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S Head Urges Safety Precautions The Holidays

Wilson E. Speir, head of the Texas Department of Public Safety, urged motorists and pedestrians to take extra precautions to help prevent an estimated 87 traffic deaths during the Christmas and New Year holidays. Speir said the DPS has had 46 traffic fatalities occur during the Christmas period from 6 p. m. December 22 to 6 p. m. Monday, December 25.

An estimate of New Year deaths is 41 between 6 p. m. Friday, December 29 and midnight, January 1. The DPS director noted that many serious accidents can be prevented by practicing safe driving habits during the holidays. He urged Texans to be "Friendly by the Wheel" and to follow traffic laws, regulations, by not drinking while driving and by taking

Murdoch Funeral Held Here Tuesday

The Jayton community was shocked Sunday night of the news of the death of Bearl Murdoch at Temple.

He had been in ill health for some time, but was working at the bank the most of last week, but was taken to Temple when his condition became worse.

Services were at 4 p. m. Tuesday in the First Methodist Church in Jayton with the Rev. Bill Perkin, minister, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Tommy Ewing, minister of the Methodist Church in Miami, Tex.

Burial was in Jayton Cemetery under direction of Campbell Funeral Home.

Murdoch had been a Kent County resident all of his life. He was married to Barney Sewalt March 9, 1940 in Jayton. Murdoch was a member of the Methodist Church, serving as treasurer for several years.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Beryle Murdoch, Jr., and a daughter Dianna Morton of Snyder and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ransom Galloway, Robert Hall, E. M. Jones, Robert Harrison, W. C. Dibrell and Z. L. McAteer.

Jaybirds Win First In Annual Tourney

The annual Jayton Basketball Tournament was held December 14, 15, and 16, with the following schools represented: Patton Springs, McCaulley, Lueders-Avoca, Spur, Old Glory, Rotan, Jayton "B", and Jayton Varsity.

The Jayton Boys won 1st place and the Lady Jays won 2nd place losing by 2 points to the Spur girls.

The girls named to the all-tournament team were Jo Ann Kelley-Spur, Joy Bass-Spur, Angie Rape Patton Springs, Pam Kelley-Jayton, Bobette Hamilton-Jayton, and Diane Lindsay-Lueders-Avoca.

The boys named to the all-tournament team were Jimmy Teichelman-Old Glory, Cal Walker-Spur, Brad Dibrell-Jayton, Allen Kelley-Jayton, and Jay Hagar-Lueders-Avoca.

Old Glory won 3rd place in both boys' and girls' divisions. In the girls' division Spur defeated Jayton for the championship and Jayton defeated Lueders-Avoca for the boys' championship.

Jayton's girls defeated Patton Springs and Old Glory in advancing to the finals and the Jayton boys also defeated Patton Springs and Old Glory in route to the championship.

The following tournament records were broken: Boys' division

Most points by an individual for three games Brad Dibrell scored 84. The old record was 83 by Mike Hunt of Spur in 1970.

Most free throws in one game by an individual, John Trice of Lueders-Avoca made 16.

Most consecutive free throws in a game by an individual, John Trice-Lueders-Avoca, 14.

Most free throws in a game by Lueders-Avoca 25.

Most free throws in the tournament by an individual Brad Dibrell made 21 tied old record set by Mike Hunt of Spur in 1970.

Girls' division

Most field goals in one game by an individual 18 by Debra Teichelman of Old Glory. Old record was 14 by Kitty Cave of Jayton in 1969.



The Clover Boys 4-H Club held their regular meeting last week with fourteen members present. Rev. Bill Perkins, adult leader, presented a program on rock collecting and rock polishing as a hobby.

President George Johnson of the Clover Boys 4-H planned with the members a Christmas party. The party was held on Saturday afternoon in the Community Center. Mrs. Mary Lynn Johnson, adult leader, met with the club boys.

The Clover Boys 4-H will meet on Thursday morning with adult leaders to work on rifle safety and marksmanship projects.

THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS MEETING THURSDAY

The Jayton School Board, at its meeting last Thursday night passed several orders, among them being:

Approved the recommended change in the free and reduced cost lunch program.

Voted to give each school employee a \$50 Christmas bonus.

Voted to raise the maintenance men 10¢ per hour.

Approved certain property tax exemptions for persons over 65.

The Highway Patrol Check Accidents

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated three accidents on rural highways in Stonewall County during the month of November, according to Sergeant Frank Jirick, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

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

The rural traffic summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1972 shows a total of 33 accidents resulting in one persons killed and 11 persons injured.

Records in Region 5 of the Texas Department of Public Safety show a total in November, 1972 of 584 accidents, resulting in 14 persons killed, and 265 persons injured

as compared to the same month in 1971 with 576 accidents, resulting in 20 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 Highway Patrol supervisor reminds you that the signs and signals on the roads are put there for your safety and convenience. Drive Friendly, the Texas Way!

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

Food Demonstration Given Here

Etta E. Stalanec, 4-H Club leader, gave a food demonstration at the Extension office, at Jayton.

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SPECIAL PROGRAM IS GIVEN HERE

Annette Duncan Home Economist with the West Texas Utility Co. gave a food demonstration cooking three different casserole dishes. These recipes are saving in food and very delicious for any meal. In the program, she gave instructions for freezing these casseroles, which is a time saver for the housewife.

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THE GIRARD H D CLUB HAS MEETING

The Girard H. D. Club members have decorated the Community Center for the holidays these decorations are for all people to use. We purchased a new Christmas tree and other yuletide decors.

The Christmas Tour which was slated for visits in our homes was cancelled due to the extreme cold weather. This tour in a highlight of the recreation program, also a senior citizen program was cancelled due to illness and cold weather.

Mrs. Etta Thackett fractured her arm, and Mrs. D. G. Brooks has been ill. They are recuperating in the Rest Home, in Jayton. Mrs. Mollie Fugua is a patient in the Aspermont Hospital. We hope they will be back with us, real soon. Recreation for the Senior

Citizens is a part of the State recreation recommendations. We hope to have this program, at a future date.

Come and meet with us, Jan. 3, 1973.

Reported

1752 Calendar Set Christmas Date on Dec. 25

We know that our calendar today is a relatively modern institution. But do we realize that in earliest times, Christmas was celebrated on January 18? It is still so celebrated by the Armenian church. Later on, the date became January 6—and it was only in 1752, with the final change to the Gregorian calendar, that the rearrangement of dates placed Christmas Day on December 25.

Some church people in England were very indignant when this change took place—feeling that some-



As I can forget about going on a diet... If they can get my picture on a STAGE STAMP, I can't be all that fat!"

Jaybirds Beef Up The All Regional Football Team

The Jayton football program was signally honored recently by the Abilene Reporter News When Coach Jerry English was acclaimed the All Area Coach of the year, and four members of the team made the all area selection.

Three offensive players made the top team, quarterback Brad Dibrell, Runningback Parker Kidd, and guard Bill Parks. Defensive End Mitchell Stanley made the second team.

Listed below is the entire selection:

OFFENSE			
Name, School	Pos.	WL	Class
Jesse Macias, Rule	End	130	Sr.
Jim Raughton, Bronte	End	150	So.
Gary Skelton, Bronte	Tackle	175	Sr.
Dale Wolf, Rising Star	Tackle	195	Jr.
Bill Parks, Jayton	Guard	158	Sr.
Calvin Stegemoeller, Rule	Guard	165	Sr.
Brad Whittaker, Th'morton	Center	160	Jr.
Brad Dibrell, Jayton	G-Back	170	Sr.
Parker Kidd, Jayton	R-Back	182	Sr.
Don Hisey, Rule	R-Back	145	Sr.
Robert Morgan, Roby	R-Back	190	Sr.

DEFENSE			
Name, School	Pos.	WL	Class
Bobby Reyes, Bronte	End	130	Sr.
Jay Moses, Th'morton	End	160	Sr.
Lynn Dudensing, Rule	Tackle	195	Sr.
Cole Turner, Rule	Tackle	175	Jr.
Jimmy Macias, Rule	Nose	130	Fr.
Phillip Forrest, Hawley	L-Backer	180	Sr.
Robert Morgan, Roby	L-Backer	190	Sr.
Roy Wilson, Rule	L-Backer	165	Sr.
Ronnie Schulze, Blanket	L-Backer	155	Sr.
Bill Bundy, Th'morton	Back	150	Jr.
Dale Evers, Roby	Back	170	Jr.

HONORABLE MENTION			
OFFENSE—Ends: Joe Putnam, Throckmorton and Tommy English, Rochester; Tackles: David Clark, Roby and Tony Atkins, Rochester; Guards: Kliff Rogers, Throckmorton and Mike Shifman, Gorman; Center: Jack Wilson, Rule; Quarterback: Art Briles, Rule; Running Backs: Johnny Martin, Rochester; Ronnie Schulze, Blanket; and Alan Barbee, Bronte.			
DEFENSE—Ends: Mitchell Stanley, Jayton and Wendell Hollingsworth, Rochester; Tackles: Gary Skelton, Bronte and Johnny Martin Rochester; Nose Guard: Brent Noles, Throckmorton; Linebackers: Kelly Henderson, Gorman; Leonard Rhodes, Rule; and Mac Hearne, Rochester; Backs: Ricky Fuller, Gorman and Alan Barbee, Bronte.			
COACH OF THE YEAR—Jerry English, Jayton			
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER—Don Hisey, Rule			

New Candle Materials

In 1750 a substance from the head of the sperm whale was found to be superior to tallow and beeswax. Later, in 1850, paraffin wax was developed and combined with stearic acid to make candles of the modern type.

Bayberry candles with their delicate scent are especially popular at Christmas, and they are said to bring good luck to the home. The bayberry candle is uniquely American. Bayberry bushes grew in great abundance in the new world, and after learning to extract the greenish wax from the wild bayberries, the Pilgrims used it to make candles.

Statement Of Non-Discrimination

The Dickens County Electric Cooperative, Inc. has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground or race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and

participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants of the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250, or the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C. 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 90 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purpose of the Rules and Regulations.

KENT COUNTY NURSING HOME NEWS

The residents of the Kent County Nursing Home had their annual Christmas tree party Sunday at 6 p. m. Approximately one hundred people attended to share in the activities. Visitors were from Spur, Girard, Patton Springs, Lubbock, Dickens, Amarillo, and Jayton.

A special thanks goes to the FHA girls of Jayton High School who brought gifts for each resident of the Home. Bobette Hamilton, Judith Duboise, and Tresa Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Kathrine Owen, sang Christmas carols.

Santa Claus, played by Terry Jo Kelley, had candy and fruit along with many gifts for everyone. The ladies of the First Baptist Church, Jayton, brought gifts. Mr. Kilpatrick and Mrs. White, Girard brought fruit; the Gleaners Sunday School Class of Aspermont sent candy, and Mrs. Pete Hale of Spur brought cookies.

To each person who contributed in anyway or who attended, we say a big thank you. We wish you a Merry Christmas, and God Bless you.

Right
Tourist: "What are those church bells ringing for, my lad?"
Urchin: "Cos somebody's pulling 'em!"

Competition
"I suppose the little wife will win all the arguments in your house?"
"No; she'll only win half of them."
"Oh, you expect to win the other half?"
"No; but my mother-in-law will."

Educational
"Yes, stamp collecting is educational," said the fond mother to the visitor. "For instance, where is Hungary, son?"
Without looking up from his stamp book, the young collector answered promptly: "Two pages in front of Italy."
"Twas the night before Christmas, when all throughout the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."
-C.C. Moore.

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The Christmas Spirit

December is the most exciting (and tiring) month of the year in many American homes because of the approach of Christmas and all associated with it. In the commercial scramble which Christmas has become for many the real meaning of the day is lost to many of us.

And while many feel this is unfortunate it should be remembered by all that about one in three Americans belong to no church. Millions of others, such as those of Jewish faith, do not believe Jesus was divine, though admiring him as a man. In addition, millions of others--of Chinese, Japanese, Middle East origin, etc., have a different deity altogether.

Yet all of us can enjoy the Christmas spirit--which pertains to all men, of all faiths and origins, and is a message of love for one's fellow man and peace on earth. And so in this general way, too, Christmas is highly important. This general spirit, enjoyed within the philosophical concept of tolerance, enables all Americans to have a happy holiday each December.

Idaho's Example

Last year the Idaho legislature adopted a modern probate reform law--a beacon light which should guide other states.

With probate cases often consuming years, and lawyers feeding on these estates and reducing their value all that time, Idaho finally acted. Alaska has followed suit. It appears that Arizona, Hawaii, Pennsylvania and Washington are likely to be next.

The Idaho reform law is simple and inexpensive to beneficiaries. All the work can be performed by a lawyer in one day. Under the old fixed-fee system a \$50,000 estate case even settled in a day cost a client \$1670. This was such an obvious overcharge the Idaho Bar Association rescinded its fixed fee rule for probate cases and now allows lawyers to charge an hourly fee (Fixed fee systems are under court attack and, hopefully, may soon be banned.)

One University of Idaho Law School professor has estimated the cost of settling a \$50,000 estate under the new system at, perhaps, \$250. When costs in Idaho system are compared with costs in other states, the contrast is eye-opening.

To settle a \$100,000 estate, the Idaho cost is likely to be less than \$1,000. But in Michigan, for example, the cost would be \$4800 under that state's fixed-fee system, plus an additional \$2,000 if the attorney were also the executor!

Snow or No, It's Always "White Christmas"

The traditional image of an outdoor Christmas scene brings to mind, for most of us, the brilliance of sunlight on snow-covered fields and hills. But this is an idea that originated in the northern parts of Europe and America--and of course it doesn't really apply to the climate in many parts of our country.

In southern California, for instance, roses are blooming at Christmas--indeed, we all know this if only because of the famous New Year's "Rose Bowl" football game. And in Florida, at Christmas time, there's apt to be a hot sun beaming down on sand.

However, the image of the White Christmas has taken hold everywhere. And so we use artificial snow, and garlands of Spanish moss instead of evergreens. Even palm trees may be used as Christmas trees, which, after all, relates realistically to the climate of the Holy Land itself.

Even in the north, today, it often happens that snow

FIRST CANDLE MACHINE

In 1834 a modern candle-making machine was developed by Joseph Morgan, so that candles no longer had to be made by a tedious hand-dipped process.

MAGIC GIFTS

The gifts brought by the Wise Men all had magical associations: gold for the sun mystery, frankincense as the smoke-maker, and myrrh, the healer.

The Byrds held their Family Reunion at the Community Center in Jayton. All that were there were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Byrd and family of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Byrd and family of Clairmont, Mr. and Mrs. Duell Ellis of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ellis and family of Graham, Mrs. Bud Puryear of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. James Dye and family of Post,

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schafer and Tim Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Byrd and family of Clairmont and Mrs. Sara Byrd and family of Jayton.
Mrs. Jody Stankovic and Mrs. Edith Stankovic went to Lubbock Monday Dec. 18 to pick up aunt that will be with them over the holidays.

Greetings
Here comes Santa Claus!
He's bringing good wishes and thanks to all our friends.

Kent County Rest Home

NOTICE

Order Your PROPANE before Dec. 24th or 25th. Our drivers are taking off for Christmas and there will be no one to make deliveries these two days.

We appreciate your business.

Merry Christmas - Happy New Year

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	BRUSH	Per Acre	3 ⁰⁰
	JOHN GRASS	Per Acre	2 ²⁵
	COTTON	Defoliant Per Acre	2 ⁰⁰

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GREETINGS for CHRISTMAS

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

LADELL, MARY, LINDA AND JOE McATEER

McAteer's Department Store

From Opal Richards' Recipe Files



Mince-meat Sundae Sauce

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup diced pared apple
1 cup prepared mince-meat
1/4 cup chopped California walnuts
1/4 cup chopped maraschino cherries
Vanilla ice cream

Combine all ingredients except ice cream in a small saucepan. Bring to boiling point; simmer gently, uncovered, 10 minutes. Serve warm over vanilla ice cream

Mocha Mousse

1 envelope (1 table-spoon) unflavored gelatin
1 10 1/2-ounce jar (1 cup) chocolate-flavored syrup
Softened gelatin in 1/4 cup water; set aside. Combine chocolate syrup, coffee powder, and another 1/4 cup water, in saucepan. Cook over low heat; do not boil. Add softened gelatin, stirring to dissolve. Cool mixture about 15 minutes. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into 3-cup mold. Chill till firm, about 4 hours. Unmold; garnish with additional whipped cream and crushed peppermint candy. Six servings.

Holiday Fig Squares

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 3/4 cups brown sugar
4 well-beaten eggs
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
2 cups snipped dried figs or dates
1 cup chopped California walnuts
1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

Melt butter or margarine; stir in brown sugar. Add eggs; mix well. Stir in lemon and orange peel, half the figs and half the walnuts. Sift together dry ingredients. Blend into batter. Pour into greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with remaining figs and walnuts. Bake in slow oven (325°) 50 to 55 minutes. Cut in squares and serve warm with softened ice cream or Creamy Hard Sauce: Thoroughly cream together 4 tablespoons butter or margarine and 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar. Add 3 tablespoons milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla; mix well. Whip 1/2 cup whipping cream; fold into creamed mixture. Makes 12 servings.



Delicious No-Bake Dessert



Chunky Choco Cake is an easy to make no-bake dessert. And it's a tasty homemade delight for the entire family. The make-ahead Chunky Choco cake is a refrigerated dessert but can be taken and kept on hand for those unexpected guests that drop in at the last minute.

The secret ingredient are those tasty Semi-Sweet Chocolate morsels which are just as good all by themselves. Here is the recipe as developed in the Nestlé Test Kitchens.

Chunky Choco Cake

2 6-oz. pkgs. (2 cups) Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
1/2 cup water
1 tablespoon Nescafé
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 eggs, separated
2 cups heavy cream
1 large (1 lb. 7 oz.) angel food cake

Beat over hot (not boiling) water semi-sweet chocolate morsels, sugar, water, instant coffee, and salt until chocolate morsels and mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and beat in egg yolks. Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold in chocolate mixture. Whip heavy cream, then fold into chocolate mixture. Break angel food cake into chunks (about 1" pieces) and fold into chocolate. Spoon into 13" x 9" x 2" cake pan. Refrigerate hours or overnight before serving. Store unused portions in refrigerator. If desired, this dessert may be frozen. Makes one 13" x 9" x 2" cake.

FRUIT SALAD DRESSING

4 egg yolks
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
12 large marshmallows
1/2 cup cream, whipped
1 cup chopped pecans

Melt marshmallows and butter or margarine in top of double boiler. Beat egg yolks, add vinegar and sugar. Mix thoroughly. Add to marshmallow mixture and cook 5 minutes. Cool. Add whipped cream and pecans. Refrigerate. Especially good for decorating fruit salads or filling halves of peaches, pears or apricots. Makes 2 cups.

WHIPPED CREAM DRESSING

2 eggs
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup pineapple or orange juice
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup cream, whipped
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind

Beat eggs; stir in sugar, juices and salt. Cook in double boiler until smooth and thick. Cool. Fold in whipped cream and lemon rind. Makes 2 cups.

SWEDISH CROWN OF CANDLES

In Sweden, the Christmas season traditionally begins on December 13, when a young girl in each house assumes the role of St. Lucia, wearing a white robe and a crown of lighted candles. The custom goes back to Viking times when, under the old calendar, the night of December 12-13 was the longest of the year. The Lucia girl symbolizes returning light.

Candles Light the Way Throughout the Ages

Christmas Dinners in The Good Old Days

How many people today could manage such a menu as this one? Here it is, right out of the diary of a Dixie plantation owner:

"We had for dinner oyster soup, besides boiled mutton, ham, boned turkey, wild ducks, partridges, plum pudding, sauterne, burgundy, sherry, and Madeira."
And what gourmet cook would care to cope with this one? It was served to hearty-eating miners in the Rockies in 1858. After oysters and pork, which were conventional "openers," the menu went on to elk, antelope, buffalo "smothered" and grizzly bear a la mode. In addition, there was Black Mountain squirrel, prairie dog, and mountain rats — followed with swans, cranes, and quail — the whole lot accompanied by wines.

Publicity, like fire, can be friend or foe.

Although it has been said there was no candle to light the manger in the stable at Bethlehem, still from early times people have placed tapers in windows to light the way for the Christ Child and welcome Him.

In many countries, anyone coming to the door at Christmastime was invited to enter. For some believed that Christ Himself would appear at a house with a

SYLLABUB, ANYONE?

That popular holiday-party drink known as egg-nog is a modern version of an old English drink called syllabub, which was a spiced mixture of wine and milk.

GIFT-GIVING VARIES

In most European countries, families give presents either on St. Nicholas' Day, December 6, or on Christmas Eve, or at Epiphany — January 6. Only the English and Americans customarily choose Christmas Day itself for gift-giving.

candle, concealing his identity, to learn the extent of their kindness.

Candles have inspired men throughout the ages, linking their bright glow with the beauty of faith. Research by Hallmark candle expert John Sinjem reveals that candles were generally used at Christmastime as far back as the 11th Century. Until the 18th Century they were made primarily from tallow or beeswax. The latter was preferred, as an emblem of Mary's purity, for wax is the product of virgin bees. Many persons believed that bees came from heaven, and it was not unusual for religious institutions to keep swarms of them. According to an early writer, the wax represented Christ's body; the wick, His soul; and the flame His divine nature.

The religious symbolism of the candle grew through the centuries after early Christians, huddled in the damp chill catacombs of Rome, used lighted candles as a source of comfort.



SILENT NIGHT candle features the words and music of the famous Christmas carol. Photo from Hallmark



We join jolly old St. Nick in wishing everyone, everywhere, happiness and good cheer, now and always.

The Jayton Chronicle

Opal and Afton Richards

Donny and Melba Richards

Larry Richards

Olga Esparza

Mary Stanley

Janie Villanueva

Hard work for some people is to appear important.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Just dashing off to wish a joyous holiday season to all.



JAYTON DRUG

Best Wishes



this Christmas

May the season be abloom with peace and love for all. We appreciate your generous support.

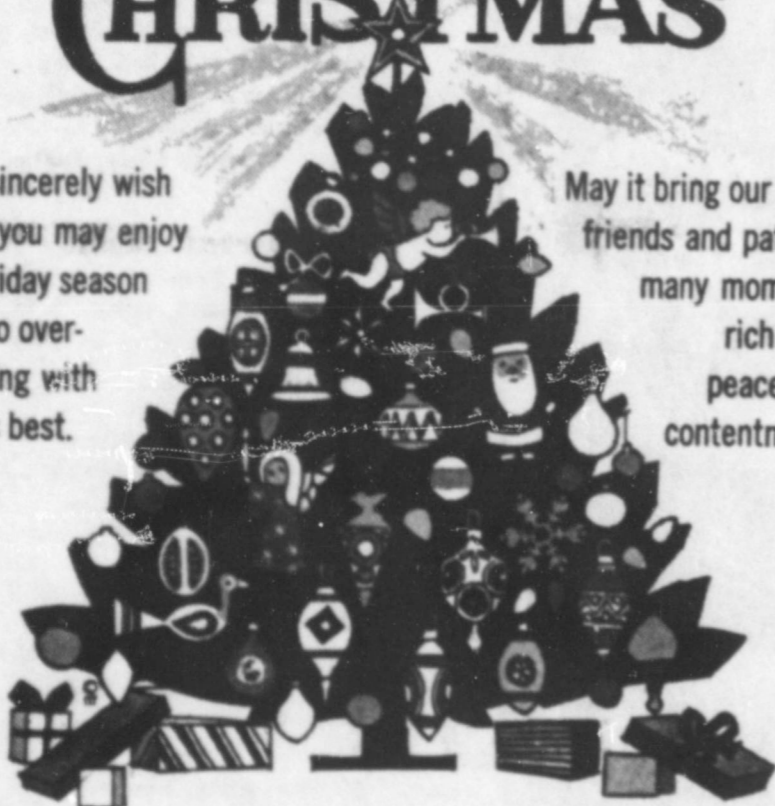
Village Flowers

AND GIFT SHOP

Rotan, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We sincerely wish that you may enjoy a holiday season full to overflowing with life's best.



May it bring our good friends and patrons many moments rich with peace and contentment.

Champion Jewelry

Rotan, Texas

christmas greetings

To all the folks we like so much... jolly wishes for a happy season!



Thank you for your patronage.

Kenady Drug

Aspermont, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson East celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary Sunday Dec. 17 in the home of Velma Smith of Snyder.

Oleta Moore went to Post to be with Mrs. Carlos Bass, who has a new baby. She will be home soon.

Mrs. Floyd Hall visited with her father Guy Herman who has been in the Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene Sat., Dec. 16.

Last word received of Mrs. O. V. Healer was she is doing fine and will soon be home.

The Methodist ladies had a bake sale Monday Dec. 18, at the Methodist Church.

The Methodist Youth presented their annual Christmas program Wednesday, Dec. 20. Gifts were exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Murrell spent the day with Murrell's brother B.L. Murrell of Brady, who is very ill. They went from there to Coleman to visit Mrs. Murrell mother Dec. 14.

Mrs. Royce Stanaland and Bonnie Jean McDowell of Peacock were in Snyder Sat., Dec. 16 shopping.

Mrs. Z. R. Chisum had business in Snyder Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grice attended their family Christmas Party in Wichita Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Katulek

and Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Pieratt. They were gone the 14, 15, 16 of Dec.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Murrell were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Murrell and four children of Lubbock, Deloris and Renee of Abilene, Dwight Kenney of Abilene and Harold Murrell of Lubbock.

Mrs. Wayne Stanaland and Mrs. Bobby Stanaland were in Abilene, Monday, Dec. 18.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Scogin over the week-end were Ricky Miller and a buddy Danny of Fort Carson, Colorado. They came by Canyon and picked up their girls, Sheryl and Wilma of West Texas State University-Canyon. Also visiting were Jr. McKinzie of Plainview and Mrs. John Rollans of Kermit and Mrs. Troy Havins of Brownfield.

The Jayton High School dismissed classes out on Wednesday, Dec. 20 for the Christmas holidays. The students are to return Tuesday January 2.

Mrs. Jeanie Waggoner injured her foot Friday night at the ball game. She will be on crutches for several days.



CHRISTMAS

DUE TO MY HEALTH, I AM UNABLE TO SEND OUT CHRISTMAS CARDS THIS YEAR, BUT I WANT EVERYONE IN KENT COUNTY TO KNOW THAT I ALWAYS THINK OF MY FRIENDS THERE AND WISH FOR ALL OF YOU THE VERY BEST OF EVERYTHING

Lewis H. Mason

409 Green Street, Abilene, Texas



Merry Christmas

At last it's here... the merriest time of the year! This is the season when old friendships are strengthened and new ones are fostered by the spirit of good will all about us. Here's hoping we may continue the fine association we have enjoyed in the past. Thanks, friends, and have a wonderful Holiday.

Vencil Lumber and Supply

BILL and GLENNIS SCOTT, VANESSA, GREG, MICHELLE

Other word of caution
Christmas trees—keep
in the pan of the tree
and don't leave the
burning on the tree
away from home.

Forgotten
It's hard to believe that
America was founded to
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Notice is hereby given
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missioners Court, of Kent
County, Texas, will accept
bids up until 10 o'clock
a. m. Jan. 1, 1973, for
the purchase of a 1973
automobile, with the mini-
mum specifications as fol-
lows:

Body style equivalent to
a Ford Galaxie 500, or a
Chevrolet Impala. White
four door sedan, 454 CID
Engine with a police in-
terceptor package, Mylar
high performance tires,
power steering, power disc
front brakes and factory
air conditioner.

Positive traction rear
axle, tinted glass, push
button radio, extra cooling
radiator, heavy duty al-
ternator, heavy shocks,
front and rear, left hand
and right hand rear view
mirror, spot light, vinyl
trim, fire extinguisher.

There will be no trade-in.
Payment will be made in
cash. The court reserves
the right to reject any and
all bids.

Signed: Norman Hahn,
County Judge, Kent County,
Texas.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In conformance to fed-
eral regulations on revenue
sharing, the Commission-
ers Court, of Kent County,
Texas, is planning the ex-
penditure of \$30,000.00 of
federal revenue sharing
funds, to be spent on pav-
ing of roads and streets
in Kent County, Texas.

Any person or persons
interested in the disposi-
tion of these funds is in-
vited to be present at the
meeting of the Kent County
Commissioners Court, in
the court house in Jayton,
Texas, at 10 a. m. on
January 1, 1973.

Signed, Norman Hahn,
County Judge, Kent County,
Texas.

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43-5tc

NOTICE BY THE
CITY OF JAYTON

The City of Jayton is
offering to sell to the
highest bidder, vacant
lots 10-11-12-13-14-15-
16, in Block 24, Orig.
town site. Please mail or
bring your sealed bid to
the water office. Any
one interested in these
vacant lots may make
a bid. The bids will
be opened and read at
the regular council
meeting on Jan. 9, 1973
at 7 o'clock. The coun-
cil reserves the right to
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DENT NAMED SECRETARY

Commerce Secretary Peter
G. Peterson is being re-
placed by Frederick B. Dent,
a South Carolina textile
manufacturer. Peterson will
take on a temporary special
mission to Europe and Asia
before returning to private
life.

JOBLESS RATE DOWN

The Labor Department re-
ports the nation's unemploy-
ment rate declined in Novem-
ber after having been up
since June. The jobless rate
dipped to 5.2 per cent of the
labor force.

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who won the Heisman Trophy recently?
2. What player came in second?
3. What was the score of the Florida-North Carolina game?
4. Who won the December Cincinnati-Cleveland football game?
5. Who is the Matini and Rossi Racing Driver of the Year?

Answers to Sports Quiz

1. Johnny Rodgers.
2. Gregg Pruitt.
3. North Carolina 28, Florida 24.
4. Cleveland 27, Cincinnati 24.
5. Bobby Allison.

Mrs. Lela Parker of
Crosbyton, mother of Lee
Parker, is gravely ill
at this time. She suf-
fered a stroke the latter
part of last week.

Mrs. Hamlin Stanaland
and Mrs. Jody Stanaland
went to Abilene Tuesday
Dec. 12 shopping.

Mrs. Eula Fuller is
visiting in Lubbock with
Mrs. Vera May Todd.

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FOOD COST DECREASES

The Agriculture Depart-
ment has reported the retail
cost of a market basket of
foods produced on U.S. farms
decreased 0.2 per cent in
October as consumers paid
slightly less for beef.

Bill McLauri was dis-
missed from the Cogdell
Hospital, Snyder Monday
Dec. 18. He is reported
to be doing fine.

At Christmas play, and make
good cheer,
For Christmas comes but
once a year.

-Thomas Tusser.

Dr. John W. Kimble

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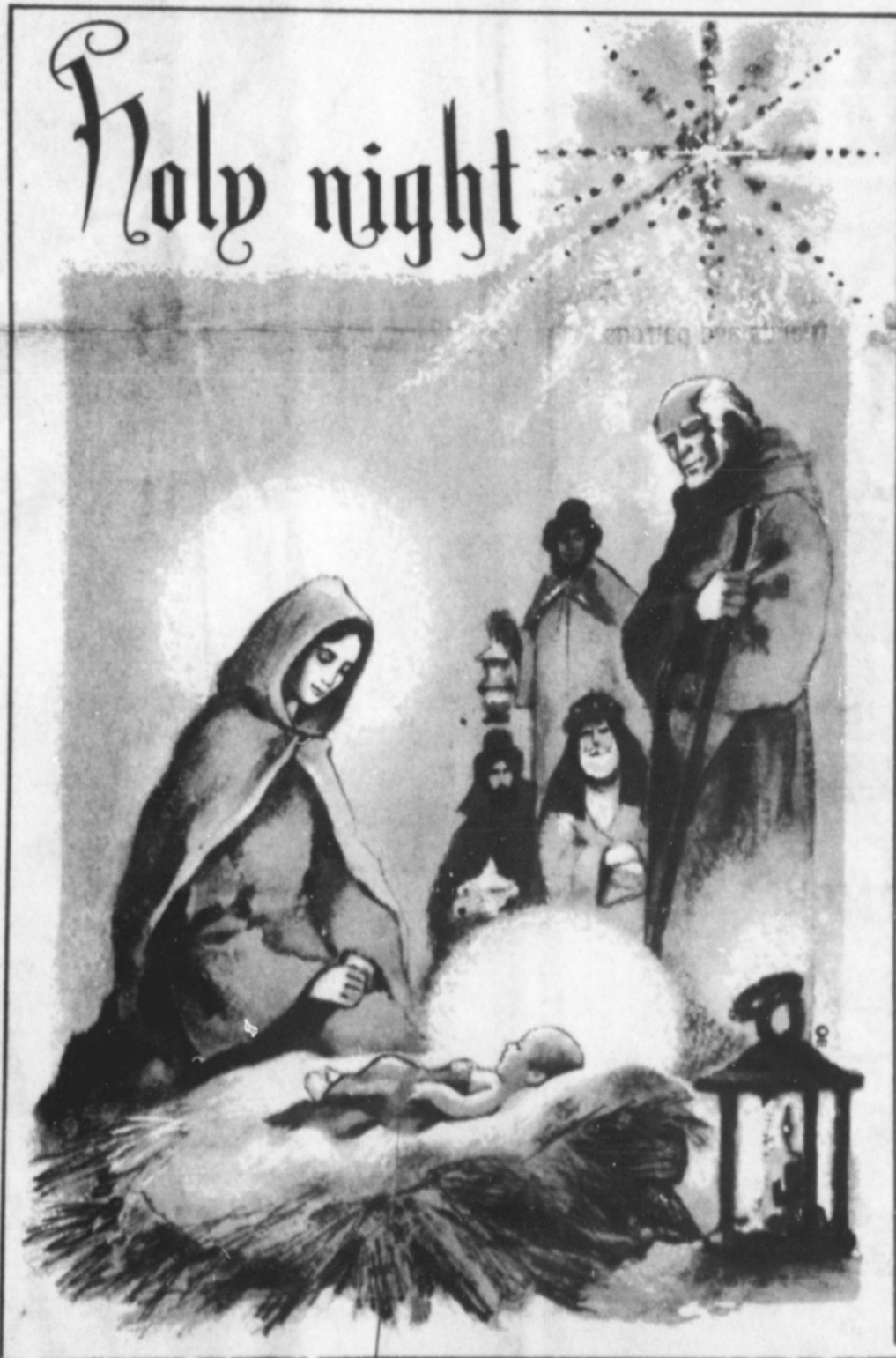
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Rev. Larry Hemp

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Jayton, Texas
Rev. Bill Perkins, Pastor
Church School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a. m.
Evening Worship, 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday Bible Study, 8:00 p. m.
Youth and Childrens
Bible Study, 8:00 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Jayton, Texas
Truett Kuestler, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Training Union, 6 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7 p. m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 8:15
Choir Practice, 7:30 p. m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF
GOD CHURCH
Jayton, Texas
Rev. A. D. Stewart, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Youth Meeting, 6 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7 p. m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 8 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jayton, Texas
Virgil Yoachum, Minister
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 6 p. m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Gland, Texas
Abe Martin, Minister
Morning Service, 10 a. m.
Evening Service, 6 p. m.
Wednesday Evening
Bible Classes, 7 p. m.



Greetings

May the joy of the season live in your home at Christmas bringing you true contentment. Thanks for your loyal patronage.

Jayton Flower and Gift Shop

ODELL - LAVERNA - ROY

Mrs. W. L. Buckelew is spending the Christmas holidays in Houston with her nephew Billy Hamilton.

Mrs. Ruby Branch, Ruby Matthews and Mrs. Nellie Fuller were in Spur Dec. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Chisum spent Thursday in Lubbock attending to business and shopping.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Perkins were in Abilene Thursday visiting sick folks and shopping.

Mr. Earl Harrison went to Abilene Sat. to visit with Pete Till that is in Hendricks Memorial Hospital, Abilene.

Mrs. Billy Stanaland and children spent the week-end in Haskell with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fincher.

The Kent County Nursing had their Christmas Party. Gifts were exchanged. There were quite a few visitors and all had a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson East visited in Spur with Mrs. Virgie Elmore, who has been ill, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams were in Lubbock Sat. Dec. 16 attending business and shopping.

Miss Betty Jay and Mrs. Adelia Cox of Lubbock were week-end visitors of Mrs. M. S. Sandell and Hartense North.



Aspermont, Texas

GREETINGS

These happy holidays come but once a year with a flurry of fun and good cheer. It is our sincere hope that this will continue throughout the year!

Ralph Riddel

Insurance Service



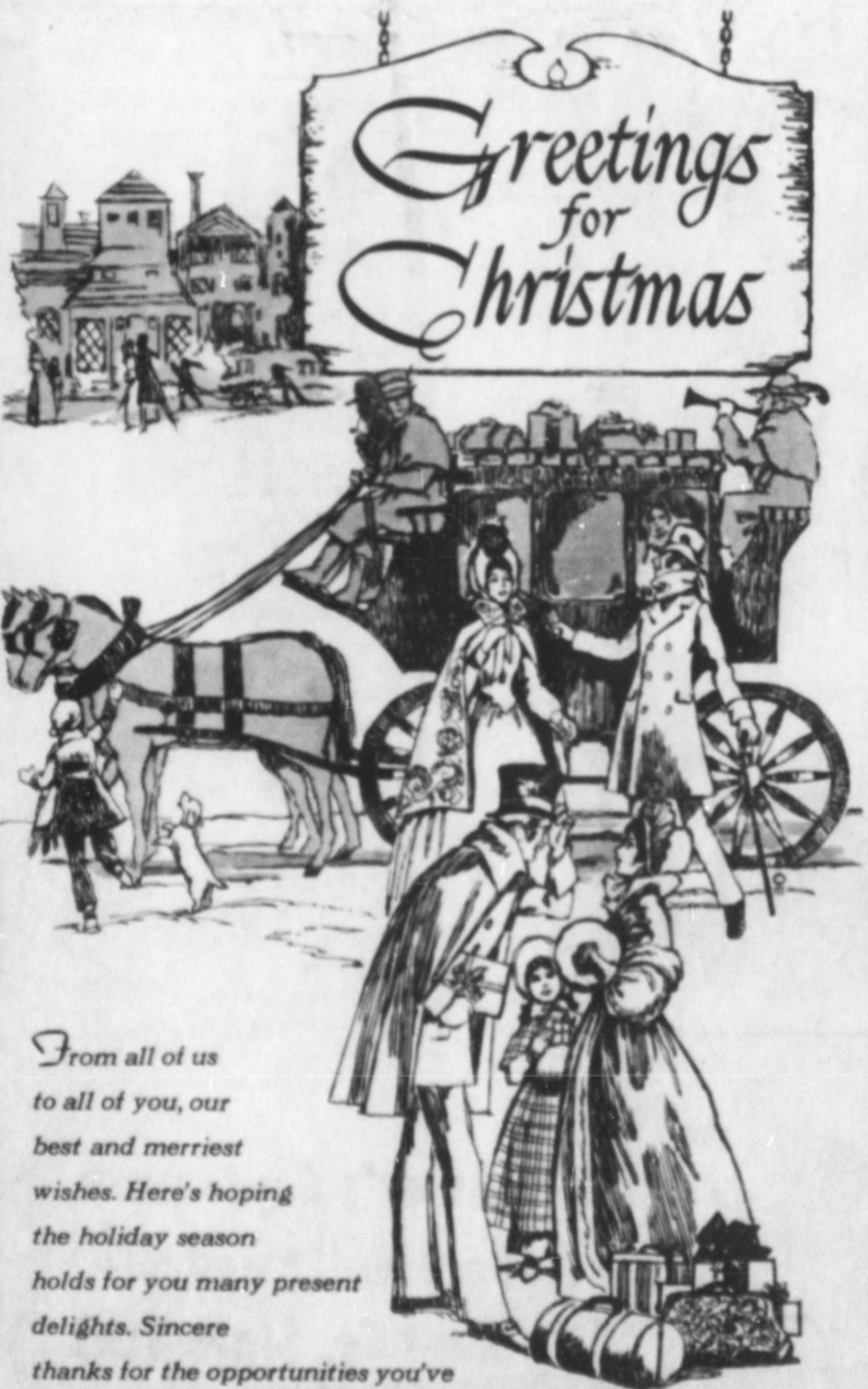
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We join with Santa to send glad-hearted greetings, with the wish that Christmas bring to you many good things... good friends and good cheer, good health and good fellowship, good fortune now and in the days ahead. It's a happy time of year, and making it even brighter for us are our memories of the times we have had the pleasure and privilege of serving you.

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Kent County State Bank

EMPLOYEES
Leona Kidd, Cashier
Zana Sherer
Pat Kelley
Sandra Wade
Rogene Browning



From all of us to all of you, our best and merriest wishes. Here's hoping the holiday season holds for you many present delights. Sincere thanks for the opportunities you've given us to be of service. Have a simply wonderful holiday.

Farmers Coop Society No. 1

Phone 237-2712 Jayton



Test Yourself On This Christmas Quiz

How well you can score on the answers to questions about Christmas and its customs! Then check the answers:

Research says that Christ's birthday occurred on:
a) December 25
b) an uncertain date
c) January 6

Adding Christmas cards is a custom that started in:
a) Germany
b) England
c) the U.S.

Using mistletoe is a custom that began:
a) in the 18th Century
b) in Scandinavia
c) among the ancient Druids

Decorating a Christmas tree has its origin in:
a) Germany
b) Czechoslovakia
c) Norway

The first people to set up a decorated Christmas tree in a public place were:
a) Portuguese
b) Flemish
c) Americans

The custom of burning the Yule Log originated with:
a) the Vikings
b) the French
c) the Slavs

The meaning of the word "carol," as used in England in the Middle Ages, was:
a) dancing
b) singing
c) dancing in a circle while singing

The use of the creche, or crib, as a Christmas symbol was introduced by:
a) the French
b) the Italians
c) the Swedes

Exchanging gifts for Christmas was not practiced until:
a) 800 A.D.
b) the latter part of 19th Century
c) about 200 years ago

The character of Santa Claus was first known as:
a) Father Christmas
b) St. Nicholas
c) Pere Noel

ANSWERS:
1-d 2-b 3-c 4-a 5-c 6-a 7-c 8-b 9-d 10-b

SCORING:
If you better gives you an A: 5 to 7 is average. If less than that—return one Christmas present!

Christmas Cards from Long Ago

At a hundred years ago, Christmas card messages were apt to be expressed in rather quaint verse. Here are some reprinted recently in the Illustrated London News.

From an elaborate card of the 1880's:
*Come welcome again
The King of Seasons all
For Christmas doth reign
With hearty good cheer.
Success to next year
Re-echoes from wall to wall.*

One is from a card of 1878:
*Happy Christmas to thee, dearest,
Dwelling in thy happy home,
And we wish for thee, how fondly,
Many long bright years to come.
May such friends be thine as ever
Seek thy pleasure as their own;
And if sorrow must come nigh thee
May'st thou never weep alone.*

Here's another:
*'Tis now a bright and jovial time
For friends together meeting
But those whom fate doth separate
Must take a friendly greeting.
Then let me hope my missive may
Serve as a welcome to thee;
Of all the loving words I'd say
Could'st thou but hear them spoken!*

GREETINGS
To our friends and neighbors, all best wishes for holiday happiness.

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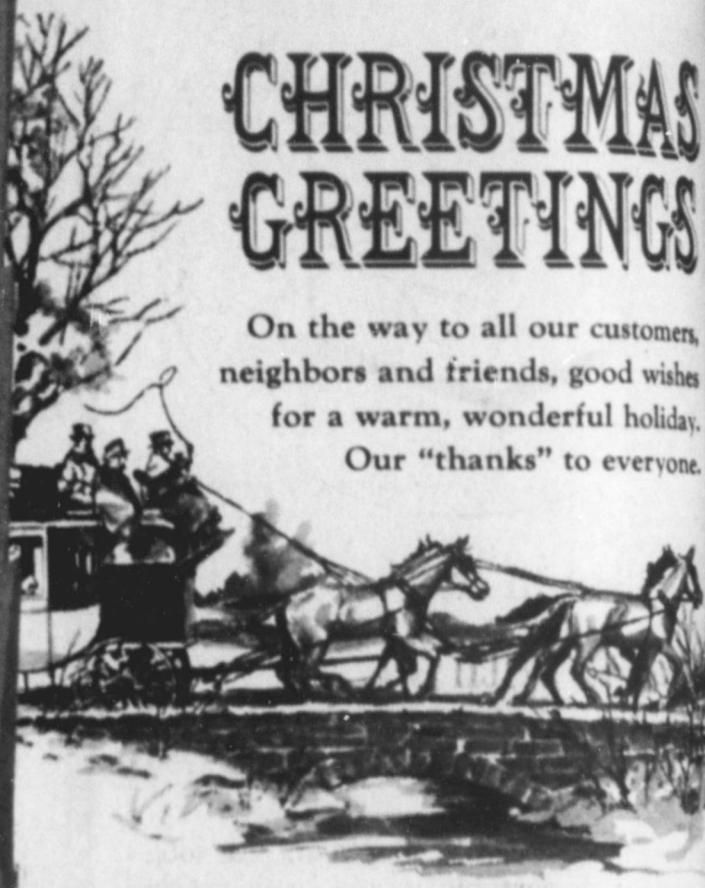
Wishing You Christmas Joy

*A season of peace and wonder,
excitement and joy is Christmas! May
this spirit of happiness be with you always.*

Hartense North

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On the way to all our customers,
neighbors and friends, good wishes
for a warm, wonderful holiday.
Our "thanks" to everyone.



en Restaurant

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**With pride
and gratitude**

**for the loyalty you have shown,
tend our sincerest wishes
you and yours enjoy**

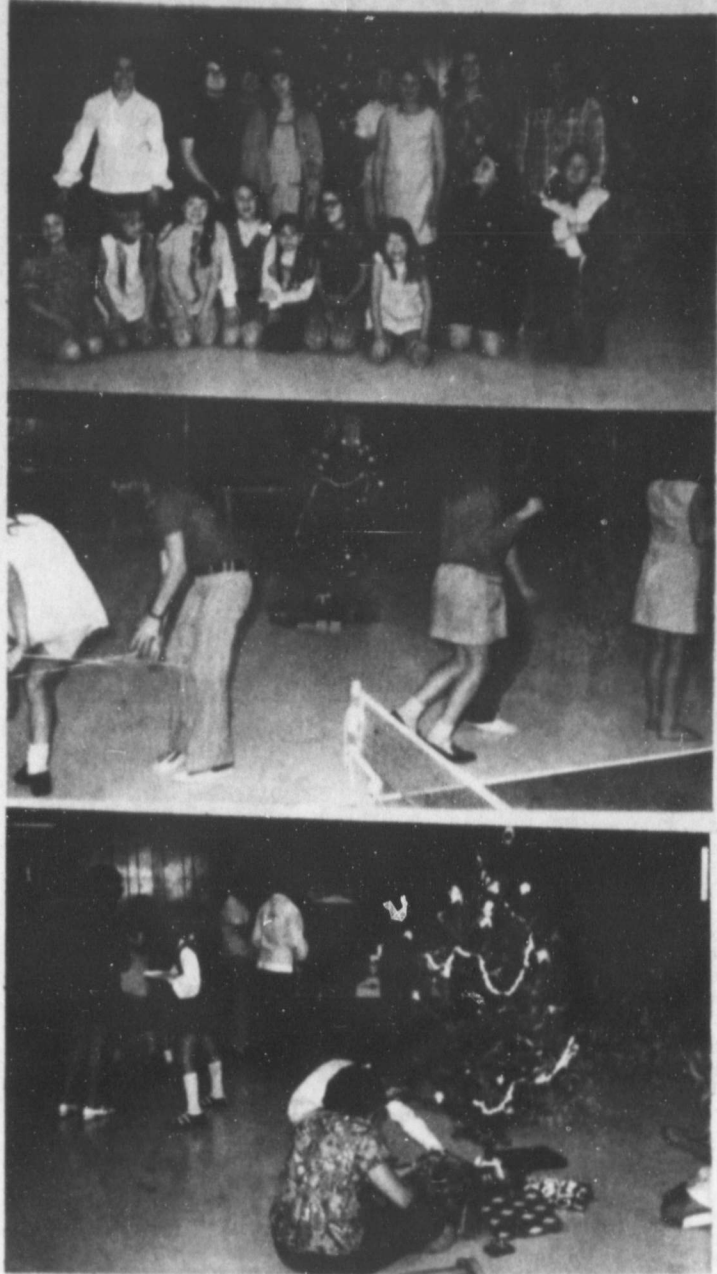
ry Christmas



Anthony Co.

SNYDER, TEXAS

Clover Girls and Mod Maidens 4-H Christmas party. Girls playing "The Elastic Race" Left to Right: Arnold, Nita Perkins, Penny Sumner, Kim Kelley, Anya Hilton. The 4-Hers had refreshments and exchanged gifts.



← Clairemont 4-H Club party participants

L to R - Nancy Scott, Bryan Parker, Bruce Scott, Mike Bispo, Johnny Panter, Donnie Shipp and Valorie Panter.



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Give mom a gift she will enjoy all year long... an Electric portable or built-in dishwasher. Your local appliance dealer will help you select the correct model and size. No more hot, steamy dishpans to wilt her spirits. Even pots and pans come out shining clean, washed and rinsed in water hotter than the hands can stand... and dried to perfection, electrically. The whole family will love an Electric Dishwasher. See your local appliance dealer...



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School Calendar

SCHOOL CALENDAR
 Dec. 21 through Jan. 1 School Holidays
 Jan. 2 Classes Resume
 Jan. 2, Basketball Jaybirds vs Spur here, 7:00
 Jan. 4, Jr. High Basketball Guthrie here 6:00
 Jan. 5, High School basketball Patton Springs here, 7:00
 Jan. 8 Jr. High Basketball Matador here, 6:00

Attendance Through Dec. 15
 Grade, Enrolled, ADA, %
 7th grade, 21, 18.95, 96.67
 8th grade, 28, 26.45, 94.86
 Soph., 21, 20.30, 93.59
 Seniors, 17, 16.08, 93.58
 Juniors, 28, 26.26, 92.54
 Freshmen, 25, 22.83, 91.50
 Totals 140, 130.87, 93.69

DELAY IN PAY BOOSTS
 WASHINGTON -- Chairman George H. Mahon of the House Appropriations Committee said that another scheduled round of pay boosts for government workers, officials and congressmen should be delayed by President Nixon in an effort to hold the line on inflation.



It is our warmest wish that your holiday be filled with peace of mind, good health, and much joy.

The Teen Scene



L.P. Gas Service
 ALL THE KYLES



Christmas Jay

It is the time of Our Dear Savior's Birth... and the world over people share the peace, love, contentment that illuminated the first Nativity Scene.

For Joy You've Given Us, Our Sincere Gratitude.

Mac's Food Market
 SPUR and ASPERMONT



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Home is where hearts are... especially during Christmas. Our hope is that every home is filled with the warmth of the true Christmas spirit. Many thanks to everyone.

Goodall Ford Sales
 JAYTON, TEXAS



Christmas Cheer!

Arrival of the Magi

In the West, however, the particular commemoration assigned to Epiphany was the visit of the Magi. During the Middle Ages, the Epiphany festival was widely observed by the performance of miracle plays in the churches about the Three Kings or Magi. Particularly in England, the day was marked by dramatic productions, though not necessarily religious ones, and this custom survived into the Elizabethan period. Shakespeare took the popular name of Twelfth Night for his play of that title, which was written to be performed on that date.

Since Epiphany concludes the Yuletide festivities, and its date coincides with many ancient pagan customs, it was often celebrated with strange ceremonies in which those customs mingled with Christian rites. Some of these old ceremonies still exist in parts of Europe, where fixed rituals may have origins, often with an overlay of magic, that are lost in the past.

CAR PRICES HIKED

The Price Commission has authorized the General Motors Corporation to increase prices on cars and trucks by an average of \$54. Ford Motor Company was allowed an increase of \$62.55.

SHULTZ, TREASURER

President Nixon has announced that George P. Shultz would stay on as Secretary of the Treasury, as well as assume the title and responsibilities of assistant to the President, at the head of a new Cabinet-level Council on Economic Policy.

BIRTH RATE DOWN

Statistics show the population is still growing, but it appears that the rate of growth this year will be only a little more than half that averaged during the sixties. The estimated fertility rate has dropped from 2.39 children a family for the first nine months of 1971 to 2.08 this year.

Mets trade Agee; Yanks obtain Craig Nettles.

Easy Way to Say Christmas Thanks

Here's an idea for a wonderful way for youngsters to say thank-you for Christmas presents — and much easier than persuading them to write thank-you notes!

Get someone to take a picture of the youngster showing him or her holding or using the gift. Then get him to write just a few words of thanks on a piece of paper or the photo itself. Grandma, or Uncle, is sure to be doubly pleased!

Wonderful Boss—To pretty, young applicant—So you want a job? Had any experience? Applicant—Oh, some very wonderful ones!

The Reason "Was her marital incompatibility?" "No, just the first syllables."



Merry Christmas

To the Christmas season, we say, "Welcome!" To our good friends and patrons, we say, "Thanks and the best of everything always!"

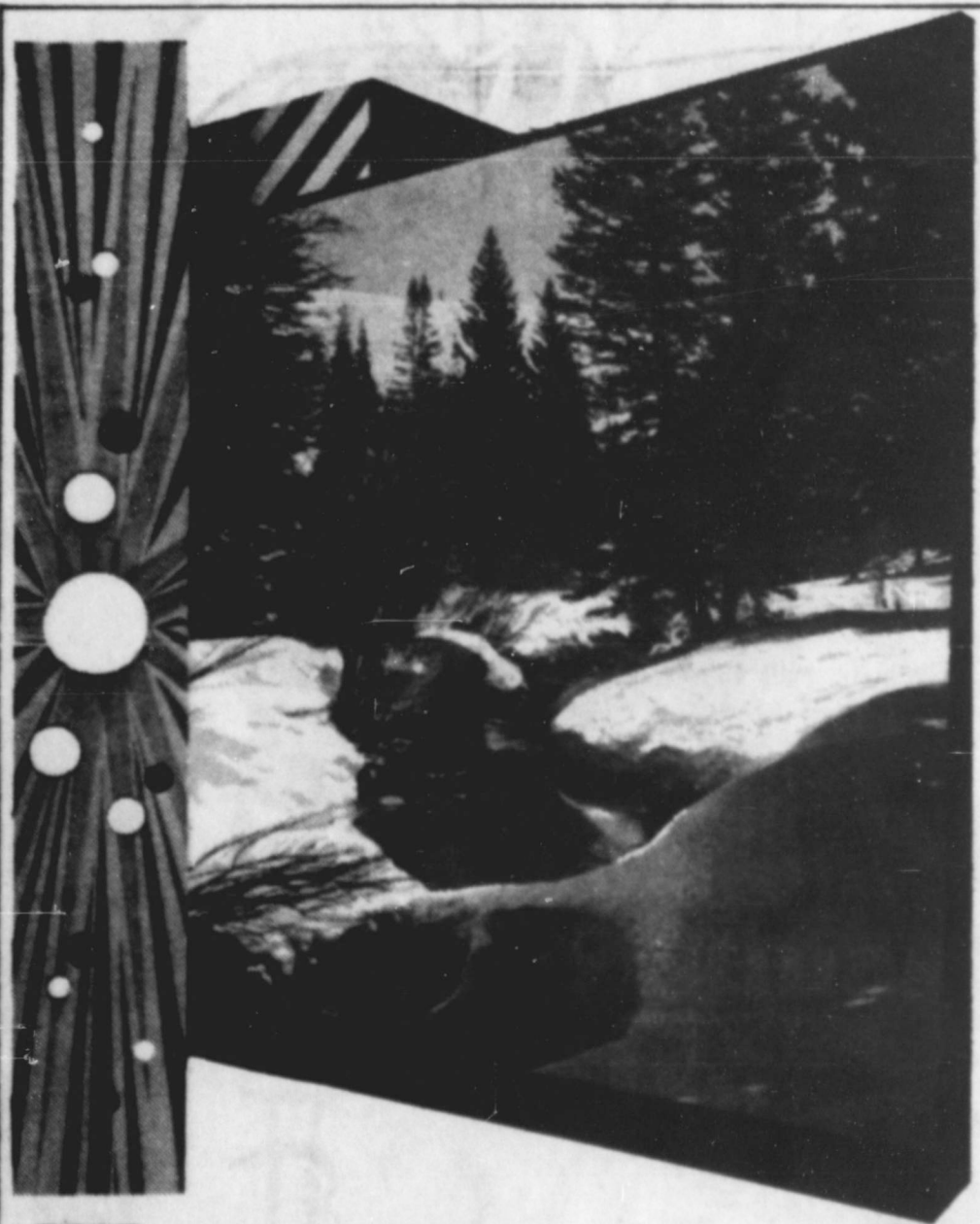
Parker Butane

AND APPLIANCE
Lee, Earl and David

Hope you've got lots of good things for our friends and patrons. And please deliver this wish—Happy Holiday for Everyone!

Frazier Restaurant

Highways 380 and 83 — Aspermont, Texas



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The freshness of new fallen snow awakens deep reflections of holiday sentiments. We express the hope that good will and brotherhood prevail to bring lasting peace among us. The best of the season to you and sincere thanks for your loyalty.

Bill Williams
Service & Supply

BILL, BETTY
NICK, LARRY
and RHONDA
WILLIAMS



Christmas Cheer

May God grant you and your family these joyful gifts of this holy season . . .
Love, Peace and Understanding.
We thank you for your loyal patronage.

First National Bank

Aspermont, Texas

How What
"Assail" Means?
 An ancient word, familiar to us from song and comes from the Anglo-Saxon words "Wes ha" which means "be whole," and "Heal" which means "Health." It was used to mean a drink, before lifting glass — and by extension came to mean a drink.

ROGERS REMAINS IN POST
 William P. Rogers will remain as Secretary of State to provide diplomatic "continuity" in the second Nixon Administration, according to a recent White House announcement. Three new sub-Cabinet officials were named to serve under Mr. Rogers.

BANNED TOYS SOLD
 WASHINGTON — Consumer action groups in 17 states have reported that many toy stores across the country were stocked with hundreds of dangerous toys banned by the Government. The organization did not specify which banned toys were found.

Scots Celebrate Hogmanay, Day Of First-Footing

What's Hogmanay? It's the Scottish name for New Year's Eve — and first footing is what they call the tradition that dictates Scottish hospitality for the New Year celebration. The first person to cross the threshold of any house on that occasion is supposed to do so bringing gifts to his or her host — gifts of food or coal, both tokens of warmth and friendliness. In return, the first-footer receives a drink.

But that's not all. People used to compete vigorously for the honor of being a first-footer, and ran races from door to door. Their hosts might or might not be happy to welcome the visitors. If the first-footer were a woman, it meant bad luck.

Men & Women

The Supreme Court recently agreed to hear a case likely to determine whether newspapers can run separate job ads for men and women.

Only in the United States, where the pendulum has swung so far toward the ridiculous binge to make everyone and everything equal (as distinguished from guaranteeing everyone equal opportunity) could such a case even reach the highest court.

Obviously employers have a right to decide if they want a man only as a bounce or a woman only as a recep-

Conversational Gambit?
 "Where have you been for the last two hours?"
 "Talking to a girl."
 "What did she say?"
 "No!"

\$3-MILLION ESTATE
 NEW BRITAIN, CONN. — Hortense Leiselle, quiet, 78-year-old spinster living in a tiny apartment in a run-down residential area, left more than \$3-million when she died on Oct. 28.

ELDERLY RIDE FREE
 HONOLULU — Mayor Frank Fasi has ordered that anyone 65 years of age or older can ride any Honolulu city bus at any time without charge after a fleet of 35 new air-conditioned buses arrived in August.

One Answer
 "Now, Tommy," said the teacher, "let me see how much you remember of my lesson on whale fishing. For instance; Can we eat the flesh of the whale?"
 "Yes," answered Tommy.
 "Good boy," said the teacher, "and what do we do with the bones?"
 There was a moments pause and then Tommy said with determination: "We leave them on the side of our plate, miss."

Christ is Born...

Let us rejoice and join together with Christmas spirit to celebrate His birth.



M. A. Geeslin Family

GREETINGS

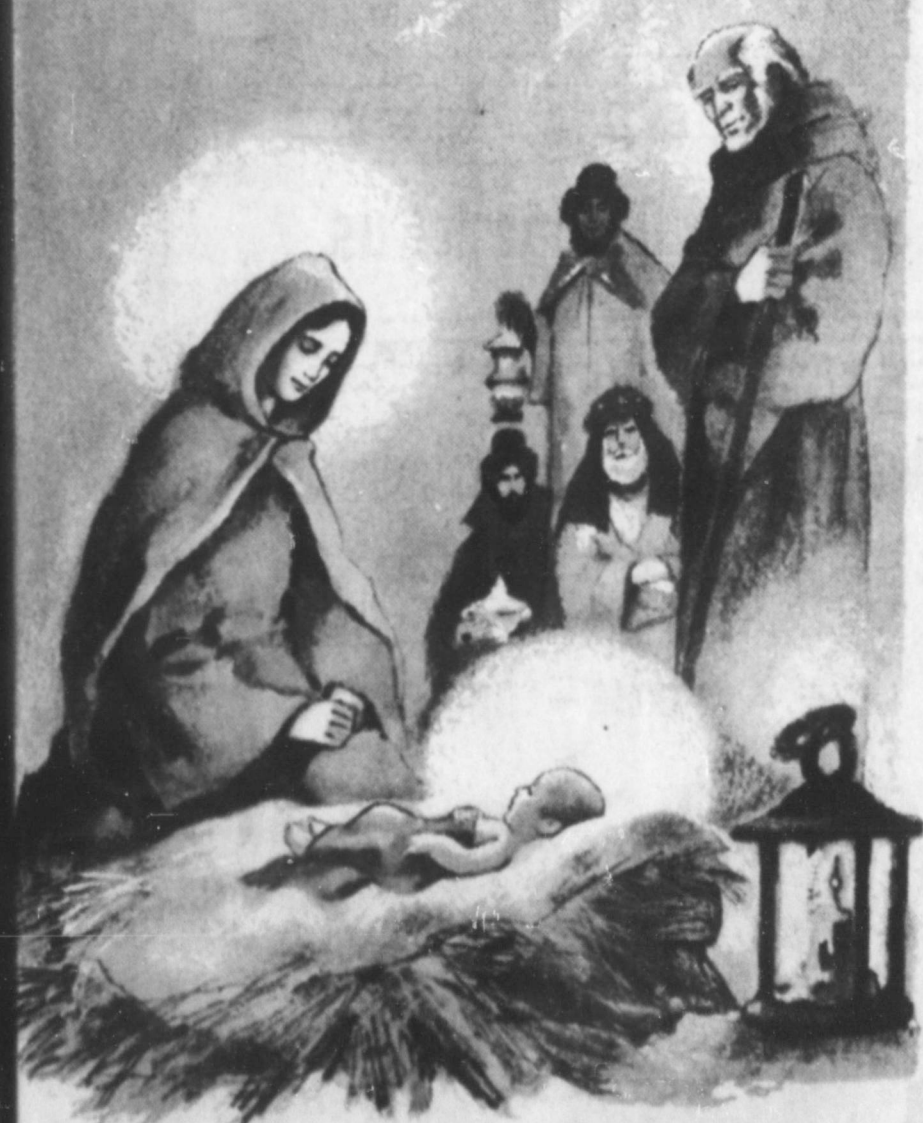
Christmas is a warm holiday when families share in festive preparations... here's hoping yours is happiest ever.



Kent County Nursing Home

Pike, Lillian and Kim Nichols

Holy night



May the infinite blessings of Christmas be yours in abundance. Our sincere gratitude to all our many friends and neighbors.

Dickens County Electric Cooperative Inc.

SPUR, TEXAS



Warm Christmas Wishes

A cozy setting makes home the place for every heart during the Christmas season.

The Jarri Parkers

Jarri, Mickie, Billy, Timmy, Patrick and Jean



Friendly Christmas Greetings

Fill 'er up... the season that is, with our good cheer and appreciation.

Jayton 66



Joy... PEACE

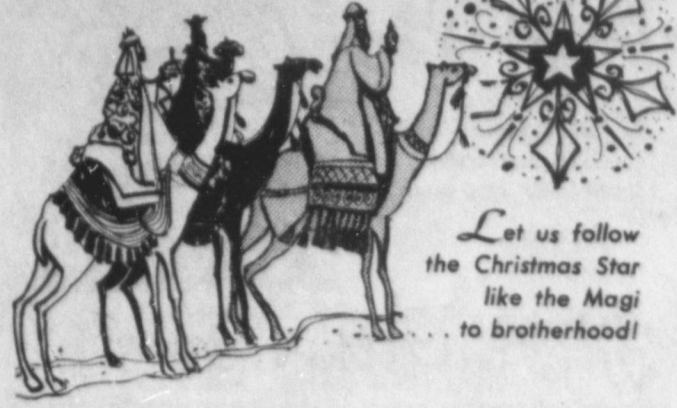
Let the light that shone over Bethlehem cast its radiance upon our lives, today, as we rejoice in the memory of the first Christmas in all its infinite wonder. The wish that dwells deepest in our hearts this Christmas is that everyone, everywhere, may know the blessings of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men", with enduring faith, hope and joy for all.

The Spot Grocery

MIKE, KATHY, BETH AND DEBBIE OWEN

It's Christmas

Peace on Earth



Let us follow the Christmas Star like the Magi to brotherhood!

Vi and Jack Jackson
Jackson's Garage



As you gather with your dear ones around the Christmas tree, accept our heartfelt wishes for a wonderful holiday.

Bill and Nell Parks
and Bill Jr.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the joy of the holiday season be with you and your family now and throughout the year to come. Thanks for your kind generosity.

Cathey Abstract Co.

To the Editor----Christmas

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We are nearing the day that tradition tells us that the Babe of Bethlehem was born, however, no one knows even the month of his birth. Almost two millenniums have mingled their years in the calendar of time since the Holy night, when shepherds tending their flocks by the light of oriental stars received the Heavenly visitor, and who announced the birth of a babe in the town of Bethlehem who would save his people from their sins. The Angelic host appeared singing praises to Israel's God. Today Christmas is highly commercialized and countless thousands of dollars are spent for useless gifts that are soon destroyed, but the spirit of Christmas lives on, and millions of children and adults as well are made happy on the glad occasion.

In the early days of the Christian Church a mass was instituted called Christmas later called Christmas, and today the 25th of December is observed throughout the Christian world as the birthday of the risen Christ.

Many years ago I had dinner on Christmas day

They Still Speak Aramaic, The Language of Jesus

In the village of Ma'lula in Syria, where the houses of heavy native stone are tinted blue, one would hardly notice the passage of time since the birth of Christ, over 2000 years ago. The people have changed little, in dress and habits, and more importantly in their speech. For it is here in Ma'lula, as well as in two other villages in Syria, Jebadeen and Bakhaa, that one can hear the Aramaic language Christ used during His life on earth.

Aramaic was spoken throughout ancient Palestine, and the lands that are now Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, southern Turkey, and northern Iraq. But after the Arab conquest of these lands in the seventh century, Aramaic was gradually replaced by Arabic. In Syria, only those three villages, all in the Qalamon valley not far from Damascus, have preserved the ancient language of Christ to the present day. The population number only a few thousand, two-fifths of them Greek Orthodox, another two-fifths Greek, and the rest Moslem.

Philologists of the University of Beirut tell us that while the Aramaic dialect of these three villages has been intermixed with Arabic, the villagers would have understood, and been understood by, Christ and the people of His time.

Naturally, the people of Ma'lula are very proud of their Aramaic language and take pains to keep it alive and flourishing. Many families speak only Aramaic to their children until the youngsters are five years old and must go to school, where they learn Arabic, the national language.

Outside Syria, Aramaic is spoken at Urmia, in Turkey, by the Chaldean Catholics of Bartelle in northern Iraq, and by the villagers of Malabar in southwestern India. And Aramaic is still used in the liturgy of certain churches which began in the Middle East, such as the Maronites and Syrian Orthodox groups.

HEAT AND EARTH

Moscow -- Maj. Gen. Vladimir A. Shatalov, a veteran of three space flights and head of the Soviet cosmonaut training program says that he believes man might one day send a giant cosmic reflector into orbit to raise the temperature of earth's coldest areas.

In Fashion

Sweater vests are popular items this season. The use of Mohair and the finer wools are used for party garments. These can be sleeveless and worn over satin pants and a satin blouse.

Some ski jackets have stretch panels in the back which make for comfort. Others find warm overalls

with an English family. When dinner was announced we all assembled in the dining room and stood around the table while old English Christmas songs were sung. The Christmas spirit was felt by all.

Now while we are enjoying blessings in a period of prosperity our hearts go out in sympathy to the destitute and hungry people in many parts of the world. We are thankful to our Divine Creator for his bountiful love and mercy. This world is full of beauty like other worlds above and if we did our duty it might be full of love.

We sincerely hope that all will enjoy a happy Christmas.
Adolphus Moreland

One of the pleasures of the Season is wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Sarah and Marilyn Byrd



Merry Christmas

Here's hoping everyone, everywhere enjoys a very happy holiday!

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...come all ye faithful,

Joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O come-ye

to Beth-le-hem Come and be-hold Him,

born the King of an-gels: O come let us

a-dore Him, O come let us a-dore Him, O come

let us a-dor Christ-the Lord.

Bob, Patricia, Bobette, and Brigette Hamilton

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