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FFA and 4-H Lamb Tour And Judging Contest Last Saturday

FFA instructor Fred Igo and county agent Arthur Barlemann took their 4-Hers and FFA boys on a lamb tour last Saturday. At the conclusion of the tour a livestock judging contest was held at the Hodges ranch. Fred and Clinton Hodges served a barbecue dinner to the group of about forty persons that afternoon. On the menu was barbecue goat, beans, potatoes, pickles, coffee, and cake.

Clubbers judged classes of fat lambs, ewe lambs, 2-tooth ewes, ram lambs, 2-tooth rams and Hereford cows.

Judgers were given ten questions on the fat lambs. Results of the judging were as follows: (Possible score was 350).

SENIOR DIVISION	
Judger	Score
Bill Davis	306
Calvin Gaston	305
Brenda Augustine	300
Danny Stewart	286
Jodie Emery	283
Wayne Drennan	281
Carolyn Payne	277
Dub Fincher	274
LeRuth Reed	257
Robert Quintana	256
Tony Allen	254
JUNIOR DIVISION	
Milton Reed	289
Don McDonald	282
Jerry Payne	281
David Durham	280
Johnny Augustine	274
Reynolds Lee Foster	266
Freddie Fields	265
Temple Ann Foster	263
Jamie K. Fields	260
Troy Murrell	258
Bitsy Durham	253
Clayton Stewart	252
David Drennan	244
David Sanderson	235
Mitsy Davis	228
Kenneth Fincher	219
Barbara Clark	197
Cecilia McDonald	160

Attends State Cancer Annual Meeting

Miss Ethel Foster returned home Sunday afternoon from Dallas where she attended the annual meeting of the Texas Division of the American Cancer Society. She was vice-president of the body last year, and Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene was named vice-president at last week's meeting. New president is Dr. Porter Brown of Fort Worth who replaces Mr. Leonard Gunderson of Amarillo. Miss Foster was retained as a member of the executive committee of the body.

The meeting was held in the Hotel Adolphus in Dallas. Dr. John King of New York City of the Science Service Section of the American Cancer Society, was principal speaker. Also on the program was Leonard Griffiths of New York, who spoke on organizational work of the society. The meeting was the best attended meeting ever held.

Dr. G. V. Brindley of Temple is the retiring president of the American Cancer Society.

SQUARE DANCE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT GARDEN CITY

The Garden City Square Dance Club has voted to give a free dance as a Christmas present to all the square dancers of the area.

The Cosden Playboys have been employed to play for the dance which will be held on Thursday night, December 20, in the old gymnasium at the Garden City School. The time is from 7:30 to 11:00 o'clock.

All dancers and callers from any location are invited to attend this free Christmas celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Carr will go to Durango, Colorado Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Scooter Carr.

ATTEND BANK OPEN HOUSE IN DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Horwood and Miss Ethel Foster attended the open house for directors, officers, stockholders and depositors of the American Bank & Trust Co. in Dallas Sunday. On Saturday night, a banquet was held for the officers and directors of the institution was held. Mr. Hildebrand is a director of the organization.



RED CROSS HUNGARIAN RELIEF MONEY NEEDED

The American Red Cross is conducting a short drive to raise money for Hungarian refugee relief. In the Tom Green 4-County area, \$2,044 is needed, and Sterling residents are asked to make a donation at the bank before Christmas to raise about \$90. Officials here point out that small donations will fill this quota and no big drive is planned.

Make your contribution before Christmas day.

Bill Swann, medical student in Texas University, is here for the Christmas holidays with his parents, the Wm. J. Swanns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sims of Big Spring plan to spend Christmas day here at Mrs. Sim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lowe.

BAPTIST WMU HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Baptist W.M.U. met at the pastor's home on December 17 for a Christmas program and social.

The rooms were made festive by Christmas arrangements on the mantel and buffet and a lighted Christmas tree.

Wrapped gifts were brought for Buckner's Orphan Home.

The foreign missionary that was to have spoken to the group was called away at a moment's notice but the ladies arranged an interesting program. Mrs. Lee Hunt's devotion was on the prophesy of the Babe of Bethlehem. Mrs. C. B. Stovall reviewed some Christmas items from the News-Record of 1952. She reviewed the Shoemaker and His Guest, the story of the writing of the hymn "Silent Night" and an article about Christmas trees. Five G.A.'s sang the song Silent Night.

Mrs. W. B. Allen spoke briefly on benevolences. The society voted to pack a box for the needy in this

community.

Honored on Birthday
Mrs. D. C. Durham was 85 on the 17th, and she was honored, along with a Mrs. Hutchins, who was 71. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Stovall led in the singing of the birthday song. Gifts were presented to the honoree. Birthday cake was served by Mrs. W. R. Morgan, Mrs. John Hamilton and Mrs. Nolan Stewart.

The singing of Christmas carols finished up the meeting.

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 cards: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

For wedding invitations, announcements, at-home cards, etc., see the local News-Record shop.

Christmas Customs From Many Peoples

The observance of Christmas in the United States, is a combination of customs which have come to us from Germany, England, Italy, Turkey, and many other countries, customs which have been combined into a beautiful and varied observance.

Christmas customs, combined with a proper appreciation of the spiritual nature of the observance, gives the real meaning of Christmas and the universal message it holds for all mankind, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

Chest X-Rays Here in February

H. K. Shackelford of the State Department of Health met here on Tuesday morning, with a view of setting up plans for a mass chest X-Ray program in Sterling early next year. The group set as the dates for X-Rays here February 27 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and February 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., said Mrs. Joe Emery.

O. T. Jones was named general chairman for the county and Mrs. Forrest Foster was named local chairman.

Present at the meeting were Mr. Shackelford, Mr. Jone, Mrs. Forrest Foster, Rev. Lewis Petmecky, Mrs. H. A. Anthony, Mrs. Delbert Hopper, Mrs. Martin C. Reed, Weldon Snodgrass, Jeff Davis, Mrs. Emery, H. A. Chapple, Dr. Wm. J. Swann, John M. Stuckwish and Mrs. Hubert Williams.

Good Rains Fall This Week Here

Good rains fell here Tuesday and Wednesday mornings around daybreak, and falling on through the morning Wednesday. Rainfall up one and one-half inches was reported, giving beneficial winter seasoning to the ranges.

The first morning's fall turned to ice quickly and coated everything with a sheaf of ice.

King's Visitors

Visitors at the C. L. King's last week were Mr. and Mrs. Don Deck and daughter, Karen, of Pasadena. Mrs. Deck is a niece of Mrs. King. While here, Mr. Deck and Mr. King went deer hunting and Mr. Deck got a buck—one of the blacktails from way out in west Texas.

R. P. Brown and D. L. Slaton of San Angelo shared a buck kill on their deer hunt near Alpine last week. Both got hits on the buck.

POST OFFICE TO HAVE PART HOLIDAY DEC. 24

President Eisenhower has declared December 24 a holiday in government offices, and the postal government workers will be allowed one where possible. The local postoffice will stay open until the mail leaves here at 3 p.m., said H. M. Knight, postmaster. This will give employees a part holiday.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

Hugh Harzke
Mrs. Neal Reed
Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Glass
Mrs. Tom Onstott.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen and son, Freddy of Las Vegas, New Mexico, arrived here Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Cole announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lula Mae of Amarillo to Mr. Orval E. Mullins of Dallas. The wedding has been set for December 30, and will be held in the Presbyterian Church in Sterling City.

Arriving here this week end to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole are Miss Ruth Cole of Phoenix, Arizona, Miss Lula Mae Cole of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Cole and family of Salisbury, Maryland.

Beverly Mae Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dunn of Alpine, played in her first band concert December 14. She was chosen to play a flute solo "Autumn Leaves" by Weber.

Luke Hallmark raises big turnips—even bigger than you can imagine. His purple-top turnips are real sweet, he says, and might be larger than a football if the drought weren't so bad.

Lions Raise \$250.00 at Christmas Auction

Horace Donalson acted as auctioneer when the Lions Club held their annual Christmas Auction affair Wednesday noon. Bidding was for gifts that later will be used to go in the Christmas food and toy baskets that are annually passed out by the club at Christmas time.

Guests at the affair included R. T. Foster, Finis Westbrook, Taylor Garrett and a Mr. Rucker. Leroy Butler was a new member.

The door prize went to R. P. Brown.

The club will not hold its meeting next week on December 26, but will resume meeting on January 2.

Club Votes to Sponsor Pound Here

The club members voted to sponsor a city pound if the city commission passes an ordinance against un-vaccinated dogs and pets running loose. The club will pay for the pound under such conditions up to \$100.

Dr. Wm. J. Swann told the club that the health and safety committee wanted a city ordinance to regulate licenses, city pound, etc. An educational program was needed, too, he thought, about the necessity for vaccinating pets for rabies.

Colborn-Long Wedding in Houston Last Sunday

Wedding rites of Miss Minnie Ella Colburn and Mr. Clarence Beverly Long were read in Houston at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon, December 16. The ceremony was performed at the Rockford House of Weddings in Houston.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Colburn of Huntsville and Mr. Long is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Long of Sterling City.

Following a wedding trip to Monterrey, Mexico, the couple will live in Houston, where Mr. Long is a senior student in pharmacy in the University of Houston. He will graduate in June.

The bride is a graduate of Huntsville High School and received a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State College in 1953.

Attending the wedding from here were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Long and Mike Williams. Mrs. G. C. Tate of Fort Worth, sister of the groom, also attended the ceremony.

Winn McClure Undergoes Operation

Winn McClure underwent an operation on his head in a Lubbock hospital on Monday morning of this week. Winn had received head injuries in an accident at the gas plant near Silver earlier this year and this operation was of a corrective nature. He was reported doing all right following the operation. His wife from Sterling City and his mother, Mrs. Gooch, of Big Lake, are at Lubbock to be with him.

Gift Tea Honors Jenny Ruth Davis

Eleven were hostesses when Miss Jenny Ruth Davis was honored with a gift tea at the community center last Friday afternoon. Miss Davis and Mr. William H. Dorsey are to be married here on December 22. The wedding will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis.

Hostesses at the tea were Mrs. David Glass, Mrs. Will Durham, Mrs. Harvey Glass, Mrs. W.N. Reed, Mrs. L. C. McDonald, Mrs. W. J. Swann, Mrs. Lura McClellan, Mrs. J. G. Bird, Mrs. H. A. Chapple, Mrs. Claude Collins, and Mrs. J. S. Cole, Jr.

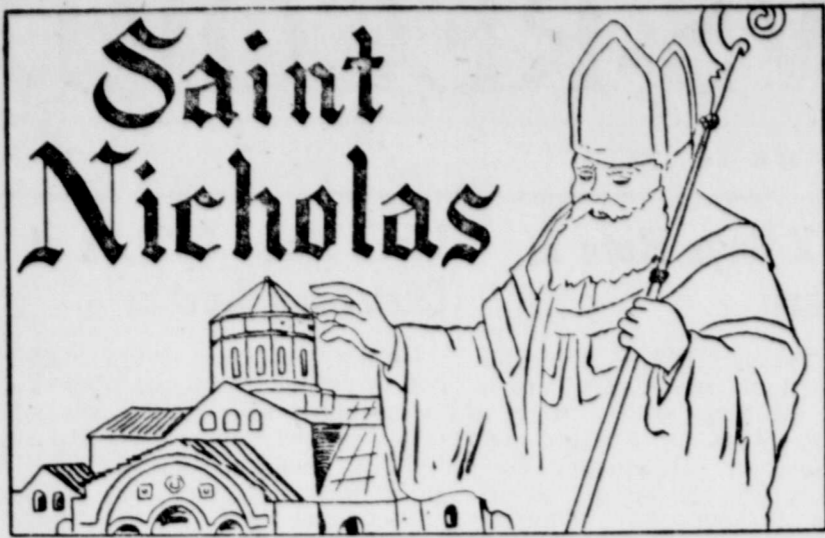
Seniors Make \$60 on Turkey Shoot

The senior class of Sterling High School realized about \$60 from the turkey shoot they sponsored last Sunday afternoon according to Fred Igo, class sponsor. Target classes and live turkeys were used in the shoot, and a good crowd attended the affair.

Cubs Win Blue Ribbon

The Sterling City Cub Scouts attended a Cub and Boy Scout Exposition at Big Spring last week and in competition with 32 Troops and Packs won one of the 11 blue ribbons. The Sterling Cubs won on their nature project, said Mrs. Harvey Latham, one of the Den Mothers here.





The original Santa Claus was St. Nicholas who was born in the ancient port city of Patara, in Southern Turkey, on the Mediterranean coast, during the 3rd century. St. Nicholas was for many years Bishop of Demre (ancient Myra) and it was at Myra that he died in 342. He is buried in Demre in a church which bears his name, the Church of St. Nicholas.

Renown for his many kind deeds, and especially for his loving generosity towards children, the good bishop has become a legendary figure in the folklore of many nations. To accommodate the many travelers who visit the Church of St. Nicholas in the blue mountains of Demre, the Turkish government recently completed a new road. Just last year the government honored him by issuing a special stamp in his name.

Biblical tradition is very rich in the ancient land of Turkey. In the city of Antioch where the followers of Christ first called themselves Christians, the site where St. Peter led the first Mass can still be seen. Many other saints including the Apostles Paul, John, James, Luke and Barnaby were born in this region. Mary, Mother of Christ, retired after the Crucifixion to the city of Ephesus, where her abode has been excavated and opened to the public by the Turkish government.

Christmas: Our Great Holiday Began As Strictly Religious Festival

Although records indicate that the Christmas festival was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing, the exact age of the holiday is not known.

Christmas actually began as a strictly religious observance and was officially recognized in the fourth century as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ. And it is quite significant to note that until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births, so Christ's birthday was appropriately the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

It was many years after the first observance of Christ's Mass before gift-giving became a part of the festival season. The church finally condoned the practice, in remembrance of the Three Kings who had traveled far to present their gifts to the new-born Christ.

In other centuries, too, the feast of Christmas was to be the subject of controversy. In England, during the Reformation, many believed the undue solemnity of Christmas day to be sacrilegious. The English Parliament, on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

Naturally, the edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people, but it had its effect and it was many years before Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

And England was not alone. The Puritans of Mass. bay colony had a law that imposed fines for observance of Christmas and Gov. Bradford once issued a statement publicly ridiculing certain young men who declined to work on Dec. 25, "ye day called Christmas."

LARGE Tin building for sale. See George Davis at Chapple's.

Mims Carl Reed, freshman in Texas Tech, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Reed, is home for the holidays.

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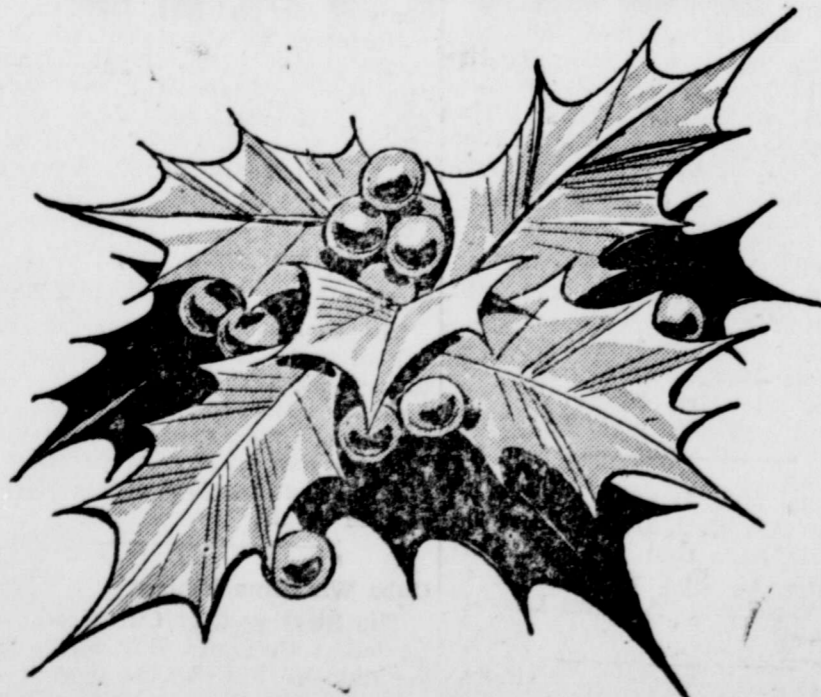
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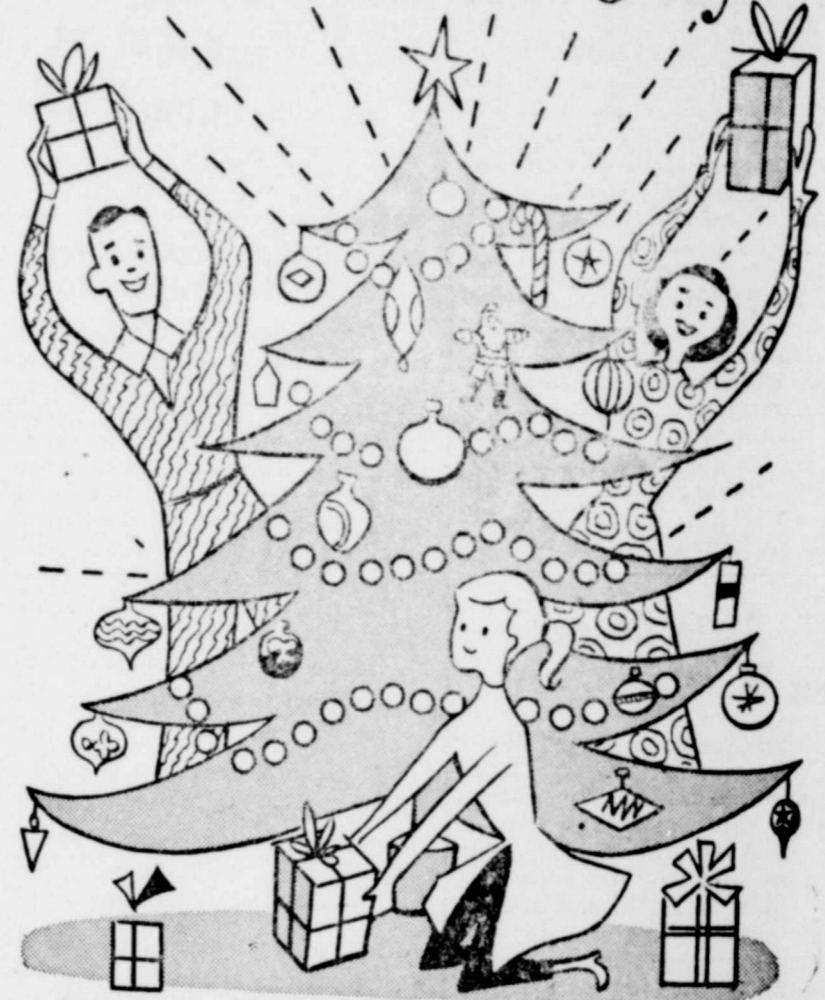
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DURHAM ABSTRACT AND INSURANCE



Most experts expect a booming adult toy market to make this a record year for manufacturers and sellers of toys and games. For several years, toy makers have been catering to the hobbyist and the "over 65" age group and now they find themselves with a toy market that is brisk at both ends of the age group.

Today's adult who works, and the elder who has retired, have plenty of leisure time on their hands and each year hundreds take up such hobbies as miniature shipbuilding, model railroading, or the less strenuous word or card games.

Some of the grown-up items on the market for the last year's top toy selling Christmas season included a \$10 scale model kit of the liner S.S. United States, "HO" gauge electric trains, model power boats, pool tables, shuffleboard sets, and an endless list of word games.

Biggest volume item in the adult toy field are the word games and the increased popularity has been so marked that within the past year two manufacturers doubled their plant capacity for producing games.

The toy makers have no intention of forgetting the nearly 50 million youngsters under 14 who are their principal market, but they are cultivating the "over 65" group—and their reasoning is simply that the older age group has more money to spend and is more interested in finding ways to occupy time.

Some manufacturers of "do-it-yourself" tools and gadgets are cashing in on the adult toy market by putting models of their products on the toy counters. Among items in this category last Christmas were a "mobile" loudspeaker, an intercom set and a hand drill. Plenty of these were sold to grown-ups who put them to practical use.

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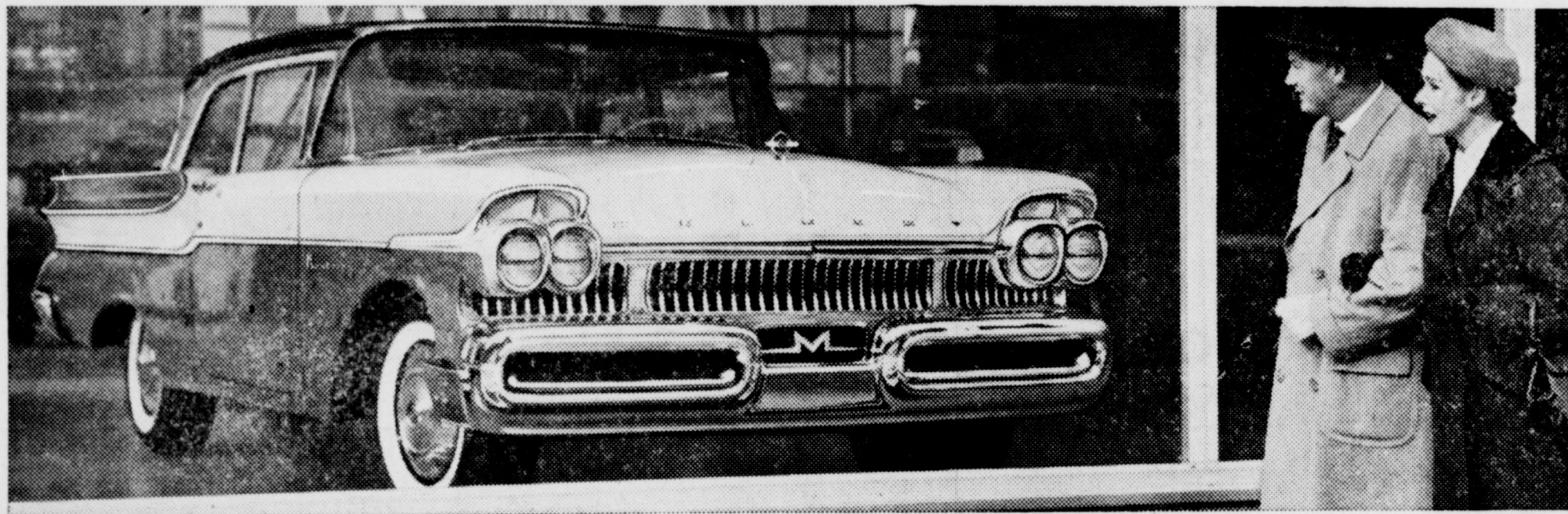
“She brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

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

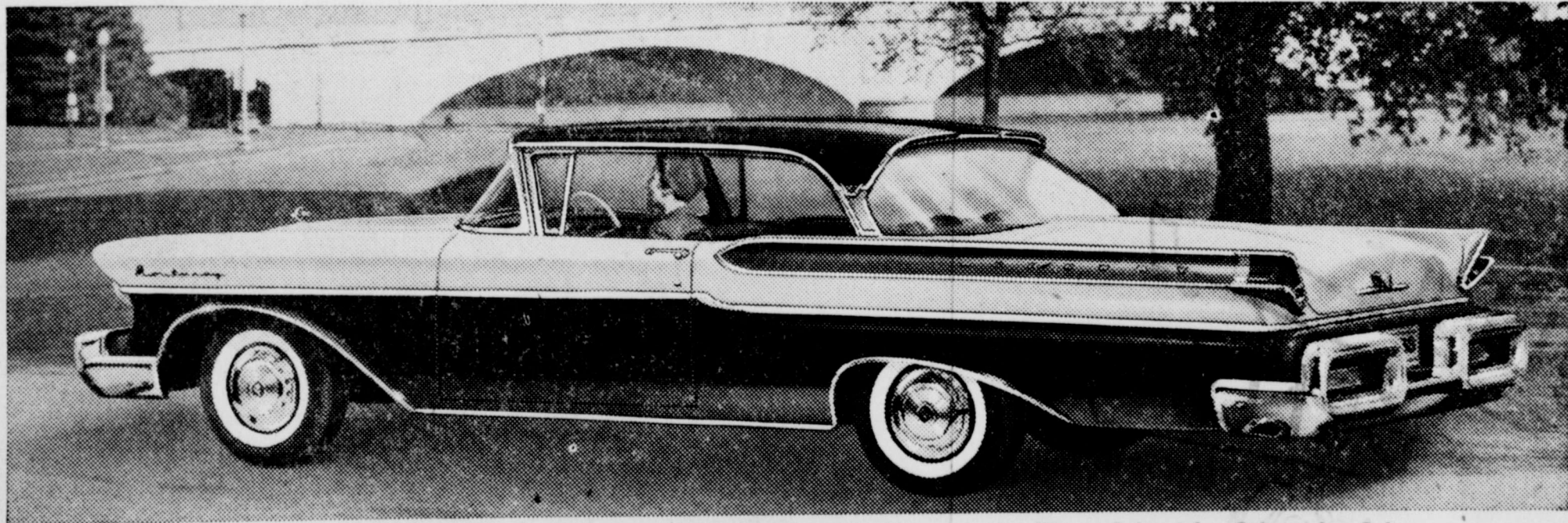
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying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

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

Luke 2:7-14



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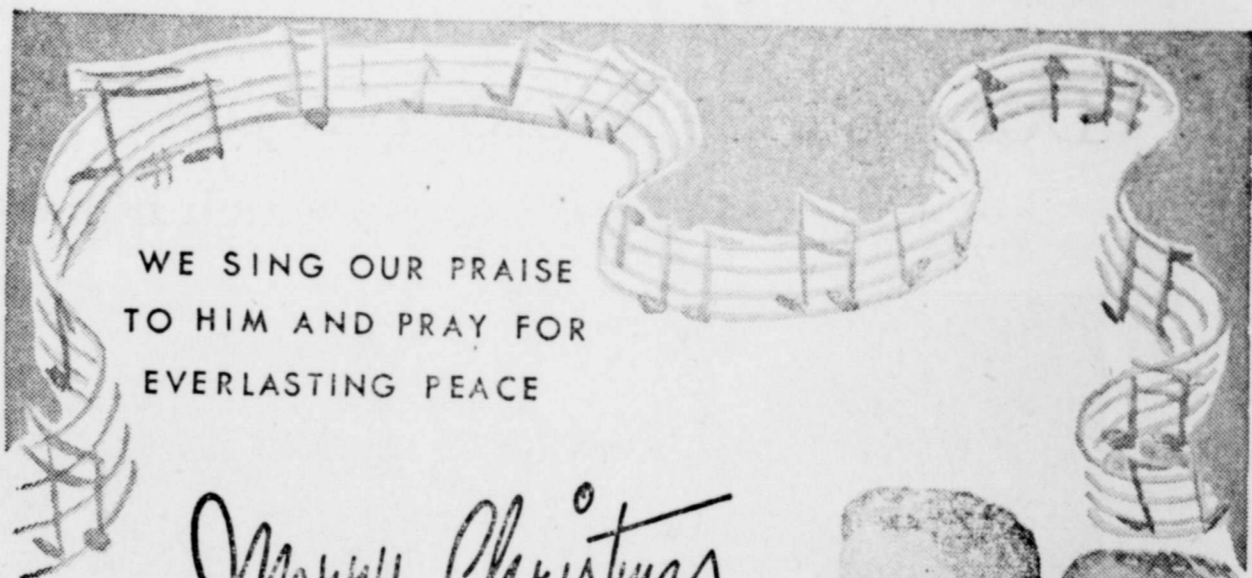
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The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1½ pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D. but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.



ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS . . . Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.

GREETINGS



LEROY BUTLER GULF STATION
Leroy, Taylor and Gale



Letters to Santa
(Latin-American First Grade)

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy seven years old. I try to be good at home and school. Will you please bring base ball bat, gloves and fire crackers
Love
Esau Vaugas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old. I try to be good at home and school. Will you please bring me a doll and her clothes with a washing machine.
Love
Elizabeth Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy six. Please bring me a B-B Gun and a dagger. My little brother wants a red truck and candy.
Love
Donato Herrea

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy seven years old I try to be good at home and school. Will you please bring me a soldiers suit and a machine gun.
Love
Israel Flores

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll that cries and some jacks.
Love
Anita Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring a doll that says ma-ma and a washing machine.
Love
Yolanda Medina

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little boy. Will you please bring me a baseball, bat and glove. I love you Santa.
Johny Joe Medina

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl six years old. I try to be good.
Will you bring me a doll, doll clothes and a washing machine. I want some candy too.
Love
Viola Mendez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy seven years old. I try to be good at home and school. Will you please bring me a base ball, b-b gun and bat.
Love
David Estrado

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. Bring me an electric washing machine and a doll that cries and some jacks.
Love
Louisa Lujan

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy six years old. I want a B-B Gun and firecrackers and a blackboard for Christmas.
Love
John Ortega

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl six years old. Will you please bring me a doll.
Love
Margaret Flores

LATIN-AMERICAN 2nd GRADE
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a doll with clothes. I have been a good girl, and so have my brothers and sisters. We love you.
Yours truly
Manuela

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and dishes I would like some clothes also Please bring candy to my brothers.
Yours truly,
Pilar

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a doll with clothes, and dishes. Jessie and I have been good girls. My little sister wants a doll and candy and nuts and fruit too, and all of us love you.
Yours truly,
Josie

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a doll and clothes. I have been a good girl and so have my brothers and sisters. Please bring them what they want, also candy ,nuts and fruit for all of us. We love yo.
Yours truly,
Jessie Gaitan

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a watch, a ball, and a train. Please come to see my brothers too. We have been good boys.
Yours truly,
Alejandro

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a pretty Doll and dishes.
I have been a good girl, and so have my sisters. Please bring them what they want also candy, nuts and fruit for all of us. We love you.
Yours truly
Oduvia Medina

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a football a basketball and also a train and a little red auto.
Please come to see Sylvia Leonard also
Yours truly
Jr. Garza

Dear Santa
I want a wagon and a car. Bring us candy and nuts.
Your friend
Richard



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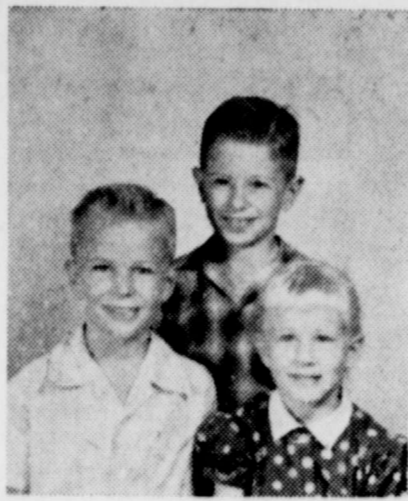
FREDDIE FIELDS

Freddie Fields, nine years old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Carlton Fields.



DIANA COLE

Diana Cole, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Cole, is a student in the first grade. Grandparents are Mrs. W. B. Atkinson and Mrs. Martin Brown of Sterling City and Gene Cole of Oklahoma.



JIMMY, PHIL, CAROLYN COLE

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Cole are live wires. From left to right they are Jimmy—3, Phil—7 and Carolyn—4.

Grandparents are Mrs. James McEntire and Mrs. Martin Brown of Sterling and Gene Cole of Oklahoma.



JAMIE FIELDS

Jamie Fields, twelve years old, is daughter of the Fields.

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No. 728**



Regular Meetings on the Second Tuesday of Each Month

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TALKING TO SANTA . . . It's an old, old story that's new every year for thousands of children, this visiting Santa in the big department store to talk about what's to be in the Christmas stocking. Most always, there's a proud parent standing nearby to do a little prompting if necessary.



May the spirit of the season light your way through the coming year



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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 "hounds" 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.

Yule Tree Business Figured in Millions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

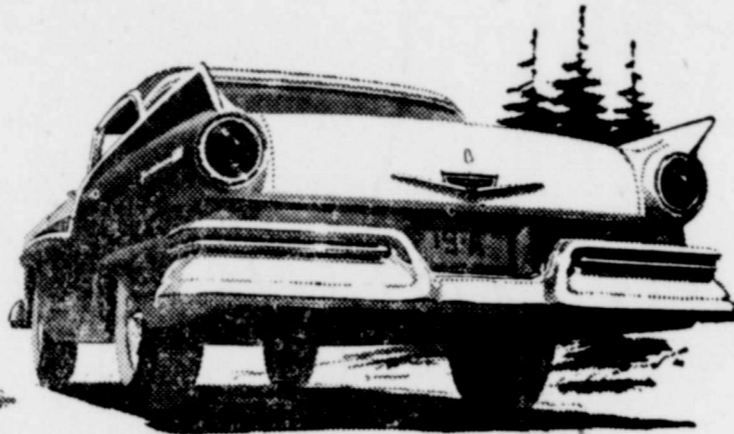


BURIED UNDER . . . Every year about this time, the mailman becomes the town's busiest and most popular citizen. Despite efforts on the part of everyone concerned to get folks to shop and mail early, there's always a last-minute rush at local post offices.

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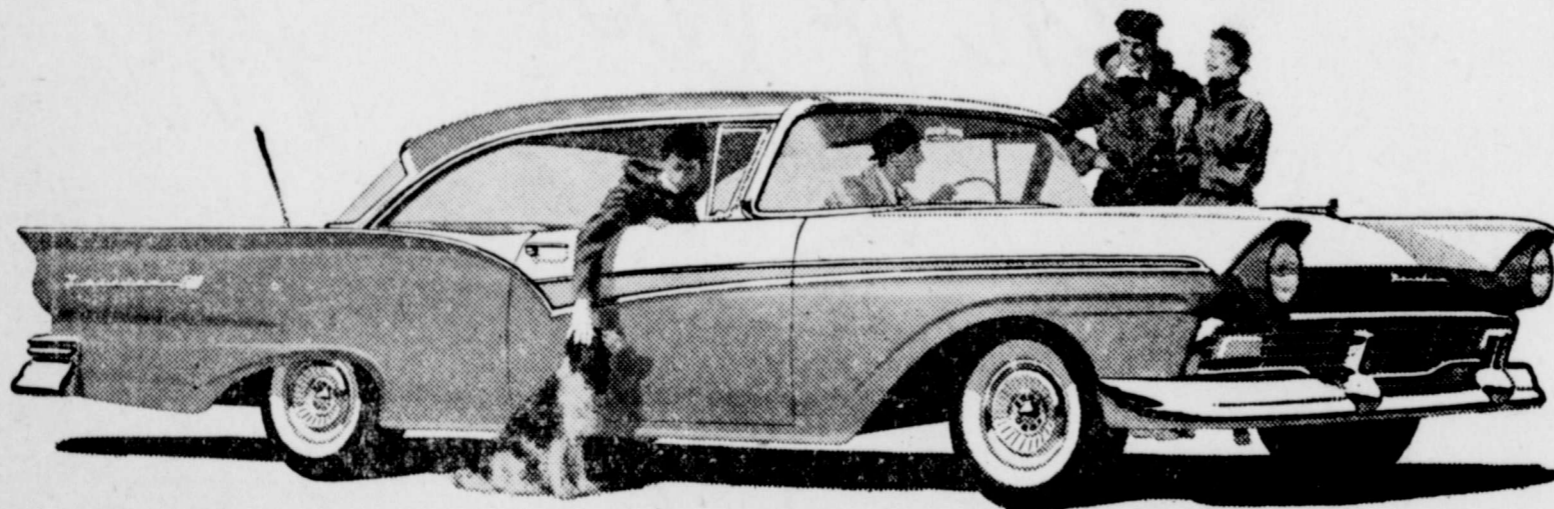
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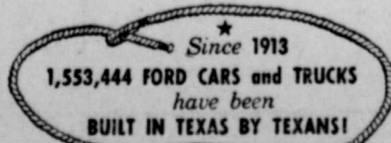


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Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa Claus,
I love you and you are kind to me. I am good I want a cowboy suit, and I want a Football suit and a pellet gun.

Love,
Dale Carpenter

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football, a football suit, football shoes, football socks, and a Fort Apache Set. Fireworks.

Love,
Collin Douthit

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Kathy doll with blond short hair and clothes with her. And a ching set. Thank you—Santa.

From Elaine Price

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Henry Lara. I am 8 years old. I want a cowboy suit and a Fort Apache Set.

My Love,
Henry Lara

Dear Santa Claus from Jimmy
For Christmas I want a Fort Apache set and a B.B. gun, and a Fort Apache suit, and a knife with a scabbard with a hatchet and a bike. Thank you. I am 8 years old.

Love, Jimmy

Dear Santa,
I want a Tiny Tear doll. And a china set. And a baking set.

Thank—you Kathy Harañson

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit, some football shoes, and some football socks.

Love,
Drew Taylor Durham

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Tiny Tears with a crib. I want a baby buggy. I'm going to leave you a coke. I am good. I love you.

Love,
Helen Hays

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football suit. I want a Fort Apache set. I want a B.B. gun. I am good.

Love, Johnny Copeland

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football suit. And a Fort Apache set. And a Pellet gun. And some foot ball shoes with cleats.

I am a good boy.
Love,
Bobby

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a collar, for me and my dog.

Thank you,
Love,
Ted McDonald

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike,
I want a B.B. Gun.
I want a foot ball.
And a pellet Gun.
And some foot ball shoes.

Mike Yaneg

Dear Santa,
I have been good most of the time. Please bring me a train.

Love,
Wayland Foster

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Fort Apache. And a BB gun. And Sunday shoes.
And a football suit.

Love Santa,
Mike Baker

Dear, Santa, Claus.
I want a wedding doll with blue eyes and yellow hair, a suitcase with clothes, and a set of china dishes and a cabinet and a baby buggy, and baby blankets. and I will put something out for you to eat.

With love,
Linda Jean Wright

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of football shoes, and a Rin Tin Tin set, and a B.B. gun. I want two guns.

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To Any Sheriff or Any Constable Within the State of Texas, Creating: Johnny Faye Lightsey, Administratrix of the Estate of Thomas H. Lightsey, Deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Thomas H. Lightsey, Deceased, numbered 572 on the Probate Docket of Sterling County, together with an application to be discharged from said Administration.

You Are Hereby Comanded, That by publication of this Writ not less than ten days before the return day hereof, to-wit: the 7th day of January, 1957, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Sterling you give due notice to all persons interested in

the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same by filing opposition thereto in writing if they see proper so to do, on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1957 at the Court House of said County, in Sterling City, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the Town of Sterling City, Texas, this 19th day of December, A. D., 1956. (Seal) W.W. DURHAM
County Clerk, Sterling County.

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W.O. GREEN
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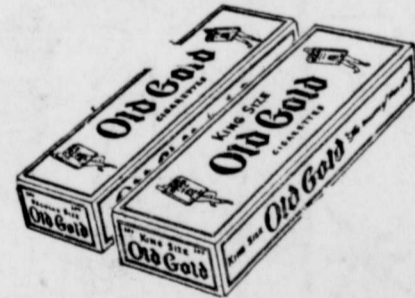
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Registered Hereford Bull Sale in Angelo January 3

The Concho Hereford Association will hold its 10th annual auction sale of registered Herefords in San Angelo Thursday, January 3, 1957, according to Ed Cumbie, association president.

There will be 53 bulls offered in the sale. They are all of good age and in good breeding condition. Consigned by leading breeders of West Texas, they are of high quality and popular bloodlines.

Frank Newson, county agent, Alpine, will judge the bulls at 9 a.m. and Walter Britten, auctioneer, will start the sale at 1 p.m.

Write Ed Hyman, secretary, for a sale catalog.

You are invited to attend the Concho Hereford Association Sale at San Angelo, January 3.

Post binders and ledger sheets for sale at the Sterling City News-Record.

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Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Marion H. Hays, Minister
Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Young People's Class 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Claude B. Stovall, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Lewis G. Petmecky, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

*Nazareth:
After Centuries,
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Is Growing Modern*

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

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

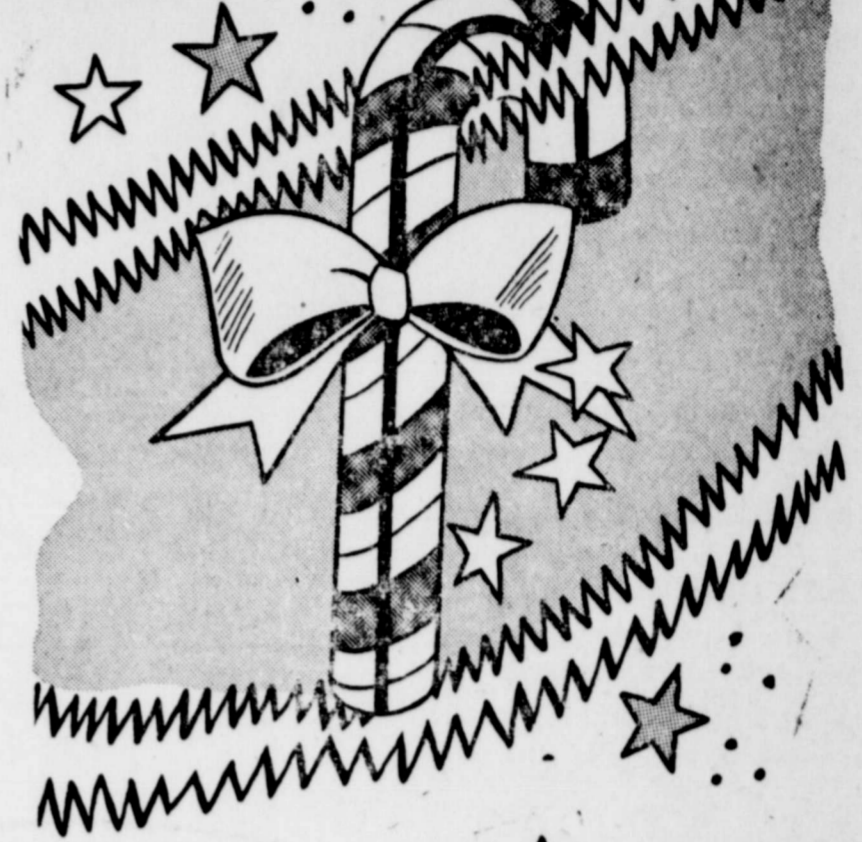
The water for the most predominantly Arab city in Israel is piped in from a Jewish farm settlement in the Valley of Esdraelon. The 12-inch pipe carries it to a summit overlooking Nazareth where a junction with municipal pipelines allows distribution throughout the city.

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

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

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

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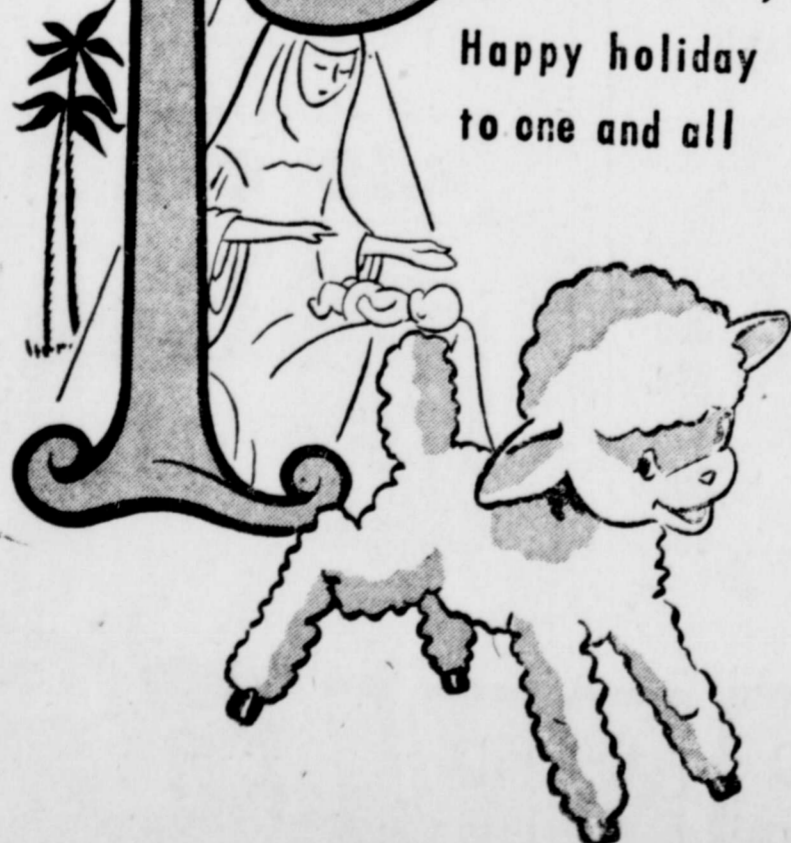


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Every member of the Sterling City School Faculty wishes to express sincere appreciation and gratitude for the splendid cooperation given every school effort by all the citizens of this community.

When one realizes that the voters of this county gave their approval FIVE TO ONE to the amendment which provides more adequate benefits for teacher retirement, it is easy to understand why the school here enjoys such cooperation. The people of this county truly desire an education for their children and youth. It is inspiring to work with such people.

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