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Dear Doc & All:

Tiz a bit late, but not TOO late, to wish that you-all had

A VERY MERRY XMAS AND THAT THE NEW YEAR BRINGS YOU EVERY
JOY AND SUCCESS.

Tom and Bill Sharp were both here, as you know. Tom spent only one day with us-- he looked fat and happy-- seemed to be most contented. He also told me that you had said a very sad goodbye to John-- that pleased me no end-- and I hope that you pulled not a punch.

Bill was to spend a few days in Houston before he took off for Caracas-- and I know that you were a part of his agenda, so I'm sure that he saw you. He has a very interesting assignment for this year. By the way, both he and Tome got merit of raises of 10% at end of their first year-- for that I'm VERY HAPPY. Your john is not unique.

The duplication of the Meches just northwest of Thompsonville in Gonzales proved to be a nice fault, with closed structure-- some 300' of faulting/^{down}to the west. Gus Eifler helped work it out with me-- and we have already leased more than 2000 acres. It may prove interesting-- especially for shallow oil in Newby at 500-600'.

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Ryman says that the lower/sand of the Muldoon Field are Carrizo-- and I agree with him.

Ruth joins in best regards,

Mst sincerely,

Brick