

Santa Is Coming to Town Tonight



Cross Plains To Get Dial Phone System; City Council Grants Company Rate Increase

Cross Plains will have a new dial telephone system in operation by early summer, according to an announcement made here Wednesday morning by E. O. Kizer, President of the Kizer Telephone Co. This modern service was made possible by action of the City Council in granting the company a new rate schedule, effective Feb. 1, 1955.

Mayor S. F. Bond stated that the action was taken at the regular session of the council meeting in the city hall here Tuesday night of this week. After much discussion of the matter it was decided that the rate increase was justified in order that phone patrons might enjoy modern, efficient telephone service and the proposed company rates were granted by a unanimous vote of the council.

Bayou Philosopher Differs With Neighbor About Christmas Developin, Into Nuisance

Editor's note: The Bayou Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on the Bayou takes note of Christmas this week. That means everybody has heard about it by now.

I was talking with a man the other day and he said he had come to the conclusion Christmas is a nuisance.

"All this rushing around, all this buying, all this trying to be sure you send a gift to everybody who sends you one, all this straining a point to get your kids something they are going to break up or out-grow anyway, it's a nuisance," he said.

I do not take that attitude. Most people are gonna spend more than they ought to anyway, even in July, and doing it for the benefit of their children or their friends at Christmas is a fine thing.

Of course, I have long argued that the government is missing an opportunity by not naming a new bureau and figuring out a way to equalize Christmas giving, a sort of guarantee a man will reach a yuletide parity and the money he spends on presents will be equaled by the value of the presents he gets.

of this edition of the Review, the new interim rates are given by the company and phone patrons will begin paying the new rates on Feb. 1.

Evangelical Methodist Church Slates Program On Christmas Eve

A Christmas program will be rendered at the Evangelical Methodist Church Christmas Eve, beginning at 6:30.

Readings will be given by Baylis Pope, Joe Pope, Linda Queen, Walter Pope, Bill Queen, Sylvia Morris, Lovinda Morris, Mrs. Jess Swinney, W. A. Morris and possibly other visitors.

Bill Pope will read the scripture and Rev. A. C. Halsell will bring the Christmas message. Young people of the church will render a special song.

A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend.

W. W. Everett Buried In Cisco Thursday

Warren Walter Everett, 79 year old retired grocer, died at his home in Cisco Wednesday, December 15, after being seriously ill since Thanksgiving.

Mr. Everett was born in Newton County, Miss., on November 2, 1875. For 23 years he lived in Putnam where he was associated with a brother in the operation of grocery stores there and in Cottonwood. He moved to Cisco in 1945 where he lived until 1949 when he moved to San Antonio. Two years ago he returned to Cisco to make his home. He was married to Miss Lola Pate at Cottonwood, December 20, 1899.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday at Wylie Funeral Chapel in Cisco with Elder C. L. Casey of the Primitive Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery.

Survivors are his wife of Cisco; three daughters, Mrs. Floyd Coffey, Stephenville, formerly of Cross Plains, Mrs. Clarence Nordyke, Ozona, and Mrs. Neal Moore, Cisco; a son, W. P. Everett, San Antonio; three brothers, W. A. Everett, Putnam, Levi Everett, Comanche, and Charlie Everett, Albuquerque, New Mex.; a sister, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Billy Buzbee Listed On Scholastic Honor Roll At Arlington State College

Arlington.—Billy Lewis Buzbee, Route 2, Cross Plains, was listed among the 154 Arlington State College enrollees named to the scholastic honor roll for the first half of the fall semester, Registrar B. C. Barnes of ASC has announced.

The honor list, largest ever recorded at Arlington State, is drawn from an enrollment of approximately 2,300 students.

Billy graduated from Cross Plains high school in June 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Plumlee Parents Of 7 Pound Son

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Plumlee of Portland are parents of a seven pound 2 ounce baby boy born Wednesday, December 15, in a Corpus Christi Hospital. The baby has been named Eldon Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Moore and Mrs. Zola Plumlee of Cross Plains and Ike Plumlee of Pioneer are the grandparents. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hargrove, and Mrs. J. A. Moore of Cross Plains and Mrs. V. M. Plumlee of Pioneer and Mrs. Joe Buzbee of Rising Star are the great-great-grandparents.

1955 Buffalo Football Schedule Now Complete

Coach James Alexander announced this week that the Buffalo football schedule for next year is now complete with the Buffs scheduled to play five non-conference games and five conference tilts.

He stated also that the District 7-A Committee voted the Class B Gorman Panthers into the district.

The Buffs open their season schedule here on Sept. 2 when they meet the Baird Bears in a non-conference game. First conference game will be against the Gorman team there on Oct. 14.

Homecoming game has been set for Nov. 11 when the Buffaloes will be hosts to the Eastland Mavericks.

Here is the complete schedule:

- Sept. 2—Baird, here.
- Sept. 9—Roscoe, here.
- Sept. 16—Santa Anna, there.
- Sept. 23—Coleman, there.
- Sept. 30—Clyde, there.
- Oct. 7—Open.
- Oct. 14—Gorman, there.
- Oct. 21—Wylie, here.
- Oct. 28—Ranger, here.
- Nov. 4—Rising Star, there.
- Nov. 11—Eastland, here.

Nimrod Farmer Dies At Cisco Thursday

David M. Robinson, 93, a long-time resident of the Nimrod community, died Thursday afternoon, December 16, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Williams.

Funeral services were held at the Nimrod Baptist Church Friday at 3 p.m. under the direction of the Rev. Mart Agnew. Burial was made in the Nimrod Cemetery.

Mr. Robinson was a farmer in the Nimrod community. He was born on January 17, 1861, in Tennessee. His wife preceded him in death on Nov. 24.

His survivors are a son, Alex, Cisco; two daughters, Mrs. Clifford Wilson of Odessa, and Mrs. Williams of Cisco; nine grandsons, six granddaughters and 49 great-grandchildren.

Arrow Coach Lines Adds 2 New Buses To Fleet

Two new coaches from the Flexible factory in Loudonville, Ohio, were delivered last week to Brownwood headquarters of Arrow Coach Lines and are now in operation.

The first departed shortly after 11 a.m. Tuesday for Abilene and the other left at 2 p.m. for Austin. The 35-passenger buses are 1955 models and are powered by Buick designed engines of 200 horsepower.

Luxurious interiors are in gold and maroon colors. The buses are air-conditioned for both summer and winter comfort.

AREA OIL NEWS

Callihan Rotary Co. and E. C. Mahoney of Abilene No. 9 J. P. McCord was completed nine miles west of Cross Plains as a producer in the A. C. Scott (Cross Plains Sand) Field. It is in T. H. Brown Survey 218.

Daily potential was 60 barrels of 42 gravity oil through a 5-64-inch choke with 425 pounds on casing and 150 on tubing. Flow was from 24 perforations at 1,828-34 feet. Casing was set at 1,856 feet, total depth. Potential was based on a 24-hour test.

R. W. Brown of Abilene filed request to deepen to 4,100 feet his No. 1 J. A. Heysler, wildcat six miles south of Putnam originally slated for 3,000 feet. It spots 330 feet from the north and east lines of Section 23, BOA Survey.

T. A. Kirk and H. L. Neeb of Abilene staked location one and one-half miles northeast of Burkett for a 2,500-foot rotary wildcat.

It will be No. 1 O. L. McKinney, spotting 3,200 feet from the North and 1,950 feet from the West lines of A. White Survey 161.

Announced for the regular field 2 1-2 miles east of Cross Cut was General American Oil Co. of Texas No. 1 B-4 Toston-A.

Having a proposed depth of 1,300 feet with rotary it spots 357 feet from the north and 1,800 feet from the west lines of W. B. Smith Survey 155.

R. W. Brown of Abilene has announced three new projects for the A. C. Scott (Cross Plains Sand) Field 10 miles west of Cross Plains. All have proposed depths of 1,990 feet with combination tools. They are on the Hadden Payne lease.

No. 3-B Payne spots 835 feet from the west and 1,825 feet from the north lines of Block 3, T. H. Brown Survey 218. Site for No. 4-B Payne is 330 feet from the south and 835 feet from the west lines of Block 3. Brown No. 4-A Payne is located 835 feet from the west and 1,165 feet from the north lines of Block 3.

Completed in that same field was Harding Brothel, Dallas, No. 2 J. L. Payne, P. H. Cummings Survey 214.

Daily potential was 92 barrels of 42 gravity oil, flowing through a 14-64-inch choke with 390 pounds on casing and 180 pounds tubing pressure. Production is from 24 perforations at 1,779-83 feet. Casing is set on bottom at 1,843 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 351-1.

W. A. Crutchmer left Friday for Okmulgee, Okla., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark Daniel and daughter of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warren of Baird visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill, Sunday.

Community Christmas Tree Party to be Staged Here Tonight; Santa Will Distribute Goodies

Hey, kids, don't forget . . . Santa Claus will be in Cross Plains tonight (Thursday) at the big community Christmas tree party which will start with an entertaining program at 7:00 p.m.

According to Geo. Neel, general chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas committee, everything is in readiness for the annual

Two Cross Plains Men In Army Exercises

Fort Hood—Two Army men from Cross Plains, Tex., recently participated in Clover Leaf I, the first of a series of staff planning exercises for commanders of major Army, National Guard, and Organized Reserve Units in the Fourth Army area at Fort Hood, Texas.

The are: Cpl. John K. Falkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry V. Falkner, radio operator with Headquarters and Service Company; and Pfc. Clarence M. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Star Route, a jeep driver with Company D.

Both men are members of the 1st Armored Division's 702d Armored Infantry Battalion, which prepared an area and provided supplies for the exercise.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Long and Donald Charles of Snyder were here over the week end visiting relatives.

party and a real evening of excellent entertainment is in store for all who attend.

Santa Claus will be present and will distribute bags of candy, fruits and nuts to all the children present. He advised the committee that his helpers had sacked over 700 bags of goodies for the party so that every child will receive one.

Excellent Program

W. W. King and J. M. Greenwood, co-chairmen for the program, stated that an excellent program has been arranged.

The Buffalo Band, under the direction of King, will open the program with a Christmas concert and singers of the community will render a number of Christmas carols. Chairman Greenwood stated that there will be several special numbers, including solos and quartets.

The Chamber of Commerce Goodfellows will make their deliveries to needy families Thursday morning.

For the convenience of shoppers, a number of local stores will remain open until the program starts.

Main street, from the bank corner to the city hall, will be roped off so there will be plenty of room for everyone to get near enough to hear and enjoy the festivities. Come one, come all, to Cross Plains tonight (Thursday).

Buffaloes Place 3 On Official All-District Football Team

Announcement was made here this week by the District Committee of Football District 7-A, in which first and second All-District football teams were named by the players and coaches and the Cross Plains Buffaloes placed three players on all-district team, one on second all-district team and five members of the Buffalo squad received honorable mention.

First Team
Ends: C. Eyatt, Eastland, and Johnny Kniffen, Clyde; tackles: Leiland Robinson, Wylie, and Bob Phillips, Cross Plains; guards, Carl McCord, Cross Plains, and W. Reed, Dublin; centers: tie between J. Cowen, Dublin, and Vernon Walker, Rising Star; backs: Gene Cook, Clyde, Jerry Foster, Cross Plains, Jerry Daniels, Dublin, and Albert "Genkie" Beyer, Wylie. Gene Cook and Genkie Beyer were unanimous all-district choices.

Second Team
Ends: D. Strube, Dublin, Derrell Long, Wylie; tackles: Doyle Edminston, Rising Star, and Murry

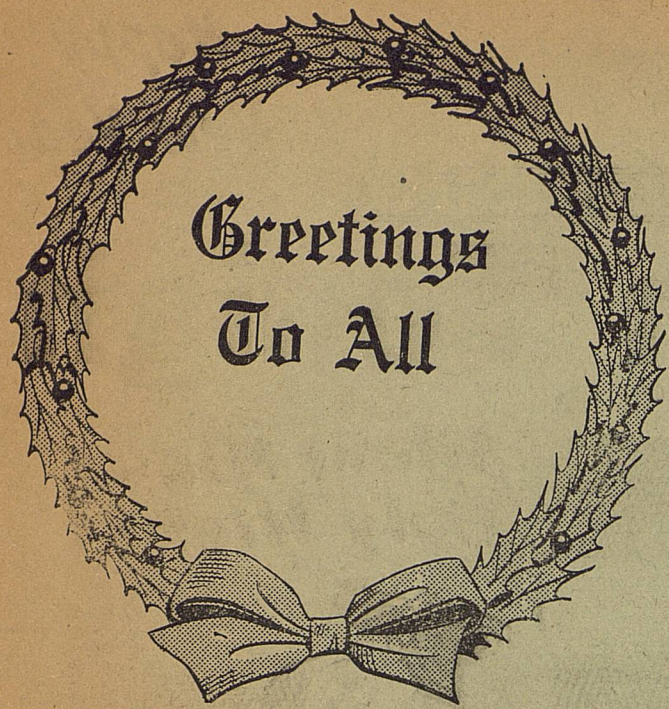
McMurry, Clyde; guards; Jimmy Crenshaw, Wylie, and Lupe Herrera, Eastland; center: Ford Farr, Wylie; backs: B. Shaffer, Dublin, B. Upchurch, Eastland, David Jennings, Cross Plains, and Bert Agnew, Rising Star.

Honorable Mention

Ends: H. Gilbrath, Dublin, Jon Scott, Wylie, Howard Walker, Rising Star, John Cole, Clyde, Jim McDonald, Cross Plains, L. Smith, Eastland, and Billy Kirkham, Cross Plains.

Tackles: L. Tankersley, Eastland, H. Bradbury, Dublin, Bob Ray, Wylie, Vernon Baum, Cross Plains, and Edwin Schaefer, Rising Star.

Guards: Terry Watkins, Cross Plains, D. Tatum, Dublin, Bill Patton, Clyde, and Charles Johnson, Wylie.
Backs: Eddie Harding, Rising Star, Bill Sipes, Cross Plains, Lynn South, Wylie, Freddy Hamilton, Wylie, Wesley Moore, Rising Star, Jon Scott, Wylie, and Homer Robinson, Cross Plains.



FROZEN FOOD LOCKER

Lindsey Tyson & T. T. Nichols



Lora Simpkins

TB Hospital Patient Giving Christmas New Meaning This Year

By Helen Colburn

Austin—Christmas, somehow, has taken on a new meaning this year. A gallant girl in a hospital bed 250 miles away is giving it a special glow.

Out in McKnight Sanatorium, near San Angelo, a very short time ago Lora Simpkins' life hung on the outcome of a hazardous lung operation. The odds were fairly heavy that she wouldn't see this Christmas dawn.

But she will—and that is what makes Christmas, 1954, different. Lora is just one of thousands of Texans who have TB, but to this erstwhile occupant of a newsdesk her audacious defiance of the deadly bacillus has made her a sort of symbol for all of them.

With Lora it isn't borrowed courage either. Tuberculosis has taken seven years out of her life. It hit when she was 21 and she has cheerfully refused to observe a birthday since then.

There have been times in those seven years that she appeared well on the road to recovery and a normal life only to find the tough

little bug gaining the upper hand again.

She's had the works in medical treatment. Bed rest, surgery, miracle drugs, pneumotherapy. To some of these measures she responded with marked improvement—for a time.

And every time her hopes of health were dashed, she shrugged off the disappointment, refused to admit defeat.

Perhaps it is that innate fortitude—or maybe it is just the way she screens it with a rapier with—

Whatever it is, and without any effort of her own, Lora became the emblem for this writer's personal quarrel with tuberculosis and what it does to Texans.

Late last year she was making such strides toward recovery she was allowed limited activity, part of which was editing the hospital paper.

Then came bad news. Lora wasn't doing so well. She was back on strict bed rest. Eventually the only alternative appeared—more surgery. She'd been there before. She knew the odds. But she sent a cheerful reassurance along to the Texas TB Association where her bubbling good humor has sparked a wealth of anecdotes.

they say, she wagered her doctor a steak dinner that she would be well enough for medical discharge in six months. It was by no means that simple.

For two days and a night the issue was in doubt.

Then came the heart-warming news, "Lora made it. She is going to live."

That was mid-November but somehow the words had the song of Christmas bells.

Last week Lora was sitting up in bed, and although breathing with difficulty, was helping direct plans for a pageant of The Nativity she wrote last year.

And somewhere in the hospital Christmas program, with the inimitable Lora touch, there will appear her flippant parody of a familiar Yuletide classic. It begins, "Twas the night before Christmas in Dorm Number 10 . . ." Christmas? It's wonderful!

The high cost of living causes a man to sprint occasionally to keep up with his running expenses.

Half the people who preach preparedness don't have a cent laid up for a rainy day.

Don't depend on luck unless you are willing to work hard to bring it your way.



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May we extend to you and yours our best wishes for a joyous Christmas Season.



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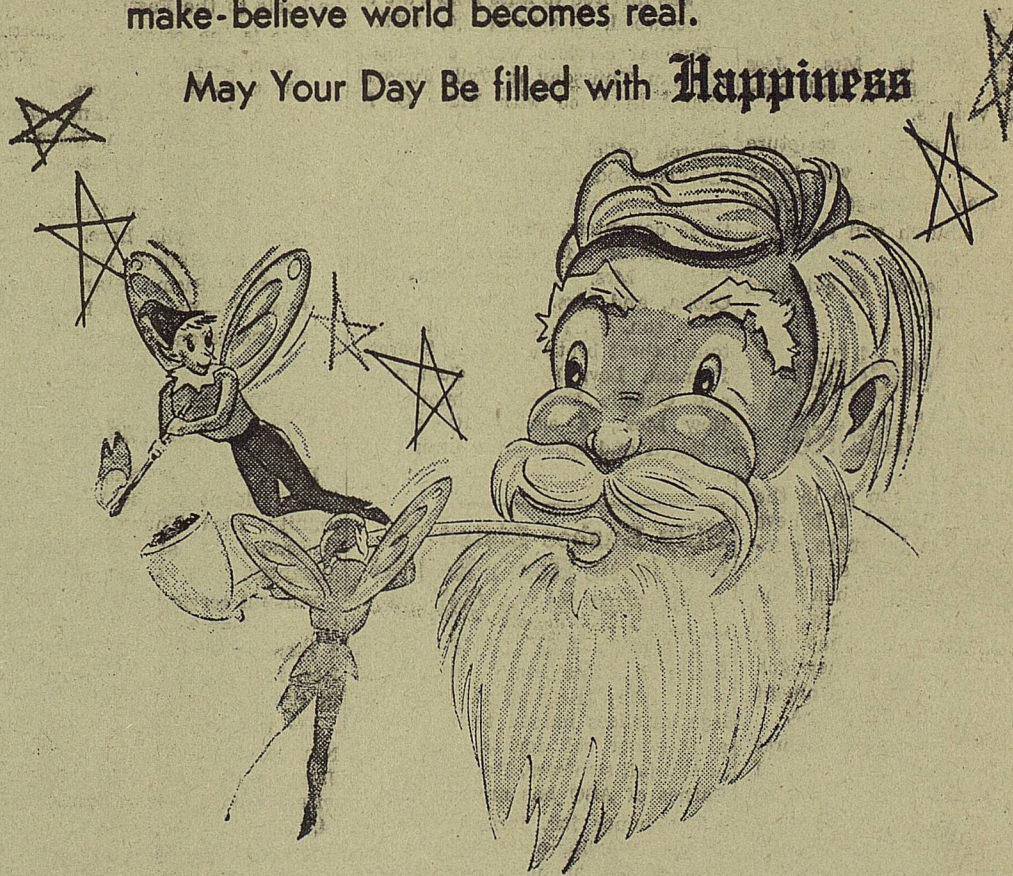
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Season's Greetings

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Corrie Neithercutt
District Clerk

J. L. Farmer
County Judge

Mrs. Johnie Robinson
County Clerk

Hazel Reynolds
County Treasurer

L. C. Cash
County Superintendent

Claude Foster
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Bert Brown
Precinct Constable



A train-load of good wishes for this holiday season.

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Autin—A Texas Supreme Court labor dispute ruling in an El Paso case may clear up a two year old strike situation in Port Arthur.

Reversing a prior decision, the court ruled that state courts have jurisdiction in cases similar to the Port Arthur one.

No state action in the coast town had been taken because of an earlier court ruling that jurisdiction lay with federal courts under Taft-Hartley legislation.

Strikes there were organized by out-of-state groups. The original

union responsible. Distributing, Processing, and Office Workers of America, was thrown out of the CIO after charges of being communist-led. The strike continued under a CIO local.

The El Paso case responsible for the new ruling was that of Whitfield Transportation, Inc., vs Truck Drivers, Chauffers, Warehousemen and Helpers Local No. 941.

Political Speculation
Austin political guessing this week centered on Senator Price Daniel and conservative Demo planning for the 1956 national convention.

Daniel's statement that he might try for the governorship in 1956 had some observers speculating as to a secret plan between the senator and Governor Allan Shivers to "swap jobs."

Two national magazines predicted that both would resign with Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey stepping into the governor's position to appoint Shivers to the Senate, then withdrawing so Daniel could run for governor.

"Experts" watching convention planning said that conservative Demos were discussing ways to prevent a liberal faction from throwing out the Shivers-sponsored delegation at the 1956 convention.

The plan would provide for Texas delegates to be named through a state-wide election which, if showing a pro-Shivers majority, would eliminate any contesting delegation.

More Money

Money problems continued as the chief worry of legislators who in January will see demands for \$66 million more than present revenues will yield.

Jerry Sadler, back in the legislature after a long layoff from politics, said he'd boost a beer tax increase and a penny jump in gasoline sales tax to solve the problems.

Legislators also got notice of a Texas Research League request for two changes in school financing. It suggested to the State Educational Board that:

1. State school aid be allocated entirely on an attendance basis.
2. A special \$100 annual teaching unit payment be eliminated because it upsets a legislative goal of having the state pay 80 percent of the school program.

Probation Officers

Trained and paid probation officers to help courts handle juvenile cases are needed, says District Judge J. Harris Gardner of Austin.

Gardner said only 33 of the state's 254 counties have probation officers and that a judge shouldn't be asked to "meet juvenile problems" without an adequate staff to help children stay out of trouble.

Turnpike Bids

Texas Turnpike Authority members, considering ways of financing state toll roads, have looked at a similar Oklahoma problem.

Deciding to handle the financing through bond issues, Oklahoma sold \$68 million in bonds for construction of a toll road section from Tulsa to the state line at Joplin, Mo.

Bonds were sold at the high interest rate of \$3.8108.

No bidders have turned up for two other sections, one from Oklahoma City to the Kansas line, and the other to the Texas line north of Wichita Falls.

Low Rainfall

Average rainfall over Texas was 50 percent of normal during November, the State Board of Water Engineers reported.

Austin Jobs

Austin is faced with its greatest employment boom of all time, says the local Texas Employment Commission office.

TEC reports listed 63,165 persons employed on non-farm jobs and estimated that total employment, now at 69,670, would be even greater in February.

Public Welfare

Expenses of providing for old age assistance, and aid to the blind and dependent children are increasing for the state because of the drought.

Public Welfare Director John H. Winters said old age assistance applications were up 5 percent over 1953 and that demands from all three groups were steadily increasing.

Insurance Group

Insurance companies operating in the state have formed "The Insurance Federation of Texas" to promote public relations and legislation for the industry.

However, members expressed dissatisfaction that representatives of many large firms were not present.

Hi-Y

Texas Hi-Y youths meeting in Austin for the annual government-for-a-day session passed a bill to abolish racial segregation in public schools over a 7-day period.

More than 400 high school students took part in the un-official legislative meet, set up by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Steele of Coleman visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ingram Wednesday night and Thursday of last week.

Dear Santa,

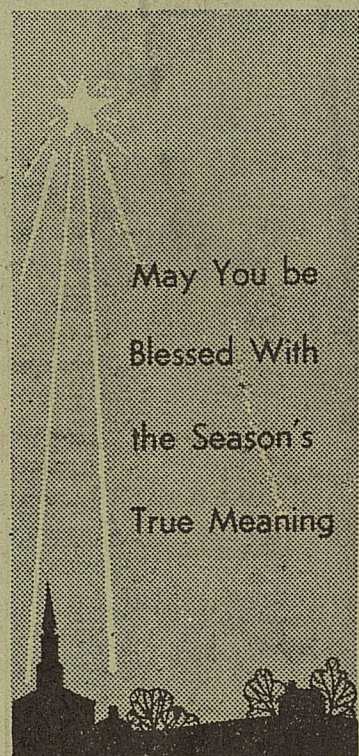
I am a little girl five years old. I would like a baby doll with some bottles and a set of dishes. Be sure and don't forget the other little boys and girls. Thanks a lot Santa.

Your friend
Peggy Erwin

Christmas Peace

be yours during this wonderful season.

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Silent Night Holy Night!



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Dave Lee's Service Station



May your Christmas be one of great joy.

Geo. Hutchins' Magnolia Service Station



It Doesn't Seem Long...

Christmas comes, is enjoyed and is gone. This old world spins and whirls awhile, events come and pass and then first thing you know, why it's time for that festive season again. It seems only yesterday that we were wrapping presents and wishing everyone a Joyous Holiday. That time is here again, so here's our wish for a Merry Christmas.

S. N. Foster & Son Grocery



It's the same old wish but it is sincere. We thank you for your patronage and hope your Holiday Season is a joyous one.

CALLAHAN COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.



Boyd-Coggin Wedding Vows Exchanged At San Angelo Recently

The Harris and Irving Church of Christ in San Angelo was the scene of a wedding ceremony performed recently to unite Miss Betty Ann Boyd and Ervis Gail Coggin.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boyd of San Angelo and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coggin of Cross Plains.

Harrison Mathews, minister of the church, performed the ceremony. Musicians were Misses L. V. Richardson and Bonda Gail Boyd.

For her wedding costume, the bride wore a dress of white nylon tulle over satin with a chantilly lace bolero. Her veil of white nylon tulle was attached to a sequin and pearl headress. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

Miss Ann Bledsoe, maid of honor, wore a ballerina-length frock of pink taffeta and net, with a pink net headress. Her flowers were white carnations. A similar costume in blue was worn by the bridesmaid, Miss Melba Jean Taylor of Hamilton.

Clyde Coggin acted as best man for his brother, Joe Wallace, John Poss and Jimmy Myrick were ushers. Candles were lighted by Mr. Poss and Mr. Wallace.

A postnuptial reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Poss. Miss Bobbie Gordon presided at the punch service and Mrs. Poss served cake. Guests were registered by Mrs. W. E. Martin, sister of the bridegroom.

When the newlyweds left for a wedding trip to New Mexico, Mrs. Coggin was wearing a gray suit with orange accessories.

A graduate of San Angelo high school, the bride is now employed at the City Hall in San Angelo. Mr. Coggin, affiliated with the Robert M. Bass Drilling Co. in San Angelo, is a 1951 graduate of Cross Plains high school. He played football on the Buffalo squad for four year as guard and line backer and was on the team that went to bi-district play in 1951. He attended San Angelo Junior College.

The couple are at home at 14 N. Monroe St., San Angelo.

Fred Stacy returned home Tuesday from Fort Worth where he visited relatives several days.

Mrs. Darwin Anderson and Vanda and Mrs. Ben Atwood, June and Jo, visited in Albany Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edington and girls.



Greetings

To all our customers this holiday season.

1954

CROSS PLAINS PLUMBING
SAM HILL, Owner and Operator



The air is filled with the sweet music of carolers, the ringing of bells, the merry voices of children and friendly greeting from friend to friend. To this harmonious medley we add our sincere greeting to you, our many friends and patrons, A Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year.

Gilmore Automotive Service

Social Security



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Ed. Note: This is another in a series of informational articles prepared by Raleigh R. Tuley, Jr., manager of the Abilene district office).

And now for some further details on the disability determination mentioned in one of our earlier articles in this series, the following is presented.

The amended act also provides for the preservation of the benefit rights of the totally disabled. Under this provision a worker's earnings record can be "frozen" and he will not suffer a reduction in or loss of his benefit rights because of an extended period of no earnings due to total and prolonged disability. To be eligible for a "disability freeze" a worker must have acquired at least five years of covered work out of the last ten years before the disability began, of which at least 1 1-2 years must have been in the 3-year period before his disability occurred.

The disability must be medically determined by the State vocational rehabilitation agency or another appropriate State agency by agreement with the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. No application for the "disability freeze" may be accepted by the Social Security Administration before January 1, 1955. Tuley emphasized that this provision will not pay cash benefits during disability, before the worker attains age 65, but may serve to increase the benefits payable after 65. The disability must have lasted at least six months before action can be taken to establish the period of disability.

While a period of disability ends

Village Inn Employees Enjoy Christmas Party

Employees of the Village Inn held their Christmas Party Monday night, December 20, at the Cafe.

After gifts were exchanged, ribbon sandwiches, fruit cake and coffee was served to the following: Mrs. H. B. Baxter and Sylvia, Mrs. Jackie Davidson, Mrs. W. L. Brva., Mrs. Mollie McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Carter and Maggie, Mrs. Myrtle Wiseman, Mrs. Mickie Dillard, Mrs. George Jowers and Micky, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Teague, Mrs. C. W. Proctor, John Whiteside and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mayes and Billy.

Mrs. W. C. McDowell and son, Ricky, of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCoy.

for social security purposes at age 65, Tuley pointed out that disabled persons already over that age and now getting benefit payments may have their benefits refigured to exclude that portion of their periods of disability which occurred before age 65, if they meet the requirements given above. Increases in benefits under the disability provision become effective after June 1955.



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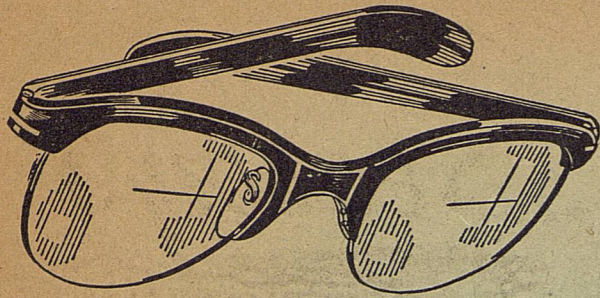
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ATWELL NEWS

By Mrs. Alton Tatom

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster were in Fort Worth Friday night to meet Mrs. Charles Egge and children of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Egge is Mrs. Foster's sister.

Shirley Sessions of Cisco Junior College and Edgar Sessions of Midland were home over the week end. Sheri Morgan visited Lynette Hutchins Sunday.

There was a large crowd out Sunday night to hear Rev. W. M. E. Carrington, a retired colored Baptist preacher from Brownwood.

Bobby Hutchins spent Sunday with Jay Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatom of Cross Plains visited Alton Tuesday night. They also visited in the Roy Neil Tatom home and with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weeks are here from Tankersley to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bra-shear.

Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Byrd at Cross Cut Friday.

ROWDEN NEWS

By Velda Crow

Several of the people in the community went to various homes in the community and sang Christmas carols.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin and family over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Chief Horner and children of Abilene.

There are several people in our community sick with colds and sore throats.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smedley and family of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blakely of Baird visited Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley Saturday.

Mrs. B. Crow and Thelda visited Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cutbirth and other relatives in Clyde Monday.

SABANNO NEWS

By Mrs. Edwin Erwin

A Community Christmas tree and program will be held at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday night, December 22. Everyone has a welcome to come be with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Webb and children of Cisco visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Switzer of Abilene visited with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Switzer, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Myers and boys were visiting in Richland Springs and San Saba Sunday.

Mrs. Wordis Erwin and Peggy visited her mother, Mrs. P. C. Larkin of Rising Star, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McCann visited with Mr. and Mrs. Truett Dawkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Egge and children of Philadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erwin and children of Hobbs, New Mex., are visiting with their parents and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Erwin and Mrs. Nathan Foster and family.

Rev. Whitehorn and family were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cumba, Sunday.

S. O. Switzer of Bangs is visiting his son, O. B. Switzer and family here.

Mrs. Naylor and two daughters of Scranton visited with her sister, Mrs. Lee Cumba, Sunday.

We are having more televisions in our community, Mrs. Armstrong and Alma have one, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King also have a new one. Wasn't Santa good to them?

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner of our community, who is a victim of polio, is in a critical condition in a hospital in Dallas. We are anxiously waiting to hear more of her condition.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Vickie Illingworth, year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Illingworth of this city, was admitted to a Gorman hospital Sunday where she received treatment for intestinal flu.

W. W. Smith is reported to be seriously ill in the Rising Star Hospital suffering from a stroke.

Henry Fox was carried to the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring Sunday in a Higginbotham Ambulance.

Mrs. D. S. Jennings, mother of Mrs. D. C. Lee of this city, was admitted to the Rising Star Hospital Friday for medical care and Wednesday her condition was believed to be slightly improved. Mrs. Jennings has been at the home of her daughter here for the past two months.

Mrs. C. H. Dawson was moved from Dallas to her home here Saturday in a Higginbotham ambulance. Mrs. Dawson has been ill for sometime and has been receiving medical care in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Pierce of Cisco visited here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pierce.

Sew and So Club Enjoys Christmas Party In Home Of Mrs. H. A. Young

Mrs. H. A. Young was hostess for the Sew and So Club Christmas party at her home December 15.

Mrs. Mack Campbell, club president, was in charge of the business meeting. Minutes were read and old and new business was discussed, and plans made for future activities of the club.

Following an hour of recreation, gifts were exchanged and handed from a beautifully decorated tree by little Cindy and Vickie Hickman. The real Christmas spirit was demonstrated when each lady opened her package to find who her gift was from.

Mrs. Young passed a refreshment plate to the fifteen members and one visitor, Mrs. James Hickman.

After expressing their thanks to Mrs. Young for a lovely party, the club adjourned to meet January 5 in the home of Mrs. A. D. Petty.

Those present were Mmes. Richard Thompson, A. D. Petty, Z. W. McClellan, Geo. B. Scott, Howard Coburn, Kate Womack, Wilbur Williams, Clyde Walker, C. D. Lane, Marvin Smith, W. J. Carpenter, L. W. Westerman, Mack Campbell, Craig McNeel, James Hickman and Vickie and Cindy.

Bishop H. A. Boaz On Humble TV Next Week

As a rule, men celebrating their 88th birthday anniversary aren't very active. But that general rule doesn't apply to retired Methodist Bishop Hiram A. Boaz of Dallas. To get films of the Bishop's recent anniversary celebration and some background films, cameramen had to trail the fast-moving Bishop from Dallas to several other Texas cities. These films knitted together make an interesting feature next week on the Humble Company's TV program, Texas in Review.

The program will also include films of caged birds valued at \$500,000 being exhibited in Houston, a group of San Antonio orphans visiting the Milk Bowl football game in Kerrville, Col. Homer Garrison of the State Department of Public Safety being honored at a banquet, and a profile of ex-Texas University football player Hugh Wolfe, now a successful Mineral Wells businessman.

Texas in Review can be seen Monday (Dec. 27) on KRBC-TV, Abilene at 8:00 p.m.

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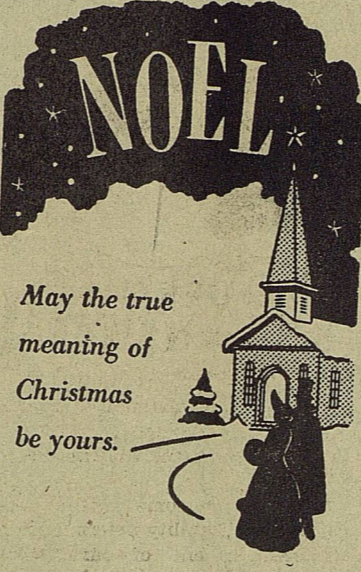
Greetings!

To our many friends and customers we extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We will be closed Saturday & Sunday so that our employees may spend the Holiday week-end with their families.

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NOTICE

To All Patrons Of Kizer Telephone Company:

The City Council of Cross Plains, meeting in regular session here Dec. 21, 1954, granted the Kizer Telephone Company an Interim increase in rates effective February 1, 1955, and a further rate increase contingent upon the installation of a dial system.

The Interim rates allowed by the Council ordinance are as follows:

CLASS OF SERVICE	MONTHLY RATE
Business — 1 — Party	\$6.50
Extension	1.50
Residence — 1 — Party	4.00
2 — Party	3.00
Extensions	1.00

Equipment for the new dial system will soon begin arriving. The dial switchboard has been ordered and is scheduled for delivery in February. The new dial system for Cross Plains should be in operation by early or middle summer. We confidently expect it will be in operation earlier.

The new dial system will give Cross Plains a telephone service comparable with that of any large city. The new system will cost a lot of money—upwards of \$200,000.

The rates which Cross Plains is now paying for telephone service are too low to justify dial service, much lower than those charged in other towns. In order to give our patrons first class telephone service, we must have rates comparable with the cost.

Therefore, effective February 1, interim rates allowed by the City Ordinance will be put into effect. The rates approved for dial system will not be put into effect until the dial system is in operation.

We are confident that our patrons in Cross Plains will understand the necessity for this increase and that they will approve the improvement in the service which is being made possible by such a large investment of money.

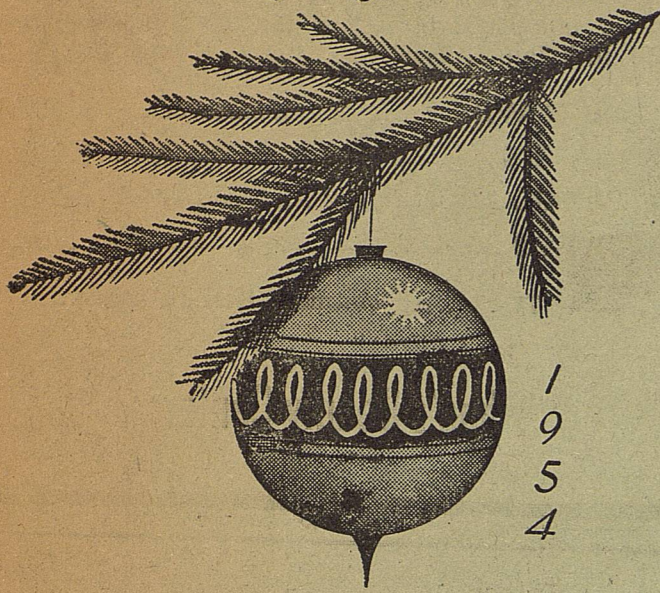
Kizer Telephone Co., Inc.

E. O. KIZER, President

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walking doll and some
candy and nuts.
Ella Sue Duncan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a knife and a gun, some
nuts and candy.
Donny Duncan

In the Tradition of All
Christmas Goodness,
we greet you . . .



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McGARY SERVICE STATION
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Most Federal Civilian Employees To Have Compensation Protection

The Texas Employment Commission announced today that on and after January 1, 1955, all federal civilian employees, with certain minor exceptions, will be provided with the protection of the Federal-State unemployment compensation program.

Legislation to provide this extension of coverage was enacted by the 83rd Congress on September 1, 1954. To accomplish this the law-makers added Title XV to the Social Security Act.

Glen McNatt, TEC manager, Abilene, said an agreement had been signed with the Secretary of Labor whereby benefits will be paid to unemployed federal workers through local TEC offices.

Under this agreement, federal service and wages will be used as the basis for paying benefits in the same manner as employment in private industry is now covered by Texas law.

The only difference, McNatt said, is that Uncle Sam will not be a contributing employer but will reimburse Texas for all benefits paid to Federal employees. Federal employees will be paid the same benefits under same conditions as all other workers now protected by Texas' Unemployment Compensation Act, McNatt added.

TEC officials estimate there are about 107,000 federal workers sta-

Louise Falkner Weds Robert Smith In Home Ceremony, Dec. 19

Miss Louise Falkner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Falkner of this city, became the bride of Mr. Robert Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith of Rochelle, Sunday, December 19, at 3 p.m. in the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Falkner, father of the bride, performed the single ring ceremony.

Jerry Smith, brother of the bridegroom, was best man and Miss Mamie Foster of this city was bridesmaid.

The bride wore a light blue taffeta dress with light blue and charcoal accessories. Something new was her dress, something borrowed was her rhinestone necklace and ear screws, and something blue, her dress.

After a short wedding trip the couple are making their home in Cross Plains where he is employed.

Attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Tol Roberts and Mrs. Tobe Smith all of Rochelle; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts, Linda and Freddie of Richland Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Falkner and children of Brownwood.

tioned in Texas at the present time. This represents about 42 percent of the 2,350,000 civilians now on the Federal payroll.

Oddly enough, the greatest concentration of federal employees is not in Washington, D. C., as might be expected, but in California where 250,000 men and women receive their paychecks from Uncle Sam. More than 30 percent of all federal workers are accounted for by California, Washington, D. C. (with 243,000) and New York (with 199,000).

However, not all federal employees are eligible for unemployment compensation. Coverage is restricted to civilian service performed for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, independent agencies and corporations owned wholly by the United States.

Not included in the program are elective officials, members of the armed forces, foreign service personnel, contract or fee basis employees, dollar-a-year men, emergency or temporary employees, those employed in the American maritime and certain other types of federal employment.

Federal workers who are unemployed on or after January 1, 1955, may apply for benefits at any of the 78 local offices of the Texas Employment Commission.

Mrs. Mac Copplager, Mrs. Darwin Anderson and Vanda, and Mrs. Ben Atwood and June visited in Coleman Friday afternoon.

Rule Couple Announce Birth Of Seven Pound Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Falkner of Rule are the proud parents of a six pound 15 ounce baby boy born December 14. He has been named Ronald Gene.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Falkner of Cross Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. Conder of Rule are the maternal grandparents.

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Mrs. Mary Wagner and Dick visited in Abilene Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Cutbirth and Mrs. Fred Tunnell were visiting in Abilene Monday.

Mrs. J. R. Starnater of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Richardson of Coleman visited in the Clyde Sims home Sunday.

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Miss Anna Belle Harrell and Mrs. Ruby Copeland visited in Coleman Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Moore entertained her children with a Christmas dinner Sunday, Dec. 19. Attending were J. L. Moore, Abilene; James and Gerald Moore, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moore and Mrs. Louise Adderholt, Mrs. Dave Smith and B. A. and Pat Moore, Cross Plains, and Mr. and Mrs. Loftin Bragg, Kaye, Judy and Dinah, of Kermit.

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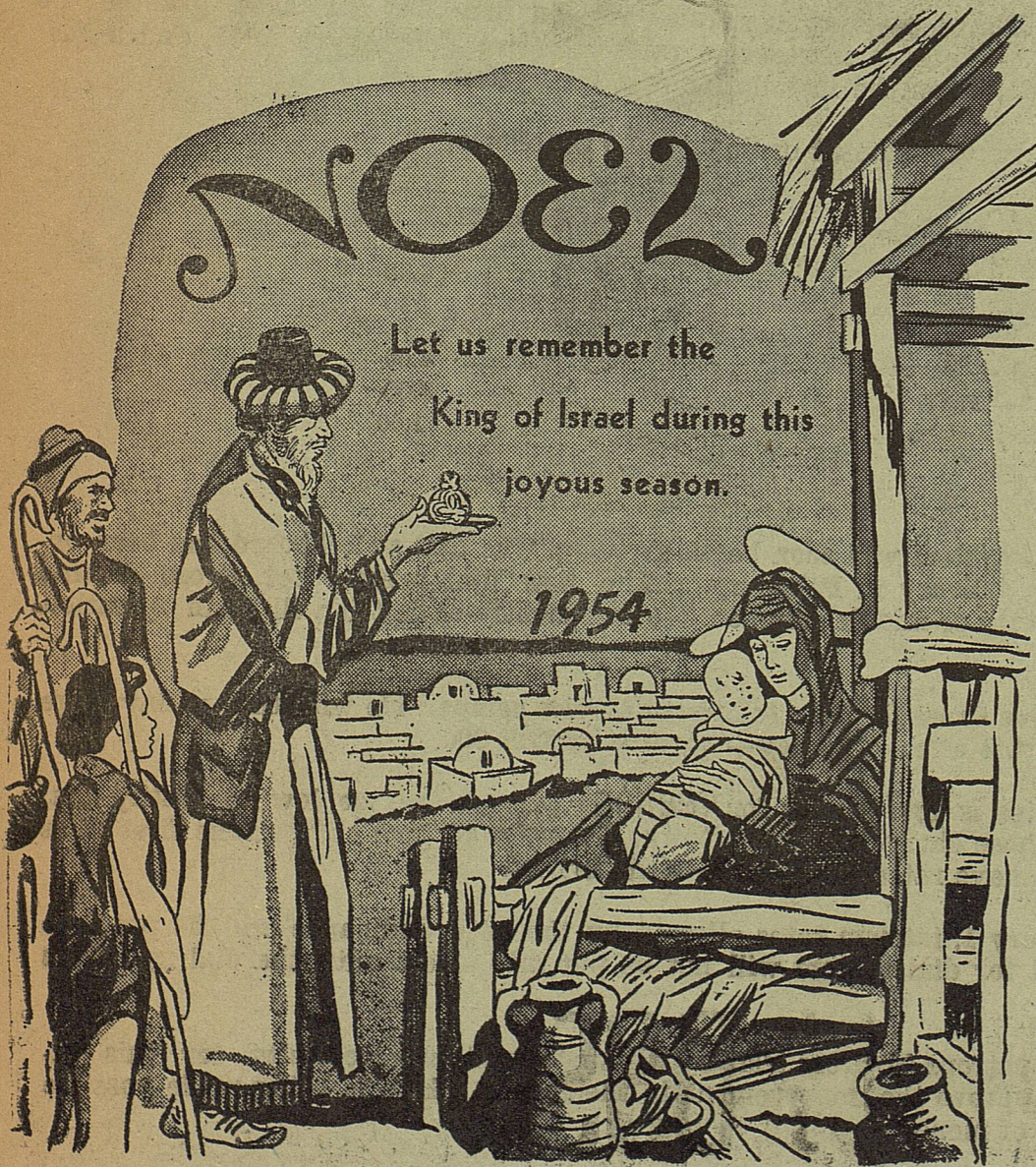


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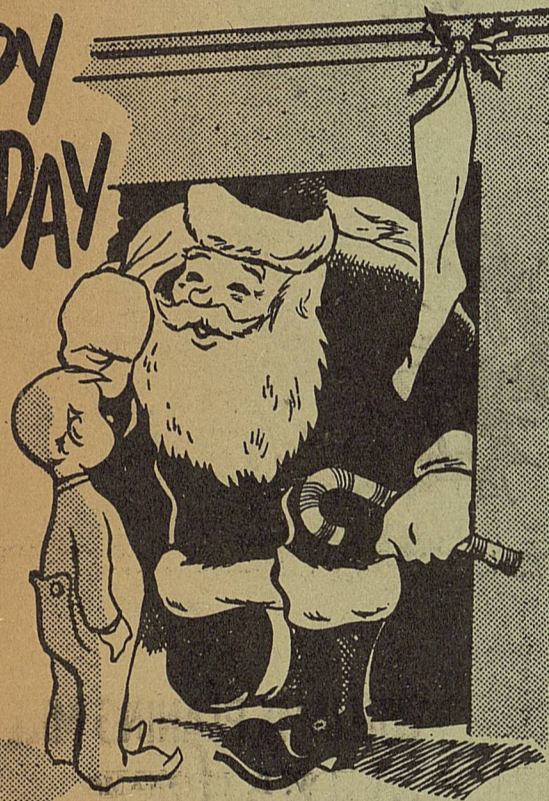


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this
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THE WISE MEN WHO FOLLOWED A STAR

In the country far to the east of Judah there lived some wise men who studied the stars. One night they discovered a new star in the sky, one that they had never seen before. And God caused them to know by this star that Christ, the promised King of the Jews, had been born.

These wise men feared God, and they wished to see the child whom he had sent to be the Savior of the world. They supposed that the Jews must be very happy because God had at last sent to them the King he had promised.

Because these wise men were rich, they planned at once to make the long journey to Judah and bring precious gifts to the new-born King. Then they would worship him as their Savior.

For many days they traveled across the sandy desert, and at last they came to the fertile country where the Jews lived. They hurried on to the city of Jerusalem; for they expected to find the wonderful child living in the most beautiful place in all the land. And surely Jerusalem, the famous city of the Jews, would be the most beautiful place.

Herod, the man whom the emperor of Rome had set up over the land of Judah, was living in Jerusalem at that time. He was surprised when these strangers, riding camels, came into his city and asked, "Where is the child that is born King of the Jews? We have seen his star in the far east country, and have come to worship him." Herod had heard nothing about this new-born King, and he was troubled. What could this mean? He wondered. And even the rich people in Jerusalem were puzzled, too. They had heard nothing about Jesus.

No doubt the wise men were disappointed when they found that the rulers of Jerusalem knew nothing about the birth of the Savior. Perhaps they feared that they might have been mistaken, after all. But they waited anxiously while Herod called the chief priests and the scribes and asked them where the Savior should be born.

Now the chief priests and scribes were the men who read the books that the prophets had written long ago, and they understood that Christ should be born in Bethlehem. This they told to the excited Herod, and he called the wise men and told them that they should look for the child in Bethlehem.

Herod had been troubled, because he did not want Jesus to become the King of the Jews. He thought this new-born King would take away his throne, and he wished to be king himself. But he did not let the wise men know about his troubled feelings. He called them and asked very politely when they had first seen this unusual star in the east, and they told him. Then he urged them to hurry on to Bethlehem and search diligently to find the child. "When you have found him," said Herod, "bring me word at once, that I too, may go and worship him." And with these words he dismissed them from his presence.

The wise men mounted their camels again and took the south road, leading to Bethlehem. All day they had waited impatiently in Jerusalem, and now the shadows of night were falling over the land. But it would not be a very long ride to the birthplace of the new-born King, and urged on by Herod's words, they hastened to find Jesus. When once outside the city gates, they saw the star, the same beautiful star that had shown so brightly in the east country, moving slowly before them, as if leading them on to the right place. Now they were sure that they had not been mistaken; and they rejoiced greatly, for they believed that God was in this manner trying to help them to find Jesus.

When they reached Bethlehem the star stood still over the place where Mary and Joseph were living. And the wise men knew they had followed the right guide, for here they found the wonderful child of whom the prophets had written. They knelt in humble worship before Him, and then gave to Him the rich treasures that they had brought from their homeland.

God spoke to the wise men in a dream one night while they were in Bethlehem, and warned them not to tell Herod that they had found Jesus. So they returned to their own country by another road, and Herod never saw them again. Not long afterwards an angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph in a dream and said, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I bring word to you to return again; for Herod will seek for Jesus and try to destroy Him."

Joseph rose up at once, and while it was yet dark he took Mary and the baby Jesus and hurried out of Bethlehem. For many days they traveled to the southwest, until they came to the land of Egypt. There they lived until an angel came to tell them that the wicked Herod was dead.

But Herod did not die for some time after the visit of the wise men. He waited long for them to return, bringing him word from Bethlehem as he had commanded them to do. But when many days passed and they did not come, he

began to suspect that they had gone home without telling him of their wonderful discovery in Bethlehem. He believed they had guessed the reason why he had been so eager to see Jesus, and now he was angry because he had missed this opportunity to find the new-born King of the Jews.

Determined to destroy this King of the prophecies, Herod commanded his soldiers to go to Bethlehem and kill every baby there from two years old and younger. Not only to Bethlehem did he send them but to the country place round about. And when this cruel deed was done he believed that he had surely gotten rid of this child whom the wise

men sought to worship. But all the while Jesus was living in safety among the people of Egypt, and fast growing out of his babyhood years. Then the wicked Herod died, and an angel came again to speak to Joseph, telling him to return with his wife and her child to their own land.

Joseph was glad to receive this message from the angel, for he loved to live among his own people. And he started back to Bethlehem. But when he came into Judah he heard that Herod's son was now the ruler of the Jews in Judah, and he feared that this new king might be cruel like his father had been. Because of this fear Joseph journeyed on to Nazareth, in the country of Galilee, where he and Mary had lived before Jesus was born.

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Linda Duncan

Mrs. Verna Mae Ramsey visited in Olney over the week end.



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at this season
and recall Him
in peace
and quiet joy.

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CITY OF CROSS PLAINS

THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CARDS

It doesn't look 100 years old. Crisply fresh and brightly colored, the Christmas card of this season appears more as if it were celebrating its first birthday. Only its numbers indicate a century of growth. For this year more than 1,000,000,000 Christmas cards will have been mailed in the United States alone.

The senders will have spent several million dollars for these cards and for the postage stamps that carry them to their destination. Wives will have worried over forgotten friends or relatives. Husbands will have worried over cards they forgot to mail. And many persons will pause to wonder how the whole thing began.

The honor of originating the first Christmas card goes to an English artist, W. C. Dodson. Just a few

days before Christmas in 1845, he was fretting over the problem of writing Yuletide greetings to his close friends. He wasn't a good writer, but he was a good artist, one of Queen Victoria's favorites. As he sat trying to put some appropriate thoughts on paper, he found himself sketching a Christmas scene. Suddenly he paused and smiled. He threw the paper away, took a piece of cardboard about double the size of a postcard and set to work sketching the first Christmas card. It was a picture and a simple greeting, basically the same as the cards of today.

The origin of the first Christmas card in the United States is misty. Recently a card lithographed by R. H. Pease of Albany, N. Y., was discovered. Pease was in business in that city from 1834 until 1855. Un-

fortunately, this early American Yule greeting bears no date.

The first manufacturer of Christmas cards in America was Louis Prang. Having hurriedly left Germany after the Revolution of 1848, this lithographer came to Roxbury, Mass. There in 1874 he made greeting cards for English customers. The following year he turned to the American trade and soon became mildly famous for his production of cards.

Like the English lithographers, Prang invited the best artists of the day to send him drawings for his cards. He offered \$2,000 in prizes and the competition stirred so much interest that the designs were displayed throughout the country.

In America, as in England, the habit of sending Christmas cards grew steadily. By 1906 it had become as much a part of the holiday season as carols and holly. Meanwhile the cards themselves had changed many times and in many ways. Often they reflected trends; sometimes they were gaudy. But gradually, during their century of progress, the Christmas cards have grown more conservative and in better taste.

Stars shine; doves flutter above the bell tower of a church; the Madonna and Child; holly and mistletoe, candles and carolers, Santa and snow are among the designs shown on cards today. And there's a lot of whimsy—two cherubs painting the red stripes on a big candy cane; a boy and girl leaning over the side of a parachute suspended basket and sprinkling stars below to illustrate the greetings: "Hope Christmas finds you flying high. Your spirit soaring to the sky; And may the days that follow be filled with joy and laughter." There are cards for friends, for the boss, for grandmother and nephew, from "our house to your house".

Mrs. Clyde Bunnell was visiting in Coleman Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Homer Moon and Mrs. Dick Montgomery were Abilene visitors Monday.

Capt. and Mrs. R. G. Thompson and family of Big Spring visited here over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson. Mr. and of Coleman visited in the Thompsons. Bob Baker and son, Randy, son home Sunday and in the afternoon Randy, who was celebrating his fourth birthday, was honored with a party. James Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Vestal and sons and Mrs. R. G. Jones joined the group to enjoy the party.

We Join in the
World's Prayer
for Peace



FREEMAN WELDING SHOP
H. C. FREEMAN

BURKETT NEWS

By Mrs. T. C. Strickland

I, the writer of this column, would like to take this opportunity to wish for each and everyone that reads this column a Very Merry Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. James Bales have moved to the Methodist parsonage here from Abilene where they are students at McMurry College. Rev. Bales filled the pulpit Sunday morning and Rev. Leslie Seymour of Cisco, District Superintendent, had charge of preaching Sunday night and held quarterly conference. After which a Christmas box of useful gifts were presented to Rev. and Mrs. Bales.

The high school boys and girls entered the Talpa tournament and the Burkett boys and Centennial girls won the tournament. Glen Chambers was placed on the all-tournament team.

The Junior high boys, accompanied by coach Barney Popnoe, en-

tered the tournament. They also were winners and Roy Rhoads and Alfred Hunter were placed on the all-tournament team.

Dalton Covington of Ranger, former resident of Burkett, visited here Monday evening.

Sunday dinner guests in the Vernon Bullard home were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rich, Mrs. R. L. Edington and Elvie Edington all of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Byrd of near Brownwood; and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Edington and Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Thate of Burkett.

Mrs. Bill Brown of Carrizozo, N. M., is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown.

Gene Garrett is visiting his mother, Mrs. Monte Garrett, and other relatives.

Miss Kay White of Denton is home for the Christmas holidays.

W. C. and Zelma Strickland of McMurry College, Abilene, are home for the holidays.

Wadie Burroughs of Westminster College, Princeton, New Jersey, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chambers of Avoca visited his father, W. R.

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Chambers, over the week end.

It would really be appreciated if all local readers of the Review would report all their news items to the correspondent. Thanks.

Harold D. Hinkle is here from Fort Bliss, El Paso, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hinkle, over the Christmas holidays.

Jay Hughes and May Alexander are spending the holidays in the Doss Alexander home at Pioneer. Jay is a student at Sul Ross College at Alpine and May is attending Abilene Christian College in Abilene.

Mrs. Bill Kilgore was in Denton Saturday to get her daughter, Miss Billie Ann, and she will spend the holidays with her parents here. Billie Ann is a student at NTSTC.

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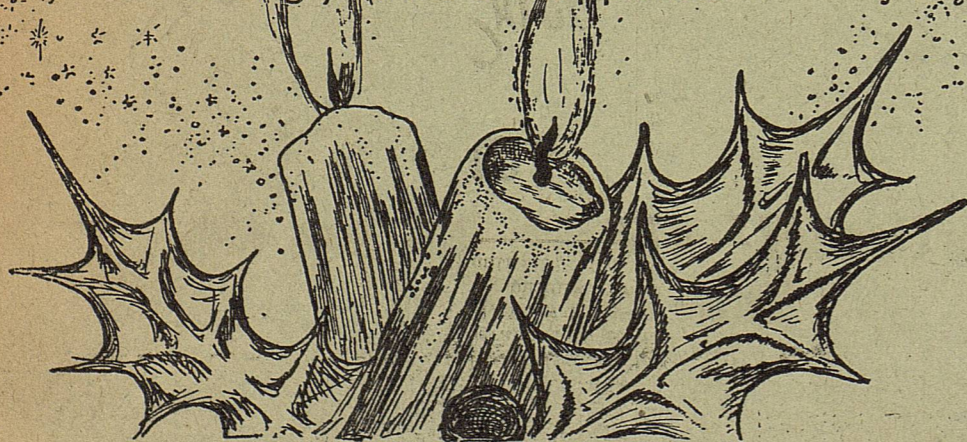
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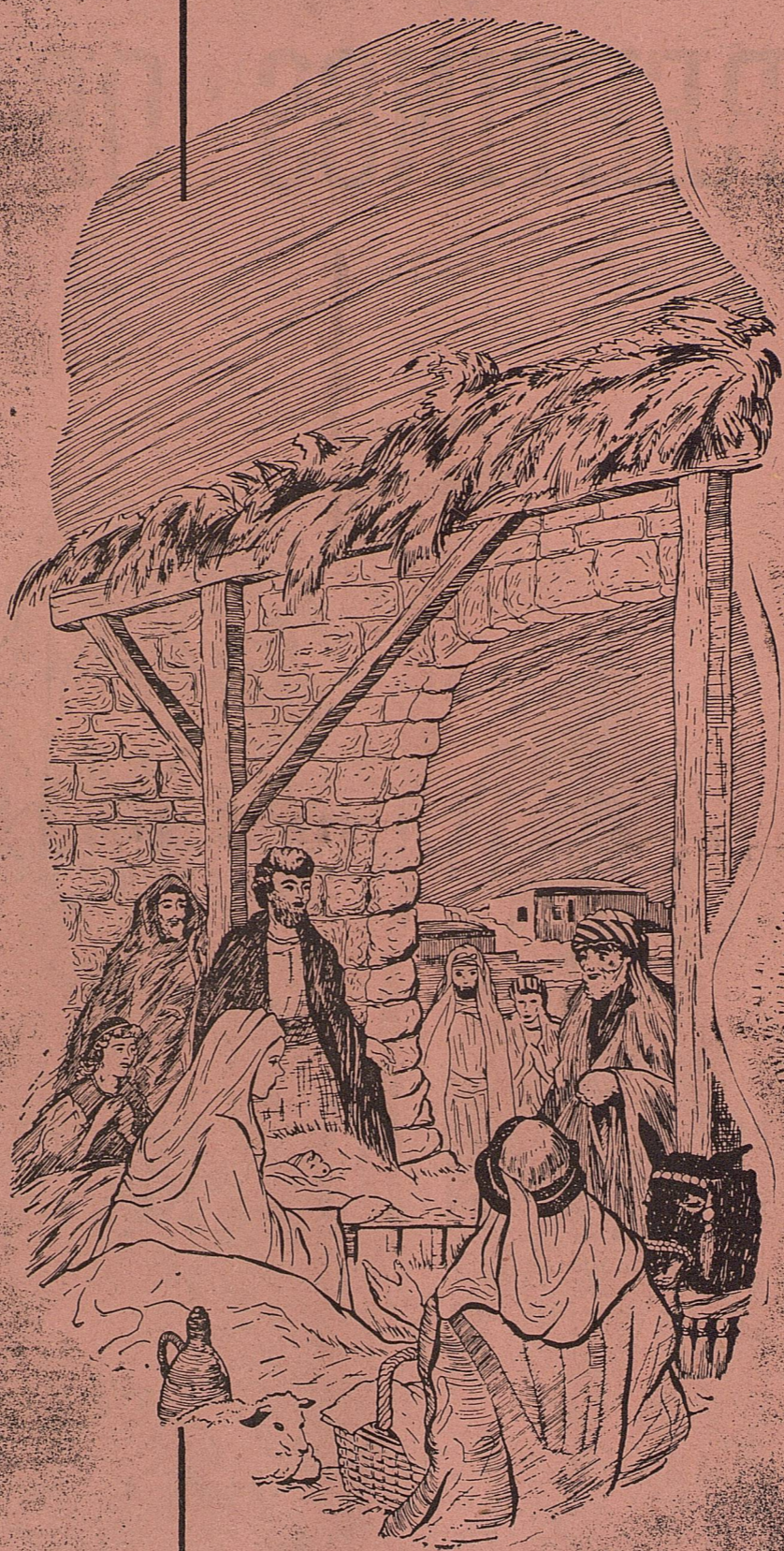
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY



the visit of the shepherds....

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 were sore afraid. 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 toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.



the birth of Jesus

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David; which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And 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.

the visit of the wise men...

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.



Letters to Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of guns and a pair of boots.

With love
Kenneth Ray Muse

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a toy telephone, a radio station, nuts, a pair of guns, and a cowboy suit. That is all.

I love you
Jay McQuin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a walking doll. I want nuts and candy too.

With love
Sally King

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a car that you ride in. I want nuts and candy too.

With love
Peggy Lane

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll like a real baby, a doll buggy and set of dishes. I want nuts and candy.

With love
Glennia Sue Neal

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of guns and an electric train. My little sisters, Dianne and Karen want dolls and guns also. Karen wants a rocking chair.

With love
Wayne Williams

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of guns.

With love
Pat Sadler

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of boots, a pair of guns and a cowboy suit.

With love
Danny Kellar

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of socks and wreck-er.

James Switzer

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bicycle and a cowboy suit.

With love
Mack Ingram

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of guns and a pair of boots.

With love
Gene

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of guns, a pair of boots and a bicycle. Want nuts and candy too.

With love
Junior Lee

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a desk and a walking doll.

With love
Pauleta Hicks

Dear Santa,
I want a toy truck that I can ride in. I want a wagon. That's all.

Jackie Monsey

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and that is all. I have been good.

Vaga Simons

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, an ice box, and cabinet to play with. I can read now.

Jean McFerrin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of boots, pair of guns, and toy telephone.

Charles McCowen

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a pair of guns, a horse set, a steel guitar. That is all I want, just three things.

With love
Donnie Rhodes

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good. Please bring me a walking doll and gloves.

Love
Connie

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a Bee Bee gun and boxing gloves.

Love
David Grider

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a pair of guns and wreck-er, a radio station and a little truck.

With love
Ronnie Rhodes

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a walking doll, a lunch pail, a cooking set and some dishes. I have tried to be a good girl.

Love
Ella Sue

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a wetting doll. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love
Connie Goble

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and doll wagon. I have tried to be good.

Love
Mary

MRS GORE'S FIRST GRADE . . .
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun and a football set. I have tried to be a good boy this year.

Love
Tommy Cowan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, dishes, and doll clothes. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love
Judy Cloud

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bee Bee gun and an electric train and lunch pail. I have tried to be a good boy.

Love
Jimmy Freeman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some doll dishes. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love
Mary Ruth Coggin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck, Indian suit, and electric train. I have tried to be a good boy.

Love
Jackie Hinkle

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a junior army gun.

Tommy Hornsby

Dear Santa,
Please bring me boxing gloves. I have tried to be a good boy.

Love
Joe Carol Brooker

Dear Santa,
Please bring me twin dolls, dishes and a nurse set. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love
Christy Ann Chesshir

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Betty Crocker set, walking doll, dishes and a nurse set. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love
Judy Fortune

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a walking doll, dishes and a record player. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love
Norma Jean Franke

Thursday, December 22, 1954

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a walking doll and Betty Crocker set. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love
Vicki Campbell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bee Bee gun and ship. I have tried to be good.

Love
Jimmy Brown

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love
Ruby Gardner

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, nuts and candy, too.

With love
Nenise Hinton

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bicycle. That is all I need.

With love
James Taylor

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



A Most Merry Christmas Season Be Yours

LITTLE FLOWER SHOP

BETSY LITTLE, Owner

Rising Star, Texas



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Cross Plains, Texas



Christmas . . . a time to renew spiritual values . . . to strengthen old friendships . . . in this spirit, we send our sincere Christmas Greetings to you.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Do You Remember?...

December 23, 1939

Enjoying the mildest December weather on record and coupled with the fact that Christmas falls on a week end this year, indications were yesterday that Cross Plains will experience one of the happiest Yuletide seasons in the past 20 years.

Funeral services for Mrs. Martin Van Burin, 90, were held Wednesday afternoon of last week in Burkett at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Knight with whom she lived.

Announcement is made of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. P. McCollum of Montgomery, Ala., Sunday. Mrs. McCollum was formerly Miss Ovada Westerman.

An official all-conference football team chosen by coaches of District 8-A last week placed five Bruddogs, three Ballinger Bearcats and one Cross Plains Buffalo, one Coleman Bluecat and one Winters Blizzard on the mythical eleven. Upton, a tackle, was the Cross Plains player chosen.

Last rites for Mrs. J. D. Barclay,

age 73, who died Thursday afternoon in the Memorial Hospital at Brownwood following a major operation, were held Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Will Everett of Putnam visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellis, Monday. Cottonwood news.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Aleene Tate, former teacher here, and Firman Anderson Early of Louisville, Ky., was announced Saturday in Brownwood at a morning coffee.

J. M. Westerman, son of Mrs. Flora Westerman of Sabanno, was among the many young men to enlist in the United States Marine Corps during the past two weeks of this month.

Misses Doris Marie Hall and Josephine Henderson were joint hostesses when they honored Zelma Faye Davis with a party on her tenth birthday Tuesday afternoon of last week at the home of the

honoree.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilliam had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Gilliam's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Owens of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Burkett and Maxine, Burkett news.

December 20, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wimberly and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hunter of Cross Plains, while returning from a visit in Abilene late Sunday afternoon, were victims of a serious car crash.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Adams, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Jeff Clark and Mr. Clark, attended the funeral of Mr. Adam's sister, Mrs. C. A. Fleming, who died at her home in Gatesville Friday morning.

A large force of men and teams started to work Monday morning of this week, clearing off the site for the big city lake dam, and the work has progressed rapidly.

The most prominent beacon of the advent of the Yuletide season is the Christmas tree that adorns the top mast of the city water tank, designed and placed there by Supt. of the water works, O. T. Laws.

Tom Bryson, son of Mrs. W. J. Bryson, left Saturday for treatment at Mayo Bros. He was accompanied by his brother, Grover.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Holden entertained with a pre-Christmas bridge dinner Thursday evening at their home.

Little Walton Baum is recovering from an attack of diphtheria.

Mrs. J. C. Huntington was operated upon for appendicitis at the Cross Plains Sanitarium last Monday evening. She is reported as recovering nicely. A young son of Mr. and Mrs. Huntington now has pneumonia.

Dear Santa,
I want a wagon, a dump truck and car. I am good.
Bobbie Larkin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a toy typewriter.
Barbara Shocklee

Dear Santa,
I want a birthstone ring, a bill-fold, a zipper notebook, and a doll.
Susan Albrecht

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Tommy gun.
Your friend,
Eddie Joe McAnally

Dear Santa,
I want some nuts and a doll.
Your friend,
Clara Smart

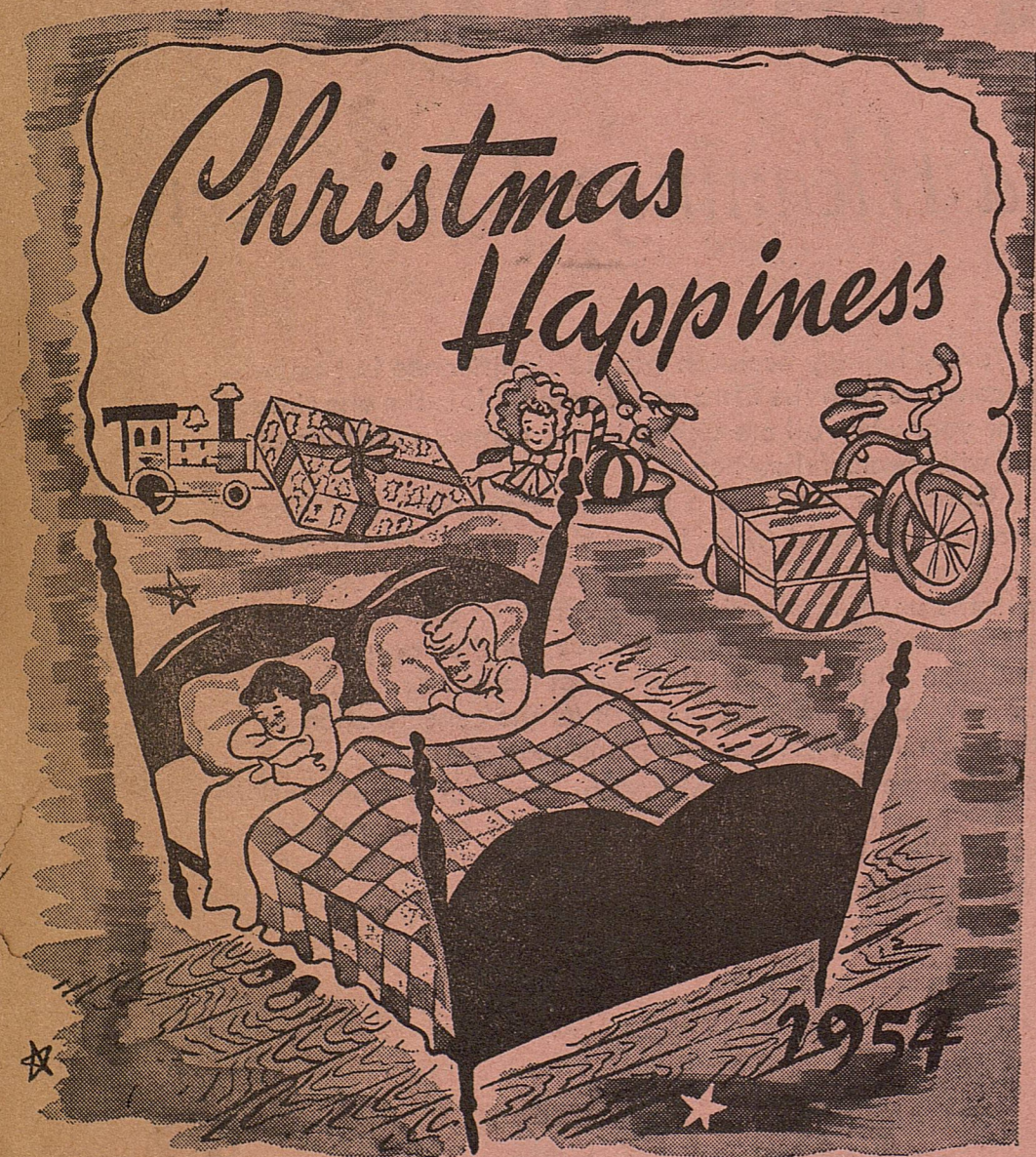
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am six years old. I go to Cross Plains school. Please bring me a doll that turns its head, a toy sewing machine and cash register. Don't forget the other girls and boys.
Love
Beth Hutchins



And our sincere best wishes.

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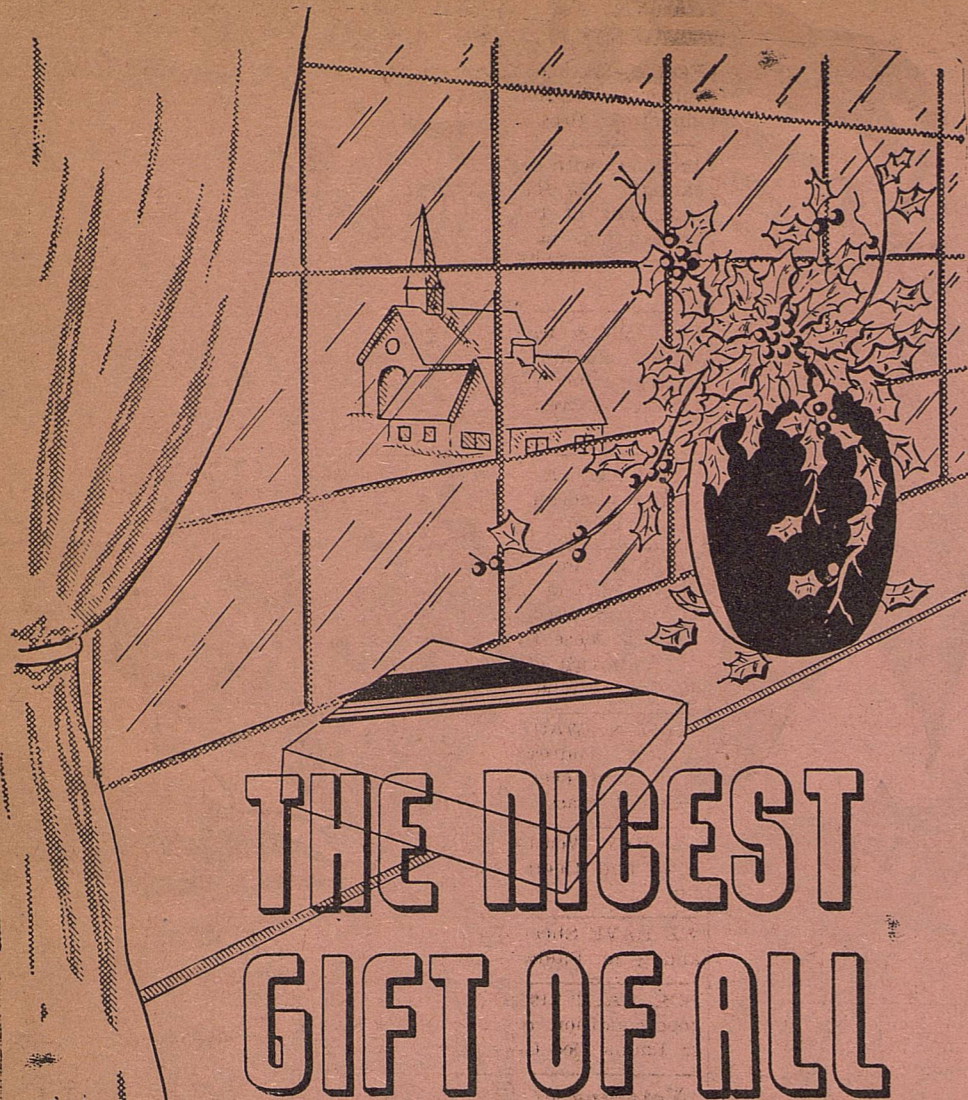
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Dr. Calvin Gambill, D. C.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 4 1-2 years old, and have tried to be a good little boy. I am having my mommie to write for me. Please bring me a dirt mover, Doctor set, wrecker truck, nuts, fruit and candy, and Santa please don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love
Jerry Lee Belew

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm a little girl four years old. My mommy is writing this letter for me as I'm too small to write letters by myself so I'm telling her what to write for me. I've tried real hard to be a good little girl. I help my mommy wash dishes, sweep the floors, and run errands for her. I love you Santa very much. I saw and talked to you in Abilene but you talked to so many little boys and girls that I thought I'd better write you a letter and remind you that I would like to have a walking doll, a heavy tricycle, a play store, and ice box, also some candy, fruit and nuts. I also have three little cousins who live here in Cross Plains now. Their names are Ann, Debbie, and Valton Jr. They would like some toys and candy and fruit too. So please dear Santa don't forget them as they love you too.

I love you
Linda Joyce Gambill

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm just a wee little man of two years, so you see my mommy has to write this letter for me, as I'm still a little bit young to be writing for myself. Santa I have tried so very hard all year to be a good little fellow - but of course sometimes it was a little hard to do. Come see me. I would like to have a heavy tricycle that won't turn over when I get on it, some blocks to build houses with, and just any old thing you can spare that you think a little fellow my age might like. Also I just love candy, fruit and nuts, so I'd like to have some of these too. Don't forget all the other wee boys and girls who need toys and clothes too.

I love you
David Bradley Gambill

Capt. and Mrs. W. G. Payne and son of Montgomery, Ala., spent Monday and Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Payne, here.

Mrs. J. W. Chapman, Kathryn and Bill arrived the past week to spend the holidays here with Rev. Chapman, and after the first of the year Rev. Chapman will accompany his family to Norman, Okla., where they will be at home at 1015 N. Crawford St.

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We hope this will be a Merry Christmas for you, one and all. We also wish you all the joys of a happy, successful New Year, one in which you will see the fulfillment of your every ambition. Best wishes to everyone!



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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Curry and baby of Abilene visited their parents here over the week end.

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O. M. Bailey.

Mrs. Ed Stratton of Rising Star visited friends in Cross Plains Monday.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I want a nurse set.
Love
Linda

Mr. and Mrs. Donnel Clark of Dallas spent the week end here with his mother, Mrs. Jeff Clark, and other relatives.

Mmes. Mamie Swafford, A. J. Mathis, Gussie Williams, Gussie Jones and W. A. Strickland and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Greenwood and Doyle Burchfield attended the singing at Oplin Sunday.

M-Sgt. Harley Neel and wife visited here during the week end with his father, George Neel and Mrs. Neel. M-Sgt. Neel will leave in January for France where he will be stationed and Mrs. Neel will make her home in Comanche while he is overseas.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN**

TO: Gates Oil Company, a corporation, Gates Oil Company, a defunct corporation, and the officers, directors, stockholders and agents of the same, all of whom are unknown; Pennant Oil and Gas Company, a corporation; Pennant Oil and Gas Company, a defunct corporation, and the officers, directors, stockholders and agents of the same, all of whom are unknown; the unknown heirs of each and every one of said stockholders, and all of the unknown owners of the mineral interests described in plaintiffs petition, defendants, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 27 day of December, A. D. 1954, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd Judicial District Court of Callahan County, at the Court House in Baird, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of November, 1954. The file number of said suit being No. 10946.

The names of the parties in said suit are: C. B. Edington as Plaintiff and Gates Oil Company, a corporation, Gates Oil Company, a defunct corporation, and the officers, directors, stockholders and agents of the same; Pennant Oil and Gas Company, a corporation, Pennant Oil and Gas Company, a defunct corporation, and the officers, directors, stockholders and agents of the same; and the unknown heirs of each and every one of said stockholders, as defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit alleging that the Plaintiff owns certain mineral interests in the land described in plaintiff's petition, and that the defendants own certain mineral interests in said land, and plaintiff is seeking the appointment of a Receiver by the Court with full power and authority to execute and deliver an oil, gas and mineral lease covering all of the undivided mineral interests of the Defendants in the land described in Plaintiff's petition, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Court as provided for under Article 2320b of Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, and for such other and further relief that the plaintiff may be entitled to either in law or in equity.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 10 day of November, A. D. 1954.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at office in Baird, Texas, this the 10 day of November, A. D. 1954.

(Seal) Mrs. Corrie Driskill, District Clerk, Callahan County, Texas (4tc)

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gregory of DeLeon spent Sunday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Burkett of Burkett visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Neel, Sunday afternoon.

Billy Buzbee, a student at Arlington State College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Buzbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huntington and daughter of Floydada visited in the Pete Fore home Sunday night. Monday they left for Brady to spend a few days and will return to spend Christmas in the Fore home.

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FOR SALE: Business property now paying \$200.00 per month rent. See Bert Brown.

FOR SALE: A good 4-room house to be moved. Worth the money. See Bert Brown.

FOR SALE: A small 2-room house located on an extra large lot, for only \$600.00. See Bert Brown.

FOR SALE: A nice 6-room home located on 2 lots, with plenty of beautiful oak shade trees, it is a real buy. See Bert Brown.

FOR SALE: 5-burner used kitchen gas range. See Mrs. Verna Mae Ramsey. (2tc-38)

FARMERS: We pay highest market prices for your grain. Gary Feed Mill. (2tc-38)

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FOR SALE: New \$42.50 three-quarter size mattress, \$25.00. See Mrs. Clyde Sims. (1tc)

FOR RENT: 2 room furnished apartment. 2 blocks west of school on Cottonwood road. G. A. Dutton. (1tp)

LOST: Hubcap off Oldsmobile car. Finder leave at Review office. B. A. Moore. (1tp)

WANTED: Lady to stay in home and care for elderly lady, light house keep. Room, board and salary. Mrs. A. G. West. (1tp)

WANTED AT ONCE—Rawleigh Dealer nearby. Write Rawleigh's Dept. TXL-1012-R, Memphis, Tenn. (1tp)

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WOMEN WANTED: Make extra money. Address, Mail postcards, spare time every week. BICO, 143 Belmont, Mass. (4tp-36)

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FLOOR FURNACE: New, regularly priced at \$99.95, now going for only \$69.95. Hornsby Electric Company. (tfc-36)

FOR SALE: Used gas range. Higginbotham Bros. & Co. (tfc-36)

FOR SALE: Used Maytag conventional type washing machine. A real bargain at only \$35.00. Hornsby Electric Co. (37)

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Mrs. Mabel Goulden of Abilene and Mrs. Ann Smith of Goldsboro were week end visitors of Mrs. Ruby Copeland.

Mrs. Ruby Copeland, Anna Belle and Paul Harrell made a business trip to Brownwood Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bishop returned home Sunday night after visiting their daughter and family in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Givens were in Memphis Sunday to visit with his father, J. J. Hall (who celebrated his 88th birthday. Thirty-nine children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters and in-laws attended the dinner.

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I am 7 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Cinderella watch.

Love
Debra Jean Hight

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a camera with some colored film. I would like a Bible with the Old and New Testament. I would like to have a bicycle and wrist watch also a dresser set and a Tom doll and clothes. I am 11 years old.

Merry Christmas,
Clara Evans
Rising, Star Texas.

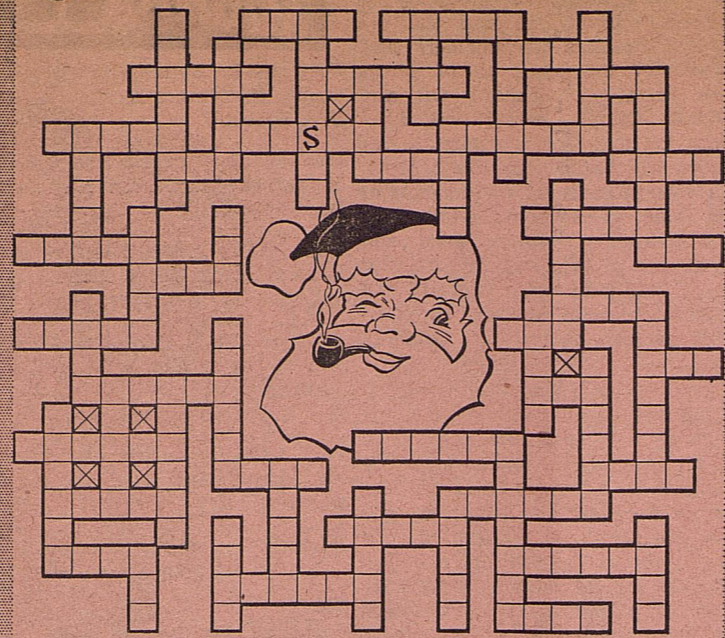
Dear Santa,
I want a doll and doll clothes, and a watch. I would also like to have a Bible, and also would like to have a camera. I am 9 years old.

Merry Christmas,
Martha Evans
Rising, Star Texas.

Dear Santa,
I want a spy glass and a toy car that I can ride in, a nurse set, and a doll buggy and a doll to go with it. I am 8 years old.

Merry Christmas,
Kay Evans
Rising, Star Texas.

Christmas criss-cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fit the words into the right spaces. One letter "S" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL	LOVE	CHILD	SPELL	INFANT
DOWN	NOEL	COMET	TRAIN	MANAGER
EYE	NOSE	CUPID	VIVEN	SILENT
FIN	RAFT	GLORY	SEASON	SERIOUS
GAY	RING	HOTEL	ANGELS	TINSEL
INN	ROOF	LIGHT	WEALTH	WREATH
RAP	SLEEP	MIRSH	CANDLE	WAG
RUN	SNOW	NIGHT	CAROLS	DEER
AWAY	WRAP	PEACE	DANGER	CHIMNEY
DOLL	TILE	FEIGN	DASHER	HOLIDAY
GOLD	CANDY	SANTA	DONNER	PRASES
HALL	CHEER	SHEEP	FLOCKS	FRANCES
			GOSPEL	TIDINGS

Answer

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. I have been a good boy. Please bring me an electric burning set, a pair of boots and hat.

Ronnie

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. Please bring me a Roy Rogers book satchel and a Cinderella watch. I have been a good girl.

Love
Wilda Sue Edington

Dear Santa,
I would like to have an art set. Also a camera and a girls watch but I don't want a picture on it. I am 10 years old.

Merry Christmas,
Mary Evans
Rising, Star Texas.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old and in the second grade. Please bring me an iron and board and Roy Rogers book satchel.

Love
Glenna

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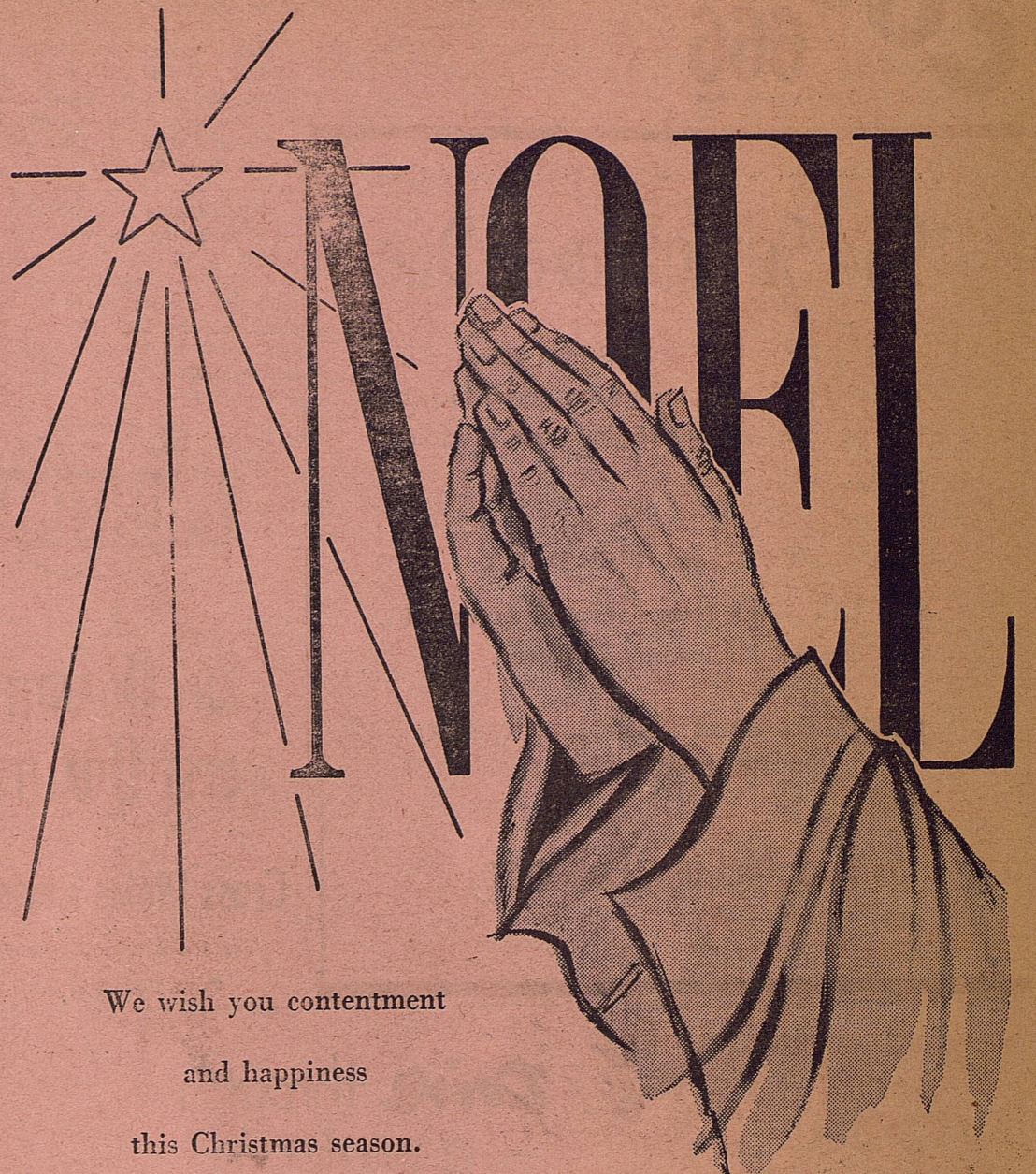
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1954

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BUILDER'S HARDWARE
Johns-Manville Roofing
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PAY TAXES NOW

Payments made before February 1st will not be subject to additional fees for interest and penalties, and to accomodate property owners this office has mailed statements of 1954 taxes.

Don't forget that if you wish to vote during 1955 your poll tax must be paid before February first. You will not want to be disfranchised for the need of a poll tax receipt, so attend to this detail at once. Poll taxes may be paid at the Citizens State Bank in Cross Plains as well as at the office of

JOE PIERCE

Sheriff & Tax Assessor-Collector for Callahan County



ADAIRS



Sipes Magnolia Station

W. J. (Son) SIPES, Prop.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me some cowboy boots, in size 10, also a 2 holster gun set and some spurs. Bring me some fruit and candy too. Remember my two sisters Karen and Sue.

I love you
Brad Calhoun

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a doll with hair, and a puppy. Also some fruit and candy and nuts.

I love you
Kala Sue Calhoun

Dear Santa,
I want a paint set for Christmas. My sister wants a walking doll.

Cynthia Hickman

Dear Santa,
I want a train, a gun, a cowboy suit, and a bicycle.

Alan Davis

Dear Santa,
Please Santa, would you bring me a walking doll and a bicycle.

Linda Bodine

Dear Santa,
I want a little doll, a set of dishes, a table and chairs, a ring and a whole bunch of candy.

Antoni Kaye Walls

Dear Santa,
I want an electric football set.

Eddie Gwynn Elliott

Dear Santa,
I want a zipper notebook, a make-up kit, a doll, and a ring.

Kathleen Cowan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a truck, a tractor and a watch. I'll be looking under my tree at my house.

Jay Hutchins

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old and I would like to have a birthstone ring. I would also love to have a Boudoir doll and some dishes. I hope to have some gifts under the Christmas tree. Thank you very much.

Carolyn

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and a nurses kit.

Anita Flowers

Dear Santa,
I want a Be Be gun, a guitar, football and other toys.

Rondal Bell

Dear Santa,
I hope you can bring me an electric football set. I also would like an electric train. I hope you will bring all the other boys and girls the things they want.

Your friend,
Eddy Don

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a guitar and a gun and a holster.

James Goble

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a walking doll and a set of dishes and silverware.

Jacqueline Sue Holt

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a watch and some books and some fruit, nuts and candy. And please don't forget my little brother Jerry and all the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Morris Belew

Dear Santa,
I am nine years old and in the third grade at school. I would like to have a tiny tear doll, and a make-up kit.

Judith Giesse

Dear Santa,
Please bring me two toy guns and a cowboy suit. I like to play cowboys. I also want a play truck. I like to play trucks too.

Jimmy Dunn

Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrows, air rifle, and a watch. Please bring the other boys and girls something. Please don't forget my little nephew Ronnie.

Charles Barr

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football, a Be Be gun, and a baseball glove. I've tried to be good.

Bill Flippin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a walking doll 27 inches tall with nylon hair. I also want a basketball and a Betty Crocker kitchen with all kinds of mixes to cook. Thanks to you Santa.

Mickey Freeman

Dear Santa,
We are two little girls named Genie and Sandie - ages 6 and 3 - who live in Colorado City; but may be in Cross Plains when you come. Please bring Sandie a walking doll, a big girl make-up set and a musical toy. Please bring Genie a ring, Terri Lee doll and some school clothes.

We have a baby brother named Don. Please bring him a new car seat and a little wagon to pull.

Love,
Genie and Sandie Penn



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Koenig Grocery and Station

MR. AND MRS. OSCAR KOENIG

Merry Christmas

Diced Carrots 2 No. 2 Cans 27c Lady Betty Prune Juice qt. 29c

Shortening JEWEL, (With 50c Coupon) 3 Lbs. 83c

Diamond, PINTO Beans 300 Size Can 9c Harvest Inn Corn 2 - 300 Size Cans 29c

Biscuits BALLARD Can 10c

Mexican Beans 2 Cut Green Beans Alma Butter Beans Shoe String Potatoes Whole New Potatoes No. 303 Cans **25c**

Handy Pack Pops, 6 cans 50c

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BY THE BOX
Reasonably Priced

Oranges 5 LB. SACK 25c

FRUIT Cocktail 300 Size Can 25c Libby's Apricots 300 Size Can 29c

Dreft With 25c Coupon Giant Size 77c

APPLE Sauce 300 Size Can 22c Regular Size Trend 2 Boxes 39c

FLOUR AUNT JEMIMA 10 Lbs. 89c 25 Lb. Bag 1.98

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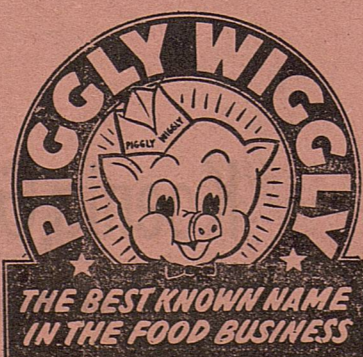
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Smoke Jowl Lb. 31c Seven Roast Lb. 37c

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Double Green Stamps given with all purchases of \$3.00 or more every Wednesday. Redeem your stamps at our store.



Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a football.
Your friend
Eddie

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. Please ring me a doll and a Dale Evans book satchel. Please bring me a sewing kit.
I love you Santa Claus.
Mary Starr

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been Good. I am in the second grade. I want a doll and I want a record player.
Love
Alice

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a set of dishes. Please bring me a walking doll and a bicycle.
Love
Gwinlyn Lee Holbrook

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade. I have been a good boy. Please bring me a 24 inch bike, and electric football set.
Love
Jack Webb

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me a doll, also bring me a hat, and please bring me a sewing machine.
Love
Ellen Deloris Falkner

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun, electric train. I have tried to be a good boy this year.
Love
Rick Giesse

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a football. Please bring me a typewriter.
Your friend
Arnold

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. Please bring me a one gun set, a dirt loader and a caterpillar.
Love
Terry Harris

PLAINS

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
December 24-25

REX ALLEN
With his horse KOKO

"PHANTOM
STALLION"

Plus

WALT DISNEY'S
"PECOS BILL"

SUNDAY - MONDAY
December 26-27

RORY CALHOUN
PIPER LAURIE
DAVID BRIAN
KATHLEEN HUGHES
ALEX NICOL

DAWN AT
SOCORRO"

(Color by Technicolor)

TUESDAY
December 28

RICHARD CONTE
JOAN BENNETT

"HIGHWAY
DRAGNET"

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY
December 29-30

JANE POWELL
HOWARD KEEL

"SEVEN BRIDES FOR
SEVEN BROTHERS"

(In Cinemascope)

SPENDING CHRISTMAS HERE

Gene Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bush, Sammy Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hill, and Joe Coppinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Coppinger, have arrived home from San Diego, Calif., to spend the Christmas holidays here with their parents. The three boys are in training at the U. S. Naval Base in San Diego. They are all 1954 graduates of Cross Plains high school.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a B B gun.
Dannie Ray Flippin

Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun and a toy truck.
I have been a good little boy all year. I would also like a red wagon.
Sincerely yours
Jodie Earl Wallace

Thursday, December 23, 1954

Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade. I like school. Please bring me a doll and a picture book for Christmas.
Jean Hamby

Dear Claus,
I want a big car I can ride in so I can go to Oscar's for the groceries.
With love,
Clayton Kinnard



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