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## Sterling Cagers Do Well In Christoval Tournament

The Sterling City high girl basketballers won first place at the Christoval tournament last weekend. Sterling player Elizabeth Cole was named the most valuable girl player of the tournament. She also made all-tournament forward, and Carolyn Payne was named all-tournament guard. Jeannine Jones was just one point behind Elizabeth in scoring.

The girls beat Menard in the first game 51-27; they downed Barnhart in their second game 51-32 and beat Eldorado in the finals 49-46.

### Boys Win Second Place

The Sterling boys placed second in the tournament and Tony Allen made the all-tournament team as did Bill Davis. The boys brought back seven awards or trophies.

In the boys' first game they beat Water Valley 36-28. In their second game they beat Forsan 44-38, but lost in the final when Mertzon won 41-30.

## Eagles Win Three Games From Mertzon Tuesday Night

The Mertzon Hornets came over for three basketball tilts Tuesday night and lost all of them to the locals. The boys A and B teams and the girls A team all racked up wins.

The Sterling B boys won handily by a score of 64-44. Jack Asbill was high point man with 25 and Bill Coleman was second high with 17.

The local A boys beat the Hornets 39-38 in a thriller. The game was tied at the last as Clayton Stewart made a free shot. Mertzon got a free shot on a foul and was one ahead. Then Don McDonald looped in a two-point goal, giving the Eagles a win. Tony Allen was high point man with 11 and Danny Gonzales next with 10. The locals, Jodie Green, Bill Davis and Don McDonald held Mertzon's best scorer, Leamon Tankersley, to 3 points during the game.

The Sterling girls A team handily won over Mertzon 67-46. Elizabeth Cole was high scorer with 25; Jeannine Jones second with 21 and Carolyn Payne had 15 points to her credit. Outstanding guards on the Eagles were Barbara Clark, Jeannette Gaston and LeRuth Reed.

Mrs. Marvin Dayvault of Dallas is here visiting Mrs. Ruth Allen and other relatives and friends.

## Resident for 32 Years Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Apolonia Rodriguez Buried Here Wednesday

Mrs. Apolonia Rodriguez, 79, was buried here Wednesday morning in the City Cemetery. Rites were held at the Catholic Church. Lowe Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Apolonia was born Feb. 9, 1880 in Bracketville and had resided here for 32 years. She had broken a hip in a fall not many months ago and had never fully recovered. She died at the home at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

She is survived by a brother, Benino Rodriguez of Sterling City and a sister, Mrs. Dionicia Beliz of Sanderson, Texas.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Hal Knight Jr. of Mather Air Base in California arrived here early Wednesday morning to visit with Hal's parents and Mrs. Knight's parents and grandparents—the Homer Hagertys and the Lee Hunts.

Wilbur Stone, student in Texas Western at El Paso, is here for the holidays.



SEASON'S GREETING . . . Young voices raised in harmony with the songs of the seasons. This is a part of Christmas that is traditional almost everywhere. Children shown above represent members of New York's St. Vincent Ferrer Church Boys' Choir.



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

The Sterling County Livestock Show Association this week installed water in the county show barn. This improvement will make the barn an even better place for the county show. Previously there had been no water in the barn and this caused quite a bit of inconvenience during the show for the boys and girls and for the concession stand operators as well who had to haul in their water.

The Sterling County Livestock Show will be held on Monday, January 18 beginning at 8:00 a.m. sharp. If the past years can be used as a guide, you can mark the 18th of January as a day of bad weather—cold, sleet, snow, or what have you in the way of the elements.

W. C. Henderson, county agent of Irion County, will judge the show. If the judging is not completed by 2:00 p.m., judging of the registered sheep classes and commercial ewe lambs will be suspended so that the sale can be started at 2.

The first major show of the year begins Monday, January 4 in Odessa. Lambs will show Monday morning, registered Rambouillets Monday afternoon. The show will close on Saturday, January 9 with the auction sale of prize winning lambs and steers.

Five Sterling County 4-H Club members will exhibit fat lambs in the Odessa show while three others will show registered Rambouillets. The county 4-H Club is limited to five lambs in the show, all finewools as that is all Odessa makes provision for showing. In view of this, only the five best lambs from the 4-H Club are entered in the show. Presently, lambs owned by Kenneth Fincher, LeRuth Reed, Cecilia McDonald, David Foster and Billy Boyd Allen are the five lambs picked to show. Registered Rambouillet exhibitors, all members of the 4-H club, are Betty Jo Barrett, Drew Durham and Barbara Durham. Betty Jo has entered three ewe lambs, Drew three ewe lambs, and Barbara three ewes and two rams.

The Christmas travel season has barely started and accidents are already taking a deadly toll. In one day this week, two separate accidents on the highway in Texas claimed eleven lives. This before the traffic really is the heaviest on the highway.

If you are driving during the holidays, remember that you must also watch the other fellow's driving. You may be doing allright but he might not be doing so well. I once heard it expressed this way by someone who claimed to be a safety expert: "Always drive

### Visitors at the Lee Hunts

The D.L. Hunts of El Paso visited the Lee Hunts here last weekend. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hagerty of McCamey, arrived here Wednesday for a visit. Their son and his family, the Stancil Hunts of Pecos are to visit here one day during the holidays. A granddaughter, Mrs. Hal Knight Jr. of California is also visiting here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crossno left Tuesday afternoon for Fairfield to spend the holidays with their son, Dr. Joe David Crossno and family.

Henry Merrell, local barber, fainted or passed out in his barber shop here Monday afternoon. He was given some tests by Dr. Swann and released from the local hospital.

### To Parkville, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Coulson of Sterling City and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lee Watkins and Karla Jean of Midland, left Sunday for Parkville, Mo. where they will visit the Sam Mercurios. Mrs. Mercurio is the former Deanna Marie Watkins.

Mrs. A. G. Daves' sister, Mrs. E.E. Stephens of Huntsville, is here visiting her all week.

LOST—Small purse with important papers and a large amount of money that is badly needed. Mrs. William H. Morris in house just east of Carter's Drive-In.

as though the other fellow was a fool and might do the most unexpected." . . .

This is the final column for the year 1959. The editor says that he is going to suspend publication on New Year's Day so this is the final issue of the year.

1959 wasn't a bad year in many ways. We had some rain during the year and things look a lot better than they had. The rains last week made a lot of people renew their belief in Santa Claus and will do a lot towards making a better spring than we had prospects for.

During this holiday season may we continue to count the many blessings and good things that we have and continue to work for them. This is the time of the year to look back and see what we have had, to look forward and plan for the future, and to enjoy those things that we have and hope to have.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR-

## Local Merchants Have Christmas Greeting Ads

The local merchants as usual are running their Christmas greeting ads to their customers and friends in this issue of the News-Record. The local merchants appreciate, need and deserve our trade and cooperation. What helps them directly and indirectly helps our town. Our churches, school, and all community efforts are in a great measure dependent on our businesses.

Jodie Emery, son of Mrs. Joe Emery and a student in Texas Tech at Lubbock arrived home last weekend for the Christmas holidays.

Clauda Collins, daughter of Mrs. Claude Collins and a student in Stephens College at Columbia, Mo. arrived home last weekend for the Christmas holidays.

### Methodist Christmas Program

Put on by the children of the Sunday School, the Methodist church Christmas tree and program was held in the church basement Sunday at 6 p.m. Carols were sung, piano numbers played, and readings given by students in the classes.

A Christmas tree complete with a visit from Santa Claus climaxed the program for the children.

Sandra Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boots Williams, now working for a public relations firm in New York city, has arrived home for a Christmas holiday visit. The other daughter of the Williams, Wanda, a student in Texas Tech, has arrived home for the holidays, also.

### METHODISTS TO HEAR HORACE KING SUNDAY MORNING

Preaching Sunday morning at the First Methodist church will be Horace King, executive secretary of the Southwest Conference Council. He possibly will show some films to the children's classes at the Sunday School hour.

There will be no preaching services Sunday night, it has been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Whan Jr. of Tyler are to be Christmas guests at the Arthur Barlemann's. Mrs. Whan and Mrs. Barlemann are sisters.

## Lions Not To Meet Next Week

There will be no Lions club meeting next Wednesday, December 30. Such was the announcement made at the regular luncheon Wednesday of this week.

Lion Bill Crews told of the distribution of the Christmas cheer packages and the work done by the committee on distribution of the club's gifts.

Lion Bill Brooks, county judge, told that the state highway department was to mark off the highway north of the courthouse for parallel parking right away. The city and the county are trying to do all that is possible to keep a bottleneck traffic on highway 87 here. If traffic can be kept moving well, the department will be more likely to leave the highway right through the town and not re-route it away from the business district. There will be a double yellow stripe for the two main business blocks, which means that there can be no crossing that stripe for the two blocks so marked. Then all the parking in the town will be parallel on the highway, helping keep the traffic moving.

The door prize went to Lion Wayne Lounsbury.

Guests present at the meeting were Lieutenant Hal M. Knight Jr. of Mather Air Base in California, Darrell Flynt, Earl Seago, and Jimmy and Phil Cole.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

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

D. P. Glass  
Fannie Copeland  
Alva Morris  
Marvin Churchill  
Kelly Gann  
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week include: Frank Milligan

## No Paper Next Week

Following our custom of many years, we will not put out a paper next week—the week after Christmas. Many weekly papers follow the custom of missing the issue between Christmas and New Year.

We will be open next week working out the expiration notices on subscriptions, doing some cleaning up and job printing.

## Two-Day Closing for Most Business Houses

Most of the retail businesses in Sterling have indicated that they intend to be closed on Friday, Christmas day and Saturday, also. The bank, the utilities company, and the courthouse offices are closed on Saturday anyway. After a decision of merchants at the Lions Club talked in favor of a two day holiday, most of the businesses indicated that they planned to take off both days so their employees may have a long holiday.

### School Holidays

The Sterling City school let out for the Christmas holidays Tuesday afternoon and will not resume classes until Monday, January 4, it has been announced.

## R. W. Foster Family Christmas Gathering Sunday

The family of the late R.W. Foster met last Sunday for the annual Sunday before Christmas dinner and gathering. They met at the community center and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster were hosts this year.

Following the Christmas dinner a Christmas tree was enjoyed and gifts were exchanged.

Present were the hosts, the Ross Fosters, the Reynolds Fosters, the Foster Congers, the Robert Fosters, the Temp Fosters, the Forrest Fosters, the C. L. Coulsons and Mrs. Sterling Foster, all of Sterling City; Mrs. Marvin Frances Dayvault of Dallas; the Beryl Austins of San Angelo, the I. Lee Watkins of Midland and Mrs. Fred Allen and son, Freddie of Las Vegas, New Mexico. Arriving soon after the dinner were Mrs. Fred Conger of Tennyson and her daughter and her children, Mrs. Tommie Fowler of Llano.

## BAPTIST W.M.S. MET AT MRS. D. C. DURHAM'S ON HER 88th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. D. C. Durham was hostess to the Baptist Women's Missionary Society at her home on Thursday, December 17.

A Christmas program was given with Mrs. Leon Wallace reading Luke's account of the birth of Christ.

Members presented a gift to Mrs. Tom Humble, president of the organization. Mrs. Wallace was shown appreciation by presentation of a gift from her Sunday school class.

Since it was Mrs. Durham's 88th birthday, a surprise shower of gifts and good wishes was given her. The occasion was shared with Mrs. J. A. Revell, who had just passed a birthday. Mrs. Humble presented a large white-iced birthday cake to the honoree. Coffee and cake were served.

Present at the refreshment hour were the Rev. and Mrs. Billy Crews and Ronnie, and W.W. Durham, eldest son of Mrs. Durham.

Later callers were members of the family—Durham K. Durham of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Durham, David, Bitsy and Drew.

Christmas carolers from the Methodist Church Sunday night were greatly appreciated at the home of Mrs. D. C. Durham.

### Club Parties Held at Log Cabin Restaurant

Members of the Noratadata Club met at the Blaneck Log Cabin Restaurant in San Angelo last Friday night for the club's annual Christmas party for members and guests.

On Saturday night the place was the scene of the Epsilon Zeta Club party.

The Log Cabin, owned by Joe Blaneck of Sterling City, is a very popular place for club and office parties in season.



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# Merry Christmas



M. C. REED WOOL WAREHOUSE



Little Fella

His friends didn't wait for him. He wants to go up to his room and be by himself. Soon he'll feel better. Don't question him. He's trying to act like a man. Let him.

## What's Doing in the Churches

### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Asa Avant, Minister  
 Church school 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.  
 MYF 6:00 p.m.  
 Evening worship 7:00 p.m.  
 Adult Choir Practice  
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Marion H. Hays, Minister  
 Bible school 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Classes 6:00 p.m.  
 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday: Ladies Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Mid-Week service 7:00 p.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Billy R. Crews, 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.  
 Wed. Prayer 7:30 p.m.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.

\$400 MONTHLY, Spare Time. Refilling and collecting money from our high grade candy, nuts and gum machines in this area. No selling! To qualify you must have car, references, \$600 to \$1900 Cash. Secured by inventory. Devoting 7 hours a week to business your and of percentages of collections will net up to \$400 monthly. With very good possibilities of taking over full time. Income increasing accordingly. For interview include phone, write P. O. Box 1055, Boise, Idaho.

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# GREETINGS



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Beautiful indeed, is the story of Christmas  
 ... the story of how, so many years ago, the wise men saw the light ... the Star ... and followed it to a rich and wonderful reward.  
 Again it is Christmas ... a time to draw our loved ones and our friends closer to us ... a time to find new faith and new hope in the true spirit of Christmas.  
 It is in this spirit that all of us here at West Texas Utilities Company send warm and cordial Christmas Greetings to you and yours. May you have a very Merry Christmas. And may its laughter, its friendships and its good cheer be yours in abundance in this joyous season.



West Texas Utilities Company



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the star of Christmas light your path this holiday season

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK



**JOHNSON FORD COMPANY**  
C. R. Johnson

**Carols Traditional On Beacon Hill**

Every Christmas Eve the lights of Boston's Beacon Hill shine more brightly as happy carolers sing out their Yuletide greetings.

The custom of Beacon Hill carols was originated by Frederick W. Briggs, in 1895, after spending a merry and musical evening in an English town. In recent years some 150,000 Christmas celebrators have joined the wandering minstrels in celebrating Joyous Yuletide on the Hill.

From the brilliantly illuminated State House to Charles Street, from aristocratic Beacon Street right over the Hill into the slum districts, old houses beam holiday tidings. Carolers stream up and down the Hill, past mansion fronts which are gaily illuminated with vari-colored lights. At Louisburg Square, guests toast each other with eggnog and the evening rings with the sounds of good fellowship and the echo of happy Yuletide greetings.

FOR RENT-Furnished, the little rock house. Call Mrs. D. C. Durham.

**Proper Tree Cuttings Help Forests Grow**

Cutting an evergreen for a Christmas tree is not a harmful practice, so don't feel guilty about it. Even the trees that are sold in market places were "harvested" as a crop to give living room to regular plantings.

Christmas trees are grown on poorer forest soils and wet bog areas where evergreens grow far too slowly to produce a lumber or pulpwood crop—thus Christmas trees are the only profitable harvest that can come off that land.

Some trees do come from top lumber areas, but these are "thinings." In growing trees as a crop it is often necessary to thin out the smaller trees so others will have room to live and grow.

Thus it is that the "thinings" serve a number of uses: they bring Christmas joy into the home; provide income for the forester; and serve as "life insurance" for upcoming timber crops.

FOR Seven days a week we offer you friendly, courteous service. Drive in and see. Carter's Drive-In Grocery & Cafe. (Adv.)

**Who Really Sent That Very First Christmas Card?**

What is generally conceded to be the first card specifically designed as a Christmas greeting—the card designed in England by J. Horsley for Sir Henry Cole (in 1843)—did not meet with an enthusiastic reception. Sent to his personal friends, Cole's card had side panels which depicted the feeding of the hungry and the clothing of the naked. This was well and good. The objections to the card arose from the illustration in the central panel—a scene in which a middle-class English family raised their wine glasses to toast an absent friend (obviously the recipient of the card). The scene so aroused temperance zealots that Cole never authored another card.

**Still Looking**

Actually the search for the "first" Christmas card is still going on. Although it bore no specific greeting, the New York Historical Society, some 30 years before the Horsley-Cole card, sent to members and friends of the society a woodcut of St. Nicholas, which bore a Christmas poem in both Dutch and English.

In 1932, Carl W. Drepper discovered in a Pennsylvania attic a "broadsheet" issued about 1842 by John M. Wolff, Philadelphia printer. The sheet, 10 inches by 15 inches, featured a reproduction of C. C. Moore's "The Visit of St. Nicholas" and as well carried the greeting, "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

The first commercial venture into the Christmas card business was made in 1863 when an English firm hired Punch cartoonist C. H. Bennett to illustrate a series of cards which were sold in that year as "Christmas complimentary stationery."

**Gingerbread Is Top Holiday Treat**

Turkey and all the trimmings, fresh fruits, candies and nuts—all help to put a "saz" in the kitchen or dining room table during the Christmas season. Sweetbreads, rolls and other evidence of Mom's cooking artistry are usually in evidence. Despite the fact everyone gathers around for the big Christmas dinner, "nibbling" between meals is a custom nearly everywhere.

For such families, here is a "nibbler's" suggestion:

**Honey Gingerbread (Makes 1 loaf)**

- ½ cup shortening
  - ½ cup sugar
  - 1 cup honey
  - 2 eggs, beaten
  - 2½ cups sifted flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1 teaspoon ginger
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - ½ teaspoon cloves
  - 1 cup boiling water
- Cream shortening and blend in sugar. Beat in honey and eggs until mixture is light. Mix and sift dry ingredients and add to honey mixture alternately with hot water. Turn into a greased 9-inch loaf pan and bake at moderate (375°F.) temperature for 20 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F. and bake 10 to 15 minutes longer.

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**



A Very Merry Christmas to Our Friends and Customers

**STERLING COUNTY LUMBER COMPANY**  
(Formerly South Texas Lumber Co.)

Darwin Sprawls, Manager



**PERFECT ANGELS . . .** Being good is always easier when it gets near to Christmas time and these little ladies, dressed for the role of angels in a Christmas pageant, are certainly taking their roles to heart.

Season's Greetings  
to our Friends

**Merry Christmas**



**BENGE TRUCK STOP**



**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.

For courteous, friendly service, trade at the Roy Carter Drive-In Grocery & Cafe regularly. (Adv.)

**ALL OF THE BEST TO YOU IN THIS JOYOUS SEASON**



**ELROY BUTLER TEXACO STATION**  
Elroy and Butch



It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the boisterous song of Hessian Mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than wisdom. Christmas trees, first to be seen in America, dangled tinsel and toys. The cobbled streets were alive with laughter.

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 peaceably 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 foresee 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.



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.



A Day full of Happiness  
is our  
Christmas message to you

**BROCK'S EL PASO STATION**  
Johnny Dawson



**Merry  
Christmas**

May each gift you  
receive be a gift  
of happiness . . .

**CHAPPLE'S**



and to all our thanks for many kindnesses during  
the year.

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# HOW TO SAY Merry Christmas

As Christmas is the most universally celebrated of all world holidays, so is the expression "Merry Christmas" the most universal of all greetings. Here is an interesting game based upon this Yuletide salutation. See if you can match the greeting at left with the proper language on the right:

- |                     |       |            |
|---------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. Buon Natale!     | ..... | Hawaiian   |
| 2. Glad Julen!      | ..... | Japanese   |
| 3. Tin Hao Nian!    | ..... | Italian    |
| 4. Chrystovjna!     | ..... | Chinese    |
| 5. Felis Natal!     | ..... | Greek      |
| 6. Joyeux Noel!     | ..... | Portuguese |
| 7. Kinge Shinnen!   | ..... | Swedish    |
| 8. Mele Kalikimaka! | ..... | French     |

ANSWERS: 1. Italian; 2. Swedish; 3. Chinese; 4. Greek; 5. Portuguese; 6. French; 7. Japanese; 8. Hawaiian.



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# Merry CHRISTMAS



Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year  
**BROOKS & BAILEY**



Fruits, nuts, cookies and sweets delight the hearts of children everywhere at Christmas. Here, with a bow to our 50th state, is the recipe for a hot bread which should be of interest to the family cook:

### Hawaiian Nut Bread (Makes 1 loaf)

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup melted shortening
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup crushed canned pineapple (do not drain)

Beat eggs and sugar together; add shortening. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry ingredients to first mixture and blend. Add nuts and pineapple. Stir just enough to combine. Pour batter into a greased 4x8-inch loaf pan. Bake in a moderate (350°F.) oven for one hour. Let loaf cool thoroughly before slicing.

### TIME FOR PEACE

As fits the holy Christmas birth,  
Be this, good friends our carol still—  
Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,  
To men of gentle will.  
—Thackeray.

### Mince Pie

The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born. The crust of the pie represents the gold brought by the three wise men, the many spices represent the frankincense and myrrh.

### First Lighted Tree

The first electrically lighted Christmas tree in this country is believed to have been the one placed in the lobby of San Francisco's Palace Hotel in 1896. It had 500 lights and attracted widespread attention.



**NATIVITY SCENE . . .** This gigantic Nativity Scene was erected in front of a Chicago plant, which manufactures the displays for department stores and display companies. You can get an idea of the size of the figures in this display by comparing them with the children.

### Holiday Custom

In Czechoslovakia, the Christmas tree is the center of much attention during the holiday season. The tree is decorated with many candles, assorted candies, nuts and fruits and is surrounded with singing and dancing until the New Year at which time the children eat the goodies before the head of the household discards the tree.

### Greek Tradition

A traditional preparation in Greece is "Christpsomo" or "Bread of Christ." Before baking this holiday treat, the housewife makes a hand print on the surface of the dough and it is said that the hand print is proof of the birth of Christ.

### YULE CUSTOMS

In Scandinavian families, all shoes are placed together on Christmas day—in the belief that this will cause harmonious living through the coming year. In Ireland, it is traditional that only a woman named Mary snuff the candles on Christmas Eve. In some countries, such as Nova Scotia, it is believed that bad luck will come if the Christmas tree is taken down before the end of New Year's Day.

### Porcupine Balls for Christmas

Making porcupine balls for Christmas decorating can be fun. Here's what you need: bottle corks, 8- to 10-inch lengths of string, a darning needle, pointed cocktail toothpicks, a waxed lunch bag, a half-pint of white paint and artificial snowflakes.

First, draw the string through the cork with the needle and tie it around the cork, making a hook. Then insert the toothpicks into the cork so that all sides are covered, giving a porcupine effect. Drop the ball into a large waxed lunch bag containing paint and shake until the ball is well covered with paint.

Shake the drippings off the ball and remove from the bag. Let set for a few minutes before sprinkling with snow or glitter.

Put the balls in a safe place to dry—allowing at least 18 to 24 hours.

### Selection of Proper Toys Important

There is no hard and fast rule by which one can tell the exact toy for a certain age child, but some toys are better than others for children at different ages. Also, the toys you select can turn a happy holiday into a time of needless tragedy if you do not exercise caution in your selection.

Sharp toys or poorly constructed toys are the ones that cause the most accidents. Avoid them. Generally children from infancy to two years like bright-colored, lightweight toys of various textures. They should be washable, too big to swallow, and free from rough edges.

Toddlers from two to four years want push and pull toys. Trucks and cars big enough to straddle and push, wagons, wheelbarrows, small doll carriages, peg-boards and pounding sets are also good for this age group.

Take your time in the selection of toys for children of all ages and it will make for a happier, healthier and safer holiday.

### First Observance

The first Christmas observance in this country took place shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria was beached on Christmas and Columbus and his men were unable to free her. The ship was stripped of as much gear as possible and when the Nina was unable to accommodate all of the Santa Maria's crew, some of them were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the Nativity.



May a serene happiness be yours this Holiday Season



**VANITY BEAUTY SHOP**



BEST WISHES FOR Christmas and this

Holiday Season.

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Phillips 66

### 'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Engelbert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes — Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.



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*Christmas*

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Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

—Henry Van Dyke

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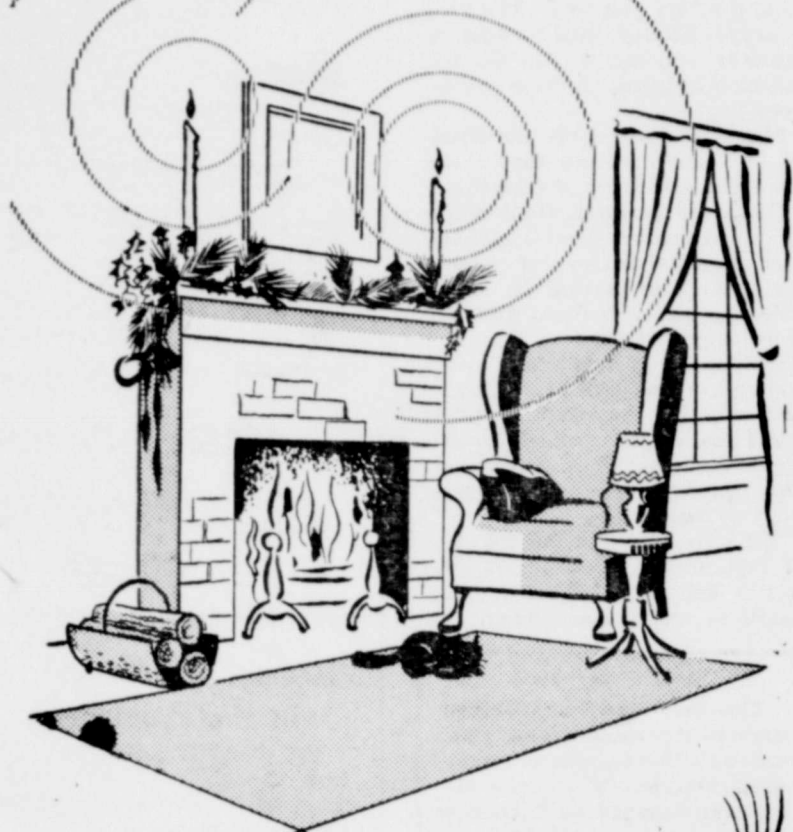
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**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

Traditionally, the preparations for Christmas are quite feverish. Preparing the decorations for the home and the tree, the extra hours that go into selecting and preparing good things to eat, the sometimes-perplexing problem of choosing the right gifts, and remembering everyone that we should—all of this has become "traditional." And still, an afterglow to all the merriment, Christmas Day usually ushers in comparative peace and quiet, a time when in silent reflection, the majority of us come face to face with the true meanings of Christmas and the spiritual blessings that attend the season.

**CHRISTMAS IDEA**

Would you like to make this Christmas a memorable one? You can do it by preparing a special gift for a "stranger." Usually, with so many people to remember, most of us get out pencil and paper and decide how many relatives and friends we "must" give presents. This year, why not select an "extra" gift and turn it over to some organization which has the task of helping to bring something of Christmas to the less fortunate. Such would be a true "gift"—one given with no idea of receiving something in return.

**Outdoor Decorations Are Very Popular**

Decorating outdoor trees and shrubbery with brightly-colored lights is becoming more and more an American tradition, but while outdoor lighting is attractive and colorful, it is also dangerous and may cause damage to trees and greenery.

Bulbs of 15 wattage are sufficient for use in outdoor lighting arrangements. Electrical fixtures should be of the weatherproof variety, specially designed for outdoor use, and the lights should always be placed so that they do not touch the needles.

Spruce, pines and firs, if they are not too large, are ideal for outdoor Yuletide lighting displays, although other varieties such as hemlock, yew, boxwood and aborvitae are more sensitive to heat and easily scorched if caution is not used.

**IT'S STILL CHRISTMAS**

In Spain they say, "El Natal."  
In Italy, it is "Il Natal."  
Hollanders say "Krest-Misse!"  
In Germany, they refer to  
"Weisnachten."  
In the English-speaking nations,  
it is called, "Christmas."

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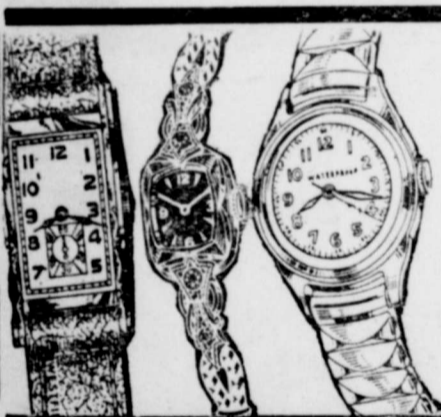
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We wish to extend our deep and sincere wishes to all our good friends in Sterling a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God bless all of you through the coming year.

The Asa Avants

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Miller and daughter, Libby Ann, of Midland visited Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Hardt here last Sunday. The L. S. Dubberly of Elgin, Texas will visit here Christmas. Mrs. Dubberly is Mrs. Hardt's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. York Gruny and David plan to go to Yeso New Mexico to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Asbill.

Mrs. Fred Allen and son Freddie of Las Vegas, New Mexico, are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufu Foster for the holidays.

Thelbert and Mary Rutl Asbill, both students in Howard County Junior College plan to spend Christmas here at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Asbill.

Lewis Petmecky, son of Rev and Mrs. Bill Petmecky of Coshoma, is visiting friends here during the holidays. He is a freshman in Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

Mims C. Reed, son of the Martin Reeds, and a student in Texas A&M College, is home for Christmas.

Bill Swann and Gayle Steward, students in Texas University, are home for the Christmas holidays.

Lt. and Mrs. Hal Knight Jr. of Rancho Cordova, California are here visiting the Hal Knights and the Lee Hunts.

Kent Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Jones and student in Texas Tech, is home for the holidays.

Jim Davis, Lynn Glass and Jackie Cole, all students in Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, have arrived home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Petty left Tuesday afternoon for Missouri where they will visit Bernard's parents during the holidays.

Nothing seems to work out right any more. In a town where you can park as long as you wish, you don't wish to

Wanda Simmons, Wayne Drennan and Johnny Ledford San Angelo College students are home for the holidays.

Lavada Mitchell, nurse student in the Shannon School of Nursing, San Angelo, is home for the holidays.

The W. L. Youngs of Var Horn were here visiting among friends Tuesday.

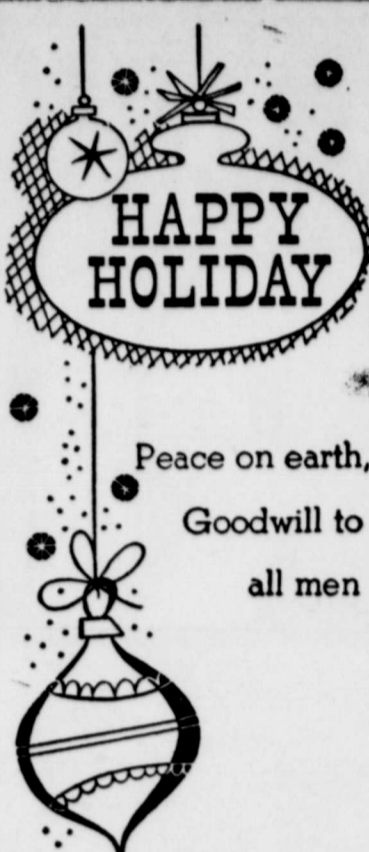
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**INQUIRE BEFORE YOU RETIRE**

Naturally you want to receive your first social security check soon after you retire. To accomplish this, Floyd B. Ellington of the San Angelo social security office offers this bit of advice. "Inquire before you retire at your local social security office."

According to Ellington, if you are a working woman 62 or more or a man age 65 or older planning to retire, you should contact your social security office two or three months before your retirement.



From all of us to all of you, our sincere wishes for a holiday season of good cheer.

The Marion Hays Family

**STATE INSURANCE BOARD ANNOUNCES REDUCTION FOR STERLING FIRE INSURANCE RATES**

**Every Little Bit Helps**

AUSTIN—Residents of two West Texas towns will start paying new fire insurance premiums immediately, one of them paying more and one saving money.

Fire insurance key rate reduction for Sterling City in Sterling County were announced Tuesday by the State Board of Insurance, and an increase for Lometa in Lampasas County.

The key rate in Sterling City was cut from 91 to 89 cents and Lometa's raised from 68 to 71 cents. A one-cent change in the key rate is equivalent to a one cent change in fire insurance premium.

The new key rates were arrived at by charging the city for certain hazards and allowing it credits for protective techniques.

Lometa had 14 items charged to them for a total of 77 cents, but was allowed six cents off for fire prevention instruction in the schools and a night watch service.

Sterling City was charged 94 cents, of which 50 cents was for water works. Five cents was taken off for fire prevention instruction in the school and an arson reward which is maintained by the city.

Note—The city council recently fulfilled the requirements on the arson reward for a reduction, and are hoping eventually to get the major reduction due to having a water system with fire hydrants. So far, the board does not recognize the Sterling City water system and the city needs a real volunteer fire department.

He who dozes while he drives will rest in pieces forever.

Merry Christmas



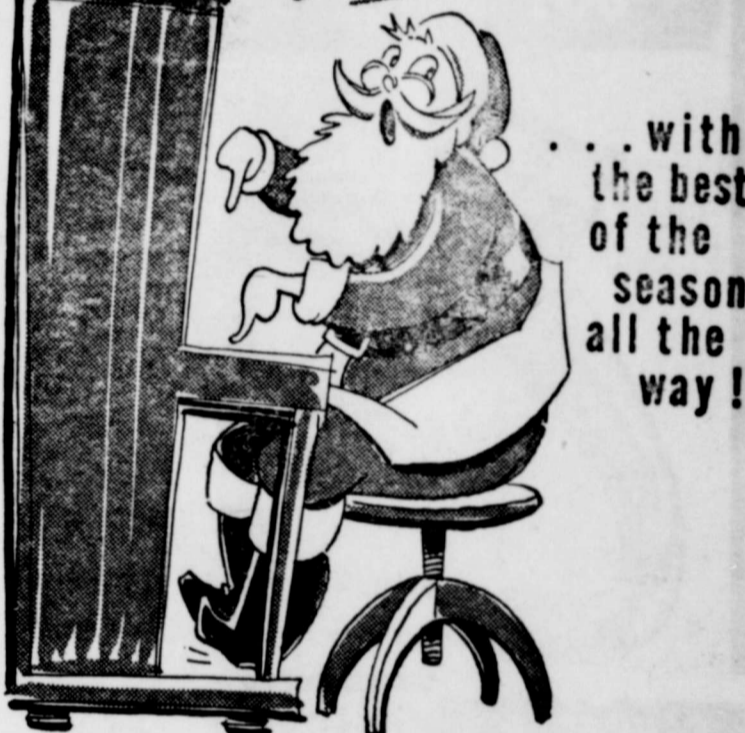
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DEAR SANTA . . . You won't have any trouble reading my list this year. That's probably what this young lady is thinking as she follows the traditional practice of alerting Santa to the things she would like to find beneath the tree on Christmas morning. Obviously, doll clothes will probably rate a high spot on her list.

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