

Merry Christmas

Employees will pay piper for recent SS increases

Employees of Cochran County will soon pay the piper for the increases in social security benefits that were voted on January 1st. Local wage earners and their employers will be hit by an increase in payroll taxes to finance a 10 percent hike in pension checks into effect in September and other benefits provided for widows, persons and others.

People who are covered by social security will begin paying at the rate of 10 percent on the first \$10,800 of earnings. Contributions will be made by their employers.

The rate represents a rise over the first \$9,000, which they were paying.

As a result, a person in the local area earning \$10,800 or more will be paying \$1,080 a year instead of the current \$900.

Employees locally will be paying an amount of \$864, as against \$675 last year.

In amounts to, for residents of Cochran County, is an overall increase of \$189,000 over the total amount of \$1,286,000.

Paper Next Week

Morton Tribune will not be published next week, Thursday, December 21, in order that the staff may take advantage of the slack season to take a short vacation.

The Tribune office will close for Christmas holidays at 5 p.m. on December 22 and will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on January 1.

Miss Jean Sayers can be contacted at 266-8870 during this period.

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to all.

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Tribe places high in tourney

By JOHN COFFMAN

They hit, they missed, they hit again! That was the story of the Denver City Tournament for the Morton Indians as they took third place behind Levelland and Seminole, both schools of AAA classification.

In the first game, Morton beat Brownfield, also AAA, for the second time this year 77-59, lost to the Levelland Lobos for the second time this year 75-46, and beat host Denver City for third place in the final game 61-35.

There were eight teams entered in the tournament, five from Texas and three from New Mexico. Morton joined Levelland, Brownfield, Seminole, and host Denver City as the teams from Texas, with Eunice, Artesia, and Lovington coming from New Mexico. The Texas teams managed to pick up most of the marbles in the three day get-together.

Play began for the Indians on Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock as they took on the Brownfield Cubs for the second time this year. Winner in a thriller at Morton a week earlier, the Indians this time had little trouble with the Cubs, winning going away.

The Cubs tried to ignite a fourth quarter rally as they did at Morton, but this time the Indians brushed aside their last-ditch effort and won by eighteen points. High point man in this fracas was Larry Thompson with 19, followed by Jimmy

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HARVEY NAMED TO ALL-TOURNEY TEAM . . .

ALL-TOURNAMENT CAGERS of Denver City's annual invitational basketball tourney are shown above at the conclusion of three days of play Saturday night. Left to right are Jimmy Harvey of Morton Indians, Kim Hughes of Seminole Indians, Marcus Johnson, hand raised, of Levelland Lobos, Donald Roberts of Seminole Indians and Gary Lehnert of Denver City Mustangs. Levelland beat Seminole 56-55 to win the tournament championship. Morton defeated Denver City 61-38 for third place honors.

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One death logged on county rural roads in November

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated six accidents on rural highways in Cochran County during the month of November, according to Sergeant H. E. Pirtle, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in one person killed and no persons injured.

The rural traffic summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1972 shows a total of 35 accidents resulting in five persons killed and 23 persons injured.

Records in Region 5 of the Texas Department of Public Safety show a total in November, 1972 of 384 accidents, resulting in 14 persons killed, and 265 persons injured as compared to the same month in 1971 with 576 accidents, resulting in 29 persons killed and 292 persons injured. This is eight more accidents, six less fatalities, and 27 less injured in 1972, compared to the same period of time last year.

The 14 deaths for the month of November, 1972 occurred in the following counties: Floyd, five; Cochran, Crosby, Hockley, Lubbock, Terry, Wise, Castro, Dalam, and Moore, one each.

HIS FIRST ENCOUNTER . . .

WHAT KIND OF A WORLD AM I GETTING INTO? This little tyke, less than a year old, expresses some doubt about the motives of Jolly Old Santa. It seems he may have some other ideas about Santa's intentions—maybe like eating up little boys. As he grows older, he will find that Santa loves all little children, and we will bet that they become real good buddies before too long.



Cotton harvest is nearing peak

The South Plains cotton harvest passed the 500,000 bale mark during the past week according to W. K. Palmer, in charge of the U. S. D. A. Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock.

Sample receipts at the four South Plains classing offices had reached a seasonal high of approximately 50,000 daily when the unfavorable weather conditions interrupted the harvest.

The U. S. D. A. cotton classing offices at Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland classed samples from 187,000 bales during the week ending Friday, December 15th. This brought the total classed this season to 564,000.

Estimates indicate that approximately one-third of this season's crop is now out of the fields.

At this date last year only 168,000 samples of the 1971 crop had been classed. Grades were about the same as during the previous week. Strict Low Middling (41) and Low Middling (51) were the predominant grades at Lubbock, making up 21 percent each. Strict Low Middling Light Spotted (42) made up 15 percent and Strict Low Middling Spotted (43) made up 11 percent.

Average staple length remained about the same. Staples continued to be predominantly 30 to 33. Twenty percent had a staple length of 30, 27 percent 31, 26 percent 32 and 15 percent 33.

Micronaire readings were considerably lower. Only twenty-four percent of all cotton classed at Lubbock during the week had micronaire readings in the premium range of 3.5 through 4.9, 16 percent "milled" 3.3 through 3.5, 35 percent was 3.0 through 3.2, 21 percent 2.7 through 2.9

and 4 percent was 2.6 and below.

The Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. D. A. reported brisk trading on the Lubbock market during the week. Prices were \$5.00 per bale higher on all qualities. Prices ranged from \$2.50 per bale over the loan for cotton with micronaire of 2.9 and lower to \$35.00 per bale over the loan for high grade, premium micronaire cotton.

AVERAGE PRICES paid for the most predominant qualities in the 3.5 to 4.9 pre-

mium micronaire range were: Strict Low Middling (41) staple 31 — 24.05 cents per pound, Strict Low Middling (41) staple 32 — 25.25, Low Middling (51) staple 31 — 22.00, Low Middling (51) staple 32 — 22.95, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted (42) staple 31 — 22.75 and Strict Low Middling Light Spotted (42) staple 32 — 22.95.

Cottonseed prices were slightly lower and farmers received \$44 to \$54 per ton for their cottonseed at gins.

Rep. Bill Clayton resigns Water Inc executive post

State Rep. Bill Clayton, executive director of Water, Inc., since early 1969, had resigned the post with the regional water development promotion organization effective Dec. 31. His letter of resignation was handed to members of the Water, Inc., executive committee and board of directors at a meeting in Lubbock today.

"It is with regrets that we accept Mr. Clayton's resignation," Gaston Wells of Dumas, president of Water, Inc., said. "He has done an outstanding job in the almost four years with our organization. He is a recognized leader, both statewide and nationally, in the field of water resource development and through his leadership, Water, Inc., has become a respected and effective influence. His efforts in our behalf have been instrumental in moving us toward our ultimate

goal—adequate future water for all," Wells said, and added, "we wish him every success in his new pursuits."

Clayton, who resides at Springlake in Lamb County where he has extensive farming interests, has served in the Texas House of Representatives since 1962. In his letter of resignation he said that "there are other areas of endeavor we must now attempt," but declined to enumerate his future plans at this time other than to say that they are in the political realm.

During his tenure at the executive post of the regional water promotional organization, conflicting views within Water, Inc., have been reconciled into a united effort for a water development program

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your expressions of sympathy during the loss of our mother, Mrs. Nettie Booth. For the food,

cards, flowers, visits and your prayers we shall always be grateful.

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The City of Morton reserves the right to reject any and or all bids.

S/ Marshall J. Leitzell
Mayor
City of Morton

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Payroll taxes...

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Cochran County's contribution to that total will be approximately \$1,039,000, it is estimated.

And next year, under the new rates, it will be close to \$1,247,000, based upon the same number of workers.

Unless Congress votes a further expansion of benefits, the maximum tax will be reached in the year 2011, when a person earning \$12,000 or over will be paying \$876 into social security. Self-employed people will be paying a top of \$1,014 beginning in 1986.

Clayton...

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to assure future water for all of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, membership in the non-profit corporation has almost doubled and the operating budget has more than doubled. Clayton predicted Water, Inc., would continue to grow as it looks to what he called "the challenge ahead."

Clayton has been a leading exponent of sensible and systematic development of water resources. He has either sponsored or co-sponsored every major water bill that has come before the Texas Legislature during his ten years in the House of Representatives. Among these are measures leading to a comprehensive water development program to assure adequate future water supplies for all Texas citizens, and the Texas Water Code, a massive recodification of the state's water laws into a single act. He has served on virtually all legislative water study committees during his tenure. Currently Clayton serves as chairman of the Interstate Conference of Water Problems, a national organization made up of elected and appointed water officials from

the various states. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Water Conservation Association and the West TEXAS Advisory Committee to the Texas Water Development Board.

A total of 54,000 deaths and 4.7 million injuries were recorded on U. S. highway in 1971, according to statistics.

★ Christmas Mass

St. Ann's Catholic Church will hold midnight mass Christmas Eve preceded by the singing of Christmas carols.

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1973 Feed grain program rules, procedures outlined

The feed grain program for 1973 was announced this week by John W. Hall, county executive director of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Morton. He announced that the sign-up for the 1973 Feed grain, Wheat, and Cotton programs begins Feb. 5 at ASCS County Office and continues through March 16.

The 1973 feed grain program includes Barley, Corn, and Grain Sorghum, and producers may elect to participate under one of two options.

Option A requires an acreage set-aside equivalent to 30 percent of a farm's feed grain base. Payment will be on an acreage equal to one-half of each feed grain base established for the farm. Per acre payment rates will be equal to the farm program yield times 35 cents for corn, 33 cents for grain sorghum, and 28 cents for barley.

A supplemental payment is possible if a five-month national average price plus the payment is less than 70 percent of parity. Feed grain acreage on farms signed up in option A will be limited only by set-aside and conserving base requirements.

Option B requires an acreage set-aside equivalent to 15 percent of a farm's feed grain base. Farmers electing to participate under this plan agree to limit their 1973 total feed grain acreage to the total acreage certified as planted for harvest in 1972 and also agree to forgo supple-

mental payments.

Payments will be on an acreage equal to one-half of each feed grain base established for the farm. The per acre payment rates will be equal to the farm program yield times 24 cents for corn, 23 cents for grain sorghum, and 20 cents for barley.

Under either option, substitution of

A Ta Ya hosts Christmas party

The A Ta Ya Campfire girls held a Christmas party at the Morton School cageteria Monday.

Gifts were exchanged and the following new officers were named: Gay Pruitt, president; Diane Brown, vice president; Kathy Dolle, secretary; and Joy Rowland, reporter.

Members present were: Lee CARTER, Lesby Garza, Joy Rowland, Sylvia GARCIN, Patricia Pierce, Gay Pruitt, Karen Redman, Kathy Dolle, Connie Jo Frust, Sharon Blackstock and Tammy Massey.

Hospital Notes

Patients admitted to Cochran Memorial Hospital December 13 through December 19 were: Primeteio Sargado, Jamsie Coffman, Benjamin Solitz, Marie Carter, Jewel Arnold, Mary Sanders, Bessie Ivey, Joe Norman, Elliverta Rodriguez, Francis Holleyman, C. W. King, Mary Burke, Erma Santos, Jim Cunningham and Eufemio Balderos.

★ Look Who's New!!

Sonia Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Vasquez. Sonia arrived December 16 at Cochran Memorial Hospital and weighed 7 pounds and 4½ ounces.

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wheat in excess of the allotment and soybeans planted for harvest as beans will be considered as feed grain for purposes of preserving feed grain base history for the farm.

Commodity loans will be available to all participants in the feed grain program on the farm's entire production. National average loan rates will be \$1.08 per bushel for corn (No. 2 basis); \$1.79 per hundredweight (\$1.00 per bushel) for grain sorghums; and 86 cents per bushel for barley.

The same alternate crops as approved for 1972 may be grown on set-aside in 1973. These are castor beans, crambe, guar, mustard seed, plantago ovato, safflower, sesame and sunflower.

The payment reduction if alternate crops are grown on set-aside land will be equal to 30 percent of the average payment rate under option A. This will be true whether the farmer is participating under Option A, Option B, or the wheat program.

Those interested in obtaining more details should check with the ASCS County Office, Hall said.

Sgt. Jerry Embry receives AF award

Staff Sergeant Jerry W. Embry, son of Mrs. Lucille Embry, 212 W. Grant, Morton, Tex., has received the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Scott AFB, Ill.

Sergeant Embry was cited for meritorious service as chief of the regional audio visual film library in the 1690th Support Group at Clark AB, Philippines.

He is now on duty at Scott as an education and training specialist with a unit of the Aerospace Audio-Visual Service which provides combat intelligence and documentary photography for the Air Force.

The sergeant, who attended Morton High School, has completed a tour of duty in Vietnam.

His wife, Marda, is the daughter of Mrs. Skip McCauley of 312 W. Commercial St., Dayton, Wash.

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Basketball . . .

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Harvey with 16, Mike Hunter with 15, Ted Thomas with 12, Jerry Silhan had 11, and Billy Joyce 4.

Mike Hunter fouled out of the game and Billy Joyce came in to plug the gap as a capable understudy. The Indians hit on 5 of 9 shots at the line for 55%, the Cubs hit on 7 of 15 for 47%, Steve Flounoy was high for the Cubs with 21 points.

The second game started off on an even keel with the Indians matching the Lobos basket through the first quarter which ended with the score tied at 16. Getting into the second quarter, the Indians were still with it when the score was tied at 22, but then disaster struck and the Indians were never in the game after that.

It is hard to figure what happened except to say the Indians went cold for the rest of the game and the Lobos were red hot. The Indians couldn't buy a bucket, everything the Lobos put up went in.

Coach Ted Whillock benched his starters at the beginning of the fourth quarter and the Little Indians took it the rest of the way against Lobo substitutes.

Tied for high for the Indians were Jerry Silhan and Mike Hunter with 10 points each, Larry Thompson had 9, David Barrera 6, Darrell Smith 4, Jimmy Harvey, Ted Hopkins, and Reece Standmire 2 each, and Billy Joyce had 1. That was the lowest point output for Harvey and Thomas in many a ballgame.

Grand Dukes and Marcus Johnson tied for high for the Lobos with 20 points each, and Steve Thompson had 9. The Indians shot 54% at the line, the Lobos, 77%.

The battle for third place was a rather dull affair as it was evident from the o-

About local folks . . .

Mrs. Attie Corder is expecting all of her children home Christmas Eve. They are Mr. and Mrs. Meadow Brown and Janna McKnight of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bowden of Big Lake, Darrell McKnight of Whiteface, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clayton of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Clayton and Phillip of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Cooper, Grady, Shonda and Rhonda of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Young and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs.

opening minutes that the Mustangs were not to be too much competition for the Indians. It was 12-6 at the quarter, 35-12 at the half, 33-22 through three quarters and the final score, 61-28.

Just as Lobo coach Gano Tubbs had substituted liberally against the Indians, so Coach Ted Whillock substituted against the Mustangs with the Little Indians playing through much of the game.

Jimmy Harvey got back on track with 16, Larry Thompson had 13, Jerry Silhan and Ted Thomas had 10 each, Mike Hunter and Darrell Smith 4 each, and Billy Joyce and Ralph Mason 2 each. Trout was high for the Mustangs with 14. The Indians had 5 of 7 for 71% at the line, the Mustangs, 8 of 12 for 67%.

Jimmy Harvey and Larry Thompson were named to the All-Tournament team. Grant Dukes of Levelland was named MVP for the tournament.

Randy Clayton and Michelle of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Key, Larry, Schelle, Kevin and Kimberly of Morton, Sheila Corder of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Meadow of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Grant and Christy of Slaton, R. L. Corder of Lingo, N. M. and a sister, Myrtle Corder also of Lingo, Honored guest will be her mother who is 96 years young.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Richards, Mrs. Tommy Massey and daughter, Tammy, will spend Christmas in El Paso with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Pugh and children.

Mrs. Dorothy Hatter and granddaughter, Angie, will visit her mother, Mrs. Hatie Smith of Konewa, Okla. during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hume Russell will leave Saturday for Corsicana for a visit with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell, David and Mary Ann.

For the first time in ten or more years, the C. F. Winder family will be hosting a Christmas open house for their children. Plans are that all of their children will return "Home for the holidays". Besides their children who live here those coming will be Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Winder of Earth, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Howton of Humble, Mrs. Bill Hubel of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker of Lubbock.

The Henry Bedwells will enjoy all of their children over the holidays who include Eugene and family of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bedwell and children and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Norris all of

Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Hester and Scott will spend the holidays in Meadow with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks. Miss Gail O'Neal will spend the holiday season visiting with her parents who live near Plains.

Miss Charlene Houk will visit with her parents in Littlefield during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Roy McClung, Trey, Sara and Gina will spend some of the allotted holidays visiting with their parents, both of whom live in and near Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gardner will enjoy Christmas with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. James Shephard and grandsons of Muleshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Marina will have their children home for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Graves and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Crockett of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Marina and son of Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Cadenhead of Wichita Falls will be visiting in Morton dur-

Letter to Santa

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MORTON INDIANS

1972-1973 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

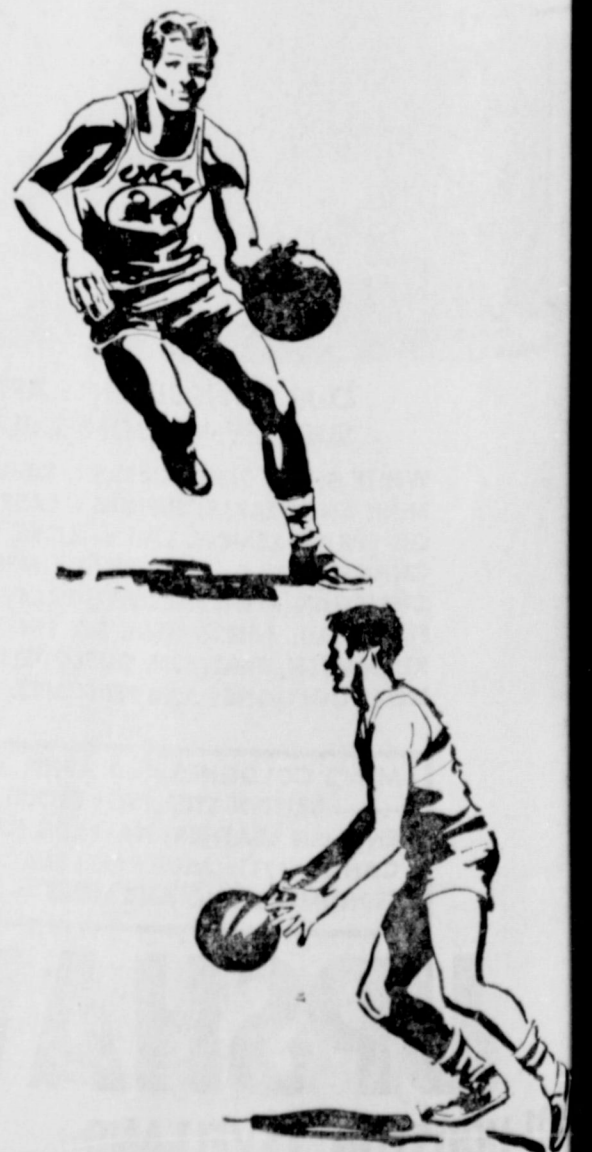
NOVEMBER 21 — LCHS	Here
NOVEMBER 28 — Dora	Here
NOVEMBER 30 — Friona Tournament	
DECEMBER 8 — Brownfield	Here
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DECEMBER 14-15-16 — Denver City Tournament	
DECEMBER 19 — Idalou	There
DECEMBER 22 — LCHS	There
DECEMBER 27-28-29 — Caprock Tournament	
JANUARY 5 Smyer	Here
JANUARY 9 — Levelland	There
JANUARY 12 — Snyder	There
JANUARY 16 — Olton	There
JANUARY 19 — Dimmitt	There
JANUARY 23 — Friona	Here
JANUARY 26 — Littlefield	Here
FEBRUARY 2 — Olton	Here
FEBRUARY 6 — Dimmitt	Here
FEBRUARY 9 — Friona	There
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Results This Week

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MORTON 46	LEVELLAND 75
MORTON 61	DENVER CITY 38

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Christmas party Waltrip home

The Goodland Bible Study Club met December 12 in the home of Mrs. Ruby Waltrip for a Christmas party.

Maxine Ragsdale presided over the party. Mrs. Rosemary Johnson gave

the story of the birth of Christ and the hostess led the group in several games. Gifts were exchanged, which revealed the year's secret pals.

Present for the party were: Mmes Alene Chapman, Lyndell Galt, Johnson, Kay Kindle, Chloe Klutts, Betty Parkman, Ragsdale, Sammie Simpson, Chloris Tarlton, the hostess and one guest, Kathrine Wiltner.

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Tribe frosh, 8th graders Muleshoe tourney champs

The MHS Freshman Indians came home Saturday night with a 'first Place trophy, compliments of the Muleshoe basketball tournament. The team downed three teams in as many nights to take the honors.

December 14 saw the Indians knock Friona out of competition with a 58 to 46 score. High point man for Morton was post Fouec Grisby with 20 points followed by Mike Williams with 18. James P. Cornish scored 9 points, Raydean Thompson bagged 8 while Randy Coleman and Larry Jackson rounded out the score with 1 each.

The Freshmen dropped Olton December 15, walking away with the 77-38 score. Everyone on the team played in this one. High point scorer went to Thompson with 26. Grisby followed with 15, Cornish bagged 12, Williams took 8 and again Coleman and Jackson each scored 6 points. Wendal Green and Dexter Pri-

chett dropped 2 each in the basket.

Kenneth Standmire, one of the season's leading scorers for the as yet undefeated Indians, was out of action until Saturday night, and the game played with Level-land found the Indians needing every man. The game went into overtime and ended with Morton taking the game 66-64.

It was nip and tuck throughout the first three quarters but the 4th proved to be a heart stopper. Two of Levelland's starters left the game early due to fouls and when the second player left the court at a critical time, his replacement was laughed onto the court—he was one of the smallest players ever seen handling the big round ball. However, the Indians choked on their laughs when he scored the tying points.

With 3 seconds to go the Indians again led with 2 points when a Cager fouled Thompson. Before he could put in his two a very embarrassing technical foul was called on the Coach who had been campaigning against Levelland. Thompson put his 2 free-throws in the basket. The Lobo missed his and the Indians led by

4. The Lobos put in another 2 points but the game ended with Morton ahead. Point totals were: Thompson 18, Williams 15, Standmire 12, Cornish 11, Grisby 9 and Coleman 1.

Another First Place Trophy came home to roost with the Freshman trophy in the halls of Morton High School, it was proudly won by the 8th grade team in the same tournament.

Couple celebrate 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vanlandingham were honored Sunday, on their 60th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the XIT Steak House in Muleshoe.

Their children were hosts for the dinner and also a reception in their home from 3 to 5 p.m. that afternoon. Forty guests registered.

The serving table was covered with a lace cloth centered with a cake decorated in pink and blue with the lettering "Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary."

Vanlandingham and the former Joyc Barnes were married December 15th, 1912 by the Rev. Lucas in Seminole County, Oklahoma. They moved to Enochs in 1945 where he was engaged in farming until his retirement.

The couple have five children. Charles Vanlandingham of Raton, N.M., Woodrow Vanlandingham of Denver, Colo., Theo Vanlandingham of Los Angeles, Calif., Orene Hall of Anaheim, California, and Arthur Vanlandingham of Albuquerque, N.M., 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



MISS KAREN ROZELL was recently elected Historian of the Epsilon Phi Epsilon at Texas University. Mu Phi Epsilon is a professional honorary music sorority for women. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rozell and a graduate of MHS and South Plains College.

Couple celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, December 9, with an open house at their home in Bangs.

Guests and relatives were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Williams and their daughters, Mrs. Paul S. Russell of Lake Oswego, Oregon.

The couple were married December 9, 1922 in Bangs. They moved to West Texas in 1925 where Williams, a cattle rancher, was associated with Higginbotham-Bartlett Company for 43 years. After his retirement in 1970, they returned to Bangs to make their home.

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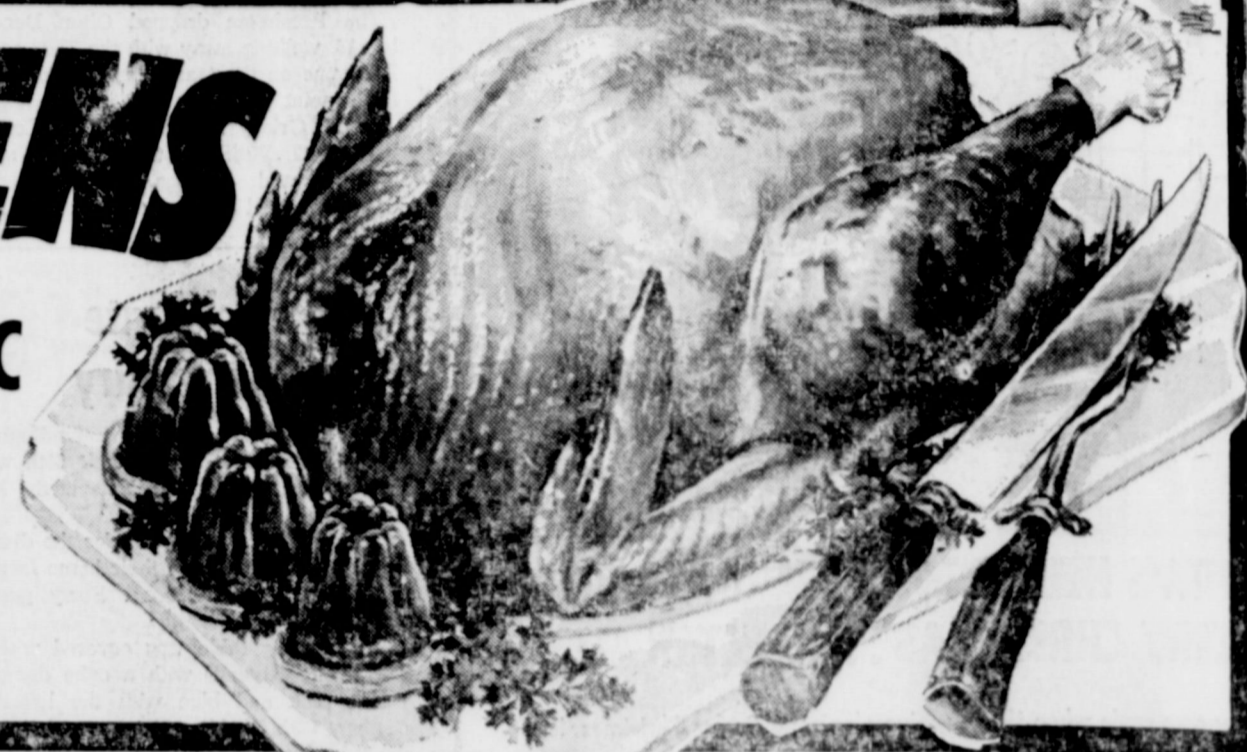
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Lyna Francis Moncada

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Tearful Baby Tender Love, a doll house, a bike and a real black and white puppy with grey across his eyes. And don't forget all my little friends.
Love, Angie Ramp, Age 5

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl. I wrote to you last year. Would you please bring me some clothes, a tape recorder and a surprise. I haven't much to say, but have a Merry Christmas. By-By.
Love Always, Stephanie Coleman

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicky Burke. I am 5 years old. My mommy is writing this for me because I can't.

I have been a good boy this year and would like these toys for Christmas. My brother is one year old and has been good, too—so please bring him some too!
I would like a bicycle, an airplane, a motorcycle, a playschool farm, a sailboat, an army set, and a bathtub frog. Bring brother a little tiny boat, too. I'll have cookies ready.
Love, Nicky

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and dollhouse. I would also like a telephone and a book. I am three years old.
Love, Liz Chancey

Dear Santa,
I am one year old, so please don't forget me!

This will be my first real Christmas, so please bring me some pull toys and remind all of the big people why we have Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Colby Lane Chancey
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Dean Santa Claus,
I want a record player and some records.

I would also like a doll house and a doll.
Don't forget to help the Goodfellows remember all boys and girls.
Love, Shelly Chancey

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a bicycle for Christmas, and a pair of boxing gloves. Please make this a white Christmas. I am 12 "twelve" years old.

Your friend, Alfredo Gonzales
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy, and what I want for Christmas is a bicycle and some drums and a watch. I am "eleven" 11 years old.

Your friend, Ernie Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little girl to both my father and mother, and this is what I want for Christmas: a playhouse with a stove and refrigerator and I also want a red trike. And dear Santa, please remember all the little children that will not be having a Merry Christmas. Say hi to Mrs. Santa and all your reindeers.

Your good little friend,
Emma Gwen Gonzales, age 2
P.S. Santa, don't forget my mother and father because they have done a lot for me.

Monument in La Grange area salutes Texas revolutionaries

It's just three miles from the old oak tree on the square in La Grange to the monument in Monument Hill State Park. But the Texans for whom the monument was built took the long, hard way to get there.

They met beneath the tree one warm September day in 1842, angry at the Mexicans. The Texans thought the Battle of San Jacinto had settled once and for all the difficulties with Mexico.

But Mexico did not respect the treaty, and they sent 1,300 troops under the command of General Adrain Woll, a French adventurer working for Mexico, to capture San Antonio.

The lands of the Texans were not secure from the Mexicans. Something had to be done.

So, 53 men headed by Capt. Nicholas Dawson started from that tree on their way to meet other Texans determined to drive the Mexicans from Texas.

ON THE SECOND day of their march, Dawson's men were surprised by 400 Mexican cavalymen. After a skirmish, the Texans tried to surrender. They were massacred. Only three escaped, and 15 were herded toward prisons in Mexico. The bodies of the dead were stripped and mutilated beyond recognition.

The citizens of Texas were outraged by the massacre and demanded that President Sam Houston organize a retaliatory raid on Mexico. But Houston thought hasty action would lead to disaster. He wanted the Texans to cool off, so he put General Alexander Somervell at the head of

700 volunteers. Somervell was able to persuade most of the men to turn back at the Rio Grande.

But there were a few Texans who were too angry to turn back, men who had relatives killed in the Salado Creek battle, and they were headed by Captain William Eastland, Dawson's cousin.

There were only 260 of these Texans, but they were angry enough to attack Ciudad Mier with its 2,000 Mexican troops.

FINALLY, after bloody house-to-house fighting, the Texans had to surrender. They were taken 300 miles into Mexico on a brutal march with little food or water to their prison, Hacienda Salado.

But the Texans had had enough. They revolted, and with bare hands overpowered their guards. They captured guns and horses and headed north. Freedom was 300 miles away over desolate mountains and desert. They traveled six days without food or water before they were recaptured.

The Mexicans decreed that the Texans must be punished. Every tenth man must die. A gruesome lottery was devised at the prison in Salado. A pot with 159 white beans and 17 black beans was brought forth. White meant life, black, death.

After the executions, the remaining Texans were marched to the dungeons of the Castle Perote near Vera Cruz. After two years, the prisoners were released, including Big Foot Wallace and Captain John Dusenberry of the Texas Rangers.

THESE MEN had not forgotten the horror when 17 of their comrades had died because they drew the black bean. They marched with General Zachary Taylor during the war between the United States and Mexico, and then when the U. S. Army halted at Mexico City and Vera Cruz, Wallace and Dusenberry headed a contingent of their own to the prison of Salado. There they forced the guards to exhume the remains of their comrades, and in four long boxes they carried these remains back to La Grange, back to where it all started.

The bodies of Dawson and his men were brought from Salado Creek, and they were buried with the men who drew the black beans in a common shaft on top of monument hill, just three miles from the big oak tree on the square in La Grange.

Financial crimes at all-time high

A record number of convictions resulted from FBI investigations involving embezzlements, frauds, and thefts from financial institutions during fiscal year 1972.

In one case, a bank president embezzled more than \$5 million to help finance his investment in the stock market. When brought to trial, he entered pleas of guilty to the charges against him.

In another case, 13 bank employees schemed to steal mutilated U. S. currency in excess of \$1.3 million. All 13 employees have been indicted by a federal grand jury, and as of August 15, 1972, over \$1 million had been recovered.



Peace on Earth

Our reverent wish is that our many friends will find in this Christmas all the hope and joy of that most wondrous night.

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JOY



May your Christmas be surrounded by all the blessings and joys of this festive Holiday Season!

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Let the spirit of Christmas be your guiding light now and throughout the coming year. May you find happiness.

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& Employees**

Christmas Cheer



Sing a song of joy this Christmas season and fill your world with happiness for the new year.

Windom Oil & Butane

Dogs can create liabilities for owner in accident cases

Motorists kill dogs at an alarming rate. But dogs can be deadly to motorists, too. One year's study of a single thruway revealed that more than 200 accidents had been caused by dogs dashing in front of cars.

What are the legal consequences of such an accident? If a dog causes injury to a motorist, may the owner of the dog be held liable in court?

Consider this case:
A motorist, suddenly confronted by a dog in the street, swerved to the right, struck the dog, lost control of his car, and crashed into a fire hydrant.

Injured, he claimed damages from the owner of the dog under the state's "strict liability" law. And the court held that, since the dog had indeed caused the accident, the owner would have to foot the bill—even with no proof of his negligence.

STRICT LIABILITY LAWS, although not yet universal, are already on the books in many states. And even without such a law, a dog owner may be held liable if shown to be negligent.

In another case, a terrier had the habit of assulting passing vehicles of all kinds. One day he rushed ferociously at a youthful motorcyclist, causing him to lose his balance and crash.

Even with no strict liability law in effect, a court ruled that the dog's owner would have to pay damages. The court said he was guilty of negligence for failing to keep such a troublesome dog under restraint.

On the other hand, there is no liability if the dog—although involved in the accident—was not really its cause. Thus:

A motorist, after barely touching a dog, ran his car into the ditch. But when he sought damages from the dog's owner, the quality of his own driving came under scrutiny. Considering all the circumstances of the encounter, the jury concluded that a reasonably careful driver would have no trouble staying on the road. Result: case dismissed.

A public service feature of the American Bar Association at the Texas Bar Association written by Will Bernard.

Satellite technology aiding Texas' wildlife department

The U. S. Earth Resources Technology Satellite (ERTS) has been quietly peering down on the Texas Coast since July 23, photographing in blue, green, red and infrared.

The satellite is the latest of the earth resources projects and the U. S. Geological Survey is providing the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with information on San Antonio Bay from the NASA-launched satellite.

The ERTS satellite orbits the earth in a 560 to 580 mile pattern every 13 minutes and returns to the exact orbit every 18 days. This permits comparison of changing surface conditions.

Parks and Wildlife Department biologist Ray Childress of Seadrift is using the information to study the entire drainage system of San Antonio Bay.

THE HUGE EXPANSE of San Antonio Bay shows up as a two-inch square on the satellite's 9x9 photo. The satellite's sensors cover 10,000 square miles. Previously, NASA made four high-alti-

tude flights over the bay system. One flight was made each season for a full year.

"The NASA-supported aircraft work," said Childress, "gave us the necessary background data to make full use of the information supplied by the ERTS satellite."

Parks and Wildlife Department aircraft will also fly missions over the bay with a vertical-mounted 70mm camera. The camera will shoot time-lapse photos to determine water current speed and direction of flow from the movement of any turbidity visible on the photos.

THE LOW-ALTITUDE coverage from department aircraft will update changes in the bay not visible from less-detailed high-altitude satellite data.

"Such work," said Childress, "will enable the Parks and Wildlife Department to locate deposits of sediment, beds of submerged aquatics, spot shoreline erosion, channels and spoil dumps from dredging operations."

Efficient shoppers devote time to planning presents

By **SUDIE M. THOMPSON**
County Extension Agent

No matter how firm the resolution to get a head start on the Christmas season, it seems to creep up sooner than expected—and the shopping itself can be quite a chore.

Efficient shoppers take time to do a little planning to get the job done and prevent frustration or haphazard buying.

First, they start as early as possible while stores are still well-stocked and not so crowded with shoppers.

Then they take time to plan each trip, gifts they intend to buy, amount they can spend, and where they're going to make the purchases.

Shopping should start at home by making a list of all the gift receivers.

WISE CHOICES are gifts that receivers would like to have—gifts that will be "easy to live with."

Gifts of comparatively small value, of short life duration, or those which can be put away and used as occasion demands can be pleasing and very satisfying to the receiver.

Gifts that imply daily—often conspicuous use—can be "hard to live" with unless the shopper really knows the receiver's desires and needs.

As the list is made, money should be allocated to fit it. Remember to stay within spending limits—over-spending can spoil Christmas.

Group gift ideas for planned shopping without backtracking or making so many trips.

Study ads in newspapers to help find the best buys.

If some gifts can be ordered from home, the shopper may cut down shopping time. However, it's wise to know the merchandise quality of gifts ordered sight-unseen to avoid disappointment.

Well-planned shopping can make for a happy Christmas, because it can mean informed choices that are sure to please the receiver.

385,910 robberies reported for U. S.

During the calendar year 1971, there were an estimated 385,910 robberies committed in the United States, reports the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This represents an increase of 37,670 over the prior year.

Geographically, the heaviest volume of robbery occurred in the Northeastern States, which reported 37 per cent of the total in 1971.

In the other geographic regions, the North Central States had 20 per cent, the Southern States 22 per cent, and the remainder occurred in the Western states.

Armed perpetrators were responsible for 65 per cent of the robbery offenses during 1971, while 35 per cent were muggings, yokings, or other violent confrontations where personal weapons were used by the offender to subdue or overcome the victim.

YULETIDE CHEER



A Sincere Wish for a Merry Christmas — and, Thank You to Our Customers!

Reynold's Texaco Service Station



MERRY CHRISTMAS

A joyous Christmas to all. May your festivities be full of good cheer throughout the coming year.

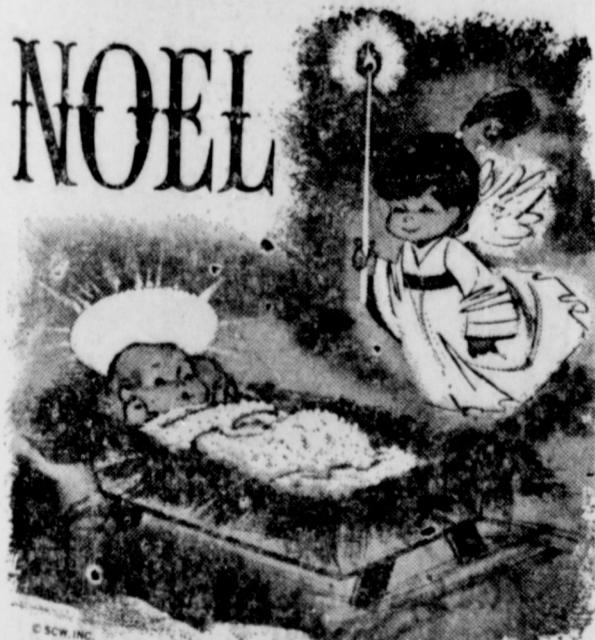
Cochran County Farm Bureau

Christmas Blessings To All...



May your gift at Christmas be peace and your treasure in the new year.

Northern Propane



May the Christ Child bring joy to light this glorious, holy season.

Burkett Trade Lot



Christmas Blessings

This season let us give thanks to God, who guides our destiny, for his many blessings.

Harris Plumbing

Season's Greetings

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

We appreciate your business and wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and all good things in the New Year.

MORTON CO-OP GIN

Pete Pierce, Manager

Christmas Cheer



Good friends, good times — all the bounty of the Season to you!

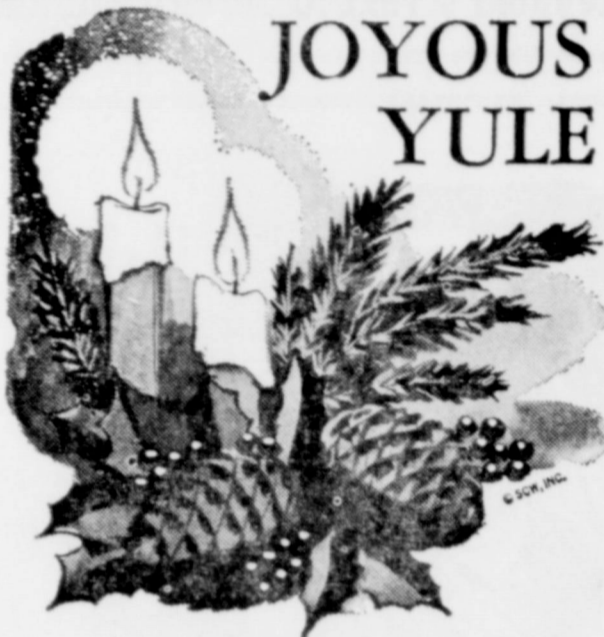
Tic Toc Restaurant

Merry Christmas



May your home be blessed with joy and your hearts overflow with happiness this Christmas Day.

Taylor & Son Furniture



May the glow of candles warm your hearth and love warm your heart this holiday season.

Texaco Products

Ray Hudson



To all our many friends and customers—may you enjoy the happiest holiday ever!

Buffet Christmas Day

Starting at 12 o'clock

Turkey and Dressing and all the trimmings

Pies

NO SHORT ORDERS SERVED

The MORTON GOURMET



Tidings of great joy

We herald glad tidings of the Joy and Peace in this most beautiful of all seasons... Christmas!

Judge Glenn Thompson

Farmcast

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

Texas Farm Products Prices Up Slightly . . . Weather Factor in Harvest . . . Broiler Numbers UP . . . Turkey Hatch Increases . . .

The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service reports that the "All Farm Products Index Prices Received by Tex-

Freshman cage team off to running start

The MHS Freshman Indians started their basketball season off with a big bang. They brought down Olton on November 27 and following Thursday downed Brownfield for the first time and on December 4, they avenged themselves for a former loss by dropping Dimmitt.

Against Olton, for the season opener, the Indians, though rusty, jumped off to a 14 to 6 lead in the first period. Mike Williams lead the scoring with 3 field goals, the most by anyone on either team.

In the second period the Morton cagers pulled even farther ahead at 37 to 17, with Ray Dean Thompson leading the scoring here. The second half saw the Indians still in control with a heated scoring spree in the 3rd quarter.

The game ended at 68 to 53. Scorers were Kenneth Standmire-20, Ray Dean Thompson-15, Mike Williams-11, Fouac Grisby-11, J. P. Cornish-5, Wendal Green-3 and Dexter Pritchett-2.

In the game played November 30, the Freshman Indians beat Brownfield for the first time. They seemingly romped over Brownfield in the first quarter with a 26 to 6 score, but things steadily got worse at 37-14 and 43 to 26. The score did not reveal the Indians troubles, however, for by the 3rd period most of the starters were in foul trouble. The second stringers got their licks in early, but still proved the better team. Scorers were Kenneth Standmire-19, Mike Williams-16, Raydean Thompson-8, J. P. Cornish-6, Fouac Grisby-6, Randy Coleman-3, Max Wynn-2, Larry Jackson, Dexter Pritchett and Scott Crowley scored one point each.

The Indians took out their revenge from last year against Dimmitt in one of the most disorganized games ever played. The details of it may never be known. However, Morton won and everyone on the team got to play.

Final score was 66-50, Mike Williams led with 24 points, Kenneth Standmire-15, Raydean Thompson scored 10, Fouac Grisby-8, J. P. Cornish-5, Larry Jackson and Dexter Pritchett scored 2 points each.

as Farmers" was up slightly November 15 compared to a year ago. The increase was only a small percentage above prices in October but were 14 percent above a year ago.

The price index on livestock and livestock products weren't among those increasing. It was slightly below the previous month but 16 percent above 1971 prices at the same time. Hogs, sheep and lambs were up in prices but beef cattle and calves were down compared to October. Poultry was down and eggs were up in comparison to October prices, but both were up from a year ago. Milk prices were up in comparison to both times.

COLD, ICY weather, which pushed deep into Texas, continued to delay harvest of Texas crops—a continuation of the same story a week earlier. Cotton harvest is reported about 49 percent complete, slightly ahead of the 1971 harvest; but cold, moist weather kept cotton harvest at a standstill on the Low and High-Plains. Cotton has been ready for harvest in those areas since mid-November. The same story held true for grain sorghum farmers on the Plains, but this harvest is about 98 percent complete. Peanut harvest is almost over.

Tomato and pepper picking goes on in the Rio Grande Valley as the weather allows, but the cold is hampering activities there. A few cabbage have been marketed. The citrus harvest is reported at a slow pace because of adverse weather.

The freeze is reported to have killed many tender vegetables in the Winter Garden area, but carrots and cabbage were moving to market when the freezing weather hit.

BROILER chicks placed in Texas during the week ending December 2 totaled 3,341,000 which was three percent above the previous week. Arkansas shipped in 63,000 broilers and Texas shipped 171,000 broilers into Arkansas and Louisiana. Total hatch for the week ending December 2 was also up, to 3,449,000, which was three percent above a year ago and four percent above the previous week. Texas hatcheries set 4,125,000 eggs which was also slightly above a year ago but which was down slightly from the previous week.

HEAVY breed turkey poult hatched in Texas for the same period was 96,000 which was 17 percent above the same week in 1971; but eggs set for the heavy breed poult was 122,000, down 25 percent from a year ago. There were 8,000 light breed poult hatched the week ending December 2 and 6,000 the same week in 1971. There were no light breed eggs set compared to 11,000 a year ago.



WE HOPE YOU GET A BIG BOOT OUT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Ramsey Shoe Shop

Merry Christmas

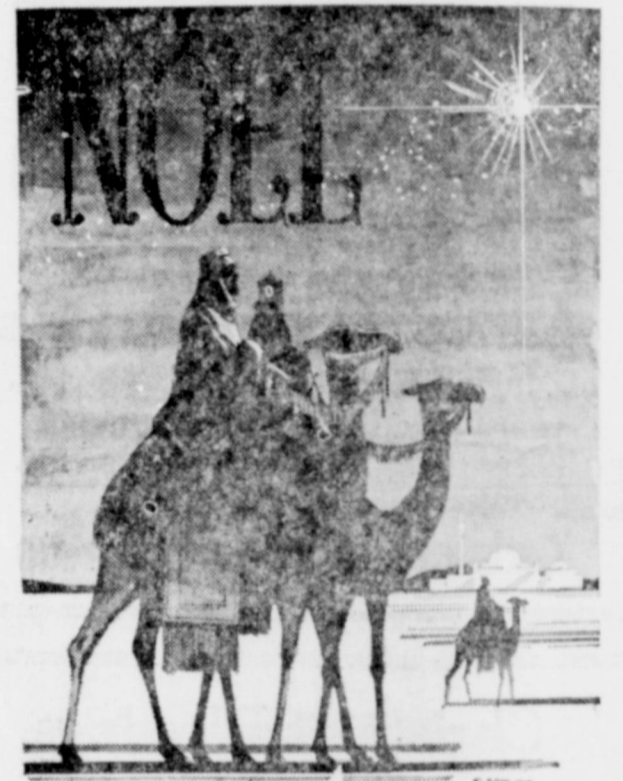


Christmas Blessings

As the holiest of seasons draws near we wish our fine friends a blessed Christmas full of happiness.

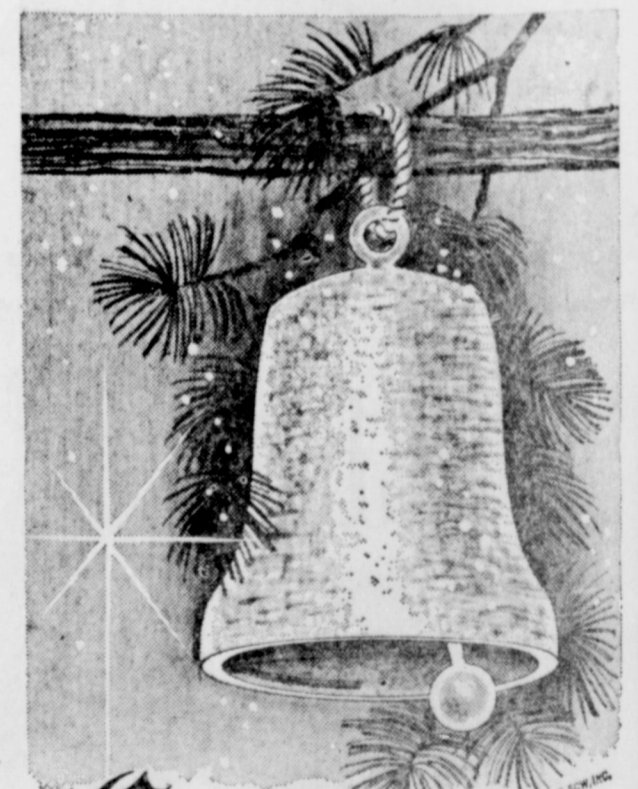
Modern Beauty Shop

Margie — Dorthia — Della



May the true meaning of Christmas dawn once again and bring its blessings to the world.

Singleton Funeral Home



Christmas Joy

We hope that the spirit of brotherhood and goodwill expressed so often at Christmas may endure forever.

Allsup's 7 to 11

Why frankincense and myrrh?

The men who wrote the Bible were of many sorts — doctors, priests, historians and lawyers. Nonetheless, they spoke a common language when they praised the wonders of creation: clouds, stars, mountains, animals, and especially the trees, flowers and other plants. They were all understanding of nature.

Perhaps more attuned to nature than we, however, were the Wise Men, whom we hear so much about during the Christmas season. As shepherds, they led a simple life away from others. In solitude, they had much opportunity to observe and reflect on the workings of nature. And, at night with their flocks, they watched the ever-changing pattern of the stars in the sky above.

THE WISE MEN, from the land of Arabia or some part of the Parthian Kingdom, were also knowledgeable about the prophecies of the Old Testament, which spoke of the coming of the Messiah. Thus,

with divine guidance, they became convinced that a certain star which they beheld in the heavens was a token of the birth of the great King.

Part of the wonderful Christmas story of the Wise Men is preserved for us in the writings of St. Matthew. The Wise Men had seen and followed the star that went before them to where Christ was born in the city of Bethlehem. And here they came to pay Christ homage through worship and offering of gifts.

TO QUOTE St. Matthew: "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

Looking upon gift-giving in a materialistic way, we might question why the Wise Men presented gifts of frankincense and myrrh to the young child. Gold, of

course, could provide financial needs. But what made frankincense and myrrh so special? Detailed answers to this question can best be left to theologians. Some of them say the gifts were emblematic of divinity, regal office and manhood of Christ. Another theologian states, "they offered him incense as their God; gold as their King; and myrrh as united to a human body subject to suffering and death." Still others say that the Wise Men offered what they held in most esteem among themselves — products produced in their own country.

IT IS PARTICULARLY interesting to note that both frankincense and myrrh are the products of trees, the uses of which go back into antiquity.

Frankincense is an aromatic gum resin with a bitter, acrid taste that exudes from several trees of the genus *Boswellia*. Such trees are abundantly found on the Somali coast and in South Arabia. Cuts or wounds are made in the tree trunks, where the accumulated resin coagulates in globules. These are then easily scraped from the tree.

Frankincense was used as an incense in religious ceremonies by the Egyptians, Persians, Babylonians, Assyrians, Jews, Greeks and Romans. It is still widely used today as an incense. It is also used in the East as an external application for tumors and sores, and in China, as an internal remedy for leprosy and other diseases.

MYRRH IS A bitter, resinous exudation obtained from trees of the genus *Balsamea* or *Commiphora*. These spiny plants grow in Arabia and Abyssinia.

Since ancient times, myrrh has been used as a perfume, for embalming purposes and as a religious anointing oil. It is occasionally used in medicine to increase appetite and stimulate the flow of gastric juices, and as a constituent of mouth wash.

It is of interest to note that myrrh played a part at Christ's crucifixion and upon His mortal death. As reported by St. Mark: "and they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but he received it not." In St. John, the story is told: "And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound in in linen

clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury."

ALTHOUGH WE do not know the true significance of frankincense and myrrh as gifts to the Christ Child, we know that they were commodities of commerce highly valued for use in religious ceremonies and for their medicinal properties.

As men close to nature, it is possible that the Wise Men collected, in their wanderings as shepherds, the same myrrh and frankincense which they presented as gifts. Whatever their significance, they were gifts from the heart to one whose coming they sought.

Not too late to save monies on 1972 taxes, says expert

"It's not too late to save money on 1972 income taxes."

According to Mrs. Doris Myers, home management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A & M University, "a few tax-cutting steps that can be taken before Dec. 31 may be worth considering."

"In general, if the taxpayer's income is considerably larger this year than it will be in 1973, he may want to arrange to pay as many deductible items as possible in 1972."

"On the other hand, if his income will be much larger in 1973, he may want to do exactly the opposite and plan to pay and include the deductions next year," she advised.

SHE OUTLINED several tax-cutting steps for taxpayers who want to claim as many deductions and exemptions as possible for 1972.

"For instance, deductible items such as pledges to church and charity might be paid ahead of schedule, or larger contributions can be made before the end of the year, possibly cutting the amount for 1973."

"Also, interest on debts sometimes can be paid early."

"Persons planning to borrow money early in 1973 may want to borrow it now and arrange to pay part of the interest before the end of this year."

Mrs. Myers suggested paying real estate or personal property taxes before the year's end or even buying an already planned-for car to get the benefit of deducting the extra sales taxes.

"THE TAX LAW provides that medical expenses can be deducted if they exceed three per cent of the adjusted gross income."

"Medicine and drugs are included in deductions if they exceed one per cent of the adjusted gross income."

"It may be advantageous to pay as many medical expenses as possible for the year to carry the total into the deductible range," the specialist noted.

"For instance, the taxpayer may want to pay off all outstanding medical bills before the end of the year."

"In addition, purchases of needed glasses, dentures, drug supplies or other medical and health needs may be made before the end of the year to increase the deductible amount."

Providing the surgeon agrees, already prescribed surgery might be scheduled before the year's end enabling the patient to pay and include the costs as part of his medical expenses this year.

TURNING TO EXEMPTIONS, Mrs. Myers noted that the dependency exemption is now \$750.

An extra exemption may cut the tax bill. Taxpayers already aiding a dependent parent or other close relative might want to increase their aid so the 1972 contributions make up more than half of the dependent's total support—thus entitling the taxpayer to an extra exemption.

"Parents can claim an exemption for a supported child under 19 even though the child earns \$750 or more. This rule also applies to a supported child in school—regardless of age. Both parent and child may claim a tax exemption on their separate income tax returns."

"For 1972, a child may earn \$2,050 without paying any tax—however, a return must be filed by April 15 to get a refund of any taxes withheld from his earnings."

Mrs. Myers added that marital status may make a difference in tax liability.

"COUPLES ALREADY planning a marriage in 1973 may want to consider moving the date to December, 1972, so both husband and wife can use income-splitting provisions of the tax law for both 1972 and 1973."

Don't like lines? Registering auto by mail is okay

Do you hate waiting in long lines? Do you shudder to think of the upcoming license plate renewal season? Does the thought of nearly eight million vehicles being registered in Texas this year scare

you? Well, you can cheer up. The Motor Vehicle Division of the Texas Highway Department will be mailing out renewal applications for 1973 license plates shortly after Christmas.

Vehicle owners who wish to avoid the long lines can simply return the entire application by mail to the tax assessor-collector in their home counties with the registration fee and \$1 per vehicle for handling and mailing.

THERE ARE THREE things to remember:

1. Leave the handy three-part form intact. Don't separate the three parts.
2. Mail it to the county tax office in your home county. (Mailing to the Highway Department will only delay your getting your 1973 plates.)

Be sure to include your registration fee plus an additional \$1 for each automobile to be registered by mail. You may apply for your license plates by mail after January 1. However, county tax offices won't be sending the license plates until after February 1. You should allow at least 30 days from the time you apply for the license plates to be returned.

THE 1973 plates must be displayed on your vehicle by April 1.



Liner's Pharmacy
Mike and Donna



As Christmas draws near, our thoughts turn to those who have gladdened the past seasons for us — our customers.

Being the season of giving to others, and in appreciation for your loyalty and support, we the officers, directors and employees of the First State Bank have made a donation, in your names, to Boy's Ranch at Pettit and to the Cochran Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Your donations will be of substantial aid in carrying on their valuable work.

Our hope is that your Christmas will be more joyous in the knowledge that you have given a much needed gift to these two worthy organizations who are dedicated to service for others.

FIRST STATE BANK

Morton, Texas

My Neighbors



"There's no rush to order... We'll have a lot of figuring to do."



Striking a sincere note with our best wishes for the merriest Christmas ever for you and your family.

The New York Store



Wishing you — our friends — the happiness of Christmas time!

Rose Auto & Appliance



The blessings of this glorious Christmas Season be yours now and throughout the coming year.

Nu-Way Beauty Salon

News from Bula-Enochs area

Mrs. Sandra Austin, the young peoples Training Union Sponsor, and the young people, Ronald Beasley, John Bruton, Donnie Nichols, Susan Layton, Cary Austin, Jack Bruton, Ida and Orilia Davila and Dona Bruton presented a three act play titled "Christmas Comes to the Careys" Sunday night at the Enochs Baptist Church. The play was enjoyed by everyone. Refreshment of cake, cookies, candies, punch and coffee were served.

Mrs. Ted Hall spent the week in Lubbock visiting her sisters, Mrs. Jewell Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Opal Young.

Mrs. Annie Peterson, mother of W. B. Peterson, died Wednesday. Mrs. Essie Seagler, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nichols, Mrs. L. E. Nichols, Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Shaw attended the funeral service Friday at the Baptist Church at Woodrow. Burial was in the Slaton cemetery.

Mrs. Morris Phillips of Muleshoe spent the weekend caring for her mother, Mrs. Mary Hardin, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wallace and her sister, April Wilson of Los Vegas, Nevada, were dinner guests Sunday in the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Layton.

Other guests were Mrs. Olive Angel and the Junior Austin family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and April spent Sunday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Angel.

Mrs. Bill Burris and son, Terry of Wellman, spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of her sister, the J. E. Laytons.

Carl Hall was dismissed from the Littlefield hospital Wednesday where he had been a patient for 18 days. He will be staying with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Layton, for the next 6 weeks. Mrs. Dora Barber of Muleshoe and Mrs. Mary Blackshear of Mountainare, N.M., came to visit their brother, Carl, Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Laton was a dinner guest in the home of her sister, the H. H. Snows, Wednesday at Muleshoe.

L. G. Harris' birthday was Friday, Dec. 15, he was 77 years old. His daughters, Mrs. Francis Riley and son, Lewis of Andrews, and Mrs. Zelma Phillips and sons, Greg, Brad and Keith of Levelland all came Saturday to help him celebrate. They brought a birthday cake and cooked a birthday dinner.

Dale Blackstone finished his schooling at

Tech and received his BSS degree in agriculture. He and his family moved to Tyler Friday where he has a job.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson of Amarillo visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Archer, recently.

The Behany and T.E.L. Sunday school classes had their Christmas party and tree at Mrs. E. N. McCall's home Friday night and exchanged gifts with their secret prayer partners and revealed who their secret partners were. There were 22 present. They played games and sang Christmas carols. Refreshments of cookies, candy, cake, doughnuts, coffee and spiced tea were served to the group.

Mrs. A. J. Wallace of Littlefield visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Price and the E. N. McCalls one day last week.

The members of the Church of Christ had their Christmas party at the Nolan Harlin home Sunday night following church services. Sandwiches, dips, Christmas cookies, candy, punch and coffee were served. After the meal Mrs. J. C. Withrow took the young people Christmas caroling to the homes of several shut-ins and presented each one a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thomas are at home after a two weeks visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kessler, at Ft. Worth. While there they went to the Scott Theatre to see the rehearsal of a musical program by the Junior Choir titled "Littlest Wise Man." There were 60 boys in the choir, one of the Thomas' grandsons, Dorman, who is 13, was one of the song leaders. Dorman attended Bula school before moving to Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cannon were honored by a dinner at the Hayloft Dinner Theatre in Littlefield, Dec. 13, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mamie Lou Harden and Clarence were married Dec. 13, 1922, in Clarendon, by Rev. Joe Smith. They moved to Bula in 1930 where both are members of the Baptist Church. Cannon was engaged in farming until his retirement in 1963. Their two children, Mrs. Robert E. Martin of Lubbock, and Jimmy C. Cannon of Littlefield were host and hostess for the dinner. The couple have three grandchildren, Janice and Timmy Cannon and Beverly Ann Martin.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vanlandingham during the weekend were Rev. and Mrs. Charles Vanlandingham and son, Chuck, of Raton, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vanlandingham of Albuquerque, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hall of Anaheim, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dorman of Lamesa.

Visitors at the Enochs Baptist Church Sunday morning were Mrs. Frances Riley and son, Lewis, of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vanlandingham of Raton, N.M., and Mrs. Arthur Vanlandingham of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hall of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byars drove to Friona Sunday afternoon to visit their son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Byars.

Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Shaw drove to Tucumcari, N.M. Saturday to visit their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Crocker, their other daughter, Mrs. Janet Jarous and son from Clayton, N.M., were also guests at the home of the Crockers.

spoils the meat," said one official.

According to experienced meat handlers, heat is the enemy of meat. It is important to dissipate heat, even brood heat, that a deer should be field dressed as soon as the hunter is able to receive and tag it.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has a leaflet entitled, "Now That You've Killed It," which tells how to field dress a deer. It is free upon request.

FIELD DRESSING a deer entails removing the internal organs and draining as much blood as possible from the animal. Care should be taken not to puncture the organs since this will taint the meat.

The skin of the deer should be removed as soon as possible since this holds body heat. The deer should be hung head down for about twenty minutes immediately after field dressing to allow the blood to drain.

However, when allowing the carcass to cool, the deer should be hung head down since blood collecting in the hams spoils the meat. The carcass should always be hung in the shade and covered with sheet or cheesecloth after it is skinned.

If the weather is cool, the carcass can be covered and transported for short distances on the trunk or roof of the car.

Don't like venison? Maybe here's reason why, aver officials

It's no wonder that so many people claim not to like venison, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials. They wouldn't like steak either if it was handled as badly as some venison.

"We still see hunters hauling their kill home on the hood of their car. This may be classical, but the heat from the engine

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, Whiteface
Pastor, Rev. Billy Pierson

Sunday Services—
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Midweek Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Rev. Allen Tighe Administrator
8th and Washington Streets

Mass schedule—
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 8:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.
Holy Day Mass 7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday—Catechism Class, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Confessions — Sunday 20 minutes before Mass

Baptisms — Funerals — Weddings
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Sundays—
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

NEW TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
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H.M.S. 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Charley Shaw

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Sunday Service 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 8 p.m.

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S.W. 2nd and Taylor
C. R. Mansfield, Preacher

Sundays—
Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays—
Midweek Bible Class 8 p.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
James E. Price, Pastor
411 West Taylor

Sundays—
Church School Session 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Evening Fellowship Program 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

WHITEFACE, CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dick Biggs, Minister
300 Tyler Street

Sunday—
Bible Classes for all ages 10:00 a.m.
Worship and Communion 10:55 a.m.
Evening Bible Classes 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Bible Study & Prayer 8 p.m.

Sister Pearl's Gospel Singing House
Purity Sunday School Class 8:45 a.m.
Teacher — Pearl Swindle Williams
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Services 11 a.m.
Evening Services 7 p.m.
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Services 2nd and 4th Sundays

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 7 p.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.

THREE WAY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Preston Harrison

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Services 7 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
G. A. Van Hoose
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Sundays—
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service 6 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Night Prayer Meeting and Christ's Ambassadors Convene Together 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays—
Every 1st and 3rd, Women's Missionary Council 2:30 p.m.
Every 2nd and 4th, Girls' Missionette Club 4:30 p.m.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rois Staudtler, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Training Service 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:45 p.m.

WMA Circles
Monday—
Night Circle 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday—
WMA 2 p.m.
G.M.A. 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Midweek Service 7:30 p.m.
Edna Bullard 9:30 a.m.

HICK'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. O. Huff, Jr.

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Services 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Services 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Whiteface
Harold Harrison, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Church Training 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Paul McClung, Pastor
202 S. E. First

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Morning Service KRAN 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays—
Helen Nixon W.N.U. 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays—
Graded Choirs 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
Church Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m.

SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Rev. Ignacio Ruiz
N. E. Fifth and Wilson

Sundays—
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Young people service 7:30 p.m.

EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fred White, Minister
704 East Taylor

Sundays—
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Worship 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays—
Midweek Service 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, MAPLE
Dannie Mize, Preacher

Bible Study 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Night Worship 8 p.m.
Wednesday Night Services 8:30 p.m.

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Letters to Santa

Love, Stephen Clark

Dear Santa,
Please send me a mini-bike and a trampoline. Please send me a dunebuggy. My phone number is 266-3001 and my address is 307 S.E. 9th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and Ho, Ho, Ho.
Your friend, Steven Walker

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a go-cart and a GI Joe. Your red and white coat is pretty. Thank you for the fat track. For my sake. Ho! Ho! Ho! is the sound you make.
Love, Ricky Houston

Dear Santa,
I want a red, white and blue football and a basketball and a go-cart.
Love, Darrell Redman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pop gun and a

electric shooting gallery.
Love, Jason Kirk

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie Doll to play with, with my sisters. I like you.
Love, Elva Ramon

Dear Santa,
Will you please get me a real baton and a real poodle?
Love, Tammy Stanley. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a Cowboy's football outfit number 14, and a pro football and

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basketball and watch and Johnny West and Big Jim.
Love, Lee Talley. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and Amie. I've been a good girl. Watch out for Apollo 17. Please don't get tangled up.
Love, Roxen Bedwell

Dear Santa,
I want a watch and a red, white and blue football and a baseball and a super star and a GI Joe and a model plane.
Your friend, Terry Webb

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me pair of pajamas, and Tomboy Tiff, and another thing I would like to have is Goodies Galore, and karosel kitchen accessories. Santa I think you would get tired going up and down all those chimneys, so I will leave some milk and cookies on the table.
Santa, Merry Christmas!
Love, Darlene Simnacher

Dear Santa,
I want a Johnny West and some guns. I will be watching behind the TV.
Love, Thomas Ruzicka

Dear Santa,
I want a coloring book and a doll and a toy puppet hat.
Love, Anselma

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie Doll and a doll house and a doll that talks. Don't forget to bring it.
Love, Elizabeth

This 'red berry' can make a yule a bit more merry

Holiday cheer gets a special boost from the bright red cranberry as it creates everything from juice to a cake or the Hot Buttered Punch featured below.

Judy Grubbs, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, reported that this year's cranberry crop will provide plentiful supplies of the fresh fruit, cranberry sauce and fruit cocktail for the holidays, according to USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service predictions.

HOT BUTTERED PUNCH

- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 4 cups water
- 2 1-lb. cans jellied cranberry sauce
- 1 quart pineapple juice
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. allspice

Bring to a boil brown sugar, 1 cup water, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice. Beat jellied cranberry sauce with beater until "saucy." Add 3 cups water and beat until smooth. Add cranberry liquid and pineapple juice to hot spiced syrup. Simmer about 5 minutes. Keep steaming hot over hot water.

To serve, ladle punch into mugs. Add dots of butter or margarine. Serve with cinnamon stick stirrers. Yield—2 1/2 quarts.

Almost 70,000 motor vehicles were involved in fatal highway crashes in 1971. Of these, more than 53,10 were private passenger cars, according to reports.

OLD TIME GREETINGS



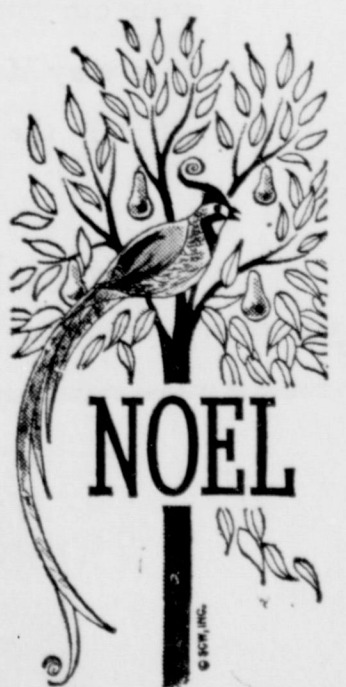
So many old traditions have disappeared from the holiday scene — but there's one that still remains — sincere greetings to friends old and new. Merry Christmas!

St. Clair's DEPARTMENT STORE

Lois St. Clair
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... to you, our customers. We thank you for your patronage and wish you a joyous holiday!

McMaster Tractor Co.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a doll and a stove for Christmas.
Your friend, Cheri

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring a bike and some clothes and that's all.
Your friend, Lynn Hoffman

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring a race track and a pair of shoes.
Your friend, Wayne Enos

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a drumset, a Captain Maddox, a electric football game and a basketball.
Your friend, Marty Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a bike. I like to ride bikes. And my big brother wants a big bike, but I just want a little bike. Santa bring my sister a big, big bike. My sister is not nice. She opened a Christmas gift. Is that nice? The end.
Your friend, Alice Joy Marina

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a .22 and I would like a football suit. Also I would like a hustling hoss.
Your friend, Kensey Chancey

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a pair of roller skates and warm boots and a drum.
Your friend, Frankie

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring bike my friend.
Your friend, Vick

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring a bike my new Hi Dottie and new bike.
Your friend, Angelo Rowland

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a BB gun and a record of the Candy Man Can. And a football suit and a model of snoopy's airplane.
Your friend, Bret Yeary

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a doll house.
Your friend, Laurie

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me dishes and doll and table.
Your friend, Pam Daniels

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a gun and a bike and a mini-bike and a cowboy hat and a football helmet and a football suit, and please.
Your friend, Aubrey

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a teddy bear, Dallas Cowboy robot, football seat. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.
Patrick

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a GI Joe and Big Jim and Rugged Rider and Looky.
Love, David

Dear Santa,
I want a piano and I would like a Hi Dotty and I would Crying Baby Tender Love.
Love, DeSanne

Dear Santa,
B-B gun or a wrist watch. I wish I had a new bike, a 3-speed bike. I want a pair of socks.
Your friend, Sidney

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a suit of the Rams and a big wheel. And a Big Jim.
Your friend, Robert Sabala

Dear Santa,
I would like a race track and a Dallas Cowboy sweat shirt.
Mery Christmas, Bobby Lewis

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi-Dotty in a purse for Christmas. Thank you.
I love you, your friend, Penny

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a BB gun, guitar and a army suit.
Richie Bannino

Season's Greetings



We hope your home and heart will be filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad Holiday season—

Nowell Gin Co.

Claude — Marilyn — Cliff

HAPPY HOLIDAY



In appreciation of your patronage, may we wish our many loyal customers a very Merry Christmas, with all the joys of the season.

Gwatney-Wells Chev-Olds



CHRIST IS BORN IN A MANGER

LUKE 2:1-7

From THE LIVING BIBLE

About this time Caesar Augustus, the Roman Emperor, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the nation. (This census was taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Everyone was required to return to his ancestral home for this registration. And because Joseph was a member of the royal line, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, King David's ancient home—journeying there from the Galilean village of Nazareth. He took Mary, his fiancée, who was obviously pregnant by this time.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born; and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn.

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We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year and express our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Morton Packing Co.



We wish our fine friends a very Merry Christmas. Let us all know the joys of this most holy season.

Paul Lawlis Gin
Paul & Olivia



To our friends and patrons... we wish you a season full of all the joys of Christmas.

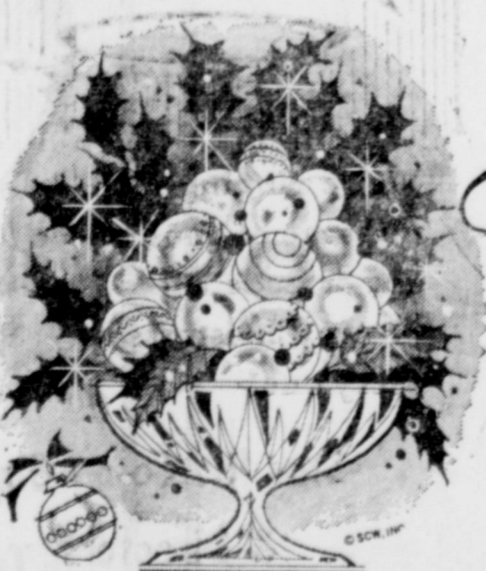
Griffith Equipment Co.



Our Christmas Wishes

May all your wishes for the holiday season come true and happiness be with you and your family.

Ben Franklin



Season's Greetings

Best wishes for a joyous Noel to all our wonderful friends.

The Tom Sneads



VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

And to all, thanks for your wonderful patronage!

Bedwell Implement Supply



May your holiday abound with lasting happiness— And your heart be filled with the greatest gladness.

Thomman's Jewelry

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Christ as redeemer oldest belief upon which yule is based

The oldest of beliefs on which our modern Christmas is based, is that the Christ child came into the world to give men the hope of redemption. It is a hope which seems to be timeless. It was so at the time Jesus came and is just as needful in this day and age.

Mighty Rome was supreme at the time and an era of peace had begun but no one could be certain it would last. Wars of increasing ferocity had prevailed for over 200 years. Wearyed humanity longed for the slaughter to cease and the slaves needed the knowledge that there would be a compensation for their misery.

NOW, THE coming of a Redeemer was anticipated. It had been foretold centuries before by the prophet Isaiah: "For unto us a son is given." The belief was not exclusive to the Hebrews. The Romans held a belief that a "new child" was expected to bring back the age of gold, when people existed in a state of primitive innocence. And the need was manifest in other religions.

Christianity spread from the Mediterranean to northern Europe where it became inculcated with many new beliefs and observances. Some heathen tree-cult no doubt is the basis for the custom of mistletoe, the yule log and the Christmas tree, all symbolic in some way with man's hope.

Martin Luther is given credit for popularizing the use of the Christmas tree in Europe but it is believed he borrowed it from some rite of the dim Germanic past.

THE CHRISTMAS tree may have been introduced in America by Hessian soldiers during the American Revolutionary War. It is said, these mercenaries, homesick for their native Black Forest, cut down the local trees and brought them inside the tents and trimmed them with whatever crude ornaments were available. . . . modest yet bright symbols of a hope to return to their homeland.

Gifts to colleges set a record of over \$1.8 billion in 1970-71.

Once upon a time a helper of Santa was a rude fellow

Santa Claus has many loyal helpers all over the world and as a rule, they are just as jolly and lovable as ol' St. Nick himself — but in Germany he has a not-so-jolly henchman.

He goes by the name of Rupprecht and is a strict disciplinarian who spans naughty boys and girls with a birch rod.

WHAT'S MORE, according to ugly rumor, he thinks nothing of carrying off especially bad children in a sack and disposing of them in ways too horrible to imagine.

He's a bully, an agree and Simon Legree all rolled into one. German scholars say he is a descendant of Wotan — the German Zeus — and his "wild array" of heathen sub-gods.

It all started back in pre-Christian times

Original yule candle meant to lead Christ

Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window. . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits to the children.

One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use. . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire. . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits. A far cry from the present custom of loading them with goodies!

es when the Germans celebrated the winter solstice on December 21, when daylight hours begin to lengthen.

A BIG FEAST was held in honor of Tyr, God of the Sun, War and Justice. Legend has it that just preceding the festivities Wotan and his comrades roam the land, blessing the crops of the good and meting out punishment to wrong-doers. It is from this ancestry that Rupprecht was born. But in this modern age of psychology and children lecturing parents, it is no longer fashionable to frighten children with such old wives tales. German store owners have therefore led the attack in revamping Rupprecht's character.

THE REVOLT has wrought a new Rupprecht. He appears in show windows throughout Germany as a sort of Teutonic Flintstone, a good-natured oaf who is devoted to helping old Santa give out presents.

Shopper warned of yuletide thievery

Christmas shoppers were warned today to "Lock them up or lose them"

"Every year hundreds of Christmas shoppers in Texas are victimized by thieves who steal Christmas packages from parked cars, and sometimes the car itself," said C. C. Benson, manager of the southwestern division of the National Automobile Theft Bureau (NATB).

"Careless shoppers make it easy for the thieves by leaving their packages in clear view in the car, and often don't even bother to lock the car. They evidently believe that thieves take a holiday during the Christmas season, but soon find out that thieves instead are at their busiest."

Therefore, the NATB urges Denver City motorists to always take these precautions while shopping:

Don't leave packages or other possessions on the seats or the floor of your parked car. Put them in the trunk.

Roll your windows up tight, and lock your car doors.

Don't forget to remove your ignition key when you remove yourself from your parked auto — even for a moment.

Don't park your car in a remote or dimly lit spot.

Christ Babe's gifts rare at time, now not so rare items

According to the Book of Matthew, the first gifts the Christ Child received from the Three Wise Men were gold, frankincense and myrrh.

To the modern world there is no mystery about the value of a gift of gold. And in today's money market it gets additional attention. Yet in ancient times, this precious metal was possessed only by kings and very rich men. Thus, the gift was especially precious — one fit for a King.

The other gifts were rare and precious as well. However in today's world, little is known of these substances even though they are still in use.

SINCE ST. MATTHEW says that the Three Wise Men were from the East, it is assumed that the gold they brought with them for the infant Jesus came from the mines of Indian Mysore.

Frankincense, or olibanum, is a resin obtained from the bark of trees which grow on bare rock in the mountains of southern Asia and northern Africa.

Once upon a time it was used as a medicine. Today it is principally used as incense in Roman Catholic churches, and also in Indian and Chinese temples.

MYRRH IS A gum resin also obtained from the bark of trees which grow in Africa and Arabia. Since early times it has been used as a base for perfume and incense — and is still so used commercially today.

Thus it is the same today as it was in Biblical times when gifts of gold or perfume are made to loved ones. The gold perhaps isn't as precious nor as rare as it was when the Three Wise Men travelled to Bethlehem, but the idea behind the gift of gold, as well as perfume based with frankincense or myrrh, is the same.

Original yule card in firm's collection

The Cole-Horsley card is considered by many to be the first published Christmas card. It was designed in Britain in 1853 by John Calcott Horsley, a well-known artist of the period, for Sir Henry Cole, director of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The card bears the now universal greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You". It shows a joyous family seated at Christmas dinner. A copy of the card, discovered in England in recent years, is now part of the Hallmark Historic Collection, housed at the greeting card company's headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.



Blessings to All

May the world extend the spirit of the season into the New Year and bring peace to all nations. Let us pray for lasting Peace in our times.

Cochran Memorial Hospital District

Season's Best



We're ringing right in with a message of good cheer to you, our friends and patrons . . . a merry Christmas to each and every one!

Star Rt. Co-op Gin & Directors



Just a light hearted greeting to wish our friends and patrons a Merry Christmas and a Holiday Season that's cheery and bright.

Morton Delinting Co.

Season's Greetings



May the joys of Christmas follow you throughout the coming year...

Willingham Gins

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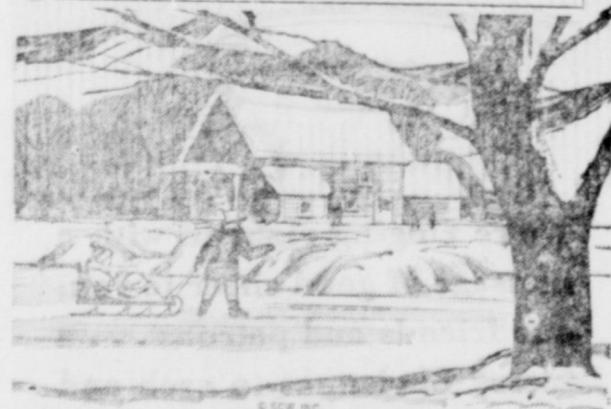
Glad Tidings



Here's wishing you the joys and happiness of Christmas, with a fire on the hearth, a tree in the corner and your family around you.

Cochran Power & Light Co.

Greetings



We hope that your Christmas will be a merry one, bringing you the best of everything.

Homer Johnson Oil & Butane

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I like to have a bicycle. I like to have a doll. Love, Sylvia

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Barbie Beauty Center for Christmas. Love, Robin D'Ann McBee

Dear Santa, I would like to have a stove set and my sister wants a Hi-Doty. Love, your friend, Caroline Polindo

Dear Santa, I would like a Big Jim camper. Love, Michael

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like to have a GI Joe and a Big Jim. And my brother likes the cars and trucks and the trains. Love, Jimmy Alaniz

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a new bridle and a Johnny West and a cowboy suit. I thank you for everything. Love, John Paul Reyes

Dear Santa, I wish I had a piano. I wish I had a Crying Baby Tender Love. I have a dog for you. Love Santa, and Anna

Dear Santa Claus, I would like Hi-Doty Beautiful and a bubble gum machine. Love Santa, my best friend, Renee Bell Cynthia

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would like a Beautiful Cynthia. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love, Renee Bell

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a Barbie Doll for Christmas. Melinda

Dear Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring me new bike tires, GI Joe and piano. Your friend, Mike Iley

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me two dolls and a bike. I have been very good. Your friend, Theresa Cosures

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring a bike and a blue tractor. Your friend, Steve Harris

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll, a bike, a teddy bear, and a record player. Your friend, Tammy Amaya

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a doll and a bike, a baby bed and a play stove. Your friend, Veloria Holland

Dear Santa Claus, I want to see you. I want a bike, a doll, and a record player. Your friend, I love you, Norine Bapsed

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a Crissy Doll and a telephone bank. I also want a plush panda. Your friend, Gretchen Smith

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a B-B gun, football and a book about horses. Your friend, Darren Richardson

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a mini-bike and some army men and toy gun. Your friend, Love, Jeffery Atkins

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a bike, BB gun and a football suit. Your friend, Stephen Bracken

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a Snoopy tooth brush, a tiny tell doll. I am going to be a good little girl. Your friend, Mercy Hinojosa

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a B-B gun, camera and a train. Your friend, Barry Sandefer

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a Jennifer Doll with clothes, a toy lion and a game. Your friend, Kristi Rowland

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a velvet doll with clothes and a Snoopy tooth brush. I also want a chalk board. I will try to be good so that you will bring me these things for Christmas. Thank you Santa. Your friend, Lisa Lyon

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a BB gun, a football suit, some play guns and a kite. Your friend, Randy Cox

Happy Holiday



May the songs of Christmas fill your heart with the joys of the season.

Long S Gin



Ring out the joyous sounds of the holiday season for you and yours, now and thru the new year.

Casa Cabello

Betty Merrick

Kay House

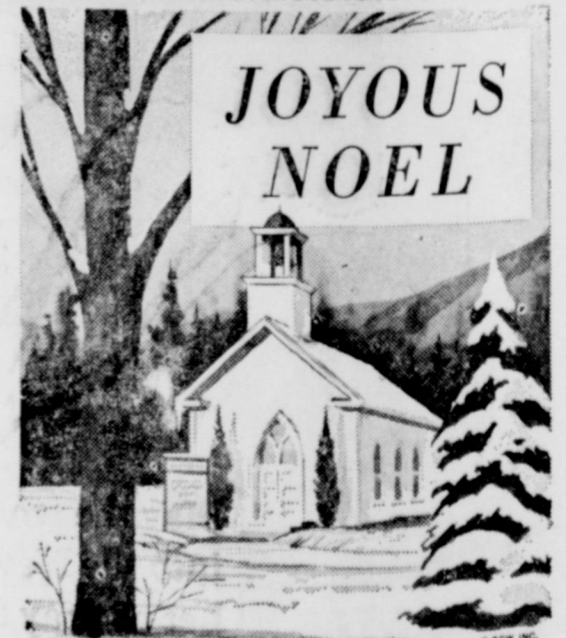
The Joys of Christmas



May this coming year be a time of happiness, joy and lasting peace for you

Danez Beauty Salon

JOYOUS NOEL



May the peace of Christmas be in all hearts this the most joyous of seasons.

Farmer's Union Insurance

Bula

John Hubbard

Morton



THE SHEPHERDS ARE TOLD OF A SAVIOR

LUKE 2:8-17

From THE LIVING BIBLE

"That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared among them, and the landscape shone bright with the glory of the Lord. They were badly frightened, but the angel reassured them.

"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem! How will you recognize him? You'll find a baby wrapped in a blanket lying in a manger!"

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven," they sang, "and peace on earth for all those pleasing him."

When this great army of angels had returned again to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on! Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They ran to the village and found their way to Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. The shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

Illustrations from TAYLOR'S BIBLE STORY BOOK

PEACE AT CHRISTMAS



To you our customers, at this very festive season, we wish all blessings.

John's Welding & Repair



A CHRISTMAS GREETING . . . BRINGING EVERY GOOD WISH FOR NOW AND ALWAYS . . .

Levelland Savings & Loan

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring a doll and a bike.
Your friend, Armida Orona

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring a Snoopy tooth brush, Big Jim and camper and a dunebuggy.
Your friend, Chad Sayers

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a doll that changes its eyes, a record player and some records. And do not forget the Good Fellows.
Your friend, Shelly Lynn Chancey

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a mini bike, a B-B gun, a record player and a piano.
Your friend, Troy Wells

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a B-B guns, watch and 2 dolls for my sisters.
I love you Santa, Joel Tarango

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a bike and a football.
Your friend, Benny

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a new bike to ride.
Your friend, Luis Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a organ for Christmas.
Your friend, Norissa

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring a stick shift and a B-B gun and I want a GI Joe. We have making pretty things.
Your friend, Todd Pool

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a little doll. I want that for Christmas.
Your friend, Melinda Soliz

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a Baby Tender Love and a Big Wheel.
Your friend, Wanda Sabala

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Johnny West and GI Joe and a Big Jim.
Love, Troy Lightsey

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a doll

and a ball.
Your friend, Josie

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me an Amy. We have been making you in school.
Your friend, Sara

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a bike and car.
Your friend, David

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me Hi Dottie.
Your friend, Blanca Hinojos

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a sweet doll for Christmas.
Your friend, Ruby Leal

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and Wa-Hoo and slinky.
Thank you, Santa.
Love, Mac Gunier

Dear Santa,
I want a toy like a washing machine. And a doll and a bike.
Your good girl, Pearly. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa,
Your you please bring me a Barbie Beauty Center and a coat and 10 pair of bikini panties, size 6. Please remember the other boys and girls. Thank you Santa.
Love, Radonna Gilliam

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Would you bring me Hi Dottie and Sweet Cookie and a watch and Barbie's Beauty.
Love, Shani Stephens

Dear Santa,
I want a gun holster and a rifle and a GI Joe and a Johnny West and Big Jim.
Love Santa, from Dwane. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa
I want a doll from you for Christmas.

Be good. Dear boys and girls be good.
I love Santa, Irene

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and an army set.
Love, Edward Amalla

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a bicycle? Will you bring me a Barbie's Beauty? Will you bring me a doll? Will you bring me a ball? Will you bring me a washing machine?
Love, Martha

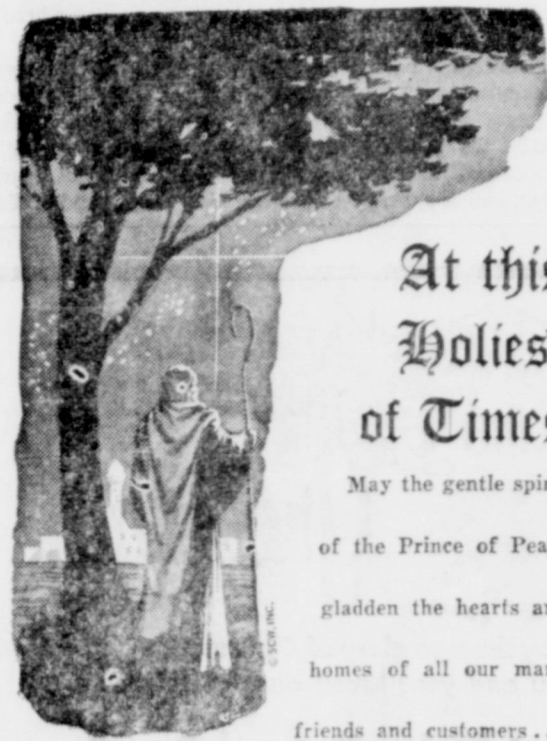
Dear Santa,
I'll like for you to bring these things to me—a football and a electric train set and a electric race track set and a electric football set.
Love, Robert Ortega

Dear Santa,
Will you please get me a bike, a real bike, and a real doll, and a ball too for Christmas. Ho! Ho! Ho!
Love, Alice Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a Johnny West and I want a B-B gun. I want a gun holster.
Love me, Michael

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Dallas Cowboy football seat and a Action Jackor. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
L. V.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a doll and a Hi-Dottie and Barbie, and a red ball and a blue ball and a bicycle.
I love you, Nelda Vasquez



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Art of illumination brings 'extra dimensions' to yule

Illumination. The very word seems to belong to Christmas, the season of light. Like the star that guided the wise men, Christmas illuminates the spirit of man.

In an artistic sense, illumination has another meaning that is also linked to Christmas: The decoration of books and manuscripts with colorful illustrations, initial letters and borders, "lit" by gold or, occasionally, silver.

Like all the arts, the ancient art of illumination was often employed by man in his efforts to capture some portion of the wonder of Christmas, to retell and picture the story of the Nativity and related events.

"The Annunciation," "The Nativity," "The Adoration of the Magi," "The Flight into Egypt" — these and other scenes from the well-loved Christmas story appear again and again in the hand-lettered, individually-illustrated books known as illuminated manuscripts.

In the early Christian era, illuminated manuscripts were generally the products of monasteries and cathedral schools. The first examples of illumination appear-

ed, however, centuries before the birth of Christ.

The Egyptian "Books of the Dead," manuscripts intended for tomb burial to serve as guides for the deceased in the afterworld, offer examples of gold-lit vignettes dating back to 1350 B.C.

These "books," written on papyrus scrolls, envisioned afterlife as a continuation of life on earth. People and animals

Crib not extinct in British usage

Although in many places the custom of the "crib" has become extinct, the singing of carols is continued throughout the world, in every country where Christianity is acknowledged.

One spot which still includes the "crib" in its carolling is in West Riding of Yorkshire, England. As the children of the town go around carol-singing, they carry a "milly-box" containing figures which represent the Virgin and Child.

were pictured, along with decorative lettering showing swirls of gold and sometimes silver.

The coming of Christianity brought a continuing concern with religious subjects as the text for illuminated manuscripts, early dedicated to the creation of art, learning.

In the Western world, these aims gained dictum monasteries in the sixth century and artist and craftsmen worked devotedly to preserve sacred texts through their hand-copied, hand-illustrated, elaborately-bound vellum manuscripts.

From time to time, secular texts — scientific treatises, for example — were

also copied and illustrated.

Just as the celebration of Christmas gathered together many customs and rituals of earlier holidays, so too the monastery artists drew upon techniques evolved by pre-Christian craftsmen.

Influence of classic Greek and Roman style is evident in the early illuminated manuscripts of the Christian era. This gradually gave way to the decorative, abstract Byzantine style.

With the approach of the Renaissance, more natural, realistic techniques came into use, in illumination as in other forms of art.

In the preparation of illuminated manu-

scripts, a master artist often set the style for copyists and assistants to follow, since even the decoration of an initial letter could be a major project.

A single letter might occupy an entire page, and a complete scene or miniature painting might be contained within the boundaries of, for instance, an initial "C" or "D."

Some manuscripts, in fact, represent

the work not only of more than one artist but of more than one generation of artists.

Today, illuminated manuscripts are treasures of libraries and museums, and rightly so, for throughout a thousand years of Christian history, the art of illumination brought an extra dimension of beauty to manuscripts that are, in themselves, precious works of art.

Churches' special services mark meaning of yuletide

With special services, churches of this community celebrate Christmas — a holiday that is, first of all, a holy day. Festivals of light, music and prayer are dedicated to the birth of a Holy Child in Bethlehem, nearly two thousand years ago.

For Christian believers, each of these — light, music, prayer — has a special meaning associated with Christmas.

"And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, 'til it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Matthew 2:9-10.

The star that guided the Wise Men shines as symbol of Christ, the Light of the world, and it in turn is symbolized by all the bright lights that twinkle at Christmas today.

Candlelight services reflect the radiance of the holiday, in Christian observances everywhere.

"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.'" Luke 2:13-14.

Since the angelic chorus brought "glad tidings of great joy" to shepherds watching in the fields, hymns and carols of rejoicing have told of the wonder and glory of Christmas.

That the words of the angels composed the first of all Christmas carols is a thought repeated again and again in favorite songs of the season.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" makes this thought its theme, and another familiar carol, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear," is devoted to "that glorious song of old," on the night when "the world

in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing."

Christmas music in the churches celebrates the joy of the Nativity.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him." Matthew 2:11.

"And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." Luke 2:20.

Thus wrote two of Christ's disciples, Matthew and Luke, telling of the awe and wonder, the joy and reverence experienced alike by wise men and shepherds.

Especially at Christmas, in church services and private devotions, Christians give prayerful thanks to God, for the miracle of the manger.

Three wise men? Their story is traditional one

Three wise men? In New Testament stories of the Nativity, only St. Matthew tells of "wise men from the east" — and how many wise men followed the star to the manger is not stated. The tradition that there were three probably comes from St. Matthew's description of three gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Another explanation for the number three is the legend that the wise men symbolized all humanity, in turn represented by the races of Shem, Ham and Japheth, according to the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

Early traditions mention varying numbers of wise men. Twelve was the number traditional in the Eastern church, while in the West, mosaics and paintings showed sometimes two, sometimes three, four or more wise men.

During the sixth century, the idea that there were three came to be generally accepted. In legends, the wise men were given names: Melchior, Gaspar, Baltasar.

Although St. Matthew did not use the name "Magi," he implied it when he wrote of "wise men," for "magi" was commonly used in Palestine to mean "great, illustrious."

Today, Nativity scenes show three wise men or Magi present at the manger along with the shepherds, who hastened to Bethlehem on the night Christ was born. Some historians, however, believe that the visit of the Magi didn't take place until much later — perhaps a year or even two years after the birth of Christ.

Santa's dishwasher can mean reduction in year-round chore

If Santa leaves a dishwasher under the Christmas tree, it could mean a surprise — and a real reduction of kitchen clean-up chores all year long.

Lillian Cochran, home management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, offered some hints in the selection, use and care of this appliance, now in one-fourth of the nation's homes.

In selecting one, first examine the family's needs for a dishwasher — several different kinds are available. Then use these needs as a guide in choosing the one to buy.

"Look for dishwashers with features that allow 'programming' the machine for different loads.

"Some models have a 'rinse and hold' cycle, so there's no need to waste water on partial loads — an ideal option for a single person or small family."

OTHER MODELS may feature a long, heavy duty or soak cycle for pots and pans. "All dishwashers offer the convenience of warming plates — simply by advancing the dial to the dry cycle."

Where there's limited space, as in some homes and apartments, a portable may be the answer.

"Portable models roll up to the sink at wash time, connect to the hot water faucet, and plug into an electrical outlet."

As an added bonus, some portables convert to under-the-counter use once a permanent place is available, Miss Cochran said.

On the other hand, built-ins fit right under the counter for easy loading.

Turning to usage, she noted that a booklet will come with the machine, instructing proper use of the dishwasher.

"USUALLY, IT recommends the amount of detergent, tells how to load the appliance for greatest efficiency and lists items best washed by hand — such as hand painted china, cast iron and soft plastic.

"No matter what type or model a person has, he should use only detergent designed for dishwasher use," she stressed.

"Any appliance purchase should involve careful thought and planning — consider the family situation and needs, expenses involved, the warranty or guarantee, and the expectations of its use."

Factory-sliced bread was first introduced to the public in 1930.



Greetings

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Singing our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas to all our friendly customers!

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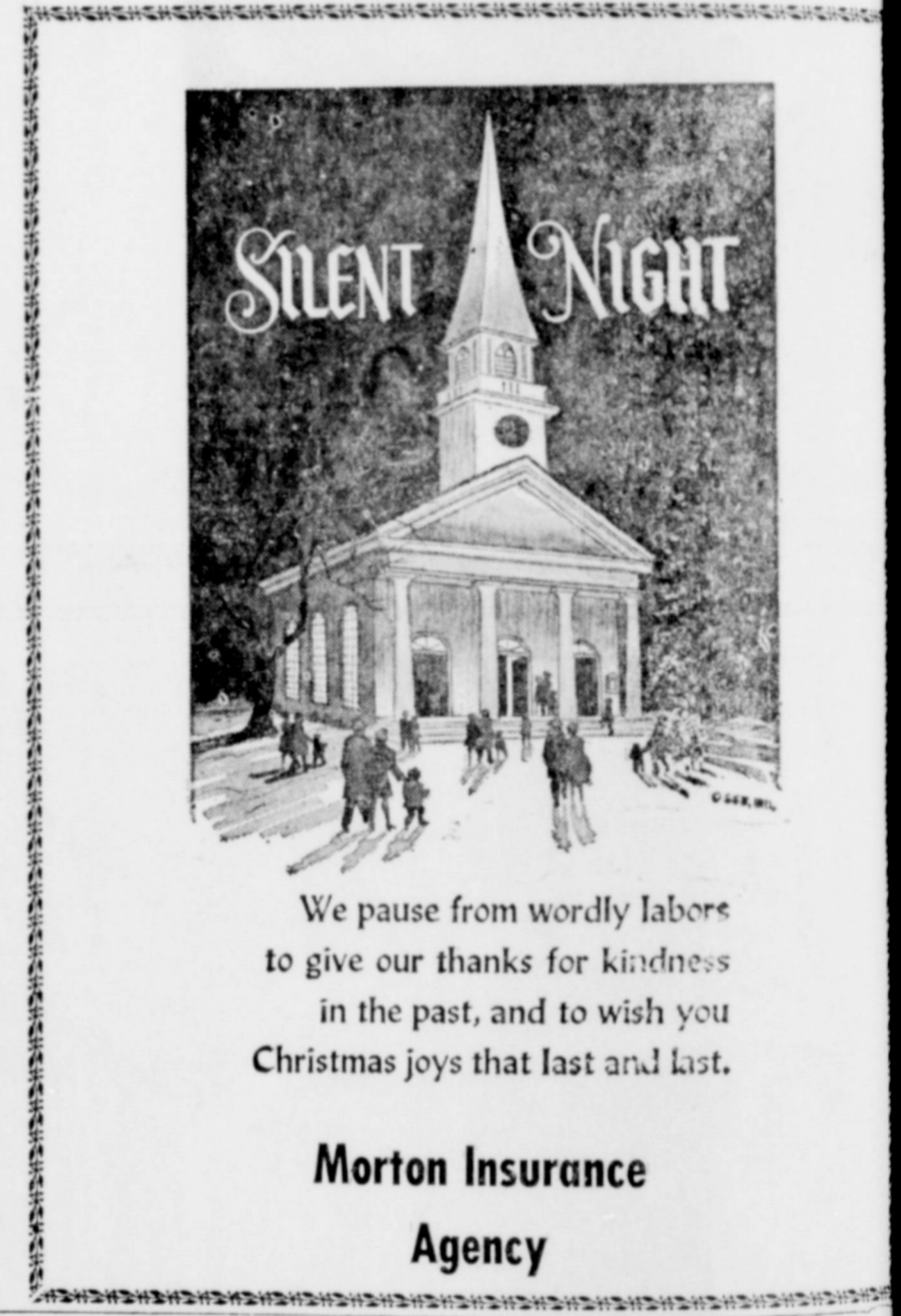
G & C Gin



Glory, Glory, Unto the Highest!

May the Christ Child bestow His peace upon you during this holy season

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**Pawnbroker sign,
 while stocking got
 start from saint**

With the Christmas stockings and pawnbroker signs are traditions that come from legends about the first "Santa Claus" — St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in Asia.

According to the legend, one bag of gold fell into a stocking hung up by the chimney to dry, and thus began the custom of hanging up stockings to be filled with gifts.

had lost all his money and had no way to provide dowries for the marriages of his three daughters. In secret, he went at night to the merchant's house with a bag of gold when the merchant's oldest daughter was old enough to be married. He repeated the process for the second and third time. The third time the merchant watched to see who brought the gold and told the story of his good saint's generosity.

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YULE CARDS FOR ANY MOOD

Friendly, merry, reverent, grateful, or humorous — Christmas cards can express almost any kind of sentiment during the holiday season. They make up the bulk of mail handled by United States post offices all over the country during December, and usually reach a peak around December 15th.

Bankers in Northern Italy took St. Nicholas as their patron and used the sign of three gold balls because bankers lent money. Later the sign became associated with pawnbrokers.

**Christmas tree represents
 'The Light of The World'**

The Christmas tree, a universally recognized symbol of the merriest season, radiates the meaning of the Christmas story.

For many people, the tree recalls the atmosphere of the holiday home and thus reflects the joyful warmth of the season. As a religious symbol, the tree with its lights and greenery represents both the story of the garden of Eden and the belief in Christ as the "Light of the world."

Although only a century and a half old in America, the custom of the tree has a history that is measured in many centuries. The forerunner of today's Christmas tree was seen in medieval miracle plays, which were produced as religious instruction for the illiterate — in an era when illiteracy was common and the ability to read a rarity.

A play about Eve's eating the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden was enacted with only one prop on stage, a single, apple-laden fir that became known as the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the promise of the coming of Christ and was usually presented just before Christmas.

At about the same time, people also decorated for the Christmas season with

pyramid-shaped frames of light, symbolizing the birth of Christ as the Light of the world.

Early efforts to combine the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid are recorded in manuscripts from Germany dating to the 16th century, collected by the Hallmark Cards research library.

The first tree was thought to have been brought to the United States by Hessian soldiers during the American Revolution. These homesick soldiers and other immigrants carried the tree throughout the country.

A major setback almost occurred in Cleveland in 1851 when a pastor decorated a tree in his home. His parishioners condemned the tree as pagan, but relented after an explanation of its religious aspects.

Conservation-minded President Theodore Roosevelt again nearly stamped out the practice when he banned trees in the White House. After one of his sons sneaked a Christmas tree in to the White House, a forester convinced the President that thinning helped forests.

The tree that is common today is a combination of the religious elements. The evergreen with glass, plastic or metal balls hanging from it is the Paradise Tree with its apples. Lights, tinsel, angels, a star on top, ornaments and other "good things" reflect the Christmas Light.

**Poinsettia color is
 yuletide fun-maker**

A comparative newcomer to the traditional Yule greenery, the tropical poinsettia was discovered in Mexico in 1828 by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, first minister to Mexico. He aroused interest in its beauty, and the plant is named for him.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906. Since that time it has become a popular and colorful gift at Christmastime, and is used extensively for house decorations.

**Candles important
 to Irish at yule**

Candles . . . symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World, play a very important part in Irish Christmas tradition. On Christmas Eve the mother or father of the house lights a candle and the whole family prays for their loved ones, living and dead. In some parts of Ireland, no one is allowed to snuff out the Christmas candle except those with the name Mary.

Earliest hymn

The earliest known Christmas hymn is Jesus refulsit omnino (Jesus, Light of All the Nations), written by Saint Hilary of Poitiers in the 4th century. However the first Christmas carol with the traditionally lighter tone was born in Italy among the early Franciscan monks.

SWEDEN BEGINS YULE EARLY

Swedish Yule ceremonies begin officially on December 13, St. Lucy's Day. According to legend, St. Lucy went about carrying food and drink to the needy. The Swedes give the legend reality by choosing one of the girls in the family to represent St. Lucy. St. Lucy rises early and wakens each member of the family, serves them coffee, and bakes buns.

**Little known about
 visit of wise men**

Familiar to all is the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem — and yet little is known about it. In the books of the New Testament, only St. Matthew reports the visit.

St. Matthew called them "wise men from the East". In the legends that have developed, they are sometimes called "Magi" because this word, meaning "august", was the name given the priests of the ancient Medes and Persians.

**Star of Bethlehem
 is still mystifying**

Man probes ever more deeply into space . . . sending satellites into orbit, putting earthing on the moon — transmitting TV programs across continents and oceans with increasing regularity, maintaining weather stations — all with an aura of devastating casualness.

Yet men of science still are mystified by the strange and overwhelming radiance of the Star of Bethlehem which flooded the skies so many hundreds of years ago, anno domini. Perhaps, in the last analysis, mere scientific probing will not clear up the mystery to full satisfaction. "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

However . . . 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 20,000 to 50,000 times brighter than the sun. A supernova is about 10 million times more brilliant than the sun.

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 110 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.



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Yule Customs many, varied in the world

Candles and carols, trees and treats, gifts and greens — and Santa Claus, of course. Wherever Christmas is celebrated, these symbols seem to appear.

In the modern era of rapid communication, there is a growing uniformity in the ways that people everywhere choose to mark the holiday.

Yesteryear's customs, however, still

have their place in modern celebrations. It's a case of "the more things change, the more they stay the same," as countries, communities and individuals seek to cherish and preserve their own special holiday traditions.

Some of these traditions, as treasured in memory or kept alive in holiday ritual, are compiled in the following paragraphs,

'Nuts to you' at yuletide really is very tasty idea

Pecans are a favorite holiday food — and a popular "any-other-time" food as well.

Judy Ann Grubbs, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, detailed some facts and preparation methods on the nutritious and versatile nut.

"They have a place in any well-planned diet. Versatility is evident since pecans can be used in main dishes, breads, cakes, cookies, desserts, salads and candies."

These nuts are available as two general types—native and improved.

"Most of the shelled pecan meats available in grocery stores come from native varieties," she explained. "Generally, two and one-half pounds of native pecans in the shell will yield one full pound of meats—or about four cups—when shelled out.

"TWO POUNDS OF the improved varieties, on the other hand, will yield at least one pound shelled meats. Improved varieties are well suited for gift packages."

Pecans make excellent gifts since they ship easily without damage. Another nice feature is they don't require special storage if used within a few months.

"However, unless canned or frozen properly, pecans can become rancid after being stored for several months," Miss Grubbs reported.

Shelled pecans can be kept in a refrigerated, covered container for up to six months. Unshelled ones can be kept fresh for about a year if stored at 32-38 degrees

F.

PECANS OFFER easy-to-prepare, tasty treats. Whether salted, sugared or spiced—they are excellent for family fun or youth get-togethers," she said, outlining

several ways to prepare them.

For salted pecans, first melt two tablespoons of butter, margarine or salad oil in a heavy skillet over low heat. Then add one cup shelled pecans and stir until hot.

The specialist warned against overcooking—pecans darken after being removed from the fat. Drain them on absorbent paper, and sprinkle lightly with salt while still warm.

To prepare sugared pecans, boil one cup sugar, one-fourth cup water and one teaspoon light corn syrup together until the long thread stage is reached. A candy thermometer will register 230-234 degrees F. at this stage.

Next, add one teaspoon of vanilla and cool until lukewarm. Then beat the mixture until it becomes creamy. Add 1½ cups pecan halves and stir until they are well coated. Pour the mixture onto waxed paper and separate the pecans. Store in tightly covered containers.

"SPICED PECANS are a really special treat," Miss Grubbs added.

For these, boil two cups sugar, one cup water and two tablespoons corn syrup together until it reaches the soft ball stage, or 238 degrees F.

Remove pan from fire and place in a pan of cold water until the mixture is lukewarm. Beat until mixture becomes creamy. Add one teaspoon each of allspice, cloves and ginger, plus two teaspoons of cinnamon.

Heat in a double boiler until the right consistency to coat pecans. Using a hat pin, sharp wire or tooth pick, dip each pecan separately and place in a buttered tin.

according to information from the editors of Encyclopedia International.

Mysterious things happen on Christmas Eve, say country legends of Switzerland. Young people may foretell the future, if they drink from nine different fountains while the midnight church bells chime. Then, if they hasten to the church steps, their future mates will await them there.

Somewhat less romantically, older folk seek to predict the weather for the coming year, using onion peels filled with salt.

Traditionally, Belgians celebrate three holidays at the Christmas season — beginning with St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, when the good saint brings gifts for children.

Then comes St. Thomas Day, December 21st. It's a sort of "trick or treat" tricks on their teachers.

The third holiday, of course, is Christmas.

When German tradition is followed, unwrapping a Christmas gift can be an amusing but complicated process.

One gift may have many consecutive wrappings, each with a different name on it, and the final wrapping may reveal not a gift, but a card telling where the gift is hidden.

Other cards in other hiding places lead to a treasure hunt, ending in the discovery of the gift.

The Christmas crib or presepio is an especially treasured part of the Portuguese holiday celebration. Every home and church seems to have one, and some of those in the churches are masterpieces of art.

Especially famous is the presepio in Estrela Church, Lisbon. This Nativity scene depicts the people of Bethlehem, in terra cotta figures. Unique among the crowd are the figures of an elephant and a bagpiper.

If the weather on St. Nicholas Day, December 6th, is misty, a Dutch legend can explain it. St. Nicholas is baking his cakes.

are adorned with different figures. These, children are told, are the marks made

St. Knut's Day, January 13th, is the traditional time for taking down Christmas greens in Sweden. According to custom, as the tree is dismantled, young folk dance while their elders sing. "Twentieth day Knut driveth Yule out."

This custom is believed to be derived from the laws of King Canute, written in the early 11th century.

Christmas trees were first introduced to France in 1837, when Princess Helen of Mecklenburg married the Duke of Orleans and brought with her to Paris the Yule customs of her native country.

In spite of this and many later efforts to advance the cause of the Christmas tree, Parisians still prefer the earlier tradition, which says that gift exchange time for French adults is New Year's day.

Legends from Irish say Christmas dead in Heaven at once

An interesting Irish legend has to do with those entering paradise on Christmas Eve. Any person dying at midnight was believed to enter heaven at once, because that is the one time during the year when the gates of paradise are open.

On Twelfth Night in Ireland it was the custom to set up, as high as possible, a sieve of oats. In it a dozen candles were placed with a large one in the center and all lighted. This was in memory of Christ and His Apostles — Lights of the World.

During medieval times in Ireland, one hour before midnight the church bells tolled a solemn message of mourning, as if tolling for a funeral. Just as the clock struck 12, the bells would suddenly ring out in Christmas joy. This tolling from 11 to 12 was called "the devil's funeral" for, according to an old saying, the devil died when Christ was born.

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... to our many friends and customers. May your Christmas be merry and bright!

Reeves Shamrock



In the spirit of friendship and good will that is Christmas... we thank our many customers for their continued patronage! To all, our sincere wishes for holiday joy!

Childs' Men Store
Minnie's Shop

Handel's Messiah traditional work for Christmas era

Among Christmas music there is probably no work so much part of the celebration as Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah."

Modern audiences until recently have been used to hearing it rendered by a full orchestra (about 90 pieces) and a chorus of 200 or more singers. But Handel didn't write it that way, and this Christmas music-lovers will be able to hear it in its close-to-original concept.

THE COMPOSER, George Frederick Handel, conducted a comparatively small orchestra and chorus: the number of performers varied. For example, if there were three good soprano voices available, he used three. Or two, as the case may have been.

In a recent record release one leading conductor used a 35-piece orchestra, and a 31-member chorus with four soloists.

To the 20th C. audience, used to booming effects, the "Hallelujah Chorus," the most familiar part of the work, surprises with its "small" sound. Yet the musical ear will detect lean, clear, and beautiful sounds which sometimes were obscured by strident, overwhelming harmonies.

Handel sketched and composed the famed, opera-like oratorio within 21 days.

A boss is someone who is early when you're late, and late when you're early.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

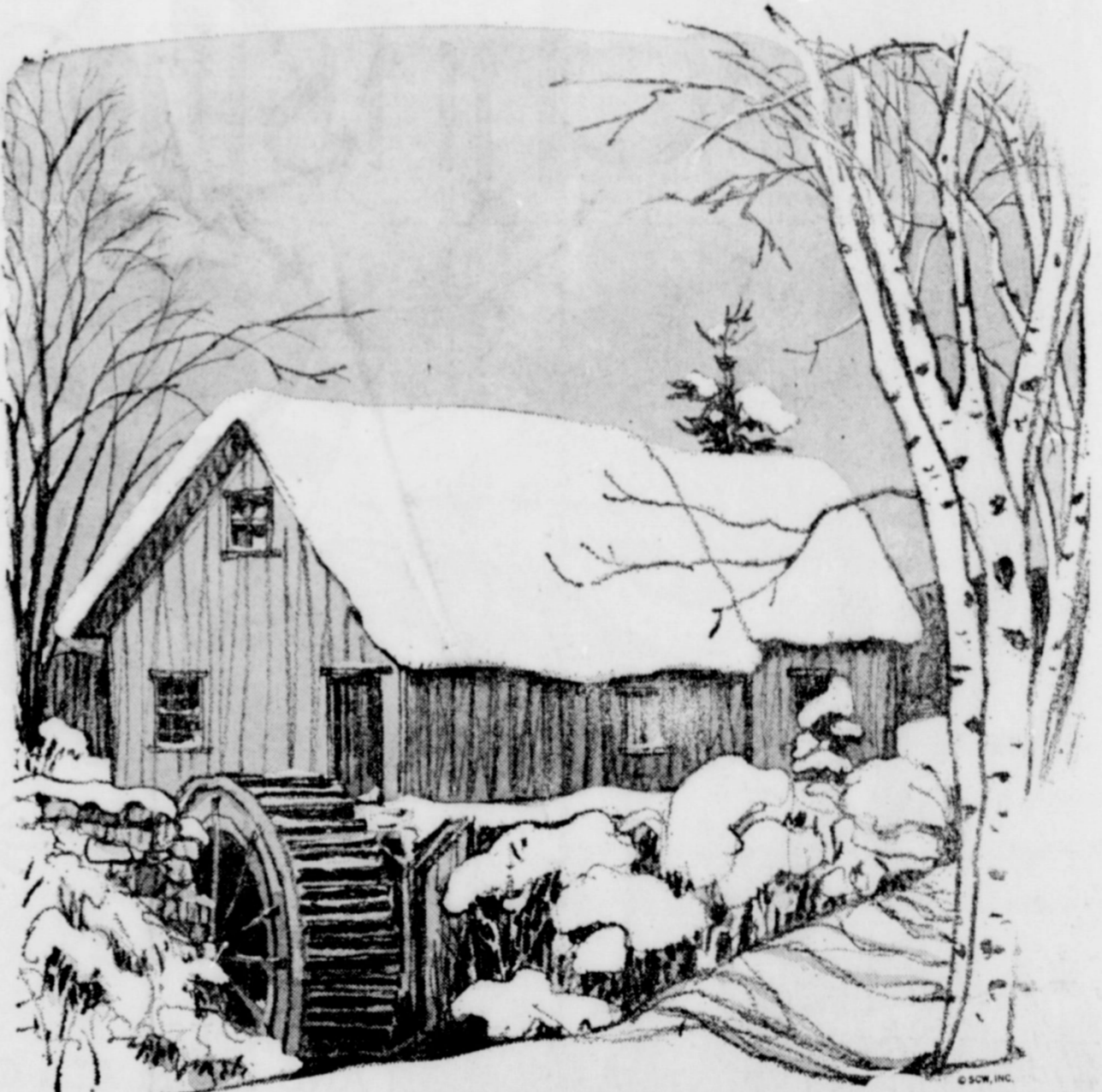
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OLD-TIME Greetings

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Everything is ready for a season of good cheer.

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