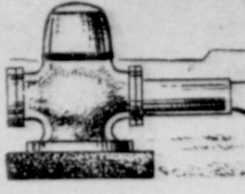


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## Away in a Manger...



At this Christmas season, may you know again the true joy that began for the world in that blessed manger of long ago. To your joy-filled home we send our best wishes that you enjoy all the Yuletide riches of happiness, good will, and fellowship

*Merry  
Christmas*

# MULESHOE CHURCHES PLAN SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

## Lazbuddie Farmer Announces Plan For Vegetable Growers

A Lazbuddie farmer and former vocational agriculture teacher, Ronald Davis, envisions a vast vegetable production and marketing association on the South Plains within two years according to information published last week.

Davis is the man behind a plan which would form a corporation composed of farmers and businessmen to grow vegetables on a commercial basis, and also to take care of the shipping and marketing of the produce.

He has gotten a number of Plains men to agree to serve on a board to meet early in 1956 to discuss the plan.

Among those agreeing to serve on the investigative board are E. O. Baker, of Muleshoe, W. R. Stockard of Earth, Troy Sherman of Littlefield and Basil Sherman of Oilton. Other counties will be represented on the board also.

Davis plan is to set up an organization such as the California fruit growers have, to handle all the details of production as well as arrange for proper marketing facilities so the producers can be reasonably assured of a fair profit for their vegetables.

## Thank Patrons For Aid During Rush

Postmaster Arnold Allcorn and assistant postmaster, A. J. Gardner this week extended their thanks to postoffice patrons for their cooperation and assistance during the heavy rush of Christmas mailing.

Both postal officials said the public had been extremely cooperative in dividing their cards as to destination, in early mailing and in other ways.

Some patrons are failing to put complete addresses on cards, and a few cards are being mailed without stamps, but these are in the minority.

The postoffice will be open until 5 p. m. Christmas eve and will be closed Sunday and Monday.

Postmaster Allcorn urged patrons to complete their mailing as early as possible Saturday, and also to pick up packages as early in the day as they can. The officials hope to have the Christmas mail all worked and cleaned out by closing time Christmas eve.

## Stores Will Stay Open Until Nine Tonight and Friday

Most Muleshoe stores will remain open until 9 p. m. tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow night for the convenience of Christmas shoppers. Tonight is Dad's Night for the male shoppers.

Stores will close at 7 p. m. Saturday night (Christmas Eve) in order for employees to be with their families.

Monday will be one of the holidays observed by Muleshoe business men, and most business places will be closed that day. The following Monday will also be observed as a holiday.

## Cotton Allotments May Be Recovered, Attorney Reports

There is a good possibility that cotton allotments lost by West Texas may be recovered by March, 1956.

That was the optimistic report given by representatives of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to a group of more than one hundred farmers meeting in Lamesa last Friday, Dec. 16.

Jimmie Wedel and Joe Sooter of the Bailey County Farm Bureau and Senn D. Slemmons, manager of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce represented Bailey County at the meeting.

The local Farm Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce had raised over \$500 through solicitation of local farmers and businessmen to contribute to the legal expenses of the lawsuit. The law suit will be held in January or February of 1956.

John White, who specializes in commodity law, and is of the law firm of Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates and White of Washington, D. C., will represent the West Texas group. He was thoroughly briefed the case and after having held depositions on the State ASC Committee is convinced that their action was in violation of the provisions of the Agricultural Act.

White, in a memorandum to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, points out that Texas received 98% of their 1955 allotment and according to his interpretation of the law, West Texas is entitled to at least 98% of their 1955 allotment.

## Crawford Drilling Open House Next Thursday, Dec. 29

Open house in the new building of H. D. Crawford Drilling has been set for next Thursday, December 29. Everybody is invited to come in during the day or evening.

At night there will be music by the Delmer Shirley band, of Friona, and refreshments will be served.

Mr. Crawford and his staff are very proud of their new plant, which has been described as one of the most modern in all of Texas. The building, of brick and tile, is 40 by 80 feet in dimensions and was erected by BMFP Construction Co.

It has a large reception room and display space in the front with a bookkeeper's office and private office for Mr. Crawford. There is a large parts room and a big space in the rear of the building for the repair shop. The building has two nice rest rooms, and is equipped for all weather air conditioning. A novel front design will help to eliminate glare, and the contractors have left a nice place for a planter box.

## Goodfellows Need Names Of Needy Children For Gifts

The Goodfellows of Muleshoe are still anxious to receive the names, ages and sex of many more needy children, one of the anonymous men announced this morning.

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Anyone knowing any children who might otherwise miss out on Christmas may leave their names at the City Hall in Muleshoe, where the Goodfellows will pick them up.

Packages will be delivered Saturday or Saturday evening.

## Install New Case Wagon Grocery and Market

Wagon Grocery and Market this week installed a new self service display case for fresh frozen foods.

The case is designed to display frozen foods so the shopper may make his own selection from an always adequate stock.

The installation of the new display case is in line with the progressive spirit of this Muleshoe store.

## Parker Services Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Lois Parker, 48, were conducted at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Trinity Baptist Church, Muleshoe, J. E. Moore officiating.

Mrs. Parker was born August 7, 1909, at Marion, Ala. She passed away Monday following a lengthy illness. For the past four and one half years she had resided near Muleshoe. She had been a member of the Methodist Church since childhood.

Survivors include her husband, W. W. Parker; seven sons, Hershel, Herston, Charles, Walter, J. O., and Alton, all of Muleshoe, and Pvt. Willard Parker, Ft. Dix, N. J.; three daughters, Karen and Judy of Muleshoe, and Maude Ray Tidwell, Avinger; her father, J. C. Richie, Prescott, Ark.; six sisters, Mrs. Leone Birdsong, Prescott, Ark., Mrs. Maxine Pressman, Sulphur Springs, Tex.; also surviving are four brothers, William Richie, Wolf City; J. D. Richie, Hugo, Okla.; Jesse Richie, Texarkana; and James Richie, Marshall; and four grandchildren.

Interment was in Muleshoe Cemetery with Singleton Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Harding Promoted To Rank of 1st Lt.

Hurshel R. Harding, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Harding, has recently been promoted to the rank of 1st Lt. in the U. S. Air Force. Since entering the Air Force in May of 1953, Lt. Harding has been stationed at Lake Charles Air Force Base.

He is assigned to the legal office as a Judge Advocate. Upon his release from the Air Force in May of 1956, Lt. Harding plans to enter private law practice.

ANNOUNCING  
Midnight Mass will be held for the first time here, at 12:00 p. m., December 24, at the Palace Theatre.  
The public is invited to attend.  
Read The Journal Want-Ads

## County Agent Explains Hybrid Grains

Hybrid grain sorghums appeared on the agriculture horizon several years ago, and some Bailey county farmers have participated in test plantings, but commercial plantings have not been available for widespread use. Naturally there have been questions and doubts of the reputed, almost unbelievable, yields of the new hybrids. J. K. Adams, Bailey county agent, has released a historical article on the new hybrids which might answer many questions in the minds of local grain farmers.

In 1919 and 1920, Karper started planting hybrid sorghums, and in late 1920, Karper, Quimby and Stevens discovered a way to produce male sterility in sorghum. In 1929 several methods of producing sterility were discovered. However the cost of the seed was much too expensive at this time.

In 1940, Kuykendall of Tennessee discovered a low cost, three way system of producing hybrid seed, but the method contained too much margin of human error.

In 1952, an even simpler, Cytoplasmic system of hybrid sorghum seed production caused the Texas experiment stations to drop other methods which contained the possibility of human error. This method was perfected at Chillicothe.

Texas may have 10,000 acres for seed in 1956. Mr. Quimby at Chillicothe thinks threshability and ability to stand up to dry in the head is of more concern at present than is yield. He feels that yield will be taken care of by increase in hybrid vigor.

SEVEN VARIETIES  
The Texas experiment station will furnish county agents with seven commercial hybrids for trial planting. These seven commercial hybrids will not really be on the market until and unless accepted by Texas farmers. The seven include Caprock X kafir, 7078 X kafir, Redline 60 X kafir, No. 6874 X kafir, No. 5507 X kafir, and Martin-Plainsman X kafir. In each case the kafir is the male sterile plant and the other plant furnishes the pollen.

Each of these will later be named, such as Texas 720. They will lose their public identity with their parents and stand or fall on their own merits.

FARMERS RESEARCH  
None of the seven hybrids grown in large blocks have been for harvesting by standard methods. Farmers are expected to do a lot of good in 1956 by finding out how the hybrids perform under both dry land and irrigated farming methods in this area. It is said that 7078 X kafir may fall down as easily as 7078 because of the excessive weight of the hybrid head as compared to either parent. This question will be answered by

actly what they are to expect as growers and sellers of certified seed. The selling is even more important than the growing, according to successful pioneer growers.

Ten pounds of each of from three to five of the seven hybrids will be put into hands of county agents in March, with details available in January. If production in Mexico now in progress meets with success, each county agent may get all seven varieties.

Farmers must grow their trial planting along side their choice of open pollinated variety. The farmer's duty in this simple contract will be to complete a form giving date planted, date bloomed and production in pounds per acre.

The Bailey county agent plans to test the only commercial hybrid seed available along with experiment station hybrids by allowing selected farmers to grow both side by side between rows of the common varieties. This hybrid will be DeKalb D-50, a dry land type with Hegari in its makeup.

Other commercial companies will probably have commercial seed on the market in 1957.

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"AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT," is what this youngster might be telling Santa Claus when the bearded gentleman visits here last Thursday afternoon. After talking to hundreds of boys and girls, Santa and his helpers passed out bags of fruit and candy. (Staff Photo)

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The churches of Muleshoe are planning special observances of the Christmas season. Most of the church congregations are doing something to aid the less fortunate. Parties are being planned, and traditional Christmas programs will be held by many of the church groups. The Journal is happy to present a brief outline of the plans of the Muleshoe churches for Christmas.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
The teen age group at the Church of Christ, instead of having a Christmas tree and party for themselves, sponsored a party last night, Tuesday, for the thirty-two children at the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, at Portales, N. M.

The teen agers were assisted by the adults of the church here, and were under the directorship of Jack Baker, W. B. Wagoner, Jr., and Thurman Kent, teachers of the classes.

Over \$200 was collected for this cause, and with it, the children were clothed, and each received a toy. In addition, approximately \$80 in wholesale food was given to the home, and \$25 in records. Mr. Kent reported that all the merchants in Muleshoe, sold their merchandise wholesale, and he wishes to thank them. He reported that one car dealer in town even went to the extent to offer twenty-five new automobiles for the Muleshoe group to travel in, and take the items to Portales. Some one hundred twenty-five persons made the trip.

In addition to the party at Portales, the Church will send food and clothing to the Tiptens Orphan Home at Tipton, Okla., and will help a number of needy families in Muleshoe.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
At the First Baptist Church on Christmas evening, it will be Student night. Wayne Bristow, a Muleshoe boy, who is studying for the ministry, at Wayland, will be the speaker. Visiting college students will have charge of the entire program.

On Friday evening, December 23, the young people will enjoy a Christmas party at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Shepherd.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
"The Message of Carols," will be presented at the Assembly of God Church, Friday evening.

## Ringgold Team To Meet Mules Here Tonight At Seven

The Ringgold, Louisiana high school basketball team will meet the Muleshoe Mules in Mule gym tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock.

The Ringgold Redskins are touring the west, and will come to Muleshoe from an exhibition game in Portales.

The team is coached by Jack Holley and J. C. Davis, and features eight players who are six feet tall and over. Ronnie Radzowski is team manager.

Both the A and B boys teams will meet the Ringgold tourists, and the public can expect some top notch basketball tonight.

who otherwise would Christmas.

Wesleyan Guild has the Fred Johnson evening last week.

**PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Members of the Primitive Baptist Church will donate into a fund, proceeds of which will be used to purchase food and clothing for the families in this area.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARINE**  
A Christmas program will be held this evening, December 21, at the Church of the Nazarine. The program, scheduled to begin at 7:30, will feature an exchange of gifts, and the singing of Christmas carols.

On Christmas morning, Rev. Perryman will bring a special Christmas message, and in the evening, the regular worship service will be held.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
At the First Christian Church this evening, Wednesday, December 21, there will be a special Christmas program and party with a Santa Claus, and treats for the boys and girls who attend the church school.

All of the group attending will sing Christmas carols, and several Christmas stories will be related by the children.

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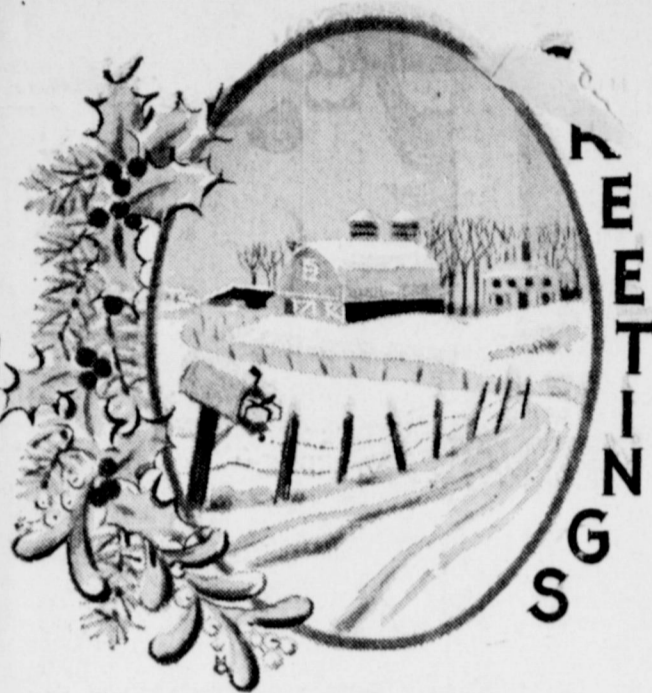
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**



As old as our faith, as young as our hopes, is the spirit of Christmas. May it once more lift your heart, lighten your cares and brighten every corner of your life. May its infinite joy and glorious promise abide with you and your loved ones . . . now and always.

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Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy three and  
try so hard to be good. I'd like  
a little puppy, so could play  
with me all year long. If you  
could please leave me a violin  
too, so I can make music with  
my brother Stephen on his gui-  
tar.  
Please remember my baby sis-  
ter Celia, with a lot of little  
girl things.  
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and good wishes for happiness and prosperity  
all through the New Year

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**Open All Day Xmas**

### Miss Wanda Cherry Weds Donald Harmon In Impressive Ceremony Here Sunday

Miss Wanda Cherry became the bride of Donald Wayne Harmon, Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ here, with Minister Ebb Randol, of Melrose, N. M., officiating.  
Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cherry, of Muleshoe, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Harmon, also of Muleshoe.  
The impressive double-ring service was read before an archway of greenery centered with wedding bells, and flanked by baskets of white gladiolus and candelabra.  
The church choir presented "O Promise Me", "Whither Thou Goest", and the Wedding March. Soloist Jacque Baker rendered "Because."  
Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, L. G. Moore, the bride was lovely in a satin faille gown enhanced with large motifs of piqued tulips, and sleeves which came to points over the hands. The gown featured a full skirt and cathedral-length train. Her veil of illusion was caught to a tiara of seed pearls, and she carried a bouquet of white gardenias and feathered carnations.  
Carrying out the bridal tradition, something old was her mother's wedding band, something new was her shoes, something borrowed, a handkerchief, and something blue, her garters. For luck she wore a new penny in her shoe.  
Shirley Cherry, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Her floor-length gown of net over orchid taffeta, featured a full skirt, and a net ruffle around the shoulders. Bridesmaids were Betty Criswell of Brownfield, and Maxine Redwine. Their dresses were blue and pink respectively, and were made identical to that of the maid of honor. All honor attendants carried bouquets of white gardenias.  
Billy Harmon, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Candelighters were Kay Cherry

### Mrs. Bray Hosts TEL Christmas Party

Mrs. A. C. Bray was hostess for the Christmas party of the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist Church, Monday afternoon.  
Mrs. Edna B. Daniel led in prayer, after which the class presented Mrs. Bray, the teacher, with a gift. She in turn, presented each of the class members with a gift.  
The group packed boxes of candy, fruit and nuts, to be sent to the Orphans Home at Round Rock, and also packed three boxes for needy families in Muleshoe.  
Delicious refreshments were served to thirteen members.

### New H. D. Club Has First Meeting

Pleasant Valley's new Home Demonstration Club, which was organized two weeks ago, held its first meeting with Mrs. Elmo Stevens, on December 14. Ten and Jana Goodwin, Nita Bob Turner, of Levelland, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Ring bearer was Jimmy Pierce, of Levelland, nephew of the bride. Leon Wilson, Phil Providence and Joe Coffey, were ushers.

**RECEPTION FOLLOWED**  
Immediately after the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the church. Assisting the couple in receiving were Glenda and Beverly Hill, and Barbara Hill.  
For a wedding trip to El Paso, the bride chose a suit of tan wool, with blue accessories.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harmon will be at home at 2714 First Street, Lubbock, where he is a sophomore student at Texas Tech.

### Rainbow Christmas Party December 14

Rainbow Girls Christmas party was held at Lodge Hall, Wednesday, December 14, at 5:00 p. m.  
The charity project for this year was to bring canned goods

### Troop Five Girl Scouts Enjoyed Holiday Party

Refreshments were served to approximately forty-five persons. Rainbow Girls attending were: Darla Johnson, Mary Janice Fucott, Nan Allison, Sherry Allison, Sandra Allison, Sandra Weeks, Janelle McGuire, Doris Childers, Mary Jo Holt, Nelda McCary, Delores Wagnon, Sandy Briscoe, Sandra Taylor, Carolyn Hinkson, Carolyn Barge, Pat Thomson, Delora Braune, Nelda Redwine, Marsha Redwine, Janie Sanders, Nell Moore, Elaine Evans, Zona Millen, Carolyn Carter, Magann Lamb, Beth Young, Judy Kay Lambert, Jana Goodwin, Dona Gwyn, Joy Awtry, Kay Brown, Janet Cunningham, and Sandra Howard.  
Next meeting will be January 5, in the home of Mrs. B. H. Bickel.  
Sponsors attending were: La Von Hinkson, Blanche Lender, Ada Thomson, Doris Brown, McGuire.



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**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28** Beginning Promptly At 1:00 P. M.

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| <p><b>FARM MACHINERY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 1952 M Farmall 4 row Lister and Planter and 4-row Cultivator</li> <li>1 - 4-Row Steel Sled</li> <li>1 - 3-Row Steel Sled</li> <li>1 - Tandem Disc 7-ft. Almost New</li> <li>1 - 3-Section Harrow</li> <li>1 - 3-Disc Massey-Harris Breaking Plow.</li> <li>1 - John Deere Boll Puller (1951) With blower</li> <li>2 - 4-bale Cotton Trailers (built this year)</li> <li>1 - Set of Dual Tractor Tires, extra good</li> <li>1 - Sand Fighter</li> <li>1 - V-Ditcher (Myers)</li> <li>1 - Furrow Guide</li> <li>1 - M-M Fertilizer Attachment</li> <li>1 - 4-Row Stalk Cutter</li> <li>29 - 3-inch Irrigation Tubes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>41 - 2-inch Irrigation Tubes</li> <li>1 - Chrysler Industrial Motor (24A)</li> <li>1 - 500 Gal. Propane Tank (almost new)</li> </ul> <p><b>LIVESTOCK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 - Hens (Mixed)</li> <li>1 - 6 yr. old Spotted Cow, a 4-gal. cow</li> <li>1 - 550 lb. White Face (Locker) Calf</li> <li>1 - 5 yr. old Spotted Cow and Roan Heifer Calf, been fresh 2 weeks, a 4 gal. cow</li> <li>1 - 3 yr. old Roan Cow, with first calf, 3 weeks old</li> </ul> <p><b>MISCELLANEOUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 8x12 Henhouse.</li> <li>60 or 70 Bales Alfalfa Hay</li> <li>40 - Acres Hegari Bundles</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Items Too Numerous To Mention</b><br/><b>TERMS - CASH</b></p> |
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 Christmas Candy Curtiss, 29c Cello Bag **19c** | BABY RUTH OR Butterfinger Chips Window Box 5c Bar Free **29c** | CANDY Christmas Mix Bulk lb. **29c** | Kisses or Miniatures Hershey's 59c Cello Pkg **49c**



ORANGES California Sunkist Fancy Naval lb. **15c**  
 CELERY Crisp Green Large Stalk **15c**  
 TOMATOES Red Ripe Cello Pkg. **15c**

Bologna Armour's Star All Meat 1 lb. pkg. **35c**  
 CHEESE Sliced American Armour's Star 1 lb. pkg. **49c**



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### Miss Workman Is Shower Honoree

A pre-nuptial shower was held in the home of Mrs. Peggy Childers last Monday afternoon December 12, honoring Miss Wrenelle Workman, bride-elect of Donald Glen Moore.

Other hostesses for the occasion were Lou Green, Olena Watts, Ruth Gaudin, Ruby Williams, Mary Reed, Maxine Harris,

Delia Mardis, Gloria Stinson, Carolyn Herrington, and Nelda Barbour.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Childers, Mrs. Workman, mother of the bride-elect; Miss Workman, and Mrs. Seaborn Moore, mother of the groom-to-be. The latter three were presented with white gardenia corsages on a background of gold gardenia leaves.

White and gold, chosen colors of the honoree, were carried out in decorations. The serving table was covered with a cloth of net

ever gold, and centered with a beautiful tree of gold glitter lace wire, and white roses.

Nelda Barbour, Delia Mardis and Carolyn Herrington served orange spiced tea, candy nuts and mints. Guests were registered by Mrs. Dick Willman; some forty guests called during the afternoon, and many who were unable to attend, sent gifts.

The wedding ceremony will take place Thursday evening, December 22, 7:00 o'clock at the First Methodist Church. Everyone is invited.

### Slumber Party Held At Dutton Home Recently

Y. W. A.'s of the First Baptist Church here recently enjoyed a Christmas dinner and slumber party at the home of Mrs. A. J. Dutton.

The party was held immediately after school, on December 7. Present for the turkey dinner were Mrs. M. nes, Jerry Kirk, John Watson, Lee, A. T. Fowler, and A. J. Dutton, sponsors of the class, and Misses eBitty Shanks, Vickie Platt, Billie Ann Pence, Jerri Lynn Wilhite, Elsie Lee, and Evelyn Batcher.

Unable to be present for the dinner, but coming for the slumber party were Misses Elaine Evans and Janelle Sedgwick.

### Walker Home Scene of Christmas Party

Members of the Progress Methodist W. S. C. S. enjoyed a Christmas party and social on December 15, in the home of Mrs. Joyce Walker.

Following a brief business hour, which was conducted by Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Johnie Westbrook offered prayer.

Inspiring devotional talks were given by Fern Davis and Elmita Gray.

Doris Wedel, Johnie Westbrook, Ruth Cooper, Sadie Bass, Nellie Powell, and a visitor, Mrs. Bell Welch.

Velma Gwyn led benediction

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### Co-Workers Met At Remund Home

Mrs. Ella Remund was hostess for the recent business meeting and Christmas party of the co-workers Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church.

The home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif, and center of attraction was the lovely Christmas tree.

Miss Lillie Williams led the opening prayer, and teacher, Mrs. Sarah Payne brought the devotional. The move to help needy families to realize a better Christmas was discussed, and each member brought canned goods and other staple groceries, and filled a bushel basket, which was covered with Christmas paper, and will be presented to some worthy family.

Following the business session, Mrs. H. G. Griffith reviewed the program was enjoyed, and book, Peter's Christmas present, by Margaret Eggleston.

Mrs. Remund read Cae Solitary Life, author unknown. This was followed by a poem by Mrs. Goncher, written by P. E. Freeman. Gifts were exchanged.

Fruit cake and coffee was served to Miss Lillie Williams and Mmes. George Hicks, S. E. Goncher, W. E. Payne, L. E. Rowland, M. T. Wilson, Coffman, Hope Flanagan, A. R. Bounds, H. G. Griffiths, and C. E. Layne. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. H. G. Griffiths.

### Blackburn Home Scene Of Party

Doreas Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church, and their husbands enjoyed a Christmas party the past Monday evening at the Horace Blackburn home. Co-hostess was Mrs. C. P. Henson.

Rev. E. K. Shepherd returned thanks before the delicious turkey dinner was served.

Devotional was given by Sherman Inman, and the group listened to "The Littlest Angel" by recording. A number of carols were sung. Dismissal was led by Mrs. E. K. Shepherd.

Instead of exchanging gifts, the group gave money which will be used to purchase things for the needy in Muleshoe.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Finley, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gilbreath and Doris Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pooler, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Inman and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Towns, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr.

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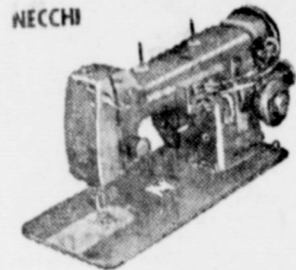
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**FROM HAGERMAN**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Horsley, of Hagerman, N. M., spent Thursday night with Mrs. Sam McKinstry. They also visited the Allison families.

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**H. D. Council Christmas Party Was Monday**

Ball County Home Demonstration Club Council met Monday for a Christmas party and a short business meeting. 20 people from Three Way, West Camp, Progress and Muleshoe Clubs attended.

Mrs. S. C. Caldwell led the group in games, "Foot Race", "Balloon Relay", and "Purse Search", were played.

Mrs. Carrie Huff read the story, "Three Letters To Santa."

The group exchanged presents around the Christmas tree. Refreshments of fruit, cookies, and coffee were served.

Mrs. Huff, incoming council chairman, announced the council committee chairman for 1956. They are:

Parliamentarian, Mrs. O. M. Seif, Progress; Reporter, Mrs. S. C. Caldwell, Muleshoe; EEE, Mrs. Albert Davis, Progress; Recreation, Mrs. Rudolph Moraw, Community Center; Civil Defense, Mrs. A. W. Copley, Muleshoe; Finance, Mrs. T. Haley, Progress; Yearbook, not selected yet, and H. D. County leaders, Mrs. Thurl Lemons, Three Way; Mrs. Mollie Stinson, Home Dem-

onstration Agent, announced that there would be a training meeting for all council and club committee chairmen at 11 a. m., on January 16. Everyone is to bring a sack lunch.

**Christmas Social At Wedel Home**

Junior Class of the Progress Methodist Church held their Christmas social at the James Wedel home last Friday evening, December 16.

Gifts were exchanged, and the group played a number of games, and practiced for the Christmas play.

Cocoa and cookies were served.

to Norman Neil, Doris Cooper, Kathy and John Earl Gray, Kay and Jim Thompson, Marshall Lee, Terry Don Bass, Mary Janie, Wanda, Carolyn and Charlotte Wedel, and Shady Bass and also Mrs. James Wedel, Henry Bass and the teacher, Mrs. Cleburne Gray.

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## News From Three-Way

### MISS BOOZER FETED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Jaquetta Boozer, bride-elect of A. Z. Paul Holcomb, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Thursday, December 15, from 2:00 until 5:00, in the home of Mrs. Frank Griffith.

Co-hostesses were Mmes. Leon Reeves, Baker Johnson, Jack Baker, Horace Hutton, E. B. Julian, Morris Gant, Marion Walker, Ted Theofort, Bob Sandlin, Milford Townsend and Ed Latimer. The serving table was covered with a lace cloth, and centered with a miniature sleigh and Santa with four reindeer. Candelabra bearing red candles completed the arrangement.

Mrs. E. B. Julian served the all white, four tiered cake topped with a miniature bride and groom. Presiding at the tea service was Mrs. Gant. Mrs. Walker poured coffee.

Guests calling were Mmes. Lester Lancaster and Russell Smith of Hart; Mmes. Don Davis, Cecil Cole, Jack Lowe, Thurl Lemons, D. P. Brinker, Zembry Boozer.

Carl Pollard, Tom Franklin, Bob Kindle, Albert Ellis, Andrew Wittner, and Adolph Wittner, and Misses Bonnie Bateas, Paula Kindle, Drilma Boozer, Kay Cole, and Juanice Latimer.

Guests were registered by Miss Cole. The honoree and her mother were presented with corsages.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Dorman, of this community, are the parents of a son, born December 13, at Lamesa. They have two daughters, also.

**BIBLE STUDY CLUB ENJOYED A PARTY**

The Goodland Bible Study Club enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Horace Hutton, Wednesday, December 14.

Biblical games, covering Acts, and Corinthians, the books stud-

ied by the class the past year, were played.

Members attending were—Mmes. Cass Stegall, Tommy Galt, Aliene Chapman, Pete Farlton, Lewis Jordan, Cline Everett, W. T. Parker, Jack Lowe, L. D. Sanderson, John Shackelford, Bill Davis, and Leon Reeves.

Gifts were exchanged, and flash bulb pictures were taken of the activities.

A piece of Postoria in the Century pattern was presented to the hostess, from club members.

A love gift for the only absent member, Mrs. Frank Knox, was approved.

Next meeting is to be January 3, in the home of Mrs. Cass Stegall. Officers for the year will be selected.

**MISS TERRELL IS BRIDE OF BENNIE HENSON**

Miss Barbara Jean Terrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Terrell, of Maple, was united in marriage to Bennie Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, of Morton, Wednesday, December 14, at 10:00 a. m.

Rev. A. R. Coleman read the ceremony in the home of the bride's parents.

The bride was attired in a light blue suit, with navy accessories, and a white carnation corsage.

Flower arrangements of pink and white snapdragons decorated the room.

Carol Pierce, the bride's only attendant, wore a rose suit, with pink accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations. Tommy Gattis served as best man.

Mother of the bride wore a navy silk dress, and navy accessories, and the groom's mother wore a rose dress with beige accessories.

The couple will make their home at Morton following a honeymoon trip to Albuquerque, N. M.

Three Way basketball teams entered the Springlake tourna-

ment last week. The girls were defeated by Amherst and Sudan.

The boys defeated Macadoo, but were defeated by Sudan. They played Muleshoe in the finals for third place, and defeated them.

Grade school basketball teams played Pep Thursday evening, with the girls winning, and the boys losing.

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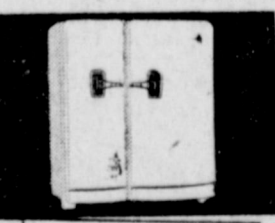
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**SAINT NICHOLAS** . . . The remaining bones of famed St. Nicholas are preserved in the museum of Antalya in Southern Turkey. Most of the Christmas saint's remains were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. An old portrait of the saint is at the back.

## Views From Pleasant Valley

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Angeley were in Lubbock Wednesday, attending to business and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Goss and little daughter, Debbie, of Olton, were visiting in the home of

### HANDY GIFTS



How often at Christmas time have you experienced that panicky feeling that comes when you discover you've forgotten someone? It happens nearly every year.

You can, however, save yourself a good deal of embarrassment by having gifts wrapped and on hand in case someone drops by with a gift for you—someone accidentally omitted from your gift list.

A safe bet and a gift that will be appreciated is something that you, yourself, have made—perhaps seasonal cookies and candies, nuts, and stuffed fruits. These are gifts with a particularly personal touch. And that, after all, is what the spirit of Christmas giving should be—giving a little of yourself to others.

You can pack your handwork in wooden or earthenware bowls, a cover pot, small basket, or inexpensive cake or loaf pan. Other handy and inexpensive packaging items are oatmeal boxes, coffee cans, or paper plates covered with gay paper.

A gaily wrapped package makes even the smallest gift look good. Use odd ends of wallpaper, brightly colored magazine covers, shelf paper or scraps of material.

If you have a favorite candy, cookie or fruit or nut bread recipe, use it, by all means. And for an additional touch, tuck a copy of your pet recipe into your gift.

John West and family the past Sunday evening. Other callers in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grizzle.

Mrs. Bonnie Haberer is recovering nicely now, after being on the sick list.

Mrs. Dick Commons and Mrs. C. B. Landers were shopping and visiting in Lubbock last Saturday.

Recent visitors in the Kirk Pitts home were his mother and brother, of Ackerly.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor and grandmother Taylor spent the past weekend visiting in Brownsville in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vashti Castleberry and family. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Castleberry are sisters.

Mrs. Alton Taylor of Pleasant Valley was honored with a "Pink and Blue" shower by the ladies of the Earth Baptist Church. The shower took place Tuesday, December 13, at Earth.

### COMMUNITY MEETING HELD TUESDAY NITE

The regular community meeting was held Tuesday evening, December 13, with thirty-eight persons attending. Called to order by the presiding officer Harry Engelking, the meeting proceeded with Mrs. Lillie Wuertlein giving a report on her committee meeting. Serving on the com-

mittee are Nan Allison, Verona Grizzle, Alice Angeley and Jean Allison.

It was decided that all who are on the committees should meet at the Community Center, Thursday morning at 8:30 a. m., December 15. All who are signed up for the contest are asked to make it a point to be home when the canvassers come around.

There was a community singing following the meeting, with Mrs. Lillie Wuertlein leading and Mrs. Thurlio Branscum accompanying on the piano.

Refreshments were served. Next meeting is to be December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hicks were in Littlefield shopping, Monday.

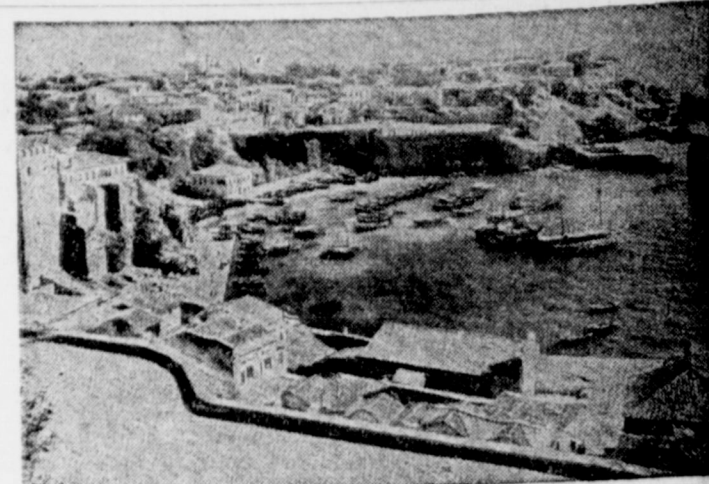
## Charles Mansell Is On Okinawa

Army Specialist Third Class Charles E. Mansell, 23, whose wife Karl Dean, lives in Muleshoe, recently arrived on Okinawa and is now a member of the 75th Regimental Combat Team.

A strong U. S. outpost in the Far East, Okinawa is located off the coast of China, between Formosa and the southern tip of Japan.

Specialist Mansell, son of Mrs. Ida B. Mansell, Route 2, Morton, is a member of the combat team's Company G. He entered the Army in April, 1953, and completed basic training at Fort Hood, Texas.

Mansell is a 1950 graduate of Bula High School.



**SANTA CLAUS LAND** . . . You'd never convince the younger set, but this photo shows the real Santa Claus land—Antalya in Southern Turkey, capital of the province where St. Nicholas was born, lived and became a legend 1600 years ago. Snow and reindeer are never seen in this lush land on the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean where swimming on Christmas Day is common.



THE FASHION SHOP

## Dig—These Crazy Christmas Gifts

Even Christmas has caught up with the atomic age. A sign of the times is the increasing demand for Geiger counters as Christmas gifts. Manufacturers say people from all over the country are giving as presents the miracle instrument that noses out uranium.

If you're buying a gift for a prospective uranium prospector you can get him one of these radioactivity detection devices at prices ranging from \$24.95 to \$2000. Most popular model, manufacturers say, is about the size of a miniature camera and retails for about \$35. Uranium "hoards" are as varied as the instruments they buy. They range from housewives with infants in their arms to geologists and hirsute prospectors—as well as business tycoons, clerks, laborers and society women. An amateur uranium prospectors' club in the East, composed entirely of women, is known as the "Geiger Widows."

Last year gift Geigers were mailed all over the United States. One woman telephoned the New York office of a leading manufacturing firm from Florida to order a \$1,995 unit as a Christmas surprise for her husband.



**MONKEYSHINES** . . . The Santa Claus who comes to Junior's house on Christmas morn has his counterpart in Monkey land. At least that is the implication here as Jocko, garbed as the monkey's santa, visits "Teddo" a five-month-old java monkey at Teddo's home in Brooklyn.

### SAVE THE TREE

If your tree holder is the type that allows the butt of the tree to rest in water, you can help keep needles from dropping by dissolving plant food in the water. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution. Use one teaspoonful of plant food (one plant food tablet) to each gallon of water in the container.

Mistletoe, the most popular New Year's and Christmas green, has been an emblem of purity, friendship and goodwill since ancient Greek times. Ancient Britons revered it as a symbol of protection from evil spirits.

Burning of trees on "Twelfth Night" is an outgrowth of the special observance by early Christians on the last day of a twelve-day celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ.



This is the spirit of Christmas that began on that silent and holy night in Bethlehem. May this same spirit bless your family, bringing you all the heart-warming joy of a very Merry Christmas!

**EDWARDS GIN**



TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS:

In this busy old world, it may often appear that we neglect or forget those we hold dear.

But at Christmas time, we take this space to say

That we value your friendship each and every day!

To each of you . . . A Very Merry Christmas!



**D. H. Sneed Supply Co.**



With the advent of another year we might well be skeptical and say, "Why celebrate with such fervor and excitement? A good year had to die so 1956 could be born."

We might say this, but no one does. If 1955 was a good year, it will be well remembered, but few will dwell upon its passing. It must give way to a bright new year bringing with it the profound impression that we are again blessed with an invaluable supply of new days, hours and minutes. We have found a new reservoir of time; time in which to make plans, to do things, to live and think, and to make our dreams come true.

Time is indeed the true coin of our mortal realm, a deeply personal possession that each is free to spend, squander, sell, give away, devote to the glory of God and to the causes of humanity.

And though 1956 marks yet another milestone along the journey of life that is all too short and quickly travelled, it is joyfully welcomed as the giver of a new and magical handful of time. With this magical handful it is possible to defeat the worries of age, to conquer fear; to see through the shadows of disillusionment.

With united determination and with the help of God, this handful of living, this New Year 1956, can be recorded in the book of life upon earth as a year of achievement in man's hopeful quest for a better world—where all nations and all people live together in joy, peace and harmony.

### Many People Still Celebrate Feasts By Ancient Calendar

Many people who use the Gregorian calendar still solemnize traditional feasts, including New Year, in accordance with ancient calendars.

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox. The observances begin on Rosh Hashana and end on Yom Kippur; Rosh Hashana commemorates the Day of Creation and is also the annual day of judgment, with judgment being irrevocably sealed on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement); therefore the spirit of penance dominates the solemnities.

Penance is also a feature of Hindu observances, solemnized in accordance with the ancient lunar calendar during the spring equinox.

The Moslem calendar, which dates from 626 A. D., is unique, since the twelve months of the year begin with the approximate new moon without any calculations to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus, the months—and New Years, too—retrograde through the entire year in about 33 years.

#### LONGEST YEAR

Once there was a year which contained 485 days—or an extra two months.

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. Although revised several times, the calendar by Julius Caesar's time was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar set his experts to the task of revising the calendar in the 16th century, they found they had to meet the problem of catching up with the sun. So two months were inserted between the months of November and December for the year 46 B. C.

#### Harvesting Trees Big Christmas Business

While the sale of Christmas trees to the consumer is conducted entirely in the few weeks just prior to Christmas, the harvesting, processing and shipping of the trees may begin as much as three months before Christmas.

Approximately 25 per cent of the retail price of a Christmas tree is the stumpage price; trees retailing for about 25 cents per lineal foot will be worth about 6 cents on the stump and could wholesale for from 10 cents to 15 cents per lineal foot. Total number of trees distributed in the United States is about 30 million.

There are at least 10 important Christmas tree associations and groups representing the industry in the United States and approximately 3,000 individuals and firms are registered as retailers and wholesalers of Christmas trees in the United States.



#### New Year Day Double Holiday in Haiti

For Latin America's Republic of Haiti, January 1 marks not only the beginning of a new year, but also the anniversary of its independence. It was on January 1, 1804, that Jean Jacques Dessalines formally declared the island's freedom from France and the adoption of the Indian name of "Haiti" for the new nation.

#### ROSE BOWL HISTORY

After Michigan routed Stanford 49-0 in the first Rose Bowl football game, January 1, 1902, there was no football game supplement to the Tournament of Roses until 1916. Chariot races were substituted for the gridiron spectacle in 1903, proved popular for several years and then lost in favor until people checked the days on their annual feature of New Year's Day turned as Washington State defeated Brown University.

#### New Year Celebration Popular in England

The English have always had a big time on New Year's Eve. When the Puritan government abolished Christmas and absolutely forbade any celebration of that day, the English vented all their holiday spirit on the New Year.

#### CALENDAR FROM ROME

The word calendar comes down to us from Ancient Rome. The priests called the people together on the first day of every month, known as the Calends, to announce the sacred days and festivals to be observed during the month. The people checked the days on their annual feature of New Year's Day "fasti", marking the important is the annual dezomeshiki—parade of the fire brigades.

#### Egyptians Pioneers In Study of Time

The Egyptians were probably the first to develop any "exact" method of calculating time—about 4,000 B.C. they devised a "calendar."

The Christian era begins on January 1, in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome and in the 4714th year of the Julian period.

The Jewish calendar reads 5717 in relation to 1956 A.D., since according to Jewish dogma and tradition the Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. The Jewish calendar was adopted during the 15th century.

Use of the notation A.D. (Year of our Lord) was inaugurated in 879 by Charles III of Germany.

#### PARADE OF FIREMEN

Firemen have always been popular for their heroic deeds in Japan because the sacred days and festivals to be observed during the month. The people checked the days on their annual feature of New Year's Day "fasti", marking the important is the annual dezomeshiki—parade of the fire brigades.

## Greetings



Just a light hearted greeting to wish our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Holiday Season that's cheery and bright.

### FARLEY INSURANCE AGENCY

Mr. and Mrs. John Farley

## Cheerful Holiday Wishes

Mind if we pop up with a Yuletide wish for everybody? May your Christmas be a joyous one, remembered for years to come.

WESTERN DRUG

## Merry Merry Christmas

... To all of you whom we have so enjoyed serving: we say thanks for your patronage—And, may everything that's bright and gay, Bless your household on Christmas Day!

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## Muleshoe Liquefied Gas Co.

When Santa Claus makes his Christmas visit at your home, may he bring you and yours all of the good things in life — health, happiness, and prosperity! This is the wish we've tucked into Santa's pack for you. With heartfelt sincerity, we thank you for your friendship and wish you a very Merry Christmas!

## Muleshoe Motor Co.

D. G. Smith	Gene Morris
J. W. Barker	R. L. Pearson
Walter Boness	Les Testerman
Golden Brown	Herron Washington
Edd Edmiston	Josephine Wood
Dolores Garrett	V. L. Bradley
Robert Harvey	C. E. King
Shorty Holmes	Albert Allen
Don Littlefield	

**WSCS Program Was Held At Church On December 12**

Monday, December 12, the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Church for the program, "We Would See Jesus Today." Mrs. Arnold Morris, program leader, arranged the Nativity Scene, as the worship center.

Mrs. Cecil Davis sang the old English carol, "The First Noel," and Mrs. Clarence Stephens read the Scripture lesson.

The Messiah was read by Mrs. Horace McAdams.

Two visitors attended the meet-

ing. They were Mrs. R. L. Pearson and Horace McAdams. Eighteen members were present. The business session followed the program.

The W. S. C. S. will have their Christmas party Monday, December 19, at 2:00 p. m., in the parsonage, home of Mrs. Clarence Stephens. Each one is asked to bring a small gift of exchange, and a gift for a White Christmas for a worthy family.

Next regular meeting of the W. S. C. S. will be Monday, January 2, 1956.

**ATTENDED WEDDING**

Mr. and Mrs. Rea C. Dill spent the past weekend in Sweetwater, where they attended the wedding of their daughter, Juanic and Mr. Frank Neistadt, on Sunday.



The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmastime is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinus of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metallurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1772, in Moscow, it is the "Tsar Kolokol." It weighs 180 tons, measures 50 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.

**TO KNOX CITY**

Dorothy and Robert Giles will spend the Christmas holidays at Knoxville with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Giles. They will also visit their grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Redwine, at Benjamin.

**IT'S A BOY!**

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Locker are the proud parents of a son, Fred Wesley, born December 11, at West Plains Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin of Farwell, and Mr. W. A. Locker, of Sulan.



**"JOY TO THE WORLD..."**

Here's our cheery carol for you—  
May all the joys of the Holiday Season  
be yours on Christmas Day!

Clovis Cattle Commission Co.



**Christmas Greetings!**

From the men and women who are your  
Public Service Company.  
Their wish for you is that the Spirit of  
Christmas shall live in your home  
every day, and that all your hopes and  
dreams are crowned with rich fulfillment!



**Greeting Cards Christmas Gift Of Englishman**

Greeting cards are an English contribution to the Christmas observance.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas was originated in 1846 by Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman and the idea brought Cole great honor as well as knighthood.

Cole's original cards depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and he had a thousand of them struck off by lithograph. Although the cards met with immediate popularity and brought fame to Sir Henry Cole, it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

Today the demand for cards is so great that many companies spend the full year designing and producing only Christmas greetings.

While today's mass-produced cards are quite superior to the original cards produced by Henry Cole, neither time nor poets have been able to improve on the classical message the Englishman penned to the first Christmas greeting card: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

**From Where Came Christmas Trees?**

Like so many other Christmas customs, the origin of the tree tradition is not definitely known.

One theory holds that the 8th-century missionary Boniface persuaded the Teutons to transfer their worship of Odin's sacred oak to an evergreen decorated in honor of the Christ child.

Popular legend has it that the first Christmas tree originated in Egypt where the first trees used were palm trees. Another story says that Martin Luther decorated a tree with candles to simulate an evergreen shimmering with starlight snow.

We do know the Germans did much to popularize the use of Christmas trees, introducing them into both England and America. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, started the custom in England when he had a tree for his young daughter. The tradition crossed the Atlantic with Hessian mercenaries during the American Revolution.

**TO COLORADO**

Charles Gaede will spend the Christmas holidays at Limon Colo., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Gaede.

Read The Journal Want-Ads.

**WEEKENDED IN LUBBOCK**

Carolyn Aschison spent the past weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Boothe and friends.

**TO STILLWATER**

Winnie Eades is planning the Christmas holidays Stillwater, Okla., with relatives and friends.

**HOLTS**  
WISHES YOU  
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.

**Greetings**

We hope the magic of this glorious season extends throughout the year for you and yours...bringing with it the blessing of happiness, the joy of good health and the pleasure of warm friendships.

**HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.**

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 5 years old. I would like to have a walking doll, with hair you can wash, and a play piano that plays, and a set of dishes, and table and

chairs. Some candy and nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Your friend,  
Linda Kay Gatewood

Those from the Pleasant Valley Community attending the funeral services for Mr. Bob O'Hair, Sr., at Earth, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Angeley, Mrs. C. D. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Thurlo Branscum and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hicks.

### Children Expect Realistic Toys

Santa's helpers, the toymakers of America, made something like \$900 million worth of toys last year, using up a fabulous supply of plastics, paints and lacquers, adhesives and other new materials developed by industrial chemistry.

Toy consumers—America's precocious children—have come to demand a realism in toys that was unheard of a few years ago. If a youngster gets a toy automobile, it must look like one of the latest styles he sees on the highways, a jet airplane must look like the pictures he sees in magazines. Most little girls won't look a second time at any doll that doesn't cry, walk, have washable hair and a wardrobe that ranges from evening clothes to a bikini bathing suit.

Expected to be big hits among toys this Christmas season are all various types of "do-it-yourself" kits for youngsters of all ages—kits they can use to make practically everything from atomic submarines to 1955 model sports cars. In addition to do-it-yourself packages for advanced children, most manufacturers this year also are furnishing the completely assembled toy for the younger set.



**FLORIDA STYLE . . .** Sure, it's Christmas in Florida, too. But white sand must substitute for snow, a sea-grape for an evergreen, but what's the difference when two such expert and lovely decorators are on the scene.

### Outdoor Decorations Began in Small Towns

Today nearly every community in the land has some kind of outdoor Christmas decorations and in nearly every big city you can find two or three spectacular displays.

It was a small town that first came up with the idea of lighting up the outdoors at Christmas time, but no one is quite sure which town gets credit for the idea.

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

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from early Danish custom of blowing in the Yule with four hymns representing the four corners of the world.



**NEW ADDITION . . .** Santa Claus (for a reasonable facsimile thereof) fondles a new member of his reindeer team presented to him by proud mama, Blitzen (left). This was the first fawn born to the group of Alaskan reindeer flown last year from Alaska to Santa's workshop in North Pole, New York.

### Medieval Dinner Once Was Popular Custom For Coeds

Eating peas with a knife is contrary to Emily Post and doesn't seem to have much qualification for observance as a Christmas tradition, but for more than 25 years coeds at Pennsylvania State University partook of a fork-less meal each Yule season.

The traditional medieval dinner, complete with everything from costumed lords and ladies to the legendary boar's head, dated back to 1919, finally had to be cancelled when coed ranks swelled to almost 1,000.

The affair, sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association, began with a formal procession through the dining hall. Lord and Lady McAllister—the dinner was held in McAllister Hall—led the throng, which included noble lords and ladies, heralds, a poet, a cardinal, pages, and two jesters bearing the boar's head.

All these girls were appropriately costumed and sat upon a raised dais in the center of the holly-bedecked room, which was illuminated by candlelight.

A choir furnished Christmas music, and the poet entertained the guests by reading Old English poetry from a scroll. In accordance with medieval custom, no forks or napkins were allowed, although guests sometimes secreted them in their pockets. The menu consisted of roast pork, mashed potatoes, peas, and a very rich plum pudding.

Today's students eat a special Christmas dinner before going home for vacation—but it's served "sissy" style. They're allowed a full complement of table utensils.

The tallest Christmas tree on record was a 212 foot Douglas fir set up in 1950 in Northgate, a suburb of Seattle, Washington. It displayed 8,500 colored lights.

Dear Santa,  
I ain't been nuttin' but bad but can't you forgive this time? I don't need a tricycle as I have a new one, but I would like a block set with numbers on them so I can learn to count.  
I am a big boy now and will try to do better.  
Please bring me lots of candy, as I sure can hold a lot.  
Love,  
D. R. Bush

Dear Santa:  
I would like so very much to have a football so I can take it to school and all the other boys can play with me.  
I also need a new set of guns I have a good cowboy hat so I don't need one now.  
I do want a Davy Crockett rifle if my old one can't be fixed.

I'm 7 years old now in case you find some new levis to fit me, I need a 10 now, I think.  
I need to tell you I try to be nice and I do appreciate your thoughtfulness.  
David Alsup

Dear Santa:  
Don't forget that I said I want a guitar, a bugle and a Davy Crockett rifle, Davy Crockett Cap (mine got left out in the rain). Well I guess that's all.

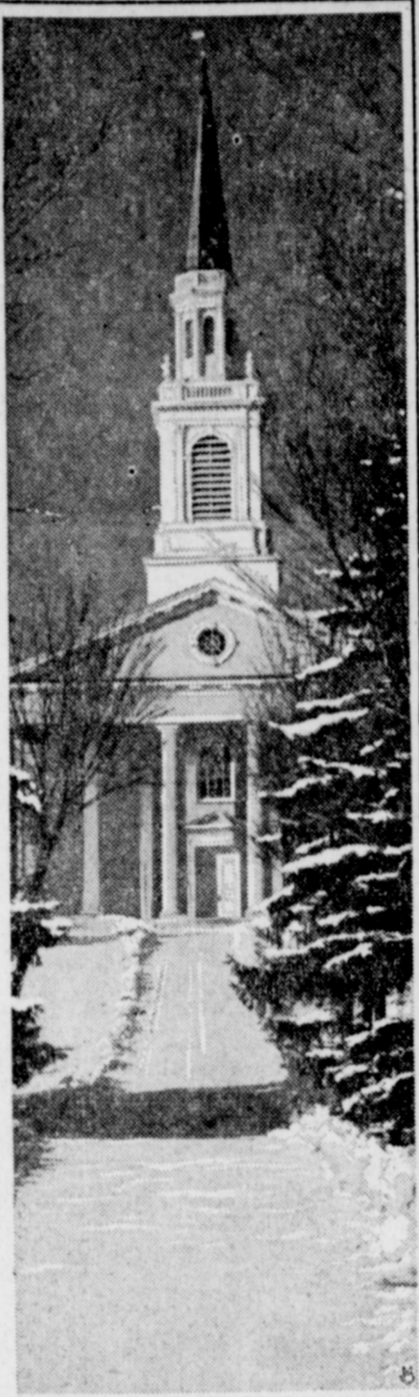
I want to tell you that I like you and I forgot to tell you that I want a box of candy. You are supposed to get candy every Christmas aren't you? Any kind that is good and I hope you bring good toys to all other boys and girls.  
Now I'll write my name.  
Dickey Alsup

The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

### Lambert Cleaners

WOODIE MILDRED MARIE  
FREDA JEAN TERRY LEE



For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always.

## Arnold Morris Auto Co.

BUFORD LANCE      DICK CLARENCE      WAYNE ARNOLD      ROBERT FRANCIS      JOHN MIRON

Read the Journal want ads

Peace on Earth  
Good Will  
Toward men...

Each year we appreciate more fully the loyalty of friends. A Merry Christmas to all!

Lambert Plumbing Co.  
SHORTY AND FAY

Greetings

Again we extend our greetings and best wishes for the gayest Holiday ever. We're grateful for your patronage during the past year and hope that it will be our pleasure to serve you for long years to come.

BOB GLASS  
American Radio & TV  
Service

To all of you, whose friendship and loyalty have made this such a happy season for us, we send our warmest Holiday Greetings...and a sincere wish that the New Year may prove memorable for the many joys that it will bring to you and yours.

Greetings

MULESHOE IMPLEMENT AND SUPPLY  
and  
LADD PONTIAC



**Joyous Christmas Wishes**

*May the Christmas spirit of Peace and Good Fellowship shine in your heart now and always.*

**SINGLETON FUNERAL HOME**



**By F. L. Rowley**

SOME folks liked Mayor Fulcrum, and some didn't, but if election day had been January 2nd, he'd have won by a whopping big margin.

Mollie Nesbitt had lived in Hillcrest nearly eleven years before we found out about her sister Elsie. We heard the news from Mrs. Parker, who seemed a wee bit ashamed for not having discovered it earlier.

"Imagine!" exclaimed the talkative Mrs. Parker, as we wrapped the last of the New Year decorations in the Hillcrest Town Hall. "The poor soul hasn't seen Elsie in more than ten years."

"Why?" asked Mayor Fulcrum. "Mollie says her sister lives out west; guess she just can't afford to buy a round-trip ticket."

"She works at Phil's Diner,

**Tips on Choosing Christmas Tree That Will Last**

If your Christmas tree shed needles all over the living room last year, chances are you weren't careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicy tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to withstand the hot sleep indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is destined a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

Dear Santa,

Santa, I do not live in Muleshoe any more. I have moved to Stinnet, Texas. I want a bicycle and a pair of football shoes for Christmas.

Santa Claus I am your friend. Don't forget all the other little children in the world. I think you had better bring your airplane too.

I Love you,  
Kirk Jones




**Merry Christmas**

**A. S. STOVALL, Cotton**

ALF STOVALL • JESSIE E. STOVALL



"She works at Phil's Diner, doesn't she?" mumbled the mayor.

"Doesn't she?" mumbled the mayor, stuffing Christmas candy into his mouth. "Phil pays her, I presume."

"She's always helping someone," said young Mrs. Rogers with a frown, as she reached for the mayor's candy bowl. "Whenever any one of us needs a baby sitter we think of Mollie Nesbitt. When the children want a sucker, or kite-string, or pick up a silver-it's always Mollie Nesbitt."

"Why doesn't she call her sister on the phone?" asked the mayor. Then, turning his back on our little group, he strode off in search of new tid-bits.



**Lincoln Proclamation Issued on New Year's**

On New Year's day, 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation freeing the slaves in states and parts of states where the people were then in rebellion.

The areas designated were Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and large parts of Louisiana and Virginia. Tennessee was excepted from the proclamation, although the Union armies were far from complete success in their task of bringing it under government control.

The Emancipation Proclamation did not abolish slavery. That was accomplished by the thirteenth amendment, which went into effect Dec. 18, 1865.

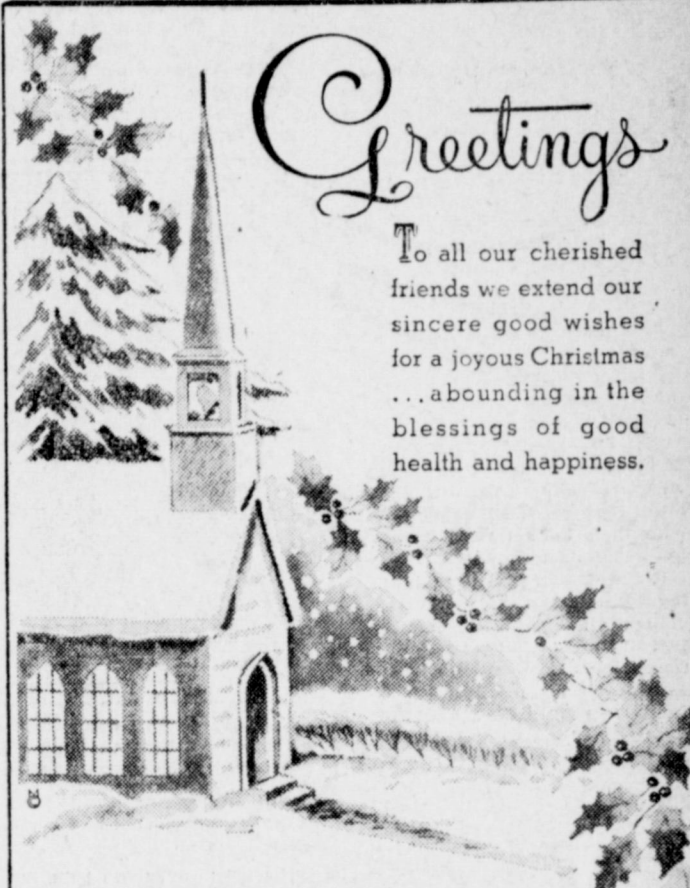
That the true spirit of Christmas will bring the gift of happiness to you and yours . . . This is our very special wish to you!

**BOVELL MOTOR SUPPLY**

BO — SPENCER — CARL



Murrah Machine & Welding



Blackburn Food Market AND EMPLOYEES



**Best Wishes**

for the Holidays

**ALLAN GUINN BODY SHOP**

Allen Guinn      Joe Shipman  
David Wyr      Cecil Mills

**Good Idea**

"No! No!" cried Mrs. Parker as Mrs. Rogers raised the bowl menacingly above her head.

Mrs. Rogers grinned. "I wouldn't throw it—not really. Besides, I think his honor has a good idea. Why not have Mollie call her sister—at our expense. I think we all owe her a holiday gift."

We all heartily agreed. The mayor himself said that the plan was a dandy when we told him about it. He promised to write to Elsie to make sure she'd be home when the call came through; it wouldn't be a surprise, or a present, if Elsie weren't at the other end of the line on New Year's Eve.

When Mollie Nesbitt left Phil's Diner on New Year's Eve it was snowing. When she reached home it was snowing harder. By the time she opened the front door to admit our joyous delegation a regular blizzard was under way. We charged the telephone, carrying Mollie with us. She let out a squeal of delight when we told her that she'd soon be talking to Elsie. Her eyes grew bright with anticipation when Mrs. Parker placed the call. Then Mrs. Parker clipped our chatter. Her face was grim as she faced us:

"Martha Weeks says the lines are down. Big snow storm out west. We'll not be able to talk to Elsie tonight."

We were stunned. Mollie sat still for awhile, trying not to look too disappointed. A bit later she trotted into the kitchen for a tray of cookies, but they stuck in our throats.

**Company**

"Someone's coming up the walk," said Mrs. Parker. "Looks like Mayor Fulcrum but it's hard to tell with all this snow. It is the mayor—and there's a lady with him!"

Mollie opened the door—then let out a cry that brought us all to our feet. "Elsie! Oh what a wonderful present!" And she threw her arms around her sister's neck.

"Happy New Year, mayor!" I cried, grasping his hand warmly. "You sure brightened things up around here. Whatever made you decide to bring Elsie to Hillcrest?"

"Well, I ran into Mollie last week at the post-office, where she was mailing a package to Elsie. She was sending hearing-aid batteries. Thinking that Elsie might be too hard of hearing to carry on a phone conversation, I enclosed a round trip train ticket in my letter."

"She's not wearing a hearing aid now," I said.

"Never did. The batteries were for Mollie's uncle."

**FIRST CABLE**

The first cable across the Pacific between San Francisco and Honolulu, 2,600 miles was completed on January 1, 1903 and the first message sent that same day. The cable was played out by the "Silverton" a cable ship which departed from San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1902 and arrived at Honolulu on January 1, 1903, the same day the first message was sent.



**ALSUP INSURANCE AGENCY**

MULESHOE'S OLDEST AGENCY



Our entire staff wishes you all the blessings of this holy season and joy and happiness in the years to come . . .

**GOSS BROS. 66 SERVICE**

Station No. 1—Carroll  
Station No. 2—Jesse



To  
**You**

From  
**The Employees of**

**Pioneer Natural Gas Company**





**PEACE ON EARTH** . . . Music is an important part of Christmas observances everywhere and there is something about the spirit of Christmas that makes young voices sing out loud and clear, with a heart full of joy.



The old joke about Dad "monopolizing" Junior's train is ceasing to be a joke, according to some toy producers, who contend that this year there will be toys for adults under some Christmas trees.

Mr. Jay V. Zimmerman, president of the largest hand puppet makers in the world, recently told toy buyers and salesmen that "toys made specifically for adults to play with will eventually exceed the present popularity of children's toys."

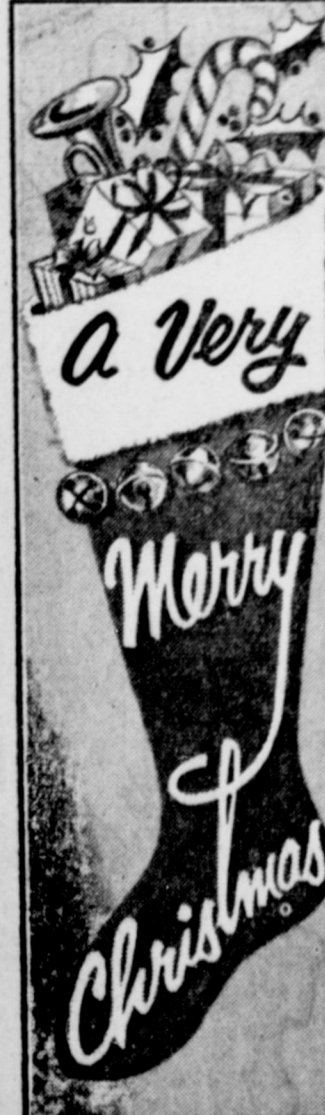
This may sound a little unbelievable and optimistic (for the toy industry), but Mr. Zimmerman says the theory is neither radical or new. "For centuries," he says, "man has been playing with his children's toys under the guise it was for Junior's sake, but that's a lot of toywash. They enjoy playing with their kid's toys, but they're too ashamed to admit it."

Right or wrong, several major toy companies are producing specific adult toys this year. We'll just have to wait and see how many Dads receive some of them as presents from Santa.



**SINGING SANTA** . . . It seems that Santa Claus is everywhere this time of year. In this photo he is shown unloading some of the more than 11,000 Christmas trees shipped from Canada to the United States.

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**MARGE** stood in the doorway of her bedroom and looked at the dress in dismay. Obviously it was meant for the Junior Class Snow Ball in January and just as obviously it was expensive.

"Oh, why!" she exclaimed, touching the fabric as if it were something repulsive.

What's the matter with them, Marge thought. Dad needs new clothes and things for the house and Mom always looks so poor and worried.

Wearily she changed her clothes. The house was empty, for her mother was baby sitting to earn a little extra to help out.

Marge went downstairs and looked at the Christmas tree and the gifts displayed under it. She felt embarrassed even though she was alone in the room. Somehow it was always rather mortifying to show the gifts when friends and relatives called. Her pile of gifts was always so large and lavish and her parents' so sparse.

Just this once she wanted their gifts to be important like hers, not just little odds and ends to be explained away with, "We try to make a big Christmas for Marge."

She had saved nearly every penny she had earned the previous



She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

summer so she could give her father a new jacket and her mother a new coat.

I tried to tell them I didn't want a lot for Christmas, but I didn't do a very good job of it, she told herself as she glanced at the twin cashmere sweaters, the new skirt and the other gifts. I wish I'd had the courage to be more frank.

But I have the courage today,

She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

**For Better**

Her knees were shaky as she wondered what she would say when her mother saw the dress wrapped with such finality. It's for her own good, she told herself firmly. In a week or two she'll realize it's best.

When she heard the front door open and close, she ran downstairs to meet her mother. "Hi," she said, quelling her feeling of nervousness.

Her mother glanced at her anxiously. Her dark brown eyes darted around the room, looking to see if Marge had brought the dress downstairs. Then the expectant look changed to a questioning one. "Didn't you like the dress?"

The question was so humble and so blunt, Marge was startled. "Yes, it's beautiful, but—"

"I knew you'd like it. Have you had it on yet?"

"No, I haven't."

"It will fit, I'm sure," her mother's voice dwindled off. The brightness in her face seemed to fade all at once. "What's the matter?"

"It's so expensive. I wanted you to get a coat for yourself."

"Oh, is that all. This old thing will last quite a while. While I was in the store, I said to myself, 'There's nothing like my old room coat.' I didn't see anything I liked better so what was the use of buying a new one?" she chirped.

**Her Secret**

Marge knew she'd never tell her parents how she felt about their gifts. In a few years I'll be earning money and I can pay them back, but now I'll just take what they offer, she decided, feeling dejected.

"Your father's coming. Go put on the dress and show him how pretty you are," her mother said excitedly.

When she came downstairs they were waiting for her. Clutched in her father's arms was a box which she knew contained something for her. In their eyes were love, pride, and happiness mixed with a satisfied touch of martyrdom.

She had to swallow to keep her face pretty and composed, for what they really wanted most of all was a pretty and popular daughter. That was all they would allow her to give.

Dear Santa Claus,

We are two little girls, age three and four. We have been pretty good girls this year. We would like to have a tiny train, all an ironing board and an iron for both of us. Please remember all of the other little boys and girls and bring them some toys.

Thank you.  
Goodbye Santa Claus.  
Brenda and Kathy Weyer

Read the Journal want ads



Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Hails?", or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatitas, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we re-create in our homes.



**HD Christmas Party Held At Sanders Home**

Muleshoe Home Demonstration Club held their annual Christmas party last Tuesday evening, December 13, at the home of Mrs. Claude Sanders.

Mrs. E. G. Masters led the group in a number of Christmas carols. Mrs. S. L. Robinson accompanied at the piano.

The story, "Birth of Jesus," was read by Mrs. A. W. Copley. Mrs. E. Day also related a Christmas story.

Poems were given by Mrs. Barry Lewis and Mrs. S. C. Caldwell.

Mrs. K. G. Masters led games. Acting as Santa Claus, Mrs. Sanders distributed the gifts from beneath the gaily decorated tree to the members and spectators.

Mrs. Davie Middleton won the dress gift a cutting board. Club ladies will serve lunch on January 4. Each member is asked to donate two pies.

Next club meeting is to be January 10, in the home of Mrs. E. Boller. Club rolls will be drawn for the coming year.

Delicious refreshments of cranberry fruit cake, candy and nut tea were served to the following visitors: Misses Betty Olson, Davie Middleton, Mrs. S. Sandberg and Malie Ström and Mrs. Alvin Keslele. H. G. Griffith, Mary Ratliff, Bessie Fletcher, Hazel Oden, John Boydston, Lavonne Simmons, W. W. Smith, C. H. Gillis, Riehl Williams, M. L. Oswald, J. E. Day, T. F. Modox, K. G. Masters, Barry Lewis, Jean Landers, A. W. Copley, Don Bruns, Fred Bruns, S. C. Caldwell and Walter White.

**Thousands Send Cards To First Family**

Last year some 15,000 Americans sent Christmas cards to President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

This number was almost twice the total received by the Eisenhowers the year before.

About 75 per cent of the senders wrote personal messages on their cards last year and most of them said they were praying for the First Family.

Season's Greetings

One of the special joys we find at Christmas time (along with trimming the tree and exchanging gifts) is reflecting on all the wonderful friends we have...and wishing each and everyone of you a most delightful holiday season.

**MORRIS DOUGLASS IMPLEMENT CO.**  
and Employees

Mrs. Anna Mathis  
Mrs. Matt Workman  
Mrs. Mae Prvince  
Mrs. Opal Thompson  
Mrs. Audie King  
Mrs. Pat Wingo  
Mr. Bobby Wallace  
Mr. Gerald Priboth

Mrs. Allie Barbour  
Mrs. Billie Mathis  
Mrs. Bobbie Harrison  
Mrs. Bobbie Fender  
Mrs. Anna Lucy McAdams  
Mr. David Mathis  
Mr. Jim Wells

Merry Christmas

At no other season of the year are warm feelings and friendly words more fitting and sincere than at this time — We say to you — Merry Christmas.

**S. E. Cone Grain Co.**

Season's Greetings

To all of our wonderful friends and neighbors... we hope that Santa arrives bearing a sleigh-load of all the good things in life.

May the season find you rich in the blessings of Happiness, Peace and Health. The season's best to all.

**COBB'S**

### THE VALUABLE GIFT

By Janet Hall  
EVERYONE was so nice, Kathie Carter thought as she remembered the Christmas gifts she had received last year. So many of her friends, neighbors, and relatives had remembered her.

"I'd love to buy something for them all, Kathie thought, but she knew it was impossible. She had only saved enough for a gift to her parents. She had tried to get a sales job, but she had discovered she was too late. There were no jobs left.

"Your relatives and neighbors don't expect you to give them gifts," her mother said. "I'd like to give them all some little thing."  
"When you're older you can return their thoughtfulness."  
After supper Kathie went to Aunt Betty's and Uncle Ted's house to return a book.

"Hi, Kathie," Aunt Betty greeted. "I'm doing dishes so come out in the kitchen."  
"I've been hoping to make some fruitcakes for Christmas gifts, but I don't know whether I can do it this year," Aunt Betty said. "The

By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.  
children seem to take up all my time."  
"Your fruitcakes are delicious." They're a lot of work, though. Cutting up the fruit and chopping nuts takes nearly a day."  
"I'll help you," Kathie volunteered. "I can come around after school and prepare the nuts and fruit and you can use them whenever you want."  
For two afternoons Kathie chopped nuts and cut citrus fruit. By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

**Rusy Week**  
The rest of the week was a busy one for Kathie. Mrs. Mason asked her to take care of the children Saturday so that she could go into town to shop. Miss White, a shut-in who lived down the street, asked Kathie if she would select some Christmas cards for her and help her address them.  
Two days before Christmas Mrs. Cummings asked Kathie to tend her children for the afternoon while she went shopping.



**PEACE ON EARTH**  
May the infinite blessings of the first Christmas be yours to cherish now and always.



**WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE**

in games, she saw a list on the bulletin board headed "Things to do." The list outlined the tasks Mrs. Cummings had to do during Christmas week: clean house, bake cookies, wrap packages, write cards and so many other things.

Kathie got out the cookbook and found some recipes for Christmas cookies. When she finished mixing she wrapped each mound of dough in waxed paper and put it in the freezer.  
As Kathie wrapped her mother's and father's gift, she felt depressed, for she knew all the people she loved so dearly were going to give to her. She had nothing to give in return.

**Appreciation**  
Christmas morning Kathie noticed there were several cards among her gifts. She opened the first one which was written in the spidery hand that she identified as Miss White's penmanship.  
"Dear Kathie:  
"Thank you so much for your valuable gift. Time in our lives is so important and you gave me such a generous piece of your life that I wish to thank you for it."  
There were other letters, too. Dear Kathie! I would never have baked my fruitcakes if it wasn't for your help!—I know the children will be pleased with the lovely way you wrapped their gifts. Thank you for your time. The cookies were wonderful. With Mrs. Mason's gift there was a note thanking Kathie for her gift of time. Kathie had to blink away the tears when she finished reading the notes.  
"You see, Kathie, you gave something that is most valuable—your time," her father explained.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle and a double barrel shot gun. I have been a good boy. Bring Mike something too.  
Philip Larson

**FORMER RESIDENTS HERE FOR HOLIDAYS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramm, of Buchanan Lake, are here this week visiting friends and relatives. The Rammans are former residents of Muleshoe and Bailey County. They moved to Buchanan Lake early this year, and report that they really like their new home, and spend most of their leisure time fishing. Their home is located right on the lake shore and they have a private swimming pool right in their backyard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramm will spend their Christmas holidays at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ray Myers, of Portales, N. M. They will be joined there by their other two daughters and their son, Albert Ramm, and family.

### Christmas Promise

By Shirley Sargent  
WHEN I was a boy Christmas couldn't come soon or often enough. The long-for day was more exciting than my birthday. Fourth of July and the last day of school all put together. It was magic. Sheer, unadulterated magic compounded of boarded pennies, the scent of pine needles, locked closets, mysterious winks, expectation and the unusually peaceful household. This last because my brothers and I were doing our darndest to be good, as if to make up in one month for all the sins of the past year.

Later, Christmas lost its meaning to me, now a roving bachelor. In fact the great day came too quickly, too often, and I would work late to escape the carolers and sleep even later so my empty apartment wouldn't reproach me. But now I have discovered the magic of Christmas again. A little boy gave it back to me along with a grubby kiss and a hug. It



He looked at me sadly. "Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he asked.

is Christmas Eve and I have been home from Korea for two weeks getting acquainted with Carol, the wife I married five months before I went overseas, and a rowdy two-and-a-half-year-old named Butch. He is my son, the child I had never seen, and he is the boy that gave Christmas back to me.  
Carol and I had planned eagerly on just what Butch should receive. Butch had a long list of toys that changed from day to day, but when I had asked him what he wanted most of all, he had just looked at me sadly.  
"Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he had asked.  
So I told Carol, "I think Butch

place for Santa to come down. Say, do you think he's too young for a football? Just a small one, of course."

**Preparations**  
That's how it went—peacefully, traditionally—from the purchase of the tree, to the opening of Christmas cards and the hiding of presents from Butch. Until now, Christmas Eve, I ran quickly to Butch when I heard him sobbing. His brown hair tousled, his baby-plump cheeks stained red with emotion, Butch was another boy from the one I had put to bed.  
"What's wrong, dear? Tell Daddy?"  
"I wanta dog more'n anything an' I can't have it."  
"Can't have it." I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wracked body in my arms. "Why not?"  
Carol's hands were on my shoulders, "Because we live in an apartment."  
Butch choked, "That mean old man won't let me. He is too mean monny."  
Carol said, "He means Mr. Allen, the owner. No dogs allowed."  
"If I talked to him?" I appealed to Carol. "If I explained."  
"No," Carol's face twisted. "he made an exception to allow Butch here."

**Anger Strikes**  
To allow Butch for an instant anger blazed through me, then I remembered, with an effort, that Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy.  
"Butch when we move I promise you may have a dog," I explained carefully.  
"When are we gonna move?"  
Children needed a time. He would be three in May. "Before your birthday," I promised, "now go to sleep, son."  
In the living room, I said, "I could buy turtles and fish."  
"It wouldn't be the same," Carol said, "when you were little don't you remember."  
"Yes," for I did I remembered the disappointments that weren't swallowed up by other presents but only by time and the gift of love. My son has given me more than I could give him no matter where we lived. He has given me not only the happiness but the heartbreak of Christmas. I took Carol's hand and drew her into the magic of love that surrounded us.

Dearest Santa Claus,  
I'm five years old. I live in a rock house by the Co-op Gin.  
Please bring me a cap machine gun, Davy Crockett, Alamo, a truck, and four wheel bike.  
Thanks, and Love,  
Stephen Oliver

Guests last weekend in the D. Smith home was their son, Col. H. D. Smith, of Washington, D. C.; son Leon Smith and family, of Friona; daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harden, of McIntevew, and Mrs. Smith's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Donnell, of Lubbock.

### 1955 Income Tax Forms In Mail Soon

The 1955 income tax forms and instructions to individual taxpayers will be mailed between December 27 and January 6 from Kansas City, John R. Robinson of the Lubbock office announced today. "Taxpayers should postpone their inquiries regarding these forms until after January 10," he said.

Taxpayers receiving tax blanks and instructions by mail should not misplace or discard them, but should save them for use in filing their tax returns, since the supply of instructions pamphlets is limited," he added.  
A study of the new tax forms shows a few changes which make the return easier to complete. A new tax table for married taxpayers filing jointly eliminates

the complicated computation on the return for figuring tax on split incomes.

Farmers who file and pay estimated taxes by the January 15, 1956, deadline may also obtain the forms they require at district and local offices. Most post offices have a supply of tax forms for local residents.

### James Edelman At Pensacola

Navv Ensign James V. Edelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wolo Edelman of Friona, has been assigned to the Saultley Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., for training in formation and night flying.  
Upon completion of formation



**OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS Wishes**

To all our friends, we extend warm wishes for a Holiday that is full of love and joy.  
A Merry Christmas to all!

**BOBBY'S BEAUTY BOX**

Chubby Douglass  
Rosemary Bourbar  
Bertie Purcell

Jessie Waldrop  
Bobby Myers

flying instruction, students receive the gunnery phase of their training at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Barin Field, Foley, Ala.

### VISITED PARENTS

Darla Myers, of Portales, N. M., spent the past weekend here with her parents, and other relatives and friends.



**Noel**

As this year comes to a close, we want to express our thanks for your loyal patronage and our wish that your Christmas will be the most joyous you have ever known...

**MILLS MACHINE SHOP**

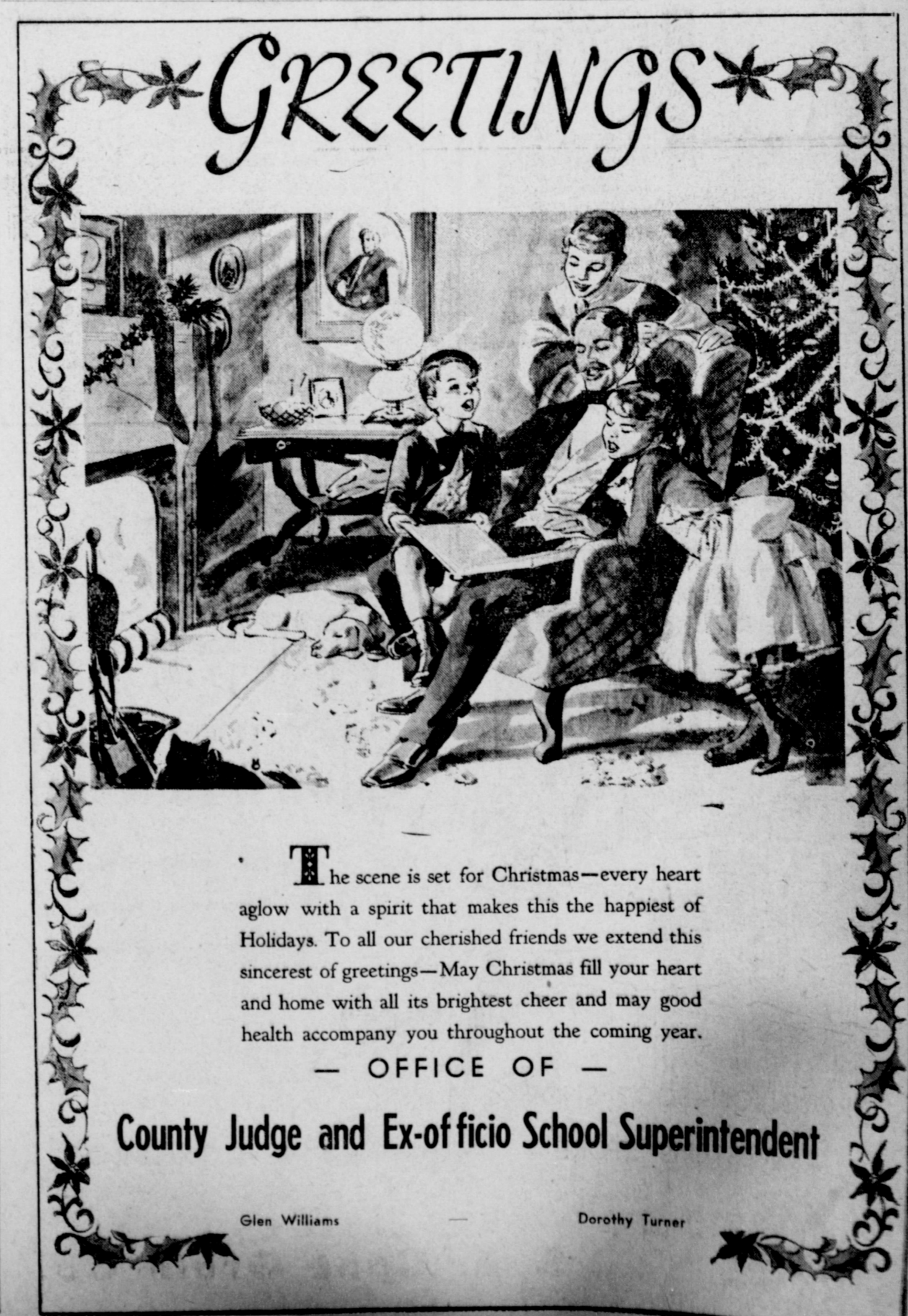
Ray Henry  
George M. J. Leslie  
Johnny Cates



**TO OUR FRIENDS Greetings**

It adds much to the enjoyment of the season to extend to our friends and customers our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS...

**Muleshoe Compress & Warehouse**



**GREETINGS**

The scene is set for Christmas—every heart aglow with a spirit that makes this the happiest of Holidays. To all our cherished friends we extend this sincerest of greetings—May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may good health accompany you throughout the coming year.

— OFFICE OF —  
**County Judge and Ex-officio School Superintendent**

Glen Williams — Dorothy Turner

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE**

The ever-present power of the Christ, Truth, will be emphasized at Christian Science services Sunday.

Matthew's account of the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem at the time of the nativity of Christ Jesus will be featured in the Responsive Reading. "Christian Science" will be the topic of the Lesson-Sermon.

Among the passages to be read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will be the following:

"To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings. The wakeful shepherd beholds the first faint morning beams, ere cometh the

full radiance of a risen day. So shone the pale star to the prophet-shepherds; yet it traversed the night, and came where, in cradled obscurity, lay the Bethlehem babe, the human herald of Christ, Truth, who would make plain to be benighted understanding the way of salvation through Christ Jesus, till across a night of error should dawn the morning beams and shine the guiding star of being" (Pref. vii: 1-10).

**VISITED AT PLEASANT HILL**

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor and sons joined his three sisters Mrs. W.W. Copland and Mrs. Worth Hawkins, of California, and Mrs. D. G. Hand, of Friona, in the home of his brother, Buck Taylor and wife, at Pleasant Hill, N. M., the past Sunday.



**NEW YORK SPECTACULAR . . .** Among the brightest Christmas displays anywhere is the annual Rockefeller Center arrangement. In this display flickering bulbs are set into 300 giant red and white tapers in the channel gardens while the tree, symbol of peace and good will, lights up the surroundings.



"I don't know that I can answer your question, son, but I'll try. The Christmas spirit . . . well, it's something you can't touch as you can the tree or feel as you do the cold and the wind and snow. It's greater than the distance to a star or the silence of the night, more wonderful even than Santa Claus . . .

"Oh, yes, Christmas trees and snow, presents and things, they're all part of the Christmas spirit. But these are things that we could have the whole year round without the Christmas spirit. It's only at Christmastime that they . . .

"Why? Well, it's because the Christmas spirit sort of changes the way we look at things and the way we feel. Little, everyday things, usually so important, go off somewhere and are lost among the Christmas tree lights or the evergreen arches along Main Street. We completely forget about ourselves as we gather presents for all our friends. Our troubles just seem to melt away. We buy gifts the year round for birthdays and anniversaries, its true, but it's not the same. When the Christmas spirit moves us, we feel happy. We just want everyone in the whole world . . .

"Is it being happy?" Not just being happy as such. It's being happy, and kind, and generous, full of peace, and, most important of all, being reverent, all at once.

"Sure, like when we are in church. Outside the snow is deep and the midnight wind whistles through the trees. But inside there's warmth and comfort and a quiet peacefulness that you don't find anywhere else. Though just outside, the world, with its wind and snow and trees and stars and sky seems far removed. The flickering altar candles seem to be repeating a humble prayer in a language of their own. Your heart swells inside you and suddenly you are warm to the very tip of your toes. It's then that you know . . . that you feel it . . . the true Christmas spirit. With every breath you know that you are nearer and closer to Him . . . you know . . .

God? Surely God. You knew it all the time. The Christmas spirit doesn't come from Santa, nor does it come to any man as a present. It comes only when each of us, though we may have been careless or forgetful, reaffirm our faith in His presence and goodness and so strengthen our hopes to be with Him forever and forever. Then we have the Christmas spirit, the most wonderful feeling in the world.

**Yuletide Party Enjoyed By The Friendship Class**

Friendship Class members and their husbands enjoyed a Christmas party Thursday evening of last week, in the beautifully decorated dining hall of the First Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Shepherd were guests.

A delicious turkey dinner was served, and the group sang a number of Christmas carols. "The Christmas Story" was related by Mrs. C. H. Tate, and was

also the devotional. Silver and blue were the predominant colors. The tables were laid with white cloths, and the head table was centered with a lovely arrangement of angels, and blue and silver tapers. An arrangement on the piano featured a huge blue and silver bow, and on the table where guests registered, center of attraction was a Madonna.

Some fifty persons attended the party, and were registered by Mrs. O. D. Ray.

Santa Claus distributed the gifts which were under the tree. Mrs. Ray Griffiths, teacher of the class, was presented with a gift from class members.



Here's wishing you a joyous and glorious Christmas time!

**MOORE'S LAUNDRY**

J. M. Minnie Nell

Mrs. George Chambless

*Holiday Cheer*

May the joys of the Holiday Season come to your home...to stay!

Muleshoe Floral

**CHRISTMAS**  
*Joy and Peace*

The season of rejoicement is here and we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a cheerful and peaceful Yuletide.

**DAMRON REXALL DRUG**

**Best wishes**  
**RAY'S SERVICE STATION**

Robin Wannie  
Harvey Blondy



**IMPERIAL BARBER SHOP**

Weaver Daniel Clinton Bristow Johnny Henderson

Jack the Shine Boy

**Merry Christmas**

May much happiness be yours during this wonderful holiday season and may the magic spirit of Christmas brighten your life throughout the New Year to come.

**MULESHOE STATE BANK**  
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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

To our many friends: we wish you the Happiest Holiday & the Merriest Christmas, ever — thanks for your patronage!

**FRY & COX BROS.**

**HAPPY HOLIDAY**

To All Friends And Customers . . .

**H. D. CRAWFORD DRILLING**

Hut Crawford Dorothy Ericson  
Terry Smith  
Dwayne Lloyd Jerry Higgins

*Greetings*

Come let us adore Him...the Christ Child...who brought into this world a new spirit of Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men...a spirit that shines brightly in our hearts today.

From The Staff At —  
**MORRISON MOTOR CO.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**ROBINSON BOOT SHOP & WESTERN STORE**

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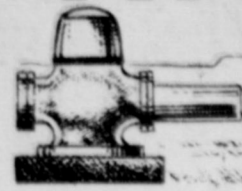
*Greetings*

With all the happy wishes That come to you today We'd like to add, from all of us: **A MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY!**

**TEXAS MACHINERY CO.**



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## SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



### OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

#### HIGHER YIELDS THROUGH USE OF RUN-OFF WATER

After each fast rain, water can be seen running out of fields onto roads, and on to a lake, where it is wasted. This run-off water, if properly utilized, would mean greater crop yields, and in some years, the difference between some crop, and a total failure. On nearly every farm, one can notice areas of better crops, than on the rest of the farm. This is usually due to collected run-off water.

The use of this water for irrigation is an old and accepted practice. For hundreds of years, water has been diverted to fields to supplement normal rainfall. The American Indians of the Western regions diverted water onto their fields during the rainy seasons. Yet, in this area, most of our water is permitted to pass on by the farms, without benefit to the crops.

To utilize runoff water, the land onto which the water is to be spread, must be relatively flat. The contributing area should not be less than twice, nor more than eight times the area the water is to be spread. The system for handling runoff water, is called either a spreader system, or a syrup pan system. The foundation work for this system consists of building extra large terraces on the level. In a regular syrup pan system, the run-off water from above the top terrace is carried across the field above one terrace, and back across the field above the next

lower one, and so on down the field, with each terrace holding a designed depth of water to form a basin.

In another system, a portion of the water is turned into each terrace from a waterway or road, side running down the hill. All excess water is allowed to continue its course down the lake.

E. N. McCall, Blackwater Valley District Supervisor, of Enochs has a spreader system installed on his farm. During the fall rains, all of his terraces receive the extra water that would have otherwise gone to a lake. Mr. McCall has wheat planted on this land, but such a system would be adaptable to any crop.

#### Former Resident In Navy Hospital

Jefferson G. Manor, former resident of the Y. L. Community, in the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., following an accident on November 11.

Jefferson received burns over thirty-five per cent of his body, when a Navy plane crashed into the USS Hopewell, on which he was serving. Four other sailors on the ship received serious burns, and two were killed, as were the three men who were in the plane.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Manor, who now reside in Lib, back he is improved but has a long stay ahead of him in the

## Grasshoppers Called Threat To Plains Area In 1956 By Crop Men

### Mules Get Bid To ENMU Tourney

Members of the basketball squad of Muleshoe High School have been invited to attend the Eighth Annual Sunshine basketball tournament at Eastern New Mexico University Dec. 28-30, according to Al Garten, director of athletics.

With four games being played

hospital, it would make him very happy to receive cards and letters from his old friends here, and will make the hours in the hospital seem shorter.

His address is J. G. Manor, MMC, U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Calif., Bldg. 20-1.

daily, the high school eagles will be able to see eight college teams representing eight states in action. Games are played in the afternoon and evening.

Approved by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic the tournament will feature the teams of Arkansas State Teachers, Conway; Eastern New Mexico, Portales; Ft. Hays State Kansas; Southeastern Missouri, Cape Girardeau; Southern Illinois, Carbondale; Southwestern Oklahoma, Wethford; West Texas State Canyon; and Western State, Gunnison, Colo. Ft. Hays Kansas will be defending the championship it won last year by defeating McKendree college of Illinois, 90-72. Besides Ft. Hays and Eastern, two other teams from last year's tournament are Western State College and Southwestern Okla.

### Farm Group Learns New Loan Ruling

The Farmers Home Administration will allow full ASC allotments on all farms that are being financed with the Great Plains Emergency Loan, it was learned at a meeting held in Amarillo December 7, according to Bill Miller, Bailey County Farm Bureau president.

It was also announced that the FHA offices will use a sound loan system, employing the ASC land map only as a guide. Before this last ruling, class 4 land had been excluded, and class three land had been allowed to grow

Livestock producers and farmers in the Texas Panhandle and in counties along the caprock south to Borden and east to Koot and Stonewall are alerted to possible widespread and damaging infestation of grasshoppers in 1956. Also counties in the central part of the state from the Oklahoma line southward to Gonzales and Guadalupe, should watch developments very closely.

Extension Entomologist F. M. Fuller says surveys made by the Plant Pest Control Branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture last summer and fall show that 8,747,000 acres of rangeland

in the West Texas areas are carrying "hopper" populations ranging from 14 to 100 per square yard. This compares with an estimated four and a half million acres infested at this time last year. Favorable weather conditions at and immediately after the hatching season could produce more trouble from hoppers than has been experienced in several years, says Fuller.

On the other hand, he points out, unfavorable weather and the presence of predators and grasshopper parasites could cut the anticipated infestation, but he adds, the situation should be carefully watched and plans made for an all-out control program. The area where heaviest populations are expected also has about the same acreage of cropland infested now. The rangelands are the better ranges

which are covered with gamma and buffalograsses. If the expected outbreaks occur in large areas, controls should be applied between June 1 and July 15. The Federal Government will bear one-third of the cost of treating rangeland and provide technical assistance. The estimated cost per acre is 50 cents. The savings in grass could amount to several millions of dollars.

Fuller points out that an infestation of 6 to 7 hoppers per square yard on 10 acres can consume grass at about the same rate as a cow and that 8.7 million acres now have potential populations of from 14 to 100 hoppers per square yard. Local county agents will be watching for control but will need the cooperation of all concerned, says Fuller.

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Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware.

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tattered soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peacefully to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

When the church clock at Trenton struck 7 a.m. a young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rumble of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not force at the time that he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.



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### 1956 TEXAS FARM OUTLOOK

There was no "fat" in the Texas farm economy in 1955 and the cost-price squeeze may cut further into the muscle and bone during the coming year.

The hangover effects of drought, combined with falling farm prices, sliced production and reduced profits to a 15 year low. 1955 was an extremely poor year, agriculturally, in Texas.

The outlook discounting unpredictable weather factors, is grim and probably will continue to be until some national farm issues are settled. Lower acreage allotments for wheat, cotton, peanuts, and threatened restrictions on grain sorghums may make crushing blows at the already shaky economy in areas where these are the main cash crops.

In addition, even national farm experts predict a continuation of high production costs and lower farm prices in 1956. This will call

for a "tightening of the belt" by all farmers.

**No Relief in Sight**  
No immediate relief is in sight on the present inequalities that exist between what it costs to produce crops and the price they bring on the market. Since 1948, production costs have continued to climb. Some minor downward adjustments were seen in the past few months, only to have the graph jump even higher after these light slumps. Market prices have maintained a generally downward trend.

All this means that the farmer in 1956 must rely even more on his own skills to try and realize his best possible profit.

1. Practice every known farming method that will produce "quality" crops that have a good market demand.
2. Whenever it is possible, he must take shortcuts to keep production costs to absolute minimum.
3. Avoid any further debt burdens that can not possibly be necessary to stay in operation.

For many farmers, this year will determine whether or not they will still be on the farm when 1957 rolls around.



The evergreen bough, mistletoe and holly used as Christmas decorations have been associated with ceremony and curious custom for thousands of years.

Ancient Romans raised an evergreen branch at the December festival of Saturnalia, honoring the god of sowing.

Long before the Christian era, the Norse and Scandinavians held the mistletoe sacred and hung it over their doorways as charms. They also worshipped the oak and their priestly Druids brought in a great Yule log at the feast of the winter solstice and lighted it from a brand of the log of the year before.

In parts of Europe the first trees used for Christmas decorations were dormant branches of fruit trees. They were brought indoors several weeks before Christmas and forced into bloom by Christmas time. Holly, the subject of many superstitions, was also used because its prickly leaves were thought to represent the Saviour's crown and its red berries drops of blood.

In parts of Sicily an olive tree is decorated today with oranges. In some countries flowers are used instead of evergreens, in keeping with a story told all over medieval Europe that on the night of the Nativity the forest of the forest, though cloaked in ice and snow, burst into bloom and bore fruit.

All over the world this Christmas each country will celebrate the occasion in its traditional way.

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 years old and have been as good as most boys this age. Please bring me a "Davy Crockett at the Alamo" set, a doctor set, and a dump truck.

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**RABSON DISCUSSES—  
CITY AND TOWN TAXES**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15 — I am much concerned by the continued upward in municipal and town taxes. In 1955, the "tax bite" of cities in the United States will amount to over \$65 per person, compared with \$61 in 1953 and \$56 in 1952. I am especially disappointed with the very little attention which the Conference on Education, recently held here, gave to this important subject.

**TAXES REFLECT HEAVY MUNICIPAL DEBT**

A study covering 481 U. S. cities with populations of 25,000 or more shows that local taxes accounted for about one-half of total municipal revenues from all sources, including federal and state grants for education, road-building, and other purposes. The rapid rate at which these taxes have been increasing in recent years points up the fact that municipal debts are also growing larger.

In fact, city debts increased 7% during 1954 to a record level of \$12,200,000,000 for cities of over 25,000 population. As a result, the average debt per capita in these cities is \$196. In New York City the per-capita debt was over \$600 per person, and is still rising! I predict a further boost in city and town taxes and debts in 1956.

**ARE OUR CITIES OVERSPENDING?**

Obviously, city debts are rising faster than city tax rates, even though the latter are becoming more and more burdensome, especially to owners of real estate. Why should city debt be rising so fast at this point in our history when general business is at record high levels? Of course, costs of city services are up all along the line, but that is only part of the story. Raw materials and labor costs also adversely affect manufacturers of many products, but the prices of those

products have not soared as much as city taxes. In some cases, the city tax load has been permitted to become burdensome because of poor municipal management or downright mismanagement. There are many localities where money goes down the drain because accounting, purchasing, and other procedures need tightening, but even these loose policies do not fully explain our plight.

**PEOPLE EXPECT TOO MUCH**

Of course, our cities and towns are overspending. Municipal, county, and state governments all over the country are living well beyond their means. In many cases, they are forced to do so because of heavy popular demand for luxuries in the form of ornate school buildings, carefree road-planning with little thought of future needs, expensive recreational services and equipment.

When I was a boy, cities were expected to provide fire and police protection, water and sewage systems, also good schools. Now the people are demanding many additional services, often of no real value, and all of them very costly. I believe in parking lots for their cars; but not buildings, mislabeled "schools," for mothers to park their children. It is ironic that cities along the seacoast in New England have built municipal swimming pools for children and adults! We provide busses to take the children to school and then build gymnasiums to exercise them when they arrive. I walked four miles each day for ten years to get an education, and am still alive!

**AMERICAN CITIES ARE IN FOR TOUGH SLEDDING**

We are now at peace, even though the world is troubled. We are prospering as no other people have prospered before. But I believe that bad times will come again. We shall again be called

**THE SAND HILLS PHILOSOPHER AMAZED  
To Find Christmas Is Here Again,  
But Falls Into Season's Spirit**

Editor's note: The Sand Hills Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm apparently has got the Christmas spirit, which must make it unanimous.

Dear editor:  
It doesn't seem like a month since last Christmas but I see by the calendar another one is almost on us. Unless it's the due date on a note, nothing comes around faster than Christmas these days, and while some people attribute this to the speed we're going at, it doesn't apply to me, as I'm going at the same rate of speed I've been going at for years. It's hard to vary your speed when you're sitting under a tree in the summer or in a rocking chair by the fire in the winter reading a newspaper. Oh, I'll admit I can read your paper for example faster than I can The Avalanche-Journal, but just because a cow can eat a pound of cottonseed cake faster than she can a bale of Johnson grass hay is no sign she's gonna come out any more thoroughly nourished, so you can see speed has nothing to do with it.

However, to tell the truth, I'm not sorry Christmas is here again. I know there are people who claim the day has been made into a racket, but there's nothing original in their thinking. Ole Scrooge claimed the same thing a hundred years ago.

Also, I know the world is about as far from peace as it was the day Christmas was started, that is, some parts of it, but not this part out here on this Johnson grass farm. If everybody in the world was as peaceful as I am, there'd be a lot of hydrogen bombs as rusty as my tractor and as little used.

At any rate, at this particular season, I can't be bothered about the foreign situation, and I want to say I have appreciated your publishing my letters in 1955, it means a lot to a man to have something to do to take the place of plowing, thinking may be hard work, but I've never failed to choose it when it came to a choice of it or plowing, you can't plow stretched out dozing under a tree. I know some people say they do their best thinking while they're plowing, but it's not true in my case, nor have I ever done my best plowing while I was thinking. Come to think of it, I've never done my best plowing at any time, and I hope I can get by with the same system in 1956.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A.

**Today's Meditation**

Read Mark 1:4-11. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (John 1:29).

Augustine says, "Our souls are restless until they rest in Thee." We long to feel at home with God because we are made in His image. Hence much of our confusion and sense of futility come about because we have not found God. Moreover, there is joy in the heart of the Eternal when we place our lives in such a position that He can find us.

Human experience testifies to two great facts — sin and salvation. C. D. Foss writes: "Underneath all the arches of Bible history, throughout the whole grand temple of Scripture, these two voices ever echo — man is ruined! Man is redeemed!"

Christ comes today to release us from sin and selfishness and to bring us back to God. He comes to invest life with purpose and significance by pointing us to the path of service. Behold the Lamb of God, who has come to take away the sin of the world — your sin and my sin — and redeem us.

**PRAYER**  
Our heavenly Father, we come to Thee confessing our sins. We are not so good as we would be. We have followed self-will rather than Thy will; we have turned everyone to his own way. May the vision of the Christ illumine our spirits and redeem us in Jesus' name. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
Our wills are ours to make them Thine  
Chester E. Custer (Iowa)

**PARMER COUNTY Farm Bureau News**

By RAYMOND EULER

Upon to make sacrifices to preserve our political and economic freedom, as these are threatened by war or depression. These sacrifices will be easier to make and our efforts will be more effective, if we now pay closer attention to tax and debt policies and to efficient government.

The menace to our economy and to our way of life from political extravagance at all levels is a very real one. We must learn again that thrift is the mainstay of any government and of any individual. If voters persist in their demands for luxuries to be provided by city, state, and town governments, and continue piling up debt, we will some day force the breakdown of democracy in America.

H. R. 12 has again been brought to our attention. Questions as to why Farm Bureau is opposing the bill that would support basic commodities at 90% of parity, regardless of supply or demand are raised.

Here are some of the reasons that the great majority of the more than one and one half million Farm Bureau members oppose the proposal: high price supports fixed by government, without regard to supply and demand, have resulted in lower farm income because it encourages increased production, there is less consumption, and export markets drop. High supports in our country encourage production in foreign countries. They



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*A Christmas Story*

"And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.  
And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.  
And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around 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 told to all people.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.  
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.  
And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.  
And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told to them.  
(From The Gospel of St. Luke 11:7-20)

sell their products just below or otherwise might be produced and sold at a reasonable profit. The idea that mandatory 90% parity price supports have been a blessing to farmers just doesn't hold water after a close examination. It wasn't 90% of parity that caused farm prices to average 124% of parity in 1946, or 113% of parity for 11 years (1942-1952). It was extra-

ordinary demand because of war.

The fact that farmers have generally voted for marketing quotas in order to maintain 90% of parity price supports has given some people misconceived ideas of the farmer's attitude toward production controls. The marketing quota referendum does not give the producer a realistic alternative to voting for quotas. If the referendum were worded so as to give the producer a choice between such as this: Say Parmer County had a choice of 41,000 acres of cotton with high supports, or 60,000 at 75% of parity, it would give a more realistic picture of the desires of the majority of the farmers. Many farmers have expressed themselves as favoring the latter (higher acreages and lower supports) because they believe that would discourage an increased foreign production of cotton, and cotton could compete with synthetics that are taking a large percentage of former cotton markets.

Now, to get back to House Resolution 12: This resolution is being supported by the smallest farm organization in the United States, and the largest labor organization in the world. These same two organizations have also teamed up in an attempt to raise the minimum hourly wage to \$1.25, including agricultural workers. (Minimum wages do not apply to agricultural areas of production and processing at present.) This again raises the ques-

tion, "Who is qualified to speak for farmers?" Farm Bureau thinks you, the farmers, are best qualified.

Farm income has dropped 4% from the national average, less than 4%, while the cost of production has risen almost 30%. Do they really have the best interests of the farmer in mind, when they propose to raise, still further, the cost of production?

The present situation of farm surplus, with severe decline in total net farm income and loss of markets, is making it increasingly clear that rigid price supports do not guarantee farm prosperity. We should know now that there is no easy answer to the problem of adjusting an over expanded agricultural plant to markets that are shifting. We must avoid being stampeded into any program that appears good on the surface, but that would prove unworkable or detrimental to agriculture as a whole.

Let us learn how farm organizations represent us in ALL STATES, not just one or two. Farm Bureau is interested in every farm problem and every farmer. Farmers must work out these problems themselves. We have to find out what we want, and then work together to gain success.

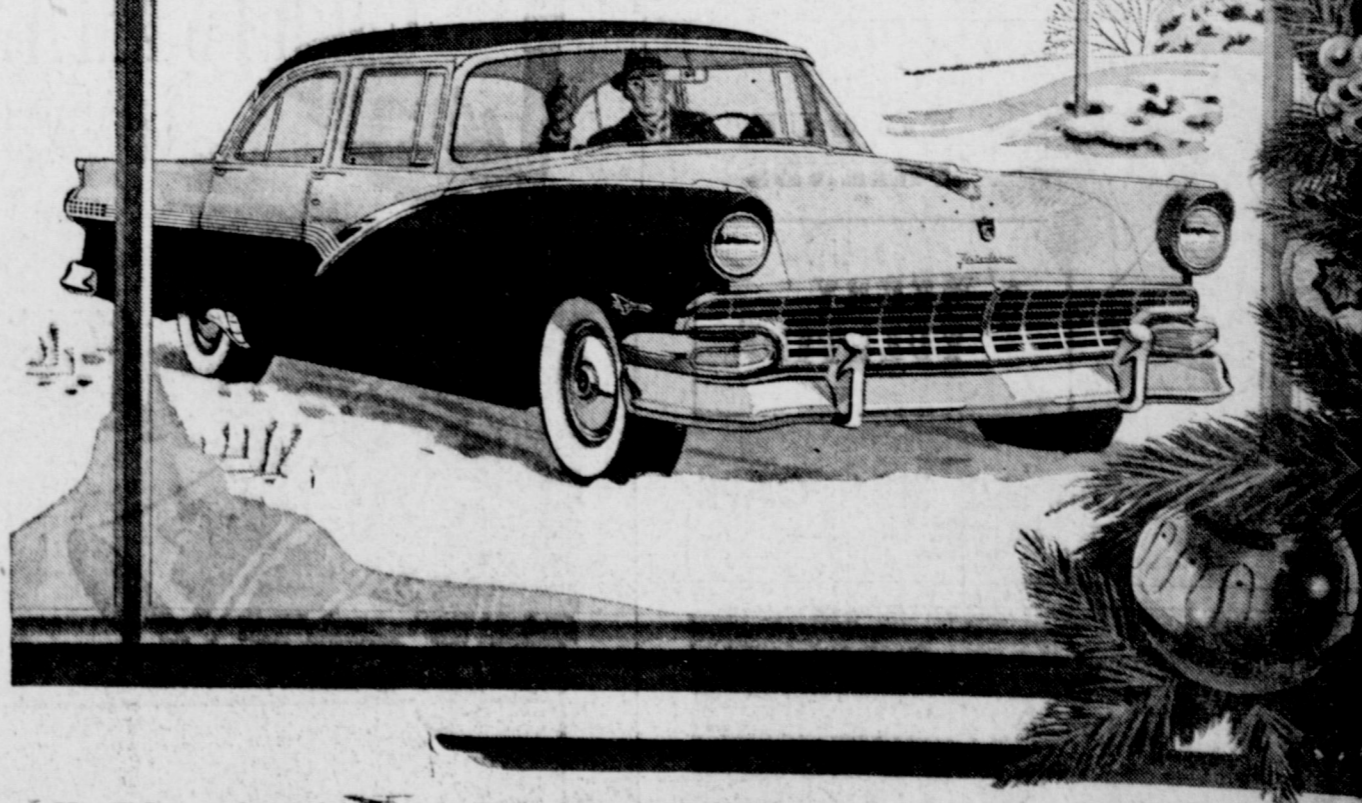
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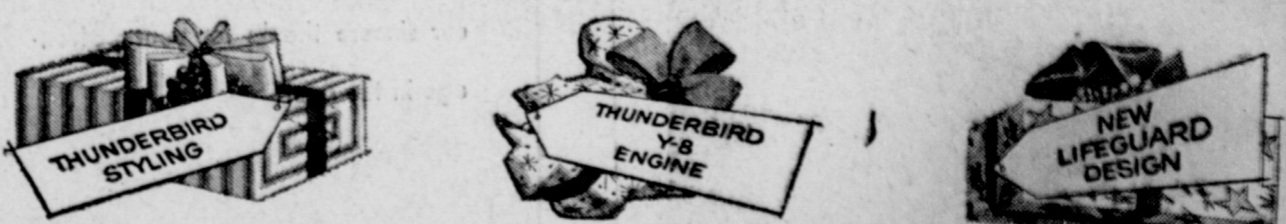
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**Through A Glass Darkly**

By CARROLL POUNCEY

I was going to say here it is Christmas again, and we hope that you will enjoy a holiday free from worry, in good health and with some humility for the memory of He whose birthday this holiday season is celebrated. I was going to say that, but you already know it is Christmas, and as for the rest, well, we mean that part very, very sincerely, and so we will say it.

I cannot think that Christmas would be much if it were not for the children. It means such a great deal to them, and it was, after all, a Child, who started the observance throughout the Christian world. If I had three wishes I would wish that every child in the world could be made to glow with joy on Christmas morning and be secure in the love of someone. And then with the other two wishes, I would wish the first one came true.

The other night we put up our Christmas tree, and when we finally combed the kids out of the branches and swept up the broken ornaments, et al, and turned the lights on the tree, well, the expression on the kids faces was a heartwarming sight. In amongst the jam and accumulated dirt, their eyes shone, and it must be wonderful to be a child anyway, especially at Christmas.

Got a greeting card from Gomer Cool. He is spending the holidays at home in Mt. Ida, Arkansas, with his family. After that last little escapade, Gomer is staying indoors during the daytime, coming out only after the constable has gone home. Anyway, he writes he is enjoying the holidays, and hope you are the same.

All of us at The Journal wish you everything good for the holidays and the year ahead.

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### Wilterdings Feted With Farewell Party at Gaede Home

A farewell party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Reece Wilterding, who are moving to Tulsa in the near future, was held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gaede.

Games of '42 and Rook were played, and Mrs. Gaede served sandwiches, potato salad, fruit salad, fruit cake, Christmas candy, and cold drinks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilterding were presented with a Samsonite table and chairs set. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Don Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kimbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bickel, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Wilterding, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gaede, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kimbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn "Moose" Harlan, Dorothy Lowery and Charles Gaede.

### Blackburn Home Scene of Sorority Christmas Party

Kappa Kappa Iota, National Sorority for teachers, met in the home of Mrs. Horace Blackburn Thursday evening, December 17, for a Christmas program and party. Mrs. Blackburn had her home

beautifully decorated in the yuletide motif.

Mrs. Ola B. Jones, vice-president of the sorority, was in charge in the absence of the president, Mary E. Obenhaus.

Games appropriate for the season were played, and carols were presented at the Hammond Organ. Each of the ladies brought a toy to be given to the Goodfellows, for distribution to children in this area whom Santa might not be able to visit.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream balls rolled in coconut, date nut cake, and coffee, were served by Mrs. Blackburn, and Mrs. Ola Jones, co-hostess, to those attending.

Present were Beatrice Blackburn, Ruth Dunn, Grace Whitley, Joyce Walker, Blanche Johnson, Lillie Williams, Janet McDonald, Christine Rutherford, Robert Biles, Jo Ann Sutherland, Margaret Stemmmons, and Jimmy Henson.

### Epsilon Chi Formal Dance Was Saturday

Formal Christmas dance of the Epsilon Sigma Chi Sorority was held Saturday evening, December 17, at the American Legion Hall, in Muleshoe.

Music was furnished by Billy Don Barbour, and his trio, of Clovis, N. M.

Fifteen members and their husbands, and number of guests attended the occasion. Following the dance, breakfast was served at Leigon's Cafe.

### Pre-Nuptial Shower Fetes Miss Atchison Held By G. A.'s Circle Christmas

Miss Carolyn Atchison, bride-elect of Mr. Charles Compton, of Lubbock, was feted with a pre-nuptial shower Thursday evening, December 15, at the home of Mrs. George Templar, in Muleshoe.

Blue and white, colors of the honoree were carried out in decorations, which were in the Christmas motif, centering the serving table, which was covered with a cloth of white lace over blue, was a Christmas arrangement of blue candles and silver bells.

Miss Atchison was presented with a holiday corsage from the W. M. A., of the Main Street Baptist Church who were hostesses on the occasion.

Guests were served tea and cake by Misses Pat Simmacher and Barbara Autrey, and registered in the bride's book by Miss Norma Thompson.

Calling during the afternoon were Misses Elmer Smith, J. D. Judson, Finis Kimbrough, J. C. Banks, George Templar, J. T. Zubanks, Jackie Henderson, Gail Hoover and sons, Lucille Stewart, Joyce Shafer and Larry, W. V. Shaffer, J. S. Horsley, R. L. Kimbrough, and the mothers of the couple, Mrs. R. T. Atchison, and Mrs. Lucille Compton, of Lubbock; and Misses Barbara Jayle Autrey, Pat Simmacher, Billie Ann Pence, Velta Ann Gillis, Linda Lou Lancaster, and Norma Thompson.

### Y. L. Methodist WSCS Christmas Party Was Wed.

Y. L. Methodist Church, W.S.C.S. held their Christmas party Wednesday evening, December 14, in the home of Miss Dottie Wilterding.

Thirteen members and five visitors attended. Each brought a gift for the nursery department of the church school, and Mrs. Raymond Eubank, teacher of the department, was presented with the gifts.

Mrs. Leland Mounts brought an inspiring devotional, "Keep Christ In Christmas."

Mrs. Mounts, Mrs. Dale Buhrman and Mrs. George Mitchell led the group in a number of enjoyable games, after which Misses Bill Elrod and B. H. Bickel served refreshments of coffee, and fruit cake topped with ice cream.

Other attending were Misses Seaborn Moore, W. F. Bell, E. H. Buhrman, Jessie Lewis, W. M. Culwell, John Bickel, Art Ryan, Barney Smith, Cecil Buhrman and Mrs. Leon Lewis and daughter Ellen.

Read the Journal want ad's

### Caroling Party Held By G. A.'s Circle Christmas

Junior G. A.'s of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, gathered last Thursday evening at the R. E. Bratcher home, and went caroling.

They then returned to the Bratcher home, where games were enjoyed.

Attending were: Louise Stinson, Sue Stinson, Beth Young, Shirley Henry, Anette Waltriss, Darlene Evans, Linda Lee, Joyce Sedgwick, Jenifer Garrison, Janice Goss, and counselors, Mmes. Bratcher and M. E. Simmons.

### Junior Department Christmas Party Was Friday Night

Junior Department of the First Baptist Church, along with a number of adult leaders and guests, enjoyed a Christmas party at the church last Friday evening.

A film emphasizing the spirit of Christmas, "The Guiding Star," was shown, and the group placed a box of soap to be mailed to the Mexican Orphans Home in San Antonio.

Cracker Jax were the refreshments served. Some seventy-five persons attended the party.

### Business Meeting Of Epsilon Chi Held Wednesday

Epsilon Sigma Chi Business meeting was held last Wednesday evening, December 14, at the R. E. A. Building, at 8:00 o'clock. Alta Mae Ellis was in charge as plans were made for the formal dance which was held Saturday evening.

Dr. L. T. Green, guest speaker, gave a very interesting talk on "Nerves." The talk was in keeping with the study the sorority has selected for the year, "Our Emotional World."

Hostesses, Doris Hammett and Verona Grizzle served fruit cake topped with whipped cream, and coffee.

Mrs. Fred Johnson, teacher of the study, was presented with a gift from the sorority, and she in turn presented each of the sorority members with a gift.

Pin Ceremony was held for three new pledges, Waneen Ragsdale, Helen Crow and Sissie Glass. Other present were: Betty Glaze, Lois Witherspoon, Mary Moore, Marlene St. Clair, Joyce Alsap, Cookie Barnert, Flo Brown, Alta Mae Ellis, Joy Finley, Pat Glasscock, Jane Griffith, Verona

### Garrett Home Scene of Party

The Bill Garrett home was the scene of a Christmas party for the Intermediate class of the Progress Methodist Church last Friday evening, December 16.

"Sorry", "Chopsticks", and other games were played by the girls.

Delicious refreshments of cookies, punch and candy were enjoyed, after which gifts were exchanged. The girls also brought gifts of food for a Christmas basket to be given away.

Those attending were Pat Thomson, Jeanne Gray, Frances Cooper, Trudy Davis, Mrs. Albert Davis, Mrs. Arthur Cooper, and the teacher, Mrs. Bill Garrett and children, Craig, and Sheri.

### January Wedding Is Planned By Miss Boozer



JAQUETTA BOOZER

Mr. and Mrs. Zemy Boozer, of Baileyboro, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jaquetta.

to A-2: Paul Holcomb, of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The ceremony will be read at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, January 6, at the Three Way Baptist Church. All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

### VISITED MOTHER

Mrs. John Thomson and children, Pat, Kay and Jim, visited her mother, Mrs. Alexander, of Memphis, Saturday and Sunday.

### UNCLE PASSED AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Roming, of the Progress Community, attended funeral services for his uncle, at Lorenzo. They were accompanied home by his mother, who will visit over the holidays.

Grizzle, Doris Hammett, Helen Harvey and Bill Ed Jones.

Star-Bright Christmas Wishes

To all of our wonderful friends and neighbors, we want to extend our warmest Season's Greetings.

MAIN STREET BEAUTY SHOP  
BERNICE — DUTTON — BETTY

Greetings

May your holiday season be bright with good cheer and light with good fellowship. May the happiness of the holidays be with you always...

KENT FURNITURE CO.  
Thurman and Earlene T. H. and Ida Mae

For Freedom from Worry

Call your Southwestern Life man

MARION F. HARRIS

Representing SOUTHWESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

FOR CHRISTMAS

Same old song, but always new — Merry Christmas — to all of you!

Williams Seed Cleaning Co.

TO OUR FRIENDS

A MERRY YULETIDE

DINNER BELL CAFE  
CLOSED DEC. 24, 25, 26

Season's Greetings

To wish you, every one, A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

CLOVIS STEAM LAUNDRY  
Lawson Canipe, Muleshoe Representative  
WE'LL BE TAKING THE HOLIDAY MONDAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our very best wishes go out to you at this holiday season — along with our sincere thanks for your patronage in the past!

CITY CLEANERS

O, Holy Night

As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND OFFICE STAFF OF—  
MULESHOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# On a Silent Night



It was December 23, 1818 in a tiny mountain village in Austria. The night was cold and clear and a heavenly canopy of stars stretched over a peaceful earth as far as the eye could see.

Father Joseph Mohr, a young parish priest, had just administered the last rites to a dying woman. Walking thoughtfully homeward, he looked down at the twinkling lights of the village and the bright stars above. A soul was about to depart from this world, to sleep forever in heavenly peace. Tomorrow at midnight the village and the Christian world would reverently observe the greatest birth—the Nativity that took place that holy night so long ago.

How sad, the young priest thought, that the church organ was broken and the musical program for the holiday services had been cancelled. Franz Gruber the organist, had suggested they find a simple melody that could be sung to the accompaniment of a guitar. Give him the words, he'd said, and he would compose the music. Give him the words . . . and there would be music.

As he thought of birth and life and death and looked down upon the sleepy, starlit village below, Father Mohr found these words. They sing the praises of the Holy Infant born to the world, and we wonder if they do not also ask for the departed soul "Rest in peace." Thus came the famous "Silent Night, Holy Night." Franz Gruber, true to his word, put Father Mohr's words to music that will endure till the end of time.

Dear Santa Claus,  
When you come you will see a box of shiny toys near the Christmas Tree. Would you take them to other boys and girls Love  
Renee Howell

## A VACCINE FOR TB?

A brief statement by  
JAMES E. PERKINS, M.D.  
Managing Director, National Tuberculosis Association

At the present time there is not a satisfactory vaccine against TB.

After years of study, a vaccine, called BCG, was developed that does increase resistance . . . but gives neither strong nor predictable protection.

Tuberculosis poses peculiar problems to researchers seeking an immunizing agent. Vaccines have been most successful against diseases where a single attack of the disease itself brings about immunity against future attacks. This, unfortunately, is not true of TB. One attack is no guarantee against future attacks of tuberculosis. In fact, TB is notoriously a "relapsing" disease.

However, in the uncharted future of science and medicine, it is certainly possible that a vaccine could be developed that would confer strong and lasting immunity. Or the secret of preventing tuberculosis may lie elsewhere . . . in enhancing nutrition for example, or perhaps a superior drug can be used to prevent as well as treat TB.

The important thing is that all likely avenues are being carefully investigated. This past year questions pertaining to immunity and other problems connected with tuberculosis were being studied in more than 40 clinics and laboratories . . . under medical research grants made possible by your purchase of Christmas Seals.

Your past support has helped save hundreds of thousands of lives. Your continued support will help hasten the day when medical research will find the answers to perplexing problems which must be solved to bring about the conquest of tuberculosis.

You can help speed that day . . . by buying Christmas Seals.



BUY AND USE  
CHRISTMAS SEALS

## Three Famous Americans Born New Year's Day

January 1, perennially celebrated as the start of a new year, is also the birthdate of three famous Americans.

On January 1, 1735, a boy was born in Boston, Mass. He grew up to be a silversmith and engraver, designed and printed the first Continental money and the first official seal of the colonies. An amateur inventor, he discovered a process for rolling sheet copper. But he is most famous for a horse ride he made on the night of April 13, 1775. His name: Paul Revere.

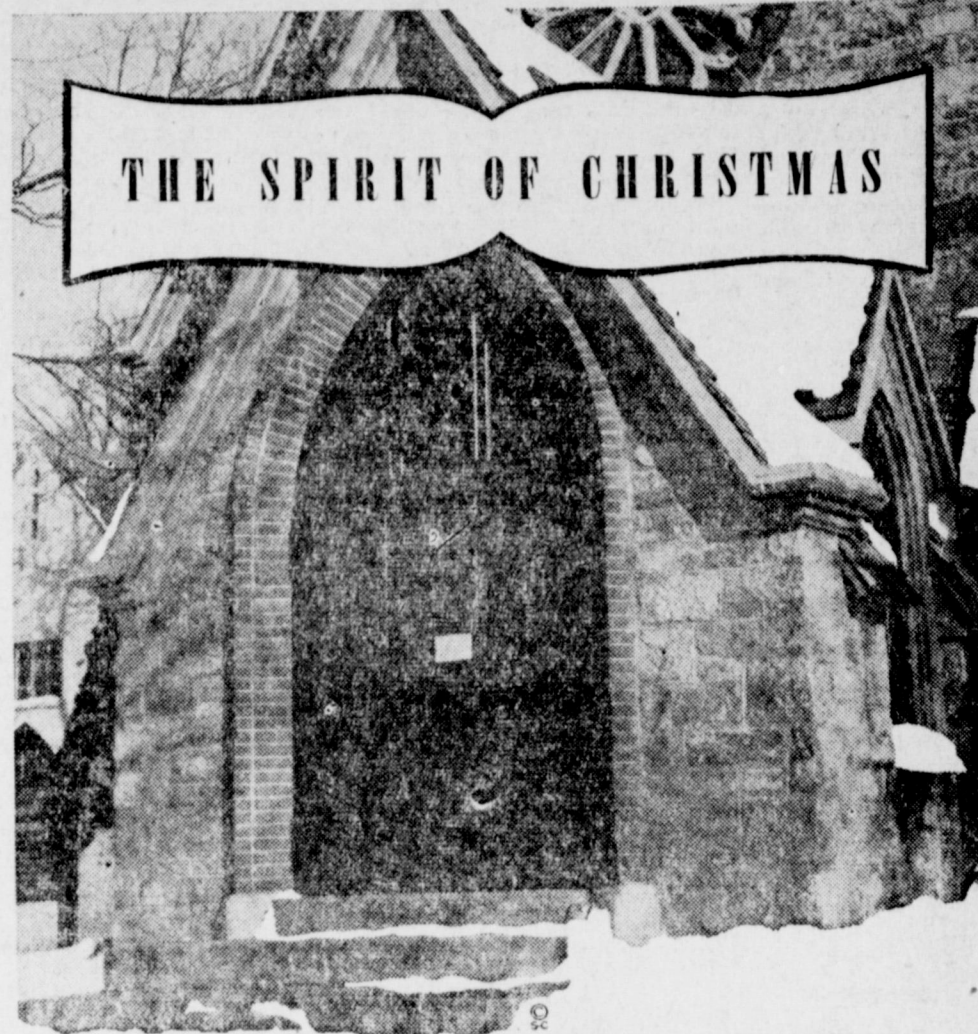
Seventeen years later, in 1752, a girl was born in Philadelphia on the first day of the year. She was Betsy Ross—maker of the first American flag. On the same day was born the great poet—Philip Freneau.

Other events that took place on January 1: George Washington at Cambridge raised for the first time the flag of the United Colonies, 1776; Florida adopted the constitution, 1887; Union of Ireland and Great Britain, 1801; de Souza discovered Rio de Janeiro, 1531; The United Nations Declaration signed, 1942; the first Tournament of Roses, 1889.

Dear Santa,  
I want a nurse set, a tiny tears doll and a doll stroller for Christmas.  
I have been sweet all year and love you. Please bring my little sister Jo Beth a little soft doll. She is only four months old, so she can't write.

Your cookies and milk will be waiting like every year.  
See you soon!  
Amy Gail Glasscock

Dear Santa Claus:  
I'm seven years old and I want a record player and my little brother is two years old he wants a tricycle and we've been very good.  
Love Lida and Pete Grass



## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

With reverent hearts we pay tribute to Him on this Christmas and hope that His teachings of Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men will find expression throughout the world. May your family enjoy the many rich blessings of Christmas!

CHARLES LENAU LUMBER CO.

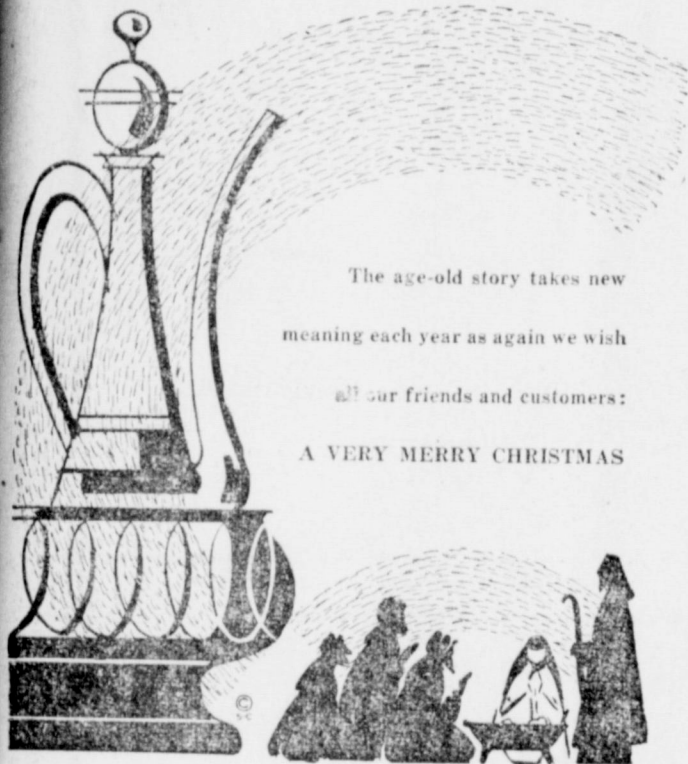
## Making Your Own Holiday Decorations Adds To Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a bell, ball ornament or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball ornaments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?



The age-old story takes new meaning each year as again we wish all our friends and customers:  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

E. & W. CONOCO  
Grady Edelman Charles Collom



May your Christmas happiness last all year long.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
Al Griffin Lavelle Hall  
Helen Inglo Nelda Merriott

# Greetings

May the joys of the Holiday Season surround you and your family, and linger long in your home and in your heart, to brighten the days that lie ahead. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

## BAILEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

This is the time of year when our thoughts turn with warmth and gratitude to you, our many loyal friends and customers. To every one we wish a MERRY, MERRY, CHRISTMAS!

CROSS ROADS CAFE  
RENA AND BUTCH  
— We'll Be Closed Saturday and Sunday —

### Pork, Beef, Some Fruits Lead List of Plentiful Foods

Pork, beef and grapefruit top the list of plentiful foods for January.

Miss Belle Smith, extension specialist in consumer education says shoppers will find a wide variety of kinds and cuts of pork and beef to suit the taste and family budget. Fresh and cured pork will continue to be a good buy and all kinds of beef will be plentiful especially the higher grades.

Grapefruit is important in the daily diet for it is rich in vitamin C, a vitamin that everyone needs each day. Shoppers are also reminded by Miss Smith that tangerines are a good buy as are winter pears, oranges, potatoes, pinto beans and peanuts.

Eggs are on the plentiful list for the first time in several months and are an excellent source of several needed food elements.

If more calcium is needed in the diet, milk and other dairy products should be considered.

Rounding out the January list

### Jesse W. Cobb Is Promoted While Aboard Cruiser

The Bureau of Naval Personnel authorized the advancement November 16 of Jesse W. Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Cobb, of Route 3, Friona, to machinist's mate third class, USN, while serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Baltimore.

The advancement was the result of worldwide examinations conducted in August.

### Shaffer Returns For Service In 4-County Area

Carl R. Shaffer is back on the job in a four county area as collection officer for the Lubbock district of the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Shaffer is known by many people of Muleshoe and surrounding area. He was in the district from 1943 to 1948 and has been at Hobbs, N. M., and in a

tier of counties below Bailey for several years. He paid his first visit to Muleshoe last week and will be a regular visitor in the future.

He formed many friendships in the time he was assigned to the district. Mr. Shaffer will serve Lamb, Bailey, Farmer, and Castro Counties.

## COURTHOUSE News

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

James V. Elliott, et al to J. K. Elliott, all of the undivided one-half interest in all of the East half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Number 12, Block Y, W. D. and F. W. Johnson Subdivision No. 2, Higginbotham-Bartlett, a Corporation, to Rufus Gilbreath, all of Lots 9 and 10 in Block 3, Hillcrest Addition No. 2.

Lewis Stewart, et ux, to C. W. Ramage, all of Lot No. 8, and the Westerly 10 feet of Lot No. 7, Block 4, Stewart Subdivision, out of Warner, Acreage Addition, Tract No. 3.

Marriage Licenses  
John G. Cleveland and Nellie Lee Johnson.  
John Frank Niestad and Janice Yvonne Dill.

### Bethlehem: Many Languages Join Together In Holy Praise

As the angels sang on that first Christmas night, so will there be singing in the village of Bethlehem in this year of 1955.

Bethlehem caroling is in many languages. An Arab choir will join with the voices of tourists and pilgrims in a simple outdoor service. In a grotto which might have been the sheepfold for the watching shepherds, the Christmas story will be read from the Gospel of St. Luke.

The stone buildings and churches of Bethlehem will be filled with thousands of pilgrims who have journeyed here for a pontifical mass at midnight in St. Catherine's Chapel and the procession which later leads down a flight of stone stairs to the grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity.

According to tradition, nearly 2,000 years old, the grotto is the site of the stable where Jesus was born when Joseph and Mary could find no room at the inn.

During the ceremony an infant figure of Christ is placed first on a silver star, then in a manger in a wooden crib where it will remain until the feast of Epiphany.

On both sides of the Israel-Jordan border, a short distance from Bethlehem, tent cities are set up to facilitate border crossing formalities for almost 2,000 Christians living in Israel and temporary Christian residents of Israel traveling to Bethlehem for Christmas. The formalities do not take much time. In one tent, pilgrims get stamps for their permits; in another, their luggage is checked; finally their money is changed.

Then they cross the border, Bethlehem-bound, just as was Mary and Joseph on a similar night long ago, and just as fervent travelers from all parts of the world in this year of 1955.

### Christmas Tree Industry Aids Forestry Programs

That beautiful Christmas tree you've purchased for your living room this Christmas needn't cause any qualms of conscience if you're the type who worries about the effect of the Christmas tree business on our forests.

The fact that yours is one of 31 million trees used for holiday decorations this year makes it seem that our forests are in great peril, but such is not the case. In fact, at least half of these trees are coming from sources that did not harm or actually improved the forest land they occupied when cut.

Foresters who grow saw-log trees generally divide cut-over land into four classes and Christmas-tree land is the lowest classification. It won't grow good forests, but is ideal for Christmas trees since it barely supports tree life. The tree, in its struggle to exist, throws out quick and frequent branches.

On such land are the Christmas-tree farms, such as one operated at Tacoma, Washington, by Paul Kirk, the "Christmas-tree king." Kirk distributes 4 to 5 million trees a year and keeps several times that number growing.

The last two or three weeks before Christmas are about the busiest of the year for Paul Kirk, for his carefully grown trees must arrive at their destinations on time. It isn't unusual for him to tour dozens of cities checking on shipments before he gets home at the last moment to gather with his family around the Kirks' huge white-sprayed tree.

Early Saxons named the curious berried tree parasite used as a Yule-time decoration "Mistletoe", meaning a shoot of a tree. Early Nordics dedicated mistletoe to their goddess of love and started kissing under it as a gesture of friendship and love.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy nearly six years old. I would like to have a little car that runs with batteries and anything else you would like to bring. Please remember my little sister, Tani.

Gary Murrah

### HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Billy Wayne Waggon arrived home Friday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wag-

non and other relatives and friends. He is a student at A. & M. College Station.



CHRISTMAS TREE . . . The holiday tree is as important to a good Christmas for the children as is the visit by Santa Claus. Bringing in the tree, like the ancient custom of bringing in the Yule Log, has become an American tradition cherished by the younger generation.

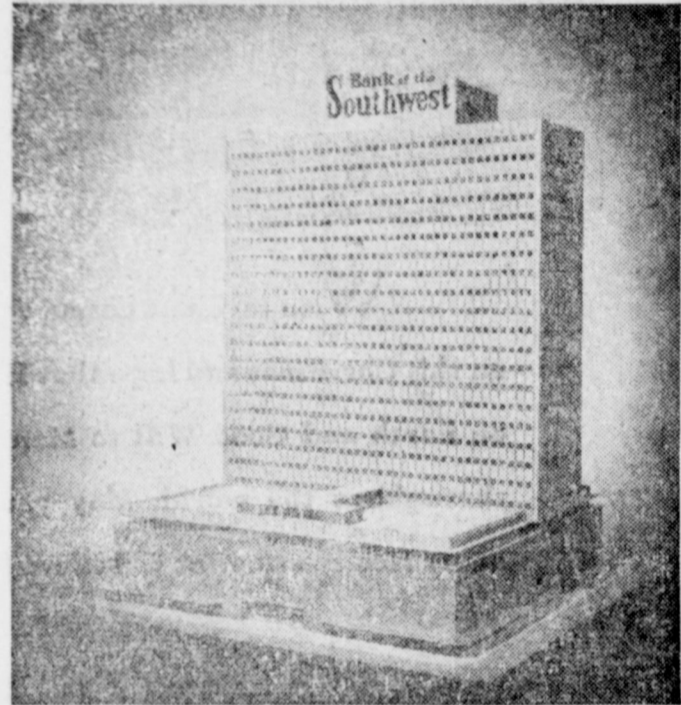
Our sincerest wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas with all its joys and pleasures.

Muleshoe Beauty Salon

### Christmas Greetings

Our best wishes for the Christmas season to all of our friends.

### "BANK OF THE SOUTHWEST" IS NEW NAME FOR HOUSTON'S LARGEST NEW SKYSCRAPER



"Bank of the Southwest" is the new name for Second National Bank of Houston, it was announced this week by Col. W. B. Bates, chairman of the board of the bank, Houston's oldest banking institution. "The name, 'Bank of the Southwest' was selected because it indicates better the expansive territory served by the bank," said Col. Bates. "Symbolically, our new 24-story building, now 85% completed, will be one of the largest in the Southwest," Col. Bates added. Bank of the Southwest Building will occupy a full city block, and will be Houston's first all-aluminum skyscraper.

### Greetings . . .

. . . to our many friends and customers. May your Christmas be merry and bright!

Sanitary Barber Shop

Jim Lane — J. W. Watts  
Virgil, the Shine Boy

### West Diner

And Employees Wish You  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS — A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

We appreciate your business with us in '55 and hope you will continue to see us in '56.

We Would Like To Take A  
Week Vacation Beginning  
DEC. 25 TO JAN. 2

Due to the fact that our employees are as tired as we, we will be closed this holiday week and start the New Year with new strength and ambition. Wishing you again a Merry Christmas—

Theron and Leatha

Mac	Merrel	Betty	Ann	Edna
Jack	Gene	Sharon		

### A CHRISTMAS GREETING

Let us harken to the clear-voiced choristers, as they hail the approach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year.

GILBREATH SEED AND GRAIN CO.

PAT RUFUS VIRGIL

PICK 'N' PACK



### MERRY Christmas

May the Christmas Spirit glow in your heart and Good Fortune smile brightly upon you through all the days of the New Year.

CORRAL DRIVE-IN  
Hazel and Roy Dyer and Employees

### Christmas Blessings

May the hope, the peace and the love that is Christmas remain with you and your dear ones forever and ever.

W. B. McAdams  
Jefferson Standard Life Insurance

### Christmas Greetings

and every good wish for the coming year

LEIGON'S CAFE

### Greetings of the Season

May we extend to all our friends our sincere good wishes for Health, Prosperity and Happiness during the coming year

CLYDE A. BRAY AGENCY

### Season's Greetings

As brightly as the star of Bethlehem, that Silent Night, may the spirit of the first Christmas shine forever in your heart. May its message of Peace and Good Will become an abiding source of hope to you and yours.

IRRIGATION SUPPLY CO.

Dear Santa Claus,

I, Johnny Michael, am 4 years old. Bring me any kind of toys you have, but I would like mostly clothes and a pair of boots. Lots of candy, fruit and nuts.

I, Joyce Marie, am 3 years old. Please bring me a doll and anything else you want to. Please bring me some clothes and boots, also candy, fruit and nuts.

I, Glenna Pauline, am 8 years old, and am in the second grade. Mrs. Slemmons is my teacher. Please bring me a doll, some doll clothes and a little sewing machine and anything else you

want to, also bring me some clothes, candy, fruit and nuts. Remember all the other girls and boys. We will leave a Coke and some pie on the table for you Santa.

Love,  
Johnny Michael, Joyce Marie and Glenna Pauline Raney

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me some roller skates and a BB gun. I have a big brother. He wants some roller skates and a BB gun also.

And I have 2 little sisters, and they want a doll and all of us would like some fruit, nuts and candy. Please bring my daddy and mother something they would like too.

Also bring my Grandmother Robinson something nice too, will you.

I love you Santa,  
Albert Burdock

### Observance Grew With Christianity

The observance of Christmas as we know it today is one of joy and peace, making it difficult for us to realize that the holiday has not always been universally recognized and observed.

When Pope Gregory sent out missionaries in 601 A. D., he told them to let pagan converts weave the harmless features of their festivals into the spiritual fabric of Christmas observance.

The popularity of the Christmas observance grew with the progress of Christianity, but there were setbacks. Abuses of Christmas reached such a pitch in feudal England that the Puritan Parliament outlawed the holiday in 1644. The observance declined until the middle of the 19th century when Charles Dickens published his heart-warming "Christmas Carol."

### TRUE CHRISTMAS CAROL

Charles Wesley, a Methodist minister in England wrote "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" on a Christmas morning. The brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was inspired by the pealing of church bells when he penned the famous carol.



TELL ME, TELL ME... This lovely lady has succeeded in bringing Old Santa into view by gazing into her crystal ball, yet it seems that the vision isn't clear enough to foretell the gifts that he is bearing. Oh, well, Christmas is only a short time away.

### Superstitions, Traditions Mark New Year Scene

Traditions and superstitions have long been a part of the New Year scene around the world.

The Chinese believe one must pay up all their debts if the New Year is to be a successful one. The English, on the other hand, consider it a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on the New Year's Day is indicative of what you will do the rest of the year.

One of the most widespread superstitions concerns the "first-footer," the first person to enter a household on New Year's morning. In early days, women and light-haired men were considered "unlucky" first-footers.

Ancient custom in Japan was to scatter parched beans about the house, supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good luck to enter.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Peasant families in various parts of the world once baked special cakes for the New Year. The cake was dashed against the door and as the family members gathered up the pieces to eat them they prayed that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the new year.

In olden times some families also sought a glimpse into the New Year by "dipping" into the Bible. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger. The text, read and interpreted was supposed to be indicative of the luck—good or bad—that would be in store during the twelve months ahead.

### THIS & THAT

About  
**Homemakers & Homemaking**  
IN BAILEY COUNTY  
By MOLLIE STINSON  
Home Demonstration Agent

Christmas and the end of the year are almost upon us. I have enjoyed this past year and have received wonderful support and cooperation from everyone. So I want to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and satisfying New Year.

**Tips For Buying Hosiery . . .**  
Hose are high on the list of gift items in demand the year around and make an excellent "last minute" Christmas present. As a clothing item, a year's supply of hosiery adds up to quite a sum. You will get more for your money in wear and satisfaction if you select hose carefully.

Choose colors that will harmonize with shoes and other garments. Darker shades generally are more slenderizing to the leg. Brown tones usually blend best with greens, and gold and brown in costumes. The grey tones are better for navy, greys, and blacks.

Sheerness and weight of hosiery depends upon the gauge and denier. Denier is the weight or thickness of each thread of nylon yarn. The lower the denier, the lighter or more transparent the yarn. Gauge indicates the number of stitches per inch and a half. A high gauge has more and finer stitches, uses more nylon yarn, gives greater strength to stockings and should give added wear and snag resistance.

Select hose for the occasion for which they are to be worn. For evening wear you might choose the very sheerest — a 66 gauge, 10 denier, or 60 gauge, 12 denier—for sandal foot without any reinforcement. For dress, you might choose the 66 gauge — 12 denier with shadow reinforcement of the sheer and clear 60 gauge, 15 denier hose. For town or travel, the 51 gauge, 15 denier will give added strength for walking, bending and stooping.

Construction determines fit and comfort. Full-fashioned stockings are tailor-made to fit the leg without strain at any point. The seam in the full-fashioned hose also helps to give a slenderizing effect.

Check size carefully—Stockings that are too small may cause feet to ache and tire easily. Check the hosiery size chart provided by the manufacturer for correct size. It takes into consideration leg width, length, and foot size.

**Let's Have Turkey . . .**  
Roast turkey is as American as Plymouth Rock, corn-on-the-cob and apple pie. Its festive look and delicious flavor makes it a logical choice for holiday meals.

It can transform everyday dinners into special occasions. Here are some suggestions for cooking and carving your holiday turkey.

Combine stuffing ingredients and stuff turkey just before roasting.

Start roasting bird 30 to 40 minutes ahead of schedule to avoid delay should turkey take longer to roast than estimated time. Roast at 325 degrees.

Turkey is done when drumstick moves up and down easily and when the flesh part of the drumstick feels soft.

Allow turkey to stand 20 to 30 minutes before it is served. This re-absorbs juices and makes carving easier.

Remove all trussing equipment, such as skewers and cord before starting to carve.

### Results of 1955 Corn Performance Test Summarized By Experiment Station

Four hybrids led all others in the 1955 Texas Agriculture Experiment Station's corn performance tests with an average yield of 60 bushels per acre. These were Texas 26, 28, 30 and 32. All were developed and released by the Station. The tests were conducted in 15 locations throughout the state.

Texas 30 and 32 were most resistant to lodging and stalk breaking and are recommended particularly where high yields are expected. Texas 30 was more resistant to insects and diseases than other hybrids. The Texas 28 and 26 hybrids are recom-

mended where moisture and temperatures may seriously limit yields.

The highest yielding white hybrid in 1955 tests with an average yield of 54.5 bushels per acre, was Texas 15W, but Texas 17W outyielded it in those tests with lower levels.

With the exception of the below-freezing temperatures during the last week in March, the remainder of the season was favorable to corn growth and the state-wide average yield was 23.5 bushels per acre. This was the highest since 1908. Adequate rainfall and moderate tempera-

tures during June were primarily responsible.

Top yields were obtained at practically all locations where tests were conducted. Texas hybrids 26, 32, 28 and 30 may be expected to give good yields in all major corn growing areas in the state. Texas 30 and 32, because of their greater resistance to lodging, may be preferred where lodging is a serious problem. Texas 30 is recommended for areas of higher humidity and rainfall.

To conduct the tests, the state was divided into five areas—South-eastern, Northeastern, South-central, North-central and Western. Texas 26, 28, 32 led all hybrids in the Northeastern area where Texas 26 and 32. They

had an average yield of 60 bushels per acre of 51.6 bushels per acre. Texas 30 is the recommended hybrid for this area.

Texas 30, 26, 32, and 28 led tests with yields averaging over 70 bushels per acre in the South-central area. Texas 15W was again highest producing white hybrid in the area. In the North-central area of the state, Texas 28, 26, and 32 were the leading yellow hybrids, followed closely by Texas 30. Texas 15W and 17W were about equal in yield, but 17W may be preferred because of emphasis on larger grain size for white hybrids.

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