

Snooter Knows

By JAMES E. KELLY



Merry Christmas

THE FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CAROLS we sing every year, and never tire of—"Silent Night," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "The First Noel." All the lovely songs rendered in church, at home, and wherever free people are gathered.

The child-like traditions which young and old enjoy. The stockings at the fireplace. The poem: "Twas the Night Before Christmas," Dickens' "Christmas Carol," the tree ornaments gleaming in the living room, the secrecy and expectancy of bright faces.

The last-minute rush in everything we do—rushing to meet the mailman—rushing to meet the train—rushing to get more multi-colored lights that glitter and reflect the beauty of the most beautiful of all seasons.

The beautiful spirit of giving—giving not only of presents, or money to the poor—but giving our love, our willingness to help, our benevolence, our friendship to all.

These things will always be Christmas—Peace or War.

We should make this a genuine old-fashioned Christmas.

This column wishes all a very Merry Christmas.

FROM NEW YORK COMES THE report a bunch of letters were mailed bearing the aroma of cognac. Doses of the liquor were sprinkled on the letters before mailing. A spokesman for the cognac industry explained, "Considering it is the holiday season, we just wanted to get in the spirit of things."

Cap Rock Party Held In Big Spring

Employees of the Cap Rock Electric Co-Op, Cap Rock Refrigeration Co., and the Wes-Tex Telephone Co-Op were entertained with a Christmas party Sunday evening in the fellowship hall of the First Church of God, Big Spring.

Arah Phillips of Big Spring, secretary of the board of directors of Cap Rock Electric, gave the program. She showed film of the Holy Land she took while in Europe last summer.

O. B. Bryan gave a short talk and presented service pins. Receiving service pins from the Telephone Co-Op were Mrs. Nobby Hamilton, five year; Jack Allen, five year. Richard Lewis received a five-year pin and James Eiland a 10-year pin from the Electric Co-Op.

Rev. W. Ward Jackson, pastor, gave the invocation. Rev. W. H. Kirby, pastor of the First Methodist Church, gave the benediction.

Attending were 166 employees and members of their families, directors and members of their families and special guests.

Mrs. Henry G. Orson, 45, Dies; Rites Held Monday

Mrs. Henry G. Orson, 45, wife of the secretary-treasurer of The Reporter-Telegram, and The Permian Basin Publishing Company, died at 5 a. m. Sunday in a hospital in Midland. She had been ill several months.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a. m. Monday in the First Baptist Church, Midland. Dr. L. L. Morrison, pastor, officiated. Interment was in the Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, in charge of arrangements.

Ethel Long, she was born September 29, 1914 in Marshall, where she finished high school. Mrs. Orson came to Midland in 1935 after graduation from St. Paul's Nursing

FFA Livestock Show To Open On January 22

Dates for the Martin County 4-H Club and FFA Livestock Show have been changed to January 22-23. Bob Johnson, county agent said this week.

The show was originally scheduled for January 15-16, but members of the agriculture committee of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, reset it this week.

January 15-16 is when the mid-winter conference for agriculture teachers is to be held in Big Spring. If Martin County teachers attended the conference they would not be able to help with the livestock show, so the show dates were changed.

The animals are to be brought to the county show barn between 3 p. m. and 6:30 p. m. on Friday, January 22. Judging is to be at 8 a. m. on Saturday, January 23. The auction is to be Saturday afternoon, January 23.

Divisions in the show will be for lambs, barrows, gilts and sows. Classes in the lamb division will be Southdown and Southdown cross, other crossbred lambs and fine wool lambs. There will be classes for heavy and light barrows and open and bred gilts.

Steer classes will be lightweight Hereford, heavyweight Hereford and Angus.

Ribbons are to be awarded the first 10 place winners in each class.

Service Clubs Cancel Meetings During Holidays

Stanton service clubs have cancelled regular meetings for the holiday season.

The Stanton Lions Club did not meet this week and will not meet on December 29. Its next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 5.

Rotarians also cancelled their regular meetings. Their last regular meeting was December 16. They are to resume regular club meetings on Wednesday, December 30.

CC Directors To Meet On January 4

Directors of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their next meeting Monday night, January 4 at the Chamber of Commerce office.

It will begin at 7 p. m. The meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, December 28 but was rescheduled because of Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Ellis Wayne Britton visited during the weekend in Abilene.

The Stanton Reporter

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Peace On Earth Echoes In Martin

All Pronounce County Ready For Christmas

Many Merchants Use Paper To Send Greetings

In this issue of The Stanton Reporter many merchants have used the columns of the newspaper to extend special holiday greetings to their friends and customers.

There is no better way to tell the people, all the people, you have appreciated their business. It has been customary for years in Martin County for merchants to let the people who have patronized them know of this sincere feeling at Yuletide.

Some merchants elected to use the Christmas issue for messages and others will prefer to send greetings for the New Year in the next issue of the paper.

An advertising man will be around to solicit appropriate copy for next week's paper.

If you were out of town, missed this issue, and want something in the way of a New Year's message call SK 6-3344 as soon as you read this message.

Student Council Sponsors Contest At High School

Stanton High School Student Council sponsored a door decoration contest last week at Stanton High School.

Winners of the contest were announced at a program Friday, December 18.

The doors were judged on four features, most original, most beautiful, most appropriate and best all-around door.

Doors decorated by the paper staff and the Spanish Club were judged most original.

The junior and sophomore classes decorated the most beautiful doors. The senior class and the band had the most appropriate door decoration. Best all-around doors were decorated by the junior, sophomore and senior classes.

Judges were Mrs. L. C. Hazlewood, Mrs. Arthur Wilson and Mrs. G. R. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Black of Detroit are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wheeler and family.

Johnson-For-President Club Formed In County

Formation of a Lyndon Johnson For President Club was announced in Martin County over the weekend.

Organizers included Martin County Democratic Chairman J. Morgan Hall, and other well known community leaders.

Neal Estes, general manager of The Stanton Reporter, and long time personal friend of both Senator Johnson and his wife, was named chairman by the organizers.

G. A. Tunnell, a native of the county where Lyndon Johnson was born was named vice-president and County Attorney John T. Ferguson was named secretary-treasurer.

O. B. Bryan, manager of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative was chosen to head the finance committee. Mrs. Bob Cox was given the post of

Residents of Martin County are busy preparing for Christmas Day. During the past weeks everyone has been making plans for trips, visits and the giving of gifts.

Local clubs, churches, business houses and individuals have been holding parties and also remembering those less fortunate with gifts.

County children are anxiously awaiting the annual visit of Santa to their homes. With only a short time to go until his visit they are eager for his arrival.

Most of Stanton is to be closed Friday, Christmas Day. Some merchants are to be closed Friday and Saturday.

Offices in the courthouse are to close at noon Christmas Eve and are to remain closed until Monday morning. Also to close at noon is the city hall. The bank is to be closed Friday and Saturday.

Postal employees will have Christmas Day as a holiday. There will be no rural mail delivery and the postal windows will be closed. Mail will be put up as usual. The post office is to be closed at noon Christmas Eve.

Stanton and Courtney schools dismissed on Friday, December 18. Schools at Flower Grove and Gray were dismissed Wednesday afternoon, December 23.

Christmas parties were held by all students before classes were dismissed.

County churches have been holding special services or they plan to do so.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is to hold midnight mass Christmas Eve.

On Sunday, December 20 special Christmas cantatas were held at the First Methodist Church, First Baptist Church and the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (Continued on an inside page)

Flower Grove Students Have Xmas Program

A Christmas program was presented Tuesday at Flower Grove School.

The program was given by pupils from the first grade through the fifth grade.

The group sang songs. Songs included "We Three Kings," "Silent Night," "Joy to the World," "Jingle Bells," and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

Several accordion numbers were also given. Class room teachers were in charge.



We are deeply grateful for the fine response many of the merchants and businessmen of Stanton made to our invitation to join in sending their friends and patrons Christmas greetings through the columns of The Reporter.

We feel like this edition is a worthy effort to show to all the people in the Stanton trade area that their business through the years has been sincerely appreciated. The many advertising messages contained in this issue are expressions of faith in the future of Martin County and in-

dicating the goodwill local merchants have toward the people who trade with them and support them with business throughout the year.

The Stanton Reporter is happy to announce that our circulation is now at an alltime peak for the county paper and at this Yuletide season we wish to extend personal thanks to all of our friends, subscribers, advertisers, and supporters. We salute you all with a wish for A Happy and Merry Christmas.

Merchants To Observe Jan. 1 As Holiday

Friday, January 1 is one of the days local merchants voted to observe by closing. H. M. McReynolds, manager of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, said this week.

McReynolds said that in a poll of merchants earlier this year they voted to observe New Year's Day as a holiday.

The post office is also to be closed on New Year's Day. There will be no rural mail delivery and the windows will be closed.

Murder Case Venire Set In Stanton

A 60-person special venire has been called in 118th District Court in Stanton to provide jurors for trial of Johnnie L. Mackey, 33, of Lubbock, charged with murder.

The trial will be before Judge Ralph Caton who will take over the 118th District Court bench January 1.

Mackey is charged with the shotgun slaying of Vernon Lee Jennings, 23, of Waxahachie. Martin County Sheriff Dan Saunders said that an argument over the affections of a girl touched off the shooting.

Both men were identified by Saunders as negro cotton pickers. The shooting took place near the Lenora Community.

Mackey entered a not-guilty plea in his arraignment Monday. He was returned to the Martin County jail where he has been held, unable to make a \$25,000 bond, since his arrest.

Chief Boyett Asks Cooperation Stanton Drivers

Police Chief Dennis Boyett has requested the newspaper to help seek the cooperation of Stanton and Martin County motorists in order to insure safe driving in the city limits.

Boyett has quietly been talking with some local drivers who have had the urge to drive above the legal limit in the corporate limits, and he is seeking the total cooperation of every motor vehicle operator in Stanton in seeing that no fatalities are recorded here during the holiday period.

Chief Boyett recently succeeded the late Chief L. C. Wails. He was unanimously named to the post. (Continued on an inside page)

4-H Clubbers To Enter Stock Shows

Martin County 4-H Clubbers have made plans to have entries in at least six livestock shows next year. The show year will get underway January 4 in Odessa, with the Martin County Livestock Show scheduled January 22-23.

San Antonio's show from February 10-20 will overlap the El Paso show, February 7-14. Plans are to enter only steers in San Antonio, Bob Johnson, county agent, said.

Other shows are in Abilene, January 24-27 and Houston, March 1-6.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hall and family of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox and son are to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall.

Martin Wildcat Gets Show In 5 Formations

By JAMES C. WATSON
Great Western Drilling Company of Midland No. 1 Allen, South Martin County wildcat, was trying to regain lost circulation Monday.

Operator took a drillstem test in the Nantoya from 11,930 to 11,957 feet, with tool open one hour. Recovery was 20 feet of mud, with no shows of oil or gas. Location is nine miles north of Midland and 660 feet south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 41, block 37, T-1-N, T&P survey.

Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company and Forest Oil Corporation No. 1 C. W. Lay, 1 1/4 miles southeast of a 2 1/4-mile northeast extension to the Azalea (Devonian and Strawn) field in Northeast Midland County, was coring ahead after a drillstem test.

Operators tested the section of the Strawn from 10,335 to 10,395 feet, with tool open two hours. Gas surfaced in five minutes at rate of 125,000 cubic feet per day. Recovery was 60 feet of distillate and 150 feet of salt water.

Location is nine miles east of Midland and 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 45, block 37, T-1-S, T&P survey.

Murphy H. Baxter of Midland spotted location for an 11,700-foot project in the Azalea (Devonian) pool in Northeast Midland County. Drillsite is 14 miles southeast of Midland and 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 30, block 37, W. M. Baldrige survey.

Stanton Lions Attend Meeting In Midland

Stanton Lions were in Midland Thursday evening to attend a meeting for Lions in Zones A and B, Region 5, District 2-A-1, Lions International.

The meeting, which was for presidents and secretaries of the 10 Lions Clubs in the zones, was held in the Town House Cafeteria. Dinner was served preceding the business meeting.

Plans for club activities and projects for the last half of the club year were made.

Zone B includes Stanton, Midkiff, Midland Southside, Midland Evening and Midland Westside Clubs.

Clubs in Zone A are Midland's Downtown, Northside and Eastside clubs and Terminal and Garden City. Cecil Bridges, deputy district governor, attended.

Also attending were Paige Eiland and Jack Gray.

County Posse To Ride In Odessa Parade

Members of the Martin County Sheriff's Posse voted to ride in the Odessa Rodeo parade when they met Thursday night at the courthouse.

The Odessa parade will be January 4 and will be the first parade in which the group will ride in 1960. Other parades the group decided to participate in will be in Midland, Big Spring, Lamesa and Fort Stockton.

Dan Saunders was reelected president of the group. Other officers reelected were Hoot Leonard, vice (Continued on an inside page)

Merry Christmas



SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS



OUR SOIL ★ OUR STRENGTH

MARTIN-HOWARD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Jack Buchanan, Bob Cox, Bernard Houston, Larry Shaw,
J. D. Crawford.

Ted Stewart plans to begin constructing a farm pond for livestock water on his stock farm East of Stanton early next year. This pond will have about 4,000 cubic yards of earth in the dam and will be designed to furnish permanent water for his livestock. Stewart is a participant in the Great Plains Conservation program and will receive cost share assistance on this pond and on brush control practices and range reseeding also.

"Conservation is the informed, conscientious management of resources. It is development as well as protection. It is use as well as saving."
—Anonymous

J. G. Butcher recently constructed about three miles of level terraces on his farm near Ackery. These terraces were laid out and checked by Soil Conservation Service technicians from the Stanton office and were designed to control water erosion and to hold as much rainfall on the land as possible.

"It seems to me that we have come to a place on our conservation program where we have to face facts. One of the facts is that up-and-down-hill farming of intertilled crops will eventually ruin the soil through erosion. Another fact is that a better farming program based on sound soil conservation practices will produce more food."
—R. K. Bliss,
Iowa State College

Soil Conservation Service technicians from the local S. C. S. office recently helped Ralph Flowers and Claude Davis run contour lines on their farms.

"Soil is the farmer's bank. It won't stand too many promissory notes."
—Southwestern Crop and Stock

James Webb has submitted a plan of operations to the Soil Conservation Service for approval for participation in the Great Plains Conservation Service for approval for participation in the Great Plains Conservation Program. This plan is for Mrs. Viola McClane's farm North of Stanton, and it includes underground pipelines for irrigation, crop rotation, and rotation hay and pasture crops.

PERSONALS

Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bevers, Jr., and Charlene and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrish are to be Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parrish and children of Tokio and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shewmake and Jerry of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and children are to spend Christmas in Brady visiting with her mother, Mrs. John Bratt.

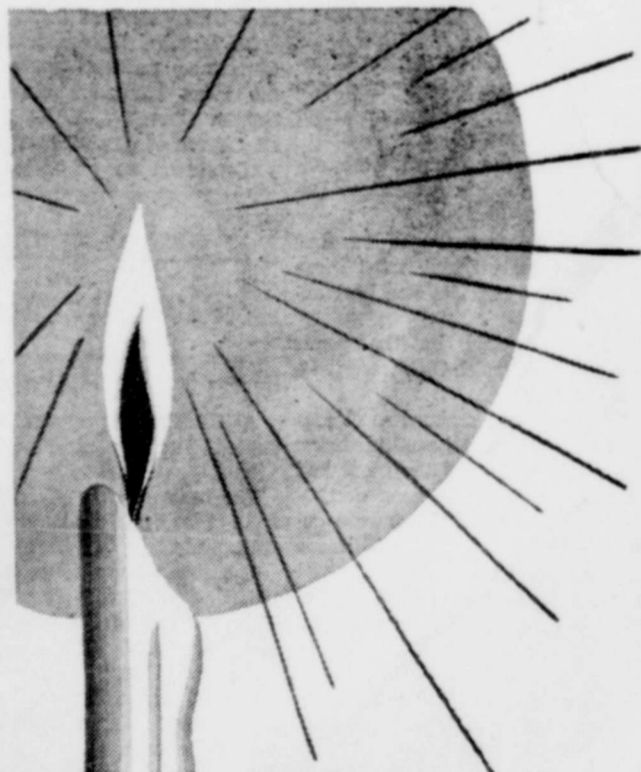
Christmas Eve dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Avery and family are to be Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mims and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mims and family. They are to also hold their Christmas tree.

Mrs. Prentiss Hightower, Brenda, Lynch and Lendon, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hightower visited Sunday in Eunice, N. M. with Prentiss Hightower, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Hightower and Tommy and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cates.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Howard of San Angelo are to visit this week with her mother, Mrs. S. A. Ashley.

Mrs. Elvie Henson has returned home from Crane where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Adams.

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Season's Greetings

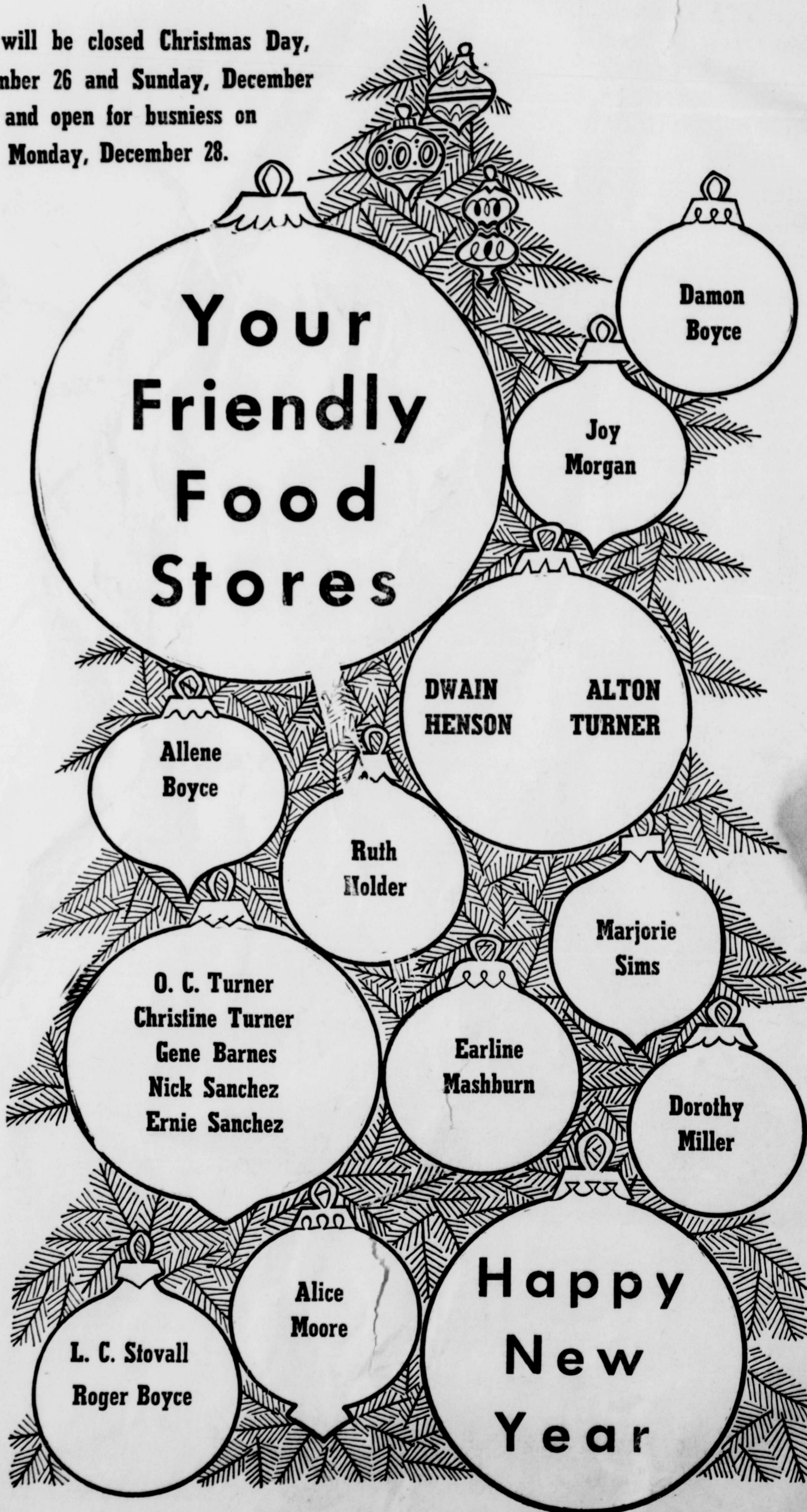
To the best friends a business firm could possibly have — our many loyal customers — we say Thank you for your patronage and our best wishes to all of you For A Happy Holiday Season!

**James Jones
Hardware**

Merry Christmas

To All Our Friends And Customers From Every One Of Us. May Your Holiday Season Be Bright.

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27 and open for business on
Monday, December 28.



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Sims**

**O. C. Turner
Christine Turner
Gene Barnes
Nick Sanchez
Ernie Sanchez**

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STANTON, TEXAS

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Tissue Tree Easy Holiday Decoration

A popular Christmas decoration is the miniature tree made out of paper tissue. It can be made in any pastel color, decorated with glitter in bright colors (red or white). Here are the instructions for making the tree.

Materials needed are three feet of 12-inch chicken wire, one large box of paper tissues, a package of pipe cleaners, a bottle of glitter dust and a bottle of colorless nail polish.

Form a cone by rolling the chicken wire from end to end. The diameter of the base should be about six inches for best effect.

Next, make flowers. Take a tissue folded in half and cut along the crease. Accordion pleat the tissue from end to end.

Twist the end of a pipe cleaner around the center of the pleated tissue.

Fan out the pleats, then separate the four thickness of tissue to form the flower.

Brush edges of flower with colorless nail polish and dip into glitter before polish dries.

You will need 35 to 50 flowers, depending upon how tightly they are placed on the wire base.

To fasten flowers to the base, place one at top of cone and twist pipe cleaner ends inside of cone. Continue placing flowers around cone, working down until bottom is reached. Arrange flowers close together so wire does not show through.

'Stained Glass' Home Window Easy To Make

You can quickly make your own Cathedral "stained glass" window in your home!

Just take jewel-colored cellophane and cut into many shapes. Apply to a clear glass door or window with rubber cement or scotch tape.

Let your imagination wander with the subject and shapes that please you. The materials are very inexpensive and if you make a mistake, just start over again!

By crinkling the cellophane you get a textured look of pebbled glass! The lights in your home at night will shine through the colors and design and you'll be amazed at the striking effect!

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Billington are to spend Christmas in Marlin with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Blaylock and children.

Jewelry Holiday Rainbow

Costume jewelry rivals the ornaments on the Christmas tree this year with its massed blaze of color.

All the jewels of Aladdin—rubies, emeralds, sapphires, diamonds and pearls—are present and available, in dazzling make-believe, within reach of any budget. Massed in multiple-strand necklaces, king-size earrings and glittering bracelets, they make a gay splash of color to brighten holiday costumes.

The new look in jewelry this season is bold and massive. Necklaces come in multiple strands, in every color of the spectrum, to act as dramatic accessories, matching or contrasting with the costume color.

The high-rise choker necklace is a favorite—many strands of fake jewels encircling a slender neck from

Vicki Hopkins Honored With Birthday Party

Vicki Sue Hopkins was honored on her third birthday Sunday, December 13 with a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hopkins.

Refreshments of birthday cake, pink lemonade and stockings of candy were served. A miniature Christmas tree decorated the table.

Present were Randy Henson, Candy, Sandy and Scott Henson, Jimmy Britton, Carolyn Ann Hopkins, Ricki Gilbreath of Midland, Debbie Patterson of Midland, Rhonda Sue Gilbreath of Midland, and the honoree.

Rebekahs, Oddfellows Hold Party

Gifts were exchanged when the Stanton Rebekahs and Oddfellows held their annual Christmas party Thursday evening at the IOOF Hall.

Games of "42" and dominoes were played. The group sang Christmas carols, with Mrs. Billy Coggin at the piano.

A Christmas motif was carried out in decorations.

Refreshments of fruit cake, candy, lemonade, and coffee were served to about 35 persons.

throat to chin.

Make-believe jewels are used in combination — pearls with colored gems, sometimes inter-laced with metal beads or chains.

Any woman on the Christmas list will welcome some of the new festive costume jewelry. It doesn't have to look real, but it's as gay as the season.

Send The Classified Ads!

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

What, indeed, is Christmas? Ask a child and he may tell you that it is a time of snow and bright lights, and Santa Claus and presents under the tree.

Ask a hundred grown-ups and you may get a hundred slightly related answers, for Christmas is many things to many people.

But, for all of us, the happiest memories of childhood are those associated with the celebration of this great holiday. How easy it is to vividly call up scenes of long ago when a happy family gathered by the warm glow of an open fireside; to close the eyes to see again the snow-covered fields and to hear again the crunching sound of heavy boots plodding through the snow and visualize the little white church on the hill. In the silence of a darkened room one can so easily revisit that little church, breathe again the aroma of evergreens and burning candles and sense anew the presence that is so obvious in the quiet and solemn stillness.

These are the things about Christmas that have not changed and will not change with the modes and mannerisms of new generations. These are the things which reflect the spirit of Christmas. It is in the spirit of love and goodness, of close communion with God and with mankind and with it all is mixed a sense of awe at the wonderful miracle brought into being on that first Christmas night at Bethlehem so long ago.

This is the spirit of Christmas, and so it shall remain until the end of time.

Martin County Employees Hold Christmas Party

Martin County employees held their annual Christmas dinner at noon Wednesday, December 16 at the county agent's office.

It was the tenth year the group had held the dinner.

The menu included capon and dressing, hot rolls, fruit salad, potatoes, green beans, pound cake. The meal was prepared by Mrs. James Eiland and Mrs. Leo Turner.

Gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree.

Thirty-four persons were present.

Mrs. Wood Gives Program For Guild

Mrs. John Wood gave the program at a Christmas salad supper for members of the Wesleyan Service Guild at the First Methodist Church Monday evening, December 14 at the home of Mrs. W. H. Kirby.

Members also sang Christmas carols.

Present were Mesdames Homer Schwalbe, Leo Turner, Bob Latimer, H. J. Barbee, Harry Haislip, James Manning, John Wood, W. H. Kirby, G. R. Phillips and Mrs. Lois Powell.

Many U. S. Towns Have Names Which Relate To Christmas

Scattered here and there about the United States are numerous towns and cities whose name reflects the Christmas idea in one way or another.

Best known, of course, are the towns of Santa Claus, Indiana, Bethlehem, Conn., and Christmas, Fla., whose post offices each year handle floods of mail from senders wishing to brighten their packages with yuletide postmarks.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town with exclusive rights to its Yuletide postmark, although there is a Santa, Idaho. The privilege of the exclusive Santa Claus postmark is reserved to the Indiana post office by congressional act. There is only one Christmas, the one in Florida, although Maine boasts a Christmas Cove.

Six Bethlehems

Bethlehem, Conn., has plenty of competition, however, as there are six other Bethlehems—in Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Maryland, and New Hampshire.

There are two Noels, one in Virginia and another in Missouri.

Looking elsewhere about the country, one can find numberless towns and cities with names which call up Biblical or holiday associations.

There is an Advent, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

A Wiseman

One Wiseman is found in Arkansas and another in Alaska and it is reasonable to assume that another may be found in Wisemantown, Ky. In the spirit of the season, West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri with a book, "Christ and the

Give Professional Touch To Wrapping Gift Boxes

Ribbons and designs on gift packages are wonderful "icing on the cake" . . . but they look best when the paper is smoothly and attractively wrapped around the box.

Here are the steps a professional uses in wrapping packages:

Place the paper face down on the table. Put the box, upside down if possible, on the paper. Place it so the design will show to the best advantage when the package is wrapped and tied.

If the box cannot be turned upside down, cut the paper about 1/2" wider than is needed and turn the raw edge under. Arrange so that the overlap will come under the ribbon or trim you plan to use.

Cut the paper wide enough to go around the box and overlap 1 1/2 in.

(less for a very small box), and long enough to extend a little more than half the depth of the box at the ends. This extending length will have to vary slightly according to the shape of the box and should be a trifle more for a deep box than for a shallow one. Don't scrimp.

Bring the paper up over the sides, overlapping as near the center of the box as possible, and fasten with a gummed seal or with tape.

Finish one end at a time. Fold the sides in smoothly. Fold the top, which is to be the bottom of the package, down first, then bring up the fold that is on the table up over all the folds, securing with tape or sticker.

Turn the box over. You are now ready to add your own special trims.

Ruth Class Has Party In Epley Home

Members of the Baptist Ruth Sunday School Class were entertained with a party Friday, December 11 in the home of Mrs. J. C. Epley.

They were entertained by Mona Epley, Joanna Epley, Nancy Robnett, Kay Bryan and Ann Yater.

Nancy Robnett and Kay Bryan sang "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." They were accompanied by Joanna Epley on the piano.

Mrs. Herman Cain led games. Gifts were exchanged. The teacher, Mrs. Harry Billington, was presented with a book, "Christ and the

Courtney HD Club To Meet In Payne Home

The Courtney Morning Home Demonstration Club will hold its next meeting January 14 at the home of Mrs. Darrell Payne.

The meeting will be at 9:30 a. m. All members are invited to be present.

Brownies Make Christmas Gifts

Brownie Scout Troop 415 completed Christmas gifts at a meeting Tuesday, December 15 at the home.

Girls also made corsages and sang Christmas carols. They were presented with gifts from the leaders.

Refreshments were served to 19 girls and the leaders, Mrs. Jack Knight, Mrs. George Hillger, Mrs. A. and Mrs. Billy Coggin.

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LEGEND

Candles have long had their place in legends and in the observance of the holiday of Christmas.

In Ireland 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?"

The first use of candles for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation but according to an old legend the "Christ Child Candle" is burned in the window 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.

Children's Task

During the early days 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 of Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads:

"To learn your 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."

About Mistletoe

There's more to mistletoe than the excuse to invite a kiss from a pretty girl.

The white berried plant actually is a parasite, often killing off trees that play it host. In recent years Australian foresters resorted to flame throwers to kill off the plant in some wooded areas. The popular promoter of Yuletide romance has a bad habit of sapping the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

The mistletoe does serve one useful function in the outdoors, however, as it provides a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries, the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves of the guest plant.

Thus the mistletoe plays dual characters and at least according to one superstition, can change from one character to another in the twinkling of an eye. For instance, if the Yuletide mistletoe bought isn't removed from a house by Candlemass Eve (February 1), each leaf will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

Mrs. Nelson Hostess To Mu Lambda Party

Members of Mu Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi were entertained with a Christmas party Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Leland Nelson.

Gifts were exchanged. Phi pals were revealed. The group sang Christmas carols.

Lovely Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

Assorted Christmas refreshments were served to Mesdames Harry Echols, Homer Schwalbe, Max Graham, James Manning, Jack Gray, Floyd Sorley, Connie Mack Hood, Bill Wheeler, O. L. Snodgrass, Jr., Bob Johnson, and the hostess.

The stern Puritans of New England, who frowned upon the celebration of Christmas as a pagan rite, went so far as to enact "blue laws" banning the making of mince pies. World Book Encyclopedia reports that mince pies are associated with Christmas because they were originally baked in the shape of a manger.

One loaf to keep . . . one to give APPLE-CHERRY NUT BREAD



Here's a holiday loaf studded with cherry little cherries, filled with nut meats, given apple fruitiness with tangy canned apple sauce—and also kept fresh and moist by same. It is brown, beautiful, compact and slices willingly.

Cut slim-jim and buttered, it's a perfect companion for tea, coffee, or soft drinks. Cut sturdy, and spread with cream cheese or conserve, it's a youngster's delight.

With this loaf waiting back stage, let the visitors come. Daytime or evening, you are ready with a refreshment. The bread is easy to make. So simple, in fact, you can make two loaves as readily as one . . . one to keep, the other maybe to wrap and give.

3/4 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups sugar
4 eggs
2 cups canned apple sauce
1/2 cup milk
4 cups sifted all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons grated lemon rind
1 1/2 cups chopped nut meats
1/2 cup maraschino cherries, chopped

Cream together butter or margarine and sugar; add eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Stir in apple sauce and milk. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; add to creamed mixture; mix well. Add grated lemon rind, chopped nut meats and drained maraschino cherries. Pour into two greased loaf pans 9" x 5" x 3". Bake in moderate oven, 350 degrees, 60 minutes. Remove from pans; cool on wire rack. Makes 2 loaves. (For 1 loaf just use half of quantities listed.)

Legend Of Animals At Christmastime

There are numerous legends concerning the strange behavior of animals at Christmastime.

Many of these stories, in which animals drop to their knees at midnight on Christmas Eve, sheep march around the folds, fish come out of the sea and bees hum throughout the night, have come to us down through centuries and help form the traditions of Christmas.

In many of the old world countries it is believed that cattle, sheep and horses know the exact hour of Christ's birth, and will at that moment kneel humbly in their stables, turn their heads toward Bethlehem, thus paying tribute to the Christ-child.

Old Legends Concern Magic Mule And Camel

Among the many legends about Christmas that concern animals, two of the most interesting are the Magic Mule and the Camel of Jesus.

A Syrian legend says that a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree and 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.

Another legend holds that 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE LEGENDS

The trimmed Christmas tree, as we know it today, is little more than a century and a half old, yet legends trace the origin of the tree back to earliest times.

One legend concerns an early Christmas missionary, St. Wilfred, who once came upon a band of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

According to the story, St. Wilfred had the tree cut down and almost immediately, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of new faith and thereafter the Druids set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime, surrounding them with feasting and laughter and love.

There is also the story of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt. With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, it was still necessary that Mary rest awhile so they sought shelter in the low 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. Today, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmas time, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was really an apple tree. And, although the fir tree has long since replaced its predecessor for Christmas use, the tinsel baubles we use on the tree are said 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.

Washington's Christmas

The time was Christmas night. The year was 1776. The place was near the Delaware River. Some 2,400 tattered and bleeding men stood silently about, uncomplaining.

This Christmas night was a crucial moment for a new republic which yet had to gain its freedom. But the course was charted by a great leader and a great American

president, George Washington. His words of inspiration remain to this day: "This is it, gentlemen—victory or death. That is our only watchword."

And victory it was. Fired by the courage and inspiration of the man who became known as "the father of his country," a tattered band of patriots crossed the dangerous river of ice and marched to Trenton where they surprised and humbled the Hessian mercenaries and recorded a great Christmas story in the pages of American history.

Christmas Customs South Of The Border

In the lands of Central and South America, the Christmas festival reaches its zenith with the celebration of the Misa del Gallo (Mass of the Cock) at midnight Christmas Eve. This traditionally is the hour at which Christ was born. The name itself stems from Christian Rome's early practice of holding the first service when the cock crew.

Christmas feasts follow the Midnight service, and delicacies vary according to the country. While roast pig is Latin America's holiday favorite, turkey dominates tables in Mexico, Brazil, Columbia, Nicaragua, Panama and Puerto Rico.

Gift giving has always been closely linked with the Nativity. The youngsters of many lands look to the Christ Child for presents. In certain countries, including Mexico and Puerto Rico, tots impatiently await Epiphany, January 6, and a visit from the Three Wise Men. Santa Claus adds, for the parents, an expensive complication.

Exchange of gifts takes an unusual turn in Columbia where it is custom for merrymakers in masquerade to mill through the streets on Christmas Eve. Whenever a friend detects another's identity, he claims a reward.

Children of Latin America traditionally send the letters to "Baby Jesus, Care of St. Peter," but North American symbols of Christmas, Santa Claus, the tinsel tree, wreaths and greeting cards—are becoming familiar in the cities of several neighboring countries, notably Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Those who would a-wassailing go on Christmas are indebted to Henry VII. World Book Encyclopedia says the English king introduced the drink of hot ale and spices from the Scandinavian countries in the 1400's. In some parts of England, trees and fields were "wassailed," or toasted, to insure a good crop.

When a cowboy uses his spurs freely, it's known as "throwing the steel."

Glass Bubbles Provide Yearly Family Industry

The fragile bubbles of glass with which we adorn our Christmas trees are largely a family industry in Europe, especially Germany, and also in Japan.

In the tiny villages that cling to the steep mountainside, whole families engage in the process of turning out Christmas decorations.

Special shapes and designs are the exclusive properties of certain families, the patterns handed down from father to son, for centuries unchanged.

Using a flame, the father carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape with the aid of an iron mold. His son removes the hot ornament to the cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and the daughters apply painted designs.

Xi Epsilon Delta Met In Nelson Home

Mrs. Charles Nelson was hostess to a Christmas party for members of Xi Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Thursday night at her home.

Mrs. Doris Stephenson gave a program, "Nature."

During a business session members voted to send \$5 to the Muscular Distrophy Research Foundation. The group also set up a local charity fund. Gifts were exchanged. Phi Pals were revealed. Refreshments of pecan pie and ice cream were served to Mesdames Jack Ireton, Tull Ray Louder, Jill Reid, John Roueche, R. C. Vest, David Workman, Don Worley, Mrs. Lois Powell and Mrs. Doris Stephenson.

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Happy Holiday

Let us rejoice, for Christmas is here, bringing to all the age-old wonder and glory of that Holy Night in Bethlehem.

EAT SHOP
Mrs. FLORA MORRIS

The most wonderful gifts plug into an electrical outlet!

Give better ELECTRICALLY

Choose exciting, useful gifts from this Christmas check list. You give year-round better living when you give something electrical!

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- Bedcovering
- Blender
- Coffeemaker
- Corn popper
- Deep fryer
- Egg cooker
- Floor lamp
- Food mixer
- Griddle
- Hair dryer
- Heat lamp
- Heater (portable)
- Iron
- Pin-to-wall lamps
- Radio
- Roaster
- Shaver
- Skillet
- Table lamp
- Television set
- Toaster
- Waffle baker
- Warming pad



TEXAS ELECTRIC
CECIL BRIDGES

The Season's Greetings

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

Hicks Auto Supply, Ltd.
Jess Burns, Mgr.

From All of Us to You and Yours... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Your gift to you . . . the comfort and convenience assured by the bright blue flame of natural gas.

At this time of the year, particularly, it is extremely gratifying providing a service which contributes so much to warmth and contentment in the home during the Holiday Season.

So from each and every one of us at Pioneer, Best Wishes for good health — and the happiest Christmas you've ever had!

Pioneer Natural Gas Company
FUEL FOR A GROWING EMPIRE

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

Sixth Grade Holds Party

Stanton sixth graders held a Christmas party Monday evening, December 14, at the Dr. Pepper plant. Gifts were exchanged, and games played. Jack Scannell gave a reading, "The Littlest Angel." Refreshments of crackers and cheese, Dr. Peppers, and marshmallow snowmen were served to 75 persons. Sponsors are Jack Scannell

Leftover Ham Supper Idea

When the old saga of leftovers plagues you, turn to this recipe if the leftover is smoked cooked ham. Just cut the ham into cubes and combine it with Spanish rice which has been seasoned with chopped green pepper and grated onion.

P. O. Hughes of Big Spring visited in Stanton Thursday. He is a Howard County commissioner and formerly resided in Martin County. and Shirley Stephenson.

Holiday Candy Fun To Make

Christmas time is the perfect time of year to give homemade candies or other goodies to your friends.

Here is an idea for you — make fudge and molasses treats—several types of creamy, quick-cooking candies. These varieties have qualities which make them "failure-proof."

Top with the holiday fruit—bright Christmas-red maraschino cherries. Make up gift packages of these cherry candies and for your special friends; put the candies in glamorous glasses or dishes that they can use later.

Sea form candy is a variation of divinity.

It has the taffy flavor addition of unsulphured molasses, and this same molasses also gives the candy smoothness of texture. Once the sugar, unsulphured molasses and water are combined and stirred over heat until the sugar dissolves, there is no more stirring until the candy reaches the soft ball stage.

The reason why this candy, and so many other homemade varieties, are not stirred in this final boiling period is to prevent the formation of sugar crystals which give a granular texture to candy.

Molasses nut crunch is a variation of brittle, no stirring-until-thickened is required. The taffy or caramel flavored candy is turned into a pan and cut into squares when cool.

Molasses taffy is one of those old-fashioned classics which never loses its appeal.

It could be made on a night when youngsters or family members can help pull it into light-colored candy ropes. That means the cooled taffy is rolled into a ball with lightly buttered fingers and then pulled until light in color and ready to harden. Then it is stretched into a long rope, 1/2-inch wide, and cut into 1-inch pieces.

Sea Foam Candy
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup unsulphured molasses
1/2 cup water
2 egg whites
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup chopped nuts

Combine sugar, molasses and water in 3-quart saucepan. Place over medium heat. Stir until sugar is dissolved; boil without stirring until temperature on candy thermometer reaches 250 degrees or when small amount of syrup dropped in cold water forms a hard ball.

Remove from heat. Beat egg whites until stiff; add syrup in a steady stream, beating constantly. When mixture is stiff, fold in vanilla and nuts. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto waxed paper. Yield: 1 pound.

Nut Crunch
1 cup unsulphured molasses
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. butter or margarine
1/4 tsp. baking soda
2 1/2 cups chopped nuts

Combine molasses, sugar and butter in a 2-quart saucepan. Place over low heat; stir until sugar is dissolved. Cook over medium heat until candy thermometer reaches 270 degrees or when small amount of syrup dropped in very cold water separates into threads which are hard, but not brittle.

Remove from heat, stir in baking soda and nuts. Turn into greased 8-inch square pan; spread quickly. Cut into squares when slightly cool. Yield: 1 1/4 pounds.

Molasses Taffy
1 1/2 cups unsulphured molasses
3/4 cup sugar
2 tps. butter
2 tps. cider vinegar
1 tsp. lemon or rum flavoring

Combine molasses, sugar, butter and vinegar in a 3-quart saucepan. Place over a low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to boil. Boil until temperature on candy thermometer reaches 260 degrees or when small amount of syrup dropped in cold water forms a hard ball. Remove from heat; stir in flavoring.

Pour into greased 15x10-inch baking pan. When mixture is cool enough to handle, pull until light in color. Roll into long rope 1/2-inch thick. Cut into 1-inch pieces. Wrap pieces in transparent plastic wrap. Yield: 1 pound.

Cherry Fudge

2 tps. butter
2/3 cup (small can) undiluted evaporated milk
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups (about 16 medium) diced marshmallows
1 1/2 cups (1 1/2 6-oz. pkgs.) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 cup flaked coconut

Combine butter, evaporated milk, sugar and salt in saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, and cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly. (Start timing when mixture starts to "bubble" around edges of pan.) Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, chocolate and vanilla.

Stir vigorously for 1 minute, (or until marshmallows are completely melted and blended.) Pour into 9-inch square buttered pan. Sprinkle with coconut and top with maraschino cherry halves. Allow to cool. Cut in squares. Yield: 2 pounds.

Almond Fudge

2 tps. butter

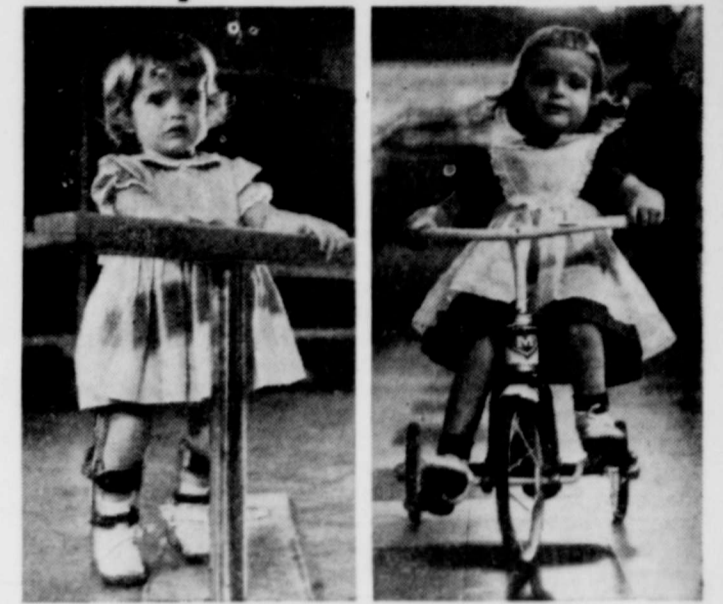
Sea Foam Candy

2/3 cup (small can) undiluted evaporated milk
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups (about 16 medium) diced marshmallows
1 1/2 cups (1 1/2 6-oz. pkgs.) caramel pieces
1/4 tsp. lemon extract
1/4 tsp. almond extract
1/2 cup flaked coconut
Maraschino cherry halves

Combine butter, evaporated milk, sugar and salt in saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, and cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly. (Start timing when mixture starts to "bubble" around edges of pan.) Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, caramel, lemon extract and almond extract. Stir vigorously for 1 minute (or until marshmallows are completely melted and blended.)

Pour into 9-inch square buttered pan. Sprinkle with coconut and top with maraschino cherry halves. Allow to cool. Cut in squares. Yield: 2 pounds.

Now Linda Can Wear Pretty Yuletide Shoes



Linda then . . . and Linda now

Six-year-old Linda Brees of Columbus, Ohio, has been crippled from birth. She suffered from a birth defect, a disorder which seriously affects one out of every 16 babies born in the United States.

When Linda was old enough to walk, she could get around only with the aid of steel braces on her legs. That meant wearing heavy, ankle-high shoes which were not very pretty for a little girl who was otherwise developing into a real beauty.

Children with significant birth defects, known medically as congenital malformations, often face a lifetime of crippling. But there was hope in Linda's case. In her hometown, at the Columbus Children's Hospital, a new center especially designed to treat birth defects was set up with the support of New March of Dimes funds. It is probably the world's first birth defects treatment and study center. Linda began a series of surgical operations, treatments and exercises to strengthen the muscles she still had in her legs. Today she no longer needs the braces and can even ride a tricycle. Though she still uses crutches, the doctors at the Columbus center hope that she may soon be able to abandon them. Meanwhile, what delights Linda most is that, like other little girls, she can now wear pretty shoes.

ABOUT THAT STABLE

Perhaps the most authentic duplication of the first manger scene was that prepared by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1200.

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the elaborate and decorative scenes which we see about us today, with greenery, bright lights, and plaster of Paris animals and adoring shepherds.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable, a crude shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and bare of ornaments.

With our many modern conveniences of today, we find it hard to imagine that weary Judean travelers often spent the night in such caves, welcoming rather than disdaining joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth.

The cave which was the birthplace of the Saviour is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has still embellished it with comfort and ornamentation.

Teach Children Christmas Meaning

What does Christmas mean to your child? What should it mean? How can you give direction and meaning to Christmas for your child?

These are serious questions that parents should consider now and throughout the entire year, says Vera Barnett, Ohio State University extension family life specialist.

Mrs. Barnett points out that the child cannot be taught the true meaning of Christmas in just one day. He is taught what Christmas stands for by the examples set for him by older people everyday of the year. Parents must lead children toward the day when they will understand who Christ is and what He stands for—a day when they are able to accept Christ for their own, believes Mrs. Barnett.

The family life specialist notes that a good definition of the joy of Christmas is found in the following saying:

J is for Jesus;
Y is for you,
O is for others for whom Christ came that you might serve others. Together, they spell JOY. And without Christ and without service, there can be no real joy, concludes Mrs. Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hock are spending Christmas in Friona with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Maynard and Don. They were to leave Wednesday and are to return Saturday.

Mrs. Dan Green visited Monday in Lamesa.

Intermediates Entertained With Christmas Party

Members of the Intermediate Sunday School Department were entertained with a Christmas party Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served. About 35 attended.

Department workers are Floyd Sorley, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Louder, Paige Eiland, Dewitt Robertson, Mrs. P. M. Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamilton, Mrs. Bob Johnson and Mrs. Don Hightower.

Baptist Juniors Have Party

Members of the Baptist Junior II Sunday School Department were entertained with a Christmas party Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Ernest Hock led games. Members brought their Lottie Moon Christmas offering instead of exchanging gifts.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served to 31 persons.

Workers are Mrs. Ernest Hock, Mrs. J. R. Sale, Mrs. Guy Eiland, Mrs. H. R. Caffey, Mrs. J. R. Murdock, J. C. Sale, Clyde White, Mrs. and Mrs. Harvey White, Mrs. Floyd Sorley and Mrs. L. C. Waits.

A gay and glorious Holiday

Season is our sincere wish for all our wonderful friends.

Christmas Greetings!

May you enjoy peace and happiness throughout the year.

JIM WEBB GROCERY — MARKET

Hello!

Like Santa — we enjoy making this Christmas brighter with thanks, and good wishes to our many friends:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Murdock's Sinclair Service Station

Peace on Earth
Good Will
Toward
Men

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



Cap Rock Electric Co-Operative

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

He So Loved

He Taught The World To Love

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . . How meaningful are these words today, nearly two thousand years after the humble beginning of that One Great Life at Bethlehem. How holy and purposeful was this life upon earth that it comes to us again and again in the spirit of Christmas to remind that the real joy and the rich goodness of life lie not in riches and good, or self attainment, but in thoughtful and unselfish service and love.

For He so loved the world that He taught the world to love. Through one, great and wonderful life upon earth, He set down for all mankind and for all time the supreme exam-

ple of the good life. In His every deed and action He portrayed the qualities of love and faith and kindness.

These qualities—and more—are all a part of the Christmas. But, by His example, they are qualities that should abound in our lives throughout the year.

In thankfulness to God, for all His goodness and love, we should keep the Christmas in its true and joyful meaning, the spiritual occasion of the birth of Christ. And if we can truly keep the Christmas, then perhaps we can keep the spirit of Christ within our hearts throughout the year.

Brownies Plan Christmas Party

Brownie Scout Troop 414 made Christmas gifts at a meeting Tuesday, December 15 at Grady School.

Girls made paper weights and telephone books. Plans for a Christmas party were made.

Refreshments were served to Nancy Madison, Kay Southerland, Marilyn Free, Nancy Pugh, Martina Cruz, Virginia Pribyla, Mary Jane Rivas, Deborah Holloway, Brenda Graves, Jennifer Geurin, Maria Quatimalico, Mrs. Glenn Holloway and Mrs. Ralph Pugh.

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Girl Scouts Make Christmas Cards

Grady Girl Scout Troop 254 met Thursday, December 10 at the Grady Scout house.

Girls made tree decorations and Christmas cards. Attending were all members and the leader, Mrs. Raymond Pribyla.

The girls also met December 3 and made Christmas gifts for their mothers.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Raymond Pribyla.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Holloway and family were Marvin Gerald Holloway and son of Merkel and Leo Holloway of Buffalo Gap.

ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Now it is again the season of the year that we call Christmas, the most joyful and most universally celebrated of all our holidays.

The observance of Christmas may differ among nations and people, which stretch from the lands of snow and ice to the sunny Southern hemisphere, but in every corner of the world the true meaning of the holiday is ever the same.

As our world has changed through the centuries since the first Christmas, so have we taken the customs of Christmas and adjusted them to our changing environment. The origin of many of these customs have been lost in the passing of time to the extent that today many burn candles in the window and adorn firesides and home with holly and mistletoe without a passing thought as to why we use candles rather than kerosene lamps and holly or mistletoe in preference to other winter greenery. It is custom, and we believe in following customs, in one fashion or another.

Customs have their place in the scene of things, so let us keep them and, if need be, give them new meanings of our own. Yet, with it all, let us remember that customs and traditions are only a part of the observance of Christmas. We do not keep the Christmas merely because we observe the customs.

Let us keep Christmas in our hearts. Let us remember that it is a religious holiday, a time of joy and peace and faith and hope. More particularly, it is a time to be humbly grateful for mankind's greatest birthright—the hope of eternal salvation. Such was God's gift to the world that night at Bethlehem.

With the spirit of Christmas in our hearts we shall find deep and significant meanings in the customs and traditions we associate with this great holiday.

Tips To Use When Making Xmas Cookies

If you aspire to perfection in the cookie department this holiday season, the following tips will help you.

A rich cookie will grease its own bottom. There's no need to grease the cookie sheet unless the recipe says you should.

Cookies bake best on sheets with slightly beveled edges. Roasting pans or cake pans turned upside down may be used.

Be sure your cookie sheet is slightly smaller than your gas oven. For good heat circulation the sheet should not touch any side of the oven.

Before baking cookies, pre-heat the gas oven a few minutes. The usual baking temperature for dropped cookies is 350 to 375 F.; for rolled cookies, 375 F. The time: 8 to 10 to 15 minutes—no longer.

Crisp cookies should be stored in loosely covered containers. If they soften they can be crisped in a slow gas oven (300 F.) about five minutes. Soft chewy cookies and bars store best in tightly covered containers. Frozen cookies will thaw in about 15 minutes.

DECORATIVE

Santa Claus Presides At Mealtimes

This construction paper and foil Santa Claus is one the children can help make. It can sit on your table throughout the holiday season at family meals, if you like.

SANTA CLAUS
Materials: Empty coffee can or cottage cheese container, colored construction paper, plastic foam ball (3 inches in diameter) red crepe paper, aluminum foil, cotton for beard, glue.

Cover an empty coffee can or cottage cheese container with aluminum foil. Fit a red construction paper cone over container.

Form two long, narrow cones of construction paper and tape to top of larger cone to form arms. Hands cut from construction paper are glued inside cone arms. Decorate figure with foil belt and crushed foil cuffs.

A foam ball is the head. Decorate with face features of construction paper and a cotton beard. Hat is a cone of red crepe paper turned up to form a brim and bent down at the point. Feet are cut from black construction paper and glued to the underside of the container.

Mrs. Wilson Hostess To Sewing Club

Mrs. J. A. Wilson was hostess to a party for the Stitch and Chatter Club Wednesday, December 16 at her home.

Gifts were exchanged from a lovely Christmas tree. Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

Refreshments of fruit cake, punch, coffee, nuts, mints and candies were served. Favors were miniature snowmen.

Present were Mesdames B. F. Smith, A. J. Stallings, Grady Cross, R. M. Deavenport, Martin Gibson, Edmund Morrow, John Poe, J. A. Wilson and Mrs. Ruth Holloway.

Fire Plant Now Yule Tradition

More than a hundred years ago our Ambassador to Mexico Joel Roberts Poinsett, took a fancy to a brilliant tropical plant, known as the Mexican Fire Plant.

Returning to his home in South Carolina, he started growing the plant from cuttings he brought from Mexico.

Soon the scarlet-leaved plant came to the attention of American botanists, and under the name "poinsettia," it was destined to become symbolic of Christmas.

In tropic climates, poinsettia is grown in varieties of white, pink and yellow, but by far the most popular is the bright red that carries out the color scheme of Christmas.

Jess Woody returned home Thursday from Medical Arts Hospital, Big Spring.

Mrs. George Davis and Cindy visited Tuesday in Lamesa with Mrs. Davis' father, S. B. Norris.

Rho Xi Has Annual Xmas Dinner Party

A Christmas dinner and party for members of Rho Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was held Thursday evening at Coker's Restaurant, Big Spring. Special guests were members' husbands.

Gifts were exchanged. Bob Cox gave the invocation. Mistress of ceremonies was Mrs. Gene Perry.

The menu included turkey and dressing, baked potatoes, green beans, candied apples, salads, rolls, tomato juice, pie, coffee and tea.

Present were Mrs. Lila Flanagan, Mrs. Lu Black, Mrs. Paul Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ed Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Binie White of Taboka, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Creech.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Britton, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Higgins, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Homer Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Henson.

County Women Will Host Teachers Meet

Martin County women will host to a meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary teachers' sorority on February 3.

Plans for the meeting were discussed at a Christmas luncheon for the group recently at Coker's in Big Spring.

Those attending heard a symposium conducted by Mrs. Ray Cantrell of Big Spring.

Taking as their topic, "An Appraisal of the Teacher Training Program," the panel discussed various phases of the work. Making up the group were Mrs. Virgil Smedley, Mrs. Rudolph Brewster, Mrs. R. F. Davis and Mrs. Bob Craig.

A session on the idea of "Do You Know?" in which members discussed duties of chairmen, traditions and customs of the organization and the manner of wearing the sorority pin was held.

A contribution to the International Scholarship Fund was voted by the group, and a scholarship was presented to Howard County Junior College, to be used by a future teacher.

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Frozen Foods Star Holiday Entertaining

The Yule season, more than any other, abounds with "open house" invitations when friends make the rounds to share in the holiday spirit.

The hostess is called upon to set the pace for the merrymaking and provide the refreshment. As your turn comes, why not plan something novel—a "supper of miracles"? With frozen condensed soups and frozen individual dessert pies, you can turn simple fare into elegant proportions with a touch of imagination. This is what you do.

In years past, what ordinarily would have been a time consuming task now becomes a minute chore as you take 5-ounce mince and pumpkin pies from the freezer and bake them about 30 minutes. Cool. Before serving, place a tiny Christmas decoration on the golden-crust-ed mince pies—a pair of tinkly bells, a colored ball, etc. Group the pies around a brightly glowing candle on a gold or silver tray for a small conversation piece and delicious dessert.

As each frost-nipped guest finds his way to the buffet table, greet him with a bowl of piping hot chowder. Made from 2 frozen condensed soups, bright yellow corn and a touch of green parsley, this is a chowder which finds itself at home in your best tavern. Here is the recipe:

Yule Chowder
10 1/2-oz. can frozen condensed cream of potato soup
10-oz. can frozen condensed cream of shrimp soup
1 cup milk
1 cup water
1/2 cup cooked whole kernel corn
1 tsp. chopped parsley
4 drops Tabasco

In saucepan, combine all ingredients; heat. Stir now and then. Makes 4 or 5 generous servings.

Brownies Have Christmas Party

Brownie Scout Troop 314 was entertained with a Christmas party Monday, December 14 at the Scout house.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served. The cake was decorated with a Christmas tree.

Girls exchanged gifts and sang Christmas songs.

Present were Sharon Brantley, Laura Costlow, Cindy Davis, Cynthia Jo Carr, Frances Deavenport, Vicki June Driggers, Carole Jean King, Brenda Holland, Linda Holder, Linda Hopper, Vicki Morrison, Sheila Manning, Mary Fern Powell, Mrs. George Davis and a guest, Mrs. H. P. Morrison.

Young Folks Can Help Make Jaunty, Puffed Rice Snowman

Puffed rice, coconut and marshmallows are the "snow" for a delightful snowman decoration. Youngsters can help make him.

To make this Jaunty Snowman you'll need 9 cups puffed rice (one 4 1/2 ounce package), 1/4 cup butter or margarine, 32 large marshmallows, flaked or shredded coconut, white confectioners' sugar frosting.

Heat puffed rice in shallow pan in moderate oven (350 F.) 10 minutes. Pour into large greased bowl.

Melt butter and marshmallows over very low heat (may use double boiler). Stir to blend. Pour over puffed rice, stirring until kernels are evenly coated. With greased hands, shape into three balls for the "body" and two small ovals for the "arms." Immediately roll each part in coconut.

Assemble, using confectioners' sugar frosting to attach balls and toothpicks to attach "arms." Use raisins for eyes, gumdrop for nose, red candied cherry for mouth and red cinnamon candies for buttons. Make a top hat from red construction paper, trim with holly. Makes one large snowman.

The Old West had its pirates, too. A range pirate was a man who turned his stock loose on the range without owning open range and water in proportion to the cattle turned loose.

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May you enjoy to the fullest every minute of this glorious holiday.

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Joyous Christmas Season!

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Hale Family Returns From Argentina

The O. D. Hale family returned home Tuesday, December 15 from Argentina.
Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Jan, Kim and David, lived in Argentina two years. They flew home.
Hale was superintendent for Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company in the Southern Argentina District.
Mrs. Hale is a native of Stanton and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Punk Sauer of Stanton. The Hales are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Sauer.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lindsey have returned home from a delightful trip to South Texas and Aransas Pass.

Visitors with Mrs. R. H. Kelly and Ima Kelly have been Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Kelly of Lubbock, who visited Thursday; Mrs. Fred Eaker, Mrs. Cora Moss and Mrs. L. B. Russell, all of Big Spring, who visited here Saturday.

County Group Attends Meet In Lubbock

Martin County residents attended an area-wide young peoples' meeting Friday, December 11 on the campus of Lubbock Christian College.
After a dinner in the college cafeteria, the young people were entertained with a concert by the LCC band and A Cappella Chorus.
Stanley Lockhart, minister of the Harris and Irving Church of Christ in San Angelo, spoke during the devotional period on "The Challenge of the Age."

Approximately 1,000 persons from West Texas and New Mexico attended the meeting.

Those attending from Martin County included Steve Flowers, Wayne Woody, Joyce Kennedy, Harry Kennedy, Cindy Britton, Carolyn Britton, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Britton, Alvin Baker and Ross Blasingame, minister of the Tarzan Church of Christ.

Scouts Plan Fishing Trip

Members of Explorer Scout Post No. 28 are to make a fishing trip to Rockport during the Christmas holidays.
The group will leave Sunday, December 27 and are to return home Tuesday, December 29. They are to camp out on the beach near Rockport.
Making the trip will be Bobby Sale, Jimmy Sale, Norman Donelson, Dwayne Thompson, Porky Britton, Reddy Church, Mike Sorley, David Hodges, Alton Robertson, Tommy Davis, Don Pollock, Buzzy Brewer, Ronnie Dauphin. They will be accompanied by Harlin Dauphin, Woodford Sale, J. S. Sale and Owen Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomason of Big Spring visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Louder and Linda.

Don Hightower, who is stationed with the U. S. Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, is spending the Christmas holidays with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Hightower.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Atchison of Turnersville are the parents of a son born at 3 a. m. Saturday, December 12 at a Clifton hospital. He weighed 9 pounds and has been named Timothy.
Mr. and Mrs. Atchison have three other sons.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John T. Atchison of Stanton.
Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Willis of Shallowater and formerly of Stanton are the parents of a son, Randall Dean, born Thursday, December 10. He weighed 10 pounds 8 ounces.
Mr. and Mrs. Willis have another son, Dennis.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Zelda Bennett of Midland visited Sunday with her father, John Atchison, and other Stanton relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Owens of Abilene have been on a fishing trip near Aransas Pass.

Eighth Grade Entertained With Western Party

Stanton eighth graders were entertained with a western party Friday evening in the elementary school gymnasium.
The group played games. Those attending wore decorated socks. Brenda Bryant won the prize for the cleverest decorated pair of socks.
Refreshments of hot dogs, potato chips, pickles, onions, coffee and soft drinks were served to 35 students.
Roommothers in charge were Mrs. James Webb, Mrs. John Shanks, Mrs. Marshall Yates and Mrs. H. D. Driggers. Sponsors are Floyd Sorley and Mrs. Harry Echols. Also attending were J. M. Yater, Mrs. Floyd Sorley and Shirley Stephenson.

Kay Bryan is to visit next week in Ruidoso, N. M., with Susan Reese and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bryan are to go after her on New Year's Day.



STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights
by Vern Sanford
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

For millions of Texans, nothing will seem so important this week as being "home for Christmas."
Some will overlook the crucial importance of getting home alive. For the waiting families of accident victims, this Christmas and many more will be ruined.

Department of Public Safety has predicted 111 traffic deaths during the holidays. It's a massive death sentence. Gov. Price Daniel is calling on Texas motorists to disprove the prediction with their own extreme driving care.
Nearly 11,000 letters have been mailed by the governor to college and public school officials, local traffic safety officials, local law enforcement agencies, news media and others, asking them to join in the safe Christmas campaign.

PEAVY ELECTED — State Board of Health has named Dr. J. E. Peavy as State Commissioner of Health.
Dr. Peavy moves to the department's top post after having served as director of the communicable diseases division and prior to that as a local director and a medical field consultant. He is a native of Lufkin.

HAPPY HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS — A state hospital for the mentally ill must have been a pretty grim place on Christmas Day back in the days when people called them "insane asylums."
Few would know, because not many went around an "insane asylum" if they could help it.
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Change began some 10 years ago which church, civic and social club members began collecting items, and holding parties and classes. Many church circles and clubs "adopt" a ward each year, give a party a month, and get each patient what he especially wants at Christmas.
As the volunteers became more at ease in their work, their revised attitudes and terminology became more general. "Asylum" was replaced by "hospital" or "school" and "inmate" by "patient" and sometimes "friend." Some Austin churches proudly number in their membership, patients who have recovered and resumed normal community life.

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State Health Board also elected Dr. J. B. Copeland of San Antonio as its chairman; Dr. Hampton C. Robinson of Houston, vice chairman; and Joe B. Winston of Mercedes, secretary.
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Game Violators Pay \$9,469.45 Fines For Month

Game law violations from automobiles took top billing during the month of November, according to arrests reported by the director of law enforcement of the Game and Fish Commission.
Twenty-four persons were fined for hunting from automobiles, and another 19 for headlighting game animals, making a total of 43. Hunting without a license brought fines to 40 hunters; killing quail in closed season netted 18 fines, and exceeding bag limit on doves brought 15 fines. Another 15 persons paid fines for hunting with unplugged guns. Shotgun used in hunting all migratory birds and game birds in Texas must be plugged to three shots. Many of the repeating shotguns in automobiles carry five shells in the magazine, and must be plugged back to hold only two shells in the magazine and one in the chamber.

There were 279 violations for the month, which brought in fines and court costs of \$9,469.45.

PERSONALS

Virgil Miller, a student at Texas A&M College, is spending the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Beeman and family of Denver, Colo., are visiting with her mother, Mrs. Mary Wilson, and other relatives.

Tommy G. Kelly is spending a 14-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kelly. He has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, with the U. S. Army, but is to be sent to Fort Sill, Okla.

The M. D. Coggin family is to gather Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stone in Midland. Attending will be Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coggin, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Coggin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knight and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Straub and children.

leaved by the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth.
Making kindergartens a part of the public school system and making the child labor law apply to those 14 and under were primary recommendations.



Season's Greetings

To everybody, everywhere, we extend our sincere wishes for an old-fashioned Yuletide...warm with friendship...richly endowed with happy memories...bright with promise for the future...abounding with good health and good fellowship...a season filled with deep and lasting joy.

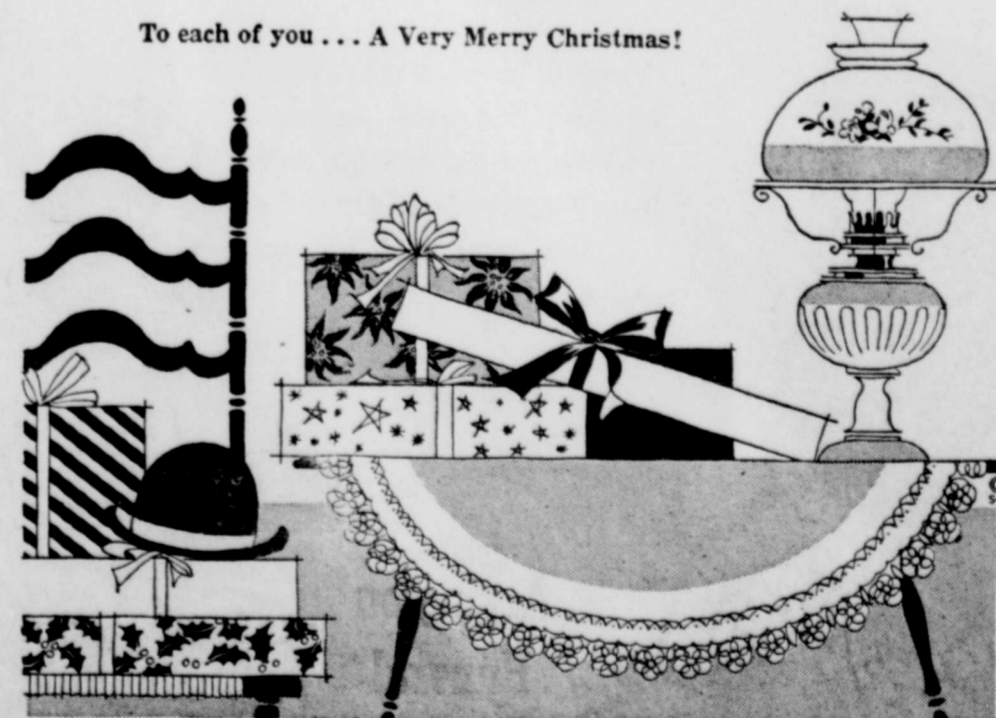
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PERSONALS

Mrs. Morris Ballard, Darrell and Rita of Santa Monica, Calif., are spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Eula Eubanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller, Virgil, Clinton and Patricia are to spend Christmas in Luling with Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Percy Nance and other relatives.

Mrs. Jim Henson is a patient in the local hospital.

Mrs. Elvie Joyner returned home Friday from Malone-Hogan Hospital, Big Spring.

After Christmas Clearance Sale

Yes, we are going to have our annual after Christmas Sale starting Monday, December 28.

There'll be plenty of bargains for everybody.

Bobbie's Dress Shop

Rhythm Band Entertained With Party

Members of the rhythm band and expression groups were entertained with a Christmas party Wednesday, December 16 at the First Methodist Church by Mrs. Bob Haislip.

The group played musical games. Mrs. Haislip served punch and cookies from a table decorated in the holiday theme.

Present were Molly Adkins, Cindy Bonds, Mark Briggs, Fawn Briggs, Paula Bruton, Leslie Butler, Chipper Coggin, Tommy Deavenport, Mark Eiland, Gordon Eiland, Keith Graham, Kelly Graham, Rexann Graham, Mindy Haislip, Walt Haislip, Donna Hall, Terry Hazlewood, Dale Henson, Carolyn Herzog.

Also Ronnie Johnson, Steve Johnson, Jo Lankford, Rosalyn Louder, Carla Perry, Sherry Phillips, Kathryn Pickett, Deborah Turner, Billy Wheeler, Bryan Wheeler, and Noralee Womack.

Chief - - -

(Continued from page 1) about a month ago.

Chief Boyett said: "I realize that people are prone to forget sometimes and do not willingly violate the city ordinances, but more caution must be exercised at this season, for the simple reason that more folks are driving and walking in the business area."

"We want to keep a good traffic record in Stanton and the only way we can do it is to gain the cooperation of the people. I would also like to urge all vehicle operators to strictly obey the stop sign warnings, be careful at intersections, observe the limited time parking zones, and keep the alley areas clear."

Peace - - -

(Continued from page 1) Day Saints. Also on Sunday the Lenora Baptist Church held a pageant and the Tarzan Baptist Church held special services Monday evening. On Wednesday evening, December 23 a Christmas party and services were held at the Assembly of God Church.

During this Christmas season Stanton has been well decorated and lighted. The courthouse dome, Stanton streets and business houses are decorated better than they have been in years. On the courthouse lawn is a manger scene and on the courthouse balcony is a lighted Christmas tree. Some very colorful contributions to the holiday scene have been visible in the residential sections of Stanton.

Local residents have made plans to have friends and loved ones here from out-of-town. Others have left or are planning to leave on trips to other cities. Still others are planning get-togethers for local friends and relatives.

Stanton To Enter Tourney At Garden City

Stanton boys' and girls' basketball teams will play in the Garden City invitational basketball tournament December 31-January 1-2.

Stanton boys are scheduled to meet Forsan at 2 p. m. Thursday, December 31. The girls will play their first game at 3:30 p. m. Thursday, December 31. They will play Grandfalls.

Tournament finals are scheduled for 8:30 p. m. and 10 p. m. on January 2. Consolation finals are down for 5:30 p. m. and 7 p. m. that day.

Other beginning boys' games are Grandfalls vs Garden City B, 5 p. m., and Coahoma vs Sterling City B, 8:15 p. m., all on Thursday, December 31. Sterling City vs Garden City A, 9 p. m. Friday, January 1.

In the girls' division starting games are Sterling City vs Rankin, 12:30 p. m., Coahoma vs Bronte, 4:45 p. m., and Garden City vs Forsan, 9:45 p. m., all games on Thursday, December 31.

County - - -

(Continued from page 1) president; Ohmer Kelly secretary-treasurer; Steve Church, El Saunders and Jack Saunders, directors.

The group discussed plans to begin a roping program and hopes to start a year around roping project within the next few weeks at the rodeo grounds east of Stanton.

Several new members joined, with the total membership now standing at about 30.

Dan Saunders, president, said all new members are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Glaze, Vanny, Maryetta, Cindy and Dee, will spend Christmas in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher are to spend Christmas in Kermit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Richards and family.

Frances Renfro of Austin is to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Renfro and others.

Martin County women who attended a meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary teachers society, recently in Big Spring were Mrs. Homer Schwalbe, Mrs. John Wood, Mrs. Harry Echols, Mrs. A. C. Fleming, Mrs. Claude Miller and Mrs. Grover Springer.

Mrs. Claude Hearn has returned home to Seagraves after visiting here with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zimmerman. Visitors in the Zimmerman home have also been Mrs. Jerry Osbourne of Seagraves and Mrs. Terry Coffee of Lamesa.

Visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson were Mrs. Lawrence Eggleston of Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. John Ray Johnson and daughter of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Luna and children of Mt. Pleasant are to spend Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson.

Mrs. T. J. Poindexter of Ree Heights, S. D., W. H. Clements of Miller, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Craton of Roswell, N. M. have returned home after visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clements. Mr. Clements has been a patient in a Big Spring hospital, but has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones of Fort Morgan, Colorado, are visiting with her mother, Mrs. Lila Flanagan, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Driggers and family left Tuesday to spend Christmas in Langdale, Alabama with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Swilling.

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J. L. Bradley Died Monday In Colorado City

Jesse L. Bradley, 53, Colorado City carpenter, died at 7:45 a. m. Monday, December 21 of a heart attack at his home.

Mr. Bradley was a former Stanton resident.

Funeral rites were Wednesday in Colorado City.

Mr. Bradley was born in Greensburg, Kansas, on January 14, 1906. He was married to Ethel Lora Hubert in January 1930 in Kansas. They have lived in Colorado City since 1948 when they moved there from Stanton and Olney.

He was a member of the Church of Christ and of the Masonic Lodge. Survivors include the widow; one son, Darrell W. Bradley and one daughter, Mrs. Gene Coledwey, all of Colorado City; one brother, Cecil Bradley of Napa, Calif., and three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Odom of Cross Plains visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Odom.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wilkes and family are to spend Christmas Day in Rotan with relatives.

Xmas Program Given Sunday By Baptist Choir

A Christmas cantata, "The Bethlehem Star" was presented Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church.

Ernest Hock directed the choir and Mrs. Hock was the organist.

Special numbers were a tenor solo by Philip White; an alto solo by Mrs. W. C. Wright, a bass solo by R. O. Anderson, a duet by Mrs. W. C. Wright and Mrs. Louis Roten and a soprano solo by Joyce Anderson. Other numbers were by the choir.

W. E. Hazlewood Family To Meet Christmas In Midland

Members of the W. E. Hazlewood family are to meet Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Koonce in Midland. Those who are to attend are Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hazlewood, Mr. and Mrs. Ode Hazlewood of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hazlewood and Ingrid, Loyace Hazlewood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Angel and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hazlewood, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Russell of Midland and Mrs. Esta Lee Nuttall and Linda of Midland.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Williams of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Pittman of Kress were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sebesta and daughter, Leslie, are to leave Christmas morning for Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman McClane and Sandra of Wichita Falls are to visit during the weekend with Mrs. Viola McClane, Vestal McClane, and other relatives and friends.

Larry Smith of Cross Plains is visiting with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gray and daughter.



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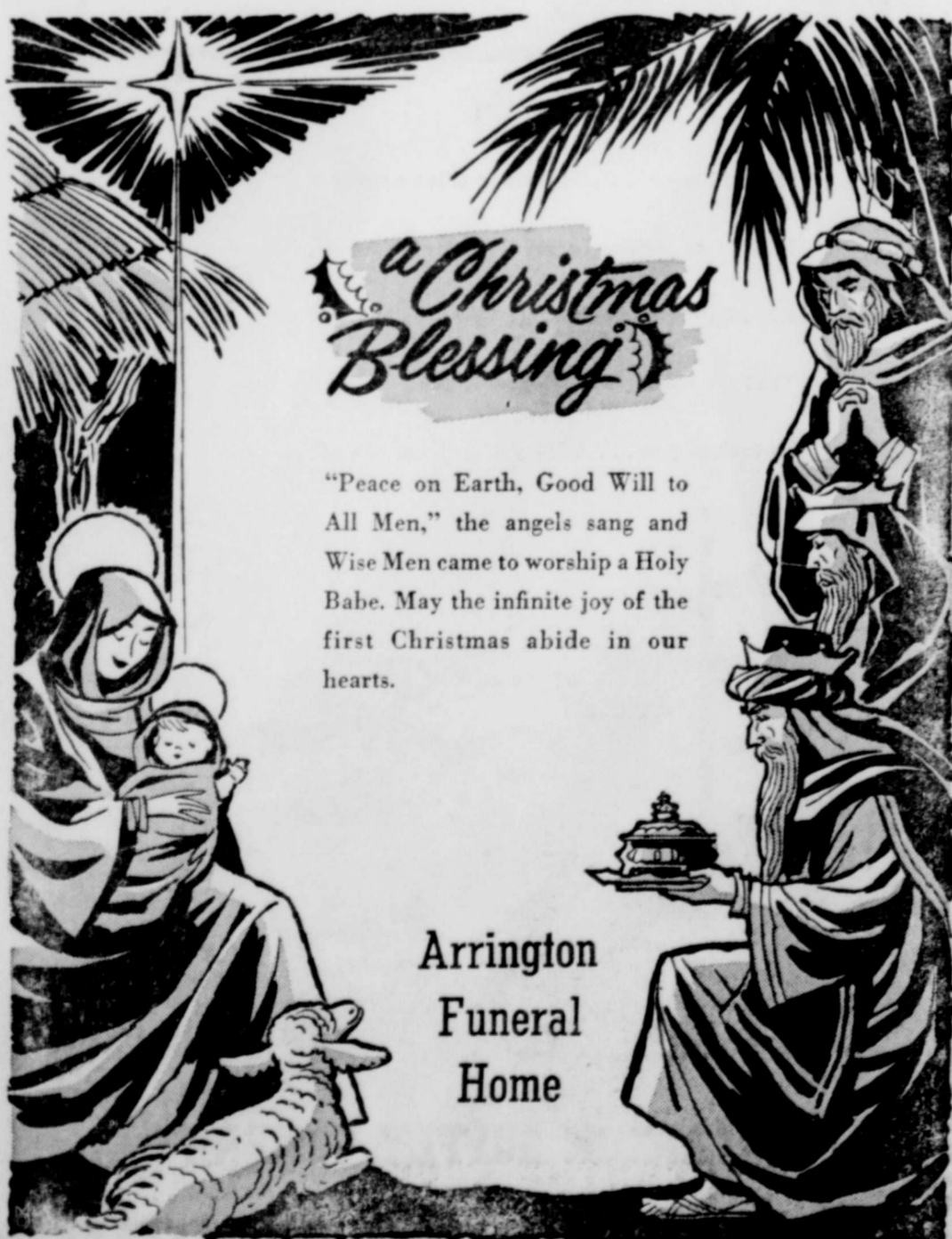
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Robbie Hazlewood Honored With Birthday Party

Robbie Hazlewood was honored on her eighth birthday with a party Monday, December 14 at the Courtney School.

Attending were members of the first and second grades. Fluffy cherry cake and drinks were served to 15 children. Robbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hazlewood.

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Mrs. Donelson Hostess To Church Party

Mrs. Aaron Donelson was hostess to a Christmas party for the Junior Two and Three Classes of the First Methodist Church Friday evening in her home.

Games were played and gifts were exchanged. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and Cokes were served.

About 14 members and the teach-

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stinchcomb and family of Odessa visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hull and family and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Leman Henson visited Thursday in Temple with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Fincher. Mr. Fincher has been a patient in a Temple hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leman Henson and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Morgan had dinner Saturday evening in Odessa. The dinner was to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Williamson and family of Lovington, N. M. are to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Williamson.

Mrs. Donelson and Mrs. Lawrence Adkins, were present.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Harrel of Morton are to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wood and Michael.

Mrs. Ila Hammitt of Bakersfield, Calif., is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Lou Annie Henson. Visitors with Mrs. Henson have also been Hugh White of Monahans, Mrs. Bob Hill and son of Flower Grove and Mrs. Henry Minton and children of Odessa.

Visitors during the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crow and others are to be Mr. and Mrs. G. E. McDaniel of San Antonio, Gary McDaniel, who is stationed with the U. S. Army in Fort Hancock, Georgia; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crow of Paradis, La.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fisher are to be their daughter, Larie Fisher, who attends Abilene Christian College and Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Fisher and son of Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis and son are to visit Christmas Eve with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ray Russell in Seminole.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McMillian and daughters of Socorro, N. M., are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Odam.

Mrs. B. F. Smith spent the weekend in Midland visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Forrest, Don Forrest and Marijan Forrest of Houston.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and family are to be Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Forrest and Don Forrest of Midland, Marijan Forrest of Houston, and Mrs. B. F. Smith.

Barbara Smith, who attends Texas Tech College in Lubbock, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore and family of Midland visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Keaton of Midland are to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keaton, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Morrow are to spend Christmas in Lamesa with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gooch of Houston are to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Joe Hall, and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Hall, and family.

Mrs. Minnie Pool of Bell, California, has been visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Polk. Visitors Monday in the Polk home were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Polk and family of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Polk and family of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Polk and Mrs. Minnie Pool of Bell, California are to spend Christmas in Winters with Mr. and Mrs. Royal Bishop.

Jim Zimmerman has returned home from the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher spent the weekend in Odessa with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. David Workman and family are to spend Christmas in Rankin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Workman.

Stanton residents were in Odessa Sunday to attend a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reeves in Odessa. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Turner and family, Mrs. Cora Turner, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Turner and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Turner.

Delbert Donelson, who attends Texas Tech College in Lubbock, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Donelson and Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stovall and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gross of Big Spring visited Sunday in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Irving Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Biggs and children are to spend the Christmas holidays in Amarillo with his mother, Mrs. Theima Biggs and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Edwards.



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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a small basketball, a baby doll and a cash register.
I will not be afraid of you this year.
Pam Hazlewood.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bike, a wrist watch, and a doll.
I live on Route One, Stanton.
I will have some candy and something to drink for you.
Your friend,
Robbie Hazlewood.

Dear Santa Claus:
This is the first time I have ever written to you so I really don't know what to say except that I have been a very good boy. Also, there are a few things that I need. A bow-wow doggie, a train, a sled and some cars. Also, I'd like for you to make sure that my Grandmommy and Granddaddy Bryan, my Auntie Kay, my Auntie Bess, and my Uncle Tom have a really Merry Christmas. They live far away from me. Thank you.

Love,
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Glencoe, Illinois.

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Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

Comes Christmas...and warmly we welcome another opportunity to extend best wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a very happy Holiday Season, filled to overflowing with all of the best things in life.

Tri-City Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, Inc.
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A CHRISTMAS GREETING

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

Wheeler Motor Company

The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

"42" Club Dinner Held By Mrs. Sale

Mrs. J. R. Sale entertained the "42" Club with a Christmas dinner and party Friday evening in her home.

Gifts were exchanged from a brightly lighted tree and decorations carrying out a Christmas theme were used in the home.

Dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Eiland, Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkston, Mr. and Mrs. G. Shain, Mrs. Evelyn Woodard and Mrs. J. R. Sale.

Beginners Have Christmas Party

Members of the Beginner Sunday School Department were entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday, December 15 at the First Baptist Church.

The group sang songs and played games. Refreshments of ice cream cups and cookies were served. Gifts were exchanged.

About 25 children were present. Workers are Mesdames Gene Clements, Billy James Louder, Prun-tiss Hightower, F. C. Wheeler, Jack Cowan, Jack Hankins, Billy Coggin and George Davis.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 2½ and I have tried very hard to be good this year. Would you please bring me a little John Deere tractor that I can ride and a horn. Bring Martha and Dickie some toys too. Thank you.

Love,
Morgan Cox.

Dearest Santa Claus:

My name is Theresa Bertolasi, and I'm almost two years old. It's been tough, but I've tried to be real good this year.

Santa, dear, I hope you can bring me just one thing for Christmas. Since we live in Sacramento, Calif., and my grandparents live in Stanton, Texas, could you possibly bring them to me?

They are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baum, and they live on the Lamesa Road in Stanton.

Thank you for bringing my other grandparents from Illinois last year. I love you Dear Santa, and I promise to leave you some goodies under our tree.

Give Mrs. Claus a big kiss for me.

Love,
Theresa Susan Bertolasi.

P. S.—Santa we've moved since last Christmas. We live at 7429 Carlella Dr. now.

419 E. Spruce,
Midland, Texas

Dear Santa:

I am one year old and I have been a pretty good boy.

Please bring me a tricycle and candy for Christmas. BoBo my puppy would like a nice juicy bone.

Thank you.

Little Phil Foreman.

P. S.—Please bring my gifts to my grandmother's and granddad's house.

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be a good girl. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. This year I would like these things: a big baby doll, a doll seat, a nurse set, Annie Oakley guns, a big suitcase.

Thank you.
Love,
Patricia.

Dear Santa:

I appreciate the toys you gave me last year. This year I would like to have these things: a frontier layout for my train, a doctor set, a Pallidon gun, a football suit and a Tumblebug game.

Love,
Chippy.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll buggy, ironing board, Coco Cola maker, ice cream makers, and a doll house.

Carla.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old. My name is Eddy Gerald Smith. I have a sister. Her name is Dana Smith. I want a BB gun, please. And bring me some other toys please. I want just a BB gun and two other toys. That is all I want.

My sister wants a doll, please. Bring Dana two more girl toys, please.

Your friends,
Gerald and Dana Smith.

Dear Santa:

I would like a bicycle, and red, white, blue and brown sweater sets. And I would also like my record player fixed. Thank you very much.

Cindy Davis.

Mrs. Eiland Hostess To Music Club

Stanton Music Club members were entertained with a Christmas party Wednesday, December 16 in the home of Mrs. Guy Eiland. Co-hostess was Mrs. Paige Eiland.

Mrs. James Jones, president, was in charge of the meeting. Giving the program was Mrs. Edmund Tom. Mrs. Tom played recordings from "The Messiah" by Handel.

Lovely Christmas decorations were used in the entertaining rooms.

Refreshments of coffee, cookies and scones were served to Mesdames Homer Schwalbe, Edmund Tom, James Jones, Roy Pickett, Curtis Erwin, Joe Gray, H. J. Barbee, Jess Burns, S. A. Wilson, Glenn L. Brown, Harry Echols, Guy Eiland, Paige Eiland, and also Gordon Eiland.

Mrs. Smithson Hostess For Birthday Dinner

Mrs. P. G. Smithson was hostess to a birthday dinner Saturday in her home.

The dinner was in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Harry Echols of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Earhart and Dickie of Big Spring. All have December birthdays.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Smithson, Mr. and Mrs. Earhart and Dickie, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Echols.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tunnell have returned home from Spring Valley, California, where they visited with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Tunnell and family. They also visited parts of Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bradley and family are to spend Christmas in Dublin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bradley and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Akin.

RLDS Women Hold Party

Mrs. Hoot Leonard was hostess to a Christmas party for the Women's Department of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Thursday evening in her home in Midland.

Mrs. Tommy Hursh and Mrs. El Saunders led games. Gifts were exchanged.

Christmas readings were given by Mrs. El Saunders and Mrs. Gerald Koonce of Midland.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin B. Jones are spending the Christmas holidays in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Louder and Linda, Mrs. Stanley Barnes, Peggy and Gary, are to visit the last of the week in Athens.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bridges have been Carlie Vest, Mr. and Mrs. Hershell Vest and children of Brownfield, Mrs. Mary Bridges and Mike of Big Spring, Mrs. Henry Bridges and children of Denver City.

Visitors during the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Deavenport and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Tom are to be Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Deavenport and Billy of Fresno, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Deavenport, Jo Nell and Jane Ann of Houston. The H. W. Deavenports were to have arrived here Wednesday and the J. L. Deavenports are to be here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donal Barnes and Monea of Odessa visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Barnes and family.

Season's Greetings



Stallings Insurance Agency
JIMMY STALLINGS

Girl Scouts Entertain With Christmas Party

Girl Scout Troop 260 members entertained pre-school brothers and sisters at a Christmas party Wednesday, December 16 at the Scout house.

Present were Cindy Britton, Evelyn Doyle, Jeanne Muniz, Linda Manning, Laura Gray, Rita Knight, Lila Phillips, Carolyn Britton, Nelda Carr, Tommy Deavenport, Larry Gray, Eddie Doyle, Debbie Doyle, Mrs. Jack Gray, Mrs. James Doyle, Mrs. Johnny Britton, and Mrs. Bob Deavenport.

Mrs. Roy Linney and Mrs. Charlie Christopher were in Midland last week.

Mrs. Walter Graves and Mrs. Eula Eubanks visited in Big Spring Thursday.

Bridge Club Has Party In Tom Home

Members of the Thursday Night Bridge Club were entertained with their annual Christmas party December 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Tom.

Host couples were Mr. and Mrs. Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Forrest of Midland.

Green and white were the colors carried out in living room decorations. A green net floor length cloth covered the serving table, which was centered with an arrangement featuring snowed greenery, white balls and white candles. Milk glass and silver appointed the table. Refreshments of fruit cake, candies, nuts, cranberry punch and coffee were served.

Red was the color featured in den decorations. In the den chips, dips and other refreshments were served.

Arrangements of pink carnations and angels were on the coffee table and piano. These served as favors for the women. Santa Clauses were favors for the men.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Williams of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Pittman of Kress and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Henderson of Midland.

Methodist Children Make Annual Visit To Shut-Ins

Members of the Children's Division of the First Methodist Church made their annual Christmas visit to homes of shut-ins Sunday afternoon.

The group visited 18 homes and sang Christmas carols.

Visiting the homes were Vicki Driggers, Neala Ferguson, Susan Brandt, Beth and Cathy Biggs, Pam Williams, Cindy Pickett, Carolyn Kirby, Donna and Leslie Hall, Fern Powell, Ross Cecil Hay, Jeff Johnson, Frances Deavenport, Patricia Haislip, Gloria Robertson, Mrs. Fiji Brandt, Mrs. Lois Powell and Mrs. O. B. Bryan.

Baums In California For Christmas Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baum left Friday for Sacramento, Calif., to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bertolasi and daughter; their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Baum, Jr.; her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munn and family of Bakersfield; her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hannah in Oildale; and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Debusk of Napa.



Merry Christmas

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Deavenport's WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

Greetings

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

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The Stanton Reporter Wishes You A Very Merry Christmas

PERSONALS

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Dauphin and family are to be her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Terry and Linda of Tyler.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Wright, Carl and Harry, left Monday of Detroit, Michigan, where they are to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Britton and family are to spend Christmas in Breckenridge with Mr. and Mrs. Hyram Gore.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Connell and family of Euless are to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Shoemaker, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Connell.

Daphene Keith, John Bailey Marry In Baptist Chapel

Members of the Stanton football team were ushers and candlelighters for the wedding of Mary Daphene Keith of Midland and John Oran Bailey of Stanton.

The double ring ceremony was performed at 8 p. m. Friday in the chapel of the First Baptist Church, Midland. Dr. L. L. Morris, officiated.

The bride, daughter of C. W. Keith of San Angelo, is employed by Texaco, Inc., Midland. She is a graduate of San Angelo's Lake View High School and attended Cozen's Secretarial College in Fort Worth.

Bailey, the assistant football coach at Stanton High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey of Hawkins. He is a graduate of the high school in Hawkins, Tyler Junior College and Sul Ross State College.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an imported Chantilly lace over taffeta gown fashioned with a Sabrina neckline accented with tear drop pearls. The full bouffant skirt was scalloped around the hemline with a lace rose caught in each scallop.

The chapel train was accented with four large lace roses. The bride wore a crown tiara of pearls to which was attached an illusion fingertip veil. She carried an achid showered with Frenched chrysanthemums and on a white Bible.

Mrs. H. D. Green of Big Spring was her niece's matron of honor. She wore an orchid velveteen sheath dress with a full net overskirt of orchid. Her tiara was orchid and she carried a bouquet of gladiolus with ribbon trim. Her shoes were orchid satin.

Barbara Ann Boykin was maid of honor. Mrs. Larry Young was bridesmatron and bridesmaids were Glens Speer and Beverly Garvis. They wore purple velveteen sheath dresses with matching net overskirts and satin shoes. Their tiaras were purple and they carried bouquets of orchid chrysanthemum poms with ribbon trim.

Brenda Sue Keith was her cousin's flower girl and Bruce Lynn Keith, also a cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Candlelighters were Buzzy Brewer and Jerry Baugh. Ushers were Dwayne Thompson and Norman Donelson. All are from Stanton.

Groomsmen were Bill Read of Coahoma, Larry Young, Bob Garrett of Coahoma and Don Jordan of Melcalfe.

The chapel was decorated with a greenery covered arch with archid and white chrysanthemums flanked with baskets of orchid gladiolus and stands of tapered candles. Mrs. Harry Van Arsdal was organist and Camille Cleveland was soloist.

A reception was held in the home of Mrs. Virginia Luster, 1200 Cuthbert Street, Midland. The couple was assisted in receiving by the bride's father, her grandmother, Mrs. Stella Keith, the bridegroom's mother and members of the wedding party.



MRS. JOHN BAILEY

The table was centered with a heart-shaped net centerpiece trimmed in orchid. The cloth was of white satin with a net skirt gathered with orchid chrysanthemums. The table was flanked with baskets

of orchid gladiolus. Modine Graves, Mrs. F. G. Hedges, Mrs. Phil Downing and Jerri Whittle were members of the house-party.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will be at home at 707 Broadway Street, Stanton. For traveling, the bride chose a peacock blue wool sheath dress and jacket. Her feather hat, gloves and purse were black and her silk shoes were dyed to match the dress.

Out-of-city guests included Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Terry of Fort Worth and Mrs. Ima Anders of Hawkins.

Christmas Date Set Officially In 4th Century

The history of the Christmas observance is one that has intrigued clerical and lay scholars for countless years.

Researchers have found that as far back as the fourth century, the Christmas festival was already an established custom dating back to earlier eras.

The word Christmas began as "Christ's Mass" or as in old English "Christes Mæsse" or the Mass of Christ, following the custom of the church in observing the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births.

It was not until St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, set out to affirm one day for a universal observance that Christ's Mass was changed from its previous celebration in the spring (as we now observe Easter).

The good Bishop was granted permission by Pope Junius I to appoint a group of theologians to determine as accurately as possible, the exact date of Christ's nativity.

Too many years had elapsed for absolute accuracy, and after discovering various contradictions of calendars, astrological and astronomical calculations, the date for the celebration of Christ's Mass was set by the Church for December 25.

So it is that since the year 354 A. D., this date has been observed as the date of the Saviour's birth.

Members of the Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches celebrate this on January 6.

To this day, the festival of Christmas still occurs on many different dates throughout the world.

Dec. 6 is the day when Christmas is observed in most Western European countries and marks the beginning of a long, happy holiday season.

Dinner For Xi Alpha Beta In Reid Home

Mrs. Stanley Reid and Mrs. Elma Nichols were cohostesses to a Christmas dinner for Xi Alpha Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Thursday evening in the Stanley Reid home.

Assisting with the dinner were Mrs. George Dawson and Mrs. Jesse Talton, both of Big Spring.

Mrs. Elmer Long was in charge of the program. She discussed "Religions of Alaska and Hawaii." A short business session was held.

Gifts were exchanged from a gaily lighted tree. Phi Pals were revealed. A Christmas motif was carried out in table decorations and in other parts of the home.

A turkey dinner was served to Sammie Laws, and Mesdames Jhon Brewer, P. M. Bristow, Glenn L. Brown, James Eiland, Glenn Gates, Bob Haislip, Jiggs Hall, Ralph Hedrick, John Wood, Houston Woody, J. N. Woody, Jr., J. M. Yater, Wallace Kelly, Bob Latimer, Ed Robnett, Louis Roten, Woodford Sale, Jimmy Stallings, Leo Turner, George Dawson, Elma Nichols, Jesse Talton, Elmer Long and Stanley Reid.

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Best Wishes for the Season

May your Christmas Day be gay, and many the gifts that come your way. And as the New Year follows through, we wish you joy and warm friendships too.

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Season's Greetings

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

Texas Electric Service Company

Season's Greetings

As we approach the season that symbolizes peace and good will, we recall with gratitude the friendships we have made in the years that have passed. May this greeting serve to carry the wish that your Christmas be joyous and the New Year hold all that you desire.

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Rhythm Band and Expression Groups will begin Spring term January 6 at Methodist Church. Pre-registration necessary for expression groups. MRS. BOB HAINSLIP.

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I have a short half section land for sale. Well located. Plenty good windmill water and grass half knee high. About 157 acres in cultivation. A pretty fair old barn, corral and loading chute. There is better than 1/4 minerals to go or intact. Priced some less than \$100 per acre. Fenced—some sheep proof and crossfenced. There is a loan you could trade subject to approximately better than \$16,000. FRED E. ALEXANDER.

Houses For Sale M-4

HERE IS A GOOD BUY
Two-Bedroom home. About six years old. Good condition. Lot about 60x120. Backyard fenced with nice white picket. Bermuda lawn, some shrubbery. Pavement all way to town. Priced to sell at \$3750. Would take good used car in on equity. I also have good buys in several more homes. I also have some good buys in close to town. And I have some real buys

J. A. JONES FAMILY TO MEET IN TARZAN CHRISTMAS EVE

Members of the J. A. Jones family will spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Eve Night in the J. A. Jones home in Tarzan. Present will be Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cox, Kay and Berry of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Susie, Sandra, Lindsey and Jimmy of Rosebud, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and Velton of Big Spring, Don Jones of Texas Tech in Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hazlewood, Robbie and Pam.

Christmas Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stovall are to be Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stovall of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gross and children of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Stovall, all of Midland.

In lots on the Lamesa Highway and near by. See me on these. FRED ALEXANDER.

Mrs. Kuhlman Hostess For Salad Supper

Mrs. Jack Kuhlman was hostess to a salad supper for the Welcome Class of the Lenora Baptist Church recently at her home.

Gifts were exchanged. Salads, fruit cake and coffee were served.

Present were Mesdames Jack Hopper, J. T. Springer, Grover Springer, Denver Springer, Dale Fryer, Gib Madison, Jim Franklin, Garth Odum, Bob Thraikill, Jack Kuhlman, James Bullard, and Mrs. G. P. Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilkerson and family are to spend Christmas in Big Spring with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Stroud and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilkerson.

Jeanene Gibson of Baxter Springs, Kansas, is spending Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Towery.

Mr. and Mrs. Elma Nichols and family are to have as visitors during the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and Sharla of Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crunk and Craig of San Marcos.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Henry Minton and children of Odessa and Mrs. Bob Hill and family of Flower Grove visited this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forg Atchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hankins and family are to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Broom and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hankins in Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crow visited Sunday in Big Spring with Mr. and Mrs. James Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Priebe and family of Odessa visited Sunday with Stanton friends.

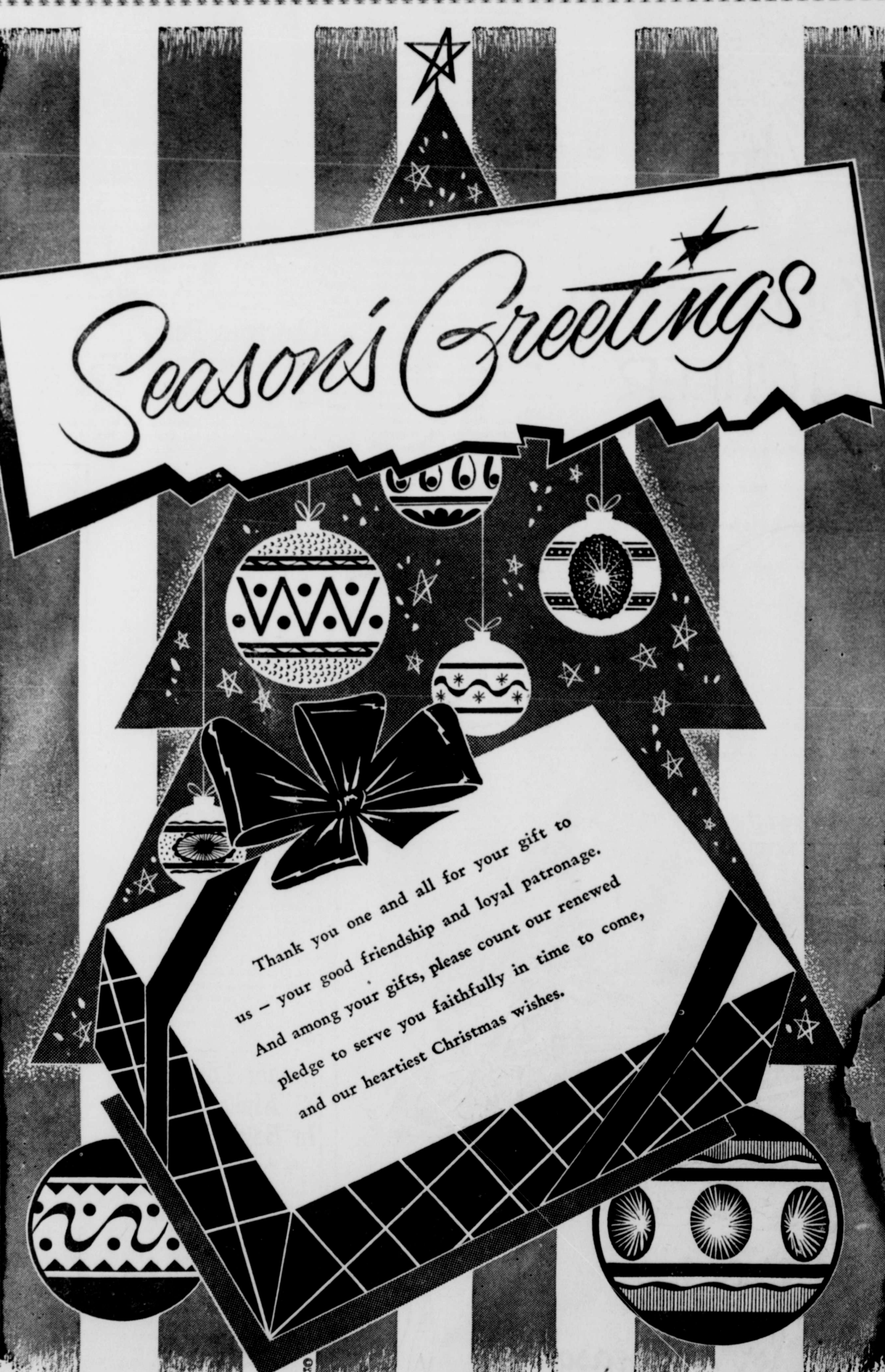
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Christmas Greetings

May His message of peace and good will fill every heart at this Christmas season. And may your heart and home be filled with all the many blessings of the Yuletide.

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