

Merry Christmas

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FUSSELMAN STRIKE INDICATED ON HAMP CARTER WILDCAT

Interesting shows for possible production were uncovered on a drillstem test in the top of the Fusselman at Delta Gulf Drilling Co. No. 1 Carter, wildcat in SE Upton County, one mile east of Rankin.

A three hour drillstem test was taken in the interval from 11.031 to 11.063 ft. Gas surfaced in one hour and 15 minutes. No fluid surfaced while tool was open.

After 79 stands of pipe had been pulled it started unloading. Recovery was a 2000 foot water blanket which was heavily oil and gas cut, 90 ft. of heavily oil and gas cut drilling mud and 200 ft. of gas-cut salt water. Open bottom hole flowing pressure was 1250 lbs. and the shutin pressure after 15 minutes was 2,525 lbs.

Some interested observers believe the salt water was from an

upper section and not from the 32 ft. of Fusselman section which was tested.

Operator probably will drill a few more feet and take another drillstem test.

Fusselman was topped at 11.027 ft. on a datum point of minus 8,424 feet.

Location is 680 ft. from south and east lines of sec. 25, blk. B, HE&WT survey.

Rankin HD Club Holds Christmas Party Last Thursday

The Rankin Home Demonstration Club had a Christmas party on their regular meeting day Thursday in the Park Building.

Mrs. E. R. Sullivan of the McCamey Club talked on "Year Books" and displayed corsages made of nylon hose. Mrs. Sullivan will give a demonstration on the making of corsages to the local club in the near future.

The following new officers were introduced by the retiring president, Mrs. M. O. Price:

President, Mrs. Chris Bieri;
Vice President, Mrs. Sammy Hodges.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Day, Jr.;
Reporter, Mrs. Ed Anderson;
Finance Chairman, Mrs. Ted Hogan;
Program Chairman, Mrs. Bob Foster;

Delegates to the County Council are Mrs. J. T. Bushong and Mrs. Alvin Bushong.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 10.

NEXT UP—ONE MILLIONTH VICTIM

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Every motorist has a real reason for careful and safe driving right now—for some time during December the one-millionth traffic fatality is due to occur. This prediction is based on the present rate of highway deaths in the United States.

"The majority of traffic accidents," the National Automobile Dealers Association points out, "are the result of an error committed by one or more of the drivers involved. These errors are usually the product of carelessness and ignorance."

"This ten-point program," says N.A.D.A., "if followed by every motorist, will at least push back the date when this millionth victim will make headlines."

1. Don't drive so fast that your stopping distance exceeds your seeing distance, or that you risk losing control of your car.
2. Use your rear-view mirror and signal your intentions, before moving out of the lane in which you are driving.
3. Pass only on the left side of



? ONE MILLIONTH ?

other vehicles when overtaking them.

4. Give the pedestrian the right-of-way.
5. Make it a point to turn your head and look before backing up.
6. Don't follow the driver ahead too closely. You should allow a distance of at least one car-length between you for every ten miles per hour of speed.
7. Drive on the right side of the road.
8. Slow down and look both ways at traffic lights—even green ones.
9. Be careful that no train is coming when crossing railroad tracks.
10. Keep your car in the best operating condition at all times. Take it to your dealer for periodic inspections.

ST. FRANCIS MADE FIRST CRIB IN CAVE

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported to have said to

one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable

the Infant Saviour became for us. So at midnight, in the small Italian village of Garcia, in the year 1200, St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

George Broyles Named On Tournament Team

Although they did not place in McMurry College's First Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament, the Rankin Red Devils placed one man, Geo. Broyles, on the All-Tournament squad.

Rankin drew a bye in the first round, rammed Tullia's Hornets 29-21 in their second game, and were eliminated 38-29 in the semi-finals by Hawley.

Avoca's Mustangs carried home the championship trophy as Hawley came in second and Jayton won consolation.

Other members of the all-tournament team besides five foot 10 in senior Broyles included:

Avoca's Don Taylor and Roy Akin; Hawley's Gene Lewis and Jack Faulks; Jayton's Eldon Smith; Clyde's Ed Farmer; Colorado City's Don Williams; Roscoe's Billy Joe McIntire; Tullia's Ronald Lacy.

HELPING AT HURST'S

Mrs. Mike Grimm of Irving is in Rankin for a couple of weeks, assisting her brother in the Hurst Food Market.

Tree Decoration Has Ancient Source In Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

In fact, the Christmas tree itself stems from the story of a Scandinavian "sacred" tree and Martin Luther, a German, is said to have brought the first one indoors and decorated it for the Yule season in the early 16th century.

These are only two of more than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem. According to Jeannette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years, the American Christmas symbols—from candles and bells to kissing under the mistletoe—have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emblems of the festival as ornaments for Christmas



Brownie Troop Works On Christmas Project

Brownie Troop No. 2 met with their leader, Mrs. J. O. Russell, on Monday afternoon.

The girls sang Christmas carols, did weaving and painting for Christmas, and were served refreshments by Glenda Parker and her mother.

The troop will not meet again until after the holidays.

Others attending Monday's meeting were Dorothy Abernathy, Cynthia Russell, Barbara Bushong, Nova Mayes, Ann Chandler, Carolyn Langford, Judy James, Zella Anderson, Joan Rhea, Joyce Long.

Harold Browning Dies In Odessa Dec. 15th

Funeral services for Harold Browning, age 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Browning of McCamey, were conducted from the North Side Church of Christ in Odessa Monday afternoon, Dec. 17, at 4 o'clock, with Rev. Baker of Kermit officiating.

Browning, who underwent surgery several weeks ago in the Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, had improved enough to be at the home of his parents in McCamey. He died at the hospital in Odessa Dec. 15. Interment was in the Odessa cemetery.

Survivors include his wife and two small sons, Michael and David; the parents and two sisters, Mrs. Roger Greenwood of Rogers, Ark., and Miss Wanda Browning of McCamey.

The wild boar of India attacks without provocation, as does the tame bore of America.

Sidestepping only gets you farther away from where you hope you are going.

cards and is just as constantly searching for new ones. This year for example, the bright-colored tree ornaments are in high vogue as decorative devices on Christmas cards.

Midland, Upton Have 108 Rotary Rigs Dec. 1

Rotary drilling operations in West Texas continued at high levels in the period from Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, the latest Reed Roller Bit Co. survey shows.

A total of 744 rigs were reported operating in the Permian Basin during the survey period. This compares with 729 for the previous half-month and with 561 for the year-ago period.

Upton County, which set an all-time high record in the period ending Oct. 15 with 126 rigs, sank from 119 to 108 in the latest survey.

Midland County, hot with Spraberry activity, increased by eight rigs to 108 and a tie for first in Reed:

County	Oct. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 15	Dec. 1
Upton	89	125	119	108
Midland	68	76	99	108
Lea	85	100	97	98
Ector	52	49	54	48
Reagan	19	28	45	45
Andrews	29	32	27	38
Glascock	61	47	27	31
Scurry	32	30	32	30
Crane	11	19	18	20
Pecos	15	17	17	18
Gaines	21	20	18	15
Kent	11	10	8	12
Terry	13	16	14	12
Howard	16	15	10	11
Borden	12	13	12	10
Martin	4	2	4	1

ST. NICHOLAS POSSESSED OF GREAT VIRTUE, PIETY

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, was said to have been a saint of great virtue and piety.

An ancient legend is told that he became the patron saint of school boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school in Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a vision, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murder.

He restored the boys to life through prayers and also forced the murderer to confess his crime to authorities.

"We've never been able to figure out—'When a doctor gets sick and another doctor doctors him, does the doctor doing the doctoring have to doctor the doctor the way the doctor being doctoring wants to be doctored, or does the doctor doing the doctoring of the doctor doctor in his own way?'"

Ignorance causes more blisters than bliss.



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 reputation or standing of any firm, individual or corporation will be
 gladly corrected upon being called to the attention of the publisher.

**CUSTOM OF 'PINATA',
 OBSERVED IN MEXICO,
 IS SPREADING TO U. S.**

The pinata, Christmas custom so
 long observed by the happy chil-
 dren of Mexico, is gradually
 spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round
 duty in the land south of the bor-
 der, the pinata is busiest during
 the Mexican Christian festival that
 lasts from December 16 to January
 6. In America, it is used in various
 parts of the country only at Christ-
 mas time.

The pinata is made of thin, frag-
 ile clay, and is filled with sweet-
 meats and trinkets before being
 suspended from the ceiling.

Each of the guests, not always
 only just the children—is blind-
 folded and given a stick. The ob-
 ject is to swing the sticks overhead
 until someone shatters the pinata,

sending the delicious contents
 pouring out.

The pinata is a great aid in mak-
 ing the long Christmas season tol-
 erable for Mexican children. Tradi-
 tion decrees that they must wait
 until the final day of the 21-day
 Christmas season to receive their
 gifts.

It is as hard for a rich man to
 enter heaven as it is for a poor
 man to live on earth.

Truth may be stranger than fic-
 tion, but it isn't nearly so market-
 able.

Truth is best understood by
 those who have experienced its
 value.

Correct this sentence: "We want
 you to be chairman; you won't
 have much to do."



To the casual observer, it is just another typical night in Bethlehem,
 sleepy town of many generations. Excepting, of course, that the popu-
 lation is more than double, for all the descendants of David have come
 to register as ordered by Herod. For many, there is no room.

And yet, there is more about this night! And there are some whose
 faith and wisdom give them eyes to see. Near the hour of midnight,
 a darkened sky suddenly shimmers with a light of ethereal beauty,
 and angels appear to sing a great psalm:

*"Glory in the highest,
 And on earth, peace to men of good will."*

A new star fires itself to brilliance near the edge of town, bathing
 in its light the stable where a Galilean carpenter named Joseph has
 taken refuge with his bride, a queenly young girl named Mary. For
 them, there had been no room.

The star rests above the humble shelter, sending down golden rays
 that illuminate the area in a strange, unearthly manner.

In the distance appear a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They
 have followed the now resting star and are heavily laden with gifts of
 gold—presents for a new-born king. Along the roads bear the shouts
 of the citizens, led by angels, who come to adore.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a
 manger, the Christ-child awaits.

**Everyone Wants
 To See Just One
 'Good Old' Yule**

"How I would long to see just
 one more 'old-fashioned Christ-
 mas'."

These are familiar words at this
 time of the year. Before the Yule-
 tide season is over, some member
 of the family, grandfather or
 grandmother, probably, is certain
 to pass that remark, as they have
 done each Christmas of the past.

And yet, if we search back into
 the records . . . to the turn of the
 century, say . . . we find that, even
 then, someone was wishing for "an
 old-fashioned Christmas." It is
 then that we realize that the cele-
 bration of the birth of Christ has
 not changed greatly with the pas-
 sage of centuries. Basically Christ-
 mas is the same, year after year.
 It is only the world and the people
 who are not the same.

He may not admit it, but when
 grandfather first began to raise a
 family, he overheard his elders
 musing over the changing Christ-
 mas customs and heralding the ap-
 proach to "Complete commercial-
 ism" of the Yuletide celebration.
 Even then they were worried.

No one can deny that Christmas
 has been greatly "commercialized"
 since the days of early America.
 Yet, so has the entire nation. In
 the days of our ancestors there
 were none of the vast trading cen-
 ters and commercial marts that
 we know today. Our very way of
 life has been greatly changed with
 modernization. Our holidays, and
 Christmas is the principal one, have
 managed to keep abreast.

Still, without reservation, Christ-
 mas is basically unchanged in its
 true meaning as a celebration of
 the birth of the Christ-Child re-
 deemer, come to save the world.
 No matter how great or how small
 the presents piled beneath the

LEGENDS OF CHRISTMAS

There are almost as many Christ-
 mas legends and superstitions as
 there have been Christmases.
 Countless customs from the Old
 World have been absorbed through
 the centuries into the celebrations
 that we participate in today. A few,
 however, have been passed down
 from one generation to another,
 remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for ex-
 ample, believe that the deer kneel
 in prayer each Christmas Eve. An
 early missionary probably is re-
 sponsible for the idea, but it still
 lingers and wily Indians have al-
 ways attempted to catch the deer
 in the act.

In England, it is believed that
 the bees express veneration for the
 nativity by singing in their hives
 at midnight. The bee hives are al-
 ways adorned with holly sprigs for
 the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a
 young girl to creep to the family
 woodpile on Christmas Eve and
 pull out the first stick that her
 hand touched. If the stick was a
 straight one, with no knots, tradi-
 tion said that she would have a
 good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave
 torches to their children and sent
 them singing into the apple or-
 chards and the fields. The mice,
 caterpillars and moths were said
 to flee before the approaching
 songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief
 that water turned into wind dur-
 ing the hour before midnight on
 Christmas Eve.

Many a person's mind has been
 closed for years, but not for re-
 pairs or alterations.

tree, each Christian heart never
 ceases to remember that Christmas
 is Christ's day.

They say that the darkest hour
 comes just before dawn, but there's
 not many folks who can prove it.

Man has now conquered almost
 everything dangerous in nature,
 except human nature.

In less than six days after birth
 you learn to open your mouth and
 put your foot into it. Then it takes
 60 years to unlearn the trick.



*All the joys
 of the
 season be
 yours in
 abundance*

DOC ADAMS

Rankin, Texas



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Commissioner, Precinct 1



MR. and MRS. W. J. PRICE

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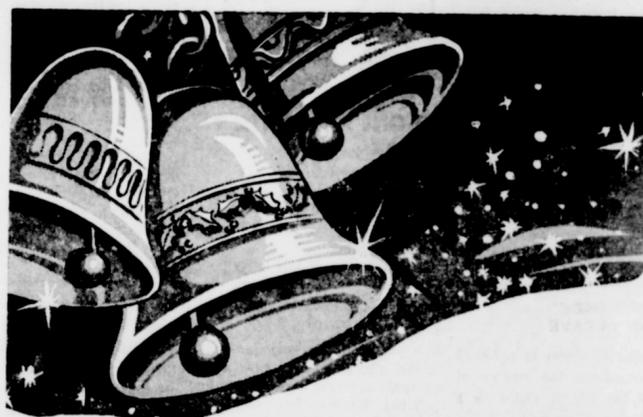
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A
Merry Christmas
 and
A Prosperous New Year

to
 ALL OF YOU
 from
 ALL OF US

Thank you for past favors and may we serve
 you even better in 1952

JOHNSON'S

Rankin, Texas

CEDARS OF LEBANON ARE WELL PROTECTED BY RELIGION, LAW

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result

of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

Nature sure pulled a boner when she made prunes more healthful than strawberries.

Just for fun, check up on the next bushel of wheat you buy. There are 556,000 seeds in a bushel.

Schemes rarely take the place of good, hard work in the lives of those who succeed.

Don't Have A Tree Fire This Christmas

Every average American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fire hazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly-cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen trees growing outside, but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas day or to leave it too long after the 25th. Trees of all kind will become highly inflammable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches, or organization that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week should take special safeguards to keep it reasonably safe.

The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.

Mistletoe Outlived Sinister Meaning

Mistletoe, once used as a weapon of death, is now almost a universal symbol of love and peace.

According to Norse mythology, there was a god named Balder, who personified the sun. Loki, another god, plotted to destroy Balder.

Balder's mother, when she first learned of Loki's intentions to kill her son, obtained a promise from all living things that they would not harm Balder. All agreed, but the mistletoe, so it was with a mistletoe arrow that Loki induced Balder's blind brother, Hodder, to kill the sun god.

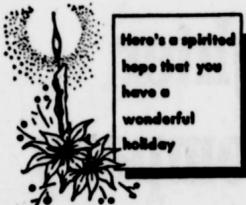
Higher powers intervened however, and Balder was restored to life. The mistletoe was placed under Frigga's care, and the mother of Balda saw that it was never again used to do harm.

The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be used as an instrument of evil.

All of the people acting foolish aren't acting.



1951



RALPH DAUGHERTY

And Family

Upton County Clerk



Our hope, this year as always, is for lasting peace on earth.



For our many good friends we wish only that they may share fully in it.

MRS. ELIZABETH RAINS

And Family

Upton County Treasurer



Each day of the year we are grateful for your fine friendship and patronage but as Christmas day grows closer, we just want to pause and say "Thank You." We truly appreciate your confidence and good will.

That your holiday season will afford you every happiness is our whole-hearted wish for you.

C. W. Brown Motor Co.

McCAMEY, TEXAS

May the Star of Peace be seen and followed by the wise men of all nations . . . may the prayer of men on earth, on this anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, be . . . "on earth, peace, good will toward men."



West Texas Utilities Company

ORIGIN OF GIFT-GIVING TOLD IN MANY VERSIONS

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift-giving at Christmas time started. Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart. This started it all. Now gift-giving is traditional.

TRADITION SAYS TREE ORIGINATED IN EGYPT

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt. German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.



A sincere wish for a fine holiday to everyone in town



JOHN A. MENEFEE
And Family
Upton County Attorney

Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

Who has one of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy. It's Santa. The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year.

However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the country and talking to thousands of youngsters on street corners and in department stores, Santa usually comes to the same conclusion each year. Times and customs change, but children seldom do.

Requests that Santa receives follow a general pattern each year—everything from bicycles to roller skates and cowboy suits for boys, with dolls and elaborate accessories the favorite with the girls.

There are some exceptions. Lots of children make requests for useful items, typewriters and such, in the hope of becoming writers and stenographers. Last year one lad asked for a Bengal tiger.

Santa, understanding human that he must be, promises to fill all the requests that he can and explains tenderly why there are some that are out of reach.

CHRIST WAS ONCE HOLIDAY THAT MOVED ABOUT ON CALENDAR

Christmas was once a movable feast. The eastern branches of the Christian Church usually celebrated it in April or May, Western Europe sometime in January.

In 337 A.D., Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century observed the date of January 7.

Many a man thinks he has an open mind when it's merely vacant.

Nations' Customs Widely Varied On Christmas Day

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for



the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old-fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas, complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers.

ST. NICK'S SPIRIT

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A.D., and for 30 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true spirit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

At the very top of most men's heads is the bump of benevolence, as far away from the pocketbook as possible.

Peace and Good Will



A heartfelt "Merry Christmas" to all of you, good friends



Slaughter Motor Company

"Upton County's Friendly Ford Dealer"

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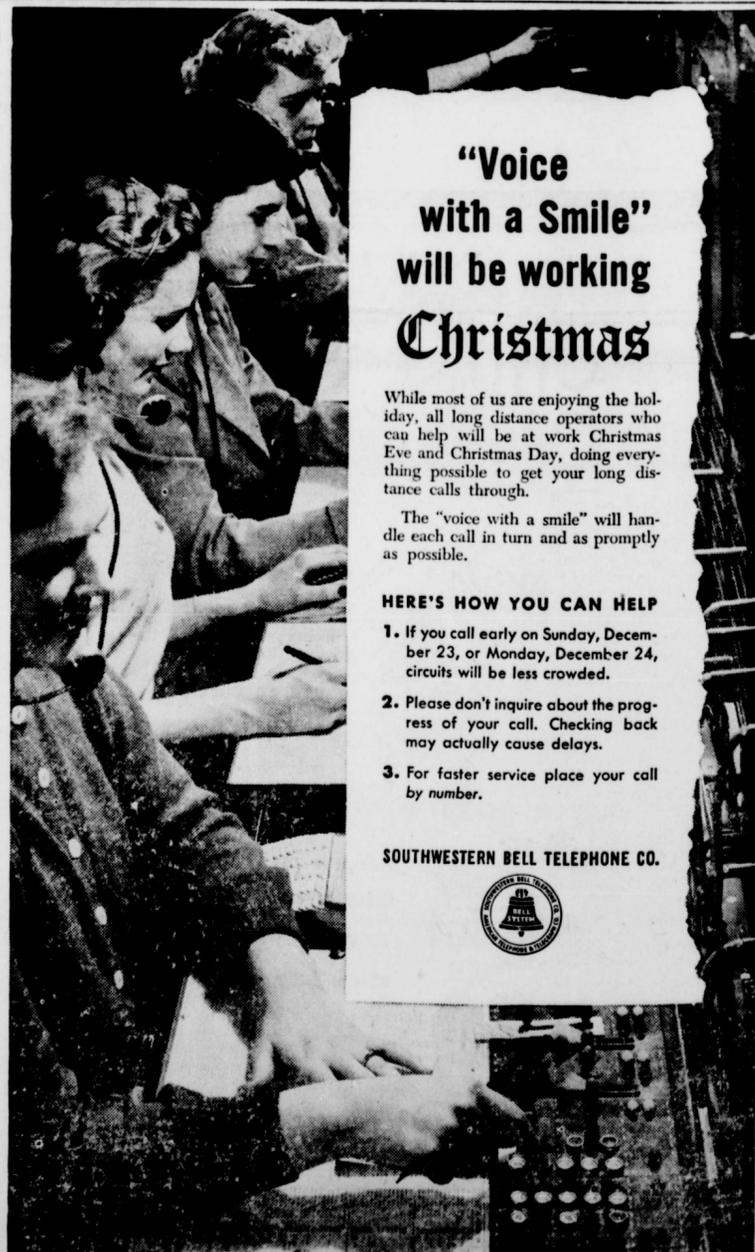
May the angels bending near the earth bring you an abiding peace



In the spirit of the blessed day we wish you a completely happy Christmas



First State Bank
Rankin, Texas



"Voice with a Smile" will be working Christmas

While most of us are enjoying the holiday, all long distance operators who can help will be at work Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, doing everything possible to get your long distance calls through.

The "voice with a smile" will handle each call in turn and as promptly as possible.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. If you call early on Sunday, December 23, or Monday, December 24, circuits will be less crowded.
2. Please don't inquire about the progress of your call. Checking back may actually cause delays.
3. For faster service place your call by number.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.



Santa Gives A Party



At least one party for the children this Christmas season, that's traditional. So we set the theme with gay little crepe paper favors and decorative glasses and such. With small fry we stay away from rich, gooey foods. So for our party idea we turn to Santa's sack of toys and come up with those old-time favorites — building blocks.

You make them from good pound cake, preferably a square shaped cake. Get it from your baker or make one up from any good cookbook recipe.

Cut your pound cake into 2-inch cubes and cover with pastel frostings. With a pastry tube in your little right hand, you can letter the blocks any way you like.

Cream Frosting

1/4 cup Blue Bonnet Margarine 1/4 cup cream
4 1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
food coloring

Cream margarine. Blend in sifted confectioners' sugar, vanilla and enough cream so that frosting spreads smoothly. Divide mixture and color each batch with assorted food colors to obtain pastel tints. Cover cake cookies with frosting and decorate in contrasting shades.

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It's a wonderful family holiday—one we hope you all will enjoy to the utmost

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Mr. and Mrs. Linton Clark

RANKIN, TEXAS



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RUSSELL-THOMAS CO.

Crane, Texas

DON'T SAY PAINT . . . SAY VALSPAR

News Cagers Ease Over Rotary Engineers 59-51

The News Publishing Company cagers bounced into an nine point lead over the Rotary Engineers of Midland in their first game of the season Monday night, and then toyed around using all men on the roster as they took a 59-50 win.

The starting five, Herman Hopkins, Ben Harris, Norman Cox, Johnny Johnson and Charlie Morris, paced the News team into a 20-11 lead, and then free substitution began. Johnson paced the scoring in the first period with eight points.

The Rotary team was short three of their five, including Benny Rutherford, and were never really in the contest after the starting minutes of the game.

Calvin Benson and Glen Whitis were missing from the News roster.

The next game for the News team will come after the first of the year.

BOX SCORE

NEWS	FG	FT	TP
Harris	3	4	10
Stokes	0	0	0
Reece	0	1	1
Kitchens	4	1	9
Hopkins	3	4	10
Johnson	4	0	8
Morris	5	1	11
Carl	0	0	0
Cox	3	0	6
Boggs	2	0	4
TOTAL	24	11	59

ROTARY

ROTARY	FG	FT	TP
Huffman	7	9	23
Selly	2	0	4
Collins	5	4	14
Johnson	1	0	2
Waterman	3	0	6
Reynolds	0	0	0
Bugenbach	1	0	2
TOTAL	19	13	51

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—1951 Ford Victoria, radio, heater, overdrive, 8,800 miles. See Doug Spieckerman, Grand Theatre, McCamey, Texas.

MITCHELL DRUG

Rankin, Texas

Welcome to Midland!
We can outfit your CHUCKWAGON or your CHINACLOSET!

- hardware
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OF DEEP
JOY

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County Judge
Upton County

**"Greetings By Mail"
Originated In 1846,
Now A Modern Custom**

Look at the paintings on the Christmas cards you send and receive—you'll find famous names and some of the best contemporary art. Here is how it all began.

On a December day in 1846, a middleclass Englishman, Henry Cole, sat at the library desk of his London home addressing to his friends what were probably the first Christmas cards ever printed. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas customs of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Cole, in a historic move, two months before had commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal Academy artist, to paint the illustration for the card and had struck off a thousand lithographed copies. He dispatched them that December. This was such a markedly successful stroke of good will that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

Horsley's art was a far cry from today's Christmas card paintings, but he started a cycle which a hundred years later was to bring fine art into high favor on Christmas cards.

An American shopping for cards may select, for instance, a painting called "Snow Under the Arch" by another Royal Academy member—Winston Churchill, Britain's prime minister and famed amateur artist. Or he might choose Peter Hurd's "One Night In Winter" or "Grandma" Moses' "The White Church" or "The Nativity" by Alexander Ross.

If you think you're an optimist, just read what the boys have to say in the seed catalogs.

Our
heartiest
wishes for
a grand
holiday season



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**BASILICA OF THE NATIVITY
ONE OF OLDEST CHURCHES**

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,620 years ago.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by the Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity, and, surprisingly enough, all three celebrate Christmas on separate occasions.

An old-timer is one who remembers that when two girls discovered a man following them they called a cop. (Now they match for him.)

Nature is wonderful. A million years ago nobody knew that we'd have to wear glasses; yet look how conveniently she located our ears.

**Helping Santa When
Buying Toys For Child**

If you wish your child to get the most available from this year's toys, be sure to look for the five major qualities recommended by specialists.

Toys to be thoroughly satisfying for the small fry should have five major qualities, says specialists at the college of home economics, Cornell.

First, toys should be durable to withstand the rough and tumble of any one child and his playmates. Sturdy toys can be repaired and repainted and passed on for the enjoyment of other youngsters, in or out of the family.

Toys should be simple and easy to handle and operate. Simple playthings are more likely to hold interest through long child-hours and less likely to be shelved permanently.

Toys should be safe to use—without sharp corners or rough places or poor paint that might be

harmful to a youngster. And toys should be washable.

Finally, toys should have what the specialists call a "do-with" quality. Good old stand-bys such as wagons, blocks, clay, sand, finger

the child's interest of the moment. A shirt is a garment which is all ways too short, too long, too tight, or too loose.



We're wishing you
a sprightly, happy
time this
Yuletide



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Upton County Sheriff



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Christmas**
It is people like you
who give meaning to
our celebration of
the Saviour's birth
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