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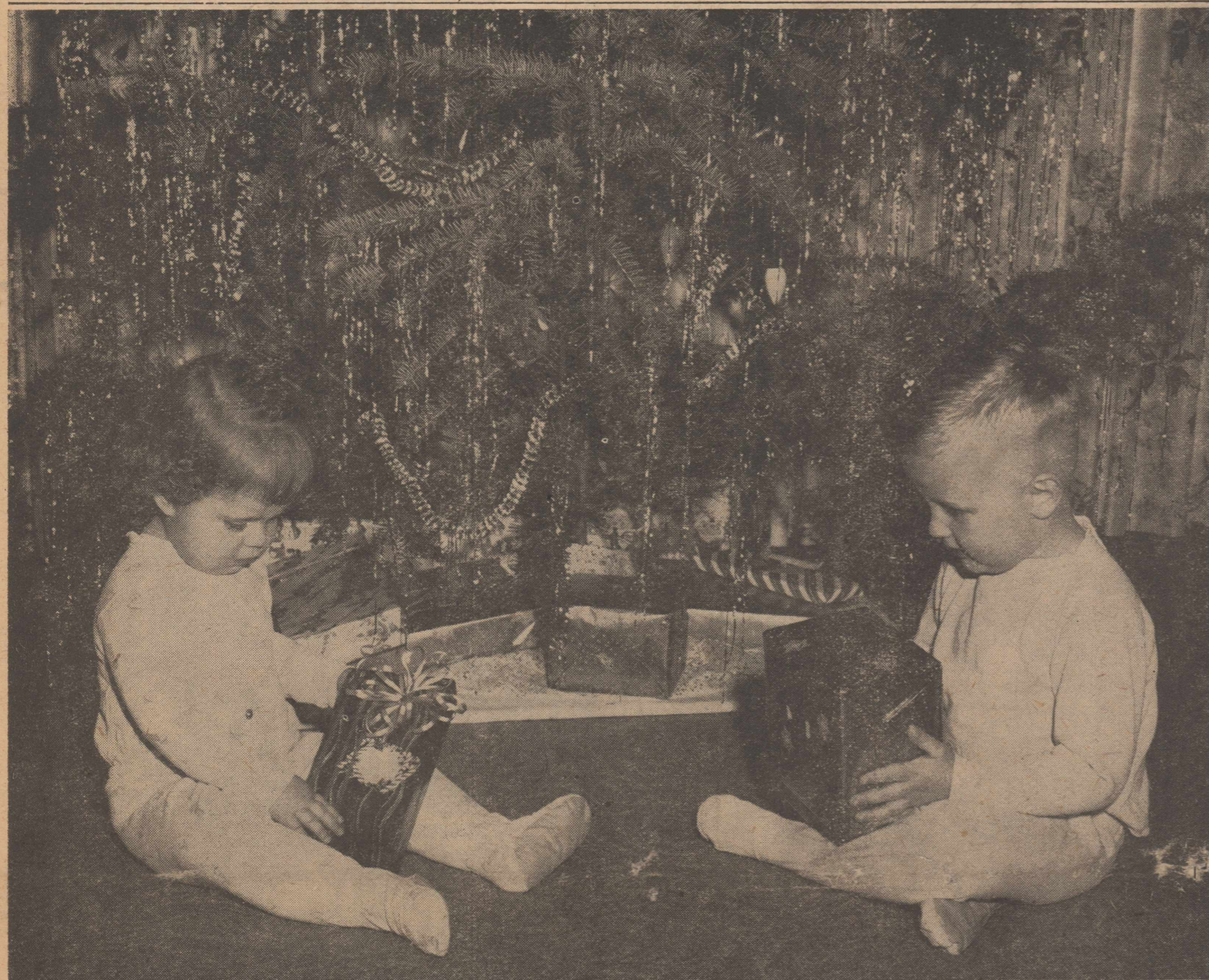
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TWO SITTONS CAN SEE



A FAMILIAR SCENE in many homes in Olton and over the nation during the Christmas season is that portrayed by the children of Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Fite of this city. Debbie 2, and Terry 3, are completely absorbed in the wondrous mysteries of unopened packages. Each morning and each night they keep a vigil at the tree, gingerly touching a decorative trinket,

rearranging an icicle, staring with delight—and a bit of puzzlement—at the colorful lights all aglow. And come Christmas morn, after a visit from Santa during the night, their happiness will be complete—and the spectators for this wonderful pageant of childhood will be the parents all over the land.

Mother Still Believes Third Triplet May Regain Eye Sight

Two of the Sitton triplets can see!

Sight came to Jon and Don Sitton almost as if in answer to their mother's prayers. "We pray all the time," declared Mrs. Frank Sitton, the boys' mother, after learning that the boys were suffering from retro-lental fibroplasia. "We know that God can give them their sight. We'll hope

Plans Complete For Band Trip To El Paso

The OHS Mustang Band will leave Monday, December 31, for El Paso to participate in the Sun Carnival Parade and the half-time activities of the Sun Bowl game on New Year's Day.

Highlighting the annual Sun Carnival in El Paso will be the January 1 game between George Washington University and Texas Western College, Border Conference champion. Twenty-eight high school bands will perform at half-time.

The three-mile parade will take a route through downtown El Paso and spectators are expected to number well over one hundred thousand.

Band members will leave on two school buses at 7:30 a. m. and will arrive at San Juan School for Girls at 5:15 p. m., where the girls and their chaperons will be housed. The boys and their chaperons will be taken to Fort Bliss.

Fred Stockdale, band director, announced that two rehearsals and meetings are scheduled prior to the Monday departure. There will be a rehearsal at 9 a. m. Saturday, December 29, and luggage and instruments are to be loaded at 2 p. m. Sunday, December 30.

Chaperons for the girls on the trip will be Mrs. Charles Lovelless, Mrs. J. M. Machen, Mrs. Virgie Gray, Mrs. Fred Stockdale, and Mrs. Tom Smith. For the boys will be Louis Clark, Ivin Wozenshaft, Charles Lovelless, and C. B. Fancher. Several other Olton band parents are expected to make the trip.

as long as the boys live." That was in the spring of 1955 and the triplets—Jon, Don and Lon—were about six months old. Now they're almost 2½ years old. Two of them definitely can see.

The doctors say Lon is still sightless but his colored nurse,

Mrs. Mae Bell Stewart, vows that Lon can see light. Mrs. Sitton believes the lad may only feel heat from the light, however.

Ability of Jon and Don to see was a glimmer of hope when they were 14 months old and now has increased into a dis-

tinct reality.

Jon and Don learned to walk by the time they were two and now make their way unaided around the spacious Sitton farm home near Hart.

Lon hasn't learned to walk alone yet but Mrs. Sitton believes he will be walking within a few weeks.

All three of the boys are in robust health.

The specialist attending the boys gives the family little or no encouragement that either Jon or Don will ever be able to read print and he holds forth no hope at all for Lon even to see at all.

Jon and Don even watch television now. "They put their noses right against the screen to see the pictures," Mrs. Sitton related.

"We don't call them blind at all," the mother declared, speaking of all three boys. "They get around the house so well. They're not much more trouble than any other little boys their age. There are just so many of them."

Physicians say that retro-lental fibroplasia is a disease apparently of the blood vessels of the retina and found mostly in premature babies.

The triplets were born prematurely August 1, 1954 at Olton Memorial Hospital. Dr. E. J. Souders has been the family physician attending the lads since their birth. However, the boys have been taken to specialists in Lubbock and Amarillo.

The boys became famous when it was learned that they were the only known triplets in the world to have the relatively rare affliction which caused their blindness.

An Enterprise story about the little boys' blindness went to the Associated Press and thence to the newspapers of the world. Stories about the Sittons were given prominent newspaper display as far away as Germany.

Hundreds of letters poured in from around the country and the world—messages of hope, letters of despair. The rural mail carrier was unable to get some day's mail into the Sitton RFD mail box.

Through it all the Sittons hoped. They prayed. Then doctors became convinced that two of the little boys were able to see some.

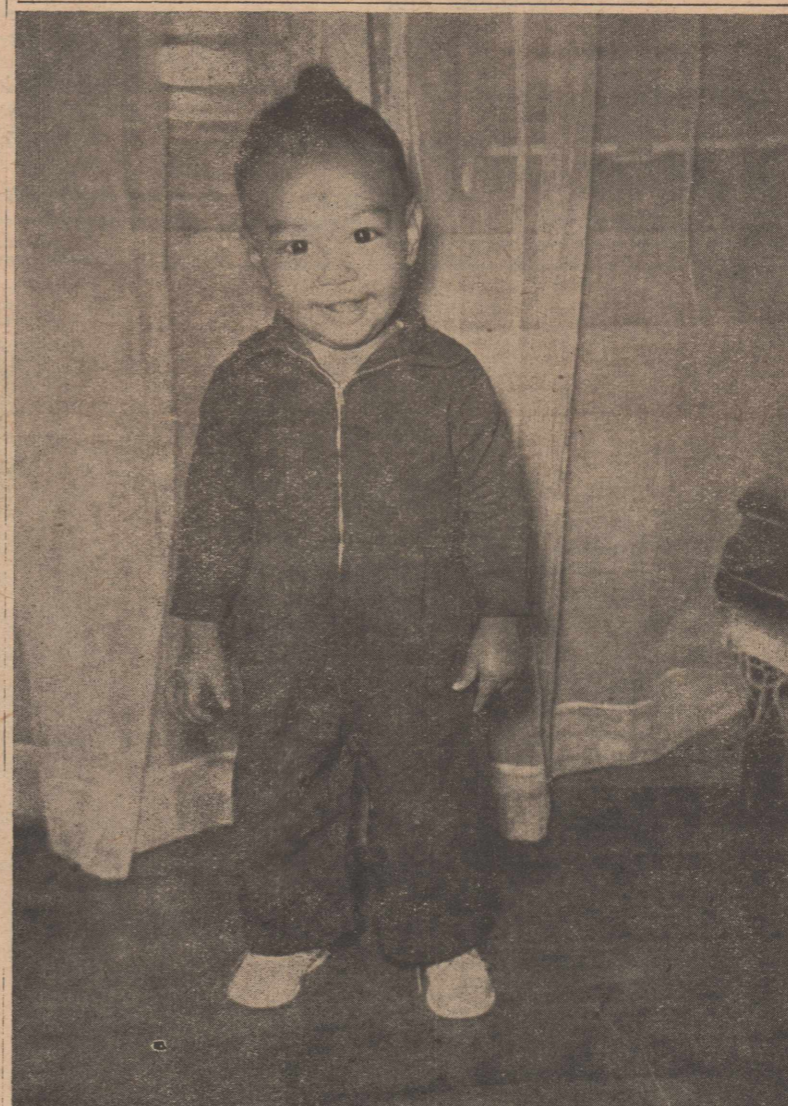
The little fellows have shown remarkable intelligence. They were able to talk by the time they were nine months old. Their health has been unusually good.

The Sittons will move to Lubbock soon. There they will enter the little boys in school for blind tots. Mr. Sitton hopes to farm near Lubbock.

Folks across the country have built up a Sitton Triplet Fund which comes to about \$4,000 now and Mr. and Mrs. Sitton have expressed their warmest appreciation for the kindness shown them and their sons.

Mrs. Sitton still firmly believes that all three of her boys—she has two other children, both girls—will be able to see one day. "The doctors didn't think any of them would see," she said, "and now Jon and Don can see some. Maybe Lon will be able to see too!"

"Wonderful," Mrs. Sitton declared when asked what kind of Christmas she and her family expects to have this year.



EYES ALL A-SPARKLE this young man is ready for Santa Claus. He is Ricky Alcorta, 1½ years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alcorta, Jr.

Enter, Christmas! 'Tis Given A Real Welcome As Holiday Activities And Decorating Endeavors Reach A High Peak

Literally permeating the air is the spirit of Christmas—and in spite of the hullabaloo attached to a commercialized Yuletide season, the true meaning of Christmas escapes few. The most precious aspects of the season are the Christmas church services, the singing of Christmas carols, and the joy of giving—all centered around the eternal Christmas theme, "Peace on earth, Good will toward men."

Adding a dash of spice or frosting to the cake, Ole Man Weather, with his premature snowfall this past week, issued a "half-promise" for a white Christmas.

In the swing of holiday merry-making are the various clubs, organizations and Sunday School classes of the city who have been entertaining with Christmas parties and dinners during the pre-Christmas week. With entertaining at its peak, private parties vie with club parties, leaving very few "evenings at home" for Olton residents. But come this Christmas week, family celebrations and reunions will take over and the spirit of Christmas will blend into that of the New Year.

And not to be denied, if there's ever one time of the year when everyone's thoughts and activities are on the same plane, it's at Christmas time. Wives and mothers are in a flurry of pre-Christmas activities—if she's not shopping, she's decorating; if she's not decorating, she's baking; if she's not baking, she's shopping!

rating—the only thing she's short on is TIME. In her home in Hillcrest addition, her first project, outside of making her own Christmas cards, was to temper-paint her 3 x 6 foot living room mirror as a greeting card. Decorated with a snow scene, "Greetings for the Chesters" is written across one corner. The master touch is a wreath placed on the left corner, this wreath formed of the three daughters' shoes painted green and white and glittered with silver.

Another clever accomplishment of Mrs. Chester's was a decorative and satisfactory answer to her daughters' constant question, "How many days 'til Christmas?" On the tenth of the month she gathered up 15 ordinary clothespins, painted them dark green and adorned them with glitter and sequins. These she placed upright on a painted dowel, numbering them from 1 to 15, and topped the hanging concoction with a miniature angel. Now as a nightly ritual, one of the girls turns down a clothespin, leaving the remaining days for all to see.

Her "home-made" decorations for their tree (the top of a 100-foot blue spruce from Las Vegas, NM) include a three-dimensional tree-top angel of plywood, various shapes of plastic clay bronzed in green, red and gold, and styrofoam ornaments.

Other projects have been a three-dimensional plywood Santa Claus face, a stained glass effect

of the nativity on the back door glass, and a Santa Claus cake centerpiece—not to mention exterior decorations. More?—Well, Jo-Jo Chester says her plans are not over until Christmas day rolls around.

An especially appropriate decoration is on the back door of the H. B. Carson home—placed there, Mrs. Carson says, for her "back door" family and friends. Its principle ingredients are a small skillet and a large table-spoon sprayed gold. A garland of evergreens, decorated with red balls and a large red bow, encircles the skillet and handle. The spoon is tied to a red streamer, and presto, a door knocker!

The Basil Sherman home is a pink and silver fairyland from the moment one enters the front door—which is covered with heavy pink paper and embellished with large silver, pink-glittered letters spelling "Noel," silver stars and musical notes. Silver and pink arrangements and a silver Christmas tree, decorated with lights, ornaments and feathery roping, all in pink, dominate the interior.

Keynoting the Shermans' outdoor decorations are the traditional multicolors. Small Christmas lights nestling in a gigantic evergreen wreath decorate the

front window, and large lights outline the cornice of the entire house front. Completing the scenery are large electric candles on either side of the garage and an illuminated Santa Claus in a front window.

Flocking a large spruce tree was the major undertaking of the Melvin Hines. Setting off the snow-white tree, which is spotlighted in a picture window, are green and silver glittered balls tied on with green bows. Green lights and greenery frame the window on the exterior.

In a drive around Olton, one cannot miss the Howard Hall home—which is truly "lighted up like a Christmas tree," the Lester Thompson's, the C. S. Silcott's, the Denver Offield's, and the Lynn Fite's—all, we would say, leading contenders in the annual Lions Club decorating contest.

IN FAIR CONDITION

V. L. Smith, Jr., who was seriously injured December 7 in an oil field accident at Ackerly, is still in traction at Lamesa General Hospital and is doing as well as possible considering his injuries. He received a broken neck and a back injury in the accident.

His mother, Mrs. V. L. Smith, Sr., said that his doctors plan to place him in a cast on Christmas Eve. She will go up then and remain with him on Christmas Day.

DOLL WINNER

Mrs. George E. Brown, Jr., was winner of the Madame Alexander doll given away by the Olton Study Club last Saturday. The doll, complete with a 28-piece wardrobe made by club members, will no doubt become a prized possession of the Brown's six-year-old daughter.

An amount of approximately \$250 was reported to have been cleared by the study club in this project—these proceeds to be used for Girl Scout activities.

O. B. Durham Injured In Snyder Mishap

O. B. Durham, Spur, formerly of Olton, was seriously injured Thursday afternoon in a head-on collision near Snyder.

Virgile Gray, who visited Mr. Durham in a Snyder hospital, said the injured man suffered rib fractures, leg and head lacerations. He described Mr. Durham's condition as fair.

The accident occurred about 7:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Firm Closes

During the two consecutive weeks preceding this edition the Olton Cleaners ad should have included the information that that firm would be closed Dec. 24 and 25.

This information was included in only one edition. The Enterprise takes this means of pointing out the discrepancy.

Deputy Warns Olton Residents After House-Breaking Thefts

Deputy Sheriff V. L. Smith this week warned residents of Olton and surrounding area to be on the alert for house burglars.

Several Olton homes have been entered and Christmas presents stolen during the past few days. Almost \$100 worth of Christmas presents were taken last

Tuesday from the Don Huguley home in west Olton.

Mrs. Huguley said she went out of town Tuesday leaving the door of her home unlocked. She believes the house was entered some time during the morning.

Mrs. Huguley said a \$50 watch and a \$20 earring and necklace set were stolen.

Deputy Smith urged all residents to be sure to lock their doors before leaving home.

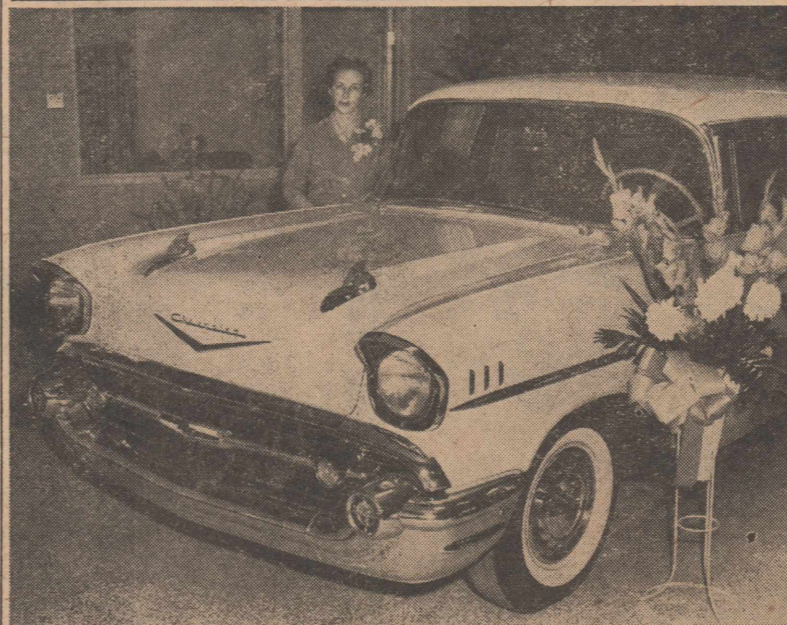
AUNT OF LOCAL RESIDENT DIES

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 16, for Mrs. Mary Samson, aunt of Mrs. Merrill Brigance, who died Friday night, December 14, in Matador. A life-long resident of the Matador community, Mrs. Samson, 86, had recently fallen and broken her hip.

Services were held in the First Baptist Church at Matador and burial was in the Roaring Springs cemetery.

Enterprise Closed For The Holidays

The Olton Enterprise will be closed Dec. 25 through Dec. 30. The office supply store will be open Dec. 24.



THEY'RE BOTH PRETTY. Mrs. Fred Thompson is shown here with the new 1957 Chevrolet at the formal opening of Thompson Chevrolet Company's beautiful new building. Winners of door prizes at the opening were Miss Melmae McKinzie, the baby Chevrolet Baby Corvette; Gene Ball, a set of dishes; and E. D. Sandovall, a stetson hat. More than 700 persons attended the opening.



Christmas is here again, bringing a sparkle to children's eyes and joy to the hearts of all. May the spirit of the season enrich your life with its blessings, now and throughout the New Year.

OLTON PAINT & BODY SHOP



Holiday Plants Need Special Care

Holiday plants require special care if they are to look their best. Just like human beings, they need bright light or sunlight, in the day and a proper amount of water.

Wilting, leaf yellowing and burning, leaf drop and premature loss of flowers can be caused by under-watering or over-watering plants. Thorough watering is important as soon as plants are dry, but avoid leaving plants standing in water. Puncture the tinfoil or heavy paper on pots at the drainage hole to provide necessary drainage.

Here are some further suggestions:

Lower the night temperature to prolong the life of blooms. Minimum night temperature for poinsettias and Christmas begonias should be 60 degrees. The desirable night temperatures for azaleas, Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums, cyclamen, Jerusalem cherry, Kalanchoe, ornamental peppers, potted bulbs and cut flowers are between 50 degrees and 60 degrees. High room temperatures hasten the maturity of flowers and shorten their life.

Avoid sudden temperature changes and drafts. Keep both plants and cut flowers away from radiators and heat registers and out of drafts. Poinsettias are especially sensitive to sudden temperature changes. They should never be left near a window sill as drafts will cause leaves to turn yellow and drop.

COME TO THE ENTERPRISE FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a machine gun like they have at White Auto Store. If you have a transport truck, maybe a bayonet-gun or

an achery set, leave me one. Donna and Judy have been good. Leave them something—I don't know what. Don't forget any of the little children.
Love,
Buttons Carlisle



To all our friends, an old-fashioned Christmas wish. May all the joys of the season enrich your heart this day and forever.

MEASLES SHAMROCK SERVICE STATION

Gregorian Calendar Unified Our Timekeeping

Our present calendar—the Gregorian—was the first calendar to achieve any semblance of world unity on the time front.

The coming of this calendar, instituted by Pope Gregory in 1582 laid the groundwork for universal celebration of New Year's day.

Europe, which for centuries had celebrated March 25 as the first day of the year, was the first to adopt the Gregorian calendar. But it was not a complete adoption until 1752 when Great Britain joined the other European countries recognizing January 1 as the first day of the year and instituting use of the Gregorian calendar.

Of course, the date of January 1 is not celebrated by everyone. The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox. The Moslem calendar, which dates to 626 A.D. has 12 months that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes.

And, the Gregorian, although it performed a great job of unification, still doesn't satisfy everyone that uses it. Periodically some one comes forth with what they consider a better way of marking time.



May we, with gratitude and humility, with reverence and rejoicing, celebrate this Christmas as He would have us do. To all, heartfelt wishes for a blessed Christmas.

OLTON IMPLEMENT CO.

MR. AND MRS. H. E. OWENS

OLTON

TEXAS

The Spirit of Christmas

In all the hustle-bustle of our happy Holiday preparations, let us never forget the true spirit of Christmas, so beautifully expressed in those carols of beloved memory. Let us dedicate ourselves to the ideal of which the Angel sang: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."



THOMAS FURNITURE

OLTON

TEXAS



Season's Greetings

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

SMITH & STRUVE

LOIS — AIDA — MRS. GRANT — TOM & WALTER



Christmas Greetings

Just as candy canes and evergreens are symbols of Christmas, let this greeting be a symbol of our appreciation of your good will and patronage. May you enjoy a full measure of good cheer throughout the Holiday Season.

HAYDON & WINKELS SHOES

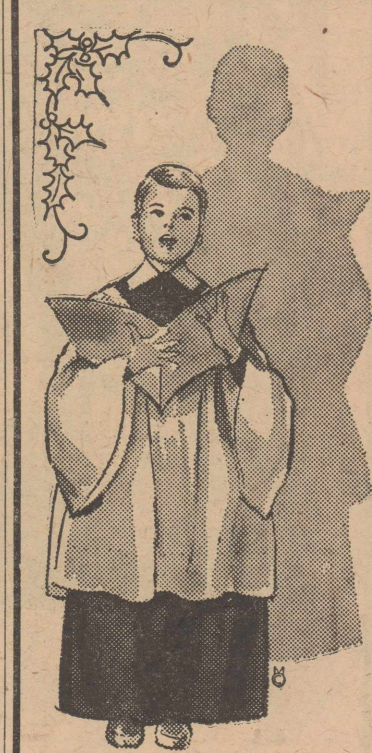
626 Broadway Plainview
— STORES IN PLAINVIEW AND LITTLEFIELD —

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hall and Curtis were in Memphis Sunday attending a birthday celebration honoring his father, J. J. Hall, on his 85th birthday. They came back to Camp Haynes, the Boy Scout camp located near Silverton, for a tour. Mrs. Hall said it is a beautiful place and well-maintained.

LUBBOCK PARTY

Attending a Christmas party given at the Hillcrest County Club Monday night by the Bob Johnson of Lubbock were Messrs. and Mesdames Laus Hair, Cleo Smith, Wayne Hair, Melvin Hines, Jim Fite, and A. J. Givens.



Season's Greetings

As carolers sing the joys of Christmas, we chime in with best wishes for you.

GRANT INSURANCE AGENCY
OLTON, TEXAS

Longs Send Many Christmas Letters

Firm believers in keeping up with old friends are the Fred Longs. In addition to many other friends and relatives, each Christmas they send a long newsy letter to 80 of Fred's World War II Marine Corps buddies.

Compiling the year's happenings into one letter, Mrs. Long mimeographs 80 copies each Christmas and mails them to friends located in practically every state. She said that since they started this practice several years ago in place of sending standard Christmas greeting cards, they receive a much better response from their longtime service friends, these friends ranging from truck drivers to school teachers in civilian life.

IN MARTIN HOME

Recently visiting in the Troy Martin home were Mrs. Martin's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Horton of Amarillo.

RECENT VISITORS

Visiting the Lynn Fite family recently were Mrs. Fite's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cloud of Pampa.

AT CHILDREN'S HOME

Visiting the Church of Christ Children's Home in Portales, NM, Wednesday were Mrs. Jack Edwards, Mrs. Bill Dennis, and Mrs. Ed Thompson. Primary purpose of the visit was to take the food, clothing and money that had been contributed to the home by the Ladies Class at its Tuesday meeting.

BUSINESS TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harper were in Fort Worth Thursday on business.

Cub Scouts Have Christmas Party

Games, Christmas treat sacks, carols, and a gift exchange, were enjoyed by members of Cub Scout Dens 1 and 6 as they met for a Yuletide party in the home of Mrs. Howard Hall, den mother, Wednesday afternoon.

Cubs attending were Mike Dellis, Curtis Hall, Danny Roberson, Billy George Kemp, Gail Bizzell, David Britton, Taz Speer, Derrell Breland, Roy Gibson, Jerry LaFrance, Danny Morrison, Carnie Huff, Eugene Vanlandingham, Aaron Robinson, Gene Riney, Dewayne Campbell and Dennis Hines. Mrs. Milton Hines den mother for Den 6, assisted.

Ricky Skelton, Den 1 member, was honored at a farewell party by his den on Wednesday, Dec. 12, with each member presenting him with a gift. Ricky will spend the next six months in Australia, his mother's native country.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Visiting over the holidays in the Roye Alkman home will be several of Mrs. Alkman's relatives, including her mother, Mrs. R. Hanna, her sisters, Mrs. Vincent Schuman and family, and Mrs. Nora Grieser, all of Hobart Okla.; Mrs. Schuman's daughter and family, Fredricks, Okla.; Miss Virginia Grieser, a niece from Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Grieser, Hobart; Bob Schuman, a student at Oklahoma A & M; and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Moore and four children from Lubbock, who will spend Christmas day with the Alkmans.

EL PASO HOLIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Carson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Daugherty will leave December 28 to spend several days with Mrs. Carson's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Reinhermyer of El Paso, and her brother and family, the Glen Daughertys of Anthony, NM.

GOOD CONDITION

Mrs. W. P. Holley, mother of Mrs. Clury Phillips, who underwent major surgery December 13 in the Plainview Hospital and Clinic, is recuperating satisfactorily at her home.

IN LUBBOCK

The Carl Hoopers will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. L. B. Hancock, and sister, Mrs. Ralph Cheney, in Lubbock.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY!!

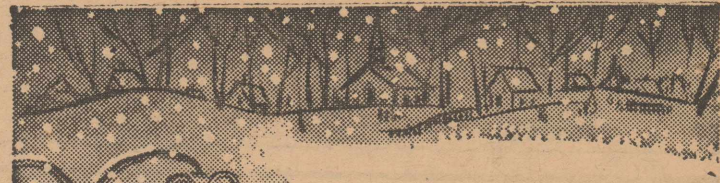
ENTERPRISE CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS



Greetings to All
Our sincere thanks and much holiday cheer to all our friends and patrons.

BIZZELL'S SHOP

MABEL BIZZELL



Season's Greetings

Happy holiday wishes to you, our friends and customers, and sincere thanks for the pleasure of serving you. May your Yuletide be bright with all the season's joys.



TRI-COUNTY IMPLEMENT

OLTON

TEXAS



SEASON'S GREETINGS

At this cheery time of year...we wish everybody a good, old-fashioned Merry Christmas, replete with all the joy and contentment of a Happy Holiday.

THOMPSON CHEVROLET COMPANY

OLTON

TEXAS



Season's Greetings

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

FARMERS GIN COMPANY

LAUIS

SHORTY

Dear Santa Claus,

My little sister and I have been pretty good little girls this year. I want a Tiny Tears doll and my little sister wants a baby doll wrapped in a blanket. Anything else you want to bring us will be fine. Also bring us some candy, fruit and nuts, and don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Brenda and Terri Ellis

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a cowboy rifle because my old one is broken. And Santa Claus, my old house shoes are too little so please leave me some new ones. Mike and I would like to have a record player to share.

Put some candy, nuts and fruit in our socks and all the other little girls and boys, too.
Your little boy,
Pat Trotter

Dear Santa Claus,

I sure would like to have you bring me a very nice Christmas toy for me and my brother. I hope you will stop by my house to leave some toys on Christmas Tuesday. We are pretty good kids and we don't fight with each other at all.

Good-bye Santa,
Elena Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy seven years old. My name is Dorlan Wayne Clark and I live on E. 11th St. I have been a pretty good boy, except for the older brothers who worry me lots. So will you please bring me a big red wagon, cowboy outfit with boots and holster set; also a mickey mouse guitar attached to the drum and two or three small cars. Hope this isn't too much for me to ask.

Please bring mother and daddy something pretty; also my sister, Judy, and brothers, Glen and Frankie. They want a b-b gun and Judy, a big doll.
Hoping every little boy and girl will receive the gifts they ask for. So bye until Dec. 24.
Please don't get sick before you deliver all the toys.
I love you,
Dorlan Clark

Dear Santa,

I want a gun and holster, toy trumpet, big wagon, shaving kit, whistle and bow and arrow set.
Love,
Peter

CHURCH PROGRAM

A very good attendance was reported at the December 15th Christmas program of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ. Out-of-town guests for the special program were from Friona, Dimmitt, Anton, Oklahoma City, and Clovis, NM.

Dear Santa,

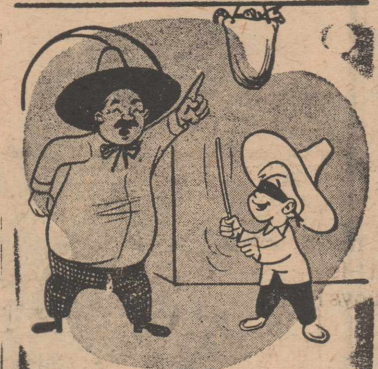
Bring me a real typewriter. And bring me a big bicycle and a Revlon doll.

Love,
Kathie Kidd

Mexican Custom Will Brighten Christmas Party

If you're planning a Christmas party for the kiddies, why not brighten up the affair the Mexican way? Make plans for a "pinata" and we promise it will be the high spot of the gathering.

Widely used in Mexico throughout the year, the pinata is busiest at Christmas time, during the Mexican Christmas Festival which



lasts 21 days. It is constructed of thin, fragile clay, filled with sweetmeats and trinkets, then suspended from the ceiling as a form of decoration.

Sometime during the gathering, each of the guests is blindfolded and given a stick which is brandished in the air until the pinata is shattered and the delicious contents pour forth.

It's a wonderful way to entertain the kiddies, but the game may be—and often is—enjoyed by older folks.

Cedars Of Lebanon Oldest Christmas Trees

What some people consider to be the world's oldest Christmas trees have been standing on a 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."

Dear Santa,

I want a truck, house trailer, airplane, some guns, and roller skates. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I say my prayer every night.

Love,
Terry Dale Snider

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be good. Will you please bring me a piano bicycle and Tiny Tears doll? Leon doesn't need much—he has a new motor scooter. Please bring Sammy and all the other children something. Thank you for everything, Santa,

Love,
Connie Sue Kendall

Dear Santa,

I would like an automatic washer and mixer. I would like a bicycle and I would like the boy doll to Terry Lee. I would like some clothes for Terry Lee and Jerry Lee and a penny bank.

Love,
Melanie McKinzie

Dear Santa,

I'm ten years old. I have nine sisters and three brothers. For Christmas my big brothers want a bicycle and my big sisters want a bicycle, too. Well, Santa, I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I'm a good girl.

From,
Mary Lopez

Dear Santa,

I am ten years old. We are five sisters and one brother. My four sisters and I want a sewing machine, and I want a camera to get pictures, a doll and a bicycle for a girl. My brother wants a bicycle. A good Merry Christmas, Santa Claus.

Love,
Alicia Rodriguez

GREETINGS

To greet you at Christmas... our warm, sincere wishes for a glad and glorious holiday. May the inspiration of the Christmas story ever be a comfort and a joy to you and yours.

TWO BROTHERS
OLTON TEXAS

NOEL

A Christmas Greeting to Our Wonderful Community

...We'd like to shake the hand of every one of you. We'd like to wish you all a personal Merry Christmas. But, please take the thought for the act and accept our sincere good wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity now and always!

BRYANT IMPLEMENT COMPANY
OLTON, TEXAS

CIRCLE GIN COMPANY

WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

OLTON TEXAS

GREETINGS

To our "family" of cherished friends, we wish the joys of a good old-fashioned Christmas. And along with our greetings, we'd like to send our sincere thanks for the opportunity of serving all our patrons.

STRAW-BURROW GIN COMPANY
OLTON Brent and Jack TEXAS

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

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

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

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

Pioneer Natural Gas Company
FUEL FOR A GROWING EMPIRE

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl, five years old. Please don't forget me this Christmas. Please bring me a Eetsy-Wetsy doll with hair, doll trunk, doll clothes, a bracelet and anything else you want to bring me.

I've tried to be a good girl. My name is Marilyn Cade and I live in Olton.

I have a little sister, Christy Jan Cade. Bring her a doll, a rocky horse, a top and anything else you want to bring her.

Love you and will be waiting for you.

Marilyn and Christy Cade

Dear Santa,
I am six years old and I've tried to be a good girl this year. Please bring me a ballerina doll, doll high chair, bassinet, and some candy and fruit. Don't forget my cousins, Mike and Pat, and all the other children.

Love,
Melody Carlisle

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl nearly five years old and I have a little brother named Tommy who is just three.

We have been trying to be good. And mother says we have been good enough for you to visit us on Christmas.

I want a bride doll and a suitcase for her. Tommy wants a truck and a doll with hair. Please remember the other boys and girls.

Thank you, Santa,
Karen and Tom Lewis

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a little girl four years old and I have a little sister, Connie Sue, who is 15 months old. So I'd like for you to bring me a pretty doll but one that Connie can't break. Bring her a little doll, too, but be sure that it has hair as Connie doesn't like them without it. Don't forget my big brother, Harry Max, please bring him some real nice toy, too.

We love you very much and we don't want you to ever forget us.

Love,
Margaret Ann Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want an army truck, road-grader, and a machine gun for me and my little brother. We have been good little boys. We will leave you some candy and fruit. Come to see us soon.

Love,
Tommy and Billy

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. I would like a high heel doll and some clothes for her. Also some dishes and pans to cook with. I thank you.

Be good to all of the other children, too.

Love,
Susan Nicholas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I live in Olton, Tex. I am sick today. For Christmas I would like a watch, bathinette, house shoes, and a doll basket. I want it to be a merry Christmas for everyone. Santa Claus you are a good man.

Love,
Francine Struve

Dear Santa,
I'm ten years old and my name is Eva Rodriguez. I have seven sisters and two brothers. For Christmas my two brothers want a racing bicycle. My sisters want dolls, a set of tea dishes, ironing board and iron, and bicycles. I hope you have a happy Merry Christmas, Santa.

From,
Eva Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas this year I would like to have a football, basketball, house shoes, bathrobe and record player. I'm nine years old and hope you won't forget me. Don't forget the other boys and girls in the world. I have two little sisters and please don't forget them.

Love,
Danny Cade

Dear Santa,
I will write and tell you what I would like for you to bring me. Two Roy Rogers guns and holsters, and a rodeo set if you have one. If not I will take plastic cowboys and horses.

And for my brother, Ricky, just bring him about what you bring me and don't forget to bring some candy and fruit.

Thanks, Santa,
Donny Black

Dear Santa,
I want a doctor set or Horsman doll and a Christmas stocking. Also, a blue bicycle and a little sewing machine.

Santa, if you can't send me one of these presents, that is OK. Be sweet to the other boys and girls, too.

Love,
Teresa Thomas

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this year. I would like very much if you would bring me a big doll, iron, ironing board and dishes.

I am nearly two years old.
Rickie Durham

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little boy this year. I would like very much if you would bring me a cattle truck and some little cars and trucks, too.

I am one year old.
Terry Lynn Lively



By Norman A Disher
THERE was little doubt about it; it was Laura. I hadn't seen her for five years but I'd never forget that exquisite face. Laura and I had been engaged about five years ago but it hadn't worked out because she'd decided one day that she wanted to do things before setting down. Going to Spain was one of them and I had been in Europe during the war so going back didn't appeal to me. I was ready to call one spot home so when I told her about the house I was building in Carmel she wasn't pleased. After that she avoided setting a definite date and finally I saw what was going to happen so I let her go.



Her Surprise
She looked at me and I thought I detected a momentary flash of fear in her glance. "We did have something pretty wonderful, didn't we. I've regretted spoiling it more than once. I guess I was just too young." She smiled in a funny way so I thought I had best change the subject. "I thought you were in Europe?" "I was Bob, but there's nothing there any more, just nothing. San Francisco has more of a flavor than Paris and the rest of the places. Maybe it's just me. I wandered around for almost five years and I still didn't find anything." "You seem to be a more mature person now Laura." "Five years have done that. What are you doing now?" "Still writing a column, same one." I replied. "Bob, do you understand why I left?"

Her Secret
I winced inside. I had hoped she'd let it pass but she seemed to want to open the old wound. "No, I don't." "Well, it was because I had to find out where home really was—I had to find what love really meant. I met a person over in England that I thought was what I wanted. I thought I fell in love with him until we went together for awhile and I began to notice small things about him that I didn't like; oh things like the way he contradicted me on small unimportant matters. One day it all blew up because I had remarked that you and I had never been so tense together. Then it dawned on me that you were really what I had wanted after all but I was just too dumb to see it. That's when I came back. I had to grow a little more to catch up with you. Do you see now?"

This all came as a shock to me and I didn't know what to say. "Why haven't you tried to get in touch with me?" I asked her. "People change." "Not me Laura; not where you're concerned." "I wasn't sure Bob—there's so much I want to say to you." I looked at her soft, pink face and her wheat-colored hair and the way she felt for me with her eyes. Our eyes met and I took her hand. "Let's get out of here," I whispered. As I pushed open the doors that led to the sidewalk I could hear a group singing Christmas carols. I turned to Laura and I kissed her while we stood in the grey evening light. "It's going to be a wonderful Christmas," she whispered.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some Lincoln logs, a hydraulic dump truck, a rifle, a dirt loader, a game and a lantern. Jerry wants an electric football game, guns and books.

Monty Roberson

Dear Santa,
I am Kathy Lynn, I am three years old. I would like a baby doll, doll buggy, table and chairs, dishes, ironing board and an iron for Christmas. I have tried to be a good girl this year. Please don't forget my brother and my sisters.

A little friend,
Kathy Lynn May

Dear Santa,
I am Francine Offield and I'm six years old. I would like for you to come see me and my little sister. Her name is Bonnie Kay and she is two years old.

I would like for you to bring me a doll, some dishes for me and Bonnie, some real cake mix, iron and ironing board. Bonnie Kay would like to have a doll and doll buggy and a little play lamb. We won't ask for very much so some of the other little boys and girls will get something, too. I will leave some milk and cake on the table for you to eat.

Thanks,
Francine and Bonnie Kay Offield

GREETINGS

For your valued patronage, many thanks! And may you reap a rich harvest of happiness for the holidays.

SCHREIER SHOP
LOUIS and WILBUR

A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL 1957 TO ALL OUR OLTON FRIENDS—

Bentley's of Plainview
Dan Miller, manager

3 Seasons Best Wishes

With sincere appreciation of your patronage and friendship, we are happy to wish you every joy of the Holiday Season.

DON WILLIAMS
AMERICAN FOUNDERS LIFE

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Just a friendly greeting to wish you and yours all the joys of a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of healthy and happy days.

HIGHWAY SERVICE STATION
OLTON, TEXAS
LEFTY HOLLINGSWORTH H. G. WALKER

To all of you, whose friendship and loyalty have made this such a happy season for us, we send our warmest Holiday Greetings...and a sincere wish that the New Year may prove memorable for the many joys that it will bring to you and yours.

Greetings

WHITE
Auto Store
THE HOME OF GREATER VALUES

MR. AND MRS. M. T. JAMES, JR., and EMPLOYEES

Spirit of Christmas

As you worship in the Church of your choice, may Christmas bring you the most precious gift of all... peace and contentment. And may the spirit of Him whose birth we celebrate abide with you now and throughout the coming year. May all the true joys of Christmas be yours.

OLTON COURTS
Olton Texas

News of Interest To Women

Mrs. Wiley Janes Is Shower Honoree

Complimenting Mrs. Wiley Janes, the former Miss Doyce Landtroop, a shower was given in the home of Mrs. Don Williams on Friday afternoon, Dec. 14.

The serving table, presided over by Mrs. Bill Yates and Mrs. Jethro Pinkerton, was laid with a white cutwork cloth and adorned with a centerpiece of a miniature bride and groom under an arch of greenery. Decorations throughout the house were in the Christmas motif.

A hostess gift of sterling was presented to the honoree.

Hostesses were Mesdames Carl Macon, Raiford Daniel, Sr., J. A. Williams, Carl Hooper, Marguerite Covert, Jethro Pinkerton, Bill Yates, Joe Turner, Dennison Barnett, Lee Brice, Eldon Franks, Fred Gordon, Raymon Carson, Ora Stansell, Bill Thomas, and Williams.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Franks.

Centerpieces were formed of dried arrangements in silver embellished with blue glitter and arranged with silver candles glittered in blue.

Guests at the dinner were the bride-elect and her fiancé, Miss Naomi Ann Burrus and Deryl Machen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burrus and Charlie T., Mr. and Mrs. Edd Lynn Burrus, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allcorn, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Allcorn, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, Misses Kay Granbery, Charla Beth Granbery, Ellen Jones, Betty Lou Sides, Karen Chandler, Paula Jones, Scottie Jones and Danny Smith.

Thompson Chevrolet Employees Feted

Employees of Thompson Chevrolet Company were entertained with a Christmas dinner at Clara's Cafe on Wednesday evening.

Attending the dinner were Messrs. and Mesdames James T. Hall, Bernie Sarradet of Earth Bill Kemp, Robert Smith, Clo's Noblett of Abernathy, Frank Balderas, Rafael Salvador, Ray Cullum of Littlefield, and Fred E. Thompson, the host and hostess.

"Repentance" Is Topic For Class

Mrs. Meredith Crawford taught a lesson on "Repentance" to the Church of Christ Ladies Class last Tuesday, December 18, with approximately twenty members attending.

The next meeting of the class has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 8.

Sherman Food Has Christmas Dinner

A Christmas dinner feted employees of Sherman Food Mart Friday evening at 7 o'clock in the Ideal Cafe, followed by a gift exchange.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Shanks, Mr. and Mrs. Carol May, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nicholson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Sherman and Kay, Mrs. Johnny Ward and children, Dan Wallace, Eddie Loveless and Billie Burrows.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Goss will spend the holidays in Fredrick, Okla., with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Baird.

Machens Host To Rehearsal Dinner

A silver and blue color scheme dominated table decorations at the rehearsal dinner for the Burrus-Machen wedding party given by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Machen at Clara's Cafe Friday evening.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

Entertaining a large group for Christmas dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gray. Guests in their home will be Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gray, Jr., and son of McGregory; Messrs. and Mesdames H. V. Gray, Virgle Gray and family, Floyd Gray and family, Tommy Lively and son, Johnny Durham and family, Neal Wells and daughter, A. D. Adams, all of Olton; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trotter and family, Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sturges and family, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Lemons and family, Levelland; and Jimmy Fuguson, Olton.

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BURRUS-MACHEN WEDDING RITES ARE SOLEMNIZED IN SATURDAY CEREMONY



MRS. DERYL MACHEN

Miss Naomi Ann Burrus daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burrus, and Deryl Ray Machen son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Machen, exchanged wedding vows in a candlelight ceremony at the Main Street Church of Christ on Saturday evening, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock.

Palms and white cathedral tapers in branched candelabra formed the setting for the double ring service read by E. R. Higgins, church pastor. White satin bows marked the bridal ties.

"At Dawning" was sung by Alvis Jones of Littlefield and "Because," "Bless Be the Tie," and the traditional "Wedding March" were rendered by the Littlefield-Olton wedding chorus.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wedding gown of white imported French lace over net and taffeta. An original model, elaborate appliques of lace framed the portrait neckline. Designed with a fitted bodice terminating with a point at the center front waistline, its tiny sleeves were complimented with gauntlets worn over the hands. The magnificently full lace skirt worn over skirts of shirred tulle and taffeta swept into a graceful train. Fashioned on circular lines with shaped, bouffant hipline and stiffened lower edges, its fullness was emphasized with hoops.

Her veil of imported silk illusion was joined to a tiara of rhinestones, iridescent sequins and seed pearls. She carried a white Bible and an orchid arranged with stephanotis and streamers of white satin in love knots.

The bride wore her paternal grandmother's wedding band and the slippers worn by her mother and great grandmother at their weddings.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Betty Lou Sides. Bridesmaids were Misses Kay Granbery, Gayle Machen, sister of the groom, Ellen Jones and Charla Granbery, cousins of the bride. Misses Paula Jones, cousin of the bride, and Karen Chandler of Lubbock, cousin of the groom, were junior bridesmaids.

The bridal attendants wore identical gowns of Peau-De-Soie silk in a rich shade of turquoise fashioned with portrait necklines with drapery of fabric-tied in bows over the shoulders. The princess bodices flared into immense circular skirts highlighted at center back with pleated fullness falling from a panel with point at lower hipline. Their headresses were matching crowns of twisted net accented with pearls and small circular veils. They carried crescent-shaped bouquets of white carnations.

Junior bridesmaids wore similar dresses of pink taffeta and identical matching headresses. They carried white carnation corsages.

Mrs. Burrus, mother of the bride, chose a printed silk sheath dress worn with a matching duster and navy and white accessories. The bridegroom's mother wore a mauve silk sheath set off with a lace jacket and matching accessories.

Serving as best man was Gerald Allcorn. Ushers were R. V. Allcorn and Edd Lynn Burrus,

brother of the bride, Scottie Jones, the bride's cousin, was ring bearer and candlelighters were Danny Smith and R. V. Allcorn.

A reception followed the ceremony in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Euel C. Jones, aunt and uncle of the bride. Assisting in hospitalities were Mrs. D. M. Granbery, Mrs. L. L. Holyfield, Mrs. J. M. Harper, and Misses Donna Burrow, Becky Herndon, and Juanice Hendrix.

The bridal table, laid with a white cutwork linen cloth, was highlighted by a white three-tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom. Appointments were of crystal and the bridal bouquet graced the table.

For her wedding trip to New Mexico and Colorado the bride chose a deep red velvet sheath dress with white accessories. The couple will be at home at 1701 Ave I, in Lubbock following their trip.

A 1956 graduate, the bride was an outstanding student in Olton High School and is now a student in Jessie Lee's Hair Design School at Lubbock. The bridegroom, a 1955 Olton graduate, is a sophomore at Texas Tech and plans to enter Texas A & M next semester.

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Mrs. Wozencraft Weds Mr. Hackler In Home Ceremony

Before an archway of greenery set off with baskets of white gladioli and pompon chrysanthemums, the marriage of Mrs. Edisy Wozencraft and Orian Hackler was solemnized Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the T. W. Hackler home.

Officiating minister was the Rev. John E. Lewis of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Elvis Hatley attended the bride as matron of honor, and Frankie Miller served as best man.

The bride chose for her wedding a blue linen suit with white accessories and wore a white carnation corsage. Mrs. Hatley wore a pink ensemble with white accessories.

A reception was given following the ceremony with Mrs. James Martin and Mrs. Fred Burgess, daughters of the bride, serving the two-tiered wedding cake and punch.

Out-of-town guests were present from Oklahoma, Lubbock, Abernathy and Hale Center.

The couple left for a wedding trip to Oklahoma.

Christmas Social For WMU Members

Members of the Women's Missionary Union marked the holiday season with a Christmas social held Monday afternoon in the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. R. L. Hipp, program chairman, directed the group in games. Mrs. Gene Cade led in the singing of Christmas hymns, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Don Franks. A Christmas story, "The Unexpected Christmas Guest," was presented by Mrs. W. C. Gunter, Jr., WMU president.

In place of the usual gift exchange, members contributed \$33.75 to a special fund to help send an orphan girl to Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

Present for the social were Mesdames J. F. Miller, Barton Prestridge, H. B. Carson, Kenneth Campbell, W. E. Andrew, William DeBerry, Brent Burrow, Hubert Waldrop, Dora Walthall, C. B. Turner, Carol May, Luie Cross, Glen Gipson, Garner Ball, Duward Price, Claude Ray, Tom Perry, Jr., Hipp, Cade, Franks, and Gunter.

Tree Skirts Made By Hobby Club

Mrs. Frank Struve was hostess to the Hobby Club as they met and made tree skirts Wednesday afternoon, December 12.

Attending were Mesdames David Grimsley, Archie Sorley, Gene Green, T. J. Roberson, J. L. Snider, and Jack Snider.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Connie Price, six years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flake Price, was taken home Friday from Olton Memorial Hospital where she has been hospitalized with virus pneumonia.

TURNERS LEAVE

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To the Maw-Maws and Paw-Paws, it means being with their children and grandchildren once again. They ask no more present than that.

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Husbands Are Party Guests

Members of the New Century Study Club entertained their husbands with a Yule party Thursday evening in the American Legion Hall.

Hostesses were Mesdames Elmo Bryant and Glen Exter. The serving table was laid with a cutwork cloth over red, centered with holiday candles and Santa Claus. Mrs. Bryant laded punch from a Santa Claus punch set.

Mrs. Don Spain was in charge of games. Tom Carlisle acted as Groucho Marx in a "You Bet Your Life" game. "Winter Wonderland," a duet, was sung by Mrs. Ed Thompson and Mrs. J. C. Brown, accompanied by Mrs. Troy Martin.

Present were Messrs. and Mesdames Wilton Bodkin, J. C. Brown, Elmo Bryant, Brent Burrow, Tom Carlisle, Fred George, J. O. Roebuck, Murray Snyder, Don Spain, Frank Struve, Ed Thompson, Jack Bristol, Mrs. R. A. Burgess and Mrs. Troy Martin.

Mrs. Wilton Bodkin will be hostess at the next club meeting Wednesday, January 2, when officers for the 1957-58 year will be elected.

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Person ever born. And of course, "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," "Deck the Hall," etc. are pretty songs, but what would be more appropriate to sing on Christmas Day than "Happy Birthday?"

1-t-o
Mmmmm—that Mrs. Marshall Cavett undoubtedly makes the most delicious divinity!
1-t-o
Tom Carlisle makes a convincing

ing Groucho Marx with his cigar.

1-t-o
Please please drive carefully if you go away for the holidays! Don't become just another figure to the National Safety Council!

And by all means, have a very happy Christmas, and a holiday full of peace and contentment.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY!

Bright, Best Wishes

We wish you and yours a rich abundance of all of the joys of this happy holiday season.

LEE & JACKSON
O. J. LEE EARL JACKSON

Joy FOR THE HOLIDAYS

May all the good will and good cheer of the season lift your heart and brighten all the days ahead.

CITY BARBER SHOP

Merry Christmas

Cheer and happiness to you and yours on this most joyful of all Holidays.

R & H CAFE
HIGHWAY 79

Greetings

To you, our friends and patrons, we extend every good wish for a happy holiday season, with our sincere thanks for the privilege of serving you over the years.

HENRY COWART
BLACKSMITH & WELDING
BOX 895 OLTON, TEXAS

ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD—
WHO IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE?

No one knows the exact date when the Prince of Peace was born in the world, but the scriptures teach plainly that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH THE PROPHET SAID, "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Is. 9:6).

THE HEAVENLY HOSTS PRAISED GOD, SAYING, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Lk. 2:14).

JESUS THE PRINCE OF PEACE SAID, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace" (John 16:33).

LUKE INFORMS US THAT, "The word of God sent unto the children of Israel preaching peace by Jesus Christ" (Acts 10:36).

PAUL SAID, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace..." (Gal. 5:22).

LET EACH OF US HELP EVERY NATION, FAMILY, AND SOUL... TO HAVE PEACE THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE...

Main Street Church Of Christ

SUNDAY: BIBLE STUDY.....10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
WORSHIP 10:50 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY: LADIES' BIBLE STUDY.....4:00 p.m.
BIBLE STORY HOUR.....4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY.....7:00 p.m.

E. R. Higgins, Minister

Christmas Greetings

Our Christmas message is wreathed in good wishes and garlanded with gratitude for the privilege of serving all our many friends.

LAMB COUNTY IMPLEMENT CO.
EARL POAGE ELMER GRAY

Mrs. Raymond Skelton To Sail For Australia For Long-Awaited Reunion With Relatives

Looking forward to the New Year with great anticipation is Mrs. Raymond Skelton, for she will return to her homeland, Australia, for the first time since her marriage 12 years ago. She and her two children, Sandra 6, and Ricky 9, will embark the first of January for Australia where they will remain for six months. Steaming from San Francisco on the "Oronsay," they will be aboard ship for 18 days. They will dock at Sydney and travel 600 miles by train to Melbourne where her father and two sisters are living. Her homecoming will be marred by the fact that her mother died this year. Ironically, her original plans were to make the long-awaited trip in 1955, at which time her mother was still

alive, but postponement of the trip became necessary. Skelton was stationed in Melbourne during World War II at which time he met and married Yvonne. And Olton may have another Australian in its midst as Mrs. Skelton has been making plans to bring her father back. Sandra and Ricky will enroll in school while in Melbourne—and Ricky is hoping that he can continue his Cub Scouting there. The Skelton family left Dec. 18 for California and Nevada where they will visit with friends during the holidays. And then it's Australia bound for mommy and the kids!

ENTERPRISE CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

THOMPSON REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson hosted a Christmas celebration for their seven sons and families at their home in Abernathy Saturday night. Present for the family gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thompson, Olton; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson, Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thompson, Abernathy; and Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien Thompson, Amarillo.

HOLIDAY SUPPER

Attending a Christmas Day supper in the Denver Office home will be seventeen relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. Otis Beauchamp, Sue and Otis Jr., of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sims and Elly, Mr. and Mrs. Arlis Hogue and Debbie, also of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hogue and Arlene, Sudan; Misses Jemie and Effie Childress, Muleshoe; Ronnie Fisher, Arlene Hogue's fiancée; and Mrs. O'Field's mother, Mrs. S. B. Hogue.

CONDITION GOOD

James Hackler, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hackler, is getting along fine after his recent illness with pneumonia. He was returned to his home last Saturday after being hospitalized for eight days in Olton Memorial Hospital.

DINNER GUESTS

Sunday dinner guests in the Raymon Carson home were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Slick and son of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Graef, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Graef, Jr., of Friona, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Phillip, and family of Clovis, and Mr. and Mrs. John Carson.

OWA VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn O. Brown of Griswald, Ia., are spending the holidays with the Paul McFadden's. Mrs. Brown is McFadden's sister. Guests on Christmas Day will be Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Driver and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daniels and daughters and Mrs. Marnie Wyatt, all of Lubbock.

Enterprise Employees Have Yuletide Party

The Troy Martins feted the employees of The Olton Enterprise and their families with a Christmas dinner Friday night in the Legion Hall. Keynoting the table decorations and program was the Christmas theme. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rambo of The Hale Center American, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stroebel, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baker of Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan and children, Mrs. Max LaDuke, Mrs. L. L. LaDuke, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grimes and children, Joe Alcora, Sarah Martinez, Rusty Sherman, Cheryl Long, Frank Clark, Raymond Powers, and Kay and Jamie Martin.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher are staying with her mother, Mrs. H. L. Hartsell, whose leg was broken in a fall at her home recently. Mrs. Hartsell is still hospitalized. The Fishers will go to Fort Worth early Christmas week to visit his mother.

HART CAMP NEWS

BY BARBARA HUFF

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wheeler and Sammy, accompanied by their daughter Mrs. Jim Taylor and baby son, left for California Thursday to attend the wedding of their son, Mac Wheeler, who was married Saturday, Dec. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson and sons will spend Christmas in Austin with relatives, and with their daughter at Aransas Pass. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith and daughters will spend a ten-day holiday in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Osthus and sons left Friday afternoon to visit her parents at Alamogordo, N.M. Mr. and Mrs. George McAtee and Lois left Sunday for Stamford to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Hubert Tillman. Mr. and Mrs. John Cox and family are spending their holidays visiting Mr. Cox's mother, Mrs. A. C. Cox, and Mrs. Cox's mother, Mrs. Pat Riser at Paul Valley, Okla.

Ray Monroe and Wayne will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Latham in East Texas. A fishing holiday is planned at Port Aransas by a group consisting of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Neinst and Phil, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells and Myra Dell, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ball and Carolyn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Moore and J. Fay will have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ragle of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Owens will spend their holidays with their son, Mack Owens and family at Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Huff, Barbara and Sonny, and Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Don Oliver of Lubbock will visit Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Banta in Roswell, N.M. for Christmas turkey and goose dinner.

Those of the Hart Camp Baptist Church attending the youth rally at Enoch were Rev. C. F. Vanlandingham, Lois Dale McAtee and Linda Kay Cox.

Hart Camp Baptist Church held its annual Christmas tree Wednesday night, December 19. A number of the people were leaving for the holidays. Santa Claus came with gifts for all to gladden the heart of young and old alike. The program was under direction of Mrs. Roy Osthus and consisted of Junior and Intermediate choir dressed in white robes and holding candles and sang the well loved Christmas carols.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Leonard and children will be eating Christmas dinner with his parents, the Doc Leonard of Spade.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Muller and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Muller and baby will be

their traditional Christmas dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Muller. I wish for all our community as well as people everywhere—a joyous Christmas!

VISIT SINGLETERRYS
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stover of Lubbock will spend Christmas Day with the Glen Singleterrys. Mrs. Stover is Mrs. Singleterry's sister.

Joyous CHRISTMAS
May happiness and contentment be yours at Christmas and abide with you through all the days and years ahead.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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DISTRICT CLERK
Littlefield, Texas

Islanders Are First To See Every New Year

Residents of Chatham Islands, New Zealand, are always the first to welcome in the New Year. This particular distinction is brought about by the fact that the Islands lie just east of the starting point of time—the Admiralty's date line. It is made to curve east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean. The year 1955 will leave the islands and race westward along the equator at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour. At 12:01 on January 1, 1955, in the islands, it will still be the last day of the year 1954 in New York and London. The milkman will be making his 7 a.m. rounds in New York and Big Ben will be striking the noon hour for Londoners.

By the time the New Year reaches the howling mob in Times Square, the Chatham Islanders will be preparing to set down to their New Year's day feast.

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.

Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 16th century.

When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.



SINGING SANTA... It seems that Santa Claus is everywhere this time of year. In this photo he is shown unloading some of the more than 11,000 Christmas trees shipped from Canada to the United States.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS
We hope that Santa's good to you... and brings the things you want him to. Happy Holiday!

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A Problem Resolved

By Don Wheeler

TYLER TURNABOUT placed a tray of sandwiches on the buffet in the dining room and hurried to the front door to welcome the first of his New Year's Eve party guests.

"Well, Tyler," said Robert Benson, ushering in his wife, "Don't tell me we're the first to arrive? I thought the Harrisons would be here at least."

"Nope, not them," said Tyler with a good-natured sneer. "They live right next door, but they're not here."

The Bensons seated themselves in the living room while their host went into the kitchen to assist Mrs. Turnabout in putting the final touches to the party preparations. The minutes ticked by and the guests drifted in, until at last they were all there, even the Harrisons from next door.

"Look here, Turnabout," said Tom Harrison as he planted his left foot squarely on the middle of the piano bench. "This is the time of year for making resolutions. I've made a few myself and I'd like to know if you've done the same."

"Me? Made any resolutions? I hadn't given it a thought, Tom, old boy."

"Well I have," said Harrison, lifting his foot in the air and bringing it down on the piano bench with a thud. Mrs. Turnabout



"You'll never stick to it, Turnabout," he said.

scowled from across the room, so Harrison retreated from the piano bench and leaned against the wall nearby, pausing only to grab up a cup of coffee from an end table as he did so.

Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a Betsy Wetsy doll, a little layette, some nuts, candy and fruit and I will be a good girl.
 Remember all the other girls

and boys.
 Love,
 Sunya Sorley

Bob Bensen, who had caught the opening of the conversation, moved along with him. He was aware of the friendly arguments the two neighbors had indulged in over a period of several years. He knew a trap was being set for Tyler Turnabout.

"Well, Tom, let's hear some of your New Year's resolutions," said Benson, pulling up a chair.

He Tells All
 "I've resolved," said Harrison, looking at Tyler, "to figure out some way to keep your dog out of my flower bed this spring. Further, I've resolved to figure a plan which will make you cut your share of the grass between our houses—by the way, you still have my lawn mower from last summer—a plan that will make you shovel your share of the snow off the front walk." Harrison gulped some of his coffee and continued, "A plan that will keep the branches of your apple tree from hanging over my back yard; and a plan that will keep you from using my garbage can when yours is full." Harrison indicated a full garbage can by raising both hands above his head and as a result his coffee cup crashed against the wall and fell to the floor.

Harrison apologized for the action. Mr. Turnabout, seemed unconcerned.

Most of the other conversation in the room had ceased and the others had gathered around the two smiling. The clock on the mantle showed that it would be a New Year in five minutes.

An Easy Solution
 "Tell you what I'll do, Tom," said Tyler, "I'll make a resolution that guarantees you won't be bothered by any of these things this year."

"You'll never stick to it, Turnabout!"

"I guarantee it," said Tyler with a broad grin.

"All right, Turnabout. You make that resolution. If you keep it, and I know you won't, for just three months, I'll cut your grass for the rest of the summer. If you don't, then you cut mine. Agreed?"

"Agreed," replied Turnabout with an even broader grin.

"Let's shake hands on it before the New Year, just to make it legal," said Harrison.

The New Year arrived with horn blowing, hand shaking, and kissing of wives and then Tyler turned to Harrison and said, "By the way, Tom, I guess I should have told you before; we've sold our house. We'll be moving to the other side of town in a week! So when you come to cut my grass this spring don't forget to bring your lawn mower with you; I don't have one you know."



Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks...
 a Star shone brightly in the hush of a
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Dear Santa Claus,
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Yours truly,
Margarita and Domingo Rodriguez

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With all our love
Augustin

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Mary Ellen and I am three years old. Please send me a doll with a suitcase. And please don't forget my little brother, Frank. He is one year old. Send him a little car and a truck. We live on 8th St. Thank you.
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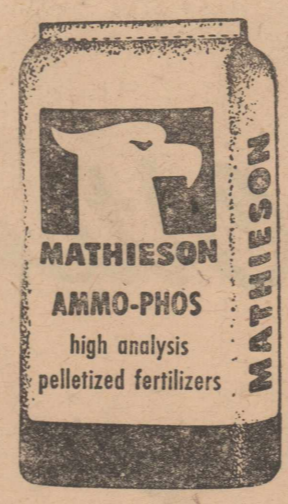
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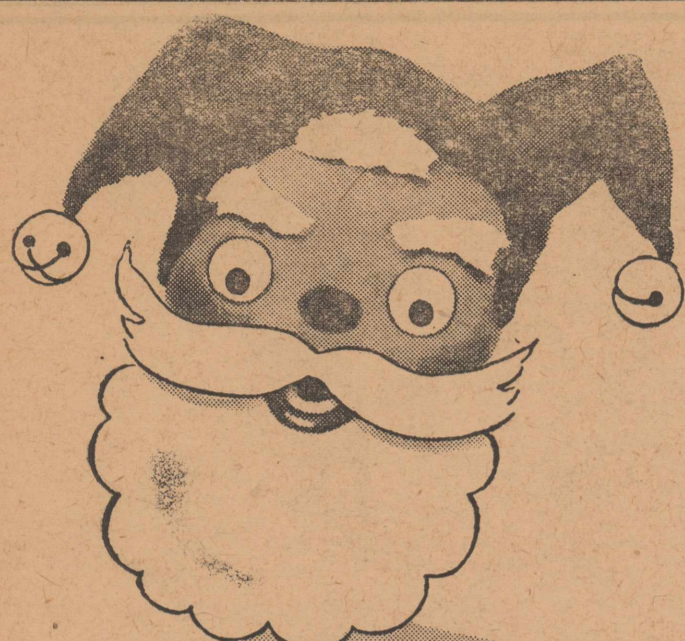
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That Letter

By Edith Wright
ONE evening in London's pea-soup fog, a taxi crawled along the curb in Jermyn Street and glided to a halt in front of the 'L'Apertif' restaurant. "That will be three and sixpence," the driver said. The Honorable Neville Compton-McFarlane gave him four shillings and went inside. "Good evening, sir," the head waiter Louie greeted him cordially without familiarity. "It is good to see you again."

"It is good to BE back, Louie," the tall slender man replied and passing a well kept hand over his graying hair, he added: "this is a bad night, I am worried."



When he looked up again, her dark eyes were questioning his. "Two Martinis' very, very dry?" Louie inquired. A brief nod was the answer. McFarlane kept the entrance in check with his deep-set gray eyes. Nervously he smoothed the tablecloth, lit a cigarette and carefully inserted it into a gold holder. When he looked up again, her dark eyes were questioning his.

"My darling," he got up to seat her opposite himself. "I did not see you."

"You were not supposed to," she answered honestly, slowly taking off her gloves. "Did you bring that letter, Vil?"

"Of course, my dear." He examined every cherished feature of her beautiful face: the dark brown hair smoothly drawn away from her temples, the delicate coloring, the mouth always a little open, the long dark lashes now shading her eyes. "You are more lovely than ever," he said simply.

Gently they clinked their glasses. "Read it to me now, please," Axelle asked, her voice barely a whisper.

Hesitation

A moment's hesitation before his hand tightened over the parched paper.

"Date and everything?" he looked at her.

"As always," she replied breathlessly.

It was a familiar routine, opening the letter, but there was always something wonderful and new about it. His hands trembled slightly.

"January 1, 1947," he began steadily and read the letter to the end! "My undying love, dearest, have Faith with me, Vil. He looked up and wanted to kiss away the tears in her eyes. The letter simply told of the love and devotion of a man for a woman he had searched for in forty drifting years of a lifetime and that would

not be defeated in the face of every known obstacle that human society can devise. The pain and suffering had long since gone, but there remained, in both of them, a humble gratitude toward each other.

Memories

"Dear Heart," he lit a cigarette for her, "do you remember that night at Lugano, when we took a cabby along the lake and you kissed the horse right on the nose and you laughed until it hurt? And later—on the balcony? I have seen you happy, but never happier."

"And Cochenil's little bar in Paris?" she asked him. "Let's walk, darling," she added softly, "we will walk along the embankment in the fog and look at the lights on the Thames." They left, nodding smilingly to Louie, who

tactfully opened the door without saying a word.

"And WHO do you suppose, they are," some waiter jeered. Louie looked at him with contempt. Then he sighed and slowly answered: "They have been coming here for about ten years now, always this same time. They order a drink, read that letter and leave."

"So what," the other was not satisfied. "tell us, who they are."

"He is at the British Embassy, charge d'affaires, in Paris. The lady is his wife."

OLD TIMES

Before the revolution, New Year's was a gay time in Russia. In some cities the streets were decorated with flags and lanterns and thronged with merry-makers.

**Christmas Scene:
St. Francis Set The Stage**

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations.

Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

This was in the small village of Garcia, in Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

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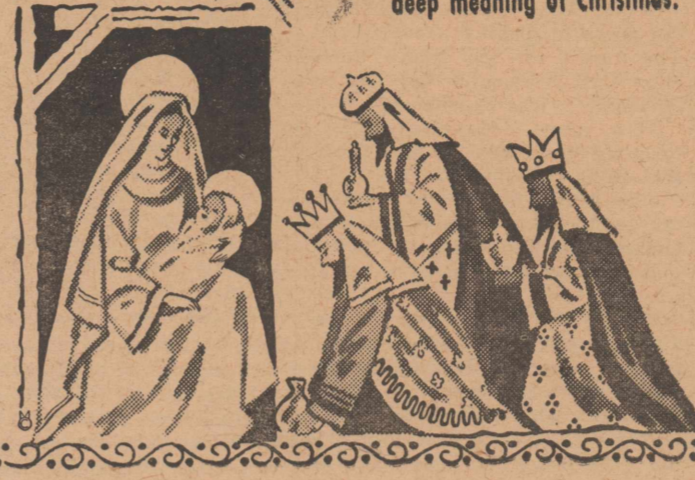
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Superstitions, Traditions Mark New Year Scene

Traditions and superstitions have long been a part of the New Year scene around the world.

The Chinese believe one must pay up all their debts if the New Year is to be a successful one. The English, on the other hand, consider it a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on the New Year's Day is indicative of what you will do the rest of the year.

One of the most widespread superstitions concerns the "first-footer," the first person to enter a household on New Year's morning. In early days, women and light-haired men were considered "unlucky" first-footers.

Ancient custom in Japan was to scatter parched beans about the house, supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good luck to enter.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Peasant families in various parts of the world once baked special cakes for the New Year. The cake was dashed against the door and as the family members gathered up the pieces to eat them they prayed that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the new year.

In olden times some families also sought a glimpse into the New Year by "dipping" into the Bible. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger. The text, read and interpreted was supposed to be indicative of the luck—good or bad—that would be in store during the twelve months ahead.

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In the spirit of the season, we wish for you a holiday filled to overflowing with happiness, and rich in the blessings that are so much a part of Christmas.

Spirit of Christmas



As you worship in the Church of your choice, may Christmas bring you the most precious gift of all . . . peace and contentment. And may the spirit of Him whose birth we celebrate abide with you now and throughout the coming year. May all the true joys of Christmas be yours.

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The Big Christmas

By Janet Hall

MARGE stood in the doorway of her bedroom and looked at the dress in dismay. Obviously it was meant for the Junior Class Snow Ball in January and just as obviously it was expensive.

"Oh, why!" she exclaimed, touching the fabric as if it were something repulsive.

What's the matter with them, Marge thought. Dad needs new clothes and things for the house and Mom always looks so poor and worried.

Wearily she changed her clothes. The house was empty, for her mother was busy sitting to earn a little extra to help out.

Marge went downstairs and looked at the Christmas tree and the gifts displayed under it. She felt embarrassed even though she was alone in the room. Somehow it was always rather mortifying to show the gifts when friends and relatives called. Her pile of gifts was always so large and lavish and her parents' so sparse.

Just this once she wanted their gifts to be important like hers, not just little odds and ends to be explained away with, "We try to make a big Christmas for Marge."

She had saved nearly every penny she had earned the previous

summer so she could give her father a new jacket and her mother a new coat.

I tried to tell them I didn't want a lot for Christmas, but I didn't do a very good job of it, she told herself as she glanced at the twin cashmere sweaters, the new skirt and the other gifts. I wish I'd had the courage to be more frank.

But I have the courage today, she thought, running up the stairs. She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

For Better

Her knees were shaky as she wondered what she would say when her mother saw the dress wrapped with such finality. It's for her own good, she told herself firmly. In a week or two she'll realize it's best.

When she heard the front door open and close, she ran downstairs to meet her mother. "Hi," she said, quelling her feeling of nervousness.

Her mother glanced at her anxiously. Her dark brown eyes darted around the room, looking to see if Marge had brought the dress downstairs. Then the expectant look changed to a questioning one. "Didn't you like the dress?" The question was so humble and so blunt, Marge was startled.

"Yes, it's beautiful, but—"

"I knew you'd like it. Have you had it on yet?"

"No, I haven't."

"It will fit, I'm sure," her mother's voice dwindled off. The brightness in her face seemed to fade all at once. "What's the matter?"

"It's so expensive. I wanted you to get a coat for yourself."

"Oh, is that all. This old thing will last quite a while. While I was in the store I said to myself, 'There's nothing like my old maroon coat.' I didn't see anything I liked better so what was the use of buying a new one?" she chirped.

Her Secret

Marge knew she'd never tell her parents how she felt about their gifts. In a few years I'll be earning money and I can pay them back, but now I'll just take what they offer, she decided, feeling defeated.

"Your father's coming. Go put on the dress and show him how pretty you are," her mother said excitedly.

When she came downstairs they were waiting for her. Clutched in her father's arms was a box which she knew contained something for her. In their eyes were love, pride, and happiness mixed with a satisfied touch of martyrdom.

She had to swallow to keep her face pretty and composed, for what they really wanted most of all was a pretty and popular daughter. That was all they would allow her to give.

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Three Famous Americans Born New Year's Day

January 1, perennially celebrated as the start of a new year, is also the birthdate of three famous Americans.

On January 1, 1735, a boy was born in Boston, Mass. He grew up to be a silversmith and engraver, designed and printed the first Continental money and the first official seal of the colonies. An amateur inventor, he discovered a process for rolling sheet copper. But he is most famous for a horse ride he made on the night of April 18, 1775. His name: Paul Revere.

Seventeen years later, in 1752, a girl was born in Philadelphia on the first day of the year. She was Patsy Ross—maker of the first American flag. On the same day was born the great poet—Philip Freneau.

Other events that took place on January 1: George Washington at Cambridge raised for the first time the flag of the United Colonies, 1776; Florida adopted the constitution, 1807; Union of Ireland and Great Britain, 1801; deSousa discovered Rio de Janeiro, 1531; The United Nations Declaration signed, 1942; the first Tournament of Roses, 1889.

Many People Still Celebrate Feasts By Ancient Calendar

Many people who use the Gregorian calendar still solemnize traditional feasts, including New Year, in accordance with ancient calendars.

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox. The observances begin on Rosh Hashana and end on Yom Kippur; Rosh Hashana commemorates the Day of Creation and is also the annual day of judgment, with judgment being irrevocably sealed on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement); therefore the spirit of penance dominates the solemnities.

Penance is also a feature of Hindu observances, solemnized in accordance with the ancient lunar calendar during the spring equinox.

The Moslem calendar, which dates from 626 A. D., is unique, since the twelve months of the year begin with the approximate new moon without any calculations to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus, the months—and New Years, too—retrograde through the entire year in about 33 years.


LONGEST YEAR

Once there was a year which contained 445 days—or an extra two months.

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. Although revised several times, the calendar by Julius Caesar's time was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar set his experts to the task of revising the calendar in the 16th century, they found they had to meet the problem of catching up with the sun. So two months were inserted between the months of November and December for the year 46 B. C.

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There is no easy resolution, for no resolution is worth the making unless it corrects a fault or curbs a bad habit. Something must be sacrificed if a resolution is to be worthwhile.

The chief reason most resolutions are never kept is because they were impractical to begin with. This year, 1955, we might all resolve that we will make no foolish resolutions that we shall not be able to keep.

With the world situation being what it is at the present time, we might all do well to settle on one single resolution—the will to work together for the achievement of a world peace. If we do this, and each live up to our individual responsibilities in regard to the achievement of such a big ideal, no other resolutions will be required.

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The first cable across the Pacific between San Francisco and Honolulu, 2,600 miles was completed on January 1, 1903 and the first message sent that same day. The cable was played out by the "Silverton" a cable ship which departed from San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1902 and arrived at Honolulu on January 1, 1903, the same day the first message was sent.

ROSE BOWL HISTORY
After Michigan routed Stanford 49-0 in the first Rose Bowl football game, January 1, 1902, there was no football game supplement to the Tournament of Roses until 1916. Chariot races were substituted for the gridiron spectacle in 1903, proved popular for several years and then lost in favor until 1916 when collegiate football returned as Washington State defeated Brown University.



By J. Conrad Inselberger

NANCY Miller, aged ten, had twelve Christmas cards left when she reached the last house on the street. She decided to try her luck with Old Martin. She mounted the steps of the aging, deteriorating, red brick house and rang the bell. For a long moment she felt the urge to run, but the thought of the minister's surprise if she should sell the old man was too strong.

She waited there shaking and suddenly the door was opened. "Well, What do you want?" The tall old man glared down at her. "I'm Nancy Miller. I've got—"

"Come in. Come in. You'll freeze out the house." Nancy's heart leaped. She was inside and that was something. "I'm selling Christmas cards to help the church. Would you—"

Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before. Your father owns the garage. You pestered me last year and the year before. And now you're here again. What makes you think I'll buy your cards? I haven't before."

"No. But I thought maybe you'd change your mind. The other kids—"



By F. L. Rowley

THE loneliest place in the world is a summer resort at Christmas time. Joanne Decker watched gloomily as a half dozen men trudged through the snow skirting Arrowhead Lake. They would return in a few hours carrying Christmas trees on their husky shoulders. Joanne sighed heavily as the last man disappeared into the brush.

This promised to be the dreariest Christmas Joanne had ever known. Even the postman's whistle failed to rouse her. It was only when Mr. Rogers stood at the far end of the drive waving a letter that a faint glow of curiosity came to her eyes. The old postman never signalled unless he had something important. Maybe it was a letter from Eddie.

Slipping into a coat Joanne raced eagerly down the snow-covered path, unmindful of her open-toed slippers.

"It's from Lynne Grove," said Mr. Rogers with a grin. "Lynne Grove?" Joanne stared dreamily at the letter in his hand. Then Eddie hadn't forgotten her! Perhaps he was even coming back



With the advent of another year we might well be skeptical and say, "Why celebrate with such fervor and excitement? A good year had to die so 1956 could be born."

We might say this, but no one does. If 1955 was a good year, it will be well remembered, but few will dwell upon its passing. It must give way to a bright new year bringing with it the profound impression that we are again blessed with an invaluable supply of new days, hours and minutes. We have found a new reservoir of time; time in which to make plans, to do things, to live and think, and to make our dreams come true.

Time is indeed the true coin of our mortal realm, a deeply personal possession that each is free to spend, squander, sell, give away, devote to the glory of God and to the causes of humanity.

And though 1956 marks yet another milestone along the journey of life that is all too short and quickly travelled, it is joyfully welcomed as the giver of a new and magical handful of time. With this magical handful it is possible to defeat the worries of age; to conquer fear; to see through the shadows of disillusionment.

With unified determination and with the help of God, this handful of living, this New Year 1956, can be recorded in the book of life upon earth as a year of achievement in man's hopeful quest for a better world—where all nations and all people live together in joy, peace and harmony.

New Year Gatherings Are Ancient Tradition

Gathering with family and friends to celebrate the New Year is a custom older than when the date January 1 became accepted as the first day of the year.

Watching the old year out and the new year in is one of the oldest and most universal of all celebrations. The ancient Romans got together, although they celebrated the New Year in the spring, to wish each other health, wealth and happiness in the days ahead.

And, long before this time, the Vikings built huge fires at the turn of the year to propitiate their fierce Norse gods.

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.

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Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before."

"The other children! Humph! Why don't they come here with their cards? They're afraid, eh? I'm Old Martin, the meanest man in town."

Nancy smiled up at him. "I don't think so."

"Well—, I'll buy the box of cards just to get rid of you. But mind you don't ever come again."

Memories
Nancy left and the old man stared at the door wondering if he had really bought the cards to get rid of her. Could it be that she, with shining eyes and long golden hair and warm smile, reminded him of another little girl much like her? She who had left her widower father bereaved for the second time within a year?

Meanwhile, Nancy raced toward the minister's house with the great news.
Late that night in the red brick house the old man spread the cards on a table and glanced over the warm and happy greetings. In the right hand corner of each card he noticed a tiny red and white Santa Claus. "Sentimental rubbish," he snorted and replaced the cards in the envelopes.

The next morning he discovered that the ancient wall paper in the back-hall had loosened and a large strip was hanging. He could fix that, he decided, and realize some return for the dollar he had given Nancy. He spread glue over the faces of the cards and used them to patch the torn wall paper.

Christmas for Old Martin was to be no different than it had been for the past thirty years. He would receive no gifts and he would give none.

It was not as easy as it had been the past many years. The memory of the little girl who had visited him the day before blended with the memory of the little girl of thirty years before. She too had looked forward to Christmas with all the excitement and wide-eyed wonder of childhood.

A light burned late in the old house.

Usual Holiday
Most everyone in town, except Old Martin, received a share of Christmas greetings. He got only one; that from a little girl. Eleven needy people received cards with no signature and each card was accompanied by a five dollar bill. The face of every card was rough as though something had been pasted to it and then removed.

Nancy received the twelfth card in care of her father's garage, and though she recognized it as of the style she had sold she couldn't recall to whom she had sold it. It contained a ten dollar bill.

Christmas Eve, an old man knelt and prayed for the first time in thirty years, but from the outside the old brick house looked the same as usual.



"You got a letter," said Joanne accusingly. "A nice registered letter from Eddie Long."

to Arrowhead Lake to marry her, as he had promised.

"It's for your sister," said the old man. "Registered too—but you can sign it."

Joanne turned the letter over gingerly; on the flap, in bold, familiar writing, was the name E. Long. So Eddie Long was writing to her sister Mary! And after all the wonderful promises he had made to her. She walked numbly back to the house.

Mary met her at the door. "Did we get mail?" she asked innocently.

Accusation
"YOU got a letter," said Joanne accusingly. "A nice registered letter from Eddie Long!"
Mary was startled; she blushed like a schoolgirl.

"I thought so!" Joanne cried bitterly. "All these months you've been feeling sorry for me because Eddie stopped writing—and you've kept in touch with him behind my back. What a hypocrite!"
Mary blinked helplessly.

Joanne ran up to her room and slammed the door. The radio was on. Christmas carols only emphasized her loneliness. She switched it off. Her eyes settled on a paper box under the dresser. Drawing it out she scowled at the lovely figurine nestled therein. It was her Christmas present to Mary. With a sob she picked up the little figure and dashed it to the floor.

Joanne heard the murmur of serious conversation downstairs. She hoped Mary was catching it. Suddenly she decided to teach them all a lesson. Christmas or not, she would leave home. She could board a bus this very morning. She knew exactly where to go; her friend Betty Giles had urged her repeatedly to spend a week-end at their new home in Coopersville.

Surprise Meeting
The bus-station was alive with holiday tourists. Joanne felt most conspicuous in her blue-jeans and red sweater. She gasped in surprise when a familiar voice asked: "Where to, Joanne?"

Eddie Long's expressive brown eyes smiled down at her. He had her in his arms before she could remember any good reason to resist.

"Merry Christmas, darling!" he said as their lips parted. "I've waited more than a year for this. But why the suitcase? Mary told me you'd be at home for the holidays; that's why I sent her the letter announcing my arrival."

"Mary? I—I don't understand."

"Well, it was supposed to be a surprise. Last summer, when I was on my way out here, I met with an accident. Mary and your mother knew that I was hurt pretty bad and they didn't want to frighten you. When I showed signs of returning to normal they suggested that I spend Christmas week at your place. You've got wonderful folks, Joanne. Best in-laws a man could ask for."

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By F. L. Rowley

BOBBIE SMITH may not be the handsomest guy in the world but he sure is the luckiest. That's what the gang said when they found out he was going to marry Penny Shelley. Not only was Penny easy on the eyes, but she was about as nice a kid as you'll find anywhere. The only one in town who wasn't exactly wild about the idea was Benny Blake. Benny had been sweet on Penny for a long time.

Benny ducked into the phone booth. About this time Bobbie Smith sauntered in. Benny, who had come out of the phone booth, began to choke. I had to pound him on the back to bring him round. Then, to everyone's surprise he turned to Bobbie with a big smile. "Hello, Bobbie old pal! How about a drink on me?" Charlie and I looked at each other. Things like this just didn't happen. "Well—O. K. Benny. I'll have a ginger ale."

Trapped

Bobbie got his ginger ale and for awhile everything went fine. He and Benny got to talking about this and that, while Charlie and I made fishing plans for the follow-

ing summer. Suddenly we noticed Bobbie had his arm around Benny's neck. His talk was thick and his eyes were glassy and he didn't look good at all.

"What you been feeding him?" asked Charlie, glaring at Benny. "Of all the dirty tricks!" I cried, running over to Bobbie. I sniffed his "ginger-ale." It was loaded.

"Look at the clock!" groaned Charlie. "Penny will be here in five minutes. You steer this guy over to a table and I'll get some black coffee."

Well, we were pouring black coffee into Bobbie, slapping his face and telling him to snap out of it, when Penny walked through the door. She was dressed like a doll, although the effect was spoiled by the look in her eyes. I thought

she was going to break down and cry right there. Charlie and I felt like crying ourselves.

Then she turned slowly and walked out into the street. It was six o'clock in the morning when we got Bobbie home. He was back to normal, but still very sick. Charlie and I didn't say anything about Penny; what was the use? As we turned to go, the door opened, and there she was!

Forgiving

She looked as lovely as ever. Rushing across the room to Bobbie, she threw her arms around his neck. Charlie and I just blinked; we never did start a year out feeling better.

After promising to be their best man I asked Penny: "What made

you change your mind about Bobbie?"

"Benny called me," she said, with her eyes still wide from looking at the ring Bobbie had given her. "He said that he'd done a mean thing—that he'd like to start the New Year with a clean slate."

Funny thing, Bobbie got to be a pretty dependable guy after that; didn't drink much either. Makes me kind of proud, Benny, you see, is my big broofer.

ROSE BOWL

The fabulous Rose Bowl game started out as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses when the first east-west game was played on January 1, 1902. Michigan beat Stanford, 49-0.

Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

Christmas Wishes

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Bobby got his ginger ale and for a time all went fine.

The night Benny came storming into Charlie's Place we all knew what had happened; Penny had told him she loved only Bobbie Smith and that was that.

"Here it is New Year's Eve," complained Benny, "and I ain't even got a date. A handsome guy like me with plenty of money and a new car. What's the matter with girls in this town?"

"Well, you're not exactly a church-goer," observed Charlie, "and if you're talking about Penny Shelley, as I believe you are, you know as well as I do that she steers clear of guys who drink." "Hates 'em like poison," I agreed.

Benny scowled at me. "Anyway, it's still early," said Charlie. "Why don't you call a few numbers to see if they're booked for tonight? No girl wants to sit home alone on New Year's Eve."

Greetings

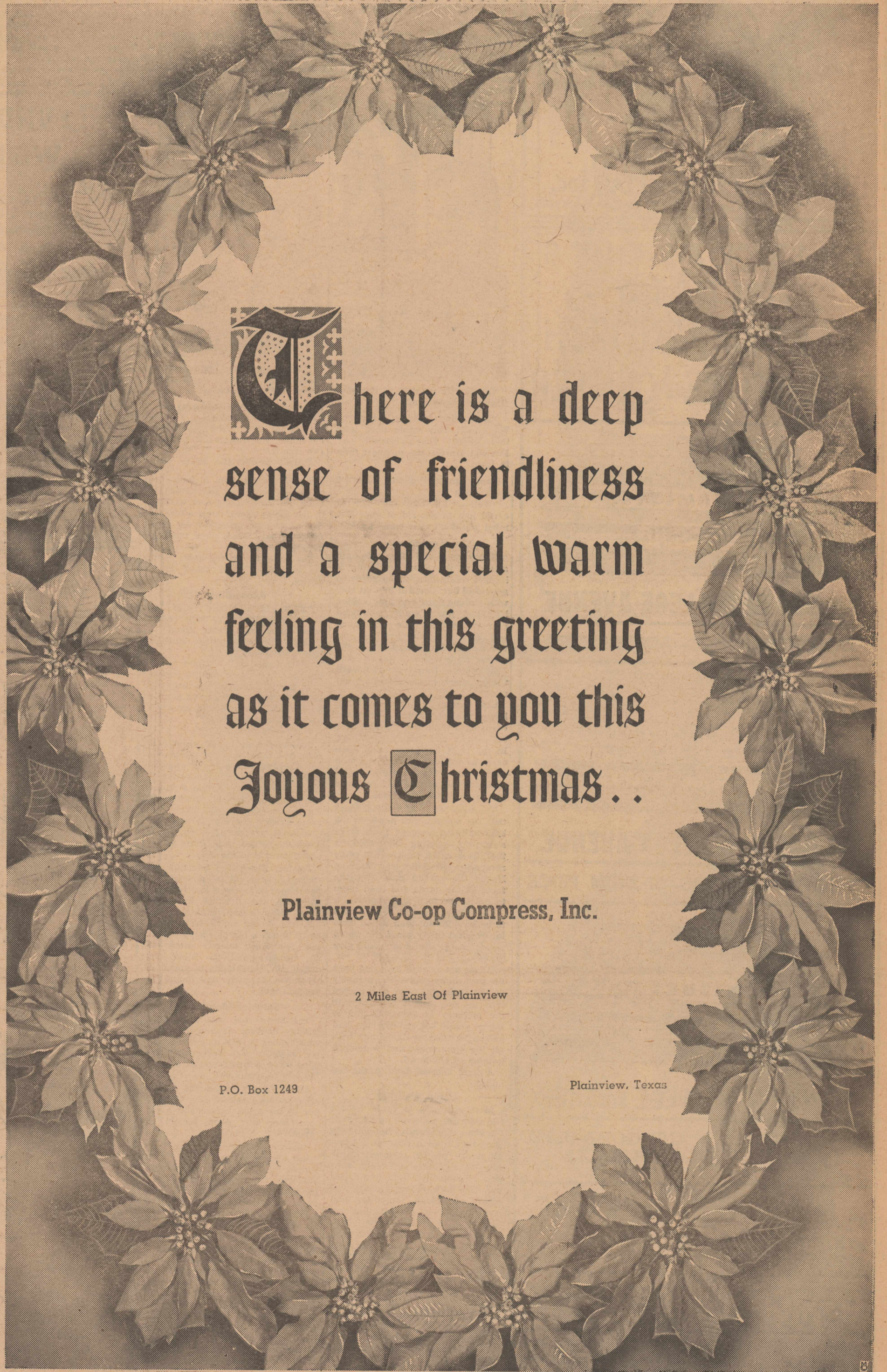
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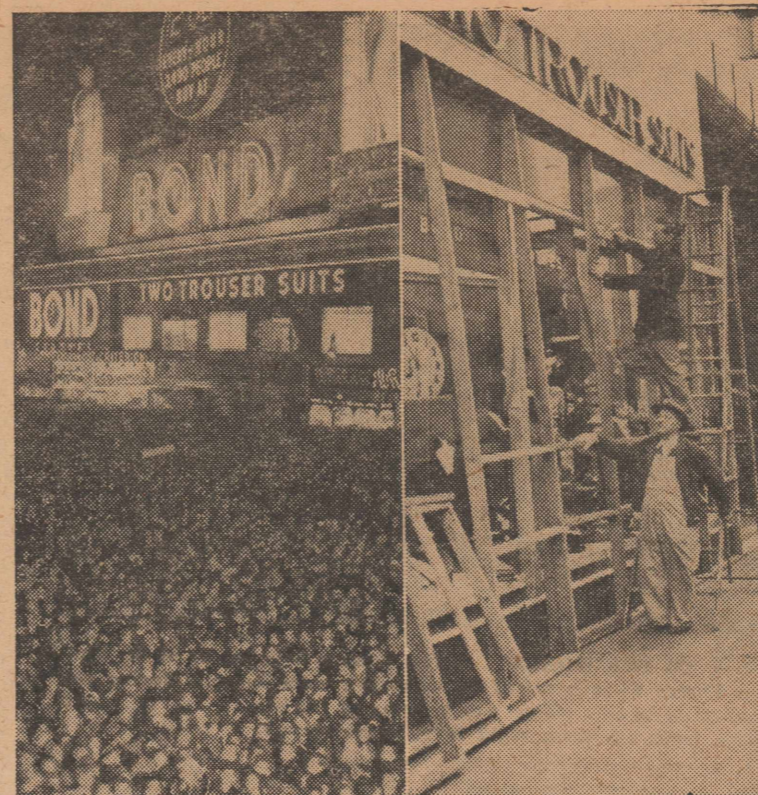


Christmas
is for the
YOUNG

Christmas is for the young! belongs to the young because these How many times do we hear few fail to realize that children grown-ups make this statement? are not engrossed with the troubles of everyday living in the fashion of their elders. They are young to share, to take part in the celebration of the birth of the Saviour. For a true Christmas we need the greatest event in the history only renew our faith in the Saviour of the world. born at Christmas time. We, too, It seems to some that Christmas will then be young at heart.



Every year about this time we the same vein, we can not say hear the same story: Christmas is getting too commercial. Christmas is too commercial is getting too commercial. merely because newspapers, magazines and catalogs are filled with gift advertising as the holiday season approaches. They advertise Spring merchandise, Fall merchandise, etc., so why not children that there was no Santa Claus. Christmas merchandise, when the dominant theme is one of giving? Like little Virginia O'Hanlon, No—"Too commercial" is an overstatement. Christmas is too commercial only in the minds of a Santa" letter to the editor of the New York Sun, children are very easily disillusioned. But, like Virginia, they need only reassurance from someone they believe in to sustain their wonderful belief. of the season abounds about us and not attempt to take away from It is entirely wrong for us to shatter children the joy of one of the greatest moments in their young lives—the time when Santa visits. Christmas IS commercial in some aspects. Thousands of people For — "he exists as certainly as ple earn a livelihood working the love and generosity and devotion year around in toy shops or factories which produce Christmas exist, and you know that they specialties. This, in itself, does not highest beauty and joy. Alas! How make Christmas "too commercial," for toymakers have produced Christmas novelties for hundreds and hundreds of years. In there are little Virginias.



TIMES SQUARE . . . The Gay White Way, before and after. At left, the way it looks each year as crowds welcome the new year. At right, department stores getting ready by boarding up their windows to prevent breaking of display windows by happy celebrants.

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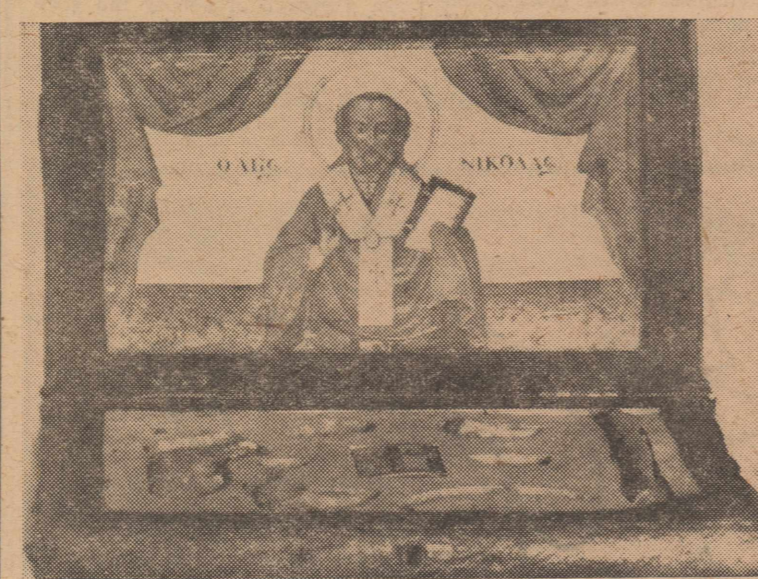
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Early Controversy Over Exact Christmas Date

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. Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that it occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.

Warm Wishes

May the glow of holiday cheer brighten the homes of our many kind friends whose patronage we value so highly. Our thanks to you all.

Plainview Safety Lane
Johnny Hinds & Doc Hinds
615 Austin Plainview

Greetings

Gladness in your heart, joy in your home and good cheer wherever you go...all these we wish for you, this holiday season. May the Yuletide be one you'll long and happily remember.

WESTERN COTTONOIL CO.
Plainview, Texas

Greetings

To all our valued patrons: our warmest thanks for the privilege of serving you during the year now drawing to a close and our very best wishes for your happiness and success in the new year now dawning.

PANHANDLE COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE CO.
HART, TEXAS



Precious Gift

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

Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware.

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tattered soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peacefully to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

When the church clock at Trenton struck 7 a.m. a young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rumble of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not force at the time that he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.



JOY TO THE WORLD . . . The famous boys' choir of St. Vincent Ferrer Church raises its collective voice in song during rehearsal of hymns which will be sung at Christmas Eve midnight mass. Boys are from eight to 14 years of age.



With Proper Care, Poinsettia Plant Will Bloom Again

The evergreen bough, mistletoe and holly used as Christmas decorations have been associated with ceremony and curious custom for thousands of years.

Ancient Romans raised an evergreen branch at the December festival of Saturnalia, honoring the god of sowing.

Long before the Christian era, Tuetons and Scandinavians held the mistletoe sacred and hung it over their doorways as charms. They also worshipped the oak and their priestly Druids brought in a great Yule log at the feast of the winter solstice and lighted it from a brand of the log of the year before.

In parts of Europe the first trees used for Christmas decorations were dormant branches of fruit trees. They were brought indoors several weeks before Christmas and forced into bloom by Christmas time.

Holly, the subject of many superstitions, was also used because its prickly leaves were thought to represent the Saviour's crown and its red berries drops of blood.

In parts of Sicily an olive tree is decorated today with oranges. In some countries flowers are used instead of evergreens, in keeping with a story told all over medieval Europe that on the night of the Nativity the trees of the forest, though cloaked in ice and snow, burst into bloom and bore fruit.

All over the world this Christmas each country will celebrate the season in its traditional way.

Did You Wonder Why Santa Drops Gifts Down Chimney?

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chimney?

For the answer to this common belief about Santa and Christmas, we must go back to Saint Nicholas, responsible for so many other customs related to Christmas.

There's a story about an impoverished nobleman who was unable to find husbands for his three daughters because he could not afford a dowry for each. He was about to sell the daughters into slavery when St. Nicholas heard about it. Silently, Old Saint Nick dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. All three daughters soon married and lived happily ever after.

Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 343 A.D. and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

It could be said that St. Nick and Dr. Clement Moore, who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" (now better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas") contributed most to our present concept of Santa Claus.

Outdoor Decorations Should Not Harm Evergreen Shrubs

It won't be a chilly Christmas for many outdoor evergreens and shrubs this year, with outside home decorations expected to be even more popular than in past years.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-watts. They're bright enough to be gay and colorful, yet don't generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.

Check periodically to determine if needles or foliage are turning brown in vicinity of lights. If so, rearrange the lights. Not even a beautiful light display is worth marring valuable evergreens that are a source of beauty the year round.

Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (*helleborus niger*) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared. Upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled and as His fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.

New Year Day Double Holiday in Haiti

For Latin America's Republic of Haiti, January 1 marks not only the beginning of a new year, but also the anniversary of its independence. It was on January 1, 1804, that Jean Jacques Dessalines formally declared the island's freedom from France and the adoption of the Indian name of "Haiti" for the new nation.

In defying the great Napoleon and winning its freedom from France, Haiti became the second nation of the Western hemisphere to win independence as well as the first and only French-speaking republic of the New World.

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY!!

— Enterprise Want Ads Get Results —

Greetings

Many thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve you in 1956. Hope we continue to be so favored in 1957. Happy holidays!

Blasingame's Grill and Dining Room

708 Broadway

Plainview

Season's Greetings

Happy holiday wishes to you, our friends and customers, and sincere thanks for the pleasure of serving you. May your Yuletide be bright with all the season's joys.

Plainview Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

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Greetings to All

Our sincere thanks and much holiday cheer to all our friends and patrons.

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There was no Room

"I am sorry, Mary. They tell me they have no room." And so it was that Joseph, the humble Galilean carpenter, and his queenly young wife Mary, took refuge in a stable near the edge of town. For them, there had been no room.

The population of Bethlehem was more than double, the descendants of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The journey had been a particularly tiresome one for Mary. The quietness of the stable and the small amount of warmth it provided was indeed welcomed by both She and Joseph. Near the hour of midnight, the swaddling clothes, a manger for darkened sky came to life with a his throne, they find the Christ-light of eternal beauty, above the Child.

JUST TO SAY, "Merry Christmas" AND "Thank You"

FOR YOUR FRIENDLY PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR.



Johnson Jewelry

Plainview

A Joyous Greeting

To all our friends, a sincere wish that the true spirit of Christmas abide with you in this joyous holiday season. And may good fortune and happiness be yours now and always.

Plainview Hardware

5th & Ash St. Plainview

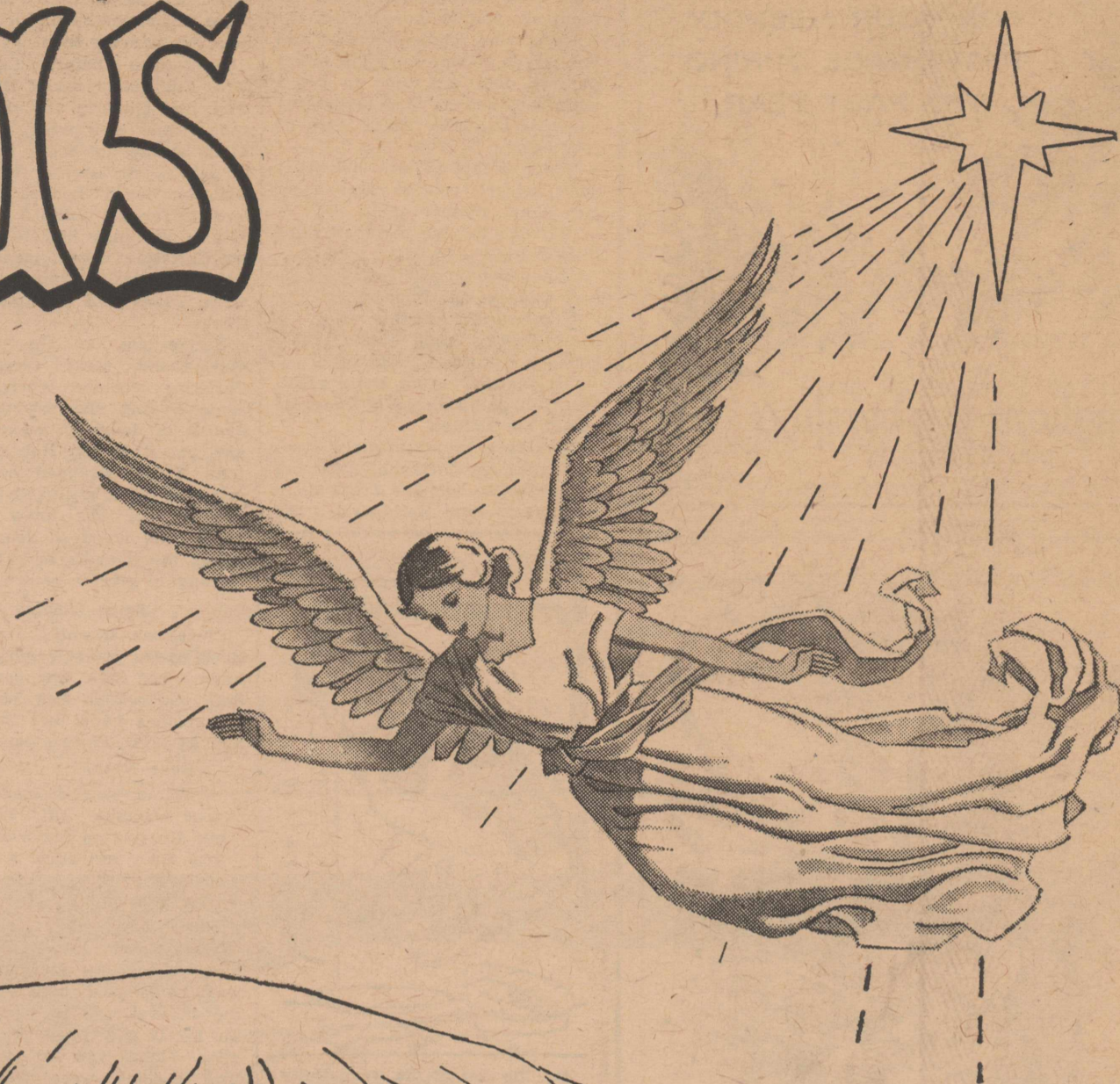
Christmas Greetings

For you and your dear ones at Christmas, we wish the most precious gifts of all . . . the gifts of faith, hope and love . . . faith sustained by the spirit of Christmas . . . hope for lasting Peace on Earth . . . love ever bright with the blessings of family and home, and enriched by good will toward all men.

PEERLESS PUMP DIVISION
FOOD, MACHINERY & CHEMICAL CORPORATION
PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

A Joyous Christmas

to All



As the wise men followed a guiding star to the place where He was born, may our hearts turn to Him this Christmas, with love and adoration. As we hear again the blessed story of His birth, may we experience anew all the joys of that first Christmas, long ago. May the spiritual inspiration of the day abide with us through all our years. And may the Star of Bethlehem light the way to "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." These Christmas wishes we share with you, in the true spirit of this Holy Season.

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ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY!

JUST TO SAY,
"Merry Christmas"
 AND
"Thank You"



FOR YOUR FRIENDLY
 PATRONAGE DURING
 THE PAST YEAR

Longhorn Barbershop
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Hart Texas

THE VALUABLE GIFT

By Janet Hall

EVERYONE was so nice, Kathie Carter thought as she remembered the Christmas gifts she had received last year. So many of her friends, neighbors, and relatives had remembered her.

I'd love to buy something for them all, Kathie thought, but she knew it was impossible. She had only saved enough for a gift to her parents. She had tried to get a sales job, but she had discovered she was too late. There were no jobs left.

Your relatives and neighbors don't expect you to give them gifts," her mother said.

"I'd like to give them all some little thing."

"When you're older you can return their thoughtfulness."

After supper Kathie went to Aunt Betty's and Uncle Ted's house to return a book.

"Hi, Kathie," Aunt Betty greeted. "I'm doing dishes so come on out in the kitchen."

"I've been hoping to make some fruitcakes for Christmas gifts, but I don't know whether I can do it this year," Aunt Betty said. "The

"I'll help you," Kathie volunteered. "I can come around after school and prepare the nuts and fruit and you can use them whenever you want."

For two afternoons Kathie chopped nuts and cut citrus fruit. By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes.

Busy Week

The rest of the week was a busy one for Kathie. Mrs. Mason asked her to take care of the children Saturday so that she could go into town to shop. Miss White, a shut-in who lived down the street, asked Kathie if she would select some Christmas cards for her and help her address them.

Two days before Christmas Mrs. Cummings asked Kathie to tend her children for the afternoon while she went shopping. After Kathie got them interested in games, she saw a list on the bulletin board headed "Things to do." The list outlined the tasks Mrs. Cummings had to do during Christmas week: clean house, bake cookies, wrap packages, write cards and so many other things.

Kathie got out the cookbook and found some recipes for Christmas cookies. When she finished mixing she wrapped each mound of dough in waxed paper and put it in the freezer.

As Kathie wrapped her mother's and father's gift, she felt depressed, for she knew all the people she loved so dearly were going to give to her. She had nothing to give in return.

Appreciation

Christmas morning Kathie noticed there were several cards among her gifts. She opened the first one which was written in the spidery hand that she identified as Miss White's penmanship.

"Dear Kathie:
 Thank you so much for your valuable gift. Time in our lives is so important and you gave me such a generous piece of your life that I wish to thank you for it."

There were other letters, too. "Dear Kathie: I would never have baked my fruitcakes if it wasn't for your help"—"I know the children will be pleased with the lovely way you wrapped their gifts. Thank you for your time. The cookies were wonderful." With Mrs. Mason's gift there was a note thanking Kathie for her gift of time. Kathie had to blink away the tears when she finished reading the notes.

"You see, Kathie, you gave something that is most valuable—your time," her father explained.



By the end of the week Betty had baked the cakes and packed them in tin boxes. children seem to take up all my time."

"Your fruitcakes are delicious." "They're a lot of work, though. Cutting up the fruit and chopping nuts takes nearly a day."

For Office Supplies Drop By The Enterprise

Hello



Just a friendly greeting to thank all our kind friends and patrons and to wish them the very merriest of holidays.

Superior Cleaners
 Jim and Marguerite

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a bride doll if you can get it because I have been a good girl. I want a cooking set and a dish set. I want a little ice box, stove and playhouse.

I love you Santa Claus, and I want some new shirts for daddy. Please, Santa, give the poor children some good toys.
 I love you, Santa, Marsha

Dear Santa,
 Pat and I sure would like for you to bring us a record player I could sure use a new football too.
 Please remember all the other boys and girls everywhere. I'll hang my stocking for some fruit and nuts, too, Santa.
 Thank you, Santa Claus, Mike Trotter



A Joyous Wish

May Christmas cheer light up your home and make all the days of your New Year as glowingly bright as the sparkling lights on your tree on this happiest of all holidays.

L. P. Davis & Son, Inc
 Irrigation Contractors
 428-30 Ash St. Plainview

Merry Christmas



The shining light in children's eyes... the sound of church bells chiming... the gladsome joy of voices raised in carol singing... the spirit-lifting, heart-warming story of the Babe of Bethlehem... all these are part of Christmas, and our Yuletide wish for you is that you may enjoy all the blessings of this happy, holy season in fullest measure.

GRANBERY INSURANCE AGENCY
 Roy Olton, Texas Fay

O, Holy Night



As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



HIGGINBOTHAM—BARTLETT CO.
 Olton Texas

THE GREATEST GIFT . . .

HERE IS A STORY that has come down to us through centuries of war and peace and life and death as an eternal message of hope and faith. It has been told and told again in diverse languages and strange tongues, yet it has remained forever the same—the simple story of a King among men.



Men lived and died long before the coming of this King; yet the world began anew and mankind has since marked all time in His name.

How grand and glorious it might seem to say that trumpets announced His arrival and court criers were sent forth into the hills to awaken the sleeping multitudes with the great news. How magnificent to say He was born in a palatial mansion; how impressive to report that His people thronged to see Him in such great numbers they finally had to be turned away.



Yet centuries of retelling by the greatest of orators and writers have added no worldly lustre to the life and death of this King. No trumpets preceded Him. He had no credentials but Himself. No guards or royalty accompanied the humble pair that had journeyed to Bethlehem; this man,

Joseph, weary and footsore, searching every inn, asking at every doorway, becoming more determined each time he was told there was no room for a poor carpenter and his expectant wife; this woman, Mary, pale and tired from a journey too long for a woman in her condition, resting uncomfort-

ably upon the back of an ass whose plodding footsteps echoed through the night.

There was no palace, merely a stable where Joseph finally found refuge from the cold of the night; no trumpets, only a star which brought three chosen Wise Men from



the Orient; no court criers, only the soft voices of angels waking the sleeping shepherds on the hillside.

In the simplest of surroundings was born this King—and in such did He live, dwelling not in marble halls, sitting not upon a worldly throne, wearing no crown other than a wreath of thorns. For 30 years he



lived quietly, following the humble trade of a carpenter. For three years he walked among the people, preaching a strange new message of love, faith and hope.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone. Yet even today the simple birth, life and death of this one King, covering a span of merely thirty years and three, remains and shall remain the Greatest Gift mankind has ever known.

Dear Santa,
Please send me a big big doll that makes the tony, combs her hair and makes some curls. I am six years old. I am in the second grade in Olton. Good-bye Santa.
Love,
Jose Arroyo

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a Wetsy doll that cries and some candy, nuts and fruit.
I love you,
Dona Sorley

Season Greenery
Will Make Home
Echo Xmas Spirit

Did you ever notice that the prettiest homes around the community at Christmas are the ones decorated liberally with the green things of the season? Their festive appearance is obtained easily with proper display of such things as evergreens, berries, seed pods, and pine cones.

These simple decorations are readily available to most everyone at no cost and to use an old expression: "The woods are full of them."

A trip into the country to gather them can also be turned into a pleasant excursion for the whole family and a brief rest period from the "getting ready" for Christmas company, parties, and holiday affairs.

One word of caution, however: Don't kill trees or bushes. Prune carefully when selecting your evergreens.

The Christmas tree—whether large or small—should be the center of the decorations. Place your tree in front of a window, so that its bright, cheerful glow can be seen from within and without. Dec-



orate the tree with balls of red, silver, blue and green, strands of popcorn and various decorations that are saved from year to year.

Be sure to hang a rope of evergreens, a spray or wreath on your front door—these signify to many who pass your home that you are celebrating this joyous season.

A rope of evergreens requires approximately four or five yards of rope. The place you plan to use it will determine the exact length. Next, you'll need several short lengths of wire, short sprays of evergreen, balls, bows, red berries or bells. Place a bunch of evergreen against the rope and fasten

in place with the wire; repeat until the rope has been completely covered. The rope may be draped over the door frame, mantel, or along the stair rail. Pick out other spots where additional decorations, like berries, balls or bells will add to the effectiveness of over-all appearance.

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GREETINGS

As we celebrate the day of His birth, may its inspiration bring you the peace and love He wished for the world... may all the blessings of Christmas dwell in your home and your heart always.

Adams Tractor Co.

Olton

Texas

Christmas Greetings

The spirit of Christmas warms every heart, brightens every eye, lightens every care... It moves us to express our deep appreciation of the friendship and loyalty of our customers, and to wish for all a rich abundance of the Season's happiness

... For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. — (ISAIAH 9-6)

Consumers Butane, Inc.

Barton Prestridge, Manager

OLTON

TEXAS

Dear Santa,
My name is Ricky Dale Johnson, and sisters name is Donna Lynn Johnson. We are both good kids and we are writing to tell you what we want for Christmas. We will not be at home Christmas. We will not be at Olton. We are going to our grandmother's house at Van Nuys, Calif. We will be looking for you there on Christmas Eve. Following is a list of toys we would like to have, or anything nice you can bring us:
I clown that you shoot an

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old. My name is Diann Boverie. I have been a very good girl. I would like to have a little airplane like Timmy's un-
at pops off, gum machine, baby doll, airplane like Timmy's un-
ess grandmother gets me one cash register, stove unless grand-
mother gets one, pots and pans
ool table (little one), farm set
with tractor and plows, and any-
thing else you would like for us
to have.
Signed,
Connie Johnson

ink stove and a little pink ice
box and a carpet sweeper; also
doll, and anything else you
think I would like.
Also bring my little nine-
month-old brother a push toy
and anything else you think he
would want.
Please remember mammy and
daddy, to.
Yours truly,
Diann Boverie
P.S.: My mammy wrote this
for me.

FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES
COME TO THE ENTERPRISE

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 foreshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th 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 Okeechobee.
- In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.
- In 1492, 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.

Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

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.

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm eight years old and my name is James Lopez. I'd like for Christmas a talking walking doll, a tea set for four persons

tove, ice box, washing machine ironing board, iron, table with set of chairs and a suitcase o clothes. I'm a good girl with my mother and father I hope you

Santa Claus, have a Happy Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
From,
James Lopez



Merry Christmas

Here is a hope that the joy of the Christmas season will abide with you always. May its spirit of good fellowship live in your heart throughout the new year.

Cox Butane and Cox Auto Parts
HART TEXAS



ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY



Greetings

Whatever else might be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas. Let us hold close this day, remembering family and friends. May yours be a very joyous Holiday, surrounded by all whose love and friendship you cherish.

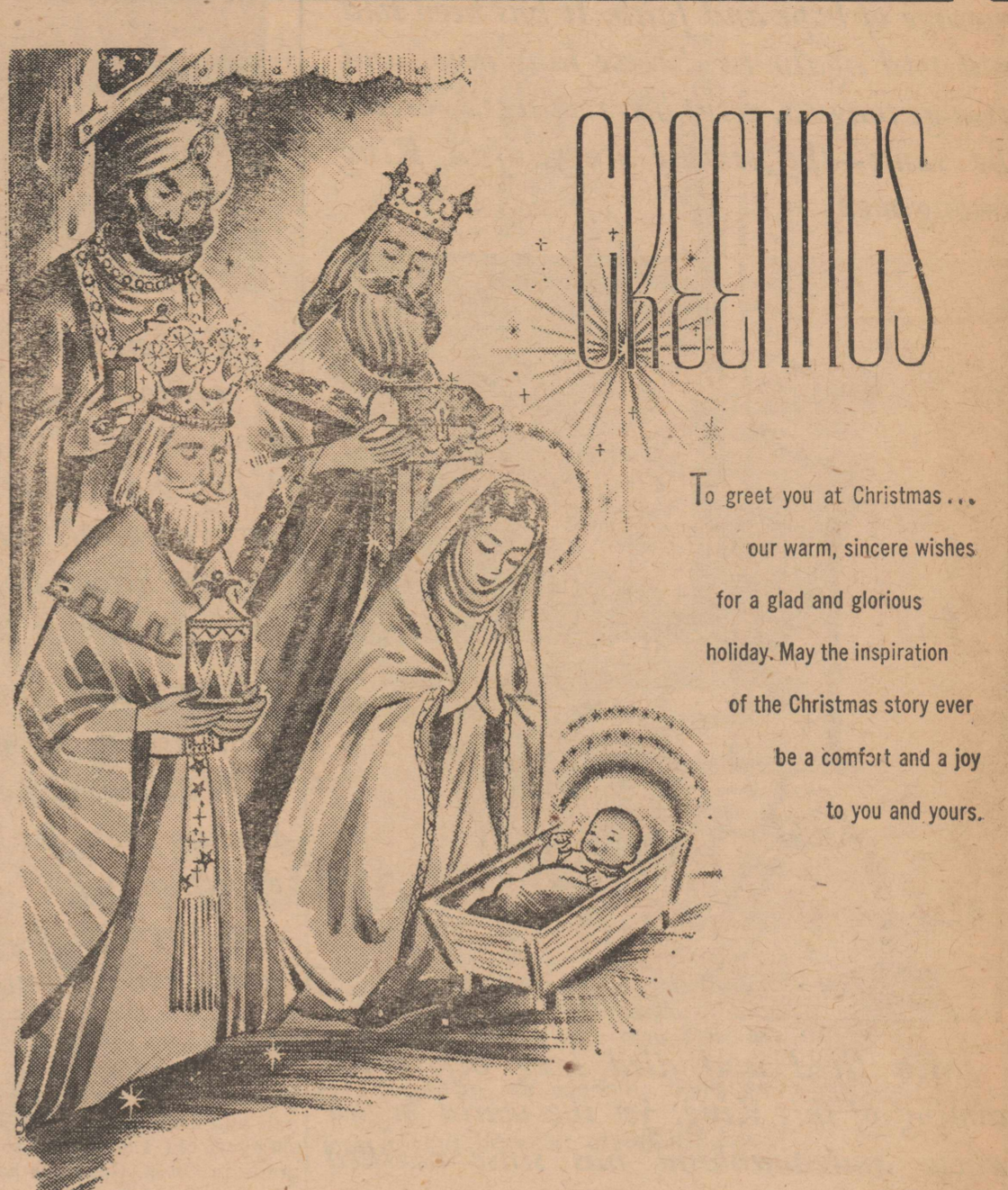
OLTON STATE BANK



Season's GREETINGS

*** May time turn backward in its flight... and make you a child again just for a night... as Santa bows in with a sack full of gifts and a wealth of good wishes from all of us to all of you.

LANNING RADIO SALES & SERVICE
Olton — Warner Lanning — Texas



To greet you at Christmas... our warm, sincere wishes for a glad and glorious holiday. May the inspiration of the Christmas story ever be a comfort and a joy to you and yours.

Olton Food Bank
Olton — R. A. Green — Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a little girl three years old, and my mother is helping me write this letter.

My mother said I've been a pretty good little girl, so Santa I want you to bring me a Tiny Tears doll, some little dishes, some doll clothes, house shoes, and a house coat. Don't forget to fill my stocking with fruit, nuts and candy.

Don't forget mama and daddy! We live at 320 East 12th Street. I'll leave you some fudge, because I know you get hungry, too.

Santa, don't forget the other little boys and girls!

Love always,
Gayla Jo Ellis

Dear Santa,
I've been a pretty good little girl this year, my mama said, so please bring me a brides doll, set of dishes, house coat, and house shoes for Christmas.

Santa, don't forget to fill my stocking with candy, nuts and fruit.

Please, Santa, don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Santa, I'm a little girl five years old and live with my mama, daddy, and little sister at 320 East 12th St., so don't forget, Santa. We'll leave you a glass of milk like we did last year. Don't forget mama and daddy!

Bye, bye, and love,
Shirley Ann Ellis

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I am five years old. I would like a doll that walks and a magic kit and some candy and nuts.

Love,
Paulette McFadden



Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall, angular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face, figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nickolous." The best they could do was "Santa Kalout," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe, and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly.

Future writers may try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waist line. It will be a tough job, for, though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.

'NIGHT BEFORE XMAS
Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.



"I don't know that I can answer your question, son, but I'll try. The Christmas spirit . . . well, it's something you can't touch as you can the tree or feel as you do the cold and the wind and snow. It's greater than the distance to a star or the silence of the night, more wonderful even than Santa Claus . . .

"Oh, yes, Christmas trees and snow, presents and things, they're all part of the Christmas spirit. But these are things that we could have the whole year round without the Christmas spirit. It's only at Christmastime that they . . .

"Why? Well, it's because the Christmas spirit sort of changes the way we look at things and the way we feel. Little, everyday things, usually so important, go off somewhere and are lost among the Christmas tree lights or the evergreen arches along Main Street. We completely forget about ourselves as we gather presents for all our friends. Our troubles just seem to melt away. We buy gifts the year round for birthdays and anniversaries, it's true, but it's not the same. When the Christmas spirit moves us, we feel happy. We just want everyone in the whole world . . .

"Is it being happy?" Not just being happy as such. It's being happy, and kind, and generous, full of peace, and, most important of all, being reverent, all at once.

"Sure, like when we are in church. Outside the snow is deep and the midnight wind whistles through the trees. But inside there's warmth and comfort and a quiet peacefulness that you don't find anywhere else. Though just outside, the world, with its wind and snow and trees and stars and sky seems far removed. The flickering altar candles seem to be repeating a humble prayer in a language of their own. Your heart swells inside you and suddenly you are warm to the very tip of your toes. It's then that you know . . . that you feel it . . . the true Christmas spirit. With every breath you know that you are nearer and closer to Him . . . you know."

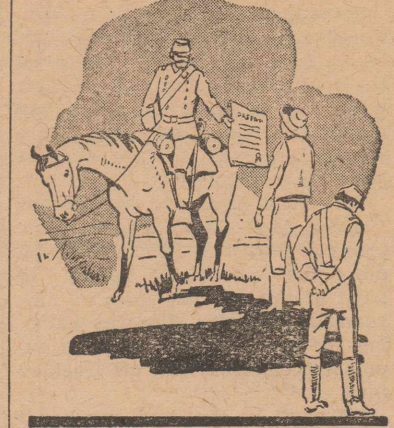
God? Surely God. You knew it all the time. The Christmas spirit doesn't come from Santa, nor does it come to any man as a present. It comes only when each of us, though we may have been careless or forgetful, reaffirm our faith in His presence and goodness and so strengthen our hopes to be with Him forever and forever. Then we have the Christmas Spirit, the most wonderful feeling in the world.



President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25

Christmas is traditionally a day of universal good will. Even in times of war the battlefronts are often quiet and serene, by mutual consent, on Christmas Day.

It was also on December 25th, in 1868, that President Johnson issued his Civil War amnesty. In an attempt to heal the wounds left by the great war, Johnson issued an amnesty proclamation which did not exclude any persons or classes of persons—not even the highest officials of the Confeder-



acy. Previous amnesty proclamations, issued both by Johnson and his predecessor Lincoln had not been "total" amnesties.

At the time, President Johnson expressed the belief that universal amnesty would tend to secure permanent peace, order, and prosperity throughout the country and would renew and restore respect for and attachment to the national government.

The proclamation pardoned all persons who participated directly or indirectly against the United States in the Civil War "with restoration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the Constitution and the laws which have also been made in pursuance thereof."

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Just a friendly greeting to thank all our kind friends and patrons and to wish them the very merriest of holidays.

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Peace on earth...

May the blessed spirit of this joyous season fill your heart with peace, good will and happiness.

The Thomas Agency
W. E. "Bill" Thomas J. D. Thomas

Greetings Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the glad warmth of greetings given and received. So, from all of us to all of you, here's a hearty, friendly greeting for a happy holiday.

J. C. JONES STORE
Bill — Zora — Jana — Ellen — Helen

Christmas Greetings

Just as candy canes and evergreens are symbols of Christmas, let this greeting be a symbol of our appreciation of your good will and patronage. May you enjoy a full measure of good cheer throughout the Holiday Season.

KELLEY'S
"NATIONALLY ADVERTISED BRANDS"
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Merry Christmas

It's the season to be joyful... to exchange with family and friends the greetings of the Yuletide. We gladly join in, with happy holiday wishes to each and every one of you.

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Howard — Nettie — J. Curtis

Dear Santa Claus,
My brother wants a b-b gun, a bow and arrow set and a pair of skates. I want a radio, a bow and arrow set, a b-b gun, skates, record player, doctor's set, and two ink pens.
Love,
Ira Lynn and
Dewayne Campbell

Dear Santa,
I am two years old. I want a set of dishes to play with please! And my baby sister is seven months and she wants a pretty toy. That way she won't cry. Don't forget us, please.
Love,
Janie and Gloria Ann

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and my sister also wants a doll. My brother wants a shotgun. Santa, I have a big sister. Bring her something too, please. Don't forget us—we will be waiting.
Mary Lou, Davis,
Virginia and Lupe Ramos

Dear Santa,
This is Johnny Arroyos. Please send me a little gun and some candy. I am four years old Good-bye Santa Claus.
This is Julian Arroyos. Please send me a little gun and some candy. I am six years old. Good-bye Santa Claus. I am in the first grade.
This is Vici. Please send me a doll that talks and cries and sits and walks. I am one year old. Good-bye Santa Claus.
This is Castulo Arroyos. Please send me a little gun and some candy. I am two years old. Good-bye Santa Claus.
This is Junior Arroyos. Send me a gun and some candy. I am six months old. Good-bye, Santa.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. I have been pretty good. Bring me just anything, Santa. Please remember all little girls and boys.
Love,
Jimmy Ferguson



By F. L. Rowley

MR. OWENS is extremely popular in Hillcrest. He owns a big barn where the stock shows play each summer. He even serves coffee and sandwiches to his "guests" when they drop in to watch one of the shows. The truth is that Mr. Owens is a lonely old man who likes to surround himself with happy people.
Several years ago today, when Christmas cheer abounded and glowing parlor windows warmed the hearts of passersby, Mr. Owens was lonelier than usual. He had not even set up a tree that year; what good was a tree without someone to admire it?
Christmas Eve, and Mr. Owens strolled down Main Street alone, peering into the few shop windows that were still lighted. In front of the ten-cent store he saw young Jim Harder. Jim was watching the lights go out with an expression of dismay on his freckled face.

"It can't be that bad, my boy," the old man said kindly.
Jim tried to smile when he saw Mr. Owens. "It's bad enough, I'll sure catch it from mom when I get home. She sent me out to buy some Christmas-tree ornaments."
"Tree ornaments? At this hour?"
"Yes sir. Last summer we had a



Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.
fire in the woodshed," explained Jim, "nothing serious, but our

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Christmas stuff was destroyed. We forgot all about it until we set the tree up this morning."
"And you waited until now to buy ornaments?"
"That's just it," groaned Jim. "I left home over an hour ago. It's just that—well, I've been looking in store windows—and—"

Problem Solved

"I understand," said Mr. Owens with a twinkle in his eye. "Used to do the same thing when I was a lad. Never could figure out why clocks were invented. Say, I've got an idea! I have some old ornaments—"
"You have?" cried Jim eagerly.
"On second thought," Mr. Owens went on, "I don't think they'd do. Too old, most of them, with cracked sides and hairpins stuck into their tops. Have one box of good ones, but I stepped on it."
Jim didn't smile. He looked miserable.
"Wait!" cried Mr. Owens, laying a hand on the boy's shoulder. "I've got it! You'll have your Christmas-tree ornaments yet."

With Jim Harder striding hopefully beside him, Mr. Owens set off at a brisk trot that belied his years. A happy smile played upon the wrinkled face. He was doing someone a favor at Christmas; he was part of the scene. He joined Jim in a chorus of "White Christmas."

Hiding Place

When they reached his place he surprised Jim by taking the path that led to the barn. The boy followed. Once inside, he groped around until he located an old lantern.

After squeezing between dusty props they reached a huge chest. Mr. Owens pulled out a drawer to reveal several dozen brightly colored balls.
"Wow!" They're perfect!" cried Jim. "What are they?"
Mr. Owens laughed. "Let's see now; those plastic ones are plums, and those pressed-paper ones are oranges. This other drawer is full of stars; it's all part of the scenery. I do hope you'll bring them back after the holidays."
"I sure will!" promised Jim with a big grin.

It was outside church the next morning that Jim approached him breathlessly: "We got turkey, and you're going to get a drumstick, Mr. Owens!"
"Me? Now Jim, you needn't—"
Mrs. Harder came up, "I asked Jim to invite you to dinner," she explained. "Besides, you must see our beautiful orange covered Christmas tree. Or would you rather spend Christmas Day in that big, lonely house of yours?"
Mr. Owens couldn't think of a single reason for not going. "I—I reckon I would like to see the tree," he admitted.

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Planning a turkey dinner for Christmas? If you are, and you want to be sure it's a "good" bird when you place it on the festive table, then follow these tips in preparing that important part of your holiday meal.

Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled off easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other.
The drum stick can also be greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

Singe your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in lukewarm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried.

Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

In roasting the turkey, you'll find that the wing-tips can be brought over the back and tied to make a "rack" on which the bird will rest in the roaster.



Lincoln Proclamation Issued on New Year's

On New Year's day, 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation freeing the slaves in states and parts of states where the people were then in rebellion.

The areas designated were Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and large parts of Louisiana and Virginia. Tennessee was excepted from the proclamation, although the Union armies were far from complete success in their task of bringing it under government control.

The Emancipation Proclamation did not abolish slavery. That was accomplished by the thirteenth amendment, which went into effect Dec. 18, 1865.

Feasting Important To World Observance Of New Year

Feasting is as important a part of a New Year celebration as of Thanksgiving, with a good meal on the first day of the year symbolizing that there will be plenty throughout the days ahead.

The New Year's day banquet differs as one travels around the world. An important dish among the Spaniards is sopa, rice cooked with olive oil, tomatoes, vegetables and meat particles. Africans partake of cous-cous, which is composed of wheat grains, lamb and vegetables. Pickled greens, raw fish, roast bird and shrimp fritters are menu headliners in Japan, with pickled chrysanthemum petals considered a special delicacy. The Swedes temper their feasts with a special drink, called glogg which is a claret wine sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom. It is usually set afire before serving.

Feasts in England and Western Europe are similar to our American menus, chief difference being in the choice of side dishes. Turkey, duck or goose make the popular roast in England and in France. Latin countries bedeck their holiday fowl with truffles, chestnuts and olives and one might find snails on the menu in France.



GREETINGS

Loads of thanks to our many good friends for your loyal patronage throughout the year. May you all enjoy a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with 365 days of health, happiness and good fellowship.

Roxy and Mustang Theatres
Elizabeth and Steve

Greetings
May the joys of this most glad season come to you a thousandfold. And may your heart be filled with the spirit of Christmas always.

Hubert's Barber Shop
Hubert — Parley — Therman — Willie

MERRY Christmas

The Yuletide Season brings with it so many happy things... glad hearted greetings, good fellowship, family reunions and a deep feeling of contentment. May all of these joys be yours this Christmas.



FARMERS GRAIN CO.
Hart, Texas

Greetings

For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always.

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GLAD TIDINGS

May the joyous promise of the first Christmas find fulfillment in your heart... bringing you peace, good-will and happiness to brighten all the days of the coming year.

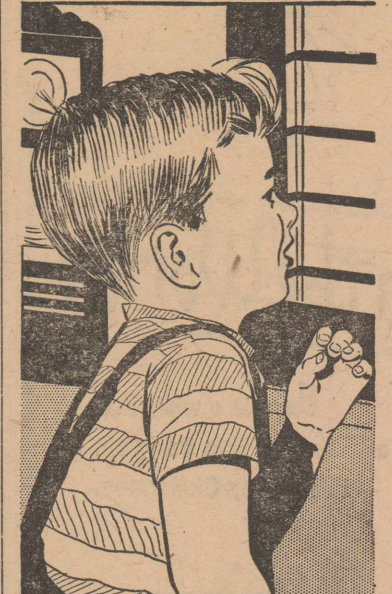


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Christmas Promise

By Shirley Sargent
WHEN I was a boy Christmas couldn't come soon or often enough. The longed-for day was more exciting than my birthday, Fourth of July and the last day of school all put together. It was magic. Sheer, unadulterated magic compounded of hoarded pennies, the scent of pine needles, locked closets, mysterious winks, expectation and the unusually peaceful household. This last because my brothers and I were doing our damndest to be good, as if to make up in one month for all the sins of the past year.



He looked at me sadly. "Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he asked.

is Christmas Eve and I have been home from Korea for two weeks getting acquainted with Carol, the wife I married five months before I went overseas, and a rowdy two-and-a-half-year-old named Butch. He is my son, the child I had never seen, and he is the boy that gave Christmas back to me.

Carol and I had planned eagerly on just what Butch should receive. Butch had a long list of toys that changed from day to day, but when I had asked him what he wanted most of all, he had just looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he had asked. So I told Carol, "I think Butch is worried that there isn't a fireplace for Santa to come down. Say, do you think he's too young for a football? Just a small one, of course."

Preparations
That's how it went—peacefully, traditionally—from the purchase of the tree, to the opening of Christmas cards and the hiding of presents from Butch. Until now, Christmas Eve, I ran quickly to Butch when I heard him sobbing. His brown hair tousled, his baby-

plump cheeks stained red with emotion, Butch was another boy from the one I had put to bed. "What's wrong, dear? Tell Daddy?" "I wanta dog more'n anything an' I can't have it." I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wracked body in my arms. "Why not?" Carol's hands were on my shoulders, "Because we live in an apartment." Butch choked, "That mean old man won't let me. He is too mean, mommy." Carol said, "He means Mr. Allen, the owner. No dogs allowed." "If I talked to him?" I appealed to Carol, "If I explained..." "No," Carol's face twisted, "he made an exception to allow Butch here."

Anger Strikes

To allow Butch. For an instant anger blazed through me, then I remembered, with an effort, that Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy. "Butch when we move I promise

you may have a dog," I explained carefully. "When are we gonna move?" Children needed a time. He would be three in May. "Before your birthday," I promised, "now go to sleep, son." In the living room, I said, "I could buy turtles and fish." "It wouldn't be the same," Carol said, "when you were little, don't you remember..." "Yes," for I did. I remembered the disappointments that weren't swallowed up by other presents but only by time and the gift of love. My son has given me more where we lived. He has given me not only the happiness but the heartbreak of Christmas. I took Carol's hand and drew her into the magic of love that surrounded us.

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Egyptians Pioneers In Study of Time

The Egyptians were probably the first to develop any "exact" method of calculating time—about 4,000 B.C. they devised a "calendar."

The Christian era begins on January 1, in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome and in the 4714th year of the Julian period.

The Jewish calendar reads 5717 in relation to 1956 A.D., since according to Jewish dogma and tradition the Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. The Jewish calendar was adopted during the 15th century.

Use of the notation A.D. (year of our Lord) was inaugurated in 879 by Charles III of Germany.

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CITY STAR . . . A towering skyscraper is framed by a street light whose glow is much like the Star of Bethlehem.



Christmas Greetings

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Yuletide... warm with good fellowship and rich in friendship... we wish you the Season's heartiest greetings. May your Holidays abound with good health and high happiness and leave you with a treasure trove of bright memories to cherish through the year ahead.

G. H. Bley

Phillips 66 Jobber

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Our Christmas message is wreathed in good wishes and garlanded with gratitude for the privilege of serving all our many friends.

OLTON MOTOR CO.

Everett Loveless

Olton

Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football and football helmet, a mickey mouse watch, also. A tractor for Gary my little brother. If you have enough to go around, some nuts, candy and fruit for us. My name is Mike McMullen. In case you want to mail us something, our box number is 691, Olton.
Love,
Mike

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl 19 months old. My name is Debra Howard. I'm real anxious for Christmas to come, for I want some new toys. I'd like for you to leave me a doll, doll carriage, and tricycle. Also a nice set of blocks. I've never seen you, but have seen your picture and always get excited over it. Be sure to stop at my house Christmas Eve!
Love,
Debra Howard



The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmastime is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinus of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metalurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the Csar Kolokol. It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.



LARGEST MANGER SCENE . . . Boy visitor is dwarfed by manger scene in stone and marble, by sculptor Vincenzo Ferri, in Rome. Each statue is from 8 to 12 feet tall, include the Madonna and infant; St. Joseph and the three wise kings bearing gifts.

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 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 for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

New Year Celebration Popular in England

The English have always had a big time on New Year's Eve. When the Puritan government abolished Christmas and absolutely forbade any celebration of that day, the English vented all their holiday spirit on the New Year.

Although restoration of the Stuarts brought about a revival of Christmas customs and traditions, the New Year celebration never faded in popularity, surviving Puritanism and, later, in 1752 the switch to the Gregorian calendar when the date of its observance was changed from March 25 to January 1.

Merry Christmas

Cheer and happiness to you and yours on this most joyful of all holidays.

Tommy's Drive-In

Joyous CHRISTMAS

May happiness and contentment be yours at Christmas and abide with you through all the days and years ahead.

Olton Cleaners
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cates

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 23, 1955."

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.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY!

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like an electric train and a pair of boots for Christmas.
Love,
Murphy Gail Bizzell

Dear Santa Claus,
I am ten years old. I want a big kitten and a Panda bear.
Love,
Nana Mary Lopez

Joy to the World!

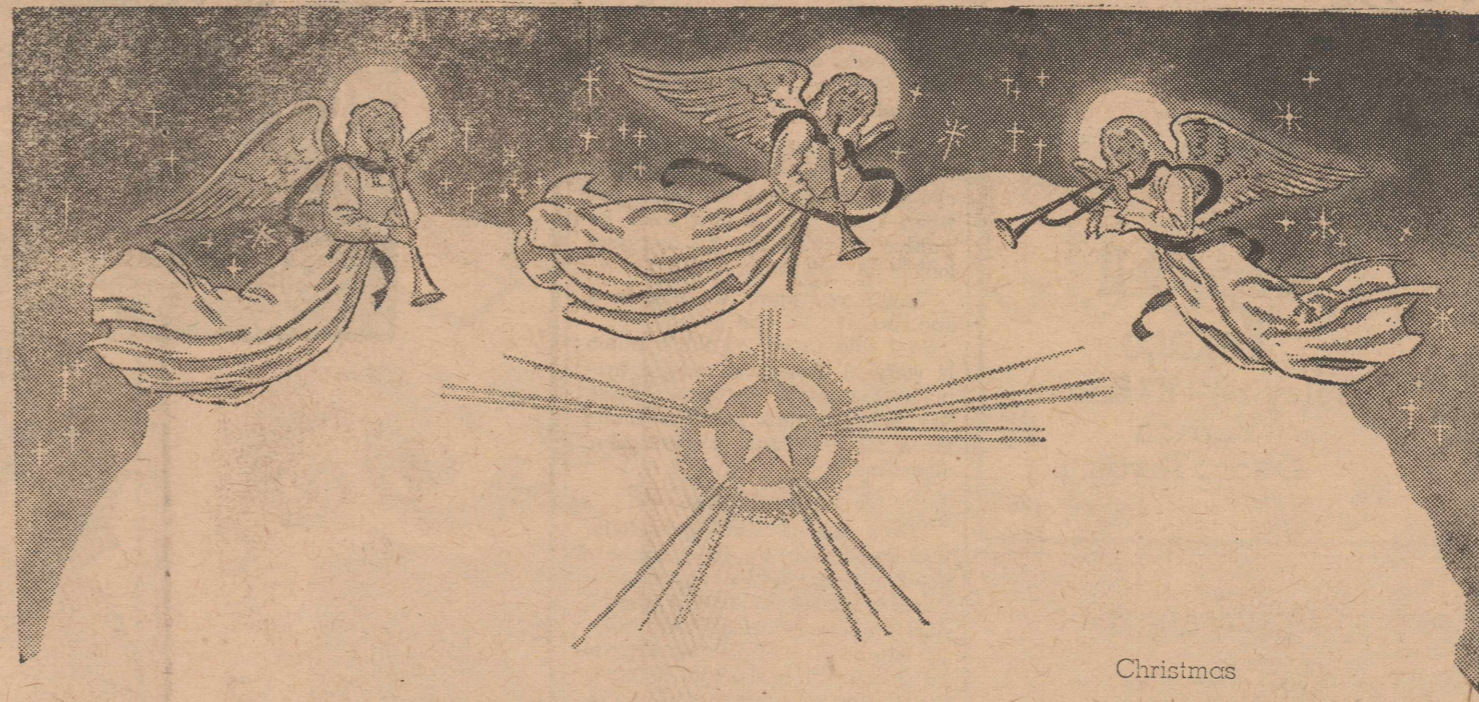
Here is a wish that a thousand joys be yours this happy Christmas.

Clara's Cafe
Clara—Leonard
Jimmy

Joy FOR THE HOLIDAYS

May all the good will and good cheer of the season lift your heart and brighten all the days ahead.

Boulter's 5c & 10c Store



Christmas 1956

It Doesn't Have To

Be Christmas . . .

. . . for us to think of our good friends.

But the Yuletide does give us the opportunity to pause and express our appreciation for your friendship and patronage.

It's folks like you who make our business possible, and serving you is always a pleasure. It's a pleasure, too, to pause and say "THANK YOU" . . .

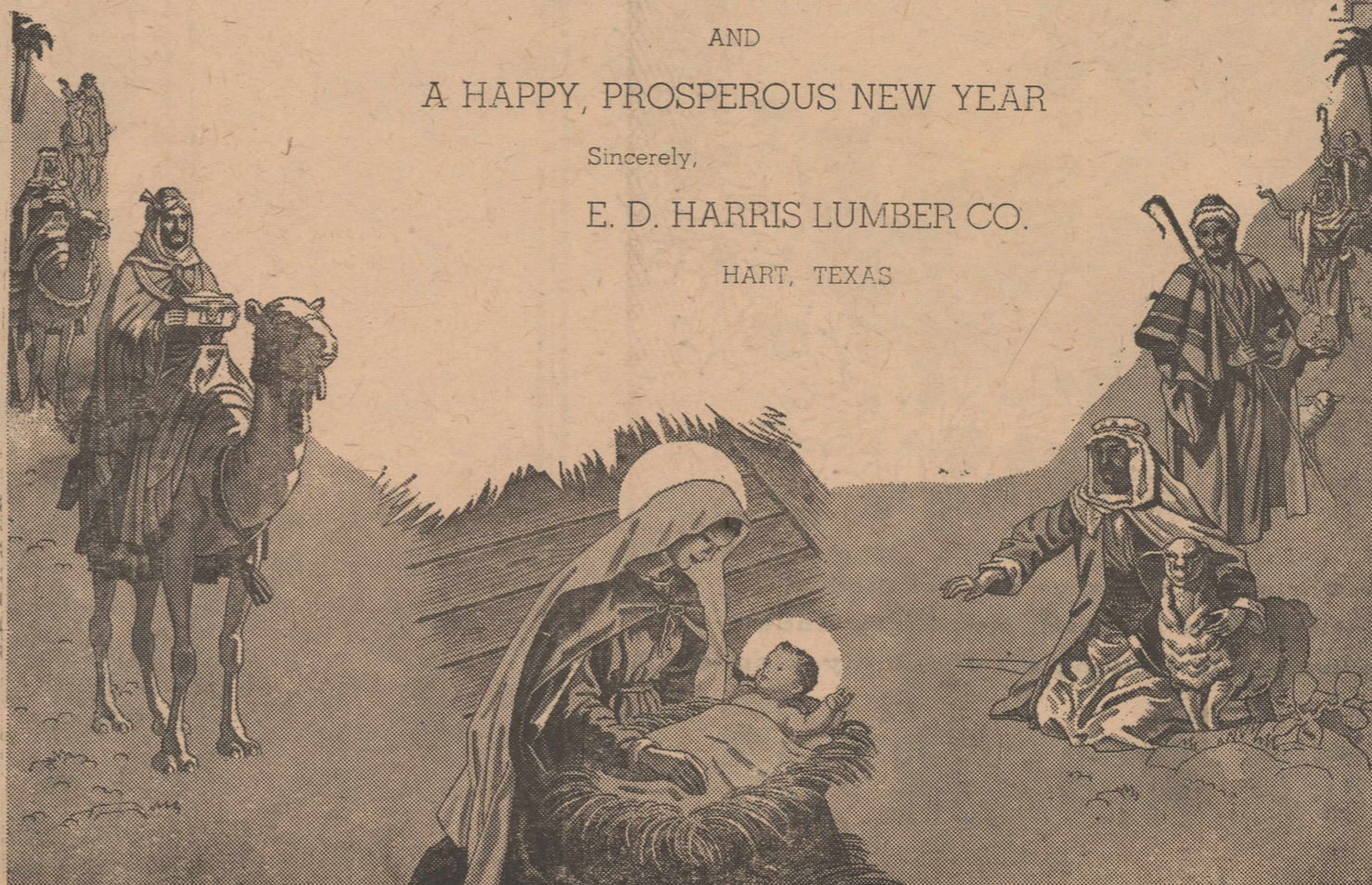
and extend a warm wish that you may have a very . . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Sincerely,

E. D. HARRIS LUMBER CO.

HART, TEXAS



A Joyous Wish

May Christmas cheer light up your home and make all the days of your New Year as glowingly bright as the sparkling lights on your tree on this happiest of all holidays.

HART GIN
Roland and Rosa
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