

MERRY CHRISTMAS



This week we present to you the Index's 37th Christmas edition and our 14th holiday edition since moving here.

Without exception the firms appearing this week as advertisers were anxious to send the greetings and their appreciation to you for business afforded them during the year now rapidly closing.

It is also the wish of the publisher to thank the advertisers this week as well as the week to week advertisers and the readers of this newspaper for their goodwill and friendship.

God bless us one and all at this joyous time of another Christmas.

The Ed., his Bride, the Boys, Mother and THE BOSS — Michelle.

Following are local firms sending greetings —

Claude's Shoe Shop, O'Donnell Auto Supply, Vernon Cook, Moore Insurance, Quick Service Station, Wells Farmers Co-op Gin, Lott Pharmacy, Rumbo Clinic, Singleton Appliance, First National Bank, Wash Cleaners, Cleo Smith Lumber Co., Gibson Motor Freight Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co., O'Donnell Implement Co., O'Donnell Farmers Fuel, Farmers Co-op Gin and Elevator, Thompson Toggery, Joe Burkett, Highway Garage

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May your homes be alight with warmth and peace.

WE THANK YOU most cordially for this good will and assure you of our deep appreciation. We wish for you a pleasant holiday, and a New Year that is the harbinger of many blessings to come.

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Mrs. Jones Pierce and Billy and Patsy Cook will visit in Houston during holidays.

Mrs. Stewart of Chicago is visiting her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Prather and family will visit in Hamlin during holidays.

Will Lee of Matador, father of Mrs. W. A. Smallwood of here, died last Tuesday at his home in Matador.

Leroy Ledbetter, supervisor for City Service in Streamer Point, Aden, Arabia, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ledbetter. Mr. Ledbetter is home for the holidays from Veterans Hospital at Big Spring. Another son, Thomas, of Lockney, will visit here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Edwards and family and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Edwards and family will visit in Denver City during holidays

Mrs. Polly Pyron has returned home from the hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Noble Rumbo enter tained the hospital staff with a dinner in their home Saturday night.

Tom Brewer is in Lamesa hospital.

EAGLES RECEIVE LETTERS

Twenty Eagle football team members received letters and jackets in an assembly of high school Thursday.

Seven seniors lettered as follows: Neal Shaw, Ken White, Kent Thompson, Price Parker, David Gary, David Spralberry, David Bessire.

Eight Juniors lettered as follows: David Bessire, Tommy Gardenhire, Roger McMillan, Larry James, Leroy Barrera, Darrell Dunn, James Ray Moore, Mike Billingsley.

Three sophomores, Ossian Smith, Billy Russ and Finis Rogers.

Two freshman: John Crutcher, and Dale Finch. Also the two managers, D. Rogers and Don Gass. The two coaches, Joe Palmer and Bob Agnew also received jackets. This season was the best in ten years.

Richard Carlisle, stationed at Boston, Mass. arrived here Monday to visit homefolks. Also visiting is Mrs. Weldon Walker of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Black and family of Muleshoe visited her sister Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Evans and family Sunday.

Guests in the F. M. Jones and Wes W. Caswell homes over week end were Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Jones and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Caswell of Grand Prairie and Mr. and Mrs. Kellis Davis and Kaye of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boales of Denver City visited in Cap Boales home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Kincaid of Azle, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Teague of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Boales of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kincaid of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morrow and daughter of Rotan will visit in the Boales home for holidays.

CLASS PARTY IS HELD
The Deborah Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met at home of Mrs. Levi Gray last Tuesday with ten members present. All joined in singing carols and gifts were exchanged. Gifts were taken to shut ins. A delicious Christmas plate was served.

The Alvin McMillan family are planning a reunion Christmas Day at the home of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Childress. Family members are expected from Cameron, Okla., Denver City, Levelland, Seagraves and Andrews. This will be the first reunion in about 18 years.

Christmas Quotes

"Christmas is the time you decide to pay your doctor something on account. You know you will need him the day after."
—Walter Pulitzer.

"What do people mean by sending you a dozen Christmas cards during the festive season, and not deigning to send you three lines by way of a letter the rest of the year?"
—J. Ashby-Sterry.

"At every Christmas party, just as things are beginning to get good, someone shuts his eyes, puts his head back and moans softly: 'Ah, well, this isn't like the good old days. We don't seem to have any good old-fashioned Christmases any more.'"
—Robert Benchley.

Christmas: 'Good Time; A Kind, Forgiving Time'

Charles Dickens once referred to Christmas as "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old-fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour", why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

Small Amount of Plant Food Will Keep Needles on Tree

If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon of water.

Santa To Be Here Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve afternoon, Wednesday, will be a big event for all the tots of the area because at about 3 p. m. that Jolly Gentleman, Old St. Nick, from the North Pole is paying his annual visit to Big O as the most special guest of the Volunteer Fire Department.

At the Christmas party Wednesday afternoon individual bags of candy, fruits and nuts will be presented to each child present.

If you know of any child who may not have a Christmas to par or a family in need, see Fire Chief F. M. Jones, or one of the ministers of the town or the Index. Certainly it is not the will of the Community that anyone should miss having a most merry holiday.

Remember, stores will be closed here Thursday and Friday.

The Index would appreciate a guest list of your holiday company. If you plan a trip, start early both in going and returning. Also judge your drinking, if any. A few social nips can be more dangerous in driving than being drunk.

FOUR EAGLES ON DISTRICT TEAM

Four Eagle team members made the 5A All District team named by coaches of the district. Also seven received honorable mention.

Ken White, 175 lb senior, was the only Eagle on all district offense. He is probably the best all around athlete produced here since Ken Fannon. Named to defense team are Larry James, 180 lb junior, a tackle, Kent Thompson, a 225 lb guard, a senior, and Tommy Gardenhire, 150 lb junior, a line-backer.

Honorable mention on offensive team were Gardenhire, Thompson, Price Parker, David Bessire and Neal Shaw. Defense honorable mention are Bessire, Lanny Brewer, Roger McMillan.

United States Top Buyer and Supplier In Tree Industry

The United States is the world's leading source of supply as well as the top buyer in the Christmas tree industry—a better than \$50,000,000 business.

The majority of our Christmas trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Middlewest, and the Northeast Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees for local use.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers.

Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

'Snapdragon' Popular

A game called "snapdragon" was very popular at Christmas time in England more than 200 years ago. To a limited extent it is still played in some parts of England, as well as in America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants attempt to snatch a raisin from the blazing bowl.



SECRETS . . . This little girl wants something for Christmas, but she's not telling anyone except Santa Claus, who looks like he understands the problem.

TEACHERS HAVE PARTY

About 34 members of the school faculty and their families enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Line. Gifts were exchanged and 42 and \$4 were played.

MORE THAN SANTA CLAUSE

Santa is coming to town! Yes, and the hearts of boys and girls, men and women and young people will be warmed and blessed by the Christmas season. This is truly a wonderful season of the year and no one should disparage it, yet if we would be really true to our deepest convictions, we would have to state, there is MORE than Santa Clause.

Each of us needs to pause and ponder the true meaning of Christmas. This will require a look backward. The story of the birth of the Christ Child is recorded in Luke's Gospel, the second chapter; and in this story we find the meaning of Christmas. Here we find the record given to us by Holy men of God as they were inspired to relate the miraculous unfolding of God's eternal plan and purpose for all men.

The story of Christmas is no less than God became man, in the form of the Christ Child, born in the humble manger in Bethlehem.

We all deplore the fact that the Christmas season has become so highly commercialized, but it is difficult to see what we can do about it. It is painful for Christians to see the original Birthday Celebration smothered under trappings and decorations, so that its religious significance is overlaid by purely pagan merry making. Yet Christians can serve no good or useful purpose by decrying the generosity, the trace to normal hostility and the general goodwill engendered at Christmas time. Indeed though they are superficial, these things are often good. If we would truly know the real meaning of Christmas, we would seek not so much to receive as to give, not so much to be served but to serve, not so much to evaluate

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EAGLES DROP GAME TO TAHOKA

The Tahoka boys' and girls' teams swept a twin-bill from the O'Donnell cagers here Tuesday night. The Bulldogs tripped the Eagles, 65 - 51, and the girls won, 66-51.

The O'Donnell boys jumped into a 17-11 first canto lead but couldn't retain the powerful Bulldog five as the Tahoka quintet moved into a 26-25 halftime lead. They outscored the Eagles 39-36 in the final half.

Kenneth White and Tommy Gardenhire hit 29 and 12 points respectively for the losers while Frank Greathouse swished the nets for 20 Bulldog points and he was backed up by Jerry Adams with 14 points.

Jan Thomas and Norman paced the Tahoka girls with 32 and 23 point output respectively. Donna Vestal hit 15 for O'Donnell and Therelene Mahurin meshed 14.

BRIDGE CLUB HAS HOLIDAY DINNER LAST WEEK

The Thursday Bridge Club had their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. T. Forbes Wednesday night of last week.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served. Gifts were exchanged.

At bridge Mrs. Mack Noble won high score. Mrs. Glen Gibson won second high and bingo was won by Mrs. L. L. Birdwell. Others present were Madams Claud Holley, Dale Cary, Johnny Billingsley, Clyde Winans, Wayland Taylor, Ralph Beach, Noble Rumbo, Charles Hoffman, O. G. Smith, Jr., Hugh Lott, C. R. Burleson, Jr., W. E. Singleton, Jr. and the hostess, Mrs. Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore and Jerry of Brownfield and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eicks and son will visit in the Tom Moore home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McKee attended the 60th wedding anniversary of her aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Rogers at Slaton Sunday.

Pioneer Lady Claimed Here

Mrs. M. L. Cathey, pioneer resident of O'Donnell, died Friday morning at her home and funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Saturday in the O'Donnell Church of Christ.

Wife of the late M. L. Cathey, a longtime farmer in the O'Donnell area, Mrs. Cathey was born in Alma, Ark., in 1897. She had been present in O'Donnell for about 55 years.

Officiating at the last rites was Carl Cain, minister of O'Donnell Church of Christ and Arthur Golden, minister of the Perryton Church of Christ. Burial was in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Survivors include five sons, Roy L., Henry and Tom of O'Donnell, Bill of Lubbock and J. D. of San Angelo.

Mrs. Cathey was a fine lady loved and respected by all of the community.

INCOME TAX TIME NEARS

The new card Form 1040A is a mighty tempting way to file an easy tax return for folks with a lot of \$10,000 gross income. A lot of taxpayers do not read tax instructions. However, reading the tax information booklet you get in the mail just after Santa Claus has visited you can prove mighty, mighty profitable. It will probably pay you to read the tax instruction booklet carefully before you decide on whether to file a simple Form 1040-A, if you are eligible, or to use a regular Form 1040 and take the deductions that are allowed on the Form 1040.

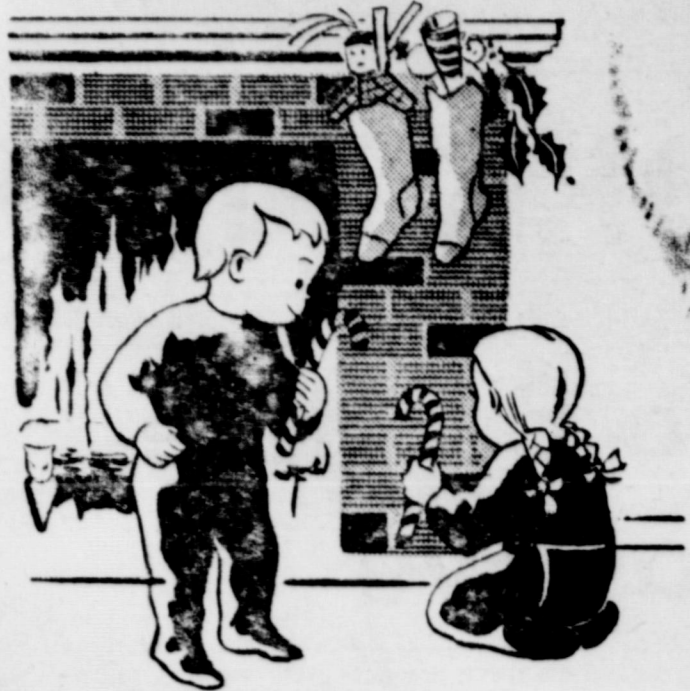
Dear Santa, Joan wants a doll with a dotted formal, a coke machine, an electric iron with an ironing board, and a real vacuum cleaner for Christmas.

Would you please bring me a tool set, a steam shovel and a real electric saw that marts boards like daddy's. Thanks so much, love, James Guy and Joan Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickey and Diana visited in Friona over the week end.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
from the publisher and staff.

O'DONNELL FARM & RANCH STORE
Paymaster FORMULA FEEDS
L. G. CLARK, OWNER PHONE 200



AT CHRISTMAS,

*we wish you all the happiness
this magic season offers.*

**Oscar Veach
Garage**

PONTIAC SALES AND SERVICE
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Veach

**Merry
Christmas**

*We want you to know we
are thinking of you this
Christmas season.*



**Jesse Lane,
Plumbing**

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lane

Nature Has Way

Nature uses many devices to protect us from disease — especially infants. When children are born there is usually a built in protection from many of the childhood diseases such as measles and mumps.

However, there is one disease, generally associated with children, which takes its toll from earliest infancy. This disease is pertussis (Whooping cough).

This year there have been 3,720 cases of pertussis reported to the state Department of Health as of November 15. But many cases of the disease go unreported. So there is no accurate count of the number of times that pertussis strikes during any given year.

We do know that it is a serious disease under the age of four. It may be fatal in over 10 percent of the cases in this age group. In very young infants, however, complications such as pneumonia may occur, and the fatality rate varies between 15 and 30 percent.

Ninety-two percent of all pertussis cases occurred in children under age two. Sixty-two percent strikes youngsters under one year of age.

Whooping cough was first described in 1578 by Baillou. The typical symptoms, even as they are today, were outlined. The disease occurred in epidemic form in England during the 17th century.

Little Flu Seen

About this time last year, Texas and most of the United States was swamped with the so-called Asiatic flu.

In fact the inroads of the Asian strains of influenza were so widespread that its effects were felt all over the world with varying intensity.

There is no doubt that influenza was a contributing factor in the slight rise of death rates during the winter months. Influenza in a weakened individual's resistance so that he is subject to more serious illness such as pneumonia which may result in death.

The two most studied outbreaks were the highly fatal pandemics of 1889 and 1918 when hundreds of thousands were killed as a result of the disease. Since then attention has been directed to the epidemic of mild disease that have been yearly occurrences with varying intensity.

Fortunately, although there was a large number of cases, the severity of the Asian influenza epidemic was not great. The epidemic as measured by excess influenza pneumonia mortality was only slightly more severe than the "A prime" epidemic of 1953.

Although there are no indications at the present time of another epidemic of the Asian strain of influenza, there undoubtedly will be some influenza.



THROUGH THE HOOP . . . Flippy, a trained porpoise at Marine Studios, Fla., gets into the holiday spirit by leaping through a Christmas wreath suspended over the water of his tank.

**History of
Christmas Seals**

When you see the Christmas seal do you ever wonder how it started?

It was born in Denmark, home of the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen.

Einar Holboell, a Copenhagen postal clerk, was sorting mail one snowy afternoon before Christmas, 1903, when he thought of the idea of a penny stamp to swell a fund for children's hospitals.

Authorized by King Christian, the first Christmas seals were sold in Copenhagen in 1904.

Holboell's scheme outgrew his wildest imaginings, for before his death in 1927, he lived to see it spread to 45 countries.

The seals found their way to America on letters and packages and first attracted the attention of Jacob Riis who wrote an article about them. Few people, however, were interested in the idea.

Then, in the autumn of 1937, Emily Bissell, a public health worker, concerned about the fate of a small sanatorium, recalled the article and sat down to sketch America's first Christmas seal, a wreath of holly encircling the words "Merry Christmas."

With 50,000 stamps printed and nowhere to sell them, Miss Bissell at last enlisted the aid of a columnist on a Philadelphia newspaper. The idea caught and within a few weeks \$3,000 was collected.

The first nation-wide sale was held the following year and was backed by newspapers all over the country, religious and civic groups, and sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis Association.

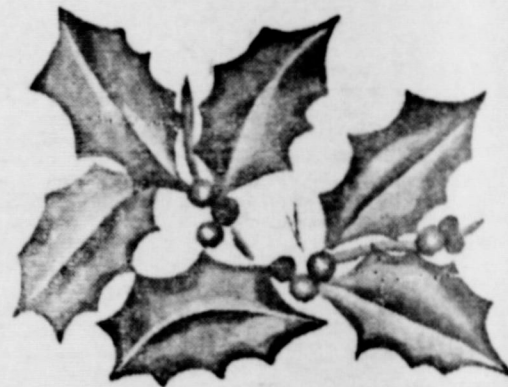
**Christmas
Greetings**



*We wish you
peace, joy
and happiness
for Christmas.*

**LaVerne's
Beauty Shop**

LaVerne And Ruth Phone 287



*The Foundation Of All Business Is Friendship And With Each
Holiday Season It Gives Us Pleasure To Extend Our Best Wishes
To Those Whose Friendship We Cherish.*

*With Genuine Appreciation Of Our Pleasant Relations We Ex-
tend To You The Season's Greetings*

MAGGIE And JOHN SPEARS

Peace on Earth



This is our wish for all

time to come.

**The Rebel Beauty
Shop**

Mrs. Zhel Singleton And Staff

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**Farm Bureau's Farmers Liability Insurance Plan
To Fit The Needs Of Lynn County Farmers.**

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- Section 2. Employer's Liability
- Section 3. Physical Damage To Property

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Installed from \$1.85
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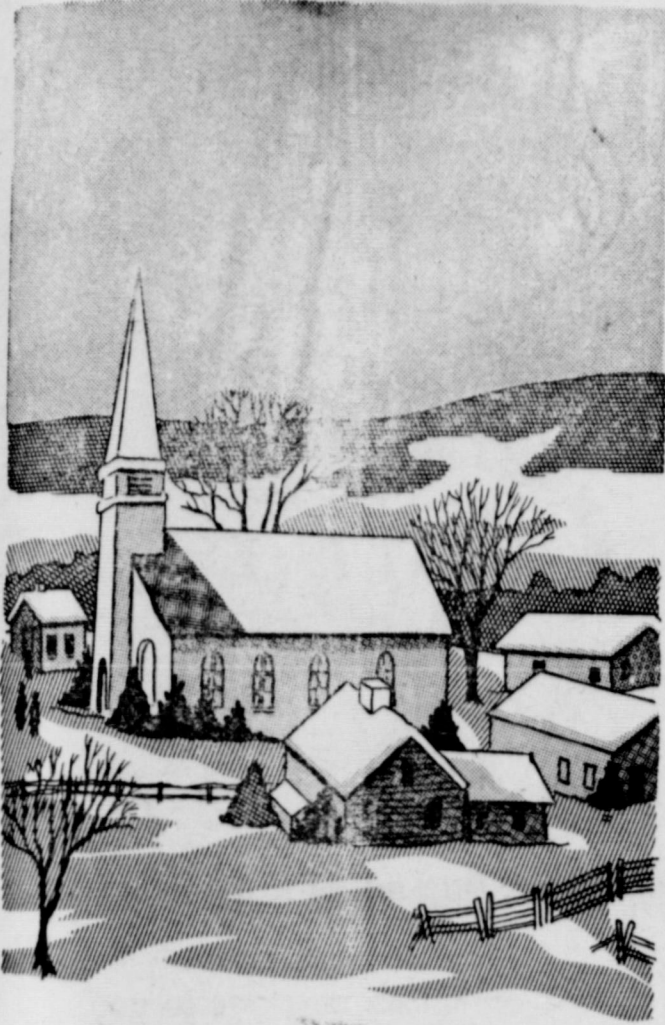
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pay**

**Redwood
Cedar
Yellow Pine**

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Merry Christmas

To all of our friends we send greeting and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Dale Thuren
Farm Store

O'DONNELL AND TAHOKA

Merry
CHRISTMAS



We wish you the blessings of this holy season.

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APPLIANCES

PHONE WY 84200



SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA . . . It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirt sleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting on a park bench in New York.

Purple Heart Veteran
Deported as Wetback

SAN ANTONIO—Immigration authorities sent a 21 year-old Purple Heart veteran of Korea back to Mexico as a "wetback" recently.

The veteran, Cpl. Alberto Gonzales of Monterrey, Mexico, was sent in an immigration bus to Laredo, Tex., to be put off in Mexico. Immigration Officer W. L. Meuhlhouse said he had entered the United States on a dead man's birth certificate before he joined the American army three years ago. Wetbacks—named for those who swim the Rio Grande—are illegal entrants.

The G.I. Forum, which works on the problems of Latins in San Antonio, assigned an attorney, Richard Casillas, to the case with instructions to "go all the way to the state department if necessary" to allow Mr. Gonzales to live in the United States.

The immigration office said he was being allowed to leave the country "voluntarily" and predicted he could get a permanent visa from the American consul in Mexico that would allow him to come back in time for the wedding.

Mr. Gonzales was discharged from the army at Fort Sam Houston.

He joined the Army Sept. 17, 1948, and enlisted for another three years on the same date last year. Vella Sanchez, 20, his fiancee, said he had spent a year in Korea, with headquarters of the Eighth army.

"He was wounded in the hip and got a broken ear drum," she said. "He has the Purple Heart, five campaign stars, the United Nations ribbon, the Korean service ribbon and a unit citation."

Spare Parts for Body
Are Available to Man

NEW YORK—Spare parts for the human body still can't be ordered from a mail-order catalog. Nevertheless, the advance of medicine during the past few years has made available an imposing array of replacements for damaged or ineffective organs.

Following the development of the blood bank, first of the spare-part repositories, ingenious surgeons have found ways to maintain banks for eyes, bone, cartilage, arteries and veins. There are now methods for transplanting whole organs from one individual to another, and for constructing replacement organs from tissues taken from the patient's own body.

Some man-made spare parts, such as the artificial kidney, are already coming into clinical use, while others, among them the mechanical heart and plastic heart valves, are well along in the expe-



Eyedrops are a refreshing "eye-opener" on arising in the morning and will soothe tired eyes when used before retiring for the night. Plenty of sleep, proper diet, good reading habits are also helpful in giving you a bright outlook on life, report researchers for the Murine Company of Chicago.

Our houses ARE NOT for sale. J. I. Brown and W L Nazworth

See that your news gets to your home town paper

Wanted — to buy a good used rug. Index

For sale 1956 Dodge, 4 door, air cond., radio, heater, 1 owner, good shape, priced to sell. W G Burton.

Christmas
Peace 1957



May the wonderful peace of the first Christmas be yours this holiday season.

Lyntegar Electric
Cooperative

Owned And Operated By Those
We Serve Tahoka

For a smile on every face
and a carol in every heart
we commend you to the spirit
of Christmas.
Happy holiday.



Poka Lambro Rural
Telephone Cooperative

TAHOKA

Gay spirits are more commonplace during the Yule season than at any other time of the year. We hope you're fitting in.



Abbie's Fashion
Shop

TAHOKA

First National Bank of
Tahoka



And a Merry, Merry
Christmas to one
and all

Lamesa Cotton Oil Mill

LAMESA, TEXAS



AMOS SUPPLY

LAMESA, TEXAS

KDUB - TV. Ch. 13

- Saturday
- 8:20 Sign On
 - 8:25 News
 - 8:30 Captain Kangaroo
 - 8:30 Mighty Mouse Playhouse
 - 9:30 Jimmy Dean Show
 - 10:00 "Learn to draw"
 - 11:00 Cartoon Circus
 - 11:15 "57 Sports Highlights"
 - 11:45 Sports Page
 - 12:15 Baseball Game of Month
 - 12:25 -To be announced-
 - 2:30 Bowling Stars
 - 3:00 The Big Picture
 - 4:00 Frontier Theater
 - 10:45 20th Century Fox
 - 12:00 Sign Off
 - 5:00 Kingdom of the Sea
 - 5:30 Popeye Theater
 - 6:00 Sgt. Preston of the Yukon
 - 6:30 Perry Mason Show
 - 7:30 26 Men
 - 8:00 Oh, Susanna
 - 8:30 Have Gun, Will Travel
 - 9:00 Gunsmoke
 - 9:30 Goodyear Theater
 - 10:00 News
 - 10:05 United Artists Showcase
 - 11:45 Sing Off
- Sunday
- 10:45 Sign on
 - 10:50 Church
 - 11:45 Baseball Preview
 - 11:55 Baseball Game
 - 2:25 Harry Reasoner News
 - 2:30 The Christophers
 - 3:00 This is the Life
 - 3:30 As We See It
 - 4:00 The Last Word
 - 4:30 Face the Nation
 - 5:00 The Search
 - 5:25 Robert Trout News
 - 5:30 20th Century
 - 6:00 Lassie
 - 6:30 -to be announced-
 - 7:00 Ed Sullivan
 - 8:00 G. E. Theatre
 - 8:30 Alfred Hitchcock
 - 9:00 \$64,000 Challenge
 - 9:30 Amos 'n' Andy
 - 10:00 What's My Line
 - 10:30 Sunday Night News
- Monday
- 7:50 Sign On
 - 7:55 News
 - 8:00 Captain Kangaroo
 - 8:43 CBS News
 - 8:55 Local News
 - 9:00 Gary Moore Show
 - 9:30 How Do You Rate
 - 10:00 Godfrey Time
 - 10:30 Dotto
 - 11:00 Love of Life
 - 11:30 Search for Tomorrow
 - 12:15 Noon News and Weather
 - 12:30 As the World Turns
 - 1:00 Beat the Clock
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 - 5:55 News, Weather, Fea. Sec.
 - 6:00 Doug Edwards
 - 6:15 Robin Hood
 - 6:30 Burns & Allen
 - 7:30 Gray Ghost
 - 8:00 Danny Thomas Show
 - 8:30 December Bride
 - 9:00 Studio One
 - 10:30 News, Weather Fea. Sec.
 - 11:00 Columbia Showcase
 - 12:30 Sign Off
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- 7:50 Sign On
 - 7:55 News
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 - 8:43 CBS News
 - 8:55 Local News
 - 9:00 Gary Moore Show
 - 9:30 How Do You Rate
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 - 8:30 I've Got A Secret
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 - 10:00 Stories of the Century
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Q—I carry life insurance issued by a private company, and I receive pension from VA. In reporting 1958 income for VA pension purposes should I include dividends from my private company life insurance policy?
A—Yes. Proceedings from private life insurance company policies considered as income for VA pension purposes and must be reported.
Q—Is there a grace period for payments of installments on loans?
A—No. Veterans should make GI loan payments on or before date they are due. An extra payment may be made by GI lenders if payments are received late.
Q—Is a "peacetime" veteran with a disability rated 50 percent entitled to more compensation for dependents?
A—Yes. Peacetime veterans with 50 percent or more disability are entitled to additional compensation for a wife, minor child or dependent parents.



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TROGEN, Switzerland—In the Swiss canton of Appenzel, overlooking the Boden See (Lake of Constance) and the German shore across the lake, is a new kind of village, an experiment in bettering international relations through the minds of children.

The International Pestalozzi Children's Village, on the outskirts of the modest village of Trogen, is the temporary home of some 200 children of varying European nationalities. All of them were in need of help when they arrived, and many were war orphans.

The village is the outgrowth of the idealism and compassion of Walter Corti, an Italian-speaking Swiss, who not only deplored the ravages of war upon children in belligerent nations, but who did something about it.

Popular Subscription
Corti first suggested a children's village in neutral Switzerland in 1944, while the war was still raging. The suggestion was received with enthusiasm by the Swiss.

Thus French children live in French homes, English children in English, and so on. They live much as they would in normal homes in their own countries, speaking their mother tongues and studying the subjects they would in their native schools, with teachers of their own nationality.

Joint Activities
There is a difference, however. In some classes the entire group works together. Recreation and community duties are international. Italian, Greek, German and English children may be playing soccer together while French children teach Finns the French words to a German tune.

Mutual suspicion and distrust were problems when the school first opened. In the immediate postwar days Polish children refused to play with Germans and the Finns had a tendency to keep to themselves.

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Most Drinking Starts Before College Days

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Four out of every five college men who drink began their drinking before entering college, a researcher at Yale University's laboratory of applied physiology reported recently.

Robert Straus, research associate, disclosed for the first time preliminary results of a five-year study into the drinking habits of American college youth. This study was made by Mr. Straus and Selden D. Bacon, director of Yale's center of alcohol studies.

Of the American women students who drink, 65 per cent also started drinking before entering college, Mr. Straus said.

"The probability that a young person will drink at all," he continued, "is closely related to the practices of his or her parents."

"Of the men whose parents both drink, 90 per cent are themselves users. However, only half of the men (51 per cent) whose parents both abstain, drink."

"Where both parents are users, 83 per cent of the women drink on occasion. However, when both parents abstain, only 19 per cent of the women students drink."

He declared that parental advice on abstinence seems to be much stronger than advice from either church leaders or teachers.

Family income is a large factor "closely associated with the probability that one will use alcohol. Among those whose family income is under \$2,500, two thirds of the men and only 30 per cent of the women students drink."

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Lockjaw Still Is Common

Tetanus, often called lockjaw, is still prevalent in the United States. Figures for 1958 show that there were 447 cases of the disease in the country from January 1 to Nov. 1. Twenty five of these cases occurred in Texas.

The history of tetanus goes way back. This disease was clinically described by Hippocrates and Aretaeus very accurately.

In 1885 Nicolaier produced the disease experimentally in animals. He did this by inoculating them with garden soil.

Four years later, Kitasato isolated the bacilli in pure culture. He went on to produce a tetanus toxin in 1890 and antitoxin a year later.

For the past five years the incidence of the disease has been holding its own in Texas, fluctuating only little. The disease is caused by the introduction of the tetanus bacilli into the body through a wound.

The bacilli in turn produce a toxin which reacts in much the same manner as a poison on certain bodily functions.

It is characterized by stiffness of the jaw and neck muscles. Before the development of antitoxin, about 80 percent of all infected persons died.

The disease was more prevalent then because of few paved roads and sidewalks, besides the abundance of horses and other animals before the coming of automobiles. Today, soils, street dust and animal excreta are still the principal reservoirs.

Since 1941 the U. S. Armed Forces have protected their men with tetanus toxoid. During World War 11 there were only 12 cases of tetanus in the Army and Air Force. Six had not received the toxoid shots and two had received the toxoid, but not an emergency booster. Out of 600,000 battle wounds, only one developed tetanus.

Meanwhile in the Navy there were two deaths from four cases. Only one had not been fully immunized. Compared to high tetanus rates of other warring nations, low incidence among allied troops proves the benefits of tetanus toxoid.

In contrast to antitoxin the toxoid does not contain horse serum, a decided advantage for allergic people.

Active protection can be obtained from inoculations of the tetanus toxoid with a booster shot at regular intervals as suggested by your physician. Anyone who is subject to incur an open injury such as construction workers and farmers should protect themselves. And certainly little children running around barefoot need the protection of tetanus toxoid.

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Usually you are asked to sign something as a result of a business transaction, such as a contract, a receipt, an order, a release, an option, a mortgage or deed. For your own protection, you should clearly understand what you sign, why you are signing it, and what the consequences may be. It is rarely possible for a person who has signed a document to avoid its legal effects.

You can decrease your legal risks by taking these precautions before you sign anything: Know what you are signing and what the document contains. Understand clearly what it means. Don't be confused by its title—a "statement" may be a release of all your claims, or a "contract" may be a negotiable promissory note. "Co-signing" a note may result in your having to pay it.

Read EVERYTHING in any document. Clauses in fine print may be important. Remember, too, that oral promises not included in writing may be unenforceable. Take nothing for granted.

Check and verify the document. Be sure the dates, prices, names and conditions filled in are correct. You are bound by what it says, not by what you thought it said.

Ask questions. Inquire about conditions and terms of importance to you. Don't sign unless you understand what it means. Language clearly stating what you want can be inserted. If substantial sums are involved, consult with your attorney.

Retain a copy. Be sure the proper persons sign. Request and retain a copy. Record it, if necessary, with the proper public official.

Like your fingerprint, your signature is unique. No one else has one exactly like it. Only you can sign it, and affixing it may set into motion events of great legal consequences. Treat it with the importance it deserves, and do not bestow it carelessly. If in doubt, seek information and advice.

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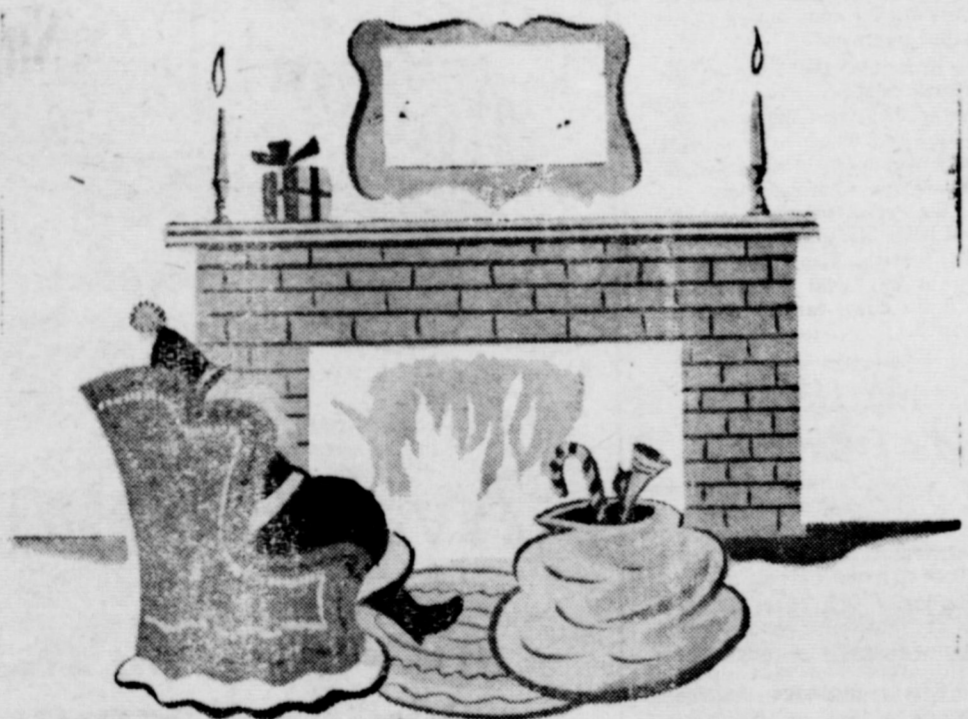


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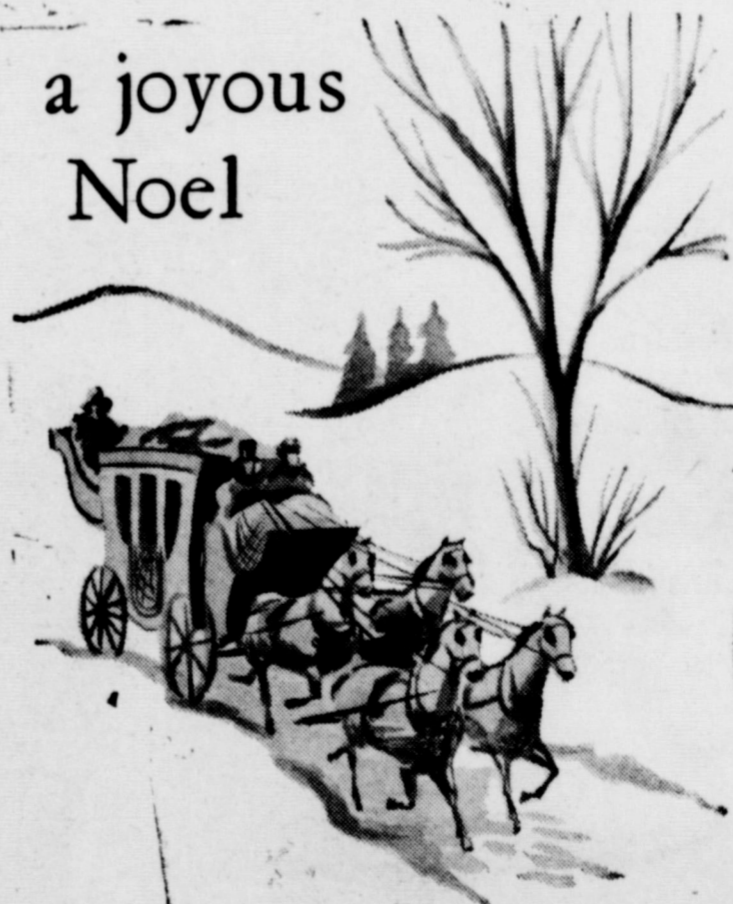
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CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

Why You Hang Holly at Yuletide

CREDIT THE PAGAN Druids for inspiring one of the nice Christmas customs — decorating with holly. The traditional holly for the holidays is widely believed to have had its origin in the Druid practice of bringing holly sprigs indoors. The Druids woodland spirits lived in the holly.

Indoors, holly gave the spirits a nice warm place in winter. Besides, the lush green holly and the contrast of its red berries provided beauty that could be revered by men when the sacred oaks were shorn of their foliage.

The early Christian church frowned on such pagan customs and tried to stamp them out. In due time, however, it was felt that some of the customs could be adapted to the new Christmas conception.

Some beautiful legends associate the holly with Christ. In fact, it is often called the Christ thorn. One legend depicts the leaf spines as the crown of thorns; the red berries as the sins of the world and the blood of Christ. Another credits holly with first springing up from the footsteps of Christ. The plant is said to remain green all winter as a reward for once hiding Christ from his pursuers.

The impact of the holly on the Christmas celebration is evidenced in the traditional holiday colors, green and red. The Druids weren't the only people of old who thought the holly was something special. Pliny, the great Roman historian, insisted holly blossoms caused water to freeze. Also, that holly thrown at any wild beast would make it lie down tamely next to the branch.

Christmas Helps World's Economy

Many people, with the total conception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense, this is true to some extent.

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an understatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme one of giving, rather than of receiving? Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of Childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain the Christmas story.

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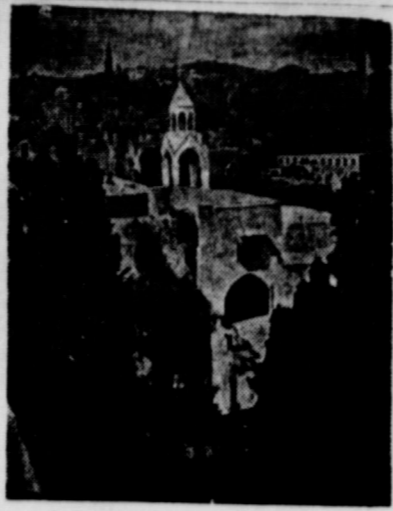
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"How I would long to see just one more 'old-fashioned Christmas!'"

These are familiar words at this time of the year. Before the Yuletide season is over, some member of the family, grandfather or grandmother, probably, is certain to pass that remark, as they have done each Christmas of the past.

And yet, if we search back into the records . . . to the turn of the century, say . . . we find that, even then, someone was wishing for "an old-fashioned Christmas." It is then that we realize that the celebration of the birth of Christ has not changed greatly with the passage of centuries. Basically, Christmas is the same, year after year. It is only the world and the people who are not the same.

He may not admit it, but when grandfather first began to raise a family, he overheard his elders musing over the changing Christmas customs and heralding the approach to "complete commercialism" of the Yuletide celebration. Even then they were worried.

No one can deny that Christmas has been greatly "commercialized" since the days of early America. Yet, so has the entire nation. In the days of our ancestors there were none of the vast trading centers and commercial marts that we know today. Our very way of life has been greatly changed with modernization. Our holidays, and Christmas is the principal one, have managed to keep abreast.

Custom of 'Pinata'.

Observed in Mexico.

Is Spreading to U.S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time.

The pinata is made of thin, fragile clay, and is filled with sweetmeats and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling.

Each of the guests, not always only just children—is blindfolded and given a stick. The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out, whence a mad scramble takes place for the spoils.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children. Tradition decrees that they must wait until the final day of the 21-day Christmas season to receive their gifts.

**Christmas Was Once
Holiday That Moved
About on Calendar**

Christmas was once a movable feast. The eastern branches of the Christian church usually celebrated it in April or May. Western Europe sometime in January.

In 337 A.D., St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century observed the date of January 7, because they use the Julian calendar, which lists December 25 on that date by our calendar.

Research work done in California indicates that additional cattle gains may be expected when cattle in feedlots are given shade. U. D. Thompson, extension animal husbandman, believes the research findings would also have some application to cattle on pastures or ranches. One of the best shade materials studied was brush arbors.

Leptospirosis, the third most costly cattle disease in the U. S., causing losses of \$150,000,000 annually, will receive special attention at the 24th annual Dairyman's Short Course, Dec. 4-5, at Texas A&M College. The short course is to feature disease control.

**Abbreviation, Xmas
Of Greek Origin**

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.



The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.

It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

Scientists discovered that the Navy-built base in Marie Byrd Land, Antarctica, sits on ice 7,500 to 9,750 feet thick.

Even if all forest land in the United States capable of growing commercial crops of trees is put fully to work, this country may have difficulty meeting its future timber needs. The answer to whether these needs will be met will depend largely upon management.



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Merry
Christmas



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The practice of holding "open house" has been a Christmas tradition through the years.

The Saxon lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and all enjoyed a great feasting, songs and the exchange of gifts. A tremendous Yule log was dragged upon an open fire pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South. The slaves often soaked a log in the cypress swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas freedom.

"Open House" during the Yuletide season is a true mark of democracy.

Cowboy's Party Is Real American Fete

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations is the Cowboy's Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 in the small town of Anson, Texas.

The celebration started as a wedding party in the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore". A cowboy band swung out and the dancers perform the heel and toe polka, the Varsouvienne, and other old folk dances.

Origin of Symbolic Tree

Shrouded in Old Legends

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift-giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the 16th or 17th centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into northern Europe and from there to America.

Outside tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known outside displays in America are on the White House lawn and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.

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CHRISTMAS BACKDROP

Christmas Seal Idea Conceived In Denmark

A DANISH postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans will receive a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish postoffice conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

Every home needs well lighted, cheerful places to study and read. say extension home furnishings. A good desk lamp properly placed goes far in preventing eye strain



Let us pause
at this season
and recall Him
in peace
and quiet joy.

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Naturalized Citizen— That's Our Santa

Santa Claus as Americans know him is a naturalized American citizen, and as such is America's contribution to the Christmas legend. That's the opinion of Dr. Gustav O. Arlt of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arlt.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas,' he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christian legend and folklore," the professor stated.

Archaeologists' Findings Bear Out Bible Stories

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ, the archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

The Hebrew and Aramic inscriptions contained common names like Miriam, Simeon, and Matti. The Greek inscriptions and symbols beside them contained references to Christianity and, it seems probable, to the crucifixion.

Leptospirosis, the third most costly cattle disease in the U. S., causing losses of \$150,000,000 annually, will receive special attention at the 24th annual Dairyman's Short Course, Dec. 4-5, at Texas A&M College. The short course is to feature disease control.

Even if all forest land in the United States capable of growing commercial crops of trees is put fully to work, this country may have difficulty meeting its future timber needs. The answer to whether these needs will be met will depend largely upon management.



Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small-fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret—so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

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Look at the paintings on the Christmas cards you send and receive — you'll find famous names and some of the best contemporary art. Here is how it all began.

On a December day in 1846, a middleclass Englishman, Henry Cole, sat at the library desk of his London home addressing to his friends what were probably the first Christmas cards ever printed. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas customs of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Cole, in a historic move, two months before had commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal



Academy artist, to paint the illustration for the card and had struck off a thousand lithographed copies. He dispatched them that December. This was such a markedly successful stroke of good will that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

Horsley's art was a far cry from today's Christmas card paintings, but he started a cycle which a hundred years later was to bring fine art into high favor on Christmas cards.

An American shopping for cards may select, for instance, a painting called "Snow Under the Arch" by another Royal Academy member—Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister and famed amateur artist. Or he might choose Peter Hurd's "One Night in Winter" or "Grandma" Moses' "The White Church" or "The Nativity" by Alexander Ross.

Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

WHO HAS ONE of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy. It's Santa.

The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year.

However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the



country, and talking to thousands of youngsters on street corners and in department stores. Santa usually comes to the same conclusion each year. Times and customs change, but children seldom do.

Requests that Santa receives follow a general pattern each year—everything from bicycles to roller skates and cowboy suits for boys, with dolls and elaborate accessories the favorite with the girls.

There are some exceptions. Lots of children make requests for useful items, typewriters and such, in the hope of becoming writers and stenographers. Last year one lad asked for a Bengal tiger.

Santa, understanding human that he must be, promises to fill all the requests that he can and explains tenderly why there are some that are out of reach.

St. Nicholas Possessed Of Great Virtue, Piety

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, was said to have been a saint of great virtue and piety.

An ancient legend is told that he became the patron saint of school boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school in Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a vision, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayers and also forced the murderer to confess his crime to authorities.

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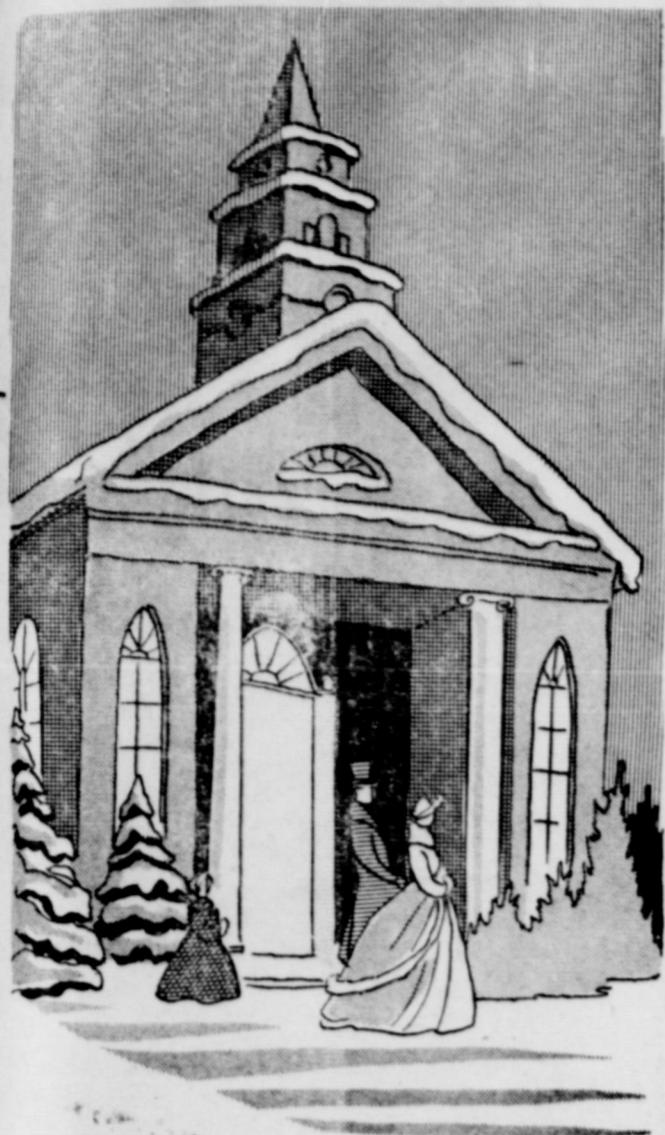


Our cordial good wishes to all.

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JOY AT CHRISTMAS

May your house be filled with the true meaning of Christmas.

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V. A. Quiz

Q—I plan to sell my house, let the buyer take over my loan, and get release of liability from VA. My wife also signed the note. Will she be released from liability to the Government, if I am?

A—Yes. You understand, of course, that to get a release from VA, the purchaser must agree in writing to purchase your property and assume your unpaid liability. He must also satisfy the VA he is a good credit risk.

Q—I gave up my VA pension a while ago and chose to receive compensation instead, in order not to have my social security disability payments reduced. My pension is larger than the compensation payments, and I understand that now, by new law, I can collect both the pension and full social security disability benefits. Is this so?

A—Yes. A veteran entitled to both compensation and VA pension, who waived pension and chose compensation to avoid deduction from social security disability payments, may now rescind that waiver. The new law you mention allows receipt of both full social security disability payments and VA pension.

Q—I am the widow of a World War I veteran, and I have a daughter in college who is receiving death compensation payments from VA. She soon will reach her 21st birthday, but she will still be in school. Will it be possible for the VA payments to continue?

A—No. Under the law, compensation payments made to the child of a deceased veteran while she is in school may not be continued after she passes her 21st birthday.

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EVERY AVERAGE American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fire hazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly-cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen trees growing outside, but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas day or to leave it too long after the 25th. Trees of all kind will become highly inflammable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week should take special safeguards to keep it reasonably safe.

The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.

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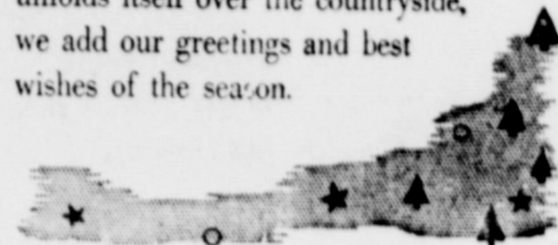


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Producers Gin

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bright note of cheer
this Holiday.

Forbes Motor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Forbes

Merry Christmas



Farmers Cooperative Association

GINS AND ELEVATORS

Weldon Martin, Mgr.

REINDEER

FAIRY TALES and Christmas stories are a Yuletide tradition. It is thus fitting that the story which promises to be America's most popular and long-lived fairy tale is related to the Christmas season.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales give-away promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer", so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.



... A HERALD OF THE KING ...

Tree Decoration Has Ancient Source In Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

In fact, the Christmas tree itself stems from the story of a Scandinavian "sacred" tree and Martin Luther, a German, is said to have brought the first one indoors and decorated it for the Yule season in the early 16th century.

These are only two of more than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem. According to Jeannette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years, the American Christmas symbols — from candles and bells to kissing under the mistletoe—have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

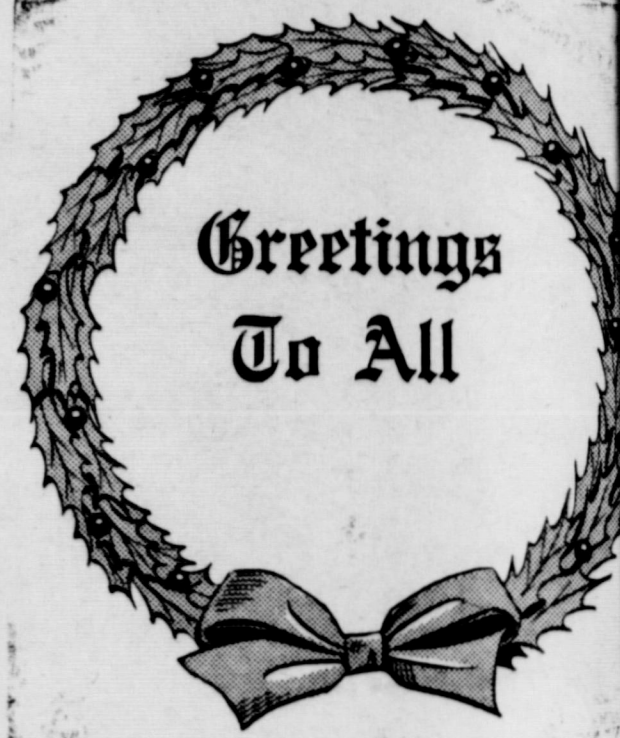
Mrs. Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emblems of the festival as ornaments for Christmas cards and is just as constantly searching for new ones. This year, example, the bright-colored tree ornaments are in high vogue as devices on Christmas



DEVOTION . . . Christmas is not so much a time of receiving as it is a time for giving. These children, in their prayers, are giving by far the best gift of them all—themselves.

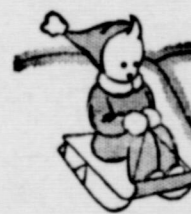
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SHIRT-SLEEVED SANTA . . . It's not a common subject for discussion, but Santa Claus sometimes does take off his coat and just lounge around in his beard and shirt-sleeves. However, this is not standard procedure, and it's mighty few Santas you see sitting on a park bench in New York.

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Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Concord Choir 6:00 p. m.
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Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
Youth Fellowship 1st Sunday at 9:00 p. m.

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W. M. U. 3:45 p. m.
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Jr. G. A. 3:45 p. m.

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Intermediate G. A. 7:00 p. m.
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Merry Christmas



Let faith and hope be your inspiration during this Christmas season.

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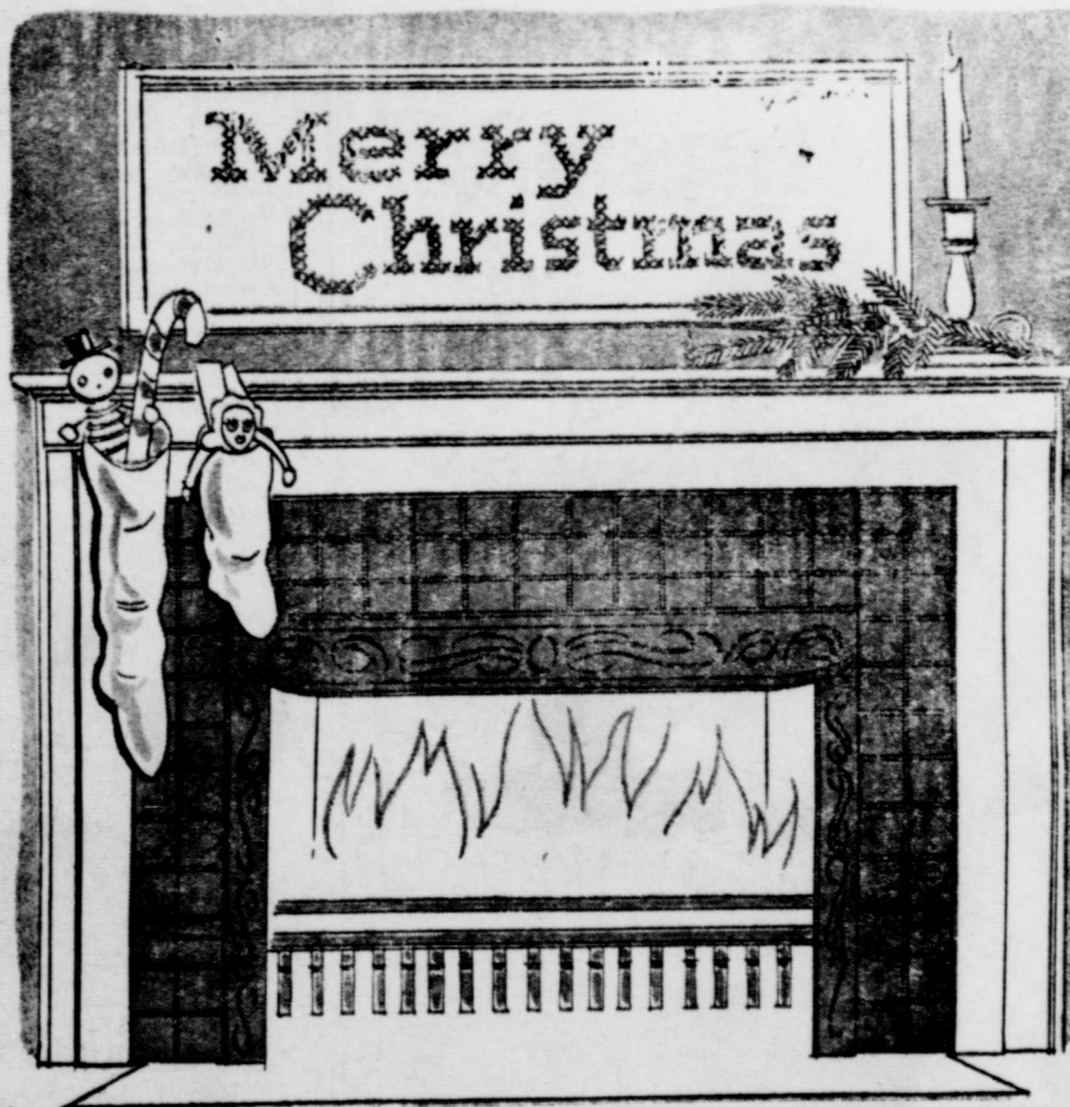
Season's Greetings



May the true meaning of Christmas be yours.

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To old friends, and to new friends we hope to earn, it is a pleasure to extend best wishes of the season.

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May the
bough of your tree
bend low
with good things

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*Merry
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May love and happiness
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**The Kid's
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LAMESA, TEXAS



THROUGH THE HOOP
Flippy, a trained porpoise at Marine Studios, Fla., gets into the holiday spirit by leaping through a Christmas wreath suspended over the water of his tank.

**History of
Christmas Seals**

When you see the Christmas seal do you ever wonder how it started?

It was born in Denmark, home of the fairy tales of Hans Christian Anderson.

Einar Holboell, a Copenhagen postal clerk, was sorting mail one snowy afternoon before Christmas, 1903, when he thought of the idea of a penny stamp to swell a fund for children's hospitals.

Authorized by King Christian, the first Christmas seals were sold in Copenhagen in 1904.

Holboell's scheme outgrew his wildest imaginings, for before his death in 1927, he lived to see it spread to 45 countries.

The seals found their way to America on letters and packages and first attracted the attention of Jacob Riis who wrote an article about them. Few people, however, were interested in the idea.

Then, in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a public health worker, concerned about the fate of a small sanatorium, recalled the article and sat down to sketch America's first Christmas seal, a wreath of holly encircling the words "Merry Christmas."

With 50,000 stamps printed and nowhere to sell them, Miss Bissell at last enlisted the aid of a columnist on a Philadelphia newspaper. The idea caught and within a few weeks \$3,000 was collected.

The first nation-wide sale was held the following year and was backed by newspapers all over the country, religious and civic groups, and sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association.

Season's Greeting



May yours
be filled
with pleasant people
all through the Holidays.

The Vogue

LAMESA, TEXAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's good to
be back in
town and
say hello.



**Lamesa Tin And
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**Tax Collector Shows
No Mercy to Rich Dog**

BOSTON—"Dog or no dog," Henry F. Long, state tax commissioner says, "she must pay an inheritance tax."

Long wants \$369 in taxes from Lassie, a collie left \$5,000 in the will of her late master.

Axel R. Carlson, Lassie's late owner, left the sum to pay for the collie's care. The dog was sent to live with Mrs. Gertrude Hanson of Quincy.

Long figured the tax as being six percent of \$5,000 plus 23 percent temporary surtax.

Besides the inheritance tax, Lassie will also have to pay income tax annually on any income the inheritance draws.

Mrs. Hanson will turn the matter over to Lassie's lawyers

**Christmas Trees Can
Be Put to Many Uses
After New Year's**

There are a number of things you can do with your Christmas tree after New Year's besides burning it.

If it is a fir, for instance, it can be anchored in the back yard—perhaps in a corner of the garden—and used as a bird feeder the remainder of the winter. Pieces of suet and little feed bags may be tied to the branches. A container of water should be placed beneath the tree and kept filled so the birds will have a drink every day.

Or, cut off the branches and place them, curved ends up, over flower beds when the ground is exposed. An evergreen mulch helps prevent the soil from heaving dur-



ing alternate freezes and thaws. Long branches may be built into little lean-tos to protect tender shrubs from sun scald.

The needles of a Christmas tree can be sprinkled beneath acid-loving plants such as laurel, andromeds, rhododendron and blueberries.

If the needles on the tree are still firm, use the branches in an outdoor windowbox. Moisten the soil in the box. Then push the cut ends of the branches down to the bottom and tamp the soil firm around them. This will generally give you greenery all winter.

If you must burn your Christmas tree, don't toss it into a fire-place. Cut off the branches and burn them safely one by one.

And remember, a Christmas tree tossed into the street can become a fire hazard if playful children pick it up and make a bonfire of it in a vacant lot.



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HOLIDAY GREETINGS



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Santa's Little Helper Was Scandinavian Elf

Where did Santa's Little Helper come from?
In the Viking age in Scandinavia, long before Leif Erikson discovered America, the little North Children believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jul Tomten—lived in the stable. He saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of. After the pagan Vikings became Christianized, little Jul Tomten became the giver of presents—like our Santa Claus today. The children left a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for which Jul Tomten would exchange gifts for the good boys and girls. Travelers brought back the legend of Tomten and he has come down to us as the busy jolly, good little elf who works in Santa's workshop.

Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

CHRISTMAS is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians.
All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.
Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robed acolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and finally, American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

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Assembly of God

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Worship Service 11:00 a. m.
Evening service: 7 p. m.

Your Poinsettia Will Bloom Next Christmas

THE POINSETTIA has long been a popular Christmas plant but probably few people have given much thought to the fact that it does come into bloom each year only at this season.

The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably 10 hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the daylight period to 15 hours by means of artificial lights.

Flower growers have learned how to bring garden chrysanthemums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

How can one keep a poinsettia plant until next season? After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where it will not freeze. Do not water it, or at least very little, and let the soil dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two-thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil.

Bay and Rosemary Christmas Tradition

Bay and rosemary have also been represented among our Christmas plants from time immemorial. An ancient writer says:

"Rosemarie and Baises that are most faire were stuck about the houses and the churches at the time of Christmas."

According to tradition it was the bay tree, with its lance-like leaves and purple berries, that sheltered the holy family during a thunder-storm. Accordingly it was believed that lightning will never strike a bay tree.

The association of the rosemary plant with Christmas also goes back to the early childhood of our Lord, namely to the flight into Egypt to escape the wrath and jealousy of King Herod. Its branches are said to have held the little garments of the Christ-Child that were placed upon them by the Virgin Mother. Originally, its flowers were supposed to have been white, but the plant changed the color of its blossoms to lavender, same as Mary's cloak.

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

December 15 is observed each year as "Bill of Rights Day" throughout the United States. What does this important "document" mean to us?

The American "Bill of Rights", consisting of the first ten amendments to our federal constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civil rights of the individual citizen. Unaltered by subsequent amendments and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be respected by our governing bodies today.

Among the most familiar of our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech and of the press. The same article protects the rights of peaceable assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense; against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case; and against having his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for a capital or other infamous crime, unless upon a presentment or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without orderly court procedures, or due process of law.

The right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights."

Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII. Other articles insure the right to bear arms and ban quartering of soldiers in private homes during peace time.

Then, to make quite clear to our governing bodies the underlying intent of the preceding provisions, the Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes this basic theory by providing: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."



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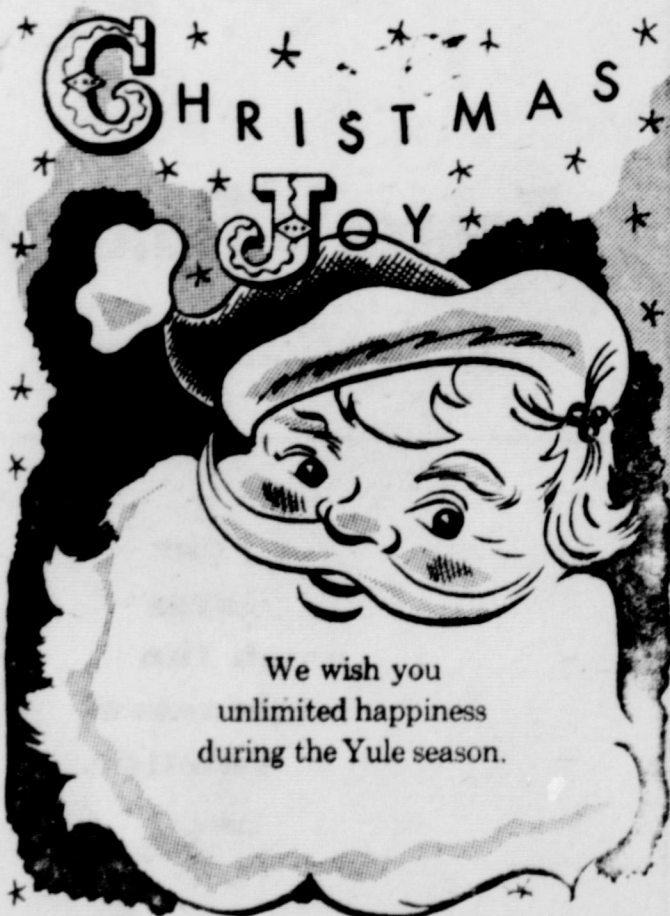
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May this Christmas bring to you and yours the very best, and peace and joy be yours because of the Prince of Peace, the Christ Child whose birth we celebrate.

W. G. Burton
(At request of Index, Bro. Burton so kindly prepared this devotional.)

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