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Along The Waterfront



Fish, like people, are taking Christmas, if the stories along the waterfront are right, and unfortunately they are.

Tuesday there were some reds showing around Fulton, but nothing to make anybody grab his fishing pole and shut the doors on his business.

Over at Mills Wharf the hunters had been getting some ducks and quite a few geese. Friday and Saturday the H. B. Donaldsons of Houston, got 15 ducks and seven geese; Sunday and Monday W. L. Dennis and Ray Moseley, San Antonio, brought in 12 ducks and one goose.

Curly Floyd has reported two catches. C. Dunbar, Rockport, wade fishing in Copano over the weekend, came in with six reds that dressed 23 pounds.

Some good catches were made at Rattlesnake Point. On Saturday, W. E. Lacy caught 20 trout; R. E. Brown snagged fifty on plugs; W. L. Combs and J. W. Jenbrought in 101, using live bait.

Three Corpus Christi anglers, on the same day, caught 89. Fred Horak caught 48 of these; A. J. Caldwell, caught 30; and Jack Helms, with 11, helped make up the total.

Monday, John Bandy, of Odem, checked in with 55 trout; Tuesday, W. E. Lacy and R. E. Brown snagged 60 on plugs. Wednesday, Ray Brown, of Lawton, Okla., hooked 40 trout, using live bait.

Frank Whitney, Longtime Winter Visitor, Seriously Ill, Needs Blood Donors

Frank Whitney, of Estes Park, Colo., who has been coming to Rockport for the last ten winters, is seriously ill in Spohn Hospital, where he was taken last Sunday, from his apartment at Oak Shore.

According to Mrs. Mary Juergens, Chamber of Commerce secretary, blood can be of any type, for it will be used to replace that taken from the blood bank at Spohn for Mr. Whitney's use.

St. Peter's Church Sunday School Party To Be Friday Night

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will hold its Christmas Sunday School party Friday night at 7 p. m., according to Mr. Harry Carter.

Fairfield Breaks Course Record for Country Club

Don Fairfield, of Casey, Ill., who won the Sanford, Fla., \$15,000 Open Golf Tournament last Saturday, played at Live Oak Country Club Wednesday and, despite a two stroke penalty for a lost ball, broke the course record with a sizzling 67.

On the first nine, Fairfield shot a four under par for 32. On the back nine, he started out to make it even, when a lost ball cost him two strokes. Nevertheless, he turned in a 35 for his score.

Playing with Fairfield were local pro, Jack Shelton, Dr. Neil Kirkham, of Aransas Pass, and Jim Grigsby, of Corpus Christi.

Fairfield said that the greens here were better than those on which he played last Saturday, while in Florida, and expressed himself as delighted with the course, the weather, and the country.

Chamber of Commerce Hometown News Clicking

The Chamber of Commerce's home town news on tourists is clicking, apparently, with sports editors here and there throughout the state. The other day The Pilot got a letter from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, to whom marked copies of The Pilot's "Along the Waterfront" column had been sent, detailing the catches made by some Fort Worth citizens, and Upshaw Vincent asked if he could continue to receive news from here for his column.

A few days later, Mrs. Mary Juergens, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, received a page from the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, with about half a column, including the picture, of catches made by people from that area while at Rockport.

Healer also sent a page listing all the towns on whose citizens the Lubbock paper would carry fishing or hunting news, and it was a long one. In fact, it covered about any town in the northwest corner of the state, and some in New Mexico. News on people from these towns, he said would be most welcome, if he can get it.

So now, at least as far as West Texas is concerned, the tourist courts, fishing camps, charter boats, and sporting goods dealers have an easy and interesting way of advertising Rockport without any more cost than the trouble it takes to pick up the phone and call Jack Baughman, the chamber's publicity chairman at The Rockport Pilot, phone 3911. Call him, tell who caught the fish, or shot the ducks, and the news will go out to these papers, as the best sort of publicity, letting people know where we are and what we have to offer.

Moreover, if they know someone from their own area has been coming here, and having good luck, they're apt to ask them about the area, and then come down to see for themselves.

It's easy. Be sure and get the name and address of the person or persons who made the catch; call 3911 and tell Baughman about it, and the publicity will go out to visitors' home town papers. Make no mistake: They use it.

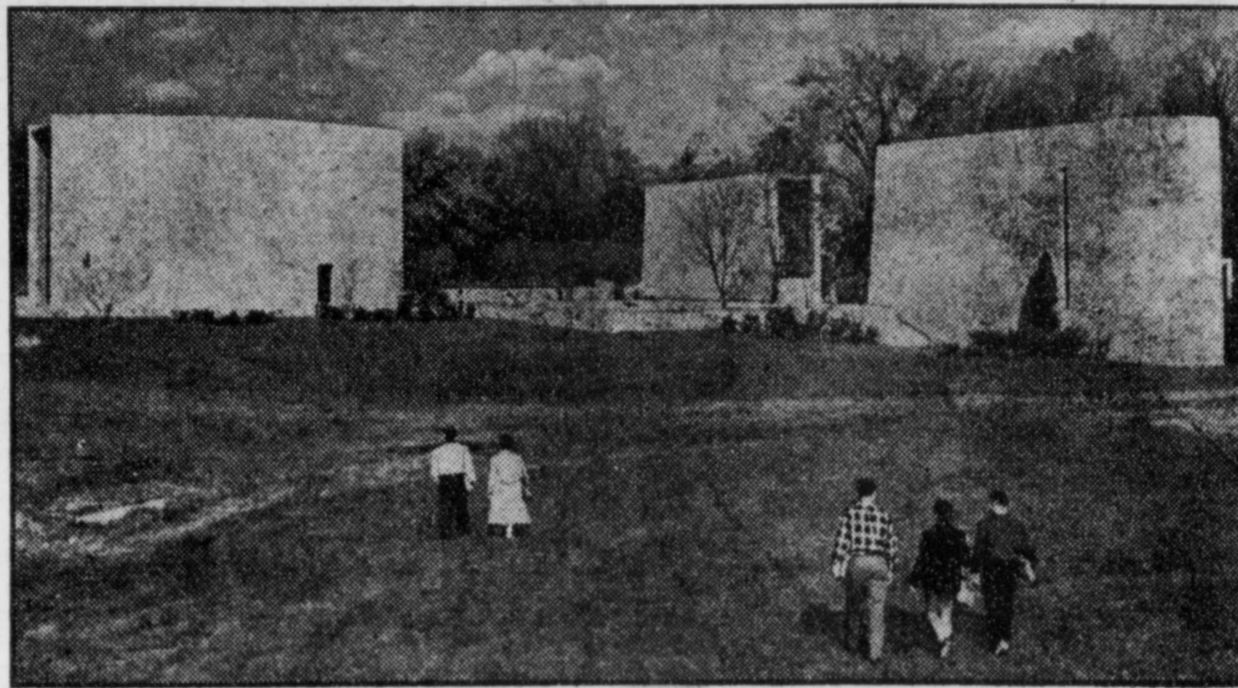
Northside Baptists Christmas Program

The Northside Baptist Church will have their Christmas program and tree Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7 o'clock.

The Sunbeams and GA's of the Northside Baptist Church observed the "Lottie Moon Week of Prayer" by presenting a program "The Life of Lottie Moon." Following the program, each Sunbeam and GA pinned their sack containing an offering for foreign mission on the Christmas tree.

Drug Stores Closed Sunday and Monday

Rockport drug stores will be closed all day Sunday and Monday, except in case of real emergency, druggists said this morning. Those people wanting supplies from these stores should make their purchases ahead of time.



TO EACH HIS OWN—Students approach unique on-campus religious facilities of Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. The three modernistic structures house chapels for each of the major faiths represented among student enrollment.

ARKANSAS FUEL HAS DEED TEST

Harry L. Edwards Drilling Co. of Houston has started dredging canal for Arkansas Fuel Oil Corp. No. 1 State Tract 260, Aransas County wildcat five miles east-northeast of Aransas Pass in Aransas Bay.

Projected to 9,100 feet, it is 660 feet from the north line and 1,320 feet from the east line of State Tract 260.

Sinclair has the fee to the north and Sunray Mid-Continent the fee to the west.

Ducks and Wild Game Needed For Service Men's Hospital Feed

More ducks and wild game are needed for the servicemen's wild game dinner to be held at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station hospital on Jan. 4, according to Bill Gray, commander of the local post of the VFW. Bill says that anyone wanting to donate to the project should contact him either at 201 or 229, and he will see that the game is properly handled.

Presbyterian Church To Install Elder, Have Vesper Services X'mas

The Presbyterian X'mas services will include the installation of a new elder, special Christmas music, and a Vesper service in the evening, according to Rev. A. Arnett Ward, pastor.

At the morning service, which will be held at 11 a. m., Clyde Hayden will be installed as one of the elders of the church. An anthem, "The Lord is Born Today," has been prepared by the choir, and the sermon will be on the "Bells of Bethlehem."

In the evening, at 5 p. m., there will be a Vesper service and carols. The choir will present another anthem, "We Three Kings," and there will be a story sermon on "The Gifts of the Wise Men."

509 Labels In for Band, With Rest of Month to Go; Don't Stop, Say Boosters

Band labels are still coming in. 214 this week have raised the total to 509 so far, which means the Band Boosters Club will receive \$50.90 towards the purchase of badly needed equipment for the ACHS band. Don't stop now, they say. Keep up the good work, for the offer still has a little over a week to run.

Sacred Heart School Closes Today With Christmas Party

The Sacred Heart School closed this morning after a children's Christmas party, until Jan. 2. Last night, the children, under the direction of their teachers, the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, and Father G. J. O'Doherty, of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, presented a play entitled "Christ the Savior Is Born."

Anchors Aweigh, My Boys, Anchors Aweigh

E. G. Brooks and Pat Greene, of ACHS, two of Rockport's most ardent fishermen, sang this song for eight long and weary miles Monday, as they trudged down St. Joseph Island from North Pass to the Ranch House, where they thumbed a ride for the rest of the way home.

These anglers walked home from their fishing trip, if anyone ever did.

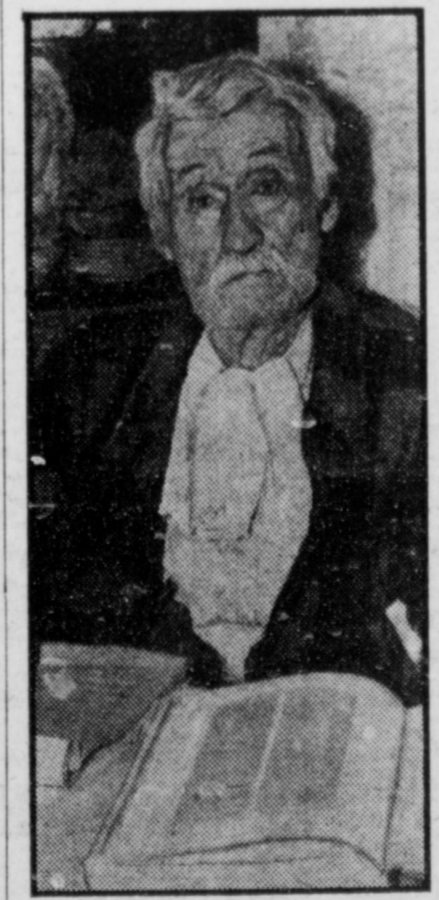
Full of hope in the morning, they headed for North Pass when they left Rockport, and drew their boat out on the shore, leaving the anchor aweigh, and went fishing. They forgot such small things as a rising tide in their enthusiasm to snag a few fish, and woke up a little later, to see their boat gaily bobbing over the waves, headed for a voyage on its own.

Report has it that they squandered through the water after it like a duck taking off, but all to no avail. The boat went its way, and they had to go theirs, down the island, dragging one foot after the other in the best tradition of the Marines to reach home some hours later without either fish or boat.

The boat was recovered later.

Church of Christ To Hold Regular Services Christmas

The Church of Christ will hold only its regular services on Christmas, Mr. B. R. Thompson says, but added that everyone would be welcome.



NO SWEAR WORDS—W. A. Craker, 92, of Omena, Mich., hopes to transcribe the unwritten Chippewa Indian language before he dies. Craker played with Indians as a child. He says that there were no swear words in the Chippewa tribal tongue before advent of the white man to what is now upper Michigan.

POLL TAXES LAGGING, SAYS SHIVERS

Poll tax collections are lagging, A. C. Shivers, county tax assessor-collector, said today. Only a few more than a hundred have been paid so far, and he warns everyone that they have only a few weeks to make the payments.

Aransas County Bond Sales Exceed Yearly Quota With Month Yet to Go

Sales of government bonds in Aransas County have already exceeded the yearly quota for this area, according to Fred Bracht, local chairman, with one month yet to go. Sales of \$4,090 in bonds in November brought the total amount for the county to \$80,457, or 100.6% of the amount assigned to the area.

Sacred Heart Church Plans Midnight Mass On Christmas Eve

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will celebrate the Christmas season with carols on Christmas Eve, followed by a midnight mass, sung by Father G. J. O'Doherty. Music for this service will be furnished by the parish choir.

On Christmas Day there will be a high mass at 9 a. m., and the children's choir will furnish music at this service, Father O'Doherty said. All other services will be as regularly scheduled.

DUCK COUNT TO BE MADE

They may miss a few million ducks here and there, but between now and Jan. 16, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state agencies plan to count every duck and goose in the wintering ground from Southern Canada to Yucatan in southern Mexico.

The annual winter inventory of migratory waterfowl will be made between Jan. 5 and 16 with every known wintering area to be covered. There will be 146 airplanes used in the survey in addition to ground vehicles.

The survey is expected to be of considerable value in showing the distribution of wintering waterfowl, but we just wonder. Actually, there won't be a true picture overall. The only way this could be done on even close terms would be for a count to be made each month.

The migrations of ducks coming and going and moving back and forth along the coasts cause the count to change almost daily. And Texas is one of the few states which allows hunting of ducks and geese up into January.

Scouts and Fire Dept. Need More X'mas Toys

The Boy Scouts and the Rockport Fire Department need more of your old toys for distribution to needy children this Christmas. Bill Gray, scoutmaster, says that only those toys in usable condition should be donated. Take them to the city hall and they will be distributed by the scouts at Christmas.

16th Annual Fire Department Party Tonight

The sixteenth annual children's party, given by the Aransas County Emergency Corps, will take place tonight (Thursday). Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck with candy and fruit for the youngsters, and his advent will be heralded by the fire siren, while music will be furnished by the chimes at the Methodist Church.

Christmas Pageant Presented at Baptist Church Wednesday

"The Great Light," a Christmas pageant, was presented at the First Baptist Church Wednesday evening at 7. The story of the birth of the Savior was proclaimed in Scripture in tableau and in song throughout the production. The pageant was directed by Mrs. W. D. Broadway and the cast of characters included the following people:

Shepherds: John, Jack, and James Ballou. Angels: Kay Simmons, Fern Rathmeyer, Barbara Schuster and Judy Mullinax.

Wise Men: Bill Clark, Jimmy Simmons, Grady West. Mary and Joseph: Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Ramsey.

A child: Shelley Roaten, Jr. A young man and a young woman: Abner West and Ann Williams. A mother and father: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Landrum.

Minister: W. D. Ramsey. Narrator: Mrs. Grady West. Music was furnished by Mrs. Bill Clark, pianist, Mrs. Grady West and Mrs. W. D. Broadway. Jerry Ballou was property man.

At the close of the pageant, a church-wide offering was taken for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. A large gift box was placed at the front of the auditorium and each person placed his offering in the box as a gift to Christ on His birthday.

Candy, fruit and nuts were given to all the children present as a climax to the program of the evening.

Fulton Lions to Hold Christmas Party

The Fulton Lions Club will have their annual Christmas party tomorrow night (Friday) at 7 p. m. Santa Claus will arrive at that time aboard the fire truck to pass out "goodies" to the children.

The Fulton Baptist choir, under the leadership of Cecil Casterline, will sing Christmas Carols to add to the party.

All children of the Fulton area are invited to come out and join in with the festivities. The tree will be located beside the Fulton Red & White Grocery, in front of Rouquette's fish house.



BOOTS FOR BABY—Member of the training cadre of the new West German army tries on the new uniform and combat boot which will be issued to all recruits. He's stationed at Andernach, training center which will be activated in January.

County Growth and Development Shown In Report

Each January business concerns in all parts of the United States receive from Dun & Bradstreet requests for their annual financial statements. This year the number of requests going out nationwide will exceed three million, with over 30,000 going to San Antonio and Valley trade territory businessmen. This area comprises 55 counties.

The growth and the industrial development of Aransas County is reflected in statistics just released by the credit reporting firm. C. T. Schultz, manager at San Antonio which covers this area, says that this year there will be more requests for financial statements made of business concerns in Aransas County than ever before.

The Aransas County section of the current issue of the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book contains listings of 99 local names comprising manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. It does not include some of the service and "Professional" businesses, such as barber and beauty shops, real estate and stock brokers. Thus the figure for businesses in Aransas County would actually be higher than the 99 quoted above. In 1949 the number of listed names totaled only 90—an indicated increase for this year of 10%.

During 1956, Dun & Bradstreet estimates they will be required to make about 55 changes in the listings of business enterprises in Aransas County. These changes will result from adding the names of new businesses, and deleting the names of those who have discontinued; as well as accounting for changes in ownership, trade names and credit ratings.

Better than 95 per cent of all commercial transactions in the United States are made on credit terms and the buyer and the seller are brought together by means of credit information.

When the owner of a business or his accountant returns his financial statement to Dun & Bradstreet, the owner has taken the first step in establishing his responsibility as a seeker of credit.

The statement becomes a part of the credit report on his business along with a financial analysis, a description of what the business does and a record of how it pays its bills.

On the basis of the information in the report, a rating is assigned and the businessman is listed in the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book. This makes it possible for his suppliers and insurance underwriters, who use the book to look him up and in this way he is assisted in getting his goods and insurance.

In other words should a manufacturer or a wholesaler receive an order for merchandise from a merchant in Aransas County, the listing and the rating of the merchant can be checked in the reference book. And it makes no difference where the seller is located. The listing of the Aransas County businessman appears in every issue of the reference book in the United States.

A reference book listing contains the name of the business and the rating. The rating consists of two symbols. The first, letter of the alphabet, indicates financial strength or capital. It is the difference between what the business owes and what it owns. The second symbol, a numeral, reflects a composite stability and payment record.

Methodist Church Plans Special Services

Special Christmas Day and Christmas Eve services will mark the season at First Methodist Church.

The Intermediate and Senior MYF groups will sponsor a caroling program tonight. A midnight candlelight communion service will be held on Sunday, a Christmas family worship hour at 9 a. m. This will be the only morning service and is a combination of Sunday School and morning worship. A film, "Holy Night," will be presented in the evening.

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Thanks for the Bouquet Folks

The Aransas Co. Independent School board recently sent the following very nice letter to The Pilot:

The Publishers
The Rockport Pilot.
Gentlemen:

At its regular meeting the Board of Trustees of the district passed unanimously the following resolution:

Motion by Elliot, seconded by Jackson, that the board go on record in appreciation of the Rockport Pilot for the fine news coverage and publicity given the school district bond issue, and that the secretary forward a copy of this resolution to the publishers.

Very truly yours,
Shelley P. Roaten
Secretary of Board

Such bouquets are all too infrequent in the life of any newspaper. Let one small mistake be made, and everyone calls it to their attention, but few people take time out to commend their local publication.

Therefore, we say, thanks again folks. We're glad we could help.

CONGRATULATIONS—

Mr. and Mrs. De Lamure, Jr., are the parents of a baby girl born Friday, Dec. 16 in the Rockport Hospital. The young lady weighed 6 1/2 pounds and was named Donita. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. De Lamure of this city are the paternal grandparents while Mrs. Owens, also of this city is the maternal grandmother.

Rudy Gwynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rube Gwynn, left by plane for the Great Lakes where he will take his Navy reserve boot training for two weeks.



SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 23-24

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DEC. 26

Turkeys Turkeys Turkeys

HAMS	Rath's Blackhawk	Shank lb. .42c Whole lb. .43c Butt lb. .47c	HENS	Pound	45¢
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BACON	Rath's Thick Sliced 2 lbs. 79¢	Pork Roast	Boston Butt Pound	35¢	BACON	Texas Brand lb. 35¢
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SNOWDRIFT WESSON OIL	3 lbs. 73¢ quart 59¢	Apples	Washington State Delicious Pound	13¢
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FRUIT COCKTAIL	LIBBY'S 303 can 24¢	CELERY	Pascal stalk 11¢
CRANBERRY SAUCE	Ocean Spray 300 can 21¢	RADISHES	Green Onions or bunch 5¢

Hunt's Peaches	Sliced or Halves 2 1/2 can 29¢	Yams	Red Velvet 2 lbs. 15¢
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GLADIOLA FLOUR	5 lbs. 47¢	COFFEE SALE	INSTANT MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE 6 oz. 1.39
SPINACH	HUNT'S 300 Can 2 for 25¢	Yams	lb. can 91¢
PEAS	Del Monte PEAS, 303 can 19¢	TIDE	Northern giant 69¢

HUNT'S CUT GREEN BEANS	300 can 20¢	Napkins	2 cartons 25¢
SUGAR	5 lbs. 48¢	Butter	Borden's Sweet Cream lb. 71¢

GOLDEN WHOLE KERNEL CORN	12 oz. can 17¢	EGG NOG	Borden's quart 59¢
CUT BEANS	Romay 303 can 10¢	COTTAGE CHEESE	Borden's 26¢

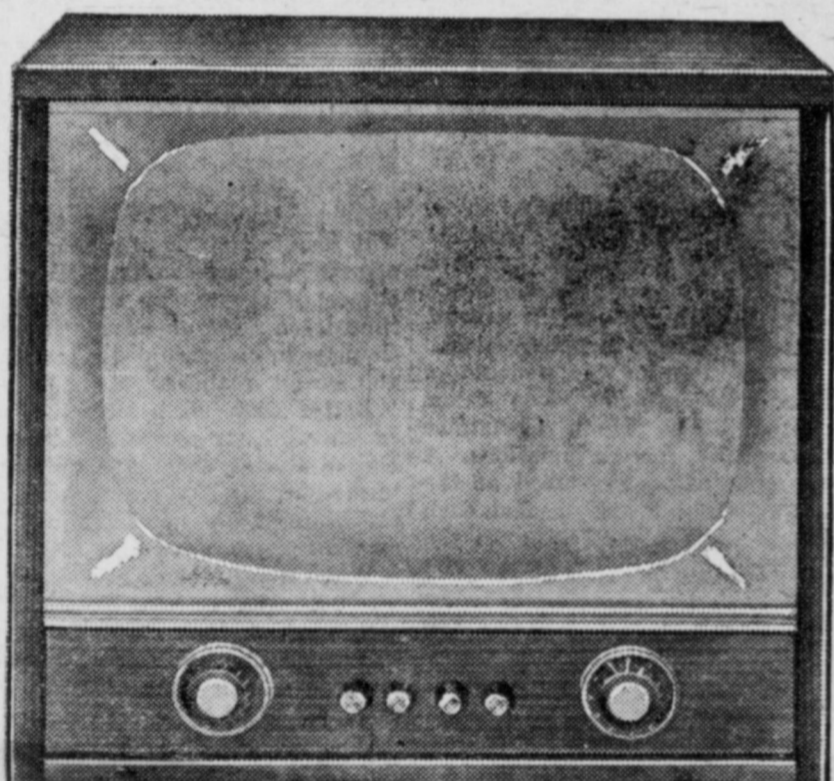
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Holiday Whirl Means Extra Work For You-Know-Who

The holiday whirl is about us again and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1956."

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the mornings and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year, by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's Christmas an easier one. It might be done by dividing up some of Mom's "extra" duties and assigning a share to each member of the family.

Christmas is a holy season and a time of good will. Poor Mom, though, is usually so tired she doesn't even have time to think, much less relax and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the season.

C. H. Gray Honored With Barbecue Before Leaving On Trip

C. H. Gray was honored with a barbecue Friday night, by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gray, before leaving on a trip to New Mexico and California. Mr. Gray left Monday morning for Albuquerque, where he will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Lambert. His daughter, Mrs. George W. Bennett, who with her husband, Marine Sergeant G. W. Bennett, live at Santa Ana, Calif., will meet Mr. Gray at the Lambert home for Christmas, and then, on Dec. 26, she and her father will go on to California. Mr. Gray expects to be gone until the middle of March.

Ramsey Bearden is home from Texas A&I to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bearden.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Segler and daughter, Robbie, left Wednesday for San Marcos where they will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Segler.

Baptist Women Entertained

Women of the First Baptist Church have spent a busy week with Christmas festivities. Thursday night, the members of the WMU had a covered dish supper at the home of Mrs. W. N. McNorton. Gifts were exchanged at the lighted tree as carols were sung. Mrs. R. F. McKnight read the Christmas story as the devotional and Mrs. Grady West was in charge of the entertainment.

Earlier in the week the Homemakers class entertained the husbands of the members with a buffet turkey supper at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Broadway.

Mrs. Harry Traylor was hostess to the Fidelis Matrons class. Christmas candles, in varying hues and sizes, some plain and some sequin trimmed, emphasized the Yuletide season for this occasion.

Friday night the members of the TEL class entertained their husbands with a turkey dinner at the Grady West home, with Mrs. Mabel Thompson cohostess with Mrs. West. Christmas greens, sparklers and candles accented the holiday season, further emphasized by a lighted tree.

Bobby Bracht, freshman at Texas University, is visiting during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bracht.



SIGN IN THE WEST—Berliners in Red-held territory look each year at Christmas time to the West for a sign that the Star of the East is not forgotten in today's world. West Berliners erect a Christmas tree annually near the Brandenburg Gate, background, which stands on the Soviet-British sector border of the divided city.

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Libby's Fruit Cocktail No. 303 Can 21c
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Ruffy can DOG FOOD 5c
CHEER or TIDE 29c

Folger's COFFEE 91c
Del Monte Tomato Juice 46-oz. can 29c
Red & White All Green Asparagus 36c
Royal Prince Sweet Potatoes 21c
Del Monte Cut Green Beans 19c
Quart PUREX 15c
Our Value No. 2 1/2 PEARS 29c

Sun Spun BREAD Large Loaf 21c
Gold Medal FLOUR 5 Lb. Bag 48c
Red & White Black Pepper 4 oz. can 25c
Durkee's COCONUT 4 oz. pkg. 15c
Del Monte Pumpkin 2 FOR 25c

Swift's Premium pound BACON 39c
Rockport pint Oysters 89c
Beef pound LIVER 39c
Sun Spun pound BACON 35c
Swift's Premium pound FRANKS 39c
Wisconsin pound CHEESE 49c
Boston Butt Pork Roast pound 29c
Big Fat Chicken Hens lb. 49c

SUGAR
5 Lb. Bag
47c

White Powdered Brown or
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Thrif-T-Pack Vegetables 17c

Sunbeams Enjoy Christmas Party

The Sunbeam leaders honored the Sunbeams Monday afternoon with a Christmas party. Games were played and the Christmas story was read from the Bible to the children by Mrs. M. D. McNorton.

Refreshments of X'mas cookies, punch and Santa Claus apples were served to 18 members.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Esther Ballou, Mrs. M. D. McNorton, and Mrs. Bob Landrum.

Miss Patti Ballou arrived Tuesday afternoon from San Antonio to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ballou.

Northside Baptist GA's Entertained Tuesday

Mrs. Lonnie Wright entertained the Junior GA's of the Northside Baptist Church with a Christmas party at her home Tuesday evening. The girls exchanged gifts and were then served colored popcorn, nuts, Christmas cake and punch.

Those present were Ronnie Jean Lassiter, Bobby Jean Townsend, Nina Ann Fields, Jeraldine Barbara, and Dora Lynn Wright, and the hostess, Mrs. Lonnie Wright.

Tommy Arlen Shults arrived home Thursday from Houston where he is a student at the University of Houston, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shults.

Pioneer Young People Enjoy Caroling Party

The Pioneer Young People of the First Presbyterian Church were entertained by their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hayden, Tuesday night at the church.

The group enjoyed caroling. Bill Johnson took the group around in his truck. Gifts were exchanged by the young people.

Delicious refreshments of open-faced sandwiches and hot chocolate were served to 35 guests.

ELLIOT-HUGHES' CLINIC

Dec. 7: Myra Ingersoll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ingersoll, was treated for an injury received while practicing basket ball.

Dec. 8: W. A. Reynolds, employee of Seth Steele, was treated for a cut left index finger.

Dec. 9: H. R. Clayton, employee of Raymond Dugat, was treated for an injured back.

Dec. 11: Mrs. Bill Manning underwent major surgery in the Aransas Hospital.

Dec. 16: Warren Gaham of Portland, employee of Jackson Marine Service, had a piece of steel removed from his left eye.

Dec. 19: Mrs. J. B. Olivares was admitted to Aransas Hospital for treatment.

Dec. 20: Quayle Cassels, foreman of Braselton Construction Co., was treated for a piece of wire stuck in his finger on right hand.

CONGRATULATIONS—

Mr. and Mrs. Wesby Morgan are the proud parents of a baby boy, Michael Gene, born Friday, Dec. 16 in the Aransas Hospital. The young man weighed 5 pounds 3 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan of Hixson, Tenn. Mr. Ham Smith, of this city, is the baby's great-grandfather.

Miss Benningfield Honored On Birthday

Miss Georgia Benningfield was honored with a surprise birthday party Friday night at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Hoehne. Hostess for the occasion was Miss Prissy Fields. Games were played and refreshments of potato chips, cake and Coke were served to the following guests: Nell Mundine, Nancy Court, Stevie Weber, Raymond Mikeal, Victor Torres, Davy Carol Brown, James Richard Fox, Darnell Barber, Brenda Mundine, Clyde Townsend, the honoree, Georgia Benningfield, and the hostess.

Following the party a slumber party was held for the girls.

Nana Loony Honored On 13th Birthday

Miss Nana Loony was honored Thursday on her 13th birthday with a party. Games were played and refreshments of birthday cake, cookies and ice cream were served.

Friends of Nana who helped her celebrate were Jerry and Buddy Wright, Sherry McElwee, Tommy Mikeal, Glenda Brundrett, Kenny Keller, Carolyn Sue Shults, Ronny Jean Lassiter, John Ballou, Mary Jane, and Peggy Fleming.

CONGRATULATIONS—

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kinkade in the Aransas Hospital, Dec. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Littlefield and family are leaving Friday for Lumberton, N. C., where they will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Littlefield, Sr. They will then travel to Aiken, S. C., where they will visit with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John B. McClain. They will return to Rockport Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Edric Deason left Monday for San Antonio where they are visiting his brother, Thurman Deason, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cheramie and son, are spending the holidays in Houma, La., and nearby areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Borchert and family are spending the holidays in Lockhart with his parents.

Mrs. Charlie Garrett and Janice Fay and Mrs. C. L. Thomas were in Corpus Christi, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyness Malbrough and family are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Houma, La.

Mrs. Charles Dorsey of Corpus Christi, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bissett.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Kay of Aransas Pass, and Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore attended a cocktail party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Moore in Corpus Christi.

Harold Morgans Entertain Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Morgan entertained a group of their friends with a Christmas party Saturday night in their home. Games were played, carols were sung, and dancing was enjoyed. The living room was decorated with roping draping from the ceiling covered with icicles. Blue lights adorned the Christmas tree. Cheese and crackers, stuffed dates, cake, pies, and cold drinks were served buffet style.

Those enjoying the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Littlefield and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cheramie and their grandson, Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Lyness Malbrough and daughter, Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Kate, Mrs. Paul Ward and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morgan and sons, Dwight and Mike.

Baptist GA's Entertained

The GA's of the First Baptist Church were entertained by their sponsor, Mrs. Eva Coaker, Saturday night at her home. Balloons, mistletoe and holly decorated the room along with a Christmas tree. Delicious refreshments of cake, cookies, brownies, sandwiches, and hot chocolate were served. GA's and their guests present were Georgia Benningfield, Clyde Townsend, Nell Mundine, Steve Weber, Brenda Mundine, Darnell Barber, Judy Mullinax, Jeraldine Wright, Mrs. Ruby Mundine, Mrs. Emma McLester, and the hostess, Mrs. Eva Coaker.

Rebekahs Met Tuesday

The Rebekah and IOOF lodges met Tuesday night for a Christmas party. A Christmas tree loaded with gifts which were exchanged was the predominant decoration. The table was decorated with holly and candles. A covered dish luncheon was served to about 100 people.

Mrs. Lloyd Smith and Mrs. Manch Brundrett attended a shower Monday in Corpus Christi for Mrs. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Albert Hunt.

Aransas Hospital Staff Has Christmas Party

The Aransas Hospital staff was entertained Saturday night with a banquet held in the Bamboo Room of the Little Bob's Restaurant. Mrs. Betty Wilcox, head nurse, introduced Dr. John Auten as master of ceremonies. Speeches were made by the Doctors Tinnerman, Elliot and Kaye.

A white Christmas tree trimmed in gold bead roping held the many gifts which were exchanged. John Gilmore, acting at Santa Claus, presented a lovely gift to Dr. Gladys Auten, hospital administrator in behalf of the staff.

A dinner of soup, turkey and dressing, gravy, baked potatoes, peas and carrots, asparagus, beets and pickles, rolls and coffee were served buffet style. An unusual flaming ice cream dessert was served as the lights were dimmed.

Those attending were Drs. John and Gladys Auten, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, and Mrs. Betty Wilcox, all of Ingleside; Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Tinnerman, Dr. and Mrs. John E. Kaye, Mrs. Clara LeBlanc, Mrs. Ransom Owens, Mrs. Fern Brough, Chief Maxwell, Mrs. Aileen Farley, Mrs. Bobby Webb, Mrs. Anna Mae Shedd, Miss Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Flash Tosmack, Mrs. Rachael Dierlam, Mrs. Elgie Wingfield, and Mrs. Peck, all of Aransas Pass; Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore, Mrs. Gladys Barber and Mrs. Jeanne Bailey, all of Rockport.

Mrs. Cassel Entertains With Christmas Party

Mrs. Walter Cassel entertained a group of her friends Tuesday afternoon with a Christmas party. Games were played and gifts were exchanged grab-bag style.

Coffee and cake was served to Mesdames Myrl Wright, Myrl Haynes, Dora Ethel Wright, and sister from Alice, Willie Dell Wright and Misses Mary Faye Clark, Jo Helen May and Deanna Cheramie.

R. A. Johnson returned home Saturday from the Aransas Hospital where he was confined for several days.

Basket Ball Girls Honored At Christmas Party

Yuletide festivities began for the basket ball girls last week when they were honored by Miss Hope Lang at a Christmas party given at the Roy Hinton home.

The traditional red and green colors were used throughout the house for the holiday decorations. From around a large Christmas tree, "Santa" gave out gifts to all guests.

Christmas carols were sung around the organ. "Santa's" appearance created much fun and laughter.

The dining room was decorated in silver and white. "Frosty, the Snowman" centered the table, from which Christmas tree sandwiches, potato chips, olives, nuts and cake were served. Miss Diane Crawford poured hot chocolate.

Those girls enjoying the party were Sarah Ballou, Brenda Mundine, Sally Warden, Claudia Domengeaux, Ann Stephens, Myra Ingersoll, Rita Matthews, Minerva Lawn, Joyce Warden, Nancy McNorton, Martha Ballou, Barbara Sassy, Sissy Mundine, Joyce Ann Barber, Nell Mundine, Patricia Fields, Belle Geistmann, Faye Washington, Jo Helen May, Susan Sanchez, Mary Faye Clark, Mrs. Electra Taylor, Miss Martha Hlavinka, Mrs. Ballou, Miss D. Crawford, Mrs. B. C. Gregory, Miss Roy Hinton and the hostess, Miss Hope Lang.

John Silberisen, student at Schreiner Institute, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Silberisen.

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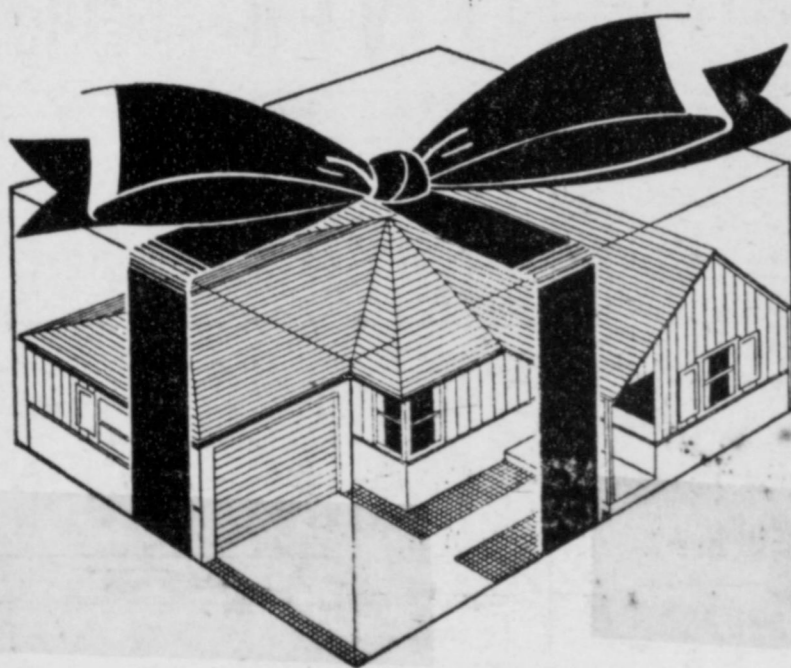
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Rockport P-TA Enjoys Christmas Program

The Rockport Parent-Teacher Association met Dec. 14, at 3:45 p. m. in the school auditorium. Mrs. Herbert Mills, program chairman, called the meeting to order and presented the program. Prayer was offered by Supt. Pat Greene.

A Christmas program was presented by the 2nd through 4th grade students.

Mrs. Billie Lang's 3rd grade boys sang special Christmas songs with Ronald Magee singing "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus."

Miss Clara Hoover, Mrs. Golda James, Mrs. Agnes Currie, Mrs. Lillian Sorenson and Mrs. Louise Pritchett's 2nd and 3rd grades presented "Christmas Doings" with Chris Sorenson as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Edna Snyder's 4th grade

Mrs. Bracht Hostess For Bridge Party

Mrs. Arthur Bracht entertained with a Christmas bridge party at her home at Fulton recently. The Yuletide theme was developed throughout the house and was accentuated in table appointments.

High score prize was won by Mrs. J. H. Mills, low by Miss Genevieve Bracht and bingo by Mrs. Charles T. Picton.

presented a play entitled "The Christmas Story."

Mrs. Dee Mitchell's and Mrs. Myrtle Castleman's 4th grades presented "The Nativity Scene."

Mrs. Lillian Sorenson's 3rd grade won the attendance prize with the 2nd 3rd and 4th grades each receiving \$1.

There was no business meeting.

Tourist Party Held Monday

Mrs. Joe H. Slocum, Mrs. Travis Bailey and Mrs. J. H. Mills were hostesses for the tourist party sponsored by the Woman's Club Monday afternoon. Five tables of players enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment of bridge games.

Mrs. Fred A. Bracht was awarded the prize for high score, Mrs. R. L. Gumm, of Arriba, Colo., low and Mrs. William Gech of Glennallan, N. D.

A lighted Christmas tree and a tea table with holiday theme, emphasized the Yuletide season.

Announcement was made that the next tourist party would be held Monday, Jan. 9 at the Woman's Club building.

Mrs. Means Gives X'mas Bridge Party

High lighting the Christmas social season was the bridge party at the E. W. Means home at Fulton Beach, Friday afternoon. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Means for the occasion was Mrs. Orvil W. Haynes.

Christmas greens, gay arrangements of colored balls, sequin studded candles and artistic arrangements of frosted foliage and jeweled pendants gave a festive air to the living room and sun parlor where nine tables of players were assembled for the games.

Attracting attention in the sun parlor was a table model Christmas tree fashioned of costume jewelry. The modern, colorful holiday decorations, blended with pieces of early American furniture and art treasures, and items collected in foreign travel, produced an over all attractive background for the Yuletide festivity.

The tea table was laid with a white handmade linen Mosaic cloth over pale green. White tapers in branched silver candelabra and a bowl of white chrysanthemums formed the centerpiece. Mrs. Tom Roper served the egg nog and Mrs. Jack Hagar presided at the silver coffee and tea service. Mrs. Rose Masterson served fruit cake and Christmas cookies.

In the games of bridge, high score prize was presented to Mrs. Fred Christilles, second high to Mrs. Harry Dow, low to Mrs. J. H. Mills and bingo to Mrs. A. L. Bruhl.

Others included in the group were Mrs. Ray Cheney, Mrs. Norman Emerick, Mrs. C. L. McCord, Mrs. H. H. Dick, Mrs. Charles Cleveland, Mrs. Lois Rozzell, Mrs. C. H. Whiteley, Mrs. Arthur Bracht, Mrs. H. F. Elliot, Mrs. Travis Johnson, Mrs. Fred A. Bracht, Miss Mabel Bracht, Miss Genevieve Bracht, Mrs. Charles T. Picton, Mrs. A. R. Curry, Mrs. Fred Booth, Mrs. L. E. Sanders, Mrs. C. L. Utz, Mrs. A. G. Collin, Mrs. J. P. Hanway,

Mrs. C. O. Lutz, Mrs. Jack Roberts, Mrs. Travis Bailey, Mrs. H. H. Roberts, Mrs. Thomas Yarrell, Mrs. J. H. Sorenson, Mrs. A. B. Leeuer, Mrs. Joe T. Slocum, Mrs.



WANT A DATE?—Harlene Miller, 17, is the girl to see. She has a whole bunch of dates for someone. Naturally. She was chosen Date Queen of 1955 at Phoenix, Ariz., heartland of one of the few date-growing areas in this country.

A. L. Bachman, Mrs. Dick Denny, Mrs. Maynard Woodson, Mrs. D. T. Oliver.

Tea guests were Mrs. Harry Traylor, Mrs. J. C. May, Mrs. S. F. Jackson, Mrs. Hagar, and Mrs. Masterson.

Mrs. Lewis Stone was in Corpus Christi, Monday.

The first indoor rodeo in the world was held in Fort Worth, as a feature of the southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

COMPLETE RETIREMENT NOT REQUIRED TO DRAW ON SOCIAL SECURITY

"You don't have to retire completely to start drawing on your social security benefits after age 65," according to H. M. Cleveland, district manager of the Corpus Christi social security office.

The Social Security Act now permits earnings up to \$1,200 in a year before any benefits are withheld, even if you work in all months of the year. If you earn more than \$1,200 in a year, some payment can still be made if your total earnings for the year are not more than \$2,080, he explained. Moreover, you do not lose a benefit for any month in which you do not earn more than \$80 in employment or do not work in your own trade or business, re-

gardless of the amount of your earnings in other months of the year. After 72, there is no restrictions as to earnings.

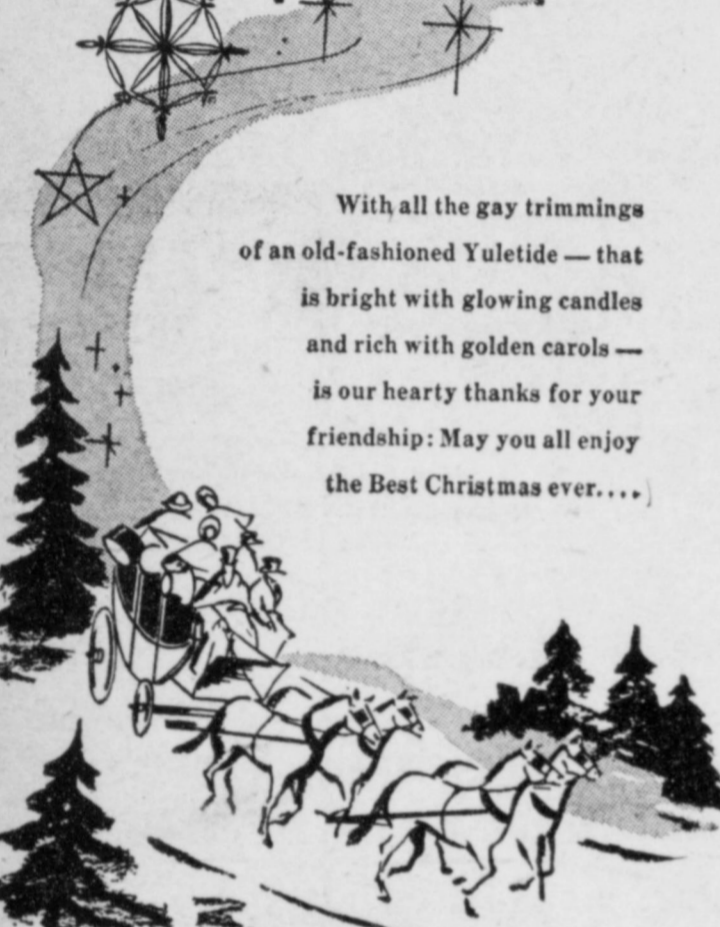
These provisions of the law enable many workers to work part time while receiving their social security insurance. In this way, they can keep busy at useful work and at the same time have the benefit of the social security income. Cleveland suggested that when the time for retirement comes, every worker should read the leaflet, "Facts About Earnings While Receiving Payments," which is available upon request at his office. It tells exactly how your benefits will be affected if you continue to work. To get a copy of the booklet, just address the Social Security Administration, 530 South Water Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.



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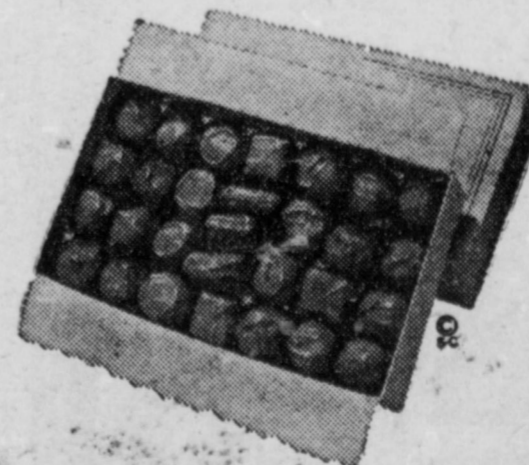
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Gift-Giving Custom In Ancient England

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was the custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way to other personal gifts at Christmas time.

The parrot has no wishbone.

A savanna is a large grassy area in a tropical country.

Woman's Club Observes Family Night

Christmas Family Night was observed by the members of the Woman's Club, Monday night. Mrs. Fred A. Bracht, president, extended greetings to the group and Mrs. J. P. Hanway was in charge of the program.

The Rev. A. Arnott Ward, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. The Aransas County High School choir presented a group of carols, directed by Mrs. Elaine Scorza. Mrs. Ellis L. Clark read "The Littlest Angel" and Mrs. M. W. Cochran, "The Harp Weaver" which were followed by carols sung by members of the Rockport Rotary Club, accompanied by Mrs. Sam James. Assembly singing of Christmas songs closed the program.



ST. NICHOLAS — Garbed as was his namesake, a fourth-century bishop of Asia Minor, "St. Nicholas" rides through the streets of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Feast of the good saint, traditional bringer of gifts to Dutch children, is celebrated on Dec. 6. For centuries, Christmas was purely a religious holiday in Holland, but the gift-giving custom has since spread to embrace Christmas Day.

Christmas Plant, Poinsettia, Named After Statesman

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Poinsett was U.S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew the unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.



PIXIE—Elfin whimsy is fashioned into this pointed bonnet. Buttoned strips of matching felt gather the stitched panels together in this casual London creation. Unbuttoned, hat has a practical aspect. It folds flat for easy packing.

Thomas Jefferson is said to have introduced the use of the finger-bowl in America.

3,389 TEXANS ENTER ARMED SERVICES IN MONTH OF NOV.

Austin, Texas.—A total of 3,389 Texans entered the uniformed services in November, 2,674 being separated during the same time, according to an announcement Tuesday by Lt. Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state Selective Service director.

Of the 3,389 entering the service, 2,432 went in by volunteer means, the remaining 957 being drafted. A total of 482 draftees went into the Army, and 475 entered the Navy.

There were 525 volunteers reported for the Army, 733 for the Navy, 185 for the Marine Corps, 972 for the Air Force, and 17 for the Coast Guard.

Colonel Schwartz pointed out that many of the 957 draftees actually volunteered through the draft boards. Draft boards are notified of the enlistment of men from their area by the different departments of the armed forces.

During November, state draft boards were notified of the separation of 1,412 Army personnel, 541 men from the Navy, 147 from the

Marine Corps, 568 from the Air Force, and six from the Coast Guard.

The Army examined 2,031 men for state draft boards during November and found 736 unacceptable for service, a rejection rate of 36 per cent. The 1,295 found acceptable will be used to fill future calls on the draft boards.

Fifteen doctors and dentists were examined during the month, with four being found unacceptable. One dentist was commissioned after receiving an order to report for induction.

DEL MAR GRILL COMMENDED BY BIRD GROUP

Sol Silverman of the Del Mar Grill, received a nice letter this week, from the Texas Ornithological Society group, thanking him for the care with which he made arrangements for their meals while here, and for the excellent meals provided. Things like this help Rockport's tourist business.

Wong is the most common family name—it is used by at least 150,000,000 Chinese.



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gram.

The tea table, laid with a lace cloth over a green skirt, had for a centerpiece two tall red tapers surrounded by frosted pine sprays, red ribbons and glowing colored balls, in artistic arrangement. Mrs. J. H. Mills served the cake, Mrs. Arthur Bracht poured punch and Mrs. Joe Slocum, the coffee. A lighted Christmas tree added to the festiveness of the occasion.

Ruth Bryan Owen was the first woman to be appointed a foreign minister by the U. S.



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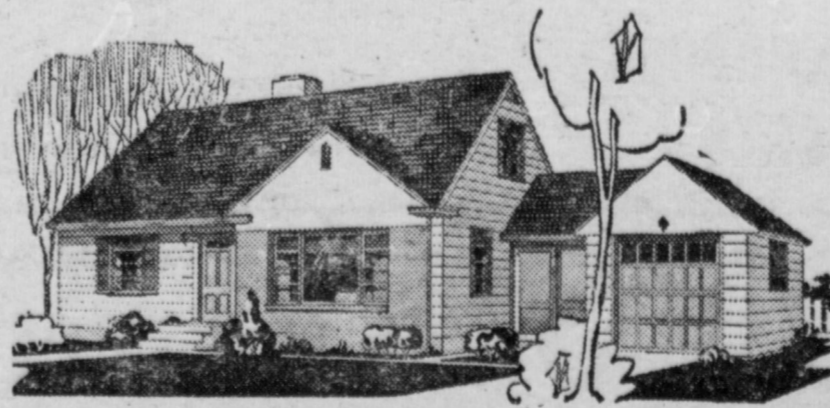
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Mako Sharks Are Among The World's Great Game Fish

Mako sharks, which have been caught at Port Isabel and off Port Aransas, are among the great game fish of the sea, swift-swimming and high-leaping. Terrific fighters, they are tireless and indomitable when hooked, and favorites with sportsmen on that account.

Makos are found near land and far out in the ocean, wherever their prey may be. Ordinarily they follow schooling species, and, around Bermuda for example, are frequently seen around the schools

of mackerel. Nevertheless, they also feed on larger fish. A swordfish weighing 120 pounds was found in a mako stomach off Bimini. Another mako of about 800 pounds, harpooned off Montauk, Long Island, had been seen attacking a swordfish. When landed, the shark was found to have eaten nearly 150 pounds of the broadbill's flesh.

Deep steel-blue above, with silver sides and belly, makos are trim, torpedo-shaped fish, lacking the tadpole-like appearance of so many of the more common sharks. Actually, they are marvels of streamlining, built for speed, and, when out of the water, look something like a broadbill swordfish

without its sword.

Their heads are conical, like the nose of a bullet; their bodies are round and massive, clear to the tail, with flattened side protruberances that serve as lateral stabilizers, along with the fins, keeping the body from rolling under the thrust of the massive, mackerel-like tail.

Their eyes are large and dark, like a broadbill, apparently adapted to operating at considerable depths, where the light is dim.

The mako's jaw is set far back, and faired into the rest of its head so that, when closed, there is nothing to impede the smooth rush of the shark through the water. When open, both upper and

lower jaws are armed with one of the most formidable arrays of teeth Nature has ever devised. They are long, crooked, and sharp as needles, with row on row of others lying flat behind the ragged fringe that line the jaws. When one of the front ones is lost, another moves up from the rear and takes its place, so that the mako may always be fully armed and dangerous.

Makos are deadly, vicious and intelligent.

Ernest Hemingway, who is as great a fisherman as he is a writer, remarks about them:

"There is so much nonsense written about the relative gameness of fish and about how they

fight that there should be some clarification.

"Almost none are game in the sense that game cocks fight. They simply make more or less frenzied and sustained efforts to escape.

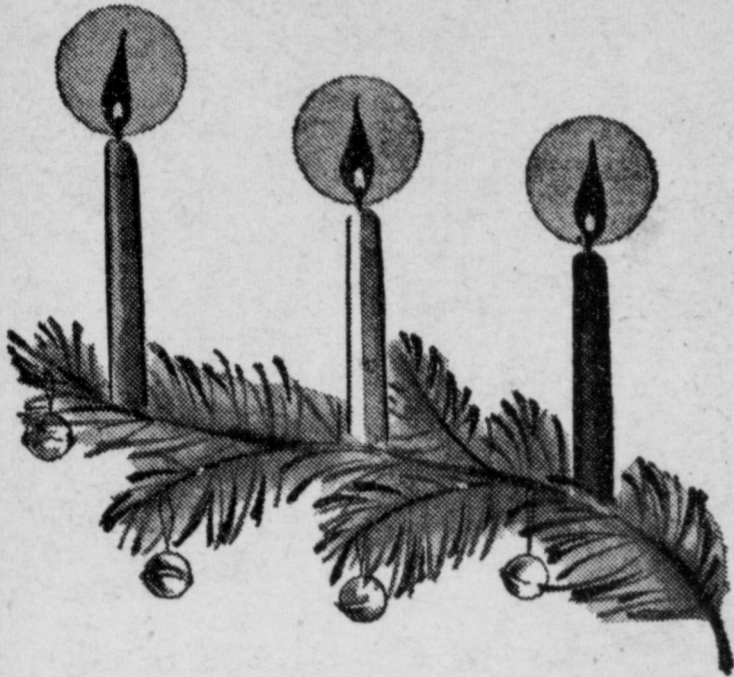
"The only fish that I have ever seen keep their heads completely while attempting to escape and then, when captured, attack their captor viciously and cold-headedly, are the mako shark, the moray eel, and the gray snapper. The mako shark, which can jump as high as any fish, run faster than most, and pull as hard as any, seems to me to be a true fighter. He will deliberately leap at a man in a dory which has him on a handline. I have authenticated many instances of this among the commercial fishermen of Cojimar, the great shark, swordfish, and marlin fishing port of the north Cuban coast, and was lucky enough to film one such attack. I have also seen the mako shark, after being clubbed and tied up, come out of the effect of this clubbing and wait quietly until someone would come within range of his jaws."

The largest mako shark caught according to the rules of the International Game Fishing Association belonged to the Pacific form, and was 12 feet long and weighed 1000 pounds.

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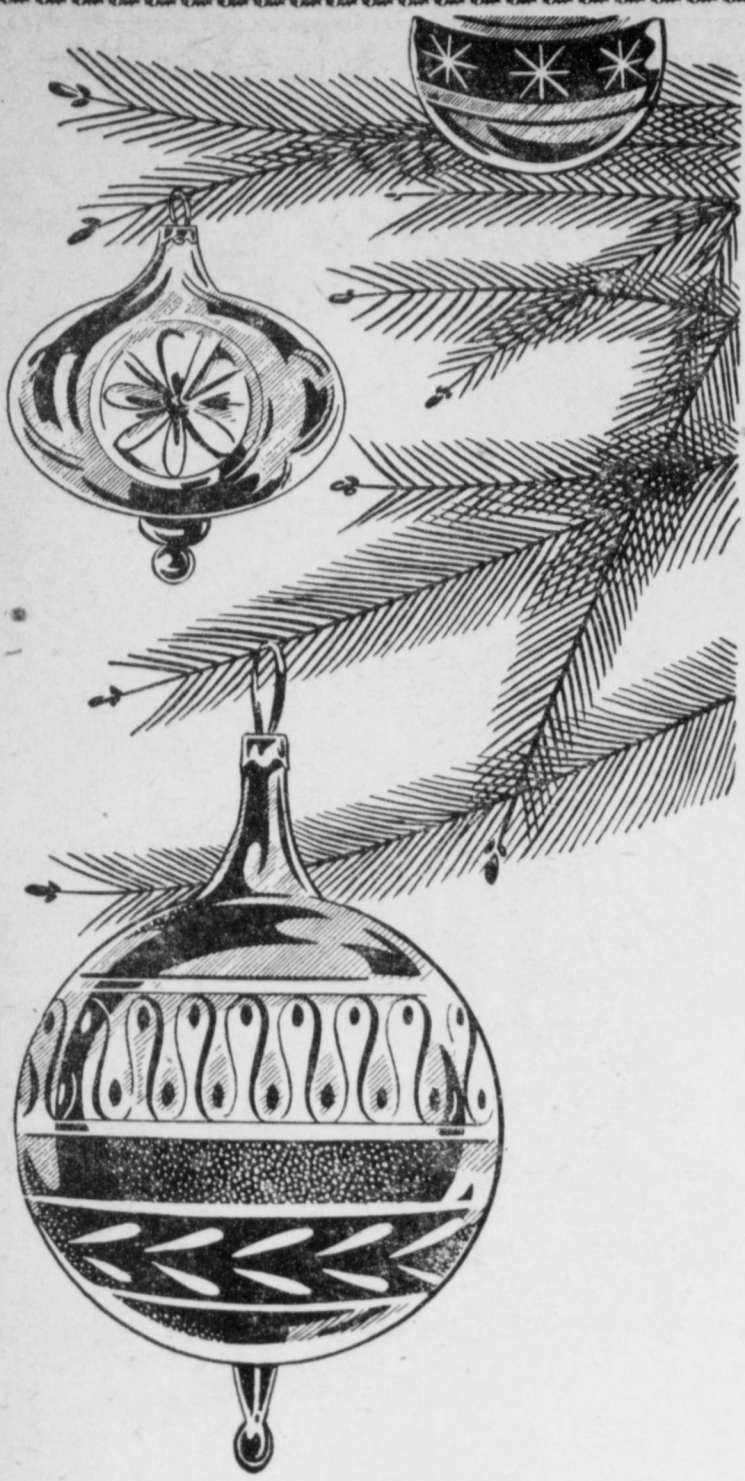


In the Christmas Spirit, we take real pleasure in extending to our customers — our hearty and sincere wishes for the many joys to come your way in this Merry... CHRISTMAS SEASON!

VANDAGRIFF CLEANERS

Phone 246

Rockport



All of us — staff and management — extend to you our wishes that every joy and blessing will be yours in the cheery holiday season — and, that its many pleasures will thrill your household.

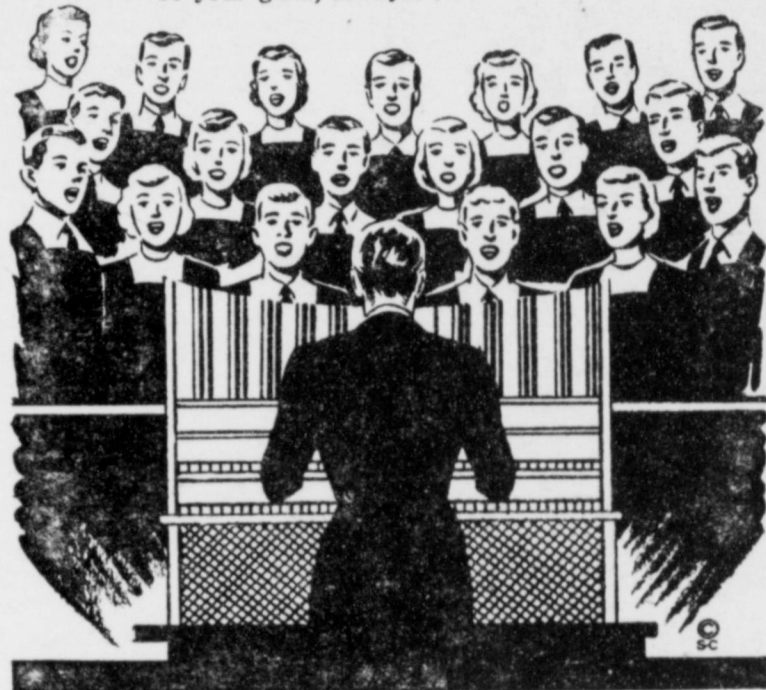
ROUQUETTE'S HUMBLE STA.

Phone 558 — Fulton



YULETIDE GREETINGS

At this Christmas-spirited time, May all of you be blessed with a bounty of happiness. . . . May peace and plenty be your gifts, always! . . .



Loyd Richardson Const. Co.

Aransas Pass, Texas



Our Christmas Wish—

That the Spirit of this Holy Day, as conceived by our Lord, live on forever in eternal good will, tolerance and the brotherhood of man . . .

LASSITER'S TAILOR SHOP

Phone 294

Rockport



Each year we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the Christmas season because in it we find the opportunity to express again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

HOVEY'S TACKLE SHOP

Phone 217

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Merriest Christmas

There's no time like now to say thanks and Merry Christmas!

AUTO SERVICE CO.

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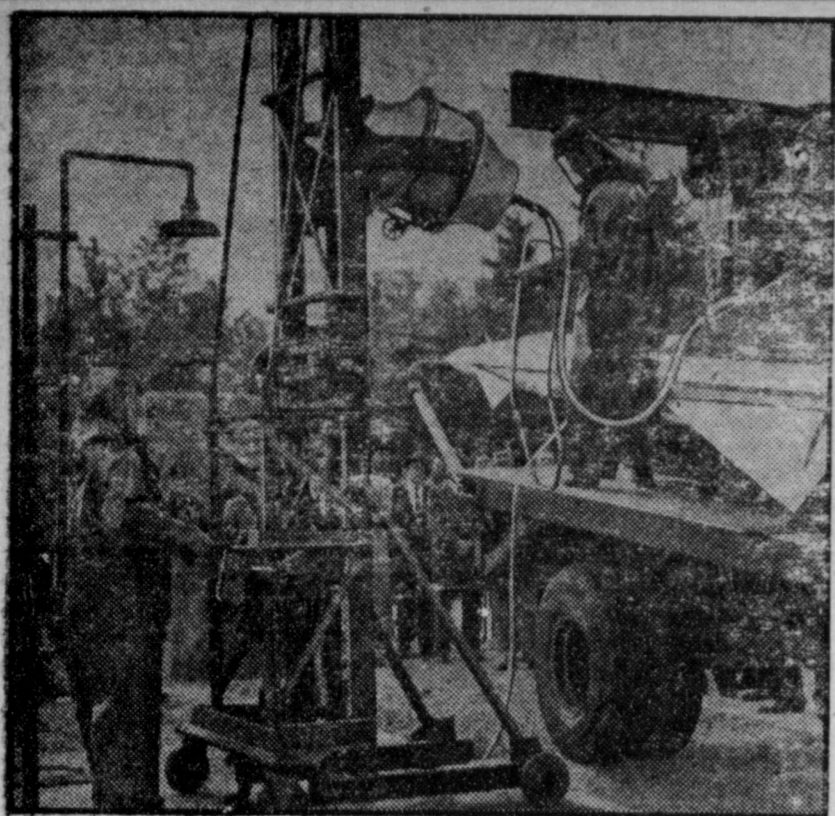


Our thanks and good wishes ring out to our friends . . .

The Cheery Christmas Bells ring out our sincere thanks for your wonderful friendship and patronage, and say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

KAUFMAN'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Aransas Pass



GARBED FOR TOMORROW—Out-of-this-world clothing worn by these Army technicians is donned against a day which they hope will never come. They're giving a mock fueling demonstration before a civilian audience at Lincoln, Mass., where ground-to-air Nike missile centers are being set up. Deadly rockets, the Nikes are designed to intercept enemy bombers should an attack ever be made on key United States cities.

CHILDREN NO. 1 VICTIMS OF SOUVENIRS AND DUDS

Children just do not have the proper knowledge of fear of explosives. What knowledge they do have is gained by seeing carefully staged explosions in movies and TV, which give them only the realization that shells, rockets, grenades, etc. make a wonderfully attractive "bang!" Also, they seem to know instinctively that they will go bang if they are thrown into a fire. The result often is sudden and shocking tragedy which rocks the entire community.

Many people believe that there is no danger in keeping war souvenirs, because they "know how to handle them safely." But they do not take into account the passage of time—or children. In most cases rather than deteriorating, explosives become more powerful and more dangerous as time goes on and they are affected by changes in temperature and other atmospheric conditions.

The Fourth United States Army, which embraces the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, is well equipped to dispose of any explosives in this huge area. Explosive ordnance disposal teams are stationed in each state, and are capable of rendering harmless anything from .22 ammunition to the atomic bomb.

These men possess invaluable skill, gained by experience on the battlefield, in special schools, in work on military ranges throughout the five-state area, waiting for just the right type of jar or just enough heat to set them off with a shattering roar—but—and that is so frustrating to the experts—they cannot step in to avert tragedy unless they are told where the danger exists.

Anyone wishing to get rid of a potential killer—a projectile, a rocket, a grenade, or any type of explosive—may call the police, the sheriff's office, civil defense, or any military installation. The information will be relayed to the explosive experts closest to the scene, and they will be more than glad to investigate and eliminate any possible danger to the individual, his neighbors, and his community.

Insects have no lungs. They breathe through tubes running all through their bodies.

CHRISTMAS-SHOPPING BIRD-WATCHER'S GUIDE

THE SNOWY REGRET—this poor bird kept putting off his Christmas shopping longer and longer until it was just too late. Now it's Christmas Eve and he's just starting.

THE SCARLET DAMAGER—buffeted by the eager shopping crowds, this bird may be found amid a collapsed display of merchandise, wishing he were a million miles away.

THE STARK RAVEN—driven out of his mind by all the problems and errands at Christmas, this bird may be heard blocks away, wishing he'd planned better.

THE RAUCOUS ROAD-RUNNER—may be seen late in the season, tearing from store to store in hopes that he may find suitable gifts to complete his Christmas shopping.

THE BUSY MAKE-PIE—a domestic bird rarely seen on shopping trips since she is kept busy with Christmas baking, decorating, card-writing and gift-wrapping.

The Atomic Energy Commission was established in 1946.



eNoel

Your friendship to us in our business association

is indeed gratifying — and, we say,

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



ROCKPORT MOTOR SHOP

Phone 3831

Rockport



SEASON'S GREETINGS

AND
SINCERE BEST WISHES
TO ALL OF YOU
FROM ALL OF US

Justin Snyder Pontiac Co.

Aransas Pass, Texas



May we convey our sincerest hopes that you, our friends, will enjoy a most happy, cheerful Holiday!

RED & WHITE GROCERY

Phone 6209

Fulton



Bundles of
Christmas Joy
To all . . .

Tucked into your every Christmas package,
and into every gay card you receive, is our hope
that you will find the many blessings of Christmas,
and the fulfillment of your desires.

SULLY BROS. APPLIANCE

Phone 118

Aransas Pass



May we convey
our sincerest hopes
that you, our friends,
will enjoy a most
happy, cheerful Holiday!

Walker's Variety Store
Rockport, Texas

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Rockport, Texas, will be held in the bank's office at Rockport, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, January 10, 1956, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for any other legal purpose that may be brought before said meeting.

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LESSER EVENTS TOOK PLACE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the western church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25 other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara

Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okecho-bee.

In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1942, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.

Kemper Williams Insurance Agcy.

301 Victoria Bank and Trust Building
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VICTORIA, TEXAS

Merry Christmas In Other Languages

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!

The spirit conveyed by these words is the same in all countries, but the words themselves sometimes fall harshly on American ears.

"Merry Christmas" in French has a soft and musical sound. It is "Joyeux Noel."

In Spain the greeting is "Feliz Pascuas," and in Italy, "Buon Natale." For Sweden it is "God Jul" and Norway, "Gladig Jul."

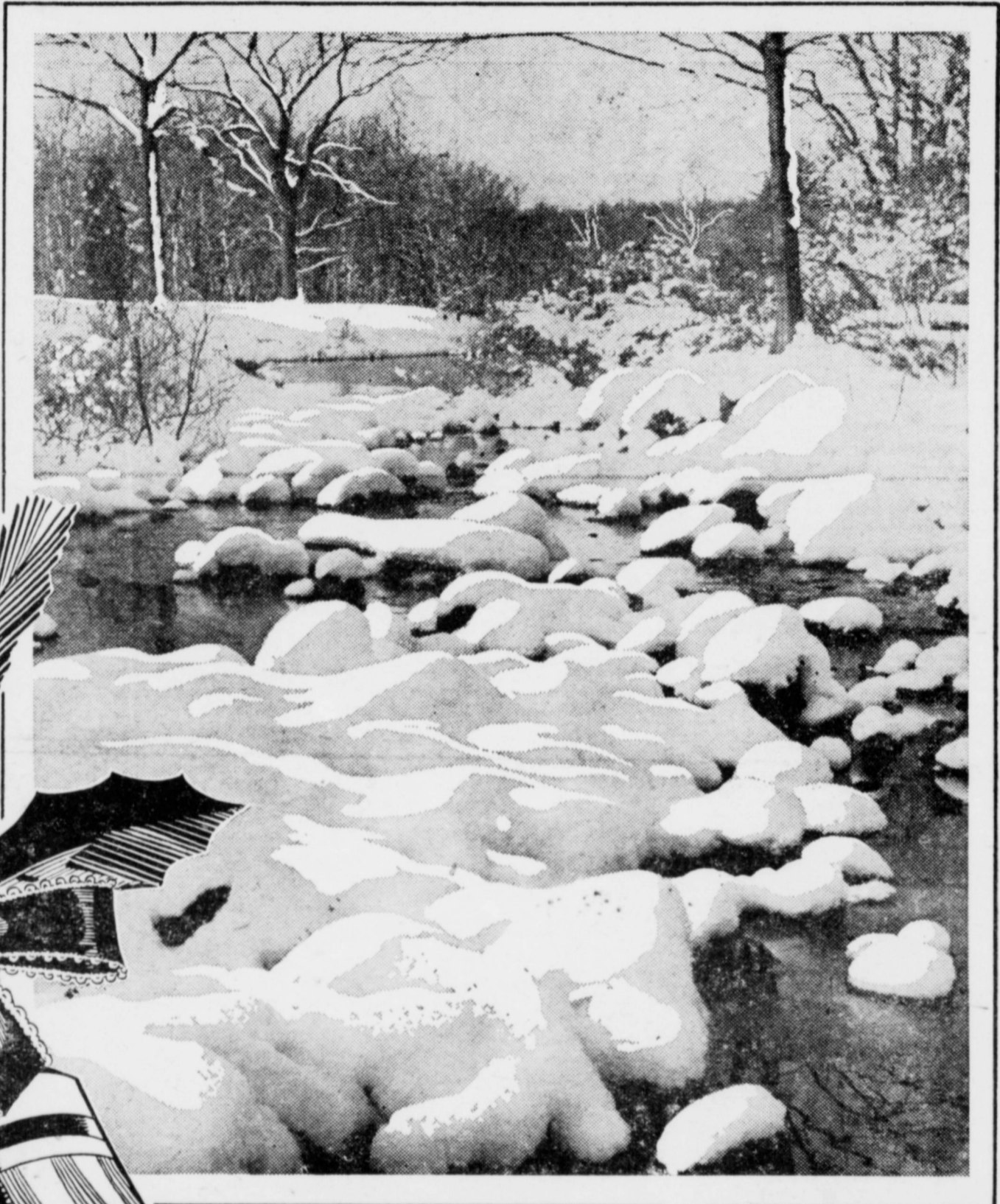
In Germany and Holland the greeting is a tongue-twister that will stump the average American. The Germans say "Froehliche Weihnachten" and the Dutch, "Pleizierig Kerstfeest."

But whatever the language, the spirit behind this greeting is the same wherever there are men of goodwill.

In 1232 A. D., Genghis Khan's son, Ogdai, used rockets as a "secret weapon" in an attack on the Tartar city of Kaifeng.



Two cooks are better than one! And both cooks love their pretty, practical cobbler aprons in Everglaze cotton chintz. The little cotton aprons are gay enough for a party, but they are excellent for kitchen duty, too.



Greetings

At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff! May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season . . . Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TAKES ON SYMBOLS OF OLD TIMES

The story of Christmas is one of the world's greatest and most fascinating!

Much of the Christmas story is still unknown, though Christmas as we observe it today is indeed the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

However, Christendom did not begin to date its years from the birth of Christ until almost 550 A. D.

The people of Christ's era did not consider Him as the Messiah of God at the time of His birth, but rather at the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon Him at the baptism in the Jordan when He was 30 years of age.

Not until the third century did the western countries accept Christ as a God from birth, and each of the four Gospel narratives testify to this school of thought.

To the early church, Christmas from its very beginning carried the earmarks of Roman creation.

From the world's most primitive beginnings, there was the belief

that the period of time when the winter solstice ended and the sun took on new strength to give a bright, new fertility to the world, should be observed with celebration.

In every epoch of history—from the old, old Babylonian festivals . . . from the Roman Saturnalia . . . to the Egyptian Mid-winter Festival of Foods . . . to the Christian story—lies the romantic, rich beginnings of the Christmas Story.

The "12 days of Christmas" . . . the bright lights and fires, the Yule log . . . the giving of gifts . . . the carnivals and fiestas . . . the mummer's parades . . . the carols . . . the church processions, are now all part of the twentieth century Christmas observances 'round the world.

A Marion, Ill., dairy has replaced milk trucks with horses, claiming that horses are cheaper and behave in traffic better than most truck drivers.

Seals Not of American Origin

More than 40 countries, other than the United States, now have or have had Christmas seals or stamps that are sold to aid the fight against tuberculosis.

The first Christmas seal was the inspiration of Sinar Holboell of Denmark. It was first issued in 1904.

'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

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

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

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

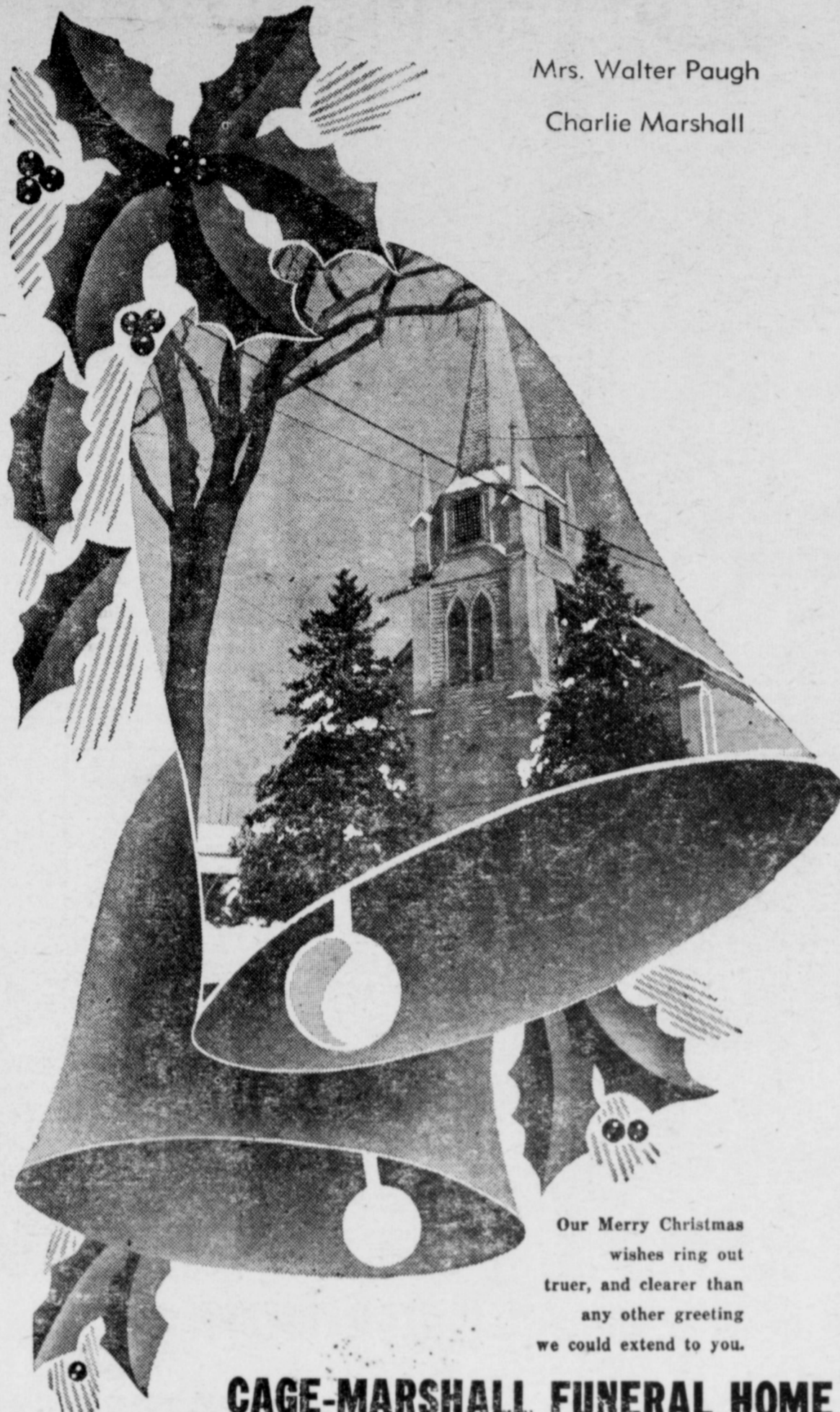
Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide Immemorally

For centuries Christmas carols have heralded the Yuletide season around the Christian world. Many of them, slightly altered by changing times and customs, have been handed down from one generation to another.

A great number probably were lost because they were popular in generations not adequately covered by a written history.

Christmas carols are of two main types—religious and convivial. The religious offer praise to the newborn and celebrate the birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth and the traditional feasting.

The latter is almost an invention of our modern civilization, and few "popular" Yuletide songs manage to return year after year. "Jingle Bells" is one notable exception. "Silent Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" seem destined to last forever.



Mrs. Walter Paugh
Charlie Marshall

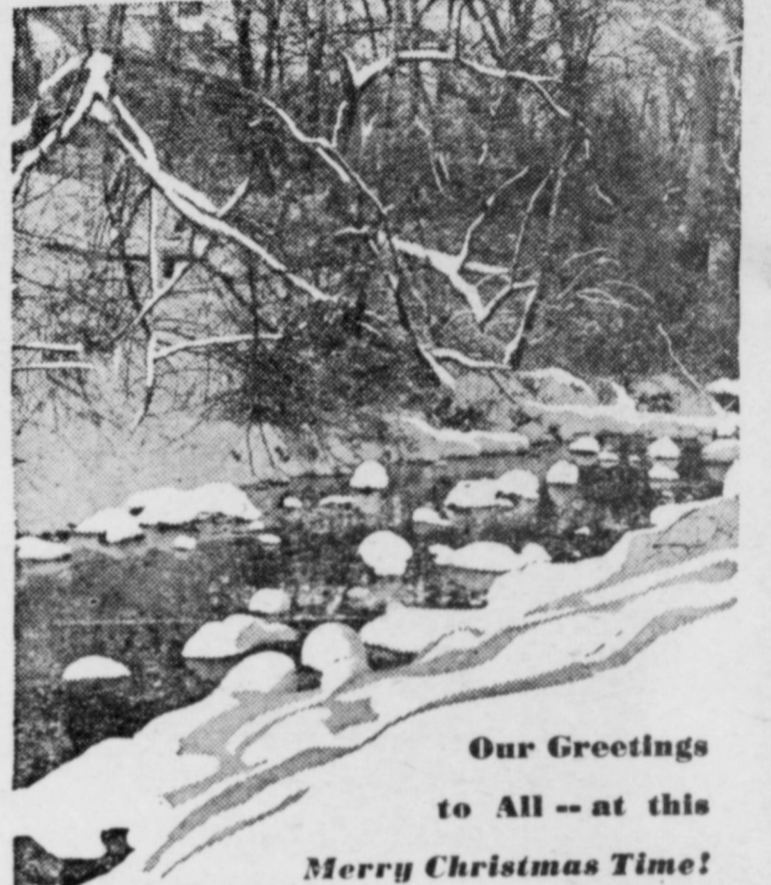
Our Merry Christmas wishes ring out truer, and clearer than any other greeting we could extend to you.

CAGE-MARSHALL FUNERAL HOME

TO GREET OUR MANY FRIENDS AT CHRISTMAS



TAYLOR OAK TRAILER PARK
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Our Greetings to All -- at this Merry Christmas Time!
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Christmas Greetings

BONNIE & DOUG'S DRIVE IN

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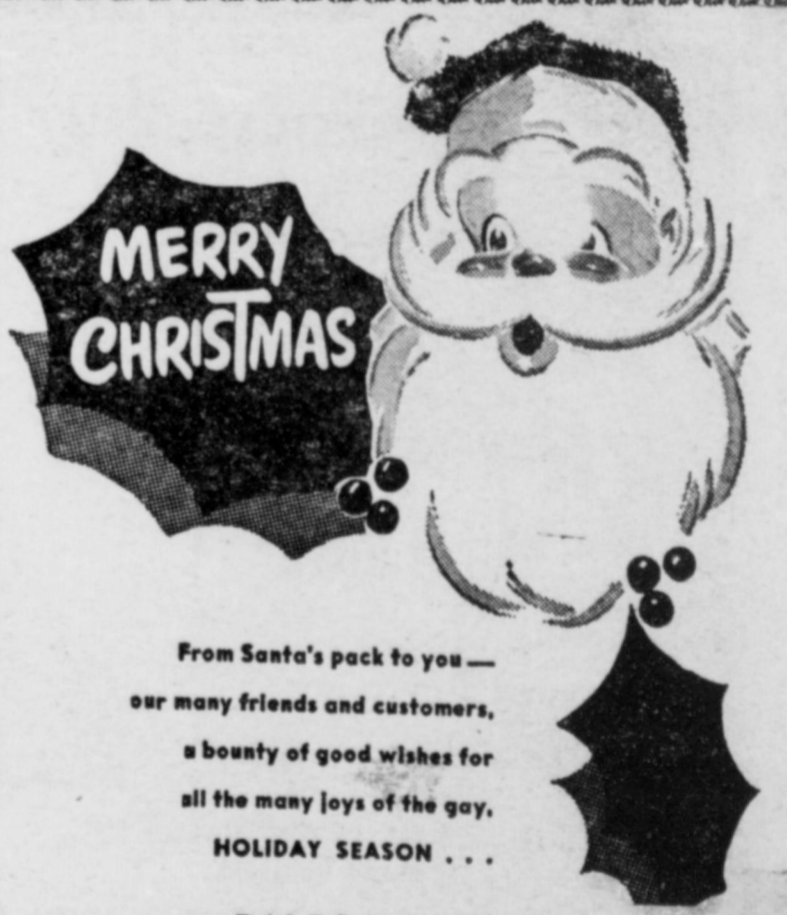
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Once again we pause from business details to honor our many fine customers and friends. Gratefully we say: Thanks, and merry Christmas.

CROW SHEET METAL WORKS

Phone 91

Aransas Pass



From Santa's pack to you — our many friends and customers, a bounty of good wishes for all the many joys of the gay, HOLIDAY SEASON . . .

BALBOA COURTS

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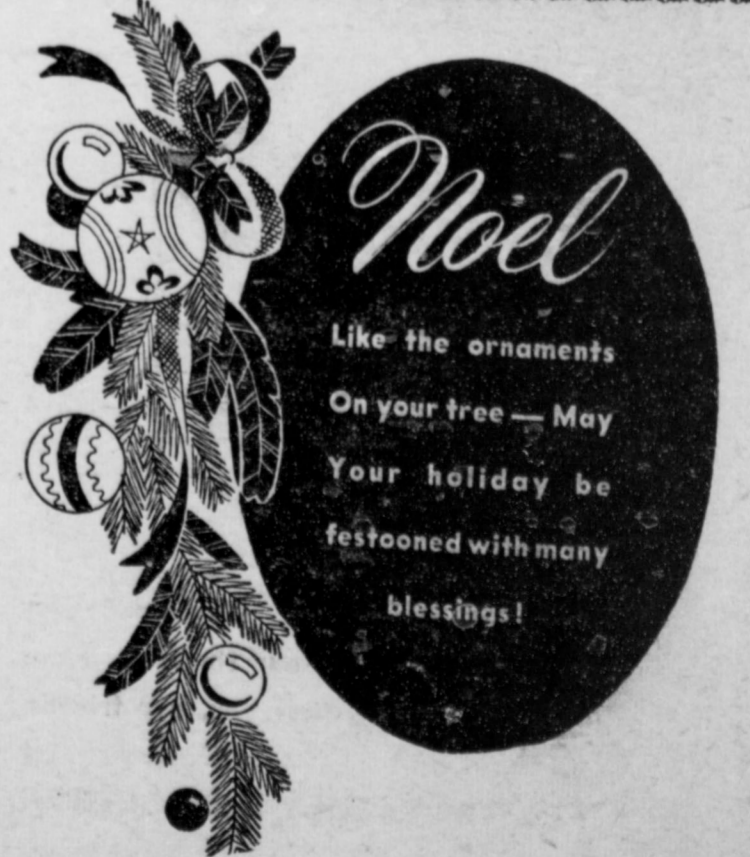
Again at Christmas we wish you well . . .

To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, we extend our greetings for a Very Merry Christmas!

IDYLWILDE MOTEL & APARTMENTS

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Noel
Like the ornaments
On your tree — May
Your holiday be
festooned with many
blessings!

AL'S WOODWORKING SHOP

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Time For Safety, Too

Christmas is a time when thoughts center around the home and family. But it's also a dangerous time for that home and family . . . where fire is concerned.

First of all, the usual winter hazards are present: Open fires, plus heaters and furnaces in operation—which, besides being dangerous in themselves, lower the humidity in the house. Added to them are the seasonal hazards of flammable objects such as Christmas greens and trees, paper wrappings and decorations, besides extra electrical wiring and maybe lighted candles, too.

Perhaps the most dangerous of all is the atmosphere of haste that often accompanies the holidays—the rush to finish last-minute shopping, wrap the gifts, put up the tree, and attend to the usual details of every-day living. It seems as if there just isn't time to be careful! But the fact of the matter is that if we don't take time to be careful, a fire may result that in a very short time can wipe out everything we were rushing so madly to get done—and a great deal more!

The U. S. War Department was created Aug. 7, 1789.

13 Ways to Say 'Merry Christmas'

- Bohemia—Vesele Vanoce.
- Bulgaria—Chestita Koleda.
- Croatian—Sretan Bojje.
- Danish—Glaedelig Jul.
- Swedish—Glad Yul.
- Norway—Gledelig Jul.
- Welsh—Nadolig Llawn.
- Ukrainian—Srozhdestvom Kris-ovym.
- Spanish—Feliz Navidad.
- Portugese—Boas Festas.
- Polish—Weselych Swiat.
- Italian—Buone Feste Natalizie.
- German—Froeliche Wienachten.

Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A. D., with the permission of Pope Junius I, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.



May we convey our sincerest hopes that you, our friends, will enjoy a most happy, cheerful Holiday!

GEORGE MOTOR SALES
Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer
Aransas Pass

Joy to the world

As the glory that is Christmas, rings out, our good wishes are echoing the rich warmth of spirit and the brotherhood of the season— And, to our many good friends, we wish you all the best that this happy season offers!



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With grateful hearts, we sing out to our many friends and customers, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

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BUTCH'S GROCERY & MARKET

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A greeting, small, that says to all — May you have the very best Christmas ever yet enjoyed!

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-and on earth, peace-

May the deep meanings of the first Christmas bless your home.

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DID YOU KNOW—

That caterpillars do not mate and butterflies do not grow?

That bats are not blind but they do employ a supersonic radar that prevents them from hitting objects in the dark?

That fish can actually drown if there is not enough oxygen in their water?

That certain butterflies carry their own drinking straws curled up under their noses and the water scorpion uses a snorkel breathing tube while under water?

That a Pelican's pouch not only can hold more than its belly can, it can hold more than the Pelican weighs—upward of 25 pounds of fish?

That the female water bug doesn't trust her husband's voracious appetite and cements her eggs to his back where he can't reach them?

That if atomic scientists could ever liberate all the energy in one single ounce of coal you could run a 100,000 horsepower engine for a full year?

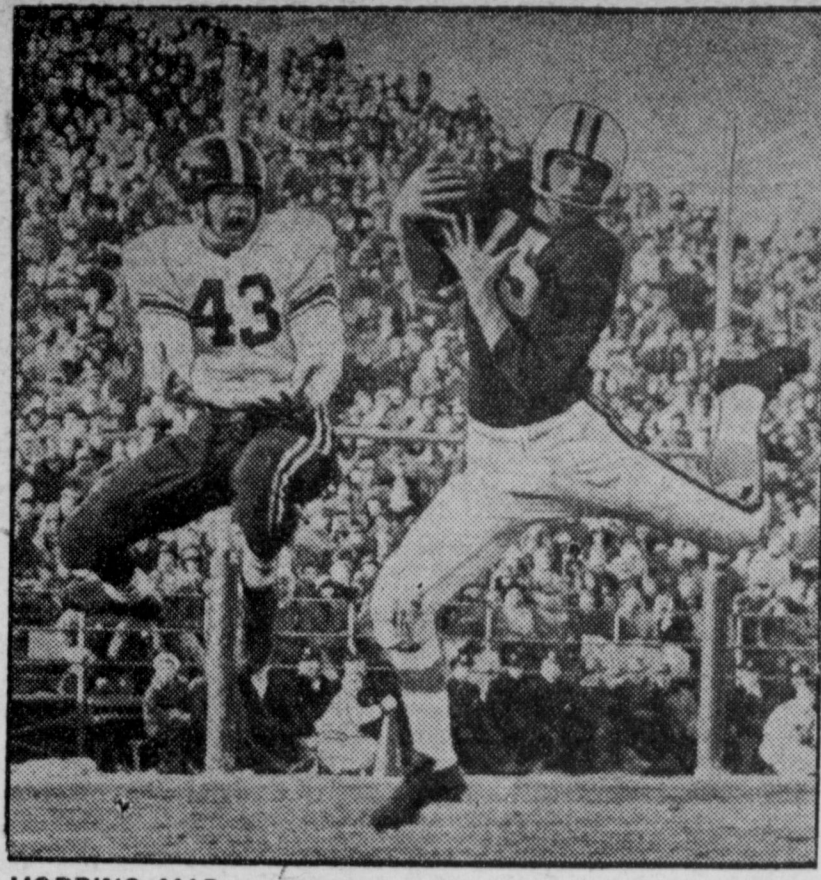
Armadillos are always triplets and each set is either all male or all female.

Saint Nicholas Was Bishop of Myra

Saint Nicholas lived some 1600 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre, province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.

Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas, has the largest enrollment of any woman's college in the world.



HOPPING MAD — Wisconsin's Dick Kollan, left, has perfect justification for being up in the air over this play. Minnesota's Dick Larson has just intercepted a pass intended for Kollan during a grid battle at Minneapolis, Minn.



To those friends whose patronage we have so well enjoyed—and to those whom we hope to serve in the future we send greetings and good wishes ★★ for a dog-gone Good and Merry Christmas!

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THE BEST WHAT IS!



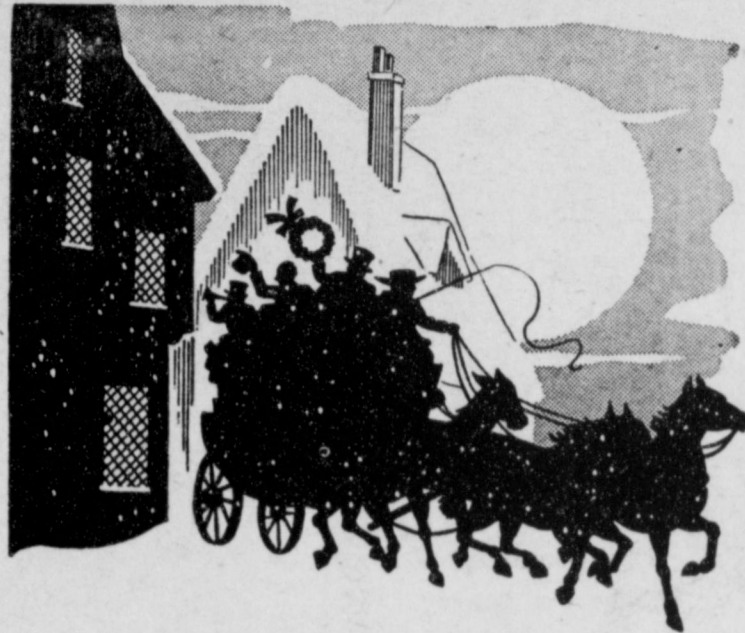
THERE are no other words that expresses so well the age-old greeting of **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS**

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Rockport, Texas



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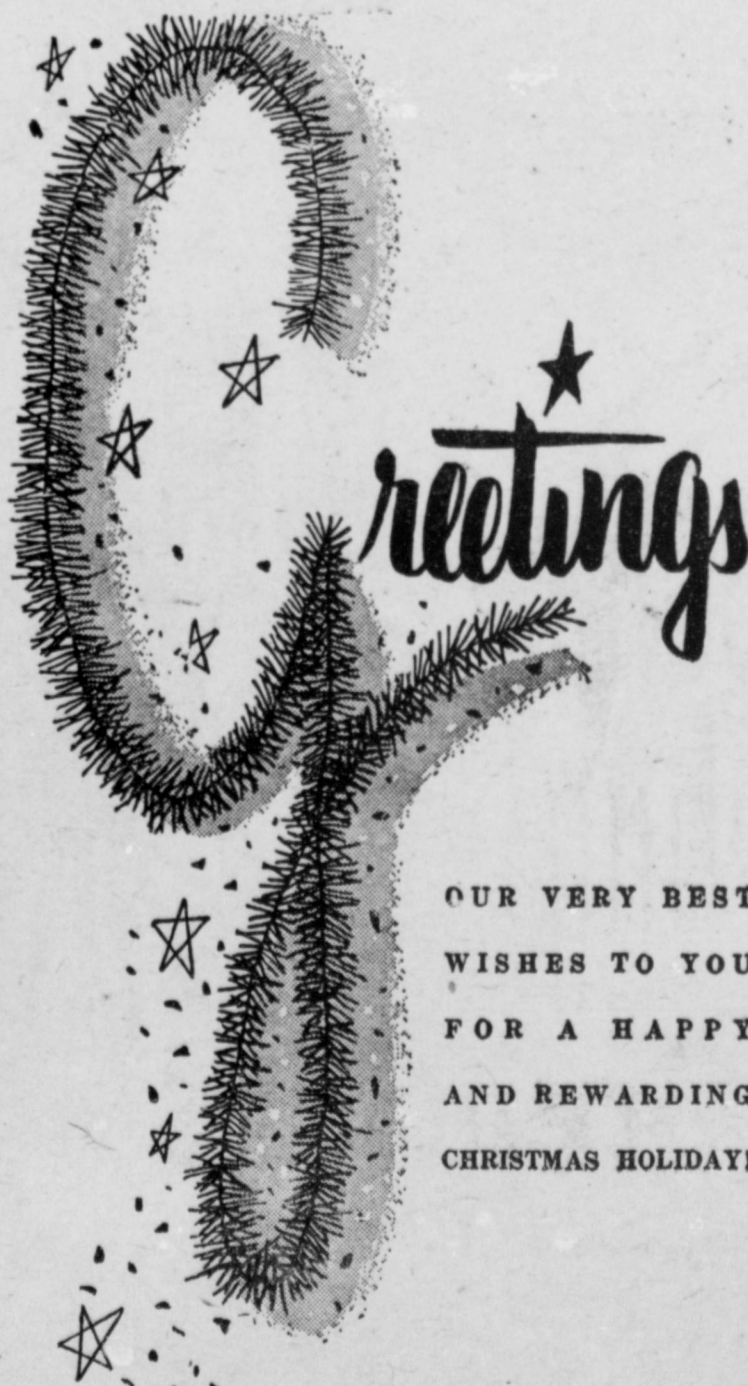
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Bright as glistening snowflakes are our wishes for a wonderful holiday, to you — our many customers!

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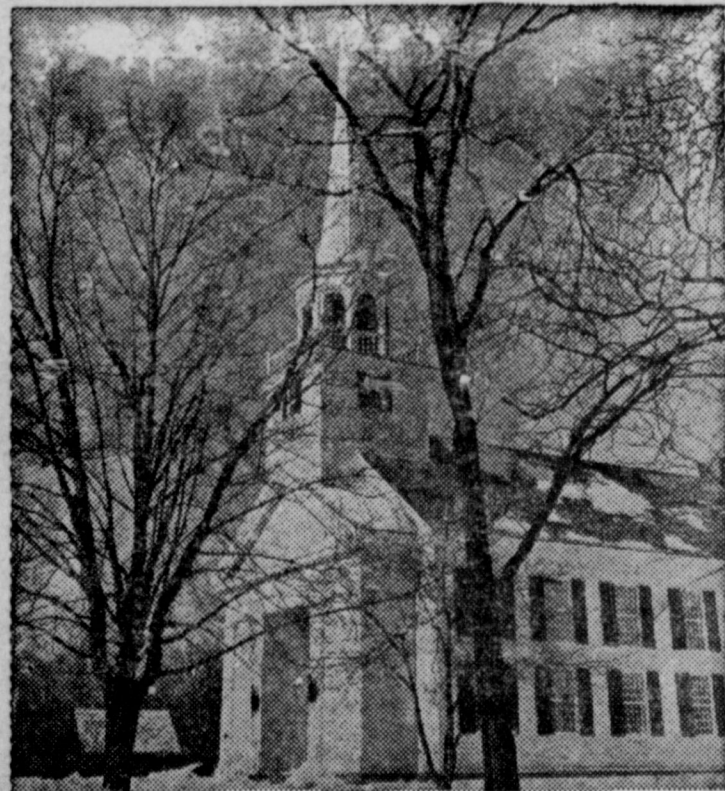
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OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU FOR A HAPPY AND REWARDING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

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WITH THANKS TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS, WE SAY, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

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Best Wishes

FOR THE

Holiday Season

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Merry Christmas!

Property Transfers

C. W. Echols to the public, affidavit.
 T. H. Echols to the public, affidavit.
 Mrs. E. H. Stowards to the public, affidavit.
 C. C. Rooke to the public, affidavit.
 E. Stowards to Aransas County Tax Collector, redemption request, lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, block 125, Smith and Wood.
 J. J. Kring et ux to M. Williams et ux, warranty deed with vendor's

lien, a portion of farm lot 4, Wheeler subdivision.
 J. L. Cobolini to Justin Snyder, quit claim deed, lots 9, 10, block 28, Smith and Wood.
 M. D. B. White et ux to R. L. Bastian et ux, warranty deed with vendor's lien, a portion of farm tract 1, block 212, Burton and Danforth.

Estate of N. E. Bishop, certified copy of will.
 R. M. Grant et ux to J. N. Frierson, warranty deed with vendor's lien, lot 55, Copano Village subdivision.

R. M. Grant et ux to J. M. Frierson, warranty deed, lot 54, Copano Village subdivision.

J. M. Frierson to H. A. Tinney, warranty deed, for same as above.

B. P. Wagley et ux to H. W. Jones et ux, warranty deed, lot 5, block 208, Rooke Addition.

F. S. Huson to J. S. Tennent et ux, warranty deed, west two-fifths block 55, Fulton.

Mrs. F. A. Strauss et al by sheriff to P. A. Perry, sheriff's

deed, lot 5, block 542, Aransas Pass.

L. LeBlanc vs. F. Stevens et al, certified copy of decree.

P. L. Barr and Jesse T. Kyle, correction instrument.

Oscar Lee et ux to G. C. Gilson et ux, special warranty deed, lot 5, block 140, Manning.

H. F. Slocum et al to C. A. Roe, warranty deed with vendor's lien, west half, lots 7 and 8, block 9, Doughty and Mathis.

Troutman Cox to Benito Arispe, warranty deed with vendor's lien, portion of outlot 27, Doughty and Mathis.

Estate of J. K. Gibson, certified copy of will and order.

Little Bay Shores to B. M. Spencer, general warranty deed, lot 5, block 2, Little Bay Shores.

Troutman Cox to Benito Arispe, release.

Estate of Gus Wollschlaeger, certified copy of probate.

Henry Cohen et ux to J. R. Nolan, warranty deed, lot 49, Copano Village subdivision.

G. E. Smith et ux to E. C. Weber, warranty deed, lots 7, 8, 9, 10, block 4, Fulton.

F. J. LeBlanc exr., to George Duckwall et ux, warranty deed with vendor's lien, blocks 252, 226,

and lots 13 to 16 inclusive, block 253, Manning.

O. F. Poling to B. P. Wagley et ux, warranty deed, lots 1, 2, block 428, Manning.

O. F. Poling to P. Zapantes et ux, warranty deed, lots 14, 15, 16, 17, block 428, Manning.

Ward Allen McMullen a minor, certified copy of judgment.

W. A. Huntington, a minor, to Curtis Harrist, warranty deed, lot 31, Aransas Pass Colonization Co. subdivision.

R. B. Barber to public, affidavit.

E. L. Sowers et ux to J. B. Burkett et ux, warranty deed, portion of land block 239, Burton and Danforth.

Erma Stowards to Aransas County Tax Collector, affidavit and receipt.

Estate of N. E. Bishop, certified copy of probate.

Estate of C. T. Charlesworth, certified copy of probate.

L. G. Rodman, to L. S. Benge, warranty deed, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, block 141, Smith and Wood.

E. M. Spencer to Mrs. Sadie E. Carr, quit claim deed, lot 5, block 290, Smith and Wood.

Betty Jane Grant Armstrong et vir to D. W. Grant et ux, power of



STYLED FOR SAFETY — Raincoat modeled by Betty Richter at Department of Agriculture's Beltsville, Md., experiment station is of cotton fabric in which is woven a light-reflecting thread. Fabric turns wearer into a walking danger sign at night. Called "cat's eye" fabric because of its reflective quality, it is already being put to widespread use by the children's clothing industry.

attorney.
 John E. Everett et ux to A. C. McClain et ux, warranty deed, lots 25, 26, block 50 Manning.
 R. C. Moss to E. L. Frazier, warranty deed, lot 12, block 408, Aransas Pass.
 Truett Barber, trustee, to the public, declaration of restrictive covenants.
 Truett Barber, trustee, et al to the public, articles of association.
 A. W. Ebert to W. T. Suttles et ux, special warranty deed, lot 12, block 15, Doughty and Mathis. (27,671, book S3)

Big Ben is the bell of the clock in the tower of the Houses of Parliament in London.

Cedars of Lebanon Oldest Christmas Trees

What some people consider to trees have been standing on a be the world's oldest Christmas Mediterranean plateau for centuries. These are the cedars of Lebanon, protected by both religion and by law.
 Some of these magnificent trees have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.
 These trees were not always protected. Once, as the result of an agreement between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon, conscripted Hebrew laborers were sent into the Lebanons to take to Jerusalem, as the contract stated "cedar trees without number."

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS
 The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christmas holidays, Christmas and New Year's had a long struggle to become firmly established.

Due to a riot at Western State Penitentiary, Pittsburg, some 200,000 Pennsylvania motorists were temporarily without 1953 license plates on the 1952 expiration date.

The State Fair of Texas, held each fall in Dallas, Texas, is the biggest fair in the United States.

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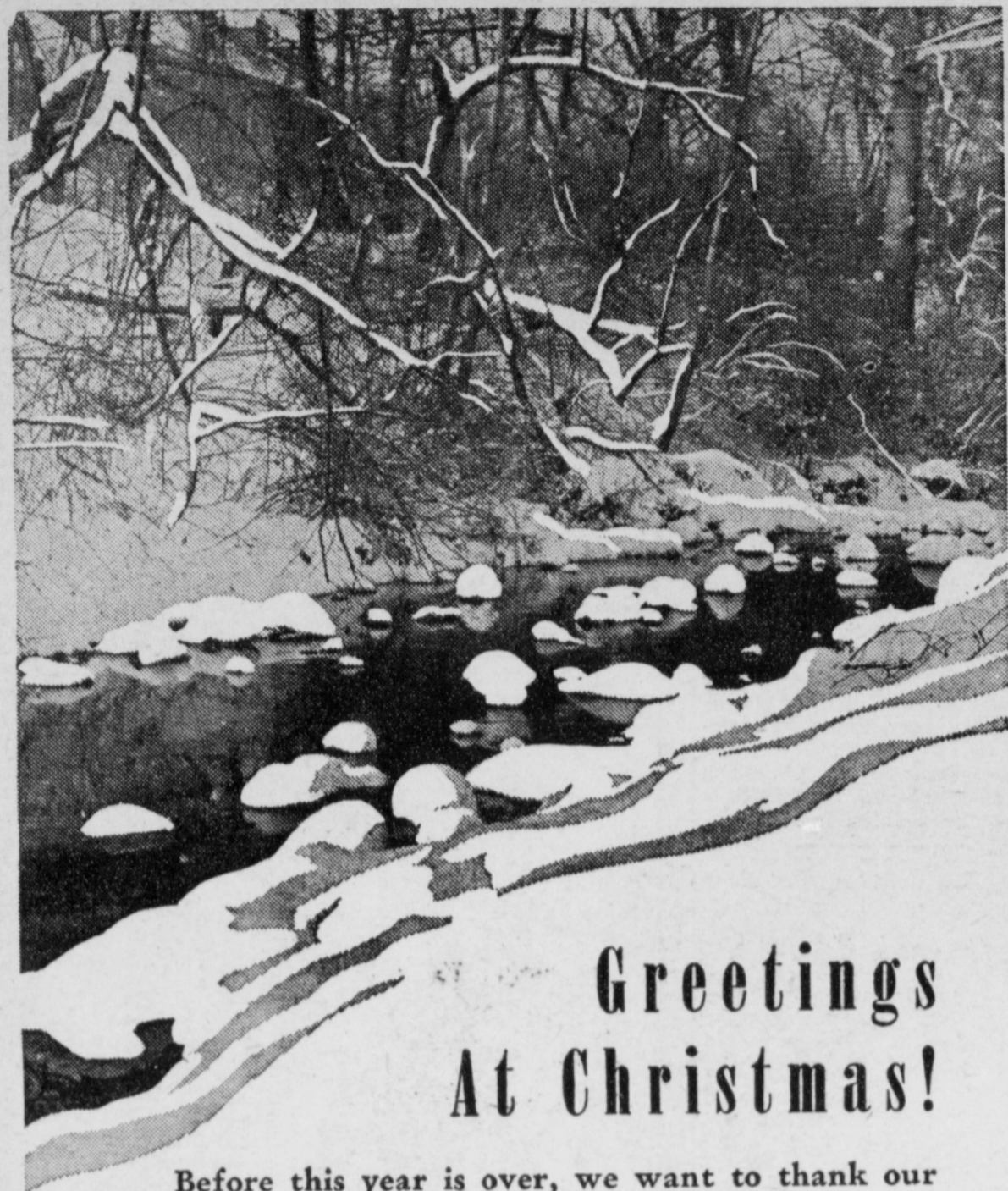
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Old Christmas Tree Can Be Put To Many Uses

There are a number of things you can do with your Christmas tree after New Year's besides burning it.

If it is a fir, for instance, it can be anchored in the back yard—perhaps in a corner of the garden—and used as a bird feeder the remainder of the winter. Pieces of suet and little feed bags may be tied to the branches. A container of water should be placed beneath the tree and kept filled so the birds will have a drink every day.

Or, cut off the branches and place them, curved ends up, over flower beds when the ground is exposed.

Long branches may be built into little lean-tos to protect tender shrubs from sun scald.

The needles of a Christmas tree can be sprinkled beneath acid-loving plants such as laurel, andromeds, rhododendron and blueberries.

If the needles on the tree are still firm, use the branches in an outdoor windowbox. Moisten the soil in the box. Then push the cut ends of the branches down to the bottom and tamp the soil firm around them. This will generally give you greenery all winter.

If you must burn your Christmas tree, don't toss it into a fire-place. Cut off the branches and burn them safely one by one.

And remember, a Christmas tree tossed into the street can become a fire hazard if playful children pick it up and make a bonfire of it in a vacant lot.

Why You Hang Holly at Yuletide

Credit the pagan Druids for inspiring one of the nice Christmas customs—decorating with holly. The traditionally holly for the holidays is widely believed to have had its origin in the Druid practice of bringing holly sprigs indoors. The Druids woodland spirits lived in the holly.

Indoors, holly gave the spirits a nice warm place in winter. Besides, the lush green holly and the contrast of its red berries provided beauty that could be revered by men when the sacred oaks were shorn of their foliage.

The early Christian church frowned on such pagan customs and tried to stamp them out. In due time, however, it was felt that some of the customs could be adapted to the new Christmas conception.

Some beautiful legends associate the holly with Christ. In fact, it is often called the Christ thorn. One legend depicts the leaf spines—as the crown of thorns; the red berries as the sins of the world and the blood of Christ. Another credits holly with first springing up from the footsteps of Christ. The plant is said to remain green all winter as a reward for once hiding Christ from his pursuers.

The impact of the holly on the Christmas celebration is evidenced in the traditional holiday colors, green and red. The Druids weren't the only people of old who thought the holly was something special. Pliny, the great Roman historian, insisted holly blossoms caused water to freeze. Also, that holly thrown at any wild beast would make it lie down tamely next to the branch.

These legends, forgotten by many people, are said to be the reason we decorate with holly.

Christmas Rose Enhances Yule's Festive Mood

Americans usually decorate their homes at Christmas time with holly, evergreens or hothouse plants. Recently, however, they have found a new friend in the Christmas-rose. Nurserymen say this plant's popularity has skyrocketed in the last few years.

The Christmas-rose is not really a rose at all but belongs to the crowfoot family. It is a small plant no more than a foot high when

mature. Nevertheless, it can put forth seven or eight small white roselike blooms tinged with pink.

Called by botanists Helleborus niger or black hellebore, it gets this name from its black stalks. The Christmas-rose is no freak, no super-precocious flower or early-blooming plant. This legitimate child of winter flowers naturally in December or January. It withstands snow and low temperatures, demanding only some sort of shelter from the snow.

Helleborus niger does not propagate well in the United States. Hence, most of the tiny plants are imported from Belgium and the Netherlands. They develop best only in the western part of those

countries where they thrive in soil peculiar to the region.

The ancient Romans knew about the Christmas-rose and eagerly sought it for medicinal use. They believed that eating the roots would "clear the brain, cure stupidity and relieve insanity."

"Let him sail to Antiya," said the poet, Horace, of an ill friend. Antiya was a Greek town where the black Hellebore flourished.

The Helleborus family is indigenous to southern Europe and the Mediterranean regions. The Christmas-rose variety came originally from Austria.

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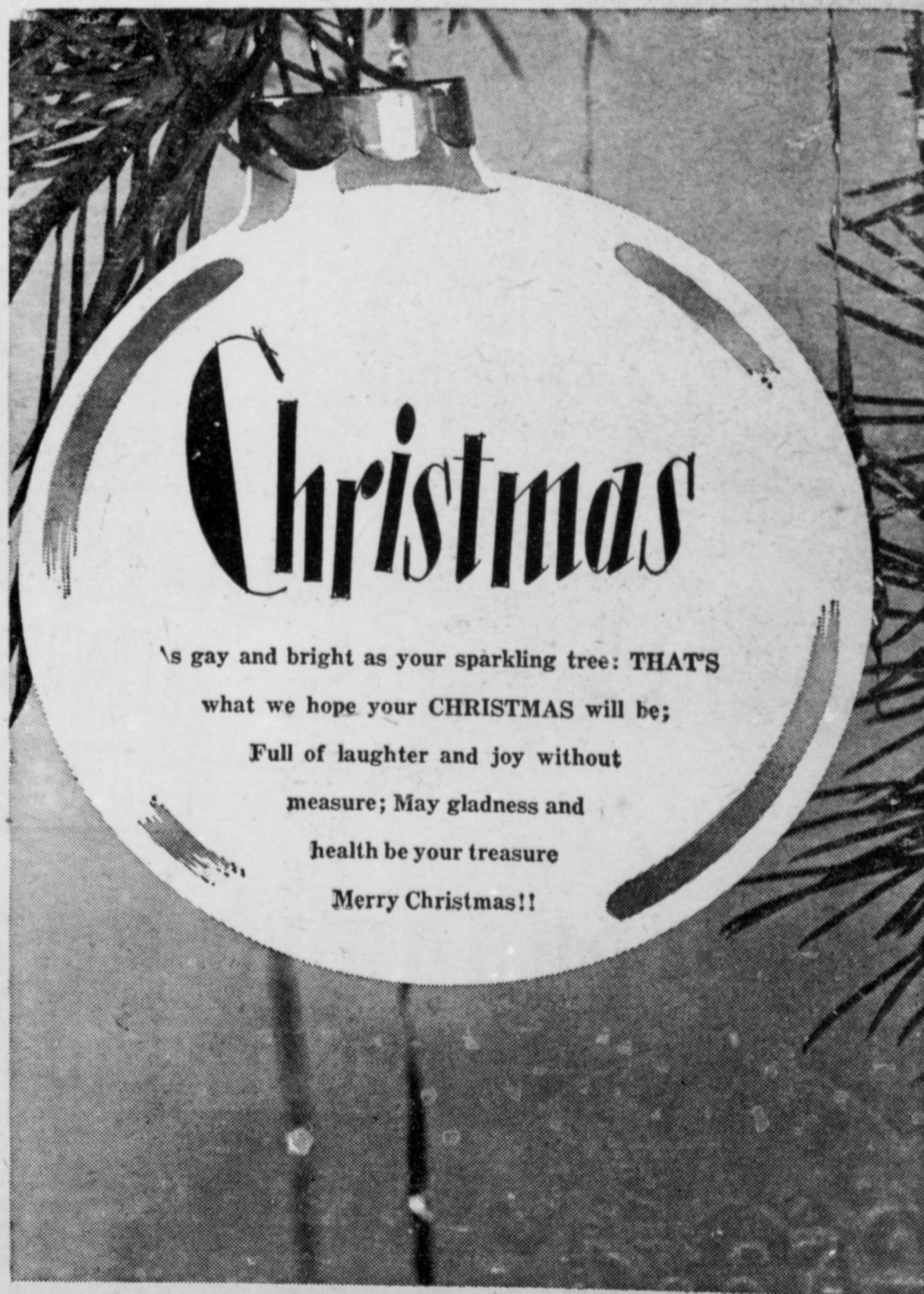
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ANOTHER MANTA STORY SENT IN BY LOUIS PEDEN

Our story of the big manta, which, through the courtesy of Harry Traylor, ran in the Pilot some weeks ago, has produced another fish tale of the same caliber, this one sent in by Louis Peden, of Galveston. Mr. Peden has long been a reader of The Pilot, and thought that we might like to learn more about these giant fish. The story, which he wrote, appeared in the Galveston News on August 23, 1940. It says: **Peden Tells Experience of Captain With Giant Manta**

By Louis Peden
The feature article under the headlines "Sportsman Towed to Sea by Giant Manta" in the News of Aug. 2, dealing with Mr. Russell's experiences fishing for mantas was quite interesting and recalls to my mind a highly spectacular and thrilling experience the late Capt. Carl Swan had at Galveston north jetty with a huge manta a few years ago. It was a beautiful morning in the month of August when an incident took place which those who saw it never wish to see again. Their

faces grew pale and their hearts quaked with fear—not at what happened but at the horror of what seemed bound to happen.

It was a scene which the scores of fishermen along north jetty that bright August morning will never forget but will long live in their memories.

Among the scores of fishermen (sport and commercial) who had gone to north jetty to fish in the gulf was the late Capt. Swan of Galveston, an expert Junefish fisherman. Capt. Swan was a typical Viking and was born to the sea and the ways of the sea. On this particular August morning, Capt. Swan anchored his boat near the end of the rocks off the north jetty and proceeded to fish for Junefish. The old captain baited a big hook which was attached to one end of a good-sized long rope and cast it over one side of the boat.

The other end of the rope was securely tied to the boat in which he sat. As he patiently waited in eager anticipation for a Junefish bite something out of the ordinary took place. Suddenly without previous warning the boat on which Capt. Swan was fishing began to turn around in a circle at a highly intensified, dizzy speed. Then all at once, just as suddenly, the boat

started seaward in a straight line ahead. So complete was the surprise that Capt. Swan and the other fishermen nearby did not realize the cause of the unexpected turn of events. To see a boat put out to sea at a terrific speed without any visible power of locomotion seemed too fantastic to be real—but it was real.

The boat was being towed seaward at a rapid rate of speed and as the fishermen watched the old captain's boat, sometimes zig-zagging, sometimes circling but always being towed seaward. They were dumbfounded and appalled as they watched the performance of the boat. "Capt. Swan is being carried out to sea," the fishermen soliloquized. Where and how no one could surmise. Can the boat ride it out or will she be towed under, was the question uppermost in the minds of the eyewitnesses. At length the fishermen began to assemble in groups and after short joint conferences they decided on a joint course of action and a dozen or more boats put out to sea in hot pursuit of Capt. Swan's boat. To make a long story short, Swan's boat was finally overtaken and the captain's wild ride was brought to a speedy termination. But not until the manta had be-

come exhausted from exerting his strength in his mad struggle for supremacy.

It seems that the big manta, or devilfish as he is sometimes called, caught the anchor of Capt. Swan's boat in his mouth, thus hooking himself. Being unable to disengage the anchor he became frightened and started for deeper water. As the anchor rope tightened under the immense strain the anchor hook buried itself deeper and deeper in the big leviathan's jaws. It required several hours to capture the manta. With the aid of several men, the fish was finally brought to bay. The manta had to be shot a dozen times or more before he relinquished the battle.

The old captain in telling his experience said: "That was a wild ride, he took me by surprise and I was caught off guard. Just a case of Homer nodding." The manta is not an aggressive or vicious fish, but the danger of one being injured by one is in his mammoth strength. If a manta should swim under a small boat and make a lunge, the boat could easily be upset, and the occupant of the boat thrown in the water. Again, if the manta should strike one while in the water with his ponderous flippers the chances are the

victim would suffer bodily injury or be killed outright. The above instance is not the only one on record of a manta becoming foul of a boat's anchor and towing the boat to sea.

Some years ago down at Aransas Pass a big manta towed a goodsized launch to sea. The manta which figures in this story was captured by the late Capt. Swan with the help of others and brought to Galveston and placed on exhibition. The manta weighed more than 1000 pounds. At some future date I shall tell Ike of an experience I had in the Gulf of Mexico of Matagorda Island with a school of mantas. My advice to manta fishermen is "Be careful; vigilance is the price of safety."

Bison is the true name of the buffalo. It comes from an old German word, wisent, a first cousin of our buffalo in Europe. The true buffalo is a native of India where he was domesticated, and of Africa, where he is still considered by many the most dangerous of wild game.

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The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably 10 hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the daylight period to 15 hours by means of artificial lights.

Flower growers have learned how to bring garden chrysanthemums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

Mistletoe Bestows Good Fortune

Very few people don't know what a sprig of mistletoe means at Christmas time—especially when there's a pretty girl standing beneath it! But few people realize that this very pleasant custom has its root in age-old superstitions.

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe.

According to an ancient Norse legend, the sun god was slain by an arrow fashioned from the mistletoe plant. He was resurrected by his mother's tears, which falling upon the plant, were crystallized into pearly berries. Because of this magical healing, it was ordained that mistletoe should grow neither on heaven nor earth, but suspended between. That is the reason, runs the legend, that mistletoe is found growing on trees.

Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for that purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful powers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

Because of its supposed salutary properties, mistletoe was often hung over the doors of primitive houses as a sign of good-will. Belief in magic has disappeared, but this custom still remains. And a kiss under the mistletoe still has beneficent effects. Try it and see for yourself!

Santa's Little Helper Was Scandinavian Elf

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In the Viking age in Scandinavia, long before Leif Eriksen discovered America, the little North Children believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—lived in the stable. He saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of. After the pagan Vikings became Christianized, little Jul Tomten became the giver of presents—like our Santa Claus today. The children left a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for which Jul Tomten would exchange gifts for the good boys and girls. Travelers brought back the legend of Tomten and he has come down to us as the busy jolly, good little elf who works in Santa's workshop.



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They all look a great deal alike; all of them are carnivorous; many of them reach a large size; and most of them are valued as food and for sporting purposes.

The majority of the family make a curious noise, variously called drumming, grunting, snoring, or croaking, and it is from this that the group is named.

Along the Atlantic coast, the redfish or channel bass is king of the tribe, closely followed by the weakfishes, of which there are two sorts, the spotted and the gray. One of these is found along the eastern seaboard; the other, which we called speckled trout, ranges from the Carolinas south to Yucatan.

The big, black drum is a fourth member of the outfit, and there

is a whole host of smaller ones, among which are croakers, sand trout, whiting, two small species of drum, and the little yellowtail.

Over on the other side of the continent, there are many more of the family, though along the California coast and in Mexican waters they call them corvinas and sea bass.

The white sea bass, or sea trout, is found as far north as Puget Sound, and is a favorite of Pacific anglers, for it reaches a weight of eighty pounds, and is a tough and enduring fighter.

Southward from the Santa Barbara Islands the California bluefish, or short-finned sea bass occurs, extending to Guaymas and Mazatlan, but is common only in the Gulf of California, where it competes in a minor way with the giant of the whole tribe, the totuava.

This fish is found from Guaymas north, reaching its greatest abundance around the little village of San Felipe, where there is a considerable commercial fishery for the species, which may reach more than six feet in length and a weight of 225 pounds.

Totuavas will take slowly trolled lures or, better, a cut bait consisting of a long belly strip from

one of the smaller corvinas, or a small live corvina hooked through the back. Because the fish run deep, a heavy sinker is generally used.

Totuava do not jump when hooked, but fight deep down, slugging it out with the angler in a series of runs and surges before they are boated.

White corniva, another member of the tribe, are known from El Salvador to Ecuador, and are favorites of anglers at Panama, where they reach weights of 40 pounds.

Stolzman's corvina, which is found from Panama to Peru, reaches lengths of four or five feet, and looks very much like the totuavas or, to bring the description nearer home, the sand trout of this coast in Texas.

Yellow corvinas are smaller than the Stolzman, and are found in the same territory as the larger fish. Gulf corvina, from the same area as the totuava, reach a length of 24 inches, and are found from Guaymas north. Striped corvina are fished for as far south as Panama; orange-mouthed ones to Mazatlan.

All these closely resemble sand trout in shape and color, and there are other species of the group off

the Chilean coast as well as the Atlantic shores of South America, and in Japan, India, and Philippines.

Around the southern tip of Africa there are at least 10 or 11 species of the family, fish with strange names like kabeljaauw, geelbek, baardmans, tasselfish and —once again—corvinas.

Geelbeks, or cape salmon, caught by anglers around the Cape of Good Hope, reach a weight of 40 pounds, but the largest South African member of the bunch is the kebeljaauw.

This species is eagerly sought by sportsmen and commercial fishermen both, and individuals have been reported which weighed 158 pounds. As a matter of fact, kabeljaauw range almost entirely around Africa, and, like every other widely distributed fish, have a multitude of names.

Off East London they are called cob; Natal names then salmon bass; in England they are spoken of as meagre or shade fish; they are called hoots in Egypt, corvina in Mauretania; ghol at Bombay, India, corvina off the Spanish Sahara, and mulloways in Australia.

The Australian fishermen angle for them avidly, and the mulloway's habits are much the same as

those of our own speckled trout. They travel in schools and in winter run far up the mouths of rivers, having been caught as much as 30 miles or more from the sea.

Another member of the family from Australia is called the teraglin, and reaches three feet and a weight of 20 or more pounds. This species is most easily caught at night.

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GIRL SCOUTS



Troop No. 58 met at Scout Little House Tuesday, Dec. 13 in a special session to finish the Christmas candles made by the troop.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jan'ce Faye Touchstone. Names were collected by Sue Johnson. Mrs. Jack Taylor distributed 1956 membership cards to the group.

It was announced that the troop Christmas party would be held at Scout Little House on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m.

At last week's meeting the girls lit paraffin and poured it into molds as the initial step in

candle making and prepared the wicks. At this meeting the molded candles were turned out and wicks inserted. Then the final step was taken in which they decorated the round candles with whipped paraffin "snow," completing the "snow-ball candles." The candles were then presented to the mothers for holiday decorations.

Mrs. Jerald Brundrett assisted her daughter, Sherry Lynn, in serving refreshments to the group, after which the meeting was dismissed with the song, "I'm a Brownie."

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Jack Taylor, leader, Mrs. Ellis Clark, who assisted Mrs. Taylor, and the following members: Janice Faye Touchstone, Sue Taylor, Sherry Lyn Brundrett, Mary Lou Johnson, Janis Clark, Melanie Thibodeaux, Bobbie Taylor, Elizabeth Peres.

Girl Scout Troop No. 3 was entertained with a Christmas party at the Girl Scout Little House on Thursday, Dec. 15, by its leaders, Mrs. A. C. Shivers and Mrs. Matt Scott.

Mrs. Roy Hinton, former leader of Troop 3 and special guest for

the occasion, served punch from a beautifully decorated lace covered table. The centerpiece was a large crystal star accented by red candles entwined with greenery and bright Christmas balls. Clorfin "snow," completing the "snow-ball candles." The candles were also served.

During the exchange of gifts, Mrs. Hinton was presented with a stuffed monkey which had been autographed by all the girls of the troop.

Nancy Court and Joy Hamblin will be hostesses for the next regular meeting after the holidays.

Members present were Bonnie Johnson, Mary Lucille Jackson, Robbie Bocquet, Joy Hamblin, Carla Eller, Agnes Phillips, Merrily Johnson, Bobbie Kitchens, Linda Beth Deason, Mary Scott, Betty Armstrong, Jerry Armstrong, Linda Mills, Nancy Court, Teresa Johnson, Patti McMahan, and Mary Martha Shivers.

On Dec. 15, at the Little House, Girl Scout Troop No. 5 held its Court of Awards and Investiture Ceremony before its Christmas party.

Those girls receiving second

class badges and membership stars were: Mary Ann Barber, Ronnie Jean Lassiter, Erie Sue Eller, Linda Jo Doughty, Pamela Landgraf, Sherry Lee McElwee, Sherrilyn Garrett, Dorothy Rowe, Betty Stryker, Carol Kinsel, Phyllis Meador, and Carolyn Washington.

Nina Looney, Effie Lou Lown and Linda Mae Johnson were invested in a lovely candlelight ceremony.

After the ceremonies, gifts were exchanged and a social hour followed.

Mrs. Alton Kinsel took movies of both the ceremonies and the party.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. C. G. Washington and Mrs. W. B. McElwee.

Guests included Mrs. Alton Kinsel, Mrs. Guy Barber, Mrs. Joe Doughty, Mrs. Bill Lassiter, Mrs. D. M. Meador, Mrs. E. T. Eller, Mrs. Walter Stryker, leader, and Mrs. G. R. Rowe, assistant leader.

A combination Cook-out, Trail Investiture, and Christmas party was held by Girl Scout Troop No. 18 at the Girl Scout Little House on Tuesday, Dec. 13, with leaders, Mrs. Martha Armintrout and

Miss Marie Pucillo, assisted by troop committee member, Mrs. A. L. Holland.

An unusual "Trail Investiture" was held in the grove back of the Little House. Girls to be invested (Patrol B) followed a trail of Girl Scout laws which had been laid by old members of the troop (Patrol A). At the end of the trail, members to be invested were received by those already invested and conducted to a setting of bouganvillea and candles where the ceremony was held. The ceremony ended with the girls joining in a circle and singing "Girl Scouts Together" and "Make New Friends."

The entire troop then worked together to prepare an outdoor meal, decorate the table and serve the meal.

Mr. Harry Carter, special guest, gave the girls an account of his recent trip to England and explained a collection of English coins.

Around the Christmas tree, gifts of useful camp items were exchanged and then given to the supply needed for the established camp.

Girls present were Sandra Spencer, Sue Johnson, Peggy Lois Chambers, Dolores Etheridge, Bet-

ty Armintrout, Olivia Torres, Caroline Clark, Frances Lee Williams, Kathryn Phillips, Dorothy Rodriguez, Jerry Lynn Harrell, Gloria Guzman and Virginia Holland.

Troop 43 met at the Fulton Baptist Church on Dec. 12. Chairman Darlene Mace called the meeting to order, and after the roll was called dues were collected. Mrs. McCord and Mrs. John Phillips then took the troop to the Little House for their Christmas party, along with Brownie Troop 36 and their mothers and friends, who had also been invited. Punch and cookies made by the troop were served. The table cloth was white, and the centerpiece was made up of white and silver branches, decorated with pink moss Christmas balls. Troop 36, with Troop 43 in sending school supplies to Viet-Nameese children, instead of exchanging gifts. There were 13 pounds of supplies. Hostesses were Mrs. F. L. McCord and Troop 43 members. Guests were Brownie Troop 36, their leaders Mesdames H. H. Dick and Katherine McLester, and mothers, Mesdames W. M. Cox, M. L. Ship-

man, Lula Clymore, Ronald Campbell, C. J. Mace, and Marry Mace, Boo Campbell, and Lisa Dick. Troop 43 members at the party were Lynn Campbell, Florence Casterline, Chris Keeler, Karer Large, Darlene Mace, Sallie McCord, Cecilia Phillips, Darla Utley, and Carla Utley. Brownie Troop 36 members were Niki Dick, Mary Johnson, Phyllis-Cox, Pat Weber, Sue Hackett, Linda McRae, Sandra Shipman, Barbara Owens, Rocky Sue Rouquette, and Rosie Walfram.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dietrich and daughter, Miss Martha Henry, and Joe Bryant will spend Christmas Day in Ravenwood, Missouri, and are expected to be gone for five days.

The Ellis Clarks are leaving Friday to spend Christmas with Mr. Clark's mother in Monahans.

Mrs. Lewis Stone is leaving Friday for Houston to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brassel.

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In town and country neighbors go
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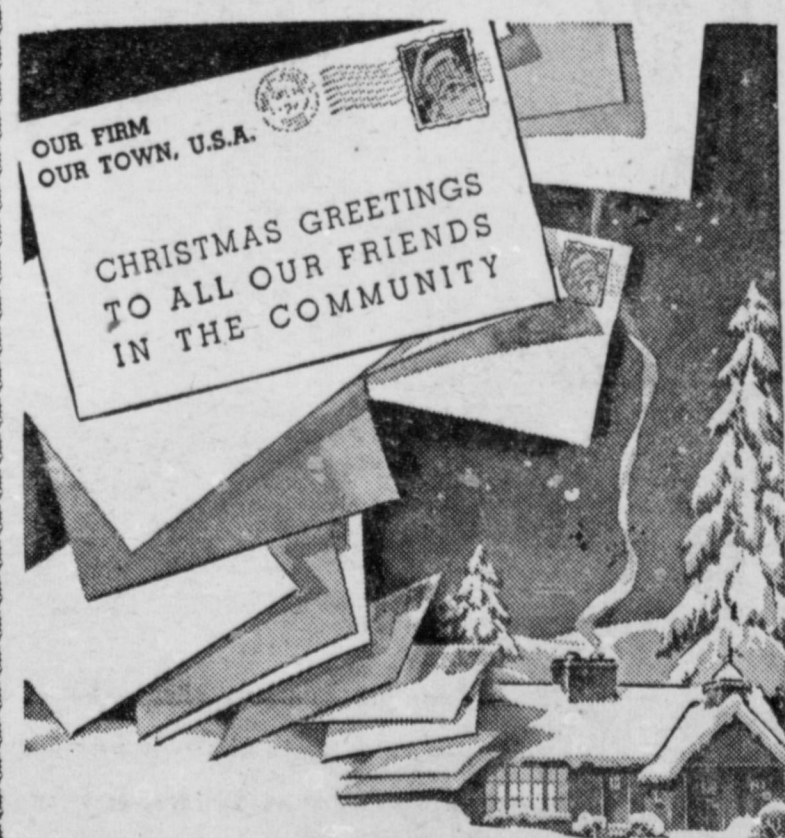
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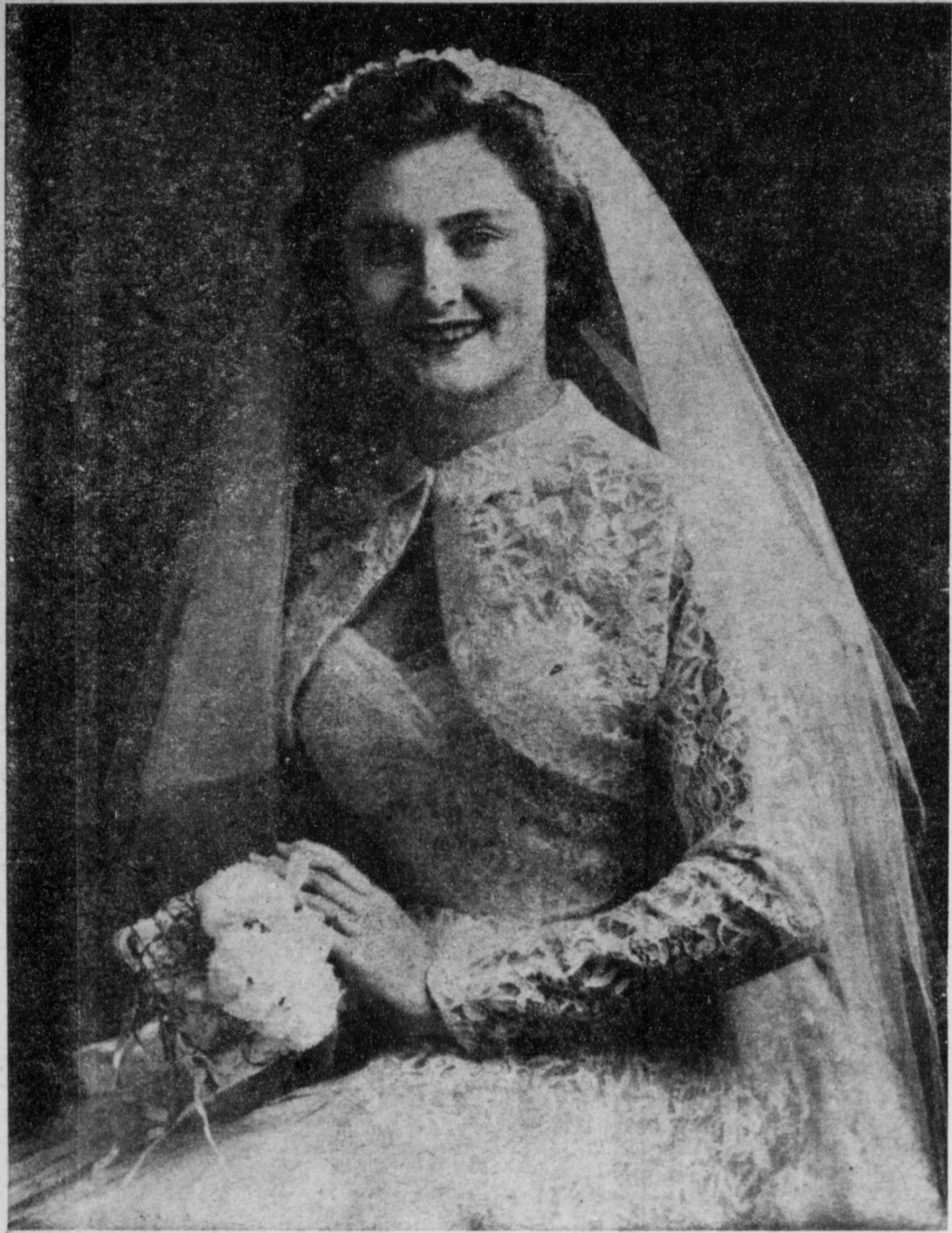
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The annual Christmas dinner given by J. R. Allen for the employees of the First National Bank was held at Magee's on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Favors for the guests were money bags containing a chocolate bar, chewing gum and a check from Mr. Allen for 1,000 calories.

The hosts, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Allen, presented Christmas messages to the following guests: Mrs. E. L. Critcher, Mrs. Tom Shults, Mrs. Milton Mundine, Mrs. M. G. Taylor, Miss Eva Mae Davis and Miss Elsie Ruth Hawes.

bolero fashioned with a Peter Pan collar. The bouffant lace skirt in radingote style, was worn over tiers of nylon tulle. A finger tip veil fell from a tiara of orange blossoms and she carried a cluster of pink sweetheart roses on a white lace covered Bible.

The attendants wore dresses of pastel net over satin. The maid of honor, Miss Davey Carol Brown, wore orchid and the bridesmaid, Miss Frances Coake, light green. Miss Cliftine McElwee, sister of the bride, junior bridesmaid, was attired in blue and all wore matching head dresses fashioned of satin with seed pearl motif, and carried nosegays of pink and white carnations.

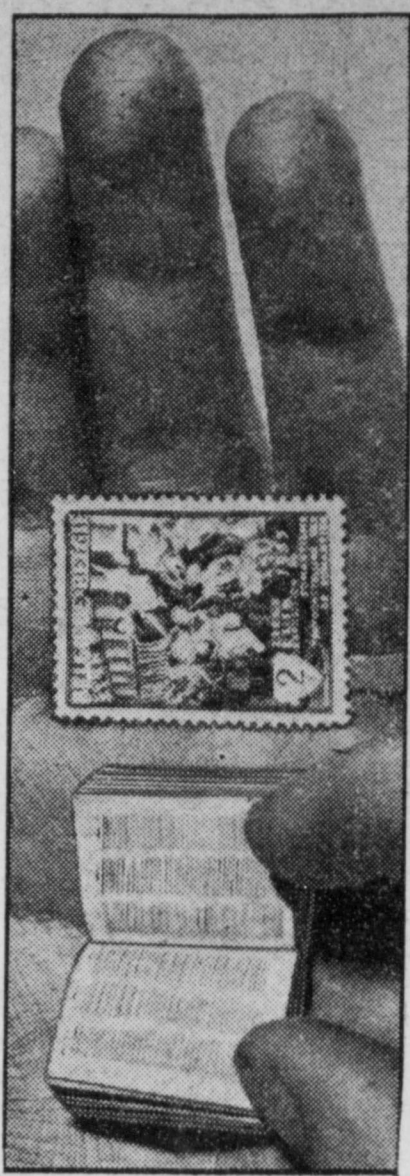
The flower girl, Jill Thompson, wore pink net and carried a basket of flowers.

W. A. Spears was best man and T. E. Woodman and E. R. Kaczperski, ushers.

A reception at the home of the bride's parents, followed the ceremony. The lace covered tea table had for a centerpiece a three-tiered cake adorned with wedding bells and topped with a miniature bride and groom. The nosegays of the attendants, encircled the cake. Mrs. Bobby Coward served and Mrs. Spencer poured punch. Pink and white carnations were on the table where Miss Casterline registered the guests.

When Mr. and Mrs. Gentry left for a wedding trip to Augusta, Ga., Mrs. Gentry was wearing a blue Duva Chrome princess style dress with black accessories and a corsage of pink sweetheart roses. After Jan. 3, they will be at home in Fulton.

Mrs. Gentry is a graduate of the Aransas County High School, and Mr. Gentry graduated from North Augusta High School.



OUI — Oui — yes — it's "wee." This tiny English-French dictionary is smaller than a two-franc stamp, shown with it for comparison. It's owned by a retired teacher in Farcinnes, Belgium. Printed in Glasgow, Scotland, some time before the turn of the century, it contains translations for some 5000 words and phrases and a glossary of corrections for earlier dictionaries. It measures 1.7 inches tall, .75 inches wide and .37 inches in thickness.

ALTAR SOCIETY TO HOLD BENEFIT SILVER TEA

The Sacred Heart Altar Society will hold a Silver Tea at the home of Mrs. Travis Johnson on Tuesday, Dec. 27, proceeds to go for the benefit of the society. Everyone is invited. Time 2:30 to 5:30 p. m.

CORRECTION PLEASE

Jimmy Mills was inadvertently omitted from the high school honor roll. He made four A's and one B.

TEXAS IN REVIEW

The production and processing of helium at the Bureau of Mines' plant at Amarillo will be featured next week on The Humble Company's TV program, Texas in Review.

Helium is a relatively rare gas not as inflammable as hydrogen. It is used in lighter-than-air flying craft and is used as a safety factor in certain industrial processes and in hospitals to minimize danger of explosion. It is found in association with natural gas in the Texas Panhandle.

Another interesting feature will be films of the 3rd Annual Golden Wedding meeting in Seguin. For this year's meeting some 80 couples married more than 50 years attended. Three of the couples attending were married in 1896.

Monday, Dec. 26 Texas in Review can be seen on KVDO-TV, Corpus Christi, 9:30 p. m.; KPRC-TV, Houston, 10 p. m.; and WOAI-TV, San Antonio, 10:15 p. m.

There are seven stars in the Big Dipper.

Wesleyan Service Guild Met Monday Night

The Wesleyan Service Guild Monday night for its first regular session. Mrs. Robert Kemp, president, presided.

After routine business was transacted Mrs. B. W. Hamblin and Mrs. Jack Horton presented a very interesting program.

Mrs. Hamblin gave a comparison of the Christmas story as told in Matthew and in Luke. Mrs. Horton told the story of "The Man Who Owned the Stable." Both were very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Albert Griffith, Jr., served coffee and fruit cake to the following members: Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Joe Dawson, Mrs. James Donaldson, Mrs. Dora Green, Mrs. Allen Johnson, Mrs. Will Haves, Mrs. Chester Barre, Mrs. Edna Snyder, Mrs. E. T. Eller, Mrs. H. H. ton, Mrs. Hamblin, and guests, Mrs. E. T. White, Mrs. John Haynes, and Miss Ruth Hoernlein.

Camel hair brushes are made mostly from the hair of squirrels' tails.

Double Ring Vows Pledged

Miss Tanya McElwee of Fulton and Edward Gentry of Augusta, Ga., exchanged wedding vows Friday night at the Rockport Church of Christ with Bill Thompson, officiating.

the parents of the bride and the groom's mother is Mrs. G. E. Gallman of Augusta.

The double ring ceremony took place under an arch of greenery with a background of white tapers in branched candelabra and floor baskets of pink and white gladioli. Miss Kagan Casterline provided

the wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. J. D. Spencer, who sang "Always" and "O Promise Me."

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father who gave her in marriage. Her strapless waltz length dress of Chantilly lace was worn with a matching long sleeve



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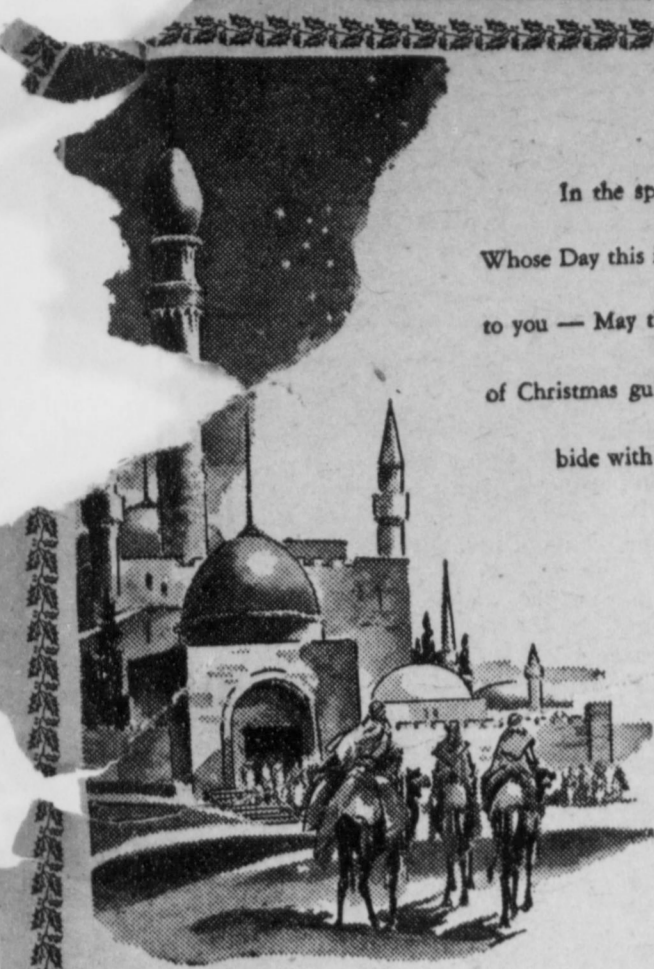
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REID SIMMONS WAS
ROTARY PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Reid Simmons was in charge of the Rotary program Wednesday, and presented Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Broadway. Rev. Broadway gave a most interesting talk. Visiting Rotarians were Merritt Hulett, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and Loyd Dean, Ingleside.

CONGRATULATIONS—

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bowling are the proud parents of a baby girl born Dec. 16 at the Sinton Hospital. The young lady, named Patricia Kay, weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nelson.

Mrs. Lloyd Smith traveled to Port Lavaca Thursday to get her grandson, little Rocky Roden. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roden were called to Yoakum where his mother, Mrs. J. M. Roden, was hospitalized. Rocky visited here with his grandparents until Sunday when his parents returned from Yoakum.

Jerome Wallace received his discharge after three years in the service at Ft. Bragg, N. C., Monday. He is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Minton and will be an apprentice welder under Mr. Minton.

CONGRATULATIONS—

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Dodson are the parents of a baby girl, born in the Aransas Hospital, Dec. 13.

Enjoying Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. May and Jo Helen were their daughters, Mrs. J. C. Sullivan and children, Linda Faye and James of Robstown, Mrs. H. R. Brown and children, Linda Sue and Danny Ross, and Mr. Ronny Kutzer.

Burke Cabaniss who is attending Rice Institute in Houston, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Taylor and son left Thursday for San Angelo where they will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Camehl, Tamara and Ernest Henry will leave Friday for Dallas to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobsen of Hisbrouch Heights, N. J., are visiting with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Scott for two or three months.

JANUARY DRAFT CALLS
FOR 378 TEXANS

Austin, Texas. — The January draft call for Texas asks for 378 men for the Army, Lt. Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state director of Selective Service, announced Friday.

The figure is the state's share of a national call for 8,000 men for the Army. The Navy is asking for no men in January but will in February. The Texas quota for February is expected to be around 1,000 men.

All 137 Texas local boards will receive a share of the 378 quota for January. These local board quotas are now being figured and are scheduled to be mailed from state Selective Service headquarters around Dec. 1.

The state director of Selective Service will ask draft boards for approximately 3,000 men for pre-induction physical and mental examinations in January. Quotas for local boards are scheduled to be mailed around Dec. 1.

Not all local boards will receive quotas for the pre-induction examinations. Quotas will be sent to boards that "have the bulk of the older men," the state draft director said.

The January call for induction compares with a December quota of 873 and a November call of 1,006. No pre-induction examinations are scheduled in December. A total of 2,500 was scheduled for November examination.

The January quota will be filled with men who are 21 years of age or older on January 1, 1956, with the exception of delinquents and volunteers, who may be younger.

Proposed Selective Service regulations altering liability for military service and having effect on family status have not been received at state Selective Service headquarters and are not in official effect.

Mrs. Ingle Turner of Woodboro visited Monday with friends in Rockport.

Mrs. Fred Mires visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Manch Brundrett.

Mrs. Bruce Preeckwinkle and son, Boyd Carrol, of Riviera are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregorczyk and twins of Sinton, visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koehler and Henry Jr.

Harry Lee Mills, who is attending the University of Houston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schleider and Ollie Schleider visited their father, S. T. Schleider in Tivoli, Sunday.

Miss June Owens of Kenedy visited here for a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gurley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Johnson and family are spending the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in California.

Mrs. W. F. Hawes, Christine and Margy Lassiter and Mrs. J. D. Fogg of Ingleside, were in Corpus Christi, Monday.

Pat Smith, a senior at SWSTC in San Marcos, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLead are leaving Friday for East Texas, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. McLead's sister.

Jimmy Sparks is home from Texas A&I to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sparks.

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By JACK BAUGHMAN

We don't mind outsiders writing about Texas, for we often learn some surprising things about the Lone Star State. Nevertheless, it was a rude shock to pick up the November issue of True Magazine and discover that, all unknowing, we were in deadly danger.

For years it had been our impression that the only wolf we had to fear was the one that has staked a permanent claim outside our door.

Not so, says John Maloney, in True. All over West Texas, in the Panhandle, and in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Arizona, these furry varmints are overrunning the land and, says he, "a savage battle is waged between ranchers and wolves, with

some of the smartest dogs in the world involved in the kill."

All agog, we read on, cold chills chasing themselves up and down our spine.

The Texas red wolf, says Mr. Maloney, is the culprit, replacing the big, gray lobos that used to follow the buffalo herds, and you get the impression that there is one of the auburn rascals under nearly every Texas bush.

"Let no arm chair cowboy tell you," says this authority (?), "that they are disappearing from the western cow country."

Alarmed—nay, scared to death, for we live in red wolf territory—and heeding Maloney's dire warning, we took steps before some ravaging pack of strawberry

blonde wolves descended on us. C. R. Landon, San Antonio, is Federal district supervisor of predatory animal control for Texas; has been in the wolf business, so to speak, for umpteen jillion years; and is about as far from being an armchair cowboy as anyone we know about.

A few words from him stilled our trembling knees, and got us straight on the red wolf business.

"Major E. A. Goldman, the leading authority on wolves, has said that it is exceedingly difficult to tell the difference between a small red wolf and a large coyote. Forty years ago, red wolves were common as far west as Llano and Tarrant counties and were probably found occasionally in the country mentioned by True.

"Today they are rarely found west of a line from Victoria to Gainesville . . . and the red wolf population in the eastern part of the state is scattered and light compared to the coyote population west of the line."

In 1949, a peak year, when trappers killed 32,286 predators, 336 were red wolves; 29,287 were coyotes. In 1955, out of 19,344 predatory animals killed by Landon's men, 15,894 were coyotes; 997 were red wolves. However, Landon said, this increase means only that, with the coyote population under reasonable control, he has been able to place more men in east Texas where demand for Federal trappers has increased as their work becomes better known.

Mr. Maloney's ideas on the cyanide gun are also somewhat hazy. This device, when tampered with by a wolf, blows the animal's head off, according to the True version, which is a little startling to anyone familiar with the wolf-getters. He also says that Texas is dry, except in a few counties; and invests a bunch of lop-eared Walkers and gourd-headed greyhounds with super-hound brains. Those we have seen were no better or worse than any other dogs; some are smart; some are jug-headed, and we hardly think they merit the Maloney panegyrics.

A friend of ours showed us a new Colt .22 pistol the other day, and it was a sweet little gun. The Colt blue finish, which is exceedingly attractive, dressed it up no end, and permits, so the Colt company says, easier maintenance of the guns. A re-designed trigger, with a short, flat curve, feels good to the hand, and the short trigger reach, another new feature, adds to the accuracy, making trigger pull easier, and generally improving the gun's action. Three models have the new features: the Natch Target, the Target, and the Sport Model Woodsman.

Teal fly at about 95 feet a second; Canada geese are hitting 80 feet a second; and mallards about 70. Quail are slightly faster than mallards, flitting along for 72 feet in the same period.

Speckled trout, or spotted weakfish, are not trout, but first cousins to the redfish and the croakers. More specks are caught by more sportsmen than all other type of salt water fish in Texas. Usually occurring in compact schools of more or less the same size fish, speckled trout are found along the Gulf beaches and in the bays that line the coast. Small ones are most often found around oyster reefs, although nothing in their stomachs indicates that they feed on reef animals, and schools may be found over grassy bottom, chasing the shrimp, other crustaceans and small fishes on which they live. Larger specks, in the three-to-five-pound class, faced with the need for more food than the smaller ones, consume mullet and similar fishes. Live and dead shrimp, small spoons, and flies, are all used to catch speckled trout.

"Don't worry about your husband's hide, lady, when he's off one one of those hunting trips," says Dion Henderson, writing for the Associated Press. "Chances are he'd get shot only once if he kept up the hunting for 12,000 years.

"And even then, there's only one chance out of five the wound would be fatal.

"Those, at least, are the approximate averages drawn from the last annual totals of the nation's hunting mishaps—how, to whom, by whom, and particularly why—compiled by the National Rifle Association."

Little Freddie Close of Corpus Christi, visited over the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hart. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Close and Eddie arrived Sunday and he returned home with them Sunday night.

Johnny Sapp, sophomore at Texas A&M, is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Baldwin and daughter Becky, left Wednesday for Huntsville, where they will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baldwin. They will also visit in Galena Park with Mrs. Baldwin's father, Sam Nichols.

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Methodists Holiday Program

The members of the Sunday school of the First Methodist church held their Christmas program at the church, Friday night.

Following the Christmas story read by Mrs. Dana S. Green, E. T. White told the story of the miracle at Derrick.

Special services were provided by Martha and Loretta Wilson and members of the classes. The highlight of the program was the offering to be made to the Methodist Home in Waco.

Following the program, the members of the WSCS and the Wesleyan Service Guild were hostesses for the Christmas tree and a social hour at Fellowship Hall.

Pfc. Stephen Atwood arrived in Corpus Christi Sunday from Ft. Worth. He was met there by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Atwood and they then traveled to Kingsville where they visited with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Joe Atwood.

Corporal Richard Dominguez, of the Air Force, is spending his Christmas leave here with his family.

Mrs. Neva Sorenson Gives Yule Party

Mrs. Neva Sorenson entertained her piano pupils and their families with a Christmas party, Tuesday night at the Woman's Club building.

Local reservists in the 90th Reconnaissance Company, U. S. Army Reserves, attended a company Christmas party in Corpus Christi, Monday night. Attending from Rockport were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gurley, Urban Chupe, Miss Mary Ann Rodriguez, and Richard Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snyder and son of Hondo, are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkison.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Songy left Wednesday for Houma, La., where they will spend the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rodriguez and their daughter are home for the holidays, from Fort Campbell, where Rodriguez is a specialist, 2nd class, in the Eleventh Medical Battalion.

TRAVIS SMITH NOW STATIONED AT FT. LAWTON

Fort Lawton, Fash.—Specialist Third Class Travis L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Somer A. Smith, Rockport, is a member of the 513th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Missile Battalion at Fort Lawton, Wash.

Specialist Smith, a firing panel operator in the battalion's Battery D, entered the Army in February, 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Smith attended Texas A&M College before entering the Army.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Littleton of Houston are the parents of a baby boy born Wednesday, Dec. 21. The young man weighed in at 9 pounds. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Rouquette of Fulton.

C. W. (Wesley) Boone, formerly of Rockport, was seriously injured in a car accident in Houston last week. Mr. Boone will be in the hospital for about six weeks more. Friends who would like to write to him can mail letters and cards to him at the Veterans Hospital, 2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Tex.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

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Holy Communion and Sermon, first Sunday each month, at 7:30 p.m., other Sundays, Morning Prayer and Sermon at 9:00 a.m. Church School each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Choir rehearsal is each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The Woman's Auxiliary meets the first Thursday at 3:30 p.m., and the Bishop's Committee on the second Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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Fr. G. J. O'Doherty, Pastor Sunday Masses, 7 and 9; Holy Days same as Sundays; week-day Mass at 8; Friday night Novena devotions at 7:30; Confessions; Saturdays, Vigil before Holy Days and Thursdays before First Fridays, 4:30 to 6:00 and 7:30 to 8:30.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. D. Broadway, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; preaching service, 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Training Union 6:30 p.m.; prayer service, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; women meet every Thursday.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

B. R. Thompson Bible class, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 10:50 a.m.; Sunday evening class, 6:30; Sunday evening worship, 7:30; Wednesday night service, 7:30; ladies Bible class, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. and men's Bible class at 7:30 p.m.

FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. George Merriman Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; preaching service, 11 a.m.; Training Union, 7 p.m.; evening service, 8 p.m.; mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FULTON Rev. Jerry Smith, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; preaching service, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday and Saturday night service at 7:30; BTU Sunday 6:30 p.m.; preaching service, 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Wm. H. Law, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45; Preaching service, 11 o'clock; Evening Evangelistic service, 7:45; Week night service Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A. Arnott Ward, Minister Sunday School, 9:30; worship service, 11 a.m.; evening service, 7:30; men's meeting 1st Monday, 7:00; Pioneer Young People meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Senior Young People meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.; Women of the Church, third Thursday, 3 p.m.; Evening Circle, 2nd Monday at 7:30; Circle 1, 1st Thursday at 3; Circle 2, 1st Thursday at 3.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Dana Green, Pastor Sunday school, 9:30; morning worship, 10:50; evening worship, 7:30; Methodist Men, 2nd Thursday at 7:30; choir practice, Friday, 7:30; WSCS, 1st and 4th Thursday, 3:00; fellowship dinner, 3rd Sunday at noon; young people's meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. C. Pearce, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45; preaching service, 10:45; Training Union, 6:30 p.m.; preaching service, 7:30 p.m.; prayer service, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

Aransas Pass Sunday services, 11 a.m.; Wednesday evening service, 8:00. All are welcome.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Aransas Pass Otto F. Marshall, Pastor Bible school 9:45; morning worship, 10:50; evening worship, 7:30; prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

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Lone Star Park Bldg. ARANSAS PASS Sunday school and Bible class, 10:00 a.m.; Worship service, 11:00 a.m.

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957 MEN SENT TO ARMY AND NAVY IN NOVEMBER

Austin, Texas.—Of the 957 men sent to Army and Navy service in November by state draft boards, 521 were 22 years old, 213 were 23 to 29 years old, and 223 were 17 to 21 years of age.

This was announced Friday by Lieut. Col. Morris S. Schwartz, state Selective Service director, who made a study of the draft by age groups for November at the request of Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national draft director.

The study also revealed that, out of the 957 men drafted, 260 were volunteers through the draft boards. All those inducted as volunteers ranged in age from 17 through 24. Of the 260 volunteers, only 41 were more than 21 years old.

Under current policies of Selective Service, all men under 21 going into service through the draft boards would have to be volunteers because no men are drafted under age 21 except delinquents.

Only four 17-year-old volunteers were inducted. Men are not required to register with draft boards until 18, but a 17-year-old who wishes to volunteer with his parents' consent is registered at the time he volunteers.

Of the 957 inductees in November, 481 went to the Navy and 476 to the Army. The 260 volunteers were split evenly between the two services.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Morgan and sons, Dwight and Mike, are spending the Christmas holidays in Clarksville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erbie Aikin. They will then visit his brother, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan in Dallas, and from there go to Waco to visit his mother, Mrs. J. S. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McNorton announce the recent marriage of their daughter, Deana, to Cecil Casterline, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Casterline of Fulton. The couple will make their home in Fulton.

Miss Alice Bell left Sunday for San Antonio where she will visit with Lt. Loyal McNair until Saturday.

Old Superstitions About Eating of Mince Pies

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ward are visiting relatives in San Antonio during the holidays. ctf

Burke Cabaniss arrived Wednesday evening from Houston, where he is a freshman in Rice Institute this year, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cabaniss. ctf

Sandhurst College is Great Britain's equivalent to America's West Point. ctf

Hattie Caraway was the first woman elected to the United States Senate. ctf

Mr. Weber Is Right, Wallabies Aren't Baby Kangaroos

A week or so ago The Pilot ran a two-line filler stating that wallabies are baby kangaroos. These fillers are composed by various people and sent in to the paper, generally as part of some advertising service, and because it isn't always possible to make a story end so that it will exactly match the space you have, these little one- and two-line items are used to finish out a column. Hence we were not to blame for the mistake that Jack Weber of Fulton calls to our attention in the following letter:

"Editors Woods and Rogero: Someone has goofed. You ran a line 'Wallabys are baby kangaroos' in your current edition. Believe me there is the rock wallaby by the size of a Copano jack rabbit, which lives in cliffs and rocks, then the brush wallaby and, next, the swamp wallaby, and there may be others. I only hunted kangaroos for their hides and steaks from 1908-1911. Oh yes. There is the kangaroo rat, also, but the rest are none of them 'roos.' All but the kangaroo rat are identical in form to the kangaroo, but of different size. Yours truly E. C. (Jack) Weber."

Mr. Weber is right. Wallabies are not baby kangaroos. However, they are full-grown ones, as the wallabies, rat-kangaroos, wallaroos, and kangaroos are all kangaroos, just as Shetland ponies, zebras, Percherons, thoroughbreds, and Arabians all belong to the horse tribe.

There are ten different kinds of rat kangaroos; four different kinds of wallabies; two different tree kangaroos; eleven different sorts of rock wallabies; three kinds of nail-tailed wallabies; nine sorts of scrub wallabies; and of the typical brush wallabies or medium-sized kangaroos, there are eight, including the so-called swamp wallabies. Of the large kangaroos, there are the Great Gray or Forester; the western Gray or Forester; the Kangaroo Island Kangaroo; the Tasmanian kangaroo; and the Red Kangaroo. Then, of the wallaroos, or rock kangaroos, there are six species.

Considering all these things, we can hardly blame the man who wrote the filler in the first place, for you've got to admit it's con-


fusin'. Add to all these things the fact that baby kangaroos are generally called "joeys," and you can see where that leaves you. Or can you? At any rate, the fact that Mr. Weber spotted the error really shows that he knows his kangaroos.

Port Baughman arrived from Houston Wednesday evening, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baughman. Port is a junior at Rice Institute this year.

Leon Thornton and Sunday from Camp Pendleton, Calif., for a 29-day leave. He is visiting here, with his father, K. Thornton and other relatives.

Miss Shirley Faye Harrell, student at SWSTC in San Marcos, home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Happner.

Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries and family of Houston, arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Chas. T. Pictou.



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