

The Muleshoe Journal

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Christmas Holidays Extend To Three Days For Some Local Firms

For some workers in Muleshoe the Christmas holidays will extend through Thursday through Saturday. Several firms have signified their intention of closing for Christmas and for the balance of the week.

The four lumber yards of Muleshoe led the way by announcing they will be closed Dec. 25, 26 and 27, including Higginbotham, Bartlett Co., Heathington Lumber, Chas. L. Lenau Lbr. Co., and Willson-Sanders Lumber.

Schools were dismissed after Friday afternoon's session and will resume classes January 5.

The Bailey County courthouse attaches will get a half holiday Christmas eve and the full day Christmas. This is the arrangement unless the commissioners, who meet today, pass a different order.

The Muleshoe postoffice will be closed Christmas Day, but full service will be resumed Friday with the exception that the routes will not be carried Friday. Clerks in the office will work as usual.

A. J. Gardner, postmaster, reported a large volume of Christmas mailings was still the rule early this week. Many were mailing packages, and the clerks had plenty of mail to dispatch.

The Selective Service local office will be closed Christmas through the rest of the week, and probably other firms will declare one of more additional holidays.

Meantime scores of parties and programs of all kinds have featured the three weeks before Christmas with church groups in the lead. The social scene has been enlivened by the arrival of a large number of college students to spend the holidays with their families here.

Miller Rites Held Monday

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 22, at 3 p. m. at the Muleshoe Methodist Church for Waite Miller of Sands, N. M., formerly of Muleshoe. H. W. Hanks officiated.

He was born March 10, 1885, at Beloit, Kan., and was 67 years old when he met death at Sands, N. M., where he had made his home since 1931. Interment was in the Muleshoe cemetery by the side of his wife who was buried here in 1918. Services were under the direction of the Muleshoe Funeral Home.

Mr. Miller is survived by his son, Norman Miller of Nebraska City, Neb., sisters, Mrs. Jessie Dittler, Lyons, Kan., Mrs. Nina Van Meter, Linn Creek, Mo., Mrs. Marjorie Bradshaw, Silina, Kan., Mrs. Evelyn Morse, Linn Creek, Mo., one brother, Max W. Miller of Cottonwood, Ariz., and one grandchild.

Palbearers were Homer Mardis, Harold Mardis, Russell Bearden, Major Woods, Vernice Snyder and Frank Snyder.

Cub Scouts Have Christmas Program

The Cub Scout Pack met Thursday, Dec. 18, for their Christmas party and entertainment. The meeting was called to order by D. B. Lancaster, pack chairman. Troy Perkins gave the invocation.

Mrs. Lancaster directed Christmas carols as Linda Lou Lancaster accompanied the group on the piano.

Directing the business session was Sam R. Estes, cubmaster. It was reported that Cobb's Department Store has agreed to order a supply of cub scout supplies.

The program was an old time tree trimming by various dens with decorations made in the cub den meetings. Pictures were taken of the tree by Mrs. Sam Estes and Mr. Perkins. Gifts were placed under the tree by Mrs. Bob King and Mrs. Robert Blackwood, den mothers.

The group sang "Jingle Bells" followed by the arrival of Santa Claus who presented advancement badges. He then presented the gifts under the tree with the help of some of the cubs. Gifts were also presented to den mothers which were made in den meetings.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "Silent Night".

Cub Scout leaders recently elected for 1953-54 are: Pack Committee: institution representative, Troy Perkins; chairman, D. B. Lancaster; vice chairman, L. S. Barron; secretary, Ralph Mardis; treasurer, George Temple; advancement, Alex Wilkins; leadership training, chairman, Robert Blackwood; organization and extension chairman, Troy Perkins; program chairman, L. S. Barron; and public relations, Mrs. Onard Upton.

Cubmaster is Sam R. Estes and assistant cubmaster is Alex Wilkins. Den dads are: den 1, O. D. Rav; den 2, Robert Blackwood; den 3, Ray Morrison; den 4, Dudley Malone; den 5, George Temple.

Den mothers are: den 1, Mrs. Bob King; den 2, Mrs. Robert Blackwood; den 3, Mrs. Ray Morrison; den 4, Mrs. Claudis Murray; den 5, Mrs. George Temple; and den 6, Miss Christine Raver (colored).

Pack committee meeting date is the second Thursday of each month at the REA building at 7:30 p. m. pack meeting is the first Thursday of each month at the junior high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. den mother meeting is each Monday night after third Thursday, cub scouts meet each Thursday at 4 with their dens and den chiefs meet each Monday night with the cubmaster.

OTTO SMITH HERE

Otto Smith, a student in the Texas University Medical College, Galveston, is here to spend Christmas with his folks.

Muleshoe Girls Win Second In New Deal Basketball Tournament

The famed New Deal Lionesses had to go into an overtime period to defeat Muleshoe high school's girls basketball team and win the New Deal tournament Saturday night. The final score was New Deal 37, Muleshoe 35.

Muleshoe had trimmed the Lockney girls team 29 to 24 to enter the finals of the tournament and win second place.

In the championship match the Lionesses started off with a bang against Muleshoe, holding a 12 to 3 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Mulettes

closed the gap in the second cant, with the New Dealers having a 20 to 15 margin at half-time.

Muleshoe shortened the lead again in the third period as the Mulettes outscored the Lionesses by one point and tied the game up at 33 to 33 and bring on an overtime period.

In the overtime, Joan Ashmore went in for a layup shot to put the Lionesses ahead and Wanda Arant sank two free shots to ice the game. Arant was high scorer for the winners with 15, followed by Ashmore, who meshed 14 points.

Jo Addine Wagnon made 18 points to lead the Muleshoe team in scoring.

Boys Lost To Lockney

The Muleshoe boys team ran into Lockney in their first round and went out of the tournament by losing to them, 57 to 43 in what was described as the best game of the night.

The Muleshoe teams will resume the basketball campaign on January 6 with games carded in the Muleshoe gym. The local teams will begin their conference race Jan. 23 against Brownfield here.

Rites Are Held For Webb Infant

Funeral rites were held for Sharon Elaine Webb, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Webb of Muleshoe, Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p. m. at the Muleshoe Funeral Home with Rev. H. W. Hanks officiating.

Sharon was born Wednesday, Dec. 17, and was taken by death Thursday, Dec. 18, at Portales, N. M. Interment was in the Muleshoe cemetery under the direction of the Muleshoe Funeral Home.

Survivors are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Preslev of Sudan and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webb of Ft. Sumner, N. M.

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to Christmas time.
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carol singing, and greetings to
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Willing Workers Have Party In Wilhite Home

The Willing Workers Class of the First Baptist Church enjoyed their Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 11, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilhite with husbands of the members as

guests. A covered dish dinner was enjoyed buffet style with turkey furnished by the Wilhites. The centerpiece for the serving table was an arrangement of bright Christmas balls and pine with candles. Decorating the piano was an arrangement of styro-foam canes and candles.

Mrs. Arch Fowler brought the devotional on "The Meaning of Christmas." The group then sang Christmas carols directed by Mrs. Bill Blackwood and accompanied

at the piano by Mrs. B. A. Dickenson. Mrs. Blackwood also directed several games.

Numbers were drawn for the exchange of gifts. Present for the occasion were Mrs. Arch Fowler and Messrs. and Mesdames F. W. Jones, Roy Dyer, Bill Blackwood, Eugene Redwine, Jack Little, B. A. Dickenson, Clyde Brown, Cleon Davis, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Blaine, the host and hostess.

BAKERS TO HAVE GUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Planning to visit in the E. O. Baker home Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Busby and their daughter, Mrs. Nettie Mae Hancock, Butch and Gay of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Busby of Larissa. Lewis Busby is a brother of Mrs. Baker's and Mrs. Frank Busby is the daughter of the Bakers.

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Far-Off Lands Come to Life In Yule Toys

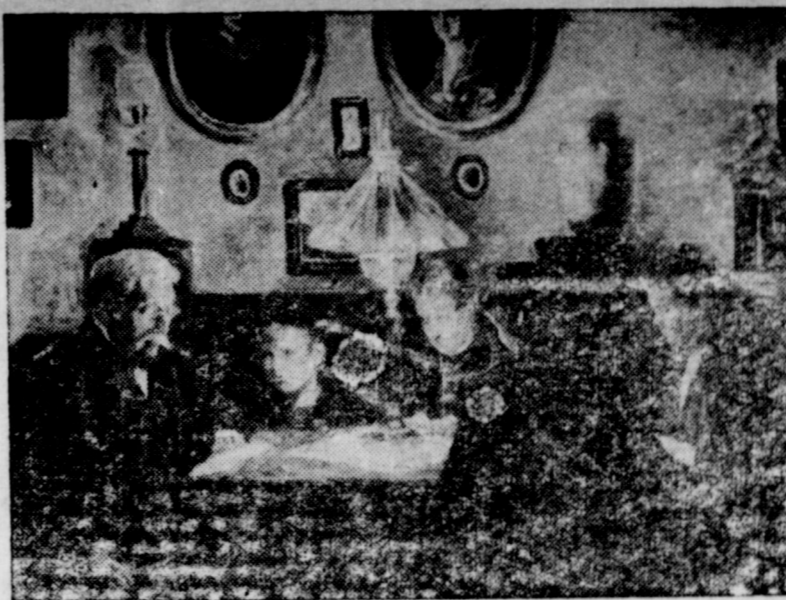
GEOGRAPHY comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve. In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands. Beside a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe. Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U.S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which, when set on an incline, proudly walks down the slope. Another is a recent gadget from Denmark called a "tippe top," a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

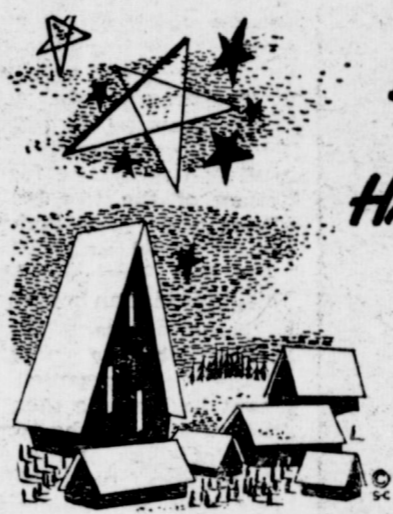
As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.



HISTORIC READING SESSION. Carl Olson, postmaster in Kolding, Denmark, reads aloud to two young neighbors, his wife and daughter after the nightly session had been delayed to discuss with Finar Holboell, postal clerk, the possibilities of selling a special Christmas stamp to aid children stricken by tuberculosis. The room now stands intact in Koldinghus, national Danish museum. This is a photographic reproduction of the scene as painted in 1904 by a noted Denmark artist.

Left to right: Postmaster Olson, the younger Linde brother, Mrs. Olson, their daughter, and with back to artist, Knud Linde, now a retired U. S. army officer who lives in Liberty, Texas.

You may obtain these TB Christmas Seals by addressing Texas Tuberculosis Association, 208 F 9th, Austin, Texas.



BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY

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John Benson, Jr. Returns To Duty

John A. Benson, Jr., S. K. S. N., of the U. S. Navy recently visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Benson, Sr. He also visited his sister and family who reside at Clovis and

a brother and family of Canyon. He returned to duty Dec. 19 at San Francisco, Calif., where he will be reassigned.

John has served with the Navy 2 years, overseas 30 months. Previous to his duty with the Navy, he served with the Air Force.

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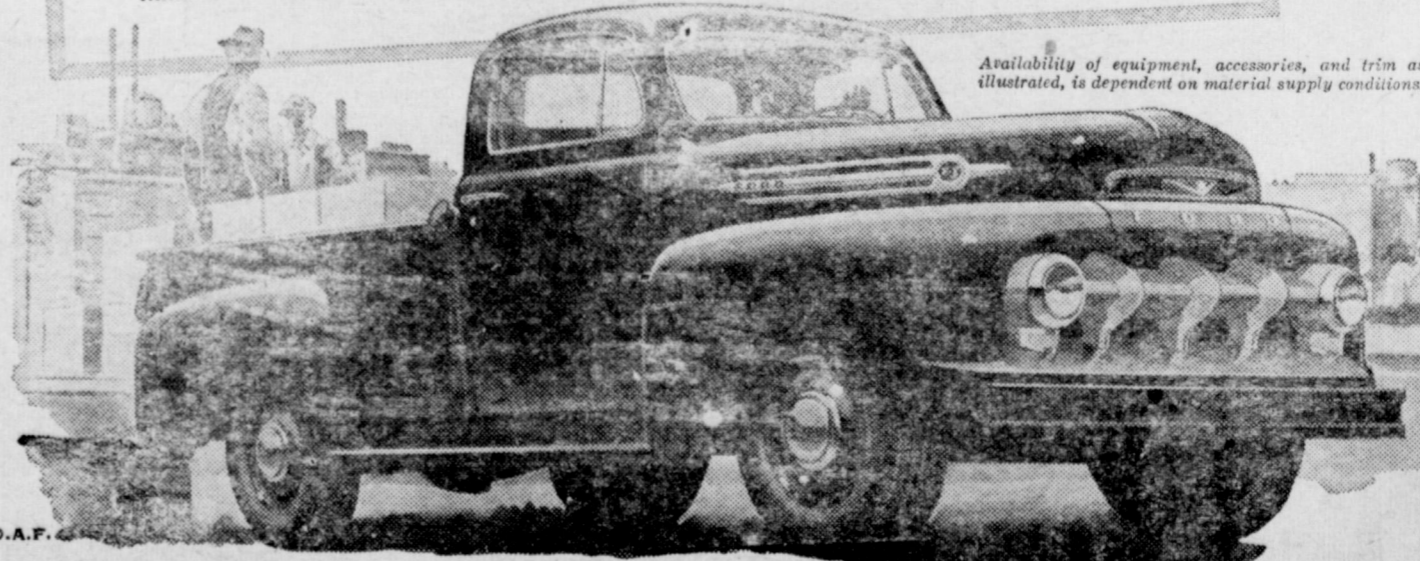
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Mrs. Mattie Duke Is Party Honoree

The Half Century Club met Thursday, Dec. 18, in the home of Mrs. Blondie Ray to honor her mother, Mrs. Mattie Duke on her 75th birthday and for the annual Christmas party. Co-hostess was Mrs. Joe Damron.

The serving table was enhanced by a large birthday cake deco-

rated in red and green, bright cranberry punch and an arrangement of white candles surrounded by holly. The entire Ray home was decorated with poinsettias and greenery. A Christmas tree completed the decor.

Gifts were exchanged and cake and punch were served by Mrs. Joe Damron and Mrs. Ray, respectively, to the guests. Moving pictures were made of the group by Blondie Ray. Pot plants of Christmas flowers were presented to each member by the

Pat Bobos. Present for the occasion were members, Mesdames Snow Davis, Lula Kistler, Rosa Wollard, Sally Harden, Lois Schoenberger, Anna Moeller, Laura B. S. Cox of Excelsior Springs, Mrs. Frances Williams, Maude Jones, Jennie Panter, Belle Snyder, Hazel Farrell, Annie Stevens, Daisy Engram, Gussie Mardis, Pete Willeford, Alpha Julian, Clara William, Pear Moore, and the honoree.

Guests were Mesdames A. J. Gardner, Roxie Hoover, the hostess and co-hostess.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 8, with Mrs. Sally Harden as hostess.

Burial Place of Santa Said To Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains. However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub. There were many other stories about St. Nicholas, who became San Nicolas in the dialect of the New York Dutch.



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

Christmas Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Confection
2. Tender
3. Belated
4. Saviors (pl.)
5. Money
6. Color
7. Christmas (fr.)
8. Cheese
9. Padlock
10. Child
11. China
12. Bible
13. Past (abbr.)
14. Each (abbr.)
15. Mistletoe
16. Doctor (abbr.)
17. Roman numeral
18. Tilt the head
19. Rate of the scale
20. Product of the tree
21. Pale
22. Two-foot cloth
23. Exaggerated animal
24. Otherwise
25. Not out
26. Healthy
27. Use needle and thread
28. Also

DOWN

1. Boulder (pl.)
2. Man's name
3. Beach
4. Pulled
5. Girl's toy
6. Part of a building
7. Fit
8. Snow
9. One
10. Exclamation of contempt
11. Shelter
12. Ship
13. When
14. Lengthen
15. ———— Pole
16. Santa's home
17. Part of a building
18. State (abbr.)
19. Greater
20. Attention
21. Part of a church
22. Tidy appearance
23. White the sheepskin
24. Level
25. Egg shape (pl.)
26. Boat's ship
27. A preta
28. Sewer
29. Santa's motive power
30. One
31. First person plural
32. Sheep
33. Incessant
34. Near
35. Whose
36. Japanese measure
37. Meaning
38. State (abbr.)
39. Attention
40. Mother
41. White
42. Level
43. Boat's ship
44. A preta

American Christmas as Old as Columbus

The celebration of Christmas in this country has deep and permanent roots, although at one time its observance was nearly exterminated.

The first Christmas observance was shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria beached on Christmas Eve and

all Christmas day Columbus and his men worked to free her. When it was found hopeless, she was stripped and as much gear as possible taken to the Nina.

However, the Nina was unable to carry all the men, and some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the nativity.

Auxiliary Has Christmas Dinner

About fifty-five guests enjoyed the Christmas dinner given Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the Legion Home for members of the Legion Auxiliary and their husbands. Ham and turkey and other foods were furnished by the Auxiliary.

The tables were decorated with white Christmas trees, lemon leaves and red carnations. An enjoyable time was reported by all.

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FOR SALE: Small place at Needmore. R. V. Dudgeon. 1-3tp.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:
 Here we come with our subscription for another year. We had a sleet storm yesterday and then snow. The early part of the summer was good growing weather, then later it got very dry. For 76 days no rain. Ground very hard and deep cracks in it.
 Corn crop good. Small grain fair. Beans good.
 We had a very cold spell and snow, some time ago. It would be good now for sleigh rides instead of car rides.
 It looks now like more sleet and snow will follow.
 We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.
 Respectfully,
 Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jensma.

Expression Recital Presented Monday

An expression recital was presented December 15 at the Fellowship Hall by the pupils of Mrs. Clinton Bristow.
 The program was as follows: Welcome by Dixon Ray, Edwin Cox, Roxana Hart and Eileen Mason; "A Resolution" by Melinda Harris; "A Christmas Punch" by Eileen Mason; "Nothing Small About Me" by Charles Jones; "Taking a Christmas Poll" by Joy Autrey; "If I Was Santa Claus" by Edwin Cox; "Just Five Years Old" by Linda Warren; "Why" by Bill Hat; "Johnnie Wants a Gun" by Dixon Ray; "Just Before Christmas" by Roxana Hart; "Gifts" by Dusty Thomas; "A Christmas Mixup" by Judy Kay Lambert; "A Lament" by Ann Phelps; "Santa and the Mouse" by Dudley Bristow; "She Wanted to Write" by Sharon West; and "Goodnight" by Dusty Thomas, Linda Warren, Bill Hat, Melinda Harris, Charles Jones, and Ann Phelps.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy, gifts of food, and the beautiful flowers at the time of our bereavement. May God bless each and everyone.

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O. E. S. School At Plainview

A very successful Eastern Star School was held in Plainview, Saturday, Dec. 13 with an attendance of 211. The school was conducted by Mrs. Willie Laura Howington of Abilene, Deputy Grand Matron, of District 2. Other Grand Officers in attendance were: Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, of Ft. Worth, Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. Mollie Goodpasture of Brownfield, Grand Examiner and Mrs. Wynnie Dunn, Muleshoe, Deputy Grand Matron. Muleshoe was well represented by 23 members; this being the largest number of members of any section to attend a school.

Five A and four B certificates were presented to the following members of Muleshoe Chapter: Mrs. Wynnie Dunn, Deputy Grand Matron; Glenn Dunn, Past Matron; Viola Layne, Worthy Matron; R. J. Klump, Worthy Patron; and Billie Mathis, Conductress. Those receiving B's were: Bertha Johnson, Ruby Cox, Associate Matron; Mary Faney and Jewell Strong.

The morning session was opened at 9:00 o'clock. After registering and receiving identification badges, the members were en-

tertained with musical selections, after which a lovely drill by the Worthy Matrons and Associate Matrons of Muleshoe Chapter No. 792, participating. Viola Layne was a school officer and held the station of Martha.

The afternoon session was occupied with introductions and examinations.

A lovely banquet honoring the Worthy Grand Matron was held in the Hilton Hotel at 6:00 p. m., and was enjoyed by a large number of Eastern Stars. The evening session opened at 7:45 with musical selections and a drill by the Rainbow Girls of Plainview Assembly. One of the highlights of this session was the very lovely and colorful drill by the Muleshoe Chapter. These participants, very beautiful in their formal of American Beauty red with white chrysanthemum corsages received an unusual amount of applause and were complimented very highly on their appearance and performance.

Those participating in the drill were: Viola Layne, Ruby Cox, Billie Mathis, Ada Thomson, Mary Farley, Bertha Johnson, Lorena Thomson, Mildred Wingo, Margaret Eting, Louise Mills, Margaret Epps, Louise Busbice, Nina Bryant, Juarene Bovel, Allie Snyder, Anna Lucy McAdams, Lola Bray and Lo-

rairie Green.

Others on the program were Mrs. Inez Bobo, who sang, very beautifully "Silent Night" and "Ave Maria" and Anna Lucy McAdams who gave a reading "Messiah", "Star of the East" was sung by Rev. Alby J. Cockrell, of Petersburg Chapter No. 1001.

Wynne Dunn, Deputy Grand Matron, in her charming and gracious manner, extended her thanks and appreciation to all who made the school such a grand success. The Worthy Grand Matron then gave her farewell address in which she brought to the attention of the members, her Welfare program. This closed one of the most delightful and successful Schools in Eastern Star history.

First Community Tree At Christmas Was Held In City of Cleveland

THE COMMUNITY Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in "Cleveland, the city of good will" (unlimited), incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer. This was specified by holly-bordered certificates.

Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will."

Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.

'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Engelbert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece. The musical fairy tale created a sensation. Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes—Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.



SNOWMEN FOR YOU . . . Your local lumber dealer may have patterns for these plywood and hardboard "snowman" which you can make yourself. If not, use this picture for a pattern and go to work.

Yule Tree Business Figured in Millions

CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

In most cases, Christmas tree harvests are actually a part of good forest management.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN HOBBS WITH RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Woodley and Ann plan to spend Christmas in Hobbs, N. M., with her

parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Jameson.

Read The Journal Want-Ads Every Week.

PAPER PUNCHES in stock at The Journal.



To keep your Christmas a truly merry one, keep these don'ts in mind:

DON'T give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use.

DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable.

DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace.

DON'T leave lighted tree unguarded at any time.

DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

DON'T place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.

DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant.

DON'T leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.

DON'T allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather.

DON'T drive recklessly.

Christmas Greetings

May good health and happiness provide the background for your Holiday.

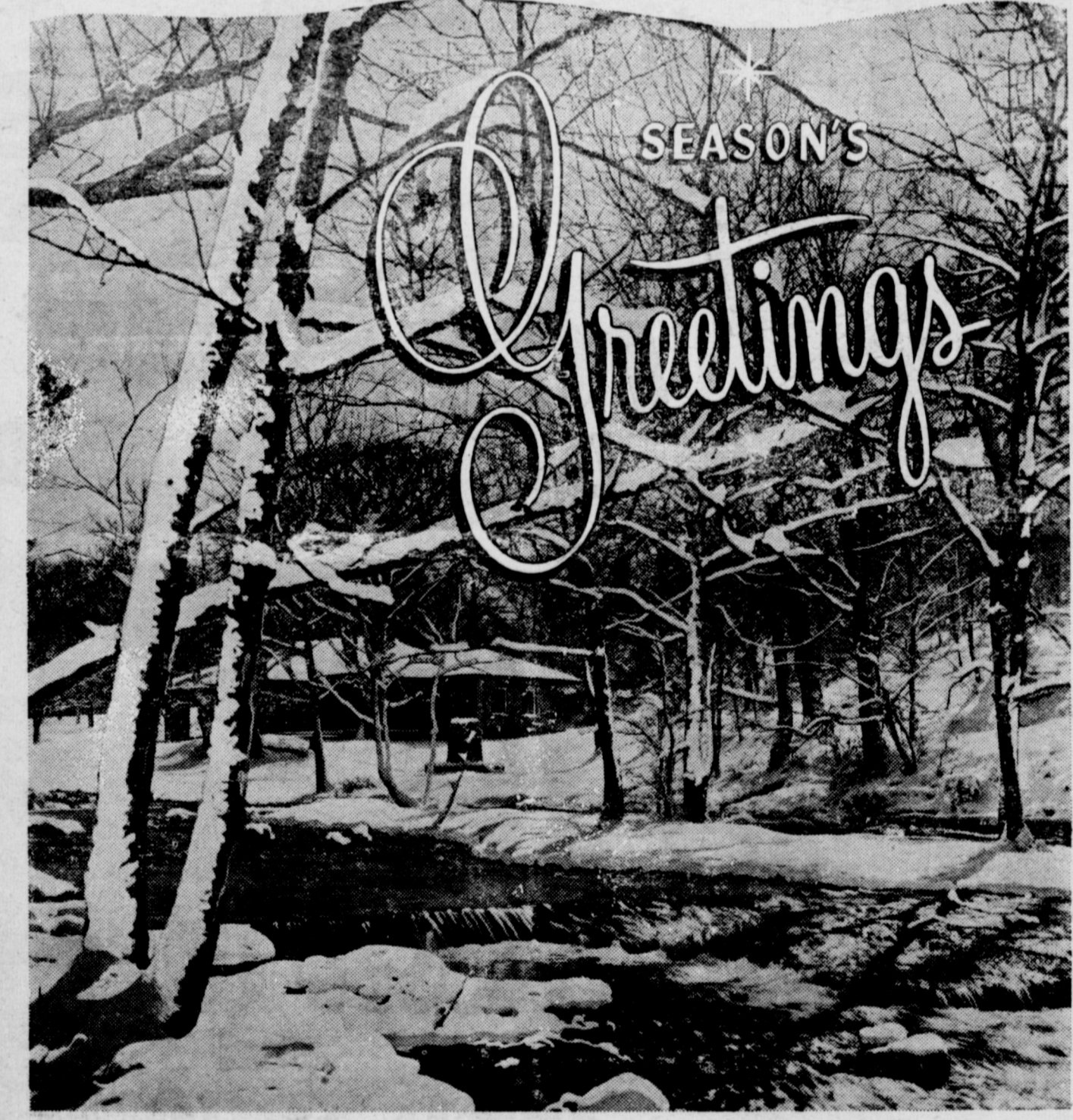
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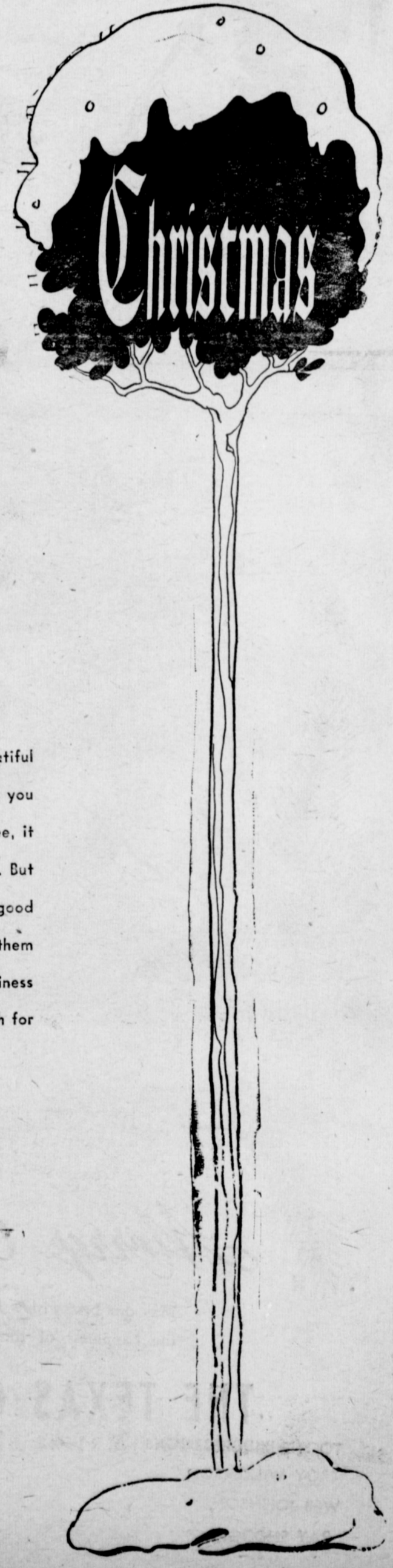
Ever appreciative of your friendship and patronage, we extend to one and all our friendly greetings that you may enjoy a bright and merry Christmas . . . And, may this Holiday Season mark a happy beginning that foretells happiness and contentment . . . not only at Yuletide, but forever . . . and ever more.

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THE NEW NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND THE ROAD PROBLEM.

One of America's most active champions of better roads is Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors, who will be Secretary of Defense in President Eisenhower's cabinet. In this key post, Secretary Wilson will be in position to back up Gen. Eisenhower's pre-election statement that... "Next to the manufacture of the most modern implements of war as a guarantee of peace through strength, a network of modern roads is as necessary to defense as it is to our national economy and personal safety."

A clue to the probable policies of the new administration toward roads can be found in Gen. Eisenhower's statements. "A solution can and will be found through the joint planning of the Federal Government, and the state and local governments." "The Federal Government must not tackle this problem in the position of boss, directing the local governments how and when tax dollars can be spent." "We have had too much government by power hungry people attempting to tell each community what is good for it and how it

should be controlled." By the time the next Federal Aid Highway Act comes up for renewal in 1954 it's a pretty sure thing that Congress will face a tremendous pressure to do one of two things: a link Federal Aid Grants for roads realistically to the amount of road user taxes levied by the Federal Government, or b. release to states some of the road user tax sources now in the domain of the Federal Government. Texas road users now pay more than \$100 million a year to Washington, get back less than \$34 million in aid for roads.

The problem is of vital importance in Texas, where maintenance of existing roads and the construction of badly needed additional roads is becoming matters of deep concern to the Texas Highway Department and is of serious moment to all the people.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the junior high school faculty and students for the lovely Christmas gift presented to us. May each of you have a very happy holiday season.
Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Harner

Today's Meditation

GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him. (Matthew 2:11.) Read Matthew 2:1-11.

It is an impressive picture that is formed in our minds as we think of the story of the wise men. There they come on camels' backs, star-led from their eastern homes. Day after day they have traveled on, hopeful that they shall yet find the Christ. And now at Bethlehem they look on the face of the Babe. Full of Wonder and gratitude they worship Him.

It is fitting that human hearts should be glad on this day of the year. Music and song and laughter all have their places, for Christmas is a time for family reunion and the giving of gifts.

But over and above all things that may engage our attention, the worship of Christ is to come first at Christmas. If we take worship out of our activities, we make Christmas a meaningless, pagan festival—a holiday rather than a holy day.

The star-led men from the East and the shepherds from the Judean hills express the true spirit in which to approach Christmas and spend the day.

PRAYER

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for the revelation of Thyself made in Jesus, our blessed Lord. May His spirit of love and good will fill our hearts now and always. In the name of our Lord, Emmanuel. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"Joy to the world! the Lord is come."
Ben Glover (B. C.)

SAND HILLS PHILOSOPHER—

Amazed To Find Christmas Is Here Again, Even If He Hasn't Had Busy Year

Editor's note: The Sand Hills Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm has discovered it's Christmas time again, his letter this week reveals. Somebody must have told him.

Dear editor: Although it seems like it was only a month or so ago when I wrote you Christmas greetings the last time, here it is time for another one.

People say when time flies fast it's a sure sign you've been busy, but I don't believe that will hold in my case. If I've been busy the past year, it certainly wasn't intentional I wasn't aware of it, and if I was, I don't intend to be any more.

Of course, being busy is subject to all kinds of interpretations. A man can be busy with his feet propped on his desk and his eyes closed, if his brain is working. Eisenhower was pretty busy when he was flying to Korea, but I imagine he wasn't half as busy as he's gonna be if he succeeds in figuring out a solution to the Korean problem.

But I didn't start out to talk about serious things this week, I just wanted to let you know I'm still here. I'm still here. I'm still here. I'm still here.

In the meantime, Christmas is at hand and it ought to be enjoyed. I know there's trouble in

San Angelo Girl Wins State Honors In 4-H Home Improvement

Of a practical bent Frances Stanford, 16, of San Angelo, turned her efforts to making the interior of her home more comfortable and attractive. Little did Frances realize that good planning and painstaking efforts in the 4-H Home Improvement program would net such a fine reward—state honors and an all-expense trip award from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Frances redecorated her bedroom, painting, upholstering and rearranging old furniture. Blue Indian Head draperies and ruffled linoleum were selected to harmonize with jonquil yellow painted walls. Frances also takes time to devote to the study of piano, and entertains at many of the 4-H meetings. Her other projects include sewing, cooking, gardening, poultry and frozen foods.

This program is conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.



"J. A."

HOW MUCH IS A BILLION?

Today most of us talk about billions as casually as people used to talk about thousands. And that's largely a result of the trend of government in recent years. Our national debt is around \$260,000,000,000 and annual spending has been rolling merrily along at an \$80 billion rate. So figures large enough to tax the imagination of a first class mathematician are commonplace in public discussion.

In view of this, a Reader's Digest item on just what a single billion amounts to should be of interest.

Suppose that your family started a business with a billion dollar surplus in the year A. D. 1. And suppose it had been so badly and extravagantly managed that it had lost \$1,000 every day of the 1952 years that have gone by since then.

You wouldn't have to worry about it—you'd be a long, long way from broke. For you and your descendants could go right on losing that \$1,000 a day until the year 2738, 787 years from now, before you'd run out of money.

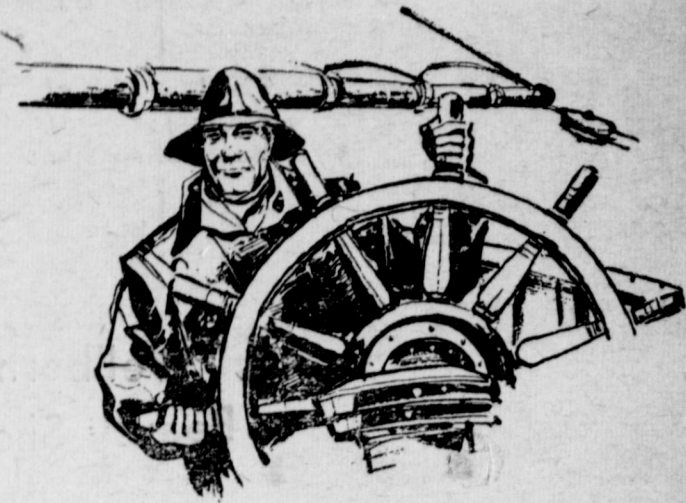
That's how big a billion is.

And a letter from Al Hall, former CC manager here, now one of the editors of The Times, Wichita Falls, who sends greetings to everybody around Muleshoe and explains about a fire reporting system they have installed in Electra. It's an automatic answering device that tells a member of the fire department where the fire is when he calls in after hearing the alarm. Says it will answer 25 dial phone calls simultaneously. Al says it would cost money but he figured it would be a big convenience to the boys as well as a protection factor.

PAT R. BOBO
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Office in Bank Building
Muleshoe, Texas

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

A letter addressed to The Gail Holt, Durango, Colo. Now Journal at 8th & Plowed Ground then our street, on the west side Street has duly arrived and was of the Courthouse square was accompanied by checks for re-plowed up for several months, newal subscriptions for Bits andbut it isn't plowed up any more.



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Season's Greetings

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And to you—our friends—we make a toast for
happiness and well-being during the coming holiday season.
With the deep-felt wish that this may be the merriest, cheeriest
Christmas of them all! And that the coming fifty-two weeks of the
New Year give you and yours health, joy and prosperity.

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**BABSON DISCUSSES
Colleges' Difficulties**

Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 19 — universities, unencumbered by I believe that free colleges and Government ties, are essential to



The best wish of all is for you Merry Christmas.

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May All the Blessings of Christmas be yours at this, the happiest time of the year!

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our economy. I am sure General Eisenhower, due to his experience with Columbia University, believes likewise. We both are disturbed by the weak financial condition of hundreds of our important colleges.

Costs Up—Contributions Down
Inflation has forced operating costs sky high, while taxation has kept gifts down low. This is, of course, the result of short-sighted legislation of "soak the rich and excess tax business." We have reached the point where very few individuals believe they can afford to contribute large sums to educational institutions.

An indication of the end of this kind of policy is hinted at in a recent issue of the Harvard Business Review: Harvard's endowment stood at \$139,000,000 in 1940, with total annual operating expenses of \$11,000,000. By June, 1951, Harvard's endowment had reached over \$200,000,000; but annual operating expenses had risen to over \$32,000,000. In other words, during that period, while its endowment increased 46%, its operating expenses zoomed 195%. Probably close to half of our colleges are currently operating in the red.

Cost of Education Too High
To help relieve this financial stress, colleges have raised tuition costs, increased class size, trimmed facilities, and raised board and room rent. The result: the old, large colleges now cost parents \$2,000 per year. Add to this clothing, transportation, and amusement, and Dad is lucky if he gets out of it for \$2,500 per year. It is true that this cost can be reduced by enrolling your son in a College of Business Administration which combines four years' work into three years; but this means your boy must work.

How many fathers can afford \$2,500 per year for four years when the top 20% of our population holds 93% of our total net savings? This leaves the bottom 80% with but 7% of our national savings. Add to this the fact that the average annual earnings for all full-time employees in the United States are around \$3,250 and you begin to think that the old colleges and universities may be pricing themselves out of the market.

Should present trends continue, I am afraid that Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and other famous institutions will be for only the privileged few who can afford their education, rather than for those who most deserve it. This, ordinarily, would be dangerous for a free society. Democracy needs the best character and brains of its citizenry, irrespective of their families' wealth. But I believe that today the smaller and more economical institutions are really developing better men.

Government Aid Given In 1944-50
Even under present conditions, the Government has already been generous. At the height of G. I. education in 1947, the United States Government was paying 50% of the colleges' operating costs. For the fiscal year ended in June, 1950, the Government contributed \$3,617,518,287 for general educational purposes. It is this form of financial aid that has kept many colleges alive these last few years, although this is not a satisfactory educational practice.

Our colleges should have further substantial financial aid both for operating expenses and scholarships to worthy students. Corporations could easily contribute to philanthropies 3% of the 5% allowable net taxable income which the law permits them to give tax free. This 3% would come to about 1 1/2 billion. If 25% of this, or about \$300 million, were tabbed for higher educational institutions, including business schools that do such a fine job with individuals, the problem might be solved. But will business respond before it is too late? What will your company do about this important issue?

**Bureau Endorses
Two Resolutions**

Littlefield, Dec. 19 — Two of four resolutions presented by the Lamb County Farm Bureau were recently adopted at the State Farm Bureau meeting in San Antonio, recently.

The Lamb County Board presented two resolutions which concern decentralization of the Smith-Doxey cotton classing offices, and the making of low-middling, seven-eighth cotton as a basis of standard grade for parity and price support.

Both these resolutions were adopted at the State Farm Bureau meeting. Among important resolutions adopted at the state convention were resolutions concerned with correcting apparent basis breaking in cotton buying, penalizing for offweight bales, appropriating funds to promote research and surveys on water problems, and legislation supporting revision of the Texas seed laws and proper tagging.

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**Volkman-Chapman
Vows Are Read**



MRS. R. L. CHAPMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Coulter announce the marriage of their daughter, Pearlene Volkman, to R. L. Chapman, son of Mr. and

Mrs. J. A. Chapman of San Angelo, Texas. Vows were read Monday, Dec. 15, at Clovis, N. M., with close relatives attending. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are at home here where he is employed by the Erickson Construction Co. (Printed in another part of The Journal by mistake.)

**Hospital Staff Has
Christmas Party**

A Christmas party was held Friday night, Dec. 19, for the Doctors, Nurses, and their families of the Green Hospital and Clinic in the Nurses' home in the hospital.

Gifts were exchanged and treats were presented to everyone present. A nice time was had by all.

Those attending were: Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Green, Jr., and children, Mrs. M. F. Green and Bob, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Ceips and sons, Mrs. Lula Gorrell and daughter, Mrs. Frankie Mason and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Garth, Mrs. Callie Price and

Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. John Hammock, Mrs. Clara Ford, Mrs. Mattie Heard and Chock, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hicks and Jimmie, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Flanagan and La Quita, Miss Barbara Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Damon, Mrs. Herman Nichols, and Mrs. Denver Daly.

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May your Christmas holiday be filled with joy and fun.

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Lancaster Is Made Manager Telephone Co-op

D. B. Lancaster has been elected manager of the Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. by the board of directors. Mr. Lancaster is serving as manager of the Bailey County Electric Cooperative Assn., also. His elec-

tion was by mutual consent of both boards of directors. Preliminary work is now underway looking to the awarding of a contract for construction of exchanges and lines for the Telephone Cooperative. A large loan to finance the construction has been made by REA. The telephone cooperative has office space temporarily in the Electric Cooperative building here in Muleshoe.

PAPER & OFFICE Supplies at the Journal Office.

CHRISTMAS

By Lee F. Stokes

Christmas is an annual festival which celebrates the birth of Christ. Therefore let us consider the events surrounding the origin of Christmas. Matt. 2: 1-2: 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. Mary and Joseph were refused room in the inn and had to share a shelter with the beasts of burden, it was upon this lonely night that Jesus Christ was born.

Luke 2:8: 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.

Wise men from the East were guided by the Star to Jerusalem and talked with the King then they started toward the City of David-Bethlehem, where they found the Christ Child in a manger, there they presented to him gifts.

Christmas is a happy time and I wonder sometimes if we know why. It was the time when God gave his Son as a gift to the world, so we in turn give gifts to our friends that all may be happy, a gift brings happiness.

The Wise men were glad to find the Christ Child and they gave him most precious gifts, just a token of love to him. Children should always be told that Christmas is a celebration of Christ's birthday. Many children celebrate without knowing the meaning of Christmas.

Only God could have given the Supreme Gift. Since Christmas originated in giving, it is right and proper for us to give to our friends on Christmas.

The Assembly of God church will have its Christmas program the night of the 23rd. of Dec. The public is invited to attend.

Lee F. Stokes, Pastor

Plaintiff Wins Contract Suit

A jury in district court last week decided in favor of the plaintiff in the case of E. N. Baker vs. J. S. Mooneyham, a suit to recover escrow money in a land purchase contract. Baker had entered into contract with Mooneyham to purchase the latter's farm. The decision of the jury permitted Baker to receive money he had placed in escrow as an earnest in the contract.

On the jury were R. L. Dillard, K. K. Krebs, D. B. Lancaster, Clyde Holt, Arch Fowler, E. G. Jordan, W. D. Dement, O. M. Self, Alex Reed, H. C. Toombs, M. F. Mooney, and C. A. Barnett.

A THOUGHT GOOD FOR CHRISTMASTIME

Buddie Blackman, the insurance tycoon, hands in this excellent piece of philosophy which we think is extra well said:

Keep the telephone of your mind forever transmitting thoughts of Love, Purity, Joy and Health; then when disease, sorrow, lust or hate try to call you up, they will always get the busy signal. After awhile they will forget your number.

Thanks, Buddie. And we forgot to say last week that a piece we ran entitled "WASHINGTON STORY" and a clever thing it was, came to us through Arnold Morris, the automobile magnate. It is only coincidental that the two men mentioned here are father-in-law and son-in-law.

TO MINERAL WELLS

County Agent and Mrs. J. K. Adams and children expect to spend a part of Christmas week with her family in Mineral Wells.

Funeral Rites For Davis Twins Held In Sudan

Funeral services for Sidney Ruth and Susan Ronasa Davis, infant twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Davis, of Sudan, were conducted Friday, Dec. 19, at 2 p. m. from the First Baptist Church in Sudan. Rev. Perry, pastor officiated. Interment was in Sudan cemetery. Pallbearers were Phelps Murrell and Robert Otwell.

The twins were born Dec. 17 in Green Hospital & Clinic, in Muleshoe and died Dec. 18. They are survived by the parents, a

brother, Robbin Davis; and the grandparents, Mrs. V. B. Porter, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, of Hereford.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl five years old and looking forward to Xmas very much.

I would like to have a big doll with hair and a high chair for my little doll.

Remember all the other little girls and boys.

Thank you very much. I love you, Elaine Gulley

GUINNS HAVE GUEST

Visiting in the Ailen Guinn home is her mother, Mrs. J. E. Pace of Dallas.

IMMINY Christmas!

... We sure hope that your Holiday Season will be the merriest ever!

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Greetings

May you receive the many blessings of the season, filled with Christmas gaiety, and laden with the promise of a bright, prosperous future . . . good health and perpetual happiness.

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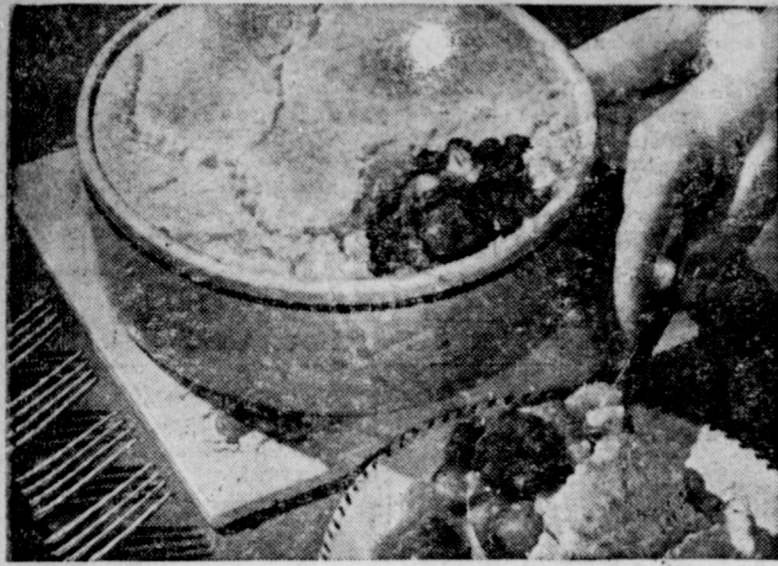
There is no better wish that we could hold for you, our friends and customers, than that something of the happy friendliness which you have brought to us with your many kindnesses and courtesies throughout the past years, be yours at this Christmas season. Merry Christmas!

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Corn Bread Topping Puts a "New Face" on Meat Pie!



Look for the smiles that will light up family faces when you serve meat pie with delicious, crusty corn bread topping.

Here's a dish that has a winning way with left-over roast beef and plenty of good vegetables. It's practically a meal in itself, and it takes so little time to prepare. Your meat pie with corn bread topping can be served at the table in its baking dish. As the serving spoon breaks through the corn bread crust, you'll love the wonderful aroma that greets you, and really welcome the good flavor that has been sealed in by the corn bread. There will be no cold second helpings because the corn bread tends to hold the heat in.

Meat Pie With Corn Bread Topping
A good way to use left-over meat and vegetables)

Filling:
1 cup cooked, diced carrots
1 cup cooked, diced celery
1 cup cooked, diced potatoes
1/2 cup cooked peas

1 tablespoon grated onion
3 cups diced left-over roast beef
2 cups celery

Topping:
3/4 cup corn meal
1/2 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 egg yolk
3/4 cup milk
1 tablespoon melted butter or margarine
(If self-rising corn meal and flour are used, omit salt and baking powder.)

Combine all filling ingredients in a 1 1/2-quart greased casserole. Sift together corn meal and other dry ingredients. Combine beaten egg yolk, milk, and melted fat. Add to dry ingredients, mixing only until moistened. Pour batter evenly over meat and vegetables in casserole. Bake in a 400° F. oven, for 20 to 25 minutes, until the corn bread just starts to shrink from the sides of the casserole. Yield: 6 servings.

MRS. COX IS HERE

Mrs. Laura B. S. Cox, of Excelsior Springs, Mo., is here on business and this time she will spend the Christmas season in Bailey County. She owns a farm near Muleshoe. Mrs. Cox has been coming to Bailey County every year for many years. In 1947, The Journal raised its subscription rate and warned everybody about it, so Mrs. Cox subscribed for five years. This week

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she came in again, since the 5 years had passed, but not being so optimistic this time, perhaps, she subscribed for only 2 years. Could it be that she thinks The Journal management won't last more than 2 years? We hope not. Mrs. Cox said she is 75, but she looks about 45 or maybe 50. Anyway, The Journal would like to say Merry Christmas here in old Bailey County, Texas, to you, Mrs. Cox and may you continue forever to pay us your yearly visit.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and I have a little brother six years old. My brother wants a gun and holster set and a rifle. I want a gun and holster set and a Bonnie Braids doll and a pair of moccasins. We would also like some games. We hope our stockings will be full.

With love,
Clarence and
Tommie Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a good little girl, four years old. I love my mother, father, sister and everyone nice. I want a doll with real hair and eyes, a big story book, and a pair of warm house shoes. Remember my sister and all the other good little girls and boys.

Lovingly yours,
Marilyn La Nell Williams

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll, number R-35R3425 in Speigel and a nurse set with a suit number 48T1943 from Montgomery Wards, also a little set that has a broom and a little vacuum set. If I haven't asked for too much please bring me a telephone.

Thank you for everything,
Carole

Dearest Santa,
I am a little girl almost 3 years old and have been as good as I could.

Can hardly wait until Christmas morning to see what you have left under my tree! I want a lot of things and hope I have been good enough to get them. Mostly, I'd like a table and chairs and dishes so Rhonda and I can have tea parties, then if you will, I'd enjoy a drum, piano, and doll.

Please bring Rhonda a rocking chair and new doll. She's awfully sweet and this will be her first Christmas.

Be seeing you —
Love,
Patti Ragsdale

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I have tried to be good and help my mother. Please bring me a gun and foot ball and anything else you can. Don't forget my little brother, Johnny Floyd.

Kenneth Zane Henderson

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 6 years old and I have been pretty good. So please bring me a farm set, a

automatic repeating rifle, a Bible with my name on it, and a game of some kind.

Please remember my mother and Daddy and everyone else.
Your little friend,
Larry Joe Nigh

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old and go to school. I have tried to be a good girl all year and would like for you to bring me a Saucy Walker doll, set of dishes and rocking chair.

Joyce Marie Adams

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy two years old. I would like to have a tractor to ride and an imitation B-B gun.
Be nice to the other boys and girls.

Thank you,
Kenneth Ray Gulley

Dear Santa,
I would like a 22 and a bicycle. My brother wants a 410 Shot gun.

Love,
Lyndol Kinser

Dear Santa,
I am a little red-headed boy 4 years old. I have been a very good boy and would like for you to bring me a dump truck, cowboy suit with gun, and Tinkertoy set.

Thank you Santa,
Joe Houston Adams

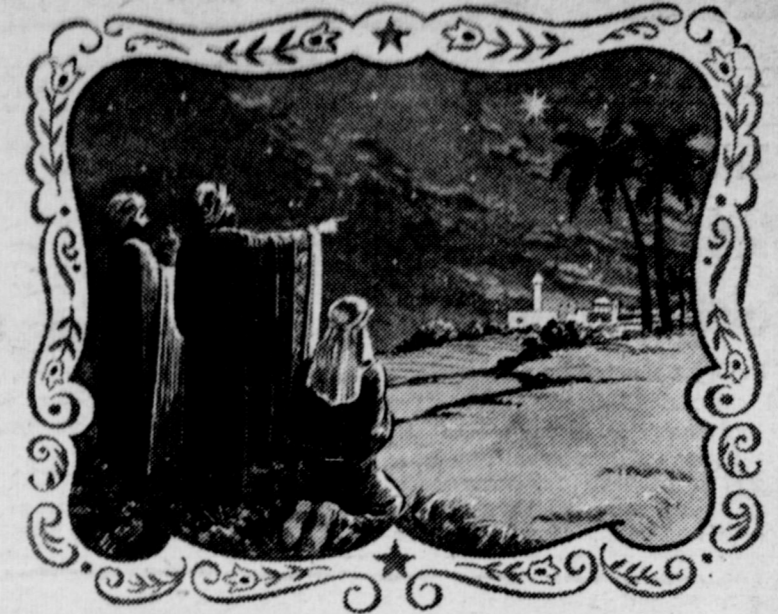
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a new billfold for Christmas. Merry Christmas to all.

W. M. Schoolcraft

Greetings
Friends

There's no limit to all the cheer
we wish for you at Christmas

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In the spirit of friendship and good will that is Christmas... we thank our many customers for their continued patronage!

To all, our sincere wishes for holiday joy!

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AND THANKS

May you and your family enjoy one of the most glorious Yule seasons ever.

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with all the warmth and cheerfulness of the silent gas flame that serves you so faithfully... we wish you

Merry
Christmas



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Merry Christmas



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Through the magic of electricity the rural areas of our great land are bright with the spirit of the Yule Season. We here at the Co-op like to bask in the thought that we are a vital part of your every day life. We hope that our service has been and will continue to be never found wanting. Again we wish you the best for the holidays and a fine and prosperous New Year.

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Chevrolet Launches 1953 Drive



Maryanne Carney gamely faces the herculean task of filling out 8,000 newspaper advertising orders which will be used in the announcement of Chevrolet's widely discussed 1953 passenger cars. Actually, Maryanne will get plenty of help on the assignment, but her position among the stacks of insertion orders emphasizes the promotional power behind the event.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you, and Santa I want a B-B gun, western suit, an electric train.
I was pretty good. I have two brothers and please bring a stove to my mother and father.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jimmy Herrina

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 4 years old. I would like to have a doll and rocking chair.
I have tried to be good.
Don't forget my mother and daddy.
Your little friend,
Diane Henderson

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle, doll buggy, nurse kit and my brother would like a snow suit, toy organ, electric train and my sister would like a doctor set, over night case.
I am in the third grade.
Gloria Ann Phipps

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 8 years old. I want a pair of boots, and a piano. I will not ask for any more this year. I do wish you a Merry Christmas for you and to all.
Your friend,
Peggy Howell

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good.
I would like to have a western suit.
Do not forget the other children.
Your friend,
Sonny Cates

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I would like for you to bring me a doll. And also a black board and chalk. And I would like a sewing machine two. Bring daddy a new shirt. Bring mother a new dress. And Carole a doll.
Thank you for everything.
Don't forget the other boys and girls even if you cannot give me what I want.
Your friend,
Alma

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an electric train.
I am a little boy eight years old and I also want some fruits, nuts, and candy.
Love,
Glenn Dell Phipps

TWEEDY COED



Black and white is the mixture—cotton tweed is the fabric—both smartly interpreted in a daytime dress by Henry Rosenfeld. College girls will appreciate the cool qualities of cotton tweed for early fall and winter wear, asserts the National Cotton Council.

Dear Santa,
I tried to be a good boy and I would like an army trainin center, a plastic crazy likes, a bag-o-blocks, a cash register and a wagon.
Merry Chrismts to all.
Love,
Kenny Murrah

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter, an electric train and guitar.
My little brother would like a rocking horse, and drum.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Robert Perkins

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some kind of pet and a toy organ.
I have tried to be a good girl.
Have a Merry Christmas.
Barbara Jean Morgan

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl in the third grade. I would like a doll for Christmas and an electric iron for Christmas, too.
Merry Christmas to all.
Carolyn Sue Holmes

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old and good most of the time.
Santa please bring me a doll and house coat, fruits, nuts and candy.
Please don't forget all the other little folks.

Santa please give something real nice to my Sunday School teacher, Mrs. White, also Mrs. Browder, my training Union teacher.

I love you, dear Santa.
Your little friend,
Linda Beth Johnson



To wish you joy...

May yours be filled with the happiness of an old-fashioned Merry Christmas!

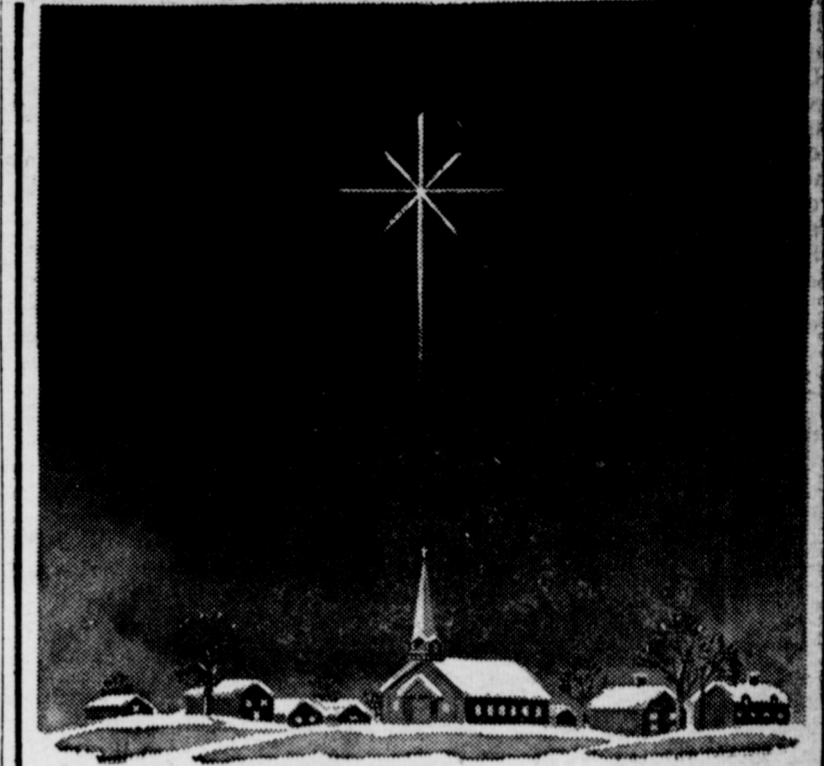
Allen Guinn's Body Shop

Allen Joe Davis C. A. Maxine

Hi Santa,
I'm a little boy 3 years old. You know little boys, so I won't say I'm good all the time.
Santa please bring me boots, a tractor, and car, fruit, candy, nuts.
Please don't forget Pa-Pa Johnson who lives at Terrell, Texas, Granny and Grandpa Scott, also Grandmother Odom.
Santa Bucky lives at Big Springs now, so please don't forget him.
Lots of love Santa,
Jimmy (Butch) Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a western suit and a football suit.
My little sister would like to have a doll and a rocking horse.
Merry Christmas to all.
L. G. Dulin.

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and buggy, a piano. I would like you to bring my brothers a B-B gun. Bring my sisters something too.
Merry Christmas to Santa, to all.
Opal Lorena Lee



OUR YULETIDE WISHES

Now, as in ancient times, may the guiding light of Christmas be yours.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bray and Keith

Wishing You The Doggondest

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Merry Christmas

And A

Happy New Year

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
W. B. Gummelt, Pastor
Lariat, Texas

Sunday School and Bible Class 10 a. m.
Divine Services 11 a. m.
Sunday School Teachers meet every Wednesday 8 p. m.
Ladies' Aid meets first Thursday of each month 2:30 p. m.
Walther League meets first Sunday of month 8 p. m.
A cordial welcome awaits you at St. John's.
"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." —Col. 3:16.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching Service 11 a. m.
Young People's Service 7 p. m.
Thursday Evening Bible Class 7:30 p. m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
H. W. Hanks, Pastor

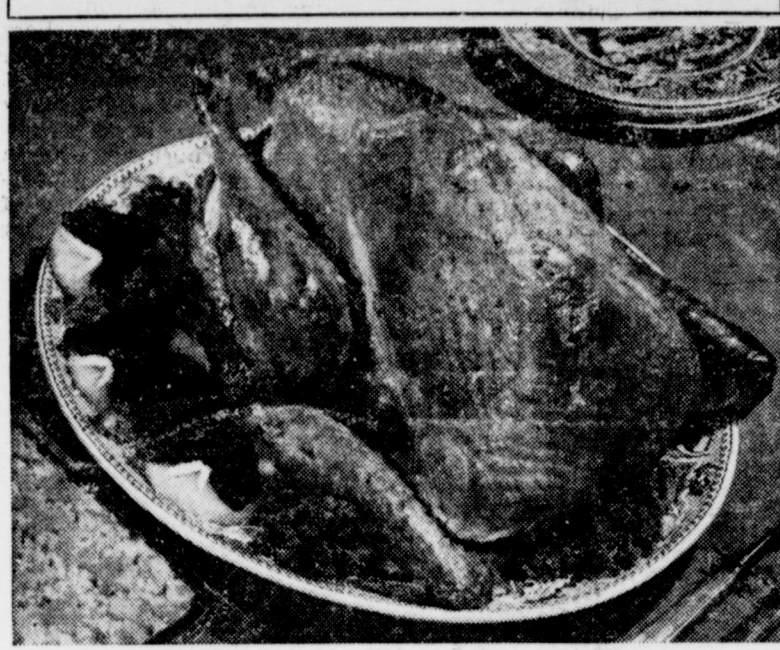
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
Juniors 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
W. S. C. S., Mon 2:30 p. m.
Wesleyan Service Guild, 2nd. & 4th Mon. 8:00 p. m.
Stewards Meeting, 1st. Mon. 7:00 p. m.
Ph.latheia Circle, 1st. & 3rd. Thurs. 8:00 p. m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
At Friendship
8 Miles South of Sudan
Second Sunday and Saturday before, Elder V. J. Lowrance, pastor.
Fourth Sunday and Saturday before, Elder Jack West, pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. A. W. Blaine, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
Training Union 7 p. m.
Evening Worship 8 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m.
Officers and Teachers, Thursday 8 p. m.
W. M. U., Monday 3 p. m.
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday 8 p. m.

**Holiday King
With Corn Bread Stuffing**



There's something about a turkey that makes him a welcome guest in the house when the family gathers for Christmas. He is a regal bird alive, of course, and he's one that loses little grandeur when he has been cooked a golden brown and served astride the biggest platter in the house. And when he is cornbread stuffed, he's fit for even Santa Claus.

Try it ahead of time in a Sunday chicken if you want to be sure before preparing the holiday dinner. You will find corn bread stuffing good with any kind of bird, fish or meat.

ROAST TURKEY WITH CORN BREAD STUFFING
1 16-lb. turkey
2 teaspoons salt
1 cup chopped onion

2 cups bacon fat or margarine
4½ quarts broken corn bread (or part bread)
4 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
¼ teaspoon pepper
3 eggs, well beaten

Rub inside of oven-ready turkey with the 2 teaspoons salt. Cook onion in half of the bacon fat or margarine until soft, but not browned. Melt remaining fat and add with onion to corn bread. Mix well. Add seasoning and egg and stuff into turkey. Skewer, truss, rub skin with soft margarine or shortening, and place on a rack in an open roasting pan. Cover with clean white cloth moistened with melted margarine or shortening. Roast at a low temperature (300° F.) for 4 to 4½ hours, basting as needed.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lazbuddie, Texas

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:45 p. m.
"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together."

LONGVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. T. L. Pierce, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching Services 11 a. m.
B. T. U. 7:30 p. m.
Preaching 8:30 p. m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p. m.
WMS, Thursday 2:30 p. m.
PAPER and Office Supplies at The Journal, Phone 7220.
Bible Study 7 p. m.

PROGRESS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. C. C. Morgan

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Mid-week Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:30 p. m.
B. T. U. 7:30 p. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.

OKLAHOMA LANE BAPTIST CHURCH
Barlo Massey, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Evening Worship 8 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 8 p. m.
W. M. S., Thurs. 3 p. m.

BAILEYBON BAPTIST CHURCH
Arthur L. Nunn, Pastor

Evening Service 8:45 p. m.
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Training Union 8 p. m.
Everyone Welcome.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Rev. Lee F. Stokes, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Worship 11 a. m.
Tuesday Night Young People 7:45 p. m.
Thursday Night Bible Study 7:45 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Sidney Patrick, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
N. Y. P. S., Tues. 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week Service Wednesday 8 p. m.
Come and Worship With Us. Interest is growing in our Sunday School. The lessons are on the Bible and sound religion.

THREE WAY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. E. Moore, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.

Y. L. BAPTIST CHURCH
First and Third Sundays
Rev. James Tidengerg

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 7:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:30 p. m.
Services every 3rd Sunday Starting at 10:30 a. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Muleshoe, Texas
Ebb Randol, Minister

Bible Classes for all 10 a. m.
Preaching 10:50 a. m.
Communion 11:45 a. m.
Preaching 8 p. m.
Wednesday
Ladies Bible Class 3 p. m.
Bible Study and Singing 8 p. m.



... and all the joys of the Holiday Season to our friends!

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METHODIST CHURCH
Lazbuddie, Texas
Harold M. Morris

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Church Service 11 a. m.
Evening Service 8:30 p. m.
Mid-week Prayer and Song Service 8:40 p. m.

MAIN STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
M. E. Robinson, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 7 p. m.
Evening Worship 8 p. m.
W. M. U., Wed. 2:30 p. m.
Mid-week Prayer Service, Wednesday 7 p. m.

ANTIOCH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Across Street From Hospital
Elder Jimmie Bass, Pastor

Services every 1st and 3rd Sundays and Saturday before 3rd Sunday.
Singing every Sunday night except 3rd Sunday.

NORTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship each Lord's Day 10:30 a. m.
Evening Service 8 p. m.
Tuesday Evening 8 p. m.

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Season's Greetings

It adds much to the enjoyment of the season

our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS ...

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Just as the wise men of old were guided on their historic journey by the fixed and unerring direction of a brilliant star, so may our good wishes to our many loyal friends brighten their Holiday Season.

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Y. L. METHODIST CHURCH
L. J. Helm, Pastor
Second and Fourth: Sundays
Church School 10 a. m.
Preaching Service 11 a. m.
Bible Study Group 7:30 p. m.
Evening Preaching 8:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, W. S. C. S.
First and Third
Thursdays 2:30 p. m.

PROGRESS METHODIST CHURCH
Carol M. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Evening Fellowship
Classes 8 p. m.
Evening Worship 8:45 p. m.
W. S. C. S., 2nd and 4th Mondays

WATSON BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Lyle of Anton, Pastor
Special Prayer
Service 9:45 a. m.
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Training Union 7 p. m.
Evening Worship 8 p. m.
Bible Study and Prayer
Service, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
WMU, Monday 2:30 p. m.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST
Buld, Texas
Norman L. Warren, Evangelist
We welcome ALL to the Bula community and wish to extend a special and warm welcome to attend all services of the Church of Christ.
Our Bible study on Lord's Day begins at 10:00 o'clock and the regular morning worship begins at 11:00. The Lord's supper is observed every Lord's Day.
Evening services begin at 7:15 each Sunday with the young people and preaching services at eight. This will still leave time for those who have children in school, to get them in bed at an early hour.
Our Ladies Bible study is on Tuesday afternoon, 2:30 p. m., and our midweek Bible study is on Wednesday at 8:00 p. m. Please call on us for further information, or if you need transportation; and may we have the privilege of meeting and greeting you personally.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Avenue G and West 2nd.
Johnny Moore, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11 a. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Communion Services each Lord's Day

MORE PEOPLE read the want ads every week. They cost little, get the job done. Try one.

Lubbock To Be Host To Spellers Of Area - Journal Sponsors Bee Here

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal has been assigned Bailey County and several others on the South Plains in the National Spelling Bee. The Muleshoe Journal will continue to sponsor this event in Bailey County and will notify all schools of the details as soon as possible.
Other counties in this district whose school children will compete with the representative selected from this county are: Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry, and Yoakum.
It will be necessary this time that county champions be registered at the O. L. Slaton Junior high school auditorium in Lubbock not later than 1:30 p. m., April 18. First winner in the Lubbock finals will receive a 24-volume set of Encyclopedia Britannica and will have possession of the plaque which is issued to

the county superintendent. Second place winner at Lubbock will receive cash prize of \$20; third, \$15; fourth, \$10; and fifth, \$5. Each county champion will receive a plaque from the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal which will become his permanent possession.
First place winner at Lubbock will be sent, with a chaperone, to Washington, D. C., for the National Spelling Bee, and with all expenses paid by The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.
Who is Eligible?
Any pupil who has not passed beyond the eighth grade at

the time of the Bee in his or her school shall be eligible, except that no child who will become 16 years of age by June 1, 1953, shall be eligible. The Muleshoe Journal will announce time for holding the County Bee, place, and other details later on.
Meantime pupils and teachers of the county are invited to begin drills pointing to the Bee at once, if they have not already started. The Journal's only object in sponsoring the Bee in this county is to encourage correct spelling and accurate use of words in the youngsters of our schools.
Webster's unabridged and Funk & Wagnalls dictionaries will serve as the final authorities for the spelling of words in the national finals. Meantime, The Journal has a few copies of

spelling lists that will be used in the Bee here and will furnish one for 15 cents to any interested person.
The Amarillo News-Globe has been sponsoring the Spelling Bee in the whole territory, which now has been divided for more ease in handling the large number of representatives in the event.

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Heads Council



BISHOP MARTIN

DALLAS, Dec. 13 - Bishop William C. Martin of The Methodist Church, Dallas-Ft. Worth area, was elected president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA at the General Assembly which closed at Denver, Colo., Friday.
Bishop Martin succeeds the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill of New York, presiding bishop of The Protestant Episcopal Church.
The Council, representing 29 denominations of over 33,000,000 members, is the largest interdenominational group in the nation. It was formed in 1950 with the cooperation of eight interdenominational agencies and now represents nearly 70 per cent of American Protestantism and a dozen church agencies.
The Denver session is the first meeting of the 500 official delegates and about 1,500 other church leaders since the formal organization. It is the most representative group in U. S. Christianity.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

The Lesson - Sermon titled "Christian Science" to be read this Sunday restates the promise that as we learn to practice and demonstrate the law of God, Love, in our daily lives, we will banish sin, disease, and death from our human experiences.
The patriarch Zephaniah perceived the omnipotence of God and His loving protection over the universe and man in the following verse to be read from the Bible: "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing" (3:17).

The following correlative statement will be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

"Christian Science reveals incontrovertibly that Mind is All-in-all, that the only realities are the divine Mind and idea. This great fact is not, however, seen to be supported by sensible evidence, until its divine Principle is demonstrated by healing the sick and thus proved absolute and divine. This proof once seen no other conclusion can be reached" (p. 109).

The Golden Text keynotes the Lesson-Sermon in this manner: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).

TO MINERAL WELLS

County Agent and Mrs. J. K. Adams and children expect to spend a part of Christmas week with her family in Mineral Wells.

TO BELL COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lancaster and family expect to visit in their old home county, Bell County, during Christmas. His parents reside in Oenaville community near Temple. Mrs. Lancaster's mother and a brother live in Temple.

TO VISIT RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Robinson plan to visit a part of Christmas week in Amarillo with relatives.



JOHN'S CUSTOM

JOHN'S CUSTOM MILL
John Fried
Joe Dan Jones
Jerry Farrell



Our wish to our many friends:
May your Christmastime be filled with spiritual blessings.

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MULESHOE, TEXAS

Schusters Host Gleaners Class

The Gleaners Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schuster for their Christmas dinner Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p. m. The house was decorated in the Christmas motif throughout.

After a delicious dinner was presented, Mrs. Charles King enjoyed, a Christmas program read the scripture of the birth of Jesus from Luke 2, "Christmas Around the World", a story telling how the different nations of the world celebrate Christmas was told by Mrs. Eddie Lane, and the story of "The Littlest Angel" was presented by Mrs. Carol Wilson.

The group sang Christmas carols and gifts were exchanged. Present were Messrs. and Mesdames Carrol Wilson, Walter

Sain, Edward Little and children, Melvin Seamore and children, Charles King, Albin Ratliff and baby, Fred Brown, Eddie Lane, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Blaine, Mrs. Arch Fowler, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Schuster.

P. T. A. Enjoys Christmas Program

The elementary P. T. A. met Monday night, Dec. 15, for a Christmas program.

Mrs. John Watson directed the group singing of Christmas carols and Mrs. Ernest Kerr gave a book review of "The Man Who Sold Christmas" by Rosalie Leiberman.

The regular meeting time was changed from the third Monday night to the first Monday night of each month.

PAPER and Office Supplies at The Journal. Ph.7220.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

An easy way to spread Christmas cheer is to make a beach bag for that gal who in summer a-swimmin' goes. It will bring her cheer, won't cost you anything to make from a full-size 35-pound cotton flour bag, the National Cotton Council reports. Here's how: Rip bag, line with terry cloth, and bind edges with grosgrain ribbon one-inch wide. Sew five loops of one-half inch wide ribbon across each corner of square. Run another ribbon through loops to tie when the beach beach-bag is filled and ready to go!

W. S. C. S. Has Christmas Program

The W. S. C. S. of the Muleshoe Methodist Church met in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a. m. for an all day meeting. Mrs. W. D. Moore directed the program.

The meeting was opened with the song, "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful". Mrs. H. C. Holt then brought the devotional from Isaiah with the reading of "The Prophecy of the Coming of the Christ Child."

Mrs. I. F. Willman sang, "He's the Lilly of the Valley". Mrs. Roy Bayless then led in prayer.

Mrs. Woodley gave the story, "Let's Keep Christmas" by Peter Marshall. After the group sang "Silent Night", Mrs. Willman gave the history of the song which was composed by Joseph Moore. Mrs. Haney led in prayer.

The group sang Christmas carols with Mrs. Horace Edwards at the piano.

Following the luncheon, gifts were exchanged with the help of Santa Claus. White Christmas

was then observed and gifts were prepared for a deserving family. Several trays were also sent to the ill and to the shut-ins.

Present were Mesdames Horace Edwards, Noel Woodley, Pat Bobo, H. C. Holt, W. D. Moore, T. P. Smallwood, H. O. Barbour, I. W. Haney, J. C. Wollard, Roy Bayless, J. J. Gross, I. F. Willman, O. N. Jennings, Annie Stevens, C. C. Mardis, Lucy Layne, H. W. Hanks, A. C. Gaede, H. M. Shofner, C. R. Farrell, C. D. Julian, F. B. Pierson, I. W. Haney, J. E. Day, E. R. Wright, O. C. Kirk, Arnold Morris, Little Claudia Huber and Gary Edwards and Rev. H. W. Hanks.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The sting of a bee is 1-32 of an inch long—the other six inches are all imagination.

A wreck-less driver lives long.

It's all right to drink like a fish, providing you drink what a fish does.

Experience is something you'd like to have if you didn't have to live through it.

—Santa Fe Magazine

LEDGER SHEETS in stock at The Journal.

Mrs Woodley Hosts Epsilon Chi Meet

The Epsilon Chi chapter met Monday, Dec. 8, in the home of Mrs. Noel Woodley with Mrs. Lois Witherspoon as co-hostess. Eleven members answered roll call.

The president reported on the international correspondence and Ruby Gregory reported on doll ticket sales. They have been very satisfactory.

The annual sorority Christmas dance will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 18.

Bill Ed Jones introduced Mrs. Alice Rowen, high school home economics teacher, who gave a very interesting discussion on slin covers.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Willis Farrell on Sunday, Jan. 4.

Dear Santa,
I am a boy nearly 6 years old. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle with starter wheels, also a cowboy outfit.

Scotty Oliver

DEPRECIATION IS COSTLY

Recognize farm machinery depreciation! Most farmers meet these costs only when buying new equipment. This farmer knows the importance of regularly checking the condition of his equipment. He also knows that regular purchases of U. S. Defense Bonds equal to the annual depreciation will help him replace this machine when it is worn out.



IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS AND GOOD CHEER WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY FAVORS AND SINCERELY WISH YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE

BARBOUR'S "66" SERVICE

Babe Barbour Kenneth Hanks
Pat Vinson Jeff Brown

Fraternal Meet Held In Tulia Well Attended

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star in District 2, Section 3, were honored with a Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mildred Garlitz, of Fort Worth, on Friday evening, December 12, in Tulia.

Viola Layne, Worthy Matron of Muleshoe Chapter No. 792, occupied the station of Martha, and in a very charming manner, presented the Worthy Grand Matron with an Honorary Membership Certificate, from Muleshoe Chapter. Others attending from Muleshoe Chapter were: Wynne Dunn, Deputy Grand Matron; Glenn Dunn; Ruby Cox, Associate Matron; Billie Mathis, Conductress; Ada Thomson, Mary Farley, Margaret Epting, and Jewell Strong.

A lovely program was enjoyed, and refreshments were served to the sixteen Chapters participating.

To you, our friends, in many ways.
We wish you Happy Holidays!

Western Wrecking

Muleshoe Texas

To our friends and customers:
A bright and joyful holiday to you all!

MURRAH MACHINE And WELDING

Muleshoe

Merrie Christmas

At this happy time of the year, may you be blessed with the spiritual joys of the Christmas Season.

MULESHOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Volkman-Chapman Vows Are Read

MRS. R. L. CHAPMAN
24 Volkman, Chapman

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Coulter announce the marriage of their daughter, Pearlene Volkman, to R. L. Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chapman of San Angelo, Texas.

Vows were read Monday, Dec. 15, at Clovis, N. M., with close relatives attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are at home here where he is employed by the Erickson Construction Co.

Lockers Hosts To Class Party

The Progress Homemakers Class of the Progress Baptist Church met Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. E. W. Locker for their regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. M. D. Gaddy. Roll call was answered by telling "What Christmas Means to Me".

The opening song was "Silent Night". Mrs. Clyde Henry then led in prayer. Mrs. Morgan brought the devotional on "His Star".

The business session was postponed until the next meeting and the meeting was closed by a prayer by J. J. Redwine of Clovis.

A covered dish supper was enjoyed and games were played. Each guest brought a toy for the Mexican orphan's home in San Angelo.

Present were Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Morgan, and Messrs. and Mesdames, J. H. Wimberley, Clyde Henry, Buck Taylor, Dalton Redwine, Leonard Redwine, J. J. Redwine of Clovis, Glenn Phipps, Troy McCain, Mesdames M. D. Gaddy, Birda Garrett, M. L. Shipp, Ray Williams, Phillip Garrett, the host and hostess.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 5 years old. I have tried to be a good boy. For Xmas I want a bicycle, ranch and rodeo set, and fruit, and nuts. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Darrell Ray Mason

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Season's Greetings

TO ...

... Our Many Friends — Customers:

In thinking of all those to whom we wish a Merry Christmas we realize anew that on every day of the year, we hold the greatest gift of all — your friendship. Association with you has made our years pleasant ones — and at this holiday season, we are grateful to you for making it possible for us to wish A Merry Christmas to the finest people on earth.

D. L. Morrison — C. W. Goss — Frank Mathews
Carl Huber — Homer Ary — Alfred Gates
Bob Detwiller — Ray Leman

WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE JAY WYER IS ONCE AGAIN ASSOCIATED WITH OUR FIRM. MANY OF YOU FOLKS KNOW JAY AND WE INVITE YOU TO COME IN AND VISIT HIM.

Morrison Motor Co.

"YOUR CHRYSLER — PLYMOUTH DEALER"

Muleshoe Lad In Children's Hospital



CAN SANTA GET IN?—That's what three tiny patients quarantined with chicken pox at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children wondered as they peered out the window at the hospital in Dallas. The five-year-old boys' fears were unnecessary because Santa (represented by generous Texans) later paid several calls at the hospital. But that was after this picture was made of (left to right) Larry Thompson, of O'Donnell; David Herrin, Muleshoe, and Dewey Echois, Dallas.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a Rockey horse and a big Teddy bear to sleep with and bring my baby sister a little Teddy bear and a doll.
I'll try to be a good little boy.
Bye,
Michael and Susan Marlow

Letters To Santa—

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I have tried to be good. I am in the first grade. Will you please bring me a bicycle, a Bonny Braid doll and a doll suit case. Also some fruit, nuts, and candy.
Love,
Mary Jo Locke

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. Will you please bring me a bicycle, archery set, gun and an airplane. Bring my baby sister, Donna a little rocking chair. Also some fruit, nuts, and candy.
Love,
Ronnie Locke

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a radio and a magic spring. If you can, please bring me a cowboy suit with boots and a hat. I am 8 years old. Bring all the other kids toys too.

My little brother is fifteen months old. He would like to have a toy car and a rubber ball.
Love,
Kay Bureson

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old. My birthday was just last week.

I would like you to bring me a big rocking horse, and a record player. I will have a big red sock hanging by the tree fire place for candy, fruit and nuts.
Love,
John David Gulley

Dear Santa,
I would like to see you Santa. I would like a little train, western suit, doctor set. Good bye Santa.

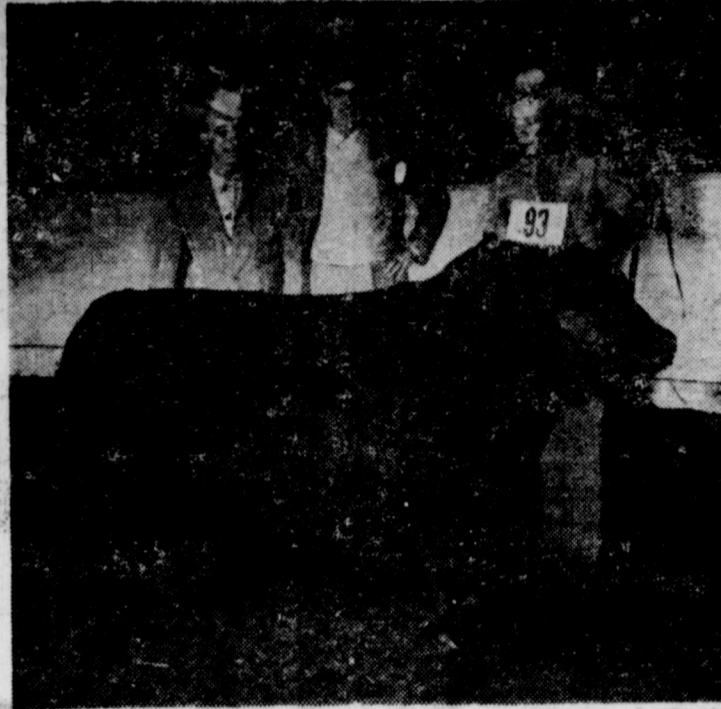
I am in the third grade and 9 years old.
Johnny Garrett

Dear Santa,
I want a doll buggy, nurse kit. I would like an iron and ironin board. I would like a dish set, too.

Merry Christmas to Santa and to all.
Alta Taylor

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old and I drv the dishes for mother. Please bring me a doll with saran hair, table and chairs, dishes ironing board and fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget the other little girls and boys.
Love,
Judy Inman

Junior Grand Champion Angus Male



Above is PRINCE 105 SAF, Junior and Reserve Grand Champion Angus bull at the recent International Livestock Show and Exposition, Chicago, Ill., held Nov. 28 to Dec. 6, 1952. He is jointly owned by Texas Oil Man and Rancher, Robert S. Hays, Kerrville, Texas, pictured center, and Simon Angus Farm, Madison, Kansas. Urban Simon pictured on left with John Simon at the halter. Prince 105 SAF is sired by Simon's great show and breeding bull, Prince 105 TT.



TO YOU, AT CHRISTMAS

May the merry-go-round of the season make

Christmas the most joy-full whirl you've ever had!

Mr. and Mrs. Emette Cross

Real Estate and Auctioneer

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 1/2 years old. I have ried to be good this year but find that hard to do, until about the 1st of Dec. I would like a little road grader, fire truck and a pair of boots. Please remember my little sister and other little girls and boys.
Love,
Rickie Dean Bradley

I am a little girl eleven years old. And I have a little brother six years old. And I want a Mary Heartline doll, and a pair of skates, and a pop up jewel box. And my little brother wants a bike, Western style trail rider, and a football, and a pair of guns with play bullets.
Jackie & Derrell Burton

Dear Santa,
This is Charles Jones writing you again from Muleshoe, Texas to let you know I would like to have boots, chaps, spurs, a lariat rope, roller skates and a

Drs. kit for Christmas. We will leave the tree lights on so you can find the right house.
Thank you.

Dear Santa,
We are two little boys age 5 and 3. We have been just about as good as ordinary boys. Please bring us some guns, tractors, machinery and a swing. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. We have a little brother a month old and we would like a rattler and Teddy bear for him.
Love,
Stanley and Clifford Black

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy four years of age; and my little sister, Nelda, is one. Please bring me a tool chest, some candy, nuts and fruit. Nelda wants a doll.
Remember all the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Nell Finley



To our many friends we extend our heartiest wishes for all the joys and blessings of this, the happiest season of the year.

MOORE'S HELPY SELFY LAUNDRY

Because it's Christmas, and you're all so nice to know, From our firm to your home, our friendly wishes go!

Floyd's Service Station
CONOCO PRODUCTS
Floyd Smith Herman Smith
James Mitchell Max Keller



Merry Christmas

to the best customers and friends a firm ever has, we extend our warmest wishes for your HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

MULESHOE AUTOMOBILE COMPANY

RAY KEELING CHARLES LONG BURLEY LOCK
HERRON WASHINGTON



Christmas Blessings

Christmas gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation of your kind friendship and loyal patronage; we extend our thanks to our many friends and patrons and hope that the Christmas Season will be memorable.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Muleshoe Elevator

BILL MOORE BOB WALLACE

Texas' Highest Rating 4-H'ers

OUTSTANDING accomplishment in the 1952 National 4-H Leadership and Achievement programs has brought statewide recognition to four Texas 4-H Club members.

Recognition for outstanding leadership in club and community activities was accorded Jack Harris, 19, of Plainview, and Mary Wanda Kachtik, 17, of Brownsville.

Jack's activities include being president of the 4-H Club at Texas Technological College, helping 350 boys at a district judging contest, serving as co-chairman of Texas 4-H Council and training leaders for 4-H Club Roundup. In his own club he helped organize athletic teams and to carry out encampment plans. During his 11 years of club work he has served in many County and State offices.

Mary Wanda has been in club work six years during which time she has been active on County Encampment programs, Rally Days and District and State councils. In recognition for her activities she has received two all-expense trips to the Texas 4-H Junior Leadership Laboratories, has been chairman of Texas 4-H Council and president of the County Council for three years. A freshman at Texas State College for Women, she has been a junior and senior leader for six years.

A 17-jewel wrist watch was presented to each by Edward Foss Wilson, president of Wilson & Co., Chicago.

State-wide recognition has been accorded Troy Lee McNeill, 18,



Troy Lee McNeill



Mary Ann Goertz

of Floydada, and Mary Ann Goertz, 19, of Red Rock, for superior records of achievement. The 4-H Achievement Award is one of the highest honors bestowed on Club boys and girls. Selection is based upon over-all project accomplishments, production records and club and community activity. Troy Lee has completed nine years of club work, including field crops, poultry, garden and meat animal projects. He has given nearly 300 demonstrations and exhibits. Besides serving in every local club office, he was president of district two years, vice-president of County Council twice and is now a leader.

In 4-H Club work nine years, Mary Ann has canned or frozen more than 4,000 quarts of food, prepared 7,000 meals and made 211 garments. Besides being one of the national food preparation winners, she represented Texas at the National Cherry Pie Contest in Chicago. She completed 45 demonstrations, some of which have won her county and district recognition. A freshman at Incarnate Wood College, she served as county council president and vice-president for two terms.

A set of two miniature statues symbolizing achievement, was awarded Troy Lee and Mary Ann by Ford Motor Co., new awards donor in this program.



Jack Harris



Mary Kachtik

All these national 4-H programs are conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Santa. It's been a long time. You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files.

The last time I wrote you, I spelled bicycle with a "k" — and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably — and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and its worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "well, start being a little nicer to ME then" from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see, and I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines — lots of them — belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank-you" for other Christmas than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against the countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees,

the off-key Noels and the hushed hymns, the street-corner replicas of you, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that — and especially — to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all, that

it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expensive respite from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas cards and our packages, the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you — that Christmas will always be a way of life and that you'll be staging it always?

I think you will because, though you've seen central heating replace the chimney, you've

door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in the age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely yours,
LOIS

Christmas Greetings

Be merry...
and may you all have
the sparkling ingredients
for a full cup
of happiness!

**RAY'S
Service Station**

Blondie Bill
Jim Arthur

JOY
to the world...

Our wish to you this joyful Holiday
Season is as old as St. Nick and as
sincere as the spirit of his smile—
Merry Christmas!

MR. and MRS. A. F. ASHFORD

**LONE STAR
Agriculture**
Released by
The Texas Department of Agriculture

By John C. White, Commissioner

NOTE: The following is an unusual piece of work which made its first appearance in print last year and has nothing to do with Texas Agriculture. However, it is especially fitting for this time of year, particularly when we are sometimes apt to forget the real meaning of Christmas. The writer is the society editor of the San Antonio Express, and it is with her kind permission, and that of the newspaper, that I reproduce the article.

—John C. White, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Santa Claus
C-O Childhood Hearts
Dear Mr. Claus:
I hope you will remember me,



Merry Christmas

To express our appreciation of long-established friendships is our greatest privilege at Christmas. We take pleasure in wishing you, our many loyal customers, all the happiness you have brought to us through the years. May your holiday be a merry one, laden with the blessings of the season.

JOHNSON-NIX

YOUR INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER — OLDSMOBILE DEALER

MR. and MRS. FRED JOHNSON
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JAMES REID

E. T. BROCKMAN
GAIL HOOVER
GLEN ROWLAND

Noel!

IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLI-
NESS AND GOOD CHEER, WE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY
FAVORS AND SINCERELY WISH
YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULE-
TIDE AND A NEW YEAR
ABOUNDING WITH SUCCESS,
GOOD LUCK AND HAPPINESS

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\$1 1/2 Billion Needed Now To Modernize Roads, Build New Ones

(This is the first of a series of articles that will present facts and figures about Texas roads and highways. The information was compiled by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce highway policy committee. These facts are being disseminated solely for the information and interpretation of the highway department.)

This is the need, according to the department, in spite of the fact that maintained miles of highways in the state system has doubled since 1940. Most of the additional mileage has been added since 1945.

Miles maintained have increased from 23,100 in 1940 to 46,000 this year. The farm-to-market road system of 20,691 miles has been developed almost entirely since World War II, accounting for almost all the additions to the state system since 1940.

NORMAN W. BAYS
Attorney-At-Law
Office In Courthouse
Phone 2670 Muleshoe, Texas

Junior Play A Howling Success

(High School Hee Haw)
A talent scout from MGM might have made a few recruits had he been in the audience last Tuesday evening when the Junior Class presented their annual play, "Act Your Age."

In spite of the many activities going on all over town, the audience was large and appreciative. The antics of "Gadget," the brain, the lady wrestlers, and little Elsie kept the audience in stitches from the first curtain to the last.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Linda Carol and I am 3 years old. I would like to have a big doll for Christmas this year and also a 20" bike.

Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Love,
Linda Carol Ashford
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be a good boy and I would like to have a 20" bike for Christmas.

Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Love to you,
Ronald Ashford



FIRST TREASURY... an unusual amount of attraction as attested by the flow of cars... they had packed their street with numbers... the first of the Christmas morning season in the city.

WE BUY COTTON
And Wools
GOVT. COTTON LOANS
Through FIA or The Texas Cotton...
BENTON INSURANCE AGENCY

Our Christmas Wishes
express our appreciation for your patronage and our sincere hopes that the Holiday bring you good fortune in 1954!

THE FASHION SHOP

Motor vehicles registered rose from 1.8 million in 1940 to 3.2 million in 1951, or virtually 100 per cent. There is now one motor vehicle for every two Texas people.

Texas now leads all other states in number of registered motor vehicles. It passed California for that. Only New York has more motor vehicles in its state than Texas.

Forest St. Martin, State Highway Commissioner, said that the highway department has estimated that \$1,570,000,000 is needed to modernize and maintain the system.

1. Federal and state highway aid	\$200,000,000
2. State highways	24,628,000
3. State farm-to-market roads	817,882,000
4. State farm-to-market roads for 14,200 miles needed to complete a 35,000 mile system	50,000,000
5. Modernization of present system	228,682,000
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7. Modernization of present system	228,682,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,570,000,000

An article of good wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with the joys of the season, to all our wonderful friends!

BOVELL MOTOR SUPPLY
Bo and Spence

New Roads For Bailey County

WHEREAS, in BAILEY COUNTY, the appropriate County officials and the Texas Highway Department in cooperation with each other have selected for improvement the following roads:

From US 84 northwest of Muleshoe north to Farmer County Line, a distance of approximately 3.7 miles.

From end of FM 1760 west to New Mexico State Line, a distance of approximately 8.5 miles.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the above described roads be designated as Farm-to-Market Roads and improved to provide two-lane dust-

less surfaces, subject to the condition that Bailey County will furnish all required right-of-way free of cost to the State.

Upon acceptance by the County and fulfillment of the conditions of this Order, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with construction in the most feasible and economical manner, and to assume the roads for maintenance upon completion of construction.

THE JOURNAL is the place to your Office Supplies, paper of all kinds. Phone 7220.

Nativity Theme Dominates Cards

Modern Christmas cards feature literally hundreds of interpretations of the popular Nativity theme. Many of these are reproductions from the old masters, while many others have been created especially for the Christmas card industry.

The Nativity theme, which naturally lends itself to an almost endless variety of interpretations and a wealth of detail, long has been a favorite subject of Christmas artists. Many of the details, based upon certain Bible texts, have fostered various legends—such as those concerning the Magi—which grew until the Wise Men were identified and given kingdoms.

The Annunciation is among the earliest subjects represented in Christian art, antedating the Madonna and Child theme by several centuries, and it is interesting to note that the fathers of the Church determined how the Madonnas should be portrayed; her dress and mantle are usually blue and red.

Santa Claus Hit As 'Sugar Daddy' Instead of Saint

Assailing the Santa Claus myth as "foolish fiction" and rival of the Holy Child, the Rev. John S. Martin, editor of the Catholic Review, declared in a 1949 editorial that Santa the saint has been lost in Santa the sugar daddy—and that the whole idea is bad psychology and bad pedagogy.

"Our children learn about the reindeer, but have never heard of



the ox and the ass," Father Martin continued and recommended that we:

"Leave the man in the red suit to those who have nothing better . . . for whom life must end in disillusion and despair."

Father Martin's sentiments are reminiscent of Martin Luther's vigorous campaign against neglect of the central idea of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus. So, German children have been taught that the Christkind brings the presents—Christkind being depicted as the messenger of the Infant Jesus sent earthward at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children.

The modern conception of Santa Claus is, of course, 99 per cent fictional and strictly American. But the spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness as typified by Santa Claus is neither sugar daddy-ish nor essentially American. Unfortunately not all children who await Santa have learned from their mothers' lips the story of the Holy Child.

Make the Covering Gay When Wrapping Up Gifts

HALF OF THE GIFT is the wrapping—let's make the covering as gay as the gift inside.

For the girl who likes to sew, material for a dress in a fabric-wrapped box, rick-rack for the ribbon and spools of thread with big buttons for the decoration create an unusual package. If you give yarn for a sweater, use one skein for the big bow.

Disguise a flat box of letter paper as a desk pad. Use a real blotter on top with corners of metallic paper.

Why not use a necktie knot in decorating the box containing a tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 1/4 way down; bring to center; tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use a dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.

Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.

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

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

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

FOR YOUR PRESENT WITH A FUTURE... INVEST IN U.S. SAVINGS BONDS NOW!

U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

Greetings

May the bells of Christmas ring out to wish you the many blessings of The Happy Holiday Season.

CITY CLEANERS
MR. & MRS. HOWARD ELLIOTT

Christmas Greetings

May each and every one of our customers and friends find this a very

HAPPY HOLIDAY!
HAGGINS BARNER SHOP
— and —
THE CORRAL DRIVE-IN

We extend to you this age-old greeting "A very Merry Christmas to you and yours . . ."

WESTERN AUTO STORE
MR. and MRS. B. A. DALTON — B. A. DICKENSON
BETTY and JOANN

Happiest HOLIDAY SEASON to all.

From Your Purina Dealer

At This The Best Season Of The Year, We Extend To You The Happiest Of Holidays. May Joy Be Yours Through The New Year!

Jones Farm Store
And All The Gang

Greetings

AND BEST WISHES

To all our friends, old and new . . .

We all join in, in wishing Christmas joy to those whom we have served!

May health and happiness await you in 1951!

ARNOLD MORRIS AUTO CO.

Arnold Morris	—	Buford Butts	—	Clarence Jones
Robert Harrison	—	Lance Hennington	—	Dick Minckler
Francis Gilbreath	—	Elmer Humiston	—	Clint Garlington
Miron Young				Robert Lee Washington

School for Santas



With all his experiences, the modern trend makes the old-fashioned Santa Claus embark on technical education. "School for Santa Clauses," sponsored by a Hollywood actors' organization, is coaching Kris Kringle "doubles" for their roles during the holidays.

Cultivation of a hearty, or belly, laugh is in the curriculum (top photo). Santa is shown how he must open his mouth wide to face booming "Ho Ho" through chin brush photo in center shows instructor demonstrating application of tourniquet so that Santa will know what to do if a boisterous celebrant happens to injure himself. At bottom, melodious renditions of "Silent Night" are practised at each class session.

Wax From Candles Calls for Caution

With so many candles placed about the home to give a festive air during the holiday season, candle wax drippings on rugs, table cloths, and mantels are almost inevitable.

Wax spots on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape up the wax, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging it lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test this mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto your best linen tablecloth can be removed by the same method of first scraping—being very careful not to injure the fiber or thread—and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride. If the stain is colored, use the solution suggested for a colored spot on a rug, after you've used carbon tetrachloride. Again you are urged to test an inconspicuous spot for possible fading from use of the solution.

Letters to 'Santa Claus' Come From World Over

Postoffice officials in Santa Claus, Ind., are accustomed to overloaded sacks of mail during the pre-Christmas rush. Senders want their cards and gifts stamped with the famous Santa Claus postmark, plus thousands of wistful letters addressed in childish scrawl to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind."

And then there is the annual crop of "Santa Claus" letters written by youngsters in far-away places who haven't heard about Santa's permanent address in Indiana, U.S.A. At least a dozen versions of the time honored note-in-the-bottle story find their way into metropolitan newspapers every year.

The notes, sealed in small bottles and securely tied to Christmas trees, are discovered by Christmas tree dealers, housewives; and even enlisted men at naval centers and military barracks; they come from places like Rensou, a village in New Brunswick, Canada, boasting a total population of 85 inhabitants.

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mamma doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of overshoes.

LEDGER SHEETS in stock at The Journal.

Our Honor Roll

New subscribers to The Journal this week are:
Lila B. Nickels, Midland.
Frank Spittler, Friona.
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NAZARENE CHURCH HAS PICTURE FOR BAPTISTRY

Rev. Arthur E. Barakey who recently held a very successful

revival at the Church of the Nazarene painted a picture for the baptistry of the church. He is also a chalk artist. Contributing the picture was Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Orteg of Earth. Rev. Sidney Patrick, pastor, reported to The Journal that it is was a very beautiful picture.

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Christmas Season Evokes Spirit of Trust, Faith

Indicative of the integrity and trustfulness prevailing throughout the world at Christmas time, people of Holland often entrust gifts to total strangers requesting the passerby to leave the package on such-and-such a doorstep.

Half-way across the globe, Negro families in Virginia long have observed the table-covered-with-a-sheet custom. The dining room table is covered with a sheet. Names of everyone in the household are written on slips of paper and pinned to the sheet. Gifts are sneaked under the sheet when everybody is supposed to be asleep, and even the youngest child refrains from 'peeking' until the gifts are unveiled Christmas morning.

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Brazil's Christmas Features Performance Of the Miracle Plays

Brazilian Christmas festivities embrace an aggregation of modern observances entwined with ancient traditions brought over from the mother country of Portugal.

The Christmas season in Brazil begins on Christmas Eve and ends with Epiphany on January 6. And because it is really summertime (south of the equator) festivities and entertainments appropriate to summertime hold sway throughout the season.

Miracle plays have always been performed in adoration of the Holy Child. From olden times, the plays have had all the dramatic fervor of a religious performance together with the gracious hospitality of a social function.

The scene is at once solemn and fantastic, with costumes bedecked with feathers, spangles, jewels and what-not sparkling in a setting of luxurious tropical foliage and blossoms.

Out of the great variety of miracle plays, all on different themes, of which many are in the form of elaborate dances meticulously performed and accompanied by the music of an orchestra, the dance of the Four Parts of the World may be cited as a typical example.

The roles are enacted by girls dressed for the part and, in succession, Europe, Asia, Africa and America declaim. The discussion finally involves their respective rights to make oblation to the Christ Child. Eventually, Father Time appears and settles the dispute to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Christmas Mass

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is the event of the year in Rome.

Every Roman Catholic church in the Holy City is crowded with men, women and children anxious to see the processions of church officials in their splendid robes. The larger the church, the more beautiful the sight. And, of course, the service at St. Peter's is the most magnificent in the world.

At St. Peter's all the men present are required to wear evening clothes and the ladies must be dressed in black, thus offsetting the brilliant beauty of the robes. Even the guards on duty are attired in elegant red and white uniforms.

Christmas Tree Is 150 Years Old In This Country

A CHRISTMAS TREE will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed Christmas tree, as it is known today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homestead for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

The custom of the lighted Christmas tree, some historians tell, originated with Martin Luther. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen tree into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

Another old German legend credits St. Boniface with the origin of the Christmas tree. Having converted some oak tree-worshipping Druids to Christianity, he took them into a forest, cut down an oak and pointed to a stately fir along side. "Take this tree," he said, "into your homes as a sign of your new worship. Celebrate God's power no more with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your homes with laughter and love."

Mistletoe Has Come Long Way Since Days of Druid Worship

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshiped by the British druids to its present status as a criminal killer of forests. However, its use as a symbol of love, peacemaking and goodwill survives to this Christmas intact from the pre-Christian days of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose palace stood in the Milky Way.

The beloved Balder, so the myth goes, was slain by a mistletoe arrow but was restored to life at the intercession of the other gods. Custody of the mistletoe plant was then entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. As long as the mistletoe was held high it could never be used as a power for evil.

HOLY NIGHT



This painting of the first Christmas was done by Feuerstein, an Alsatian who taught at the Munich Academy of Art.

Tradition of Poppy

The poppy leaf, traditionally a part of Christmas Eve supper in Lithuania, is a small loaf made of bread dough and baked hard in a bread pan. When cool, the leaves are dipped in a solution made of water and sugar and ground poppy seed which is also used as a traditional holiday beverage.

Tradition prescribes that the poppy seed should be ground in an iron kettle using an ax handle as a mallet, and no Lithuanian would think of grinding seeds for the Christmas poppy leaves by any other method.

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me an electric train and Al wants a rocky horse and Shirlene wants twin dolls, also we'll like some candy, nuts and fruit. Bring Daddy and Moter something too.
Thank you,
Clif, Al and Shirlene Murdock

No RUDOLPH, NO FULL SLEIGH, NO MRS. CLAUS

Dear Santa,
I saw you yesterday but I didn't get to tell you what I want for Christmas so I'll write you.

First I want to say there was lots complaining among the school kids 'cause you didn't bring Rudolph and your sleigh was awful empty. Mother says maybe Rudolph was sick and you had to pay doctor bills on him.

Next year if you can't bring Rudolph why don't you just come in a plane. Maybe then Mrs. Claus could come. She works so hard and seems never gets to go any where. Howard said maybe if you come in a plane maybe you have a good

looking 16 year ld daughter you could bring along.

Now I'm not complaining, just wondering —

Will you please bring me a foot ball and tinker toys but if Rudolph is still sick, call the doctor again and I want mind if you don't bring me anything. I am eight years old.

Love,
Don Watson

CARPENTERS TO VISIT RELATIVES CHRISTMAS

The Ralph Carpenters plan to visit her father, W. L. Brown of Ft. Worth, her mother, Mrs. Ruth Burant of Burleson, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carpenter of Paducah and her sister, Mrs. Willie Gibbs also of Paducah, during the Christmas holidays.



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There Was No Paved Highway For That First Christmas Trip

There was no macadam highway leading from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph undertook their memorable journey nearly 2,000 years ago.

As far as routes were concerned, there were three. The western route led along the sea-coast and through the plain of Sharon. This route was unpopular with pious folk like Mary and Joseph who shunned the heathen cities, rowdy travelers, etc., as much as possible.

The shortest route, via the fruitful plains of Esdracel into the mountains of Samaria and through Shechem and Bethel, was not very popular either. The road was tolerable, but steep; however, the Jews had little use for the Samaritans, and vice versa.

The Jordan route, which descended into the Jordan valley and followed the river's east bank around Jericho, was favored by the majority of Galilean travelers who for one reason or another (the Passover, etc.) went down to Jerusalem at regular intervals and knew their way around as well as suburbanites know their way around modern metropolitan areas.

If the Jordan route was a little round-about, it was fairly level—and steeped in Jewish history, from the shadow of Mount Tabor where Saul in desperation sought his 'witch' of Endor, to the tomb a

little before Bethlehem where the first Joseph buried his beloved Rachel.

It is fairly certain that Mary and Joseph did not choose the western route when they planned their very special journey. Whether they chose to go by way of Shechem and Bethel, or around the walled city of Jericho may never be determined definitely.

But, the distance—nearly 100 miles—was, in any case, unrelenting and conquered only by persistent plodding. And when Mary was too tired to go another step, Joseph took the packs upon his



own shoulders so that she might ride the little donkey which trudged faithfully at his side.

Verily indeed, did Mary appreciate the shelter of the stable that night—no one could have been more grateful or more happy than Mary. And she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger.

Danger of Fire Is Greatly Enhanced By Christmas Tree

THE AVERAGE CHRISTMAS tree can go up in smoke in only two minutes. That doesn't leave much time for the fire department to get there.

A live tree with roots packed in a bushel of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive tapings can make up what it lacks in size.

Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to set it up inside. When you bring it in, keep it in the coolest part of the house with the radiator nearest it turned off.

Use nonflammable aluminum foil—cut section on paper—to connect cord to which tree is "planted." Use nonflammable trimmings on the tree.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

"Bethlehem" by Walter D. Edmonds.

Alva Lee then sang "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem".

The class voted to go to the El Monterey at Clovis, N. M., January 8. Everyone is to meet at the home of Mrs. J. T. Shofner at 7 p. m.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to Messrs. H. W. Hanks, David Anderson, McReynolds, Oscar Allison, Chris MacAllister, Jean Allison, Helen Gardner, Ruby Faubus, Doris Johnson, Mary Nell Chapman, Margaret Adams, Fern Awtry, Joan Barbour, and the hostess.

H. D. Club Has Christmas Party

The Progress Home Demonstration Club Christmas party was held in the home of Mrs. George Stotts Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Mrs. Fern Davis presided over a short business session. Roll call was answered with "How we open presents at our house." Council report was given by Mrs. Fern Davis.

The Christmas program was given by Mrs. Dian Reed and Mrs. Maltby. Christmas games

were played before the exchange of gifts.

Refreshments of candy, fruit, popcorn balls and coffee were served to Mesdames J. S. Alexander, George Gross, Dian Reed, Odell Logan, Alfred Patterson, Manuel Self, G. T. Maltby, John Thomson, Davis Gulley, Albert Davis, Harold Mardis, Edward Little, Joe Sinnacher, and the hostess, Mrs. Stotts.

Santa's Requests

Santa Claus still gets letters from youngsters with the same cherished requests—bicycles and dolls. Last year a child wanted a live cow. He told a department store Santa so.

Another kid wanted a new daddy because hers was "wearing out on top."

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Currier and Ives Cards

Commercial production of Christmas cards in the United States began about 1835 with the founding and developing of the partnership of Currier and Ives in New York.

For more than a century American painters have aided the industry by painting Christmas scenes on order or by selling reproduction rights to the art which is now conservatively estimated as worth \$10,000,000 annually.

The favorite Nativity theme is represented by hundreds of interpretations. Winter scenes are next in popularity, some of them dating back to the Puritans of New England, the German forests whence St. Nicholas emerged, and even to the Druids of pre-Christian England.

Legends Associate Mule, Gentle Camel of Jesus With Gift-Giving Custom

Syrian legends have associated the Magic Mule and the Gentle Camel of Jesus with gift-giving, for reasons that are at once different, and yet similar in their association with the Christ Child.

It seems a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree when he went into an inn for refreshment on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy Infant, the mule was caught up on the rebound and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning master.

The youngest camel of the three ridden by the Wise Men was exhausted by the pressing journey and was blessed with immortality by the baby Jesus as it lay moaning near the Nativity scene.

Philathea Circle Meets In Home Of Mrs. Edwards

The Philathea Circle of the Muleshoe Methodist Church met Thursday, Dec. 18, in the home of Mrs. Horace Edwards for a Christmas party and the exchange of gifts. Everyone also brought a toy.

Alva Lee Shofner and LaVon Copley were visitors.

Alva Lee led several Christmas carols. Mrs. Margaret Adams then led in prayer. The group sang "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem."

Biblical story followed by "Away Mrs. H. W. Hanks then gave a in a Manger" by Alva Lee. Mrs. Helen Gardner gave the reading,

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King Richard's Christmas Feasts

Once upon a medieval Yuletide, King Richard III of England celebrated at Litchfield—and during the festivities 2,000 oxen and 200 tons of wine were consumed.

Of course, the feudal set-up provided the great lords with the wherewithal for magnificence—the lords received gifts from their tenants and kings received gifts from their nobles; and the graduated scale for giving and receiving was as well ascertained as the quiddam honorarium of any baron or physician.

Queen Elizabeth received a large part of her wardrobe as gifts from her courtiers, and if the quality or quantity was not satisfactory, the donors were unceremoniously informed of the situation.

When Henry III entertained a thousand knights, peers, and assorted nobles who came to attend the Yuletide marriage of the Princess Margaret, his majesty received a royal Christmas gift of 2,700 pounds, plus 690 fat oxen from the Archbishop of York.

With similar assistance, whether exorted or given in the spirit of generosity appropriate to the season, his majesty could well afford to give Christmas feasts for the poor like the one given in West-

England's Puritans Banned Christmas As Frivolous Time

Christmas was outlawed in England by the Puritan government of England in 1643 and, although the restoration of the Stuarts brought a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

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

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing Day.



minster Hall in 1248, which lasted a week.

Striving to outdo his predecessors and give his successors something to shoot at, Henry VIII kept one Yuletide at which the cost of gold cloth that was used amount to 600 pounds alone. He had tents erected and artificial gardens plotted within the spacious hall of his palace. Knights came out of the tents to joust in tournaments and fantastically dressed dancers, covered from head to foot with gay ribbon streamers, emerged from the gardens to entertain the guests.

Preparation for the feasting on such occasions is perfectly appalling to epicures of the 20th century—and can only be vaguely comprehended by considering that Richard II normally employed 2,000 cooks to prepare food for the 10,000 persons who dined—irrespective of special feasting—at his expense every day.



GNOMES AT WORK . . . Three little gnomes diligently prepare for Christmas under the watchful eye of Santa Claus in his workshop at Santa Claus, Indiana. They are building, waxing and polishing toys to go into Santa's pack on Christmas eve.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS . . . Despite the spectacular mouse that Andrea Kleczek is displaying, Santa Claus being the jolly and understanding old gent that he is no doubt will let the seven-year-old off with a warning that time is running out for good behavior.

Santa Presents FHA Fashions

(From The Hee Haw of MHS)

Wednesday afternoon in the 1952 auditorium, teachers, friends and mothers of the F. H. A. girls enjoyed a very unusual style show.

The presentation was in the form of a playlet with Lou Ann Agee as mistress of ceremonies. The scene was the living room where two young ladies, Maxine Black and Wanda Ogletree were discussing typical problems just before Christmas.

Like any high school girl, Maxine wished ardently for beauty, popularity, and lots of

pretty clothes. While the girls took a nap Santa Dorothy Lowery, appeared and called in a group of models who placed under the Christmas tree all of the qualities that make a girl beautiful and popular.

The same later appeared wearing a variety of dresses, dusters, pajamas, etc. to delight the heart of any young girl. Thus was the problem of "gobs of lovely clothes" solved for the girl on a limited budget.

Following the fashion show, refreshments were served in the homemaking department.

Instead of the conventional wreath on the outside of the door why not string some bells and tree ornaments on narrow baby ribbon and hang from a huge red bow?

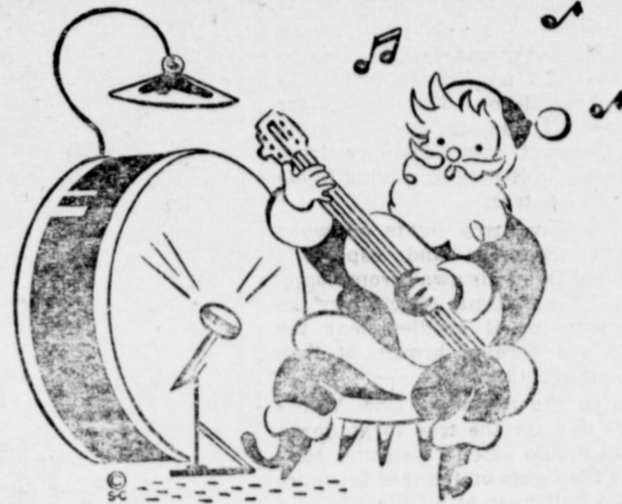
Make your door and window frames bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. You can hang the ribbon in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash bows for colorful effect.

RIGHT FOR THE ROLE . . .

Playing Santa Claus for young victims of polio and cerebral palsy is opera star Lauritz Melchior, shown reading a Christmas story to Thomas Precious and Patricia Pulio.



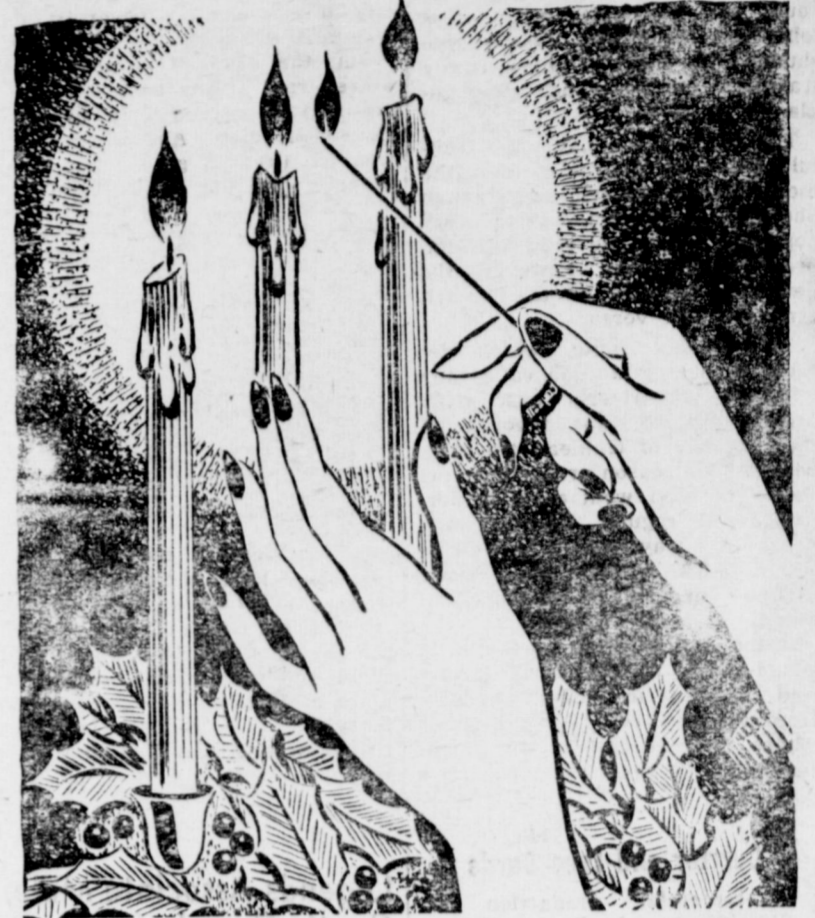
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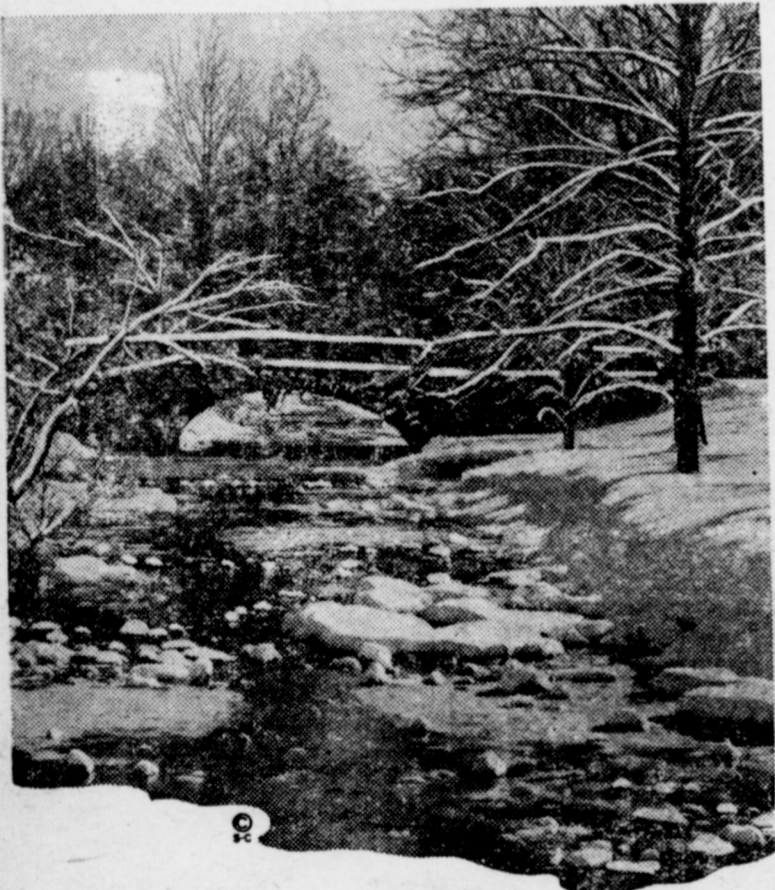
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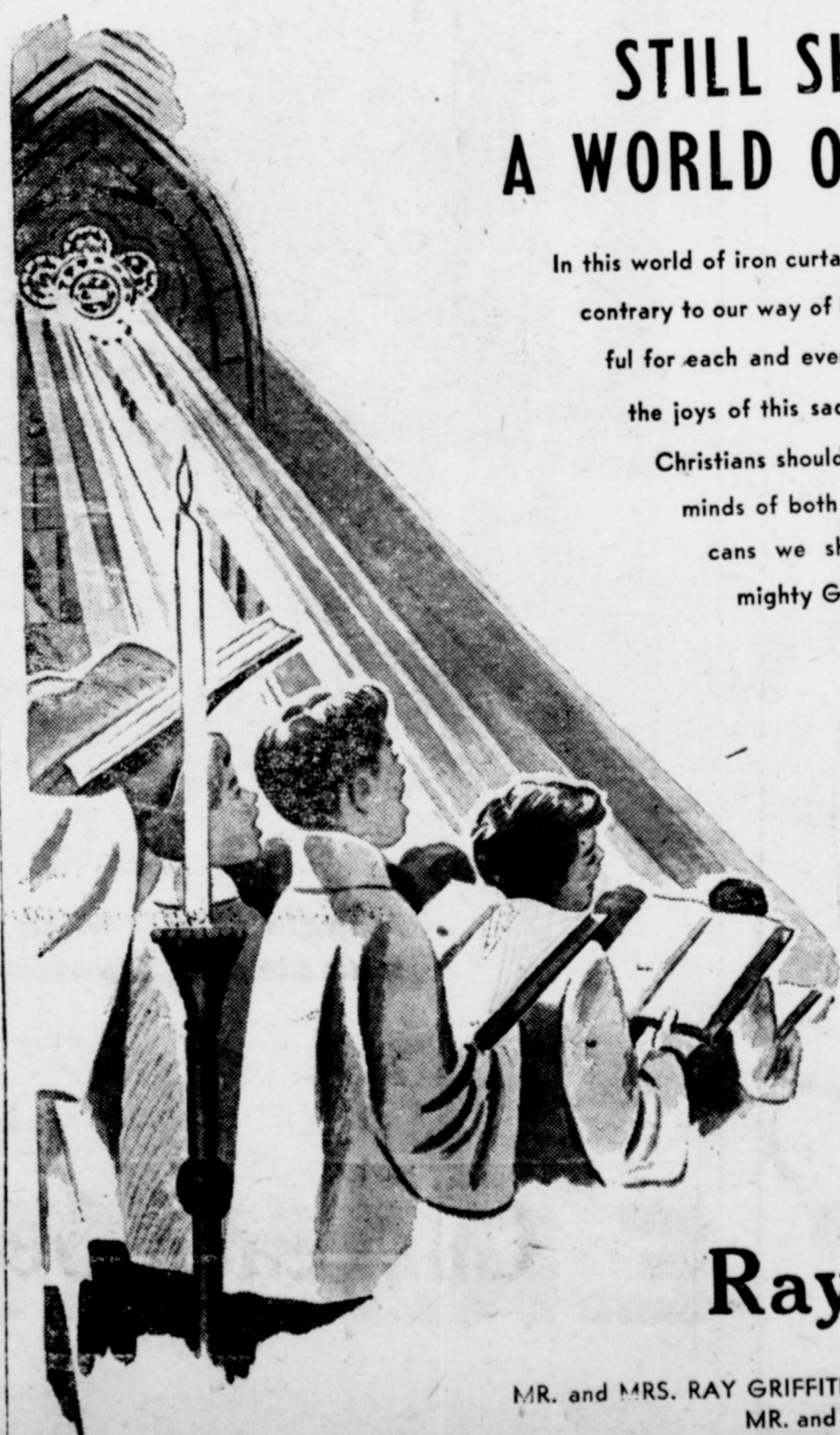
"Come all ye faithful."

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THE LIGHT THAT STILL SHINES IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS

In this world of iron curtains and the many "isms" so contrary to our way of life, it is extremely wonderful for each and every one of us to experience the joys of this sacred season. The light of Christians should reach into the hearts and minds of both young and old. As Americans we should be grateful to Almighty God for all of our Blessings.

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Our gift-wrapped wishes for all our friends . . . to enjoy the merriest Yuletide season ever celebrated!

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CHRISTMAS EVE IN OLD TIME FINLAND



The Christmas Eve bath was quite a tradition in Finland before the advent of modern plumbing. The old-time Finnish bath-room was usually a three-room hut, one room was used for steaming and scrubbing, one for rubbing, and one for dressing.

The hut was warmed by a stone oven, heated for hours before the scheduled bath, and the "bath-room" was really steaming. After bathing came the rub-down and the switching of the body with birch twigs to increase the circulation, topped off by a roll in the snow, supposedly to whet the appetite for Christmas Eve supper.

For supper there was usually stockfish and grunts to be enjoyed plus the traditional barley porridge in which cream and sugar and almonds were mixed.

After supper the boys and men matched their strength; while the girls—garbed in the men's work clothes—blackened their faces and stole away to visit other homes in cognito and "see Christmas." The girls never spoke nor accepted food, but went from house to house merely to watch the festivities.

And when the evening's festivities were over, the smaller children made their beds in the clean straw spread on the floor in commemoration of the Christ Child.

Indestructible Mistletoe

The flame-thrower and atomic energy — lethal instruments borrowed from modern warfare—are out to kill that ancient symbol of peacemaking and love, the Christmas mistletoe.

The unusual battle front is Australia where too many valuable trees each year have been receiving the kiss of death from the harmless looking shrub. Despite mistletoe's popular reputation as the Yuletide promoter of romance, it is a public-enemy parasite in the woodlands, killing off the trees that play it host.

Australian foresters have finally resorted to the flame-thrower as a quick executioner for the plant and are using radio-active tracers, furnished by the U.S. atomic energy commission, to study how the mistletoe saps the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

United States Is Christmas Carol 'Meeting Place'

IN TOWNS AND CITIES throughout America, in churches, public squares and along home-lined streets, over millions of radios and public address systems come the strains of the world's Yuletide melodies—old as bygone centuries, young as "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas. . ."

The United States, meeting place of carols from all Christendom, contributes yearly to the traditions of Christmas music by writing new songs and popularizing old ones.

The carols of Europe arrived with the peoples who came to America to settle. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), eventually translated into 119 languages and dialects, belonged to no one nation but was the common gift of the continent. From Germany came Luther's hymn for children, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. . . England sent "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay. . ." And France provided the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three American composers did much to revive the ancient custom by writing new songs which are, today, among the world's best beloved carols.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was the inspiration of Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, in 1849. Less than 10 years later Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Episcopal rector from Williamsport, Pa., composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Perhaps the best-known American carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks in Philadelphia. The young Episcopal minister, later bishop of Massachusetts, was inspired to write the poem by the memory of a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. The rollicking "Jingle Bells," though non-religious in theme, also came from the pen of a churchman, John Pierpont, and has enjoyed almost a century of popularity.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 8 years old, please bring me a large bicycle with a basket and horn and please bring my sister a doll, bed, iron and ironing board and bring Bobby a little gun and stick horse. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Marvin Cave, Jr.

Santa Claus Makes a Stop Out West



Silent Night

From Berlin.

1. All - a - night ho - ho night All is calm, all is bright
2. All - a - night ho - ho night Dark - ness flies, all is light
3. All - a - night ho - ho night Won - der - ful, and they light

None you'll see, No - born and Child Ho - ly, in - fant so ten - der and mild,
Sleep in heav - enly peace, Sleep in heav - enly peace,
Chant the Sa - ra - ven is born, Chant the Sa - ra - ven is born,
With the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! hail the King!
Chant the Sa - ra - ven is born, Chant the Sa - ra - ven is born. A - men.



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Electric Co-op Has Christmas Party

Directors and employees of the County Electric Co-operative Association met Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p. m. at the Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas party. A buffet dinner of turkey and other dishes was enjoyed by about 45 guests. Tables were decorated with red and green candles set in arrangements of greenery and Christmas balls and silver covered candy dishes filled with Christmas candies. The traditional Christmas tree

completed arrangements. W. W. Branscum directed the introduction of all the guests. Gifts were exchanged and movies were shown of last year's Christmas party and the Will Rogers Memorial Roundup.

Pollyanna Club Meets in Home of Mr and Mrs. Roark.

One of the largest Christmas socials ever held by the West Camp Pollyanna Club was enjoyed Tuesday night in the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Roark. Fifty-two members and guests including the county agent, Mrs. Dian Reed and husband, were present. Gifts were exchanged and secret pals for the past year were revealed. The guests then drew partners and played forty-two. Refreshments of coffee and cocoa with cookies, pie and candy were served.

Secret pals for the coming year

were drawn. The next regular meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Henry Curtis on the regular meeting date.

Social Club Enjoys Christmas Program

The Pleasant Valley Social Club met December 17 at the Pleasant Valley school house for their annual Christmas party. Decorations were of white reindeer and sleds on red paper with the traditional Christmas tree.

Refreshments of fruit cake and coffee were served to Mesdames Raymond Bushnell, John West, Leroy Hicks, Oscar Allison, Harold Allison, Jerald Allison, Doyle Wierflein, E. K. Angeley, and Floyd Andreas.

Kris Kringle Isn't Really Santa Claus

Popular notion seems to imply that Kris Kringle is a German term of endearment for Santa Claus. Just what motivates this idea is not at all clear, since Kris Kringle is really a modification of Christkind who, although endowed by German legend as a gift-giver, resembles Santa Claus not in the least.

Santa Claus, as we know him in America, never really caught on in Germany. St. Nicholas comes around on his liturgical feast day—December 6—with his pockets bulging with candy and nuts and trinkets. Well and good, but German parents maintain, as did their predecessors of the Reformation era, that the central idea of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, should dominate the observances. Nor is Christkind depicted as the Infant Jesus himself, but rather as his messenger and gift-bearer who comes to earth at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children. The Christkind is usually represented as a child dressed in white robes, wearing a golden crown and having big, golden wings.

Lucia Day Starts Christmas Season In Swedish Custom

Celebration of Lucia Day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304, A. D., and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnivals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "handmaidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

In addition to beauty, other qualifications for "Lucias" or "light queens" are fair hair, a nice disposition and high character.

Dressed in long white robes, wearing crowns of lighted candles (the traditional costume for "Lucias") the girls present gifts and the traditional Lucy day coffee and rolls to hospital patients, etc. The queen and her maidens, enthroned in a star spangled horse-drawn chariot, lead festive processions around the village squares and through city streets.

Parade participants depict alternate scenes from Sweden's picturesque Lapland and the Wild West of the United States, while musicians in multi-colored costume alternate playing northern folk tunes and American jazz.

Do One Thing At A Time. A large majority of people never learn this lesson thoroughly. Most of us try to do one thing and think of another or several others.

Plan the use of your time and stick to your plan. You have as much time as any one. Be careful not to waste it.

Control Your Temper. Temper is a fine thing but you need it for yourself to spur you on. Keep it for yourself and use it on yourself.

Control your tongue. One sure sign of conceit is to be always bragging. Conceit is a deadly enemy to success.

Instead of Wreath, Hang Bells, Ornaments on Door

Instead of the conventional wreath on the outside of the door why not string some bells and tree ornaments on narrow baby ribbon and hang from a huge red bow?

Make your door and window frames bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. You can hang the ribbon in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash bows for colorful effect.

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A hen is only a egg's way of making another egg. —Samuel Butler

UNEMPLOYMENT LOW IN LAMB COUNTY

Littlefield, Dec. 19 — Only 29 new claims for unemployment compensation were filed during the week ending at the Littlefield Texas Employment Commission office, J. D. Jordan, manager, has announced.

Lamb County had second to the lowest number of new claims of any county in Texas for the month.

More than 90 persons visited the TEC office on Monday during Farm Labor Day to seek employment or to find farm workers for the coming season, Jordan said.

Seventeen farmers visited the office interviewing a total of 42 applicants for farm labor jobs.

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