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Merry Christmas

PERSONALS



L.H. Gilbreath was admitted to a Fort Stockton hospital on Tuesday of last week with pneumonia. His condition remains serious at the time of this writing on Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Wilkinson left Monday for San Antonio for him to have his eyes checked and they will also visit with relatives during the holidays. Mrs. Jim Kerr and Mrs. E.F. Pierson accompanied them on the trip, Mrs. Kerr visiting with relatives in San Antonio and Mrs. Pierson going on to New Braunfels to visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Willard and boys, her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Kiel of Seguin joining them for the visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Underwood went to Eagle Pass Saturday to visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Pickard. The Pickard's daughter, Mrs. Jim Richardson, and husband and daughter, Mary Ann, of Fort Worth joined them there, also the Underwood's son, Ross Underwood, and family of Arcola, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boyd of Temple Terrace, Fla., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. G.K. Mitchell.

Rep.-Elect Krueger Visits Friends Here

Congressman-elect Bob Krueger, who will succeed retiring U.S. Rep. O.C. Fisher, visited Sanderson Friday to thank local supporters who helped him win the general election on November 5th.

"Before I take the oath of office on January 3rd in Washington, I wanted to spend some time touring the entire district to thank all those who gave their time, their efforts, and their trust to our campaign," Krueger explained.

The 39-year-old independent businessman and rancher also reiterated his pledge to represent all segments of the diverse and sprawling 21st Congressional District.

"I hope all constituents, whether they supported me or not, will feel free to contact one of my congressional offices in San Antonio, San Angelo, or Del Rio to register their opinions on national issues or to let me know if they're having a problem I can help with," he asserted.

Setting up his three congressional offices in the district and preparing for his move to Washington, D.C. has kept the congressman-elect on a busy schedule since the November 5th general election. Adding those tasks to Krueger's natu-

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JV EAGLES LOSE TO MARFA

The Sanderson junior varsity Eagles lost their game with the Marfa JV team here Tuesday night of last week by 41-48. Marfa had a half-time score of 34-17 edge and 44-27 lead at the end of the third frame. Ricky Munoz led the scoring with 14, Bernie Castro 8, Clay Mitchell 6, Marvin Davis and Johnny Couch 4 each, Tom Whistler 3, and Frankie Flores 2. Other players were Bobby Hunn, Jessie TenEyck, Kevin Vincent, Bobby Fisher, William Corbett, Conn Sumrall, and Mark Condace.

SHORTHORNS WHIP EAGLES

The Marfa Shorthorns came from behind in the fourth period to take a game away from the Sanderson Eagles Monday night. Sanderson led 8-6, 16-10 at the end of the first two periods, and at the end of the third quarter the score was 27-27. The Shorthorns won 43-39.

Ricky Marquez scored 16 points, David Carter 11, Carlos Munoz 6, Donald Jones 4, Kendall Billings 2.

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Ee'lle went to Alpine Friday for him to have medical attention.

Adult Education Classes To Begin January 6 Two Nights Weekly

Odessa College is offering adult education classes in Sanderson. Classes will meet from 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Sanderson Junior High School. Adult basic education classes are designed to teach adults to read, write, and speak in English. Classes will begin January 6 and students can register on the first class day.

For more information, contact Carroll Card, Superintendent of Sanderson Schools.

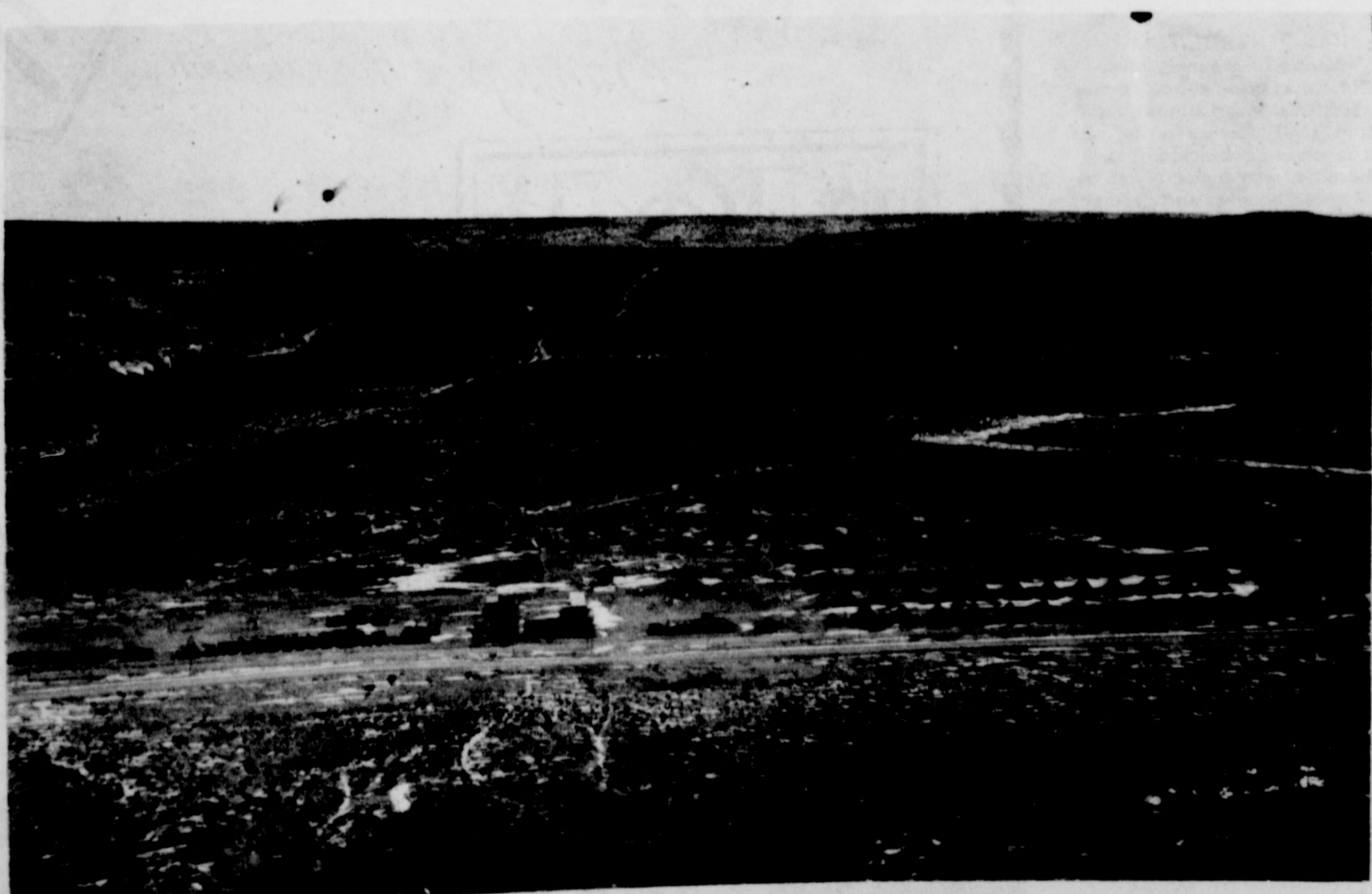
A view of the 90th Aero Squadron's base just north of Sanderson, when it was stationed here before 1922. The Fort Stockton highway is in the foreground, in the distance at the left is the railroad on the left and the Alpine highway to the right. The two runways for the bi-wing airplanes can be seen intersecting in the center at the right of the picture. Besides the Aero Squadron, there was the 464th (11) Aero Squadron (construction), which was stationed at the airdrome from November 1919 to the end of the year to prepare the field for flying. Snow had been falling prior to the picture's having been taken. Mrs. W.H. Savage loaned the picture.

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SO THAT ANYONE
WHO BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH
BUT
HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

John 3:16
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Rep. Krueger --

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ral desire to maintain constant communication with his constituents produces a long daily schedule for our new national representative.

During his 12-month campaign for U.S. Congress in the 21st District, Krueger's 16-hour-a-day schedule earned him a reputation as an energetic and hard-working candidate. And, now, his busy schedule as a congressman-elect should earn him a reputation as a hard-working United States Representative.

YULE CUSTOMS VARY

Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all agree -- it's a season to celebrate.

In the United States and Canada, the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over.

Americans and Canadians from central Europe still prepare their traditional Yuletide foods with carp, while those from Italy might hanker for some Christmas capitone, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the northern U.S. and Canada would be glad to change places, or at least change weather, with those Australians, South Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas.

On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas and other Yule gift-givers in many countries.

MANY THINGS

Christmas is a holy day, a day of grace and gratitude. Most of all it means joy and hope for the world. Beyond the fun and festivities, there is the spirit of faith in the goodness and good will of people everywhere.

AN ANCIENT CUSTOM

The use of greenery at Christmas grew out of an ancient Greek and Roman custom. Holly, for example, was a favorite decoration of the Romans, who made lavish use of green boughs and garlands to honor Saturn, their god of agriculture.

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TIMES EARLY THIS WEEK, TO BE LATE NEXT WEEK

The Sanderson Times is put in the postoffice on Tuesday this week, a schedule set by the printers of the several papers of the area, and the paper next week will be put in the postoffice on Friday.

THE CHRISTIAN CANDLE

The Christian candle, symbolic of Christ, "The Light of the World", originated from sacred Roman and Hebrew Customs. Tapers of tallow from animal fats later were candles made of beeswax, as it became more plentiful. In many nations these were held erect by metal holders clamped onto the branches of the Christmas tree. Sanctified, they were believed to radiate love and friendship, to dispel hatred and discord, just as our electrified counterparts do today.

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 spigs 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.

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YULE CAROLING

Christmas caroling is almost as old as Christmas itself.

An early historian wrote that in the second century, the bishop of Rome urged his people to sing "in celebration of our Lord". Christmas hymns go back to the fifth century, when most of them were written in Latin.

St. Francis of Assisi is regarded as the father of caroling known as it is today. In 1223, St. Francis placed a creche (miniature nativity scene), in a hermitage in Greccio, Italy.

After this many churches began displaying a nativity scene at Christmas, and soon the people began acting out the Christmas story. The actors composed carols to sing with their nativity plays and after the plays they would stroll down the street, singing. In that way, street caroling began.


So if you should go caroling this Christmas season, think of other carolers of years gone by, of the people of Charles Dickens' time in their beaver hats, cut away coats; of English villagers in hose and jerkin; of good St. Francis, and of the priests of the time of the Christian Roman Empire who, before caroling as we know it existed, sang "in celebration of our Lord".



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HISTORY OF MISTLETOE

Mistletoe goes far back into history. The Druids called it "all heal" and believed that it had miraculous powers to cure disease and counteract poisons. According to information provided by researchers, the Druids found kissing under the mistletoe great sport, but believed it wasn't proper unless the sprig had been cut with a golden knife. Custom also demanded that one of the berries on the mistletoe be removed each time someone kissed beneath it.

An ancient Norse myth tells how the mistletoe got its berries. Balder, the God of light, couldn't be hurt by anything that grew on - or under - the earth. But his enemy, the evil god of Loke, found that mistletoe grew neither on earth nor under it, but on a tree! So he had Balder slain with a spear tipped with mistletoe. Balder was mourned by all creatures in heaven and on earth, including Freyja, the goddess of love. The tears she shed, according to the legend, became the pearly berries of the plant, and it is said that this is the reason that mistletoe symbolizes love.

A FRENCH LEGEND

A French legend tells why the Christmas rose - the only rose that blooms at Christmas - sometimes has a bit of pink on its white petals. A small girl who was accompanying the shepherds on their way to visit the Christ Child, was unhappy because she had no gift to offer the infant. The angel Gabriel appeared to her and was so impressed by the little girl's sincerity that he touched his staff to the ground, and a rose - more beautiful than any other sprang from the frozen earth. The rose was originally white, or so the story goes, but when the little girl gave it as a gift to the Baby Jesus, the Christ Child reached out His hand to touch the bloom, and its petals were suddenly tipped with pink.

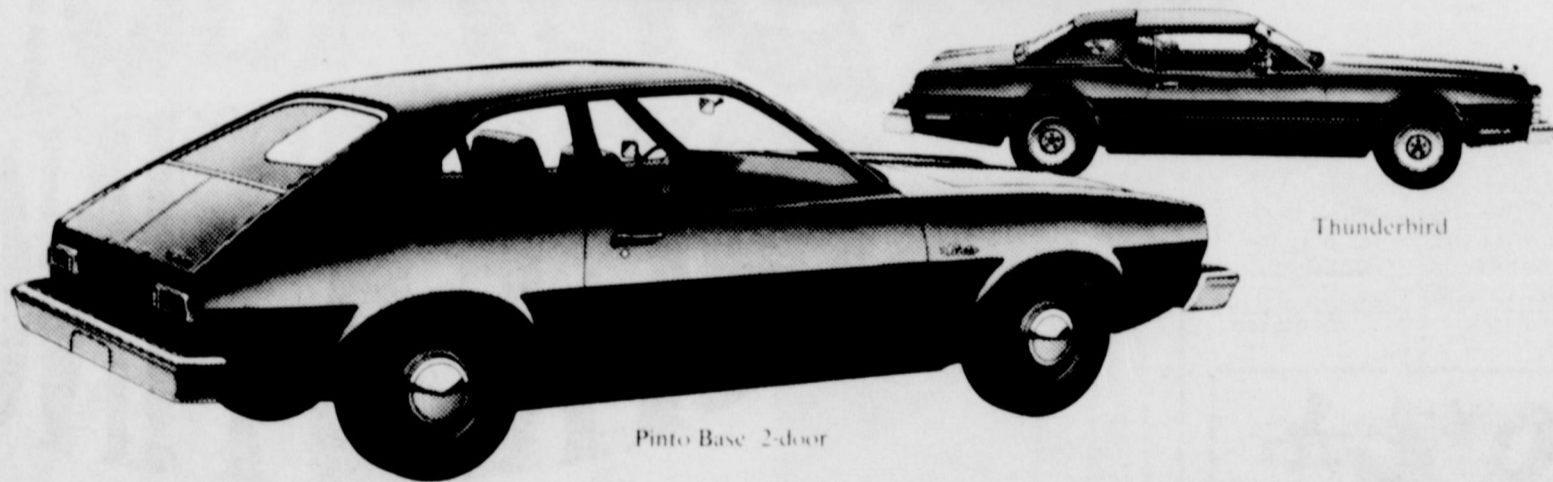
RIBBON ENOUGH TO ENCIRCLE THE EARTH

Enough ribbon to circle the earth at the equator 100 times will decorate the nation's holiday gifts this year. Americans spend \$20 million annually on ribbons and bows.

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Two Bridge Clubs Have Yule Parties

Members of two local bridge clubs had their Christmas parties last week.

Mrs. Diane Andrews invited the Tuesday Club to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown, for the traditional turkey dinner and the trimmings.

Christmas decorations were noted throughout the house and an arrangement of red and white carnations formed the centerpiece on the dining table.

In the card games high score prize went to Mrs. Jack Riggs, second high to Mrs. Carlton White with Mrs. Tol Murrh and Mrs. Herbert Brown sharing slam.

Also present were Mmes. F.J. Barrett, W.D. O'Bryant, W.A. Banner, J.A. Gilbreath, James Caroline, R.S. Wilkinson, and James Kerr.

From a decorated and lighted Christmas tree in the living room, the members exchanged gifts.

The members of the Wednesday Club had a no-hostess turkey dinner at Admiral's Steak House in the dining room.

They were seated at a long table with a centerpiece of pyracanthus berries.

High score in the card games was held by Mrs. F.J. Barrett, second high by Mrs. Jim Kerr, with Mrs. Diane Andrews and Mrs. Jack Riggs sharing slam and Mrs. W.D. O'Bryant was low.

Also present were Mmes. C. H. Stavley, Herbert Brown, Vic Littleton, Carlton White, David Marx, J.A. Gilbreath, and R.S. Wilkinson.

The group went to the home of Mrs. Brown for the card games and they also exchanged gifts from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Hobby Club Has Christmas Party

The Hobby Club's annual Christmas party was in the Community Center at Langtry on December 7 for the members, their husbands, children, and guests.

W.A. Arledge gave the invocation before the meal. Sandwiches, cookies, candy, punch, and coffee were served. The refreshment table was laid with a red linen cloth with a

Christmas centerpiece. Seasonal decorations were on the tree with Christmas bells and mistletoe hung over the doors and in the center of the room.

After gifts were distributed to the members and guests, games were played with prizes awarded to the winners.

Approximately 30 attended the party.

Mrs. Monk Cain will be the hostess for the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lockhart and daughter, Kelly, of Big Spring visited here with friends last week.

Welcome To This World

To Mr. and Mrs. Van Mund was born a son, their second child, in a San Antonio hospital on Wednesday, December 18. Mr. Mund is in San Antonio with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harrell and daughters of Houston arrived Saturday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. E.J. Hanson, and family, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.N. Harrell, and his brother, Gary Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Seymore and daughter left Saturday for Merkel for a visit with relatives.

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He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N.W. Carroll, former Terrell County residents who are now residing in Crane.

Onesimo Montalvo went to Dryden last week to meet a friend, Dr. John Crighton of Bryan, and another doctor friend from Missouri and they flew to the Higgins-Hinkle ranch where they were met by Glen Bob Hinkle. Montalvo and Dr. Crighton each killed a nice 7-point buck, Montalvo stated.

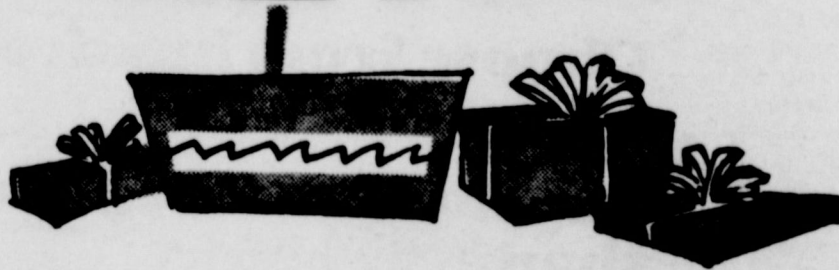


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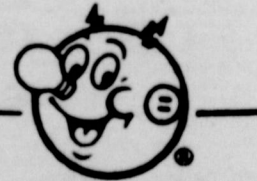


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Culture Club Has Christmas Program Last Thursday

The Culture Club met Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E.E. Harkins with Mrs. G. K. Mitchell as co-hostess. Thirteen members attended including a new member, Mrs. Barton Massey.

The devotional given by Mrs. Harkins was on the Christmas theme and "America the Beautiful" was sung.

Mrs. C.B. Card, vice-president, presented the new member, Mrs. Massey, and pinned a red and white carnation corsage on her.

Announcement was made that the club had provided a trophy for the recent basketball tournament here and a note of thanks from Jack Cosby was read.

Mrs. E.E. Farley read the list of winners in the recent Christmas door-decorating contest in the junior high and high schools.

Mrs. A.H. Zuberbueler discussed the quilt which is being planned for the Texas Heritage project.

Mrs. W.H. Savage announced that the club is being entered in the Community Improvement Program, the project to be decided later.

Mrs. G.K. Mitchell gave notes from the current General Federation Magazine. "Christmas Past and Present" was the sub-

ject of the program presented by Mrs. W.W. Sudduth. Beginning with the reading of humorous Christmas selections and poems, she progressed to "The Night That the Animals Talked" concluding with the Christmas story as recorded in the Bible.

Members brought cash gifts for the Ministerial Alliance fund.

Refreshments were served from a table centered with an arrangement of greenery around large red candles completed with white angel figurines holding tiny red candles. Mrs. N. M. Mitchell Jr. served the congealed layered turkey and cranberry salad. Party crackers, nuts, pecan pies, tea, and coffee were also served.

Also present were Meses. N. M. Mitchell, Mary Cox, David Marx, H.E. Ezelle, and a guest, Mrs. Dan Boyd, of Temple Terrence, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sneddon and son of Denver, Colo., arrived Saturday for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Sudduth.

Mr. and Mrs. David Shoemaker and son were weekend visitors in El Paso with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. McKenzie went to Lindale Saturday for a few days to visit with her niece, Mrs. James McMakins, and family. Mrs. Mark Duncan accompanied them to San Angelo and is visiting with her niece, Mrs. John Ingram, and family.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Graham Childress was an overnight patient for observation in a San Angelo hospital last Sunday. While eating dinner, a chunk of meat lodged in her esophagus and her husband and children took her to a specialist in San Angelo for it to be removed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scannell of Odessa were weekend visitors here and his sister, Mrs. Peggy Sullivan, accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. K.H. Stutes and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hodgkins were business visitors in Fort Stockton last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Stadler returned home last Monday after visiting in League City with their daughter, Mrs. Jim Higgins, and family and with their son-in-law, Mr. Higgins, who underwent major surgery last Thursday in John Sealy Hospital at Galveston following chemotherapy treatments for 20 days. He was able to go home Friday and is making satisfactory recovery. He will undergo further treatments after the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Shoemaker with Nancy and Lisa are visiting in Rockdale with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Nunley.

Clarence Jessup went to Eldorado to spend Christmas with his wife who has been with her mother who is ill.

Mrs. Maude Patterson and Paul Tremaine of El Paso were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. T.W. McKenzie for two days last week.

Carl Douglas Ray and his fiancée, Miss Marsha Lynne Peters of Fort Worth, were weekend visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Draper. Miss Pat Draper of Jackson, Miss., Mr. Draper's daughter, was here also and will accompany the Drapers to Fort Worth for the Ray-Peters wedding on Saturday, Dec. 28.

Mrs. H.A. Couch returned home Thursday from San Angelo bringing Mr. Couch's mother, Mrs. Myrtle Green, for a holiday visit. Mrs. Monty Harkins went to San Angelo with her.

For the first time in many years, S.H. Underwood did not get to decorate the large living Christmas tree in his front yard because of Mrs. Underwood's ill health and the frequent

trips they made out of town to doctors and hospitals, he did not find the time to decorate it.

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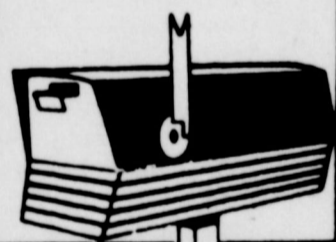
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The buffet dinner was served in the VFW Hall which was decorated in Christmas greenery and a lighted and decorated Christmas tree.

For entertainment, Domingo Barron, a guest, dressed as Santa Claus, gave bags of apples, oranges, and candy to the children and afforded them an opportunity to visit with Santa. Music was provided by Leonardo Pena, who played several numbers on the accordion and on the guitar.

The affair was concluded when Mrs. Eleno Marquez, president of the VFW Auxiliary, was presented with the Auxiliary's charter. The names of the 25 charter members are inscribed on the charter which will be placed in the VFW Hall.

COMMUNION SERVICE AT EL BUEN PASTOR CHURCH

Rev. Daniel Garcia of Mission will be in charge of a Christmas Eve communion service at El Buen Pastor Methodist Church Tuesday evening at 6:30. Richard Mondragon, pastor, and the members are cordially inviting everyone to attend the service.

IN HOLLAND CHILDREN PUT GIFTS IN SHOES

Children in Holland fill their clean wooden shoes with hay and sugar and leave them on the hearth for St. Nicholas' horse. The next morning they find the hay and sugar gone, and St. Nicholas has placed small gifts, toys, and pleasant surprises in the shoes.

In some towns, the young men gather at dawn on Christmas Day in the town square. Bearing a lighted star on a pole, they go from house to house waking sleepers with merry carols to welcome the Christ Child.

ANCIENT ROMANS

Ancient Romans rang in the new year much like Americans today. All work stopped, schools closed; courts handed down no sentences; revelers gambled in masquerade; and gifts such as waxen fruit, candles, and dolls were exchanged.

Dear Santa Claus:

Come On Down! We have our street decorations up and our welcome mat out and we're listening for your Ho Ho Ho. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Louise Causey.

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

Christmas is a time for meditating, for recalling that night long ago when Bethlehem cradled to its heart and gave mankind the Redeemer of the world.

Christmas should mean kind thinking, forgiveness, forgetting old cares, old grievances, fears. It should be a time for carving ideals and dreams; a time for weaving the golden threads of past blessings into a mantle of daily thanksgiving.

Christmas is a gift transcending human understanding; an angel choir echoing the song of songs; imperishable glory from the very heart of Heaven to the furthest part of earth.

Christmas is a boundless love melting all grief, all heartache, hope, serene and beautiful, lighting all darkness.

Christmas is angelic peace!

IN PALESTINE

At Christmas time, thousands of pilgrims from all over the world come to the little village of Bethlehem to visit the birthplace of Jesus. They go to the Church of the Nativity which stands over the sacred place.

First they enter the Latin Chapel, 14 centuries old, then they descend to the Grotto of the Nativity. There, a Latin inscription on a silver star inlaid in a small recess of the wall says: "Here, of the Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ was born."

This is where Christmas began. And the many customs around the world help people of all lands to celebrate this joyous event.

A DANISH CHRISTMAS

Merry-making from the tiny kingdom of Denmark captures the spirit of the holidays there, as here, are a time of hospitality of easy informality. The traditional Danish cold table (smorgasbord) is a perfect way to adapt to a friendly festive open house. Collect bought of fragrant evergreen, symbol of life, to place around the table. Light four white candles, representing the four Sundays of Advent. Freeze a bottle of aquavit, the popular Danish drink, for tingling toasts. And offer your guests a yearly Yule ham, accompanied by such buffet favorites as shrimp salad, spiced veal roll

assorted cheeses, and a country liver plate that can be served warm, as the Danes prefer, or cold with pickled beets. A marzipan-cookie

cornucopia makes a spectacular centerpiece, spilling over with almonds, chocolate truffles, and honey cakes that have mellowed a fortnight.

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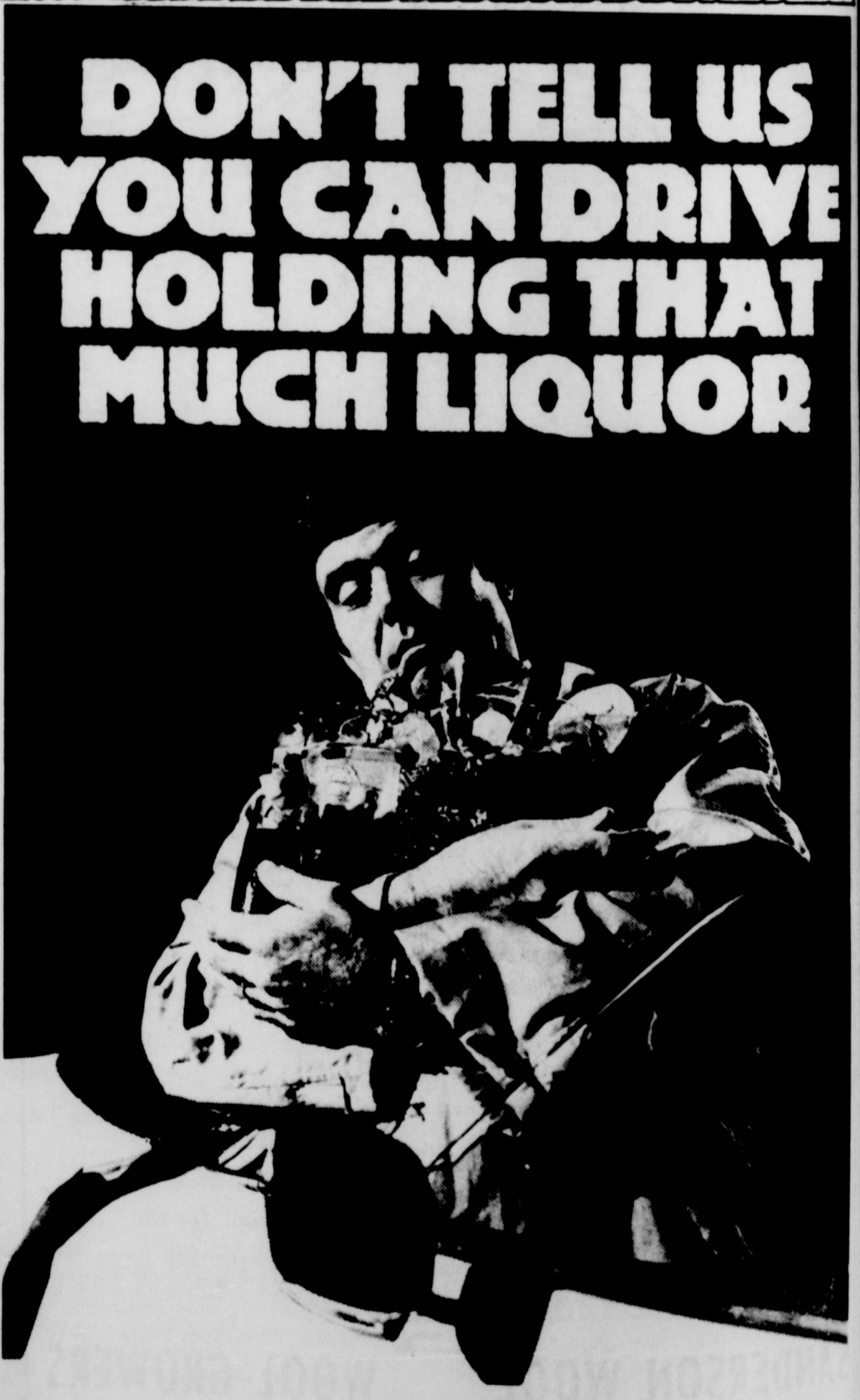
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Greetings

*In the spirit of this
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Mrs. Cruz Marquez Jr.

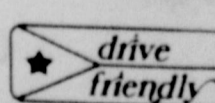


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March of Dimes Launches New Research Program

by Samuel J. Aji, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research
The National Foundation-
March of Dimes

Bringing the front lines of the war against birth defects into patient care clinics is the aim of a new research support program of The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

Birth defects research involves some of today's most rapidly changing frontiers in biology, such as biochemical genetics, cell biology, brain metabolism, and complex interactions within the immune system.

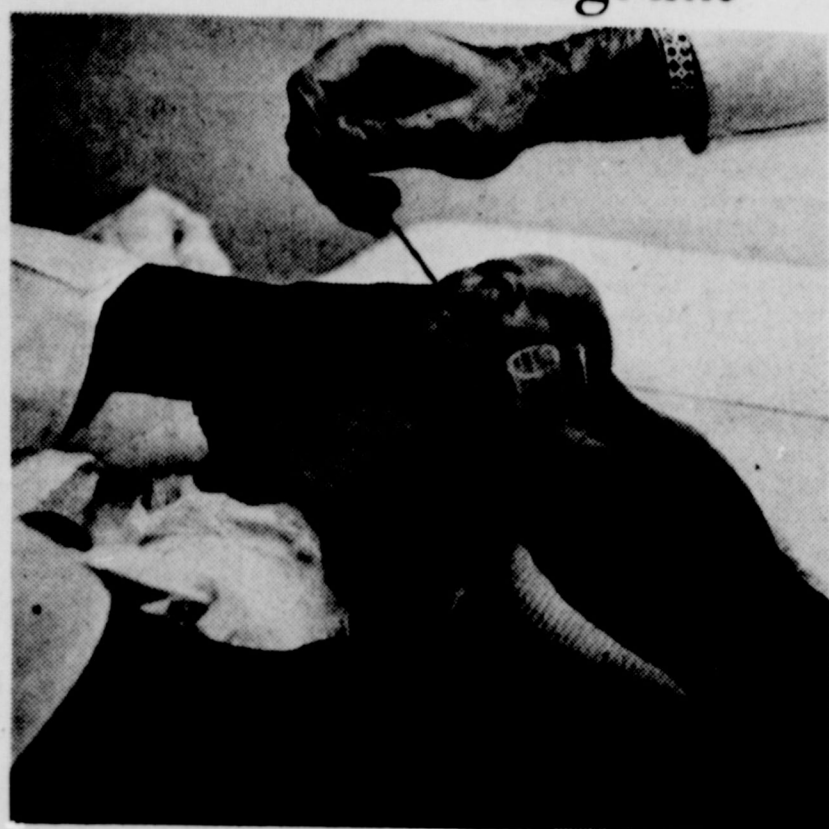
The new March of Dimes Clinical Research grants fill a logical position between our General Research and Medical Service Programs by speeding up delivery of advanced, creative concepts in biology to patients affected by, or at risk for, birth defects.

The program, which began last April, provides \$599,531 to support the work of 27 physician-investigators with special qualifications in both basic science and patient care.

New Drug

An example is pediatric endocrinologist Kenneth H. Gabbay, M.D., of Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston. He is investigating the possible role of sugar-alcohols in the unexplained eye, kidney, nerve, and blood vessel damage which affects many diabetics despite good medical control of blood sugar levels with insulin.

Dr. Gabbay will also test a new drug which blocks sugar-alcohol formation without harmful side effects in animals. He hopes the drug will prevent the long-term degenerative effects of juvenile dia-



THROAT CULTURE determines whether congenitally infected infant is excreting CMV. Checking blood antibody levels is another means of diagnosing this chronic viral infection.

betes and another disorder of sugar metabolism, galactosemia.

Subtle Damage

Dr. Charles A. Alford Jr., microbiologist and pediatrician at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, is conducting a long-term study of children congenitally infected with cytomegalovirus, or CMV, found in 5 to 10 percent of newborn babies. Most infected children appear normal, but there is evidence that CMV does subtle damage to the brain, sense organs, and immune system. Infection often persists for months or years, and only long-term study can reveal its effects and the need for effective action to prevent it.

At Creighton University in

Omaha, Dr. J. Kenneth Herd will test the safety and effectiveness of hyaluronidase, an enzyme which breaks down complex sugars called mucopolysaccharides, for treatment of a group of diseases caused by a build-up of MPS in various organs. The disorders lead to severe eye, heart, and brain damage which Dr. Herd hopes can be halted or reversed by enzyme treatment.

Birth defects exact a formidable cost from society as a whole in unproductive lives, medical and institutional expenses, and human suffering.

By relating research to patient treatment we believe we can hasten the pace, often agonizingly slow, at which mankind is approaching a day when every infant's birthright includes a whole mind in a healthy body.

FEAST OF ST. LUCIA

In Sweden, the Christmas season is ushered in on December 13, the Feast of St. Lucia. Each community selects a lovely Lucia queen to represent the young girl martyred for her religion centuries before in ancient Rome.

The chosen Queen is feted and entertained royally. In families with daughters, throughout Sweden, the pret-

tiest is traditionally chosen as Lucia. Her "gift" is to wait on everyone else for the day.

THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, wrote the words to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" in 1739. In his first version the carol began "Hark, how all the welkin rings," according to tradition.



We're joining Santa and his reindeer in sending warmest wishes for a joyous holiday, rich in many blessings. Do have a wonderful Christmas!

**Joe's Chevron Service Station & Cafe
Joe Vasquez Dryden**



O, Holy Night

May all the happiness and joy of this wondrous time come to you and yours, lighting your days with peace and contentment. And may each Christmas bring a new and glorious morn of enduring love and hope to everyone, everywhere.

*Eveline & Barton Massey
Wynne & Randy*



Jimmy cried
once too often.

He won't cry anymore.

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LUMINARIA CITY LIGHTS THE WAY AT CHRISTMAS
 During the holidays, Albuquerque is called Luminaria City. Millions of paper sacks are lighted by a single candle in each one. They are called luminarias or farelites after the old Spaniard who origin-

ated the custom.
 Entire neighborhoods go together to "light the way for the lost "Christ Child," as the Spanish tradition has it. The lights give the appearance of golden lanterns when spaced about three feet apart on the edges of the sidewalks,

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flat roofs, and beside steps.
 New Mexicans have decorated their homes at Christmas with luminarias for about 300 years. Originally New Mexicans used little bonfires of burning pinon and pine to light the paths of processions and festivities at Christmas. Small lanterns from Mexico were also used. It is not known who first used the paper sack luminaria, but each year the custom has spread until today they are the traditional New Mexico Christmas light.

About two inches of sand or dirt is placed in each sack, and the top of the sacks are folded down one time. Inside the sack goes a small candle which burns about two hours.

AUSTRIAN EPIPHANY
 The Austrian custom of painting the initials of the three wise men C+M+B and the year above the doorways

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replaced the pagan "Drudenfuss" or pentagram and the other hex symbols inscribed thereon to guard the house from evil spirits.

During the Austrian Epiphany season, three boys dressed as the three wise men and

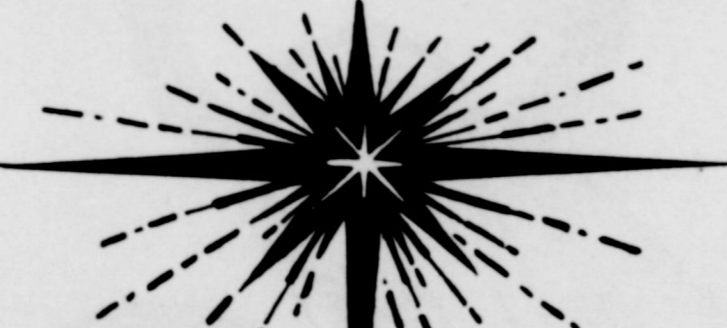
called "Sternsinger" or "Star Singers", carry the message of the Magi from house to house. They are rewarded with cakes, candy, and fruit; in recent years have taken up collections for charitable groups around the world.



Merry Christmas

To wish you all the truest joys of Christmas

Dr. & Mrs. Michael P. Longley



Silent Night

Christmas comes, and renews the glorious inspiration of that Holy Night long ago. To all, we wish a holiday season rich in many joys and blessings.



Bill's Superette



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Sleigh bells ring, voices sing out all through the land in friendly Christmas greetings. To these we add our own, extending to our faithful customers and friends the warmest holiday wishes, the sincerest "thank you" for your patronage.

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