Look around you, Friona, and see what you can see that will make Christmas seem real to you this year.

Do you see the hungry, pallid faces of a starving citizenry, frightened, hopeless look of a the frightened, hopeless the people trod under the foot of military aggression? Or do you see happy, laughing children who dance along the sidewalks as they peer into business windows filled with wondrous sights of Christmas, and pleasant, smiling adults as they exchange "Merry Christmas" to one another as they pass on the street?

Look around you, Friona, and thankful that you are in America. Things are not this happy in many other places in the world on Christmas, 1956.

are in Friona this year. Thursday night, we took our camera and toured the town, thinking probably that this was as close to Christmas as we could wait in order to have time to develop the film and have engravings made.

The results of our evening's work can be seen on this page, and they are far short of outstanding, but perhaps to those who take the paper and won't get a chance to see Friona this year, they will convey in some measure the Christmas spirit that has captured the commun-

We had two or three big disappointments during the evening. One was not being able to get a good picture of the lighting arrangement atop the Friona Wheat off, but it is not possible to get close enough to it for a really satisfactory time exposure.

Another disappointment came when we moved up Main Street shoot the new city hall. All pretty red lights around the building were not burning. We were unable to get in touch with anyone who knew how to restore power, and so missed getting a picture.

a chance at photographing. We had to pass up the all-blue dis-

the homes in Friona have no consciousness. Christmas tree—or, at least, no

external evidence of them.

We would like to think we are mistaken in this respect, but we are afraid it is true. Call us sentimentalists, if you like, but to us, Christmas hardly can be Christmas without the familiar little evergreen in the corner.

A new year is just around the corner, and the time for making resolutions is at hand.

Football Schedule

The resolution we intend to Pork on next year is one that we've been boning up on for some time now. It's a good one (and such a hard one) that we-'ve been willing to spend more than a year working on it.

It may sound too simple to be small, but tough, football circuit foes that were met this past seaworthwhile, but our experience has next year. District 3-A teams are son: White Deer and Bovina. proven its need in the field of hu-unchanged, and local football fans The Chiefs took a 33-13 Homeman behavior: Don't pass judge-had better brace themselves for coming pasting from the Bucks, ment on anybody or anything un-some more grueling tests of their but swept to their greatest gridty you have learned the FULL some more grueling favorite team.

More than once we had made the mistake of downgrading someone in our own estimation when we heard a story that was slightly uncomplimentary. More than once, we have had to restore them, with a full pardon and a mental swift kick to the seat of our pants, for blackballing them without knowing all the

Our kind of business has the peculiarity of making us something of a busybody anyway. We snap up a rumor like a hound whiffs up the scent of a rabbit track. We never know when a casual remark may lead us to a page

But picking the wheat from the chaff in what we hear is sometimes a hard job. That's why have what probably is an un-

These are hectic times for most everyone in public life, including our public school teachers. The dozens of activities in the school

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worrying about encephalitis."

So warned Dr. Paul Spring, this week, as he was questioned concerning reports that the Texas Plains and the Rio Grande Valley expect trouble from encephalitis, or "sleeping sickness," in the coming year.

The Parmer County doctor indicated that he and other physicians in the area are concerned about the rising incidence of the disease, which, through a seeming oddity, is increasing in the area each year in spite of the fact that the vector or car- cioeconomic trends." rier is a mosquito, and that the Texas Plains are in the midst of history's greatest drouth.

Dr. Spring says that he feels sure at least eight persons in the county had serious cases of enephalitis last season, and many others were only brushed by the sickness, and often dismissed their trouble as "the summer flu."

State health officials are predicting that encephalitis will be- and transmit the disease," he ex come as serious and as widespread human disease entity as Some of the prettiest Christmas malaria formerly was, "if the decorations we have ever seen present natural increase continues.

ing plans now for local mosquito places. abatement programs in the spring.

An outbreak of the so-called 'sleeping sickness' struck 336 Rio Grande Valley residents in 1954, and an outbreak this year in the Plains area of West Texas accounted for 341 cases.

They constitute two of the biggest outbreaks of the mosquitoorn disease ever recorded, State Health Commissioner Henry A Holle said. By contrast, only 96 cases were reported in 1955.

The Plains outbreak caused an estimated 15 deaths, Dr. Holle re-were held in several Friona ported.

"Encephalitis seems to occur in

Construction Worker Dies After Seizure

at an Amarillo hospital after be-

ng rushed there from Friona. A final bit of hard luck was experienced with the homeowners rillo, was working at the new Phil-theme was "The Twelve Gifts." who chose an all-blue scheme for lips service station on Highway 60 Mr. and Mrs. Otho Whitefield

nearby Parmer County Commun-ening.

rushed to Amarillo by a Claborn Upon a Midnight Clear.' ambulance, with Woody Hall, a The final number on the prohospital nurse, administering gram was the singing of "Joy to treatment from the resuscitator the World" by the entire group.

time later while a patient at the Baptist Church by the Trebelaires.

tion, and on it are found return low:

* Conference Games

Ready for Chiefs

Football Schedule For 1957-1958

October 18, 1957 Bovina at Friona

*October 25, 1957 Farwell at Friona

*November 1, 1957 Sudan at Sudan

*November 8, 1957 Springlake at Springlake

*November 15, 1957 Morton at Friona

likely to have a real problem Dr. Holle advised city and Parmer county health departments to County next year. In time to make sure they had both funds come, I expect that we'll stop and technical personnel available worrying about polio, and start for their mosquito killing campaigns in the spring.

He said State Health Depart-Parmer County health officer, ment entomologists and vector control experts are available to local areas for consultation on their problems of mosquito con-

But he added: "Local programs will be useless without working

Meanwhile, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, meeting in New Orleans last month took cognizance of 'the increasing exposure of man to mosquitoes due to various so-

Dr. Spring has pointed out that there is no vaccine available that will provide immunization from the virus that carries encephalitis. It is possible to stop the disease only by blocking its transmission lines.

"We have pretty definitely de cided that the virus is present in birds, and that mosquitoes bite the birds and then bite humans plained. "It isn't practical eliminate the birds, so we will have to control the mosquito. Asked where all the mosquitoes

are coming from, Dr. Spring points out that there is more sur-The forecast accompanied an face water in the area then ever appeal to city and county mos- before. Ditches near irrigation quito control units to begin mak- fields provide ideal breeding

People in the cities water their (Continued On Last Page)

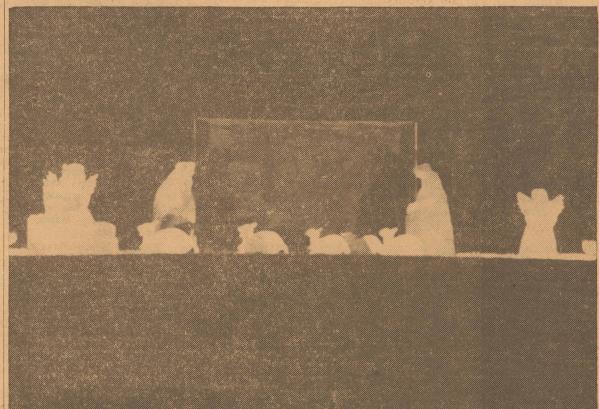
SECTION I

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28 PAGES



CHRISTMAS IN LIGHTS—The black and white of newspaper reproduction does not justify the pretty colors in and around Friona this year, as businesses, homes, and public buildings portray the spirit of the season. The above religious scene

CHRISTMAS IN FRIONA

Christmas Programs Held at Churches

Special Christmas programs

The MYF of the First Methodist Growers Elevator. It is true that epidemic waves," the commistic can be seen from a long way sioner said. "And for some unevening services. The Christmas known reason the outbreaks are Story was read and carols were sung. Guests on the program were Don Lewis, organist, and the Trebelaires, who sang several num-

A gift exchange followed the An Amarillo electrician about 40 program. The program, which beyears old died Thursday evening gan at 7 p. m., was well attended.

The Sunday school of the United Orley Smith, an employee of Congregational Church presented

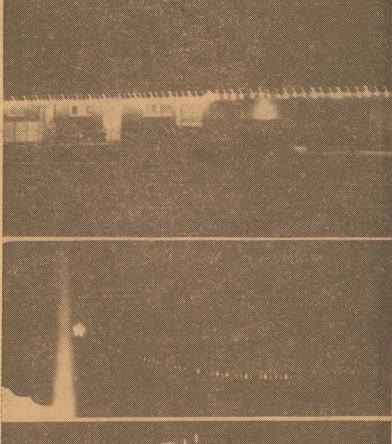
charge of the Christmas program A fellow worker took him to which was presented Friday ev-

ity Hospital, and to the hospital Poems were read by Marcella Our tours through town in the was rushed a resuscitator from Massey, Joyce Houlette, and Karevening have been very pleasant, the Friona Fire Department. The en Hughes. Delene Massey, Labut we have not been able to over- resuscitator, a mechanical "breath- wana Houlette, Joyce Gibson, look one thing: Fully one-third of ing" device, restored the man to Zaydene Deaton, and Merelene Gibson sang "Away in a Man-About 5 o'clock the patient was ger," "Christmas," and "It Came

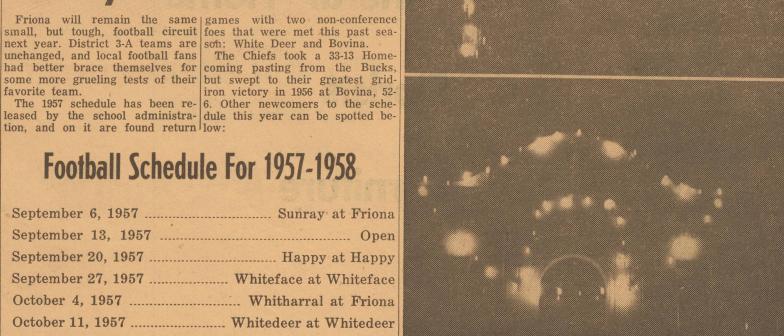
> Special music was presented at However, the worker died some the evening worship of the First

Christmas carols were sung.

Over 400 in School Musical







. And these pictures are additional evidence of the community's enterprise with outside decorations. The first and third pictures are homes. The second picture is of the display atop Friona Wheat Growers, and the bottom photograph shows the attractive lights on the front of the school.

Elsie Lou Ritter directed the muschool in its presentation of 'Christmas In Many Lands" at the as a factor. auditorium Thursday evening, with Many cities, including Lubbock over 400 participants in the pro- and Amarillo, use different form-

grades opened the program with telephone, sewer, gas, and other 'Christmas In The United States". After marching in from the rear of the auditorium dressed in white what Friona could claim its popuchoir robes, they sang several car- lation to be if it multiplied by 4 ols. Jerry Cass was student reader, instead of 3. Mrs. Jewell Woodward was the accompanist, and assistants were "Over the Hump" Peggy Hanson, Mrs. Bessie Watson, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. John Benger, and Says Postmaster Mrs. Wayne Stark.

The third graders continued the by Patsy Rule Howard Rhodes

gene Weatherly; Belva Johnson that outgoing cards, letters, and played the part of mother, and the packages have jumped enough to children were Stevan Thornton, Joe take up this slack. Mabry, Rita Collier, Connie Schlenker and Becky Coffey.

The reduction in local mail is likely the result of the locally-

reader, and carolers were dressed circulation this year. in Mexican costumes. They carried The postmaster attributed most Locke.

The fourth graders portrayed Christmas in England, Holland, Germany, Spain and France. The English pageant portrayed more generous giving to the poor at ona Schools will return to their Christmas. Darrell Collier played classrooms Wednesday, January the poor beggar, and Barbara Neff 2, after the Christmas holidays. was the student reader. (Continued On Last Page)

Friona Pop'lation Is 2,064

it 2,064 by the city, and a request will be made the State lighway Department that it reise the signs posted on highway ights-of-way leading into the city. City Clerk Roy Wilson Monday eleased the new official figure, which though an estimate only, is considered to be a very conservative one.

The population signs at the edge of the city limits now read 1641. That was the figure posted by the city (using the same formula that it now uses) exactly two years ago.

The count was arrived at by taking the number of water meter services and multiplying by the factor of 3. There are now 688 water meters in Friona.

These meters would include bus inesses, it is true, where actually no one resides. But an offsetting factor, points out Clerk Wilson, is that they also would include apartments and duplexes, where more than one family is obtaining ser-

On April 1 of 1950, the last official census, the population was announced to be 1201. At that time, Wilson divided the number of water meters into the official population, and determined that the answer means there were 2.99 sic department of the elementary persons per service. Hence, the logical choice to use the figure 3

ulas. Some are complex, using not Members of the first and second only water meter connections, but basic utilities. The result, however, in most cases is equal to

"We're over the hump-and in story and pageant of Christmas in good shape," declared Friona the United States. The rhythm Postmaster Leo McLellan this and played and sang carols, direc- week during what is usually referred to as "the Christmas ru was the student reader and Jolly McLellan said that post office Old Saint Nick was portrayed by employees had been able to take Ricky Bob Coon and Becky Coffey, care of the seasonal deluge of who is a first grader. The American home on Christmas flow this year. He estimated that Eve was also presented by the local mailings have declined somegroup. Father was played by Eu- what this year, but pointed out

Christmas in Mexico was also sponsored "Project Christmas presented by the third graders. Card" which took the holiday cards Bing Bingham was the student of about 200 local families out of

candles and presented a pinata of the success in handling mail party. Teachers assisting with the speedily this year to the new and third grade pupils were Mrs. Loyde efficiently-arranged post office, Brewer, Jo Phillips, and Mrs. which has accelerated the flow of mail.

TAKES UP JANUARY 2

Teachers and students at Fri-School dismissed Friday at the

New Service Stations Popping in Friona

Friona is fairly popping with glass office front and modern new, modern service stations. fixtures. The T & H Texaco station has been open little more than a month, and now three more are

The new Gulf station, at the intersection of Main and the highway, opened for business on Saturday morning, although lastminute fixing up has yet to be

taken care of. Known as the E. R. Day Sermanaged by its leasee. Dean says that a formal opening will

be held at a later date. wash and grease stalls. It has a station as yet.

Meanwhile, H. K. "Pudge" Kenabout ready to enter the race for drick, local Phillips wholesales. retail sales along well-traveled, has announced that his new Philrecently widened Highway 60 in lips 66 service station in western Friona has been leased to K. E. Deaton, who formerly has been a local station operator.

"We're not at all sure yet, but we hope to be open sometime around the first of the year," says the owner.

A new Humble station, at the vice Station, the business will be intersection of the north farm-tomarket road and the highway, is London will be an employee. Day | completed, but not yet ready to open for business.

Humble representatives from The Gulf installation is finished Amarillo have been in Friona sevin white tile with blue trimming, eral times in recent days, and have and has three pumps and two announced no leasee for the new

TEN CENTS

THE STAR'S EDITORIAL COMMENT

LOCAL FEATURES

Two Christmases?

the turn of the century wrote the answer, Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," to a little girl's tearful inquiry, newspaper editors have been attempting to cast a new light on the true meaning of Christmas.

There is no other once-a-year happening that arouses the urge to "do something different—and better" in the breasts of editorialists than December 25th. We have succumbed to that annual temptation several times, and this time feel especially keenly the desire to put something on these hastily assembled pages that will touch a familiar chord in our readers.

We claim to have some originality with this thought, although doubtless it has occurred to others. At least we have mever seen it in print:

There are really two Christmases. The first, and most important, is the deep spiritual significance of Christ's birth, His coming to earth to redeem sinfilled man with His own Precious Blood. This is the religious aspect of Christmas, and what is foremost in our minds as we assemble with our neighbors at our churches.

The other Christmas is the child's Christmas. Too young to understand fully the history-making moment that Christ

The Friona Star

Ever since a New York editor before Member Texas Press Association

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In Parmer County......\$3 Per Yr. Elsewhere \$4 Per Yr. ed out that the Redskins netted

appeared, the child sings gaily the carols of Christmas, not realizing that sooner or ing lead of 20-8 at the end of the cash into a fund earmarked for and Moran Pounds, brother of the answer for those who plan to atlater in years to come he will understand first quarter, and 26-18 at the half. why these things came to pass.

To him, Christmas means fascination. Joe McLellan of Friona hit 10 sonal interests for the benefit of nette Pounds, sister of the groom, meeting will be Saturday even-The tinsel of the trees, the glitter of the points, but Gilmore of Lazbuddie needy lights, the mystery of Santa Claus, all swished 20 to lead the evening's amount collected was \$28.20, and bridge, presided at the serving table. cafeteria. these things are confusing and thrilling scoring records. at the same time to the very young mind. If he is old enough to recall a previous game, too, although this loss had Christmas, he knows that there will be more or less been anticipated by joy unmeasured in his little heart if he local fans. Lazbuddie has one of will but "be a good boy" for a few days.

This is not "commercialization" of The Friona lasses breathed Christmas. This is a part of Christmas down the necks of their hosts sevthat is sincere and wholesome and good. eral times before falling 61-49 at Rules Vacation Any parent who has ever watched the the end of the game. They trailed wonderment in the dancing eyes of a three-vear-old as he or she goes through the first quarter mark, and were beyear-old as he or she goes through the hind 28-34 at intermission time. ecstasies of compiling a list of things he The score was 36-48, Lazbuddie, "must have," visiting with Santa Claus on after three quarters had lapsed. the street or in a store, and staring transfixed at the beautiful packages under the Christmas tree, knows it is ture:

There are really two Christmases.

Fred Helmke, L. F. Lillard, Bert Visit at Canyon Shackelford, O. F. Lange, F. W. Reeve, Otho Whitefield, George Meets Wednesday

Mrs. Pearl Kinsley was hostess valus, Walter Loveless, and one to the Congregational Women's guest, Mrs. Earl Myers. Fellowship meeting at her home Wednesday afternoon. The devotional was given by Mrs. C. G. Nelson. Mrs. F. W. Reeve gave a

Church Group

freshments of fruit cake, whipped Mrs. Awtrey's parents, Mr. and cream, salad wafers, coffee, and Mrs. I. E. Graham in Portales. tea were served. Favors were mininture Santa Clauses made of marshmallows.

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Treider, Carl Maurer, Mike Pa-

Awtreys to Portales

Mr. and Mrs. Deon Awtrey, Ron-Following the gift exchange re- Day dinner guests in the home of Lillard, Jim Carl, Nan, and Myles. regular Saturday promotion, to de- the occupants involved were seri-

home of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton committee, said this week. Teague, Audrey and Beth at Can-

Teams Drop Two While at Lazbuddie

were upset during some of their colder moments at Lazbuddie on Thursday night, when the Longhorns gored them 39-36 in a nonconference basketball game.

Describing the game as "piti ful," Coach Dempsey Watkins this week looked at statistics and pointonly 10 points during the entire

second half. They thus gave up a command-The third quarter score was mittances to Europe (CARE).

30-27, still in favor of the visitors.

The Friona girls dropped their the toughest women's teams in this part of the state.

Janice Oliver, one of Lazbud-

Drawings Satisfactory, Says Committee Head

Friona's special pre-Christmas drawings have been successful, Friona residents who will be Joe Ferrell, chairman of the cham-Christmas Day dinner guests in the ber of commerce retail merchants

A hurriedly-prepared promotion cide winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Obra Cole and set up, plus several hundred dolof Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones of Boys will be boys, but these Stella Jo were last Sunday after- lars in gifts. Large crowds have Friona, was on her way home for days girls are running a clothes noon visitors in the home of Mr. attended each day's drawings, in the holidays at the time of the acciand Mrs. Elmo Dean and girls spite of rather nippy weather.

points for a busy evening, and 3:00 in the Blackburn home. Phyllis Dean of Friona netted 25 Lazbuddie forward, canned 21.

School Students Contribute to CARE

Instead of exchanging gifts cascade of mums. among themselves, students at the Co-operative for American Re- groom, served as best man.

nounces Raymond Cook, princi- Refreshments of cake and punch

He said that under the special table. CARE program, 22 pounds of surfor each \$1 contributed.

to do something of this nature.

In South Texas

R. R. Rule and son are vacationing Mr. and Mrs. Steve Trigg of Bor-self." this week in the San Perlita Valley in South Texas.

The group plans to do some hunting and fishing. They will also visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rule. The R. R. Rules will be guests of Mrs. Rule's parents.

Escapes Injury In Collision

Vera Ann Jones, a teacher in the yon include Mr. and Mrs. J. M. was announced last week, in which Borger High School, was involved Watson; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson merchants offered special prizes in a collision Wednesday evening Welch, Mikie, Bob and Monte; Mr. to their customers. Drawings were about 15 miles south of Borger. Her and Mrs. Eugene Boggess, Robbie, scheduled for Thursday, Friday, car collided with a pick-up in which nie and Sheron plan to be Christmas and Joe; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold and Monday, in addition to the two persons were riding. None of

Carol Blackburn Becomes Bride of Neil Pounds Saturday

Carol Beth Blackburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Blackburn, became the bride of Neil Pounds, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pounds Friena's hot-and-cold Chiefs | die's crack forwards, tipped in 30 of Adrian, Saturday afternoon at

> The double ring ceremony for her team. Joy Smith, also a performed by Steve Trigg, of Bor- Response Is Light ger. The bride, who was given in For Friong Exes marriage by her father, wore a white lace dress. Her fingertip veil ried a white Bible topped with a

Mrs. Rex Blackburn, sister-in-law Friona High School this year put of the bride, was matron of honor

persons overseas. The and Donna Blackburn, sister of the ing, December 29, at the school

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. plus food would be sent overseas Pounds, Lanette and Moran of Adrian; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Black-This is the first year for students burn, Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs Keith Blackburn and Jill, Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, all of Friona;

ton of Amarillo; Jimmy Robason of vention at Logan, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rule and Pat- Canyon; Mrs. Frank Reed of Frisy; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rule, Melva, ona, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Blacksy; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rule, Melva, ona, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Black-and Johnny Lee; and Mr. and Mrs. burn, Donna and Keith Lynn; and as "a man who keeps two him

Mrs. Pounds, who is a 1955 graduate of Friona High School, is a student nurse at Northwest Texas Hospital at Amarillo and plans to continue her studies. Pounds is a graduate of Adrian High School and student at West Texas State Col-

After a short wedding trip, the couple is at home in Amarillo.

of illusion was attached to a tiara of the Friona Ex-Students Asso-Mrs. Keith Blackburn, secretary of pearls and sequins, and she car-ciation, said this week that response to invitations for the annual gathering of the group has been

She added, however, that an tend is not required, and for that The reception was held immedi-reason it will be difficult to judge They thus sacrificed their per- ately following the ceremony. La- how many will be present. The

> No banquet is planned, but a were served from a lace covered program with emphasis on visiting has been prepared.

Attends National Convention

Otho Whitefield, who is vice-Dean Blackburn, and Mrs. E. L. president of the Columbia Sheep Breeder's Association, returned Also, Mary Cody, Janelda Arring- Monday from the national con-

BUCK GARNER Blacksmith and Welding Shop



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- Friona-

Funeral Home Florists

Furniture

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Mrs. Kendrick.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Roy Rogers ranch set. Carla Sue would like a doll and cradle and please bring Joy Lynn ed funeral services for Mrs. Ada a teddy bear.

Your friend, Joe Bob Mann

Sudy Club Has Party

pink and silver Yuletide decora- Taylor. tions. The centerpiece on the serving table was an arrangement of Home For Holidays candles, greenery, and silver and

ite reindeer. and tea were served by the hostess. will be home during the holidays.

Those present were Mary Bavousett, Reba Buske, Margie Herring,

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Layvon Hughes, Betty Jarboe, Gay Jordan, Juanda Jarrell, Jane Osborn, Lunell Horton, Sue Procter, Betty Rector, Lynn Roberts, Mar- and Kathy left Friday for Houston garet Duggins, Mayme Lou Welch, where they will spend the holidays and Deke Kendrick, who was a visiting relatives.

Highlight of the program was the reading of "The Littlest Angel" by From Lubbock

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Euler attend-Coleman at Hydro, Oklahoma. Mrs. Coleman, who was a sister of Mrs. Visit Kendricks Euler, had resided at Alice, Texas, for several years.

Dinner Guests

The Progressive Study Club met Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ford and at the home of Betty Baxter for its children of Amarillo will be Christ-Christmas party Tuesday evening. mas Day dinner guests in the home The entertaining rooms featured of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Slim

Sally Osborn, daughter of Mr. After a short business meeting, and Mrs. Sloan H. Osborn, arrived the gifts were taken off the Christ- in Friona Saturday from Staunton, mas tree. Refreshments of walnut Virginia. She is a student at Mary crescents, date nut candy, coffee, Baldwin College in that city and

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May your Holidays sparkle

Christmastime bring you

continued health and good fortune!

Mrs. Kate Fulwiler of Lubbock s visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watson and other relatives this week. Mrs. Fulwiler and Mrs. Watson are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Jones

Mark and Terry Enochs of Haddonfield, N. J., are holiday visitors in the H. K. Kendrick home. They arrived here Monday, and ill remain through the holidays.



Christmas was first observed in England around A.D. 521, during the reign of King Arthur. Observance of the holiday (as well as that of Easter) was forbidden when the Puritans conquered in 1642. They passed an act in Parliament forbidding the celebration of both holidays and it was not until the Restoration of Charles II that these Christian practices again

became prevalent in England. Most historians credit Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" as being perhaps the most effective force behind England's return to the observance of Christ-

Celebrating Christmas was at one time forbidden on American shores. In 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay colony passed a law stipulating a fine of five shillings for anyone "found observing any such day as Christmas, or the like, either by forebearing labor, feasting or any other way, as a festival . .

Almost thirty years later, the first 'legal' Christmas was observed in America when Gov. Andros conducted services in the town hall of Boston.

Many of our modern Christmas customs resulted from early efforts to transform major pagan customs under Christian influence In the eighth century, St. Boniface an English missionary to Germany, persuaded his converts to substitute a green fir tree for their sacred oak and to adorn the green tree in a way that would pay tribute to the Christ Child.



New Year's day is primarily a festive occasion, but recorded in the pages of history are many important events which have taken place on the first day of various

On January 1, 1776, the First Union flag of 13 sripes was unfurled by George Washington. On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation of Negro slaves became effective by proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln.

Here are some other events which occurred on New Year's

1735-Paul Revere was born. 1792-Kentucky admitted to the

Union. . . . 1801-Union of Ireland with Brit-

1815 — General Jackson repelled

British when they attacked New 1825-Great Britain acknowl-

edged independence of South American republics. 1907-U.S. pure food law put into

1913—Parcel post system inau-

1919-New Year's day declared a legal holiday throughout the country except in Massachusetts and Washington, D.C.

Traditions Surround New Year's Day

Of the many legends and traditions which have grown around the significance of the New Year, the one that is perhaps most popular suggests that whatever you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen in the months to follow.

As an example, to open a bank account at New Year's was considered lucky in old England.

The early Scots believed that it was possible to foretell the events of a coming year by turning to the Bible on New Year's Day.

It was long a custom to place the sacred book upon a table and open it at random, placing one finger upon the printed page. The entire chapter was then read carefully, with the belief that the message it carried described in some way the happiness or misery in store for the person adhering to the practice.

Egyptians Among First To 'Measure' Time

The ancient Egyptians were among the first people to figure out any "exact" measurement of time. Their calendar of 365 days was divided into 12 periods of 30 days each, with the remaining five days tacked on to the last period or month without any provision for leap years.

Actually, the solar year consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds. Consequently, a well-ordered system of Leap Years is necessary to keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent.

The Gregorian calendar, devised and presented to the world in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, provides that years divisible by four-exclusive of the years numbering the centuries-shall have 366 days, and the century marking years shall be leap years only if they are divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

This system guarantees the accuracy of the Gregorian calendar until, at least, 2500 A.D.

Old China Celebrated New Year for 15 Days

The New Year celebration in old China lasted for 15 days, beginning on the First Day of the First Moon and climaxing on "Teng Chieh," the Feast of Lanterns.

Family gatherings are as traditional in China as throughout the world and from New Year's Day until "Teng Chieh" exchanges of gifts and all sorts of entertainment were in order.

Northern China usually celebrated very simply, with paper lanterns hung in doors and windows. In Southern China, however, the festivities were usually concluded with spectacular lantern-lit parades featuring huge fire-breathing dragons supported from within by many men.

EARLY 'OPEN HOUSE'

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

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OR SALE-1955 Cushman motor scooter. George Terry, Phone 37-

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3448. 10-3tp ing.

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OPPORTUNITY

LOST OR STRAYED—A 560-pound Whiteface 4-H club calf from our place one-half mile south of Black Six Year Old store, Saturday night. Maynard Greeson.

FOUND-Pair of child's glasses between Hub and Friona. Owner may have same by identifying and paying for this ad. Texas Highway Department, Bovina.

FOR SALE-LA Case tractor. Could cake, and pop were served. The breaking. See at Blanton Butane, Friona.

be used for deep breaking. See birthday cake was a Christmas tree with candles. Guests were 4972. 12-3tp

FOR RENT-Two bedroom house. Drager, and Joe Drager. Available by January first. Joe 11-tfnc.

NEWS FROM

By GLADYS DEAN

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schueler, 10-tfnc Wayne and Vicki, were in Denver City, last Saturday for the wed-WANTED-Experienced man to ding of Mrs. Schueler's niece, Barwork on farm by year. Top bara Moss. They also attended the wages. Steve Struve. Phone Parmer rehearsal dinner Friday even-

> New residents in the Rhea Community are Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newbrough and family. They moved from Bovina to Paul Hall's

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Calaway FOR SALE-NORGE UPRIGHT had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reynolds last Saturday year. Mrs. Elmer Euler, Phone evening. After supper they all went 10-3tp. to Calaways and spent the even-

Guests in the home of Mr. and motor. D1300 equipped for natur- Mrs. Robert Calaway last Sunday al gas. Ready to go. Phone Nich- were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Calaway, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Randy, and Mr. and Mrs.

Bobby Calaway and Billy Wayne. The Ladies Aid of the Lutheran Major oil company desires opera- Church had their annual Christmas tor for new, modern service station party last Thursday night. They If you want to sell, bring your in Friona. Minimum capital re- exchanged gifts and sang Christquired. Direct inquiries to Box 466, mas carols. Several members of or Telephone DRake 2-2251, Amaril- the church went caroling Saturday 11-2tp night.

Party Honors

Jimmy Schlenker celebrated his sixth birthday last Monday. His mother, Mrs. Carl Schlenker, homored him with a party in the family home that afternoon.

After a game session, refresh-12-1tp ments of sandwiches, ice cream, Tommy Jarecki, Jay Potts, David Reeve, Curtis and Raymond

Mac McWilliams wishes every 11-4tc. body a Merry Christmas.

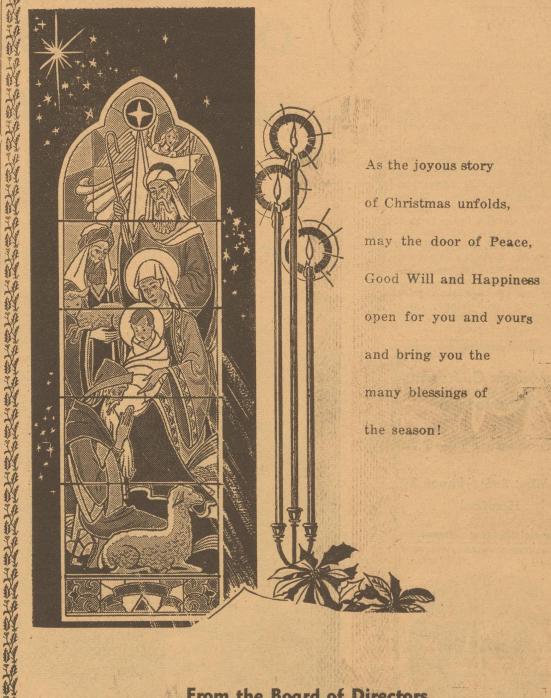
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Makes Her Own Christmas Cards

Baptist Church, a Brownie Troop "Making Christmas cards has its Leader, and assists her husband in amusing side, too," Mary comment-Training Union.

things I enjoy doing, but I don't such a nice job making Christmas uate of Baylor University and has child was not yet in school." taught for several years. Several years ago she had a class of kinder-garten-age children. Then she taught in the public school one year.

Holcombs Host Christmas Party

One of her pet hobbies is making Christmas cards. Relatives and friends have been delighted with hosts to a dinner party in their the hand-made cards they have been receiving from the Sheehans evening. The entertaining rooms for several years.

incidents leading to the making of cards, she replied, "My biggest inspiration was received when I John Blackburn, Floyd Crume Jr., learned that cards with no writing John Hand, Truitt Johnson, Bill Henry Lewis of Friona, recently They are both employed at a food Adams, and Mrs. Guy Latta. Mrs. cost .07½ cents each." Some time Wooley, Marvin Mimms, James appeared in a general student market there. before mailing time each year, the design for the outside is decided uplor, Bill Roberts, Harvey Blackahead of time.

The addressing is a family affair. ling Graham. When her husband begins addressing, Mary writes notes, verses, and comments to fit the person to whom they are addressed.

The Sheehans, who have lived in Friona since December 31, 1950, with the exception of two years, have a new home out on the Loop. They have three children: Mary Margaret, 7; Kathleen, 5; and Lohny 1. Their outside decorations Johnny, 1. Their outside decorations members of the family will not be were beautiful, but Mary says she present. Delmar "Cotton" is in the made them without reckoning with service and will be unable to come the West Texas wind.

Says she, "We enjoyed them ner and Dickie plan to be away.

Masseys Have Dinner Guests

hosts to a family dinner in their home Sunday. All of their children except two were home. The V. M. Prices in Arizona Fergusons were visiting in Oklahoma and the Marvin Masseys of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Price, Randy Blunt, South Dakota, were unable and Jeffy are in Phoenix, Arizona, to be here.

Bob Spears of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Maude Shackelford. The Edward Massey and family, Mr. Prices plan to return about Janand Mrs. Gordon Massey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Massey and Parmer family, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Massey, all of Friona.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Young and family of Dimmitt.

Party Honors Lark Jarrell

Since Lark Jarrell was born the next day after Christmas, her birthday usually gets mixed up with ther, Mrs. Newman Jarrell Jr., decided to have an early birthday

Mrs. Beene and her kindergarten pupils were invited to the Jarrell home Tuesday morning. The guests were entertained with picture puzzles and musical games. Group pictures were made by the hostess. Favors were candles in the form of choir boys and girls.

Refreshments of individual cup cakes, with each guest's name, and hot chocolate were served. table was centered with a large birthday cake holding six candles and lettered to read "Happy Birthday Lark". Mrs. Newman Jarrell Sr. was a special guest.

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One Friona resident who never them two times, but gave up after HD Club Has seems to run out of things to do the third time they were blown is Mary Sheehan. In addition to be- down. Perhaps the friends who Christmas Party ing a wife and mother, she is also didn't see the decorations will represident of the WMU of the First ceive and enjoy one of the cards.

Mary says, 'There are so many town remarked, 'Your children do sented Christmas traditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Win Holcomb were were decorated in the Christmas When Mary was asked about the manner and the evening was spent Lewis Appears

on, then they are all made up stone, Glenn Stevick, Truman Stroud, M. B. McKinney, and Ster-

Christmas Party

home and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ren-

Those to attend, in addition to the parents, will be Mr. and Mrs. John Renner and children; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean Baxter and children; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ren-Mr. and Mrs. Otis Massey were ner Jr; and Mr. and Mrs. Doyce

this week. They are visiting Mr. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Woods and Grant

> Parmer County has more of the est farm land.

Smiths To Have Guests

LOCAL FEATURES

Christmas Day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith will be the C. L. Vestals, Lewis Smiths, Ralph Smiths and

The Friona Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Jo Nell Sims for a Christmas party Wedleading a group in the Intermediate ed. "When I first began making nesday afternoon. The program was them, a friend in a neighboring opened by Joyce Wilkins, who pre- lia Ray and Eugenia Gay, have re-

After the gift exchange, names like to clean house." She is a grad- cards'. Think at the time the oldest of secret pals for 1956 were revealed and refreshments of cookies. coffee and pops were served. Those present were Judy Cummings, Christene Williams, Martha Roff, Blanche Woody, Jo Nell Sims, and Joyce Wilkins.

The next meeting of the club will be in the home of Judy Cummings Wednesday afternoon, January 2

recital at Midwestern University | Fairchilds Go Visiting at Wichita Falls. He is a sophomore and a pipe organ student of

Dr. Nita Akin. Bachelor of Arts degree in 1960, tives. They also plan to visit membership in the University ing home about January first. Choir, Student Musicians Club, Student Council, and Phi Mu Theta, honorary music fraternity.

NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Awtrey Jr. and daughters, Rhonda Kay, Shecently moved to a farm west of brother of Deon Awtrey.

Helmkes Visit

Move to Plainview

Don Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. have recently moved to Plainview. Mrs. Ida Merrell, Mrs. Mayme

visited the first, second and third served Santa Claus apples, brown-

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fairchild Lewis, scheduled to receive a Colorado, where they will visit relaplayed J. S. Bach's "Prelude and relatives at Lyons, Kansas, and Fugue in A minor." Lewis holds Medford, Oklahoma, before return-

New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reithmeyer and children, Mike, Kay, and Jill, are new residents here. They moved to the farm of Ed Boggess south of town from Lamesa. Mrs. Reithmeyer is the former Geneva Boggess.

Tuesday the group visited Mrs.
Pearl Hand, Mrs. Bertie Stowers,
Mrs. C. A. Reagan, Mr. and Mrs.
Will Osborn, Mrs. Tilda Ashcraft,
Scott Lilland, Mrs. Lyon, Vectal Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brooks Scott Lillard, Mrs. Lucy Vestal,

grades and the hospital, Mrs. T. B. ies and hot chocolate. left Saturday morning for Limon, Armstrong, Charles Holmgren, and Colorado, where they will visit relaMr. and Mrs. Jake Lamb. When games and presented the children they returned for their Christmas with candy-filled stockings and party at the school, Mrs. John coloring books.

The BIBLE Savs

Then Wednesday morning they Blackburn and Mrs. Alice Whaley

COME AFTER ME CANNOT BE things in order to serve him.

Kindergarten Class

Wr. and Mrs. Fred Helmke and Karen are visiting in Shattuck,

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Mrs. and Mrs. Ered Helmke and Karen are visiting in Shattuck,

Mrs. Example Class is the bear of Jesus is a life of self-sacrifice. We must consider that to be a following:

First: We must consider that to be a following on the broad road to destruction and who must be saved now if the self-sacrifice. We must be willing to give up many things of the world if we would please him. If, later, there should arise temptations which would cause us to turn back which would be charging our cross?" is discovered to destruction and who must be saved at all. Many with be a following:

First: We must consider that to be a follower of Jesus is a life of self-sacrifice. We must be willing to give up many things of the world if we would please him. If, later, there should arise temptations which would cause us to turn back which would cause us to turn back.

BEAR HIS OWN CROSS, AND us to be willing to give up other MY DISCIPLE." (Luke 14:27)

Jesus spoke these words. Among the service of our Savior. On ev-

the lessons we may learn are the ery hand there are those who are on the broad road to destruction

Karen are visiting in Shattuck, visited Mrs. Emma Tapica, Mrs. from following him all would be charging our responsibilities. We Oklahoma. They are guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gaisford and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dunnihoo and other relatives and who served them refreshments.

Grant Tapica, Mrs. Filling Tapica, Mrs. From following him all would be charging our responsibilities. We lost. And not only so, but it would be worse for us than if we had never be worse for us than it we had never be worse for us than it we had never be worse for us than it we had never be worse for us than it we had never be worse course, this is not to say that Jesus treasures in heaven. Have you beexpects us to live sinlessly perfect, gun?

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LOCAL FEATURES

Spacing Rules Of Water District Remain Valid

The State Supreme Court has dismissed an appeal by F. J. Bryson of Hockley County, appealing nizations. a decision of the 72nd District ter Conservation District.

a permit at 74 yards from an ex-

son, he made a direct appeal to several experts on selling service, Rhea. the Supreme Court. The high court as well as those directing their speeches toward the solution of said that it lacked jurisdiction to speeches toward the solution of ors made their annual report. It take the case on direct appeal; and dismissing the case.

NEWS FROM THE

By RAYMOND EULER

than seven thousand miles. Time office secretary, whom many of weeks and let's talk it over. evolved was nine days. The route you remember. Bell is in the air- It will enable the SCS techniwas Friona to Amarillo to Chica- plane repair and sales and flight cians to schedule their work in go, to Chattanooga, to Miami instruction business. The last such a way to reach more of the Beach, to New York, to Rochester, planned stop was in Flint where farmers when they want them. The

cago, to Kansas City, Amarillo, a very enjoyable trip. The High and back to Friona. These were Plains still looks good. the major stops.

The reason for the trip was the states and Puerto Rico for the 38th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau. The organization represents 1,587,107 the membership previously. farmers who belong to farm orga-

Senator Styles Bridges and Sen-Court, which enjoined the produc- ator John F. Kennedy were among ing of a well in excess of 100,000 the notables who addressed the gallons of water per day, drilled delegation. We are unable to rein violation of the spacing rules of member or find his name just the High Plains Underground Wa- now, but one of the best speeches vation District supervisors held The school lunch program, which The District refused to approve president of 4-H boys, a young Farwell Monday. Supervisors pres- of the country, is currently reach-

attendance, only a few hundred copy. were delegates, the number based on the membership of each state represented. The temperature in Miami required day and night air begin planning to improve the irconditioning.

President Kaltwasser, among other things, wrote letters to conconvening of delegates from 48 gressmen last week urging recognition of "split grades" of cotton for government loan. This was in line with resolutions approved by

The Parmer County Soil Conser- tion has been out of balance.

Now is the time of the year to

man College of Music, where her If you need to change your row husband, Ralph Bigelow, is regis- direction to slow the water down,

Farmers Union SPEAKS

By W. L. EDELMON

population. Especially is this true in this country where free enter-trippers" program this coming profit for his investment and labor. It is being done in industry prise and individual initiative of year. the family farmer have held full

The blessing of abundance in this country should bring joy to every citizen. Let us think of the alter native to abundance-famine, star vation, and every cause for war. And yet, we have hundreds of thousands of people in this country who are unable to get even their needs from our so-called "burdensome surpluses" because the distribution of the benefits of produc-

we heard was that of the national their regular monthly meeting at is so widely accepted in our section ent were A. L. Black, chairman; ing only one child in three in the isting well; however, Bryson The reason for the writer's pre- Joe Blair, secretary; and Matt entire nation. The fluid milk prodrilled the well without a permit. sence in Miami was not as a dele- Jesko. Supervisors not present were gram, which is a part of the school After the trial court issued a gate, but as a service representa- Lloyd Prewett of the Black com- lunch program in this county, is permanent injunction against Bry- tive. We were privileged to hear munity and Carl Schlenker of reaching only one child in four when we consider our total school the many problems confronting was decided to print the report and much to relieve two serious probthereby ruling against the appeal American farmers. Of the 6,000 in send each district cooperator a lems facing us today—malnutrition among large numbers of our school children, and to bring production and consumption of food products much closer together.

In addition to the school lunch We went from Miami to Roches- This may be one of the best of program, there is another outlet for ter, N. Y., where we visited a sister, and toured the famed Eastmet. Thousands upon thousands trar. From there we went to Grass shorten the length or run to im- of our people due to one cause or Tuesday night at five, we com- Lake, Mich., to visit Mr. and Mrs. prove water penetration, or what another are unable to secure for pleted our journey of a little less Bill Bell. Mrs. Bell was our first have you, come by in the next few themselves, through the established channels of trade, even the bare necessities of life.

the causes of crime that are har- have to produce costs more than N. Y., to Detroit, to Grass Lake, our sister, Louise, and her hus-mich., to Flint, to Detroit, to Chi-band, Earl Mangold, live. It was busiest season. ernment in the beginning-pro-priced. vide for the common defense, promote the general welfare. Such an enough. Words like management, idea is workable through a food stamp plan for those who are in need and would serve the dual purposes of providing adequate diet for thousands and at the same time usefully consume a significant share of what would be branded as burdensome surplus.

The term "surplus" has been loosely used to describe the amount of farm production that has not been consumed each year. Such use of the word shows an utter disregard for the need of any reserve of food and fiber as a protection against any kind of catastrophe.

We need only to recall that at the beginning of the second world war we had approximately 8,000,o bales of cotton in storage but before another crop could be produced we had to curtail the use of cotton because our supply was exhausted. We must realize that the production of food and fiber can't be turned off and on in the same way that needed units of industrial production or war material can be

started or stopped. The failure to keep a sufficient reserve of food and fiber could become a national catastrophe in any 12 month period. To protect against such a contingency is the responsibility of our national gov-

During the coming session of congress it will be the purpose of Farmers Union to secure the repeal of our present sliding scale of farm price supports and to secure

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the passage of a program that will competition, efficiency, promotion remain on the land and be in a meaningful. position to increase his production Even though the future is someto meet the need of an augmented thing less than gilt-edged for the

At this Christmas time we like to visit their congressmen and add competitive. to think of the joy that farmers to the appeal for such a program. have been able to bring to the Two bus loads of Farmers Union the opportunity to grow more and world through all ages by being nembers from Texas, including two better food and fiber and to pro- water last? able to feed an ever increasing or three members from Parmer mote it in such a manner that the

these bus trips.

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High Plains farmer, we can take Support for such a program will confidence in the fact that there be drawn from both sides of the is still opportunity. Today's farmer aisles in congress. Members of is little different from a manufac

The opportunity we speak of is Water Conservation District. County, will be included in "bus producer is assured a reasonable Watch for further information on it will have to be done on the farm.

Program Extended

Walter T. McKay, state director, Farmers Home Administration, this week advised Billy R. Boling, Parmer County supervisor, of the extension of the emergency feed grain program in Parmer County. Under this extension, farmers and ranchers may now file applications through February 15 for a supply of the feed grain necessary to carry their basic livestock through March 15.

McKay also advised that the armers of the High Plains? Are emergency roughage program will prospects rosy? Are prospects be extended. However, there will be a delay in accepting applica-The answer, of course, all de-tions for roughage until sometime weather than it ever has, as each aspects of the program are being

High Plains Water Shown In Maps

An estimated 80 to 85 million acre feet of water still lies in stor-Farmers Union from every state of the union will be encouraged needed, but the market is highly water bearing sands of the 13 counties of the High Plains Underground

How long will this amount of

In order to give South Plains residents and farmers a better picture of the actual water situation under this area, directors of the District have had the hydrologic staff prepare three compospressive, we simply say MERRY Emergency Feed Grain ite maps of the water district in

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Christmas, 1956

Charles Dickens: "I have always thought of Christmas as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut up hearts freely. And therefore, though I have never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good, and I say God bless It."

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God bless you on this Christmas Day . . . With happiness supreme . . . And may you gather all the gifts . . . of which you ever dream . . . May all your friends remember you . . . With sentiment sincere . . . To add a world of pleasure and . . . To multiply your cheer . . . God bless you with the courage to ... Pursue each noble quest ... And grant this golden Yule will be . . . By far your happiest ... May all the ornaments and lights ... Upon the Christmas tree . . . Reflect the peace and comfort of . . . Your loving family . . . May every moment of your life . . . Seem wonderful and new . . . And in the year a week away . . . May all your dreams come true.

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LOCAL FEATURES

Judging from the attendance at the Christmas program Thursday will catch up with all the things he would like to get done." evening, just about everyone was there. The auditorium was filled to good job directing the program.

The costumes were very colorful and a lot of time and effort was put into the process and a lot of time and effort was at the Biggreen of the Pierce of the put into the program by mothers of the pupils as well as the teachers. As usual, in our opinion, the prettiest part of the program was the first and second graders, dressed in white choir robes, singing Christmas carols.

One morning last week the Star office had some very delightful visitors. Mrs. O. J. Beene, accompanied by the 12 members of her kindergarten class, honored us with a visit. The group came ready to sing Christmas carols for us and we enjoyed them very much.

They also brought their rhythm band instruments and played several numbers. As they were getting ready to play, the question, "What is your favorite Christmas song?" was asked. The most amusing reply we heard was by Brenda Blackburn. She said, "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth". It looked like she needed them,

"Project Christmas Card" was well received and members of the ponsoring organizations are grateul to everyone who participated. There was some confusion as to the deadline for depositing money and several last-minute contributions were accepted.

One local resident thought so highly of the project that he still wanted to make a contribution even after being told that the deadline had passed and it would be too late to get his name on the giant Christ-

day evening. The program was made up of Christmas selections under the direction of J. D. Fry.

Thanks to Edith Hannold, the capacity and the program was Star office window has a very pretbeautiful. Elsie Lou Ritter, music ty decoration. When we received it telephone? teacher in the local school, did a and learned its origin, our conviction that "this is a small world"

> At one time we attended classes at the Pioneer School of Executive red berries. Maybe we are sticklers Accounting in Amarillo. Floyd Dun- for tradition, but red and green are away was the owner of the school our favorite colors for Christmas and one of the instructors. It wasn't decorations of any kind. until just recently that we learned that Dunaway is Edith's uncle. It was from his yard in Austin that HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERY the plants which now grow in the ONE. office window were transplanted.

> From listening to the residents of the area talk, a person might think one look at the gifts in local stores day at the Deaf Smith County Hoswhich are being delivered in time pital in Hereford. Grandparents are for Santa Claus would contradict Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Horner of Frithe idea real quick.

> Just about everyone we know is going somewhere or having company during the holidays. This is fine and as it should be, we think. However, it also has its sad note. at the city hall this week. It was There will be many deaths and in- to Eddie Meil to move in a house ith so many people on the go. careless when we are in the typical tor.

Another pretty program which a holiday mood. Perhaps some of the Cold Front Greets number of Friona residents enjoyed seeing was the band concert Tues- one would just be a little more Santa in Friona

week, next month, or next year he One of the cleverest ones we have port north of the city. seen came to the Star office from the telephone company. It pictured a telephone, of course. What better way could there be for anyone to say "Merry Christmas" than by

> Another one which we especially liked pictured the outline of the State of Texas in green holly with

> MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A

New Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Horner bethere really was a depression, but came parents of a baby boy Mon-Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Horner of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott of Oklahoma City.

PERMIT ISSUED

One building permit was filed uries as the result of car accidents and garage from the rural area to 1201 West 6th Steet, Staley Ad-Maybe all of us are prone to be dition. Cayson Jones was contrac-

Santa Claus could have mistaken Main Street of Friona for

The jolly Christmas saint was dents who were still in class.

greeted by cold weather and a smaller crowd than he had hoped would be on hand in the downtown district at 1 o'clock.

He passed out Christmas good-* * * *

Have you ever seen prettier
Our definition of an optimist is,
'A person who thinks that next
week next month or next year he ies and visited with pre-school age spend some time with younger stu-

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Happy New Year. F. L. Spring

Merry Christmas and A



Friona Oliver

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These Phrases All Have The Same Meaning, But Frankly, We Prefer the Good Old American

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\$38,000 Earmarked For Road Repairs In Parmer County

ing 1957, D. C. Greer, state high-these projects. way engineer, has announced. This struction and maintenance pro- Music Department is in addition to the regular con-

• LOCAL FEATURES

The State Highway Commission has approved this appropriation to improve already existing highways in this county, and there will be little or no additional right-of-way requirements, Greer said. At the December meeting of the highway million is being spent for shoulder

The 3 projects in Parmer County local highway district personnel.

Parmer County will go a long way gram. toward bringing these highways up

Projects scheduled for work include the Friona-Muleshoe farmto-market road, from Friona south 12.4 miles to Running Water Draw; Highway 86 from Bovina to the county line (22 miles); and from

Encephalitis Newest Disease Threat For Parmer County

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sprayer douses alleys and bushes Wiley Wheeler. This control is only a temporary fourth grade numbers were Mrs. picture taking. measure, however, and new in- Mabel Jones, Mrs. Baker Duggins, festations always seem to hatch Mrs. Kenneth Fields, and Mrs. Donout or come in from other areas. ald Watkins. Principal Tom Bob but it will follow the fourth per-

wells in Parmer County.

The Texas Highway Department Bovina south to Oklahoma Lane on will spend \$38,800 for improvements FM 1731, a distance of 9.2 miles. on highways in Parmer County dur- Seal coats are scheduled for all

Presents "Christmas In Many Lands"

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The group sang "The Caroler" and the round, 'Christmas is Com-

dance and a play, "A Dutch widening, seal coat jobs, additional Home". In the play were Dale Milsurfacing, and for widening of ner, Roscoe Parr Jr., Peggy Neff, strain tomorrow. structure and highways in these Becky Bails, and Charles Fields, who played Santa.

will be under the supervision of the skaters on their way to the woods for Christmas trees. As the trees "We should have this program were brought in, the group sang "O half of each home room section to Section teachers should accompany moving by spring," Greer said.

Fir Tree." Nan Lillard was student the bank to buy tickets for the their sections to see that they don't 'We believe the \$38,800 spent in reader for this portion of the pro-

Robert Stewart read for the German celebration of getting the ree trimmed.

Christmas in Spain was depicted by Spanish children going to meet the wise men at the cradle for good luck. The older people were shown returning from a midnight church service, then attending a street dance. The Spanish dances were highlighted by solo numbers by Dixie Lynn Chitwood and Sheryl

Linda Rector was reader for the Christmas in France scenes. She was dressed as an angel, and the group sang French carols. Joseph lawns so heavily nowadays that was portrayed by Joey Taylor, Mathey actually grow mosquitoes in ry was Jeanne Taylor, Danny Murtheir own back yards without be- phree, Phillip Varner, Teddy Osing aware of it. "It's going to be born, Johnny Mabry, and Don Jo-In Friona, truck-mounted power ny Brookfield, Clay Mick, and

Jarboe assisted with the entire pro-There are over 2200 irrigation gram and had charge of the stage, properties, and lighting.



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Crackers-

on the calendar.

(Continued From Page One and the community conflict with one another each week for a place

Two or three weeks ago, we were in the office of High School Principal Raymond Cook, and could not help but notice the scrawled up calendar hanging on the wall of his office. It was the calendar of events for

must be a big job to get every dents who are members of the thing scheduled, and looking at us varsity are excused at this time in with a wry grin, the principal snatched a piece of paper from the top of his desk, and handing it to ed should be in their places, exus. said, "If you think that cal- cept the band, which will give a endar is tough, just take a look at concert at junior high in the inour schedule for today."

This is what we read: TEACHER'S BULLETIN

ball team will try again to ride the the varsity dress and adjust proteccommission, \$30 million was alloted to 196 Texas counties for road imreader for the Christmas in Holland important that teachers are asked attend class for more than five Coolidge Colts. This game is so tive gear. Clarence Frick cannot provement during 1957. The \$30 pageant, which consisted of a Dutch not to make assignments of home-minutes of this period because he work tonight, since we all will need must go down town to buy somea good night's rest to stand the thing in connection with the work

Tomorrow the assembly schedule something. will be followed except that it will Seventh period: This is the regu-The Swedish pageant featured be turned around and a little mixed lar delayed third period. All stu-

> the bank to buy tickets for the their sections to see that they don't game. Try to keep the rest of each get too peppy and break up the by some plausible story about the varsity will appear briefly on the virtue of hard work. Alternate the stage but will dash off for a warmgroups at bank and in their seats. up as soon as Clarence Frick Five percent of the receipts from takes pictures. the game tickets will go to set up a Lists of students excused from lunchroom for the custodians, the classes today will be found in the balance goes to the Inter High hallway on the bulletin boards ex-

rom the section period to reload his The names of students who may be

members of the football team, including the junior varsity and the

A feature of the game with the scrubs, will be excused in the mid- Coolidge Colts will be a presentadle of the period to have their pic- tion of Clarence Frick, during the tures taken by The Sun, The Star, half, of a commission in the army The Mercury, and Clarence Frick. Photographic The teams will return to their clas- Corps, along with a five ounce a problem to control the mos- eph Gutierrez were shepherds; and ses before the period is entirely bottle of Spofford's academic deduitoes," Dr. Spring asserted. the wise men were played by Ronkeep quiet and look wise.

Other students should be kept with insecticide to kill the insects. Teachers who assisted with the away from the windows during the

Second period: There will be a second period tomorrow, definitely, iod. At the beginning of the period all cadets will report to the armory the visiting Colts to the field from statement.

the expensive cars which they will be parking in the teachers' park-

Third and Fourth periods: The regular lunch periods will be shortened to 15 minutes. Clarence Frick will eat during one of the periods, and during the other is excused from study hall to reload his

Fifth period: This will be the regular sixth period because first and seventh periods have been ommitted most frequently heretofore, and it is desired to equalize the We remarked at the time that it educational opportunities. All stuterest of cadet enlistments. Clarence Frick will play the lead cornet and take pictures.

Sixth period: The junior varsity Tomorrow the Roughriders foot- is excused from this period to help with the camera club, the band, or

dents will report to the auditorium Preliminary period: Send one with their books for a pep rally. ection from wriggling in their seats furniture. The varsity and junior

tending between Miss Darby's Clarence Frick will be excused room and Miss Kochika's room. expected to attend all classes will First period: The first period will be found on the 3x5 card on the run in the second period's time. All teachers' bulletin board under-

This nonsense, of course, is a product of some imaginative teacher's mind, but according to Cook, approaches reality some-

If you have lost something, if

The average rainfall in this area to shine their brass for the formalis over 17 inches, say the meteor- you have found something, or if tion which at 3 o'clock will escort ologists. We don't believe that you want to buy or sell something, you can't beat the classifieds.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Parmer County Officials From Your Elected

Hundreds of flowery words and phrases cannot compensate for the sincere wishes contained in the old greeting: "A Merry Christmas!" As the chimes intone the Christmas music, may you have a sense of happiness in their enjoyment.



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As Christmas draws near, we pause for a moment to think of what the past year has meant to us . . . of its joys and of its sorrows. One of the great joys of the past twelve months, as we see it, is the friendships that have been ours. A true friend is a valued possession.

What is true of our personal lives is also true of our business lives. We believe there is a spirit of friendship underlying each business transaction between you and our firm. We think of our customers as our friends. We value our business friendships as we value our personal friendships.

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



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LOCAL FEATURES

SPRINGS AND OFFSPRING—David and Pat Spring and children are seen in their Bovina home after a two-year jaunt in Fairbanks, Alaska. From left to right are David, Debra, 15 months, Larry Wayne 3 months, Pat, and David Jr., 2.

Alaska-Dwelling Family Returns Home to Texas

That family, Mr. and Mrs. David turned from Alaska, a land almost done them all. perpetually snow-white, with rein-

back yard. River, to view the awesome beauty "Wild North" of the northern lights, to see the would it feel to watch a baseball "good for what ails you." game being played at midnight

don't they? And they are, say and extremely modern schools and Spring and children, has just re- Mr. and Mrs. Spring, who have business-houses.

deer behind every mountain and Springs packed up their duds and erally accomplished by dog-sled. fur in the winter and brown during Christmas trees growing in the heir 6-month-old baby, David Jr., Have you ever wondered just Alaska. Now they're back home in lous Yukon country? How would Alaskan-born family additions and very common-place.' it feel to pan gold from the Yukon a host of interesting stories of the

None the worse for their icy

Two years ago, the adventurous poor with over-land travel gen- with the season, exhibiting white

"The most acceptable means of the warmer months. and headed north, to cold, white cross-country trips is by air." says

Alaska. Now they're back home in David, "and probably the most polar bear, doesn't inhabit the what it would be like in this fabu- Parmer County with two new common. Traveling by airplane is Fairbanks region.

sun rise in the west and set in the sojourn, the Spring family pre-terrifically high wage scale which dogs which pull them. same place two hours later? How scribes ice-and-snow country as prevails in Alaska. These high would it feel to watch a baseball "good for what ails you." salaries ordinarily just about conventional "mush" mutt of the

prices include 95 cents a pound for ably huge and as fierce as an mighty good sking and ice-skating, the Ice Break-Up. It works like cherries and 25 cents a pound for African lion when angered, malour Texas and California water- mutes have been known to kill Alaska from August until May. Each fall, before the great freeze melons, making for a mark-up children.

As for the Eskimo, he likes to sit himself down to a feast of 'muck-tuck'', his word for whale blubber. This, say the Springs, is an extremely vile-smelling dish which they themselves were never able to summon the courage to taste. To the Eskimo though, it's a much-relished delicacy.

Another practice which is peculiar to the Eskimo people is the habit of eating dessert prior to the main meal. This supposedly makes for healthy teeth.

One thing which Alaska-dwellers don't have to worry about is a shortage of meat, with wild game as plentiful as quills on a por-

Moose, bear (all kinds), buffalo, and caribou exemplify the abundance of edible wild-life that thrives in this snowy land. In fact the caribou, which is about as close to a cross between a moose 1 and a deer as you can come, is over-abundant at the present time. The Alaska wolf, which ordinarily keeps the caribou population whittled down to a tolerable number, By FRED REAGAN

To us Texans Christmas comes only once a year but at least one Parmer County family knows what it's like to live in "Santa Claus land" the year round.

with no artificial lighting, to watch home. Resting deep in the interior of the territory, this community of about 8,000 population boasts a more modern township than most to sea?

These things county on him during the past few years. Previously, the "survival of the fittest" law took care of the fast-multiplying caribou through the wolf. Lately though, man has taken care of the fast-multiplying caribou through the wolf. Lately though, man has taken care of the fast-multiplying caribou through, man has taken care of the fast-multiplying caribou through, man has taken care of the fast-multiplying caribou through, man has taken care of the fast-multiplying caribou through, man has taken care of the fast-multiplying caribou through, man has taken care of the fast-multiplying caribou through the wolf. though, man has taken care of the

The snowshoe rabbit calls Alaska home too. This famed little crea-Road conditions, however, are ture with big feet changes coats

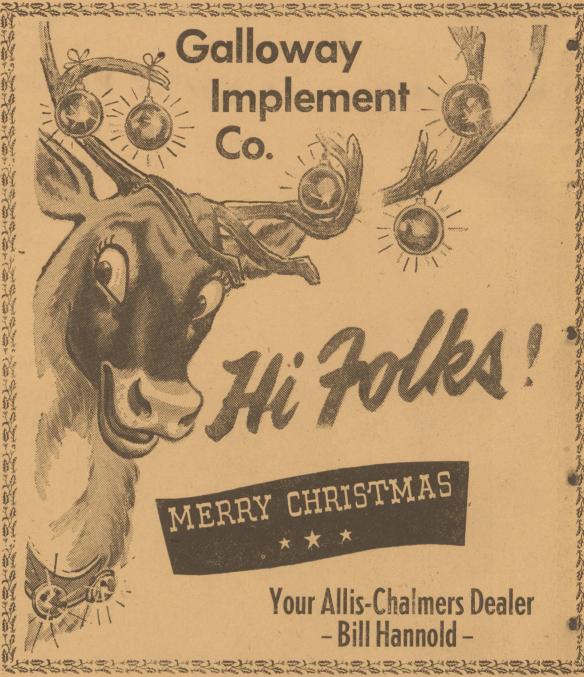
Of course when you think about David, who was employed in animals in the polar lands, your both construction and civil service mind invariably goes domestic and work there, is impressed by the you remember the sleds and the

Fairbanks was their Alaskan double wages in the States. They Klondike country. But when the

are offset, nevertheless, by an going really gets tough, the mal-equally high cost of living. going really gets tough, the mal-mute takes over. As the name unpredictable, the mercury has have a fine ice rink. For instance, meats, fresh fruits, signifies, malmutes are mean, been known to drop as much as But ice means a lot of mone and vegetables are flown into the Fairbanks area daily. Typical not "man's best friend." UnbelievThis, of course, makes for the winner of what Alaskans call

of about 5 or 6 times over what we pay in the U. S. Foods such aspect of Alaska is the weather," ice skates over his shoulder is the Alaskan rivers. One end of as these eaten by the Anglo popu- say the Springs. Right now the a typical sight. When cold weather the string is attached to a clock lation of the territory, are referred temperature in Fairbanks is prob- sets in, water is let onto the on the bank. Thus, when the to by the Eskimo as "white grub". ably somewhere between 50 and grounds surrounding the schools

The little tyke trudging to school comes, a string is stretched, be-



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Merry Christmas!

It's always such a pleasure to get in touch with you like this when Christmastime is here. It is a time for remembering old acquaintances, renewing old friendships — a time when eyes are alight and hearts are warm with the glow of giving and sharing happiness. May we add our wish that all of you, our friends and patrons, may enjoy the blessings of a very Merry Christmas!

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-G. "Preach" Cranfill

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Braceros Break the "Pinata" **During Mexican Yule Season**

LOCAL FEATURES

aware of it, but in the past couple of months or so most of Friona's citizens have been brushing shoul-

and the rapid-fire language whom presents to the floor.

ders daily with people who speak While we're hanging our stockings greatly facilitated the interview. pulling season. nothing but Spanish.

In anticipation of old St. Nick, now people are Mexicans, our south-of-the-border neighbors who have come to our High Plains area for the cotton-pulling season.

In anticipation of old St. Nick, they'll be hanging their pinatas, waiting for the happy, blindfolded, have come to our High Plains area for the cotton-pulling season.

In anticipation of old St. Nick, Mexican village about 700 miles from Friona, the "nationals" got their first look at our Texas Plains when they arrived here on Septon 10 miles in Mexico, earning from 30 to 50 pesos per day.

Aside from the money sent home they arrived here on Septon 10 miles in Mexico, earning from 30 to 50 pesos per day. They're the dark, slow-going, quick- the one to break the hive-shaped tember 26. However, most of the to their families, the remainder

lect, in all probability you are now.

Perhaps you hadn't given it much thought or maybe you weren't tree, and exchanging gifts.

Parks the spend christmas list, the conversation went shouth list, the conversation went shouth list. In the Mexican pulls 800 ly. This was accomplished with the pounds a day, which is about averaged and of Mr. Ernest C. Hock, who age, he can literally send home acted as interpreter in the inter-

smiling men with the tin suitcases object, showering the sweets and men have worked in other states is spent in the States—on trinkets previously.

you see on the street and in the local business-houses.

This is Christmas in Mexico, of the land from whence our bracero of labor in the U. S. many of the They are men who left their families hundreds of miles behind many weeks ago to come to the of these Mexicans in their "home away from home," a labor shortage prevailed and no labor shortage money helping the North American in which they live while in the ernment permission to enter the

This was considered a stroke by Mexican standards.

The exchange rate between a Friona. peso and a dollar is about 21 to 1, haven't been previously acquaint- Mexico. They like so many of neither spoke nor understood Eng- over 17 and a half Mexican "dol- ments with the gin. ed with this choppy, romance dia- our own, want to spend Christmas lish, the conversation went smooth- lars". If the Mexican pulls 800

novelties, food and "Norteamerieano" clothes!

These North American clothes are items cherished by the men

The plaid jacket worn by Selesof extremely good fortune inas- tino Ruiz was purchased in Mexico much as the 12 to 15 American for about 30 pesos. His blue denim dollars that a cotton-puller can shirt cost 14 pesos. The military make in a day is a small fortune jacket on Antonio Moralez was bought at a rummage sale in

The braceros are "ordered" by making the \$1.55 per hundred that various cotton gins across the the Mexican receives for his ef- nation and are distributed to the Seliz Navidad"—that's Spanish They're genial but lonely for They were willing interviewees the Mexican receives for his effor "Merry Christmas" and if you their families who await them in and despite the fact that they forts in the cotton field here worth

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Save Time in Making Holiday Plum Pudding

Plum pudding—rich in tradition and dried fruits but lacking plums -is perhaps one of the oldest and most famous of Christmas dishes. Most plum puddings require four to six hours of steaming, but this

time can be cut to about one-third by steering the dough in a pres sure same pan. When this method is used, pressure is omitted during the Arst 30 minutes (because the dough is rising) then 15 pounds of pressure and steam are applied for we-third of the time given ir

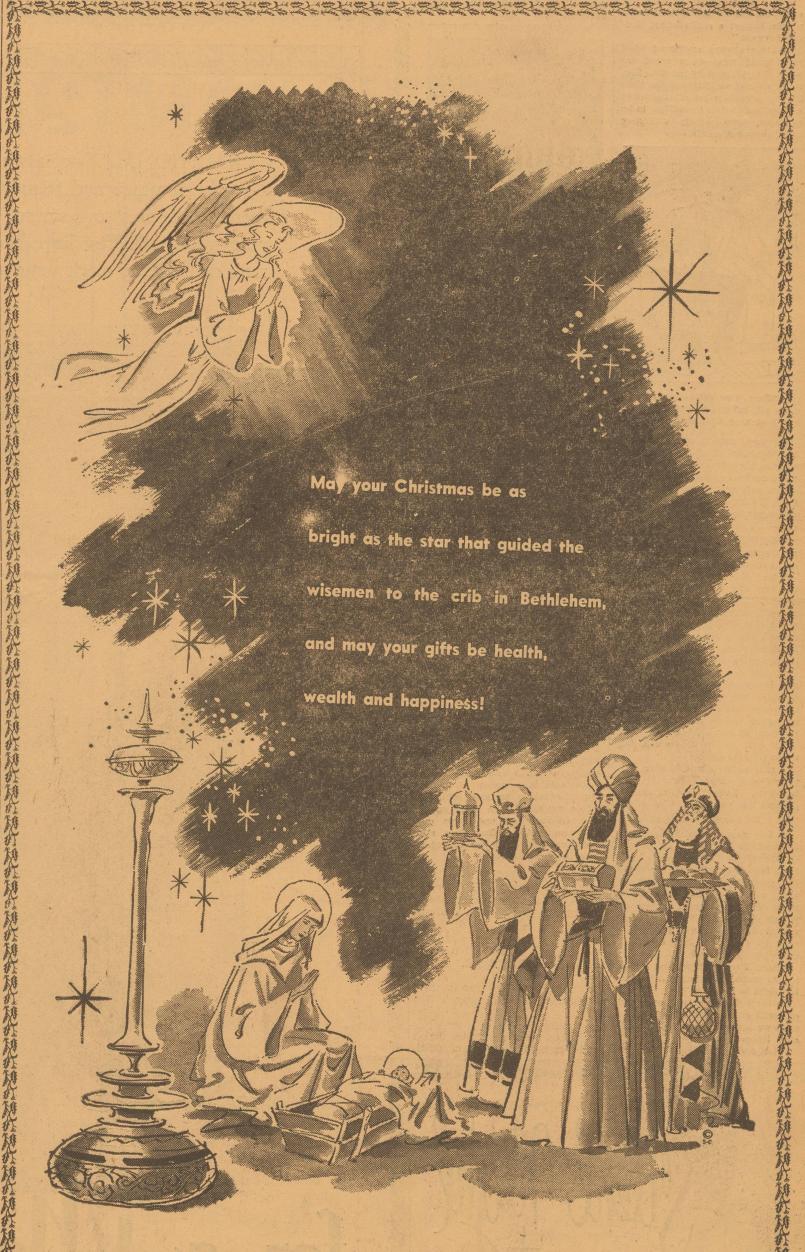


HOME AWAY FROM HOME—This building at the North Plains Gin labor camp houses approximately 123 Braceros, who entered the United States to work during the current cotton-pulling season. A portion of the building also serves as a dining room for the men.



COTTON PULLERS—These are Braceros, Mexican laborers in Friona for the cotton pulling season. In the bottom row, left to right, are Manuel Soniga, Santiago Alvares, and Herman Ruis. Top row, left to right, contains Antonio Moralez and Selestino Ruiz. All the men are from Doctor Aroyo, Mexico.





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FRIONA, TEXAS

RIDICULOUS PRESENT

BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

VOU never can tell what's going to happen around our house at Christmas. Like the time Father brought a donkey home. We didn't get to keep it very long on account of town regulations; still, I'll bet we're the only family in all Bitteroot that ever got a real, live, smelly donkey for a present. Another time when we were down to eating canned goods and the stuff our garden grows, Father came home with soap for everybody. Boxes of it. Enough to last for anyway a thousand baths, I guess, and all moulded in animal shapes. All in lurid colors and smelling strongly.

Mother always protested. "That's so impractical, Clem! Just a waste of good money."

And Father always answered by sweeping her off her feet. "It was a sale, honey; a real rooting, toot-

ing bargain." And we always wondered what he'd bring next-even when we were disappointed by his gift. See, there's six of us kids and one time Father bought a lot of unmarked canned goods that turned out to be alphabet soup. Pretty sickening after about ten meals.



"Sure, I've got a present for us all. In just a few minutes, it's coming right to the door."

Anyway, here it was Christmas Eve again and Father hadn't come in from his current job yet. Around the tree we had conventional gifts -nice ones mostly-but like Father said, it's impossible to find six special presents so if he could find just

I guess you know by now that we all thought Father was the greatest. I mean he could have brought (in fact he did once) nothing but balloons and we still would have loved it. Even Mother, for all her protests, enjoyed the suspense. I guess that was the best part, because some of us were bound to be let down when we saw what we'd been waiting for.

At last we heard his footsteps and stampeded to open the front door for him. He came in all red from the cold and happy-faced at seeing us, but he didn't have anything in his arms. I saw that right away and, as the others did, the room got real quiet.

Surprisingly, it was Mother who voiced our disappointment. bargains, Clem? No ridiculous present this year?"

No Laughing Matter

Father laughed and sat down in front of the fireplace he'd painted on the plaster wall. Four of the little ones piled on him, searching his pockets. Nothing exceptional there either, just the usual assortment of marbles, gum, jacks, and penny whistles. "Ridiculous? Impractical?" But then he must have seen by our faces how upset we were for he sobered.

"Sure, I've got a present for us all. In just a few minutes, it's coming right to the door."

So the suspense wasn't over and our wild guesses went unanswered until we heard a strange noise outside. Horses hooves!

"Not another donkey?" Mother

groaned as we rushed to the front

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It wasn't though. Golly, no. Outside there were two solid-looking horses hitched to a wagon load of hay. The younger children raced out, but the rest of us just questioned. "Are they ours to keep?"

"Just for one night," Father explained. "Just for Christmas Eve and it's up to you characters to decide what you want to do and where you want to go." That's all he said. That's all he needed to

"Let's ride all over town and ring bells," one of my brothers suggested. "You know- a sleigh ride like you read about in books."

Well, we had an old wind-up phonograph that Father had given us one Christmas, and we had eight lusty voices. "Not good, but loud." Mother said. And she was so right. You know, we went all over Bitteroot singing like mad.

And doors opened and windows lighted and other voices joined in as we trotted along until half the town seemed to be following the wagon and all the town singing of that glorious night of old. We sounded great. Loud and good and



centers around the selection of a tree. These young residents of New York City are deciding between a long and a short pine for



THE TREE . . . Part of the joy in preparing for Christmas



Perhaps the most authentic duplication of the first manger scene was that prepared by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1200.

The Stable of Bethelhem did not in any way resemble the elaborate and decorative scenes which we see about us today, with greenery, bright lights, and plaster of Paris animals and adoring shepherds.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable; a crude shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and bare of ornaments.

With our many modern conveniences of today, we find it hard to imagine that weary Judean

RADITIONALLY we associate with Christmas, all our hopes and wishes for

a world of peace and friendship among people at home and abroad. May we,

therefore, express our sincere appreciation for having both your friendship and your good will. You have been most considerate of our firm and we trust we

may continue to merit your consideration in the future.

travelers often spent the night in such caves, welcoming rather than disdaining joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth.

The cave which was the birthplace of the Saviour is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has still embellished it with comfort and ornamentation.

Christkindli Visits Kids in Switzerland

In Switzerland, it is not Santa Claus, but Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

The radiant angel is said to come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh, pulled by reindeer much like our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he insists that little children be good at all times, and he admonishes naughty youngsters.

MINCE PIES, SO LONG A PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS TRADITION, ORIGINALLY HAD A DEEP, SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE. THE FIRST



MINCE PIES WERE PATTER-NED IN OBLONG SHAPE. AFTER THE MANGER IN WHICH CHRIST WAS BORN THE CRUST REPRESENTED THE GOLD BROUGHT BY THE THREE WISE MEN, THE MANY SPICES, THE FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH



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Include Safety in **Holiday Planning**

Homes, churches, schools and places of business planning holiday parties should make fire safety as much a part of those plans as the decorations or refresh-

Holiday parties often center around a Christmas tree-and because trees are extremely combustible, these safety rules are suggested:

1. Don't set the tree up near any stairway or elevator shaft which would provide a draft.

2. The tree should not block a door or any exits.

3. Someone in authority should inspect the tree every day to determine whether it should be left up for a longer time.

4. Be sure plenty of ashtrays are provided for smokers. Don't allow smoking near the tree.

5. See that all decorations in the room have been flameproofed.

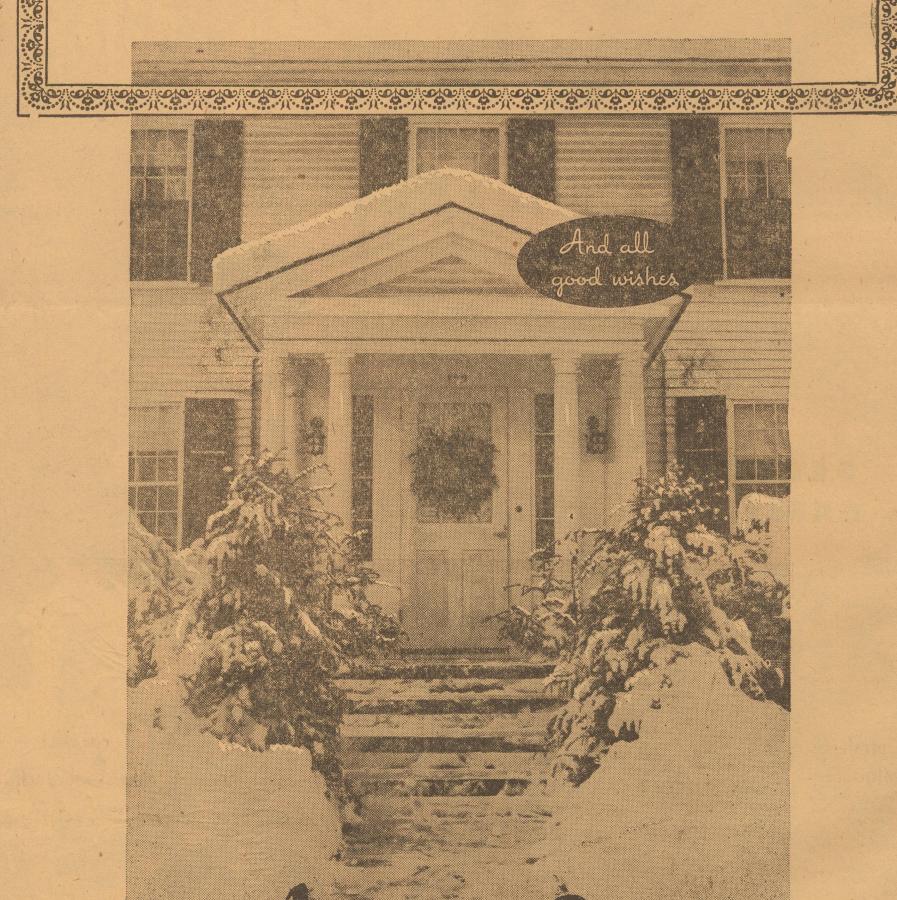
An added fire hazard exists if dresses, costumes or children's clothes made of net or gauze-like fabrics are worn. If it is imposwearing them, they should be made flame-resistant with the following solution. Mix 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the fabric in this solution, wring by hand, then hang up to dry. Ironing does not affect the flame-resistance of the fabric, but the treatment must be repeated after each laundering.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is the only American whose bust is in Westminster Abbey in England.

Alexander the Great was born in Macedonia, died in Babylon, and was buried in Egypt.

Sir Frances Drake was the first Englishman to sail around the

"Yankee" comes from the Dutch word "yanku" meaning to snarl.



May all the rich blessings of this Holy Season be yours throughout the year!

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POCKET-SIZE TREASURES—Showing what an assortment can come from the pockets of little boys' jeans are, left to right, Kim Buske, Johnny Claborn, and Jackie Claborn. Kim, 8, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Buske. Johnny and Jackie, 8 and 7, are sons of Mr. and Mrs.

Blue-Jean Pockets Yield Odd Treasure

tils—that's what little boys are to his favorite trophy room. supposed to be made of. But it It's amazing what will fit into

the proverb, and unless you've ever tree

When we asked to view the con-ornaments and light bulbs. with amazing rapidity; coins, mar- failed to turn up a grasshopper or bles, water guns, pocket knives, butterfly.

much pride as Hemingway must Nails and snails and puppy-dog feel when he throws open the door

seems to us that the major com-ponents of boyism are Levi's, base-three fellows came equipped for ball caps, and a powerful pack-rat almost every conceivable emergency, whether it be rabbit-skin-It takes one to call one, says ning or decorating the Christmas

been, or still are, a junior member | Aside from the barest necessities of the male sex, you'll never know of life, yo-yo's, water guns, and the satisfaction a youngster feels funny books, the pockets also yielden his pockets are bulging with ed items which point up the seaand everything from son. One youngster still possessed a Halloween noise-maker. Another, The three young men pictured looking to the future, proudly diswith this story are no exceptions. played a half dozen Christmas tree

tents of their pockets, prized pos- Perhaps due to the cold weather, sessions began to fall on the table even the most minute examination

gloves, chains, toys, rubber bands What was that you said about everything exhibited with as Mom's purse, young man?



TOYS FOR REAL . . . Toys for 1956 are realistic as shown in this electric sports car and hobby-horse bike. Manufacturers this year are concentrating on toys that will appeal to the whole family.

Ample Christmas Best for Children

Crowds of faces glowing with the Christmas spirit, Santa with his laughing eyes and hearty chuckle, gifts you can use and some you can't—that's a grownup's-eye-view

of the holidays. A forest of legs, a frustrating heap of things to touch and see and an endless journey of being pushed and pulled through a hot, noisy place - that's a child's-eye-

view of the holidays.

If you give children a happier view of the holidays they'll give you a happier one too.

First of all, avoid crowds with your children. If they shop with you, it's best to take them immediately after a rest and not stay

too long. reschool children often don't understand Santa Claus. Take them to see him if they want to go. Forcing them to sit on his lap often makes them cry and leaves unpleasant memories because they were frightened.

Children often receive so many gifts that they're confused and can't decide which one to play with first. After they open the gifts, put some away for a rainy See which they'd like to save for later.

The holiday season will be a pleasant time for your children if you keep it simple.

Ancients Believed Christmas Greenery

Held Certain Powers The holly and mistletoe used today for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues at-

tributed to them by the ancients. The Druids were the first to use mistletoe, which they called "Healall." They believed the plant to have great curative powers and gradually assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Each year, about the same time that we now celebrate Christmas, their priests would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees, which, in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments, the priests ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles, cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

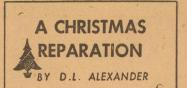
Eventually the plant became to be known as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over entrance doors so that those who entered would be assured of friendship.

Today, in both England and America, holly and mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

BEFORE THE REVOLUTION, NEW YEAR'S WAS A GAY time in Russia. In



some cities the streets WERE DECORATED WITH FLAGS AND LANTERNS AND THRONGED WITH MERRY-MAKERS. .



FOLKS, as you all know, we are gathered together here in the Mistletoe school house this evening to hold our annual Christmas

Don Baker, master of ceremonies, paused, motioning someone to quiet down from the talking and playing children.

"We have prepared a delightful program of singing, reading and recitations which I hope you will all enjoy. After the program presents will be distributed. This has been a hard year on all of us, and presents have been hard to obtain. However, through the generosity of various ones in the community we are able to make each and every one a small gift of some kind."

He stopped and looked toward

the door. Two hundred heads turned and eyes opened with astonishment at seeing the tall, spare figure of Aaron Thorndyke in the doorway. He advanced a step, and with a slight apologetic smile said:

"I hope I'm not intruding." "I-ah-you are welcome, Mr. Thorndyke," Don Baker invited after a few moments of silence. "If I may, I'd like very much to



"Folks," he began, as he faced them, "I have come here tonight to explain my past attitude toward you."

give a little talk to you folks." He cast a wistful glance around. "Come right up front," Bake: suggested. "The program is abou

to begin, and," he hesitated, "we

are glad to have you with us." Stares of wonderment, a few of thinly veiled hostility, followed the figure of Mr. Thorndyke as he made his way calmly down the aisle. To the children he had been classed as a "boogy man" who would visit dire punishment on them for misbehaving; to the older ones he was a recluse replusing any efforts of friendship, and an enigma to those who tried vainly to affix his character.

Double Reasons "Folks," he began, as he faced them, "I have come here tonight to explain my past attitude toward you. I moved into your community a year ago, and have not been very sociable with you. That is because my only son was killed in Korea and my wife died as a result

"T've felt plenty of grief and sorrow, and in my distress felt as if set apart from others in the world. I became moody and irritable, and didn't want to say or do anything that might cause anger, so I kept

to myself as much as possible.
"My grief and sorrow has become dimmed by time. I value friendship above all else, and recently began to realize that by my aloofness I was missing what our Savior commanded of me: To meet

my neighbors with brotherly love. I have come among you tonight to make reparations for my behavior, and I hope you will consider me as a friend in the future. My home is open to all of you, and you will be received there with all cordiality. The decision rests with

He paused and whispered a few words to Baker, and then announced: "There will be a truck load of Christmas presents brought out from town before this meeting is over, and Santa Claus will deliver them to each and every one of you when the proper time comes. My son left a handsome

insurance, which I don't need, and which I wish to spend in building up our community to make it the best in the country."

He nodded slightly and smiled. Bill Baker looked over the audience swiftly and noticed the change that had come over the faces of the people. He felt confident he was expressing everyone's sentiment when he said:

"I'll admit, Mr. Thorndyke, your attitude toward us has been a puzzle. We are happy to have you with us, and since you have explained things we are willing to accept you as one of us. There are others here who have lost loved ones, and I know your distress is like theirs and excusable. May I shake your hand in friendship?"

His example was followed by most of the grown-up's, after which, on the suggestions of members of the choir, Mr. Thorndyke and the entire audience broke into the song, "Will the circle be unbroken.'

King Edmund of England drowned while trying to make the tides obev him

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CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS



Again it's the Holiday Season and as we approach this wonderful occasion we are mindful of the many pleasant associations and experiences that have come our way during the twelve months just closing. The friendships resulting from these associations mean much to us and we hope to merit the confidences and loyalty which they have brought. We're sincerely grateful for your splendid support and we are aware of our obligation to offer the finest service to you. May the Christmas be overflowing with goodness and happiness for you and those dear to you.

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FRIONA, TEXAS

Alaska-Dwelling Family Returns Home To Texas

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river freezes over, the string becomes imbedded in the center of the ice. In the spring, the ice thaws and breaks up; huge chunks of ice separate and move out of the river, beginning their journey back out to sea. In this process, the string is broken and the clock.

They dug the precious stuff out of the frozen ground and panned it from the icy rivers and when the smoke cleared, gold mining had left its mark on Alaska. The old timber shafts and miners' cabins are still there. So is the gold for that matter but not nearly as much as there used to be.

Reportedly, gold flakes still rest

A dollar ticket entitles the purchaser to make a written guess at the time of the break-up. The money collected from the sale of these tickets is not into a not and of gold is so small that it's nearly of gold is so small that it's n money collected from the sale of the sale of these tickets is put into a pot and the lucky person who guesses closest to the day, hour, and minute that the clock will stop, is the winner. It's a "winner take the winner tak all' situation and the take-home pay for the happy winner last year was \$125,000.

was \$125,000.

Needless to say, the Ice Break-Up is very popular with the people of Alaska. But it doesn't cause them to lose sight of the fact that their weather is extreme and vicious, so vicious that their small children are not allowed outside for the 9 months of "colder" weather.

They have watched a baseball game being played at the stroke of midnight with no artificial lighting, too. This was on the longest day of the year, with 24 hours of natural sunlight. Last year, the shortest period of natural daylight was 1 hour and 36 minutes.

It's a topsy-turvy land. Even the sun is mixed up, choosing to

and lashes. A man with a long icicle hanging from his chin would be a curious sight to us in the West. It's an every day sight in Alaska though. The men there

it's cold to wear warm clothes and that's exactly what these people do. It's nothing at all to put on twenty-five pounds in ten minutes—twenty-five pounds of clothes, that is. Five or six pairs of socks, extra-large fur and leather "bunny back" belf a dozen wite of long. boots," half a dozen suits of long back and we think maybe they handles, three pairs of trousers, a couple of shirts, and a huge, extra-heavy, fur-lined, hooded parka— these are the types of clothes that a trip outdoors requires, even BRIGHT DECORATIONS if the weather isn't extra cold. With a possible temperature drop of 60 degrees it pays to be pre-

Naturally, you don't see too many people dashing to Alaska nowadays. It's just too cold up there. This wasn't the case, though, about 50 years ago. That was in 1902 when the first cry of "gold" rang out in "them than Gold meant wealth and

that's what people wanted, cold or no cold. The rush was on and miners, professional and amateur, piled into Fairbanks like berries in a bucket.

They dug the precious stuff out

the string is broken and the clock Reportedly, gold flakes still rest in every river and stream in the

weather.

No, the cold is never forgotten.

Reminders of it are on every hand

people with joy-white every way. -people with icy-white eyebrows include Anglos, Eskimos, Indians,

usually wear beards which become these natural beauties are at a hoary with frost after a short time peak. The snow—white, deep, and outside. A few minutes spent be-beautiful, rests dormant and virginiary to the snow of the sno side a heater will start the beards thawing and water dripping. A return trip outside and presto! An painted with all the wonderful loveliness that nature could sum-Common sense tells us when mon, sparkle on the horizon and it's cold to wear warm clothes and invite man to stand in awe, gazing

The conventional wreaths which adorned Christmas doors and doorways for years have given way to popular use of bells and tree orna-

You can make both doors and window frames bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. Hang ribbons in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash bows for colorful effect.



The Holidays are here again, and it's time to start the carol singing, to deck the halls with pine and holly and light the Christmas lamps . . . and in the old traditional way we send you that ageless greeting -

Merry Christmas





saying, "Peace on Earth, Good Will

. . . you hear the age-old

the Manger become more than just words. It is our hope

that they will be a creed for all the peoples of the world!

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BRACEROS-

(Continued from page 3.)

Gin operators, in this service to our cotton farmers, obligate themselves to see to the housing, board, ay and general well-being of the exicans. Aside from this, the men are guaranteed a minimum subsistance wage in case of unexpected weather or other hindrances that might keep them out of the fields for any length of time.

An extremely conservative and settled people, the Mexicans have no penchant for getting into Stateside trouble. They are quiet and unobtrusive. Stealing is very rare mong them, perhaps because of realization that they are aliens, visiting in a foreign country. They are anxious to go home to their families and want badly to return to work in the U.S. next season.

No matter what the reason, they are a pleasant people. They have been a help to the farmers of our area. They'll be leaving soon. Some are already gone.

It's with true sincerity that most of us say to them, "Adios amigos."



SUNNY CHRISTMAS . . . It's always Christmas at the little post office at Christmas, Florida, and about this time every year thousands of packages pour into Christmas, to be mailed again, under the famous postmark of "Christmas, Florida." Here, Santa gets an assist from a young helper.

From Indiana Coed To Texas Pioneer

ished required courses at Earlham to the Rhea post office by the College at Richmond, Indiana. late Charles Schlenker.

Then they indeed Club for more than 40 years.

When asked why she decided to in the Rhea community.

lished a few years and she was the trustees.

second teacher.

At that time, the Rhea school in 1910, the school building was house and post office were located moved from its original location just across the road from genuity and the materials on hand The Star Says Merry Christmas!

near Frio draw east of the present Indiana in the summer, Miss Reeve of the school. at West Newton, Indiana, and fin- carried from the Bovina post office in New Mexico. Then they moved Club for more than 40 years.

Reeve taught was made up of were active in community affairs felt that there was nothing that Miss Reeve had a brother, Fley pupils from the first grade through had brought his wife, Ethel, the seventh. There were about three children on the farm on worked together for the good of here a few years earlier and they twenty pupils in the school and which Mrs. Schlenker now resides. were her only connecting link with about five or six families were Schlenker, who died about one One of the biggest changes Mrs. The school had only been estab- ren served the community as school undertook.

to a site one mile south from the the Schlenker residence. Charles Schlenker home. The post | When the children were ready office was also moved but to a for high school, they and their different location. It was located mother spent the winters in Friona residence and was disbanded a of the time Schlenker stayed alone

Reeve left her home in southern monds ranch. The present building ker. The first three years the first presidents of the Friona ker. Indiana and came to Friona. She of the Friona Hotel was the Rhea Schlenkers were married, they PTA, and has been an active had graduated from high school Hotel at that time. The mail was homesteaded on land over the line member of the Friona Woman's

become a pioneer in West Texas, Earlham College was a Friend's The first school which Miss Both Mr. and Mrs. Schlenker replied, "All of us

her home state. In the fall of that represented. Most of the children year ago was a pioneer in every Schlenker notices in the Friona kinds of decorations that I hardly same year, she began her duties were Schlenkers, Barnetts and sense of the word and his wife area since she has been here is remember them all," stated Mrs. as the teacher in the Rhea school. Hunters. The fathers of these child- assisted him in every project he the way we observe Christmas. As Schlenker. When asked about the is true of most of the nation, use of cranberries, she replied, Their children, Amelia, Sarah Christmas just isn't what it used to "No, we didn't use anything that

for Christmas ideas.

On Christmas Eve the entire population of the community gathered at the school house for near the present Norbert Schueler and summers on the farm. A lot an evening's entertainment. The program was made up of readings, on the farm. Both Mr. and Mrs. plays, songs, and musical numbers After three years of teaching in Schlenker were active in the Con- by residents of all ages. "I distinctthe winter and going back home to gregational Church and in activities ly remember how much I enjoyed the fiddling done by some of the In the spring of 1909, Malinda headquarters of the Owen Sea- became the bride of Floyd Schlen- Mrs. Schlenker was one of the old timers," recalls Mrs. Schlen-

> Days of preparation were put into he Christmas program. Some of ne men of the community went to the "breaks" and cut a tree then auled it to the school house in a agon and set it up. From there e women and children took over. all of the decorations except a ew bells were hand made and the tree was lighted by candles.

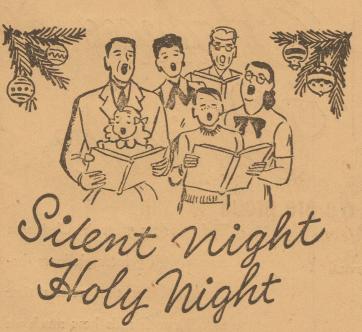
"There were so many different



CHOW TIME-And these men are hungry! These Mexcan nationals waste no time putting themselves around a big meal of bread, beef, tortillas, beans, salad, and



which burn without ceasing until they are completely used up. They were lit by Mexican nationals to commemorate the deaths of loved ones back in Mexico.



Long after the last present is opened may the good cheer of the Christmas season remain with you.

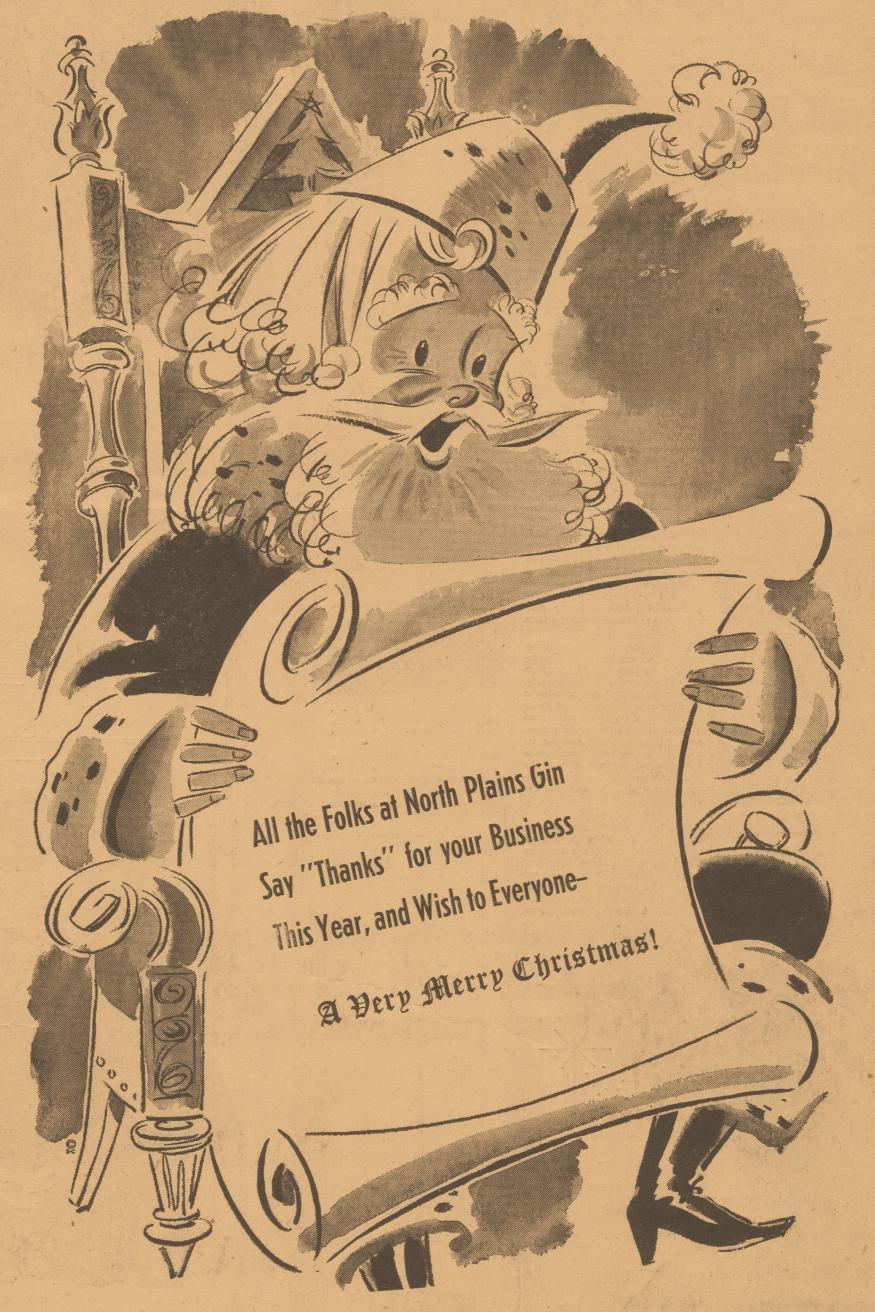
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GOT A NICKEL?—These items were collected from Bi-Wize Drug and Lewis Variety Store in Friona. They show conclusively that even though a nickel won't buy what it used to, a pretty good assortment of small merchandise can still be had.

Small Buying Power In the Lowly Nickel

There's no doubt about it, nick-I It's the truth—a nickel just won't el's just aren't worth as much as buy much these days. they used to be.

If you're an "old timer" you can remember when a person could walk into a cafe, order a hamburger, (a big one!) slap a buffalodebt-free. Well now, "them days is gone forever." A nickel won't pay for the grease it's fined in for the grease it's fried in anymore.

No wonder the ancient question, "Daddy, c'n I have a nickel?" has been modified. Nowadays, the gentleman considers himself fortunate if the offspring's request is for "just a quarter."

Pictured here is a collection of items that Friona-ites can purchase for a nickel. Hungry? How about a donut, a candy bar, an ice cream cone, a sack of peanuts, or a small package of cookies? Or, if you're thirsty, your five cent piece will buy a Coke or a cup of hot coffee. Another nickel will put a cigar in your teeth or a sack of rollyour-own tobacco in your pocket.

To satisfy your sweet tooth, it's gum or Life Savers. Cough drops and small Kleenex packs are still a nickel. Five cent office and school supplies include a pencil, a small pencil sharpener, pencil lead, eraser, protractor, rubber band, and tablet. For the kids it's b b's, caps, a balloon, marbles, a toy watch, or a small red ball. Other items include five penny boxes of matches, a daily newspaper, and a post

In the right foreground is a stack of items which, thus far, haven't been affected by inflation. You can still get five pennies for a

Comic books haven't been so for tunate. They've risen to a dime in this generation. The old nickel tablet isn't a nickel any more, either. Aspirins and needles sell for a dime or more nowadays.

"Nossir," you can't buy anything for a song any more-not even a song. That's right, even the music lover must shell out a big dime to spin his favorite record on the juke-box.

Choose Holiday Tree To Transplant Later

Are you buying this year's Christmas tree with the idea of planting it on the home grounds after the holidays?

If so, be sure that you locate it properly. Chances are your earthballed and burlapped evergreens will have to suffer through the excessive heat of your home for a week or ten days. If it survives this hurdle there is still the problem of selecting a sunny, welldrained site where it won't drown before spring.

Poor planting sites plus midwinter planting are certain to cause a high mortality rate among these double-duty trees.

Sandy or gravelly soils drain naturally and present no special problem. Planting in heavy clay is another matter and may require the installation of drainage tiles.

Don't be alarmed if your living tree sheds some of its needles indoors. Go ahead and plant it anyway. Ensconced on a suitable site, the evergreen probably will begin sporting new greenery next growing season. Even if the tree looks a bit skeletonized in early spring, have patience. Don't remove it! Give it a chance to recuperate from its indoors ordeal and the shock of transplanting. It will probably come through with the de-

sired needles. One thing to remember: Such living trees as Norway spruce, Scotch pine and Douglas fir grow to proportions that make them undesirable as foundation plantings. After planting where the evergreen can achieve majestic maturity, mulch with peat moss, hay

Favorite Garols Came From Many Lands

Three of our favorite carols were brought to us by early settlers from European lands. England contributed "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen." France gave us "Can-tique de Noel," from Germany

came "Away in a Manger."
"Adeste Fideles" belongs to no one country, but has been translated into 119 different languages and dialects.

Three Americans enriched our heritage of lovely carols. The earliest contribution, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was made by Edmund H. Sears in 1849; Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., in 1859 composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and in 1868 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Phillip Brooks.

PLACE MATS

If you feel your Christmas cards are too pretty to throw away, make them into place mats. Cardboard such as a shirt pasteboard makes a good base for them. Paste the cards to the cardboard with shellac. Then coat the surface with one or more coats of thinned fresh, white shellac.



This electric locomotive is designed for use in the backyard and comes complete with tracks and all the trimmings. Toys for 1956 are designed to appeal to both boys and girls—and the train seems to have captured the attention of this young couple from New York City.

Hamburger is so called because it originated in Hamburg, Ger-

Postmen were limited by law to or straw to prevent root freeze. 50 pounds of mail per trip.

Christmas Treetings

Dan Ethridge

Lois Norwood



Bill Stewart Oneida Allen

Ethridge-Spring

Friona, Texas

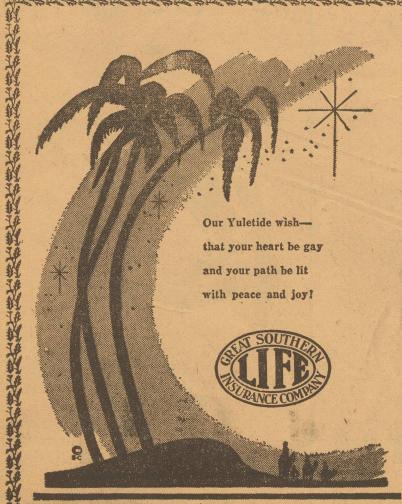


Each year we greet the Christmas season with greater gladness, because it is then that we take time to tell our friends how much we cherish their friendship.

Because we are proud to number you among our friends, and because we are grateful for your patronage, we send this greeting, and with it our sincere wish your Christmas will be most joyous.

Carl McCaslin Lumber, Inc.

and Employees Friona, Texas



MERRY CHRISTMAS

And Happy New Year

Why not decide this year to guarantee that EVERY Christmas will be a happy one?

JOHN GETZ

Agent Great Southern Life Insurance Co. 2. 我们是我不知为的人,我们是我们的人,我们是我不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不能不是,我们是我们是我们的,我们也就是我们的一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个



Peace On Carth Good Will Toward Men!

Once again it is time to reread the ever-beautiful Christmas story. May the wonder of its meaning be renewed in our minds and hearts during this blessed season and may Peace and Good Will reign at Christmastime.

. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly bost praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."





of things, it appears this young gentleman has some serious doubts about the merits of the stocking hanging over his fireplace. Maybe he thinks it is much too small to hold all the things Santa will bring or perhaps he thinks Christmas has already arrived and the stocking appears much too empty.

To our Customers and Friends

Gib's Cleaners

Friona

Holiday Candles Will Brighten Household

The cheerful glow from a candle makes any Christmas occasion brighter and candles are inexpensive and fun to make

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Just heat the edges of four cakes of commercial paraffin with a warm iron, and form a block. Put a strong wick between the middle cakes before sticking them to-

For a frothy finish, melt paraffin with a colored wax crayon and whip it with an egg beater. Spread the foamy, colored paraffin on the square candle and ther stick sequins and other bright ornaments

To make round candles, fill small cans with melted paraffin. Drop in a weighted string wick when the paraffin is hard enough to hold it

Mrs. C. W. Dixon, Pioneer Resident, Recalls Snowy 1922

than 36 years, has a very vivid geraniums where, promptly at 5 recollection of the Christmas of 19- o'clock as the final strains of "A 22. At that time the Dixons lived about 25 miles northwest of Friona. Wedding Trip," were played by the about 25 miles northwest of Friona.

Claus would be able to get through ple.

his health would improve. He pur- sed together in elaborate profus- just after nightfall. chased four sections southwest of ion.

irst schools organized in the coun-bride.

while teaching there, she met Clar- Dimmitt. County pioneers.

months, the couple was married in the home of Mary's parents in Dimmitt. The following week the Castro County News carried the following story:

Dimmitt Young

mitt and one in which an unusually Rhea community. wide circle of friends was inter-

which, in a dainty pink and white deep that it was almost impos-er. bower, punch was served by little sible for anyone to get from one

They were ushered into the par- As Christmas drew nearer, the to be.

corn. 1 1910, she was one of the first accessories to match, and at her

School, which was situated in the friends, they motored over to Here-table. At the time, the Dixons had central part of Castro County. The ford where the next day they took a very nice orchard and raised following year she was engaged to the train for a brief honeymoon fruit and berries to supply the teach in the Cleo School. The Cleo visit to Roswell, New Mexico, after family needs the year around.

School was south of Dimmitt, and which they will be at home in As Mrs. Dixon recalls, "The snow

W. S. Dixon, who were Castro known throughout the county and a river. Needless to say, we made both have the highest esteem of a bountiful crop the following After a courtship of several many friends who extend con- year."

After farming five years in Castro County, the Dixons moved with their two children, Rozella and Eugene, to a farm about 25 miles northwest of Friona in the Rhea community. Another son, Jim, who One of the prettiest weddings that is now a student at Texas A & M, has ever been celebrated in Dim- was born after they moved to the

Rozella is now Mrs. Landrum and sted, was solemnized of Tuesday, lives with her husband and three June 22nd at the residence of Mr. children, Eugenia, Joel, and Marand Mrs. C. E. McLean when their garet Rose, on a farm near Texdaughter, Mary, became the bride homa. Eugene and his family live of Mr. C. W. Dixon at Fort Worth.

Just as the beautiful June day was fading into evening, the guests was a heavy snowfall which was rrived and were received on the followed by several lighter ones. arge veranda from one corner of By December 15 the snow was so fiss Alice McLean, sister of the place to another except on horseback.

At that time, T. J. Crawford's General Merchandise Store and Mrs. Dixon, who was born near After the ceremony and congrat- Kinsley's Hardware were the shop-Powersville, Missouri, in Putman ulations, Rev. Triplett led the way ping centers of Friona. After purchasing a wagon for Bucky (Euclidean Power Strain County) in the dining room. Here the May of 1900. Her father, the late same color scheme was carried gene), a doll for Rozella, and a E. McLean, came to the Pan- out in great bouquets of pink and silver casserole for Mary, Dixon handle in search of a place where white sweet peas which were mas-made his way home reaching there

In spite of the deep snow, cold, The bride's cake was cut and and isolation from the rest of the At the time the McLeans came served with brick ice cream, by Castro County, Mary, who was Misses Cecil Gilliland of Hereford, Christmas. The tree had been cut small girl, attended one of the and Helen McLean, sister of the in the breaks by the father a few days before and decorated by the When West Texas State Teach- The bride wore a beautiful go- family with cranberries and pop-

The turkey, which was the highstudents. She was graduated from belt was loosely fastened a bou- light of the noonday meal, had NTSTC in 1914 and received a quet of her chosen flower, the been raised on the farm, as had permanent teacher's certificate. sweet pea.

That fall she taught at the Crow Attended by several of their most of the other items on the the sweet potatoes, turnips, and

began to melt in a few days, and ence Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. This young couple are both well water ran all over the place like

> "The doll for Rozella and the wagon for Bucky, along with some smaller toys, have long since been forgotten, but the silver casserole is still one of my prized possessions," adds Mrs. Dixon.

The Dixons still have large holdings in the Rhea community as well as farm land southwest of town, but have it rented and live in a new home, which was constructed a few years ago in the northwestern part of Friona. Dixon spends a great deal of his time hunting coyotes. Says he, "Coyote hunting is a wonderful sport and the dogs enjoy it almost as much

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DRIVE SAFELY—Be the kind of driver you expect the other fellow

Grays Will Spend Christmas Together

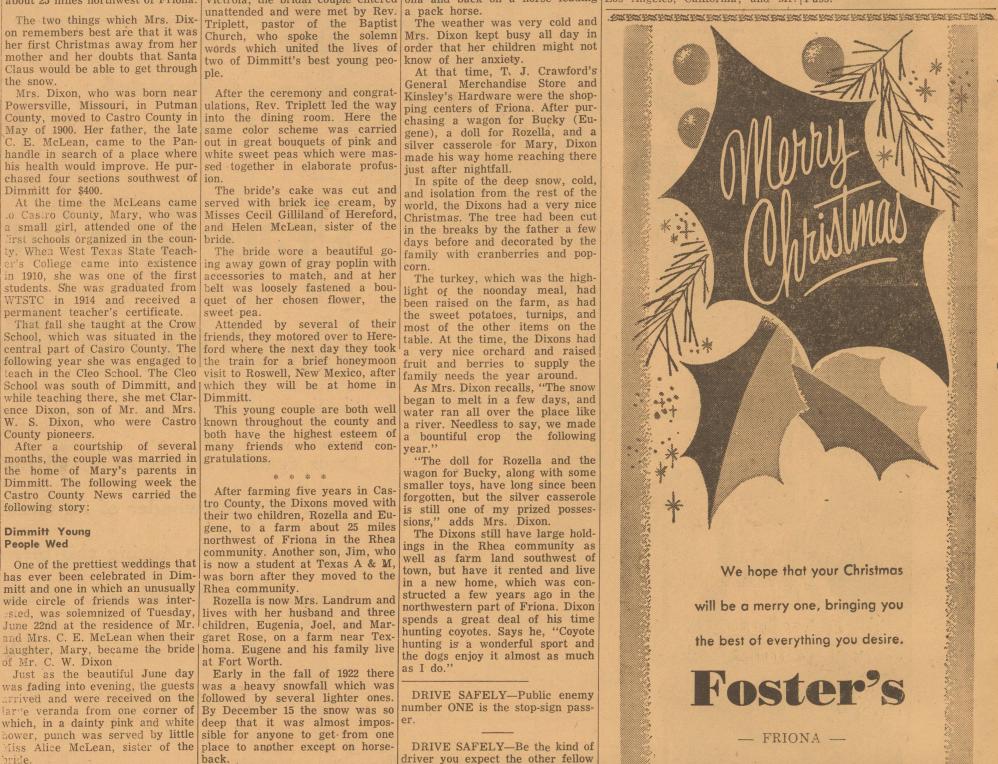
the children of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Hub community. Gray will spend Christmas together for the first time in a number of

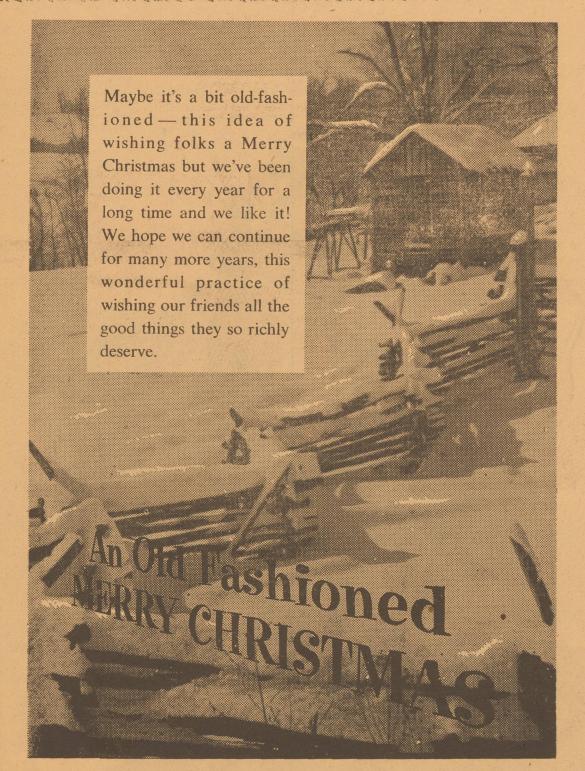
and Mrs. J. O. Redwine, Leona, David, Beverly, Brenda, and Mike of Muleshoe, will be guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Snead, If present plans work out, all Janet, Gary, and Jimmy of the

If it isn't possible for Mr. and years.

Mrs. I. H. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. R.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Stokes, Monte,
W. Stokes, Wesley, Karen, and Mrs. C. W. Dixon, who has been lor, beautiful and fragrant with Dixons began to wonder if it would a Parmer County resident for more pink and white sweet peas and be possible for them to get to Donna, and Danny of Ogden, Utah; Diane; and Mrs. Ross





And Old-Fashioned or No

We'd like to also say that we're most appreciative for the patronage you've given us during 1956.

We've enjoyed serving you with fine grocery products at reasonable prices and are looking forward to more years of the same.

Again, for you and yours we want to wish

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Johnson's Corner Grocery

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Crows Plan Christmas Sunray; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cleveland of Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Robason Jr., Ricky, and Ross of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Hershel .Home Get-Together

have their children, all nine of of visiting. them, at home at one time, there is always a crowd. But for the family get-together this year, they plan for a larger crowd. That is, when the grandchildren and great-when the grandchildren and gr grandchildren are counted.

Since there are 74 in the immediate family, names are drawn for the Mrs. Douglas Parmley of Tyler;

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of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert Plans for the day include a large Painter and Roger of Wellington; family tree and gift exchange. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, Beth

gift exchange. This will be followed Also, Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne



It's the season for happiness. May each day be filled with it.

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Friona

Phone 4851

Jones and Rhonda of Spearman; and Mr. and Mrs. Eston Wall and

Cappi Chyrl of Canyon;
Also, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee
Jones, Jim Roy, Jackie Dean, and When Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crow | ner and an afternoon and evening | Kenneth Ray of Clovis; Doris and Jack Johnson, who are students at Baylor University; Deann Buske, who attends Texas Tech; and Jimmy Robason, who is a student at West Texas State.

Members of the family from Friona who plan to attend are Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Buske, Phila May, Lila Gay, and Kim; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, Raye Jene, and Charles; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carlton, Margie, Aubrey Lee, Jerry Don, Walter Dan, Milton, David, and Debbie:

Also, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crow, Joy, and Earl; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Crow, Barbara, Larry, and Linda; and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Talley,

Rex, and Pattijon. Mrs. A. A. Crow of Friona is also expected to join the group. The only member of the family who will be unable to be present is Gary Crow, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Crow. He is in the U.S. Navy and will not receive a Christmas leave.

Boatmans Plan To Visit Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boatman are making plans to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Oklahoma City. They will be guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Todd and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Boatman.

A three day holiday for a cleaning shop operator is an unusual occurance, according to Gib, but unless something unforeseen happens, he will close the shop Saturday evening and not open until Wednesday morning.

Boggess Family Will Have Joint Christmas

Since Ed Boggess observes his birthday on December 18, he has had few birthday parties. Members of the family have planned a joint birthday-Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson Tuesday evening.

Those who plan to attend are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boggess, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boggess, Robbie and Joe; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bandy, Johnny and Clay; and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Reed, all of Friona; and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reithmeyer, Mike, Kay, and Jill of Lamesa.

Everyone at the Star hopes you have a Merry Christmas!

St. Francis Gave Much to Christmas

Some 400 years before Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, performed the many acts of generosity and kindness which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we know today, another Saint - St. Francis of Assisi made other contributions to our celebration of

St. Francis lived in the small Italian village of Garcia. In the year 1200 A.D., St. Francis arranged the first manger scene in a cave near the monastery where he lived. The scene was typical of that at Bethlehem. There was a manger filled with hay, an ox and an ass. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ

Himself a lover of music, St. Francis believed that the early chants (written in Latin) were too theological to be popular. He felt that Christmas music should be religious, yet should be more in keeping with the festivity spirit. He is generally credited with being the influence behind the more modern Christmas carols, which spread from Italy to France, from there to Germany; then to England and elsewhere.

Christmas Carolina Is Custom Which

Began Centuries Ago

Christmas caroling, so much a part of our present-day observance of Christmas, is said to have begun about the 16th century.

The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

Christmas carols were then supposedly taken from Italy to England by the traveling clergy. The idea of caroling fitted into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration and a day of good will, so it flourished in that country.

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

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

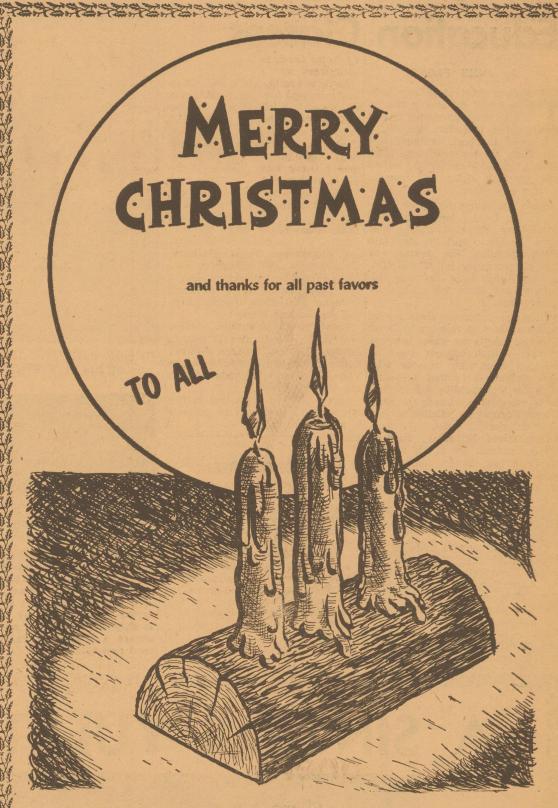
DRIVE SAFELY—An accident is usually the only winner in the race

Local Resident **Expects Unusual** Christmas Gift

to Christmas Eve.

esidents, but at least one will where she will be a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Welch, Nora Welch, of LuNora's children's shop, is looking forward eagerly to Christmas Eve.

and sons. The unusual gift will be a round trip ticket by plane which Christmas gifts may be "just the same old thing" for some Friona by plane that day for Houston and his family.



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Becky Coffey

Dear Santa:

Dear Santa:

Students Learn Safety in Driver **Education Classes**

By JUNE FLOYD

and courtesy along with correct entire group. driving procedure.

Since the course has been offerdriver education class this year. Ten members of the freshman and dents have indicated interest who sophomore classes make up each sophomore classes make up each were not able to work the class into section. The members of the morntheir schedules. The course was first offered in the fall of 1951. Dillie M. Kelley was the first in neth Harrington, Greiden Hough, structor and there were about 10 Billy Loafman, David Massey,

This one semester class is for ner and Rodney Weis. students who wish to learn to drive. Those in the afternoon session sign waivers accepting responsibility for the would-be driver. Students who have already secured drivers licenses are eligible as well future the course can be offered to more students. as those who have not.

Emphasized in class work is safety. Students are taught how to handle a car under undesirable road conditions and to be courteous at all times behind the wheel. Proper skills and attitudes are as important, if not more so, to good driving as knowing how to proper-

Practice driving is done in the dual control car furnished by Reeve Chevrolet of Friona under the instruction of Baker E. Duggins, class instructor. After the students pass the standard written test, each one is issued a beginner's license which permits him to drive when there is a li-censed operator in the front seat

In recent tests, which the Friona If student interest is any indi-students took at Hereford, every cation, a lot of drivers in the future will be more interested in corproud of the pupils in his two rect driving procedure than have classes, was very well pleased drivers of the past. In the driver when the patrolman who gave the education classes at Friona High school, students are taught safety

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There are two sections of the Frances McGlothlin, Donnie Ren-

If these students are under 18 years are Murray Woody, Gerald Daniel, of age, written consent must be Zaydene Deaton, Dolores Elmore, obtained from the parents who Velma Golden, Juanita Schwab, La-

to more students.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Tradition has it that Christmas trees were first used in Germany when Christian missionaries chopped down trees worshiped by the pagans and made a decorated tree

part of the Christian celebration. Earliest records of the use of Christmas trees in the United States indicate that German immigrants, who wanted to preserve the type of Christmas they had in Germany, were responsible for popularizin the use of trees in this court



"HERE ARE THE KEYS" says Driver Education Instructor Baker E. Duggins to one of the students, Murray Woody, as the class begins a practice session.



BURIED . UNDER . year about this time, the mailman becomes the town's busiest and most popular citizen. Despite efforts on the part of everyone concerned to get folks to shop and mail early, there's always a last-minute rush at local post offices.

LETTERS TO

SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: We like you.

Love, Azael Reyna

Dear Santa: Please come to see me. Dale Blackstone

Dear Santa: lease come to see me

Dear Santa: Please come to see me. Jay Potts

Please come to see me. Jo Anne Jennings

Dear Santa:

I want an English bicycle.

Randy Ellis Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll. Karene Milner



Christmas brings us thoughts of friends, good times, and all that's brightest and best of life and the highest happiness.

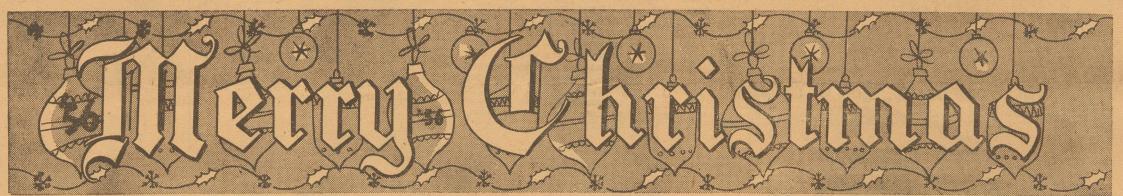
It makes us think of those we serve, or know, or wish to know. It strengthens all the bonds of feeling and friendship, one to another.



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- Friona -

A SINCERE YULETIDE GREETING

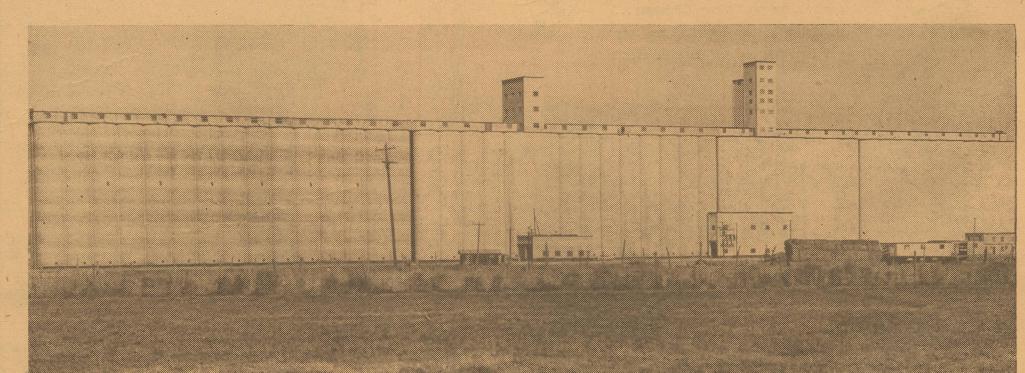


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LETTERS TO

SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

I am six years old and in Mrs. My name is Kathy Lynn Renner. Stark's first grade. I surely do I am six years old and in the first In The Box, a set of play dishes. Stark's first grade. I surely do like school. For Christmas I would like for you to bring like to have a walking doll, some dishes and a play telephone.

I am six years old and in the first and a toy cash register. I have been a good girl and I am in the first grade. I go to bed at 9 every ling set, half can-can slip and bring like to be at 9 every ling set, half can-can slip and bring like to be at 9 every ling set, half can-can slip and bring like to be at 9 every line to be at 9 every like to be at 9 every line to be at dishes and a play telephone.

or girl. Thanks for anything you thing please. Their names are Amy can bring me.

I Love You, Belinda Ann Mabry

Dear Santa Claus: Would you bring me a cowboy hat and boots and cowboy shirt and Dear Santa: some western pants. Please bring and my brothers and sisters.

Thank you, Bobby Ray Agee P. S. Please bring me cap rifle,

Dear Santa: tor for Jack and two footballs.

ing set, half can-can slip and bring Hope you will not miss any boy my little sister and brother some night. I live in a town named Fri-Sue and David Kirk. Please don't forget all the other

little boys and girls. Thank you. Love. Kathy Lynn Renner

I like you very much. I would Dear Santa Claus: me some candy and nuts for me like to have a holster set. I have I want a Davy Crockett outfit three sisters. Please don't forget and a pair of boots and a cowboy them and my teacher, Mrs. outfit and a electric car. Candy Benger.

* * * *

Love. John Baxter * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:

Christmas

I want a big bike with a light on it, a tractor for Dennis, a trac ing case. Remember all the boys | Thank you Santa I have been a and girls.

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Judy

Dear Santa: I want a baby doll with rooted hair and some doll clothes. Terri Cummings

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I would like for Christmas Tiny Tears doll, a musical Jack ona, Texas. I have a very nice Mother and Father and three sis ters. I live on the corner of 905 Jackson Ave. So this is all good

Jane Arden Singleterry P. S. My big sister wrote this

and nuts. We will make for you some coffee and cake and leave it for you to eat when you come and bring my sister what she wants. By By Santa.

I Love You. Donnie Gibson



Awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus puts plenty of Christmas spirit in the young hearts and minds of children, but we can still help them to a greater appreciation of the holiday.

Santa has his proper place (despite the convictions of many of the older generation) but children who are old enough to understand should be often reminded that there is a truer meaning to our celebration of Christmas. The story of the Holy Birth is not a difficult one to tell to children, for it is essentially a simple story.

Children may be made to appreciate the other aspects of Christmas, too, by helping with the decorations, and in the selection and trimming of the tree. It's always fun to choose your Christmas tree, whether you get it from the woods or from the corner store.

Making tree decorations is another ideal family project. Strings of cranberries, popcorn or colored paper give trees a special Christmas glow. Even cutouts from Christmas cards add glamour. While adults trim the top of the tree, the children can trim the bottom. Pine boughs and cones gathered from a nearby woods make pretty

wreaths and table decorations. Children like to hike and look for these Christmas treasures. But don't expect perfection from children. The important thing is the feeling of pride and accomplishment that children share in the knowledge that their efforts helped make the family Christmas a happier

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl seven years old and in the first grade. Mrs. Dear Santa: cycle, set of dishes, bride doll, truck. Thank you, bubble gum machine, and some clothes. I have been pretty good. Santa be sure to remember all Dear Santa Claus: the other little boys and girls and don't forget Ronnie.

I Love You, Joan Gail Brookfield

Dearest Santa:

I would like for you to bring me a set of dishes, a big doll, and will sign my name to show you long and some nuts and candy. some doll dresses. And I want you how I can write. to bring me some dresses like my doll's and also a doll bed.

Thank you very much, Love,

Joy Dickerson

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Dear Santa: have a pair of cowboy boots, hat, too. guns, and a rope; also some jeans and shirts. I would also like to have a wench truck. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Dear Santa: Thank you Santa Claus.

Kelvin Woody

Stark is my teacher, so be sure I would like to have a road grad- Dear Santa: and be real nice to her. And, er, a basketball, and a trailer. I Santa, I would like to have a bi- want a buzzer, too, and a fire and an electric train. Please bring Could you please bring me a doll Roy Lee

I am a little boy six years old. I have a sister five. We would hike for you to bring me a farm-Dear Santa Claus, house and dolls.

Love,

Elmer Clyde Rippetoe

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a blackboard and a bicycle, pair of guns, wagon Dear Santa Claus,

Nickie Ray Hand

the first grade. Please bring me Christmas Eve. a Baby Linda doll and a bunk bed for my dolls. Please remember my sisters and all the other children. Love,

Jan Welch

little boy.

How have you been? I have stud-dump truck and a racing car. ied hard in school this year. I am Don't forget my two brothers and in the first grade. I would like to my sister. have a doll with clothes to wear for Christmas. Please leave all the poor children something, too. Thank you.

Love, Debra Jarecki

Please bring me a swing and children. some guns. I am going to be a good

Marcus I want a Tiny Tears doll, a bike

and a baton. All so candy, nuts,

Rhonda P. S. Please bring me a doctor's

Dear Santa: I want a wagon and two guns and a board covered house. That's

> Love, Tesse Florez c/o Floyd Dutton Route 1 Friona, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a cowboy suit and some cowboy boots for Christmas.

I Love You, Delvin Lee Brookfield

me some candy and some small and a bicycle? My little brother, toys. I would like a book that I David, would like a new toy traccould read to my little sister and a tor, I think. He's 2 years old. Bible.

Ricky Lee Hurst

yard with lots of cows and things. I am a little boy in the first And, please bring Jackie a doll grade almost seven years old. I Dear Santa Clause, would like to have a truck that Please bring me an accordian and My mother has wrote this. I carries cars and a car about a foot a walking doll for Christmas. Please don't forget the other children and give them some toys

and candy and nuts. Your friend, Marvin Wilson

and nuts and candy. Bring the My name is John Bill and I live I like you, hope you like me. For Christmas I would like to other boys and girls something, in Friona, Texas. I am six years old. I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want anything that you bring me. Please Dear Santa: don't forget my little brother

me a B-B gun for Christmas and a

I am a little girl 7 years old. Please bring me a doll house, a bride dress and a play make-up kit. And don't forget the other

Sharen Awtrey

I am a little boy six years old. I live with mother and daddy also

Please bring me a B-B gun, a real boy arrow set with five arrows, two doctor kits, one for my sister, a electric train. Santa please remember all the other boys and girls too. Thank you for all the things that you brought me the other Christmas.

I am seven years old. I want a bicycle and a nurse set, a doll bed and a doll wagon, also a set of dishes. I try to be a good girl. We

Linda Kay Stone

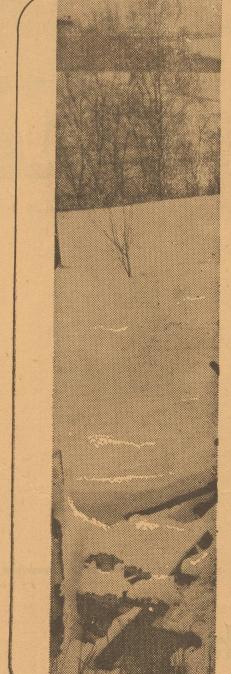
Dear Santa, I'm a little girl 6 yrs. old, in the Don't forget my school teacher. I try to be a good girl.

Love. Kara Beth

Katie Jean Foster

Ruben Ramos

Please come to see me. Love.



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throughout the year as well as at

Christmas time.

Randy Schwab

Eddie Wood

Dear Santa.

will leave some goodies for you.

Please come to see me

Love,

David, cause he has been good Barbara Patterson I am six years old and I am in too. We'll be looking for you

John Bill McFarland

Dear Santa, I am in Mrs. Benger's room in the first grade. Would you bring

I love you,

Dear Santa,

brother and sister.

Love,

Thank You,

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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LETTERS TO

SANTA CLAUS

I want a pair of shoes, a stock- P. S. I am in the first grade and ings and a ruagun, thats all.

Love.

Dear Santa Claus, I am six years old and will be Dear Santa Clause, seven the 30th of November. I Please bring me a racer bicycle

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a six and one half year old boy and in the first grade. I would like to have these things for Christ- Dear Santa, mas: A train that you wind up, ing to see you Christmas.

Mike Reznik

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy, Please bring me a Robin Hood set, a toy rifle and a ball glove.

Larry B. Graves

mas. Please bring me a pink stove Texas. and bicycle. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Peggy Drake

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll and a buggy. Kathy wants a buggy and doll clothes Love and a suit case. Love,

Pam Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a football suit, helmet and football and some guns. Steve Taylor

Could you please bring me a real army set? And a pony with a saddle and an airplane?

Thank you, Henery Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,

I have started to school and am have been very good. I hope the in the first grade this year. Mrs. other boys and girls get some pres-Benger is my teacher and I love ents, too. her. Please bring me a bicycle with training wheels, a space suit, and a flint lock top pistol. I hope you can visit every little boy dear Santa Claus: and girl. My brother and I will I am a little boy

Galen Brewer

My name is Kathryn Garth. Will you please bring me a doll big brothers, Dee and Gene, and for Christmas? Bring my mother don't forget we have a baby sister safe home from the hospital and now. Her name is Robin Kay and make my daddy happy too.

Your friend, Kathryn Garth

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a set of dishes and a Tiny Tears doll and ward- Dear Santa: robe of clothes for her. And if it is I have been a good girl. I want possible I would like a doll buggy. a doll cradle and a doll. I also I have tryed to be a good girl want some doll clothes and some this year, all though I cry a lot. pop beads. I am four years old. My birthday is on the second Please bring something for day of January, so I get my other children birthday present at Christmas.

I am six years old and I like

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school very much. Thank you. I love you Santa Claus.

would like a baby doll and a nurse with some brakes and some lights with a bag to carry things on the back. Johnny wants the same

Jackie Claborn

I have been a good girl. I would a football, four little cars, a little like for you to bring me a doll drum and the clothes I need. Hop- and a nurse set. My big brother wants a football and a grader with a dump truck. Remember all the other little boys and girls all over the world. Thank you very much.

Margie Stewart

Dear Santa Claus:

I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a mouse getarjo, fire truck, a lone ranger suit with hat and guns and an I want a walking doll for Christ- archery truck. I live in Friona,

Wade Coker

Please bring me a doll and a bicycle. Now, Santa if I have asked for too much, please forgive me

Sharon Walker

Please bring me a football suit.

Love, Sammy Bailey

Please bring me a doll or a bicycle and clothes for my doll. Love,

Veronica Deaton

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old. I want a basketball, a Western Flyer super bike and a Roy Rogers watch. I

Your friend, Stevan Thornton

I am a little boy four years old. leave some treats on the table for I have been as good as little boys can be and hope you remember me on your Christmas list. I would like for you to bring me a toy horse I can ride and a bow and arrows

Please Santa, remember my two she wants a little doll. And bring the other little boys and girls something, too.

Harold Barton Rodney Hinkle Obe Wilson, Jr. **Charlotte Whitten** Thelma Wilson

Katherine Parker Fred Jackson **Carl White Aubrey Carlton** Joe Douglas, Jr.

Gaylord Newell Bonnie Wilson



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What Will Christmas wax or electric, and the faint tinkle of a bell is heard as the Be Like in Germany?

Christmas in Germany would compare with the one nearly all of The Star readers will be celebrating this week, Joe and Carolyn Osborn, who are in Germany, were asked to tell us how the event will be observed there.

This letter from Carolyn was written last month, and points the importance of pre-Christmas activities to the

and tomorrow is the first Sunday broom." of Advent. In every German home a candle will be lit and the child-make a personal visit, the children "En Froh Weihnachten," which of

as our carolling. Some other pre- mas tree is decorated by the

throughout the country.

las, the German Santa Claus, who The tree celebration is followed back. Good children receive their sugar, as the dessert. Church bells been bad get a swat as well.

membered the time he was singled When church is over, Christmas out by St. Nicholas, "I was stand-dinner begins. No turkey, but a December, the Christmas month ing in a room full of boys when big fat goose—no fruitcake, but all over the world, began with a snowfall here in Pirmasens. The said, 'You've been lazy!' and he contains raisins, almonds, dried whole town is a Christmas card gave me a good tap with his currants, and citron.

will sing, "Very soon Christ leave their shoes outside the door course means, "Merry Christmas." to be filled.

This ritual will take place each After the jolly saint's visit, all Sunday before the 25th, for the attention is focused on the coming the coming of the Christophild In the after. celebration of Advent is as much of the Christchild. In the aftera part of the German Christmas noon of December 24th, the Christ-

We'd like to crowd in

our good wishes for a

very merry Christmas

packed with happiness!

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FRIONA, TEXAS

"angels." Candles are lit, either

The doors are thrown open and the children enter singing "Silent Night, Holy Night," which was written in Germany. Toys of every description surround the tree.

Very often the little girls receive fairs in Hamburg and Nurnberg exact miniature replicas of their and a children's procession mother's kitchens. With their own tiny utensils they prepare small "wursts" or sausages to be eaten This procession honors St. Nicho- at the Christmas feast.

arrives on December 6. He carries by a late cold supper with marzia bag full of fruits and nuts and pan, a delicious confection of a very long-handled broom on his almond paste, egg whites, and rewards while those who have ring at midnight and the family is wakened by the same joyous A German friend laughingly re- sound the next morning.

Dies Too Quickly

With all the excitement and hus-tle that precedes Christmas, it often happens that the day after Christmas is an anti-climax. It shouldn't be, although many new toys will already be broken, a few are certain to be disappointed because they didn't get what they really wanted from Santa-and, of course, there are bills that must

Yet, it isn't quite right to put Christmas so far behind us when December 26th arrives. There are many things that can and should be done to keep the Christmas spirit alive. This is the time for everyone in the family to write thank-you notes. Writing at once to acknowledge a gift serves two purposes. The giver appreciates such prompt thoughtfulness and it's always much easier to write a thank-you note promptly than to keep putting it off.

The day after Christmas is also a good time to start taking memos that will help make the next celebration of the holiday a greater event. And, before discarding those Christmas cards and letters, be sure that your address book is up to date.

Take a look around you at some of the gifts your friends receivedand you may get some idea that will help you do a better shopping job for upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, and for the next Christmas, which on December 26th, is less than a year away



TEST PILOT . . . This sevenyear-old is wide-eyed with delight as he operates a remote control plane, pylon and airport shown at New York's Ninth Annual preview of toys. Helicopter s actually airborn by the propellor and responds only to the junior "test pilot" at the con-



Just as vari-colored Christmas tree lights add to the Christmas spirit in practically every American home, so does flickering candlelight add to the enjoyment of holiday decorations.

This year's candles take on a glitter and sparkle to go with their glow. Tall or short, fat or slim, all candles lend themselves to jeweling. And here, as with other Christmas decorations its the "doing" that increases the fun and deepens the joy.

Popular on Christmas shopping lists this year are trim-a-candle kits which "do-it-yourself" fans can use to transform plain-Janes of candleland into tapers of striking loveliness which may be used for home decorations or gifts.

The kits' contents include glitter, spangles of infinite shapes and colors, pearls, sequins, stars and

AMERICAN CAROLS

Three of our loveliest Christmas carols were written by Americans. In 1849, Edmund H. Sears composed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and in 1859 Dr. John Henry Hopkins Jr., composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are." "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written



May we join Mr. Santa himself in wishing for all our friends and customers...

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Very HAPPY NEW YEAR

as we enter into the Christmas Holiday season, we want to express sincere appreciation to our customers for their patronage during 1956—We've certainly enjoyed serving you.

We're looking forward to another wonderful year of friendships and neighborly associations.

Plan now for next year's Christmas gifts by saving



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GOOD TIDINGS ...

"She brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David. a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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



NO FOOLING . . . Gil Hodges swapped his baseball uniform for a Santa Claus outfit but he wasn't able to fool this young Dodger fan at the children's clinic of a New York hospital.

Nazareth: After Centuries, The Chosen City Is Growing Modern

The advent of modern conveniences is gradually making a vast change in the homeplace of Jesus. Nazareth, scene of many miracles, has witnessed a new one-water

long before the time of Christ, Nazarene women had to carry water in earthen jugs Now. such sources as the famed "Fountain of Our Lady Mary" will be needed only as shrines recalling the city's historic past.

The water for the most predominantly Arab city in Israel is piped in from a Jewish farm settlement

in the Valley of Esdraelon. The 12-inch pipe carries it to a summit overlooking Nazareth where a junction with municipal pipelines allows distribution throughout the

Nazareth, the chosen city and one of Christendoms holiest places, was once so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Jesus Christ in derision. And, long before the birth of Christ, the city was the target of a variety of in-

In the Christian era alone, Nazareth has been conquered many times. The city was wrecked by Saladin in the Christian-Moslem wars of the Middle Ages. In the same period the Christian population was massacred by Bibars, the Egyptian sultan and general. Some of the historic churches have been razed and rebuilt as many as three

Less than five miles away was the once thriving city of Sepphoris where the Romans put down a desperate revolt of the Jews led by Judas the Galillean when Jesus was a boy. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, rebuilt Sepphoris, and there is speculation that the young Carpenter may have aided in the reconstruction.

Bethlehem Basilica

Among Oldest Churches The Basilica of the Nativity at

Bethlehem, constructed more than 1,620 years ago, is one of the oldest

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

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three privilege of worshiping in

the Nativity.



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THE Daley living room wore that after Christmas look, the tree sparkled but dimly due to a few burned out lights. It's look of dejection was heightened by the untidy array of opened gifts piled in a disorderly fashion underneath it. A large package, resplendent in it's fancy wrappings shouted that It's recepient hadn't been there to claim it. Kathleen Daley's absence was made more conspicious by the package. Her brothers Jack and Jim bitterly denounced her for hurting Mom and Dad, they had openly announced their feelings by leaving her gifts from them unwrapped upstairs.

Kathy had been out of touch with her family since leaving to follow a modeling profession. She wrote occasionally and sent a check each month to her folks but hadn't been home in two years. In her last letter, she had hinted that she might get home but hadn't shown up. It had cast a blanket of gloom on their holiday, despite Mom and Dad's attempt to make it a gala occasion. The boy's knew their Mother had held onto the hope that she would arrive until Christmas night, when long past their bedtime, she had turned off the tree remarking quietly, "Well, another Christmas is over." The package seemed to shout, "Yes, and Kathy didn't show up." The tired hopeless look on her face had told them



"Hi. fellows. Meet my husband, Bill!" Kathy's radiant smile lit up her pale face.

more than any words could, of the hurt she felt.

Busy with Success

Kathy had achieved success in her chosen field, her pictures had appeared frequently on magazines, but with her success had come less contact with her home. Mom had excused her with the plea, "She's

Dressing to go out New Years Eve, Jim said to Jack, "If Kathy were here I'd break her neck." "Boiling in oil would be more to

The peal of the door chimes resounded and Jim said, "I hope it's company for the folks. Maybe they'll go out." Jack laughed, "You know they'll

not stir from this house for fear they might miss a call from their darling daughter." "Listen," Jim shushed his broth-

er. Soft voices were heard and the sound of tears mixed with laughter floated upstairs.

"It's Kathy, I'll bet." Both ran down the steps. It was Kathy. She was enveloped in Mom's arms. Beside her stood a tall man holding a pink bundle.

Anger Is Gone "Sis," The boy's shouted in unison, a happy shout with no trace

"Hi Fellows. Meet my husband, Bill." Kathy's radiant smile lit up her pale face. "Husband?" The boy's stood star-

ing, dumbfounded. Mom answered, "Yes husband. Kathy's been married for almost two years. I knew it, but Kathy had to keep it a secret on account of her work. I guess you're through working now, but why didn't you tell me." Mom turned accusing eyes at Kathy.

Bill spoke up, "I wanted her too, but she didn't want you to worry." He handed Mom the pink bundle and a wail came from it.

Kathy spoke quickly. "Mom, I've been hospitalized for a month, for fear I'd lose the baby. I'm sorry about Christmas, no card, no word but Bill has no mind for small de-

Bill smiled apologetically. "I was so darn worried about Kathy, that Christmas was over before I realized it. The baby came two days before Christmas and it was touch and go for them both. Dad led Kathy to a chair and all

suddenly realized Kathy was not her old perky self. Mom, holding on tight to her grandchild, said, "Nothing else matters, you're here now." Giving the baby to Gramp, she picked up Kathy's package, handing it to her. The mystery of the gift was revealed as Kathy slipped on a fawn colored stole and heard the masculine approval of

Bill said, "Hey, we got presents in the car and tons of baby stuff."

is a time of year when we feel hundreds of flowery words couldn't express our fine feeling of appreciation for our customers and business associates in Parmer County. **FARMERS**

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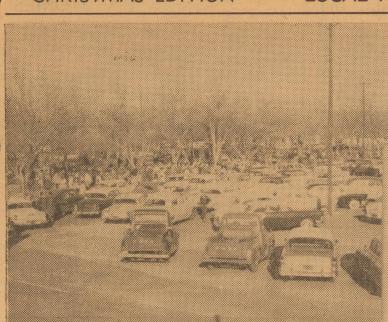
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BY Dorothy Boys Kilian

THE white drifts were already

to guess where the curb was as he

so deep that Mr. Milbank had



CROWDS STILL COME—The Saturday drawings in Friona continue to attract large crowds. This is a typical view of the hundreds of people from the trade territory who attend the promotions sponsored by local business-

Outlands Expect Holiday Visitors

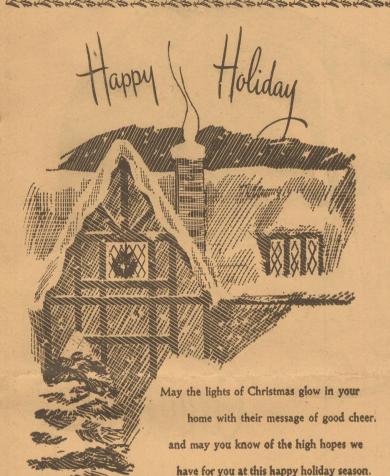
Mr. and Mrs. Hank Outland and Will Visit Relatives children, Nancy and Hank Jr., have made no plans for visiting out of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones and town during the holidays, but are Kathy are making plans to spend

and children, Larna, Robert, and Linda plan to spend several days land they will visit Mr. and Mrs. here. The Colonel, who is Hank's Lacy Metcalf and children.

brother, is stationed at Fort Sam Houston. The San Antonio Outlands plan to arrive about the 27th.

planning on having visitors from the Christmas holidays with relatives at Dallas and Garland. At Lt. Col and Mrs. A. L. Outland Dallas they will be guests of Mr.

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Englands Plan To AN UNPLANNED Visit Relatives € CHRISTMAS 3

plan to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Fort Worth and Georgetown. They will be uests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wickering.

parked the long black cadillac in r reluctant to give any informafront of the little grey house with tion as to their plans. She said, "Af-"Rooms for Tourists" sign over er what I told everyone last week, "We simply don't dare go a mile further, Ora," he said to the mid-

Fergusons Plan

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Ferguson and children, Fred and Doris Faye, plan to spend the holidays visiting

relatives. They will spend several

days with Ferguson's relatives at

From there they plan to go to

Frant, Oklahoma, where they will

visit Mr. and Mrs. Ira Holt and

Reba June. Mrs. Holt is a daughter

of the Fergusons, and Holt is a

former resident of the Rhea Com-

The Jimmy Buckleys, who live

orthwest of Black, plan to spend

Christmas in Tennessee. Since Jim-

my's parents live there and Gwen's

parents live in Texas, they will

Tuesday evening, Jimmy, Gwen,

and the children, Janet, Larry,

Steve, and Darrell, will go to Dim-

mitt to the home of Gwen's sister,

Mrs. Donald Wright. There the

have two Christmases this year.

Buckleys Will Have

Christmas in Tenn.

Holiday Visit

Plainview.

dle-aged, fur-clad woman beside Northwest Texas Hospital at Ama- here. illo one day last week where he "But it's only fifty miles more to vas scheduled to undergo surgery Minneapolis," Mrs. Milbank protested. "And what a place to spend Christmas Eve!" She peered disand she had advised friends that nessee. tastefully through the still-falling they would be gone several days.

snow out on the village street. "Better to stay here than be stalled overnight somewhere and freeze to death in the car. Do you realize it's taken us an hour to come only fifteen miles since dinsurgery has not been set yet.

"Well, if we must," Mrs. Milbank sighed. "I suppose we'd be too late for the Randall's cocktail party anyway."

"The snow looks so white and clean here," Mr. Milbanks remarked as they trudged up the walk. "In the city, seems like it gets all grimy and slushy the minute it hits the ground."

Please don't go sentimental on me, Roger," his wife begged. "I can just see this place," she muttered grimly. "Iron bedstead, bathroom with clawfooted tub-



"Better to stay here than be stalled overnight somewhere and freeze to death in the car."

Johnson closed the door behind them Mrs. Milbank groaned, "There's the iron bed, just as I predicted. I wonder if it will even hold us both?"

"It kind of reminds me of that bed we had when we were first married," Mr. Milbank smiled. "Only we painted it white to match the second-hand chest, remem-

"Yes." Mrs. Milbank stared at the bed. Her voice had lost some of its coldness.

"We planned to use that white furniture in the nursery when the first child came," her husband con-

tinued softly. "But it never came." Mrs. Milbank's voice was crisp again. Quickly she turned towards the bags standing near the dresser. 'Did you bring up everything?" "Everything but those gifts for

the Randall children.'

Being Thankful "That's the one thing we have to be thankful for in all this mess.' Mrs. Milbank said. "It really won't matter whether they get those things for Christmas or not. Their playroom is undoubtedly crammed with toys already."

in answer to a tap on the door. Mrs. Johnson, a woman of about

'Come in," Mr. Milbank cut in

their age, wearing a crisp blue cotton dress, stepped into the room "I wonder-I don't know-," she said hesitantly, "if you wouldn't like to come downstairs for some coffee and cake. It does seem a shame to spend Christmas Eve alone in a strange room.'

"We mustn't intrude-" Mr. Milbank began.'

"Intrude!" Mrs. Johnson exclaimed. "If Christmas isn't the time to welcome strangers to one's board, I don't know when!"

They had reached the living room now. Mrs. Milbank sat down on the sofa and looked searchingly at Mrs. Johnson. "You really mean that, don't you?" she said slowly.

Need Cheering "Of course I do. And-I suppose I shouldn't say this—but when you people came in tonight you looked so lonely and unhappy, I just felt sorry for you. You seemed to need cheering up as much as the folks

"You have no children of your own?" Mrs. Milbank asked and her husband sensed the intensity of her

"No," Mrs. Johnson sighed. Then she smiled. "But you can always scare up some substitutes if you look around you. I'm lucky to fluid some right next store." She glanced ruefully towards the tree. "I only wish I had more to give

Mr. Milbank looked quickly at Mrs. Milbank, who nodded vigor-"Excuse me a moment, I have some things to bring in from

We need clean cotton rags. No overalls, no buttons, no zippers please. We pay 10 cents per pound. Weigh 'em and bring 'em in.

Wrights, Buckleys, and Cokes, who Navy Men Plan are Mrs. Wright's and Gwen's parents, will have a family dinner and Holidays Here

Morrisons Plan For Mrs. Granville England was rath- Christmas Guests

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morrison and Gary are planning to entertain m embarrassed to meet them on relatives during the holidays. Mrs. Morrison's mother, Mrs. Marvin England was admitted to the House of Big Spring, plans to be

Others who are expected are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morrison and son, for some skin grafts. He was ac- Jeffy, of Fort Worth, and Dick companied to Amarillo by his wife Morrison, who is stationed in Ten-

Before time for the scheduled Christmas in Colorado

skin grafts, England developed a The J. F. Buskes enjoy white chest cold, so was dismissed from Christmases, so they are going to Colorado this year. They plan to visit in the home of Buske's niece the hospital. A definite date for the and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Caffey, who live on a ranch near Mancus, Colorado. Maybe the snow will get deep there.

Evergreens Mourning Symbols for Finns

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the altars are banked and the windows are filled with them, so that before dawn on Christmas morning the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

be guests in the home of Jimmy's Mrs. E. L. Morrison, and Billy rison and Dennis plan to spend parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Buck-ley, and other relatives and friends. Fred Dennis, airman apprentice,

USN, are studying aviation elec-

tronics at the Basic Aviation Elec-tonics Technician School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Granville England and daughters, Sharon and Judy, and Mrs. Ernest England and Mrs. Ernest England be guests in the home of Jimmy's Mrs. E. L. Morrison, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and be guests in the home of Jimmy's Mrs. E. L. Morrison, and Billy rison and Dennis plan to spend.

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Harvest is ended, winter has come, and Christmas is at hand. At this season, we think it especially appropriate that we extend to you not only our fondest wishes for Yuletide Happiness, but our thank you for the business you have done with us during the past season. We are always happy to serve your needs in merchandising, storage, and service.

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LETTERS TO

SANTA CLAUS

Please bring me two guns with be happy. black holsters, a yellow tie, a white hat, some boots, spurs and a pocket knife. I am five years old. Remember all the other little boys and Dear Santa Claus:

Your friend. Scotty Wooley

Dear Santa Claus:

I am three years old and I want you to bring me a pretty doll, a teddy bear, and some nuts and Dear Santa candy. Don't forget any girls or boys.

Love, Susan Floyd

Dear Santa:

I am a big girl eight years old. Please bring me a pair of skates, candy, nuts, and fruit.

Love, Karen Agee * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:

I have a little brother one year Christmas. old named Ricky and a big brother mine years old named Larry.

I have been a good girl so would you please bring me a make up kit and a miniature kitchen set. Please bring Ricky a toy dog and a bas- Dear Santa: kethall for Larry.

Love, Shirley Johnson

Thear Santa:

I am a little boy five years old. Please bring me two guns and two holsters, candy, nuts, and fruit.

Love, Dean Agee

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a football suit. David Lee Reeve

Dear Santa Claus:

truck is worn out. I also want a big wants a watch. We would all like cattle truck with cows. All I want is trucks. I think I've been a good boy. I am five years old. In case

Christmas Ornaments May Stain Carpets

Christmas crepe paper and New Year's confetti can permanently stain rugs and carpets.

Party papers are colored with a wide range of cheap dyestuffs. When the paper becomes wet, the dyes run badly. The dyes will transfer permanently to textiles. If crepe paper and confetti accidentally get wet, keep them off rugs and carpets.

Should a rug become marked with a paper stain, immediate first-aid is necessary. Mix a teaspoonful of neutral soapless detergent in one-half pint of lukewarm

Apply the detergent solution disectly to the stain a few drops at the stained area with white, unstarched cloth or cleansing tissue. This will blot up moisture. Begin at outer edge of stain and work in. Repeat if

Finish by absorbing any remaining moisture with a clean, damp cloth. Complete absorption is im-

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I live at Bill and Joe Buchanans. Bill Buchanan

I want a maize truck with a dump bed and a cattle truck with cows and a horse. I want a fire truck with a long ladder. I've been nice. I am three. My name is Mike Buchanan.

Please bring me a Toodles doll

and a piggy bank. Don't forget to oring something for our boys and our big girl. I have been a good

Linda Smith

Please bring me a walking doll that wears high heels and please bring me a doll suitcase with some clothes and a bottle. I've been I am a little girl six years old. good most of the time since last

> Be good to all the other boys and girls. I am six years old.

> > Brenda Nell Blackburn * * * *

I would like to have a football for Christmas. I think I have been a pretty good boy this year, but will try to be a better boy next

Larry Brown

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl five years old and have tried to be pretty good. For Christmas I would like to have a suitcase for my doll clothes. I have several dolls, but a new one would be fine.

I would like a nurse's set in case my dolly gets sick. I have a little niece, who is two years old, who I want a new dump truck. My old would like a doll, too. My brother some fruit, nuts, and candy.

Please Santa, don't forget the poor little boys and girls as I know they would enjoy something.

Your little friend, Doris Faye Ferguson

I have been a good girl. I want a doll and some clothes. I also want a nurse's kit and some pop beads. I have two little sisters. One of them has already wrote you a letter. My other sister wants a soft doll. I am seven years old and my little sister is one.

Please bring the other children something.

Love Sheri

Dear Santa: Please bring me a cowboy set, trucks and cars. I would also like to have a "Zippy the Monkey". Be good to all the other little boys and

I am living in Friona this year. Your little friend, Freddy Williams.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring some clothes for my iny tears doll. Bring me a real pretty doll and a desk or a piano. have been a good little girl. Linda Sue Lynch



Of all the world's holidays, Christmas is the holiday that belongs to one and all. Christmas is for everyone, the sad and the weary, the sick and the infirmed, the happy children and their more serious

Yes, Christmas belongs to no one alone. Men of different nations and diversified beliefs always share a certain unity in the observance of this greatest of all holidays. Christmas, and the spirit that goes with it, belongs to us all.

Christmas is a time of excitement for the very young. It means good food, bright lights, an inviting pyramid of presents beneath a glittering tree.

Christmas is likewise a time of joy for those who are growing up. And for these Christmas begins to take on a deeper and more significant meaning with each holiday. Behind the laughter and festivities, the caroling and presents, there is borne the realization that there is yet greater joy in the holiday, though the glitter of Santa Claus becomes dimmer year by year.

For others, Christmas is a magic mirror of memories, a mirror that dissolves all the prejudice, hate and sorrow to which mankind is afflicted; a mirror that reflects only the kindness and goodness God wished for the world He created.

Christmas is all these things, and more. It is the shadow of a church steeple in the winter's snow; a pointed ray of light shining through a stained glass window; the crunch, crunch of heavy footsteps on crusted snow; and voices singing in the night. Christmas is all things to all men; and to all men it is the shining

symbol of man's continual hope for eternal salvation.

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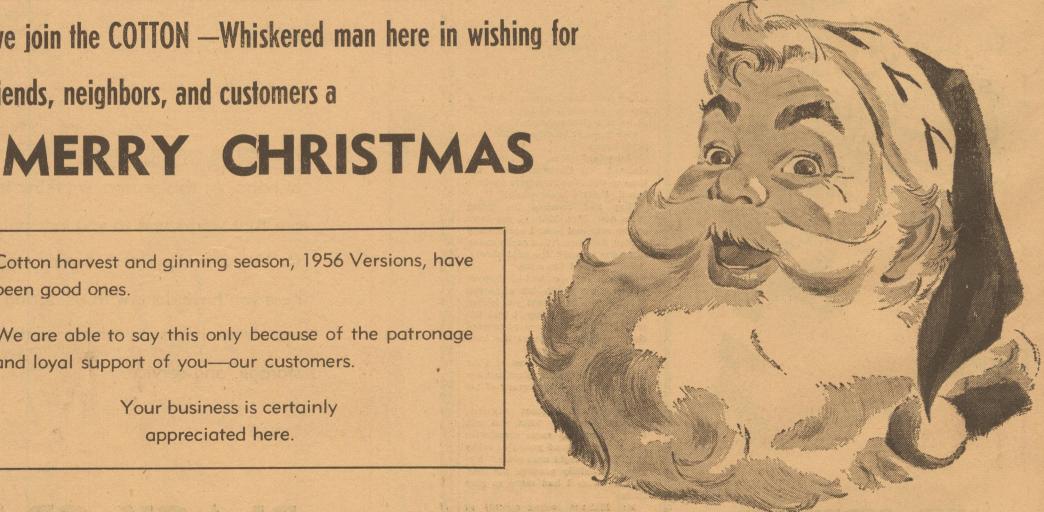
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