency operation. He had been feeling badly for some time but no one considered his condition serious until Monday afternoon.

Mr. Taylor had been employed at Patterson Gin here for several years. He had worked up until last Saturday.

Marvin Alexander Taylor was born in San Saba County on December 23, 1881. He was married to Miss Tina Mixon in 1905 in Haskell County. The couple moved to Knox County, then to Quitaque and on to Lockney in 1918 where they had lived since.

He had worked at farm work here and also for the railroad in previous years.

Mr. Taylor was a friendly man and always had a pleasant word for those he met.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, J. W. of Plainview and Allen of Sunset; one daughter, Mrs. Vera Kirkpatrick of Sarah, Okla.; one brother, George Taylor of Nebraska, and one sister, Mrs. Etta Wooten of San Benito, Calif.

Walter Reeves Loses Cotton To Thieves

Walter Reeves, who farms just at the north edge of the city, lost about 800 pounds of seed cotton to thieves some time Saturday night. Walter had that much cotton left on the trailer after ginning. He pulled the trailer up in the middle of the field and left it late Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning the cotton was gone.

The prints of the bob-tailed truck used in stealing the cotton were very plain and indicated that the truck had been driven up to the side of the trailer, the cotton thrown onto the truck and then the truck turned around and driven out of the field.

Pioneer Passes At Floydada

Floydada. — Funeral services for John Tilford Taylor, 65, were held at 2 p. m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church here. He died at his home in Floydada at 7 a. m. Friday after a long illness.

Officiating at services were Elders W. R. Dale of Stanton and K. B. Martin of Ralls and Dr. R. Earl Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Floydada. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery under direction of Harmon Funeral home.

Survivors include the widow of Floydada; a son, Dennis Taylor of Mt. Blanco community; two daughters, Mrs. E. E. Norris of Floydada and Mrs. L. W. Norvell of Hereford; two brothers, Joe Taylor of Shreveport, La., and Lum Taylor of Hereford; four sisters, Mrs. George Reynolds of Floydada, Mrs. Jim Polvador of Crosbyton, Mrs. Pitt Wagoner of Clyde and Mrs. Hill Watkins of Washington state. Five grandchildren also survive.

Taylor settled in Floyd County in 1908 and moved to Floydada in 1948. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Aiken Pastor Is Given Automobile

The membership of the Aiken Baptist Church presented their pastor, Rev. C. O. Haile, and his family with a 1952 Chevrolet car Sunday night at the Christmas tree held at the church. "Santa Claus just walked up and handed me the keys," the preacher said this week. He and his family were very appreciative and proud of the gift.

Rev. Haile came to Aiken as pastor last January. The church has grown and prospered under his ministry.

Farm Bureau Ask For More Cotton

The American Farm Bureau Federation, in annual meeting last week in Chicago, passed a resolution asking for an increase in the national cotton acreage allotment. Chester Carthel, president of the Floyd County Farm Bureau said Tuesday. Mr. Carthel had with him a copy of the resolution. He along with his brother, Hershel Carthel, R. R. Kellison and W. R. Puckett attended the national meeting.

The resolution passed recommended that the national cotton acreage allotment be increased by prorating an additional 3,089,532 acres to the states on the basis of the present law, and by then adding on acreage for further adjustments in state allotments to some western states.

The resolution called for an additional 157,500 acres to Arizona, California and New Mexico to reduce the hardship caused by the acreage cut in those states and another 157,500 acres to be used in increasing acreage allotments to cotton states east of New Mexico according to needs to prevent hardship. The resolution suggested that no state be cut more than 34 percent of its 1952 planted acreage.

In individual allotments the resolution suggested that the additional acreage be used to see that these individual allotments equal to the larger of 65 percent of the average planted acreage planted to cotton on the farm during the years 1951, 1952 and 1953 or 45 percent of the highest acreage planted to cotton in any one of the three years. It further provides that no farm allotment shall be increased by reason of the provision to acreage in excess of 50 percent of the acreage on the farm tilled annually except in cases where the county allotment exceeds 50 percent of the county's tilled acreage, then the individual allotment may be raised to the same percent of the farm acreage as the county allotment is of the total tilled acres in the county.

Certain other adjustments are suggested to take care of rare cases.

Mr. Carthel said that the national convention was very democratic and that all phases of agriculture had a chance to be heard. The men returned Saturday morning.

Singing Here Sunday At 2 P. M.

The regular Fourth Sunday Singing will meet at the City Auditorium here Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It was announced this week by Joe Reeves, president. All singers and those who love good singing are invited to attend.

Elizabeth Handley, student of Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, came home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Handley and Gene.



PVT. ROBERT W. MATTHEWS, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Matthews of the Providence community, is in training with an anti-aircraft unit at Fort Bliss, Texas. He entered service on November 20. He attended school at Providence and Lockney graduating here in 1951. He was very active in sports during his high school days.

Lockney Girls Win Consolation

The Lockney High School Longhornettes won the consolation trophy and third place in the Ralls basketball tournament last week end. They defeated the O'Donnell girls 31 to 28 in the consolation finals Saturday afternoon.

The Longhorns were less fortunate. Playing without the services of their stellar forward, Jimmy Myers, they dropped their first game to O'Donnell 39 to 26 and their second game to Ralls boys 55 to 35. Jimmy Rankin was high point man in the O'Donnell game with 9 points and Eddie Foster was high point man in the Ralls game with 18 points. Myers twisted a knee last week and will probably be out of basketball most of the season. Coach Dempsey Alexander has been looking for a combination to make up for Myers loss.

Pat Poteet, Longhornette forward, was chosen on the all-tournament team and lacked only three points being high scorer for the tournament.

The Lockney girls dropped their first game of the tournament on Thursday to the Crosbyton girls 39 to 32. Pat Poteet was high point player for the local girls with 24 points.

On Friday the Longhornettes took on the Ralls girls in the consolation bracket and the local girls won easily 54 to 32. Pat Poteet was again high with 30 points.

The battle for the consolation title was hard fought. The Longhornettes lead all the way and had a safe margin until the final quarter when the O'Donnell girls came back with determination and cut the locals' lead to 3 points. Pat Poteet was high with 15 points in this game.

The Roosevelt boys and the Idalou girls won the titles in their respective divisions in the tournament. Roosevelt defeated Slaton 75-49 and Idalou defeated the Slaton girls 71-42.

On Vacation
The local teams are on vacation for Christmas but may do some practice work, Coach Alexander said Tuesday. They play their next game with Quitaque teams on January 5th in the Floydada gym. The Longhorns will enter the Floydada tournament on January 7, 8 and 9th.

Teddy Carthel of Hardin-Simmons University is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Carthel and Barbara.

Christmas Plans For Long Holiday

Many Lockney people are making plans for a long Christmas holiday this week, some to take trips to visit relatives and others to entertain relatives at their homes here. Most local stores will close Friday, Saturday and Sunday and will be open again Monday morning for business as usual.

There are some exceptions with some service stations, one or two grocery stores and possibly some dry goods stores planning to be open on Saturday.

In addition to the list run in last week's Beacon of those who will be closed the three days, Handley Shop & Pump Co. announced this week that they, too, would be closed Friday through Sunday. Possibly others will also be closed.

Lockney schools dismissed for the Christmas holidays Tuesday afternoon after many class room parties and Christmas trees. School will resume again on Monday, January 4.

The local post office will be an exception to the closing and will be open as usual Saturday morning but will be closed on Saturday afternoon as well as Thursday afternoon of this week, which is Christmas eve.

Following is a list of the business houses which plan to close Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week:

The Lockney Beacon, Lockney Auto Co., Rhodes Grocery & Mkt., Dykes Electric, Longhorn Barber Shop, Bob's Barber Shop, Epper-son Barber Shop, Oliver Jewelry, K. W. Cook, Jewelry, Parker Furniture Co., White Rose Cafe, Frank Perkins Agency, "Whitey" Baccus Motor Co., Johnson & Johnson, Bilibrey Motor Co., Lone Star Grocery, Pinner Insurance Agency.

U & I Laundry, Carl McAdams Agency, Hammond & Company, Patterson Grain Co., Lockney Lumber & Supply, Modern Radio & TV Service, National Alfalfa Dehydrating & Milling Co., Plains Floral Shop, Reese Electric Service, Consumers Fuel Assn., Southwestern Public Service Co., Taylor's Helpy-Selfy Laundry, Lockney Dry Goods, Pennington Motor Co., Baxter & Smith Grain Co., Wofford Wood Shop, Brunner Lumber Co., City Office, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Lockney Variety Store, Knox Grocery & Market, Lockney Drug Co., Byrd Pharmacy.

Lady Fair Shop, Brown's Cleaners & Clothiers, Lockney Frozen Foods, White Auto Store, Baker Hardware Company, J. H. Cooper Ins. Agency, Lockney Implement Co., Baker Flash-O-Gas Co., Reece's Master Cleaners, The Beauty Bar, Lockney Real Estate Co., First National Bank, Panhandle Compress & Whse. Co., Stapp Bros. Body Shop, Lena Fae Store, Livingston Body Works, Southwestern Bell Tele. Co., Cooper Garage, Harley Workman Plumbing, Personality Beauty Shop, Allison Electric Co., J. C. Kemp, Carter & Dye Blacksmith, Handley Shop & Pump Co.

Legion Plans To Distribute Gifts

The Lockney American Legion Post, in regular meeting Monday night, made plans to distribute baskets of food, clothing and toys to underprivileged people of the community. A committee composed of O. C. Allison, Bob Jarrett and Ray Sisney was appointed to take care of the project.

The Legion Post also voted to give \$100 to the City Park committee to be used in maintaining and improving the park. Joe Smith is commander of the local post.

Local Merchants Lose To Forgers

Several local merchants have been the victims of check forgers this fall and Deputy Sheriff Ray Hardin warned this week that merchants should be careful and know the person from whom they are taking a check.

Mr. Hardin said that at least four different checks had been forged here, three of them being cashed at dry goods stores and one at a grocery store. The checks were in the amounts of \$78.00, \$72.50, \$12.63 and \$36.50.

Officers have the identity of at least one of the forgers and have sent out pick-up orders on him, Mr. Hardin said. They think perhaps that the man is responsible for more than one of the forged checks.

Farm House Is Destroyed Sat.

A farm house belonging to C. D. Haston over in the edge of Hale County was completely destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. Fire Chief Lowell Bilibrey and several members of the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department took one of the Lockney fire trucks to the fire but the house was destroyed before they arrived. It was located about 2 1/2 miles west of the Irick schoolhouse.

The explosion of butane water heater started the fire, Chief Bilibrey said. The family lost all their possessions but one mattress, several small pieces of furniture and a few articles of clothing. They carried only \$1,000 insurance on the house. Mr. and Mrs. Haston have three children at home.

On Monday of this week the local fire truck was called to the F. S. Shearer home about three miles south of Lockney where a tractor had caught fire while being filled. The fire was extinguished without important damage.

Holt Republican County Chairman

At the meeting of the Republican state executive committee last week the appointment of Joseph C. Holt of Lockney as county chairman of the party for Floyd county was confirmed.

Mr. Holt succeeds E. E. Wells, who resigned last December after two decades service as the party's county leader.

In addition to filling county chairmanships the state committee also completed the personnel of its own body to full strength.

Featured discussion in last week's meeting centered around the problem presented by the necessity for holding party primary elections instead of nominating by conventions.

Methodists To Have Xmas Service

The Lockney Methodist Church will have a special Christmas Eve Communion Service Thursday evening from 7 to 8:30, according to announcement by Rev. Burgin Watkins, pastor. "The service has been planned in order that members and friends of the church may come by any time during the period and partake of the Blessed Sacrament, paying their tribute to the Christ Child and leave as they so desire," the pastor said.

June Wiley and Dorsey Lynn Baker, who are attending SMU in Dallas, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wiley and Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Baker.

No More Meal Certificates For Drought Area

The Floyd County ASC committee has been instructed to discontinue immediately the approval of all applications for cottonseed meal, pellets and mixed feeds under the drought relief program. The telegram, received last week by Buck Sams, chairman of the county committee, said that current approval applications for carlot shipments now equals the available inventory of cottonseed meal.

Mr. Sams said that the Floyd County Committee had just ordered two cars of cake and pellets and he did not know whether they would receive the order or not. Applications have been approved for the two cars and the committee has received almost enough applications to order a car of meal when the stop order came.

The county committee has continued to issue feed certificates to farmers and cattlemen eligible under the drought relief program since the county was placed back in the drought area in the fall.

Rumors Of New Oil Test Heard

Unconfirmed rumors circulating here say that plans are in the making for another oil test some two or three miles west and south of the Sinclair Oil & Gas Co. No. 1 J. M. Massie well which was plugged and abandoned some three or four weeks ago. The Massie well was located four miles north of Floydada near the Floydada-Silverton highway.

Following the abandonment of the R. L. Nichols No. 1 as a failure last week by Burdell Oil Company, the Wiggins drilling rig was shut down for orders. R. S. Wiggins, the contractor, has been at Hobbs, New Mexico, with a similar drilling rig his company has at work there.

At the time the Nichols offset to the Adams discovery was contracted it was announced that the second test in that one-well field by Burdell would be made on the J. M. Willson land, a mile and a half step-out to the west and slightly north. An unconfirmed report this week said that a second test on the Nichols land would be made when the rig is moved from its present site at the Nichols No. 1. Plenty of lime formation was found in this hole from 7,758 to 7,840 feet but porosity was lacking, was the report given the public.

TO FLORIDA

Mrs. B. A. Cunyus and Neil left last week to accompany their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bill Sumers, Mr. Sumers and daughter of Dimmitt to Florida where they will spend the Christmas holidays with another of Mrs. Cunyus' daughters.

CASH MARKETS

Poultry	
Heavy Hens, 4 lbs. and over.....	23c
Light Hens, under 4 lbs.	19c
Cocks, pound	8c
Eggs, No. 1 dozen	45c to 50c
Hides	
Hides, No. 1, pound	4c
Grain	
Wheat, per bushel	\$2.18
Milo, per cwt.	\$2.15
Alfalfa	
Alfalfa Hay, dehydrated, in field, ton	\$13.00
Baled, at mill, ton	\$20.00
Truckers price, in field No. 1 hay, ton	

Procedure Baby With Neg. Mother

Procedure in childbirth, called such, saved a baby at the Lockney Hospital recently. The case came about a Rh negative mother and a positive father who had three previous children.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, wanted to do what was possible to see that their child lived. They had an unusual procedure which is now safely at the hospital.

The mother's Rh negative and the baby's Rh positive, the blood up anti-bodies against the baby's blood during the birth and the child is usually dead or dies soon after.

Thornton's Mother Dies

Marguerite McManigal, mother of Mrs. Thornton of South Plains, died at 3:30 a. m. Sunday at Canyon Hospital. Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. at the Presbyterian church at Happy with Rev. Akers of Portales officiating. Burial was at Happy cemetery.

Coming Back With Flash-O-Gas Co.

Walter Keisling has moved to Lockney and is again associated with Baker Flash-O-Gas Co. as butane carburetor and appliance repair man.

Keisling was connected with the company here for some time and is the first of this year to be moved to Kress to farm.

Mrs. Fred Brauning will leave Wednesday for San Antonio and where they will spend Christmas holidays.

A solar day begins and ends at noon. A civil day begins and ends at midnight.

Season's Greetings

AND ALL GOOD WISHES

FOR THE

New Year



LOCKNEY IMPLEMENT COMPANY

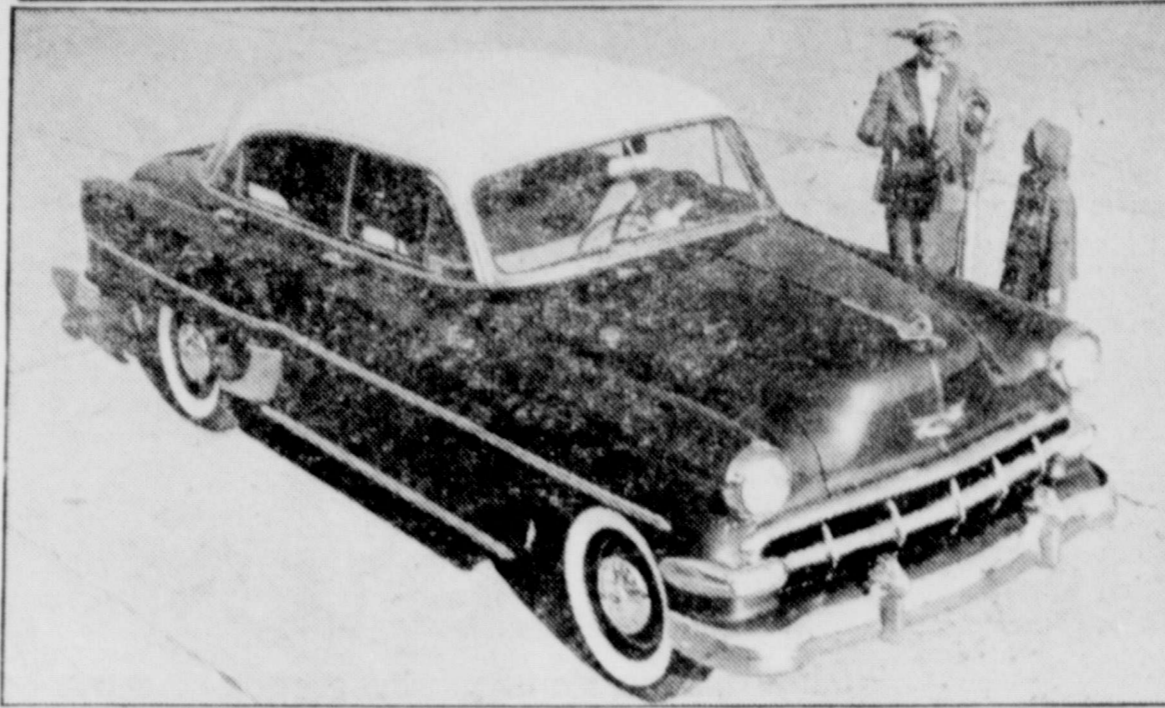
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Raymond Watson

Homer Ellis
Leonard Lynch

C. I. Warren

Added Power, Performance Mark Chevrolet



The two-toned four-door sedan in the "210" Series typifies the new beauty and smartness of the Chevrolet line for 1954. The "210" Series is one of three offered by the company in an array of 13 body models. Added power and chassis improvements, extension of the Powerglide automatic transmission option to all cars and luxurious new interiors in striking color harmonies are a few of the principal features.

A light year is about six million, million miles. There's nothing wiser than the younger generation did. "Mahatma" means "great souled". — Advance, Kossuth Iowa.

THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS EVER

and the

HEALTHIEST YEAR TO BE

to each and everyone of our lovely friends.



MR. AND MRS. TOM WEEKS

Mae and Walter
Wilma and Reggie
Horace and Martha Nell
Peggie and Johnny

Small Towns First to Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

The most spectacular outdoor displays in the United States are at the White House and Rockefeller Center in New York. The New York display is possibly the most elaborate in the world.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea.

Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bells and stars at street intersections and have dazzling community trees.

JIFFY DESSERT

Looking for a "jiffy" dessert that's different? Dissolve any fruit-flavored gelatin in boiling water and then slightly cool, whip as directed on the package. Add soft ice cream, folding it into the fluffy whip. Pile into parfait glasses and chill in your refrigerator. Garnish with whipped cream.

Birth of the Savior Was Greatest Event In World's History

Pleasant as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily.

However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

Puritans Outlawed Yule as Frivolous

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in contrast to the lavish feasting and boisterous merry-making of olden times.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters' customers, "Christmas Boxes" were collected on St. Stephen's day.

fidavits from relatives and close friends who will swear to the date, place, and your parent's names. Another widely used proof is to check Federal Census rolls for your official record in the first census after you were born.

Check your family files to see that every member has at least one certified copy of this important family record — the birth certificate.

KITCHEN FASHION

For your new modern kitchen, consider the convenience of de-centralized cooking. With baking units built into a wall at elbow level, you don't have to stoop to watch your oven-cooking. The space beneath the separate top-burner unit can be utilized for storage. The baking unit can be as large as you wish. You might even like twin ovens for added convenience.

LIMIT SOAKING PERIOD

Don't "stew" your clothes by excessive soaking. Too much soaking causes the relaxed fibers to re-absorb the dirt when the hot water cools off, and gives white clothes that gray look. Make 20 minutes the limit for soaking and follow immediately with a washing in really hot water.

TUFTED BEDSPREADS

Tufted bedspreads are perennial favorites as they fit into the decor of either traditional or modern bedrooms. They're easy to wash and don't require ironing when dried in a gas clothes dryer. The air circulated by the dryer fluffs the little tufts and makes them stand out so that they actually look better than when hand-ironed.



At this heartwarming season, we extend to everyone our wishes for a joyous and bountiful Christmas... a happy and prosperous New Year.

REECER'S MASTER CLEANERS

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Reecer
Lloyd Paul Reecer Mrs. R. L. Holland
Nancy Holland

Merry Christmas

May your homes and hearts abound with holiday warmth, happiness and good fellowship. This is our sincere wish for all our friends who have made this Christmas such a wonderful one for us.

LOCKNEY DRUG CO.
MRS. S. G. MILLER BOB MILLER
CLYDE BRILEY

Do You Have Your Birth Certificate?

College Station. — Do you have your birth certificate? Have you a certified copy in a safe place? Does it give accurate information as to sex, date of birth, and name of parents? If yours is in acceptable form how about those of your children?

Many schools require a copy of the birth certificate for enrollment. Mrs. Eloise Johnson, family life education specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, suggests you check to see if your child's birth certificate is recorded correctly.

Although everyone recognizes the importance of birth certificates, the specialist says a third of the nation's citizens have none. A person who can not produce a certificate or its legally acceptable equivalent, is stateless, ageless, and often jobless as far as government and many business firms are concerned. In this day of widespread military service, world wide travel and international youth exchange programs, a birth certificate is not only a convenience but a vital necessity. Adults and older people need proof of age and citizenship for retirement, payment of pensions, annuities and social security. This makes the certificate a most valuable piece of paper.

If you have no birth certificate, write the county clerk at the county where you were born, state health officer or state registrar of vital statistics to request a copy. If none is registered for you, one of the best proofs is legally executed, notarized af-

Season's Greetings

May the chiming of the joyous Christmas bells, the voices of the choir boys, bring to you again all the warmth of spirit and peace of heart of this glorious season. A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all!

JACKSON TIRE CO.
DWIGHT B. J. RICHARD LONNIE

A survey indicates that fire losses in the United States will exceed \$1,000,000,000 this year—the highest in our history. Fish experts predict that set lampreys, a parasitic scourge, will soon overrun Lake Superior, decimating trout in the lake.



Greetings

No Christmas would be complete for us without an expression of the warm feeling that we have for our many loyal and appreciative friends. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



THE BEAUTY BAR

VEE NORENE JOHNA

The Santa Legend Should Be Explained, Psychologist Says

"CHILDREN enjoy Santa Claus more when they know what he really is," Duke University psychologist Dr. Gelolo McHugh says. "No one enjoys finding out that he has been kept in the dark," says the specialist in child psychology, "and children are no exception." The real meaning of Santa Claus is the joy of giving to make others happy, says Dr. McHugh, and no child should be deprived of this privilege.

Later parents have the difficult job of explaining that there is no jolly old Christmas man, Dr. McHugh points out. When the truth comes out the parent has placed himself in the position of being responsible for Santa's disappearance.

Santa should be a part of Christmas, however, Dr. McHugh believes, but from the very beginning, he should be treated as a wonderful pretend game. This method has proved successful with many children, the specialist says, including his own two young boys.

Children, who love to make-believe, are perfectly capable of enjoying Santa, reindeer, chimneys and all, while knowing in their hearts, when they stop to ask themselves, that he is a pretend person, he says.

The child who takes part in the Santa game doesn't have to wonder on Christmas morning why Santa didn't like him well enough to bring the expensive toys that were ordered from the North Pole, the psychologist points out.

The young Indianapolis mother

is real Santa. "Anyone who loves and gives letters by telling her little son that Santa is real," she ended up, "crash had wonderful understanding before her death in an airplane for her 5-year old son just who recently wrote a Christmas letter to Santa." The total population of the earth is estimated to be 2,400,000,000 or 42.9 persons per square mile.



Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Christmas Game

Snappdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago; it is still played in modified form in England and America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "The Song of Snappdragon," accompanied the game.

God Bless Christmas

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew. "Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; and, therefore, uncle, though it had never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I say, God bless it!"—Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol."

HOME GAS INCINERATORS

Do you catch cold several times each winter just running outside with the garbage? There's no need for these sniffles if you have a gas-operated incinerator installed in your basement. An incinerator consumes garbage and trash quickly and completely eliminates the need for outdoor garbage cans.

True Christmas Spirit Is Found in Sharing

FOR a really satisfying and meaningful Christmas, share yours with the old and feeble, the ill and shut-in, the bereaved whose sorrows you might lighten.

Unfortunately, all the flurry and preparation associated with Christmas are apt to make parents as well as children overlook the real significance of the coming birthday of Christ.

IT'S ALL IN THE WASH

White is no longer a summer-only color. This winter, as never before, it's tops in smartness. But it must be kept completely fresh to look really beautiful. Regular use of bluing with hot wash water, made possible by the proper temperature setting on the automatic water heater, is insurance against letting ugly grays and yellows spoil white's freshness.

Quote . . .

"The only thing more dangerous to a bachelor than a jealous husband is a single girl."—Gordon Andrews.

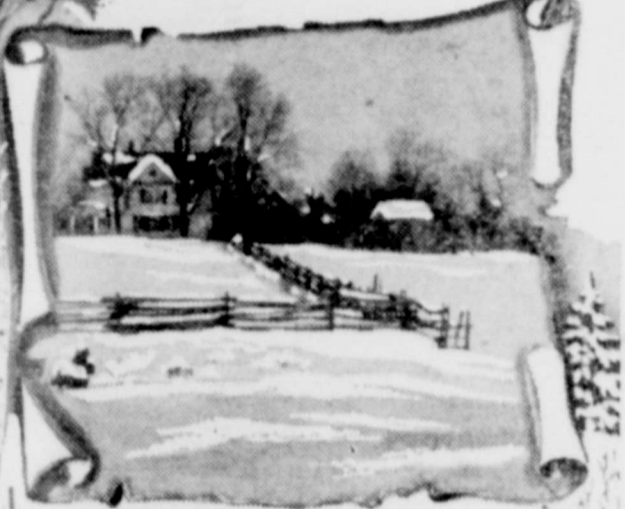
"A woman's idea of a good cry is one that gets the intended result." — O. A. Battista.

BUDGET FISH DINNER

A one-pound can of mackerel, which is very inexpensive, will yield four generous servings of an easy-to-make recipe. Drain mackerel, remove skin and soft bones and arrange in a single layer in a shallow baking dish. Pour a can of mushroom soup mixed with 1/4 cup of milk over fish. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes in the oven of your range. Serve with mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes and a tossed green salad.

The dodo was a form of pigeon.

Best Wishes



In the true spirit of this most joyous of holidays, we wish all our friends and neighbors a full measure of happiness, health and prosperity.

Knox Grocery & Market
From All of Us



CHRISTMAS CHEER

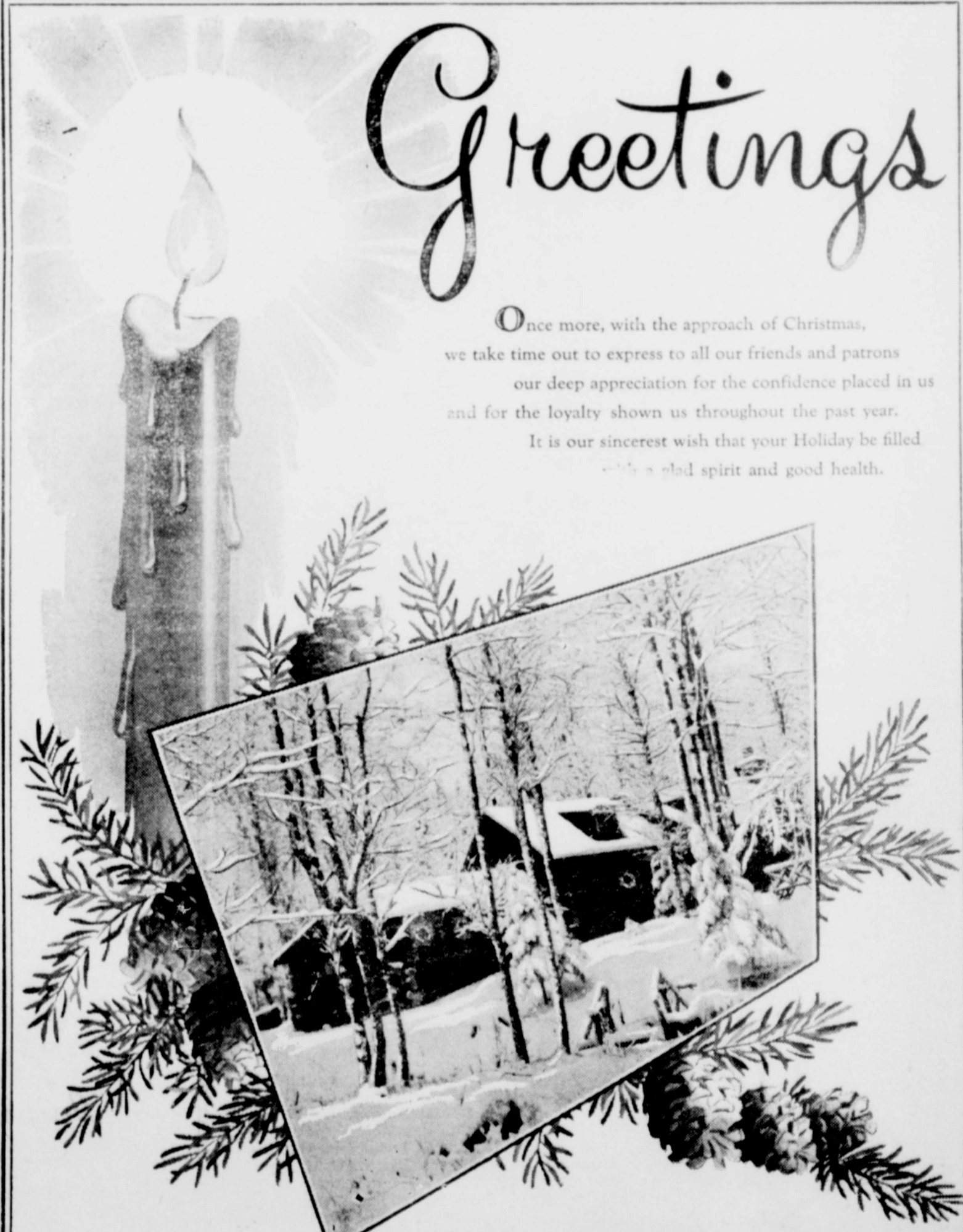
Age-old, yet ever new, the true spirit of Christmas brings good cheer to every heart, new sparkle to every eye. May you and your loved ones experience, in fullest measure, all the joys of the season, and may its happiness spread its glow throughout the New Year.

BAKER HARDWARE COMPANY

JOHN STALCUP WAYNE McCLAIN ELMER MAULDIN

Greetings

Once more, with the approach of Christmas, we take time out to express to all our friends and patrons our deep appreciation for the confidence placed in us and for the loyalty shown us throughout the past year. It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled with a glad spirit and good health.



It has been a real pleasure to serve you this year and we will endeavor to serve you even better in the coming year.

FARMER'S GIN

T. C. DEMPSEY, Owner

H. G. HODGES, Manager

Lone Star

Society

Training Union Is Entertained Tuesday

The young people's Training Union of the Aiken Baptist Church was entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Klyce Ooley on Tuesday evening, December 15.

Games were enjoyed and refreshments of punch, fruit cake, ice cream and mints were served to fourteen guests and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Briley and little daughter plan to spend Christmas with her parents in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mitchell and family plan to visit her parents at Silver City during the Christmas holidays.

Wesleyan Guild Party Held

The Wesleyan Service Guild had their Christmas party, Dec. 10 in the home of Mrs. Milton Ashton.

After the business meeting Mrs. Claude Hammond brought an inspiring devotional. Mrs. W. D. Reese told a beautiful Christmas story. The group is making Christmas candy for shut-ins.

After gifts were exchanged delicious refreshments were served to Mes. Clark Harris, G. A. McClelland, C. H. Rose, Charles L. Record, Ernest Spradlin, Arthur Barker, Claude Hammond, Wayne Bybee, Kenneth Cook, Woodson Terrell, J. M. Lantrip, A. O. Wines, Richard Patterson, W. D. Reese, Burgin Watkins, Clyde Briley, and Miss Nellie Brown and the hostesses, Mes. Ashton, Oliver Holmes and Miss Mildred Thomas.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

Council Party Is Enjoyed

The annual Christmas party for outgoing and incoming members of the Floyd County Home Demonstration Council was held Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. D. W. Burke in Floydada. Mrs. Burke's home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

Guests were welcomed by Mrs. W. R. Daniel, Council Chairman. Mrs. Grigsby Milton of South Plains presided at the tea table where hot cranberry punch, dainty Christmas cookies and mints were served. Mrs. J. W. Day Jr. of Starkey pinned a holly corsage on each guest as she was served.

Mrs. Thomas Marr of Lockney, Recreation Chairman of the Council, presented the program. Mrs. C. L. King of Lone Star led the responsive reading of the Christmas story from Luke. Mrs. James Jeffress of Sand Hill led the group in singing "Joy to the World." "A Christmas recipe was given by Mrs. Marr.

Officers for 1954 were installed by Mrs. Daniel. They are Mrs. M. J. McNeil of Center, Chairman; Mrs. Grigsby Milton, vice chairman; and Mrs. Wilfred Stoerner of Providence, Secretary-Treasurer. At the closing of the installation a prayer was offered by Mrs. Ben Brandes of Providence.

All the guests were introduced by Mrs. Daniel. A special guest, Mrs. G. H. Day of Starkey, was introduced by Miss Leila Petty, Floyd County Home Demonstration Agent. Miss Petty said Mrs. Day has a perfect attendance record at club meetings for the past six years. Mrs. C. A. Coffee of Dougherty, past county T. H. D. A. Chairman was also a special guest.

The success of the very lovely party can be attributed to the hostess, Mrs. Burke and to the various committees. Mrs. C. W. Denison of Sunnyside was chairman of the refreshment committee. Others on her committee were Mrs. A. H. Kreis of Friendship; Mrs. Howard Drysdale of Dougherty; Mrs. G. Milton and Mrs. J. W. Day Jr. The gift committee were Mes. Carrick Snodgrass, Harmony and Lee Rushing of Friendship. The arrangements committee were Mes. W. H. Bunch, Homebuilders, D. S. Rattey Sr., Harmony and Mrs. Ruth Daniel, Dougherty. Each person received a gift from the lovely tree and showing the gifts received was an additional pleasure. The council officers and Miss Petty received many special gifts from the council and clubs.

Guests attending, other than those named were Mes. Henry Willis, Center; W. O. Jones Jr., and W. J. Ross, Dougherty; Sam Green, and E. L. Angus, Friendship; E. G. Norrell, Homebuilders; Buie Neff, Verlon Wright and J. H. Owens, Lakeview; Garland Sams and J. E. Tierce, Lockney; W. D. Nance and Raymond Teeple, Lone Star; Weldon Smith and A. M. Dorsey, Pleasant Valley; Ben Quebe, Providence; J. T. Spears, Sand Hill; L. T. Wood and H. L. Marble, South Plains; John Shipley and John Fowler, Starkey; R. H. Tinsley, A. D. Schaffner and Mary Simmons, Sterley; W. O. Tye and S. J. Latta, Sunnyside.

First National Bank Banquet Held Wed.

Employees and directors of the First National Bank and their guests enjoyed a Christmas banquet at the American Legion Hall Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

The hall and banquet tables were beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif. Corsages were presented each woman. Following the meal Lawrence and Charles Andrews did a magician act. Gifts were exchanged.

Attending were Messrs. and Mes. Ed Whitfill, T. B. Mitchell, L. M. Readhimer, Jack Dollar, Edwin Boedeker and Teddy, Grigsby Milton, L. A. Cooper, Bill McClaskey, Joe Wilson, Gerald Sams, Wayne Bybee, John L. Riley, Lawrence Andrews, Lavell Johnson, M. W. Wiley; Mrs. W. C. Grady, Miss Juanita Tinsley, Miss Lou Rivers, Charles Andrews, Don Wright, Mrs. Ben Quebe, B. H. Quebe, Ewald Quebe and Oliver Savage.

Wiley McPherson of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McPherson of Hobbs, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Jay McPherson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mace McPherson all of Midland and Mary Louise McPherson of Floydada are expected to spend the holidays here with Mrs. C. P. McPherson and other relatives.

Mother Goose Has Christmas Treat

The pupils and guests of "The Mother Goose" School had their Christmas party Tuesday morning at school. Mr. G. H. Phenix entertained the young audience with his novelty "Man From Arkansas" doll act.

Then Santa made his entrance with his pack of gifts for each child. This was a stocking full of candy, nuts and one toy. Then he distributed gifts from the tree among the pupils. Each pupil made their parents a ceramic hand for their gift to the parents. Mrs. Derrell Wood presented their annuals to them, filled with the pictures just made from a studio. The children presented a nylon quilted robe to the teacher.

The Christmas committee making this party the success was Mes. Nettie Hancock, Fred Braunig, Thomas Chattum and Dan Teuton. Little guests present were Gary McDonald, Bretta Dutton, Jimmie Baccus, Sally Dodson, Cindy Turner, Tommy Willis and Linda Reed. Pupils were Cheri Chatum, Tony Frizzell, Gay Hancock, Bill Hays, Joe Holt, Connie Reed, Benny Reecer, Charles Smith, Buck Smith, Vicki Teuton, Mike Willis, Ada Kay Reese, Patricia Braunig, Tommy Joe Sherman, Dale Brown, Jack Ooley and Jeanette Dodson.

The following parents were present: Mes. Leo Turner, Dee Reese, Thomas Chattum, Fred Braunig, Forrest Smith, Hubert Frizzell, L. T. Busby, Albert Willis, C. C. Hackney, Charlie Smith, Robert McDonald, Connie Reed, Frank Brown, Loren Reecer, Klyce Ooley, Mr. Phenix, Edgar Hays, and the teacher, Mrs. Wood.

School will be resumed again on Monday, January 4 at 9 o'clock.

SAYS THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who gave to help finance my eye operation. My special thanks to the young people of the Lone Star Baptist Church who sponsored the gift. I appreciate every thought and prayer behind your gifts and the love you have shown in presenting it to me. It makes me more fully realize the meaning of James 1:17: "Every good and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of Light with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Thanks again and I wish you all as Merry a Christmas and as happy a New Year as you have made mine.

Gordon McAda.

There are 32 points in a compass.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:
I want a Tiny Tears doll and anything else you would like to bring me. Thank you.
Love
Donna Lyn Record.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me a doll, doll bed, clothes for my doll and a bag to put them in and if you can, I would like a bike. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Thanks,
Vickie Rogers.

Lockney, Texas
Dec. 21, 1953

Dear Santa:
I live at Amarillo, but I'm visiting my Granny. I have been a pretty good little girl this year. I am five years old. Please bring me a baby doll with a bottle, a little stove and some candy and nuts. I have a little brother, James, who is still in Amarillo, but he will be here for Christmas. Please bring him some guns, a tractor, some candy and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls all over the world.
We love you
Merry Christmas
Sonia Jean Husky.

Dear Santa:
Please bring Mike and I a B-B gun, also some candy and nuts. We both love you.
Richard and Mike Smith.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 3 years old. I've been sweet and good this year so I want several things like a Saucy Walker doll, a suit case full of clothes for it; a record player and records, a set of dishes with a real coffee pot and a formula set, lots of nuts, candy and fruit to fill my stocking. Don't forget all my little friends.
Loving you, I am,
Dara Dyann Bybee.

DIAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM GOES INTO EFFECT IN TULIA

Plainview. — Tulia's new dial telephone system went into operation at noon Friday smoothly. Southwestern Bell Telephone officials reported.

Although the Tulia switchboard has no operators, long distance calls for Tulia will come through the Plainview switchboard without delay, company officials said tonight. New dial numbers in five digits have been assigned subscribers in Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Allen and children of Crosbyton spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Allen.

TO CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bartram are spending Christmas holidays in California with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson, Bobby and Lanell are spending the holidays near Hamilton, Texas with relatives and friends.

HAS HEART ATTACK

W. A. Adams, serv operator, suffered a heart attack last Thursday. He will be forced to take a while. He was better but attending physician instructed him to "take a while."

WE WILL BE CLOSED

From Dec. 25 through December 31

We will be open again on Friday morning, January 1, ready to serve you in the very best way.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We extend our very best wishes a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and Customers. We are thankful for your patronage the past year and we trust that it will be our privilege to continue to serve you.

HOTEL COFFEE SHOP

MR. AND MRS. "SPECK" ALFORD and RANDY

A Merry Christmas

This greeting goes to all our friends. With a special note of cheer — "We wish you joy on Christmas Day and happiness throughout the year."

ADAMS TEXACO STATION
Mr. and Mrs. Pascaul Adams

Joyous Greetings

May every heart at your house be filled with good cheer and happiness this Christmas.

Oliver Jewelry
Ted Oliver Temp Phillips
Virginia Teuton
Mrs. Raymond Upton

Greetings

It is our pleasure once again to say Merry Christmas to all our friends and neighbors.

JONES DRY GOODS
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Minter
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our friends we wish all the good things that this glorious time of year can bring.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

PLAINS FLORAL SHOP
Mrs. J. B. Seale, Prop.

Merry Christmas Ahead

It looks like it's going to be the happiest holiday ever—filled with the pleasures that only the Yuletide season can bring... a deep down glad spirit, warm and loving hearts.

May you enjoy this Christmas with unlimited good health and good spirit.

LOCKNEY BUTANE CO.
HENRY HODEL HAM GAMMAGE

HENRY HODEL OIL CO.
PAUL MANGUM GEORGE WEBSTER

WANT ADS TO BUY TO SELL TO RENT

For Sale
 1947 Studebaker club coupe, C. O. 3465. 37-tfc.
 Big fat hens. See 37-tfc.
 5 year old Jersey baby calf. L. F. Du southwest of Aiken. 37-2tp.

For Sale
 brick veneer, 6 rooms large garage, 12x24 foot door. Brick tile on kitchen hardwood floors, in- shingles and siding. Concrete side driveway, on paved block for school. for young couple family or elderly to spend declining 27-tfc.
 G. M. HICKS 2247 Lockney

AMARILLO DAILY NEWS
 of \$8.95 per year for only paper expires on . . .
 Half section, two well fenced, no improve- ment goes, small down Good 20 year loan or in quarters, 6 miles Bart, Texas. See Virgil 35-4tp.

ESTATE — Houses in for sale. Also farm land at wholesale. V. D. 3847. 12-tfc.

INVESTIGATE . . .
 the profits of being a Bureau member, and legal reserve dividend companies owned and by Farm Bureau renewing your Auto. Fire, Polio or buy- Life Insurance check with Floyd County Farm Bureau, phone 665 or night.

Floyd County Farm Bureau
 F. F. Fickett, Service Officer
 Main Floydada

AVON COSMETICS for . . .
 Mrs. R. W. Johnson, 31-tfc.

ARTHUR B. DUNCAN ABSTRACT COMPANY
 South East corner square Floydada, Texas
 most and most complete ab- tract plant in Floyd County. prepared to render prompt ef- ficient service on everything the line of land titles.
 MAUD E. HOLLUMS
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4%
 Use a Land Bank loan to . . .
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 319 South Main
 B. Watson, Sec'y-Treas.

For Sale
 KIRSCH drapery rods, draw curtain style, all sizes from 24" to 150". Try Kirsch "EASYPLEAT" for making those professional looking pleats. Also all styles and sizes of curtain rods and accessories. Parker Furniture Co.
 I AM YOUR AVON representa- tive for Sterley and Lone Star communities. Mrs. Donald John- son, phone 3175. 24-tfc.

FOR SALE — Canary birds. Singers \$5 and up. Mrs. V. L. Webster, phone 3842. 34-4tc.

SEE ME for Bibles and Bible Story books. Mrs. Bert Vernon. 51-tfc.

PFUFF SEWING MACHINES — Call Mrs. Albert King, phone 3766 for free demonstration. 5-tfc.

FOR SALE — 6 rooms and bath, garage, on Main Street, good as new, back yard fenced in, 75x150 foot lot. See Lockney Real Estate. 22-tfc.

Wanted
 WANTED — Farm work by the year. Married man with fam- ily. Do welding and mechanical work. W. A. Rushing, contact at George Jaffeot residence, Lock- ney, Texas. 37-2tp.

WANTED — Ironing to do at my home. Grace Marshall, across street from Parsons Photo Shop. 36-4tc.

WANTED TO RENT — 160 acres irrigated. Will buy equip- ment if necessary. Contact Guy Kimbell Jr., 3214 33rd Street, Lubbock, Texas, phone 2 7246 on week days. 35-6tc.

PLAINS POULTRY PRODUCTS
 New Address:
 419 West 24th Street
 Plainview, Texas
 1/2 block west of Columbus on 24th Street
HIGHEST CASH BUYERS
POULTRY and EGGS
 Custom Dressing of Poultry
 For information see J. D. Huggins
 Lockney 33-tfc.

WANTED — Reputable party would like to rent irrigated acre- age for next year. Will buy some equipment. Furnish best of refer- ences. Write Box B, % Beacon or phone 3593. 32-tfc.

WANTED — Windmill and pressure pump work. Jesse Har- ris, dial 2386, R. W. Johnson, dial 3384. 32-tfc.

FISH & WARREN
 Cesspool Drilling
 30-inch to any size.
 Also Stormcellars
 Dial 4-5828 or 4-5435
 Plainview, Texas tfc.

HAULING WANTED — Have permit to haul furniture, live- stock, etc. Also completely cov- ered by insurance. Vestal Eil- and, Lockney. 15-tfc.

WANTED — Ironing to do in my home. Mrs. Ruth Stephenson, phone 3334. 27-tfc.

FARMERS — If you need a magento for your tractor or hay baler, remember that we have the Wico Magneto, the best made. Pennington Motor Co., Dial 3383.

PIANO TUNING — Drop a card to Luther Fowler, Box 66, Lock- ney or phone 2173. 46-tfc.

FARM AND RANCH LOANS
 See us for your farm and ranch loans. Quick appraisal. Low interest rate, splendid pre- payment options, liberal valu- ations. 7-tfc
 GOEN & GOEN, Floydada, Texas

For Rent
 FOR RENT — Nice bedroom. Call Mrs. W. I. Hightower at 2302. 36-tfc.

FOR RENT — Duplex. Mrs. C. L. Allen, phone 2243. 36-tfc.

FOR LEASE — 600 acres, 2 wells, will put down another, 550 acres in cultivation. Wade Davenport, 6 miles north, 1 mile east of South Plains. 27-tfc.

Lost and Found
 FOR RENT — Two room fur- nished apartment. Grace Mar- shall, across street from Cap- itol Photo. 37-tfc.

South Plains
 by Mrs. Murray Julian

Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby Milton and girls went to Amarillo Sat- urday evening to spend the night and be with his mother, Mrs. Milton and Linnie for their pre- Christmas dinner at Mrs. Milton's home in Amarillo. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Milton and children were guests at the Milton home also. Grigsby Milton returned home Sunday evening in time for the church program.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weast went to Amarillo last Sunday to spend a few days with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Evans and family. They shopped down town while they were there and attended to some busi- ness matters returning home on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Owen Thornton's Mother Passes Away in Happy
 Mrs. Marguerite McManigal, who lived in Happy, was stricken with a heart attack two weeks ago, succumbed at the hospital in Canyon where she had been for some time on Sunday. She was buried from the Presbyter- ian Church in Happy on Mon- day, December 21 at 3:00 o'clock. Mrs. McManigal was Mrs. Owen Thornton's mother and she has been in Canyon with her parents during the past two weeks while her father is also convalescing from an operation in the hospital at Canyon. Our sympathy goes out to all the family in their grief. Those who attended the funeral Monday afternoon from here were Mmes. John Smith- man, I. H. Parks and Harry Hartman.

Mrs. Early Joiner and Gordon left Sunday afternoon for Here- ford where they stayed the night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brumley and Mon- day morning they left for Rye, Colorado to spend the Christmas holidays with Early. They intend to be home in time for school on December 29.

Mrs. Riggs, mother of Cherry Mullins has been home for the past few days from the hospital in Dallas where she underwent surgery. She is feeling fine and glad to be home.

Birthday Celebration
 For Kelly Smitherman
 Mr. and Mrs. Rex Smitherman gave their son, Kelly, a birthday party on Dec. 16 at their home. His grandmother, Mrs. John Smitherman and Mrs. Otho San- ders decorated the angel food birthday cake for Kelly and it held an exciting Christmas tree in red and green Christmas col- ors. Favors for the children were candy canes and pop corn balls. Kelly was two years old on Dec. 15 and the youngsters who en- joyed the party from 2:30 until 4:30 were Diane and Cathy Cal- ahlan, Carlton Johnson, Kim Cum- mings, Charlotte Spearman, Kay Thornton, Larry Beedy, Judy Huckabee and Kathie Thornton. Helping Mrs. Smitherman with the party was Mrs. John Smith- erman and mothers present were Mmes. Sterling Cummings, Gar- vin Beedy, Ernest Huckabee and Herman Thornton.

Otho Sanders went to Denton Friday morning, accompanied by Frank McClure where they met Martha Lee Sanders and brought her home for the holidays here with her parents and brothers. Martha Lee is a senior this year at North Texas State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby Milton attended on Wednesday night, Dec. 16 the annual banquet of the Lockney First National Bank which was held this year at the American Legion Hall in Lock- ney and began at 6:30.

On Friday night of this past week Mr. and Mrs. George Weast were hosts at a canasta party in their home and guests from Floyd- ada were Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Norman. Mrs. Weast served deli- cious refreshments at "s" close of the evening.

Mona Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Cummings is expected home this week from California. She left there last week and arrived in Denver, Colorado on Friday where she visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rose over the week end. She will spend her Christmas vacation here with her parents and relatives.

Christmas Party Of WMS
 At Milton Home
 The WMS of the South Plains Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Grigsby Milton on Wed- nesday at 2:30 Dec. 16 for the Christmas party and the after- noon was spent in Bible study with leader, Mrs. H. S. Calahan Jr. in charge of the topic for the afternoon which was "The Young Man Moses." The members brought gifts for the orphans homes instead of each other. Mrs. Milton served delicious refresh- ments of sandwiches, salad, orange cake and candy. Present at the meeting were Mmes. Shel- by Calahan, H. L. Marble, Bryan Karr, W. S. Spearman, Paul Snodgrass, Murray Julian, H. S. Calahan Jr. and Dock Jones.

The Christmas Church pro- gram at the South Plains Bap- tist Church was enjoyed by a large group Sunday evening at 6:30. The program began with the coronation of Bonnie Upton and Virginia Taylor, who be- came maidens in the Girls Aux- iliary. The Nativity Scene was the main part on the program with all the children of the church participating. The inter- mediates made up the choir of voices who sang Christmas car- ols and they wore robes of white. Refreshments of cake, coffee and sandwiches and candy were served after the program.

Church Activities Of The Week
 Rev. Morris, Mrs. Morris and

daughter were visitors on Sun- day and the week end in the Rev. W. S. Spearman home. Rev. Morris brought the message here on Sunday morning and it was greatly enjoyed. He will go on January 3 to the First Third Baptist Church in Houston and he is formerly of Paducah.

Monday night the Brotherhood of the church will meet at the church, also Monday night the intermediates will go caroling to different homes in the commu- nity. On Tuesday night Cherry Mullins and Jr. Calahan will take the intermediates and jun- ior R. A.'s for a roller skating party, and a social afterwards at Rev. Spearman's. On Wednesday evening Raymond Spence, Mis- sionary from Japan on leave, will show slides at the church. Next Sunday during Rev. and Mrs. Spearman's absence Rev. Joe Wilson from Floydada will bring the message.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Sanders, Martha Lee and boys enjoyed visitors Sunday afternoon from Floydada Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sanders. From Lockney were Mr. and Mrs. George Beedy who spent the afternoon with them.

Pfc. Deral Young and Mrs. Young are here visiting this week from Camp Hood and Bel- ton, Texas. They are spending part of the time with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Young and part of the days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pike Hanna of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weast went to Silverton Saturday night to have supper with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davis.

Home for the Christmas holi- days from college are Charles Hartman from Howard Payne and Perry Julian from Hardin-Sim- mons. Carol Reeves and brother, Jack, are also home for the holi- days. Carol from Buckners Or- phan Home in Dallas where she teaches, and Jack from Roswell, where he is an English instruct- or.

Merry Christmas to everyone who reads this and may God bless you all this happy yule tide.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Viall and son, Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beall all of Amarillo, spent Saturday and Sunday here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wal- ter Beall.

GREETINGS
 May the season's joys follow you throughout a happy New Year.
WHITE AUTO STORE
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Lee Sr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Lee Jr.



Joy at Christmas



Now is the time for all Good Holiday Wishes... may we wish to all our friends the best of health and joy for Christmas and the New Year.

BARBER'S FARM STORE
 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barber Sr.

Mrs. J. D. Wood spent Thurs- day in Plainview assisting her mother, Mrs. W. C. Ooley with a party for her Sunday School class on the occasion of her 78th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Deaigh and Louise of Fort Worth, are expected here to spend Christ- mas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Derrell Wood and brother, Clyde Ooley and family.




Christmas Greetings
 May the true spirit of Christmas dwell in your home and in your heart throughout the year.
REESE ELECTRIC SERVICE
 The Reese Family

CLOSING OUT AN ESTATE
 Several half section farms in good irrigation water near Hereford, Texas for sale with small cash payment and long time to pay balance. These farms are on paving and near paving. Ninety-five per cent of this land is in high state of cultivation. For further information see or call collect Glenn Weir or Joe Evans.
 Glenn Weir—Phone 802 or 200, Hereford, Texas
 Joe Evans—Phone 1163 or 51, Hereford, Texas



Greetings
 May Christmas and the New Year hold for you the blessings of health, happiness and prosperity . . .
CARL McADAMS
 General Insurance

Christmas Cheer
 With holly, mistletoe and Holiday cheer, may your Christmas be a merry one, your joy complete.



LIVINGSTON BODY WORKS
 Auto Salvage — Wrecker Service
 N. L. Livingston Phone 3523

Greetings
 The Christmas wishes we send you are meant to last as long as the green of the evergreen. And may it extend to all those you love, too.

MODERN RADIO & TV SERVICE
 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cox



It's Christmas Again!

Holiday Greetings

Bargain Rates On Daily Newspapers

Bargain rates are now in effect on some daily newspapers and The Beacon is authorized to accept your new or renewal subscription to most all dailies. Here are the rates:

Fort Worth Star Telegram: daily and Sunday, by mail, \$13.95. Daily only, by mail, \$12.60.

Amarillo Daily News, daily and Sunday, by mail, \$13.00. Daily only, one full year for only \$8.95.

Lubbock Morning Avalanche, daily and Sunday, by mail, \$12.95. Daily only, by mail, \$11.00.

Save money by subscribing for your favorite daily at The Beacon office.

IT'S CRANBERRY TIME

Baking a pie for tomorrow's dinner? Try mixing whole cranberry sauce with apples or prunes for a tasty filling. Bake at 350 degrees in the oven of your gas range for about 20 minutes.

HIGH STYLE

Knit dresses are high style this year, with elaborate trimmings for "dress-up" occasions. Read the manufacturer's label carefully before laundering these garments. It's safe to wash in lukewarm mild soapsuds if it's wool, and hotter suds if it's cotton or nylon. Some even can go into the washing machine, provided you put the dress into a mesh bag first. Use low heat to dry knit dresses in your gas clothes dryer. GAMA suggests.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

'Lord Of Misrule' 'Hodening Horse' Make Noel Jollier

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two men forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

OYSTERS NEW ORLEANS STYLE

Down in New Orleans they do things to oysters. Open them, set them in the half shell, then cover them with Thousand Island dressing. Add a little sprinkle of grated cheese and then bake for 8 minutes in a hot oven.

The use of the finger-alphabet by deaf mutes is called dactylogy.

Gas masks were first used in 1915.

The Near East is the name for countries of the eastern Mediterranean.

There are three leagues.



O, come all ye faithful...

May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Bethlehem remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.

PARKER FURNITURE CO.

HERSHEL SWEPSTON CLYDE STOWE

LOOK! A BIG STOREWIDE

20% OFF SALE!

UNTIL JANUARY 1ST

Save on your Christmas Gift purchases now. We offer you a 20% discount off the retail price on any item in the store.

SILVERWARE

1847 Rogers, First Love pattern, was \$79.75, now—

\$64.00

COMMUNITY PLATE

Evening Star pattern, 52 piece, was \$79.55, now—

\$64.00

ICE TEA SPOONS

8 spoons, daffodil pattern, 1947 Rogers, was \$13.00. Now—\$8.00.



WEDDING BANDS

10 diamond double row Wedding Band Was \$165, now—\$132.00

5 diamond single row Wedding Band Was \$163.50, now—\$131.00

WEDDING ENSEMBLES

\$120.00 and up

ALL WATCHES

20% Off

MEN'S RINGS

\$18.50 to \$38.50

MASONIC RINGS

\$26.50 to \$56.50

EASTERN STAR RINGS

\$23.00 and \$25.00

ELGIN AMERICAN COMPACTS

\$3.95 up



Pen and Ear Screw Sets \$3.95 to \$16.50

REMINGTON SHAVERS with automobile outlet Was \$26.50, now—\$21.00

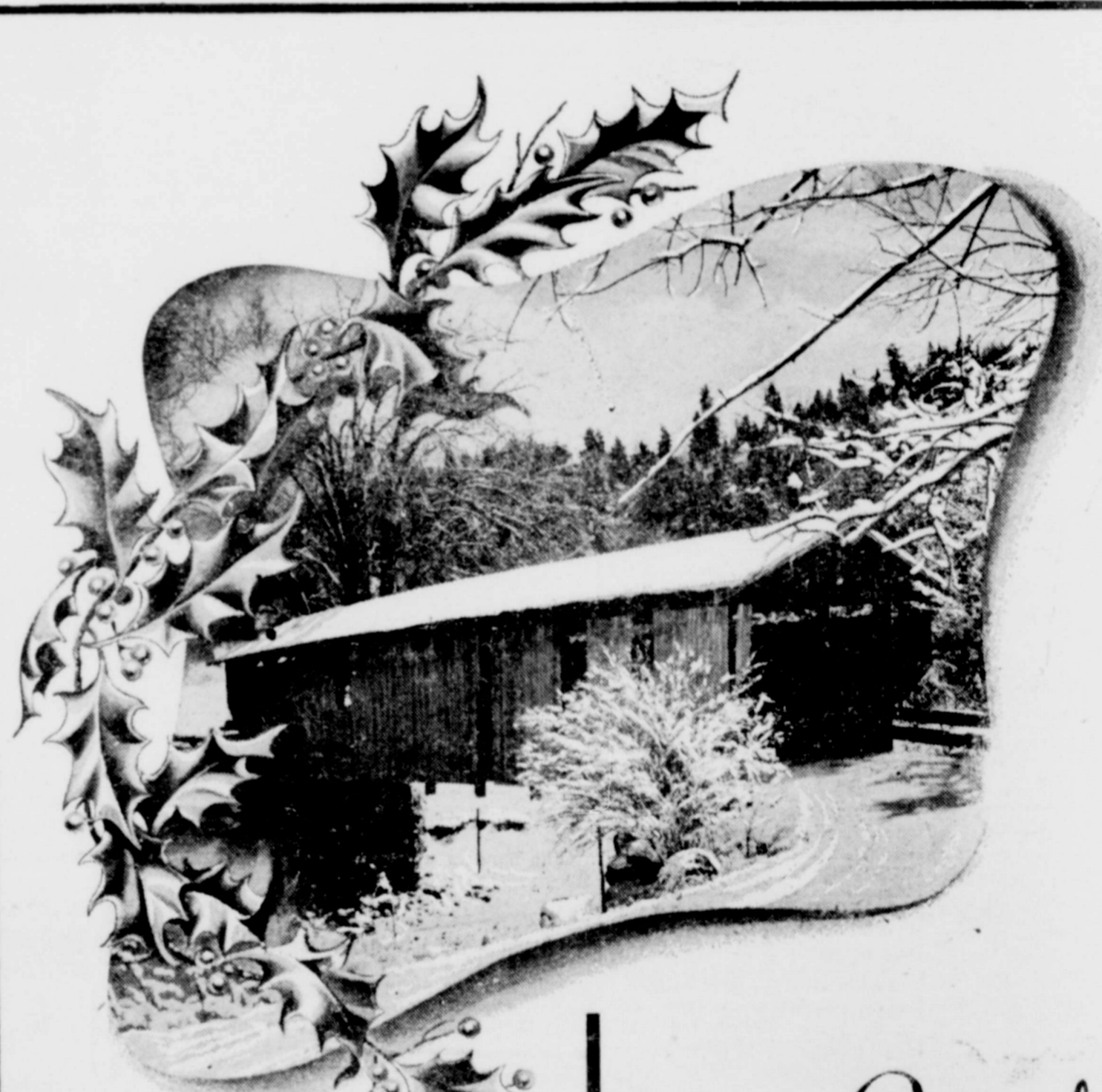
RONSON LIGHTERS and Case Combinations \$6.70 to \$17.50

IDENTIFICATION BRACELETS \$8.95 to \$16.50

K. W. COOK

JEWELER

Crager Bldg.



Holiday Wishes

The blessings of friendship and loyalty are the very essence of the Spirit of Christmas... and so, at this joyous and heartwarming season we want to wish all of our many friends the richest of life's treasures—peace, good health and happiness.

LOCKNEY GIN

Merry Christmas



*As each succeeding year becomes richer and happier
in old relationships, we derive more and more pleasure
in extending Holiday Greetings to our many friends
and associations. To everyone we wish
a joyous and bountiful Christmas, a healthy and prosperous New Year.*

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Commissioner, Precinct 2

MRS. SAM A. SPENCE
County Treasurer

Stanley Conner Accepted For Medical School

Stanley Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conner of the Cedar Hill community, has been accepted as a student in Baylor College of Medicine at Houston and will enter that school next September.

Stanley, a 1951 graduate of Lockney High School, will complete his junior year at Baylor University next June.

Only 85 students are accepted at the medical school each year and must secure recommendations from his instructors. Also he must have at least a 2 point grade average. An additional honor for Stanley is the fact that he was accepted at the end of his junior year in Baylor. Only 15% of the students are selected at this point in their schooling. He will receive his B. S. degree after one year in the medical school and then continue study for his M. D. Degree.

Stanley is a member of Beta Beta, national honor society for pre-medical students and is also an assistant laboratory instructor in the chemistry department.

Six Recover From Wreck

Floydada. — Mr. and Mrs. James Habel and their four children of Floydada, are reported recovering satisfactorily in an Olney hospital where they were taken following a two-car collision Saturday afternoon.

The collision occurred about 5:30 p. m. Saturday on Highway 199 at the Westover Community, about 15 miles east of Seymour. Jimmy Wade Habel, 14 years old, was driving the Habel car, which collided with a vehicle driven by Mrs. W. W. Parker, 63, of Seymour.

The Habels were traveling to Dallas. Also hospitalized were Wanda, 10, Linda, 6, and Don, 1. Mr. Habel is a Floydada car dealer.

Mrs. Parker also was reported in satisfactory condition in the Olney hospital.

Jerry Irons, student at East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, is here spending the holidays with his parents, Supt. and Mrs. W. C. Irons.

Post Office Will Be Closed Afternoons

The local post office will close on Thursday afternoon, December 24 and also on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 31 in accordance with President Eisenhower's granting all federal employees a half holiday on these two days. Mrs. Imogene Holt, acting postmaster, said this week.

Mrs. Holt also pointed out that the sale of United States savings bonds has been transferred from the post office to local banks. The service is free at any local bank. The post office will continue to sell United States savings stamps, filled or partially filled stamp albums may be exchanged for bonds at the bank.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Guthrie

Floydada. — Final rites for Mrs. Sarah Ann Guthrie, 78 years old, were conducted at 3 p. m. Saturday in the First Methodist Church of Floydada. Rev. Tilden B. Armstrong, pastor, officiated.

Mrs. Guthrie died Thursday in the Peoples Hospital in Floydada after an illness of three weeks. She had lived in West Texas for 45 years.

Mrs. Guthrie was born May 22, 1875. Her husband, a Floydada doctor, preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Dr. A. E. Guthrie of Floydada, Dr. Woody Guthrie of Dumas, Clyde of Fresno, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. John Hart of Texline; a brother, Henry Brewer of Childress; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Floydada Cemetery.

TO HAVE OPERATION

Gordon Derrell McCAda, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McCAda, will undergo an operation to remove a cataract from one of his eyes in the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Wednesday morning. Gordon Derrell, who has been crippled by arthritis for several years, has been gradually losing the sight of both eyes due to the cataract. He will have only one eye operated on at this time however. A portion of the money needed for the operation was given by people of this area through the efforts of the young people of the Lone Star Baptist Church.

Hospital News

Mrs. Oliver Allen, Floydada, was dismissed 12-17.

E. C. Harmon, Floydada was dismissed 12-19.

Ruby Lee Craig, Plainview was dismissed 12-16. She underwent major surgery.

Tommy Willis was dismissed 12-18.

Brenda Ivey, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Ivey Plainview was dismissed 12-17.

Mrs. Guy Jackson was admitted for medical treatment 12-19 and dismissed 12-22.

Pauline Ruterz was admitted for medical treatment 12-20 and dismissed 12-21.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLain, Floydada, are the parents of a new daughter born 12-18. She was named Alison Lee and weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Quattlebaum, Abilene are the parents of a daughter born 12-17. She was named Nancy Lynn and weighed 7 lb. 12 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Allred are the parents of a son born 12-20. He tipped the scales at 5 lb. 1 oz., and was named Stephen Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Lora are the parents of a son born 12-17. He weighed 8 lbs.

Bob Dillard Back From Overseas

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Love and Mrs. Charley Dillard accompanied Mrs. Bob Dillard to Mineral Wells Tuesday morning where they met Bob Dillard who has just returned to the states from several months service overseas.

If Bob can get a furlough he will accompany his wife home to Lockney for a visit. He has recently been in Newfoundland.

"Houdini" Plays At Drive-In

A film depicting the life of the famous magician, Houdini shows at the Seale Drive-In here Friday and Saturday nights of this week. Starring Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh, the picture is reputed to be one of the best stories to come out of Hollywood in many years. Titled "Houdini" it is based upon the actual life of this famous magician who knew no fear of locks, ropes or boxes.

MRS. BENNETT IMPROVING

Mrs. H. C. Bennett is improving in the Rogers Hospital at Decatur after suffering a heart attack while convalescing in the home of her son, Boston, last week. Mrs. Bennett will remain in the hospital until after the holidays, relatives said Tuesday, but they are encouraged by her improved condition. Her daughter, Mrs. Barney Manning is with her.

"From Here To Eternity" Four Days At Plains

"From Here To Eternity," James Jones' powerful prize-winning novel that created a sensation when published, has been transformed by Columbia Pictures into the motion picture eagerly awaited by millions and due on the screen of the Plains Theatre here four days, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 25, 26, 27 and 28. Matinees will also be shown on Friday and Saturday, starting at 2:30 p. m. and two shows on Sunday, the first starting at 1:30.

The best-seller's memorable characters are enacted by a star-studded cast that includes Burt Lancaster as Sergeant Warden, Montgomery Clift as Prewitt, Deborah Kerr as Karen, Frank Sinatra as Maggio and Donna Reed as Lorene.

As a novel, an epic saga on a group of pre-Pearl Harbor professional soldiers — their lives, loves and fights—"From Here to Eternity" is said to be much more than that in its pictorial rendition. Directed by Fred Zinnemann, the magnificent new movie reportedly is compounded out of the universal elements of life itself — courage, brutality, love.

In "From Here to Eternity," Clift, a young soldier who loves the Army, transfers to an infantry outfit, stationed at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu. Although a tough and able soldier, Clift has an unregimented and independent streak in him. He refuses when he is asked to join the company boxing team by his commanding officer who hopes, thereby, to advance his own career by producing a championship team. Grounds for this refusal is that he once blinded his best friend while sparring with him. For this, Clift is given The Treatment, a steady round of brutal harassment.

Clift's stubborn refusal to surrender to The Treatment arouses the reluctant admiration of the company's top sergeant, played by Lancaster, himself a professional soldier able and willing to live with the system as he understands it. The sergeant's

liking for the indomitable courage of the young soldier carries over into his own illicit affair with the captain's unhappy wife, sweater-clad Deborah Kerr, helping to transform it from the unthinking and casual thing it is into a real, purposeful romance. Clift, too, finds romance, with Donna Reed who portrays a friendly hostess in a Honolulu social club and whose plans for her own future include no entanglement with an Army 30-year man.

NEW ARRIVAL FOR THE D. O. ALDREDGES

Stephen Glenn is the name of the new son born December 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert O. Aldredge. Little Stephen weighed 5 lbs. 1 oz. when he arrived at Lockney General Hospital. Mrs. Aldredge returned home Tuesday but the baby had to remain in the hospital for a few days.

Grandmothers, Mrs. Ellen Aldredge of Elk City, Oklahoma and Mrs. Blanche Cook of Clinton, Oklahoma plan to be here Christmas Eve for a visit in the Aldredge home. Stephen has one sister, Jayne, who is a senior in high school.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Owen of Plainview are parents of a baby daughter born in a Plainview hospital Friday. The little girl has been named Lisa Hope. Mr. Owen has a music class in Lockney and works here each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Dr. and Mrs. Hope Owen of Plainview is Lisa's grandparents. Dr. Owen is president of Wayland College.

Pfc. Donald Reece of Fort Hood, Texas and Ronald Reece, student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, are here spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Reece.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harris and family, accompanied by his father, J. J. Harris, will visit during the holidays at Johnson City and Hamilton with relatives.

Mrs. Bill Ballard returned home Sunday after a visit in California with her daughter, Mrs. Buddy Spradlin, Mr. Spradlin and their new baby son.

Floydada Youth Wins Shetland Pony

Floydada. — Bobby Christian, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Green Christian of Floydada, has a new Shetland pony, won Friday in a Chamber of Commerce contest. He has two younger brothers, Charles, 9, and Joe, 4, to help him enjoy the pony.

The contest was a follow-up of the Shetland pony show held here to initiate the Christmas season.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Paul Reece are parents of a son born Thursday, December 17 at the West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. The young fellow weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was named Chris Miles. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Reece of Lockney.

Elizabeth Tannahill and Orland Gilbert, students of McMurry College, Abilene are here spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Tannahill and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gilbert.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Rev. and Mrs. Ray and two girls of Ft. Worth arrived Monday afternoon for Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Raymond Spence. They proved in health.

Among the Texasents from Lockney, holidays are Audrine es Carthel, Jackie Bill Sherman, Joe neth Williams, Alfre June Ware.

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 Jim Wil-
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 Ann Belt
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 Patsy
 Henry Harden.
 Johnnie Barnhart

Christmas Time At L. H. S.

An entertaining assembly held Tuesday at one o'clock marked the beginning of the holidays for the students and faculty of Lockney High School.

The invocation was led by Eddie Foster; Jeannette Widener read the Christmas story from St. Luke. The students were then entertained by a male quartet composed of Gene Lancaster, Eldon Fortenberry, Eddie Joe Foster and Jimmy Myers. They sang, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "Frosty the Snowman" was sung by a quartet of girls, Patty Adams, Barbara Hays, Barbara Carthel and Joan Harris. Group singing of carols was led by Barbara Carthel. Sandra Myers accompanied all singers.

The highlight of the day was, of course, the school Christmas tree. The gifts were distributed by the senior girls. Then school was dismissed until January 4, 1954.

L. H. S. Girls Sing At Lockney Auto

Five very excited girls were seen running around the halls last Friday. They were Sandra Myers, Joan Harris, Barbara Hays, Barbara Carthel and Patty Adams. The reason for the excitement was that they had been asked to sing and play at the showing of the 1954 Chevrolet at Lockney Auto.

The girls arrive at the store about nine-thirty Friday morning and were immediately offered cokes and doughnuts. And of course they accepted. They entertained with songs and music all day. The songs were broken by "cokes and doughnut time" at regular intervals.

They reported tired feet, hoarse voices, full stomachs, and a very, very wonderful time. They were given model '54 Chevrolets for souvenirs.

Thank you, Lockney Auto for asking these girls.

The Longhorn Hayride Big Hit

The seniors gave a pantomime program December 14 at 7:30 p. m. that proved to be quite a success. The program was divided into two parts. The first part was western. Jimmy Williams was the master of ceremonies. The western stars were: Lefty Frizzell (Jimmy Williams), Rose Maddox (Rosemary McDonald), Webb Pierce (Billy McAda), Sunshine Ruby (June Pigg), Ernest Tubbs (Mac Davis), Slim Willet (Duane Visage), Goldie Hill (Harleen Workman), Homer and Jethro (Eldon Fortenberry and Jerry Ford), Sue Thompson (Ravanel Turner), The Davis Sisters (Delores Russell and Willa Rushing). The Western band was: Jimmy Williams, Bobby Johnson, Allen Ray Pinner, Sandra Myers, Mac Davis and Duane Visage.

The second half of the program was devoted to popular music. Soft colored lights helped to give a romantic effect. Eddie Joe Foster was the M. C. Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians were present to play for the singers. The stars were: Eddie Fisher (Jimmy Myers), Patty Page (Patty Adams), Teresa Brewer (Ann Belt), and Rosemary Clooney (Barbara Carthel).

The members of the band were Eddie Foster, Clydelle Hill, Sandra Myers, Gene Lancaster, Sue Wofford and Donald Allison.

The money that we received from this program will really help toward our senior trip. The seniors wish to thank everyone for coming to this program and we sincerely hope that you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it on.

Mix a little quick-cooking tapioca with the apples, sugar and other ingredients next time you make a deep-dish apple pie. Serve the pie warm right from the oven with a topping of whipped cream or hard sauce.

Longhornettes Win Consolation

The Longhornettes won the consolation trophy at the Ralls Tournament Saturday the 19th. They beat O'Donnell 39-36. High point for the winners was Pat Poteet with 15 points. They also beat Ralls girls 54-32, but Crosbyton beat them 36-40. Pat made 69 points in the tournament. She missed high point girl by three points. She was chosen for the all-tournament team. The winners of the Ralls Tournament were the Idalou girls and the Roosevelt boys with Slaton boys and girls taking second. The Lockney girls and Lorenzo boys won consolation.

Lotta Bull

Well, while you are reading this I will be enjoying the annual bottle, I mean battle with my kinfolks.

Say Clydelle, who were you with last Sunday? Macburnett, why are you always going to Floydada? Come by some night! Eddie Joe what would you have done if you didn't have a date Sunday? Jimmy Myers, who is it going to be now? Rosemary and Richard what did you do Saturday night? Did you ever notice that it takes two to drive Richard's "rod"? Bucky, what did you do Saturday night? Willa Dean, who was that captivating creature at your house the other night? Well, this is about it; so until next year, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Faculty Plans For Christmas Holidays

A variety of activities compose the plans of the L. H. S. faculty for spending the holidays:

Mrs. Lyon plans to stay at home.

Mr. Lyon is going to stay with her.

Mr. Smith will go to Collin County.

Miss Barnhart will go to Ralls. Mrs. Mangum will spend Christmas in East Texas with her parents.

Mr. Henderson plans to go to Florida. Lucky fellow.

Mrs. Cope will just stay at home. (She might go to Oklahoma.)

Mrs. Zeigler will clean house and pick up after her grandchild.

Mr. Bradford is going home to Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Irons will go to Denison and to Gilmer to visit both families.

Mr. Snodgrass is going home to Winnsboro, Texas.

Coach Truelove is just going to loaf in Lockney.

To each of these we wish a Merry Christmas.

Former Students Visit Here

Monday morning brought two pleasant surprises to the members of the senior class. Two former members of the class were here to visit. Sharline Strickland, who left us last year to become a student at Waxahatchie, Texas at the Southwestern Bible Institute, was one of the visitors. Dorsey Lynn Baker, a student at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, N. M. was the other surprise. He attended Lockney High during his freshman year. We were very glad to have these two students and welcome them back anytime.

F. H. A. Tea Given In Myers' Home

A tea for every F. H. A. girl was held in the home of Sandra Myers Sunday afternoon from three to five. The living room was decorated in the traditional Christmas motif. Each girl attended received a Christmas gift; cokes and cookies were served to approximately forty girls. Mrs. George Myers and Mrs. W. C. Irons sponsored the tea.

Banquet In School Cafeteria

Superintendent and Mrs. W. C. Irons honored the school employees and the school board with a Christmas banquet Thursday, Dec. 17 in the grade school

cafeteria. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar days were special guests.

The program was as follows: "Jingle Bells" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town", accordion solo by Virginia Lyon.

"Winter Wonderland" — Duet by Mamie Truelove and Willa Dean Hawkins.

"A Wreath of Holly" — Trombone solo by Elmer Stimson.

Christmas devotional — Rev. R. E. Wiley.

Carols — Led by Elmer Stimson.

The menu consisted of baked ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, pear salad, coffee and apple pie. Comical gifts were exchanged by those attending. Mr. Dodson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Irons were each presented with a shirt and tie. The evening was enjoyed by all.

A Roundup of Christmas Wishes to All Our Friends

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GOOD WISHES
for everyone

To each one of you, we wish the greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors... and with sharing the Holiday with Him, in His house. And to this wish we add the hope that the New Year brings to you a full measure of good health and prosperity.

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Best Wishes for Christmas

When the wise men followed the guiding star from out of the East... they found a beautiful and awesome sight at the end of their journey...

May the spirit of the first Christmas brighten your home with its joy and lighten your heart with its promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

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the meat and lower milk production from dairy cattle. Control is not difficult.

If and when West Point plays Sing Sing we'll know for sure then whether the pen is mightier than the sword.



Miriam Alvarez and Sally Loesch, employees of the New York Telephone Company, are surrounded by the dolls the workers distributed last year to 95 of New York's charitable institutions. It was one of the largest collections in the annual affair's 35 year history.

Christmas Card Idea Originated By Englishman

Christmas cards are so much a part of the modern Yule season that one seldom stops to wonder how the idea originated and by whom.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas brought honor and knighthood to the originator, Henry Cole, a middleclass Englishman.

Cole mailed his cards on a December day in 1846. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas custom of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

He had a thousand of the cards struck off by a lithograph. They were such a success that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

The cards we send today, however, a far cry from those mailed by Cole. The cards you send and receive this year will be designed by famous names in contemporary art.

An American shopping for cards this year may select scenes painted by such famous people as Winston Churchill, Britain's prime minister and famed amateur artist, and Grandma Moses, one of America's most famous artists.

The demand for cards is so great that many companies spend their entire time in designing and producing them for the holiday season.

KITCHEN PSYCHOLOGY

Scientific studies have proved that color can influence the homemaker's emotions and work habits. Psychologists urge against selecting colors for the home just because they are fashionable. Much better, they say, to pick colors for the kitchen walls in shades which bring cheer and a feeling of relaxation.

U. S. President John Tyler had 14 children, seven each by two wives.

SAFETY HINT

Have a package of baking soda handy at all times, as it makes a perfect fire extinguisher for oil or grease fires which

sometimes occur in the kitchen. It smothers the flame and can be rinsed off food. Never use water on a grease fire.



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Don't Slump In Your Chair—Cox

Austin. — Guilty of pretzel posture? Does your body profile look like the bent part of a capital "D"?

Then harken to the words of State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox as he explains that good health and appearance have their starting point in good posture.

Here's how you, too, can obtain the stance of a Grecian god or goddess, as the case may be:

Hold your head high and pull your chin in until your eye level is parallel to the ground. Pull your shoulders back and make the shoulder blades form as near a flat surface as possible. Raise your chest up and push it forward until the buttons strain. Draw your abdomen up and in, and when you breathe make sure it's your chest that rises and falls rather than the abdomen. Flatten the lower part of your back, tucking the buttocks as close under the hips as possible. Tip your back down. Hold your knees straight but not stiff. Put your feet parallel, with the weight evenly balanced.

A good posture can be had without stiffness or strain, so don't exaggerate.

Some people feel it is more comfortable to walk, stand, or sit in a slouchy position, drooped

over like a wilted weed. In your vain attempt for more comfort in daily activity, don't forget that the true secret of good posture is to keep the body well balanced throughout the day.

The old saying has it that "there's a place for everything," and Dr. Cox says that goes for the human body. Each organ has a specific space in which its function is performed. The vital organs—heart, lungs, abdomen, etc.—tend to be cramped when the body is slumped over.

Cramped lungs cannot deliver a full supply of oxygen; circulation is slowed up when the heart is cramped; and a cramped stomach impairs digestion.

"Remember," the doctor cautions, "true comfort and true relaxation comes with good posture."

In street parlance that means "straighten up, friend, you'll feel better."

The carryover of cotton by the end of the present harvest season will be the largest for any post-war year. Cotton farmers will vote on marketing quotas on December 15.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

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Season's Greetings

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**October Business
Up 2 Per Cent**

Austin. — October business activity in Texas was 2 per cent greater than in September, even after making adjustments for the season upswing, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

The composite index of Texas business dropped in July, again in August, then rose 1 per cent in September. The October figure justifies optimism for the near future, the Bureau says. The indications do not signal the end of the decline in business activity, but the fact that the decline has not gained more momentum by this time is an encouraging sign.

Chitromancy is another word for palmistry.



PRAYER . . . "O come let us adore him", these children pray on Christmas eve. Their prayer is the true and greatest gift of all.

"Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin, Mother and
Child;

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace."

**Your Poinsettia
Will Bloom
Next Christmas**

THE POINSETTIA has long been a popular Christmas plant but probably few people have given much thought to the fact that it does come into bloom each year only at this season.

The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably 10 hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the daylight period to 15 hours by means of artificial lights.

Flower growers have learned how to bring garden chrysanthemums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

How can one keep a poinsettia plant until next season? After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where it will not freeze. Do not water it, or at least very little, and let the soil dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two-thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil.



TIME OUT . . . Santa Claus pauses in his Christmas Eve visits sometimes to pick up a hot dog and ice cream cone at an all-night hamburger stand.

THE LOCKNEY BEACON, LOCKNEY, TEXAS, DEC. 24, 1953

A bushelman is one who repairs garments, particularly men's garments.

Schizophrenia is a speech disorder in which the person produces meaningless sounds.

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**'Silent Night' Hymn
Is Often Called
Song From Heaven**

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence.

On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were



alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

SELECTING THE RIGHT SINK

Choosing a sink requires the homemaker's careful consideration. Before selecting a model from the many designs on the market, plan the entire sink wall of her kitchen and find the proper sink to fit into the scheme. For example, how extensive are the drainboards to be? If the homemaker left-handed or right-handed (this factor will govern drainboard widths). Does she prefer drawer storage or cabinet storage under the sink? Does she want a single basin or a double one? Height also is important. The homemaker's stature probably is the leading factor in sink selection because one the wrong height from the floor can add to her fatigue. Work habits should be watched, too. If she likes to be seated for many of the meal preparation tasks done at the sink, there should be provision for knee room in the model she chooses.

There is very little difference between foreign dishes and American dishes. They both break easily.

May the old fashioned Christmas spirit of peace and joy embrace your home this glorious holiday season. And may the richest gifts—health, happiness and good will come to you and your dear ones.

Greetings
of the
SEASON

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.
LOCKNEY

GREETINGS
of the Season

May the happiness of the Holiday season, deepened and strengthened by the spiritual inspiration of the Christmas message, abide with you through all the days ahead. This is our warmest wish for you and yours, as through the soft silence of a Holy night, the shining wonder of Christmas once more dawns upon the World.

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In the warm and cheerful atmosphere of this wonderful Christmas season when families are gathered together—when spirits are refreshed, hearts uplifted and all the world is suddenly full of smiling people—we want to offer to one and all our very best wishes for the happiest holiday you've ever enjoyed.



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Teachers Assn. Has 55,000 Members

Austin, Texas. — The Texas State Teachers Association already has passed its 1954 membership goal and now has more members than ever before in its 73-year history.

Charles H. Tennyson, executive secretary, said today the total membership of the Association has reached 54,450. He predicted it would reach 55,000 before the end of the membership year.

TSTA had 53,342 members at the end of the last membership year, Sept. 30. Its goal for the

1953-54 membership year was 54,000.

Tennyson said the record-breaking membership total is an indication that Texas teachers are more united than ever before.

Farm families desiring building and equipment plans should ask their local county extension agents for information on this phase of farm and home management. The agents have a catalogue of the many plans which are available without cost.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

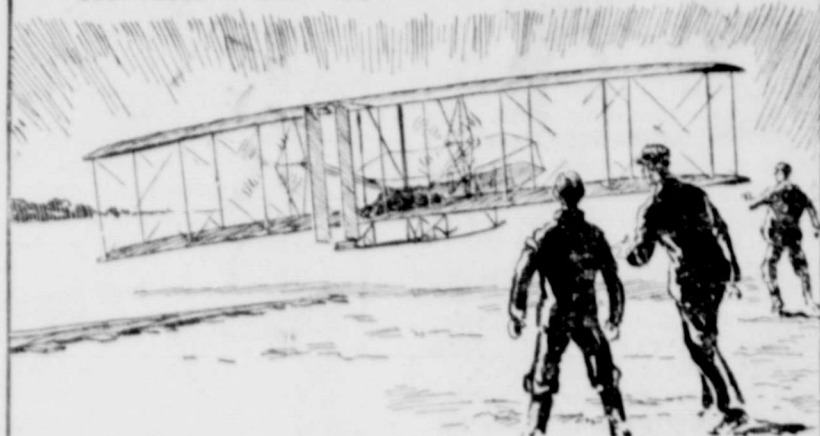


TWELVE SECONDS MADE HISTORY ON DECEMBER 17, 1903

HALF A CENTURY AGO, TWELVE TELLTALE SECONDS REVEALED AN EXCITING NEW FUTURE.



FOR THAT TINY FLICKER OF TIME, THE WRIGHT BROTHERS' FLYING-MACHINE, ITS THIN PROPELLERS GRIPPING THE AIR, HOVERED A FEW FEET OVER THE SAND FLATS AT KITTY HAWK, NORTH CAROLINA, IN THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL AIRPLANE FLIGHT. THEN CAME CURTISS, BLERIOT, BYRD, LINDBERGH, POST-COUNTLESS OTHERS — AND THE AIR AGE.



TO THOSE EARLY PIONEERS GOES ALL CREDIT FOR OPENING UP A NEW ERA. BUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN AIR AGE IN OUR COUNTRY HAS ENLISTED, AS WELL, THE ORGANIZATION OF VAST INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND THE INVESTMENT OF THE SAVINGS OF COUNTLESS AMERICANS.



Library Notes

By Mrs. Roy Hollar

Santa Claus came to the library last week and left three huge pasteboard cartons. When they were opened we found eight chairs for the children's corner of the library. A reading table is going to be adjusted to the proper height and placed in the library for our smaller readers. Need we say we are pleased at the prospect?

Mrs. John Farris, John Farris and Mr. and Mrs. Kinder Farris have presented the library with a book in memory of Dr. A. E. Guthrie's mother, Mrs. Sarah Ann Guthrie.

The New York Times Book Review of Dec. 6th delayed by the printer's strike, has just reached the library desk in Floyd County. Charles Poore, co-editor of this section, gives us a nice view of best sellers for the past half century. We think you might like his article.

Four of the current best sellers are among books owned by

your library — Our taste seems about the national norm for all our best sellers are in constant demand.

The December book advertisements always seem to have a special thrill. Some of the books we know and some of them we have not seen but they may be interesting wishing material in a lot of instances.

The Friday afternoon on which the Shetland was given away was a high day in the central library, we had small guests all afternoon — a goodly number of new borrowers. In almost every instance the new borrower was brought along by an "old borrower" who was certain that his friends had been missing something.

Our overdue file grows in true library tradition at this season. This is of course caused by the many activities of Christmas. It is our policy to phone or send a card when a book is a week overdue. This is only a reminder, but it helps with curtailing fines and getting books back into circulation.

The last story hour of the year

1953 met on Saturday. More fun! Christmas games and stories told by Mrs. E. E. Widener. Mrs. J. V. Veach served refreshments and Mrs. C. W. Denison sponsored the hour for 1929 Study Club. The stories were about Christmas things — One tiny wanted a story about "A little Nefulunt" and if you want an elephant for Christmas why not a story about him for story hour? So with Rudolph the Reindeer still ringing in our ears we say with Rudolph "Merry Christmas and a nice holiday to all of you."

ed the editorial from the Colorado City Record (re: Comic books). It is certainly time we all aroused ourselves to what is taking place in the world about us! The Bible teaches us to keep ourselves un-spotted from the world and tells us that the altar of God should be founded in the home. Satan through "Paganistic Customs" led the church into apostasy; a reformation occurred and light began to dawn in the world, but now we are again faced with paganism in the very hearts of so called Christian people of the world. We cry out for peace on earth and then deny Christ and his teachings every day that passes.

Beginning with Hallowe'en each year we go on a wild orgy of Paganistic worship; and for two months we run riot, spending beyond our means; falsifying ourselves and our children in

the name of Christ! Each day should start renewing of our Soul spirit; and a Thanksgiving for our wonderful service and adoration wonderful love. Yes, we turn the altar of God to and realize that we miserably in bringing children in the nature of the Lord, then only, will we bring Peace on Earth to all Men.

I wish to take this thanking you for the stand you have always right, and to wish for everyone a bright and New Year.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Edgar Hays
Editor Lockney Beacon
Lockney, Texas
Dear Edgar:
I am so very glad you includ-

Christmas WISHES

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

COOPER GARAGE & SERVICE STATION
M. E. Cooper, Prop.

ALLEGORY UNTO DEATH

When sports went round and all were gay, on Neighbor Dodson's wedding day, death called aside the jocund groom, with him into another room, and looking pale: "You must," says he, "quit your sweet bride and come with me." "With you", the hapless bridegroom cried. "With you? And quit my Susan side? Young as I am 'tis monstrous hard. Besides, in truth I'm not prepared." He argued, reasoned, talked much longer — his reasons could not well be stronger. So, Death the poor delinquent spared and left to live a little longer. Death then departed, saying this: "Three separate warnings you shall have before you're summoned to the grave."

Friend Dodson plowed, he sowed, he bought, he sold, nor once perceived he was growing old, nor thought of death as nigh, but Death AGAIN before him stood. "So soon returned?" old Dodson cried. "So soon, d'you call it?" Death replied. "Since I was here before, 'tis six and thirty years, at least, and you are now four-score." To this, old Dodson then replied: "You promised me three warnings, which I have LOOKED FOR, nights and mornings." Death then replied: "I'm sure that you are able to stomp around your farm and stable." "I do, 'tis true, yet slowly, feebly, I assure you," Dodson says. "Yet," Death comments: "I warrant you hear all the news." "There's none," cried he, "and if there were, I've grown so deaf, I cannot hear." "Yet," Death replies. "You read the papers and get wise." "No, no," cried Dodson. "I'm now so blind I cannot see." To this, stern Death replies: "Since you are lame, and deaf and blind, you've had your three sufficient warnings. So come along, no more we'll part." And saying this, Death touched him with his dart. And now old Dodson, turning pale, yields to his fate. Thus ends this tale. Are you a Dodson?

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THE BEACON OFFICE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To all our friends... May this Holiday Season be the happiest one you've ever enjoyed.

BOB'S BARBER SHOP
Bob Bolding
J. G. Strickland

Merry Christmas

"Through Our Doors Pass The Finest People — Our Customers and Friends"

Looking back over the year just closing we realize how many pleasant associations and friendly contacts we have enjoyed. That is why we are glad of this opportunity to extend to you **CORDIAL GREETINGS OF THE SEASON**. May every signpost on your journey through the New Year point the way to new success, happiness and prosperity.

STORIE GIN CO.
Lockney, Texas

Merry Christmas!

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will share in every Christmas pleasure.

And may the New Year be one of good health and contentment for all our many friends.

NATIONAL ALFALFA DEHYDRATING & MILLING CO.
Lockney and Aiken

Hill News

Assembly Of God Has Christmas Program

A large number attended the Christmas program at the Assembly of God Church on Monday evening. A play, pageant, songs and other numbers were given preceding the exchanging of gifts from the beautiful Christmas tree. The church presented their pastor with a beautiful wool blanket. Bags of fruit, nuts, candy and balloons were passed to the younger attendance. The Christ Ambassadors meet each Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. Ladies Missionary Circle meet at the church every Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Listen at the radio program every Thursday morning over station KFEL at 8:45.

The Neah Rogers family will spend Sunday in Lubbock with relatives. They are moving next

Foiled Kremlin Stooges



Vaclav Uhlik, Czech Mechanic, his wife, Marta, and their two children, Eva, 4, and Vaclav, Jr., 6, who escaped from communist tyranny in a fake armored car which Uhlik rebuilt from a war-torn British scout vehicle he found near his Czechoslovakian home. The Crusade for Freedom has brought the family and their escape vehicle to this country as symbols of resistance to Kremlin oppression.

follow that organization at 7:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whitehead and daughter, Debra left Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Whitehead's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foster. Mrs. Whitehead's brother, Lewis who has been here for sometime also went with them.

Mrs. W. T. Conner and daughter, Kathleen spent Monday night in Floydada with Mrs. Conner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Collier.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Love accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dillard and Mrs. Bob Dillard to Mineral Wells on Tuesday to meet Pvt. Dillard who has just arrived from overseas duties. Mr. Dillard has been in service for two years and has spent much of his time overseas. Mrs. Dillard has made her home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dillard of Lockney.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a beebie gun for Christmas.

Julius Roberts
Box 474
Lockney, Texas.

December 10, 1953

Dear Santa:
I am four years old. I would like to have a view-master stereoscope, a big coloring book and a black board. My little sister, Janie Yvonne, is a year old. She wants a little panda bear, and a big ball. Remember all the other little girls and boys and fill our stockings with nuts, fruit and candy.

Your little friend,
Carolyn Ann Hobbs.

Dec. 13, 1953

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl four years old and I have been a good little girl so please bring me a doll and a fire engine. My little brother, Paul wants a teddy bear and a rocking horse. Please bring nuts and candy and fruit for our stockings and I want a cowboy belt left in my stocking. Remember the other little boys and girls.

Your little friends,
Cindy and Paul Turner.

Lockney, Texas
Dec. 20, 1953

Dear Santa Claus:
It is only 5 days before Christmas but I surely hope you get my letter in time to bring me a bicycle and a dollie. If you have some twin dolls, I'd like them. I'm 7 years old and am in the first grade. Mrs. Muncy is my teacher. Be sure and bring her something nice, too.

With love,
Carol Cooper.

Acetic acid was the flu- acid | There are 24 karats in pure gold.

Greetings

May the Season's friendly cheer,
Fill your heart with abounding joy
To last throughout the coming New Year.

Bilbrey Motor Company

John Lowell Truett Archie
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Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year



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We deal in all kinds of Real Estate and will be glad to help you buy or sell. Come to see us.
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College Students Are Home For Holidays

Roger Conner of Amarillo arrived home Friday night. Stanley Conner of Waco also came home on Friday. They will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conner. Myra Applewhite of Fort Worth will spend Christmas with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Applewhite. June Ware of Lubbock is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ware and Peggy Floyd also of Lubbock is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Floyd.

Mrs. Walter Merrell who was hurt in an automobile accident last week is better in the Medical-Surgical Hospital of Lockney. Mrs. Merrell received serious head wounds and has been in much pain. Her husband, who has been working at Channing has been at her bedside. Her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kraft and family of Seagraves spent several days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Fortenberry and Eldon went to Bogata on Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wesley and sons of California are spending several weeks with Mrs. Wesley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Taylor.

Baptist Have Christmas Program

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 there were many present for the program presented by the Baptist people. A large tree was erected and beautifully decorated on the stage and centered the group of children who sang Christmas Carols. Several readings and piano solos were given as well as the story of the Christ child. Old Santa appeared on the scene pleasing the boys and girls. Gifts were exchanged from the Sunday School members. Last Sunday morning Mrs. J. R. Conner was in charge of a Lottie Moon Christmas program given preceding the preaching services. A good offering was sent to carry on Lottie Moon's work. One young lady in the congregation surrendered her life to go anywhere the Lord wanted her to go. Those who were in the services Sunday received much benefit. G. A.'s and R. A.'s meet at 6:00 on Wednesday evening and prayer service.

Peace and Happiness for Christmas

May this Holy Season bring to our many friends all the rich blessings that will make for happiness and joy throughout the year.

CONSUMERS FUEL ASSOCIATION
Lockney

MERRY Christmas

Because Christmas time is reserved for very special greetings—we want to take this opportunity to thank our many patrons for their continued friendship and good-will. . . and add, too, in a great big measure—our sincere wishes that the spirit of the season may remain a lasting joy for you and yours throughout the coming New Year.

Brunnier Lumber Co.
Mr. and Mrs. G. M. (Bud) Brunnier
Roy Rolling H. E. Musser

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope that you will enjoy this Christmas surrounded by all the things dearest to your heart. And may the New Year bring to you all the success and happiness that make for a rich and meaningful life.

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German silver is not mined, but is an alloy of copper and nickel.

We've never yet seen a boy crawl under a tent to a revival meeting.

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\$39.95 installed
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We FIX FLATS of all kinds.

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Kimble Optometric Clinic
For Appointment Call 254—Floydada

HEALTH HINTS

Simple precautions in the home will prevent the spread of colds and sore throats, now that the season of sniffles and sneezes has begun. Frequent hand-washing with soap and hot water is a "must" and so is extra care in keeping the bathroom antiseptically clean. In addition, washing the patient's eating utensils separately protects the rest of the family. Scrub dishes and silverware with hot soap-suds, stack in dish container and place in sink to be rinsed with scalding hot water from the tap. The thermostat setting of any modern automatic water heater can be raised to 180 degrees for this purpose, and will provide plenty of steaming water for a 20-minute rinse, which will destroy bacteria.

Benjamin Franklin introduced the broom to America.

The Dead Sea is the lowest body of water in the world.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, the famous writer, was a doctor and a teacher of anatomy.

In China, a dinner begins with the dessert course.

A fornicary is an ant's nest.



BIKINI CHRISTMAS . . . They may not have snow, but it's Christmas in Miami Beach, too. Hilda Esteves gets into the Yule spirit by decorating a pool-side tree. Helper is Ellen Sweet.



NO. 1 GRANDCHILDREN . . . Grandchildren of President Eisenhower get a look at Christmas dolls. They are (left to right) Susan, Barbara Anne, and Dwight David. The children spent last Christmas with their grandparents at 60 Morningside Drive, New York.

Joseph Proved His Love for Mary, Mother of Jesus

Joseph, the bible relates, had to prove his faith in and love for Mary before they were married. It is one of the great love stories of all times.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream: saying,

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . . And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India.

Ichthyology is the study of fishes.

"Mac," as the prefix of a name means "son of."

Cetopodes are baby octopi.

Dr. Clement Moore Was Ashamed of His Famous Poem

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.

Today, the poem which begins—

"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse,"

is one of the most beloved of all Christmas writings.

Dr. Moore was an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York. He wrote the poem on Christmas Eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

Registrant May Appeal Classification

(Article 9 of a series.)
The rights of men registered with a draft board are guarded by appeal regulations. Appeals from local board decisions are heard by four state appeal boards.

Both the national and state directors of Selective Service may appeal from the determination of a local board at any time.

A man registered with a board, any person who claims to be his dependent, his employer under certain circumstances, and others may appeal to the appeal board

from any classification except a determination of physical or mental condition.

The registered man and others named in the above paragraph, in most cases, are allowed only 10 days from date a notice of classification is mailed to file the appeal. Regulations allow a longer period, from 30 to 60 days, when the man is in certain U. S. territories, foreign countries, or on the high seas.

The local board may allow appeals beyond these time limits if it is satisfied that the failure of the person to appeal within the period was due to lack of understanding or to some cause beyond control of the person.

The person who desires to appeal must file written notice with the board. The notice need not be in any particular form but must state the registrant's name, and identity of person appealing. If a registrant is registered with a Texas board and is working or living in California, for example, he may appeal to a California appeal board if he wishes.

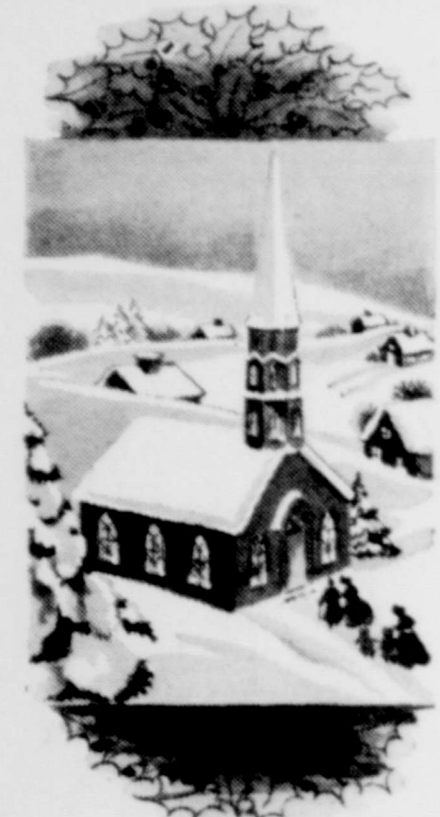
If the registrant is placed in a class available for military

service (1-A) by the appeal vote, he may appeal to the board, and there is a dissenting 'dent of the United States



GREETING to All
May all the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas be yours through all the New Year.

CARTER & DYE BLACKSMITH
J. M. Carter Henry Dye L. G. (Slim) Henderson



GREETINGS

The loyalty of our many friends gives to us added confidence and much promise for the future. We wish a Joyful Christmas and Successful New Year to all.

J. H. Cooper Insurance
Lockney

Greetings

May the joys of the Season and all its friendly cheer brighten your home at Christmas and abide with you all through the year... This is our warm Holiday wish for you and yours.

Lady Fair Shop
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Joy and Peace at CHRISTMAS

To all our Friends...
May the Holy Season abound with Peace and Good Will and all other Blessings that combine to make life Joyously Beautiful.



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With heavenly measure . . .
Out of our yearning hearts
We proffer only:
Wonder in children's eyes . . .
Love for the lonely . . .
Laughter to lift sad hearts . . .
Warmth for the stranger . . .
Bless these, our gifts to Thee,
Child of the Manger!

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A numismatist is a coin collector. Man's earliest implement was a stone.

to Santa have been a pretty good boy. Would you please bring me a See Saw (however you spell it), Teddy Bear and a gun that shoots caps. Thank you Santa and remember I love you lots.
Randy Alford.
boy 4 years. 1

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Office: Baker Hotel, Lockney, Texas
after January 1



IT WASN'T A MYSTERY FARM LONG for Douglas Meriwether quickly identified this farm home as belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Holmes of the Irick community. Several others also identified the farm correctly but Doug was the first one and received two theatre tickets, compliments of Plains Theatre and Seale Drive-In. The original photo was presented to the Holmes by Handley Shop & Pump Co.

when Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Holmes purchased a half section of land. They lived on the place for a time but now the Oliver Holmes have 160 acres on which the above house is located and his brother, John, has the other quarter. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Holmes were married in 1932 and they moved to this farm in 1936. They have one irrigation well and in 1948 they remodeled and added to the house. Only last year the road in front of the house was paved.

They raise cotton and feed mostly and also run a few cattle.

Mr. Holmes' given name is Beuna. The couple have two boys, Jerry, age 15 and Joe Mack, age 12. Both are students in the Lockney schools. The family attends the First Methodist Church here.

Watch for another in these series of Floyd County mystery farms in next week's issue of The Beacon.

Season's Wishes

It is our our sincere wish that all the goodness of this glorious holiday may be yours to enjoy to the utmost. *Merry Christmas!*

Orchid Beauty Shop
Mrs. Lloyd Wofford
Mrs. Naomi Stevenson
Sue Wofford

MERRY Christmas

The Yuletide season is a wonderful time. With it comes fun and laughter for the children, good cheer and pleasure for the grown-ups. May all the happiness that comes to you and your dear ones this Christmas continue throughout the New Year.

BYRD PHARMACY
THE FRED BYRDS

Dear Santa: Billie Wilson wants to know if you are coming to see him this Christmas. He wants blocks to build a house. He is six years old. Leroy wants candy and nuts.
Yours truly,
G. W. W.
Lockney, Texas
Dec. 11, 1953

Dear Santa: I am ten years old. Can you bring me an army training set, a marx village train set, double holster gun set, and a paint by number set. If you can't bring the rest please bring the army set. Don't forget my brother and sister. Mother will have some coffee and candy for you by the tree.
I love you,
Page Durham.

Dear Santa: I have been a nice girl I think I am nine years old. I am in the third grade. Would you please bring me a Terry Lee doll and some clothes for her, a magic set. I will be at Pampa, Texas visiting my Aunt Bess. Please remember all the other girls and boys. Remember mother and daddy too.
Love,
Jane Rhodes.

Dear Santa Claus: I wish you would bring me two guns and a mars set and I really like to have a bicycle too.
Thomas Joe Durham.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 7 years old. I have a little sister, Gay, who is 6 years old. I guess we have been pretty good, most of the time, this year. I would like to have a B-B gun and Smokey the Bear. Gay wants a doll and dressing table and also a Smokey The Bear. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls especially Troy and Darr, our little cousins in Oregon.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Johnny and Gay Hancock.

Dear Santa: I'm a little girl 5 years old. I want a little doll that has real hair and cries. I also want a set of dishes. I also want some tables and chairs. Don't forget to bring me some nuts and candy.
Your friend,
Rita Kay Paschal.

Dear Santa Claus: I want to thank you for all the toys you brought us last year. I want you to bring me a doll, a Beauty Kid and some socks. I have been a very good girl.
Love,
Margaret Wesley.

Dear Santa: I have been a good little girl. Please bring my toys to moms. I want some games, ring, levis and shirt, fruit, nuts and candy.
Love,
Cheryl Kelley.

Greetings

In harmony with this joyous season...we extend our best wishes for the happiest holiday ever.

Plains Theatre
Lockney
Show starts at 7:20

Last time today (Thursday)
"Flame Of Calcutta"
with Bernise Barcel and Patric Snowles
IN TECHNICOLOR

SEALE DRIVE-IN THEATRE

2 1/2 miles west of town on the Plainview Highway.

TRY OUR SNACK BAR — Home-made barbecue and chili in our sandwiches and hot dogs. Also French fries, cold drinks, snow cones, pop corn, etc.

First show begins at 6:30, second show at 8:30.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY
Dec. 25, 26, 27 and 28

One showing Friday and Saturday afternoons starting at 2:30 p. m. Two shows Sunday afternoon starting at 1:30 p. m.

"From Here To Eternity"
with Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Deborah Kerr, Frank Sinatra

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
December 25 and 26

"Houdini"
with Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh
IN TECHNICOLOR

The most talked-about novel of our times — becomes the most provocative motion picture in screen history — don't miss this dynamic masterpiece — an entertainment must.

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No chains could bind him — no lock could hold him — what was the amazing secret known only to Houdini — you'll gasp and thrill at his death-defying bravery — and devil-may-care courage.
Also CARTOON and NEWS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
December 29, 30 and 31

"A Lion Is In The Streets"
with James Cagney, Barbara Hale, Anne Francis

SUNDAY and MONDAY
December 27 and 28

"Arrowhead"
with Charlton Heston, Katy Jurado and Jack Palance
IN TECHNICOLOR

The chiselers — the cheap tin-horns, the two-timing ladies — and the two-bit crooks — they all made the little guy a big wheel.
Also CARTOON

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Also CARTOON and NEWS

The Seale Drive-In will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights for the winter.

Sincerest wishes...

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

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for HER and HIM

FOR HER
We suggest Maytag Appliances such as Ranges, Washers, Dryers, Freezers, and Irons.

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Minute Editorials

And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha.—John 19:17.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! How many times will you hear that familiar expression in the next few days and how many cards will you receive expressing this sentiment? Christmas is a good time of the year. Despite its commercialism, despite the fact that some use it for an excuse for drunkenness and carousing, Christmas is a good time of the year.

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year. And not for kiddies only. Somehow we believe that it mellows the heart of the adult to some extent. Perhaps in some cases the spirit of Christmas helps to heal old enmities. In most cases it gives us a better feeling of good will toward our fellowman. It also affords us the opportunity to present our friends with a gift, even a small one, that expresses our sentiment to that special one.

So we say Christmas is a good time of the year. If we'll just let go and let the Christmas spirit in. Don't quench the spirit but try to add to it by spreading that spirit of good will to those with whom you come in contact. It comes only once a year. Let's make the most of it.

Are we in for a recession or a depression? We think not although we lay no claims to being an economic forecaster. The following statement we take from a letter of national circulation: "Two of the more sensitive barometers of economic change, the stock market and the wholesale price index, have not only refused to foreshadow a downturn in business, but have been reluctant to reflect even the decline which has already taken place in industrial production. The federal Reserve Board index of production is down nearly 7 percent from its post-Korean peak of 243 reached last March. The wholesale price index, which in March stood at 110 per cent of the 1947-1949 average, has just been calculated at 109.9 for November."

The most commonly used index of stock prices, the Dow-Jones Industrial Averages, did fall 20 points from May to June, before industrial weakness actually developed. Since then it has climbed back to May level. Individual prices have not stood still. Farm prices are down and so are foods. Major metals are more costly. Weakness may spread, but the absence of a general price decline rather argues that business will improve instead.

These statements are taken from "Behind The Scenes in American Business" by Reynolds Knight. The letter is a weekly one that usually can be depended upon for fairly accurate forecasts. So maybe the old wolf isn't at the door, yet anyway.

No doubt but that we now have a buyers market instead of a sellers'. The seller is going to have to sell. No longer will people come up and take your product away from you. But if you're selling a good quality worth the money we think people are still going to buy. Maybe a little more thought to your advertising schedule would help. Plan your advertising with a definite goal in mind. Well planned advertising can help to overcome some of the slump in business if there is such.

Dates for the annual Texas 4-H Club Roundup have been set for June 8-10, 1954 and it will be held on the campus of Texas A & M College.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE PUBLISHER



With Our EXCHANGES

COTTON QUOTAS

Ready-Made Depression . . . Sulphurous fumes are arising from the areas where farmers have only recently engaged in the wholesale production of cotton. Naturally, even Floyd County, our next door neighbor, is an example. The five-year history of cotton production is not comparable to this year's planting, but from this same history next year's allotment derives. As this column has hinted before, Arizona and California cotton growers were crucified upsidedown and more than half of their plantings of the year will be cut off next year. That is, if the election this month authorizes the imposition of the quotas. It is our opinion that the quotas will be approved, because if they are not there will be no price support for cotton and prices would tumble to about ten cents a pound and then we'd have a depression ready-made. — You Be The Judge in the Ra'lly Banner.

OPINIONS

These opinions of their work by smalltown newspaper columnists have appeared in national magazines and I found them such good reading, I pass them on to you.

"One thing we like about running a newspaper is that it keeps us posted on so many things we don't dare print."

"You blame the newspaper, but you probably are not half as careful what you say as the newspapers are."

"Two things make a newspaper great — what it prints and what it doesn't print."

"Overheard: 'You know the type. Nothing in the paper unless her name is mentioned!'"

"In certain embarrassing situations, some folks find it harder to get off the front page of a newspaper than it was to get on it."

"Small town — The place where everyone knows the news and can't understand why the editor put it in the paper that way." — Post Dispatch.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Service is the rent we pay for our room on earth. We have been too much inclined to let our thoughts rest upon what we

judge our rights without giving equal weight to the recognition of our duties. There is no room in the modern world for easy indifference to the world's needs. We are all our brothers' keeper. — Hamlin Herald.

LET'S BE OUR OWN

All too many of the American people temporarily it is fervently hoped, have been dazed by the spellbinding proponents of the government-owns-you system. It is high time for these citizens to sit down calmly and ask themselves if they really wish to give up the liberties which they now enjoy . . . and subject themselves to the tyranny of a bureaucratic system. — Nellig, Nebraska, Leader.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we extend the Season's Greetings to all our many friends.

LOCKNEY VARIETY

Long Ago In Lockney

Items of interest from the files of The Lockney Beacon.

December 24, 1915

A new post office was opened at Aiken, northwest of Lockney, in Floyd County. The office was opened for business last Wednesday. This part of the county is thickly settled with Syndicate farmers and will be of great benefit to the people in that part of the county.

Saturday afternoon at two o'clock Mr. Gussie Foster and Miss Effie Underwood drove up to the Methodist parsonage and were married by Bro. Sweeney. Also on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 L. C. Weathers and Miss Maggie Thompson were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. Sweeney performing the ceremony.

Jim McPete shot and killed a Mr. Bishop in the Woody Drug Store at Floydada on Saturday night. Bishop was shot in the leg but an artery was severed and he died within a short time.

Grain dealers of Lockney have shipped nearly 300 cars of grain and have 30 more ready to ship. Maize is coming in at the rate of 200 loads a day to local elevators and the elevator men are needing cars badly. Threshed maize is worth around 65c per hundred on the local market.

A smoke house at the R. A. Stalcup residence was destroyed by fire Sunday night but the residence was saved by the timely arrival of the bucket brigade.

December 27, 1923

A group of Lockney and Floydada business men . . .

dada business men . . . to secure the right-of-way along the Santa Fe road from Floydada through and Aiken into Plains. . . hope that the State Highway department will take it over work it up when the way is secured. A group working on a move to highway through the . . .

Through the efforts of National Bank a carload famous Kasch cotton . . . been booked for Lockney according to A. B. Brown reported to be a very fine staple length as well as . . .

Lockney Independent District will vote on a bond issue on January money, if made available be used to build an addition to the present high school which is very crowded.

Weddings: Floyd Dana Miss Mary Jones on Dec. 10. Jesse Zimmerman and Jessie Marie Workman on Dec. 8. Lloyd L. Jones and Miss Alice J. Anderson on Dec. 8.

December 26, 1941
W. T. Clinton and son . . . have opened a blacksmith here.

Zoel Watson has returned Lockney and will manage Dixie Tavern here, which owns.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Moore have opened their modern cafe First National Bank building.

John Stapleton and Miss Paton of Floydada married Thursday. They make their home in Floyd. He is county attorney.

Greetings

To all our friends we wish a Christmas that is a merry one in every way and a New Year that will be happy every day.

DYKES ELECTRIC
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dykes
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Dykes Jr.

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

May your heart rejoice anew in the message of the first Christmas... "on earth peace, good will toward men".

Lockney Frozen Foods
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paschal

It's Christmas!

FOR NOW...FOR ALWAYS... may the joys of this Holiday Season surround you and yours, and may you dwell amid the blessings of peace, health goodwill and happiness...

FRANK PERKINS AGENCY

Merry Christmas

If we haven't had a chance to wish you a Merry Christmas personally, during the past few days, may we now say to each and every one of our friends and patrons, "A Dappy Christmas and Joyous New Year"

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...legend, placed there to
...His way if He makes an
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...the night of His birth when
...was no room for Him.



SANTA CLAUS ASSEMBLY LINE—Four young patients at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, at Dallas, prepare Christmas presents on an assembly-line basis. With Christmas Thompson, 6, O'Donnell, Texas; and Mary Ann Board, 5, Dallas; Shirley Newberry, 5, Dallas; Larry Joe wrapping play mugs adorned with Santa Claus faces. The youngsters, who will send the presents home, are assisted by Occupational Therapist Elizabeth Graves at the Scottish Rite Hospital, which is sup-

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The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable;" in biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve, members of all denominations assemble to sing carols above the birthplace of the Holy Child before midnight mass is solemnized in the Church of the Nativity.

How can you dry starched clothes in a gas clothes dryer and avoid limpness? That question is always popping up, so here are some hints the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association offers on how to do it successfully: First, make the starch a little heavier than recommended for the particular fabric. Into each quart of water dissolve a small cake of ironing aid. Then starch several articles at once and dry. Do not put in unstarched clothes because they will take away some of the starch from the others. Leave starched clothes in the gas clothes dryer a shorter time than usual — until just damp enough to iron.

GREETINGS

Along with our warm Christmas Greetings we send to you and those dear to you every good wish for a joyous season filled with good health, good cheer, and contentment. And may your Holiday happiness extend throughout the New Year.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON
Ike Lavon Dan Hassen P. D.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May this Christmas bring to you in rich abundance all the good things in life—and may they remain with you throughout the New Year.

Lockney Real Estate Co.
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CHRISTMAS FEAST... The toys have been opened and church services are over. Now, it's time for that Christmas feast and a turkey drumstick.

Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

CHRISTMAS is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians. All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Babe in the manger—

Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born. Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robed acolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and finally, American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church—built above the Cave of the Nativity—is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church.

Greetings

We're thinking of you, all our friends, and hoping that this happy Christmas season brings to you good cheer, good health and good fellowship. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

Lockney Lumber & Supply
LEON FRANK MONROE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the good cheer of the season enter your home at Christmas and abide with you and yours through all the days and months to come. To all we extend our sincerest wishes for health, happiness and the fulfillment of dreams most dearly cherished...

Hammond & Company
Claude Hammond, Dealer
Blaine Holt Owen Emert Curtis Williams

Society News

Thomas Home Scene Of Christmas Party

Mrs. Sid Thomas and Mrs. Dee Copeland were hostesses for the El Progreso Study Club's annual Christmas party in the Thomas home December 16 at 3 o'clock.

Roll call was answered with a Bible quotation. Mrs. Chester Mitchell gave a Christmas story, "The Little Hunchback Zia" by Frances Barnett.

Mrs. Clyde Kemp arranged a musical program which was presented by the following boys and girls: Ann Brown, Charlotte Taylor, Barbara Hays, Janice Hays, Debra Ferguson, Shirley Mitchell, Nancy Jo Schacht, Jerry Kemp and Jay Kemp.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served from a table decorated in the Christmas motif. Tiny candles lighted each plate.

Jolly Stitchers In Christmas Party

The Jolly Stitchers Club held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. L. A. Holt Thursday, Dec. 17, at 2:30 o'clock. The reception rooms were gay with holiday decorations and a beautiful tree. Mmes. C. O. Williams, E. T. Pigg, K. E. Probasco and W. O. Stuart were co-hostesses. Mrs. Williams had charge of the games. After gifts were distributed from the tree, tea was served from a lace covered table centered with Christmas candles. Mrs. Stuart pouring.

Guests present were Mmes. W. A. Jolly, V. K. Keilison, Oliver Holmes, K. E. Probasco, Royce Latimer, L. Sanderson, F. E. McClure, W. G. Kinard, C. O. Williams, W. D. Colson, E. T. Pigg, L. F. Duvall, Gene Bloys, Ray Hillman, Royce Hillman, Melvin Fitts, W. O. Stuart, Miss Anna Schacht, Mrs. L. A. Holt and one guest, Mrs. R. J. Bault.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fairman and Mike left Saturday for a visit with his mother who is postmaster at Goldthwaite.

Builders Class Party Is Held

Friday night at 7:30 the Builders Class of the First Methodist Church held a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Harris.

A going-away gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Terrell who are moving to Plainview. Teacher of the class, Ed Carter, was also presented a gift from the class. Each member brought food for a basket to be given to some needy family.

Attending were F. L. Brown, Sunday School superintendent, Ed Carter, Lavon Johnson, and Messrs. and Mmes. Paul Cooper, Woodson Terrell, Ernest Tannahill, Delbert Aldredge, Clyde Hill, Geo. Myers, G. M. Lantrip, C. L. Record, Oliver Holmes, Milton Ashton, Clark Harris, Ronnie and Carolyn, and Elizabeth Tannahill.

P. V. H. D. Club Party Held In Harris Home

The home of Mrs. Clark Harris was the scene of the Pleasant Valley Home Demonstration Club Christmas party Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Games were played and Mrs. W. D. Reese told a Christmas story.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. Roy Wilkes, Chester Mitchell, Vernon Gross, D. D. Tate, R. C. Mitchell, Harmon Handley, Murrett Dorsey, Weldon Smith, Shirley Race, W. D. Reese and the hostess.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Wiley, Zinda Karl and Carol Gay plan to spend Christmas in Memphis with his parents and other members of his family, who will be together for the first time in a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and family of Fort Worth plan to be here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Adams.



MRS. RAY ADAMS

Miss Ann Williamson Bride Of Ray Adams

Miss Ann Williamson, a seventh grade teacher in the C. N. Townsend school here, became the bride of Ray Adams of Kress Sunday, December 20 at 1 p. m. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williamson of Mineola, Texas and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Avory Adams of Kress, in whose home the wedding took place.

Dr. C. K. Rogers, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Plainview read the vows before an arch decorated with greenery flanked with arrangements of smilax, holly, pine and mistletoe. Cathedral candelabra formed the background.

The bride was attractive in a grey tailored suit with white and navy accessories. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

Mrs. Curtis Mangum, commercial teacher in Lockney High School, attended as matron of honor. She was dressed in a tan suit with rust and black accessories and wore a corsage of white carnations.

Carol Adams, niece of the groom, was flower girl. She wore a light blue dress trimmed in white lace and seed pearls.

Edwin Adams of Edmunson, served his brother as best man. Candelighters were Curtis Mangum of Plainview, and Mrs. Edwin Adams.

Following the ceremony a dinner honoring the couple was held in the Adams home.

Mrs. Adams is a graduate of

Mineola High School and East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas. Mr. Adams is a graduate of Plainview High School and is engaged as a farmer near Kress. Mrs. Adams plans to continue her teaching here.

After a wedding trip to East Texas the couple will be at home at 1005 W. 12th Street, Plainview.

W. C. Irons Hosts At Faculty Party

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Irons were hosts for a delightful Christmas supper and entertainment held Thursday evening at 6:30 at the grade school cafeteria honoring the faculty and other employees of the schools, their husbands and wives.

Tables were festive in the Christmas motif. Places were laid for approximately 75 guests.

Following the delicious meal an interesting program was announced by Miss Johnnie Barnhart, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and "Jingle Bells," an accordion solo was given by Mrs. Elvin Lyon; Mrs. L. D. Hawkins and Mrs. Johnnie Truelove sang a duet, "Winter Wonderland" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Lyon; Mr. E. E. Stinson played a trombone solo, "Christmas Medley" and led the group in singing Christmas Carols. The devotional was brought by Rev. R. E. Wiley. In behalf of the grade school faculty, Miss Joan Brown presented a gift to Mr. Weldon Dodson, principal. Johnny Truelove made the presentation of gifts to W. C. Irons, Superintendent and to F. M. Smith, high school principal. Those present were given pictures which matched a picture on a gift package on the gayly decorated tree which they found and exhibited. All were comical items.

Special guests of the evening were members of the school board and their wives, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Hodel and children plan to go to Oklahoma City on December 26 to visit Mrs. Hodel's mother.

There are 1,000 million in a billion.

Merrell-Douglas Vows Exchanged

Miss Betty Ruth Merrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Merrell of Quitaque became the bride of Jack Douglas, son of Mrs. J. H. Douglas of Shamrock Friday, December 18 at 6:30 in the evening. The wedding took place in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. P. Taylor and Mr. Taylor of South Plains.

The bride was dressed in a brown suit with pink accessories and her corsage was a single orchid. Something old and for good luck was a penny worn in her shoe, new was her wedding attire, borrowed was a pink pearl necklace, and blue was a garter.

Miss Esther McLain, bridesmaid, wore a blue suit with wheat accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

Joe Douglas served his brother as best man.

Reception

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the Taylor home. After the bridal couple cut the first piece of the beautifully decorated wedding cake, Mrs. Bob Merrell, sister-in-law of the bride, served the cake while Miss Virginia Faye Taylor presided at the punch bowl.

Mrs. Douglas is a graduate of Quitaque High School and of Watson's Business College, Plainview. She has been employed in the Hale County Agricultural Agent's office in Plainview. Mr. Douglas is a graduate of Shamrock High School and of Texas Technological College, Lubbock. He is assistant Hale County Agent.

The couple left for a short honeymoon to the coast and other parts of Texas. They will make their home in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Page and boys of Alpine, Mr. and Mrs. Sid B. Thomas of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Payne and son of Portales, New Mexico are expected to arrive here on Dec. 26 for a yuletide visit with the Sid Thomases and the Sid Foxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Kelley and Cheryl from Alpine are here to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cox and other relatives.

Methodist Juniors Honored At Party

The Junior Department of the First Methodist Church and Mrs. Oliver Holmes' primary class met in the church basement Thursday, December 17 for their Christmas social.

Games were enjoyed, then Mr. James Taylor and Mr. C. L. Record acted for Santa in the gift exchange.

Refreshments were served to a large group. The children went caroling to several homes afterwards.

Others helping and attending were Mrs. Maxine Hill, Mrs. Oliver Holmes, Mrs. C. L. Record, Mrs. Clyde Kemp, Mrs. Mary Simmons, Mrs. L. R. McCormick and Mrs. L. G. Henderson.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

25th Anniversary Observed By

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman were honored with a party by their children, C. Mercer, Miss Bobbye Donice Casey at their birthday night. The occasion the 25th anniversary couple. They were presented a set of silverware by the dren and guests brought silver pieces in the chosen.

After games of forty-niversary cake and hot were served to Messrs. and Sid Thomas, Leslie Fe Frank Brown, E. A. M Edgar Hays, Homer B Harmon Handley; Miss J Barnhart, Miss Elizabeth ley, the honorees; and hoo and Mrs. W. C. Mercer of A Bobbye Lu and Donice.

CHRISTMAS

Wishes

Here's a cheerful little wish for all our friends. May your homes and hearts abound with holiday warmth, happiness and good fellowship.

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Greetings

May you find good cheer, peace and happiness at Christmas time. These are our sincere wishes for all our friends who have made this Christmas such a wonderful one for us.

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Warm Wishes at Christmas



May this happy Yuletide season brim over, with all good things —with surprises as merry and pleasing as the findings under your Christmas tree. To all our friends, both old and new, go our warmest and sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

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