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Mr. Muleshoe ...

By J. M. Forbes

Among Other Things At Christmastime:

The Christmas card we got from the Navy Recruiting service showed a huge star being outlined by searchlights from five battleships. Pretty clever and pretty appropriate.

I always like H. C. Holt's letter he mails out to his customers and friends at Christmas, seems like it reads about the same every year. A paragraph reads: I shall begin the year 1951 fully conscious of my obligations to you and will always do my best to serve you faithfully.

Sentiment on one card almost makes poetry: Christmas comes and reawakens the appreciation of pleasant associations.

One subscriber family wrote a card to The Staff of The Journal: God grant each family a Happy Christmas! *

Course it's too late to do any good now but remember next year to mail early. Go down to the postoffice Christmas Eve and you may find packages that didn't get sent, some arrived that won't be delivered, and Christmas cards addressed to distant states just getting started out on their long route. You can't mail a package to California Dec. 21, just because you know how train schedules describe it as a two day trip, and always be sure of its getting there before Christmas. *

Automobile companies are putting out some of the best little magazines that come to our attention and they are free. I recall The Ford Times, Chevrolet's "Friends", Chrysler's Events. *

They don't cost a fellow nothing. And I remember "The Furrow," put out by John Deere, and if Jack and Shorty don't get us on the mailing list before another Christmas, it won't be a day of peace for them, because you know farm magazines are four times as popular with town folks as they are with the actual tillers of the soil. *

The pre-Christmas mail addressed to Herb Covin brought him 4 tickets to the Sugar Bowl game between Oklahoma the great and Kentucky. He's done promised the ones he won't use, so don't go lining up or getting extra friendly with him. It won't do you no good. *

GEE, HAW ITEM
 At the sign of the ox yoke one may in the future find Pat R. Bobo, who is about to become ex-county attorney of Bailey County. *

Just go along Avenue C, right off Main street in Muleshoe and you will see the ox yoke loom up in front of an office in rear of the bank. That's where the lawyer will be, unless hunting or playing golf, in which case Mrs. Ann Howell will take over, as she would have to do anyway, if it is conjectured, even if Mr. Bobo were there. *

Anyway, that's where the Bobo Insurance Agency and the Guaranty Abstract Company will do business in the future. They say Pat, who used to attend lots of farm sales, picked up the ox yoke at a sale a few years back. He has had its face lifted, and old Red and old Bill wouldn't recognize this freshly varnished, shined up instrument with which they used to be harnessed. *

My personal letter to Santa would contain a plea for the kindly old gentleman to see what he can do to give the people of Muleshoe in 1951:

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WATER TAX OPPOSED

A proposal to submit a constitutional amendment taxing water used for irrigation and other purposes met strong opposition at a meeting of the Texas Water Code Committee in Austin a few days ago. It was argued that, when farmers irrigate their land, its value rises and they pay an "irrigation tax" indirectly.

Maybe the proposed water tax was inequitable in some respects, but the argument about the "indirect tax" is not sound. It might be advanced on behalf of any ad valorem taxpayer as reason for relieving him of any other of the several hundred forms of taxation to which he is subjected.

A water tax or some other form of direct support of water projects by water users would have the good effect of defending them against government encroachment. If more money than is now collected is needed for these projects, then either the user of the water or the general taxpayer outside the water project will have to pay. If the user of the water does not readily accept his financial responsibility in the matter, he will continue to see his control shift to government hands. —Dallas News.

WINSOR RETURNS HOME

Art Winsor, of Cowles, N. M., has returned to his home after visiting here with friends. He has been a house guest in the homes of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Lenau.

TO CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Slaughter, of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Douglass and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Malone and family were to leave today for California to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Les Duncan. Mrs. Duncan is a sister of Mrs. Douglass and Mrs. Malone, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter.

TO SILOAM SPRINGS

Mrs. Holly Bucy left this week for Siloam Springs for a visit with the family of a daughter, Mrs. Storm Whaley.

VISIT SON IN NAVY

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Leveque left this morning for San Diego, Calif., to visit their son Martell, in training there with the Navy. Martell is expected to be assigned to sea duty soon. Mr. and Mrs. Leveque were accompanied by Miss Wilma Sowders.

TODAY'S meditation



from **The Upper Room**
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"GOOD TIDINGS...TO ALL PEOPLE"

"...there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." (Luke 2:8.) Read Luke 2: 1-14.

As the Christmas season comes again, with its joys and happiness, these words of Luke, the beloved physician, will be heard by people around the world. What lovely words they are!

Illness Causes School Absences

AUSTIN, Dec. 18 —Most fathers and mothers want their boys and girls to go to school regularly. They send them off in the morning willingly—sometimes thankfully. The fact that there is a law which compels parents to send their children to school seldom or never occurs to them, says Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Various studies in the United States and Canada show that sickness is the cause of the great majority of lawful school absences. Certainly it would be impossible to wipe absences because of illness and accidental injury entirely off the record. But they can be reduced in number and shortened in length if parents, teachers, and the doctors, nurses, and guidance personnel serving the school work closely together. The boy or girl in the beginning stages of a cold or sore throat or some other catching illness is a focus of infection from which new cases easily spread outward in ever-widening circles. Often the parents can help to keep infectious diseases from spreading in school by keeping children at home when they are not in their usual health. Teachers can help by having an evenly heated and well ventilated room and by teaching children to stay home when ill.

Excuses for absences are important to the school both for the record and for the information they give the teacher, the nurse, and the doctor in their health guidance of the child. If the child was under medical care the excuse should indicate that the doctor approves a return to school. Any special recommendations made by the doctor will help the teacher to make any adjustments needed in the child's school program.

OUR DIFFERENT FIELDS OF SERVICE

Whether it be in the school in the home, in the office, in the store, or laboring in the fields, in shops, on farms, Christ has a place for us in His Kingdom and a job for us to do.

In a time when so many people are searching for peace and security, may we each look to our brother and bring him into the eternal peace and security of Christ and His love. God will supply our needs and renew our strength as we help Him to spread the "good tidings ... to all people."

PRAYER
 Our Father, as Thou didst in love give Thy Son to us, so we pray for determination and guidance that we might, in love, bring our brothers unto Thee. We pray that we may increase our fellowship with Christ and with our fellow men. Daily kindly Thy love in our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
 I will help to spread the good tidings to all people.
 Howard Davis Hardee (Belgium)

HERE FROM ACC

Bobby Goss, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Goss, and Jacque Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Baker, are home to spend the holidays with their parents and friends. Both are football players at Abilene Christian College. Their school was dismissed last Friday for Christmas, a little early because they had no Thanksgiving time off.

VISITS BROTHER
 Mrs. R. B. C. Howell, sister of E. E. Dyer spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. Dyer. Mrs. Howells home is in El Paso. She has been visiting in Plainview with other relatives.

An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity.

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Robert "Sonny" Precure, Muleshoe boy who has recently moved with his family to Clovis, is reported to have finished his "boot camp" training at San Diego Naval Training Center. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Precure of Clovis.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox went to Amarillo, Monday night to meet his sister Mrs. Ralph Althouse and Mr. Althouse, who flew there from Springfield, Ill., to spend Xmas here with her father C. D. Cox of Lockney and her brother.

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Laboratory Analysis is Important Part In Modern Disease Treatment

The use of laboratory facilities to follow up on threats to health which may become evident during the physical examination will vary according to the location of the sign your doctor may have found. There are two tests which have now become practically routine in any medical check-up, however, the urine analysis and the blood count.

Since urine is a waste material of the body, the composition of the urine may lead to information as to what ingredients the body is throwing away that it needs for proper functioning. A sample of urine is broken down into the various chemicals it contains to ascertain whether too much of any essential material is being thrown off. Albumin and sugar in the urine do not necessarily point to disease; if the amounts discarded by the body are excessive, however, it will usually lead to a more detailed examination and probably repeated urine analysis as well as other types of tests.

The amount of urine which the body throws off will vary with the temperature, humidity, exercise, excitement and consumption of fluids. Under normal circumstances the amount is so variable that it is unimportant, but if the amount is consistently over a period of time, too little or too much it may be an important health sign.

The other waste materials of the body may be subjected to laboratory examination if conditions within the body suggest it is advisable. Various forms of worms and other parasites may invade the intestines, creating minor and major difficulty, and an examination of the stools will usually detect their presence.

The sputum, too, may bring a health threat to a definite head after a laboratory examination. The color, odor or amount of material coughed up may contain the answer to an illness in the respiratory tract.

Diphtheria has changed a great many of its symptoms over a period of years but a study of the patches diphtheria usually forms in the throat may lead to the definite knowledge that though it has disguised itself in other ways, the illness is diphtheria.

When thyroid disorder is suspected, the basal metabolism test becomes an important part of the physical examination. This test is conducted by your breathing into a mask which is attached to a machine and the rate at which you inhale oxygen and convert it into carbon dioxide is computed. Since the lowest rate at which you "metabolize" is being sought, you report for this test with an empty stomach, fresh from a good night's sleep.

The empty stomach is important, too, for the test of the stomach

juices. Sometimes there will be a preliminary test with a tube eased down your throat into your stomach to extract some of the juices. That gives the picture of your empty stomach. Sometimes the test starts with the next step where you are given some undetectable cookies to munch upon. After your stomach has gone to work on them with the juices, then that tube is eased back down into the stomach and the cookies and juices are extracted. Since those stomach juices are very important, you can see that this test might play a vital part in a complete physical examination where digestive difficulty seems indicated.

The various skin tests for diseases, the patch test for tuberculosis and the Schick test for the effectiveness of diphtheria immunization are among the seemingly endless variety of health measures that can be included in a check-up. The vaccinations, inoculations and immunizations repeated in adults under certain circumstances. X-ray pictures of that are part of the child's physical examination may have to be various parts of your anatomy may be necessary, too, for your doctor to complete the picture of diagnosis of your health. That is why he cannot tell until he starts checking you over just how extensive or expensive the physical examination will be.

He advises only such tests and analyses as he considers necessary for your good health.

Four Local Boys Enlist In Navy

Four Muleshoe young men have enlisted in the U. S. Navy through the Navy Recruiting Station, Clovis, for a period of four years. They will take training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

The four, all of whom live on Route 2 are:
Bobby Gene Free, 18.
Daniel David Thomson, 21.
Charles Leslie Saylor, 19.
Truman Sandy Kittrell, 21.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 5 years old. I have a little brother going to school, santa will you bring me 2 dolls and candy and nuts. Don't forget the little children in Korea.
Eleva Owen

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Christmas

The deepest joy of the holiday season is having friends like you—
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
"Christ Jesus" is the subject of the Lesson-sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 24. The Golden Text is: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders" (Isaiah 9:6).
Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And from Jesus' example to preserve the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40).
The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Is it not a species of infidelity to believe that so great a work as the Messiah's was done for himself or for God, who needed no help from Jesus' example to preserve the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him" (page 494).



Greetings Friends

UP pops Santa with our best wishes for a VERY MERRY HOLIDAY!

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Gifts That Will Suit Everyone

THE old saying that it isn't the gift but the giving that's appreciated may be true, but just the same a good gift quickens the heart so much more.

In being able to draw upon the abundance of the country, farm people are in a position to present especially valued gifts at comparatively small cost. For instance, a box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly, cedar or balsam is always welcomed as a decorative source by city friends.

City people, like everybody else, also appreciate good things to eat, and home canned country fruits and vegetables or some fowl can be expected to make a big hit. Gardeners

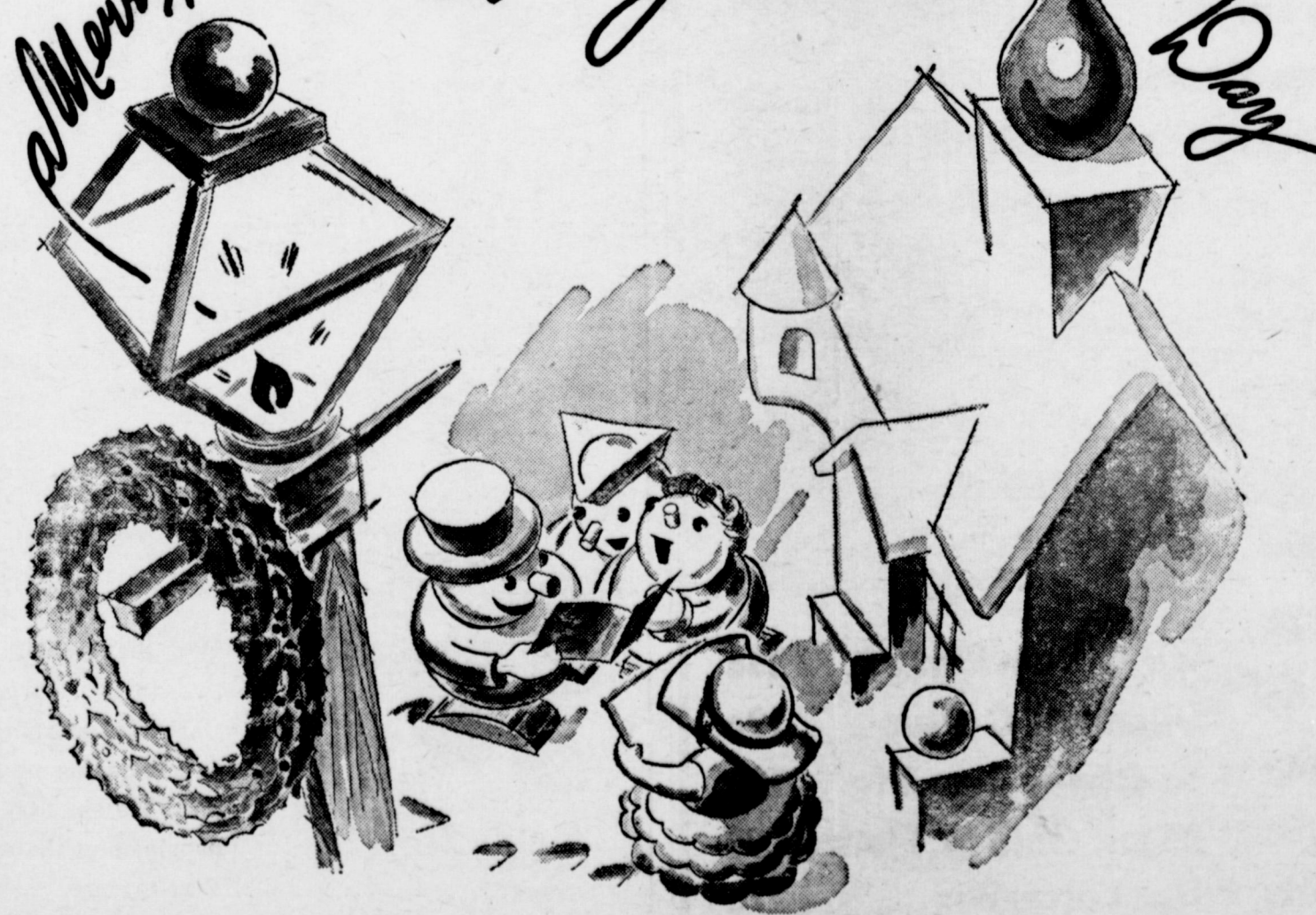


in the big town will gladly welcome a packet of seeds gleaned from an expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert old articles into attractive gifts. An old felt hat can be made into a beanie for some young girl merely by using the crown and adding yarn stitching for decoration. The best part of an old fur coat beyond repair will make a rich carriage robe for a new baby. Pot-holders, dusting mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe bags are some of the items which can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more useful to a young bride than a home-made cook-book containing the home-maker's favorite recipes? Not only will such a book provide for tasty eating but it can also be expected to guide the young wife over some rough moments in the kitchen.

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GREETINGS

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Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

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Shafer-Atchison Vows Exchanged

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Atchison announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Joyce, to Jimmie Shafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Shafer of Needmore. The double ring ceremony was performed Sunday, December 17, in the Main Street Baptist Church beneath an archway of fern flanked with fern trees and picardy glads. Rev. M. E. Robinson officiated.

The bride wore a street length dress of white satin with blue accessories. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations centered with a removable corsage surrounded by tufts of mistletoe.

Miss Mary Horn was her only attendant. She wore a street length dress of fuchsia satin with black accessories. Her corsage was of French white carnations.

J. D. Richey of California, cousin of the groom, was best man. Miss Juanita Hoover played the traditional wedding march.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Miller. The lace covered table featured a lovely cake embossed with roses and lilies of the valley and topped with bride and groom figurines. Candles surrounded by fern and large satin bows decorated the table. Mrs. M. G. Hoover, sister of the bride served at the punch bowl. Mrs. Will Shafer served the cake. Miss Carolyn Atchison registered the guests.

For their wedding trip to Ruidosa the bride wore a light grey suit with red and navy accessories. The couple will be at home in Needmore.

Muleshoe, Texas.

Go & Sew Club Met Thursday

The Ladies Go and Sew Club met in the home of Mrs. Barbara Kloepper Thursday, Dec. 17. The meeting was called to order by the president, after which old and new business was discussed.

Names were drawn for new fairy sisters and for a Christmas party which is to be held in the home of Mrs. J. D. Sullivan Thursday evening Dec. 21.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and refreshments were then served to the following members: Mesdames Lee Dudley, Cora Thomas, Esther Magby, Juanita Sullivan, and the hostess, Mrs. Kloepper. The hostess gift was won by Mrs. Lee Dudley.

Christmas Supper Enjoyed By Club

The Muleshoe HD Club members entertained their husbands and families with a Christmas supper at Fellowship Hall December 14. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree and the exchanging of gifts added to the festivities of the evening.

Mrs. S. C. Caldwell's birthday was observed and many gifts were presented to her.

The first club meeting for 1951 will be held in the home of Mrs. Caldwell on Jan. 11, and will feature a pink and blue shower for a club member.

A bountiful supper was served to the following members and guests:

Messrs. and Mesdames J. A. Bryant, O. L. Dutton and children, J. T. Boydston, E. H. Baugh, Mack Hale and children, E. E. Holland, C. E. Briscoe, Dave Aylesworth and children, J. K. Adams and children, W. H. Awtrey, and Mrs. Kitty Lawson.

Sunshine Club Helps Needy At Christmas Time

The Sunshine club met in the home of Mrs. Clara Harrison Dec. 14 with 16 members and two visitors present. Mrs. Edd Harp and Miss Margie Stoss were the visitors.

The ladies enjoyed a good evening of visiting and exchanging gifts. Each child received a small gift and a sack of fruit and nuts and candy.

Readings and poems were given by Mrs. O. C. Kirk, Mrs. Ike Stinson, Mrs. D. N. Coulter, Mrs. John Ladd, Mrs. L. D. Tipton read the birth of Christ from the Bible.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Merrell Barnhouse, Jan. 5, when the club will elect new officers.

We really enjoyed Mrs. Tom Gardner and daughter, Janie, also Miss Mary Bith Thanksgiving day; and hope they will visit us again.

The money made at the club's bake sale and on the quilt will be used for baskets for several families who will need some joy at Christmas, and we thank each one for their part in helping.

Mrs. John Ladd was able to be out to the joy of all the ladies, as Mrs. Ladd is the club mother. Present were:

Mesdames M. M. Simmons, L. D. Tipton, O. C. Kirk, Herbert Nash, N. W. Lee, S. D. Williams, I. M. Stinson, D. N. Coulter, J. C. Hart,

C. H. Odom, Merrell Barnhouse, Margie Stoss, R. L. Lewis, L. C. Browder, John Ladd, Edd Harp, Bill Walkins, the hostess, Mrs. Harrison.

Refreshments of Christmas cookies, coffee, and cocoa were enjoyed by all.

Three Way SS Class Has Party

Darcus and TEL Sunday school classes of the Three-Way Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Thurl Lemons at 7:30 P. M. in a business meeting and a Christmas Party. There were 21 ladies which enjoyed bringing and receiving gifts of their Sun Shine friends.

Mrs. Frank Knox presided as president, minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Bill Slater gave Devotion on the Birth of Christ found in the book of Luke, and told the Christmas story of the uninvited guest, which was very impressive.

Mrs. Lola Smith gave a Christmas reading. Mrs. Truitt Smith led the ladies in singing Christmas carols. Mrs. Oneita Sedgwick had charge of the games concerning Christmas.

The hostess served coffee or cocoa with tuna fish sandwiches. Ladies that were present of the Darcus class were Ottilie Brannaman, Bill Slater, Francis Gable, Adolph Wittner, Orene Sneed, Thurl Lemons,

Peggy Robison Shower Honoree

Peggy Robison, bride elect of Bobby McGee, was honored with a lovely breakfast and surprise lingerie shower in the home of Mrs. H. O. Barbour with Mrs. Jo Ann Barbour as Co-hostess Saturday, Dec. 16 at 9 a. m.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations. The table was laid with a beautiful cutwork linen cloth and a centerpiece of fern and huge red candle. After the breakfast, Peggy was seated by the lovely Christmas tree which was laden with gifts from her

Rosemary Johnson, Oneita Sedgwick, Annabel Knox, Dorothy Neutzler. Those that were present of the T. E. L. class are Mrs. J. A. Johnson, A. J. Neutzler, B. J. Emerson, Albert Ellis, Truitt Smith, W. R. Byers, M. D. Gaddy, Irby Smith, M. G. Ellis, D. P. Brinker.

Our visitors were Mrs. Homer Waldrop, Miss Joyce Brinker.

RECALLED INTO SERVICE


Rev. Hugh F. Blaylock of Miami, Texas, has been recalled to active duty in the army. He is the brother of Ottis Blaylock of Muleshoe and is a former pastor of the Muleshoe circuit and of Earth, where he was pastor for three years and helped build the present church. He is to report to Camp Polk, La., where he will be attached to the 45th infantry division.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the 2 grade.

For Christmas I want a new born doll a set of dishes and a new baton for my old one has the end off of it. Don't forget to bring my doll some clothes. Your little friend.

Theresa Ann Totten

friends.
Those attending were J. Ann Wyr Pat Broyles, Dixie Jennings, Sondra Wagon, Fat English, the honoree, Peggy, and her mother Mrs. Sylvan Robison, and the hostesses.



From us to you ...
Our Christmas Greetings
and the best of wishes
for happy days to come!

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be filled with joy and fun ...
And may the coming New Year,
be your very nicest one!

MULESHOE LAUNDRY
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Greetings

The Christmas Season is with us again and we wish to take the opportunity it offers us to greet our many friends, and convey to them our sincere message of "Merry Christmas—Happy New Year!"

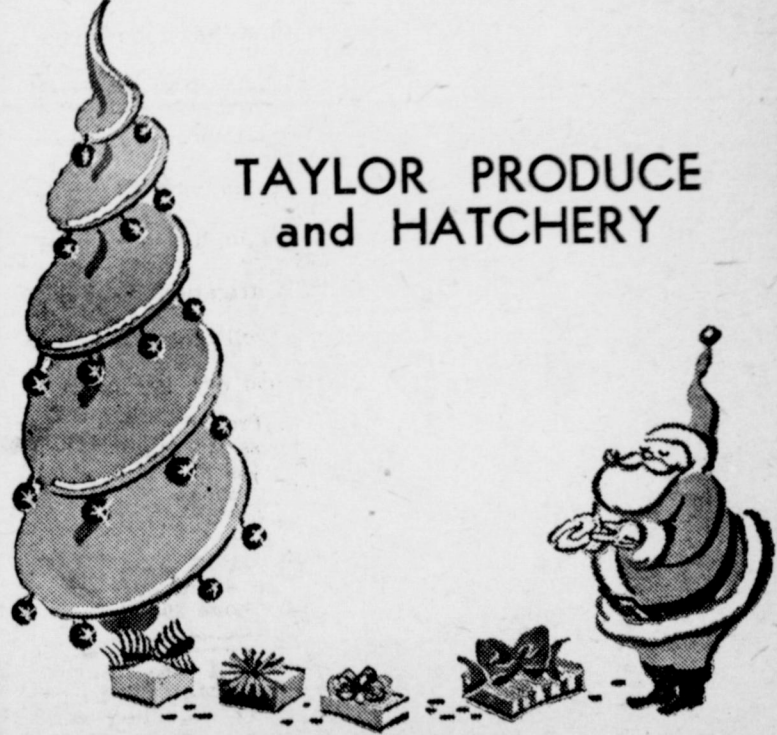
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Letters To Santa . .

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun, a foot ball, nuts fruit and candy.
Love
Ramsay Wilford

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
Will you bring my baby sister a doll. Bring my sister who was in the hospital a doll buggy. My sister who is six years old wants a suitcase. Bring my brother a toolset. Bring me a toy piano. All of us have been good. Fill our stockings with nuts candy, apples and bananas.
Much love,
Francis Thomas

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I would like a B-B gun, a two guns and holster, a Roy Rogers suit. A bicycle and my brother wants a B-B gun. Merry Christmas
Love,
Ray Clark

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I am almost nine years old and am in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a pair of skates a B-B gun and some clothes. Bring my brother the same things. Don't forget my little sister bring her a doll and a stroller. Bring us lots of candy, fruits and nuts.
I will leave pie and cake in the refrigerator for you. I will leave plenty of hay by the fence for your reindeer.
Love,
Lee, Wayne and Glenna Raney

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I would like a B-B gun. A two gun and holster, a Roy Rogers suit, a bicycle, and my brother wants a B-B gun too; A football, and don't forget to bring me a watch too.
Merry Christmas
Rexal Toten

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade and I have been making good grades.
My little brother wants a little gun. My older brother would like a little car to ride. I would like a real kodak, a big doll, a wood-burning set, a cowgirl suit, a horse, and a bridle.
Much love,
Valeria Meier

Muleshoe, Texas, December 18, 1950
Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade and I have been a pretty good girl. My brother wants a football and a pair of boots. And two guns, and I want a tea set of dishes and some roller skates.
Merry Christmas
Jane Bryant

Muleshoe, Texas, Dec. 17, 1950
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 14 months old and I would like to have a little doll to play with. I won't ask for anyone just hoping you will take everyone else a gift.
Lots of love to you.
Linda Carol Ashford
Muleshoe, Texas.

Muleshoe, Texas, December 17, 1950
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy three years old. I have tried real hard to be good and I would like very much to have a little car I can ride in, also a tractor and road grader.
Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
I love you,
Ronald Ashford
Muleshoe, Texas.

Muleshoe, Texas, Dec. 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
My little brother wants a bus and a car. My little sister wants a doll and a ball for Xmas.
My big sister wants a basketball and a doll for Xmas.
I want a doll, a set of dishes, a telephone, some candy, nuts, also some fruit for Christmas. Merry Christmas to Santa.
Love
Verna Ray Hudson

Muleshoe, Texas, December 18, 1950
Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade and I have been making good grades.
My little brother wants a little gun. My older brother would like a little car to ride. I would like a real kodak, a big doll, a wood-burning set, a cowgirl suit, a horse, and a bridle.
Much love,
Valeria Meier

Muleshoe, Texas, December 18, 1950
Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Toni doll. I am 5 years old and have been a good girl a little bit.
Don't forget my brother Kenny and the other children. Bring candy and nuts.
I love you,
Linda Kay Wells.

Muleshoe, Texas, December 18, 1950
Dear Santa,
You know last year you gave me a bicycle. Now this year I would like a bicycle basket, and a horn that does not use electricity.
My mother would like a pretty blouse that she saw in Cobb's store. And my little sister wants a little boy doll and a little tiny toy road-grader.
Love
George Benn Marshall
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Muleshoe, Texas, December 18, 1950
Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun, a kite, and a bicycle.
Dale Murrah
Muleshoe, Texas.
December 7, 1950

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me a B-B gun, a wagon, and a pair of chaps and some nuts and candy.
Merry Christmas
B. H. Wagnon

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun, football and some chaps and nuts, candy and fruit.
Ira Kitchen

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a doll that looks like real, a doll bed, a make-up kit, a bicycle, and some other things too?
My little sister wants everything I want, but a bicycle that's all.
Bring my little brother a train, a few blocks, a car or two, and bring mother and daddy something, too. I have been nice, I think. I love you very much. Oh, I forgot to tell you I wanted a snow suit.
Darla Johnson
Merry Christmas Santa, and Happy New Year.

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a horse, saddle, bride, wood burning set, and a cowboy suit and a pair of guns.
Frederick Meier

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade. I bet that you don't know who my teacher is. Well, I guess you can not guess, so I will tell you. She is Mrs. Peugh.
This is what I want for Christmas my sister and I want a bicycle. My little brother wants a B-B gun. I left out mother and father, but I don't know what they want. We want some candy and fruit and that is all. Remember my aunts and uncles too. Merry Christmas
Much love,
Beverly Hallford

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
I want a B-B gun, a football, nuts and candy. My brother wants a B-B gun, too, and a billfold.
Ronnie Reece Ethridge

Muleshoe, Texas, December 7, 1950
Dear Santa,
My sister would like to have a new dress for Christmas.
I do not know what my brother wants for Christmas.
I would like to have a doll that looks like a baby, a doll buggy, also a telephone that will say "hello" when you ring it. I want some nuts, candy, and fruit. Merry Christmas to Santa.
Love,
Claudia Cox

Muleshoe, Texas, December 18, 1950
Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade and I want an amosanda doll, a telephone that says hello, a make-up kit, and some nuts, fruit, and candy. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love
Rita Lewis

Muleshoe, Texas, December 18, 1950
Dear Santa,
I want a guitar, and a box of candy. My brother wants chaps. My sister wants a belt with her name on it.
Lyndal Black



On this Festive Day . . .
May your hearth be warm
and your hearts be merry
and may there be some space
'neath your Christmas tree
for our great-big bundle of
HOLIDAY CHEER!

**ALLEN GUINN
BODY SHOP**
Allen Guinn
Young Hammons
Joe Shipman
David Wyr

Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas

**INVITATION TO
A Happy
Holiday
Season**

NELSON SERVICE STATION
MR. & MRS. W. I. NELSON

Greetings
A wish for Christmas
and the New Year, too,
may they hold an abundance
of blessings for you!

**City Cleaners
AND
Elliott Men's Wear**

GREETINGS

With the realization that each passing year brings
a fuller appreciation of old friends and pleasant
associations, we extend to you our sincerest wishes
for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Dyer
Roy Dyer
Gene Cox**

DYER HARDWARE & FURNITURE

Greetings

To our many friends—old and new—May the spirit of Christmas linger with you and brighten every day of the New Year.

**GILBREATH SEED
AND GRAIN CO.**
RUFUS GILBREATH

Lubbock Area Auto Sales Lead Entire Nation

LUBBOCK, Dec. 18—Automobile sales in the Lubbock Metropolitan area lead all the United States' 162 Metropolitan areas in the rate of sales increase since 1939, it was revealed recently by "Sales Management" magazine's ten-year metropolitan growth survey.

The official survey was based on the 1950 census, and showed automobile sales in Lubbock up 655 per cent.

Other high rankings in percentage increase for the Lubbock Metropolitan area include second in the nation in retail sales (up 430 per cent), sixth in food store sales (up 348 per cent), eighty in general merchandise store sales (up 328 per cent), and second in furniture-household-radio store sales (up 604 per cent).

To provide a clear ten-year comparison for its new metropolitan study, "Sales Management" used its final 1949 sales estimates computed from all available sources with the new 1948 census of Business as a guide. The 1949 totals for the Lubbock Metropolitan area show retail sales \$122,642,000; food sales \$18,054,000; drug sales \$4,876,000; furniture-household-radio sales \$6,615,000; and automotive sales \$34,472,000.

The retail sales increase of 430 percent for Lubbock is compared to a 279 percent increase for the entire state and a 205 percent increase for the entire nation, the magazine reported.

Calendar Of Events

LIONS CLUB—Each Wednesday noon at Gerald's Cafe.
ROTARY CLUB—Each Tuesday noon at Post Office Cafe.
AMERICAN LEGION—First and third Wednesday nights at Legion home.
MASONIC LODGE—Second Tuesday night of each month at Masonic hall. Practice each Monday night.
IOOF LODGE—Each Thursday night at Odd Fellow's lodge.
MULESHOE REBEKAHS—Each Tuesday night at Odd Fellow's hall.
CANTON—Second Friday night of each month at Odd Fellow's hall.
JAYCEES—Every Monday night at the Cross Roads Cafe.
COMMISSIONERS' COURT—Regular meeting each second Monday at court house.
FIRE DEPT.—Second and fourth Wednesday night of each month in Junior High Auditorium.
HIGH SCHOOL P-TA—Third Monday night of each month in High School Auditorium at 8:00 p. m.
EASTERN STAR—First Tuesday night of each month at Masonic hall.
MULESHOE TRUSTEES—Meet on Monday nearest 10th of month.
RAINBOW GIRLS—First and third Thursday nights of each month at Masonic Hall.
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD—Second and fourth Monday nights of each month, in homes of members.
MULESHOE STUDY CLUB—Second and fourth Thursday nights in homes of members.
ELEMENTARY P-TA—Second Monday of each month at 4:00 p. m.
 Any other organizations wishing to be listed please contact the Journal office.

Hawaiian Christmas Is Elaborate Affair

Although many Hawaiians have seen ice only as frozen in mechanical refrigerators, the trees used by the Islanders for Christmas decorations are painted white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair, enjoyed in the privacy of the home behind locked doors and drawn blinds. Any open-house hospitality is an economic impossibility; if the shades were not drawn and the doors not locked, homes would be invaded by hordes of strangers—all expecting food and drink.

Gift-giving is the order of the day as everyone exchanges inexpensive presents. Even the servants in hotels expect and receive gifts from over-night guests.



Surrounded by myth by primitive peoples, the mistletoe was taken over by Christians who also wove fanciful legends around it.

In ancient mythology, the mistletoe was the instrument of evil. The Druids of Britain believed the plant possessed healing powers. Other primitive people thought that mistletoe found growing on oaks had magical powers.

Taken over into Christian tradition, the mistletoe was dedicated to the Christ Child. Adopted as symbolic of the healing power of our Lord, it was used to adorn the altars at Christmas. Monks of the monasteries called it the "wood of the cross" and attributed supernatural powers to it. The white berries were said to reflect the radiance caught from the guiding star when the Wise Men were led to the manger.



Children of the first grades at the Downey, Calif., elementary school, had a special box in which they deposited their mail to Santa. All were on their best behavior, for they have no way of knowing whether or not one of Santa's gnome helpers may be peeping through the slit. Hundreds of thousands of letters were mailed to Santa from all parts of the world.

A million thanks for your friendship and patronage in the past year! May the holidays bring you as many happy tokens in the bright year a-coming!

MCCORMICK UPHOLSTERY
MR. & MRS. L. F. MCCORMICK

There's no time like CHRISTMAS for extending our sincere wishes for the best of everything in the coming year!

MULESHOE BEAUTY SHOP
Lucille Cherry Carolyn Moore

Christmas
The deepest joy of the holiday season is having friends like you—
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JOHN'S CUSTOM MILL
JOHN FRIED

Good Credit A Priceless Boon

Murrell Brown, of Fry and Cox Bros. hands us a clipping from "The Panhandle", publication of the Tri-State Hardware and Implement Ass'n., with the thought that it might give some of the rest of us something to think about. Here's how it goes and thanks, Murrell: **WHEN YOU RECEIVE A BILL.** It is an honor to receive a bill. Instead of getting up in the air when the mailman brings you a statement of account, you should be genuinely pleased. That bill is an indication that someone has a lot of faith in your honesty.

It would be a sure sign that your credit was worthless, and that no one was willing to take your word that you would pay.

Credit is the most valuable asset a person can have. Money is to be had by various means, but credit comes only from years of honesty and prompt payments of bills when due. When you pay a bill you are merely being honest.

When you receive a bill, then meet it if you possibly can. If you can't, frankly tell your creditor why you can't. You'll find him more than willing to meet you half way.

Cherish your credit as you do your health, happiness and any other of the priceless boons equally rare and elusive. — Exchange.

READ THE JOURNAL Want ads Every Week.

A greeting old in doggerel, extended in good cheer For a Merry Christmas . . . and a Prosperous New Year!

WELLBORN BEAUTY SHOP
PHONE 240

Cheerio!

A gay greeting for the Yuletide to each and everyone of you on our long list of friends!

POST OFFICE CAFE
MR. & MRS. THERON WEST

Yule Greetings

May an abundance of good-will, good cheer, happiness and prosperity bless your home during the holiday season and in the New Year to come.

Chas. Lenau Lumber Co.

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KENNETH LOVELADY OF THE NAVY VISITS HOME

Here for a visit with home folks is Airman 2c Kenneth Lovelady, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lovelady of Muleshoe. He has been in the Navy about five months and now has a two year assignment at Monterey Naval Air Station, Monterey, Calif.

COMING FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Charles W. Lenau and Miss

Myrtle Lenau, of Hobart, Okla., will arrive this week to spend Christmas in the homes of Julian and Charles Lenau.

HOME FROM BAYLOR

Howard Tate arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Cecil Tate. He is attending Baylor University, Waco.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nic-

Best Wishes for CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR too!

CONTINENTAL OIL CO.
R. R. (BUD) HOLTON

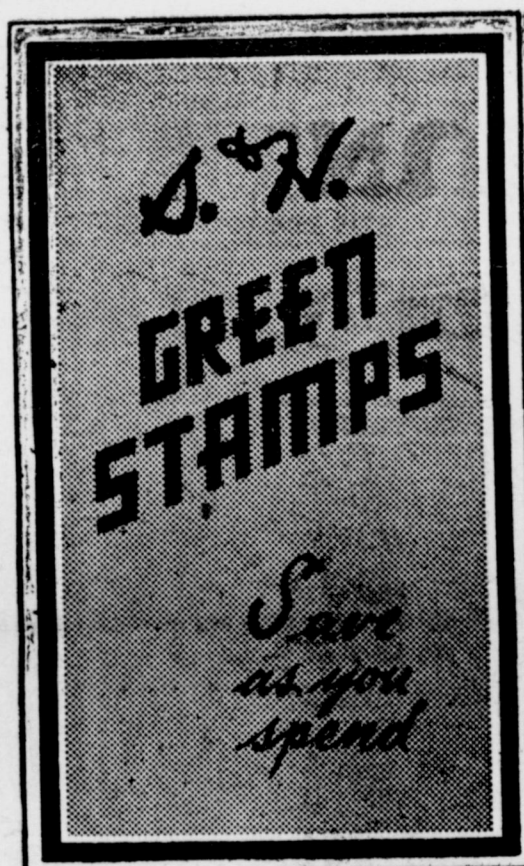
Happy Holiday Eating

OCEAN SPRAY 17 OZ. CAN
Cranberry Sauce 12¹/₂^c
Shelled Pecans lb \$1.09

Choc. Cherries 1 Lb. Box 43^c
Candy Orange Slices Lb. 15^c
Mince Meat Imperial 9 Oz. Box 12¹/₂^c

Fruit Cocktail Hunt's No. 2¹/₂ Can 27^c
 PINEAPPLE JUICE Libby's No. 2 Can 19^c
 GRAPE JUICE Betsy Ross Qt. 39^c
 SPINACH Libby's No. 2 Can 19^c
 NEW POTATOES Dorman Whole No. 2 Can 12¹/₂^c
 TOMATO SOUP Campbell's No. 1 Can 3 For 33^c
 CATSUP Del Monte Large Bottle 22^c
 MILK Eagle Brand Large Can 29^c
 POPCORN Large 10 Oz. Can Jolly Time 19^c

Plenty Of Free Parking Space



AMERICAN BEAUTY
MEAL 5 Lbs. 39^c
 HUNT'S NO. 300 CAN
PEARS 25^c
 GREEN GIANT
PEAS No. 303 Can 20^c
 1 LB. BOX BROWN OR WHITE
POWDERED Sugar 13^c
 PILLSBURY'S REGULAR BOX
PIE CRUST 19^c

SHOP AT PIGGLY WIGGLY
 AND SAVE YOUR WAY TO
 VALUABLE MERCHANDISE.

Pineapple Elmorro Crushed No. 2 Can 12¹/₂^c
Tomato Juice Libby's 46 Oz. Can 23^c

CRACKERS 7 Oz. Pkg. 17^c

VANILLA WAFERS Sunbeams 1 Lb. Package 25^c
 SWEET POTATOES Blue Plate No. 2¹/₂ Can 22^c
 MARSHMALLOWS Sugarkist 8 Oz. Cello Bag 15^c
 PUDDING Heinz Plum Or Fig Large Can 53^c
 PRESERVES Hunt's Pure Peach 1 Lb. Jar 25^c
 STRAWBERRIES Snow Crop 12 Oz. Package 43^c
 PEAS Snow Crop 8 O. Pk. 15^c

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

NO. 1 DIAMOND LARGE SIZE
WALNUTS lb. 35^c
 DELICIOUS DOUBLE RED
APPLES Lb. 14^c
 CALIFORNIA SUNKIST
ORANGES Lb. 12¹/₂^c
 GOLDEN FRUIT
BANANAS Lb. 12¹/₂^c
 IDAHO RUSSETS
POTATOES 10 Lbs. 49^c
 CALIFORNIA GREEN
CELERY Stalk 15^c
 FIRM HEADS
LETTUCE Lb. 10^c

PIGGLY WIGGLY QUALITY MEATS

WILSON CERTIFIED HALF OR WHOLE
CURED HAM lb. 59^c
 ARMOUR'S STAR
SLICED BACON Lb. 59^c
 AMERICAN CLEARFIELD
CHEESE 2 Lb. Box 75^c
 SHOULDER BUTT
PORK ROAST Lb. 49^c
 CENTER CHUCK
BEEF ROAST Lb. 59^c
 FRESH PORK
SPARE RIBS Lb. 53^c
 PLENTY OF
TURKEYS
HENS Full Dressed & Drawn Heavys Lb. 55^c



PIGGLY WIGGLY
 DAVIS & HUMPHRIES OWNERS & OPERATORS

Holiday Death Peril Is Cited

Americans are being asked to celebrate the year-end holidays by keeping themselves and the Christmas spirit alive this year.

That plea launched the National Safety Council's Christmas safety campaign, in which 161 national organizations are cooperating.

The campaign is aimed at reducing the increasing number of accidents throughout the nation. Special emphasis will be placed on traffic accidents, which have taken an upward swing this year.

Traffic deaths for the first nine months of 1950 were up 11 per cent, and the Council predicts that the traffic death toll for the year is virtually certain to reach 35,000. This would be the highest since 1941 and the only year since 1946

to show an increase.

"The Christmas-New Year's holiday season is the peak accident period of the year," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council, "and traffic accidents present the most acute problem. Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season always add to the normal winter hazards of bad weather, slippery roads and added hours of darkness.

"And more people will be traveling this year," he said. "Service men and women will be coming home on holiday leaves—and some families will be traveling holidays with those who can not.

Christmas Candles Have Been Used By Many Peoples

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe?"

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle", burned in the window of Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

During the early history of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:

"To learn you luck for the year they say,
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day.
If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
Good luck will be yours throughout the year."

CHRISTMAS AT ROCHESTER

Mr. and Mrs. Emette Cross will visit in Plains the coming Sunday with his mother, and at Christmas will visit with her parents, at Rochester.

CHART WILL HELP YOU CHOOSE BIRTHSTONE GIFT

Know the month of birth of the one for whom you are planning a gift of jewelry and the giving can be made more personal. Use this table as your guide to the proper birthstone if the gift is to have a precious or semi-precious stone:

Jan. Garnet
Feb. Amethyst
Mar. Bloodstone or Aquamarine
Apr. Diamond
May Emerald
June Pearl or Moonstone
July Ruby
Aug. Sardonyx or Peridot
Sept. Sapphire
Oct. Opal or Tourmaline
Nov. Topaz
Dec. Turquoise or Lapis Lazuli

This table of birthstones has been compiled and authenticated by the Jewelry Industry Council after long research.

Attended Farm Bureau Meet

County Farm Bureau were designated to attend the national convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation at Dallas last week.

They are Earl Parrish, Springlake; F. L. Shelby, Pleasant Valley, and Gerald Allison, Muleshoe.

They were named at the county bureau's meeting held at the office of Dave Eaton, county agricultural agent at Amherst earlier this month.

At the same meeting the members heard a report on state convention held at Mineral Wells, and adopted a program for 1951, according to J. H. Angeley of Earth president.

The directors established a \$10 membership fee, \$5 of which will go to the state bureau, \$1 to the district, and \$4 to county and community units.

Members of the board, in addition to Angeley, are W. G. Sanders, Dimmitt; Oscar Allison, Muleshoe; Art Nafzger, Olton; Buddy Free, Earth; Gerald Allison, Muleshoe; Bill Rudd, Springlake, and Earl Parrish, Springlake.

Christmas

The same friendly song you've heard before: Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Dr. B. Z. Beaty

Away In A Manger

Martin Luther. Carl Miller.

1. A way in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord lay.
2. The cow lay lowing, the ass lay down, And the oxen were feeding.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I pray, That I may see you in the manger.

It was laid down in a manger, The little Lord lay.
The cow lay lowing, the ass lay down, And the oxen were feeding.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I pray, That I may see you in the manger.

NOEL

The real spirit of CHRISTMAS...

Peace... good will... freedom... prosperity... opportunity... friendship—all of this is the Christmas spirit... may it be yours in '51, and ever after!

RAY'S SERVICE STATION

Season's Greetings

In this Christmas inventory of our many blessings... we like to count the assets of your friendship and good will!

To you we extend all the Season's Greetings!

FRY & COX BROS.

JIM COX Murrell Brown — Leslie J. Mills — R. A. Bradley — Gwyneth Bigham
JACK COX Ray Hardaway — Lawrence McDaniel — Eugene English — Tom Burden — W. P. Montgomery

We make no bones about it...

Our favorite Christmas tale begins with our sincere wishes that

YOUR HOLIDAY BE DOG-GONE GOOD!

THE TEXAS CO.

SAM E. FOX

Our Honor Roll

New subscribers to the Journal last week were:
 Glenn R. Dunn, Muleshoe.
 W. P. Sanders, California.
 Mrs. D. F. Walton, Route 1.
 H. L. Millington, Clifton, Texas.
 Those renewing their subscriptions to the Journal last week were as follows:
 Johnny Myers, Baileyboro.
 Eugene Morton, Star Rt. 1.

R. H. Green, City.
 John Gammaon, Star Rt. 1.
 D. E. Cox, Lockney.
 M. R. Hobbs, Amherst.
 H. R. Shelby, Littlefield.
 O. W. Rhinehart, Bovina.
 George Mahon, Washington, D. C.
 Mrs. P. F. Wooley, Ft. Worth.
 M. S. Stidham, Oklahoma.
 D. K. Smith, Illinois.
 Z. K. Lambert, Washington.
 M. D. Gaddy, Goodland.
 Muleshoe Implement & Supply
 Muleshoe Motor Co.

M. F. Green
 R. L. Brooks, Route 2.
 L. S. Tilger, Maple.
 J. R. Carter, Star Rt. 2.
 Mrs. G. M. Devoll, Quanah.
 G. G. Priboth, Star Rt. 1.
 Johnson & Nix, City.
 J. F. Prather, City.
 A. J. Lenderson, City.
 K. K. Krebs, Baileyboro.
 Mrs. Maude Jones, City.
 J. L. Waggoner, City.
 E. H. Shankles, Route 2.
 Walter B. Little, City.
 R. L. Garth, City.
 J. A. McGee, City.



As you skate thru
 the Merry Holidays,
 May you cut a pattern
 of happiness for all
 the coming year!

CITY MOTOR CO.

Red Glasscock
 Phone 53

Francis Gilbreath

Jim Burkhead
 Muleshoe, Texas



HOME FOR SANTA CLAUS . . . Many cities in the United States, even those which do not have names associated with Christmas symbols, erect Santa Claus villages during the holiday seasons.

EACH year, thousands of letters in the U. S. are mailed from Bethlehem—Bethlehem, Pa.; Bethlehem, Md.; Bethlehem, Conn., and Bethlehem, N. H. These towns were named many, many years ago, and imaginative Americans the country over send in letters to be remailed bearing the symbolic postmark of Bethlehem.

The story associated with the naming of Bethlehem, Pa., is especially moving. On Christmas Eve in 1741, it is said, Moravian pioneers who had come to the new world in search of religious freedom gathered in a log cabin in the snow-swept Pennsylvania countryside. Thankful for their new refuge, they sang carols joyfully; then Nicholas Louis, Count Zinzendorf, took up a taper and led the gathering into the stables where a few cows and horses stirred.

"Let us call our village also Bethlehem," he said, and all agreed. From a humble beginning over 200 years ago, Bethlehem, Pa., is now a thriving industrial city of 62,000.

Santa Claus also has been honored in the naming of American cities. The story of the christening of Santa Claus, Ind., contains an awesome note in keeping with Christmas Eve.

The government had turned down the request of a little settlement in southern Indiana 100 years ago because an older town in the state bore the same name of Santa Fe. As the villagers gathered in celebration of Christmas Eve, they pondered a new name, finding each suggestion unsuitable as they turned it over in their minds in order to select the right one.

In the midst of their deliberations, a blinding light was seen outside. Rushing to the window, they saw a flaming star crash against a distant hill, leaving a crater that still can be seen today.

Awed by the spectacle, the residents of the settlement considered the event as a special omen, and they gave their community the name of Santa Claus to commemorate Christmas.

VISITING FLANAGANS

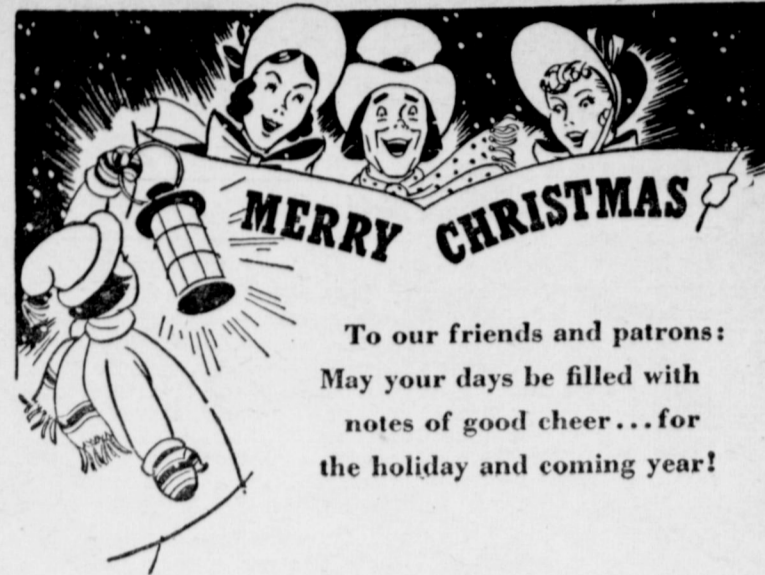
Mrs. Ona Odum, of Salinas, Calif.

is here for a week's visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. P. Flanagan and family.

COMING FOR CHRISTMAS

Raymond Bass, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bass, is expected to arrive one day this week to spend

the Christmas week end with his parents. He is employed as a geologist with a firm and is now located at Ballinger.



To our friends and patrons:
 May your days be filled with notes of good cheer . . . for the holiday and coming year!

S. D. ANDERSON
 COTTON BUYER

May each and every one
 of our customers and friends

find this a very
HAPPY HOLIDAY!

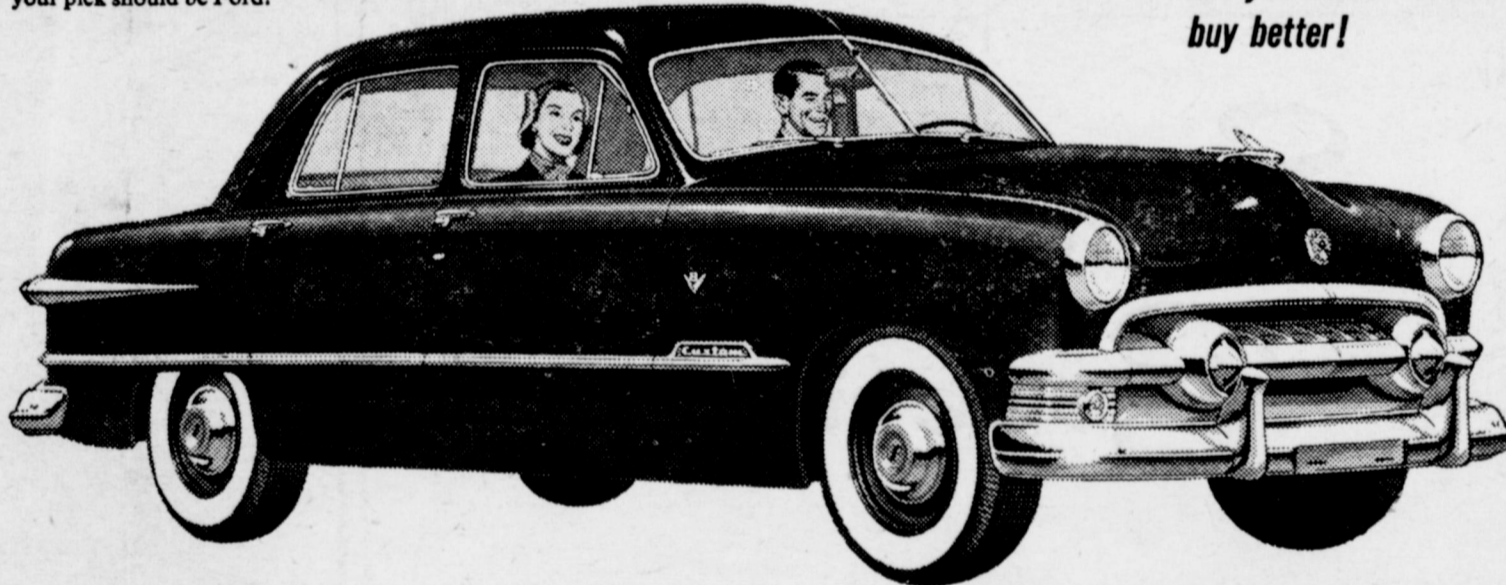


Mack's Barber Shop
 MACK HALE JACK BROWN

Buy for the future!

● These days you want a car that will stay young, stay in style, and keep its value. That's why, more than ever before, your pick should be Ford!

You can pay more . . .
 but you can't
 buy better!



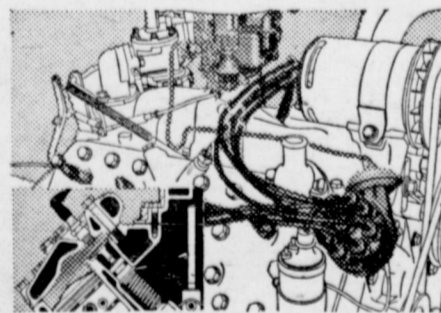
Buy the '51 FORD!

[WITH 43 "LOOK AHEAD" FEATURES]

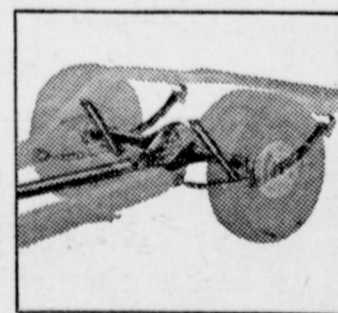
"LOOK AHEAD" features galore have been built into this '51 Ford to give it lasting comfort, beauty and economy. In addition to the features pictured Ford offers you new Double-Seal King-Size Brakes for greater safety . . . a new More Rugged Chassis Frame . . . and a new Waterproof Ignition System.

And in this '51 Ford, you'll find Fordomatic Drive,* the newest smoothest, savingest of the automatic transmissions. You get Key-Turn Starting. And, of course, you get your choice of the silent and savingful power of Ford's V-8 and Six engines. Come in and see this new '51 Ford for yourself!

F.D.A.F.



Ford's Automatic Mileage Maker is a three-way combustion, ignition, and carburetion system that gives you high compression performance with even regular grades of gas.



Ford's Automatic Ride Control makes rough roads easy on you, easy on the car itself. Irons out the bumps—automatically.



Ford's Automatic Posture Control Pulled forward, the seat automatically rises. Pushed back, it automatically lowers.

It's built for the years ahead!

This '51 Ford is years ahead in style, too! You'll see beautiful new "Fashion Car" styling . . . with a future-styled "Dual Spinner" Grille, New Rear Window styling.

And the new, long-wearing "Color-Keyed" Fordcraft Fabrics . . . the new "Safety-Glow" Control Panel in Ford's "Luxury Lounge" Interior match exterior colors!

*Optional at extra cost.

Come in for the "LOOK AHEAD" facts on the '51 FORD!

MOTOR CO.

Phone 33

Muleshoe, Texas



Christmas Greetings

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

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MURPHY-McDONALD IMPLEMENT CO.

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Dear Santa,
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I have been a nice girl.
I love you,
Brenda Melson

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 7 years old. I am a very good girl. I would like to have a doll, dishes, stove, table and chairs, doll blanket. I love you.
Carolyn Pruitt

Dear Santa,
I am Don Gardner, six years old and have tried to be good.
Please bring me an electric diesel passenger train, a Roy Rogers two gun pete, and an iron horse for my room.
You will find a snack to eat by our Xmas tree.
Love Don

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the first grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year. Would you please bring me a footballa pair of skates and a pair of spurs. Don't forget my brother, sister, mother and dad.
Ronnie Freeman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby blue eyes doll. Also some house shoes. And please bring all you can for all other little children.
I liked your reindeers very much in the parade.
Love Linda Henderson

Dear Santa,
I want a table and two chairs for my little sister and myself. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
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Telephone 142

Dear Santa,
I am a boy nine years old. I would like to have a football, an electric football set, a monopoly set, some puzzles and lots of fruit and candy. I love you.
Alton Wayne Cherry

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a BB gun, a teddy bear, a filling station and lots of fruit, nuts and candy.
Santa don't forget Pa Pa Dulin who will be in Amarillo.
I love you,
Lonnie Jim Dulin

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 2 years old. Please bring me a big red spring horse, a little wind up train and ball.
Terry Parham

Dear Santa,
I am staying with my mother who is sick in the hospital. I am trying to be a good girl. I am expecting something nice. I sure would like an electric organ Santa if you will bring me that I won't want anything else.
With lots of love,
Sharon Kay West

Currier and Ives Cards

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

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

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

England's Puritans Banned Christmas As Frivolous Time

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

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

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



Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters' customers, 'Christmas Boxes' were collected on St. Stephen's day.

Thus, the children receive their presents, in boxes, as do old servants, the postman, and everyone else. And reminiscent of the Roman Saturnalia, householders dance with the servants and, toward evening, there is revelling in the streets as groups of merry-makers gather on street corners or ride about London-town dancing on the 'flats' of trucks.

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

A speaker in a Kansas City meeting said, "Nero fiddled while Rome burned. We gotta get that piano out of the White House."
-Lawrence Outlook

VISITED A BROTHER

Mrs. Pearl Underwood last week returned home after staying at Rotan for a week with the family of a brother, Ernest Shipp. The latter had the misfortune to have a leg broken in a recent accident.

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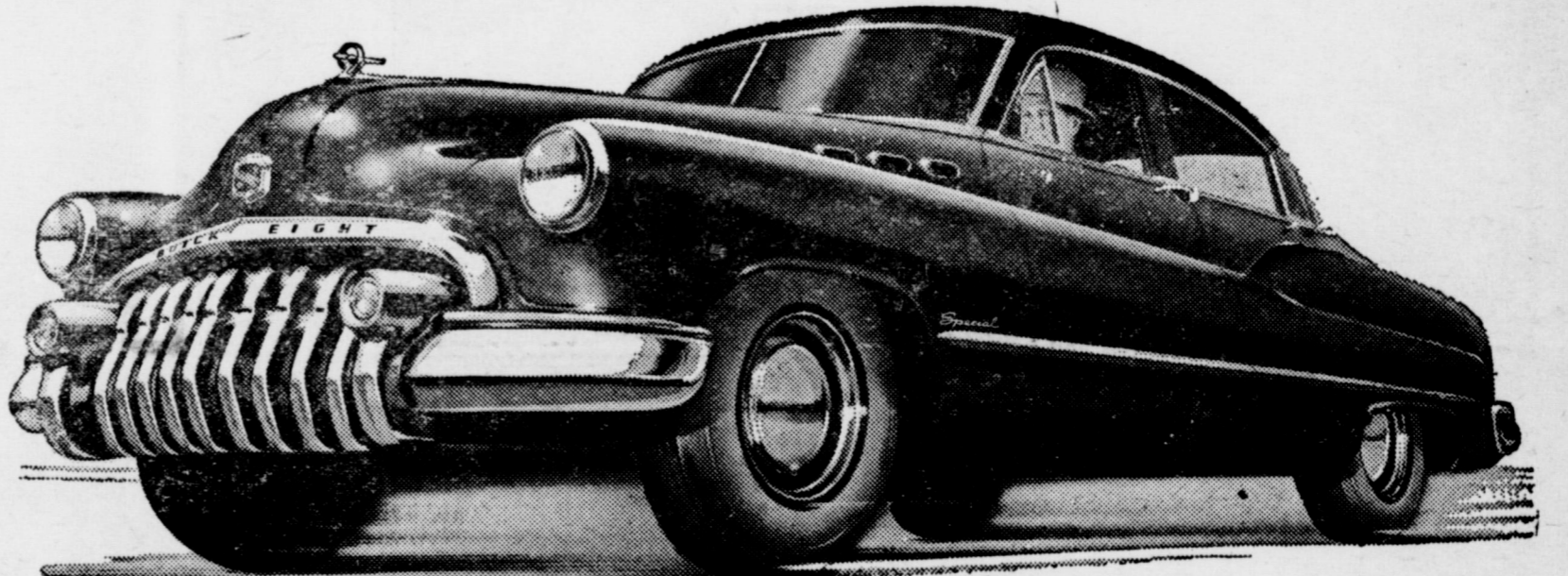
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Signpost of the Season

The signs of the Holiday point-up our wishes to you . . . A Merry Christmas Day, And a Happy New Year, too!

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H. C. HOLTS CLYDE

BULA MAN REPORTS HIS GRAIN WAS STOLEN

W. L. Clawson of Bula, Bailey County, reported the theft of 30,000 pounds of grain to Sheriff Sid Hopping Wednesday morning. The grain, Clawson said, was stolen from his field where he had been obliged to dump it on the ground. Officers over the area are investigating the theft.

ANDREW CARNEGIE

The following formula is credited to Carnegie as the way to manage any kind of business:

1. Organize—which means to have the right man in the right place.
2. Deputize—which is to give the man full authority to do the job you hired him for.
3. Supervise—which means to keep after the whole gang to see that they do what they are supposed to do. —Personnel Journal

since days of druid worship

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshiped by the British druids to its present status as a criminal killer of forests. However, its use as a symbol of love, peacemaking and goodwill survives to this Christmas intact from the pre-Christian days of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose palace stood in the Milky Way. The beloved Balder, so the myth goes, was slain by a mistletoe arrow but was restored to life at the intercession of the other gods. Custody of the mistletoe plant was then entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. As long as the mistletoe was held high it could never be used as a power for evil.

Christmas Mass

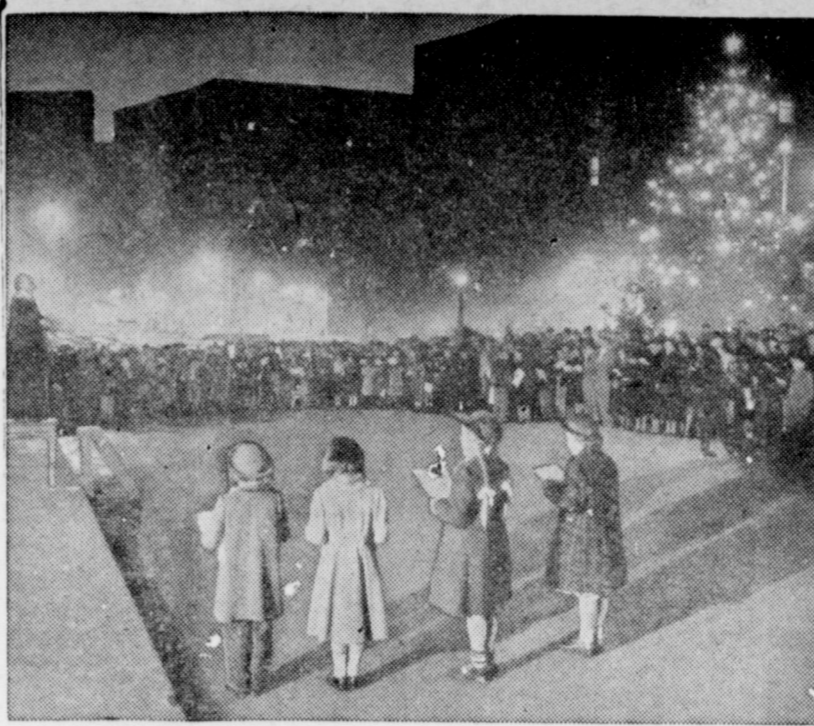
Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is the event of the year in Rome. Every Roman Catholic church in the Holy City is crowded with men, women and children anxious to see the processions of church officials in their splendid robes. The larger the church, the more beautiful the sight. And, of course, the service at St. Peter's is the most magnificent in the world. At St. Peter's all the men present are required to wear evening clothes and the ladies must be dressed in black, thus offsetting the brilliant beauty of the robes. Even the guards on duty are attired in elegant red and white uniforms.

When Father Carved the...

BOAR'S HEAD



WHAT ROAST TURKEY is to Christmas dinner today, the boar's head was to the Yuletide feasting of Medieval England. Preparation for the feasting began during September or October when the boar's flesh was at its best. Hunters tracked the animal down with well-trained packs of boar-hounds and it was dangerous sport, attacking the ferocious beast with spears or surrounding him and driving him into a net. His ear was his most vulnerable spot, but before the dogs could get a grip on it and pin him down, his sharp teeth often wounded—sometimes even killed—the hunter and his dogs. Nevertheless, the pluckier the boar, the louder his praises were sung, the merrier the feasting, when his head was borne to the Christmas table.



IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY . . . The Rev. Hugh Giles (left, on stand), minister of music at the Central Presbyterian church in New York, is shown leading the carol singing which marked the lighting of the Christmas trees on Park avenue last year. Six hundred persons joined the choirs of five churches as the 30 trees lining the avenue were lighted and dedicated in honor of U. S. war dead.

ACTION

In these days of gathering gloom, there are 4 things you can do with your hands:

1. You can wring them. There are hosts of people who take their stands beside a Wailing Wall and moan . . .
2. You can fold your hands . . . over a generously proportioned stomach and go into a coma.
3. You can put your hands in your

pockets. Clench your fists so that not even a wayward nickel can escape.

4. You can lay your hands on some task. The "laying on of hands" has had a large place in Christian history. But the most important laying of hands ever done happens when a persons lays hands on a job that needs doing and does.

—Christian Century

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and a New Year that's completely happy!

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Here's to love, faith and happiness eternal qualities that always say: Merry Christmas.

A HAPPY '51

May it be a "bang-up" year for you and yours!

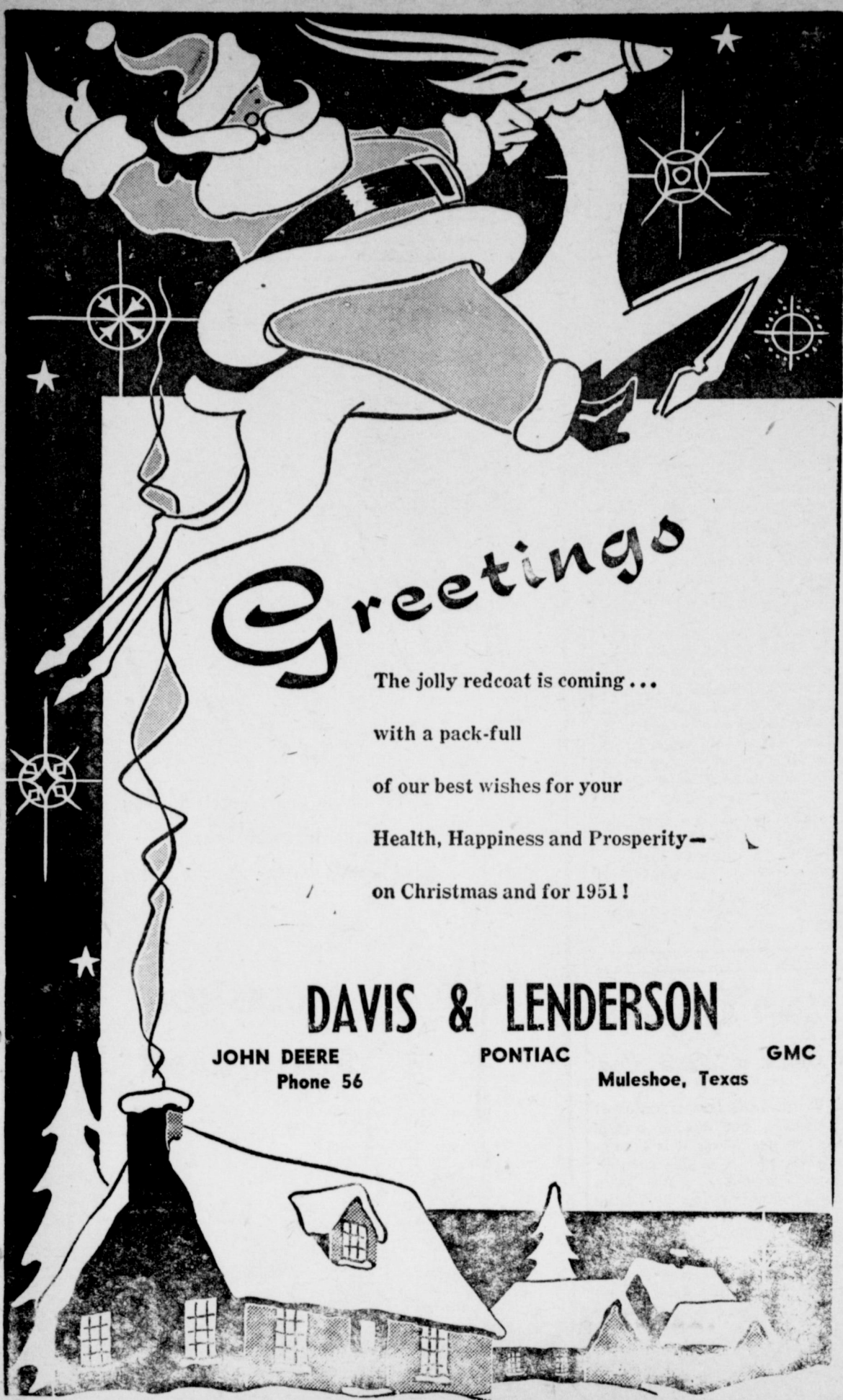
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U.S. Place Names Express Christmas Idea Many Ways

SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA; Bethlehem, Conn.; and Christmas, Fla., are a few of the more familiar post offices which each year handle a flood of mail from senders wishing to obtain yuletide postmarks.

Although the federal post office department has now barred extra flourishes by local postmasters using Christmas symbols and mottoes, a town's own holiday name can still give that festive touch to a greeting or package of toys.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town so designated in the United States. The privilege is reserved to its post office by congressional act. There is, however, Santa, Idaho. There is also only one Christmas—the one in Florida—plus a Christmas Cove, Maine.

On the other hand, seven Bethlehems answer the seasonal roll call; they can be found in Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. The Bethlehem, Conn., post office was one of several stations that figured in headlines recently on the use of especially-designed cancellation stamps bearing the now-forbidden Christmas tree decoration. The town's population is about 350.

There are two Noels—in Virginia and Missouri. Last year, Missouri's Noel post office reported hand-cancellation of a record 650,000 pieces of Christmas mail—800 for each of the town's residents.

Besides specific Christmas names that dot the land there are dozens that call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is Advent, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary, and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

One Wiseman is found in Alaska and another in Arkansas. The third, it may be assumed, is in Wisemantown, Ky. There are five Stars and four Shepherds. West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri, Peace Valley; and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.

For the Christmas party, Turkey is available in four states; Cranberry in three. Kentucky has a Mistletoe. Six states count an Evergreen; seven a Pine, and three a Holly.

Louisiana comes up with Trees, Alabama with Candle; and to top the decorations, Pennsylvania has its Angels.

Kris Kringle Isn't Really Santa Claus

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

Santa Claus, as we know him in America, never really caught on in Germany. St. Nicholas comes around on his liturgical feast day—December 6—with his pockets bulging with candy and nuts and trinkets. Well and good, but German parents maintain, as did their predecessors of the Reformation era, that the central idea of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, should dominate the observances.

Nor is Christkind depicted as the Infant Jesus himself, but rather as his messenger and gift-bearer who comes to earth at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children. The Christkind is usually represented as a child dressed in white robes, wearing a golden crown and having big, golden wings.



DOLLIES ALL . . . Barbara Johnson (left) and Patricia Abel, both orphans, are in a virtual paradise, seated amid so many playmates. The dolls, more than 500 of them, were dressed by volunteer workers for distribution to charitable organizations as Christmas gifts.

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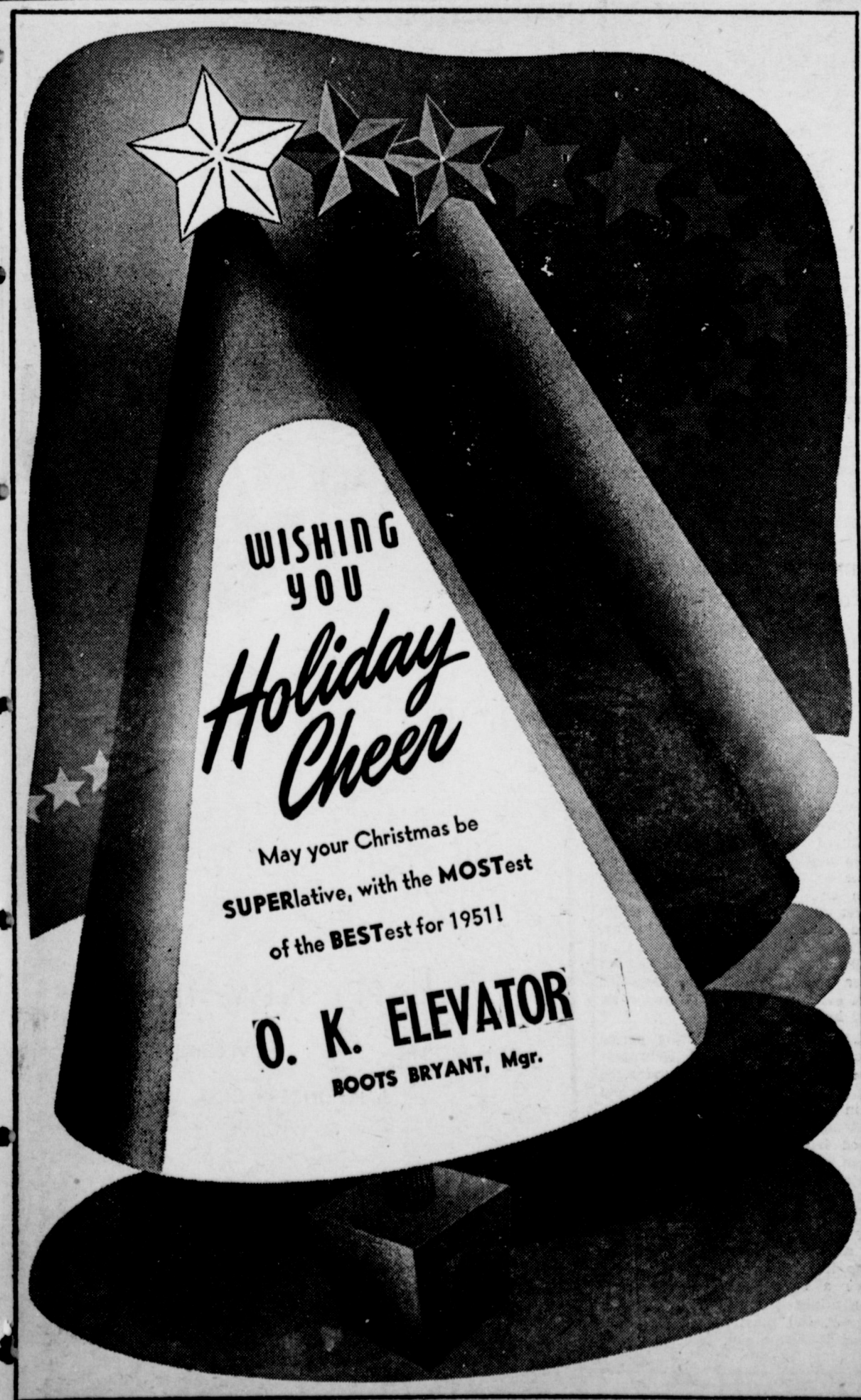
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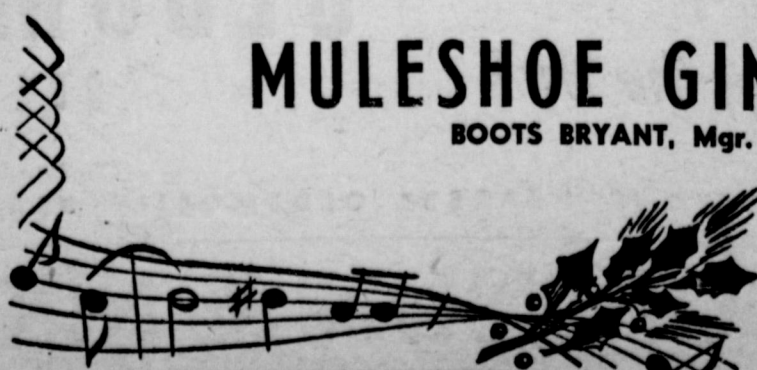
the best of Season's Cheer—

with many joys to brighten,

all the coming Year!

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I go to school and am in Mrs. DeShazo room. Please bring me a pair of shaps. Don't forget any of the boys and girls. And be extra nice to Mrs. DeShazo and my Sunday school teacher Mrs. Copley.
Eddie Floyd Puckett

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy four years old. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a train and a road grader. Please remember the other little girls and boys.
Your friend,
Larry Joe Nigh

Letters To Santa . .

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. Please bring me a cowgirl suit, Toni doll, 2 guns an holsters and anything else you can spare.
Please bring my two sisters dolls with short hair, cowgirl suits, guns an holsters and house shoes. Don't forget all of the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Judy Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 5 years old and I'd like for you to bring me, a baby doll, set of dishes, concertina, doll bed, please bring my brother something too.
Sharon Parham

Santa,
I want a pair of boots and shaps and 2 guns. I go to school I'm in the first grade. I love my teacher.
Jerry Don Coulter



ACCORDING to the familiar old carol, St. Joseph was an old man. He probably was considerably older than Mary, but people may have thought of him as being older than he actually was because he enjoyed earnest conversation and the companionship of selected friends rather than boisterous pleasures.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream: saying,

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . ."

And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke up to Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel said unto the shepherds of Bethlehem.

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HOLY NIGHT



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

Tradition of Poppy

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

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

It Takes Know-How To Burn a Yule Log

THE YULE LOG is a tradition of Christmas, but due to central heating and gas stoves it is becoming a lost tradition in this country. Few city dwellers have open grates or desire a log fire. And those living in the country find coal more efficient and less trouble.

However, for those who have a place to burn the yule log and want one, tradition says it should be oak, ash, olive, apple or pine. Further, the fire on which it is placed should be kindled from a brand saved from last year's log, and that it should not be allowed to go out during the night.

For those determined to have the yule log, the voice of experience says get hold of all the wood you can. Some kinds burn better than others, but reject none these days.

Ash is highly praised by some and can be used without being seasoned. It burns quickly, but throws off great heat. Poplar, on the other hand, should be seasoned or it will spark badly.

Elm is condemned as undesirable, but can be used. It is slow to get burning, but lasts a long time and brightens up when it gets going. A few logs of birch, pine or fir will help it along.

Beech and oak are among the best logs. Beech is especially good, having a pleasant aroma and a steady glow. Oak has the outstanding merit of burning slowly.

If none of these are available, wood from all kinds of fruit trees are prime favorites for the yule log because of their pleasant smell when burning.

America Has Provided World With Poinsettia

WHILE IT SEEMS rather odd, it certainly is interesting that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. This plant, like so many others of our best flowers, is native to tropical America. The florist has been able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, so that, with its flaming red bracts or leaves, it makes a most desirable Christmas plant.

There is a sentiment that goes with most Christmas plants — we hate to throw them away. What can be done with the poinsettia? Most of us figure that it is easier and cheaper to throw it away. However, if properly handled, it will bloom for you a second or even a third or fourth year. You can even propagate it, if you wish, and have more plants.

Give the plant a resting period around the middle of February. The florist simply lays it under the benches, but you will probably put it in your basement. Water it occasionally — enough to keep the wood from wilting, but no more. Then, around the latter part of May or early in June, bring it out, cut it back rather severely, and re-plant it. You can then put it outside if you wish in the shade of a tree or shrub, and water it enough to keep it growing. Of course, if you have a nice, warm, sandy spot, you might plant it right in the ground, but most of us prefer to leave it in the pot.

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Lucia Day Starts Christmas Season In Swedish Custom

Celebration of Lucia Day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 804, A.D., and venerated by the church each De-

Christmas Tree Is 150 Years Old In This Country

A CHRISTMAS TREE will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed Christmas tree, as it is known today, is only about 150 years old in this country. The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up. The custom of the lighted Christmas tree, some historians tell, originated with Martin Luther. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen tree into his house and lighted it with candles for his children. Another old German legend credits St. Boniface with the origin of the Christmas tree. Having converted some oak tree-worshipping Druids to Christianity, he took them into a forest, cut down an oak and pointed to a stately fir along side. "Take this tree," he said, "into your homes as a sign of your new worship. Celebrate God's power no more with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your homes with laughter and love."



IN 1937, a Waukegan, Ill., minister and the residents of one city block decided to do something about the disposal of the family Christmas tree. Nothing is more forlorn than worn out Christmas trees. They deserve better fates than being dumped in alleys and vacant lots; and they constitute fire hazards on back porches and in basement areas.



So, Waukegan held its first annual Twelfth Night observance. Gnomes at work . . . Three little gnomes diligently prepare for Christmas under the watchful eye of Santa Claus in his workshop at Santa Claus, Indiana. They are building, waxing and polishing toys to go into Santa's pack on Christmas eve.

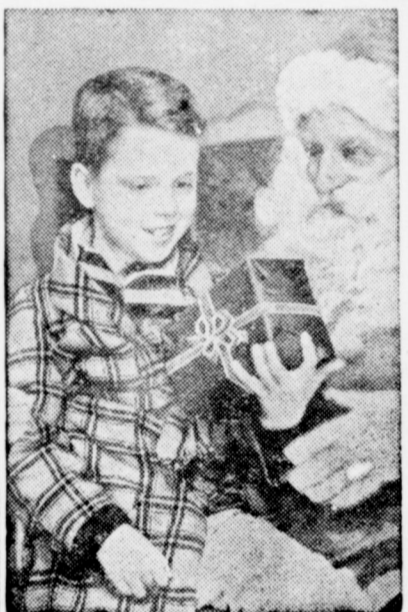
committing the trees to a community bonfire amid the chorusing of carols. And the custom has waxed. Residents of several communities, choruses, soloists, etc., participating as the spirits of the Christmas trees are dispatched to some fir Valhalla to return to bless a future Yuletide.

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

Syrian legends have associated the Magic Mule and the Gentle Camel of Jesus with gift-giving, for reasons that are at once different, and yet similar in their association with the Christ Child. It seems a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree when he went into an inn for refreshment on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy Infant, the mule was caught up on the rebound and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning master.

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

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LAST REQUEST . . . Christmas came early last year for Gerald Washburn, 8, of Seattle. He was brought from his sickbed to sit with Santa Claus for a special visit before he entered a hospital to undergo surgery for a brain operation.

Charles Dickens' 'Life of Our Lord' Is a Moving Story

LAST YEAR, the heretofore unpublished Dickens' manuscript "The Life of Our Lord" was presented to the world. Written 100 years earlier for the exclusive audience of the author's own children, it is a child's life of Christ—a simple, moving narrative, understandable even to a child and yet touched by that incomparable Dickens genius which insures its place by the side of the famous "Christmas Carol" among the great masterpieces of Christmas literature. Because he felt such deep veneration for the life and lessons of our Saviour, he left instructions



that this particular manuscript should not be commercialized. Thus, the manuscript was a precious family secret for 85 years. But when Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child, died in 1933, it was finally brought forth and sold for the staggering amount of \$210,000 — or, \$15 per word.

Purchased by the London Daily Mail, the manuscript became a literary event of the first magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens himself, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ. For, according to Dickens:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong, or were in any way ill or miserable, as He was.

"And as He is now in heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."

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Muleshoe, Texas

Roses Make Good Christmas Gift

Eighteen of every nineteen Americans prefer roses over any other flower according to a nationwide opinion poll recently completed by Dr. George Gallup of Princeton, New Jersey. Such overwhelming popularity is readily understood by American gardeners everywhere who know the satisfaction that comes from growing these lovely flowers.

In recent years, rose plants have Christmas gifts of lasting beauty. In the cooler climates of course, the actual plants cannot be set out in the garden until spring, but in the south, southwest and Pacific coastal areas, a rose plant for Christmas is both a timely and unique present. In the northern states, gift certificates are furnished by nurserymen who deliver the actual plants at the proper planting time in Spring. Another attractive point about roses as gifts is their low price. The very finest plants such as the four well-known 1950 All-American winners, Fashion Mission Bells, Capistrano and Sutter's Gold may be purchased as a group for less than ten dollars.

There is also the "Top Ten," a selection of the best A.A.R.S. winners of all time, which makes a splendid nucleus for a rose garden. They are: Charlotte Armstrong, Tallyho, Nocturne, Rubayiat, Katherine T. Marshall, Mirandy, San Fernando Peace, Lowell Thomas, and Forty-Niner. Individually, the plants cost very little and they constitute a gift that will give pleasure to the owners for many years.

The All-American selections chosen since 1940 offer a range of color to suit every taste, and these tested A.A.R.S. varieties will give spectacular results in any section of the country. Gift certificates may be obtained from leading nurserymen.

Civil Defense Organizations Are Now Functioning In Every State

Every state in the union now has adopted some kind of civil defense organization to meet the possibility of enemy attack, the Council of State Governments has reported.

The states have acted to protect themselves by legislation or executive order, but some of them also have provided for mutual protection on an interstate, interstate, and even regional basis.

The council said that at least 29 states specifically provide for comprehensive mutual aid programs among their cities.

Thirteen states have authorized mutual aid not only for their own communities, but those in other states.

Eleven states have provided machinery for regional defense plans.

The states began to act in earnest when the federal government released its long-delayed "master plan" for civil defense, which leaves up to the states responsibility for drafting their own plans, organizing local defense councils, and training the civilian population.

Some states have grumbled at the "master plan," contending that it leaves up in the air such vital questions as how much federal aid can be expected in implementing local plans.

The Council of State Governments said that most states have established their organizations through new legislation or through

World War II statutes still in effect.

Ten other states—Alabama, Arkansas, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and Wyoming—have acted under executive order of the governor.

Most states also have vested over-all authority in their governor, while Arizona, Iowa, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Vermont and Washington have created civil defense councils or commissions as the top state authority.

The general pattern has been for governors or commissions to appoint a civil defense director who is directly responsible to them. The report said that many states were quick to realize the advantage of plans which would provide mutual aid from other states or cities in case of attack.

Thus an atomic attack on the steel mills and oil refineries of northern Indiana would leave Chicago, with its vast resources nearby, powerless to help unless there was a mutual aid agreement between the states. Only Indiana has acted, however.

Tech Hosts High School Bands

Lubbock, Dec. 14 --More than 300 students representing Texas state high schools were guests of Texas Technological College and the Lubbock Public School System Friday and Saturday (Dec. 15-16) at the eighth annual band clinic.

Dr. E. N. Jones, Vice President of Texas Tech, delivered the welcome address to the students. Following the welcome, the students were assigned places in the several clinic bands.

During the session, some 100 directors of state bands assembled to hear the Texas Tech Concert Band under the directorship of Dr. D. O. Wiley. The band offered a large repertoire of selections.

The directors were invited to choose selections they might use in the forthcoming band contest season.

Students from 36 state high schools pre-registered for the clinic, along with their directors. In addition, Wiley said he expected the registration lists to show another 50 directors after the lists were compiled.

Schools who had players in the clinic bands were:

Lamesa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Plainview, Sweetwater Big Springs, Kermit, Midland, Littlefield, Tulia, Wellington, Ft. Stockton, Brownfield, Eunice, N. M., Lakeview of San Angelo, Muleshoe, Spur, Ralls, Dalhart, Slaton, Tahoka, Dimmitt, Sundown, Kress, Hale Center, Denver City, Grandfalls, Whiteface, Paducah, Rochester, Canadian, Crockett of Odessa, Levelland, Carroscoe, O. L. Slaton of Lubbock, roll Thompson of Lubbock, Bowie of Odessa and J. T. Hutchinson of Lubbock.

EARL LADD JR. HOME

Earl Ladd, Jr., arrived yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ladd, Sr. He is a student at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell.

Heavy Mail Coming Up for Santa



Children of the first grades at the Downey, Calif., elementary school, had a special box in which they deposited their mail to Santa. All were on their best behavior, for they have no way of knowing whether or not one of Santa's gnome helpers may be pecking through the slit. Hundreds of thousands of letters were mailed to Santa from all parts of the world.

We Still Travel to Grandmother's on Christmas

"To grandmother's house for Christmas..."

That part of the holiday theme has become as much a part of the Yule season as the mistletoe and holly. And where, in days of yore, the trip to grandmother's house was made by sleigh, it now is being made by airplane.

With more planes available and expanded facilities, airlines are anticipating the greatest holiday travel season in history.

COUNCILMEN QUALIFY

Because of the rush of pre-Christmas business, councilmen elected in the voting Saturday a week ago didn't get around to qualifying until Monday of this

week. The three elected are N. H. Greer, Houston Hart, and W. T. Bovell. Members of the council now include these three and H. D. King, mayor, Jim Cox and Loyd Roberts, commissioners.

Texas Draft Up 80 Per Cent

AUSTIN, Dec. 14--The January-February draft call for Texas men will be 8,279, or 3,683 more than previously announced.

Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wakefield explained Thursday that Texas drew an 80 per cent increase in the national call which Washington officials boosted from 90,000 to 160,000.

January quotas for local boards now are being prepared. The February call will be sent out next month.

Because of the increased number of men needed, Wakefield said

the state must step up examination of prospective draftees. About 4,000 will be sent for physical exams after Christmas. In January, Army stations will be asked to examine 15,000 instead of the previously planned 7,500, Wakefield said.

Physical exams also will be given in January to 128 doctors, dentists and veterinarians. But no call has been made to induct medical personnel, the state director declared.

SHEPPERD CARD UNIQUE

John Ben Shepperd, secretary of state, Austin, has remembered at Christmas the folks he met on his visit here last summer. From the Shepperd family comes a Christmas card picturing the whole family, Mr. and Mrs. Shepperd, their two sons and two daughters.

Silent Night

Our Greetings are as familiar as the lovely carols that fill the air at Christmas... with the same, true notes... we say to you:
Joy to the World!

The Fashion Shop
Dorothy Matthiesen — Elizabeth Barnett

Merry Christmas to All

In the spirit of friendship and good will that is Christmas... we thank our many customers for their continued patronage!
To all, our most sincere wishes for holiday joy!

GERALD'S CAFE

Greetings

AND BEST WISHES

To all our friends, old and new...

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

May health and happiness await you in 1951!

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Dick Minckler — Miron Young — Buford Butts — Arnold Morris

Story of the Tree



We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.



It is said that Luther one Christmas Eve wandered through the woods and became enamored with the wonder of the night.

He cut a small snow-laden fir tree, and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars.

It was not until 1604 that, in Strassburg, the first Christmas tree appeared in literature.

'The Messiah' Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation



was in Fishamble Street Music hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

World's Christmas Legends Numerous

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Wilfred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith; henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the Nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree long since has supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.



Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm Peggy Howell. I'm in the first grade my teachers name is Miss Boone. I want a stroller and a big doll for Christmas and a little music vacuum cleaner. And some dishes I will leave some candy, nuts for you on the table.
I love you,
Muleshoe, Texas
Dec. 14, 1950

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl, seven years old. Please bring me a baby doll and buggy or bed. Also some candy and fruit.
Remember all the little boys and girls. Bring me anything else you want too. I love you Santa.
Glennas Marie Lowe

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big doll, house shoes and house coat, dishes and an ice box. Please bring mother something nice because she has been sick.
Please remember daddy and everyone.
Love
Sandy Warner

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy his year, so would you please bring me a cowboy suit and some petty guns to go with it. Also please bring my little sister, Linda, a big doll.
Love
Fred Horn

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 8 years old. I want a set of guns a air-rifel, nuts and candy. Please Santa don't forget all the lottle boys and girls. And my daddy and mama.
Love
Lawrence Schoolcraft

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I would like for you to bring me roller skates, cinderella doll and house shoes.
Hope you are good to all boys and girls.
Love
Ronda,

Dear Santa,
I'd like very much to have a car shed with a bus. Also a bow and arrow.
Think I've been a good boy this year. Thank you and Merry Xmas.
Gene Bates.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. Bring me a doll. Bring me a jollduggy. Bring me a basket to keep my doll in.
With love,
Alana Evans
Thank you

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. Bring me a doll and doll buggy. Bring me a basinette to keep my doll in.
Thank you,
Carole

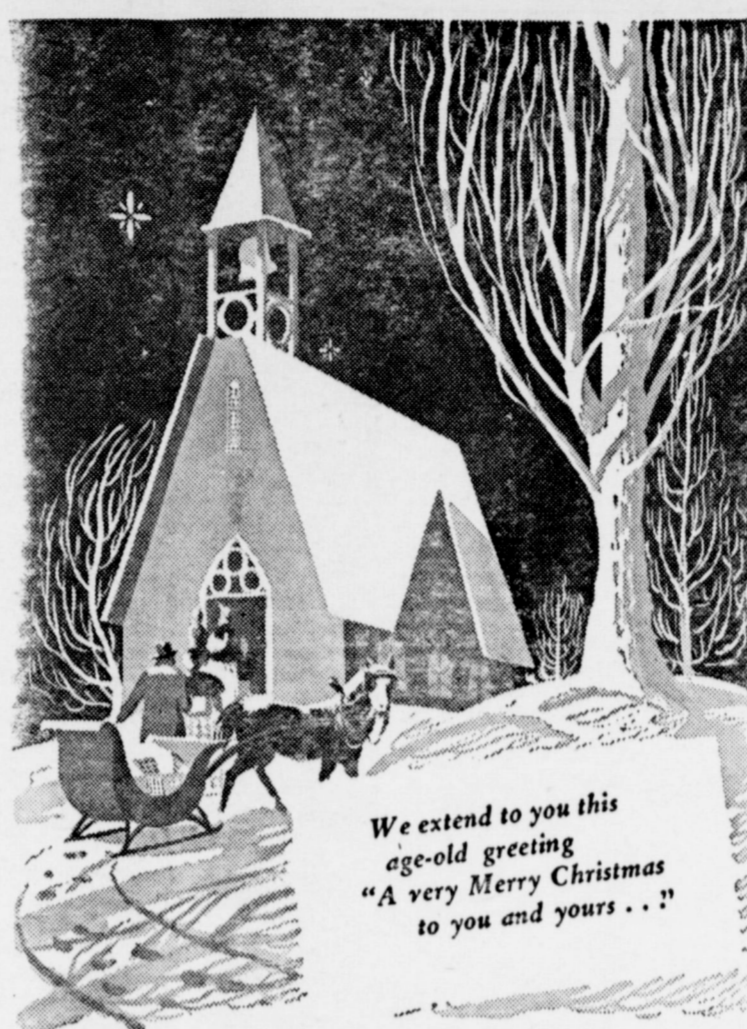
Dear Santa,
I want a Toni doll and my big brother wants a B-B gun for Xmas. Please don't forget my mother and daddy.
I love you.
Susie Mae

Muleshoe, Texas,
Dec. 15 1950

TO ANNUAL SHRINE PARTY
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holland and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bovell last Thursday evening attended the annual banquet of the Clovis Shrine Club, held at the country club.

VISIT BARNETTS
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnett of Ft. Morgan, Colo., and Mrs. Myrtle Barnett of Abilene spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Barnett.

I love you,
Lester Ware



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

WESTERN DRUG

Merry Christmas

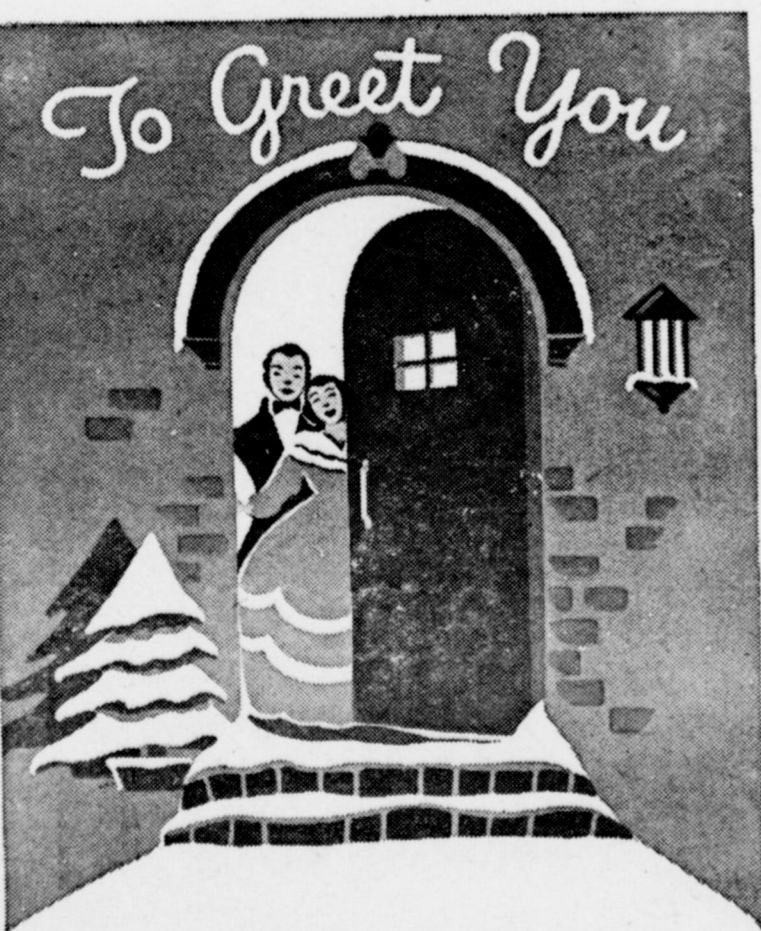
We add to the wealth of greetings which surely come your way, our sincerest wishes that good fortune bless you all at Christmas and in 1951!

LAMBERT'S CLEANERS



To greet our friends,
old and new
we wish luck and happiness
to last them
all year through!

Workman Lumber Co.
Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Workman



BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Christmas is here and the New Year stands at the threshold... may you open your door to the wonderful things we wish for you!

COVIN MOTOR CO.
MR. & MRS. HERB COVIN

Merry Christmas to All



We're driving up to your house to wish you all the joys of Christmas! May your New Year be filled with peace, happiness and prosperity!

HIGGINBOTHAM - BARTLETT CO.
Muleshoe, Texas

Farwell Hikes Water Storage

FARWELL, Dec. 14—Fear of a future water shortage here went glimmering this week with the announcement that Texico-Farwell Waterworks has leased the pumps.

The lease is the outcome of several months' negotiations with the company.

City officials pointed out that while the water supply here has never been inadequate, the two cities occasionally have been handicapped by a lack of water storage space.

The Santa Fe tower has a capacity of some 200,000 gallons giving the cities of Texico and Farwell a total storage capacity of approximately 250,000 gallons.

Terms of the lease require that the water company provide adequate supplies for Santa Fe locomotives and other installations here.

Santa Claus Hit As 'Sugar Daddy' Instead of Saint

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

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



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

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

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

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



"ALL HE WANTS" . . . Young Edward Hospita of New York makes known to Santa his Christmas wish. He said, to coin a phrase, "All I want for Christmas is my two front incisors." Whether he'll get them is another story.

Dimethyl Thallate Is Good Chigger Repellent

If you are bothered with chiggers—and most people have been this summer—extension entomologists suggest repellants containing dimethyl thallate as the most effective.

This solution should be applied around the tops of the stockings, or in a band around the ankles. They caution against indiscriminate use because the chemical stains some fabrics.

Once the chigger's got you, treating the affected portions of the skin, with 5 to 10 percent solution of benzocaine in alcohol is recommended by T. H. Parks of Ohio State University.

There is no positive method yet devised for treating yards and lawns to eliminate chiggers, but many people have found dusting the lawn with powdered sulphur helps.

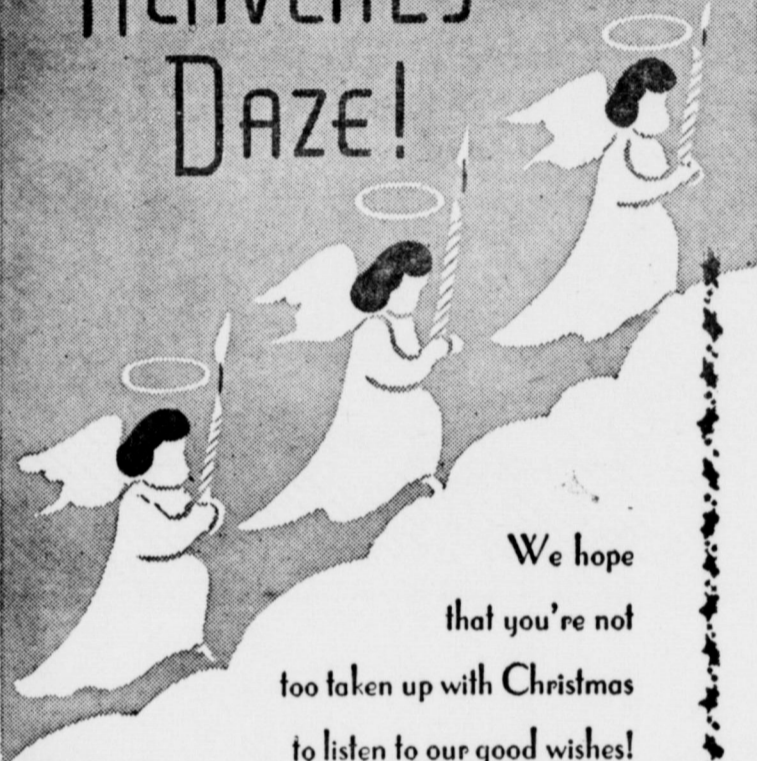
Parks suggests using the cheapest grade of sulphur available, and applying it generously to the lawn with a dust gun.

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HEAVENLY DAZE!



We hope that you're not too taken up with Christmas to listen to our good wishes! May all your dreams come down to earth and bring you happiness in 1951!

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Mr. and Mrs. Alton Turrentine

SEASON'S GREETINGS



To our friends: May your Holiday be gay as candlelight, bright as its glow!

—In—
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Mildred Davis
Western NFLA
Building
Muleshoe
FIRST
FEDERAL SAVINGS
AND LOAN ASSOCIATION
CLOVIS, N. M. P. O. Box 470

Greetings

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



C. & H. CHEVROLET CO.
Arthur Crow, Owner



May Christmas bring you Enough blessings to brighten Every moment, every hour . . . in the NEW YEAR!

MALONE MILK CO.

MR. & MRS. DUDLEY MALONE

May the true joys and blessings of the first Christmas, be yours today— may each day of the coming New Year bring you new pleasure and happiness!

JOHNSON-POOL
TIRE & APPLIANCE
Randy Johnson Myron Pool, Jr., II

Texas Safety Association Cautions Motorists To Drive Carefully

With the world in its present state of turmoil and conflict, many people in Texas are hoping to make this Christmas one which will be treasured and well remembered by their loved ones. Most of us realize that conditions could be very different in the years to come, and therefore are trying to make this Christmas an extremely joyous one.

Your Texas Safety Association wishes to remind you of these facts:

Thousands of Texas citizens will take to the highways during the Christmas holidays, and will journey to meet with other members of their families for this yearly celebration. Many of these happy people do not know that, according to the predictions of the Texas Department of Public Safety, 105 of the people traveling on the streets and highways of the State during the Christmas holiday season between December 23rd, and January 1st, will not reach their destination. These 105 persons will meet their death in motor vehicle accidents in all parts of the State of Texas. During the last minute rush on Christmas Eve, 19 of those 105 persons will be killed. With Christmas Day only a few hours away, those 19 smiling, happy, thankful people will lose their lives because of a second's carelessness on the part of themselves, or some other highway traveler.

In addition to this toll, hundreds of others will be injured in automobile accidents—many of them seriously—and many of them permanently. Because of a split second of carelessness, the joys of Christmas will be lost for these unfortunate persons.

In an effort to prevent these accidents, and to insure the safety of yourself and your loved ones, the Texas Safety Association asks that you follow these few simple rules: drive slowly at all times; use extra care when driving during bad weather; make sure that your automobile is in the proper mechanical condition; when driving at night, do not fail to dim your headlights when approaching on-coming traffic; obey all road signs, signals and markings; and do not attempt to drive your automobile if you have been drinking, regardless of how small or how mild the drink might have been.

If a driver will obey these few simple rules, he will materially aid his chances of reaching his destination safely. The highway users of Texas should remove the thought from their minds that accidents are something which will always happen to the other fellow. They can happen to you. It is entirely probable that those people who will be killed in motor vehicle accidents during the Christmas holidays are thinking at this time, "I pity those unfortunate people, but I am a safe and careful driver and this cannot happen to me." Such an attitude, coupled with a careless moment has cost the lives of many Texas citizens. We must take precautions if we expect to use the streets and highways during this crowded holiday season and to

Santa Affected By Restrictions

It's difficult to understand, but the genial spirit of Christmas, Santa Claus himself, hasn't always had it easy. There have been occasions when laws or traditions or regulations have put certain curbs on the old gentleman. Here are some examples:

In Newark, N. J., Santa is required to pass a stiff physical examination before he can serve in a department store. And even then he is barred from kissing any of the children who perch upon his knee.

In Charleston, S. C., charity Santa's have been forbidden to make a pitch on public streets on the grounds that children flocking in to see them may create a traffic



hazard. And in Washington a few years ago, when the postmaster general was asked to print a Santa Claus stamp at Christmas time he rejected the proposal with a scornful, "I should say not!"

Outside the U.S.A., Santa has had trouble, too. In Montreal, Canada, an influential organization fought against holding of the city's annual Santa Claus parade on the ground that it was "merely a display of grotesque and vulgar buffoonery." A prominent journalist in Rio de Janeiro fostered a movement to do away with Santa Claus (Papa Noel) in Brazil and substitute a toy-bearing grandfather Indian. In Mexico City the minister of education recommended that the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, instead of St. Nick, should bring gifts to children.

reach our destination safely. In order that you may have a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year, your Texas Safety Association urges you to drive carefully and courteously—because THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN.

RESEARCH FOR FUN AND PROFIT

Some of the happiest years of my life were spent doing research—finding out how much irrigation water would produce the best crop, studying the early designs of electric chick brooders, developing the mow hay drier and the broomstick base for small motors. It was work that was fun.

Boys leave the farm to become research men; to delve into the unknown; to experiment with new

processes; to originate new methods. Why not do research on the farm? Your farm! Plan it with your 4-H son or daughter or your FFA boy or the hired man. Map out a plan; try things; keep records; see which way gives best results.

In research or experimentation one first searches out all known facts about the thing he is interested in. Books, bulletins, magazines, the county agent will help. Then he writes down what he is going to do it. The work may be done on small plots, in fields, in farrowing pens, hen houses or feed lots; or it may be done in the kitchen or laundry. Plan, keep records, apply the results.

There is no better place to do practical research than right on the farm. It will add interest to farming and might make a name for you as well as some additional money. Hybrid seed corn development is an example. And if you have records of something which might be helpful to other farm people, farm magazines will usually be happy to pay you for articles telling of your findings. —From Electricity On The Farm.

Journal Headlines A Year Ago Bring Memories, Point To Progress

Headlines in The Muleshoe Journal issue of just one year ago may bring back memories and certainly will indicate what progress has been brought about in a twelve-month period.

Muleshoe-Friona Paving Assured reads one headline. It was accurate because the road was opened to traffic during the year.

There were 400,000 ducks on the Wildlife Refuge south of Muleshoe. The Yellowjackets beat Springlake 41 to 30. A cotton allotment meeting had been called for all farmers on Jan. 14.

Rites for John Haber, pioneer of Earth community were held.

15.4 miles of additional paving on farm to market roads were announced. Judge E. A. Bills entered upon his duties as presiding judge of 64th judicial district Jan. 1. Ginnings in Bailey County to Dec. 8 totaled 35,858 bales. A fire at the Wanzor home did slight damage.

Mrs. Truelock won a Buick automobile which the Legion awarded. More than 1,000 attended the Christmas Choral Sunday night. John Veston Allen's rites were held. He was 85 when death came. The Journal carried a picture of Muleshoe's proposed street lights, and

the lights have been turned on over a part of this system. A fire damaged Muleshoe Jewelry.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Bill Green, son of Dr. and Mrs. Green, was to arrive today to spend the holidays with his parents and friends.

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And may the coming New Year, be your very nicest one!

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It contains our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and our sincerest hope that the New Year brings you a bounty of blessings!

WAGNON GROCERY & MKT.

Advice From The Arabian

"My son," said Hakeem the Wise to a young man of Bagdad centuries ago, "the Priceless Ingredient of every product in the market place is the honor and integrity of the man who makes it. Consider his name before you buy."

Hakeem, the Sage of Bagdad, thus delivered a pronouncement which has rung through the ages, and rightly so. For since the dawn of civilization, cunning men have made themselves prosperous and powerful by bilking their fellows with shoddy and spurious goods, with no thought of the consequences.

In this connection, while the planes were crashing on the ice-sheathed ridges of Korea, the city of Breckenridge, Texas, was offered a federal grant of \$700,000 for a 75-unit public housing project. Breckenridge, the seat of Stephens County, has a population of 10,000.

The city council and the city housing authority declined to accept the money. Well, perhaps this is not too unusual, because many other cities have turned down federal housing projects.

But in refusing the project, Breckenridge gave the government of the United States some advice that would surely have won the commendation of Hakeem the Wise. It asked the government to use that money to "train our citizens and arm our men to fight and protect the freedom of our people against communism and world aggression."

Housing, of course, is very nice to have—and \$700,000 isn't much of the U. S. budget. But maybe it could buy a tank or so, maybe a fighter plane or two. In such times as these, a row of apartments would look sort of shoddy by comparison with a Pershing tank or a Shooting Star plane.

The Priceless Ingredient was missing in the federal government's offer. And unless our government takes a cue from Breckenridge and other patriotic Americans, a lot of other things will be missing—planes, tanks, ships, men, freedom... "missing in action."

Austerity Lies Ahead For U. S.

President Truman Friday declared a national emergency exists in the U. S. and at the same time outlined a course of austere living for Americans in the all-out effort to build up the country's defenses against aggression.

The proclamation was a call to American loyalty in time of "a grave threat to the peace of the world" and danger to this country.

The President pictured the beginning of a new life of austerity ahead for Americans—perhaps meaning longer work hours, partial wage and price controls, cutbacks in civilian production, and much higher taxes.

"I summon all citizens to make a united effort for the security and well-being of our beloved country," the President's proclamation said. "To place its needs foremost in thought and action..."

"Our farmers, our workers in industry, and our businessmen to make a mighty production effort... to subordinate all lesser interests to the common good..."

Must Make Sacrifices
"Every person and every community to make, with a spirit of neighborliness, whatever sacrifices are necessary for the welfare of the nation..."

"All citizens to be loyal to the principles upon which our nation is founded... firm in our devotion to the peaceful purposes for which the United Nations was founded."

He reminded them of "the full and rich life" they could forfeit if the Communists won out. He cited freedom of worship, of reading and listening, of free speech and "the right to criticize their government"; of collective bargaining, and the right to run business enterprises.

VISIT HOLLANDS
Jasper L. Holland and a friend, Curly Holloway, of Fort Worth, have been visiting here with the former's father, Ernest Holland and Mrs. Holland. The three men spent most of two days quail hunting and report pretty fair success. J. K. Adams and T. P. Patterson, accompanied the three on their quail hunt.

Santa Generous, But Americans Helped Him Too

It's little wonder that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the American people have done a lot for Saint Nick!

According to research experts with The World Book Encyclopedia, the Americans have given St. Nick a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time. The Saint had deep sunken eyes and wore a flowing threadbare cloak and black skullcap.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nick-

olas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus".

Fire Destroys Buck Cox Home

The Buck Cox family at Circle Back was homeless Saturday morning after a fire Friday night destroyed their store and store building in which they lived. The family members were all asleep, consequently had no time to remove clothing or household goods, which

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all went up in smoke. Mr. Cox's father had died that week and services were held at Morton Wednesday.

The family was taken in by neighbors and a fund was raised in the county to help them get started again.



Merry Christmas


May remembrance of a Happy Holiday linger in your storehouse of memories to cheer the New Year a-coming!

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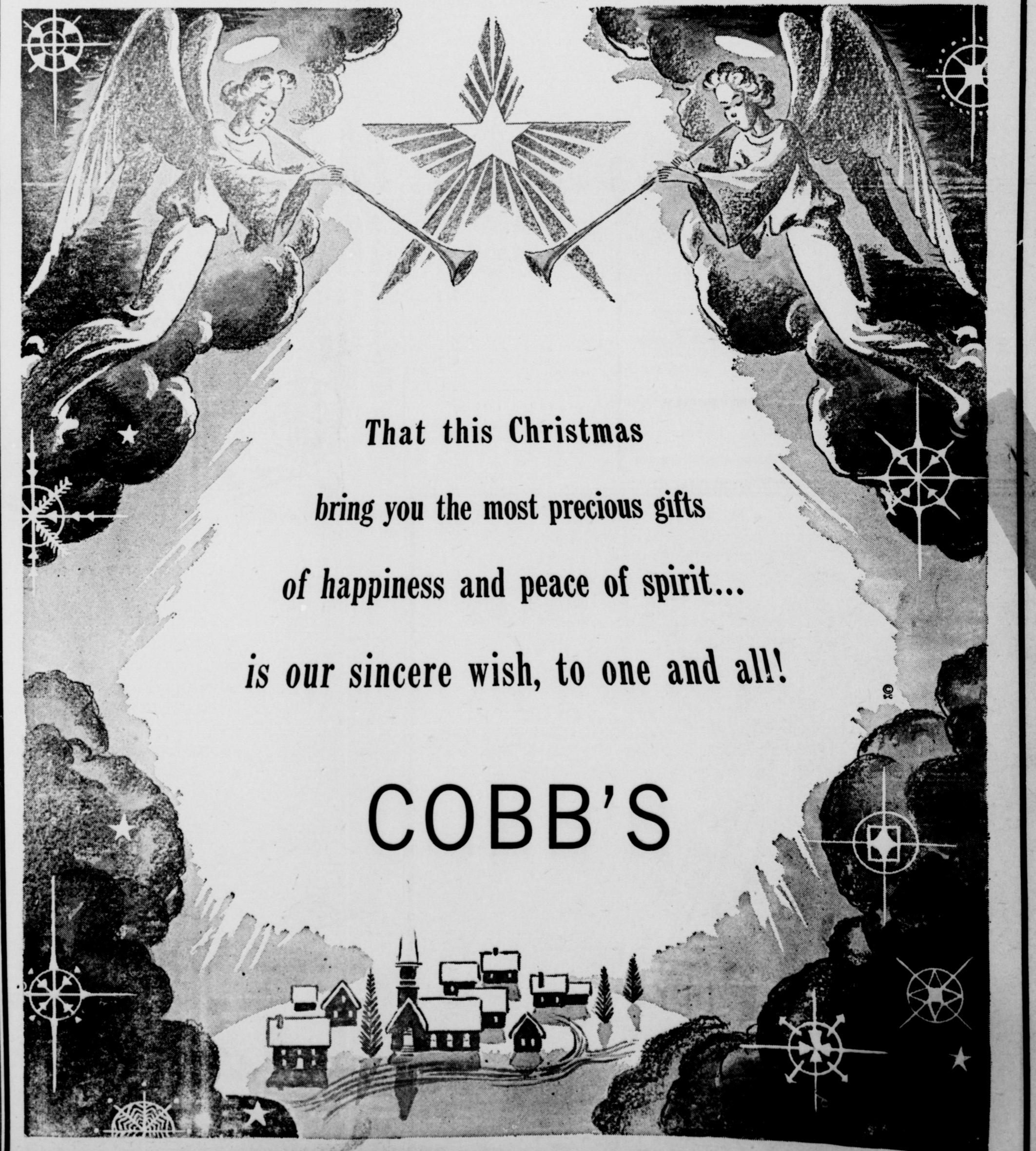
May Christmas blessings fill your heart with true happiness and bring you peace and joy all thru the coming year!

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That this Christmas bring you the most precious gifts of happiness and peace of spirit... is our sincere wish, to one and all!

COBB'S

FARM RESIDENT BETTER OFF THAN CITY MAN

Both farmers and city residents think the man who lives on the farm is better off today than the man who lives in the city, according to a recent poll made by Dr. George Gallup of the American Institute of Public Opinion.

That the farmer is the envy of the rest of the country is indicated by answers to questions on financial status.

In answer to the question: "In general, which do you think is better off, financially, today—the man who lives in the city or the man who lives on the farm?" 68% replied that the man on the farm was better off, 22% the man in the city and 10% didn't give an opinion.

Broken down by population groups, the answers show that the people living in towns of

under 10,000 and on farms are even stronger than the city man in their belief that the farmer is better off. 72% of the small town and farm people thought so, while only 63% of the people in cities of over 10,000 population had this opinion.

A question asked in an earlier survey was: "In general, which do you think is happier today—the man who lives on the farm or the man who lives in the city?"

Answers showed that 65% believe the man living on the farm is happier.

Another Gallup question asked on the subject was: "Which one of these groups do you think has received the best treatment from the government in Washington—farmers, labor, business, or white-collar workers?"

The answers were: Farmers 38%; Labor 23%; White-collar, 14%; Business 8%; Don't know, 18%.

Flying Flowers



When you take to the airways, you will be younger than springtime with a winter corsage. Laraine Day, star of screen and TV, selects a colorful, dashing accessory created from daisy mums and bright pompons, made crisp and gay with a stalk of wheat.

According to Alyn Wayne, style expert of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Ass'n., each tailored suit should have its own flower piece. He reminds every girl that whether she is soaring in the winter blue or walking among rustling leaves, exciting afternoons require interesting accents to the ensemble. For late season football games designer Wayne suggests a single large chrysanthemum. This may be replaced by a corsage of smaller blossoms at the game party.—ANS Features.

Men Nominated For Directors

The nominating committee of the Bailey County Electric Cooperative, elected by members at the last annual meeting, met in the office of the Cooperative on December 11, 1950, at 2:00 p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for director in the Earth-Springlake district and for Enochs-Bula district.

The following men were nominated: W. W. Branscum and Roy Haberer from the Springlake-Earth district. W. R. Adams and John Hubbard

from the Enochs-Bulas district.

E. N. McCall was elected chairman of the nominating committee and will read the report of the nominating committee at the annual meeting and preside at the election.

Teacher: If you had 10 potatoes and had to divide them equally among 3 people, how would you do it?

Junior: I'd mash'em.

Judge: What's your age, and remember you're under oath.

Woman: 21 years and some months.

Judge: How many months? Woman: 108!

COURTSHIP

The short interlude between lipstick and mopstick. —Brushware

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 8 years old. I

have been a good little girl. I want you to bring me an electric stove and a Toni doll and dishes. Remember all the other girls and boys.

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CHRISTMAS
ODDITIES

Norwegian farmers give their cattle tubs of home-brewed ale on Christmas Eve.

At midnight of Christmas Eve people in Madrid eat 12 grapes for good luck in the coming year. There are 175 different kinds of holly.

Christmas has been celebrated on more than 100 different days in various parts of the world.

Christopher Columbus and his men landed on the coast of Cuba on December 25, 1492, naming the point Navidad.

George Washington crossed the Delaware and made a successful attack on the Hessian troops at Trenton, N. J., on Christmas Day, 1776.

Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers abolished Christmas Day in England, banning all feasting and fun. The ban lasted for seven years and was lifted when Charles II became king.

The needy are considered in Hungary at Christmastime, a levy being assessed against richer citizens so the poor may have sufficient to eat and drink.

TO OKLAHOMA CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Butts attended a meeting of Dodge dealers in Oklahoma City this week. They left Monday and returned Wednesday.

Season's Greetings

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Recipe Of The Week

Stir-N-Roll Biscuits

2 cups sifted flour
3 tsp. double-action baking powdr.
1 tsp. salt
1-3 cup salad oil
2-3 cup milk
Sift flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl. Pour milk and oil into a measuring cup, but don't mix together. Pour all at once into the dry ingredients.
Stir with a fork until mixture cleans inside of bowl and rounds up into a ball. Smooth up by kneading about ten times without additional flour.
With the dough on waxed paper, press out 1/4 inch thick with hands, roll out between waxed papers. For a higher biscuit roll dough 1/2 inch thick. Cut with unfloured biscuit cutter. For drop biscuits,

after dough rounds up into ball, drop with fork on cookie sheet.
Bake 10 to 12 minutes on ungreased cookie sheet in very hot oven, 475 degrees. Makes about 20 medium biscuits.

For Stir-N-Roll biscuits made with buttermilk instead of sweet milk, use only 2 teaspoons double-action baking powder and add 1/4 teaspoon of soda.

STUFFED STEAK

Mrs. Jessie Lewis

1 large round steak pounded
2 cups bread crumbs
1/2 onion (chopped fine)
Salt and pepper to taste
1 green pepper (chopped fine)
4 tsp. hot water
1 heaping tsp. butter
Mix bread crumbs, onions, pepper butter and hot water to a smooth paste; spread over steak roll and tie to hold dressing. Brown and bake in moderate oven 1 hour. Serve with cream gravy.

T. J. DAVIDSON DIES AT HOME IN PADUCAH

T. J. Davidson, 65, the father of Mrs. Buck Creamer of Muleshoe, died last Wednesday morning at his home in Paducah, following a stroke he suffered a few days before.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Primitive Baptist Church in Paducah and interment was in Paducah cemetery.

Mr. Davidson, a pioneer West Texan, is survived by his wife of Paducah; three daughters, Mrs. Vernon Key, of Kirklind; Mrs. Ruth Carroll of Paducah; and Mrs. Creamer; and two sons, John and Shelton Davidson of Abilene. Another son died in Missouri last August. A brother "Uncle Dave" Davidson, veteran peace officer of Lubbock, died last summer.

MOVES TO PADUCAH

Miss Sue Creamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Creamer, has gone to Paducah to live with her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Davidson, whose husband died last week. Sue graduated from Muleshoe high school last spring and recently has been employed at Damon Drug.

GRAY SERVICE STATION AT EARTH IS ROBBED

The Gray Oil Co. Service Station was entered Monday night and \$49. in cash taken from the register.

Entrance was gained by the back window after prying it up. The service station is owned and operated by Gene Gray.

An effort was also made the same night to gain entrance to the Cashway Grocery, and the glass was broken in the front door, but apparently the offenders were not able to open the door, it having a double and special lock.

Lamb County Sheriff's office is investigating the robbery.

—Lamb Co. Leader.

TEACHERS GET HOLIDAY

One school authority estimated that 80 per cent of teachers in the Muleshoe school system are local people, owning their homes here and expecting to make this their

permanent home. The other teachers are scattering to the four winds for the Christmas holidays, beginning Dec. 23 and ending Jan. 1. Classes will resume Jan. 2.

PERKINS AT TULIA

Troy Perkins, principal of junior high school, with Mrs. Perkins and

their two sons, Robert and Lynn, will visit at Christmas with his sister and family in Tulia.



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It automatically meters and fires the right amount of gas, at precisely the right instant, to match constantly changing speed, load and power requirements.

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New massive, modern front end and exterior styling makes Ford the '51 favorite for "good looks"!

New 5-STAR Cabs feature bigger rear window—with up to 50% more safety vision.

New "grain-tight" Pickup body, new clutch disc, new transmissions, new wheels assure still longer life.

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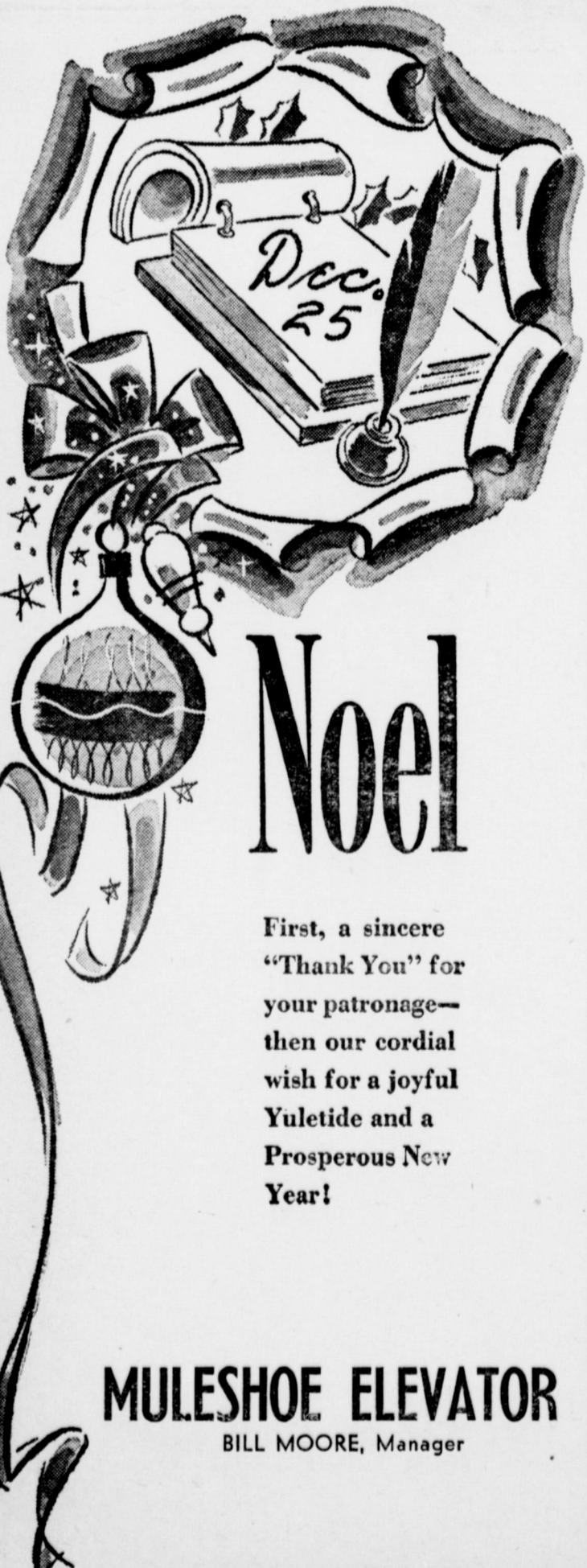


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Assembly Of God Plans Christmas For Tonight

Rev. M. C. Cox, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, announced there will be a Christmas program Thursday night, December 21, at 7:30 in the church.

There will be a program, put on by a number of Sunday school teachers and members of their classes, with the pastor in charge.

Some of the classes have drawn names and will exchange gifts which will be brought and laid before the altar until after the program. Rev. Cox said the public is cordially invited to attend the program.

BACK TO HOLLAND'S

Omer Kelton is again with the Holland Barber Shop after having been with Mack's Barber Shop the last several months.

'Grandpa Frost' Helps Russians Celebrate Midwinter Festival

Although Christmas is no longer a holiday in Soviet Russia, a non-religious midwinter festival is celebrated and children receive gifts from "Grandpa Frost."

In Czarist Russia, it was customary for well-to-do families with large homes to entertain lavishly on Christmas day. The invitations were extremely formal and begged the invited to consider that, " . . . for thousands of years it has been so; with us it has not commenced, with us it will not cease. Do not, therefore, disturb the festival; do not bring the good people to despair. Without you there will be no maiden festival at Anna Karpowna's."

In planning these houseparties, hostesses gave particular attention to the selection of partners for the young ladies. The selection was sometimes very satisfactory and sometimes left something to be desired.

Arrival of the "fair maidens," each with her mother and retinue, bringing cake and sweetmeats and gifts for everyone, proceeded according to prescribed ritual: the guests sooner freezing in their sleds before the gate than to alight before receiving the greeting of the host and hostess.

Having been ceremoniously welcomed, the guests offered prayers before the icon (sacred picture) and then proceeded to the feasting and festivities arranged for them.

Gifts That Will Suit Everyone

THE old saying that it isn't the gift but the giving that's appreciated may be true, but just the same a good gift quickens the heart so much more.

In being able to draw upon the abundance of the country, farm people are in a position to present especially valued gifts at comparatively small cost. For instance, a box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly, cedar or balsam is always welcomed as a decorative source by city friends.

City people, like everybody else, also appreciate good things to eat, and home canned country fruits and vegetables or some fowl can be expected to make a big hit. Gardeners



in the big town will gladly welcome a packet of seeds gleaned from an expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert old articles into attractive gifts. An old felt hat can be made into a beanie for some young girl merely by using the crown and adding yarn stitching for decoration. The best part of an old fur coat beyond repair will make a rich carriage robe for a new baby. Pot-holders, dusting mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe bags are some of the items which can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more useful to a young bride than a home-made cook-book containing the home-maker's favorite recipes? Not only will such a book provide for tasty eating but it can also be expected to guide the young wife over some rough moments in the kitchen.

King Richard's Christmas Feasts

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

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

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

When Henry III entertained a thousand knights, peers, and assorted nobles who came to attend the Yuletide marriage of the Princess Margaret, his majesty received a royal Christmas gift of 2,700 pounds, plus 600 fat oxen from the Archbishop of York.

With similar assistance, whether exhorted or given in the spirit of generosity appropriate to the season, his majesty could well afford to give Christmas feasts for the poor like the one given in Westminster Hall in 1248, which lasted a week.

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

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

Hail May Make Walker Cattleman

South Plains hail, it appears has made an East Texas cowman out

of a Muleshoe cotton grower. "When a man can't make more than 30 bales from 150 acres," comments H. W. Walker, "it's time for him to start in looking for something else."

Walker says he is considering moving to East Texas to handle

cattle. He says he has found available grass there at a reasonable lease price, and that it is his plan to handle Brahmas and cross-bred Brahmas.

The Muleshoe man says he believes Brahma blood is destined to contribute materially to the improvement of the beef cattle of the Southwest. —County Wide News

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