

## Remember The Christmas

"Would you ask about Christmas, little ones, of an old man who counts more holidays than he can remember?"

"Memories? Recollections? How it used to be: A Christmas of old?"

"Capture, if you will, my children, the distant peal of a church bell; the smell of pine, clean and fresh in a wintry wind . . . sleigh bells ringing, carolers singing, and the jingle of harness up and down the road.



"In retrospect, how clearly the long, lean spire of the village church still casts a moonlit shadow upon the white, white world. How quick to the nostrils is the smell of burning wax, and of green boughs, so freshly cut; and holly and mistletoe . . . and the first recollection of "Silent Night;" how many years, how long ago?"



"In the catalog of Christmases past, a small cabin nestles against the foot of a great mountain, a mountain of forest green and wintry white.

"In an auspicious corner, near a warming hearth, the Good Book rests on a small oaken stand.

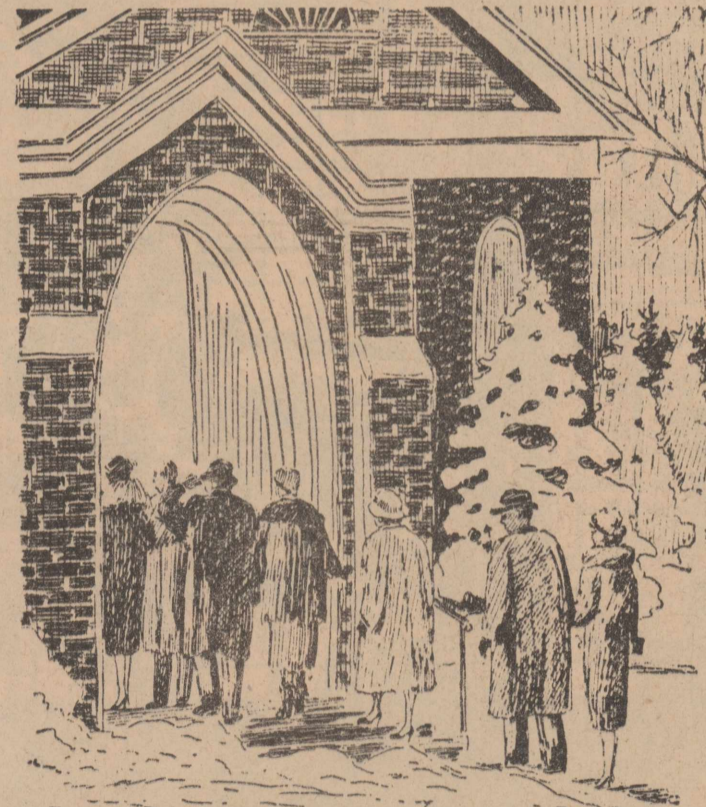


"The first thought, the first vision of the Birth at Bethlehem! How it stays forever, overshadowing myriad thoughts and recollections of other Christmases that flare across the mind's eye like the riffling pages of a book!"



How did it used to be? The Christmases? It used to be; it is; it remains the same. Christmas has not changed; shall not. The world moves on, as it must. But, we cannot—we dare not, change the Christmas. It is the birthday of Christ.

"We may bow our heads in the loftiest cathedral or in a weather-beaten church by the side of the road. We may raise our voices to the mightiest rafters, or kneel reverently on a floor of dirt—but we observe neither a "new" nor an "old" Christmas. We observe THE CHRISTMAS.



"On a magic Eve, against a background of red berries and fresh mountain greenery, a bearded patriarch turns, so tenderly, those time-worn pages.

"A voice as gruff as the distant thunder modulates to softness matching the sound of a morning wind in the pines.

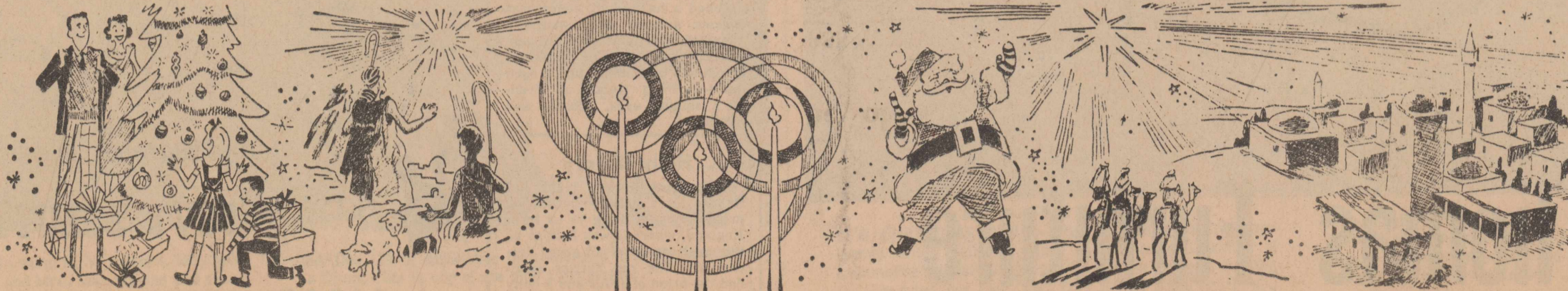
"In hushed enthusiasm, wee cherubs scatter about the floor, soaking up every familiar syllable, as if it might never be heard again . . .

"For Unto You This Day Is Born a Saviour . . ."

"And from the flickering glow of the fireside, the magic eye of the mind brings forth that vision—a stable, cold and forlorn; and yet, so seemingly different, warm and bright, alive with a greatness that is to be woven indelibly into the network of all things, past and present.

"There is but ONE Christmas, ONE observance—one recognition within each individual heart that long, long ago, in the simplest of surroundings, in Bethlehem there was born a Saviour who lived the life of supreme example and who died that others might find everlasting peace.

"May this true spirit of Christmas abide in the hearts of all, for now, and for all the Christmases yet to come."



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



*Silent Night*

As we approach the peace and quiet of the Holy Night may His love fill your heart with joy and happiness.

**OK RUBBER WELDERS**

OLTON TEXAS

**A GOOD TREE**



It's not necessary to wait until the last minute to get your Christmas tree. In fact, it's smart to get your tree early, when the choice is wide. The important thing is to test the tree for freshness before you buy it.

The first test is important. If the tree fails to pass this examination, pass it over and look for another: bounce the butt end of the tree on the ground. If the needles shower down, the tree has already begun to dry out.

Next, tug at the needles at the end of the branch. If they pull out easily, the tree has already started to dry out.

Rub a finger over the butt end. If it's sticky, the tree is fresh. Spread the lower branches. If they're springy and bounce back, they will hold the weight of ornaments. Spread out, the lower branches should measure half the height of a tree, the stump should be at least 6 to 7 inches long.

Other healthy signs: good color, full needles, a fragrant odor. Warning sign: patches of brown needles, a sign of a sure-fire fire hazard.

*Christmas Isn't Everyday*

By Shirley Sargent

CHRISTMAS isn't everyday. Happily, Eudora Best placed divinity and fudge on gift plates in the roomy, old-fashioned kitchen. "Thank heaven!" At nineteen, Robert had his mother's big, brown eyes and dark hair, but none of her relaxed good humor. "Mother, you've always been so understanding. Why can't you let me go on the Culligan houseparty with Mary? They'll be skiing, Mom, and ice skating."

"I don't care if they have a winter carnival in the living room of their lodge," Eudora tied sprigs of mistletoe to her bows for the candy. "You're not going."

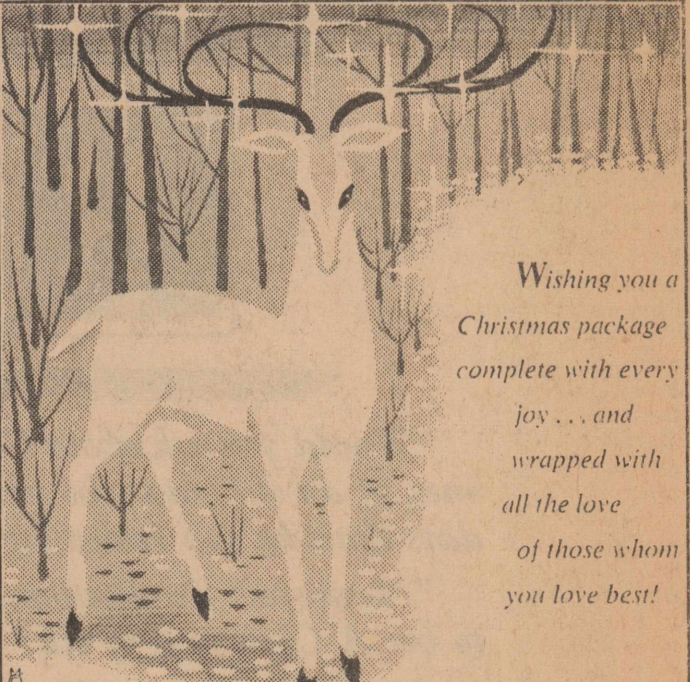
"Aw, Mom," Robert's rough, naked voice betrayed his youth even though he looked every muscular inch of a man. "I'll stay home tonight, Christmas Eve, and drive up afterwards. Don't forget Mary's father is dead so she and her mother need someone around

**Let Christmas Be Also A Day Of Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving Day is, of course, the traditional day of feasting in the United States and giving thanks for a bountiful harvest. It is the best time to find Americans feasting on native foods.

Since Christmas follows Thanksgiving Day so quickly, many of the foods that have become a part of the Thanksgiving tradition now grace our festive boards during the Christmas holiday.

The menu for the first Thanksgiving probably included deer, turkey, wild geese and ducks, lobsters, clams, oysters and fish; dried gooseberries, strawberries, plums and cherries; white and red wine made from wild grapes; biscuits and bread of English wheat; parched and roasted corn; hock cakes and ash cakes, and Indian pudding made of corn meal and molasses boiled in a bag.



Wishing you a Christmas package complete with every joy... and wrapped with all the love of those whom you love best!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**STONE STUDIO**

Olton Texas

*Season's Greetings*



At this special time we're sending your way, warmest wishes for Holiday pleasure and joy. May this be the merriest of Yuletides for you and yours.

**DORRIS MACHINERY CO.**

OLTON TEXAS

May the Christmas holidays be filled with brightness for you and yours



**HOUSE OF FLOWERS**

OLTON TEXAS



Robert made a last effort. "But, Mom, I'm almost twenty."

On Christmas Day and you have the three kids, Dad, Grandma and ninety-seven turkey-eating relatives.

**The Meaning**

"And you!" Eudora began gift-wrapping jars of marmalade. "Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ and, to me, a renewal of family ties and traditions."

Robert made one last effort. "But, Mom, I'm almost twenty. I'll be off on my own soon and you mean I'm to drop everything and come tearing home for Christmas until I have a family of my own?"

"I certainly do. Meanwhile, I expect you to observe and enjoy such curious family customs as finding your brothers and sister so you can distribute this candy around the neighborhood."

"I have to call Mary first and tell her the bad news."

**Traditional**

It was an impressive feast and many of these foods are now traditional items to be found on many Christmas tables throughout the country.

The turkey on present-day tables is a domesticated variety of the native wild turkey. Though thoroughly American, the bird acquired a name indicating a foreign origin. This happened because the gobbler was once mistakenly identified with the guinea fowl, a bird imported from Africa.

Growing turkeys today is a big but sometimes exasperating business. Producers report the gobblers are so dull-witted that they will starve with food in front of them, gulp down water until they fall over in a water-logged fit, or stampee themselves silly at a sneeze.

**Pumpkin Pie**

Pumpkins, nutritious and mineral-rich, generally end up in pumpkin pie. Since pre-Columbian times, Indians have planted pumpkins among corn and rated them high as a food source.

Other native foods include potatoes, corn, lima beans, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, squash and garden peppers.

**Mistletoe Legends**

There's more to mistletoe than just its reputation as "the kissing plant." Everyone knows, of course, that, for some reason no one is quite sure about, it's permissible for a boy to kiss the young lady so unlucky (?) as to be caught standing beneath one of these sprigs of green with white berries (a plant, someone has placed on a chandelier—for some young girl to stand under, to be kissed by some young lad... unexpectedly, of course).

All this notwithstanding, it is supposedly an all-healing plant that will ward off poisons and keep animals healthy. At least, this is what the superstitious believed, in earlier days. Some considered it a present from the sun, others a gift from Jupiter. In voodoo rituals, it's the accepted antidote for palsy, apoplexy, epilepsy, and what-have-you.

Druid priests sought mistletoe, preferably growing on an oak tree, "on the sixth night of the moon", so that it might be cut with a golden scythe and caught in the flowing robes of the priests. Thus gathered, and following the sacrifice of two white bulls to show gratitude for the gift, mistletoe was supposed to possess all sorts of magical powers.

The Greeks are generally credited with associating mistletoe with love, as it was used in their marriage rites and the ceremonies of Hymen are reputed to be the forerunners of present usage as a kissing plant.

*Peace on earth...*



Once more the Christmas message is renewed in our hearts. May the spirit-lifting joys of the season be yours.

**HIGHWAY SERVICE STATION**

OLTON, TEXAS

*Season's Greetings*

We extend to you our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage and our best wishes for a holiday season that spreads good cheer all through your house!

**LANNING RADIO & TV**

OLTON TEXAS



*Season's Greetings*

...and warmest wishes to all our friends

**BEV'S BEAUTY BAR**

OLTON TEXAS



*Warm Wishes*

We take a gift of words, wrap it with good cheer, adorn it with a friendly smile, and send it on its way to you and yours. What it is? It's our package of holiday wishes, warmly felt, heartily said. May your Yuletide season be merry and bright... filled with lasting contentment.

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Ambulance Calls Listed

Parson's Ambulance Service brought David Howton to Olton last week after he had spent several weeks in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

John Arnold Hodges, 3 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hodges, was rushed to Plainview Medical Center Saturday, Dec. 10, by Parson's Ambulance.

Also serviced by Parson's Ambulance was W. B. Smith, Sr., of Hale Center, who was taken to Knight's Rest Home in Littlefield Thursday.



TUMBLEWEED-TREE--Debbie Oliver, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Oliver of Hart Camp, inspects a Christmas tree at the Olton school cafeteria.

Percy Parsons Named Chamber's President

Chamber To Move Offices

Director of Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture elected Percy Parsons, local businessman, last Thursday as new president of the Chamber.

Parsons succeeds Emmett Harper, Olton farmer, as president of the C-CA.

In addition to naming new officers, the directors voted to lease a new office for the Chamber.

The office will be located in the building now housing the S-S Hobby Shop. The move will come soon after the first of the year.

Other new officers are James Hall, vice-president, and Allen Johnston, secretary-treasurer.

Hall succeeds Parsons and Johnston takes the post of secretary-treasurer from Fred Thompson.

Emmett Harper, Thompson and four other board members went off the board last week. Other outgoing directors were Joe Harper, Herman Meyer, W.T. Hall Jr. and Eldon Franks.

New directors are Frank Struve, Roy Roberts, James Cowart, and Elmer McGill, farmers; and Dr. Basil Johns, Johnston and Bill Turner, businessmen.

All drew two-year terms except Roberts, who went on the board for Sidney Allen, who resigned as a director recently.

Directors who remained on the board for one more year are Parsons, Hall, Don Spain, Melvin Hines and Lacy Armstrong.

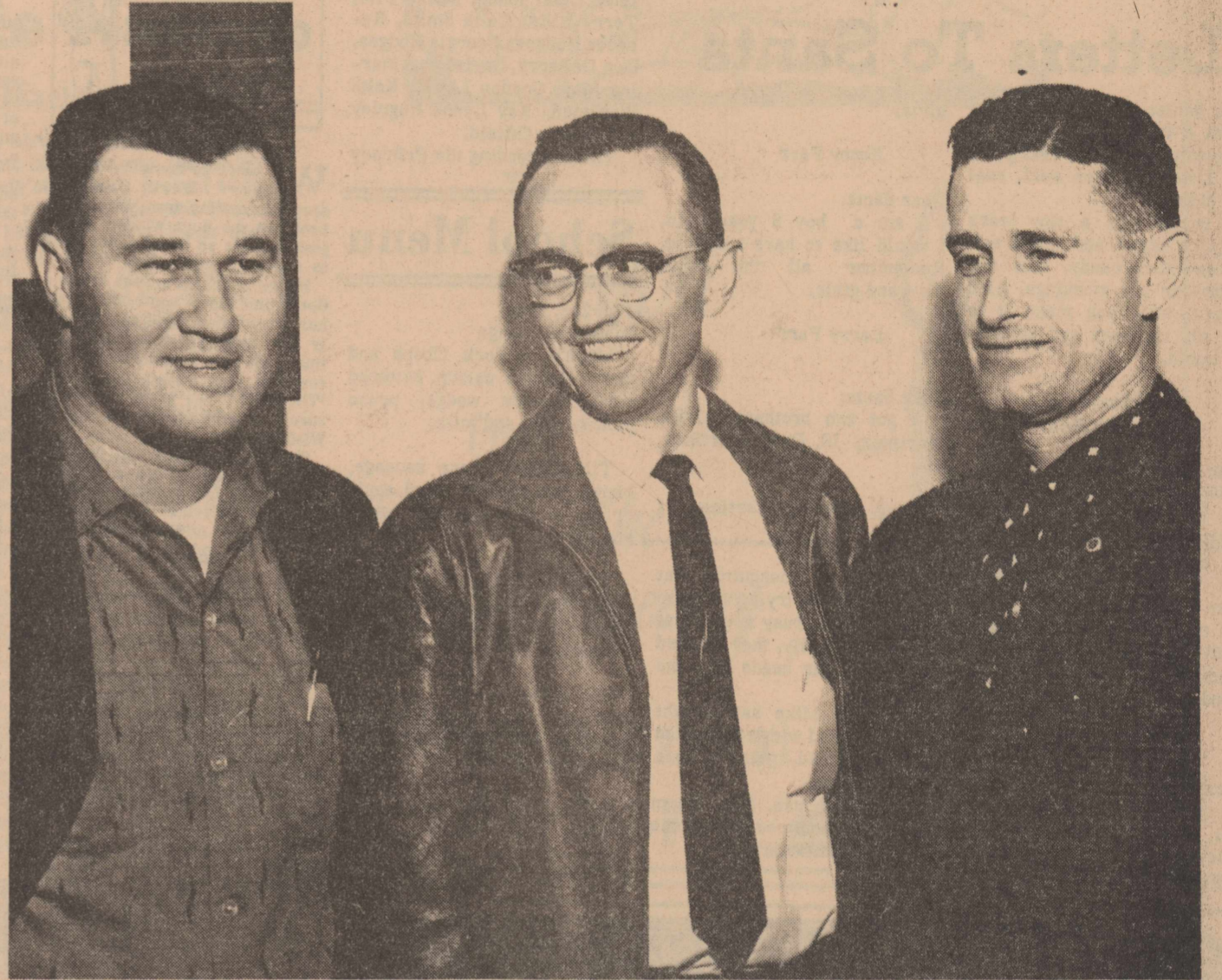
Next big project for the Chamber is the annual banquet, scheduled Feb. 3. Rev. Leon Hill, Amarillo Baptist pastor, will be the speaker.

An all-out membership drive is planned after the first of the year.

Club Members, Husbands Feted

New Century Club members and their husbands were honored with a dinner party last Friday night at the Hilton Hotel Club Room, Plainview.

Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. Owen Jones and Mrs. Murray Snyder were hostesses for the event.



NEW OFFICERS OF CHAMBER--Elected to head the Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture in 1961 was Percy Parsons, center, who moved up from the vice-president's post he held this year. Allen Johnston, left,

is the new vice-president and James Hall, right, is secretary-treasurer. Parsons succeeds Emmett Harper as chief of the Chamber.

Members Of WSCS Honored At Party

Mrs. Dick Cade was hostess last Wednesday for the Christmas program honoring the Womans' Society of Christian Service members of First Methodist Church.

Program leader was Mrs. Owen Norfleet. The devotional was presented by Mrs. Leo Ross Bryant.

The group met at the fellowship hall of the church.

8th Grader Writes Poem On President

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ball of Olton recently received a letter from their grandson, Donald Lee Loveless, an eighth grade student at Mountain Home, Idaho, in which the grandson enclosed a poem about the qualifications of a United States president.

Donald is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Ralph Loveless. Donald's poem shows some deep thinking on his subject. Here it is:

"Our President"

Our President should be a typical man And know the country's place; He should be a man of Christian religion And be of the American race.

He should have been our nations senator Or even a U. N. man; If he has had one long term, Let him try it again.

He must be of at least thirty-five, And a citizen for at least fourteen; He should be concerned with

the world affairs, And make his decision keen.

With honesty he must take his oath, And mean every word he speaks; He must respect our nations security, He must seal the security's leaks.

by Donald Lee Loveless, 8D

Girl Cagers Win, Boys Lose At Tulia Tourney

Olton girls trounced Nazareth, 41-27, to win their opener in the Tulia Invitational basketball tournament Thursday night.

Gayle Nicholas led Olton scorers with 17 points. Jerri Witkowski of Nazareth got 11.

The Olton Boys lost their opening game to Happy, 49-42. Wendell Scribner led the Mustangs with 12 points, while Ronnie Middleton paced Happy with 15.

Olton Asked To Help Needy

Most Olton residents will have a bright and happy Christmas. Some may not. Whether they do or not will depend on how well the rest of the community opens its heart to the needy at Christmas time.

The Chamber of Commerce has announced that the American Legion Hut will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday so that residents may bring gifts for needy families.

The Legion Hut will be open from 2-6 p. m. all three days. "Anything you can bring will help," said Dick Whiteley, Chamber manager. "We also invite anyone interested in helping to gather these gifts to come to the Legion Hall," Whiteley added.



FOOD FOR THE NEEDY--Mrs. R. V. Allcorn, left, Mrs. Billy Smith Jr., center, and Mrs. Max Malone are shown here just before the 1956 Bykota Study Club members

left Dec. 13 to distribute food and toys to needy families in Olton. This is one of the club's projects.

Christmas Story Read At Meet Of Baptist GA

The Christmas story, taken from the second chapter of Luke, was read by Miss Bennie Long Thursday night at a meeting of the 11 and 12-year-old Girls' Auxiliary.

Gifts were exchanged by the girls. They played games and listened to Christmas records. After refreshments were served, the group went Christmas caroling.

Girls present were Misses Paulette Bley, Kathy Burgess, Karen Hipp, Shirley Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Rita Harper, Bennie Long, Janice Long, Linda Waldrop, Charlotte Welles, Jodie Whittle, Jerry Cross and Mrs. W.E. Andrew, G.A. director.

The meeting was held at the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Light and Gene were in Fort Worth recently visiting relatives.

Girl Scout Drive Reaches \$725 Mark

Owen Norfleet, neighborhood chairman of the fundraising campaign for Girl Scouts, has announced the amount of contributions at the present time. The amount contributed is \$725.

Norfleet also said that the campaign will be continued until Dec. 20 to see if the goal of \$1,210 could be reached.

First Graders Exchange Gifts

First graders of H.P. Webb Elementary School had a Christmas party last Friday afternoon. Girls brought a gift for a girl and boys brought a gift for a boy.

Teachers of the first grade are Mrs. J. W. Dale, Mrs. Jimmy Jenkins, Mrs. R. L. Aikman, Mrs. Charles Galloway and Mrs. Robert Samples. There are 132 first grade students.

Spanish Church Has Yule Party

A Christmas Party for the Children's Sunday School Class of the Spanish Church of Christ was held Monday, Dec. 19 at 7 p. m. at the Spanish Chapel. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Ronald Davis, pastor of the church, Mrs. Ronald Davis and Mrs. D. R. Davis were host and hostesses for the party.

Members of the Spanish Church of Christ will work with the Olton Chamber of Commerce to prepare baskets of food for several Spanish families.

Bank To Close Three Days

Olton State Bank will be closed for the holidays Saturday, Sunday and Monday, bank officials announced this week.

The bank will be open for business Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 9 a.m.

Shower To Honor Doniece Silcott

Miss Doniece Silcott will be honored with a pre-nuptial shower Thursday, Dec. 29, at the Garret Bley residence.

She is the bride-elect of Joseph Reid Allen of Andrews. Calling hours are from 2:30 until 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!--This is one of many Olton homes which will be judged in the Annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Home Decorating Contest. Judging is scheduled for Dec. 23. This is the home of Mr. and

Mrs. K. Y. Givens. Residents need not enter the contest, because their homes will be judged for Christmas decorations automatically. Prizes total \$50, to be divided among the first three places.

# Christmas Program Held At Junior High

The Christmas program for Junior High School students was held last Friday morning at the high school auditorium.

Eight students of Harold Carson presented piano numbers, Charles Church played "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and a duo, "The Penquin Parade," was played by Valda Jones and Charles Smith. "Winter Wonderland" was played by Cherry Langford.

Karen Hipp and Linda Waldrop played a duo, "Dance of the Honeybees." Linda also played "White Christmas" and Mike Hipp played "Singing Tower."

A duo, "March Militaire," was played by Mike Williams and Charles Church.

The fifth grade played "Jingle Bells," "Organ Reverie," "Faith of our Fathers," "Dick and Jane" and "Come all you Faithfuls."

Selections played by the Cader Band were "Proudly We Play March," "Yuletide Sketches" and "Holiday in Spain."

Dick Bentz directed the bands. The students sang Christmas carols.

Following the program, the junior high classes had parties in their home rooms.

# Christmas Parties Staged By Sunday School Classes

Christmas parties for the Primary I and II Sunday School Classes of the First Baptist Church were held separately Thursday afternoon. The church was the scene for the parties.

Fifteen children attended the party for the Primary I class. Mrs. Floyd Gray, Mrs. Jack Snider and Mrs. Gene Cade, teachers, were present.

Films about the Christmas story were shown and games were played. Refreshments of Christmas cookies and sandwiches, candy canes and hot chocolate were served.

The children attending were Barbara Buckner, Lisa Collins, Lisa Johns, Debra Fite, Terry Ellis, Celia Smith, Rebecca Hodges, Georgia Hodges, Don DeBerry, Gayle Long, Marlas May, Gordon Lewis, Keith Workman, Kay Lynne Huguely and Bonnie Offield.

Those attending the Primary II party were James Hackler, Terry Fite, Phillip Waldrop, Robert Shaw, David Turner, Fred Barron, Gaynette Edwards, Brenda Leathers, Deborah Ball, Halle Whittle, Tommie Lewis and a guest, Vandra Nichols and Friona. Teachers present were Mrs. Elmer Lewis and Mrs. Royce Collins.

Games were played and refreshments were served. Gifts were presented to all of the children from that particular department of the church.



By Elizabeth Shafer

It was the day before Christmas. The man at the lot said, "I can give you this bigger tree for the same price, lady."

Mary Carstairs said quickly, "No, thank you, this is just the right size. Will you put it in the car for me, please?"

The man set the tiny, perfectly formed fir tree on the back seat of the car. "There you are, lady. Merry Christmas."

Mary Carstairs looked at him, startled. "Thank you," she said. She got into the car and drove off, a young woman with dark, sad eyes, her face unnaturally thin.

"No, Thank you."

"How about a little angel for the top of the tree? On special sale, since tomorrow is Christmas."

Mary Carstairs stared at the delicately featured, smiling angel with the tinsel wings. "Yes, Yes—I will take that."

Holiday Air

She moved quickly through the pushing crowds, carrying her parcel. She put the ornaments into the back seat of the car, beside the little tree, and drove through the streets of the town. Windows were gay with holiday offerings, the streets swarmed with laughing, last-minute shoppers. Decorations were hung across the street: loops of evergreen, wreaths and candles, gigantic candy canes. A loudspeaker was blaring, "Joy to the World."

Mary Carstairs drove out of town, past the houses with their reindeer and Santa's sleigh on the front lawns, the three wise men, the shepherds, and the manger. She did not look at the manger.

It was dusk, and already there were lighted candles and wreaths with colored lamps in the windows of the houses that she passed. Through the picture window she could see the families—mothers and fathers, boys and girls—laughing and eager, decorating the trees.

# Golden Agers Attend Yule Party Thursday

Twenty-six Golden Agers attended a Christmas party last Thursday at the American Legion Hut. Also attending were Mrs. Tom Smith and Mrs. Joe Chester, regular sponsors of the Golden Age social hour.

"The Solitary Life," was presented by Mrs. Chester. Lee Sherman gave a reading, "The Psalm of Life" and C.T. Mason read a jingle.

Members sang Christmas songs as they were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Ruth Roebuck. Gifts also were exchanged.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Mrs. Dora Walthall, Mrs.

Anne Pavelka, Mrs. Bessie Cowart, and Mrs. Jodie Morris.

Refreshments of cookies and coffee were served. Those attending were Mrs. C.M. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Souter, Mrs. Anna Martens, Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Langley, Mrs. Edith Walling, Mrs. Eula Wills, Mrs. Cora Wozencraft, Mrs. Nellie Turner, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Kennedy, Mrs. Walthall, Mrs. Roebuck, Mrs. M. A. McCraw, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Holland, Mrs. G.T. Galloway, A. J. Malone, Mrs. Pavelka, Mrs. Bessie Cowart, Mrs. T. Combest, and C.T. Mason.

# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:

I'm a little girl 5 years old. I haven't been real, real good, but I haven't been real, real bad either.

I would like a tiny tears dolly, a piano and some new dishes—also candy, nuts and fruits for my stockings. Also Santa I hope you make it to see all the boys and girls in the world.

Love always,  
Sherry Burgess

Dear Santa Clause:

We want two basket of kittens and two mother cats and two buggies and sgray Bath and one set of dishes and one car and one TV dog and one camel, from Glenda and Kaye and Bobby and two wash machine and two wash machine and two sewing machine and one firetruck one rainder.

from Glenda Kaye Bobby

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 5 years old. I would like to have a Tricycle for Christmas. Don't forget all the other boys and

girls.

Kenny Farr

Dear Santa,

I am a boy 8 years old. I would like to have a bicycle. Remember all the other boys and girls.

Larry Farr

Dear Santa:

I got two brothers, Alvino Martinez, 10, David Martinez, 5.

Gonzalo Martinez, 11

Plagued by mosquitos, Pat and Mike were trying to sleep and were kept busy swatting at the pests. Finally, they decided to cover their heads with the sheets.

Suddenly Mike sat upright in the bed, and with a disgusted air complained, pointing to a lighting bug:

"It's no use, Pat. Them danged mosquitos has come after us with lanterns."

# School Menu

Jan. 2-6, 1960

Subject to change

MONDAY--Pork Chops and gravy, tomato catsup, buttered corn, lettuce wedge, prune plums, rolls and milk.

TUESDAY--Vienna sausage, brown beans, potato salad, apple crisp, corn bread and butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY--Chili burgers, potato soup and crackers, lettuce and tomato salad, orange slices and milk.

THURSDAY--Meat loaf and catsup, escalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, rolls and butter and milk.

FRIDAY--Ham, hominy, candied sweet potatoes, pineapple and cheese salad, rolls and butter and milk.



By Shirley Sargent

We can't go home for Christmas," Bart Stockton scowled, looking from the checkbook out the huge window at the Joshua trees so he wouldn't have to meet his wife's eyes.

Peggy Stockton's eyes were a deep blue that contrasted with her short honey-blond hair. Usually her eyes sparkled, but now they reflected astonishment, sorrow and then welled with tears.

"Oh, Bart," she cried, "are you sure we can't manage a trip to Wisconsin?"

Grimly he said, "I'm positive we can't even afford a holiday week-end in Los Angeles. Our first Christmas together will have to be right here on the desert."

Hard Luck

"No snow," Peggy was staring out at the hot sand. "No family, no fire in the fireplace... why can't we go by bus if we can't afford to fly?"

"Hon, look around you!" Bart was tall, tanned, crew-cut and, at the bleak moment, careworn beyond his twenty-two years.

"We're broke because we bought the air conditioner and the TV and because I'm not a good manager."

The Stocktons had been married in September and came straight to the modern, cement brick "hideaway" which constituted the manager's headquarters at the big desert trailer park belonging to Bart's father. They had swum, sunbathed, hiked and ridden horseback, weather permitting, reveling in the relaxing atmosphere of palms, Joshua, endless sand, and week-ends at Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas. That and each other had been enough until they had begun thinking of family, friends and winter with a certain homesickness.

Once determined on a "wonderful" Christmas to match the rest of their life, Peggy ordered a tree, greenery, lights and holly and told Bart how much it all would cost. "We can't do it and send home presents too," Bart exploded.

"We can borrow," Peggy said heatedly. "It's bad enough not to go home. At least, we can have a tree. Your father will understand."

"Oh, sure he will," Bart said bitterly. "He'll understand his own son is such a poor manager he can't even live on a generous salary."

"Hush!" Peggy clung to him. "We're quarreling! You're right, we must economize even if we celebrate Christmas without a tree."

Visiting

That night she did some thinking about Bart's job, their future and the need for economizing. The next day she visited some of the trailers and then spent several mornings off on the desert.

Surprised

He came home early that afternoon to find Peggy on the patio surrounded by tumbleweeds, egg shells, pieces of manzanita and tin cans. "What's this trash doing here?" He sent a tumbleweed sailing with his foot.

"Don't do that! These things are our Christmas decorations, not trash!"

"Christmas decorations! Are you crazy?"

Peggy laughed. "I guess it looks like it, but one of the trailer women taught me how to scavenge. I'll just spray this tumbleweed white, then paint these egg shells blue and hang them on it. We'll make a picturesque candle holder out of crooked manzanita. Then I'll spray..."

Bart stopped her again with a kiss. "You've convinced me that we'll have the snazziest decorations and I have the prettiest wife on the whole desert."

"When we're through," Peggy murmured, "there'll be two good managers in our family, not just one, and we'll give Santa Claus a hand."

Bart sighed happily. "Hand me that can of spray."

Purposeful

At Hempstead's department store, she moved slowly, purposefully through the crowded, festive aisles. When she came to the counter with the Christmas decorations laid out in shining rows of red and green, blue, pink, silver and gold, she waited quietly until a clerk came.

"I want six of the small blue ones," she said, pointing. "Six of the red, six of the gold."

"They're cheaper by the dozen, ma'am. Wouldn't you like to make that two dozen all together?"

"No, Thank you. That's all I need."

"Wouldn't you like some tinsel—or a box of artificial snow?"

"No, Just these."

"We have a good bargain on lights."

A Mission

She drove on, and at the end of the street she turned the car onto the side road leading away from the town and through the carved pillars with their iron gates.

"Memorial Cemetery," the sign said. "Gates close at 5:30 p.m."

When she had come to the place, she stopped the car and got out. She carried the little tree and the package of ornaments across the grass, between the headstones. Kneeling, she began to work, swiftly, utterly absorbed. She set up the tree, adorned it with the ornaments of red and blue and gold. At the very last, she took the sweet-faced angel with the tinsel wings and fastened it securely atop the tiny tree.

She stood up, brushing her hands on her coat, and looked at her handiwork, looked at the little headstone which read: "Mary Louise, infant daughter of Charles and Mary Carstairs, born February 5, died September 21."

She stared dry-eyed at the words cut into the stone, then turned and walked slowly back to the car. In the car she hesitated, looked back.

The little tree stood bravely in the fading light, its ornaments gleaming against the softness of the tree.



"I want six of the small blue ones," she said, pointing. "Six of the red, six of the gold."

Peace on Earth  
Good Will  
Toward  
Men

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

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She clung to him. "Hush! We're quarreling. We must economize, even if we celebrate Christmas without a tree."

**GREETINGS**

Christmas...a time to rejoice  
as we hear again the message of  
the Babe of Bethlehem, told in  
song and story. Christmas... a  
holy time. May it bring you peace.

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with family and friends around  
the tree...to exchange gifts and  
greetings. Christmas... a happy  
time. May it bring you joy + + +

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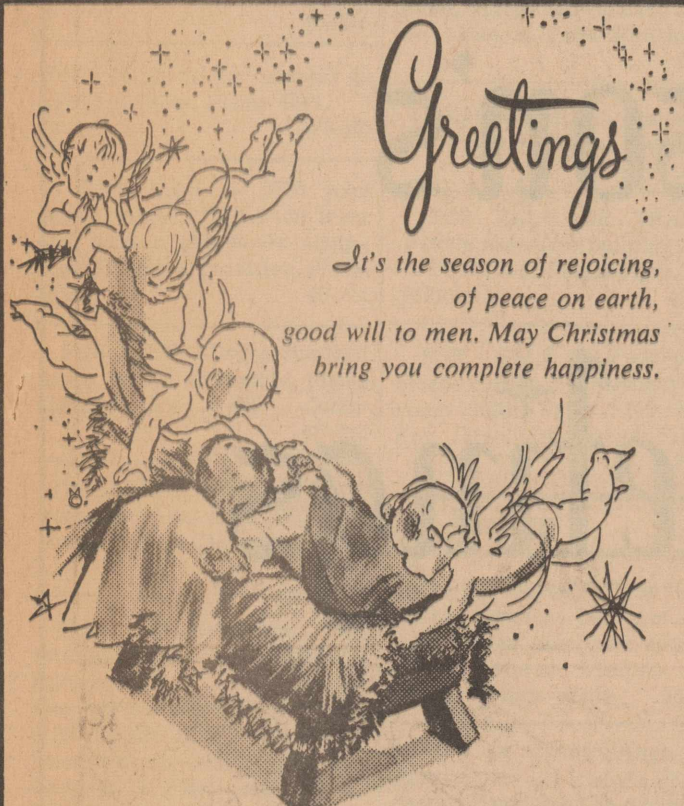
# Letters To The Editor



May a wreath of good fellowship and happiness be round you and yours during this Holiday Season... this is our most sincere wish.

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*It's the season of rejoicing, of peace on earth, good will to men. May Christmas bring you complete happiness.*

**MUSTANG THEATRES**

Olton Texas

Dear Editor,  
Would you please publish this letter so that my friends might join me in remembering a 12-year old handicapped boy, Tony Lee Sessa, His address is 51 Collidge St., SW Grand Rapids, Michigan.

While an Intermediate in Sunday School, I secured Tony's name from some of our literature. Tony's mother was asking that cards and letters be sent to him as this was (and is) his only past time. Tony has lost the use of both arms, both limbs and the sight in one eye. I would especially like for Tony to have an enjoyable Christmas this year, because the doctors have said that this will be the last Christmas he will have any eyesight.

As any parent of a handicapped child knows, family funds can soon be exhausted due to many hospital trips. In Grand Rapids, the community Santa only remembers those children who are under twelve years of age, so this will leave Tony without any gifts from that area.

Any inexpensive gift or card would be greatly appreciated by both Tony and his parents. Tony's undying faith in God and his bright outlook for the future makes it impossible for him not to be loved.

I see so much suffering and sickness in nursing, my profession, that this year I'm considering good health as true wealth.

Wishing all of you a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Your Friend  
Beverly Eby

This letter appeared in the Corpus Christi Caller several years ago and we think it's a most worth while letter to Santa Claus.

An open letter to Santa Claus: It has been a long time since I have written to you.

I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

ALL THE GLORIOUS bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken,

or tarnished and tearstained. Please bring me a few of those toys that I once had, the stirring bubble of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrror of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul, and the lodestar of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have, but now I repent my carelessness, and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

I will hang my empty heart right by the chimney, Santa, and please this is what I want. Give me a large basket of forgetfulness with which to cover up all loneliness and empty brooding. A large box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears; leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer, and please, Santa leave quite a lot of plain old fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness, and tolerance that I can share freely with friends and neighbors.

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## Springlake News

By Betty Matlock

Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Jordan of Childress visited Friday with Mrs. Myrtle Clayton.

Mrs. Arlan Bibby and Mrs. James Packard took Jimmy Lee back to Lubbock Friday for an examination. The doctor's report was good.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Matlock were host and hostess to a hamburger supper last Friday night for their Junior II Training Union Class. Those enjoying grilled barbecue hamburger with all the trimmings were, Cynthia Busby, Nancy Alair, Jacqueline and Revecca Paris, Tresea McClure, Debbie Watson and Alicia Washington. Others present were Susan Paris, Steve and Stephanie Owens, Mrs. Helen Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Alair, Earl Parish, Sammie and Debbie Matlock and the host and hostess.

Mrs. Joyce Goodman and daughter, Twila, of Lubbock and Mrs. G. R. Smith and niece, Rhonda Gullett, of Olton, visited here Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Parish visited Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Clayton. Doug has just completed boot camp and will go on to Seattle Washington, where he will await other orders.

Mrs. Velma Baker was in Littlefield Monday to visit the sick of the community, who are in the Littlefield Hospital.

Claude Davis of Lubbock was honored with a dinner on

his birthday last Sunday in the home of his parents, the Ashley Davis'es. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hicks of Muleshoe, Mrs. Davis and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hopping attended funeral services in Littlefield Sunday for his uncle, Blayne Pam of Littlefield.

Rev. M. D. Baldwin, Everett Baldwin, and Anna Williams of Midlothian, took the following boys to Plainview last Friday night to see the Go-Kart Races: Noble Miller, Jimmy Stone, Gene Jones, Leon Green, Jerry Don Sanders, Ray Tom Packard, and Danny Parish.

Everett Baldwin of Corpus Christi and his friend, Anna Williams of Midlothian and Penn Jones of Midlothian spent the Thanksgiving Holidays with Rev. and Mrs. Milton Baldwin.

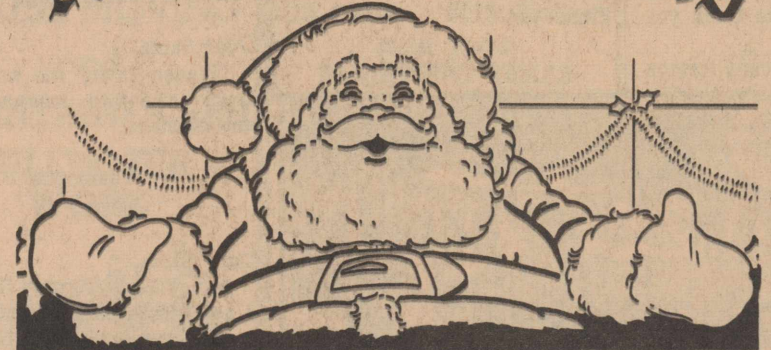
The E. R. Hales of Vanita Oklahoma recently visited Mr. Myrtle Clayton. The Hales are former teachers of Springlake school.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bearden

took their Sunday School classes to Olton to bowl Friday night. The Juniors going were, Cynthia Busby, Carolyn Hucks, Jacqueline Parish, Nancy Alair, Alicia Washington, Sharon Bushy, Steve Owens, Jimmy Alair, Ricky Byers and Randy Washington. Also Phil and Ann Bearden.

Bearden were chosen from the Springlake Baptist Church as King and Queen candidates for "M" night at the Earth Baptist Church Monday night. Mrs. Thelma McClanahan was in Littlefield Monday, and visited with Mrs. Les Watson, Mrs. W. O. Watson Sr., and Mrs. Lois McClanahan. All are patients in the Littlefield Hospital.

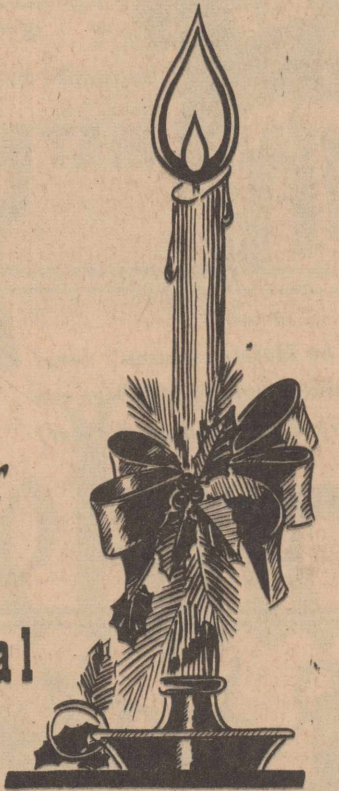
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From  
*The Employees of*

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# CHRISTMAS JOY

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# Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
Here I am writing you this letter of the things I want for Christmas. I want a Bicycle. Thank you

Alberto Ramos

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a wrecker and a service station.

Kerry Cosby,  
Gen. Del.  
Olton, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Here I am writing you this letter because I want to tell you what I want for Christmas and I want a horse think you

Jhony Ramos

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am writing you this letter because I want a Doll and a wagon for the Doll for Christmas. Thank you

Lupe Ramos

Dear Santa,  
I'm a little boy 3 years old. Please bring me a cowboy hat, boots, Gun and holster set and candy and fruit.  
Please don't forget my little aunts and uncle in Springlake, Betty and Leon and all the other little boys and girls.

Love,  
Mike Kersh

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a train a truck and two lawman guns and holster.

Thank you  
Steve

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl seven years old. Please bring me a 36-inch doll a viewmaster, and some books. Please come to see all my friends too.

Thank you, Santa,  
Brenda Covington

Dear Santa Claus,  
Here I am writing you this letter of the things I want for Christmas. I want a Bicycles and a little house for my brother Raymond. Thank you

Pasquel Jr. and  
Raymond Ramos

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Vickie, I am 3 years old and my little sister, Diane, is 2 years old. We would like you to bring us a little table and chairs, a set of dishes, a rocker and a red can-can slip apiece. And don't forget all the other kids and my Uncle Melvin way across the ocean.

Vickie and Diane  
Pollis

Hi Santa Claus,  
My name is Johnny Lunsford. I am 22 months old, I have been a pretty good little guy, would you please bring me a tricycle, a horse and lots of little books to look at. Oh and don't forget the candy, and please don't forget a little boy or girl anywhere.

Johnny Lunsford

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tommy Hankins. I am four years old and I have been a pretty good boy this year. Alex, my brother, is almost two years old, and he has been pretty good too.

So would you please bring us something really nice for Christmas? Alex wants a "choo-choo" train, sometinker toys and a Teddy bear.

I would like to have a two-wheeler with bouncing wheels, a Fanner 50 and some toy cowboys and horses.

Love from Tommy  
and Alex Hankins

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a Jon Gnagy learn to draw set for Christmas. Also I would like some liquid chalk. And a three year old doll sized-bedroom set. And a full stocking.

Love you,  
Paulette McFadden

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm a little girl and I'm seven years old and I want a big baby dolly and a ironing board and a hot iron and a drink machine. Dandy is my little sister and she would like a dolly too and some baby toys I guess.  
I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,  
Kathy Turner

Dear Santa,  
I have really tried to be a good little girl this year. I can help my Mommie dry the dishes. Please bring me a doll and doll stroller. My baby brother would like something too. I love you.

Brynea Allcorn

Dear Santa,  
It sure is hard to be good all the time but I'm still trying. I would like a football helmet with a face guard and real football pants. Also I sure do need a Paladin gun set. Bradley isn't big enough for boys but he would like something too.

Bryan Allcorn

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Ken and I'm two. I want two shoots and a holster, too. And a horse.  
I love you.

Ken Turner

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me some skates and a record player with records for Christmas.  
I am 6 years old.  
I go to school in Olton.  
My teacher's name is Mrs. Alkman.

Love,  
Debbie Oliver

Dear Santa,  
I would like for Christmas a football suit and cork pistol. On the football suit I would like blue and white letters. My sister Leisa would like a doll that says mama and a sewing machine. I am 10 years of age and my sister is 5.

Sincerely yours,  
Danny, Leisa Collins

Dear Santa,  
Since it is getting about that time of the year---Christmas time, I thought I would write you a letter and tell you what I would like for you to bring to me.

First, I suppose that I should tell you that I have been a good boy. (Most of the time . . . well, part of the time!)

I would like for you to please bring me a two-wheeler with bouncing wheels ( a bicycle with guide wheels) and a tractor and a Rifleman gun.

Please remember Tommy and Alex, my cousins, and all of the other little boys and girls everywhere.

Love from  
Stevie Warren



**At Christmas**

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 Mr. and Mrs. James Benson Piper of Olton became the parents of a girl, Glenda Faye, Dec. 13 at 9:30 p.m. Glenda weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces at birth in the Olton Community Hospital and Clinic.  
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### It's Good Thing Santa Doesn't Have To Use Lamb Highways

Santa has never failed to make his rounds yet, possibly because he uses an air-borne sleigh for transportation. But judging from the record, if the jolly old gent had to use Lamb County highways, he might not get to your house for Christmas.

So far this year, automobile accidents have killed six persons, injured 55, and have caused property damage amounting to \$63,585 in this county.

In November the Highway Patrol investigated 16 accidents in this county. These wrecks accounted for one person killed, five injured, and property damage of \$8,352.

"Ninety-seven persons were killed in Texas automobile mishaps during the Christmas-New Year holiday period last year," Highway Patrol Sergeant D. S. Lawson of Littlefield warned. "Sixty-eight per cent of these deaths occurred on rural roads and highways. Therefore, motorists should drive with caution when making holiday trips this year."

The Department of Public Safety has predicted 90 traffic deaths during the 1960 Christmas holiday season. But in an effort to reduce that grim

figure, the Department of Public Safety has assigned all officers to round-the-clock duty using all means available to rid the highways of those twin menaces to public safety--the drinking driver and the speeding driver.

### Judging Set On Decorations

Judging in the annual Olton Chamber of Commerce Christmas Home Decorating Contest will be Friday, Dec. 23, according to Dick Whitely, manager.

Judges will drive throughout town to see home decorations. Residents need not enter the contest; their homes will be judged for Christmas decorations automatically.

Prizes are \$25 for first place, \$15 for second and \$10 for third.

### Trotter Home Scene Of Party

Mrs. Gene Trotter was hostess last Wednesday night for a Wesleyan Service Guild Christmas party. The Trotter home was the scene for the occasion. A devotional was presented by Mrs. Trotter. Members exchanged gifts.

Those present were Meses. Marshall Stone, Roy Aikman, Gerald Bizzell, Joe Harper, Conner Parsons, Jim Williams, Leslie Gordon, Bob Daugherty, Lester Thompson, Billy McAllister, Bailey Hair, Wilbur Gaede, Raiford Daniel and the hostess.

### METHODIST CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Methodist Church in Hart is planning to have one worship service on Christmas day at 10 in the morning, Sunday School and the evening activities will be dismissed.

### CAROLS TO BE HEARD

The Methodist Men of the Hart church have supervised the repair of the turntable and loudspeaker system in the church building and Christmas carols will be played throughout the Christmas season.



By D. L. Alexander

HE stood in the middle of the block with a group of children about him. Passersby would glance at him and the children, and go on their way smiling. He was dressed in the regulation Santa Claus uniform, whiskers and all, and carried a small bell in one hand. Across his front hung a large cardboard with the lettering: "Christmas Bazaar open at the Methodist Church."

He had stood in the place, before the Union Bank, all morning, talking to the admiring children, asking them what they wanted him to bring them, laughing as he promised their requests.

Two men came down the street, apparently window shopping. One of them lingered in front of a store, but the other proceeded slowly onward. He glanced at Santa Claus in front of the bank, and without hesitating moved on.

Santa looked up shortly afterward to see both men coming through the crowd toward him. He turned pale under his mask as he recognized them and turned about as if to go across the street. At that moment a car came silently up and the door was opened.



It was the noon hour when Santa took his station in front of the bank.

"Inside, Mister," one of the men coming through the crowd said.

Santa stepped into the car and was whisked away leaving the disappointed children behind.

It was the noon hour when Santa again took his station in front of the bank. A group of watchful kids immediately gathered, and Santa began laughing and joking with them.

A half hour went by, and a car pulled to the curb behind Santa. Two men alighted, cast searching looks up and down the street, and walked toward the bank door. Santa raised one arm and began ringing his bell. The four men along the street came alive instantly and converged on him. Santa turned to face the car behind him. Only one man was in it,

and the motor was running. Santa pulled a gun and covered him.

"Hold it, Buddy. Cross your hands on the steering wheel and keep them there."

"What's coming off, Bill?" he demanded.

"Bill isn't here," Santa replied.

"He's at central station cooling off his feet and answering questions. I'm taking his place temporarily."

A minute later the crowd was amazed to see the six men come out of the bank, two of them handcuffed. They went across the walk to the car and two of the men and the handcuffed men entered. Santa Claus crowded into the front seat, the gun still in his hand.

"It's the central police station," he directed.

At the station Captain Hensley, who had just come on duty, sat behind the desk glowering at the men lined before him.

"Who are you?" he asked Santa Claus.

"Just a plain private eye by the name of Richard Layne," was the answer.

"All right. Take that hideous mask off."

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### Mission Study Is Planned By Methodists

Olton First Methodist Church will sponsor a church-wide mission study beginning Jan. 8 and continuing each Sunday through the month.

The study, "Stumbling Block," by Dr. Douglas C. Jackson deals with the alcohol problem and the Christian's responsibility with this problem.

Each Sunday at 6 p.m. will be a snack supper in the Fellowship Hall followed by study groups from 6:30 to 7:30 and from 7:30 to 7:45 a combined group meditation. The groups are planned for Junior High age persons through adults.

### BABY BORN TO FORMER RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Kevo Earl Dallas of Portales, N.M., are the parents of a boy, Kevo Earl Jr., born Dec. 6 in Portales. Kevo Earl weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces at birth. Kevo has one sister, Pamela who is 2 years old.

Mrs. Dallas is the former Mary Jane Adams.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Buford Adams, formerly of Olton, now of Portales. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Cora Dallas. Maternal great-grandfather is J.H. Adams of Maud.

### About Decorations

Keep the following points in mind when decorating your home for the yule season.

1. Include some symbol of the season in your decoration plans. A Nativity scene would be ideal. Have some kind of religious decoration or your decorations will be incomplete.

2. Encourage your children to help in the decorating.

3. Fresh flowers such as blooming poinsettias add that extra something to your arrangements.

### Birthday Party Honors Two Olton Children

Karen Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kennedy, and her friend, Mark Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Kennedy, were honored Dec. 14 with a birthday party. The party was given at the Les Kennedy home.

Mark was celebrating his fourth birthday and Karen was celebrating her fifth birthday.

The table was centered with a white cake shaped similar to a snowman. Other decorations carried out the Christmas theme. Slices of cake and pink punch were served.

Those present were Chuck Kennedy, Virginia Moss, Stevie and Vickie Kennedy, Teresa and Billy Wayne Griffith, Roger Clark and the honorees.

### Cotrell Home Scene Of Dinner

The Gene Cotrell home was the setting Dec. 9 for a Christmas dinner honoring Rebecca Sunday School Class members of the First Baptist Church and their husbands.

A turkey and ham dinner was served to the group. Following the dinner, games of "42" were played.

Those attending were Messers, and Meses, Roland Green, Archie Sorley, W.C. Gunter Jr., A. G. Huguley, Glen Gipson, Walter Lewis, W.E. Andrew, Jimmy Jenkins, Kenneth Campbell, George Baron, Mrs. Roy Hooper, Teacher, and the host and hostess.

### MRS. PORTER HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Ray Porter was hospitalized in the Collin Memorial Hospital in McKinney with a broken ankle on Dec. 2. Mrs. Porter was accompanied to McKinney by her mother, Mrs. W. Donald of Slaton. She returned to Olton Dec. 11.

### Bykota Club Meets In Home Of Mrs. Malone

The 1956 Bykota Study Club met Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Malone. Members answered the roll call with the name of their favorite television program.

Mrs. Bobby Copeland appears on the program, chooses "Children, Their Problems, Your Solutions," as the topic for her speech.

The Bykotas brought food to the meeting and distributed it to some Olton families one of their Christmas projects.

Those attending were Meses. Daryl Machen, Bill Lunsford, Roger Bartling, Jerry Dennis, Andy Stroebel, J.P. Nafziger, R.V. Allcorn, Max Malone, Billy Smith, Dan Quigley and Joe Hall.

A dinner dance for the members and their husbands will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Hilton Hotel, Plainview.

Aluminum is classed as the earth's most abundant metal.

Lots of warm wishes from all of us to all of you!

We sincerely hope your holiday season is something to sing about!

**GREETINGS**

**Parley's Barber Shop**

Olton, Texas

**Joy at Christmas**

The time of happy hearts and uplifted spirits is with us now in all its glory. And, at this glad season, our special wish is for you... a sincere wish that this may be your best Christmas ever... rich in happiness, friendships and lasting spiritual joy.

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Olton, Texas

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

*A* Star shining in the East ... angels singing ... a Holy Babe lying in a manger ... and on earth, Peace, Good Will to All Men—these are part of the true, deep meaning of Christmas. And now, as the world glows with the sights and sounds of Christmas ... as happy voices sing the story of His birth, our wish for you is that you may find in this wonderful season abiding spiritual comfort and joy.



We wish You All a Very  
Happy Holiday Season

# OLTON CO-OP GIN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

The author of this wonderful old hymn was John Francis Wade, a man whose business apparently was to copy music for religious institutions and wealthy families. He was an Englishman by birth but had moved to France when he wrote the hymn.

In 1774 he set it to music, which with few changes is still used. Its popularity in all English speaking countries is universal. Hardly a congregation fails to sing it at Christmas time.

The author leads us with triumphant song to the cave of the Nativity in Bethlehem, shows us the Babe and bids us adore him. Next we are given an explanation of what we see; it is not a human infant, but God. The language is taken literally from the ancient Greek creeds of the fourth century.



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS HYMNS

The Colorado Blue Spruce, the Black Hill Spruce, or the Alcona Spruce are the most preferable trees for use as Christmas trees.

Legend has it that before the Crucifixion the berries of Christmas Holly were white instead of red as now.



Silent Night

This truly great Christmas hymn was written in 1818 by an Austrian, Reverend Joseph Mohr, an assistant pastor in the tiny village of Oberndorf, Austria. In this typical Austrian village it was the custom for a band of strolling players to put on a crude show illustrating the Christmas story. In 1818 the play was given at the home of a wealthy ship-owner who invited Reverend Mohr as a special guest.

The hospitality and touching simplicity of the performance was such an inspiring experience to the young pastor that when he returned to his home he sat down and wrote what has proven to be one of the favorite-Christmas songs of all times. On the next morning Mohr took his carol to a friend who was or-

ganized at the church and asked him to set it to music. The task was completed by nightfall and the composition was sung at the Oberndorf church in the Christmas Eve service. The little church in which Silent Night was first sung was washed away in a flood in 1899. Another was soon built, a small six-sided chapel of stone and stucco. A bronze bas-relief represents Pastor Mohr looking out of the window of heaven as he listens to children on earth singing his hymn.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

In 1865 Bishop Phillips Brooks, a young rector in Philadelphia went abroad for a year of travel and to make a pilgrimage to Palestine. On Christmas Eve he rode on horse-

back from Jerusalem to Bethlehem and visited not only the usual sights in the village, but went down to the traditional field of the shepherds. He visited the field where they say the shepherds saw the star. Also the site of the Nativity.

With these experiences in mind, young Brooks returned to Philadelphia and wrote for a Sunday school Christmas celebration the exquisite lyric, O Little Town of Bethlehem. The music was composed by Brooks' organist and superintendent of the school.

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

This is one of the most famous of Charles Wesley's 6,500 hymns. It was written in 1738.

The original poem had 10 stanzas. The story of the angels visit to the shepherd is in the first stanza; in the 5th all men are summoned to join the celebration. Stanzas 3, 4, 6-10 turn to prosaic theological teaching.

Joy to the World

This hymn was written in 1719 by Isaac Watts, who wrote his first religious song before he was 15. Joy to the World is an imitation of Psalms 98 with reminiscences of Genesis 3 and Romans 5. This old Jewish Psalm became a Christmas song of rejoicing - a Christmas carol. It is one of the most joyous Christmas hymns in existence, not in the sense of merry-making, but in the deep and solemn realization of what Christ's birth has meant to mankind.



Christmas Ideas:

Helpful Hints for the Holidays

Cocoa puffs are another child's favorite. Combine 4 cups fine vanilla wafers, 1/2 cup cocoa and 1/4 cup light corn syrup. Add 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 cup finely chopped nuts and 1/2 cup orange juice. Add enough liquid to make the mixture stick together. Roll into tiny balls, dip in powdered sugar and chill. This recipe makes 50 cocoa puffs and is just right to satisfy all sweet teeth.

Spiced crabapples are especially tasty when baked for a few minutes and served hot. Sprinkle with a little sugar, and then slip them under the broiler. Use on a ring of parsley surrounding the turkey.

Coconut marshmallows are fun to make. Just dip the marshmallows in slightly beaten egg white and roll them in shredded coconut. This is especially pretty at Christmas time if you tint the coconut red or green.

Fill baked Rome Beauty apples with hot spiced cranberry sauce for breakfast on Christmas Day.

Fruit-filled cookies will not break and crumble so easily as other types when mailed in Christmas boxes.

You can move your holiday centerpiece from table to mantel to buffet to add variety to the more "permanent" decorations.

Use a turkey-shaped cookie cutter to make a jellied cranberry sauce cutout to garnish a bowl of Waldorf salad.

What is thought to be the first electrically lighted Christmas tree was hung in 1896 in the lobby of San Francisco's Palace hotel. It had 800 lights.

When buying kitchen equipment for gifts, see that it is strongly constructed, well balanced and has firmly attached handles.

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from early Danish custom of blowing in the Yule with four hymns representing the four corners of the world.

Even if you run short of holiday time, be sure to use the kind of pen suggested on your commercial cake mix labels if you want good results with your cake. It will be what that company has found to give best results with its recipe.

You can make finger paint for children by pouring liquid starch on non-absorbent paper and sprinkling powdered paint on top. Fingers will do the rest.

Your shopping will go smoother and be less fatiguing if you plan to shop when the stores are least busy—usually in the early morning and early afternoon.

Steam your plum pudding several days before Christmas and store it in an air-tight container to cut down last-minute preparation for your Christmas dinner.

Relieve your child's holiday tension by giving him something positive to do instead of telling him what not to do.



Legends of Christmas BELLS

In olden times, bells were considered almost human. They were said to have the power to ward off enemies and evil spirits and stave off storms. They were given names of Saints and baptised at elaborate ceremonies.

Many people believed if church bells were not baptised, they would have no power and harm could come to them. Supposedly, two bells not baptised, were stolen by the Devil and drowned in a pond. The only time they were again heard ringing was at Christmas.

Another story tells of a very sinful town in Holland where Christ walked the streets in the form of a beggar. He asked for food and shelter but the townspeople being very wicked, laughed and made fun of Him. So Christ sent great waves to cover the whole town; but on Christmas Eve the sound of church bells could be heard coming from the

exact spot where the village once stood.

In many countries it was customary to ring the biggest bell, as if for a funeral, for one hour before midnight. It was called "tolling the Devil's knell." At the end of this hour all the little bells were merrily rung. This meant the Devil had died and at midnight Christmas was born.

In Germany, an old belief is that bells that had been buried in the ground during the war for safe keeping, could be heard ringing again on Christmas Eve by all who listened with the right faith.

So this year, as in many past, the joyous peeling of bells at Christmas will ring the rejoicing news to all mankind that the Christ is born in Bethlehem.

The poinsettia plant, so popular at Christmastime in this country, was discovered in Mexico in 1828.

To all... We extend our warmest Christmas greetings OLTON BAKERY

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Christmas Greetings Good cheer to you and yours! We're wishing you the merriest, brightest Christmas ever. May you enjoy all the pleasures of giving and receiving... and may your heart and home be warm with the lasting treasures of love and fellowship. SANDERS-PARIS CO. INC. Phone 5351 Olton, Texas

THE CHRISTMAS EVE GUNMAN

BY WILLIAM L. ROPER

DARKNESS had come early. Outside the snow-laden winds of a December blizzard howled mournfully against the plate glass windows of the Milltown State Bank. The streets were almost deserted, except for a few belated, last-minute Christmas Eve shop-

pers, struggling home with arms filled with packages. Joshua Watterson, the thin, gray-haired bank president, sat hunched over his desk near the entrance in front of a huge, old-fashioned wall safe. A desk lamp illuminated the ledger pages which he studied carefully. The bank's doors were closed, but Joshua's task of checking the day's business would keep him busy for another hour. Suddenly a shadow fell across his page and he looked up. "Joshua," said the tall, pink-cheeked man standing beside his chair. "We've got to get rid of that

Christmas tree wiring. This is the third year we've used it and the illumination's getting worn. Today the tree toppled over against the wall safe there and I got a nasty shock." Old Joshua grinned wryly. "I always said banking was a dangerous business." Suddenly he frowned and his pale, blue eyes became stern. "What were you looking for in my safe, Bob?" "The Bollentree mortgage," Bob said. "Old man Bollentree wanted to pay off his note while you were out at lunch."

Joshua nodded and stroked the blue veins in his left temple. "You ought to remember," the cashier said. "We don't get five thousand in cash every day." Joshua smiled and returned to his ledger. Bob went back to his job of counting currency. Completing his task, Bob filled out his report and placed the money in the vault. He got into his heavy overcoat quickly and buttoned it. As he was leaving, he paused just inside the door and called back: "Better get started home soon. Joshua. The

storm's getting worse." All in Order It was almost five-thirty when Joshua completed his work. Carefully placing his ledgers in the wall safe, he set the combination and again checked the vault. Everything was in order. Leaving the Christmas tree lights on, he snatched toward a side door, pulling on his overcoat. Then drawing his gray felt hat down over his eyes, he let himself out by the side door. The fury of the storm seemed to have increased and the pelting snow almost blinded him. As he paused to try the door to see that it was locked securely, a man stepped from the shadows. "Don't try any tricks, old man," the gunman said. Joshua glanced at the dark, desperate eyes that gleamed from under the man's snow-covered hat brim, then at the blue steel of the automatic in the man's right hand. The gunman's voice was hoarse, low-pitched. "Just do as I say. Unlock the door. If you touch of a burglar alarm, I'll kill you even if it is Christmas Eve."

"It seems to have stuck," Joshua said, breathing hard. "You may have to give me a hand." Big Surprise Still keeping Joshua covered with the gun, the man leaned forward, seized the door with his left hand. He was pulling the door open when Joshua stepped back and in doing so, knocked over the Christmas tree. It toppled against the safe. There was a hissing, crackling sound and electric sparks. The gunman screamed, tried vainly to release his hold on the steel door as his body twitched convulsively with the current. His automatic clattered to the floor. Joshua picked it up and quickly disconnected the Christmas tree lighting circuit by jerking the plug loose from the wall socket. "Just lie there on the floor and wait it easy until I can call the police," Joshua said. "You must have got soaking wet out there in the blizzard, or that shock wouldn't have hit you so hard."



Christmas—a time of joy and peace, tree lights, tinsel, and snow—and time for renewal of that perennial cry, "Christmas is too commercial." It's been said for years, and to a certain extent it has always been true. Many are too concerned with today's commercial world to have time for the observance of Christmas. Others are so busy buying presents, selling presents, and generally making Christmas an ordeal, that they, too, are unable to place the emphasis where it rightly belongs—on the religious and spiritual level. Yes, there is much about Christmas that is commercial, or rather, that has been commercialized. Yet Christmas itself, and the spirit that belongs to the holiday, is always the same. As individuals, we each "make" our own Christmas within our hearts. Our feelings, our motivations and our outward actions, weigh these well and you will know what Christmas means to you. How often is it also said that Christmas belongs to the children. If this be true, then the observance of Christmas would have been forgotten long ago. Tinsel and glitter, presents under the tree, stockings by the fire, this is the meaning of Christmas to the young in heart; but all these are merely adjunct to the true and significant meaning of Christmas; that on this day a child was born in Bethlehem and because of this birth mankind may hopefully strive for eternal salvation. The true Christmas is not commercial, nor does it belong only to the young. Through faith, good will and charity do we enter into the proper observance of this great holiday and only the truly hard-boiled, the cynical, the greedy, and the disbelievers; only these, through their own lack of virtue, are not a part of the true celebrations of Christmas.

New Year's Was Once Spring Affair

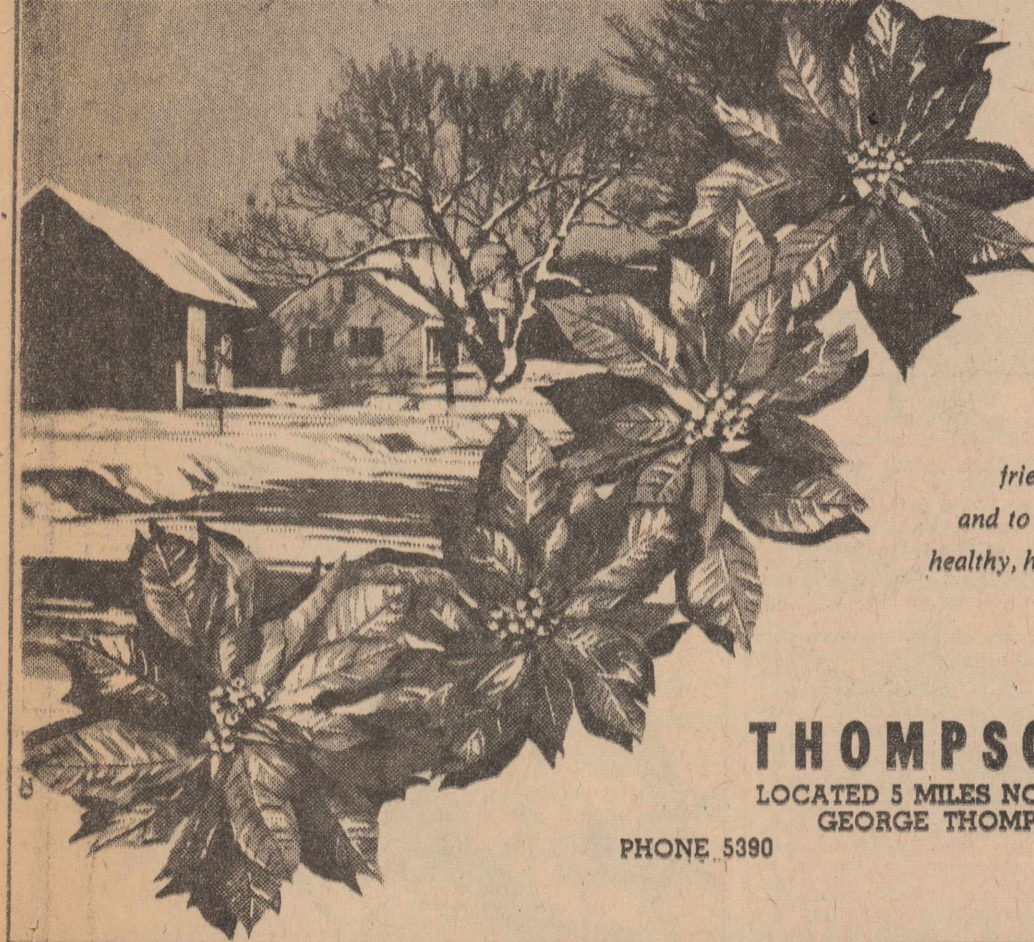
The celebration of the New Year was once a Spring affair in Egypt and Rome. Ancient Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly. The Babylonians began their New Year in March, and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern. Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate. Roman Masks 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. In the old days, Roman youths went from house to house singing and wishing everyone a prosperous New Year. Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of trees and petitioning "a good, howling crop." Reflecting the fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; members of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayerful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the ensuing year.

GREETINGS

Here's a holiday tradition we really cherish . . . time out to tell you how much your loyal friendship and patronage mean to us and to wish you and your family a very healthy, happy and cheerful festive season!

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Superstitions of Christmas

Legends and superstitions are part of every theme of Christmas today. There are tales about yule logs, Christmas decorations, legends of carols and Christmas hymns, and even superstitions of animals and trees at Christmas time. One belief was that as the hour of Christ's birthday approaches, all the cattle fall on their knees and honor Him. Many people saw this happen and even though we, today, know cattle always rise and feet first, with front knees still on the ground, it still makes a beautiful story. Also, at this hour, there was a widespread idea that oxen were able to speak. Many people were said to have heard the oxen talking but "the listeners never heard anything good of themselves." An old Irish superstition says that at midnight on Christmas, the gates of Heaven open, so anyone who dies can go straight to Paradise without entering Purgatory first. Often, if people were dying, but friends or relatives thought the sick might last until after midnight, they were "helped along" so they could get to Heaven before the gates closed. Christmas morning could bring good luck or bad for the coming year, depending on many things. If the chirping of a cricket was heard on this morning, it was a sign of good luck just as to bring anything more good luck than a fair-haired lad. Young girls approaching marriageable age could learn a little about their future husband. On Christmas morning she would knock on the door of a pig sty. If an old hog crunted first, her husband would be an old man; but if a young pig squealed, her husband would be young. It used to be believed every Christmas a number of angels were sent from Heaven to awaken an infant child from its first sleep so it could be taken to Paradise to sing a carol in honor of the Christ Child. These superstitions, the pretty and the fanciful alike, are antiquated today but they still make for interesting story telling.

DID YOU KNOW?



It is reputed that the first Christmas card, as we now know it, was dispatched in 1845 by W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters.

DID YOU KNOW?



Christmas south of the equator falls in midsummer. Thus the decorations are fresh flowers and the goodies often are fruits taken from the trees.



At this joyful season, we take pleasure in extending to you Season's greetings ADAMS TRACTOR CO. Phone 2751 Olton, Texas

Best Wishes for CHRISTMAS



Glad Christmas greetings and good wishes, friends and neighbors! It is our sincere hope that the joyous spirit of this happiest of all holidays will light up your home and your heart with peace and good will. May you ever be blessed by the rich rewards of having friends and loved ones around you. As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true meaning and eternal glory of this Holy time. May it bring you inspiration for every day of a more abundant life.

TOM SMITH & STRUVE OLTON TEXAS



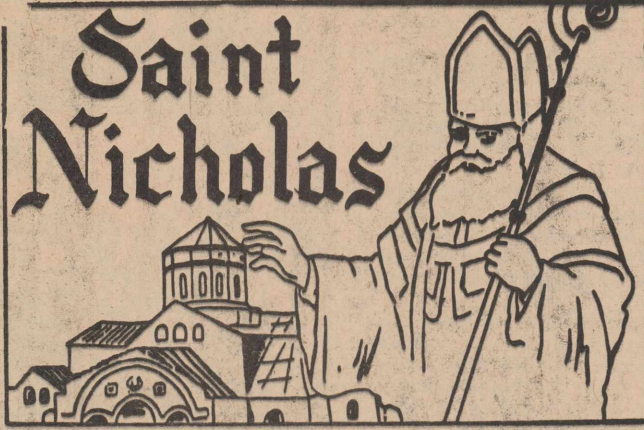
Best Wishes for the Holiday Season With sincere gratitude for the warm friendships which we have enjoyed, we extend greetings of the season to all of you, whose good will and loyalty we count among our most cherished possessions. May the holidays find you in hearty good health, surrounded by devoted family and friends. HALL-SIDES MOTORS, INC. OLTON, TEXAS PHONE 4711

The Christmas wreath dates back to the Sixth century when the Roman Catholic church set apart the four Sundays preceding Christmas as Advent Season and green wreaths hanging on doors marked Advent.

Germany's greatest contribution to Christmas is the "Tannenbaum" or the Christmas tree.

Christmas giving in England dates from the reign of Henry VII when Christmas boxes and New Year gifts were a common enactment of loyalty from their subjects.

The hanging up of the mistletoe and the burning of the Yule log are two of the most ancient customs which come from our pagan ancestors.



**Saint Nicholas**

The original Santa Claus was St. Nicholas who was born in the ancient port city of Patara, in Southern Turkey, on the Mediterranean coast, during the 3rd century. St. Nicholas was for many years Bishop of Demre (ancient Myra) and it was at Myra that he died in 343. He is buried in Demre in a church which bears his name, the Church of St. Nicholas.

Renowned for his many kind deeds, and especially for his loving generosity towards children, the good bishop has become a legendary figure in the folklore of many nations. To accommodate the many travelers who visit the Church of St. Nicholas in the blue mountains of Demre, the Turkish government recently completed a new road. Just last year the government honored him by issuing a special stamp in his name.

Biblical tradition is very rich in the ancient land of Turkey. In the city of Antioch, where the followers of Christ first called themselves Christians, the site where St. Peter led the first Mass can still be seen. Many other saints, including the Apostles Paul, John, James, Luke and Barnaby were born in this region. Mary, Mother of Christ, retired after the Crucifixion to the city of Ephesus where her abode has been excavated and opened to the public by the Turkish government.

**Christmas Ornaments May Stain Carpets**

Christmas crepe paper and New Year's confetti can permanently stain rugs and carpets.

Party papers are colored with a wide range of cheap dyes. When the paper becomes wet, the dyes run badly. The dyes will transfer permanently to textiles. If crepe paper and confetti accidentally get wet, keep them off rugs and carpets.

Should a rug become marked with a paper stain, immediate first-aid is necessary. Mix a teaspoonful of neutral soap detergent in one-half pint of lukewarm water.

Apply the detergent solution directly to the stain a few drops at a time. Use an eye dropper. Sponge the stained area with clean, white, unstarched cloth or cleansing tissue. This will blot up moisture. Begin at outer edge of stain and work in. Repeat if necessary.

Finish by absorbing any remaining moisture with a clean, damp cloth. Complete absorption is important.

**BOAR'S HEAD for Christmas**

Turkey dominates the American holiday dinner menu but back in the days of Medieval England it was the boar's head which occupied the spot of honor at the Yuletide feasting table.

During late September or October, bands of hunters using trained bear-hounds pursued the ferocious boar. Once cornered by the hounds, the wild animal was surrounded and killed by spears or driven into a net and captured.

Chasing the boar was a dangerous sport for the animal was possessed of a nasty temper and very sharp teeth with which he could easily wound and sometimes kill the hunter and his dogs.

But the fruits of the chase were worth the effort and the bolder the boar, the louder were his praises sung as his steaming head was borne to the Christmas table.

**WHAT DO YOU SEE AT CHRISTMAS?**



There are a lot of things about Christmas that everybody sees. The colored lights. The Christmas trees. The store decorations. The counters filled with dazzling gifts. Homes decorated, streets decorated.

Everybody sees Christmas cards, bells, and street corner Santas. There are carol singers, mistletoe, holly and evergreen wreaths. We see hurrying crowds of shoppers, enlarged toy departments in stores, overloaded mail trucks, express packages piled high beside the trains.

We see fires in the hearth, stockings hung with care, tables laden with good things to eat. And they are all a part of Christmas.

But all of these things are often too easy for us to see. Perhaps this year we should look extra hard for the "Spirit of Christmas." Let's look out for the needs of less fortunate people, the shut-ins, the lonely, the unfortunate.

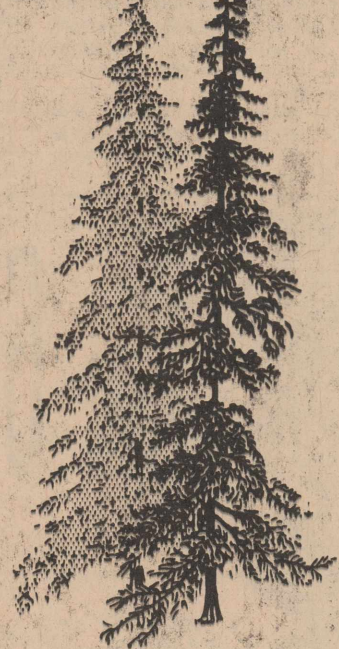
And this year, let's try once again to see the real meaning of Christmas—its religious significance. Its message of peace and hope for the world. Let's really see Christmas this year.

Although official reference to "Christmas" is banned behind the Iron Curtain, a holiday atmosphere still remains. "Winter trees" are available and children continue to remember the image of "Father Frost."

Spanish children do not hang up their stockings on Christmas Eve. Instead, they hide their slippers for the Wise Men to fill with goodies.

One of the busiest post offices in Europe at Christmastime is at the village of Unterhimmel (Under Heaven) in western Austria. This little village since 1950, has been permitted to use the official postmark "Christ Child" and issue special stamps for the occasion.

**Legends of CHRISTMAS FIR**



Many people believe because the leaves of the fir tree are always green it is a sign of life without end and because all the branches point upward, toward Heaven, it is the tree of the Christ Child. This is an inspiring conception and only one of the many stories we have about the fir.

Long ago, before the decorated tree was a tradition of Christmas, a certain Saint, who was very poor but who loved little children, wanted to make them happy at Christmas time. Having no money, he cut a little fir tree and hung lighted candles and fruit on it.

In France, a knight was riding through the forest one evening and saw a tree with lighted candles on it. Some were right side up and some were upside down. At the top, he could faintly see a child with a halo of light around his head. Later when he told what he had seen, the people were amazed and took this to mean that the lighted candles were symbols of all the good in the world while the upside down ones were symbols of the bad. The child signified the Christ Child.

There is a legend that the fir was the original Tree of Life and was in the Garden of Eden. It bore fruit until Eve plucked the bloom and after that, no longer fruitful, it bore only thin prickly needles. It bloomed only once more; the night Christ was born.

Another legend that tells of the fir as a fruit bearing tree is about a stranger who came, cold and hungry, to a farm house. The family was poor but they gave him food and a bed for the night. In the morning as the stranger started to leave, he cut

some fir branches and said that they would always be green and bear fruit so that the family would never be hungry during the cold winters. A favorite legend was found years ago in an old monastery. On the

night of Christ's birth, all living creatures went to honor Him... even the trees of the forest. All the trees took gifts; the palm took dates, the fruit tree took his fruit but the little fir had no gift and besides he was very weary from the journey. When they came to the manger the big trees pushed and shoved the fir until he was almost hid completely. An angel saw this and felt sorry for him so she asked some of the stars to come down and light his branches. The stars descended and when the Christ Child saw the sight he smiled and blessed the little fir tree and said that this tree should always be lit to give children pleasure.



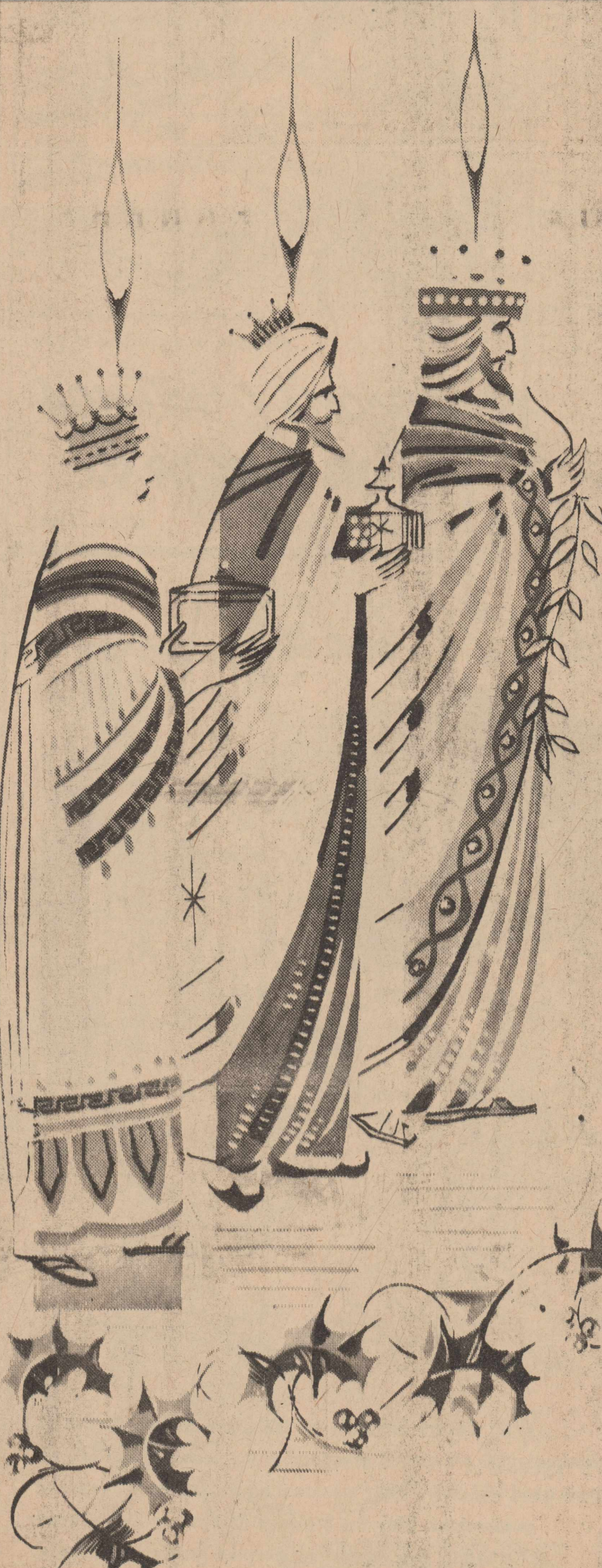
To wish You a Happy Holiday Season

Christmas music rings out, proclaiming the glad and glorious holiday season, and we chime in with our greetings and good wishes to you. May the joyous carols strike a responsive chord in your heart...renewing all the age-old wonder of Christmas.

**TRI-COUNTY CO-OP GIN**

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OLTON, TEXAS



**Merry Christmas**

Christmas is here...and we wish for you all its deepest pleasures...expressed in greetings from friends and loved ones...experienced anew in the inspiration of the ageless Christmas story. And, as the Wise Men followed a Star, and found the Babe of Bethlehem, may you and yours find spiritual peace and joy at Christmas.

**Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.**



**Season's Greetings**

In this season of joy and cheer, we welcome the opportunity to wish you, our friends and patrons, a very merry Yuletide. May you ever enjoy an abundance of life's best gifts...peace, health and happiness, and the blessings of love and friendship. We especially want to express our grateful appreciation for your loyalty and good will. We have greatly enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of serving you during the past year, and we hope that we may continue to do so for many a year to come.

**United Elevators**

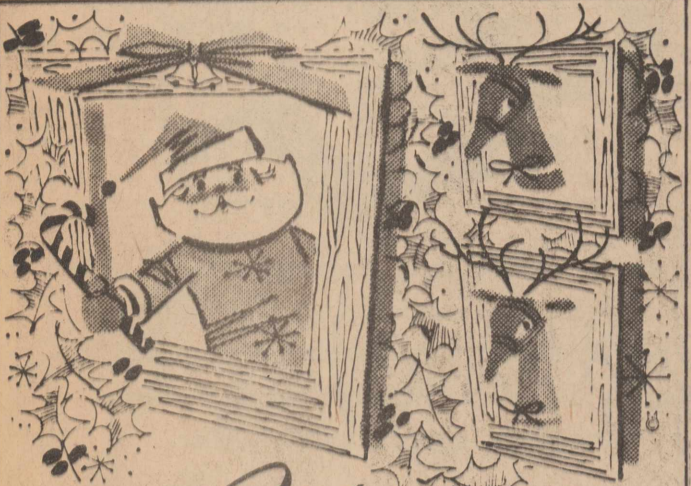
### The First American Christmas

A little island in the middle of the St. Croix river, just a few miles out of Calais, Maine, although deserted today, possesses a deep significance at this time of the year. According to well-known authorities, the first recorded observance of Christmas on the North American continent was held on St. Croix Island.

The colony had been founded by a group of Protestants and Catholics in 1604 and each observed the birth

of Christ according to their particular convictions. This band sailed from France in 1604, and selected the tiny island because it seemed a natural place to defend against Indian attacks.

On the first Christmas in the new home, the colonists held religious services and prepared holiday feasts. A member of the colony, Samuel Champlain, explorer, navigator and writer, recorded his description of North America's first Christmas observance.



# HAPPY Holidays

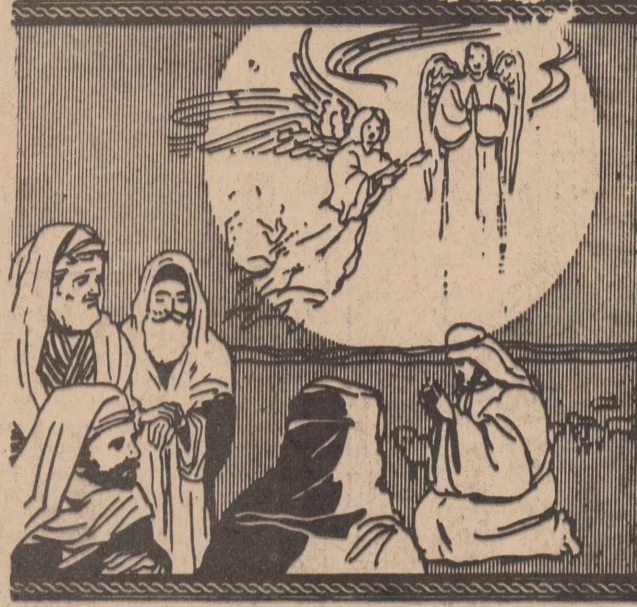
At this time of year, we take a long look in two directions: backward with warm appreciation for your patronage, and forward with the happy anticipation of continuing to serve you.

## The Yardstick Of Plainview

## Jesus' Birth -- in Pictures



**SHEPHERDS** were tending their sheep in the hills near Bethlehem. For them it was an ordinary night—or so it seemed; quiet and peaceful, far away from the noise and din of the crowded city. But the night was to be one the humble shepherds would long remember and it began when there burst upon the night a bright and glorious star.



**AND THE ANGELS** appeared to the shepherds who were watching their sheep on the hillsides, bringing to them the glorious news that the Saviour had been born in a stable at Bethlehem. The humble shepherds were filled with fear. "Fear not," the angels said, instructing them to go forth and find the infant King wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger.

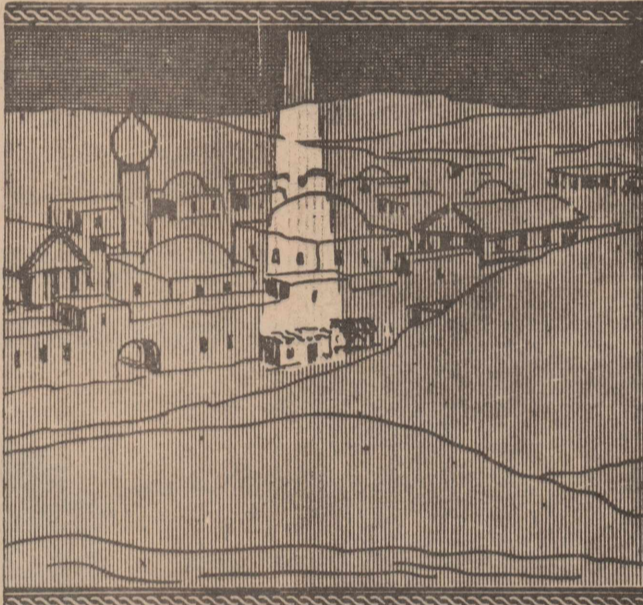
### DID YOU KNOW?



Christmas cakes, iced cookies and other goodies are survivals of the old custom of giving confectionery gifts to the Senators of Rome.



**THREE WISE MEN**, three kings of the Orient, were much concerned with the star. They considered it a sign, a special sign, given to aid them in their search for a true and divine King. They had traveled far and were tired and weary but the star brought new hope so they followed its light to Bethlehem, where the search was ended.



**IN BETHLEHEM** it was registration time and the homes and inns were crowded to overflowing. Practically every available shelter was pressed into use. One family, unable to find lodgings elsewhere, had taken refuge in a particular stable. And it was about this very humble stable that the light from the star seemed to gather and shine.



**TO THE STABLE** at Bethlehem there came a chosen few the humble shepherds whose fears were gone and whose hearts were now filled with joy and happiness. And, humbly too, came the three wise kings who had followed the brightness of the star until it came to rest above the cradle and simple stable where the newborn King was waiting.



**THERE IN A MANGER** the Holy Child lay sleeping, the comforting arms of His Mother ever near. And they knelt before this Child, shepherds and kings, bearing gifts. And on this holy night the angels sang, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" and there was joy and peace in the world. The promised Redeemer is born and mankind shall seek eternal salvation in His Name.



# NOEL

Christmas is giving... Christmas is receiving... Christmas is a spirit of abiding good will. May all these be yours in abundance at this holiday season.

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Flying high are our hopes for your happiness during the Holiday season. But deeply rooted is our appreciation of your patronage and good will in the past year. We shall look forward to the opportunity of continuing to serve you throughout the new year.

**POLLARD'S CLEANERS**

## Best Wishes for Christmas

At this joyful season, may there come to every heart a glad renewal of the warming spirit of peace and good will. May we all be richly blessed with enduring hope and love, as we rededicate ourselves to the glorious message of the first Christmas.



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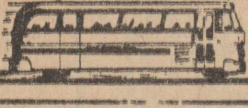
## Christmas Prayer

Almighty God, Who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy Children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

—The Book of Common Prayer

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### HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



By F. L. Rowley  
**JENNIE BROOKS** was a nurse. A young nurse. Young both in length of service and in salary. Annie, her room-mate, wasn't surprised to find her frowning when she burst into the room just two days before Christmas. Jennie's meagre savings had been lined up carefully on the bedspread.

"Making up your shopping list?" asked Annie.

Jennie made a wry face. "I'm wondering whether to use this money for presents—or to spend it on a round-trip ticket home. This year I'm getting Christmas Day off, you know."

"Lucky you! I'm on duty. Say, if you need money—?"

"No thank you!" Jennie said firmly.

**Too Bighearted**  
 Annie sat down on the bed beside her friend. "You wouldn't be in this fix if you weren't so bighearted," she chided.

Jennie pretended not to hear. "Maybe if I were to go home by bus—"

Annie grasped her arm. "Mrs. Winters got a new bed-jacket this afternoon; there was no name on the card. Just 'Merry Christmas!'"

"Why how nice!" Jennie exclaimed innocently. "Who could have sent it to her?"

"And old Mr. Carruthers got a new pipe."

Jennie smiled brightly. "Isn't he

a wonderful old gentleman? So gay in spite of everything."

#### There Are Rules

"You'll be gay if Wilson finds out who's handing out presents. You know it's against the rules to give or accept anything more costly than a card. And now you're short." The "Wilson" to



Jennie sighed. "Sometimes it's hard to do the right thing . . ."

whom she referred was the strict head nurse of Hillcrest Hospital. Jennie sighed. "Sometimes it's hard to do the right thing; sometimes the right thing even seems cruel."

Annie nodded. "That's what rules are for, honey. And while we're at it, don't forget the rule about accepting money from patients."

Jennie stiffened. "You know me better than that!"

Annie patted her shoulder. "Sure. But I also know that old

### He So Loved . . .

## He Taught the World to Love

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

#### CHRISTMAS IDEA

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

Mr. Carruthers is taking up a collection for you; all the patients on the second floor are chipping in.

Jennie gasped. "Why didn't you warn them? If Wilson finds out about it I may lose my Christmas leave."

For one wild moment she was tempted to accept the money in spite of the rules. Then she looked down at her white skirt; the white shoes. How proud she'd been to don them! Squaring her small shoulders, she decided to give Mr. Carruthers a lecture on hospital rules.

A short time later she was passing through the vestibule when a stern voice brought her up short.

"Brooks!" Only Wilson could shout "Brooks" as though it were a vice of some sort.

Unexpected  
 Jennie walked uncertainly into Wilson's office. To her surprise Miss Wilson was smiling.

"Brooks, someone left an envelope here for you—there's money in it."

Jennie backed away. "The rules say we're not permitted to accept money from patients."

Wilson smiled approvingly. "Right. Yet this is somewhat—er—different. The enclosed note is signed Mr. Anonymous. Our rules don't quite cover a case of this nature. I'd advise you to take it. Brooks and a Merry Christmas to you!"

Jennie's eyes were damp as she left the office. Now she could get the radio and go home for Christmas too. And Mr. Carruthers, peering from his second floor window, chuckled merrily as a port young nurse waved to him from the bus stop on the corner!



### Legends of Christmas MISTLETOE

Mistletoe was believed to be a gift of the gods because birds could be seen carrying it to earth in their beaks. This Christmas greenery, whose white berries signified Christ's pure life, has always been a sign of peace and hope.

Roman soldiers, meeting enemy armies under mistletoe, lay down their weapons and declared a truce until the next day. They believed that no hatred, only love, could exist under this greenery.

The Druids in England believed mistletoe to be sacred, symbolic of the link between Heaven and earth, so it must never touch the ground. They sacrificed white bulls and even humans when cutting it. And men holding sheets of pure white cloth,

under the tree, was insurance that none of the plant touched the ground.

There is a legend which says the mistletoe used to be a large tree, like the oak. But Christ's cross was made of this mistletoe wood and after His death it was so ashamed of its part in the Crucifixion that it shrank and shrank until it became only a parasite, destined to live off other trees for the rest of time.

One custom of mistletoe which started centuries ago and has come down to modern time is the sight of a young man holding mistletoe over the head of a girl so he may rightfully claim a kiss from her.

Though customs and legends have evolved and changed through the centuries, the mistletoe remains a familiar symbol of Christmas time.

#### TIME FOR PEACE

As fits the holy Christmas birth,

Be this, good friends our carol still—

Be peace on earth, be peace on earth,

To men of gentle will.

—Thackeray.



We extend our warmest greetings with the hope that this Holiday Season brings you and yours a full measure of good health and happiness. May all the joys of Christmas remain with you throughout the coming New Year.

**NORTH SIDE GIFT SHOP**  
 OLTON TEXAS

To all our good friends, we send our warmest thanks for their patronage and good will, along with our heartiest wishes for their happiness throughout the Holiday season.

**PEGGY'S BEAUTY SALON**

# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

It means so much to us at this time of the year to send you our sincerest wishes for a joyous Yuletide. We hope your holiday will be filled with good health, good cheer and spiritual satisfaction.

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# GREETINGS

To you—the merriment that comes with the hanging of the wreaths and the trimming of the tree. To you—the cheer of friends and relatives gathered together in glad spirits. To you—a holiday season bright as the sparkle of happiness in children's eyes. And to you, our warmest wishes, our sincerest thanks for your loyal patronage and good will.

**FARMERS CO-OP ASSN OF HART CAMP**  
 Elma Burleson, manager  
 Phone AN 2-4441

### The Christmas POINSETTIA



This colorful plant, a native of the tropics, has long been an emblem of Christmas. Discovered in Mexico in 1828, the Mexicans called it "The Flower of the Holy Night" or "Flame Leaf." The blossoms are not this "flame" leaf, but the small yellow flowers in the center.

There is an old Mexican belief about the Poinsettia. They tell there was once a beautiful young girl who had a broken heart. And as she cried, her heart cried too and the drops of blood fell to the earth, and a Poinsettia grew from every drop.

## Christmas IN OTHER LANDS

### IRELAND ...

The people of Ireland have a wonderful custom at Christmas. Candles are lighted and placed in every window of the house on Christmas evening. All doors are left open. This custom is symbolic of the Irish hospitality for any one seeking shelter. The candles burn all night long.

### CHINA ...

On Christmas eve in China, the people dress in their finest parade up and down the narrow winding streets, carrying lanterns, and singing. At midnight, this singing is stopped by sudden bursts of firecrackers, announcing the midnight mass.

### SYRIA ...

Christmas Day, in the Holy Land, is observed mostly in the home with prayers and quietude. Young people, in beautiful costumes, go from door to door, singing. In return, they receive small coins, sweets and other delicacies.

Many Syrians travel to Bethlehem to attend midnight service on Christmas eve. A bonfire of vine stems is built in each church in memory of the Christmas birth occasion.

### BELGIUM ...

In Antwerp, worshippers are called to services by the chiming of ninety-nine bells in the five-hundred-year-old cathedral of the city.

A colorful procession of carol-singing children precede the services, followed by priests in jeweled robes. The procession walks on a carpet of flowers and bright pieces of paper. Christmas is truly a season of gifts and joy in Belgium every year.

### NORWAY ...

One of the most interesting customs of Christmas in foreign lands is that of Norway, remembering the animals and birds in celebration of the birth of Christ. Gleaned sheaf, saved from the harvest in the fall, is placed on top of a tall pole in the yard. Every gate-way and door is decorated with a bundle of grain for the birds' Christmas dinner.

### GREECE ...

Christmas, in Greece, is a time of family reunions, parties and merry-making. Stories and old legends and folklore are eagerly awaited by the children as the traditional fried cakes are baked for the feast.

### BRAZIL ...

The Christmas season is observed in Brazil with an open air mass at midnight on Christmas Eve. An altar is constructed in the open churchyard around which the worshippers reverently pray and sing religious hymns. The traditional Christmas Eve supper is held afterward in the homes and a fiesta atmosphere is maintained.

### FINLAND ...

In honor of Christmas Eve, every member of the Finnish family takes a traditional steam bath, called a "sauna". Following the sauna, the family gathers around the table while the head of the family reads prayers and sermons.

The Finnish house is prepared for Christmas by suspending from the ceiling a frame-work of straw, decorated with paper stars. Straw is also placed upon the floor, reminiscent of the birth of the Christ Child on the floor of a manger. Children sleep on a manger-like bed.



Of all the world's holidays, Christmas is the holiday that belongs to one and all. Christmas is for everyone, the sad and the weary, the sick and the infirmed, the happy children and their more serious elders.

Yes, Christmas belongs to no one alone. Men of different nations and diversified beliefs always share a certain unity in the observance of this greatest of all holidays. Christmas, and the spirit that goes with it, belongs to us all.

Christmas is a time of excitement for the very young. It means good food, bright lights, an inviting pyramid of presents beneath a glittering tree.

Christmas is likewise a time of joy for those who are growing up. And for these Christmas begins to take on a deeper and more significant meaning with each holiday. Behind the laughter and festivities, the caroling and presents, there is borne the realization that there is yet greater joy in the holiday, though the glitter of Santa Claus becomes dimmer year by year.

For others, Christmas is a magic mirror of memories, a mirror that dissolves all the prejudice, hate and sorrow to which mankind is afflicted; a mirror that reflects only the kindness and goodness God wished for the world He created.

Christmas is all these things, and more. It is the shadow of a church steeple in the winter's snow; a pointed ray of light shining through a stained glass window; the crunch, crunch of heavy footsteps on crusty snow; and voices singing in the night.

Christmas is all things to all men; and to all men it is the shining symbol of man's continual hope for eternal salvation.

### Mistletoe Subject of Many Controversies

The mistletoe, alternately a symbol of good and evil, has a controversial background. Known today as a criminal killer of forests, it is still used as a symbol of love, peacemaking and goodwill.

According to legend, this is how the mistletoe became a symbol of love: The ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, or the myth goes, was killed by Loki with a mistletoe arrow after the beloved Balder's mother had evoked a promise from all other living things that they would not harm her son. Balder was restored to life by the intercession of other gods who entrusted the mistletoe plant to the goddess of love and she ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. Hold high, the mistletoe would never again be evil.

Although Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the roots of the observance go deep into the folklore of the Druids, Scandinavians, Romans and Egyptians.

The Christmas seal has become an annual institution and offers at the Christmas season an opportunity for rich and poor alike to help in the fight against an ancient enemy—Tuberculosis.

The street festivals of Italy and Spain had fire works at Christmas-time. America now has illuminated community trees. In some places, fireworks still persist.

There are Scandinavian, French and ancient Egyptian legends which claim to have given the Christmas tree to the world. The first authentic mention of a Christmas tree is of one in Strasbough, Germany, 1605.

A strange Christmas custom in Finland is the annual Christmas Eye steam bath taken by the entire family. After the bath everyone is supposed to roll in the snow.

## Greetings OF THE Season

Christmas is in the heart, where joys are deeper and fond friendships are cherished. May your Yuletide be a cheerful one for you and your family.

**CHITWOOD INSURANCE AGENCY**

## Christmas Wish

Warmest greetings at the Holiday time! May this be the most joyous of Yuletide seasons for you and yours.

**COLONIAL BEAUTY SALON**

## Christmas Tree Legends

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

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

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

There is also the story of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt. With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, it was still necessary that Mary rest while so they sought shelter in the low trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. Today, if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmas-time, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was really an apple tree. And, although the fir tree has long since replaced its predecessor for Christmas use, the tinsel baubles we use on the tree are said representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

## HAPPY Holidays

With sincere thanks for your friendship and loyalty, we wish you the very happiest of holidays!

**PINSON GROCERY**

CIRCLE DOYLE & MILDRED TEXAS

## The Season's GREETINGS

All of us here wish you a holiday as festive as the season's gay sights and sounds. A merry, merry Christmas to you and your dear ones.

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OLTON TEXAS

## Greetings of the Season

with many thanks for your loyalty and good will

We are very happy indeed to take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate the privilege and pleasure of serving you. It's our sincere wish that Santa brings you just what you're hoping for and that life holds many joyous occasions in store for you and all those who are dearest to you.

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### Dickens' Manuscript Brought High Price

Only a few years ago, a previously unpublished Dickens' manuscript, "The Life of Our Lord," was presented to the world.

This simple, moving narrative had been written by Dickens 100 years earlier for the exclusive enjoyment of his children and because he felt such deep veneration and reverence for the life and lessons of our Saviour, Dickens had left instructions that this particular manuscript never be commercialized. It was never made public until the year 1933, after the death of Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child.

**Literary Price**

Purchased by the London Daily Mail for the staggering amount of \$210,000—or, \$15 per word, the manuscript became a literary event of the first magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful persons, like Dickens, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ.

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

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

### Health to You

In the days of the Saxons, "wassail" was a popular greeting meaning "health to you." It later became a Yuletide drinking toast, and cups of hot wassail were given to visiting Christmas carolers.

Here is the recipe for a cherry bowl which will help extend a hearty welcome to your Christmas guests.

**CHRISTMAS WASSAIL**

2 quarts sweet cider  
6 whole cloves  
1 three-inch stick of cinnamon  
6 whole allspice  
1/4 cup light brown sugar  
juice of 6 oranges  
(15 to 20 marshmallows)

Simmer the cider, spices and sugar for 15 minutes. Let stand for 12 hours. Then add orange juice. Strain, reheat and serve.

Serve wassail hot from a large bowl and green cherries, orange slices or small baked apples floating in it. Place the bowl on a holly-trimmed tray.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Home is where the heart is at holiday time, and we hope both your home and your heart are filled with joy as you gather with your dear ones to celebrate in the true spirit of love and good fellowship.

**PARSONS FUNERAL HOME**  
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**PARSONS FURNITURE**  
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OLTON, TEXAS



## Blessed Christmas

*Blessed Christmas, time of happy hearts and uplifted spirits, is with us once again.*

*And, at this glad season, our wish is with you . . . the wish that your Christmas may be rich in happiness, friendship, lasting joy.*

**JEFFREY LUMBER**

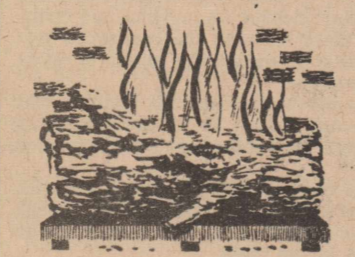
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## Legends of the YULE LOG

The yule log flame was symbolic of the light that came from heaven when Christ was born. The old custom of burning the yule log started centuries ago. It is generally believed that the custom came to English-speaking people from Scandinavian forebears.

In ancient times in England, men got their logs from fruit bearing trees. It was chosen months before so it could be completely dry when it came time to light it. There was much ceremony as they blessed it and prayed it would burn forever.



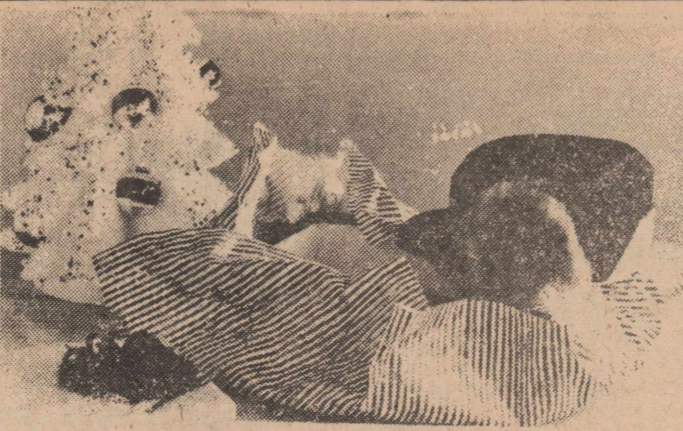
Usually the whole family would go to select the log because it was believed all who helped bring it in would be kept from harm from witches the coming year. But the log must be touched with clean hands only or it wouldn't burn brightly and might even go out, which meant bad luck all year. Also, a bare footed or "squint-eyed" person brought bad luck when entering a room where the yule log was burning.

On Christmas morning, the log was finally put out, and the children came in hoping to find gifts. They beat on it with sticks calling "Come forth." When nothing did, they were scolded and sent outside to ask forgiveness of their sins. The parents put presents under the log and the children came in to find them.

Part of the log was kept to start the fire the next year and the ashes from the brand, believed to be fertile, were placed under fruit trees to make them produce.

### CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

It is said that the Christmas spirit led St. Francis to pray that "I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood; as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."



**GIFT FOR BOYS . . .** Self-adjusting caps of the style shown above make ideal gift for boys. Caps come in age groups, from four years up and are styled for winter wear with ear muffs, stormband lapel and interlining. Because they are self-adjusting, they "grow with the boy" and can be worn season after season.

## Legends of CHRISTMAS HOLLY



Among the legends of Christmas, holly is symbolic of joy and peace. The ancient Druids of England believed its green leaves proved that the sun never completely deserted the earth.

There are many legends concerning the evergreen leaves and bright red berries of this Christmas greenery.

One such legend states that holly

concealed Christ when His enemies were hunting Him. As a reward, it was allowed to keep its green leaves all year long, therefore becoming a sign of immortality and a promise of life eternal.

Another legend tells us holly berries used to be white. But Christ's thorny crown was made of holly and His blood caused the berries to turn red and they have been red since.

It used to be believed that whoever brought the Christmas holly into the house first, husband or wife, would be the one who would rule the household the coming year.

These and many other legends about this traditional Christmas greenery have become dim with passing years, but the brilliant colors of holly have continued to add to the festive decor of Christmas in our time.

As traditional as the poinsettia in America at Christmas, is the edelweiss, or Alps snow flower, in Switzerland.

### DID YOU KNOW?

We cannot be definitely sure how the custom of hanging stockings at Christmas began, but almost certainly it is associated with St. Nicholas.

According to one story, St. Nicholas dropped some money down the chimney of a poor but proud nobleman and the money fell into stockings that had been hung by the fire to dry.

Other writers credit the custom of hanging stockings to the fact that the Hollanders believed St. Nicholas rode a horse on his gift-giving trips and accordingly they would put out their wooden shoes filled with carrots or other treats for the horse.

## HOW TO SAY Merry Christmas

If you can match the greeting	
1. Buon Natale!	Hawaiian
2. Glad Julen!	Japanese
3. Tin Hao Nian!	Italian
4. Chrystovjnal!	Chinese
5. Feliz Natal!	Greek
6. Joyeux Noel!	Portuguese
7. Kinge Shinnen!	Swedish
8. Mele Kalikimaka!	French

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



Here's to you, valued friends and customers . . . good wishes by the sleigh full, plus hearty thanks for your patronage throughout the year. May you all enjoy a Holiday rich in love, warm with friendship and abounding in good health, good cheer and good fellowship.

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# Season's greetings

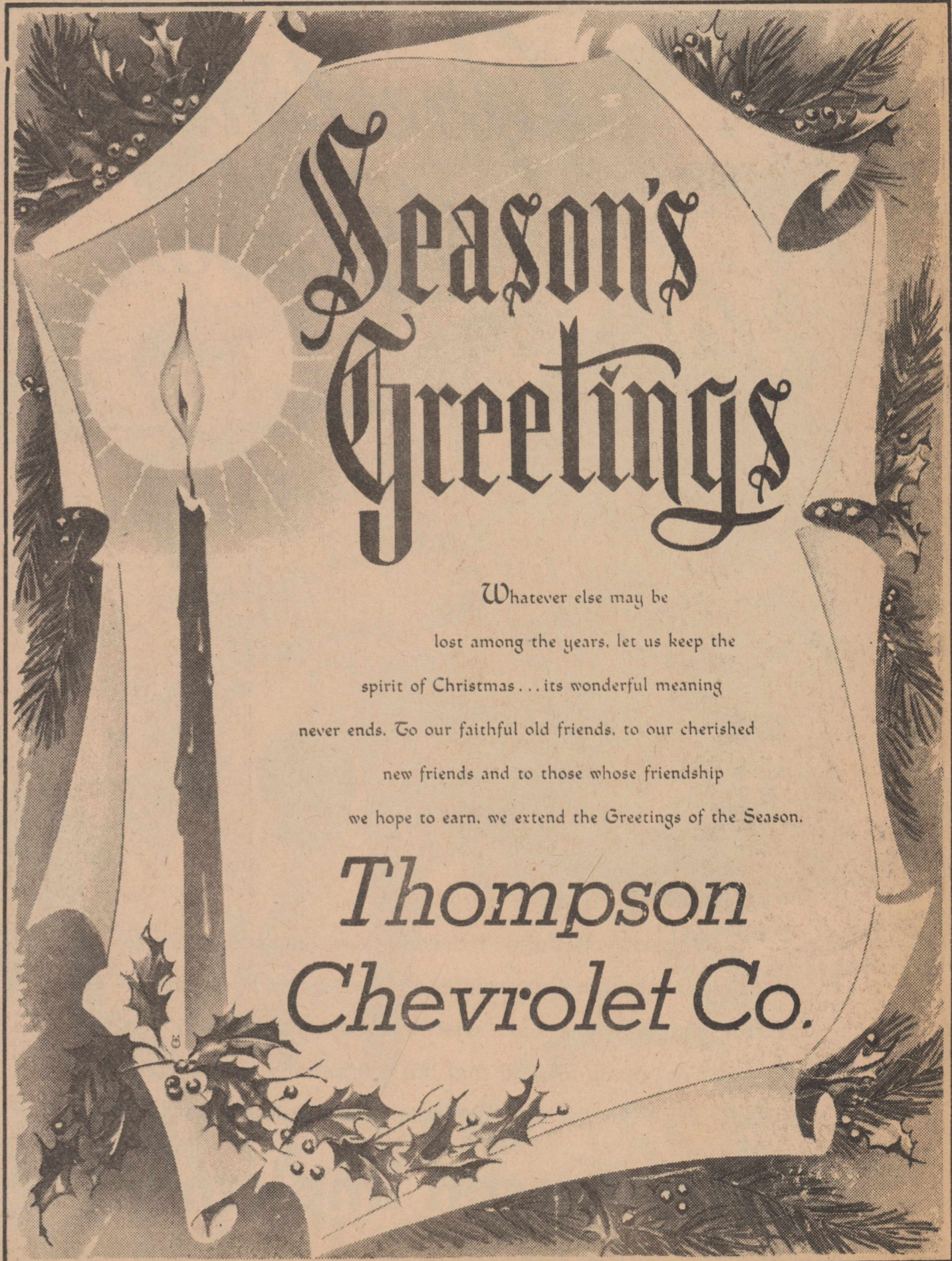
May your name be right up at the top of Santa's list to receive a bountiful measure of all of the good things that make this joyous holiday season so richly rewarding . . . love and laughter; good fellowship and good cheer; friendships strengthened; cherished memories rekindled; and this above all: a sense of deep contentment.

Yes, may your Christmas be a truly merry one!

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Olton

Texas



# Season's Greetings

Whatever else may be lost among the years, let us keep the spirit of Christmas . . . its wonderful meaning never ends. To our faithful old friends, to our cherished new friends and to those whose friendship we hope to earn, we extend the Greetings of the Season.

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# THE HART BEAT

## Assembly Of God To Have Program

The Assembly of God Church will have their Christmas program Dec. 22 at 7:30 p. m.

GUESTS IN CROUCH HOME Christmas guests in the Lee Crouch home will be Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McMinn of Post, parents of Mrs. Crouch.

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The public is invited to attend, Rev. H. L. Morrison of Roosevelt, Okla. will be the speaker for a Revival at the Assembly of God Church. First service will be Dec. 31 at 7:30 p. m.

## 10,000 Bales Ginned In Hart

Most of the Hart area's cotton has been ginned and 10,000 bales have been ginned. Yards are clear of trailers. Some 1500 cars of grain has been shipped and approximately 2400 cars are on hand to be shipped or for storage.

## SCHOOL'S OUT

Hart Public School was dismissed Friday afternoon at 2:30 and will take up again Jan. 2. The first semester ends Jan. 13 and second semester begins Monday, Jan. 16.

## FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN

Friends of Mrs. Earl Jones and Marilyn Sue gave them a farewell party in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church Thursday, December 15. After refreshments and fellowship, gifts were presented.

The typical family man has a billfold full of pictures and no money.

## Hart To Hart

Mr. and Mrs. Othel Welty of Dimmitt; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Welty and girls of Nazareth and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brooks were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Welty.

Mrs. Milton Sharp entered the Plainview Hospital and Foundation Friday morning for major surgery.

Mrs. Andy Higgins of Amarillo, Monte Phillips of Tulla and Mrs. M. E. Phillips of Hart returned Wednesday morning from Stephenville where they attended the funeral of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Delford Davis and boys moved Tuesday of last week to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dyer and family will spend Christmas with his grandmother, Mrs. T. C. Dyer of Hale Center.

Mrs. Willis Hawkins and Mrs. O. D. Dinwiddie visited in Tulla Sunday afternoon with Mrs. W. F. Griffin and Mrs. J. R. Hankins.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Kitrell Tuesday were their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Roberson and Tonya of Littlefield and Mrs. M. A. Davis and new son of Lubbock.

Mrs. George Hendrix was admitted to a hospital in Amarillo Monday of last week.

Spending Wednesday night in the home of Myrt and Pappy were her brother, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Pistole of Denver, they were enroute to Dallas and Houston for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ham visited their daughters, Mrs. Gerald Coffey, and Mrs. W. P.

Holland and families in Amherst last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Davis and family.

A farm sale of Sid Stewart and Dane Bostick was held on Thursday South East of Hart on place farmed this past year by Sid Stewart. Dave Bostick sold his farm implements and is soon moving to his ranch in Colorado.

Bob Hendrick left for his home in Corpus Christi on Tuesday after spending two months here looking after his farming interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilburn and son were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis Tuesday night.

The chimes at the Methodist Church have been repaired and the sweet music heard in Hart is from there.

Mrs. Sam Davis was dismissed Thursday from the Plainview Hospital, where she had major surgery recently.

Mrs. Floyd Light and daughter, Cynthia, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Davis.

Frank Sanders received word early this week of his sister, Mrs. Fimis Morris of Vernon, suffering a severe heart attack.

Glen Maples and his father-in-law J. B. Conrad of Amarillo were in Hart Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Ed Harris and Mrs. Charles Martin were hostess for a coffee in the Harris home one night last week. Several friends from Hart and out-of-town were guest.

A dog is man's best friend because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.



MRS. MELVIN MALONE

## Taack-Malone Vows Exchanged At Hart

Miss Mary Louise Taack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taack of Hart, became the bride of Melvin Malone of Plainview Dec. 17 in the First Methodist Church of Hart.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Malone of Wolfe City.

The Rev. Lee Crouch officiated at the double ring ceremony performed before an altar draped with white satin and red satin bows. Baskets of white gladioli flanked an arch of greenery formed with candelabras bearing white tapers. The prayer bench was covered in satin.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a gown of embroidered crystal peau dotted with seed pearls to highlight the portrait neckline and designed with a bouffant ballerina length skirt. The long sleeves tapered to petal points over the hand and a crown of crystal peau enhanced by seed pearls held her fingertip veil of silk illusion. She carried a cascade arrangement of frenched white carnations on a white Bible with a white orchid.

For something old and borrowed, the bride wore her great-grandmother's gold bracelet. Something blue was a garter given to her by her sorority sisters of Alpha Delta Pi and something new was a string of pearls, a present of the groom.

Miss Andrea Jackson of Canadian served as maid of honor and Miss Karon Breeding of Sam Norwood was bridesmaid. Best man was Carl Benton and groomsman was Frank Curry, both of Plainview.

Candlelighters were Misses Donna Beyer, cousin of the bride, of Dimmitt and Sandra Johnson of Plainview. Ushers were Ron Rogers, cousin of the bride, and Lonnie Cape, also cousin of the bride, of Littlefield.

The bride's attendants chose dresses of red polished cotton with wide necklines and ballerina length skirts. They wore headpieces of red polished cotton and carried nosegays of white carnations with white satin streamers.

Soloist was Weldon Davis who sang "Lord's Prayer" and "I Love You Truly" while Mrs. Davis played the organ.

Mrs. Roy Taack, mother of the bride, chose a dress of royal blue and black crepe designed with a sweetheart neckline. Her accessories were in blue and black. Mother of the groom, Mrs. W. L. Malone, wore a dress of navy blue shantung with white and black accessories. Both wore corsages of white gladioli.

A reception following the ceremony was held in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Laid with red ruffled net over white, the bride's table was centered with a large white satin covered Bible in an arrangement made with white tapers, red carnations and a white satin bow. A miniature bride and groom topped the wedding cake which was decorated with red

flowers, white lovebirds and bells. Silver and white napkins placed on the table revealed the names of "Mary and Melvin." Cranberry punch, mixed nuts, red mints and cake were served by Misses Donna Beyer and Sandra Johnson. Traditional rice bags of red net and white ribbon were presented to the guests by Katherine Taack of Dimmitt, cousin of the bride. Guests were registered by Mrs. Glen Wilson.

Other members of the house party were Mmes. Jim Brooks, Paul Johnson, Clyde Witten and Robert Brooks.

For traveling, the bride wore a sheath dress of brown wool with black and white accessories. The white orchid from her bouquet formed her corsage.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home at 708 A Canyon Street, Plainview.

A 1959 graduate of Hart High School, the bride attended West Texas State College. The groom is a 1955 graduate of Wolfe City High School and a former student at Arlington State College. He is presently employed at Eaton's Stationery in Plainview.

## CAROL PARTY

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met last Friday night at the American Legion Hall, along with their guests from other churches. Following a sandwich supper and games, they made their way through the town singing Christmas carols.

## Auctioneer Dean Sanders

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## Zealots Have Two Programs For Christmas

The Zealot Club met Tuesday, Dec. 6 for a Christmas dinner and again Tuesday, Dec. 14 for a Christmas party.

Dr. Charles Vandiver of Dimmitt spoke at the 7:30 dinner which was held at McGraths at Plainview.

The party was at 2:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Wamon Foster. Co-Hostess was Mrs. Claude Ray.

The program consisted of an exchange of gifts and a penny auction. Each member brought an item to be auctioned. The money will be used as a gift for a family in need.

Guests present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack George and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith.

Members present were the Ed Bennetts, Paul Armstrongs, Walt Hansens, Theron Morrisons, H. H. Parkers, Jimmy Davises, Ralph Futrells, Owen Hankins, Daryl Clevengers, Claude Rays, Wamon Fosters, Warren Lemons, David Nelsons, and Joe Newmans.

Present at the party were Mmes. Joe Newman, C. R. Jones, Daryl Clevenger, Owen Hankins, H. H. Parker, Dwight Miller, J. H. Davis, Theron Morrison, Paul Armstrong, B. H. Rogers, Eldon Shive, Walt Hansen, Ed Bennett, W. A.

Hawkins Jr., B. R. Bennett, Warren Lemons and Lee Crouch.

The next meeting will be the second week in January when the club will have installation of officers.

## Hurt Switchman Has More Surgery

Bill Evans, the switchman who was seriously injured last Friday was moved from Castro County Hospital in Dimmitt to the Medical Center at Plainview Tuesday and underwent major surgery Wednesday. He had both legs amputated below the knees in Dimmitt Friday night.

His right leg was broken in two places above the knee and his shoulder was broken. He is in serious condition at this time.

Those loafing today will someday wish they had worked today.

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Lilly's Cafe And Employees  
Wish Our Friends And Customers Merry Christmas And A Joyous New Year



**GREETINGS of the Season**  
We Sincerely Hope All Your Wishes For Christmas Come True  
**Hart Variety Store**



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**SEASON'S BEST**

The owners, J. B. James and Les Watson, and the management, Tom and Frankie Carlisle, extend our warm wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Let us say thank you at this time for the way you have accepted Olton Bowling Center as a part of Olton's community life.

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To wish You  
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itual blessings of the season.  
May your heart and home be  
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Thank You and Warm Wishes

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is Born..



May His message of  
peace and good will  
be remembered by all,  
this Christmas season.

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**Christmas  
Columns**

EXCERPTS  
FROM  
NEWSPAPER  
EDITORIALS

What, indeed, is the spirit, the true meaning of Christmas? Every year thousands of words and countless editorials reflect in print the thoughts of newspaper editors all over the country. In different words, in different manner of presentation, they each say the same thing about Christmas and the meaning to be found therein. Picked at random, here are paragraphs about Christmas that have appeared in weekly newspapers:

**The Page News and Courier, Luray, Virginia:**  
Once again this Christmas season Christians everywhere will rejoice within their hearts as they commemorate the birth of Him whose teachings of humility, faith, responsibility and love hold the answer to most of the world's problems.

A sublimation of human nature which resulted in fewer actions being motivated by greed, jealousy, and hope of selfish gain would make it mandatory for nations to observe a code of honor in their dealings just as responsible individuals must. It is not too much to believe that the spiritual force that created the marvel of the human mind will show the way to the wisdom and strength necessary to make this a better world—one of peace founded on fair dealing and trust between all peoples.

**The Barnesboro Star, Barnesboro, Pa.:**  
The world is not everything we would like it to be. We have a talent for organization, and a positive genius for manufacturing machines that are marvelously intricate and precise. Yet, among ourselves we have never been able to fashion anything except the unesiest kind of peace on earth, a hesitant, suspicious attempt at goodwill toward men.  
But once a year, at Christmas, the vision is available to us. Dimly we catch a glimpse of what the world might be if our ability to produce could be matched by an ability to understand . . .

The miracle of the birth of God's son is the most thrilling experience the world has ever known. Read it, meditate on it; and then get closer to God by following the perfect example of His only son.

**The Desert Journal, Joshua Tree, Calif:**  
Scripture says, "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you!" It is the spiritual significance of what is behind the "door to the human heart" which makes of Christmas something especially to be cherished by all humanity.

Old Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol" found he must open his heart to human understanding before he could be admitted past the door behind which Tiny Tim and the Cratchit family were holding their jolly Christmas party.

It is this admission to the joys and companionship of a family celebration which has made of Christmas a day especially devoted to children. The presence of children in such a group is but part of the everyday homage paid to the hope and wonderment brought to the world by the birth of a Child on the first Christmas Day.

A door was opened on that Christmas Day to a new concept of peace and understanding for mankind. Regardless of religious beliefs, the universal thought of peace and good will can only be spread by an opening of this door to human understanding.

**The Catskill Mountain Star, Saugerties, N. Y.:**

Reams of paper are covered yearly with attempts to put into words the exact meaning of Christmas. Stripped of its commercialism, Christmas means joy, peace and love. It is the joy of a child on receiving a long-desired, oft-promised sled or puppy. It is the joy of a father glimpsing his squirming, redfaced first-born. It is the joyous relaxation a mother experiences as she first holds her baby. It is the exultation we all feel as we think of the tiny Babe, nestled in His Mother's arms, bringing hope to the world.

Christmas means peace. It is the quiet contentment of a family circle gathered around a fireplace, or a Christmas tree or a lowly manger. It is the peace of the quiet countryside, the gentle lowing of the cattle, the warm rustling of animal dam and her young. It is the peace that spreads over blood-stained battlefields on Christmas Eve. Christmas holds the hope that some day there will be no blood-stained, bomb-scarred fields over which troops by common consent stop their killings for one day.

Christmas means love. It is expressed by a few blood stains on a pet holder fashioned by unskilled hands. It is shown by work-roughened, calloused hands gingerly fingering delicate lingerie to choose something fine enough for his wife. Love beams as Sis hoards her lunch money to buy big brother a gadget he's been hinting about. Love motivates the sharing of gifts with friends, and with those whom we know little except that without help, their Christmas would be barren. May your Christmas be one of joy, of peace and of love.

**The Standard, Falls Church, Va.:**

Christmas has a deep significance to all Christian peoples. It is the celebration of the birth of the One they hold to be the Saviour of Mankind.

We are not theologians—every minister, pastor, priest, and preacher in the various branches into which the Christian faith has been split

**Christkindl-Austrian Mailing Center**  
The postmarks, "Christmas, Fla." and "Santa Claus, Ind." are well known in the United States, as thousands of Americans like to send their holiday gifts to others bearing seasonal postmarks. But, other countries have such holiday mailing centers, too, and a typical one is the "Christkindl" (Christ Child) Post Office in Austria.  
Since it was established 11 years ago, the Christkindl Post Office has enjoyed great popularity inside the country and out. It is a special post office, open to the public only between December 6 and January 6 each year. All mail is cancelled with a special slogan. The office handles about 707,000 letters and packages a year, many of which are sent abroad.

**Christmas Tree Industry Grows To Big Business**  
The growing, cutting, and marketing of Christmas trees has grown, within the last 20 years, into an important industry. This year, for instance, approximately 45 million trees will be harvested. Forest areas no longer supply enough quality trees to meet growing demands. Many farmers, in all sections of the country, grow Christmas trees as a supplementary crop.  
The demand has required that the industry become more mechanized, especially in the Northwest where millions of trees are harvested each year.

**Christmas LIGHTS**  
How bright are the lights that shine at Christmas; the colors of the rainbow, the forest and the lake. They shine and they beam, they blink and they beckon; their reflections are captured in plate glass and passing car windows. But where are they brighter still? Capture, if you will, the reflection in the eyes of the very young . . . eyes so alive with excitement and anticipation, so full of joy and brimful of hope and eagerness.  
Christmas lights the eyes of the young, but it is not a mere reflection. It is a light that comes from deep within, from the realization that there is something deeply wonderful about the season of Christmas; that there is a significant meaning about to be grasped and yet to be realized.  
This is the light that shines in the eyes of the young. It is hope; it is anticipation—and eagerness—to grasp the meaning of Christmas, completely, fully.  
May the true spirit of Christmas come to each and every one.

**Perfumes**  
Perfumes are almost as traditional as holly and mistletoe. Early pagans burned fragrant woods and spices as offerings to the gods; priests used perfumes in religious rites; at their coronation kings and emperors were anointed with fragrant oils; the Wise Men brought gifts of frankincense and myrrh to the Holy Infant. Today, perfumes rank high on milady's "want" list.

will deliver one or more sermons during this week on the true meaning of the Saviour's birth.  
But we are certain that many, many people throughout the world wonder, as we do, what the observance of this most sacred occasion has become for some of us and our contemporaries . . .

We're all human, no one denies it. But by that very token, wouldn't it be the gracious, the thoughtful, the considerate thing to do (even though we may boast that we don't "work at" our religion) to give some serious thought and meditation to the One about whose birth all the celebration revolves? Even though some of us don't set foot in a church from one year to the next, it would do each and every one of us good to attend at least one Christmas church service—if we go with joyous hearts and the true, thoughtful desire to honor Him whose coming to the world brought hope, love and a rebirth of the spirit of human dignity.

**The Independent, Fuquay Springs, N. C.:**

Who does not remember the New York Sun's famous editorial in reply to a little girl who had asked whether there was indeed a Santa Claus? "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," said the writer. And he went on: "A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

The truth of this has been reaffirmed many times, both in print and in the hearts of men and women, during the more than 60 years since those words were written. But suppose now that someone, dismayed by the mundane gaiety of this yuletide season, by the glitter of tinsel and colored lights, were to ask, "Is there a Christ in Christmas?" Would the affirmative be as resounding and as heartfelt as the earlier assurance about Santa Claus?

This we ask with no thought of sacrilege. On the contrary, the question is put in all humility. And it is, beyond doubt, the central question to be asked by each true celebrant of Christmas.

For if the Saviour whose birth we commemorate is not uppermost in the minds of Christians on this day, if His presence and His message are obscured by the tinsel and lights and parties and feasting, then the best of the holiday has been lost. Now the rush and agitation of the pre-Christmas season are past. This is a good time to focus mind and heart for a while on Him without whom Christmas has no meaning.



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at Christmas and bring  
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happiness.

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and love . . . faith sustained by the spirit of Christmas . . . hope  
for lasting Peace on Earth . . . love ever bright with the blessings  
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When jolly old Santa makes  
his annual trip to your home,  
may he find every eye bright,  
every heart light with  
the happiness of this  
joyous season.

**Merry  
Christmas**

**ABOUT HOLLY**

The popularity of holly as a Christmas decoration is not merely because the plant retains its prickly green leaves and bright red berries after winter's cold has withered other forest greenery.

Before the Christmas, Romans sent gifts of holly to friends to mark the December festival of Saturn. The superstitious Druids kept holly in their dwellings, as an invitation to the "spirits" to enter and seek shelter from winter cold and winter winds. The early Ger-

mans used holly in an observance which marked the return of the sun from its southward pilgrimage.

In medieval times, holly was used as a remedy to treat a variety of aches and ailments. Some early American Indians even attached twigs of holly to their shields, in the belief that some special powers within the holly would make them more formidable in battle.

Holly, like mistletoe, is surrounded by legends and superstitions, dating back to pagan rites and rituals. We moderns attach no particular significance to our use of holly as a Christmas decoration—other than that it is "traditional" and "pretty." Yet, we use so much more holly than our ancestors used that today the plant has all but disappeared in some sections of the country.

**THERE IS A Santa Claus**



"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

This famous editorial reply to the pleading, almost tearful inquiry of a young girl, "Is there really a Santa Claus?" is repeated year after year and probably will

be—a thousand years from now.

There is, indeed, a Santa Claus. And he is real—as real as we can expect him to be. And he continues to exist because there is a real need for him.

**We Can Argue**

Most of us argue that Christmas is too commercial. The sending of Christmas cards to everybody in town is grossly overdone. There is too much emphasis on gift-giving and receiving.

All of these things may well be true. But, we don't see how anyone can rightly complain about Santa Claus. He belongs to the very young, to the unspoiled, the hopeful. He gives some meaning and purpose, albeit not completely understood, to those too young to comprehend the true meaning and purpose of Christmas.

And, in all fairness, it must be said that only the deep religious significance of this great holiday is more rewarding to so many than dear old Santa.

Why not plant that living Christmas tree after you are through with it this year?

**Payola Scandals Will Have Effect On Business Gifts**

Businessmen will give Christmas gifts in greater numbers this year, but the value and suitability of each gift is being examined with greater care, according to the Business Goodwill Advisory Council.

"Extravagant business gifts of the type associated with the 'payola' are on their way out, replaced with modest gifts selected with an eye toward value and good taste." That's the finding of this non-profit research organization supported by gift-conscious sales managers, the business gift industry's two national trade associations and the industry's trade information service.

The average cost of a 1959 business gift was about \$7.50, BGAC reports, down from \$14.00 only five years ago. But, the number of individual gifts is estimated to be running 22% above last year; 110% more than five years ago.

Because of the considerable increase in number of gifts, the sales volume of the business gift industry will be close to \$300,000,000 this year; up from \$253,000,000 last year and \$276,000,000 the year before. And these figures do not include liquor and other gifts purchased through retail stores.

"The 'payola' scandals have alerted businessmen to choose their business gifts with greater care," a spokesman said. "Businessmen are now striving earnestly for tasteful gifts that can be presented in a truly thoughtful manner as honest tokens of appreciation."

**BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Toys, of course, are the first thing we think of when we start running down the list of young folks on our gift list. For the very young, that is. When we start deciding what to give to the pre-teen and early teen set, we have to use a bit of imagination—as well as a bit of realistic thinking. Too often, we overlook the wonderful world of books.

To the impressionable youngster, good books open the door to adventure, travel, mystery, to endless hours of entertainment, recreation and education.

Books are easy to select and give. All one must know is the age, reading ability and capacity, and interests of the youngster for whom the gift is intended. While books are ageless, youngsters are not; they have their own individual likes and dislikes and a book on a subject in which they are not interested would be as useless to them as a shirt four sizes too big. The same is true if the subject matter of the book is "too old" or "too young." There is no such thing as a book for youngsters "8 to 16." The age span is too wide and the diversity of interests will be even wider.

**Buy Wisely**

Some well-intending persons buy books or book sets for the school-age as gifts for infants, thinking they are purchasing a "lasting" gift. Actually, they are wasting their money. If the books are not torn or misplaced by the time the child is old enough to read and appreciate them, most likely the information contained in the books is outdated.

Books for youngsters are written for a select age group—not for a select age. At 13, two boys may have entirely different reading tastes—as well as reading abilities.

Books make excellent gifts for persons of all ages. But, like a glove or a shoe, they must "fit" the recipient if they are to be fully appreciated.

**COMMUNITY TREE**

The custom of community Christmas trees, which will be observed this year by thousands of towns and cities, started in 1909 in Pasadena, California, when citizens erected a tree on Mount Wilson.

The first National Christmas Tree was set up on the Capitol steps in 1923 and came from Vermont.

The tallest Christmas tree on record was erected by the Northgate Community near Seattle in 1950. It was 221 feet tall when cut. After trimming, it weighed 25 tons and towered 212 feet in the air.



**Greetings**

Have a wonderful holiday time, friends and neighbors! Here's hoping that your Christmas will be the merriest and brightest ever.

**HART OIL & BUTANE, INC.**

**THE Season's HEARTIEST Wishes**

We're coming your way with best wishes for a happy holiday and many thanks for your patronage.

**HART LUMBER CO.**

**GREETINGS**

Just a friendly message to thank you for your patronage and wish you and your loved ones a holiday season full of friendship, good cheer, good health and much happiness!

**HART GIN**

ROLAND ROSA

**warm wishes**

The scene is set for Christmas... enter laughter and love, joy and good cheer. To your happy holiday, we'd like to add our warmest wishes, our most sincere thanks for the opportunity of serving you. Your patronage is truly appreciated... we'll do our best to deserve it always.

**Producers Co-Op Gin**

HART TEXAS

**Silent Night**

"All is calm, all is bright." So beautifully expressed in the hymns and carols of blessed memory, the Christmas message strikes a responsive chord in every heart today. May you and your family partake in fullest measure of the deep and enduring joy that makes Christmas the happiest time of the year.

**WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE CO.**

DIMMITT, TEXAS

ROBERT ELTON JIMMY

**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.

**HI-POINT FERTILIZER, INC.**

HART, TEXAS

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

FOR YOUR FRIENDLY PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST YEAR

SOILA BEAUTY SHOP

Hart

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Christmas Is Not "X's" Birthday

Today is the day of commercialization and advertising. Throughout the year we are bombarded with ads and promotions of one kind or another proclaiming the merits of everything from shoes to \$10,000 autos.

In our efforts to buy and sell, we too often lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. We seem, some of us, to forget who's birthday it is. Evidence for this can be found in the word "Xmas."

Christmas Recipe

Take equal amounts of joy and peace; mix well until thoroughly blended. Spread evenly across the whole world. Add equal amounts of faith and hope.

AT CHRISTMAS Thousands Visit Holy Land

Jerusalem and the Holy Land at this time of the year attracts thousands of Christians from throughout the world. They come by every means of transportation to visit the shrines and Holy places so important to the Christian world.

In Bethlehem they find the Church of the Nativity, traditional scene of the birth of Christ, which is cared for by monks of many sects.

From the Mount of Olives, where Jesus prayed and wept over Jerusalem, visitors can see the great beauty of the Holy City and the great wall that Herod built. Beyond it is the Dome of the Rock which tradition says marks the place where Solomon built his temple and Jeremiah hid the Ark of the Covenant.

The Garden

Near Jerusalem is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before he was killed. Some of the olive trees are said to date from the time of Christ's entry into the Holy City.

The tomb of Mary, mother of Christ, is near here and attracts many pilgrims. Visitors to Jerusalem today can not enter by the Golden Gate. It has been blocked and they must use the Dung Gate which leads into the North African Quarter.

The Holy Place

From inside this gate one can see the holiest places in Christianity—the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, erected over the place where Christ was crucified and buried.

It was completed in the twelfth century by the Crusaders and many different Christian orders have shrines here. One of the many traditions of the church is that the keys are kept by a Moslem of the family of Nussaibeh.

These are but a few of the many shrines and Holy places that have attracted millions of pilgrims throughout the centuries and will continue to do so for centuries to come.

BUSINESS GIFTS

Modest Gifts In Good Taste

Formed last year by a group of sales managers interested in clearing the air relative to the subject of business gift buying, the Business Goodwill Advisory Council has taken the first significant step in this direction.

In a leaflet entitled "Business Gifts At Christmas—Good or Bad?", the organization set forth seven basic "Keys to Success" in the selection and distribution of business gifts.

- 1. Keep your gifts of modest value in relation to the importance of each recipient as an employee, prospect or customer. Extravagant gifts smack of bribery. 2. Choose your gifts individually, considering the tastes of each group of recipients, or preferably, of each individual recipient. 3. Choose only high quality gifts that are useful, durable and dependable. 4. Personalize each gift, if possible, with the recipient's name or initials. 5. Package each gift attractively and securely. 6. Accompany each package with a personal note, greeting

card or at least a special gift label. 7. Deliver each gift with a flair, if possible—personally or by special messenger—and preferably to each recipient's home rather than to his office.

The organization makes a strong point of the fact that "as a result of occasional abuses... some businessmen have made the mistake of forbidding their employees to accept business remembrances before realizing that such a public statement breeds basic mistrust of the employees and inevitably results in very poor employee and public relations."

On the other side, detailed surveys have shown that "business giving is generally on the upswing; that the practice is definitely worthwhile, but it does depend on how it is done." "The giving of well-chosen remembrances can be a highly rewarding practice," the survey concludes. "Goodwill generates easily and it generates best when the remembrance is presented in a truly thoughtful manner as an honest token of appreciation."

BE SAFE

Make Christmas A Happy Time

Christmas is a time for feasting and joy throughout the land. And it is a time of sadness and tragedy for hundreds because of carelessness.

Every Christmas lives are lost or ruined by careless accidents. Some occur from falls while putting up decorations, or burns while cooking, or fires in the home. But the greatest toll takes place on the nation's highways.

Traffic accidents on both Christmas eve and Christmas day are about twice as high as the annual daily average.

Be Careful

Early darkness plus bad weather add up to poor visibility. Fogged windshields also make it difficult to see and avoid accident situations. Rain, snow and ice mean slippery streets and highways, but thousands of holiday drivers fail to adjust to these hazardous conditions.

Loss of lives in home fires is always greater at Christmastime because of decorations and Christmas trees.

Some Tips

- Here are a few Christmas safety tips: 1. A small tree can be just as pretty as a large one and is less of a hazard. 2. Stand the tree in water to retard drying and set it up in the coolest part of the room. 3. Use fireproof decoration of glass and metal. 4. Don't set up the electric train near the tree. 5. Check lights for defective wiring. 6. Discard gift wrapping immediately. 7. Don't leave lights burning on the trees when away from home and inspect it often to see whether it is drying out. 8. Discard the tree when the needles start to fall.

Select Toys That Suit Children; Not Their Parents

Many parents forget when choosing a child's toy for Christmas that the use of the toy is the most important thing to consider.

Adults are inclined to choose toys that appeal to them, forgetting to consider what the child might like and what would be most practical.

For instance, intricate windup toys have a limited use since they do only one thing and are very apt to get broken quickly.

Useful Toys

A toy with a variety of uses would be best. Blocks and other construction toys can be used in many games and do not break easily. Boys enjoy dump trucks and transportation toys, while girls like toys that imitate mother's appliances.

Beautifully dressed, expensive dolls are a temptation, but most little girls like a doll that can be handled and carried about with them.

They are noisy, but peg boards, hammers and construction toys are popular with the pre-school set. They like active toys—wagons, toy horses and sleds.

School-age children like games with numbers and letters, crayons, pencil boxes and notebooks. Books are popular and will provide much quiet entertainment.

For Girls

Little girls like to play dress-up and it is a clever parent who can fashion an inexpensive gift by cutting off old clothes to fit the children and find old gloves, shoes and hats.

Above all, however, consider appeal to the child rather than to the adult.

Biblical Star Still Puzzles Astronomers

The mystery of the Biblical Star of Bethlehem has for centuries intrigued scholars and astronomers.

Some scholars believe it may have been a supernova, or exploding star. Others think it might have been a comet or perhaps a conjunction of the bright planets Jupiter and Saturn.

If it was a supernova in the Milky Way, astronomers say, it would have unquestionably filled ancient stargazers with awe and the feeling that a great event might be taking place.

A "nova" implies a new star, but actually is not. It is rather an old star that suddenly flares up in a display 10,000 to 50,000 times brighter than the sun. A supernova is about 100 million times more brilliant than the sun.

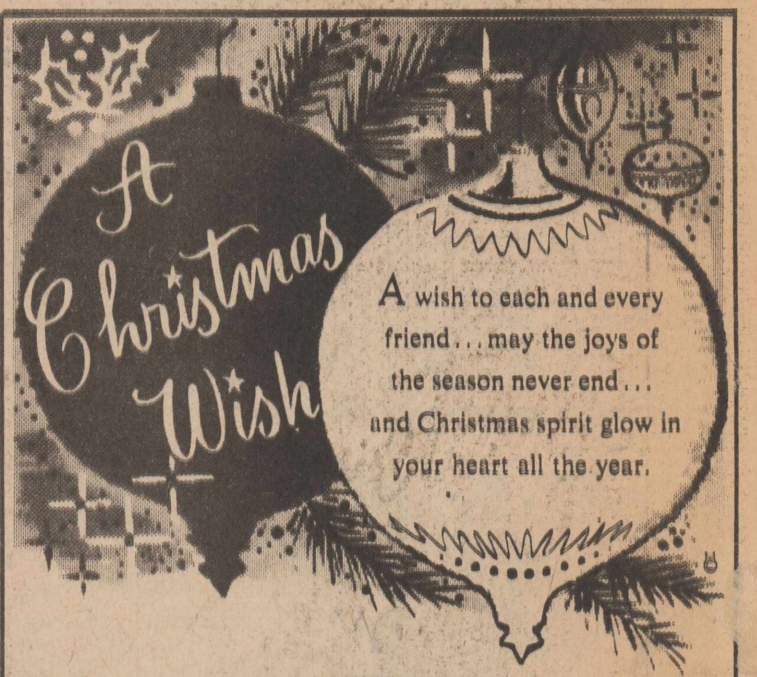
Japanese and Chinese documents report a "guest star," so bright it could be seen in daylight, appeared in July, 1054. This, no doubt, was a supernova, astronomers say.

Astronomers do not know what causes a supernova. One theory is that the star's supply of hydrogen becomes exhausted. As the star contracts, the core temperature rises to 100 million degrees centigrade. The incredible temperature sets off helium-fusion processes, and the star becomes a huge nuclear fusion reactor which eventually flies to pieces.

Christmas Music

Many are aware that the famous hymn "Silent Night" was written by Joseph Mohr, a German priest, but the origin of some of our other Christmas music is not so well remembered. "O, Come All Ye Faithful" is a Portuguese hymn written in the thirteenth century. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "Joy To the World" were written by Englishmen, Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts, respectively.

merry Christmas



Myrt and Pappy Loman

GREETINGS

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



RUE'S BEAUTY SALON RUE SMITHERMAN Hart, Texas



HART LOCKER A. L. TALLEY

SINCERE Greetings

We send you our sincerest wishes that your heart will rejoice in the bountiful blessings of a Merry Christmas.



Walt Hansen Gro.

HART TEXAS



Good Wishes for Christmas

At this joyous season of giving and receiving, we take pleasure in extending to you our heartfelt good wishes for a very Merry Christmas! We hope that you and all your loved ones enjoy every minute of this happy holiday!

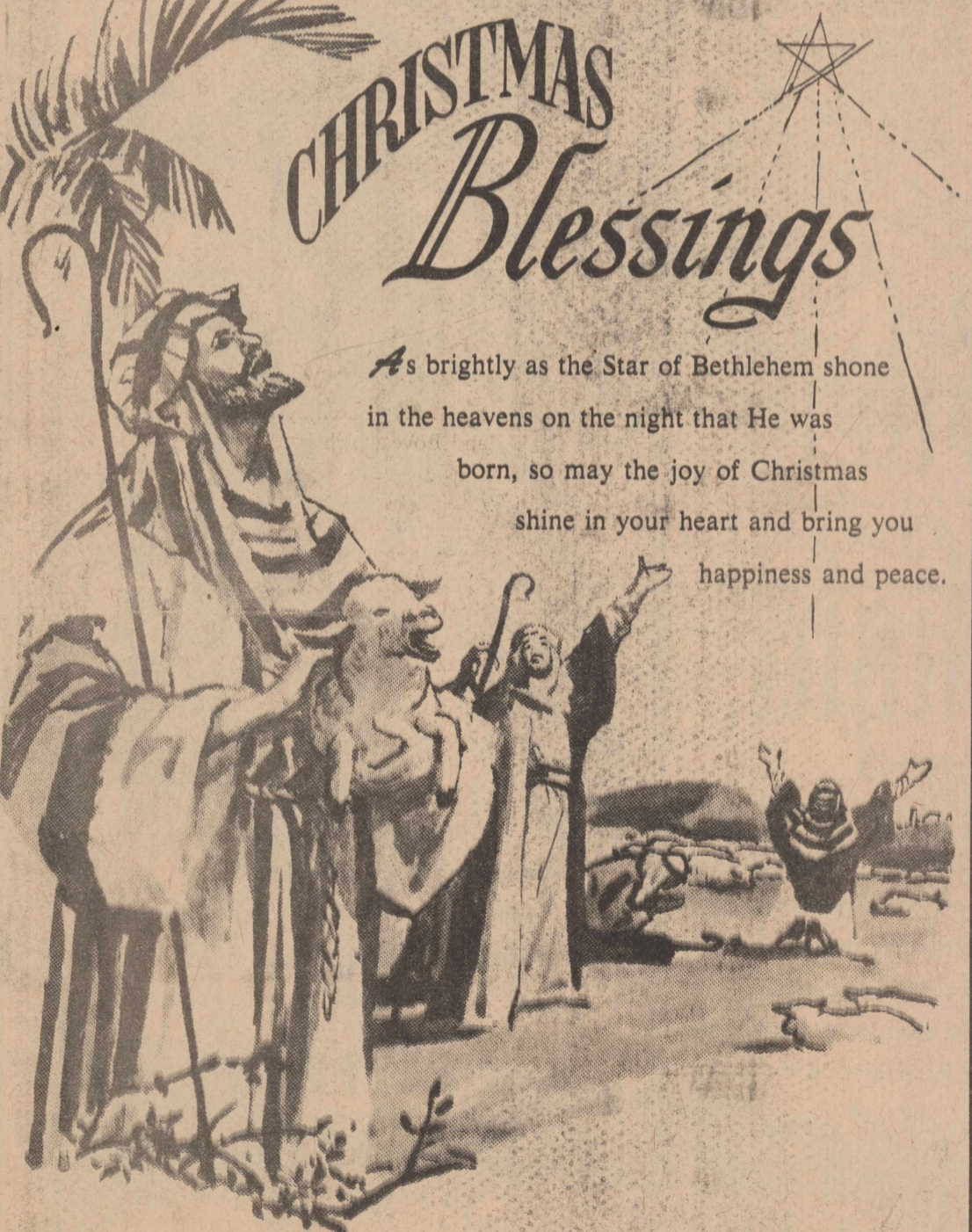
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CHRISTMAS Blessings

As brightly as the Star of Bethlehem shone in the heavens on the night that He was born, so may the joy of Christmas shine in your heart and bring you happiness and peace.



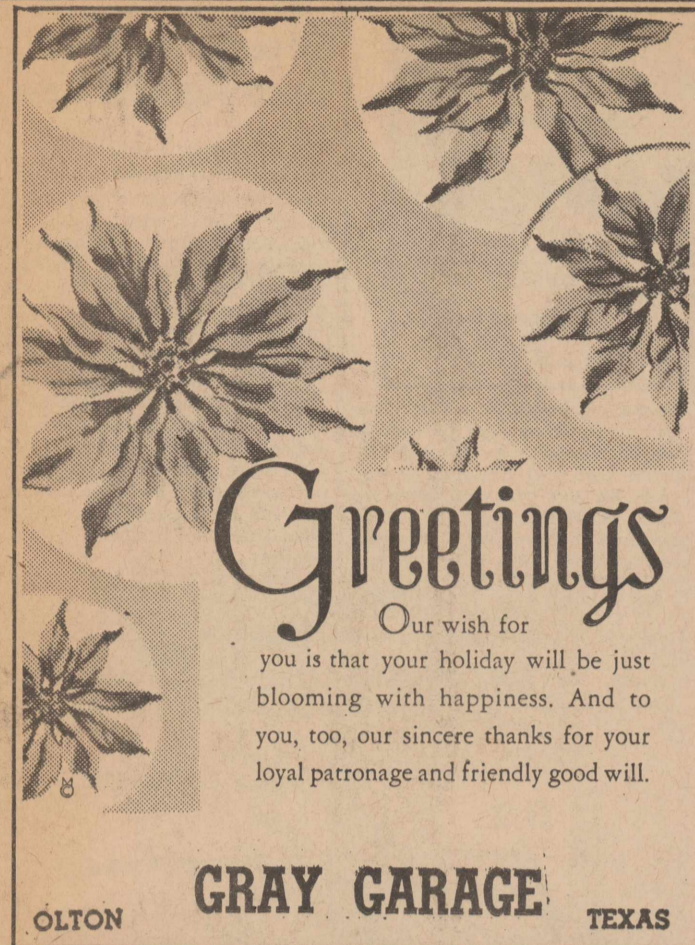
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We certainly hope Santa brings you just what you're wishing for, whether you're young in years or young in heart...and may the happy memories of a wonderful Christmas be yours to treasure.

Cox Butane Co. Cox Auto Parts

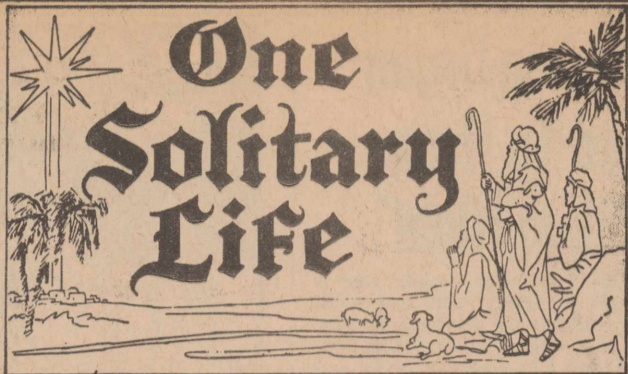
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# Greetings

Our wish for you is that your holiday will be just blooming with happiness. And to you, too, our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage and friendly good will.

**GRAY GARAGE**  
OLTON TEXAS



## One Solitary Life

Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family.

He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself.

While he was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, and that was his coat.

... When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon the earth as has that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

—Author Unknown

## Clement Moore Gave Popular Image Of Santa

That jolly, rotund, little man, who will bring joy to millions of children this year and whom we know as Santa Claus, was born in the United States—the product of the imagination of Dr. Clement Moore who wrote "A visit from Saint Nicholas."

There was, of course, a Saint Nicholas. He is the patron saint of children and known for his miracles and generosity. But for the American people Dr. Moore transformed him into a jolly, plump, rosy-cheeked little man with reindeer and sleigh.

### In 1822

The story of Santa's "birth" begins in the afternoon on Christmas Eve, 1822, in Dr. Moore's home—Chelsea House.

Christmas Eve was always an exciting time in the Moore household. Late that afternoon Mrs. Moore reminded her husband that he still had some Christmas presents to deliver to friends in nearby Greenwich Village.

Dr. Moore pulled on heavy winter boots and overcoat, called for Peter, an old Dutch handyman on the estate, hitched up a horse and sleigh and the two were off on the Christmas mission.

In an hour or so they were done and on the way home at a gay tempo with jingling bells which were fastened to the horse's harness.

### Inspiration

During this ride Dr. Moore had his inspiration. In Peter's round, ruddy face and sparkling eyes he had seen Santa Claus. The sound of bells in the clear crisp air produced a vision of reindeer flying through the wintry night.

Dr. Moore remembered that he had promised to write a Christmas poem for his children and during the rest of the ride he composed the gay jingle.

### First Reading

That evening, by the fireplace, he read the poem to his children. From this tenuous beginning, the Santa Claus we know has spread literally all over the world. The poem has been printed in many millions of copies. It has been translated into scores of languages, and into Braille.

It was in this manner that Saint Nicholas, a serious Fourth Century Bishop of Myra, in Lycia, Asia Minor, became a happy, laughing little man who flies through the sky in his sleigh pulled by reindeer, dressed in furs, smoking his pipe and going down chimneys to give little boys and girls goodies and toys.

### Christmas Question

For some reason, most of us have come to look upon the first day of the year as the ideal time for examination of conscience and for the setting up of a new set of ideals. Would not Christmas be a much better time? What better time than Christmas for all of us to ask this question of ourselves: "What am I contributing to my fellow man; to Christianity; and to the world in which I live?"

## No Birthday Party Without Christmas

Were it not for the observance of Christmas—the greatest of all birthdays—there would probably be no birthday parties throughout the rest of the year. In ancient times, only pagans took part in birthday festivities. Early Christians associated birth with the assumption of original sin and therefore did not look upon the birth date as a time for celebration.

The Pharaohs of Egypt celebrated their own birthdays, and we are told that King Herod did, too. But it was not until the 300's that the birth date of Christ was even noted. In the year 354 the Bishop of Rome declared December 25 to be the anniversary of the birth of Christ and from that date until now, Christians have observed this most wonderful of all birthdays.

## Gift Giver Has Different Names

The Christmas-time gift-giver has many different names in the various lands of the world, and even in Russia youngsters annually await the arrival of two legendary benefactors.

Kolya (Nicholas) is supposed to go about Russia on Holy Night, leaving tiny wheat cakes on the windowsills and in addition there is "Babushka" who also gives gifts to little boys and girls (in repentance, a legend says, for supposedly mis-directing the Magi on their trip to Bethlehem).

Italian Children await the arrival of "Lady Befana," a fairy queen who presents gifts. Some Spanish children believe the gifts come directly from the child Jesus—"el Nino Jesus."



## At Christmas

Ever new, the words ring out  
"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."  
And all the joys of Christmas live in our hearts on this day. May the true spirit of Christmas bless you and yours.

**Olton Auto Supply**



# Peace on earth

A Child was born, and there came to earth glad tidings of great joy... of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men. As the Star of Bethlehem shone on that Holy Night, may the true spirit of Christmas shine upon you and yours at this glorious season.

**Olton Drug**  
Phone 2251



May the Christmas holidays be filled with brightness for you and yours

**DUNCAN'S 5c & 10c STORE**  
OLTON TEXAS



## Christmas Joy

Joyful and triumphant, the message of Christmas echoes once more through the world. We wish for all our friends Christmas peace and happiness.

**ROBERSON-GIVENS**  
**TEXACO SERVICE**  
OLTON, TEXAS



## Yes, Virginia

What is perhaps the nation's most reprinted editorial was written in the year 1897, in response to a school girl's simple question about the validity of the Santa Claus legend. Virginia O'Hanlon, then eight years old, sent this question to the editor of the New York Sun: "Dear Editor: Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

The answer to this question, penned by an editorial writer named Francis Pharcellus Church has become an American classic. Here it is, in full:

"Dear Editor—Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus . . ."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



## DECORATING TIPS

You don't have to spend all your money to have a beautifully-decorated home at Christmas. Use ingenuity. Make most of your own decorations. In addition to the savings, you'll find that it's fun—and highly satisfying.

For example, stir up your own tree ornaments in a mixing bowl. Combine plastic starch and laundry detergent to make a stiff mixture. Then make frosty icicles by dipping bobby pins into the mixture. A loop of string tied through the closed end of the bobby pin serves as a handle for the dipping and as a hanger to put it on the tree.

Burned out flash or light bulbs make lovely tree balls if painted in gay colors. Stick on colorful seals, sequins, or ribbons for a finishing touch.

Popcorn strings, an old favorite, are colorful Christmas-tree ropes if you pop the corn two or three days before stringing, and dip it in a thin sugar syrup colored with vegetable coloring.

Save lids from paper ice cream cups, then trim by pasting on colored designs cut from old Christmas greeting cards. To hang, slip a paper clip or wire through a hole punched in the tab of the lid.

### Know Your Tree

In many states, it is possible to distinguish different types of Christmas trees, as they are graded, inspected and tagged before being marketed. In the East, Balsam and Douglas fir and spruce are the favorites, with pines becoming more popular each year. In the mid-South, long-needled pines have long been preferred. In the West, firs and cypress are the choice.

Here is an easy way to distinguish between these trees: Needles of the fir are 4-sided, blunt and soft to the touch. Spruce needles are usually stiff and sharply pointed. Pine needles are from 2-5 inches long, supple and attached to twig in bundles of 2 to 5.



## Season's Greetings

It is the season to thank you for your loyal patronage and wish you all the pleasures of a good old-fashioned holiday!

**Edwards Machine**  
Ph. 3071 Day 2581 Night  
OLTON, TEXAS



## Sincere Wishes FOR THE HOLIDAY

We extend to you our sincerest holiday greetings. May you enjoy the Peace, Hope and Love which is Christmas.

**OLTON DELINTING PLANTS**  
OLTON TEXAS



**Greetings**

Hang the stockings by the chimney, deck the house with holly, trim the tree and prepare to make merry! 'Tis the season of festivity... time for us to wish you and yours the best of everything!

**BRYANT-GILES IMPLEMENT**

OLTON TEXAS



**STUFFED Turkey**

How will you stuff your holiday turkey? One certain way of insuring a successful Christmas dinner is to include generous servings of appetizing and tempting stuffing.

No matter what method you select to cook your turkey, you will find carefully prepared savory stuffing a popular part of your menu. Turkey without stuffing is like a cake without frosting. Every family has a FAVORITE recipe for stuffing turkey or other fowl. We would like to share a stuffing recipe with an exciting taste... a special holiday treat.

Here's how you go about it; but be sure to remember that stuffing expands during the roasting process. So be careful not to over-stuff the bird:

**Wild Rice 'n Franks Stuffing**

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 4 tbsp. butter
- 1 cup chopped mushrooms
- 1/2 tsp. thyme
- 1/2 lb. skinless frankfurters sliced in strips
- 3 cups par-boiled wild rice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 beaten eggs

**NOTE:** You may use fresh, canned or dried mushrooms. Dried mushrooms should be soaked overnight and thoroughly washed before using.

Par-boll wild rice until it is almost soft. Drain thoroughly. Roasting time will be sufficient to make rice completely palatable. Sauté onion in 2 tablespoons butter until lightly brown and set aside. Cook the mushrooms in remaining 2 tablespoons of butter for about 5 minutes, stirring constantly, and remove from pan. Beat eggs slightly. Slice SKINLESS frankfurters in strips, and brown lightly in drippings. Remove from heat and toss all ingredients, including sausage, onion, mushrooms, wild rice, beaten eggs and seasonings. Stuff bird between crop and tail. This will make about 5 cups, enough for a 10-pound, ready-to-serve turkey.

**Make Candle Fit**

Often a candle is too large for the opening in the candlestick. To remedy this, dip the base of the candle in very hot water, then press it gently into the holder.

**Broken Organ Led To Hymn 'Silent Night'**

The Rev. Josef Mohr was a priest of implicit faith and child-like trust in the goodness of man. He had a close friend, Franz Gruber, who was versed in music and dabbled now and then in composition.

Between them they composed the world's most simple and beautiful Christmas song—"Silent Night, Holy Night."

The song is sung in practically all civilized tongues. Yet, little or no thoughts, are given to the poet and composer and the little town and country in which they worked and lived.

**World at Peace**

Europe was at peace on Christmas eve, 1818. The Napoleonic wars were over and there was much happiness in the little town of Oberndorf, Austria.

There was one minor note of sadness. The organ in the little church had finally given out and there would be no music for the traditional midnight mass.

But the people of Oberndorf did not know that Mohr had written a poem and given it to his organist Gruber. In a few hours during the afternoon and evening of December 23, 1818, Gruber set the words to music.

**Accompanied**

And strange as it may seem, Gruber used a guitar to provide the musical accompaniment.

Thus was born the song that is universally loved and which has made Mohr and Gruber immortal.

Mohr died as vicar on December 4, 1848, in Wagrain, Salzburg. He was greatly loved and respected, but so poor that the town had to pay the funeral expenses.

Franz Gruber fared a little better, but according to our standards both author and composer were as poor as the shepherds on the fields near Bethlehem.

The church of St. Nicola at Oberndorf no longer stands. A simple memorial chapel has been built there and is a shrine receiving pilgrims from all parts of the world.

**LET'S KEEP THE... Christmas**

The Bible says: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

As we prepare to celebrate another Christmas, how many of us remember these words—or are our thoughts too completely occupied with a present for Uncle John and Aunt Susie, with the preparation of lavish and expensive decorations, with the table settings for a sumptuous feast?

God did so love the world... that He gave us His Son... that He gave us this day that we call CHRISTMAS. This He gave us; nothing more. He did not supply the traditions; He spoke not of holly and mistletoe, nor of food and feasting. The many things that have come to be associated with the observance of Christmas—by all too many people—have been added through the centuries. The sad part of it all is that some have become so fascinated by all the embellishments that they have lost sight of the true meaning of Christmas: Christ's birthday. The day on which Christ was born. The day of the Redeemer. A Holy Day. A Spiritual Day.

Let us keep our bright Christmas trees, the colored lights, and deck the halls with boughs of holly. Let us set a table that would

please the palate of a king. But, with it all, let us find the time to search hopefully for the joy and peace that was Christ's purpose when He was born and when for thirty years and three He walked the face of earth, the highest example of life as a mortal being.

**Observance Was Once Against Law**

At one time it was illegal to observe Christmas in this country. In 1659 the Massachusetts Bay Colony's general court passed the following resolution: "Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting, or any other way, as a festival, shall be fined five shillings."

It is believed that the first "legal" observance in this country was in 1687 when Governor Andros conducted services in Boston's town hall. However, it was not until 1856 that the Massachusetts State Legislature passed laws making Christmas a legal holiday.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Our Christmas wish for everyone we know is for a wonderful holiday season, just filled to overflowing with all the traditional joys, warm good cheer and good fellowship.

We'd like you to know how very much we have appreciated your patronage and we're looking forward to the pleasure of serving you in the future as we have in the past.

**G. H. Bley**

Olton, Texas Phone 2721

**\*A FAMILY CHRISTMAS\***

We hear many complaints today about the modern generation's lack of that old-time Christmas spirit. Maybe this is because in times past, much of the pleasure was derived from preparing for the holiday. The whole family worked together in order to get ready.

In those days, there were no ready made Christmas trees. The men of the family went to the nearest hillside or wood plot and chopped one of their liking. Tinsel, angel's hair, ornaments, and electric lights could not be bought anywhere. All the tree decorations were homemade and it was customary for the entire family to take part in their preparation.

**Old Spirit**

It would be foolish indeed, not to take advantage of today's many beautiful ornaments and decorations made possible by modern industry. Yet, we can still recapture a little of that old time Christmas spirit by making some of the decorations as a family project.

A variety of ornaments are possible from such materials as plastic foam. A cookie cutter, for instance, can be used to outline such shapes as snowmen, Santa Claus, gingerbread men, dolls, clowns, and stars on a one inch sheet of plastic foam. After the shapes are cut out with a sharp knife, each member of the family can decorate an ornament. They can glue sequins to the figures to form features. The foam can be tinted with food coloring or felt can be glued to the ornament to add extra details, such as hats, ties, and buttons. A pipe cleaner inserted and glued to the top of the ornament provides a hook.

Decorating the tree, is usually a family project, enjoyed by both young and old. Preparing the decorations for the tree can be equally enjoyable and memorable.

**Holiday Customs**

In Norway, there is always an almond hidden in the Christmas pudding and the finder, according to tradition, will be married during the next year. In Sweden, the Yule table is laden with buns, cakes and loaves of varying shapes and colors. Roast goose is the holiday menu headliner for the Danes, who stuff the bird with apples and prunes, and serve it with cabbage and potatoes.

**Season's Greetings**

We extend to you our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage and our best wishes for a holiday season that spreads good cheer all through your house!

**RILEY'S TV SERVICE TEXAS**

**Greetings**

We extend glad greetings to all our friends and neighbors. May you find happiness with your near and dear ones, and may heart's content be among your holiday gifts.

**B. C. Fitts Inc.**

OLTON TEXAS



**PEACE... Joy... and HAPPINESS**

Across the ages, the sacred message of the Babe of Bethlehem spreads a wonderful radiance through our hearts, our homes, our churches. We greet you at Christmas with the wish that peace, joy and happiness may ever be yours.

**OLTON GRAIN, INC.**

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**Merry Christmas**

To all our friends we send the warmest greetings of the season and our sincere wishes that you will have a Christmas that you will long remember for its hearty cheer and outstanding joy.

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