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Dear Santa Claus, I hope you will com. i want you to bring me jaws and a arme tanck and arme men and bring my littl sister a littl baby ball and a baby bed and a kerig for Christmas and hav a Merry Christmas. Duaine Benner.

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you will come and see us. I am eight years old. Somtimes I play with my little brother Phillip. Is it cold in the North Pole? I like to say what we want. My Mother wants a coffemaker. My little brother wants a big wheele and my dad wants a new car and I want a ten speed. Everybody is going to have fun on Christmas day. You friend, Gilbert Gauna.

Dear Santa Claus, How are you filing? I am filing sick becus, a boy throw up. And it stenkis. It got on a girl. I wish to have a game named mony trap. I am 9 years old. How old era you? How si rouaft? I Have a dog and cat, and tha like each outr. How is Mrs. Claus? shere help it snow. Do you? I help you have a nics time. And a merry Christmay. The end. Your frind, Michael Ganschow.

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me Nine toy. We have a horse. I want a motorcycle and ten can alley, diving suit, so mine toy, May room can not had them. Your frind, Jay O'Harrow.

### Letters To Santa Claus From Our 3rd Graders

(The Success thanks Mr. Wallis, elementary principal, and Mrs. Garlington and Mrs. Stigler, 3rd grade teachers, for their co-operation in providing these letters for publication.)

Dear Santa, I have two little sisters, one Ginger and one Sheri. Ginger was one year old on Dec. 1, 1976 and Sheri will be 5 on January 19, 1977. I am 8 and will be 9 July 5, 1977. This year I just want a basket ball and if you want to give me something else it's o.k., but if you don't want to you don't have to. I would like for my mother to have a mixer. And for Sheri to have a baby thataway. And my dad you can bring him anything you want. And for Ginger just bring her a few small toys. Sincerely yours, Crystal Pope.

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you bring my little brother's some trucks and to my sister's some shoes. to my big brother's I wish you bring them some bike's and for me I wish you bring me a bike. Your friend, Maria Sanches Estrada.

Dear Santa Claus, What have you ben doing? for Christmas I want a water gum. My sister wants a nerf football and so do I. My dad wants a belt and my mother wants a bracelet. I am 8 and my sister is 10. And a nother thing I want is a race track with some race cars, and a monkey in a cage. And ten can alley. Love, Ron Mittel.

Dear Santa, This year I'm going to make some cookies. You will never guess what I want. I would like an electric blanket. But I realy don't know what I want. I really want a camra, but my parents said I didn't need one. I don't know what I am going to get my mother or my daddy. My daddy says he needs some socks. I hope I can find something for them. Well, at least I know what I'm getting my sister. Well I do know something this year after all. So long. I'm sining of. Your freind, Dorothy Atkins.

Dear Santa, I wood like for you to bring my sister a bike with traning whiles and a doll to and a ring also. And I would like for you to bring my Mother a cowboy belt and a cowboy hat and a ring. And my dad to my dad would like a lommere and a hammer. And I wuld like for you to bring me a basket ball and Net and I want you to bring me a watch and a football and shoder pads and some cleets. Love, Russ M. Dacy.

Dear Santa Claus, I'm going to be good so you can bring me a gift. I hope I will have a very Merry Christmas. You know what I from you a doll. I hope we get a house on Christmas. I hope you are doing fine in the North Pole. Your friend, Gina L. Hefernan.

Dear Santa Claus, I have a little brother. He begs for guns but mom siad in till Christmas. I hope you will bring it. And my father wants a camper for his new truck. I want a new camera for Christmas. You friend, Janie G. Arebalo.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a little doll for Crism's. I wish you a Merry Crismaus and a happy new very. Love, Georgie Ann Gonzales.

Dear Santa Claus, I want to tell if you are rell or not. If you are, well you brening something for my brother and my mother and my father. Something spechall too. My mother wants a Mr. Coffe and my brother wants a eve canevel. Sencerly, from Eloisa Hill.

Dear Santa Claus, Would you bring me a doll called Hush Lil' Baby and Jody the Country Barbie doll and Operation? Your friend, Michele Kent.

Dear Santa Claus, I want an ax. I like to play in the snow. And I like Christmas too. Your friend, Mikell Minica.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good today and got a letter from you. Please bring me a oven and the name is Holly Hobbie, and Baby Thataway or Eashy Oven. And for My Mother a dimme ring and a dimme watch for My Father some boot to work. And for My Gandmother a blank. And for My Gandfather a shirt. Your friend, Priscilla Ann Rodriguez.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Minnie Mouse watch and a drink n and wet baby with her own layette and a Roomy Doll Coach. My brother a movi on tractor n trailer. Bring my sister a cher doll and my other sister wons a baby alive. My mom wons a taep recorder and my dad wons some house shoes. Have a happy Christmas. Your freind, Patsy Ussery.

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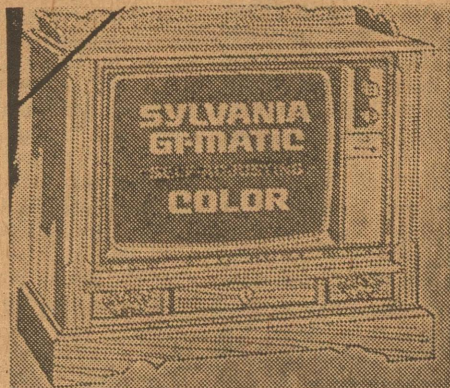
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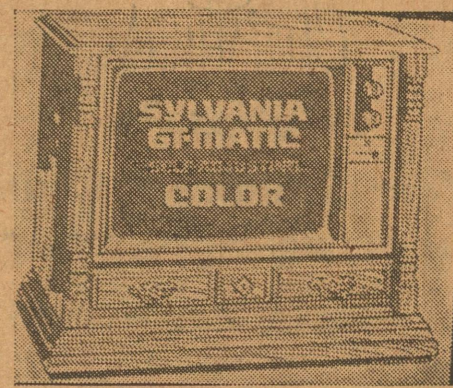
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Mr. Perry Mittel by Mrs. Bernice Sweatt, Schleicher County Home Demonstration Council, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mills.  
Mr. Palmer West, by Mrs. Bernice Sweatt, Mrs. B. V. (Ruby Lewis) Duncan, Mrs. Leonard S. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mills, Katherine Hill, Mrs. Vester T. Hughes, Lucy Lee and Myrtle Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Luther A. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs.

Orval Edmiston, Mrs. John Williams.  
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Mrs. Lucile Oglesby Lovelace, by Mrs. B. V. (Ruby Lewis) Duncan.  
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from

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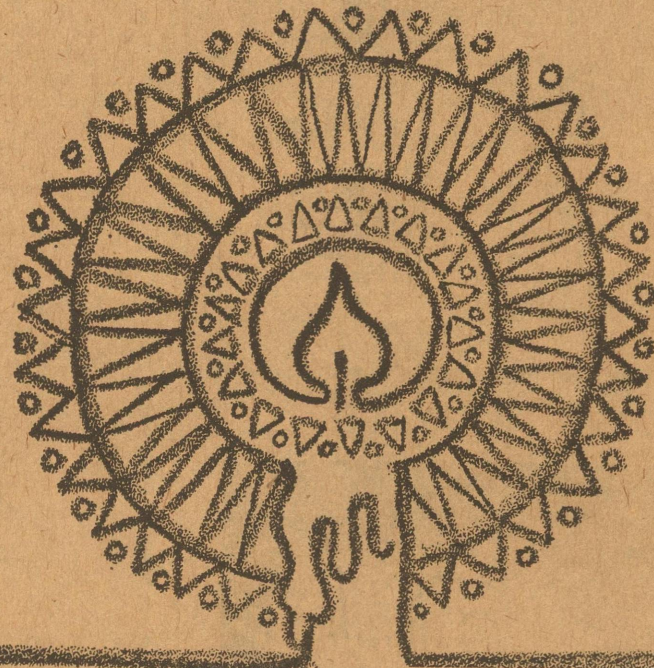
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FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, GOOD WILL AND LOYALTY, MAY THE HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON BE YOURS FOR ALL THE DAYS TO COME.  
**Federal Land Bank Association of Sonora**  
A. E. Prugel, Mgr.

**The Country Parson**

Question: Is it possible for one to become a child of God, and then to sin so as to be lost?  
Answer: The Bible can easily answer this question. Are we more secure than angels? "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to Hell." II Peter 2:4.

Notice these Bible "Ifs." II Peter 1:10, "Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for IF ye do these things (the things of verses 5-7), ye shall never fall. "Why tell the brethren that if they did certain things they would never fall if they couldn't fall to begin with? What if they did not do "these things"?"

Paul wrote to the saved in Rome and said, "If ye live after the flesh ye shall die." Romans 8:13. Jesus said, "If a man keep my sayings, he shall never see death." In. 8:51. What if a Christian does not keep Christ's sayings? "If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye shall also continue in the Son, and in the Father." Notice that the continuing in the Son and Father are conditional! It is possible to be sanctified by the blood of Christ, do despite to the Spirit and be lost as the result! Notice Hebrews 10:29, "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Here is a person who had been sanctified by the blood of Christ—then he returned to error, thus stepping on God's Son, counting the blood as unholy, and doing despite unto the Holy Spirit. He was to receive severe punishment. Here was one who had been saved, turned from God and was headed for destruction!

Peter wrote concerning Christians, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after they have known it, to turn from the Holy commandment delivered unto them." II Peter 2:20-21. Notice: They had escaped the pollutions of the world. They were again entangled in the pollutions of the world and Overcome. Their last condition was worse than before they became Christians—Why? Because they turned from God's way!

Some teach that once you are saved you cannot fall from grace. But the Bible says, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I Corinthians 10:12. And again, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; Ye are fallen from grace." Galatians 5:4. You cannot fall from grace without first being in grace. It is possible to become a child of God and then to sin so as to be lost.

If you have a question about the Bible, send it to: The Country Parson, P.O. Box 91, Eldorado, Tex 76936.

**SNOWFLAKE BALL SET**

The annual Snowflake Ball will be held the night of Dec. 30th in the Memorial Building.

**THE COURT HOUSE CREW**

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With all  
good wishes  
for a Merry  
Christmas

**LENA'S  
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Mrs. Lena Hall



BY WILLIAM L. ROPER

JAKE YANCY took no part in the holiday merriment on the train. His ears, long accustomed to prison silence, resented the gay chatter of the youngsters going home for Christmas. Even their gaiety annoyed him. For his plans were of a different kind.

As the train chugged up the long, curving grade toward Loganville, he stared unseeing at the snow-laden pine trees glistening in the late afternoon sun. His mind was on what he planned to do that night—something that he had been thinking about for a long time. Almost unconsciously, he touched the handle of the small automatic in his overcoat pocket. His lips tightened into a hard line and he half-closed his eyes. It would not be long now.

Often during his ten years in prison, it had seemed a long way off. But now here he was within a few miles of Loganville and Big Ben Patterson.

He could see Big Ben as he looked that day there in the courtroom, testifying for the State.

"It was him—Jake Yancy," Big Ben had said. "I recognized him by his brown overcoat and hat when he ran out of the bank."

It was that testimony by Big Ben, Loganville's town marshal, that had convinced the jury. Thinking it over night after night in his prison cell, Jake had often wondered if Big Ben had lied deliberately, or if he had simply been mistaken. The fact that Big



He came to Big Ben's place and his heart beat faster.

Ben had married Milly soon afterwards might indicate that it was deliberate.

It was getting dark when the train ground to a stop at the old weather-beaten Loganville station. Jake waited for the youngsters, home for the Christmas holidays, to get off first. Then as he came down the steps, he glanced quickly around, looking for Big Ben.

The marshal used to meet all trains. Tonight his face was missing.

After a drink of coffee at the restaurant next to the station, Jake strode past the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn. A group of children were singing Christmas carols.

"Silent night, Holy night!" The voices reminded him of other Christmas Eves when he was a little boy.

Memories  
Somehow these memory flashes of other Christmas Eves kept haunting him as he walked out the tree-lined street to Big Ben's home. He recalled the sleigh bells and the parties. And several times, he paused, trying to shake off the Christmas spirit that seemed to have come over him.

Finally he came to Big Ben's place. His heart beat a trifle faster.

Jake rapped softly on the door. He heard quick footsteps inside. Then the door opened. There in the lamp-light stood Milly, an expression of pleased surprise on her face.

"Why Jake!" she exclaimed. "It was so good of you to come. Please come in."

With a puzzled frown, he followed her into the living room. Milly, he noted, appeared worn and tired. Yet she was still beautiful.

"Where's Big Ben?" he said. "Oh," she said, putting a hand to her forehead. "Then you don't know. Big Ben passed away last Sunday . . . drank himself to death."

"Drank himself to death?" Jake said. "Why, I never knew he touched liquor."

"It was the news that you were innocent, Jake." She spoke softly. "He started drinking the day the news came that another man confessed the bank robbery. He felt terribly remorseful for his mistake."

"Mistake?" Jake said. "Yes, Jake, you don't think he deliberately framed you, do you?"

Jake shook his head. "Of course not, Milly. Besides what's done is done. And this is Christmas." He smiled and walked out into the cool, crisp evening.



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Dear Santa Claws, I wont a monky for Cristmas a rill monky. I rely wont one I dont now wot my sisters and brethers wont. Can yew get me one I dont now wot my mother wanted or father but most of all can you can you get than monkey. Love, Rosan Adame.

Dear Santa Claus, I will want a bike. My brother wants a bebe gun. I am in the third grade in Mrs. Garlington's room. I would like you to bring a bike for my brother and me. I am 10 years old and my brother is 11 years old. Get my mother a quilt and my daddy a quilt too. Your friend, Dolores Saldivar.

Dear Santa, I want a B. B. gun. I want my father to have a gun. My little brother, would like a bicke. My big bother woud like the sam thaing. My mom woud like a new dress. I wish I cood see you. My ganmother would like like a ring. Your friend, Danny Kackley.

Dare Santa Claus, I like to bring me a gun and I hope that you will have a good tine and we are in Thard grad. Your friend, Esquivel Joe Martinez.

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you will bring me a dasy and a bike and some dolls for my little sister and some little trucks for my bruthers and me and a airplane for my big bruther and Tonsie. Your friend, Martin S. Espinosa. I mist up.

**Hope Lutheran Church**

at Sonora will have the following schedule of services this Sunday, December 26:

4:30 p.m. Bible, Sunday School.  
5:30 p.m. Joint Christmas service.  
6:30 p.m. Joint Church Council meeting. Rev. H. Driessner of Eden will have charge.

Dear Santa Claus, I want some guns and same cars and My friend want some-cars too. Your friend, Joe Lozano.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me rub dub dolly and a stroller, a cash register. My brother wants you to bring him a McDonald and some cowboys. One of my sisters wants a Happy Day library. My other sister wants cloths. My mother wants a Lous Lane library. You freind, Belinda Turner.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Daisy B B gun and I want a plane for Christmas and a truck and a watch and a car and a wagon and a bike for Christmas and my two sisters something and my mother and father and my bothers a watch. Love, Venturo Aguilar.

Dear Santa Claus, How are you and how are your rands. I wond like a baby dall for Chrismus, and my baby sister wond like same toys. And make slare you bign me same toys too and ant my hause I well leve same milk and cooks far ya ta eat. Well I got ta ga nice to with you. Your find, Cheryl Walling.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a telephone for Christmas. And my mother wants a set of dishes. And my Father want some close and have a happy Christmas. Your friend, Lupe Hernandez.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a tipwriter for Christmas. And will you bring my mother an father something for Christmas too? And also my sister. Your friend, Anna Aguilar.



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Dear Santa Claus, I want a football and a basketball and a walky-taky set. May mother wants a set fo dish. My Father wants a gun. Your friend, Apolinar Gomez.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a typewriter for Christmas. And my sister want a baby thataway And my Mother want a new car. And my father wants a boat for Christmas and have a good Christmas. Your friend, Jessie Fuentes.

Dear Santa Claus, Will you pleas bring me a new watch and a new long dress with flowers on it. Because my other long dress got too small. Your friend, Tena Tomlinson.



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—Jody Wagley

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Peggy Jo Hill, bride elect of Terry Neal Sterling.



Phone 853-2645

Cathy Niblett

Oil News . . .

Schleicher Re-Entry

Fortune Drilling Corp., San Angelo, filed application to re-enter and plug back from 7,300 feet to wildcat depth of 6,800 feet for tests of the Canyon sand at the former Pan American Petroleum Corp. (now Amoco Production Co.) No. 5-A R. S. Williams, location southwest stepout to the Schleicher County portion of Dove Creek, South (Strawn) field, 14 miles northwest of Eldorado. It is the No. 1 Williams "1203".

It was abandoned Nov. 11, 1963. Ground elevation is 2,481 feet. Location is 1,100 feet from the south and 1,700 feet from the east lines of 1203-TCRR.

Confirmer Set

Tucker Drilling Co., Inc., San Angelo, will drill the No. 2-33 Page Brothers 33 as a 1,020-foot north and very slightly west offset to its No. 1-33 Page Brothers 33, 5150 opener and 5/8 mile northwest of its No. 1 Jeanette Wheeler the 4620 opener of the two-well Page, East field of Schleicher county, nine miles east and slightly south of Eldorado.

RECEIPT BOOKS: Small and large ones on sale at The Success office.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Winners last week: Helen Blakeway and Jack Beebe, 1st.; Winnie Helen Hilliard and Frankie Williams, 2nd.; Margaret Frost and Pete Finley, 3rd.; Bernice Sweat and Evelyn Wimer, 4th.; Sarah Hall and Bea Griffith, and Hurleys, tied for 5th. We will play this Thursday, Dec. 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.

42 Party Held

Mrs. Jake Spencer was hostess last Thursday when she entertained the 42 club in her home. We had a covered dish luncheon and gifts were exchanged.

The afternoon was spent playing 42.

Those present were: Margaret Grey, Natalie Stockton, Annie Speck, Bessie Doyle, Virginia Griffin, Zelma Henderson, Opal Parks, Allie Cheatham, Maude Bassinger, Etta Ruth Dannheim, and Rose Brannan. We all had fun together. Maude Bassinger will be hostess Jan. 12. —Rep.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Peters of San Angelo visited here with home folks over the week end.

County Extension Agent's Column

Time For Planting Trees, Shrubs

College Station, Tex.—Although most people shun the outdoors when cold weather arrives, that's the best time to add winter hardy trees and shrubs to the home landscape, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service landscape horticulturist.

"Texas weather allows trees and shrubs to set out good root systems in the colder months," points out Dr. William Welch. "This allows the plants set out in the fall and winter to better withstand summer drought than those set out in the spring."

The main concern when setting out trees and shrubs in the winter is to keep them watered to avoid damage during freezing weather. This is especially true for evergreens which have a tendency to dry out or contract leaf burn, warns Welch.

The horticulturist also suggests that newly planted trees and shrubs be staked firmly to prevent damage from high winds.

Nurseries are beginning to get in good supplies of trees and shrubs so homeowners should start considering additions to the landscape in the weeks ahead.

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Blackeyed Peas— A New Year's Tradition

Texans traditionally eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day to insure prosperity and good luck for the coming year. This tradition will be observed once again in 1977 when we get out the kettle or new crock pot to cook the black-eyed peas, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, says.

She is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"The peas should be soaked before cooking to reduce required cooking time. This can be accomplished quickly by boiling them in water for two minutes, removing from the heat and soaking for one hour. They are then ready to cook. If you prefer to soak the peas overnight, it is still a good idea to start with the two minute boil, because you will have fewer hard skins and the brief boil will keep them from souring," she explained.

Season with one teaspoon salt for each cup of dry peas. Salt pork and bacon are old standbys for seasoning, but chopped ham or smoked turkey left over from the Christmas celebration are great also. Pepper, garlic and oregano can be added in small amounts, 1/4 teaspoon per pound of dry peas, to enhance the flavor.

In the slow cooker, soak the peas overnight, then cook them in water on high for 2 to 2 1/2 hours. Reduce control setting to low, add seasonings and meat and cook on low for eight to ten hours. If you prefer less watery peas, use less water.

Serve your peas with hot cornbread, butter and lots of fresh, crisp onions, the specialist suggested.

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Consumer Food News

"Outstanding pork values" are on many grocery shopping lists currently, Mr. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist reports.

Pork specials at Texas grocery stores generally include Boston butt roasts, and chops, quarterloins cut into chops, loin end roasts, whole loins, steaks, neck bones and liver, she said.

Mrs. Clyatt is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System.

Beef prices are about the same as last week—or slightly higher, with almost all markets featuring chuck cuts, sirloin steaks, rolled roasts and beef liver. Also consider economy prices now appearing on ground beef, round and T-bone steaks, she advised.

Fryer chickens have more reasonable prices due to limited demand for them and low prices on red meats, the specialist said.

At dairy counters a number of natural cheddar cheeses are specially priced—also milk, eggnog, whipping cream and yogurt.

Fresh fruits in best supply at the most economical prices include apples, oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, bananas, grapes and cranberries.

Vegetable economy buys at top quality are potatoes, bulk turnips, hard-shell squash, broccoli and cauliflower—along with sweet potatoes, cabbage, carrots, dry yellow onions and rutabagas.

Consumer Watchwords: Special prices currently are appearing on most processed vegetables now in good supply.

Consumers can save a few cents on these buys—if they are items to be used within a reasonable length of time.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS, for Royal, Underwood, and Remington—available at the Success.



Sights On Safety

By HARLAN TELLER UL's Public Information Office

Preserve the Tradition of Christmas Peace

It is ironic that the very objects that brighten up the Christmas holiday season can cause disaster if used in a careless fashion. Decorative lights, so instrumental in showcasing Christmas trees and homes, should be purchased wisely and used correctly. Underwriters Laboratories suggests that you supplement the yuletide spirit with close attention to the following safety measures.

• When arranging lights for your Christmas tree, be sure not to overload the electrical circuits in your home. Wires that carry more current than they're supposed to handle may overheat and cause a fire. Do not use more than the recommended number of lights in one circuit.

• Before plugging in your lights, inspect all wiring insulation for possible signs of deterioration — especially if the wiring has been stored for a long time.

• Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Equipment that you determine is unsafe should be discarded immediately.

• Always turn off decorative lights when you retire or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this equipment could cause a fire.

• Christmas decorations are natural attention-grabbers for children. Don't let them play with any electrical fixtures.

• Use rubber light socket gaskets when provided, and replace if needed.

• Never use a regular string of lights on a metal tree — a breakdown in the wiring insulation could make the tree electrically "live". Use a spotlight to illuminate a metal tree.

• Outdoor-use, weather-proof cords and lighting strings should be used when decorating the exterior of the



Be sure the base of the tree is kept moist.

home. The UL label will indicate that the light string or cord is suitable for outdoor use. Fasten outdoor lights securely to a firm support, such as a wall or tree, to protect them from wind damage.

The selection of a tree, whether it be natural or artificial (plastic), is a crucial matter. Artificial trees (plastic) should bear the UL label. Some unlabeled plastic trees burn with extreme vigor. A natural tree should always be checked for freshness. When buying a natural tree, the following rules should be heeded:

• Check for color and scent. A fresh tree is deep green in

color and has a strong scent of pine.

• Be sure that the needles do not readily fall from the tree.

• The trunk butt of a fresh tree should be sticky with sap.

When trimming the tree, avoid using candles or other decorations that may ignite easily. Keep the tree away from the fireplace, radiator, or any other area where it will be exposed to heat. Heat may cause the tree to dry out, thus creating a fire hazard.

Christmas is traditionally a time of peace. Tread safely over the threshold of this holiday season.



Sights On Safety

By HARLAN TELLER UL's Public Information Office

A Safe Entrance for Santa

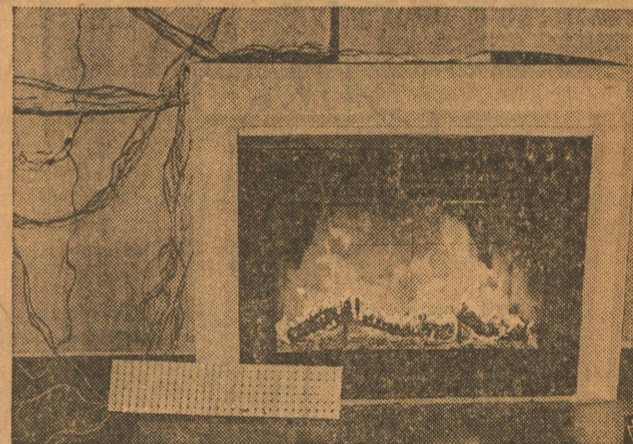
It isn't good form to make Santa ring doorbells on Christmas Eve. For this reason (and for others of a more practical and aesthetic nature), many homeowners have a fireplace adorning their living rooms or dens. Underwriters Laboratories believes that a fireplace should be more than warm and eye-catching. It must be operated safely, as well. Here are some safety reminders for your "chestnut roasting" activities this year.

• Keep highly combustible material, such as cardboard, fabrics, and loose paper, away from the fireplace area. These materials could easily be ignited by stray hot ashes, glowing embers, or sparks. Ashes should be placed in a metal container with a tight fitting lid, pending your final disposal of them.

• Make sure that the chimney and flue lining are clean, and the damper is in working order. If the flue pipe is obstructed, toxic gases and smoke may escape into the living area. Creosote deposits can build up on the walls of the flue pipe. These deposits are highly flammable, and if not scraped off, can be the source of a fire.

• You should open the damper before starting a fire, and keep it open while the fire is burning.

• A tight fitting screen or door should be placed over the front of the fireplace to prevent sparks or hot coals from popping out.



Prefabricated fireplace under test at UL.

• When building your fire, don't overdo it. Overfiring can make the firebox and flue lining red-hot. Flames might spread onto surrounding combustibles. Place a moderate amount of wood in the firebox area. Also, people who use lighter fluid on a wood or coal fire are asking for an impromptu barbecue.

• Coal and wood fires consume oxygen in the burning process. Therefore, it is essential that the room be well ventilated for both the efficient burning of the wood or coal and for the safety of the occupants.

• Wood should be stored in a dry area prior to burning. A six month storage period is desirable. The drier the

wood, the more evenly the fire will burn. Using wood that is not sufficiently dry increases the possibility that creosote deposits will form.

• Certain types of coal can be highly volatile. That's why coal should be stored in a cool (75° F or lower) atmosphere with no foreign material cluttering the area.

• When mounting a free standing fireplace stove, place it an adequate distance away from combustible materials. Specific guidelines are given in the National Fire Protection Association's FIRE PROTECTION HANDBOOK.

Be easy on Santa this year. Don't make things too hot for him when he performs his annual descent.



MANY GOOD WISHES

of the Season

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WATER WELL SERVICE

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Eldorado, Texas



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A pagoda in Ceylon is built in a 500-square-foot, 7-inch-thick foundation of solid silver.



The Australian walking fish occasionally leaves the water and climbs a tree to enjoy a snack of insects.

### January Clearance In December

Just In Time For Christmas

All Junior Fall Merchandise: 1/3 Off

Special Rack Misses: 1/3 and 1/2 Off

—GIFT WRAPPED FREE—

Gift Certificates

Lay-Away Plan

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Master Charge

Will Be Handling Shoes This Coming Spring. Register Your Shoe Size and Brand Names. Discount on First Pair

### Fashions By Lela

Lela Hamner, Mgr. & Owner

949-2219

113 N. Harrison (behind Skaggs) San Angelo

### In Those Days

Compiled From Success Files

#### ONE YEAR AGO

Jan. 1, 1976—Rev. C. Eugene Stark, pastor of The First Baptist Church here, received his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth.

Mikeska Gin reported that the light cotton crop was continuing in very slowly, with bale total of only 615.

The State Banking Commission denied the application to establish a second bank in Sonora.

#### FIVE YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1971—The political year of 1972 was approaching. District Judge Joe Mays had announced he would retire so it was to be an "open race."

Judy Ann Sallee of Eldorado was receiving her degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Mikeska Gin was bringing the ginning season to a close with about 300 bale total expected.

Miss Diane Durrett of Houston was hired new Home Demonstration agent and was to come on the job here January 3rd.

Laura Gentry was honored with a party on her 10th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Lee Johnson were visiting here from Goldsmith.

The FBF Class of the Methodist Church held their progressive dinner at the Myrta Cash, Dick Preston and Ed Meador houses.

#### 12 YEARS AGO

Dec. 31, 1964—Herbert S. Joiner, lease pumper and gauger for Humble Oil & Gas Company, was awarded a 30-year service emblem and a wrist watch in recognition of his service to the company.

A flu-like virus was reaching epidemic proportions here, lowering attendance at school, where A. M. Whitis was superintendent. Dr. Ernest Vernezobre was health officer.

Gloria Jean Talley and Richard Glenn Kent were married and were to make their home in Columbus, Ga., where the bridegroom was stationed with the U. S. Army.

The piano students of Mrs. R. C. Harris gave a recital.

Vernon Carroll was convalescing in San Antonio following surgery.

Army Pvt. Robbye Waldron was taking training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Former Eldorado resident, Tom Whiteley, 82, died at Hico. He was a brother of J. C. Whiteley.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1956—"Shallow Field Activities Continue To Spread Out Here" headlined The Success in regard to the West Field, and two prospectors near town. Surface was being set on No. 1 Robinson, as well as on R. H. Murray No. 3 West.

Arnie Lee Westbrook purchased the old frame Bearce apartment house for removal from Baptist church property.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Harkey, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelps, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy McCravey were winners in the Christmas decorating contest.

The Albert Ray Thigpen family were spending Christmas in Hondo with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Isaacs were visiting in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Doyle were spending Christmas at Deming, N. M., with the M. J. Cunninghams.

### Letters To Santa Claus From Our 3rd Graders

Dear Santa Claus, Will you bring me a watch? A boys ring, an I. D. bracelet. A pocket nife a poker light And a canteen And for my sisters two party dolls. And for my Mother a new dish set And for my Father two new tool boxes. Oh Santa I almost forgot. I want a pear of walky talky and a motor-sikle. Your friend, Joe Fuentes.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a real B B gun and C B. Would you bring me then please? And bring my little sister a baby that away. Would you bring her one. How is your raindeer and how is Mrs. Claus? Your friend, Brian K. Gil-laspy.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a Tunblena doll and a rock and roll stoler. And for my brother Todd a basket ball. And for my sister a baby lvie. And for my other Neal a star track inter com. Your friend, Mendy Edmiston.

Dear Santa Claus, I want some drums and a race track and a foot ball. But most of all I want a foot ball suit and pad so I can play foot ball. Your friend, Steven Saldivar.

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you a Merry Christmas and I wish for a baby That Way. And my brother wish for a gun and some boots and a hores like a cowboy. And my mother wish for a ring and some earrings. And my father wish for a gun and some boots and a hat like my brother. Your friend, Brenda S.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Race track for Christmas. And Mom wants some dishes for Christmas. And my sister wants a Baby alive for Christmas. And my daddy wants some clothes. Your friend, Ricky Bachleda.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pear of new shoes and my brother wants some seebe and my sister wants a new car and mother wants a new hose and a ranch and my father wants a new gun. and Your friend, Erik Cheatham.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a train set and a raec car set my mother wants sum dishes and my Dad wants a pickup and my big brother was a car and my little sister wants baby a line. Your friend, Troy Daniels.



Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Westerman and Employees of

## Westerman Drug of Eldorado

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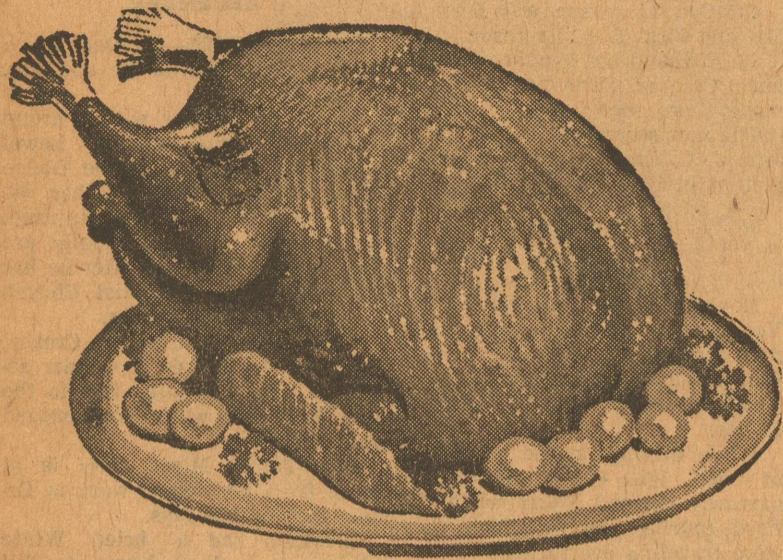
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SAVE MONEY ON OUR FOODS THAT SAY

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Sunco  
TURKEY  
TOMS  
49c Lb.

Sunco  
TURKEY  
HENS  
59c Lb.



CALIFORNIA—GREEN PASCEL

**CELERY**

LARGE STALK

**29c**

OCEAN SPRAY

**Cranberries**

16-OZ. CELLO BAG

**49c**

CALIFORNIA—HAAS

**Avocados**

EACH

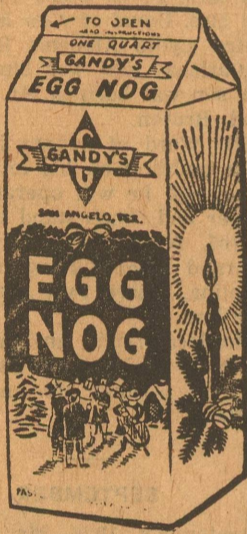
**19c**

GANDY'S

**EGG NOG**

QUART

**69c**



GANDY'S

WHIPPING CREAM  
SOUR CREAM  
HALF & HALF

MIX OR MATCH

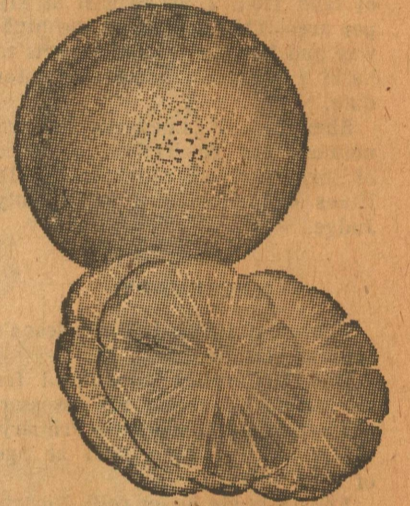
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SUNKIST—NAVEL

**Oranges**

POUND

**29c**



KIMBELL'S

**Pork & Beans**

15 1/2 OUNCE CAN

**4 FOR 89c**

KOUNTRY FRESH

**Homo-Milk**

HALF GALLON

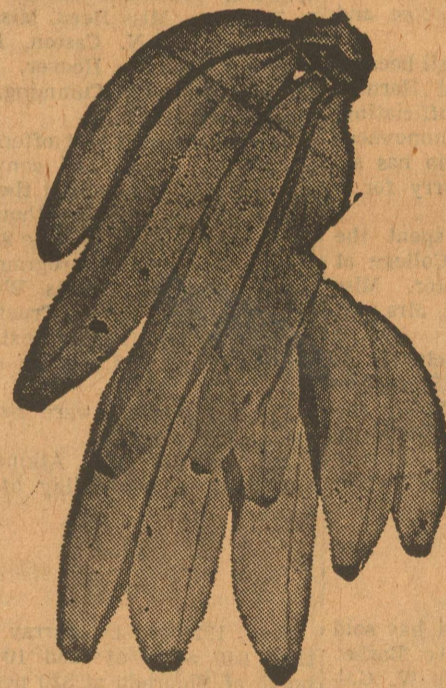
**89c**



Del Monte  
**PINEAPPLE**  
Packed In Own  
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15 1/4 Oz. Can

**39c**



Del Monte  
**BANANAS**  
Golden Ripe Fruit  
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**DELICIOUS APPLES**  
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**Fruit Cocktail**

17 OUNCE CAN

**39c**



THRIFTY MAID

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**49c**

BIG 32-OZ. BOTTLES—PLUS DEPOSIT

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**GREEN BEANS**

16 OUNCE CAN

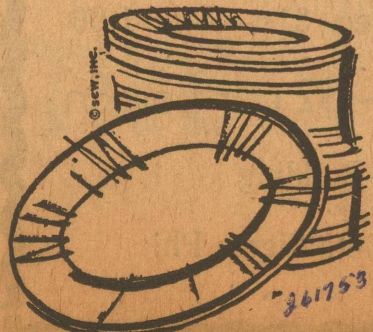
**4 for \$1.00**

KOUNTRY FRESH

**BROWN 'N' SERVE ROLLS**

12 COUNT

**39c**



PET RITZ—REGULAR

**Pie Shells**

2 COUNT

**49c**

KOLD KOUNTRY

**Whip Topping**

10 OUNCE

**49c**

KRAFT'S

**Mayonnaise**

32-OUNCE JAR

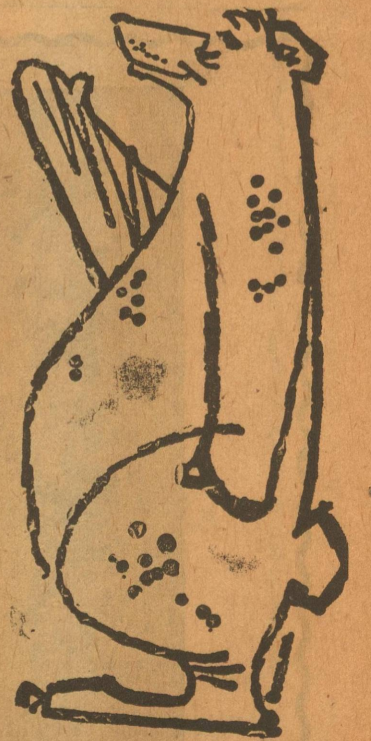
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**Chicken Broth**

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**19c**



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