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Merry Christmas

25 Ballinger Families Needing Christmas Aid

Some 25 families will have a bleak Christmas this week unless good-hearted Ballinger organizations come to their aid. Mrs. Kermit Parish at the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce said Monday that they still had names of 16 families who were in need of all sorts of items—food, clothing, toys for the children. About nine other families needed food, she said, and were not in such dire straits as the others.

The needy list has been cut down considerably since last week, when 40 families were listed.

Sunday school classes, civic and social organizations, and individuals have taken names of families to look after in order that they might share in the Christmas celebration with warm food, necessary clothing, and toys for the children in the family.

The Chamber office will be open until noon Wednesday and names can be secured until that time.

Most of the families can use food, clothing, toys or games for the children, and some are in need of medicines and bedding.

Failure to clear through the Chamber of Commerce office in securing of names for assistance has resulted in some families being overlooked and some receiving aid from more than one source, Mrs. Parish said.

BALLINGER LIONS SELL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
Members of the Ballinger Lions Club spent all day Saturday selling small home fire extinguishers on the downtown streets of Ballinger. Members worked in pairs and sold the small spray type extinguishers from a fire truck parked in front of the First National Bank.

With fires an ever Christmas hazard, the Lions had a good talking point to have a safety measure in the home during the holiday season and reported good sales at the close of the day.

Each year the Lions offer this product for sale in Ballinger but this year they did not make a door to door canvass.

AREA PEOPLE ENJOY GOOD MAIL SERVICE
The Ballinger post office has maintained excellent service during the rush holiday season for all their patrons. Incoming and outgoing mail has been handled each day with a complete clean up each night before the office was closed.

Postmaster K. V. Northington stated that local people have cooperated in a fine way with the workers in properly wrapping all packages and also in sorting their large mailings of Christmas cards.

The post office will be closed Christmas Day, however, if there are packages, they will be delivered Christmas morning.

SUSAN HERRING NAMED ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA
Susan Herring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Herring, 1309 Eighth Street, Ballinger, is a recent initiate of Alpha Lambda Delta, women's scholastic honorary at Southern Methodist University. Miss Herring was one of six sophomore girls to be initiated. She is a graduate of Ballinger High School and is majoring in journalism.

Spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Noel Hale and sons of Talpa will be Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh and Mrs. J. A. Williams, all of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ash of Bronte and Mrs. Dick Russell and son of San Antonio will spend Christmas with Mrs. H. E. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Christmas Banquet And Party Friday For Utility Group

Employees and families of the West Texas Utilities Co. in District G assembled in Ballinger Friday night for their annual banquet and Christmas party. They met in the elementary school and after the invocation retired to the West Ward cafeteria for the dinner and program.

The dining hall had been beautifully decorated with the Christmas theme and aside from the table decorations a large lighted tree was in one end of the hall.

A turkey dinner was served cafeteria style to more than 250 persons.

R. E. Ruble, district manager, was master of ceremonies and introduced guests and presented the program numbers.

Bob Allford brought two song numbers, with Mrs. Allford at the piano.

Mrs. Troy Simpson brought the Christmas story reviewing "The Bird's Christmas Carol." All kiddies of the group were assembled for a chorus and, under the direction of Mr. Allford, sang Christmas carols and other yule numbers. Just as they were starting to sing "Here Comes Santa Claus," the jolly old fellow came bursting into the dining hall to greet all of the kids and some of the ladies and the rest of the evening was spent in distributing gifts from the tree.

Several couples from the Abilene office were here to join with families of the district for the occasion. After the program some of the guests were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ruble for a short visit and refreshments.

Football Banquet Set On January 9; Morrow To Speak

The Bearcat Quarterback is completing arrangements for the staging of the annual football banquet. The date has been set for January 9 at the West Ward cafeteria and a capacity crowd of around 300 is expected.

Bobby Morrow, star track man from Abilene Christian College and a member of the Olympic team, will be the guest speaker on this occasion. He has accepted and the date was set after he stated he could be here at that time.

Tickets will sell after January 1 at \$1.50 each and mothers and dads of the squad members will have first choice. The Ballinger Lions Club voted last Friday not to hold a meeting on that date and to attend the banquet as a club. Those in charge of the arrangements stated this week that it would likely be impossible to take care of everyone who wanted to attend this year because of the seating capacity of the hall which will accommodate about 300.

Mr. Morrow is an outstanding speaker and since his world titles in track, has made many appearances over the entire nation. Other program features will be planned and announced later.

All the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hambright of Norton had their annual Christmas supper and family get-together at Loftin's Cafe. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hambright of Norton; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Barrett, Norton; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Crockett, Norton; Mrs. Pat Lollar and Mrs. Mabel Holloway, Happy; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mackey, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Hambright, Midland.

Christmas In the Homes of Local People

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Strother for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Strother and sons of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Max Strother and son of Seagraves and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Sterling and children of Houston.

Mrs. Janie Byram of Ringling, Oklahoma, has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Raper in Bakersfield, California. She will accompany them here for a Christmas visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Byram.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Wine will make Christmas visits to Austin, San Antonio and Laredo with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Shank and son, Rodney, of Perryton will be here for a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Golden.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mrs. Maude Roberson will be Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy McAulay, Safford, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. George McAulay, Abilene. George is a student in Abilene and was recently elected to membership in Alpha Chi National scholastic honorary fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Jimerson and children of Midland will spend the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flynt.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Watson for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Ledger and children of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burkes and children and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Watson and children of Orange.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Darby will be Mr. and Mrs. Billy Holloway and Vickie, Wichita Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flynt and Cindy, San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith and family of Mesquite are here for a holiday visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hovorak and son, Howard, will be in Midland for the holidays to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rohmfield will be Christmas visitors in San Angelo with relatives and friends.

Arriving home from Baylor University, Waco, this week were Miss Ann McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDonald, and Jimmy Hamner, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hamner.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirk and son, Calvin, will be in Big Spring for the holidays where they will visit Mrs. Kirk's mother, Mrs. Ellen Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk of Austin and daughter, Carol, student at Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia, will visit with Mrs. W. W. Fowler and Mrs. B. C. Kirk for the holidays.

Roger Blackmon, student at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, is here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blackmon, for the holidays.

Mrs. Lamar Fuqua, Don, Linda and Stephen and Kenneth Fuqua, student in San Angelo College, will spend the Christmas holidays with her family in Tenaha.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis will be Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Russell of Robert Lee; and their daughter, Patricia, student at North Texas State College at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lewis of Fort Worth will spend the Christmas holidays here with Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cam Blackmon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morris and daughter, Joan, will spend the holidays in Andrews visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gabbert and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gabbert Jr. and children will spend Christmas in Veribest with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gabbert.

Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Burkes and family will be Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Burkes of Corsicana and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burkes and Cindy of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carille and family and Mrs. Grace Cain will spend Christmas Day in Junction with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stokes and sons and Mr. and Mrs. George Stokes and son of Abilene will visit here this week with Mrs. Elena Armendariz and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hulsey will spend Christmas Day with relatives at Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Williams will be in Shreveport for the holidays in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Eldwin Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Mizell will spend the Christmas holidays in Dallas visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jay and sons will visit with their parents in Lamesa for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen Jr. and sons of Fort Worth will spend Christmas here visiting in the homes of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Green and family and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen.

Howard Hamner of Fort Worth and Jimmy Hamner, student in Baylor University at Waco, will be here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hamner this Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Stuart and Randy of Runge, Mr. and Mrs. Grayum Hart and Larry of Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lockett of Brownwood will be holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sprott and children of Colorado City will visit here during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tounget and other relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Newton will visit Mrs. Newton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bundy, in Enid, Oklahoma, during the holidays.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Dickinson will be Pfc. and Mrs. Jesse K. Hambright of Fort Mead, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hambright and daughter of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Davis and daughters of Norton. They will all go to Anson for a visit Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hambright.

Mr. and Mrs. Tab Morris of Dublin will be here for a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Halliburton.

Miss Pamela Dean is spending the holidays with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller at Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert White and Mrs. Jim Sanders and daughters of Fort Worth and Mrs. Albert White Jr. and daughter of Waco, will be holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Grindstaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vargar of Mr. Shasta, California, will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moragne.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young will go to Borger for the holidays.

Visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caskey for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cochran of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Boles of Amarillo.

Rev. and Mrs. Carroll Thompson and Sue of Ballinger; Carol Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Thompson, students at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, will visit Mrs. I. L. Griffith at Maypearl. This will also be a reunion of the Thompson family.

Mrs. E. L. Rampy will spend Christmas in Winters visiting Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sims and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Edwards of Brownwood will share the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Dietz and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cotton of Gail will join Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McClenny here for a Christmas visit to Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Briley of San Angelo will share the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lane and Mrs. Dollie Lee Briley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Foreman and family will visit Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mathis in Crews for the holidays.

David Jones, student at A & M College, will spend the holidays here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Jones, and other relatives and friends.

Harold Hudgens, student at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, will spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hudgens.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tigner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn and Mrs. R. E. Truly for the Christmas holidays will be: Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hall and Rebecca, Mrs. Marguerite Dow of San Angelo; Mrs. Chas. Tibbs and Ted Truly of Dallas; Charles William Tibbs of Los Angeles, California; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson and sons of Kingsville; Jerry Dow, student at Baylor University, and Mrs. Dow of Waco. The Tibbs' will make an after Christmas visit to Mexico City.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClanahan and children of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mrs. J. H. Goss of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Conner and daughters, Karen and Jannabeth, and son, Truman, student at Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, will spend the holidays in Ranger with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCortin and children of Garland will make a pre-Christmas visit with Mr. McCortin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Othell McCortin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards Midgley and children of Oklahoma City will visit with Mr. Midgley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Midgley, and with Mrs. W. E. Midgley over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kendrick will have as Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith and Mrs. Ben Smith, Ovaio; Mrs. Willie Fay Laird, Big Lake; Mrs. Doss Shield and Mrs. J. E. Manley of Brownwood.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Chapman during the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Glen Chapman and children of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. Zid Herring Jr. and family of Center Point and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wiesepape and children of Priddy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cape will spend the Christmas holidays in Corpus Christi visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton E. Morgan and daughters of Houston will spend the holidays here with Mrs. Morgan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Agnew and daughters of Houston will share the holidays with Mrs. H. G. Agnew and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts.

Mrs. Tom Agnew is spending the holidays in Austin with Dr. and Mrs. Barry Williams.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Stasney and son, Buddy, will visit Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pierce at College Station for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Stobaugh and sons of Odessa will share the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Witt and family will spend the holidays in Gatesville and Oglesby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Curry and daughters will make an after-Christmas visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer.

Mrs. C. D. Harris is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Branham and family in Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer and Mrs. Hatton Laxson will spend Christmas Day in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Curry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Webb and children of Pensacola, Florida, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cope and children of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guinn and son of Fort Worth will be Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cope.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Parrish, Donald Lee and Grace Ann, will visit Christmas Day in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carson.

Mrs. Lillian Holt is spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Peddy, and family in Orange.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Adair and sons of Houston will be Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair and with Mrs. Ira Deakins at Talpa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff and sons of Stamford and Jerry Eoff, student in Abilene Christian College at Abilene, will spend Christmas in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff.

Christmas will also be a family reunion with the family of Mrs. E. O. Lange. Visitors will be Mr. and Mrs. Otto Spreen, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spreen, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spreen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spreen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lange and son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lange and children, Mr. and Mrs. George Lange and children, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stokes and daughter, all of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stokes Jr. and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Lange and family, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Lange and children of Sweetwater; Miss Virginia Lange of Kermit; Misses Joyce and Julia Lee Spreen of San Angelo.

Highway Work Planned For County In 1959

The Texas Highway Department has announced that they will spend \$124,500 for improvement of highways in Runnels County during 1959. This announcement was made this week by D. C. Greer, state highway engineer, and is in addition to the regular construction and maintenance program which has already been announced.

The State Highway Commission has approved the above appropriation to improve already existing highways in the county and there will be no additional right-of-way requirements asked by the department. The projects to receive work in the county are:

U. S. Highway 67—From 5 miles southwest of Ballinger to a point 0.8 miles southwest of Ballinger, a distance of 4.2 miles. The work will be reconditioning and surfacing of shoulders.

State Highway 158—From Ballinger west a distance of 8 miles to recondition shoulders.

State Highway 158—From Coke County line to an intersection with Highway 83 in Ballinger, a distance of 18.6 miles. This work will include a general leveling up and seal coating.

U. S. Highway 83—From the Taylor County line to Winters, a distance of 9 miles. This will also include leveling up and seal coating.

No exact date was announced for the start of this work but it was also scheduled for 1959.

Bruce Field Is Leased To Breckenridge Firm

Ballinger city officials entered into an agreement with a Breckenridge firm Thursday for reopening of the facilities of Bruce Field.

A special meeting of the city commission was called after approval of a lease agreement filed in December with the Civil Aeronautics Commission, was given. This paved the way for the Ballinger officials to deal with the operator.

V. D. Howell signed the agreement for White's Inc., and took the field for a five year lease with an option for renewal at the end of that time. Mr. Howell said the airfield would be opened to the public. He also said his firm would carry on crop dusting and spraying operations from the local field. Other activities will be included in the general operations which will include service for incoming and outgoing planes.

Buildings included in the lease will include the large hangar, the administration building, the stage house and the oil storage tanks.

Mr. Howell stated that he plans to move to Ballinger early in January but would likely send in part of his crew to start renovating the facilities at the field this month. He plans to have the field in operation just as soon as possible.

Bruce Field has been closed as an airstrip for the last four years.

Mr. Howell will make a general statement of his future plans as soon as he arrives in January to make Ballinger his home.

HOME DECORATIONS ARE GOOD VIEWING
There is a large number of beautifully decorated homes and yard pieces to be seen this Christmas season. Those who have not driven over the city at night should do so this week some time and see the beautifully lighted pieces and the lovely interior decorations that are showing through picture windows.

The First Methodist Church has a beautiful Christmas scene on the lawn at the church which is well lighted for night viewing. Other Nativity Scenes are to be found in the city and a drive after supper some night will be enjoyable.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO MEET THURSDAY
Members of the Runnels County Commissioners' Court will meet Thursday, January 1, to approve bonds for new officers of the court.

Judge W. H. Rampy said that bonds must be approved for all officers of the court who were elected in the last election.

Regular court meeting day is second Monday, when other items of business will receive attention.

Pre-holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Holland children, Buffalo Gap; Mr. and Mrs. Holland and Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Roberts, all of Texas City.

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THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

"And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them."

"But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God."

"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

The excitement of realizing that there is a powerful and good force concerned with our lives and working beyond human knowledge first came to many of us as children at Christmas time. Santa Claus and gifts, the tinsel and Christmas trees, the dinner and fun with friends and family all set the stage. With these things gradually came an awareness of the story of Christmas, brought to vivid reality in the manger scenes depicting the birth of Jesus, in stories of the wise men who came to see Him, following the star of Bethlehem, and bearing their gifts, and in countless other ways. Perhaps this awareness was brought most sharply to some by the powerful and beautiful Christmas carols which tell the story as nothing else can of what happened on that night and of the new hope and joy which the birth of our Lord brought to the world, and to each one of us.

Fortunate is the person who had this experience as a child. The years can only deepen his understanding and increase the strength which he draws from the Kingdom of God which has entered his heart. Such strength can mean survival for millions of oppressed people throughout the world and for our own country where more subtle threats are made against the freedom and integrity of the individual.

BE CAREFUL

Christmas is a time of hazards and everyone must be careful to avoid things which would completely spoil the happy season for many. Fires are common during the holiday season as decorations are in use, fireworks are being used by the children and many tons of wrapping paper are being burned. Traffic on highways is the leading cause of death and property loss is expected to take a heavy toll again. There will be injuries around the house, on hunting trips, with fireworks as young children shoot them, and around busy kitchens. Be careful and keep happiness in your home and among your loved ones.

NEW TARGETS

During the month of January, the annual March of Dimes campaign will be conducted again. And the 1953 observance will be the most important in its long history—and the most deserving of universal support.

The March of Dimes was originally directed at polio, and out of it came the great Salk vaccine. The polio fight is not

over—as the Detroit epidemic of this year demonstrated. It will be continued until final victory is won.

But now the March of Dimes is to do much more. It is sponsored by the National Foundation, hitherto known as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. That change in name is mighty significant. For the March of Dimes is moving against new targets. The first of these are two of the greatest cripplers of all—arthritis and birth defects. At least 11 million Americans suffer the pain of arthritis and rheumatism, and some 250,000 infants are born each year with some sort of defect. The National Foundation will now bring its great resources to bear in seeking victories over these cripplers—even as it continues its work in the field of polio.

The March of Dimes needs your help. Give to it—enthusiastically and generously.

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To wish you
a Merry
Christmas Season

Grant Insurance Agency
Audra L. Grant

"Pyorrhoea" May
Follow Neglect

Did you ever see an attractive person with irritated "GUMS"? Druggists refund money if first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to help

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PEARCE-BAILEY DRUG



Merry Christmas

TO ALL OF
OUR MANY, MANY
GOOD FRIENDS



Motel Stonewall
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Behringer
and Employees

SEASON'S Greetings

A wish to join the others
That are being sent your way...
May all the greatest blessings
Be yours on Christmas Day...

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Our Christmas Wishes

Like the star that guided the shepherds and wise men, may the love and glittering light of the Season make this Christmas your happiest!

Morgan's

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shelton.

Visiting during Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parker will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rose and children of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Redman and children of Andrews, and Mrs. Maudie O'Dell of San Angelo.

Miss Nina Lee Mackey of Kingsville will visit Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mackey and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell of Norton during Christmas.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hays will be Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jorgenson and children of Williston, North Dakota, and Grider and James Hays of Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bryan will go to Texas City, Crosby, Jasper and Woodliffe for Christmas visits with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Robinson had a pre-Christmas visit in Amherst with her sister,

Mrs. Raymond Cantrell, and Mr. Cantrell. The Cantrells celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

The Glenn Eagers will visit in Baird during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harlow and son will spend the holidays in Levelland and San Antonio with their parents.

Valton Hoffman of Texas A & M College will spend his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudie and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clifton will be Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Johnson and sons of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Benny Ray Jobe and son of Panama City, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Haupt and children of Rockdale; Bill Clifton of San Angelo.

Miss Patricia Zappe, student at Incarnate Word College, San Antonio; Horace Sessions and

sons of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. James Trail and Sally of Dallas will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Zappe.

Marilyn Mason, a student at McMurry College, Abilene, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weyman Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zedlitz and Karen of Dallas and Dr. and Mrs. E. A. DeShazo of San Marcos will visit during the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Zedlitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murman and children will visit in Dallas during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Henson and children of Stanton will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Hank Barnett.

Kennedy Whiteley of Texas Tech, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whiteley and children of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson and children of Waco will spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Whiteley.



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Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Porter at Crews will be Mr. and Mrs. Bernice M. Porter and children of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Porter and children of Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Hoffman and sons of College Station will share the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Aurelia Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker and daughters will spend Christmas in Burkett with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Boggess and son will go to Brownwood to spend Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Wooten.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beddo will be Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Beddo and Barbara Lou of Williams, Arizona.

Guests of Mrs. Bert Witt and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McClelland will be Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murphy and son of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Willingham and Jerry will spend Christmas in Coleman with



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Mrs. Kate Paylor and Toby Paylor will spend Christmas in Merkel with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worley and sons of Big Spring will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McDaniel will spend Christmas Eve in Winters. On Christmas Day visitors in their home will be Gerald McDaniel of Waco, Mrs. Theima Bell and Mrs. Mellie Williams of Tuscola and Virgil McDaniel of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Vida Little will go to Austin to visit relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Floyd left last Friday for Corpus Christi where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin, and grandson, Howard Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion will combine Christmas with a family reunion in their home. Children of the Faubions who will be here are Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Midgley will be in Austin for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends.

Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Zid Herring Jr. of Center Point and Miss Billie Jean Herring of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Garrett will visit during the holidays with relatives at Bay City.

Miss Karen Carpenter, student at Howard Payne College in Brownwood, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Davy Crockett and Davy Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Hoffman and children of Poteau, Oklahoma, will spend Christmas here with Mrs. R. P. Tunnell and Miss Agnes Davis.

Malcolm Hall, student at A & M College, is here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hall, and other relatives and friends.

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Members of Stitch-In-Time Club included their husbands and added guests when they entertained at their annual Christmas dinner party in the home of Mrs. Willie Hoover on Tuesday evening.

The Christmas theme was featured in party rooms. The dining table was centered with a large decorated candle encircled with greenery.

Following the turkey menu, gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree. Mrs. Hoover played

Christmas cards on the Hammond organ.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Skewes, Mrs. Frank Hoffman, Mrs. Beulah McMillan and Miss Mickey Vorbeck. Added guests were Miss Johnnie Hoffman of Dallas and Emil Vorbeck.

Dr. and Mrs. George McCudley of Kingsville and James Skinner of Temple will be here Friday for an after-Christmas visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Skinner is in the veterans hospital at Temple.



HATES CROWDS—Crowds are no novelty to this champion Hereford, and, to judge by his expression, he doesn't like 'em. Beverly McGrath, 12, brought her prize animal from Novelty, Ohio, to enter him in the 59th annual International Livestock Exposition at Chicago, after winning a blue ribbon with him at an Ohio show.

TRAINING IN THE SAM

Marine Sgt. Jesse F. Lee Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Lee of Ballinger, took part in a helicopter landing exercise early in December with members of the 1st Marine Regiment's 1st Battalion. The helicopter landing exercise, nick-named HELILEX, was a joint Marine Corps-Navy operation exploiting the Corps' vertical maneuverabilities in modern warfare.



Airman Richard A. Morrish, son of Glen A. Morrish of 1400 24th Street, Ballinger, has been assigned to a unit of the Air Training Command at Mather AFB, California, for training and duty as an electrician. He recently completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base.

Airman Morrish is a graduate of Ballinger High School. Airmen assigned directly to a duty station from basic training at Lackland will receive on-the-job training under highly qualified specialists. They are selected for assignments on the basis of interests and aptitudes.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients dismissed from the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital the past week were:

- Ed Jones surgical, Saturday
- Mrs. Frank Wilberg and daughter, Rowena, Friday
- Mrs. Modesto Nombroso and son, Friday
- Mrs. B. J. Mahann, medical, Sunday
- Mr. Adam May, Talpa, medical, Saturday
- Mrs. Henry T. Webb, Winters, surgical, Sunday
- John Parker, medical, Thursday
- Mrs. C. W. Hendricks, surgical, Friday
- Mrs. I. O. Wooden, medical, Friday
- Tony Barrett, Norton, surgical, Sunday

Patients in the hospital at this time are: Mrs. O. K. Jacob, medical; E. H. Fory, medical; Mrs. B. D. Harber, Hatchel, medical; John Castor, medical; Mrs. Louisa Pustka, Rowena, medical; Rev. J. M. Bolding, medical; Horace Murphy, accident; Sim Ledford, surgical; Miss Florence Pirtle, Paint Rock, medical.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vancil are now living in San Angelo where Mr. Vancil is associated with Geophysical Integrators Inc. He was formerly an aerophysicist with Convair in Fort Worth where the family made their home. They have two children, Karl and Paul.

Holiday guests of Mrs. W. L. McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McGarvey will be Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Greenwood and E. P. Bryant of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMillan Jr. of Tuscola and Bobby McMillan of Navasota.

Mrs. John Barton and her sister, Mrs. Lillian Durham, of Comanche spent Sunday here visiting Ballinger friends.

Misses Ollie and Zaza Chenoweth left Tuesday for Victoria to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stroble will spend the holidays in



Christmas Personals

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Witter and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Condra will be Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Witter and children of Big Spring and Mrs. Pauline Kopecky and children of Baytown.

for a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Werner.

Mrs. W. R. Bogle is in Fort Worth for the Christmas holidays.

A. B. McDonald of Hillsboro is spending Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Tom Epling and Mr. Epling and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bragg and family of Pecos will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshier and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dunn will spend the holidays in San Angelo with relatives and friends.

Other family members who

will join the Lange reunion for Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Ashton and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lange and Dorothy.

Holiday guests in the C. E. Maedgen home will include Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Grady of Brownwood; Ronald Maedgen of North Texas State College;

Denton, and Lanny and Bill Maedgen of Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Mrs. Bob Tyree has returned to her home, having been dismissed from the Clinic-Hospital in San Angelo last Thursday. Reports indicate she is doing fine and should be able to return to her work as stenographer for the State Department of Public Welfare about the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mapes and daughters of Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lacy and Ricky of San Angelo will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freeman and daughters of Dallas will visit here during the holidays with Mrs. Grace Crimm and Miss Jo Crimm.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Batts and sons of Denver, Colorado, and Mrs. B. E. Tucker and son, David Earl, of Seymour, will be here for the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seales and Sharon of Durango, Colorado, will visit during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Dallas will be holiday visitors here with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams and also with the Spreen families.

Mrs. J. A. Williams will visit with relatives at Tolar during the holidays.

Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Amarine will be Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Amarine and daughter of Odessa and Mary Beth Amarine of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Robertson and Earl Douglas of Austin will be Christmas visitors in the home of Mrs. Gay Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Giesecke Jr. will visit with relatives in San Antonio this Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giesecke will make a Christmas visit with relatives in Cuero and San Antonio.

Mrs. Elmer Shepperd and Pat Hambrick left Saturday for Waco and they will be joined later by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hambrick and Nancy for a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. George McGovern and children of El Paso will visit here Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. Bruce Crenay.

Chief and Mrs. Clarence Richards and children of Shawnee, Oklahoma, will make an after-Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Jackson of McCarney will visit here during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Middleton.

Mrs. Cordelia Furgey will make a Christmas visit with her sister, Mrs. Floyd Boyd at Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Keel and children will make a holiday visit with relatives in Ropesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker and children of Baird will visit here this week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Arrant.

Rev. and Mrs. Anson T. Dewey of Menard will join Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer for a visit in Van with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore.

Mrs. Fay Wadsworth will spend Christmas in Little Rock, Arkansas, visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wadsworth and son.

Mrs. H. W. Peacock will join Mrs. Peacock in San Antonio for the Christmas holidays.

Major and Mrs. Robert Fowler and son, Rob, of Albany, Georgia, will spend the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Batts and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chambliss of Monroe, Louisiana, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Norman.

Dean Albright of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey and sons of San Angelo will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Albright.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Qualls for the holidays will be Weldon Qualls of Los Angeles, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Qualls of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perry will visit during the holidays in Arlington with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dodson will be in Midland Christmas to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Richards of Clearwater, Florida, are here for a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Conda Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. Conda Richards and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. King and son of Hico will be holiday guests of Mrs. C. H. Midgley and Miss Ann Midgley.

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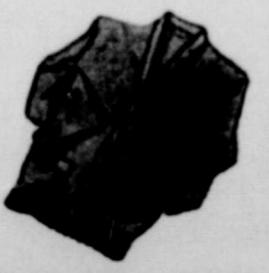
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Long Sleeve, wash and wear styles, new patterns, each **\$2.98**
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and Mrs. G. B. Jones and family of Lometa; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilson and family of Midland.

Miss Mary Egan of San Antonio will share the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Egan and Mrs. C. T. Moonen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stubbiefield will have as Christmas visitors their son, Charles, student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pitner of Arlington and Mrs. B. S. Pitner of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vogel-sang and son, James, will go to Los Angeles, California, for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Vogel-sang's mothers, Mrs. Agnes

Gressett, and with Gordon Gressett. Enroute they will pick up their son, Lt. Fred Vogel-sang, who is stationed at Fort Bliss.

Freddie Tyree, student at Texas Technological College at Lubbock, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyree.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wessels will be Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pannell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Miracle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Junkins and daughter, all of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wessels and children of Abilene.

Mrs. L. C. Hill will spend



Beauty is in many things - a snow-covered countryside ...the bright Northern Star. In the meaning of Christmas!

Newby-Davis Funeral Home

Personals

New Year's visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell will be Mr. and Mrs. Bill Russell and family of Uvalde; Mrs. D. R. Russell of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Caudle of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wayne Patton and Kenneth of Fort Stockton will spend the holi-

days here with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Patton. They will all go to Snyder for Christmas Day.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Nunn will be the entire family; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nunn, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lee and family of Mullin; Mr.

Christmas in Miles with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Douglas.

Christmas visitors in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Lester Orphan will be Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Webb Johnson and children of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs.

Charlie Johnson and children of Lubbock; and Leland Ohl-hausen, student at ACC in Abilene.

Miss Neysa Petrie, student at McMurry College in Abilene, is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Petrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zetsche of Midland will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Bailey.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bragg will be Glenn Bragg, student at A & M College, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Branscom and children of Dallas.



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Christmas Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Rountree, San Angelo College students, will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rountree and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duke during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Brevard and son of Fort Neches will be here during Christmas to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Flay Brevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays and children will spend Christmas in O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caudle will visit in Snyder over Christmas.

Ellen Shelburne of Snyder, and Annie Shelburne of Ft. Hancock will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shelburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hatley and Mrs. Dena Hatley of Wellington; Dr. and Mrs. John Hays and family of Andrews, and Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Robertson and daughter of Norton will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blair Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dearal Beddo and sons of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bell and children of Kerrville will visit during Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Howell.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richardson during Christmas will be M-Sgt. and Mrs. R. Silvey of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ringle and children of Harlingen. The Ringles will be stationed in Lincoln, Nebraska, effective January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herrington of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Corbin and Kristi of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burnett, Linda and Sharon of Iran will visit with Mrs. Lemmie Davis, Mrs. Lynnie Harris and Miss Bess Corbett during Christmas.

Visiting in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams over the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and Vickie.

Mrs. Asa Cordill and Bill Cordill will make an after-Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Otwell Layton and family.

Yuletide guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Parish and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Parish Jr. will be Mr. and Mrs. Carr Spraberry and David, O'Donnell; Mr. and Mrs. John Spraberry of Baylor University, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Otho Gillian and Lexington of Stamford; Otho Gillian Jr. of Texas Medical College, Galveston; Gaylon Gillian of the University of Texas, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Christian and Chris of Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parish and children of Abilene.

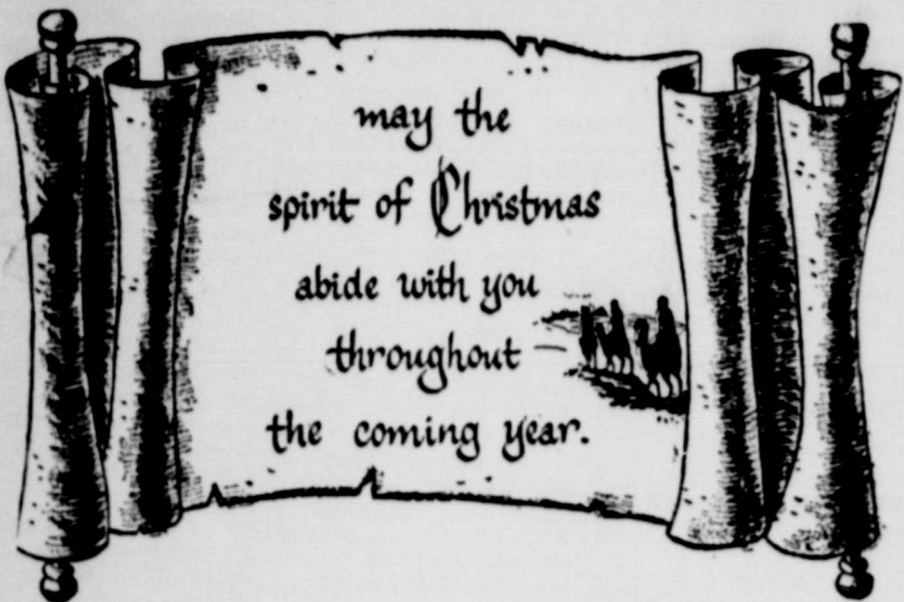
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lowrey and family of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boutin of Dallas will visit during the holiday season with Max McCrary Sr.

Terry Tyler, a student at N. T. S. C., Denton, will be a Christmas guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hebert.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witter and Mrs. Paul Witter will be Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Frnka of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Baggett of Abilene.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Boatright will include Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Mueller and son of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haines of Abilene.

Bill Crockett will be at home from the University of Texas in Austin to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crockett.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

It is again the season to express our appreciation to the loyal friends of Rannels County for their fine cooperation of the past year. As your county officials, we enjoy serving you, and we hope that this happy Christmas Season brings you and your loved ones together for a Perfect Christmas and a Good New Year.

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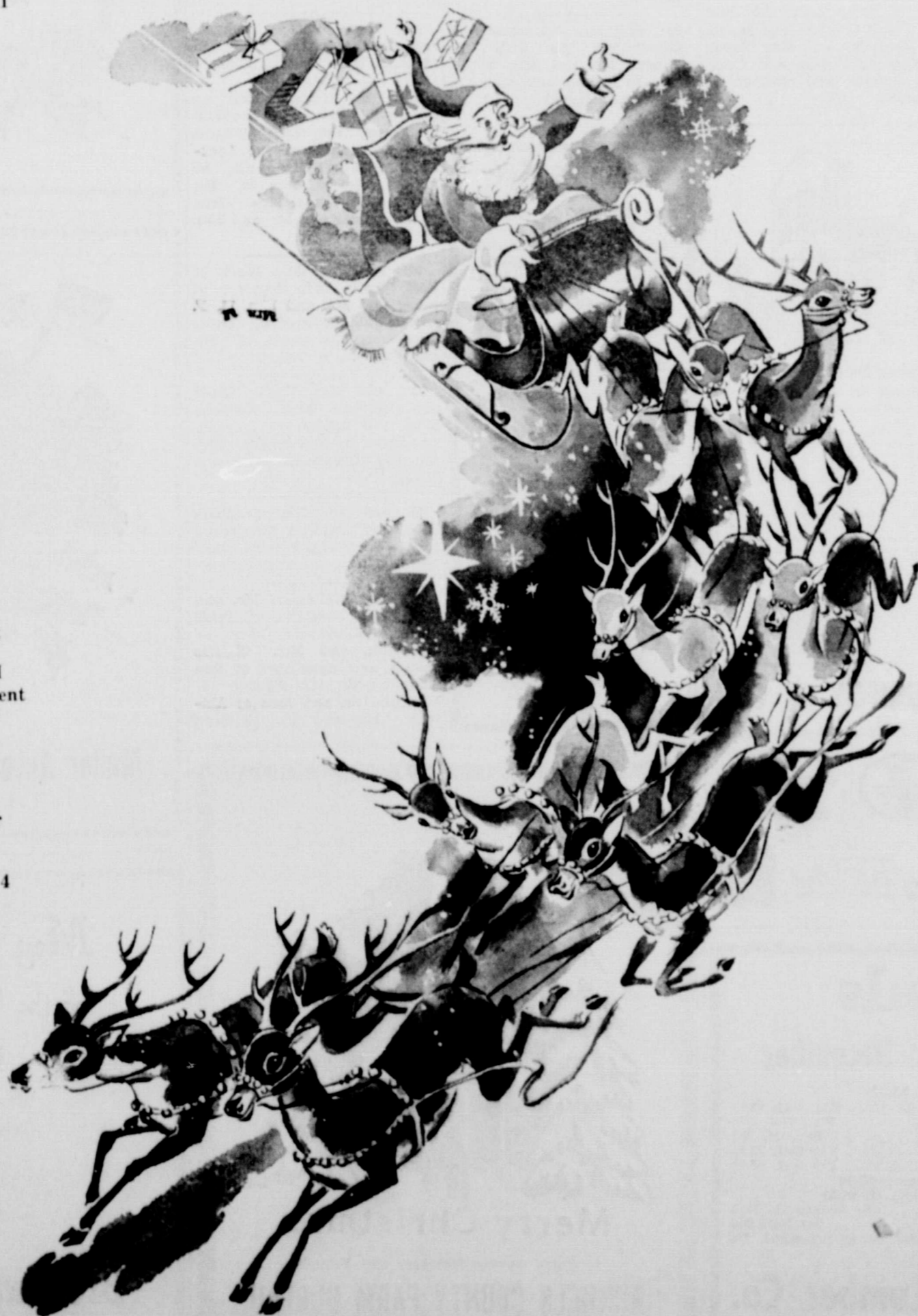
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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nance Jr. and family of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Campbell of Weatherford, Oklahoma, will spend Christmas here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nance.

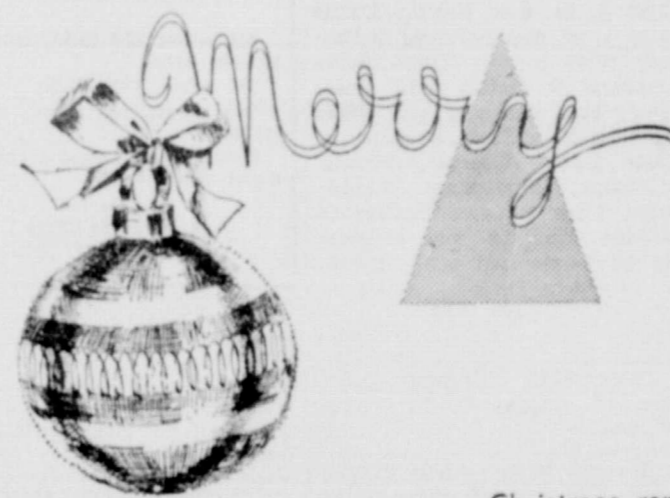
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Looney will visit during the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fowler in Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davis in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Little and children will go to Abilene for Christmas visiting her mother, Mrs. W. D. Scales.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kennedy and son, Donald, of Odessa will share the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Earnshaw.

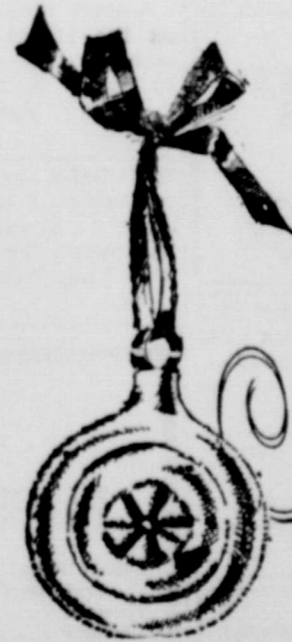
Mr. and Mrs. John McNeill and children plan to spend the Christmas holidays in Wilmett.

Jackie Reese of H-SU in Abilene will spend the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Wesley Reese.



Christmas reminds us of friends, good times, and all that's brightest and good in life.

It makes us think of those we know, or wish to know. It strengthens all the bonds of feeling and friendship that link us all, one to the other.



Christmas

King-Holt Co.

WANT ADS

DR. Z. I. HALE
Optometrist
Chandler Building
Phone 21481
Monday, Wednesday, Friday



FOR RENT—To young man, bedroom with adjoining lavatory. Air conditioned. 409 Eighth Street. Phone 8273.

Wanted

Scrap Iron
Cables—Motors
Tin Cases
Copper—Radiators
Brass—Batteries
Ballinger Salvage Co.

WATER WELLS
Drilling
Equipment
Service
MUELLER
SHEET METAL CO.
Phone 6261

FOR RENT—Furnished duplex, also furnished garage apartment and 3 room furnished apartment. See Sam Bohringer or phone 9854. 7-1f

Modernize your plumbing. Easy terms available, nothing down and up to 3 years to pay. Wm. Cameron & Co. Phone 8141. 3-1f

1952 Dodge 1/2 Ton Pickup
Extra Good Tires
\$395.00
License No. 2F 7086
RAY FUQUA CHEVROLET CO.

Save Money ON THESE ITEMS

17 and 21 inch TV sets
Maytag, Westinghouse and G. E. Automatic Washing Machines
Gas Ranges, Apartment and Large Sizes.
Refrigerators \$29.50 and up.
BALLINGER APPLIANCE & ELECTRIC SHOP

FOR RENT—3 bedroom home with central heating \$55.00 per month. Grant Agency. 9-1f

Take up payments on repossessed Singer sewing machine. \$5.00 per month. Total balance \$42.00. Write: Credit Manager, Vernon Appliance, 1030 Butternut, Abilene, Texas. We service all makes of sewing machines. 18-4f

New Year's Eve Midnight Show

Wednesday, Dec. 31

JERRY WALES
MERDI GRAS
Come Along to New Orleans to Mardi Gras
SINGS—MORRIS CROSBY—CLARK
COLOR BY DELUXE CINEMASCOPE
GRAND ORGANS—WAGNER—BLOUER

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Need a plumber? Complete line of plumbing supplies. Wm. Cameron & Co. Phone 8141. 3-1f

Spraying Service

Insecticides for all insect problems
Gardens—Yards—Shrubs—Trees
Houses and Barns
Prompt, Efficient, Economical
Call

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MATRESSES

MAKE YOUR—Old mattress like new. Write: Blidback Mattress, San Angelo. 9-1f

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished apartment. Call Ona Penn at 4354. 28-1f

For Sale

Angles—Channels
Flat—Beams
Pipe
We thread Pipe
1/2" thru 4"
Ballinger Salvage Co.

CHIROPRACTOR

X-Ray Spinal Analysis
Dr. J. LESTER OHLHAUSEN
Phone 4725
San Angelo Highway, Ballinger

FOR RENT—One or two bedroom furnished apartments, 300 Phillips Avenue. 23-1f

FOR RENT—Nicely decorated, air conditioned upstairs offices. P. Talbott. 1-1f

FOR RENT—Furnished modern house. Phone 2-7121. Buster Parrish. 26-1f

Restoration of old Photographs

No Size Limit
Claude R. Stone, Jr.
805 Eighth Phone 2-7398

FOR SALE—Used clarinet

Phone 2-3492. 30-1f

CONTINENTAL BUSES RUNNING AGAIN

LEAVING BALLINGER 7:30 a. m. and 8:05 p. m. for Dallas, connecting with Brownwood Buses for Austin, Temple, Waco and Houston. Leaving Dallas 5:30 a. m. arriving Ballinger 1:25 p. m. and leaving Dallas 5:30 p. m. and arriving Ballinger 11:42 p. m. These buses connect at Dallas with Buses going East and also with Buses coming from East, Washington, New York, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana. Thru Buses Dallas to Miami, Fla., to New Orleans, to St. Louis and other points. Aubra Dodson, Agent
Phone 3570 27-1f

FOR SALE—1949 Super Buick. See at Higginbotham Farm Equipment. 11-4f

We will have in this vicinity soon, 2 late model spinet pianos and 2 small student pianos that responsible parties may assume. Low monthly payments or will discount for cash. Write only—Credit Dept., McBrayer & Son Piano Co., 3128 E Lancaster, Ft. Worth, Texas. 18-2f

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See
A. M. King
Ballinger, Texas

FOR SALE—1954 Chevrolet 2 door Bel Air; 1950 Dodge pickup, both in good condition. Phone 9712 or see at 204 Hamilton. 18-2f

FEED FOR SALE—Bundled begari with good grain, about 5000 bundles. Felix Havlak, 6 miles southwest of Ballinger. 18-2f

FOR SALE
1955 Ford Station Wagon
Will take used pick-up in trade
SETH McLARTY
200 Sharp — Phone 21901

FOR RENT—Or lease, service station. A. O. Bartlett. 4-1f

FOR RENT—5 room unfurnished house, 1305 Eighth Street, after December 20. C. M. Gibson, 305 Fifth Street, phone 3078. 18-2f

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WORK GUARANTEED ON ALL MAKES
Call 2-7121

Ballinger Appliance & Electric Shop

119 Eighth Street

FOR RENT—Furnished guest house at 404 Seventh Street. All utilities furnished, air conditioned. Mrs. K. V. Northington, phone 9561. 2-1f

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Chandler Bldg., Across from Post Office
Phone 5633

For Sale

Equity in three bedroom home with attached garage and patio, 305 Pou Avenue, phone Sue Crews, 3481 between 9:00 and 5:00.

1951 Dodge 4-door
Radio, heater, clean
Fluid Drive
License No. AH 8856
\$395.00
RAY FUQUA CHEVROLET CO.

1949 Ford 2-door
Extra Clean
New paint, new seat covers and floor panels
\$325.00
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WANTED—To do custom plowing, large or small. Call Noel Wiley, 6512 before 7:30 a. m. or after 5:30 p. m. 20-1f

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, newly decorated. Also bedroom. Mrs. Gustavus, phone 9412. 4-1f

For your RICH PLAN representative, guaranteed food at better prices, call 5820 or see Windell Davis. 11-4f

Baby Shoe Bronzing

CLAUDE R. STONE JR.
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For Sale

640 acres, 600 field, in irrigation area.
375 acres, 120 field;
160 acres, 125 field, easy terms.
Good, small house on pavement, \$190 down.
A. M. King

FOR RENT—2 bedroom unfurnished house, call 6615. 18-1f

FOR SALE—453 acre farm by owner. R. L. Bishop, Winters, Texas. 18-3f

FOR SALE—1949 Chevrolet, clean, \$100. See Roy Schaefer, 4 miles south of Norton. 18-2f

WANTED—To rent cotton acres on 1/4, Box 110, Rowena. 24-3f

POSTED
Against hunting and fishing on the Mapes Ranch or any other land owned or controlled by me.
Andy Spreen 24-3f

FOR SALE—203 acres, 87 in cultivation, 8 miles from Ballinger on Crews road. Some oil has been discovered. Contact Carl King, Route 2, Ballinger. 24-4f

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Homes For Sale

This one bedroom home is very attractive and well located on two lots. Has double garage. Ideal for couple or single person.

This 2 bedroom home is not an ordinary 2 bedroom home. Has 1270 sq. ft. floor space. Utility room. Concrete cellar. Fenced back yard. Attractive yard and located on one of the best streets. Priced \$12,400.00.

This one bedroom home has garage and is in very good condition. Can be bought for \$2,800.00 with small down payment and balance like rent.

3 bedroom home located on corner lot with both streets paved. Carpet, pecan trees and storage in garage. Priced \$8,750.00.

We have a new low price on the Brock Property on Broadway.

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On all New Cars
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INSURANCE AND LOANS

Christmas Personals

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Goss of Denver, Colorado, will visit here during the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Bowden.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mrs. Tom Crockett will include: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crockett of Rowena; Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Crockett and family and Ralph Crockett of Midland; Jack Crockett student in the University of Texas at Austin; Don Simmons of Crane; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crockett and family of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warren and children of Paint Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crockett and family of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Simmons and sons and Mrs. Nina Gunyon and children of Ballinger.

Wallace Scruggs and children and Mrs. Viola Whittington of El Paso will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Scruggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan West and children will make a holiday visit with relatives at Rusk and Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis and children will visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davis, in Lamesa and attend a family reunion.

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