

The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

FIFTY-SECOND YEAR

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1938

NUMBER 2

Baird Lets Contract For Municipal Power Plant

The city council of Baird let a contract Saturday for the erection of its municipal electric light and power plant and distribution system to the Fairbanks Morse company of Chicago on a bid of \$145,122.45 including transmission lines to the Octane refinery four miles east and to the municipal pumping station between here and Clyde. The contract calls for a lock and key job.

In case the city desires not to build transmission line to the refinery it can cancel that part of the contract. The contract is subject to approval of PWA.

The bid of Fairbanks Morse was the only one submitted for the unit and their bid was several thousand dollars lower than had been anticipated by the City Council.

The Wort Worth office of the PWA has advised the City of Baird that it has granted it sixty days after adjudication of litigation to begin work on its \$145,000 municipal light and power plant.

In a recent court contest by the "Citizens Committee" of the bond election to finance the city's share the city won in 42nd district court. The case was appealed to the 11th court of civil appeals and it is understood that if the committee loses there it will take the case to the supreme court. Hearing on the appeal at Eastland is not expected before sometime in February.

Delphian Club

A Bible Day program was led by Mrs. E. C. Fulton when the Delphian Club met Tuesday afternoon December 20th in the home of Mrs. Carroll McGowan. Roll call was answered with facts concerning Patriarchs of the Bible by seventeen members of the club. Deborah, the sweet singer of Israel was presented by Mrs. Fulton and Mrs. Norrell told of the friendship of David and Jonathan; Mrs. Brison sang "The Holy City" with Mrs. Hugh Ross at the piano.

Christmas gifts were exchanged by members of the club, after which all sang "Silent Night," "Holy Night."

A lovely refreshment plate of coffee and fruit cake topped with whipped cream and cherries was served by the hostesses to Mrs. E. H. Adams, T. P. Bearden, Lucille Hall, A. B. Hutchison, Earl Johnson, Bob Norrell, Hugh Ross, James Ross, C. H. Siadous, C. B. Snyder, Jr., Ashby White and Nat Williams.

Mayor's Christmas Letter

Now that the holiday season approaches, it would be well for each and every person who drives an automobile to stop and think a minute about the safety of himself, and the safety of other people.

Each street and intersection in the City presents a traffic problem for a driver as he goes about town. The only safe way to meet this problem is to drive carefully. Spend a minute more during the day—but get home safely and all together. Give the other fellow a bit more of consideration some day it may come back to you in a reward of thoughtfulness that will more than repay even such a slight courtesy.

And—don't mar your happiness or that of your neighbor with an act of carelessness that might take a life, make a cripple, or hurt a little child, that is not aware that he needs to "look right and left."

With just a few such Christmas gifts to other people in which you give them perhaps their life, or save them from taking yours, we will have a better and a happier Yuletide.

Your Mayor,
H. SCHWARTZ.

FOR SALE—Sheep and Goats-240 big Ramboulett, Ews Lamb in January. 220 Nannie Goats, all good shearing Goats. Priced to sell E. B. Pinson, Phone 797, Mineral Wells.

Frank Buckles Dies Following Short Illness

Frank Buckles, 65, who has been a resident of Baird for the past 40 years or more died at the Griggs hospital yesterday at 2:30 p. m. following a short illness. He had not been quite well for several days and became seriously ill early Monday morning and was moved from his room at the fire station to the hospital.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of his son-in-law Wayne W. Bainard of Fort Worth who was to arrive about 10 o'clock last night. The funeral will probably be held this afternoon with burial in Ross cemetery beside his mother and sister who died some years ago.

Frank Buckles has been a member of the Baird Volunteer Fire Department for the past twenty-five years or more and has been Chief of the Police Department of the fire department for sometime. It is said that the fire truck never left the station day or night that "Buck" as his friends called him, was not on it.

Survivors are his two daughters of Fort Worth; Two sisters, Miss Dora Buckles of Seattle Washington; Mrs. Stratford, also of Washington; Jeff Buckles of Fort Worth and E. M. Buckles of Arizona.

Frank Simpson Dies Suddenly

Frank Simpson, 45, world war veteran, dropped dead at 1:45 p. m. Wednesday on the street in Abilene, where he was visiting.

Mr. Simpson collapsed at Walnut and North Third and was taken to the Hendrick Memorial hospital in a private car. Doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

Born at Marshall, June 28, 1893 his father, W. L. Simpson, was a veteran engineer on the Texas and Pacific railroad until his death three years ago.

He has been confined in the veterans hospital at Kerville until a few days ago when he returned to spend Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Simpson at their farm just west of Baird.

The remains accompanied by his mother and sister, Mrs. Corinne Webb were carried to Fort Worth Wednesday night for burial. Funeral services to be held yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Ed Wristen Died At Mineral Wells Sunday

Mrs. Ivey Hale Wristen, 54, wife of "Little Ed" Wristen, nephew of Ed M. Wristen and former resident of Baird, died at Mineral Wells at an early hour Sunday morning following a long illness.

Mrs. Wristen is survived by her husband and one son, Clarence Wristen of Fort Worth and one daughter, Mrs. Ida May Gaily of Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wristen and Mrs. E. M. Wristen attended the funeral which was held at the Church of Christ Monday afternoon. Burial was made at Mineral Wells.

Henry W. Jones of Denton Buried Mon.

Henry W. Jones, 72, resident of the Denton community for the past 35 years, died Sunday morning following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. grave side in Kendrick cemetery the rites being conducted by Rev. Mr. Smith of Clyde, minister of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Jones is survived by two sons and three daughters.

DRIVERS LICENSE

Patrolman, W. O. Angus requests The Star to announce that no drivers license will be issued Tuesday, Dec. 27th—but license will be issued the following Tuesday, January 3rd as usual.

GOOD MORNING! HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



GOOD MORNING!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas will be here soon now. The time of buying and selling will be forgotten. For Christmas goes into the hearts of everyone.

It is our true hope that Christmas morning will dawn upon you as it dawned those hundred of years ago across the plains of Palestine, upon a scene where truly there was peace, good will, and happiness.

At Christmas time we offer to you our sincere thanks for the kindness you have shown to us. We offer our thanks for your neighborliness and the friendliness of the dealings we have had with you.

And it is the greatest wish we have that this Christmas will long stand in your memory as one of the outstanding happy days of your life.

MERRY CHRISTMAS—HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE BAIRD STAR.

A A A Committee To Meet

The committeemen for the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Association will be selected December 28 according to the A. A. A. law as passed by Congress for the years 1938 and 1939 and instructions issued by the State Committee.

All persons who have cooperated in any Program administered by the A. A. A. is a member of the association and should be present to help select committeemen. The county has been divided into three districts by the State Committee.

District No. 1, composed of Latham, Clyde, Eula, Denton and Duley, will hold the committee election at Clyde between 2:00 and 4:00 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, Dec 28th in Mr. M. H. Perkin's office.

District No. 2, composed of Oplin, Baird, Admiral, and Rowden will elect committeemen at Oplin between 2:00 and 4:00 o'clock, Wednesday, December 28th. District No. 3, composed of Union, Putnam Atwell, Cottonwood, Cross Plains and Dressy, will elect the committeemen at Cross Plains at the Cross Plains school between 2:00 and 4:00 o'clock Wednesday, December 28th.

The committeemen selected have the responsibility of running all the A. A. A. programs in the year 1939. Each producer should exercise his rights in the operation of these programs by voting in the election.

Former Resident of Baird Dies in Dallas

Mrs. J. L. White was notified Monday of the death of Mrs. G. R. Bryant at her home in Dallas.

Mrs. Bryant was the former Agnes Aus, who formerly lived with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Aus on a ranch north of Baird and was well known to old residents here for her many lovable traits of character. She often visited Mrs. White who was a girlhood friend.

Mrs. Bryant is survived by her husband, one daughter and two grandchildren, also three brothers Arthur, Eino, and Chio Aus.

GOOD OAK WOOD for sale on the B. C. Chrisman place. See R. B. Snow.

Ed Dodd, Former Resident Died Nov 8

Ed Dodd, a pioneer ranchman of Callahan county, died at the home of his son, Tom Dodd at Alamosa Colorado on Nov. 8th at the age of 81 years.

Edward J. Dodd was born Mar. 17, 1857, in St. Joseph, Mo. When he was 17 years of age he moved with his parents to Callahan Co. On December 22, 1880 he was married to Martha Ann Heslep. To this union were born eight children, six girls and two boys. On January 4, 1904, he moved with his family to Aztec, New Mexico where they resided until Dec. 20, 1908 when they moved to Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one daughter, Maggie. Mr. Dodd joined the Baptist church when he was 40 years of age, and remained true to this faith until the end. He was a loving father and a good neighbor always looking out for the welfare of others.

Left to mourn his passing are: Mrs. W. A. Wood, Bloomfield, New Mexico; Tom E. Dodd, Alamosa, Colo.; Borden B. Dodd, Montrose, Colo.; Mae Hicks, Ketchum, Idaho; Della Green, New Plymouth, Idaho; Louie Thomas, Breen, Colo.; Ona Cordell, Emmett, Idaho; twenty-six grand children and twenty-one great grandchildren.

Mr. Dodd was a brother-in-law of Jess Hart, Mrs. Andrew Jackson and Mrs. Lizzie Renfro of Baird and Mrs. W. K. Boatwright of Mission.

Grandfather Dodd also has a host of nieces and nephews of and near Putnam and Baird, including Mrs. A. H. Wagley, near Putnam; J. E. Heslep, Putnam; and Mrs. Bon Thomas of Baird; Mrs. Mina Cook and other relatives of Putnam.

Court House 'Family' Christmas Tree

The annual court house family tree party will be held in the lobby of the courthouse Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Following a short program gifts will be exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree.

Goodfellows Will Pack Fifty Baskets

Some fifty baskets will be packed today by the Goodfellows and distributed to families. There are around 200 people in Baird who will share in the Christmas dinner these baskets contain for there will be nice rib roasts, peas cranberries, fruits etc, everything needed to make a good Christmas dinner.

There will also be toys for the children. These toys have been gathered by the Baird Fire Boys who have repaired and painted them until they are like new and will gladden the hearts of many children.

Red Battalion Have Banquet

The Red Battalion, Baird's energetic Pep Club, gave the annual Squad Banquet in the basement of the Methodist Church last week. Over a hundred guests attended. The banquet hall was brilliantly decorated in a combination Christmas and school theme. Minature Pep Squad Girls made of yarn and dressed in the official costume of the organization marked the places at the table. The menu was carried out in the always popular Christmas fare.

Marjorie Houston, head cheer leader, was mistress of ceremonies and introduced the guests for the occasion. Superintendent, Nat Williams and Bro. Mings, poems and music star of radio station K. R. B. C. in Abilene. Mr. Mings gave several musical poems. With Mr. Mings came Miss Joan Stevenson, also of Abilene. Other guests including Mrs. Nat Williams and little daughter, Gwen who is pep mascot and news reporter, Atrelle Estes.

Highlights of the banquet came when Leona Lowrie, pep sponsor, announced the cheer leaders of the next season. Head leader will be Lula Mae Asbury, with Betty McCoy, and Marion Dyer second and third leaders.

Mrs. Capps Celebrates 89th Birthday

Mrs. W. I. Capps, celebrated her 89th birthday Tuesday, Dec. 20th. Several friends were present to enjoy the occasion with Mrs. Capps. Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, niece of Mrs. Capps assisted by Mrs. Alice Powell and Miss Bertie Eastham served tea and cookies to the honoree and guests.

Mrs. Capps' room was decorated in Christmas colors and the same theme being carried out in the birthday cake, which was topped with a red Christmas candle surrounded by 89 smaller candles.

Mrs. Capps, the former Cora Anderson same from Tennessee, with her father, Major T. A. Anderson, her brother Arthur Anderson and sister, Mrs. John Trent and family in Jan. 1876 and settled in the Eagle Cove community where they lived for many years.

Mrs. Capps has lived in Baird for the past twenty or more years. Mrs. Capps has been an invalid for several years being confined to her bed and room, but she has never let this affliction with other sorrows in life effect her cheerful sweet disposition. She is ever thoughtful of the welfare of her fellowman and deeply interested in the general affairs of life. She has had full life and is an inspiration to her friends.

Yule Decorations Are Beautiful

The Yule tide decorations, both in the business district and in the residential district of Baird in addition to the Christmas lights strung on Main Street, are the most beautiful ever seen in Baird.

Beautifully lighted Christmas trees in doorways and windows also outdoors, lighting of trees, trellises etc give a most pleasing effect. Much of this is due to the beautification program sponsored by the Garden Club.

Contract Let For Grading-Draining On Highway 191

A contract for grading and drainage structures on eight miles of highway 191 from a point 14 miles south of Baird to the Coleman county line was awarded Wednesday to Brown and Root of Austin by the Highway Commission on a bid of \$105,175.00. Work will begin soon.

Presbyterian Missionary Society

The Presbyterian Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr., Monday with Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Sr. as hostess. The meeting opened with singing "Have Thine Own Way Lord" followed by prayer by Mrs. Willie Barnhill.

After a short business session Mrs. Hensley leader of the program, took charge.

Mrs. Joe McGowan led the responsive reading of the Beatitudes Song "Silent Night" was sung with prayer by Mrs. Price McFarlane; Mrs. V. F. Jones discussed the national topic; Mrs. Lee Alexander, foreign and Mrs. A. T. Vestal said a prayer for our Missionaries. A social hour followed.

The huse was beautifully decorated throughout in Christmas colors. The members received gifts from a beautifully decorated tree. Refreshments were served.

Bank and Postoffice To Observe Monday As Holiday

The First National Bank and the Postoffice will observe Monday, December 26th as a legal holiday. The bank requests all patrons of the bank to be governed accordingly as the bank will be closed all day.

Miss John Gilliland, postmaster wishes to inform patrons of the postoffice that all mail will be put in boxes as usual, but that there will be no window service during the day on Monday Dec. 26th.

Free Show At Plaza Saturday Morning

The Plaza Theatre will give the Kiddies a Free Christmas Show on Saturday morning, Dec. 24th at 10 a. m. and Mr. Pawket, the manager invites all kiddies to come and enjoy the show.

TO PICK WINNERS IN CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Entries in the Christmas Beautification Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Garden Club, will be inspected by a judging committee sometime next week and prizes awarded.

Christmas Proclamation

Christmas is close at hand and the City Administration send their best wishes to everyone. And while we want you to have a good time and enjoy yourselves, yet we don't want you to forget how dangerous it is shooting fire-crack and other fireworks, against starting trash fires, or other fires, which endanger life and property.

We have worked hard to obtain a low key-rate, the lowest in the history of Baird, which reduces your premiums. Help us to maintain this good record which will be fully appreciated by us, who serve you faithfully.

H. SCHWARTZ, Mayor.

Bill and Bob Austin left Tuesday for Hallsbury, Mississippi, to spend Christmas with relatives.

Christmas And The New Year

Like the treasure ship of olden times, so may Christmas come to you laden with all that will make for your happiness throughout the year.

McELROY COMPANY

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish all a Joyous Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Blue Arrow Service Station
C. R. Corn, Mgr.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

Christmas is a day on which to remember and forget—forget your worries, and remember the bright, happy things of life. We hope your life will be full of Happy Christmases.

B. L. BOYDSTUN

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the Christmas season spreads its warmth and good feeling among us we wish you not only abundant good cheer but that you may prosper as you have helped us prosper.

SAM (Tots) WRISTEN

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all whose patronage has helped us succeed we pay our debt of gratitude today. To you and yours we wish the happiest of Happy Christmases!

Best Yett Sandwich Shop

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To the friends we know and those we hope to know, we welcome this occasion to say, "May your Christmas be as merry as you've made ours."

BAIRD MOTOR COMPANY
Charley Coats—Irvin Corn

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all those whose hands we have not been able to clasp in hearty greetings this week we wish to broadcast our best wishes and appreciations.

F. E. MITCHELL

YULETIDE GREETINGS

With a wish for your happiness we greet you. With thanks for your friendship and good will we greet you. We greet you with a wish that your disappointments fade to nothing, and your happiness increase a thousandfold.

Bowlus Lumber Company



GREETINGS

May your Christmas and all the rest of the days of your life be happier for the spirit of peace and good will. May happiness ever be your lot and the abundance of joy that belongs to good friends and good neighbors be yours.

CITY PHARMACY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you be happy because the Christmas season is at hand and the New Year be prosperous and happy.

PRICE ICE COMPANY

Christmas And The New Year

Just the old-time happy phrase, "Merry Christmas" and Happy New Year expresses all that is in our hearts of gratitude and of well-wishing for you and yours.

CLARA BROWN

APPRECIATION

You have been good to our business, and we appreciate your friendship. So we hope that you will accept this as our Christmas wish: May health, prosperity, and joy attend you on Christmas day and throughout the New Year

JONES DRY GOODS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

G. H. CORN

APPRECIATION

To all who have favored us with their good will we esteem this occasion a priceless privilege to express our appreciation and wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

Baird Camp And Grocery
Lloyd Hughes, Owner

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We have one wish for you, and it comes straight from our heart. We wish for you that Christmas will dawn upon you, flooding you with peace and happiness, beaming down upon you with the perfect light of good will to all mankind.

Alexander Motor Company

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is a sacred season of the year, and we wish you all the joys of a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Russell-Surles Abstract Company

Christmas And The New Year

Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation we wish to thank you for your part in our prosperity and wish you a Merry Christmas.

MAYFIELD'S

YULETIDE GREETINGS

We have only recently become citizens of Baird and we are very glad to be numbered among you and wish to extend hearty Christmas Greetings and good wishes for a happy, prosperous New Year to all.

BAIRD BAR B-Q
Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes

GREETINGS

Another Christmas! Another opportunity to thank you for a year of your valued patronage. Another opportunity to wish you happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year.

ROY D. WILLIAMS

YULETIDE GREETINGS

Christmas comes but once a year but its friendly spirit is ever near! Your patronage has proved that to us and we are as grateful for it as we are sincere in wishing you happiness equal to ours.

Earl Johnson Motor Company

APPRECIATION

In the closing of my eighth year as your sheriff, I extend to you my appreciation and wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

R. L. EDWARDS

SEASON'S GREETINGS

You have been the mainstay and the strength of our business life, and as Christmas morning looms with its message of peace and good will, we extend to you and yours our heartiest greetings and thanks, and our wish for many more Christmas days of peace, prosperity, and happiness without end.

SAM GILLILAND

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are new comers in Baird, but are pleased to call it home and wish at this time to extend hearty Christmas Greetings to all and a wish that the New Year will bring you much happiness.

ELITE CLEANERS
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West

Christmas A Year Late

By Edith Kirkwood

"TOMORROW'S Christmas day, tomorrow's Christmas day," little Dorothy was singing as she was prancing about the dingy apartment. She'd stop to roll up the sleeves that were continually slipping down over her hands. No wonder they didn't stay up, for the dress was one that Helen, two years older, had outgrown. Mother had meant to make it over, but she was too tired when she got home from cleaning house for other people all day.

"Hush up, Dorothy. Mother will be coming in pretty soon, and she'll cry if we say anything about Christmas," Helen reminded her.

"I don't see why. Christmas is a time to laugh, and not to cry," Dorothy responded philosophically.

"Don't you remember last Christmas, and how daddy didn't come home with our packages?" Helen couldn't believe that even so little a sister as Dorothy should forget that. For daddy had never been heard from since that Christmas eve.

As Dorothy started to reply, Helen warned her: "Sh—, there comes mother," and the youngsters were silent when she entered. Mrs. Bond, tired and absorbed in her own anxious thoughts, did not heed their un-

Nature's Yuletide Gift



From verdant forests throughout northern America, trees to grace the nation's Christmas morning are shipped each year. This picture was taken in Maine, where 1,500,000 trees are being felled for the holidays, to be loaded for shipment to all parts of the United States.

Colorado Town Revives Ritual Of Log Burning

PALMER LAKE, COLO.—Residents of this high-perched town on the great Divide celebrate their modern Christmas in an old-fashioned way, by burning the traditional yule log.

Each year the log is secretly cut, notched and tied with hempen cord, hidden among the trees and rocks awaiting the finder to whom goes the honor of dragging it into town.

Last year for the first time Palmer Lake burned its yule log in the town hall, where local firemen built a huge stone fireplace wide enough to accommodate a four-foot log. Previously the celebration was held in a private home where fewer guests could be accommodated.

The hunt for the yule log starts at 1 p. m., when all participants are summoned by a bugle to meet in front of the hall.

The yule log has a colorful history. In Scandinavia, where Thor, the god of thunder, was worshipped, great log fires were built along the rocky shores both at mid-summer and mid-winter in order to propitiate him for his rumbling wrath.

When the early fathers substituted the feast of the Nativity for that of Mithra, the Persian sun god who was worshipped on December 25 in early Rome, a different note crept in. Yule-tide became a time for feuds to cease.

In England, before the Reformation, bringing in the yule log was an important part of the Christmas festivities. The community usually gathered in the hall of the lord of the manor, where the log was kindled with due ceremony and all partook in the wassail cup, a sweet cider flavored with fruits and spices.

AMAZED SANTA CLAUS FINDS 33 STOCKINGS IN MARYLAND HOME!

LEONARDTOWN, MD.—No less than 33 stockings are hung by the chimney with care each Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sterling here.

The couple has 17 children, who with the grandchildren and in-laws add up to the grand total of 33.

Santa Claus can hardly see the fireplace from the stockings when he slides down the chimney. But he never fails to fill them all. In the years since he started visiting the Sterling home, Santa has found that another called, the stork, also has the Sterling address in his book.

Each year there has been a "new addition" to the Sterling household, or in the homes of their children. As Santa's burden has become greater he has cheerfully risen to the needs and found plenty of toys and other "goodies" to go around.

But he has to replenish his supply after each visit to the Sterling home.

Late Yuletide Observed By Orthodox Christians

Conforming to the Julian calendar, thousands of Americans will not celebrate Christmas until January 7, 14 days behind the Gregorian calendar. These people are Russians, Serbians, Armenians, Bulgarians, Syrians and Macedonians—followers of the Christian Orthodox church. Greeks and Rumanians, also of the Orthodox church, mark Christmas on the Gregorian calendar but adhere to the Julian calendar in observance of Easter Sunday.

Banker Plays Role of Santa For Prisoners

Distributed Money to Charity Under Name, "Mickey Finn"

SIoux CITY, IOWA.—A mysterious Santa Claus whose identity was revealed only at his death early in 1937, will be remembered here each Christmas as one of Sioux City's most beloved characters.

His name was Ed T. Kearney, a real estate man and banker who brought Yuletide joy to hundreds with anonymous contributions to inmates of prisons and missions. His gifts were always accompanied by poorly written letters bearing the signature, "Mickey Finn."

A sample of Kearney's unusual letters has been uncovered in the note written to the sheriff of Cook county, Ill., in 1930:

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yOu IN yUre JAle oN cRiSmas daY
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dRinK eNy buZe fER the roTIn sTuF wE
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dRinks IT.
I bIn sIcK aN kAnT eIt mUch woRK
aN aM hArD uP mYsELf bUT I go sTraTE
Now fEr I fOnd oUt thAt cRiKIdNias
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mIcKey fInN.

The identity of "Mickey Finn" was not discovered until Kearney was in a Sioux City hospital during his last illness. A daughter, possessed of some circumstantial evidence, confronted her father with the question and he confessed that he was "Mickey Finn." When his private papers were examined, the checks and keeping his identity secret.

The character of Mickey Finn was created early in the 1900s when Mr. Kearney was president of a bank at Jackson, Neb. He met many bankers from over the country at conventions and when he started his Santa Claus role in the person of "Mickey Finn," he simply wrote his banker friends in other cities and obtained their co-operation in sending the checks and keeping his identity secret.

Ancient Holly Still Spreads Holiday Cheer

In homes throughout America this Christmas the holly plant will carry on its age-old duty of spreading Yuletide spirit, a custom that dates back to the pagan tribes of continental Europe.

Originally the holly grew wild in the United States over a range from Massachusetts to Missouri and south to Florida and Texas. But too much harvesting in northeastern United States has destroyed much of the natural growth. Today most holly is grown from Norfolk, Va., to Florida within 50 or 60 miles of the Atlantic coast, and westward in the Gulf region to Louisiana.

Current popularity of the holly is a continuation of the custom of the Druid feasts which honored the mistletoe and holly in pagan rites. In Europe the tribes under Roman rule sent holly branches to each other as

CHRISTMAS MORNING ECSTASY



"Hello, Santa! Sorry I'm so late but Christmas is just around the corner and I'd like to place my order. Bring me a doll, a teddy bear, a tricycle, a toy piano, a bag of candy, a new dress and a... What's that, Santa? Have I been a good girl? Of course I have! Er... that is, I hope I have."



"Look at that doll! Santa WAS here last night, wasn't he, mummy? Guess I must have been an awfully good girl to deserve a doll like this! Brown eyes, real hair, a pretty dress... 'n everything!"



"What's this? Another doll! Kind of hard to get it out. Wonder what else is in this big stocking... maybe it's the candy I ordered from Santa Claus."



"Whee-e-e! Some tricycle Santa left me. There's so much to play with that I hardly know where to start. Wouldn't it be nice if Christmas came every day? But maybe that would be too much work for Santa Claus, and, after all, maybe I'd get kind of tired, too."



"Here it is bedtime already. I've had a busy day but I'm really not tired. Better go to bed, though, 'cause mummy says I should... and I really ought to be a good girl after this wonderful Christmas. Thanks a lot, Santa Claus!"

Personal Dec. Is The Stars Anniversary Subscription Month

The offices of the Callahan County House will be closed Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas day which comes on Sunday, December 25th.

John Trent of San Angelo will arrive today to spend Christmas with his sister Mrs. L. L. Blackburn and family.

Mrs. P. C. Brooks of Oplin has returned from Hume, Mo., where she spent several weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell and children Dan, Laverne, Patsy and Ivadelle left yesterday for El Paso where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Frances Mayfield student in A. C. C. Abilene is at home for the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mayfield.

Judson Atchison, student in Texas University, Austin arrived in Baird yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Atchison.

Miss Lorraine Brown arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Brown. She is a student in St. Joseph's Hospital at Ft. Worth.

Your Doctor would recommend a good mop and our Anesthesia Mop is unexcelled for affording quick relief from pain and discomfort of sore-throat and tonsillitis. Every bottle guaranteed. 50-13t. CITY PHARMACY

Mrs. Joseph Marek and little son, Joseph Jr. of Temple who have been visiting Mrs. Marek mother Mrs. S. P. Rumph left yesterday for Dallas where they will join Mr. Marek who plays full back with Texas Teck Red Raiders who will play St. Mary's Gaels in the Cotton Bowl Monday, Jan. 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodfin Raq and children of El Paso are here to spend the holidays with Mr. Raq's mother and other relatives.

DOG LOST—Hound hunting dok 4 months old, Lemon and white color, wearing red collar. Phone me collect. Tommie Windham, Oplin, Texas.

Closing out on all dolls at less than cost. HOLMES DRUG CO.

Don't Scratch

Our Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itching associated with all forms of itch, eczema, ringworm and other itching skin irritations or money refunded. Large jar only 60c at 50-13t. CITY PHARMACY

Don't Sleep When Gas Presses Hear

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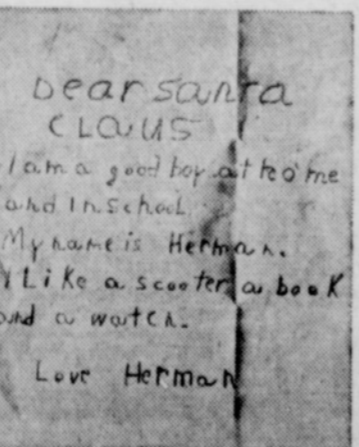
Christmas Wreath 'King' Started as Shoemaker

WINSLOW MILLS, MAINE.—Thrown out of work when a shoe factory closed last year, Mervin Flanders came back to his home town and set himself up as the leader of Maine's Christmas decoration business. Flanders' success story started with a ball of string, some barrel hoops, some spruce, boughs and a little ambition. Now he's perfected a gadget that speeds up the wreath-making process by ten times. Shoemaking, he says, can't compare to the wreath business.

CHRISTMAS FIRE HAZARDS

Lighted Christmas candles in the window look nice but they may ignite the curtains. Fire experts warn that extreme care must be observed in using candles and other Yuletide illumination.

Who Hasn't?



Each Christmas season hundreds of plaintive notes to Santa Claus, like the above, find their way to the Post Office department's dead letter office. Others reach the town of Santa Claus, Ind.

Railway Station Carols Make Travelers Relax

In metropolitan railroad stations throughout the country this Holiday season, hurried travelers will halt to the strains of Christmas carols echoing from lofty ceilings and long corridors. Originally adopted several years ago in New York, the idea has spread each December to more cities until railroad station music has become a tradition.

The concerts were started because railroad officials decided "everyone was in too much of a hurry" around Christmas time, and that if people could relax before starting their homeward journey they would have a better time.

Blechester Badger Feast

ILCHESTER, ENGLAND.—One of the strangest surviving Christmas customs is the Blechester badger feast, started by poachers in Norman times. Soon before the feast the village lads catch a badger, kill and dress it. On Christmas eve it is strung on a spit over a huge fire in the inn. When it is ready the party attacks it with fingers—no cutlery is allowed. Singing and toast accompany the feast, which attracts practically all the villagers and nearby farmers.

Popular Christmas Carols
Probably the best known Christmas carol is "Adeste Fideles," composed in 1700 and sung in Roman Catholic churches ever since. It was adopted in England in 1841 and sung in Protestant churches as "O Come All Ye Faithful." Among the more popular Christmas carols are "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "Christians Awake," and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." St. Ambrose is said to have written one of the first Christmas hymns in 340 A. D.

December is the Baird Star's anniversary month—we celebrate our 51st birthday in Thursday, December 25th, and we extend a personal invitation to every reader to participate in the celebration during the month by sending us at least one subscription, new or renewal. Bargain rates are \$1.00 in Callahan County and \$1.50 outside county.

To our subscribers who are in arrears we are making an offer of \$2.50 and clean the slate, starting anew with a year paid in advance.

We have designated December as Anniversary Month with the hope that it will be the banner subscription month in the history of the Star's fifty-one years of service in Baird and Callahan County. Every subscription paid will be a birthday greeting.

With every good wish for the happiness and prosperity of our readers at the Christmas season we are

Sincerely,

ELIZA GILLILAND, Editor,

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ABOUT TOWN

With OTTO B. GRATE

Yippee, and a couple of whoop only one more punching day until Christmas. Not many of us know what we're getting, but we darn sure know the durability of it's wrapping paper. Your reporter has shaken so many packages that he's gonn'a publish a book cataloging the various rattlers and how to recognize them.

Last week the city installed life-sized children satuetts as school zone signs. It's a good idea alright, but somebody shore ought explain these new contraptions to us natives. And there is the case of one citizen who stopped her automobile by one of the little tykes and said sweetly "Honey don't you want a ride?" Oh well.

Before going an inch farther something should be said for the Christmas lighting in the homes of our town. Seems everyone is joining the movement for more Christmas spirit, and believe you me, really adds to the occasion. I'm not a judge in the lighting contest, but if I were, there would be something in store for the W. J. Ray home, the Payne resident, and just a number of others.

Speaking of decorations brings us around to the subject of show windows in the business section. The West Texas Utilities may it as far as artistic arrangement goes but the windows that takes off the honors in the department is one at the Alex Shockley's pool hall which features, principally, one bob-tailed blackkitten who has made friends with the town population and traveling sales people who pass that way.

Pictures shows for ye olde Xmas menu include "If I Were King" which was cooked up by the 26th Fox, Manager Pawkett explain that your writer upper, and when I asked for the stars in the cups, he answered "I suppose it'll have a couple of foxes in it. A darned corny joke and one of the reasons we like the management so well. Christmas special will be "Stablemates". It stars Mickey Roney and Wallace Beery in a wistful story of the race tracks.

I would mention that we saw our friend Cara Bell Tabor in town the other day and stopped to palaver, but gosh darn it, Clara Bell is Mrs. something or other and I can't remember the proper handle, guess I'll have to skip that one.

Latest bulletin from the news front. As we go to press, Mayor and Mrs. Schwartz have taken into their home a refugee from war town Hankow or Peiking, or anyway they have a Chinese pup which Around town will personally interview next week. Gosh in this column going to the bow-wows.

Spotlight of the week goes to Mrs. Kern Pawkett, because she's such a nice person to know. She goes right on smiling as she clicks off the tickets at the Plaza box office.

Before signin' off, let me wish you and yours, a Merry Christmas, from The Baird Star force.

DOG LOST—Hound hunting dok 4 months old, Lemon and white color, wearing red collar. Phone me collect. Tommie Windham, Opalin, Texas.

FOR SALE—18 inch tricycle and 1928 Model, 4 door Dodge Sedan. See Will M. Tucker at Wylie Funeral Home, Baird.

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I Give You Texas

By BOYCE HOUSE

An interesting contribution to Texas lore could be made by someone who would write a little volume on the historic hotels in Texas. These would include the Menger in San Antonio, the Driskill in Austin and the Metropolitan (recently renamed the Miller) in Fort Worth. Although new structures have replaced the original buildings, the Nemitz in Fredericksburg and the Crosbie in Beaumont are others that come to mind. Gone, and with no successor to carry on the name, is the McCleskey in Ranger, where deals involving many millions of dollars were made during the big boom.

Politics, with its excitement, humor and triumphs, has its tragic side, too. Recently, a man who was a candidate for high office the past summer told this observer: "For three weeks before the primary, I knew I was defeated — that there wasn't a chance." (Everybody else knew this even before the candidate did.) "But there was nothing I could do; I couldn't quit; I just had to keep on making speeches, shaking hands, greeting people with a smile and predicting victory. I felt like a man in Condemned Row as he conts the days separating him from the electric chair."

The other day, James V. Allred made a speech in which he came out in favor of "adequate provision for the State's insane, epileptic, feeble-minded and delinquent at any cost" and he asserted that the treatment of these unfortunates was so lamentable as to "constitute an indictment against Texas." Who has been Governor of Texas the last four years, anyway? It musta been two other fellows.

Thousands of old folks, facing a cold and cheerless winter because only a small pension—or none—has been provided under the Allred administration no doubt road with great interest that the Governor is going to recommend additional buildings to care for delinquent negro girls.

Two Jefferson citizens met "in a cafe and one of them raised his arm in the Swastika salute but greeted the other, not with 'Hell Hitler,' but 'Hi, heel.'"

And the Clarendon Leader tells of a peculiar accident. It seems that a bridge party was in progress in a home on a highway when one of those tiny cars skidded and crashed into the parlor. The driver asked the direction to Amarillo and was told: "Turn around in front of the piano, take a left turn at the gold fish bowl, bust through the front door and keep right down the walk until you drop off the curb. Turn to the right and you can't miss it."

A clever idea, and one which is being widely adopted by motion picture theaters, is to have two clocks in public view at the box office, one giving the correct time and the other showing what time it will be when the patron comes out of the show.

But lets hope that other theaters don't adopt the "barker" idea of a Dallas theater. A man stands in front and, hour after hour, he tells what the picture is, who the stars are and why you will like it. He talks longer every day than teh late Huey Long did when he was conducting a filibuster in the Senate.

LOST—A pale red mottled face with horns. Branded a bar behind the left shoulder. Strayed from Milton Shelton's pasture at Finders please notify. FERRELL LAMBERT, Baird.

Home Demonstration Council

Callahan Home Demonstration Council met in a regular monthly meeting Dec. 17, in the County Courtroom at Baird. There were 20 present with 12 of the 15 clubs represented.

Mrs. Jim Barr, chairman called the meeting to order and presidents answered roll call with 'my club's Xmas planning activities,' delegates answered with 'whether my club needs help on the programs at the second meetings each month.'

Ball Brothers of Muncie, Ind. presented the Council with a check for \$20.00 in recognition of the canning contest held in the County in October. The council presented the three winning contestants, Floy McCaw, Mrs. Clyde Johnston and Mrs. C. C. McCall with prizes. Miss Helen Willard, Baird Home Economics teacher judged the jars in November.

1939 Year Books were handed out to each club delegate so that all club members could have a year book by January club meeting!

The council will sponsor a reporters school the third Saturday in January and the Chairman urged each club to send their reporter.

Material on January's club program was handed out to each club delegate and the chairman urged clubs to have the second meetings

Mrs. C. C. McCall asked the Council to accept her resignation as reporter.

Council adjourned until the regular monthly meeting in January.

Mrs. Lidia's Students Have Celebration

The First-Second Grade room delightfully decorated with Christmas ropping and icicles, with a gay Christmas tree in one corner and a fire place in another was the scene of a Christmas frolic for the twenty-five youngsters enrolled to Mrs. Naomi Lidia. The children made Christmas Cards, wrote stories, and made posters all the week in preparation for the Christmas Party which was given on Thursday afternoon.

Tree for the occasion was furnished by Jackie Gilliland with mistletoe brought in by Jimmy West and Harry Holden. Some lovely greeting cards were made by this class, in art work, that really deserves honorable mention, especially those made by Lalali Argumentza and Robbie June Vaughn. An exceptionally fine drawing of the wise men, also worthy of mention, was made by Harry Holden.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, Texas, will, on the 9th day of January, 1939, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in its usual meeting place in the court house at Baird, Texas, proceed to receive and consider competitive bids for the purchase of the following described road machinery:

1—Crawler Type Tractor not less than 64 H. P. Drawbar, controlled Ignition Oil Tractor; Weight not less than 19,000 lbs. 74" Tread—18" Grouser.

And will at such time let a contract therefor if any bid is accepted; all such bids to be made as required by law; and if any bid be accepted it is the intention of the Court to pay cash for all of such proposed contract, in the maximum amount of \$5,000.00.

L. B. LEWIS, County Judge, by Order of the Commissioners' Court.

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Hamilton Wright, Pastor

After Sunday School Christmas Day attendants may go to their homes to enjoy the Christmas dinner. The morning preaching service has been called off. Neither will there be a service at the evening hour. But we're expecting everybody to be at Sunday School. Last Sunday we had a good attendance—around 141, with several visitors, including some from Minnesota.

Also remember that the entire Sunday School offering Sunday, goes to the Orphanage at Waco. Here 405 boys and girls—your boys and girls—are waiting for Christmas and sustenance to take them through another year. Don't forget them. If you do not come to Sunday School send a generous of-Address Box, 786, Baird Texas.

fering, or deliver to the pastor. Last Sunday we received around \$27 for them.

Our first quarterly conference is January 11, when Dr. C. A. Bickley will be with us.

Have a good time Christmas. Keep out of temptation. Drive carefully going and coming and on your visit.

Stewards will meet Monday evening, Jan 2, instead of Dec 26 the regular date. All Stewards should be present at this important meeting.

The house was filled Sunday night for the "Nativity" Compliments for the fine cantata were numerous.

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Mrs. R. E. Nunnally Ellen Louise Vivian.

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AT ALL LEADING DRUGGIST

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R & W—Pure Cranberry SAUCE	2 17 OZ. CANS	25c
R & W—Vacuum Pack COFFEE	LB.	25c
DRIED PRUNES	10 LB. BOX	59c
MORTONS SALAD DRESSING	QT.	25c

Fresh COUNTRY BUTTER	Lb.	29c
Fresh COUNTRY EGGS	Doz.	25c
ARMOURS STAR HAMS SKINNED	LB.	23c
BALTIMORE—FRESH OYSTERS	PT. CAN 2 1/2 to 3 DOZ.	29c
SMALL FRESH PORK HAMS HALF OR WHOLE	LB.	23c
OLEOMARGERINE	LB.	15
Wisconsin CHEESE		Lb. 23c
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Junior Pep Squad Banquet

The Baird Junior annual pep squad-football banquet was held last Friday night in the basement of the Methodist Church. Sixty by Superintendent Nat Williams, six teachers and youngsters at- tended. High light of the evening came when to football boys pre- sented Coach Milton Bryant with a gold trophy for his splendid piano selections.

work wit the squad this year, and the pep girls gave their sponsors Miss Dorothy Ward and Mrs. Roberta Warren Mayes, with boxes of candy in appreciation of their services.

The program consisted of a talk by Superintendent Nat Williams, followed by an introduction of the team and pep squad girls with brief talks by each member. Bill Hollingshead gave a group of

Fourth Grade Christmas Party

The Fourth Grade of Baird School held their Christmas class in all History—the Birth of our celebration Thursday of last week Lord in Bethlehem of Judaea. Your school reporter paid a special visit to see the fourth grade room done in all of its holiday decorations, and it was certainly worth the trip.

A lonely snow scene, cabin, trees and all, was made in sand box by Joyce Tyson, Rosa Pauline Jones, Ramona Wright, Wanda Jo Windham and Jimmy Ross. A manger scene of paper cutouts was made with credit going to Helen Burks, Joyce Tyson and Billy Ray. In one corner of the room stood a fire place, with a Christmas scene decorating the mantel. This clever bit of work was accomplished by the cooperation of the entire class. The room itself took on a very festive air in holiday trimming of paper rope and icicles huge bowls of cedar, pine, autumn leaves and even Spanish moss and holly sent from Houston. Clusters of mistletoe or pine branches were used effectively over the picture in the room, too. The object of most interest of course, was the Christmas tree, given by Billy Dan Havens. The Class decorated the shapely little cedar and rew names for gift giving.

The party took place at 1:30 Thursday with special invitations given to each mother to attend. A complete program, arranged by the class was presented. First, there was a song, "Silent Night, Holy Night", by the entire class, followed by "The Story of the First Christmas" by Wanda Jo Windham. A bright little Christmas song, having to do with a visit from Santa Claus, "Up On The Housetop", by the Christmas Carolers, Gwen Dickey, Helen Burks, Ramona Wright, Rosa Pauline Jones, and Wanda Joe Windham, followed with the boy's quartet, John Frasier, Buddy Brame, Billy Ray and Billy Bob Johnson, who sang "Jingle Bells" came next. Claire Hardwick read the well loved "Night Before Christmas" A novelty number was given by various members of the class in the way of a Toy Town Band. Students who took part in this included: Billy Dan Havens, Buddy Brame, Jack Wristen, Rosa Pauline Jones, Helen Burks, Norman West, Bertha Cummings, Polly Settle, Ruby Nell Loper, Nannie Mae Howel, Jane Livingston, Delbert Alexander and Bobby Jo Mc Clendon. An instrumental number was given by three members of the Baird Band, Billy Ray, Billy Bob Johnson and Billy Dan Havens. Next was a special song by Sarah Jane Livingston, Louise Livingston and Nannie Mae Howel

On this particular visit to the fourth grade, we interviewed Miss Ramona Wright, Miss Rosa Pauline Jones, and Mr. Billy Ray for particulars concerning the party. The youngsters were so thoroughly charming and well mannered that it was an extremely great pleasure to talk to them. The same can be said for the entire classroom. There isn't a rude child to be found, just a crowd of normal little boys and girls whose genuine friendliness and polite attitude toward visitors speak well for their teacher and the homes

First Baptist Church

A. A. Davis, Pastor

Next Sunday supposedly com-

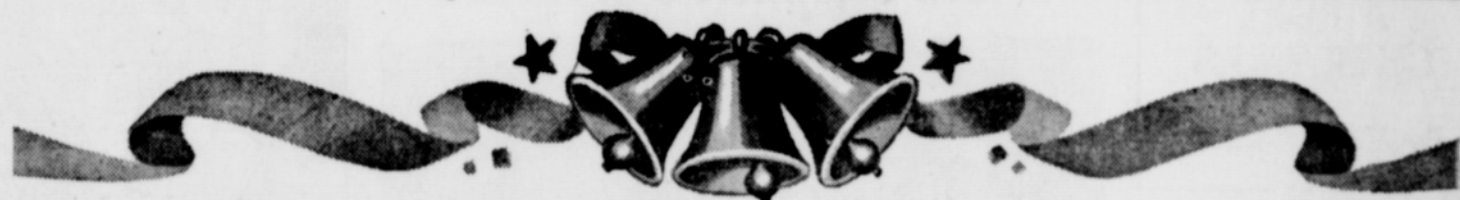
memorates the most blessed event in all History—the Birth of our Lord in Bethlehem of Judaea. Though the exact date is not known, the Bible being silent on this point—tradition has placed

it on or about December 25. As try to make you feel that welcome now to attend.

Christmas, we should make much friendly spirit. You do not have to be wealthy or wear fine clothes BARLEY SEED—Anyone wanting good barley seed for late planting, see me between Dec. 24th and Jan 1st, while I am in town. Sunday School, with Mr. W. T. Payne as Superintendent convenes promptly at 10 A. M. each Sun-home. Pauline Terrell, Phone 112

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White House Shares Yule Spirit

WASHINGTON.—The holiday atmosphere that grips America each December also finds its way to the White House, home of our chief executives for nearly 140 years and scene of many a colorful Yuletide party in bygone years.

White House history is rich with anecdotes of such gatherings since the building was occupied by the country's second chief executive, John Adams. For his granddaughter, four-year-old Susannah, President Adams gave the first Christmas party ever held in the White House. Those were the days before the mansion was finished, when Mrs. Adams is said to have hung out her wash in the great East room.

Susannah's party was a success but one of her guests broke a doll dish belonging to the little hostess. Susannah retaliated by biting off the nose of the young guest's new wax doll. President Adams had to resort to diplomacy.

Jefferson Played Violin.

Christmas has always aided chief executives in discarding their dignity for a brief return to the simplicity of their childhood days. It was the widower President Jefferson who played the violin for his young guests, and the aged Andrew Jackson threw wide the White House doors to hundreds of orphans who listened to the President himself tell them wild tales of Indian wars. Dolly Madison, most famous White House hostess in history, was in charge of President Jefferson's party in 1805 when nearly 100 guests were present. Mrs. Madison also served as hostess at 13 other Christmas dinners in the White House during the two terms each of Jefferson and her own husband, James Madison. Once the Madisons had to flee from the mansion when the British invaded Washington in 1812.

Jackson's party for the orphans was inspired by his own sad boyhood. At his party Santa Claus came to the White House as usual, leaving many gifts for the homeless



Entrance to the White House at Washington as it appears each year during the Christmas season.

youngsters. Jackson himself found a cornucopia and warm carpet slippers in his bulging stockings.

Jackson in Snow Fight.

"Old Hickory" is said to have participated in a snowball fight at the party, aided by Vice President Martin Van Buren. As his little guests scattered over the moonlit White House lawn he turned to a friend and said:

"They remind me of the one who came to the knees of Jesus, and of whom He said, 'Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.'"

In modern times much more ceremony has been attached to official Washington's celebration of the Yuletide. Each year the chief executive radios holiday greetings to American soldiers, sailors, marines

and diplomatic representatives throughout the world. His most important official duty is a Christmas eve address to the nation, a custom that has probably become permanent.

The nation's "official" Christmas tree in Washington is lighted annually by the President as he participates in colorful ceremonies broadcast throughout the country. During the past decade and a half, four Presidents have used the same switch box for this purpose. Last year a new silver plate was attached to the box bearing the names of these men.

Another recent innovation at the ceremony is the use of a four-toned chime to signal the lighting of the tree. The chimes ring out as the President presses the button lighting the tree, broadcast as a signal to millions of listening Americans.

The Little Fir Tree

By Henry Harding

THERE was very little sunlight in the forest. The trees were so big, all the grown up trees. The little fir tree stretched himself, and tried to imagine himself as full grown. Looking up at the sky and the stars and the moon, he listened to the big trees talk. "Isn't the moon bright tonight," one would say; and there would be a gentle rustling of their leaves as the trees would shake their heads in agreement.

"I'm afraid you're going to be stunted, because there is so much shade here," a little squirrel said to the fir one day as he jumped into its branches and brushed the top limbs with his bushy tail. "It takes sunlight to make anything grow strong and tall."

So the little fir tree stretched himself up, and kept his head pointed up toward the spot of sunlight he saw clear up through the maze of heavy tree growth. He could be straight and upstanding, even if he hadn't grown tall.

Today the ground was all covered with the snow which stayed white in the forest. All but a few birds had gone south. Every once in a while there was the sound of steel striking against wood, and infrequently a crashing sound of falling trees.

The tall trees began to tremble. "The woodcutters are out. But this is a funny time of year," one mur-



"I never saw a more beautiful tree," he said. "It seems to glow."

mured to the others. Then one of the little snow birds spoke. "Have you forgotten that every year they come to cut Christmas trees?"

"What are Christmas trees?" the little fir asked.

"Oh, they cut down the trees and take them in the house, and put candles on them so they look like stars, and spangles that look like snow shining in the moonlight. And the people sing songs and give each other gifts, and it is a time of being glad," the little snow bird twittered.

"Oh, I wish they would take me," the little tree cried in excitement. "I'd love to see it all. I'd love to make people happy. But I'm too little," and he sighed unhappily.

"Sh! Let's all be quiet," one of the tall trees exclaimed. "The woodsmen are coming near us. We must be quiet so they won't notice us. Then we won't be cut down and left to die."

But in spite of their silence, the men drew near. They looked at the trees, and one of them said: "Oh, these are all too tall. No house or church could hold them. Let's get on."

Just then a little lad who was riding in the sled, called to his father: "Dad, can we find a little tree for sister? Couldn't we find a cute little tree to put in her very own room?"

"Ho! Ho!" laughed a big rough man. "In her own room? No little girl will stay in her room on Christmas day!"

The lad's father answered, sadly: "Yes, my little girl will. She had infantile paralysis last summer, and hasn't been able to walk since. Surely, son, we'll find a little tree for her."

"Here I am, here I am! come and get me," the little fir tree called out lustily. And the little boy turned and saw the branches trembling, and the little snow bird flying away.

"Why, dad, there is a cute little tree over there. Such a beautiful straight tree. Wouldn't that do?" he called.

The man got out from the sled. He walked to the tree and fondled it gently. "I never saw a more beautiful tree. It seems to glow. Molly will love it," he said with a smile.

The little tree was so happy that he didn't feel the blows from the ax that cut him to the ground. And when they put him into the sled, he was still happy. The little boy called to his father: "It sounds as if the little tree was singing when the wind blows through its branches." And the little tree laughed delightedly.

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A REAL CHRISTMAS

By Vera Ashton

"Oh, lookit, lookit, Jimmie. Doesn't it look like a real baby? Just 'magine it's for me!" And little Sally's face was radiant with the imagined joy.

"Ah, that's nothin' but a doll! You girls!" and Johnnie's nose turned up with disgust. "If you're lookin', just lookit that!" and he pointed to a scooter that leaned proudly against the wall in the show window. "That's what Santa Claus has picked out for me." And Johnnie's eyes shone.

A well-dressed man standing near them heard the words, and looked curiously at the ragged children. As he saw his wife approaching, the children started on, but not before he heard the boy say to his sister, "It's no use 'magine anything this year. Aunt Meg doesn't even have a chimbley for Santa to crawl down, and he probably doesn't even know that daddy and mother aren't here any more," and his brave little lip quivered.

The man turned to his wife, who had just reached him. "Madge, look at that window."

But her voice was shrill with a hysterical grief, as she exclaimed: "Oh, Phil, I can't look at those toys. You know I can't. When little Elsie is dead, and we have no one to make Christmas for."

"But Madge, that is what I mean. We have someone to make a Christmas for. See those kids there, just going round the corner? They are the Mayne children, whose father and mother were killed in that factory fire last month. They're living with their aunt, who already has four children of her own, and her husband is only working part time since the fire." He said no more but watched his wife anxiously.

Her look of grief turned slowly to one of questioning and then pleasure.

"We'll do it!" she exclaimed in glad tones.

"I heard them tell each other what they wanted," Phil said joyously.

So on Christmas morning Sally and Johnnie were surprised to have an auto drive up in front of their Aunt Meg's house, and have a fine big man ask them to go home with him to dinner. And there, when they had taken off their coats and hats, they found a lovely Christmas tree with a beautiful doll and a perfectly grand scooter, and a new suit for Johnnie and a dress for Sally which made her dress sparkle with joy.

"We don't want you to go home," Mrs. Vigers said when the children began to talk about having to go, after the dinner of turkey and cranberry sauce and all the fixings. "We want you to stay, don't we Phil?"

"Indeed we do, for we need a little boy and girl in our house," Phil Vigers replied, with a happy smile on his face. And he added, under his breath, as he gave his wife a mighty hug, "This is a real Christmas, Madge. I'm glad that there was plenty of room at this inn."

While Shepherds Watched



A photographic reproduction of the famous Christmas painting, "As Shepherds Watched," by Carl Mueller, noted German artist. The painting, depicting the birth of Christ, was executed in Düsseldorf in 1835 and was first published in the United States in 1935.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Every year is full of sunny days and cloudy ones. We hope that the sunshine of our good wishes will brighten your way, always.

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Christmas And The New Year

To all the people of this community we wish a Merry Christmas and hope that we have had some small part in making it so.

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To all, and best wishes throughout the New Year.

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Letters to Santa Claus

Baird, Texas, Dec. 5, 1938.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy this year. Please ring me a Cowboy suit, and a tractor and a racer. I would like to have a drum, too. Please bring me some candy and nuts and fruit.
KENNY CUMMINGS.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I want a diaper doll, please come to see other little girls and boys too. And won't forget my brother Billie.
Love,
BERNICE RAY.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I want a pair of boots and a pair of spurs and some candy

and nuts.
Please bring my little brother a knife.
Your friend,
J. P. BURKLOW.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy seven years old. My name is Kenneth. Please come to see me and bring me a football, some candy and nuts, and some chaps.
Your friend,
KENNETH KNOTT.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy. I want you to bring me an air gun and a ball and bat and a football.
TOMMY WRISTEN

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the second grade at school. I make good grades so will you please come to see me this Christmas?
I would like to have a doll with

me this Christmas. I would like to have a Shirley Temple doll and my little sister wants a tricycle. So thank you, Stanta.
Your friend,
THELMA REESE.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am seven years old. I was at school when I wrote this letter. And I want a cowboy suit for Christmas.
I make good grades in school.
Your friend,
HARRY HOLDER.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade at school. I make good grades so will you please come to see me this Christmas?
I would like to have a doll with

long curls and a ball and a little set of dishes.
And I have a little brother, and his name is Lee and he would like a car and a little wagon and a little gun and a big ball.
THELMA ROBBINS.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. At school I make good grades, so will you please come to see me this Christmas. I want you to bring me a mandolin.
JOSEPH MCGOWEN.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade at school. I make good grades so will you please come to see me this Christmas.
I would like to have a little diaper doll. Your friend,
BOBBIE SWENSON

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade at school. I make good grades, so will you please come to see me this Christmas. I would like to have a doll with black hair and long curls, and a table and chair, and a little tea set. I have a little sister. She is nearly two years old. She wants a doll and some paper dolls. She wants a little kiddie car. I love you, Santa.
Love,
MARILYN GILLILAND.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy eight years old. I am in the second grade at school. I make good grades, so will you bring me a football and a football suit, and a football helmet.
My little brother wants a tricycle.
JIMMY WEST.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little seven year old. I am in the 2nd grade at school. I make good grades, so will you please come to see me this Christmas?
I would like to have a set of dishes and I would like to have a telephone.
I have a little sister. Her name is Clione. I would like for you to bring her a rubber doll. Don't forget my two sisters.
Your friend,
IRIS BURLESON.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl. My name is Lalali. I am in the first grade. I want a piano and Shirley Temple doll, and a ball. I make good grades. Go to see my two sisters and my two brothers at Clyde. Love,
LALALI.
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Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy. I am six years old and I am in the second grade at school. I want a wagon and a gun this Christmas.
Your friend,
JON HARDWICKE.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy seven years old. I want a little truck with lights and a watch. Come to see my little sister. Your friend,
ALBERT KANADY.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a very little boy who likes to play cowboy, so please bring me a cowboy suit with six shooter and all-just like Gene Autry's. If you don't mind, you can add some fruit and candy, too.
Your friend,
Jimmy Allman

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Dorothy Henry.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
Little Sister and I want you to come to our house on Christmas. Little Sister wants a set of dishes and I want a finger nail polish set and some candy, nuts and fruit. We want you to remember all little girls and boys too.
Mozelle and Nomi Mae Howell.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
I have been a pretty good little boy and I want you to bring me a tricycle, a great big ball, a pop gun and loads of candy, chewing gum and nuts. I am two years and one-half old. From your little friend,
J. E. (Mickey) Brown.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa:
We're writing you this letter together, my baby brother and I and we don't want to be forgotten. I want some little cars and things like that, and Johnny says for me to tell you to bring him some hubber toys—it doesn't make any difference what, just so they squeak good and loud,
J. E. and John Bullock.

Baird, Texas, Dec. 8, 1938.
Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a little girl who lives near Clyde and I want to tell you exactly what I want for Christmas. First I want to ask for a guitar and then a dollie that will go to sleep. Anything else you have to spare will be appreciated.
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