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Extending Greetings of the Season

ALBERT K. DANIEL
County Judge

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Mrs. Bella Lipscomb Boyle of Houston is spending the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Stuckey and two sons of Fayetteville were visiting friends in Crockett the first of this week.

James W. Gainey and family of Houston are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gainey of Austonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Gainey and baby of Seminole are holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gainey of Austonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell L. Gainey and children of Fresno, Calif., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gainey of Austonio.

Miss Emma Craddock of Mobile, Ala., will spend the Christmas holidays in Crockett with Mrs. J. S. Wootters, other relatives and friends.

Russell and Elsie Bryant of Italy never forget the Courier editor, and we wish to thank them for their merry Christmas remembrance just received.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Atkinson of Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Durst of Houston will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chamberlain of San Angelo will spend the Christmas holidays in Crockett in the home of Mr. Chamberlain's mother, Mrs. B. F. Chamberlain.

The Sanfords of Austin—Verne, Allyne and Sandy—have cut corners to send the Courier editor a round Christmas wish—that's square enough and we thank them.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Bigger Jr. of Dallas and children, Anne and Margaret, are holiday visitors of Mrs. Byrde E. Wootters and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Craddock.

With their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Conner of Lufkin remember the Courier with the season's greetings, for which we thank them.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ball have the thanks of the Courier for the following holiday message—Just to Say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year—for which we thank them.

The Season's Greetings and Very Best Wishes come from the John L. Harts of Abilene, with their love—John, Mary, Elizabeth, Judy and Bob—a message gratefully received.

Raymond Cornelius Jr., student of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cornelius Sr., in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Milliken of Lovelady send "the season's greetings and a warm wish for happiness in the New Year," for which they will please accept the Courier editor's thanks.

Courier Want Ads

Minimum Charge ..... 50 cents
Rate per word, one insertion 4 cents
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Cards of Thanks, rate per word ..... 4 cents
Tributes of Respect, rate per word ..... 4 cents
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BUY — SELL — TRADE — RENT THROUGH THE WANT ADS
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TRADE with confidence at the East Texas Motor & Equipment Co. tf.

ASK TO SEE the new Electrolux Cleaner, the one you never empty; a gift that is appreciated every day for years to come. Easy terms. Fred Conner, Trinity. Phone 118 J. 2t.*

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WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR 1954? A good Rawleigh Business is hard to beat. No capital or experience required if you have car. Opening in West Houston County. Write now for full information, Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-1650-254, Memphis, Tenn. 4t.*

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TRADE WITH US—We need your business. East Texas Motor & Equipment Co. tf.

Card of Thanks.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for the beautiful floral offerings and the many acts of kindness shown us in the loss of our loved one. May God bless each one of you.

1t. The Poe Family.

Card of Thanks.

The recent bereavement which has visited our home has brought to us a greater appreciation of our friends and doctors and nurses. Such kindness and neighborly thoughtfulness can never be forgotten.

May God's greatest blessings be with you always.

1t.* The A. M. Driskill Family.

And this card is from Mr. and Mrs. Nat Patton Jr.: "Best wishes for you at Christmas, and to wish you the very best all through the New Year," all of which is gratefully received.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McCorkle of Dallas have forwarded the Courier their holiday greetings—their good wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, for which we thank them.

E. C. Palmer & Co. and the Southwestern Paper Co., both of Houston, have our thanks for the season's greetings, as also has the Brazos Club in the Baker Hotel at Mineral Wells.

Bill Hoover of the Texas Farm Bureau has the Courier editor's thanks for the following message: Just a line o' type or two to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy "News" Year.

We have greetings and best wishes, including a 1954 calendar, from the Heidelberg Press, and best wishes for Christmas and every day of the New Year from Mr. Gerspach of the Intertype Company.

And here's one from John, Georgia and Johnny Spinks: "Greetings and best wishes for a happy holiday season, and may the best of health be yours next year," for all of which they have our thanks.

Our long-time friend at Happy wishes the Courier some happiness: "Happy Christmas to you, Friend Billy, and all good things for a prosperous New Year," for all of which we thank J. A. Grounds.

Mrs. J. Walter Harris and Miss Frankie Harris of Henderson are extending Christmas greetings and a wish for our happiness throughout the New Year, for which they will please accept our thanks.

If a friend offers to tell you by calculation the day of the week and the hour on which you were born, your first impulse will be to let him go ahead as neither one of you will know the difference anyway.

Archie Spinks was at Houston Saturday and saw his son, Jack Spinks play a prominent part as the Lamar High Redskins of Houston defeated Orrean High 33 to 7 for the state class AAAA football championship.

A Christmas card from Mrs Robbie E. Stevenson of Lovelady reads: "May Christmas bring you its warm kindness and joy, and the coming New Year only happiness," for which she has our sincerest thanks.

Mr. Elvy of Crockett will please accept the Courier's thanks for the following Christmas cheer broadcast to the Courier: "May the happiness of Christmas, like the cowboy's song, make every day a happy day all the New Year long."

Please Accept Our Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Cassell of Galveston send the Courier editor their best wishes at this joyous Christmas time. Mr. Cassell, representing the Santa Fe railroad, formerly lived in Amarillo, where he married an Amarillo girl. They are among our appreciated friends.

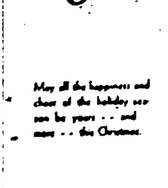
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News in Brief.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harless of 1606 Berach Drive, Pasadena, a son—Lewis Raymond Harless—on December 17. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stevenson of Lovelady and Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Harless of Soper, Okla.

Season's Greetings



To One And All A Very Merry Christmas

City Drug Co.
Dan Jelkes, Pharmacist
Telephone 24 Crockett, Texas

May all the happiness and cheer of the holiday season be yours - - and more - - this Christmas.

N. C. FULLER
DALLAS NEWS
Representative

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Your Doctor and Your Druggist
. . . A Team to Keep You Well!

Yes! It takes a team of specialists to guard your health today! Your doctor concentrates on the mighty task of diagnosing your ills and prescribing treatment. He leaves to skilled druggists like our own trained pharmacists the other important job of accurately compounding the medicines he prescribes. Your doctor and your druggist are important to each other. Both are important to you!

"Crockett's Best Known Drug Store"

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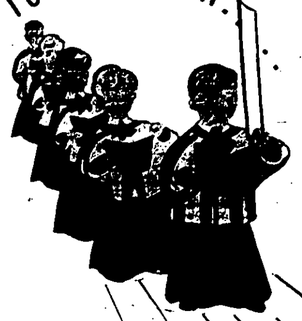


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May Your Holiday be a Glad One

Gulf Fertilizer Co.
Nolan Huff
Your Anhydrous Ammonia Dealer
Phone 872W
Crockett, Texas

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1953

We join the parade of well wishers in the age old tradition of wishing you a Merry Christmas. May its wealth of happiness abide with you always.

King Motor Co., Inc.

Best Wishes!
during this wonderful Christmas Season . . . and a Happy New Year.

Manning's Grocery
W. A. Manning
Palestine Highway

Greetings of the SEASON

Our most sincere wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas.

N. L. ASHER
SHOE STORE



Season's Greetings

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GIBSON'S



Miriam Alvarez and Sally Loesch, employees of the New York Telephone Company, are surrounded by the dolls the workers distributed last year to 93 of New York's charitable institutions. It was one of the largest collections in the annual affair's 25 year history.

Christmas Today Is Too Commercial, Many People Believe

Today we hear many people say that Christmas has been "commercialized" and has lost its true meaning.

Has it?

Is it wrong this one time in the year to mak- the dominate theme one of giving, rather than receiving?

Giving has always been a major part of the Christmas theme—the giving of joy and happiness to others whether it be spiritual or material.

It is true that economically no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. The holiday has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and Christmas specialties for the next year.

Giving will remain one of the great joys of Christmas for all time to come. The idea has survived through the centuries and nothing will ever stop it.

What, after all, brings more joy than seeing people happy; than watching children and loved ones open gifts and express their thanks in words and deeds?

It is, essentially, the Christmas story.

All men, including statisticians, are interested in figures.

Christmas Candles Are Traditional For Many Peoples

"I'll burn your luck for the year they say,
Have a basketful's dip on Christmas day,
If the flame burns bright and the light shows clear,
Good luck will be yours through the year."

This old verse is believed in many lands around the world and is said to be one of the reasons that candles in homes are traditional around the world.

The custom is believed to have started in Ireland. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe."

And it is the custom that the candle can only be snuffed by one named Mary.

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle," burned in the window on Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

If it's true that only two per cent of the people in the United States are morons, they sure do get around.



Merry Christmas

We take "time out" from a busy season to extend our very best to you.

William George Produce Co.
Palestine, Texas



Season's Greetings

All of us at United Gas extend to each of our friends and neighbors our sincere wishes for the attainment of your fondest goals in the New Year 1954.

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It tp true that economically mn ether [Baiday] [uncertain] oF festive season [tart¢ibules] [uncertain] so [muth]

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[uncertain] to the [ewelfate] [uncertain] of the world. The holiday [het] [uncertain] hardly passed [inio] [uncertain] the new year before Uneusande ere al work ca toys and [Christmas] [uncertain] specialties for the nest year.

Ghing [e#lJ] [uncertain] remain one af the great joys of Christmas for all lime to come The idea has sur. [vived] [uncertain] through the centuries and nothing [wil] [uncertain] ever stop it

What, after all, brings more joy then seeing people happy than [walching] [uncertain] children [aod] [uncertain] loved ones open gifts and express their thanks ta words and deeds!

ft is, essentially, the [Carisimes] [uncertain] try.

All men, including statisticians, interested in figures.

Leeach, employees of [(he] [uncertain] New Yor" ended by the dally [ibe] [uncertain] workers dis Yorks charitable [instiivtiens,] [uncertain] i was je the anneal e%ales 88 year history.

Christmas Candles Are Traditional For Many Peoples

[1] [uncertain] Dw deere yams [lnc] [uncertain] d Lae the veer they

[illegible or non-text passage omitted — see scan]

tt the flame brat bright end [ihe] [uncertain] hight sh-wer glee,

Goad tach will be yours [threagh] [uncertain] the [yor"] [uncertain]

This old verse is [OCelleved] [uncertain] in [meny] [uncertain] lands around the world [snd] [uncertain] Ip [aad] [uncertain] to be one of the reasons that candles tn homes are trade thana around the world

The custom ls believed to have

started tn Ireland As the [rish] [uncertain] put it: Who knows, om some

Christmas Eve, Jesus,and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palealine, bul to the Holy Isle on the [(artherest] [uncertain] edge of [Europe."] [uncertain]

And It ls the custom [thal] [uncertain] the can- [dle] [uncertain] car only be [anuffed] [uncertain] by one named Mary

Their first use for Christmas ts not recorded In the annals of any [1] [uncertain] nation, but that the Christ Child Candle." burned In the window on Christman Eve Is, [aetording] [uncertain] to an old legend, placed there tc tight Hs way tf He makes an earthly visitation and In atonement for the night of [Ife] [uncertain] birth when jere [wae] [uncertain] no room for Film

If its true that only two per ce [are]] [uncertain] of the people in the United States a morons, they [aure] [uncertain] do get around.

extend [toc] [uncertain] and [neighb.] [uncertain]

for the [atta] [uncertain] goals in the

[illegible or non-text passage omitted — see scan]

[illegible or non-text passage omitted — see scan]

We [tak] [uncertain] from a to este:

our [ver] [uncertain]

Willian

Palesti [ent] [uncertain] are us at United Gas each of our friends [ors] [uncertain] our sincere wishes [inment] [uncertain] of your fondest

[illegible or non-text passage omitted — see scan]

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busy season nd ry best to you.

n George ace Co. [ine,] [uncertain] Texas