

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a doll, a baton, some puzzles and a telephone? I have been a good girl. I also want a necklace and bracelet. I have a brother who wants a bow and arrow set, a gun and holster set, and a football, also a telephone. And my little sister wants a doll and a set of dishes. We all want candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget our mother and daddy and grandparents, and all our little friends. All our love,
Betty Jean, Emite Jr. and Gene Bale.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy almost four. Please bring me two guns and holsters, spurs and trucks. Don't forget my brother and my sister and all the rest. I have tried to be good. Love,
Harry Tate.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Here is your friend Bill asking for quite a few things. I have tried to be a good boy, so won't you please bring me a football, an air gun, and anything else you have to spare, candy, nuts, etc. Santa, don't forget my teacher, Miss Bledsoe, my mother and daddy, my sister, Judy, and bro-

ther, Jimmy Ray, also all my school friends and my grandparents. Thank you, Santa. Love,
Bill Kingston Jr.
P. S. I want some cowboy boots, too.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 10 years old. Please bring me a quart of liquid rubber and fur mittens. I have tried to be good. Love,
Nancy Tate.
1005 Johnson St.
Borger, Texas

Dear Santa,
I live in Borger and I have been a good boy for just two years old. I would like to have a tricycle and doll under my tree. I want a Gene Autry gun and some blocks, too. Mommy said you'd bring some surprises, too. I can hardly wait. My Pa and Ma Pugh and Joe and Pud are going to be at my house, so please leave something for them. I love you.
Freddie Pugh.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a tool chest, football helmet and shoulder pads. Bring Deborah some blocks and a teddy bear. Thank you.
Dennis Lee Goodman.
McLean, Texas

Not because of any extraordinary talent did he succeed, but because he had a capacity on a level for business and not above it.—Tactius.

Win Watch Awards for 4-H Work

HANDSOME gold-filled watches were awarded club members for achieving high rating in Texas for work in the 1950 national 4-H dairy achievement, frozen foods and leadership programs. A review of their records indicates they were active all-round 4-H'ers.



T. G. Herring, Jr.



Ruby Schmidt



Howard Altenhof



Carolyn Curry

Achievement in dairy production and management has earned state honors for T. G. Herring, Jr., 19, of Crosbyton, in the 4-H Dairy Achievement program. Dairy practices and care of animals learned in the project have given him an understanding of the principles of sanitation and animal health. Young Herring also has learned the value of teamwork and sportsmanship. A 4-H'er for eight years, his unusual record includes 176 dairy exhibits and a substantial dairy income. Herring has won seven grand, eight junior, and five senior champion awards at three major shows, one of the second largest dairy shows in the world. He was high point man in dairy judging at the 4-H Club Round Up, 1950, and served as director of the Plainview Dairy shows for 1949 and 1950. Judges have named him Star Dairy Farmer of Texas, Southern Region. With two years' junior leader experience, young Herring now has part interest in his father's herd and helped to make his home a grade A dairy farm. Lederle Laboratories has provided his award.

There's no fuss or muss to serve a tasty meal on short notice in the Schmidt family of New Ulm, since daughter Ruby, 15, has learned how to freeze all kinds of food. Proof that she did a first rate job is not only in the eating, but also in the fact that she won top state honors in the 4-H Frozen Foods program. The award, a handsome gold watch inscribed with her name, was presented by International Harvester. A club member for six years, Ruby is leader, has

WHAT'S COOKIN'

In Gray County H. D. Work
By Mary Anne Duke,
County Home Demonstration Agent

Thawing Turkey
Many Home Demonstration Club women have frozen turkey in the home locker waiting for the Christmas Day feast.

Mrs. H. D. Taylor Sr., Wayside Club, will cook a large turkey—more than 20 pounds dressed. Mrs. H. C. Graham of the Wayside Club and Mrs. Emmett Osborne of the Bell Club have small turkeys to bake—about 12 pounds dressed.

These and others are asking, "Must frozen turkeys be thawed before cooking?"

The answer to this question: large turkeys certainly should be thawed to make sure the thickest part of the meat cooks thoroughly. Also, it is easier to stuff thawed birds, and the stuffing is more certain to be thoroughly cooked when the bird is done. If not thawed first, the turkey takes one and a half times as long to cook, and the outside may be overdone and dry before the inside meat is done. Thawed turkeys are cooked just like freshly drawn birds.

The next question asked is what is the best way to thaw a frozen turkey? The answer to this question: in the refrigerator, loosely covered, but with freezer wrappers off. A large whole bird takes about two days to thaw in the refrigerator; a small bird, or a half, quarter, or half-breast, takes at least overnight. Do not hold a thawed turkey longer than 24 hours in the refrigerator, preferably not that long.

Turkey Roasted in Foil
Not owning a roasting pan or an adequate roaster is no drawback to roasting the "juiciest" turkey you've ever eaten. Just use heavy duty foil.

The procedure for roasting in foil is simple and easy. Just dress, stuff and truss the turkey in the usual manner. Use a sheet of heavy foil that is twice as long as the bird for the wrapping job. Place the bird lengthwise on one end of the foil sheet and then bring the foil up and over the bird and close all foil edges together.

Weigh the bird and be sure it is well seasoned with salt and pepper before it is wrapped. Place the turkey in an uncovered roasting pan breast side up, and it doesn't matter if the legs protrude over the edge of the pan. The oven should be pre-heated to 375° F. before the turkey is placed in the oven for roasting, and this same temperature should be maintained until the bird is done.

The eight to 10 pound stuffed bird should be cooked for two and one-half to three hours; an 11 to 14 pound bird from three and a quarter to four hours; a 15 to 18 pound bird from four to four and three-quarters hours; and a 19 to 24 pound bird from five to six hours.

About 45 minutes before the roasting time is up the foil should be slipped from around the turkey. Let the juices run down into the roasting pan so they will brown to just the right color for the giblet gravy. The turkey should be brushed with melted fat or drippings.

There are two tests for determining when the turkey is done. Move the leg and thigh joint. If they give readily, the turkey is done. The second is to stick a fork into the meat where the wing is joined to the body. If the meat feels tender and the juices do not run pink, the roasting job is done.

If you do not have a roaster large enough for a turkey, it may be roasted in the foil without a pan. Heavy duty foil must be used. Drain the juice off carefully when unwrapping to brown, so it does not spill in oven.

If your family is small, bake a half turkey for Christmas and freeze the other half.

When roasting turkey not wrapped in aluminum foil, place breast down on a rack in an open pan, cover with an open, textured fat moistened cloth. Bake at 300-325° F. After one hour turn the breast up to complete roasting. Cover well with grease and cloth.

Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin.

FUN NITE FRIDAY

Teen-agers will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock at the American Legion Hall for Fun Nite. A formal dance will be held with music by the Sunset Ramblers.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means to express our thanks and gratitude for the help, sympathy, and floral offerings during the lengthy illness and recent death of our mother and grandmother. Especially do we want to express our thanks to Rev. Price Bishop and the Baptist church at Kellerville as a whole.

Mrs. and Mrs. S. B. Kiser and Family,
Mr. Shirley Bodystun and Family,
Mr. R. E. Bodystun and Family,
Mrs. Effie Byrd and Family,
The Merrick Family.

M. D. BENTLEY

REAL ESTATE

and INSURANCE

205A Main McLean, Texas

Rt. 1, McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a pedal car. Please bring my sister something, too. Love,
Ernie McCracken, Eddy.

All successful individuals have become such by hard work; by improving moments before they pass into hours, and hours that other people may occupy in the pursuit of pleasure.—Mary Baker Eddy.



To our friends and patrons:
May your days be filled with notes of good cheer...for the holiday and coming year!

Smokey's Barber Shop

Smokey Price

give MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

For Christmas and all of 1951
Check off your gift list with hand-picked presents...magazines to fit every taste and interest—

- TIME** If your list included busy men and women alert to the importance of today's news... give TIME, The Weekly Newsmagazine.
- LIFE** If you're looking for an exciting gift to please every member of the family—young or old—give LIFE, America's Favorite Magazine.
- FORTUNE** If you want an unusual gift for a man in business or the professions—or just getting his start—give FORTUNE—The Magazine of Business.
- CHIEF** If your friends prefer fact or fiction, fashion or music, fun or adventure—you can select a magazine to suit every taste or interest.

Subscriptions to all magazines at money-saving Christmas gift rates
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RATES: TIME—1st gift, \$6.00... 2nd gift, \$4.75... Each add'l, \$4.00. LIFE—1st gift, \$6.75... 2nd gift, \$5.00... Each add'l, \$4.00. FORTUNE—1st gift, \$10.00... Each add'l, \$8.50. Special Military Rates for U. S. Armed Forces—TIME \$4.75, LIFE \$5.50. All of your gifts will be announced for you by handsome Christmas gift cards.

THE McLEAN NEWS

SUPER TOYS FOR GOOD LITTLE GIRLS AND BOYS!
SANTA'S TOYLAND SPECIALS
WHITE'S Christmas Thrift Sale

Special Close-Out Prices On All Toys Friday and Saturday

We don't want to carry over any toys after Christmas, and we are slashing prices on all of them. Take advantage of these low prices Friday and Saturday.

Merry Christmas to One and All

May you have joy aplenty at Christmas and throughout the coming New Year.

C. W. Bogan
W. E. Bogan
WHITE Auto Stores
THE HOME OF GREATER VALUE

TO EACH OF YOU - -
Here's a big Santa bag chuck full of best wishes for you and yours. We're grateful to each of you for your patronage, and hope you will have the most Merry of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years.

You're Invited to Puckett's to Do Your **Merry Christmas SHOPPING**
For Top Quality Foods at Lower Prices
25 lb sack Gold Medal Flour \$1.89 | 3 lb can Bake-Rite 96c

- Hill's Bros.
COFFEE 1b 84c
Nancy Hanks **CHERRIES** pitted can 24c
Del Monte **PEACHES** 2 1/2 can 31c
Del Monte **FRUIT COCKTAIL** 2 1/2 can 38c
Hi-C **ORANGE ADE** 46 oz. can 28c
Sunshine **CRACKERS** 2 lb box 49c

- Miracle Whip **SALAD DRESSING** quart 59c
JELL-O 2 pkgs. 15c
Baker's **COCONUT** 1/4 lb pkg. 16c
Frozen **STRAWBERRIES** pkg. 45c
Frozen **ORANGE JUICE** can 23c
Frozen **OYSTERS** pint 60c

CHOICE MEATS

- Picnic **HAMS** 1b 39c
Meadolake **OLEO** 1b 31c

Plenty of Parking Space At Rear of Store

- Philadelphia Cream **CHEESE** pkg. 16c
Ballard or Puffin **BISCUITS** can 14c

PUCKETT'S GROCERY & MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. George Graham and family of Plainview were McLean visitors over the week-end. They are former residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Tindall and Marvin of Shamrock spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hickman Brown and son.



To greet our friends,
old and new
we wish luck and happiness
to last them
all year through!

Patterson Magnolia Station
Fred Patterson



LAST REQUEST . . . Christmas came early last year for Gerald Washburn, 8, of Seabolt. He was brought from his sickbed to sit with Santa Claus for a special visit before he entered a hospital to undergo surgery for a brain operation.

Kris Kringle Isn't Really Santa Claus

Popular notion seems to imply that Kris Kringle is a German term of endearment for Santa Claus. Just what motivates this idea is not at all clear, since Kris Kringle is really a modification of Christkind who, although endowed by German legend as a gift-giver, resembles Santa Claus not in the least.

Santa Claus, as we know him in America, never really caught on in Germany. St. Nicholas comes around on his liturgical feast day—December 6—with his pockets bulging with candy and nuts and trinkets. Well and good, but German parents maintain, as did their predecessors of the Reformation era, that the central idea of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, should dominate the observances.

Nor is Christkind depicted as the Infant Jesus himself, but rather as his messenger and gift-bearer who comes to earth at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children. The Christkind is usually represented as a child dressed in white robes, wearing a golden crown and having big, golden wings.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bigham of Lefors visited in the Felix Jones home Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Blackman of Clarendon visited in the C. B. Peabody home the first of the week.

Sunday visitors in the J. H. Sanders home were Mrs. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. McDonald of Pampa.

Sgt. Evelyn Burrows returned to Amarillo Monday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Burrows, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Watson and Norma, and Marnelle Ledgerwood made a business trip to Amarillo Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McPherson and daughters spent Sunday in Hedley.

Gail Bizzell is visiting with relatives at Elk City, Okla., during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis spent Sunday in Childress with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kinhead of Tucumcari, N. M., visited last week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Andrew and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Longino and son of Sapulpa, Okla., are in McLean for the Christmas holidays.

Dale Burch underwent a tonsillectomy last week at the North Plains hospital in Borger.

Mrs. Floyd Phillips of Dumas visited in the J. R. Phillips home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Larson of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. McNear Parks of Valley Mills are in McLean for an extended visit.

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If It Can Be Insured, We Can Insure It

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General Insurance

Best Wishes to All of You--

You have been good to us during the past year, and we shall be ever grateful. Your patronage of our store, your friendship, your hearty handclasp we will always remember. It is our most sincere wish that you will enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year—

And A



10 lb pure cane
SUGAR 93c

Shurfine
Coffee Reg. or Drip **83c**

Hunt's 2 1/2 can
Peaches 29c

Cranberry Whole or Strained
Sauce 2 cans **35c**

Powdered
SUGAR lb **12c**

Hershey's
COCOA lb tin **45c**

Dromedary
DATES reg. pkg. **25c**

Fruits & Vegetables

Fancy, firm, crisp
LETTUCE head **10c**

Delicious
ONIONS lb **4 1/2c** **APPLES** lb **13 1/2c**

PEAS Shurfine No. 1 sieve 300 can **27c**

Libby's Whole Asparagus Style
GREEN BEANS 303 can **33c**

Shurfine Whole Midget
BEETS 40 ct. 303 glass **26c**

Pillsbury Hot
ROLL MIX Save 7c **22c**

Tastewell Sweet
PICKLES pint jar **35c**

Campbell's
CHICKEN SOUP 2 cans **35c**

MEAT DEPARTMENT

Chuck or Arm
BEEF ROAST lb **59c**

Center cut
PORK CHOPS lb **53c**

DAIRY DEPARTMENT

Admiral colored quarters
OLEO lb **29c**

Ballard's
BISCUITS 2 cans **27c**

Just in Time for Christmas--

**We Have Been Named as McLean's
New Dealer for All**

**KELVINATOR
APPLIANCES**

And Can Deliver to You
A Gleaming New Kelvinator Refrigerator
for Christmas.

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Kelvinator Appliances

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Make It a Habit--

all next year to concentrate your purchases with merchants who give Gunn Bros. Thrift Stamps. Then you'll have Christmas gifts paid for in advance—for free.

Remember—Every Gunn Bros. Thrift Stamp You Fail to Collect Is a Definite Loss to You

It's Got to Be Good
Before It's
SHURFINE

Cooper's FOODS
The Biggest Little Store in the Panhandle

**Real System—
YOUR NERVES**

Your nerves bear the brunt of blame for everything bad you do without ever seeming to get credit for all the constant, good functions they perform. All those millions of little lumps with strings attached that join together to form your nerve pathways go right along sending out their little impulses despite the slanders they suffer.

These nerves are the communication system of the body from the central office, the brain. The nerves, very much alive, send messages to organs and muscles that keep you breathing and moving.

Just as come emergency communications such as "fire" or "help, police" go directly to the office required rather than through the central switchboard, so you have some nerves that do their job automatically without sending messages to the brain. If you poke your hand in a fire, your nerves automatically work on the muscles that pull it out.

The central nervous system is made up of nerves originating in the brain and spinal cord. There are 12 cranial nerves, those originating in the brain, and 31 spinal nerves.

The cranial nerves are mainly those responsible for the sense of smell, the sense of sight, and the movements of the eyes, the sense of taste, muscular control of the tongue, jaw and face, sensation of feeling of the face and throat, sense of hearing, and the ability to wiggle your ears, shrug your

shoulders, and turn your head in "no's." You nod your head in "yes's" with a message from a combination of cranial and spinal nerves.

There is one cranial nerve, however, that controls the sense of feeling and motion of a great deal more of the body than the head and that is the vagus nerve, the tenth one. This is the hard-working nerve that tells you about a pain in any part of the chest or abdomen, which covers a lot of territory, as well as in the throat and esophagus. This nerve works the muscles of the throat, voice box, and esophagus. If it gets out of line, it may affect the heart, stomach, or any one of the many abdominal organs.

The spinal nerves move right down the segments of the backbone, reporting on feeling and motion of the area they serve. The first group of the 31 spinal nerves is made up of eight segments that handle the nerve supply to the neck, shoulders, arms and most of the parts of the hands. Sometimes one group of these nerves cross over into another territory, such as in the case of the thoracic nerves (second group) crowding in on the servical crew (first group) and taking over the functions of the little finger and inner side of the arm.

There are twelve of these thoracic nerve segments, over the chest, taking care of the skin sensations and muscles in their

Look What Happened Here!



In the days when some shelves and a kitchen table were the height of convenience, this was an outstanding kitchen. But by today's standards it is a hopelessly outmoded, cramped and hard-to-clean place to work. Look at the tiny sink, the wasted space beneath it and the ugly, dust-catching pipes. To see what was done about it, with help from the Youngstown Kitchen Planning Service, see below.



As bright and cheerful as a sunrise and as modern as tomorrow, this new, attractive, time-saving kitchen was achieved without a single major structural change in the room. Most interesting is the electric sink with an automatic dishwasher that does the family's dishes in less than 10 minutes. It has a large bowl at left and is equipped with an automatic food waste disposer. Flanking the dishwasher are base cabinets that afford spacious work surface and a large amount of storage space, while above are convenient wall storage cabinets.

domain.
The next group, five nerves called the lumbar nerves, start at the waistline in back and the groin in front. They swirl out in sensations and muscular motion to cover wide territory, running from the lumbar region down to the feet.

Just as parts of the hands are controlled by two different groups of nerves, so are the feet and legs. The soles of the feet and the outside of the legs come under the influence of the sacral segments, which are five in number. These sacral nerves and the coccygeal report to the buttocks and the seat in addition to horning on the leg and foot duties of the lumbar nerves.

The road each one of these nerves travels and the muscles they control make the testing and examining of the muscles an important part of the physical examination. It isn't always done as a separate part of the check-up, but any report of pain in organ or muscle may lead to a more thorough investigation of the nervous system.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collier of Amarillo were Sunday dinner guests in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Sparks. In the afternoon the Colliers visited Mrs. Collier's other sister and brother, Mrs. C. J. Cash and J. R. Phillips.

Wax From Candles Calls for Caution

With so many candles placed about the home to give a festive air during the holiday season, candle wax drippings on rugs, table cloths, and mantels are almost inevitable.

Wax spots on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape up the wax, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging it lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test this mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto your best linen tablecloth can be removed by the same method of first scraping—being very careful not to injure the fiber or thread—and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride. If the stain is colored, use the solution suggested for a colored spot on a rug, after you've used carbon tetrachloride. Again you are urged to test an inconspicuous spot for possible fading from use of the solution.

Vermont is called the Green Mountain State.

85 Million Set as Goal By Red Cross

A goal of \$85,000,000 for the 1951 American Red Cross fund campaign has been announced by General George C. Marshall, Red Cross president. The figure was set by the organization's board of governors to meet the enormous tasks assumed by the Red Cross in the present national emergency, General Marshall stated.

The campaign will be held March 1-31 with Brigadier General David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America, as national fund chairman.

The nation's mounting military strength is creating sharply increased demands on the Red Cross, General Marshall pointed out. In addition, civil defense commitments require the organization to train 20,000,000 persons in first aid; instruct hundreds of thousands in home nursing as nurses' aides; recruit millions of blood donors; and prepare for mass feeding, clothing, and shelter in case of major disaster or national emergency.

"The total resources of the Red Cross must be mobilized for defense of our homes, our communities, and the nation in the interest of security and world peace," he declared.

The estimated cost of the Red Cross program for the fiscal year 1951-52 actually totals \$94,800,000, General Marshall said. The difference between the estimated cost of the Red Cross program for 1951-52 and the fund goal of \$85,000,000 will be met by the application of reserve funds. General Marshall pointed out that this will exhaust the accumulation from war-time over-subscriptions. Last year the operating budget was \$79,000,000, with the fund goal set at \$67,000,000.

The fund goal announcement followed a series of meetings of the governing board's committees on finance and program last week in Chicago, in which General Sarnoff participated. They were also assisted in their deliberations by representatives from metropolitan and small town chapters who expressed their unanimous conviction that the 1951 budget represented the minimum sum required to carry out vastly increased Red Cross responsibilities.

E. Roland Harriman, New York banker and chairman of the board of the Union Pacific Railroad, who succeeded General Marshall as Red

Cross president on December 1, participated in the meetings.

Kenneth Carter is visiting in the home of his uncle in Bristow, Okla.

Billy James Rainwater, who is attending college in Houston, is home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Campbell and daughter Chris were visitors in Memphis last week-end.

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Bill Cash

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First, a sincere "thank you" for your patronage—then our cordial wish for a joyful Yuletide and a Prosperous New Year!

B & C CHILDREN'S WEAR

Mabel and Laverne

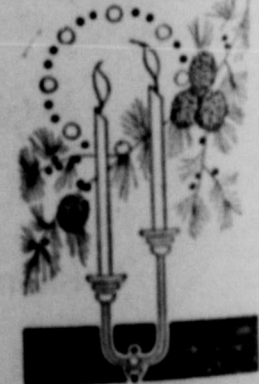


A Merry CHRISTMAS to You

From All of Us

Here's a magic wish for Christmas joy from us to you. Give the wish away, and you will find that you have two. So, pass the wish along to everybody that you know . . . And your own joy on Christmas will grow and grow and grow.

May the New Year Bring You Joy And Happiness!



American National Bank in McLean Member F. D. I. C.

Christmas
The deepest joy of the holiday season is having friends like you—
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Bill W. Waters
County Attorney-Elect

Season's Greetings

May All the Things That Are Good
Come to You in 1951
For It Is Friends Like You Who Make Life Worth Living

LEWIS M. GOODRICH
District Judge

Hear Ye!

We proclaim our greetings for all our friends to hear . . . May you have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

GREYHOUND DRUG
Ted and Sue Simmons



There's no time like
CHRISTMAS
for extending our sincere wishes for the
best of everything in the coming year!

Bailey's Welding Shop
Bill Bailey



**Greetings
Friends**

UP pops Santa
with our best wishes
for a **VERY MERRY HOLIDAY!**

Blue & White Laundry
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bragg

**40 Years Ago—
IT HAPPENED HERE**

Taken from the files of The McLean News, 1910

J. H. Minix of Eton, Ohio, was in the city this week with his brother, C. E., with whom he is visiting. These two gentlemen, though brothers, had not met for over 30 years, and the occasion of the former's visit was one of unusual pleasure.

W. I. Rush was down from Missouri last week looking after his immigration business.

Uncle Sam Kunkel of the Gracy neighborhood was calling on friends here Saturday.

J. A. Haynes of the Heald community was a business caller in the city Saturday.

Uncle Jack Barnes of Alanreed was looking after local interests here Saturday.

I. D. Shaw and wife of Alanreed were shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Caleb Smith and Miss Bernice Smock were shopping in the city Saturday from the Slavonic neighborhood.

Siler Faulkner, our efficient county clerk, was here the latter part of last week in the interest of his re-election.

W. W. Overton returned the latter part of last week from a short business trip to New Mexico.

Wm. Wieman of El Reno, Okla., was here last week as the guest of the family of A. H. Beibrich.

J. E. Williams of Lefors was among the business callers in the city Saturday and while here "liquidated" for The News another year.

G. D. Hall of Carbon was here the first of the week visiting with the family of Lee Turner and other friends. He owns a farm near McLean.

J. D. Back of the North Fork country was a visitor in the city Saturday. Mr. Back says his cotton crop is very good and work of gathering it is now in progress. He is having it ginned and marketed at Mobeetie.

W. H. Chambers, who has recently moved from Sayre, Okla., to this city, having rented the place vacated by F. M. Littleton, was a pleasant caller at the News office Saturday.

G. S. Loyd of the Gracy neighborhood was here on business Saturday. Mr. Loyd says he is experimenting this year with a bunch of calves and hogs which he will feed for the market. We would suggest that feeding stock is hardly an experiment in this section as it has been proven a success many times over.

T. W. Henry was out this week superintending the weighing of the corn gathered from the acres entered in competition for the \$50 dollar prize offered by the American State Bank, a full account of which will be given next week.

Friends here received the sad intelligence this week of the death, at Sayre, Okla., of little Miss Cecil Lenore Melby, a niece of Mrs. Thad U. Salmon. The little one had been a sufferer for years with an infection of the hip and was only beginning to recuperate when taken suddenly ill with typhoid fever from which she died Sunday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Orr returned Tuesday afternoon from Memphis, where they attended the funeral of the former's mother, who died at that place Saturday. The lady had been seriously ill for several weeks, and while her death was a shock to the loved ones, they were in a measure prepared for it. The News joins the many friends in extending sympathy to Doctor Orr in his sad loss.

Farm Home Destroyed

The home of Frank Kachelhoffer, three miles east of the city, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night about eight o'clock. All the household goods were also consumed, totaling a loss of about 12 hundred dollars. There was no insurance.

According to the story of the young man who was staying at the place, a lamp exploded and before he could realize what had

happened, the entire room was afire inside. He grabbed the gasoline stove and ran out with it to avoid another explosion, but the blaze spread so rapidly that he was never able to re-enter the building. All of his clothes and valuables, including a fine watch, were destroyed.

So rapidly did the fire do its work that neighbors in the immediate vicinity did not know of it until the next morning, although the light was plainly visible and noticed by several town people. Mr. Kachelhoffer is at Joliet, Ill., where he has been spending the summer and fall, leaving the place in charge of his 16-year-old nephew, Raymond Kachelhoffer.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an electric train, also a grader if you can. Bring Ellen Kay a little tricycle. I'm trying to be a good boy so you'll be sure and stop here Christmas Eve. Love,
Jimmy Kritzier.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a great big doll that has real hair, a song book about Christmas, a story book to read. Don't forget my mother and father. Good-bye, Santa. Lots of love,
Velma Baker.

Edward Gibbon wrote "The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire."

The average weight of the human brain is 48 ounces.

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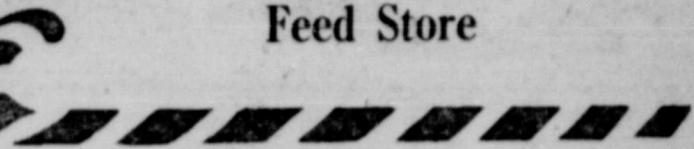
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Merry Christmas

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It Takes Know-How To Burn a Yule Log

THE YULE LOG is a tradition of Christmas, but due to central heating and gas stoves it is becoming a lost tradition in this country. Few city dwellers have open grates or desire a log fire. And those living in the country find coal more efficient and less trouble.

However, for those who have a place to burn the yule log and want one, tradition says it should be oak, ash, olive, apple or pine. Further, the fire on which it is placed should be kindled from a brand saved from last year's log, and that it should not be allowed to go out during the night.

For those determined to have the yule log, the voice of experience says get hold of all the wood you can. Some kinds burn better than others, but reject none these days.

Ash is highly praised by some and can be used without being seasoned. It burns quickly, but throws off great heat. Poplar, on the other hand, should be seasoned or it will spark badly.

Elm is condemned as undesirable, but can be used. It is slow to get burning, but lasts a long time and brightens up when it gets going. A few logs of birch, pine or fir will help it along.

Beech and oak are among the best logs. Beech is especially good, having a pleasant aroma and a steady glow. Oak has the outstanding merit of burning slowly.

If none of these are available, wood from all kinds of fruit trees are prime favorites for the yule log because of their pleasant smell when burning.

Dear Santa,
I would like a bye-bye doll and a pair of house shoes. I would like a pair of gloves. I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring my sister a doll, too. She has been a good girl.
Sandra Baker.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football and a knife and a pair of boxing gloves and a two-gun scabbard. Love,
Malcolm.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a telephone, doll and doll buggy and lots of candy and nuts. Thank you. Your friend,
Linda Kay Lasman.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a desk to study on and a doll that looks like a real baby. Jakey would like a horse and a bean shooter. We try to be good little children. Love,
Jean Hess.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl seven years old. I want some dishes, doll, and doll buggy. Thank you. Your little friend,
Leona Sue Adams.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 2 guns, a pair of boots, house shoes and cowboy gloves. Remember my little brother with a tricycle, 2 guns and house shoes. Your little friend,
Sanford Kiser.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy two and one-half years old. I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a little red wagon, a pair of animal house shoes, and other toys? Now don't forget I have been a good boy, and don't forget my big sister, Betty Ruth, for she has been a good girl, too. Love,
John Posey Dickinson.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a saddle, Toni doll, a sewing machine, cowgirl suit, dishes, doll clothes, ironing board, hat, boots and gun. Love,
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SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 8 years old. I have been a good boy. Please bring me 2 guns and a bicycle tire and a BB gun.
Jerry Kunkel.

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 6 years old. I want two guns and holsters and a cowboy suit.
Eddie Hugh Kunkel.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. Will you please bring me a cowboy suit and an electric train. I have tried to be a good little boy. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Your friend,
Kinnie Smith.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy in the third grade. I want 2 guns and a cowboy suit. I have been a good boy. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Jerry Smith.



DOLLIES ALL . . . Barbara Johnson (left) and Patricia Abel, both orphans, are in a virtual paradise, seated amid so many playmates. The dolls, more than \$30 of them, were dressed by volunteer workers for distribution to charitable organizations as Christmas gifts.

With Best Wishes

MAY CHRISTMAS BRING SPECIAL BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS!

E. L. PEIRCE

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old and I am in the second grade. I would like to have a doll bath-tubette and a baton and a pair of roller skates. I like you very much. Santa. Thank you.
Peggy Joyce Sharp.

Dear Santa,
I am five years old. I try to be good and help my mother. I pick up my toys and help dry the

dishes. For Christmas I want a doll and Alice in Wonderland dishes. I would also like to have a little table and chairs set and some candy, nuts and fruit. Your little friend,
Marilyn McIlroy.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, a basketball, a blackboard, a teddy bear, some dishes and a baton. I have been a good girl. Love,
Linda Nicholas.

Merry Christmas to You

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World's Christmas Legends Numerous

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Wilfred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith; henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the Nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson. And, although the fir tree long since has supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
We are twin boys 4 years old and we want you to bring us a toy transport truck apiece with cars in it, a dump truck apiece, one set of blocks together, a toy telephone apiece, a scabbard and a gun apiece, and some candy, apples and oranges. Thank you.
Durward and Darryel Herndon.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a set of hand puppets and a pellet gun and a football suit with a football. Thank you.
Jimmy Dyer.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I hope you remember me. I'm Larry. I've already told you what I wanted for Christmas, but if you've forgotten, it's a two-gun holster with guns that really smoke. Now Santa, if I'm not at home on Christmas Eve, I'll be down at my uncle's, who lives in Palestine. They have two little girls and I know they've been good, so I'm sure you'll come by to see them and me, too. I hope. Don't forget Charles, he's my brother. Bye now. With love,
Larry Williams.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I saw you Saturday on the fire truck, but I didn't get to talk to you so I will tell what I want in this letter. I have been a pretty good boy and I would like for you to bring me an electric train, and a double holster with two guns. Mother is going to have some cake and coffee ready for you when you arrive. Love,
Jimmie Edwards.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 2 years old. I have been a good little girl I think. I would like a doll and new pair of shoes for Christmas.
Vickie Sue Kunkel.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I have been a good little boy. I want a pair of boxing gloves and a punching bag. Love,
LaVon Ditzler.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I wish I had a baton, a doll, and little Liano. I have been a good girl at that, and please bring my baby sister a doll. Good-bye, Santa. My name is
Bobbie Jean Turner.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 2 years old. I am a pretty good boy. For Christmas I want a gun, a truck

and some house shoes, also some candy and fruit. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Your little friend,
Ronnie McIlroy.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, a ball and a bat, and all the nuts and candy I can eat.
Clarence.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl about nine years old. For Christmas I want a doctor and nurse, a doll and a

sweetheart bracelet set and some candy. Oh, Santa Claus, I'll try to hang my stocking up. Your little friend,
Loretta Elaine McIlroy.

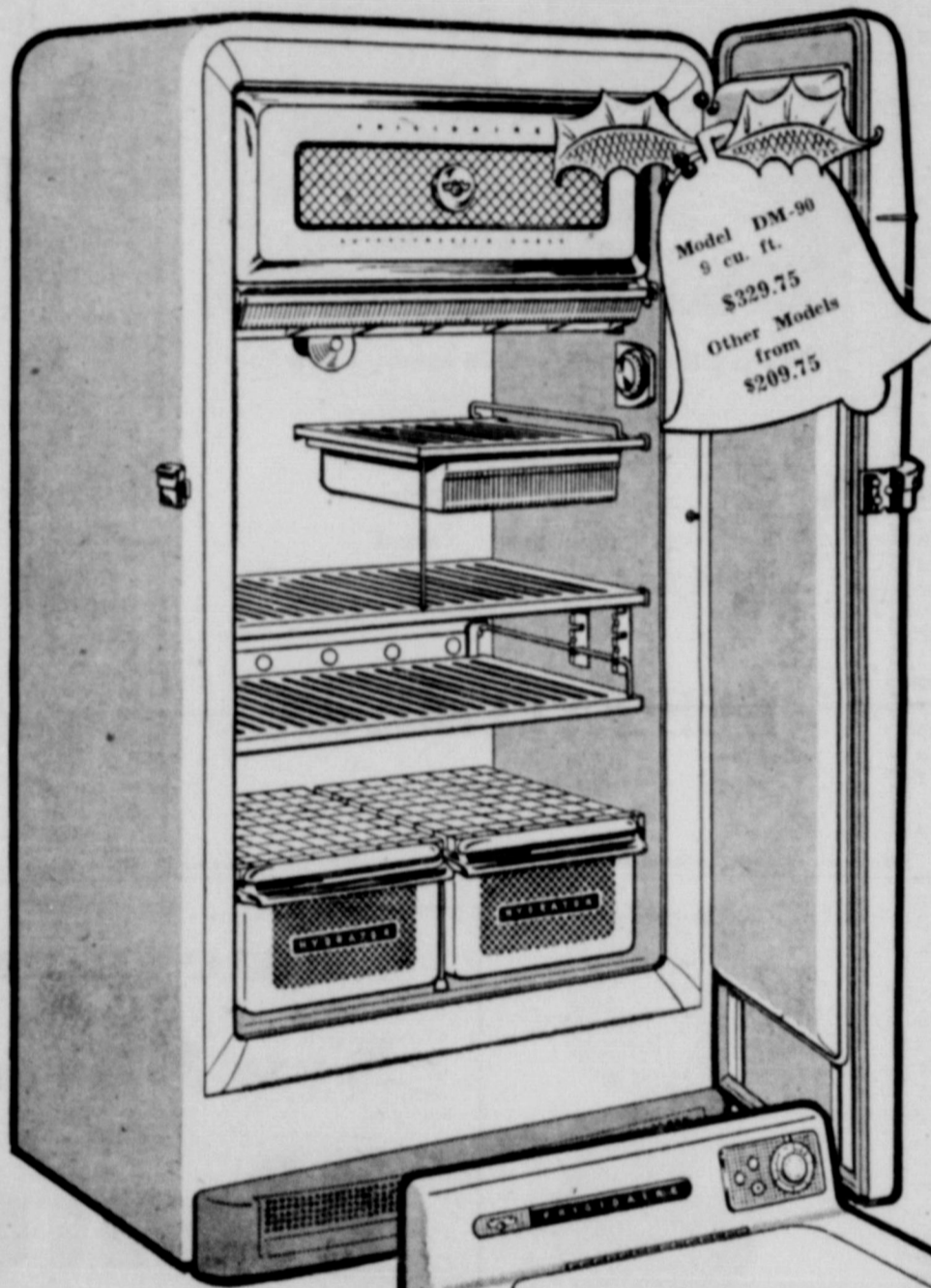
McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a nurse's set for Christmas.
Judy Ann Glass.

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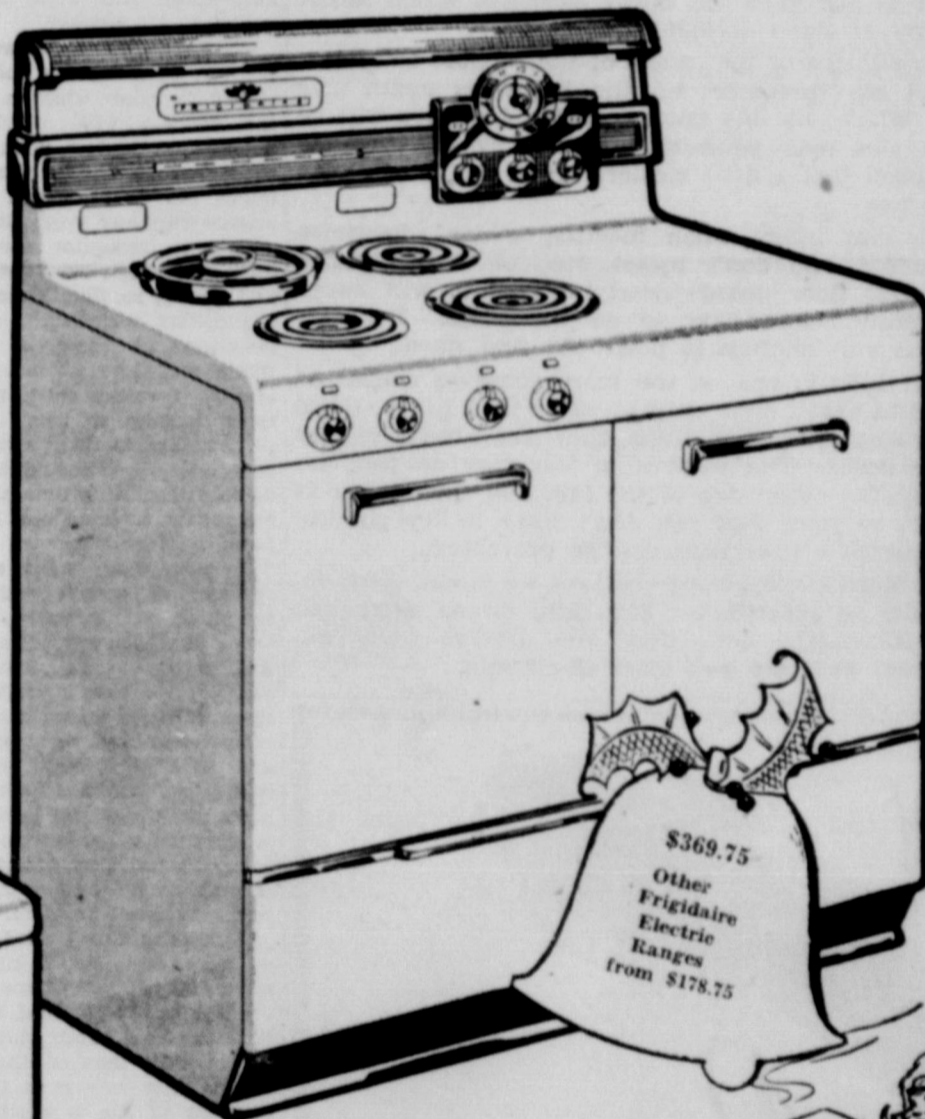


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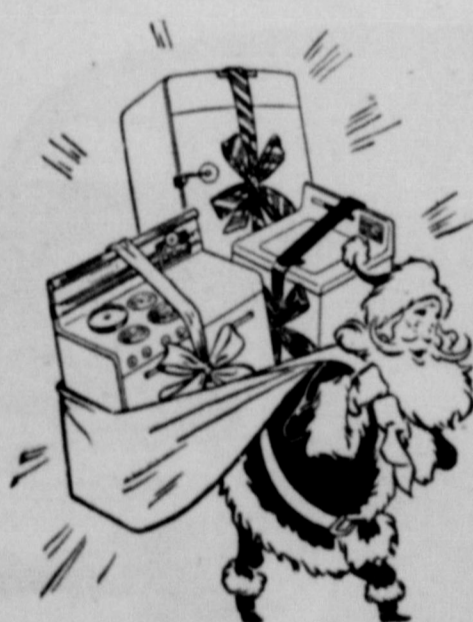
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CHRISTMAS DRIVING

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Safety of the state of Texas has in its employment a man who is called a statistician. He figures up, in advance, the number of auto accidents which will occur each calendar year.

He also figures up, in advance, how many people will be injured, how many will be killed.

Then the statistician also predicts that a record number of people will be killed and injured in automobile accidents during the few days which will be considered as the Christmas season.

The Department of Public Safety has asked newspapers and radios throughout the state to caution once more the people of this state about driving during the holidays. It's an old story, and one you read almost every year. Yet too many of us disregard the safety measures which might prevent many of these accidents.

Fast driving is one of the causes of the terrible accidents, yet you will see speedsters on the highways again this Christmas. Why? No one knows exactly, but they will be there. You can help yourself, however, by starting for your destination just a little earlier. Then you won't have to drive so fast.

Failure to dim lights when meeting a car sometimes causes accidents. So don't forget, step on that dimmer button on your floor board—nearly always it will cause the approaching car's driver to do the same. But you don't have to wait on him to make the first move.

Passing on hills is one of the more common causes of accidents. And that's done only by those in a hurry, those who are careless enough to think they can always get by with such driving. The trouble is, you may be the one coming up on the other side of the hill, and the danger is just as great to you. But you don't have to try passing on a hill yourself—that much can be prevented.

There are many, many more cautions we might mention, but all would be repetition. You have heard them all. You know them all. Let's hope you observe them all. In which case, we'll see you after Christmas.

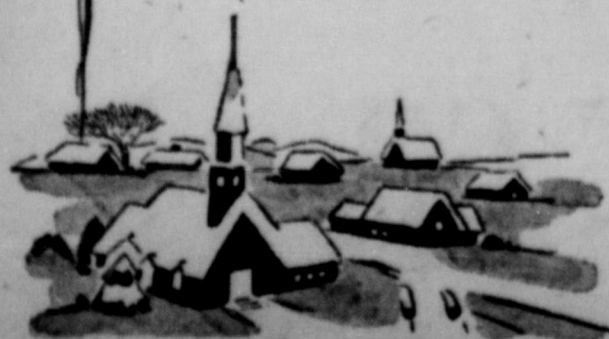


Peace on Earth

Wishing you Peace and Joy
at Christmas and many
blessings for the New Year!

McLEAN GIN

S. R. Jones, Mgr.



LES TALK BY LESTER

Maybe I'm just a child at heart, or perhaps I'm in my second childhood, but whatever the reason may be, I always like Christmas and the days which lead up to that day. I have never failed to take up, in one way or another, the "Christmas spirit," although I spent two or three away from my loved ones during the war. Even then, I certainly remembered Christmas, and liked to look at decorations in the strange places I was. Fortunately for me, I was never out of the United States at Christmas time during the war.

I like Christmas decorations. I think the beautiful Nativity scene set up by the American Legion and painted by Mrs. Helen McWilliams and her art students is a wonderful piece of work. And I like all the decorations which merchants have put in their windows and also those which people have put up at their residences.

I like Christmas. And I think I will just write old Santa a letter for the rest of this column.

Dear Santa Claus,

This year I want so many things. Maybe not exactly the things you would expect I might want, but things which seem to me much more important than material things.

And Santa, I hope you won't mind this letter too much, for it is a little longer than those you usually get. You see, I believe I may have to explain some of my desires. So stay with me, won't you?

First I want courage . . . the courage to meet the difficulties which I am sure I will face before I write you again . . . courage to undergo the hardships which are likely to be mine during the coming year . . . courage to face the realities of heartbreak and sorrow which may come my way . . . courage to, if still given the right to speak and write freely, to think right so that I may speak and write right, not wrong . . . courage.

Then, too, Santa, I would like for you to bring me ability . . . ability to know what to do with the courage with which I am helping you bestow upon me, for without that ability the courage might not do me much good, or anyone else any good either . . . ability to recognize the distinct difference which lies between right and wrong, so that I may choose the correct path . . . ability to maintain my home, of which I think and love so much . . . ability, if called upon, to defend the principles so dear to us all . . . ability to deny myself those things which I should be willing to do without in a time of national emergency such as our land now faces . . . ability.

Freedom from want and fear, freedom of speech and religion are more of my desires. I have those freedoms now, although they are becoming greatly endangered, Santa . . . and I want to keep them and enlarge upon them . . . rather than see them go. Freedom is a great word, you know, Santa, but it's hard to keep when there are those who want to take it away from us. So continue to bring to me this Christmas and throughout the next year, and the years to come, freedom.

Something else I need more of, as does everyone I suppose, is more people who are friends. Friends who will stand by me in time of need, and whom I can aid in their time of distress . . . friends who believe as I do that our way of life is worth defending . . . friends who are willing to stand with me, regardless of whether I am on the upgrade or downgrade . . . friends.

I want happiness, too, Santa. Yes, I have that happiness now, but I want to retain it. Happiness—defined many ways . . . going home after work and enjoying the smile of my family . . . attending a basketball or football or softball game and yelling for whomsoever I choose . . . attending church and worshipping in the manner I wish without fear of punishment . . . a relieved mind free of worry of the possibility of a big giant crushing me 'neath his feet . . . happiness.

Peace. Yes, of course, I want peace. Peace in our time, did someone say. Our chances of attaining that peace in our time do seem far away, don't they, Santa? But we want peace; I do, and so does the butcher, the baker, the candle-stick maker, and everyone else I know . . . except per-

haps those few who want power instead of peace. I purposely saved this last request until last, for all the rest of my wants are wrapped up, actually, in my desire for peace. Peace, so that my child and the children of all my friends will not be reared for soldiers, sailors, marines, or air corps men, or Waves or Wacs, or wives of service men . . . peace, so that our minds and our hearts will not be heavy with worry and pressure . . . peace, so that our government will not have to run us, but we run the government . . . peace.

Sure, Santa, that's what I really want . . . peace . . . honest-to-goodness peace is what I want and what all right-thinking and right-living people on this good earth of ours want.

We realize that you can't bring us peace, Santa, but you know, you come on the day when we observe the birth of a man whose

Father and our Father can bring us that peace . . . but so know, too, Santa, that we must earn it. Perhaps, Santa, with the spirit you give to us once a year through your coming, that spirit of wanting to give and wanting to extend a friendly greeting . . . perhaps, Santa, that spirit will enable us to see more clearly some day in the future.

Then, Santa, will come that peace which I and you want so badly. So, even if you can't bring

us a lasting peace this Christmas, you may be able to do so some day. It will be worth waiting for. I know it will.

Thanks for listening, Santa, and best wishes to you as you make your annual rounds. Your friend, Les Talk.

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Here's to a Happy Holiday . . . a wondrous New Year!

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DEE PATTERSON

District Clerk



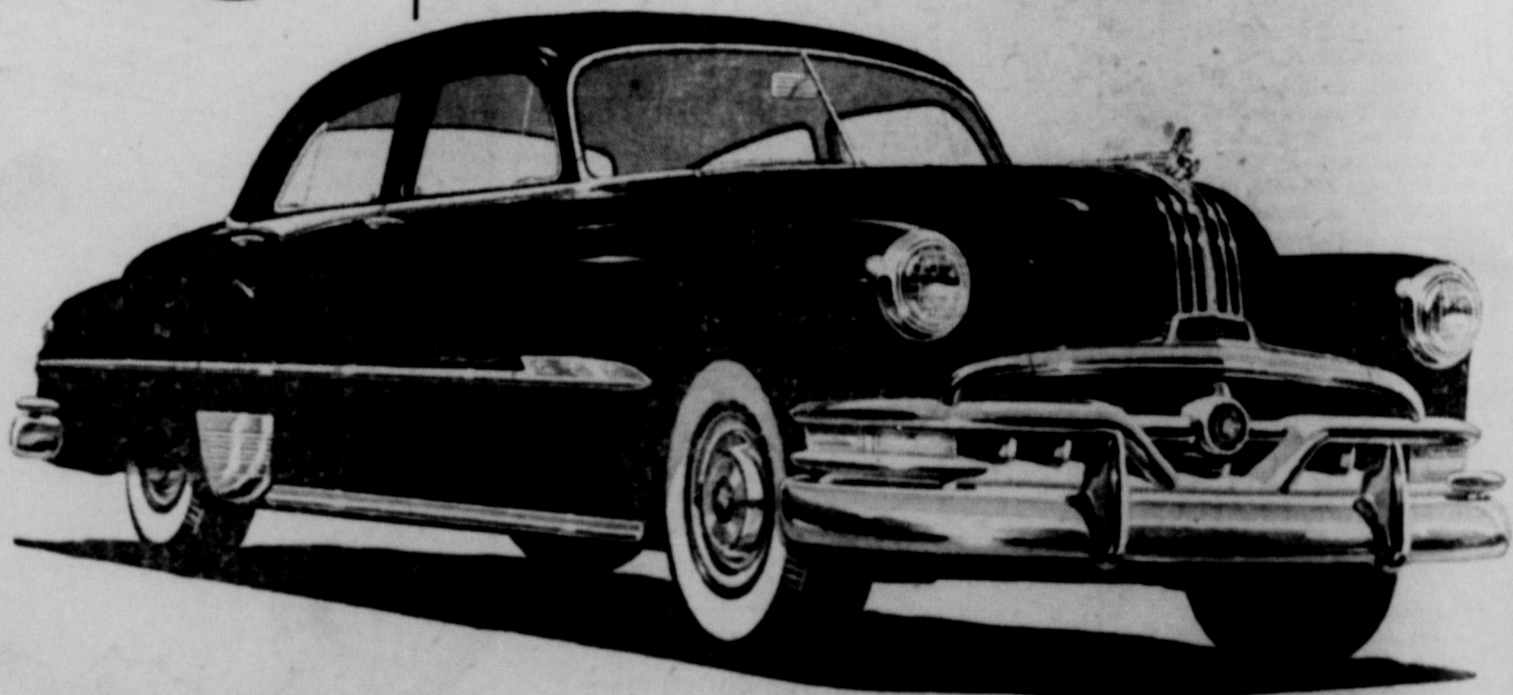
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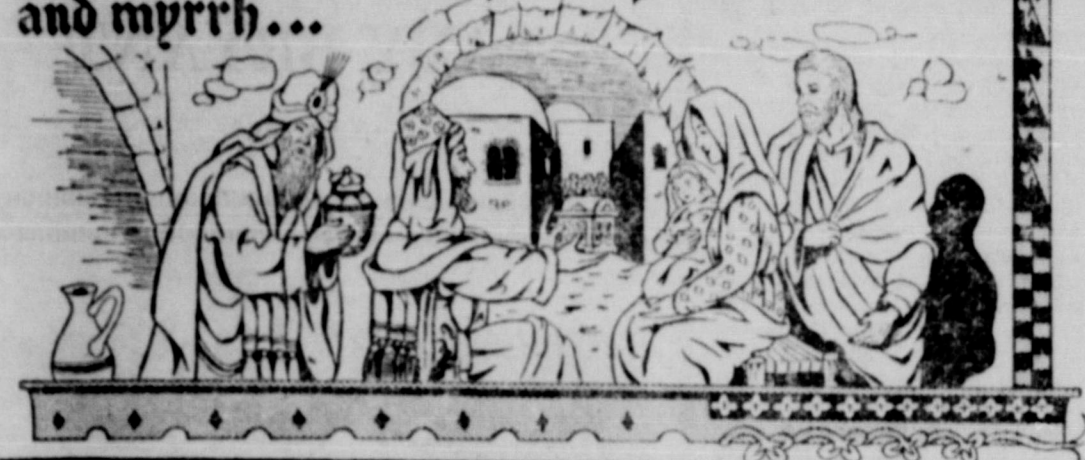
In the short time since it was presented, thousands of people have flocked to see the great new Silver Anniversary Pontiac—few cars have ever had a reception to equal this. Most people came to admire, which is natural enough. But a great many people do more than admire, they start figuring—they begin to compare this wonderfully beautiful and desirable car with the modest price tag it bears. No car, at any price, offers more for every new car dollar you invest than a great new Pontiac! Drop in any time and look at the car—then look at the price—you'll be doubly sure that dollar for dollar, you can't beat a Pontiac!

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The Gospel according to St. Matthew

And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense and myrrh...



Society

Ollie Marie James And Jack Grigsby United in Marriage

Thursday evening, November 23, at 8 o'clock in the Milburn Chapel of the First Baptist Church in Weatherford, Miss. Ollie Marie James became the bride of Jack Grigsby, with Rev. H. J. Starnes reading the double-ring ceremony.

The altar of the chapel was decorated with orange gladioli and three branched candelabra bearing gold tapers which carried out the chosen colors of the bride.

James M. Fry of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride, was usher. Miss Ann Milburn, organist, played pre-nuptial selections. She also accompanied Mrs. Knox Childress, who sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" and Grigsby's "I Love Thee" preceding the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her suit was of beige wool with brown accessories. She carried a white Bible adorned with talisman roses. Miss Rosalene Plumlee, bridesmaid, wore a light blue wool suit with beige accessories. Her bouquet was of ranunculus. Best man was Gene Wilson.

Mr. Grigsby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold James of Weatherford. She is a graduate of Weatherford High School and Weatherford College, and attended Texas Tech at Lubbock.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Grigsby of McLean. He is assistant math instructor at Texas Tech while doing graduate work.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Lubbock, where they will make their home.

Pioneer Study Club Meeting Is Held In Bill Day Home

The Pioneer Study Club met in the Bill Day home Thursday afternoon.

The home was decorated in the Christmas theme. A religious scene in blue and white was on the piano.

Mrs. Clyde Magee led the Christmas program. Mrs. Bill Day and Mrs. Jesse Coleman played a duet on the piano and organ. Gifts were exchanged from beneath a white tree.

Lovely refreshments were served to Mesdames W. B. Hicks, Myrtle Norman, Amos Page, C. R. Griffith, W. E. Bogan, Jesse Coleman, Bill Day, Clyde Magee, Bill Webb, J. D. Coleman, Jim Back, June Woods, Miro Pagan, H. W. Finley, Logan Cummings, Carl Jones, and Earl Stubblefield.

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- Floor furnaces

Any permanent repairs are eligible under this program.

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Cicero Smith Lumber Co.
McLean, Texas

Intermediate G. A. Meeting Is Held In Church Parlor

The Intermediate G. A.'s met in the Baptist church parlor Thursday, December 14.

Those present were Jo Ann Guthrie, Frankie Tucker, Nedra Graham, Mary Brown, Sharon Henry, Dixie Wardlaw, Joyce Nicholas, Mary Lou Watkins, and Mrs. Buell Wells.

The girls will hold their next meeting Tuesday, December 26, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Shirley Rice, Jack Howard Betrothal Revealed

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rice of Salina, Kan., are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Shirley, to Jack Howard of Salina.

The wedding is to take place December 23 at the First Presbyterian Church in Salina.

The bride is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rice of McLean. Mr. and Mrs. Rice plan to attend the wedding.

The bride and groom-elect are both students in the University of Kansas and will graduate in June, 1951.

"SMALL BUSINESS" by C. WILSON HARDER

The fight to give statehood to Alaska will be bitter. The affairs of Alaska, on the surface, seem to have little in common with national small business.

However, all retailers and newspaper publishers have a big stake in the outcome of the Alaskan statehood bill. The future of America's newspaper supplies and prices hinge on the action.

Newspaper publishing is practically monopolized by four American companies. They, in turn, apparently have understandings, or interlocking ownership, with Canadian newspaper companies.

Newspaper is made from pulpwood. Alaska has millions of acres of unused pulpwood forests.

For years independent businessmen have tried to establish a newspaper industry in the territory, only to be blocked by bureaucratic directives in Washington.

Alaska is ruled under the organic Act of 1912. This act provides that all resources are controlled by Washington bureaus. Not a tree can be cut unless permission is given by Washington bureaucrats. For some unexplained reason, even in periods of critical newspaper shortages, the bureaucrats have refused any Alaskan tree being used for newspaper.

And, thereby, hangs a tale of continuous opposition to statehood for Alaska.

As a state, Alaska would take over control of its resources. Supplies of newspaper from Alaska would break the closely controlled price structure.

Continual arbitrary newspaper price increases are posing a threat to independent retailers.

Successful retailers use newspaper advertising. The cost of that advertising depends on the price the publisher pays for newspaper.

Today flat newspaper is priced, P. O. B. mill, at \$120 per ton. In 1947 it was \$104; in 1948 \$71; in 1949 \$60.

Charles G. Nichols, National Retail Dry Goods Assn. president, has protested increased newspaper prices. Senator John Sparkman of the Small Business Committee and Emanuel Celler, House Judiciary Committee Chairman, want to re-open a Congressional investigation of this problem.

Thus, in Washington, even so simple a matter of giving statehood to Alaska becomes complex.

As one observer states, "It's difficult to take a deep breath in Washington. You inhale and some monopoly resents your taking in air which the monopoly believes it should own; you exhale and some bureaucrat resents the interference with his prerogative of issuing hot air."

While the Internal Revenue Dept. figures out new ways to get tax dollars, strange things happen.

For example, ECA Bulletin No. 1833 states the Marshall Plan has given another \$200,000 worth of tobacco—this time to French North Africa.

And Washington bureaus are working out a rubber allocation plan.

But we ship rubber to Communist China—2,000 tons in September through the port of San Francisco; equal to the entire 1949 rubber exports to Red China.

May each and every one of our customers and friends find this a very **HAPPY HOLIDAY!**



MRS. DUSTY RHODES
Your Avon Representative

MERRY CHRISTMAS
May your joy go on and on Through the **NEW YEAR** ahead!



BRUCE L. PARKER
Your County Judge

We're greeting all the folks we know with a wish that is sincere -- May your Christmas be a merry one, with good omens for next Year!



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Victor . . . Jewel . . . Jimmy



THE BEST GIFT SANTA BRINGS TO US IS the opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas! We say this in all sincerity because Christmas is the one time when we can express the appreciation which we feel on every day for the associations which we enjoy among our friends and customers. We are grateful for your friendship which has made our progress possible, but we want to especially thank you for enriching our daily experiences with your kindness and courtesy.

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Clyde Andrews Truitt Johnson

Brown's Is Headquarters for LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS

And for Your Convenience, We Will Be Open From 9 a. m. 'til 7 p. m. Xmas Eve, Sun., Dec. 24

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Pangburn's Chocolates	Ronson Lighters
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May You and Yours Enjoy A Very Merry Christmas

and may we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for the patronage you have given us in the few months we have been in McLean.

Brown's Drug Store



A greeting old in doggerel,
extended in good cheer
For a Merry Christmas . . .
and a Prosperous New Year!

CORINNE'S STYLE SHOP

Mrs. Corinne Trimble

Flower Legends Express Christmas Beauty

There are many legends concerning Christmas, but some of the most beautiful have to do with flowers.

The Christmas rose, for instance, was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the Manger. Suddenly an angel appeared before her—

The Angel spoke, his voice was low and sweet
As the sea's murmur on low-lying shore,
Or whisper of the wind in ripened wheat.

Then, after hearing why the maiden wept, he touched the ground where her tears had fallen, with the branch of lilies which he carried, and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid on the manger.

Of the others, Sainfoin, or Holy Hay, is believed to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger.

And the snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas Eve.

**Dr. Moore, Author
Of 'Night Before',
Was Ashamed of It**

Everyone knows and loves the poem which begins—
'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse;

but the man who wrote it, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, was ashamed of it and would not allow it to be published under his name for more than 20 years.

Dr. Moore, an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York, wrote the poem on Christmas eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

Ironically, the professor's serious works are forgotten today. He is mentioned in encyclopedias because he wrote the celebrated Christmas verses.

Mrs. William E. Warren and daughter Janet of Kansas City, Mo., are visiting in the Bill Bailey home for a few days.

Sunday visitors in the Jack Bailey home were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bailey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Gene Bailey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Willingham, Mrs. L. H. Nicholson and sons, and Rosa Lee Jones visited Nick Nicholson, Bill Willingham, and Morse Brown at Colorado Springs, Colo., Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Howard and Mrs. Paul Miller attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Olive D. Harris, at the First Methodist Church at Mangum, Okla., Saturday afternoon.

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you come to see us? Please come. I want two guns and scabbards, and a filling station. Will you bring them? Merry Christmas to all.
James Carter.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the 6th grade. I want a white Bible, some Canasta cards, and a pair of boots. I got a piece of candy from you Saturday. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Your friend,
Glenda Smith.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some dishes and a set of table and chairs and a blackboard, too. I am a 5-year-old girl. I have been pretty good.
Shirley Ann Bybee, Age 5.
P. S.—Please bring some things to all the other little kids.
Mickey Charles Tannahill.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been extra good, so my mother and daddy say, so will you please bring me a bike and a big doll? Please bring my sister some nice things and all the other kiddies whether they have been naughty or nice. I am 5 years old. Thanks.
Freddie Lee Smith.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tricycle and a truck and some pretty blocks, because I have been a good little boy. Bye, bye.
Gudy Gail Smith.
McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big doll and some dishes, and tricycle. I have been a good little girl. Bye, bye.
Mrs. and Mrs. R. B. Jones visited relatives in Amarillo Sunday.

McLean
Lions Club
Tuesday, 12:05
Lions Hall - Visitors Welcome

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and Peaceful New Year
to the Grandest Public Ever

I sincerely wish I could tell you how deeply I appreciate the real help you gave me during the last year. For each little kindness you remembered to do, will say

There isn't much that I can do—but I can share my friends with you and I can share my books with you and sometimes share your troubles, too, as on our way we go.

LADY BRYANT

Librarian



Hark!

Christmas carolers sing out

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

M. D. Bentley

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Merry Christmas

May remembrance of a Happy Holiday linger in your storehouse of memories to cheer the New Year a-coming!

Charlie Thut
County Clerk

Happy Holiday

If a pause to extend our sincerest good wishes during the holiday season to all our many friends. It is always a pleasure to serve you.

Happy NEW YEAR

The Southwestern States Telephone Co.

May the cheery Christmas Light cast its brightest glow into the New Year ahead!

Your County Treasurer
Ola Gregory

Plug in for a Merry Christmas

And Say It
ELECTRICALLY!

It's not too late to please the entire family with one of any of Frigidaires' fine family of appliances. And we have many small electrical appliances which are ideal for saying MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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Society



BOYS WILL BE BOYS . . . Despite the spectacular mouse that Andrea Kleczek is displaying, Santa Claus being the jolly and understanding old gent that he is no doubt will let the seven-year-old off with a warning that time is running out for good behavior.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Stotts and daughter of Escalon, Calif., visited Sunday and Monday in the C. G. and L. H. Nicholson homes. They were en route to Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Grigsby and son Burt of Borger spent the week-end in the T. A. Landers and Mildred Grigsby home.

W. L. Street, Tommie Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Street, all of Bethany, Okla., visited with relatives here last week-end. Phyllis Ann is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Glass of McLean.

Homemakers Have Christmas Party At Jolly Home

The local chapter of the Future Homemakers of America held its Christmas party in the home of Dorothy Jolly Monday night, December 18.

Each girl attending brought a gift for the home ec lab. These gifts were opened after a visit from Santa Claus.

Christmas games were played following a short program.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Sue Lynn Hulsey, Mrs. Glenn Jolly, Bethie Mantooth, Ann Cooper, Dortha Chase, LaVerne Williams, Colleen Crockett, Lorine Cliff, Wilma McIlroy, Dorothy Jolly, Floella Cubine, Iva Mae Adams, Sue Glass, Mary Graham, Eva Jo Day, Betty Patterson, Barbara Beck, Pat Patterson, and Texetta McCurley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Glass of Duncan, Okla., are the parents of a girl born December 2. She weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces. Phyllis Ann is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Glass of McLean.

Junior Music Club Yuletide Meeting In Boyett Studio

The Junior Music Club met in regular session Friday afternoon in the studio of Mrs. Willie Boyett. The Yuletide motif was used throughout the studio decoration and in the lovely refreshments served by Mrs. W. G. Carter and Mrs. Ernest Erwin who were co-hostesses for the occasion.

Max Billingslea was presented with a pin for making the honor roll nine months in succession. Cards were presented to those making the required grade or above for each lesson during the month. Donna Ruth Magee gave a report on the Alex Templeton concert in Amarillo.

Mollie Erwin and Barbara Ruth Carter were presented in repertoire playing. Barbara Ruth played the following selections: "On the Merry Go Round," "Soldiers' March," "A Southern Air," "Toy Symphony," "Sparkling Dewdrops," and "Vale of Song." Mollie's selections were "Triumphant March," "Sweet Minuet," "Minuet in G Major," "Lady Moon," "Playing Tag," and "Minuet."

Others appearing on the program were Monta Jean Kennedy, Sherry Jean Heffner, Bobby Weaver, Kay Stubbs, Laura Mae Switzer, Othella Eustace, Patricia Shadid, Dorothy Pagan, Lester Sitter, Jimmy Dawson, Pauline Erwin, Darla Jane Hill, Deanne Clayton, Billy Eugene Rodgers, Max Billingslea, Betty Ruth Dickinson, Mauree Miller, Clea Sue Heasley, and Donna Ruth Magee.

Those making the honor roll were Max Billingslea, Barbara Ruth Carter, Deanne Clayton, Betty Ruth Dickinson, Mollie Erwin, Pauline Erwin, Othella Eustace, Monta Jean Kennedy, Donna Ruth Magee, Gayle Mulanax, Billy Eugene Rodgers, Patricia Shadid, Kay Stubbs, Laura Mae Switzer, Bobby Weaver, and Lester Sitter.

The entire group sang "Joy to the World," "There's a Song in the Air" and "Silent Night," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Frank Rodgers. Twenty-seven visitors and 21 members were present.

Nina Hankins Circle Christmas Party In Graham Home

The Nina Hankins circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met in the home of Mrs. Joe Graham Tuesday night for a Christmas party and mission study conducted by Mrs. Buell Wells.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to Irene Williams, Lillie Mae Williams, Oda Claborn, LaNell Waldrop, Hazel Smith, Mary Boyd, Margaret Wells, Donna Joyce Boyd, Linda Marie Gray, Joe Graham, and the hostess, Edna Graham.

Mrs. Mattie Graham spent last Thursday and Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Heydon Hensley, at Memphis.



Imagine the whoops of joy that will go up when Santa Claus arrives at the kids' Christmas party, riding high on these charming little coconut cakes instead of in the conventional sleigh with reindeer!

Although Kris Kringle Cakes are very festive looking, they will give you no argument at all about time and work involved. You just make them with a quick white cake mix, or if you prefer, buy plain sponge cake, cut it in squares, and decorate them as pictured. The frosting itself couldn't be simpler, and the youngsters will love the tart flavor and delicate color the jelly gives it. Drifts of shredded coconut cover the cakes, so Kris Kringle looks for all the world as if he were climbing right out of drifts of snow.

KRIS KRINGLE CAKES

Buy or bake your favorite cake. Cut in squares and spread with Coconut-Currant Frosting.

Coconut-Currant Frosting

- 1/2 cup tart currant jelly
- 1 egg white, unbeaten
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- Dash of salt
- 1/2 cup coconut

Combine jelly, egg white, sugar, and salt, in top of double boiler and mix thoroughly. Place over boiling water and beat with rotary egg beater 3 minutes. Frosting will stand in peaks. Remove from boiling water and cool slightly before spreading. Spread on cake, sprinkling with coconut while frosting is still soft. Makes enough frosting to cover tops and sides of two 9-inch layers, or top and sides of 13x9x2-inch cake, or about 2 dozen cupcakes.

Christmas Party Of Baptist Junior Department Held

Members of the junior department of the Baptist Sunday School and Training Union held their annual Christmas party last Thursday night in the church parlor.

Games were under the direction by Mrs. Hubert Waldrop. The children exchanged gifts from a lighted Christmas tree, and treats of candy, nuts, and fruit were presented by the adult sponsors and teachers.

Cpl. Bob Brown of Shreveport, La., visited his father, George Brown, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Serfoss spent the week-end at Adams, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Back visited last week-end with Mrs. Eack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, at Hobart, Okla. Mrs. Back remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Richards and Douglas of Dumas visited Mrs. Richards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nevil Back, last week.



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It's With Pleasure . . .

that we send greetings and good wishes to you at Christmas . . . and we do think that you'd be surprised to know how bright they are—because this Christmas we're dreaming greater dreams than in all the Christmases past—and in the greatest spirit of fellowship, we're wishing you the best wishes ever.

It's Our Aim . . .

to serve you better in '51, so feel free to call on us at any time for worthy civic endeavors.



American Legion Post 315

McLean, Texas

The Star—Our Beacon Of Faith

The Star of Bethlehem which guided the Three Wise Men to the manger where the child-Jesus lay, still casts its gentle beams on this troubled Earth. Let us lift up our eyes unto this beacon—this symbol of Heavenly guidance. Let us enrich the lives of our fellow-men this Christmas with a new understanding of the brotherhood of Man.

City of McLean

JOYOUS



On this holiday of joy and laughter . . . and of sober meditation and prayer in Houses of Worship, we extend to all of our friends, our wishes for a rich, full life and all the things that make it so, both material and spiritual. A Happy Holiday to everyone.

HAROLD BUTRUM

Skelly Wholesale



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

To all of you we have so pleasantly served . . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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 For Sale—1 year lease on 160 a. good grass; also 3 good milk cows and '42 Ford tractor. 3 mi. SE Alanreed, Warren Carter. 50-2p

For Sale—My home in McLean. Available about Feb. 1. R. B. Sheddick, Sheddick Jewelry. 49-3c

For Sale—1939 Mercury sedan. Inquire at Orchid Beauty Shop. 50-2p

1938 Ford motor, good; 5 good tires. \$175 cash. Mrs. R. D. Hill, Alanreed, Texas. 50-2p

For Sale—White Rock fryers; also 2-room house for rent. 2 blocks north, 2 blocks west Pampa and 60 Highway intersection. Mrs. O. B. Tugwell. 1p

FERTILIZER. Our warehouse, 80 pound sacks. S. R. Jones, McLean Gin. 51-6c

For Sale—Baby bed, good condition. Phone 174J or see Raymond Smith. 1p

Nice cafe for sale or lease January 10, 1951. See G. F. Anders. 51-3c

Bicycle for sale. See or call Mrs. Jess Ledbetter. Phone 341. 1p

FOR RENT
 For Rent—3-room furnished apartment. Contact Mrs. R. L. Appling, Phone 1621P12. 49-1fc

For Rent—Modern 2-room cabin, unfurnished; permanent renters. Mrs. R. D. Hill, Alanreed, Texas. 50-2p

MISCELLANEOUS
 Expert local and long distance moving. For more information, call Bruce and Sons, Phone 934, Pampa. Agents North American Van Lines, serving the nation. 44-1fc

PLATS FIXED—Delays from flat tires are not serious when you promptly call us. Invite us to your next blowout. Gulf Service Station, Ernest Watson. 1c

BOTH GINS in McLean will be closed down Saturday, December 23, and Monday, December 25. Thanks for your cooperation. Paymaster Gin and McLean Gin. 1c

Haynes—
 (Continued from page 1)
 Montfana for the past four years. He was the grandfather of Mrs. Frank Rodgers and uncle of John C. Haynes of McLean.
 While living in this area, he was engaged for many years as a carpenter. He had been retired for a number of years.
 Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Frank Bailey of Amarillo, and Mrs. Tom McKinney of Sunray; and one son, W. L. Haynes of Weatherford, Okla.
 Kohinoor is the largest diamond belonging to the British Crown.

THANKS --

to all you good people for your fine patronage of our cafe. May you enjoy a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

You're Invited to Our

Christmas Dinner

Featured

Saturday and Sunday

Complete Turkey Dinner - \$1.00

Bert's Cafe

More to Mistletoe Than You'd Think

In America the high hanging mistletoe is treasured chiefly for its power to invite a kiss from a pretty girl. The bulk of the holiday decoration comes from the Carolinas, Tennessee and the southwest where off-season agricultural workers gather the branches for shipment throughout the nation.
 The white-berried plant also serves as a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins, and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves and translucent berries of the guest plant.
 Though the mistletoe plays the dual characters of destructive killer and promoter of love, superstition has it that the plant can switch roles in a twinkling. For instance, if the yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemass Eve (February 1), each leaf left will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

Make the Covering Gay When Wrapping Up Gifts

HALF OF THE GIFT is the wrapping—let's make the covering as gay as the gift inside.
 For the girl who likes to sew, material for a dress in a fabric-wrapped box, rick-rack for the ribbon and spools of thread with big buttons for the decoration create an unusual package. If you give yarn for a sweater, use one skein for the big bow.
 Disguise a flat box of letter paper as a desk pad. Use a real blitter on top with corners of metallic paper.
 Why not use a necktie knot in decorating the box containing a tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 1/4 way down; bring to center; tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use a dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.
 Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.



PLEASANT as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.
 The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily.
 However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.



HARD TO GET . . . Mary Jane Ng (yep, that's Ng) is only 14 months old, and as a result is playing hard to get with Santa. She was at a Christmas party held for 450 underprivileged Bowery children in New York.

Tradition of Poppy

The poppy leaf, traditionally a part of Christmas Eve supper in Lithuania, is a small leaf made of bread dough and baked hard in a bread pan. When cool, the leaves are dipped in a solution made of water and sugar and ground poppy seed which is also used as a traditional holiday beverage.
 Tradition prescribes that the poppy seed should be ground in an iron kettle using an ax handle as a mallet, and no Lithuanian would think of grinding seeds for the Christmas poppy leaves by any other method.

Mistletoe Has Come Long Way Since Days of Druid Worship

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshiped by the British druids to its present status as a criminal killer of forests. However, its use as a symbol of love, peacemaking and goodwill survives to this Christmas day of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose palace stood in the Milky Way.
 The beloved Balder, so the myth goes, was slain by a mistletoe arrow but was restored to life at the intercession of the other gods. Custody of the mistletoe plant was then entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. As long as the mistletoe was held high it could never be used as a power for evil.

Christmas Season Evokes Spirit of Trust, Faith

Indicative of the integrity and trustfulness prevailing through the world at Christmas time, people of Holland often entrust gifts to total strangers requesting the passerby to leave the package on such-and-such a doorstep.
 Half-way across the globe, Negro families in Virginia long have observed the table-covered-with-a-sheet custom. The dining room table is covered with a sheet. Names of everyone in the household are written on slips of paper and pinned to the sheet. Gifts are sneaked under the sheet when everybody is supposed to be asleep, and even the youngest child refrains from "peeking" until the gifts are unveiled Christmas morning.

Grid Games Nearing Close

High school football in Texas is rapidly coming to a close.
 In Class A play, Kermit and Wharton will meet in Sweetwater on Christmas Day for the state championship honors. The game will start at 2 o'clock in the Sweetwater High School stadium.
 Kermit advanced to the finals last Friday by downing Arlington 21-12, while Wharton toppled favored New Braunfels 28-14.
 In Class AA, Wichita Falls, defending state champion, will play Highland Park at Ownby Stadium, Dallas, in one semi-final game, and Austin, last year's runner-up, will play Baytown in Rice's new stadium at Houston. Both games will be at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.
 Date and site for the Class AA finals will be set following the playing of the two semi-final matches.
 The poet's line, "Order is heaven's first law," is so eternally true, so axiomatic, that it has become a truism; and its wisdom is as obvious in religion and scholarship as in astronomy or mathematics.—Mary Baker Eddy.



RIGHT FOR THE ROLE . . . Playing Santa Claus for young victims of polio and cerebral palsy is opera star Laurita Melchior, shown reading a Christmas story to Thomas Precious and Patricia Pullio.

Christmas Mass

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is the event of the year in Rome.
 Every Roman Catholic church in the Holy City is crowded with men, women and children anxious to see the processions of church officials in their splendid robes. The larger the church, the more beautiful the sight. And, of course, the service at St. Peter's is the most magnificent in the world.
 At St. Peter's all the men present are required to wear evening clothes and the ladies must be dressed in black, thus offsetting the brilliant beauty of the robes. Even the guards on duty are attired in elegant red and white uniforms.

Social progress makes the well-being of all more and more the business of each; it binds all closer and closer together in bonds from which none can escape.—Henry George.

Grid Schedule For Next Fall Is Announced

If present plans go through, the McLean grid squad will play four home games and six games away next fall, Coach Al Duncan said this week.
 The team this past season played six home games and four away.
 A ten-game schedule is complete, with one exception, Duncan explained. A tentative game with the Phillips Blackhawks has been set for that one possible exception, and it will be settled definitely within a few days.
 The schedule for the new District 1-A was set two weeks ago when representatives of the various schools met in White Deer. The new district is composed of McLean, Canadian, Panhandle, Wheeler, Clarendon, White Deer, and Lefors. Wheeler High School, the only school in the district which could not qualify for the 1-A district on the basis of enrollment, was voted into membership.
 Details of decisions in case of tie games, etc., were not worked out at this meeting, but will be decided when the schools' representatives get together early next September.
 The Tigers will open the season September 7 when they journey to Hereford to meet the Whitefaces. Hereford has played here for the past two seasons.
 The entire schedule is as follows (an asterisk denotes conference games):
 Sept. 7—Hereford there.

Sept. 14—Phillips there (tentative).
 Sept. 21—Shamrock here.
 Sept. 28—Memphis there.
 Oct. 5—White Deer here.
 Oct. 12—Canadian there.
 Oct. 19—Clarendon here.
 Oct. 26—Panhandle there.
 Nov. 2—Open.
 Nov. 9—Wheeler here.
 Nov. 16—Lefors there.

NEWS FROM KELLERVILLE

Mrs. Mary Boydston passed away Sunday morning at the age of 90 in the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. B. Kiser. Interment was at Groom where her husband was buried a number of years ago.

The community wishes to express sympathy to the family.

Clarence Drum had an operation at the Shamrock hospital last week. He returned home Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jarric are the parents of a daughter, born December 15 at Highland General Hospital, Pampa. Jacqueline Sue weighed 8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Cecil and girls of Torrence, Calif., are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jack Harris and family.

The most famous duel in U. S. history, was that between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

A facet is one of the faces into which the surface of a gem is cut to increase its brilliancy.

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Lester Campbell Arval Montgomery Herchel Montgomery
 Martha Campbell Eunice Stratton
 Jo Ann Grigsby Keith Myatt

McLean, Texas, Rt. 1
Dear Santa,
I love you very much I want a bicycle for Christmas and an electric train and an airplane.
Steve Haglin.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a doll with baby clothes. Bring other boys and girls what they want, too.
Louise Cobb.

High Honors for Texas 4-H'ers

HIGH HONORS were accorded 4-H'ers recently for having the best and Poultry in the 1950 National 4-H Dress Revue, Canning, Safety Congress, Chicago, Nov. 25-30, were provided by the program sponsors. Highlights of their club careers are told below.

4-H means "No Accidents" to Earl Lloyd West, 14, of Memphis, Farm and Home Safety champion. His efforts to make home and farm a safer place in which to live and work won for Earl the General Motors trip award. Probably the most ingenious of his safety gadgets is a staff with a snap at one end, which enables him to catch an escaped bull without entering the corral. Earl also built a small door in the corral fence which enables him to water the bull without entering the stall. Repairing gates, fences, and machinery, as well as checking fire hazards inside and out, have made his farm home a model for safety. Through many radio and public speeches, he has carried the cam-

pan for safety to the community. During four years in 4-H, Earl followed safety rules in carrying out all of his projects. His exemplary record includes two years each as leader and president of his local club. From the original design to the finished garment has proved both fascinating and rewarding to Geraldine Campbell, 15, of Graham, who was judged winner in the Dress Revue program. Her dark green cotton pima cloth dress is made on simple lines. The cuffs, pockets and belt are tucked to add interest. To complete her costume she wears toast colored calf shoes, straw hat and string gloves. Geraldine has been president of her 4-H Club for two years. In recognition of her abilities, Simplicity Pattern Co. sent Geraldine to the Club Congress—all expenses paid. Fred Fiebrich, Jr., 16, of Red Rock, has been in club work seven years and completed 22 projects. He always liked to raise chickens, and concentrated especially on this project. Learning the newest methods and practices for poultry and egg production enabled Fred to raise a flock of 600 birds. Since his father works for the highway department Fred does the farming of 17 acres. He raises all of the corn and heari which is fed to his chickens and his mother's turkeys. He buys only growing and laying mash. Traveling 17 miles by bus to school every day, he has to make every hour count. Fred is president and leader of his 4-H club, and has also won letters in school athletics. Fred's trip was provided by Dearborn Motors.



Earl Lloyd West



Geraldine Campbell



Fred Fiebrich, Jr.



Ivy Kastner

Long range food preservation plans won for Ivy Kastner, 16, of McDade, high honors in the Canning Achievement program. A 4-H'er for six years, she has completed 22 projects, and canning has been her favorite. Because she learned how to select and preserve fruits, vegetables, poultry and meat produced on the farm, Ivy has been able to reduce the family food bill considerably. Use of home-canned food also provided well balanced meals the year round. From the garden Ivy helps plan, plant and care for, she has canned 1,960 jars of fruits and vegetables. The young homemaker has made 60 canning exhibits, winning many honors. She serves her local club as Junior Leader and is vice-president for the County 4-H organization. For her fine record, Kerr Glass Mfg. Co. provided Ivy's trip to Chicago.

All of these activities are conducted under the direction of the Extension Service of the State Agricultural College and USDA cooperating.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring all the needy boys and girls lots of good things. If you have one I would like a baton and a doll. My little sister wants a didy doll for Christmas. Don't forget my brothers and bring us some candy and fruit. I am in the third grade. Thank you, Santa.
Adella Vineyard.

McLean, Texas
I want a doll, a baton, dress, a ball and a pair of shoes. I want a doll house, and some doll shoes. I have a baby sister. I have a baby brother. My sister wants a dress. My brother wants a ball.
Charlotte Ann Rosson.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a doll, pair of fuzzy mittens, brown shoes, and a set of dishes. I would also like a baton, nuts, candy, and fruit. I am a very good little girl, and I am 6 years old. Please bring me the things I ask for. With love,
Cinda Kay Pugh.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old I want a BB gun and a cowboy suit and lots of candy and nuts. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Love,
Eddie Rieme.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll that sucks a bottle and wets its pants, also candy, nuts, and some fruit. Santa, also bring my little sister, Barbara Ann, a doll like mine and candy, nuts, and fruit.
Linda Sue McCurley.

Christmas Tree Is 150 Years Old In This Country

A CHRISTMAS TREE will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed Christmas tree, as it is known today, is only about 150 years old in this country. The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner. It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up. The custom of the lighted Christmas tree, some historians tell, originated with Martin Luther. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen tree into his house and lighted it with candles for his children. Another old German legend credits St. Boniface with the origin of the Christmas tree. Having converted some oak tree-worshipping Druids to Christianity, he took them into a forest, cut down an oak and pointed to a stately fir along side. "Take this tree," he said, "into your homes as a sign of your new worship. Celebrate God's power no more with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your homes with laughter and love."



When Father Carved the... BOAR'S HEAD

WHAT ROAST TURKEY is to Christmas dinner today, the boar's head was to the Yuletide feasting of Medieval England. Preparation for the feasting began during September or October when the boar's flesh was at its best. Hunters tracked the animal down with well-trained packs of boar-hounds and it was dangerous sport, attacking the ferocious beast with spears or surrounding him and driving him into a net. His ear was his most vulnerable spot, but before the dogs could get a grip on it and pin him down, his sharp teeth often wounded—sometimes even killed—the hunter and his dogs. Nevertheless, the pluckier the bear, the louder his praises were sung, the merrier the feasting, when his head was borne to the Christmas table.

HOLY NIGHT



This painting of the first Christmas was done by Feuerstein, an Alsatian who taught at the Munich Academy of Art.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a bow and 10 arrows. I want a cowboy shirt. I want two guns. I want a satchel. I want a pair of gloves. Thank you, Santa.
Bradford Ray Hunt.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I have tried to be good. Would you please bring me a Hopalong Cassidy bicycle, an air gun, lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Re-

member my little sisters, Alice, Marie, and Dora Faye. Also my mother, daddy, and grandparents, and all my school friends. Please don't forget us. Your friend,
Norris Cunningham Jr.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy and would you please bring me some boots and a farm. Thank you.
Jimmy Butrum.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a Toni doll for Christmas, and a pair of skates, too. I also want a suit, a necklace, and bracelet. I want a book to read.
Mary Beth.

NOEL

The real spirit of CHRISTMAS ...

Peace ... good will ... freedom ... prosperity ... opportunity ... friendship—all of this is the Christmas spirit ... may it be yours in '51, and ever after!

F. E. LEECH
County Tax Assessor-Collector

Happiest HOLIDAY SEASON to all

May Your Holiday Cheer go on and on!

CONSUMERS SUPPLY
Glass & Dwyer

INVITATION TO A Happy Holiday Season

McLEAN FLOWER SHOP
Verna Burris

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wherever You Are, Merry Christmas!

Your whereabouts, on the homefront or on the battlefield, is no secret to Santa. So, we are entrusting that jolly gentleman with our best wishes for you, that he may deliver to you A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gene Greer
Leo Gibson
G. and G. Automotive Supply

Christmas Greetings

Peace on Earth ... Good will toward men ... may these blessings return to His children, the world around, in the New Year so soon to come. Let us pray that this hope be ordained with fulfillment, by attending church for Christmas services.

CLABORN FUNERAL HOME
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Claborn

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a black handled gun and a big orange grader like the one at White's Auto Store.
Jimmy Stewart.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a pair of guns.
Eddie Christie.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a cowboy set and an Indian set. I want some boots. Will you bring me a BB gun, and bring my family some candy and nuts. Love,
Barney Pool.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I want a doll that looks just like a real baby. Thank you.
Carleen Myers.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a girl's bicycle and an accordion, candy and nuts. Please don't forget my daddy and mother, also my two sisters and brother. Thank you. Your friend,
Heleen Ruth Paskan.

McLean, Texas
P. S. Don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Parker.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and a table and chairs. Some apples and candy and nuts.
Barbara Ann Braxton.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a big doll with black curly hair, blue eyes, one that I can bathe and wash her hair. I would like a doll suitcase also. Please bring a bone for my dog Lucky. Oh, yes, don't forget all the other boys and girls, too. Your friend,
Jeanene Shelton.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
How are you? I want some beads for Christmas and also a nurse's kit. I want candy, fruit and nuts. Please don't forget the other children.
Winnie Martindale.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am making a list of things I want you to bring me. I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me table chairs, also a set of dishes.
Carol Golithly.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good girl. I would like for you to bring me a bride doll and a Cinderella watch and anything else you wish to bring me. Sincerely,
Bonnie Jean Edwards.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I try to be a good boy. Please bring me a tractor and a Hop-along gun. Please don't forget the other boys and girls. Thank you.
Roy Preston.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Toni doll. I also want a molding set. I also want roller skates. Please bring Janie a Toni doll, too. Janice Carol and Janie Cummings.
P. S. I love you.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me a Toni doll, a blackboard, a table, and some candy and fruit.
Rita Ann Brown.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a cap pistol and holster and wagon and cork gun and a cap.
Billy Wilfang.

Silent Night

Joseph Mohr. Franz Gruber.

1. St. - der night be - der night. All is calm, all is bright.
2. St. - der night be - der night. Dank-ge-heit, alle-ge-heit.
3. St. - der night be - der night. Dank-ge-heit, alle-ge-heit.

Bring you the good news and glad tidings. No joy so tender and mild.
That has been the an-ge-ling. Ho - ho - ho! Hail the King!
With the an-ge-lic host. Ho - ho - ho! Hail the King!

Sleep in heav'nly peace. Sleep in heav'nly peace!
Christ the Son of God. Christ the Son of God.
Christ the Son of God. Christ the Son of God. A - men.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a football and BB gun.
Jack Robert Back.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a pair of house shoes and a doll that has clothes in a suit case and I also want a table with some chairs and a set of dishes. I would also like to have an electric train and cowgirl suit with a hat. I would like it very much if you could get me all of this.
Wanda Crowley.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old. I would like to have a long bed truck, a pair of boots, and some guns for Christmas. I love you.
Ronny Howard.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have had a good report card and I think I have been good. For Christmas I would like some costume dolls and a toy sewing machine and some house shoes and a doll house. I love you.
Marsha Nell Andrews.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I'm still a little young to realize just who you are, but I know you must be something wonderful. So please bring me that tricycle which Mama has been telling me about, and also another baby doll. And anything else I can play with. Don't forget anybody, and Merry Christmas to you.
Chris Campbell.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of house shoes, a "kiss-me" doll and a doll house with furniture, also fruit, candy and nuts. Be sure and do not forget all of the other little girls and boys.
Nancy Jo Meacham.

McLean, Texas
P. S. My mother said that I have been a good little girl.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want two guns and a holster, a BB gun, cowboy boots and spurs. I have been a good boy. Please don't forget me. Love,
James Williams.

Christmas

The same friendly song you've heard before: Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Huelyn Laycock
County Superintendent

HEAVENLY DAZE!

We hope that you're not too taken up with Christmas to listen to our good wishes! May all your dreams come down to earth and bring you happiness in 1951!

CALLAHAN'S
Gifts Hardware Plumbing Supplies

... from the more than 1800 employees of Your Public Service Company who have enjoyed the privilege of bringing you dependable electric service for another year. May the Spirit of Christmas live in your house every day and the bright new hopes and promises of the new year reach complete fulfillment.

Hi! There's no limit to all the cheer we wish for you at Christmas and all thru the coming year!

HARRELL'S JUNIOR DEPT. STORE

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
26 YEARS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE

LETTERS TO SANTA

Alanreed, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 I have tried awfully hard to be good and helped Daddy and the cowboys. Please bring me a log truck, a football, and a train and lots of candy, nuts, and fruit and bring something nice to my sisters, Patsy and Peggy. Your little friend,
 Ronnie McCracken.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I have heard that you were to be in McLean on December 9th, and I hope I may see you that day, but there will be so many

little boys and girls wanting to talk to you, thought I would write you a letter.

Will you bring me a bow and arrow with a target, a road grader and a BB gun, along with some more cars for my electric train? You remember I am still at my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty east of town, don't you?

Since you have already left the North Pole, I hardly know where to address you, so I'll just give this to my school teacher, Mrs. Frances Kennedy. She is no kin to me, though. I'm in the first grade, and like to go to school. Your little friend,
 Vernon Luther Kennedy.

Charles Dickens' 'Life of Our Lord' Is a Moving Story

LAST YEAR, the heretofore unpublished Dickens' manuscript "The Life of Our Lord" was presented to the world.

Written 100 years earlier for the exclusive audience of the author's own children, it is a child's life of Christ—a simple, moving narrative, understandable even to a child and yet touched by that incomparable Dickens genius which insures its place by the side of the famous "Christmas Carol" among the great masterpieces of Christmas literature.

Because he felt such deep veneration for the life and lessons of our Saviour, he left instructions

Brazil's Christmas Features Performance Of the Miracle Plays

Brazilian Christmas festivities embrace an aggregation of modern observances entwined with ancient traditions brought over from the mother country of Portugal.

The Christmas season in Brazil begins on Christmas Eve and ends with Epiphany on January 6. And because it is really summertime (south of the equator) festivities and entertainments appropriate to summertime hold sway throughout the season.

Miracle plays have always been performed in adoration of the Holy Child. From olden times, the plays have had all the dramatic fervor of a religious performance together with the gracious hospitality of a social function.

The scene is at once solemn and fantastic, with costumes bedecked with feathers, spangles, jewels and what-not sparkling in a setting of luxurious tropical foliage and blossoms.

Out of the great variety of miracle plays, all on different themes, of which many are in the form of elaborate dances meticulously performed and accompanied by the music of an orchestra, the dance of the Four Parts of the World may be cited as a typical example.

The roles are enacted by girls dressed for the part and, in succession, Europe, Asia, Africa and America declaim. The discussion finally involves their respective rights to make oblation to the Christ Child. Eventually, Father Time appears and settles the dispute to the satisfaction of all concerned.



that this particular manuscript should not be commercialized. Thus, the manuscript was a precious family secret for 85 years. But when Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child, died in 1933, it was finally brought forth and sold for the staggering amount of \$210,000 — or, \$15 per word.

Purchased by the London Daily Mail, the manuscript became a literary event of the first magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens himself, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ. For, according to Dickens:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong, or were in any way ill or miserable as He was."

"And as He is now in heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 I have been a good girl. I hope you bring lots of toys for me, my sister and mother. Love,
 Donna Lee Wingfield.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 I am a little girl seven years old. Please bring me a doll and a doll buggy. Also a toy telephone and lots of fruit. I want a few doll clothes for my doll. Your little friend,
 Joy Maye Richardson.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a B-B gun. Please bring me a ring with A. D. printed on it. Please bring my mother and daddy some Folger's coffee. Love,
 A. D. Reneau.

Kress, Texas
 Star Rt.
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I am a boy ten years old and would like a chemistry set and a football suit. Please remember my two brothers, Dick and Dan. Love,
 Don Cooke.

Kress, Texas
 Star Rt.
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I am a boy 7 years old. I want an action pump B-B gun and a rope. Fill my stocking with candy and nuts. Love,
 Dick Cooke.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I am a little girl in the first grade. I have been a good little girl this year. I would like a baby doll and also some doll dresses. Your friend,
 Mary Pearson.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a good girl. I want you to come to see Butch and Barbara and me. I want a doll house and a toy typewriter. I will have some candy for you. Bye-bye,
 Mary Ann Carter.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a Terri-Lee doll, a doll bathinet, doll dishes, a wading pool, and a bicycle just like Chris has. Something good to eat will be waiting for you.
 Karen Ann Day.

Better is the frugal intellectual repast with contentment and virtue, than the luxury of learning with egotism and vice.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Kress, Texas
 Star Rt.
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I can't write since I am only two years old, so my big brother is writing for me. I want a little table and four chairs. Bring us some candy and nuts. Love,
 Dan Cooke.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I hope I have been a good girl. Will you please see if you could bring me a play typewriter, a

slate, and a pair of skates. I would like some candy, too. Will you please remember Mrs. Kennedy and all the other girls and boys. Love,
 Doris Van Huss.

McLean, Texas
 Dearest Santa Claus,
 I am writing you for a bicycle, a dump truck and a big sack of candy, and Santa, don't you forget the other little boys and girls. Your friend,
 Roy Raye Richardson.

Happy Holidays



May you all have a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a New Year that's

completely happy!

CHEVRON GAS STA.

ODELL MANTOOTH

Best Wishes To All of You

IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS, WE WISH for you happiness and good fortune throughout the coming years. This year, more than ever, we pledge ourselves to expressing the friendly spirit of Christmas every day during the coming months. Through more efficient service to you, greater courtesy and friendliness, we want to demonstrate to you, our friends and customers, how much we enjoy knowing you and how much we appreciate the business which you bring to us. So, to each of you, we wish a Merry Christmas, and the best of the good things this happy season brings.

BARR AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Barr



School for Santas



With all his experiences, the modern trend makes the old-fashioned Santa Claus embark on technical education. "School for Santa Clauses," sponsored by a Hollywood actors' organization, is coaching Kris Kringle "doubles" for their roles during the holidays.

Cultivation of a hearty, or belly, laugh is in the curriculum (top photo). Santa is shown how he must open his mouth wide to force booming "Ha Ha" through chin brush. Photo in center shows instructor demonstrating application of tourniquet so that Santa will know what to do if a boisterous celebrant happens to injure himself. At bottom, melodious renditions of "Silent Night" are practised at each class session.

A long ton is 2,240 pounds, while a short one is 2,000 pounds.

Greetings

Be merry... and may you all have the sparkling ingredients for a full cup of happiness!



BROOKS DRY GOODS

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brooks



SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. Please bring me a Toni doll and a blackboard. Also bring my teacher and friends some nice things. Your friend,
Janice Page.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me two guns and scabbards. I want a shovel, rake, and hoe, too. I would like some clay, too. Your friend,
Buddy Edwards.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want some dishes. I want a playhouse. I want a doll.
Mary Ann Smith, eternity.—Joseph Parker.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little girl. I would like to have a big doll and cook stove. Thank you very much.
Ernestine Fuqua.

McLean, Texas
Falseness is in a hurry; it may be at any moment detected and punished; truth is calm, serene; its judgment is on high; its kingdom cometh out of the chambers of
—Joseph Parker.

'AND THEY WENT UP...'
There Was No Paved Highway For That First Christmas Trip

There was no macadam highway leading from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph undertook their memorable journey nearly 2,000 years ago.

As far as routes were concerned, there were three. The western route led along the sea-coast and through the plain of Sharon. This route was unpopular with pious folk like Mary and Joseph who shunned the heathen cities, rowdy travelers, etc., as much as possible.

The shortest route, via the fruitful plains of Esdraelon into the mountains of Samaria and through Shechem and Bethel, was not very popular either. The road was tolerable, but steep; however, the Jews had little use for the Samaritans, and vice versa.

The Jordan route, which descended into the Jordan valley and followed the river's east bank around Jericho, was favored by the majority of Galilean travelers who for one reason or another (the Passover, etc.) went down to Jerusalem at regular intervals and knew their way around as well as suburbanites know their way around modern metropolitan areas.

If the Jordan route was a little round-about, it was fairly level—and steeped in Jewish history, from the shadow of Mount Tabor where Saul in desperation sought his 'witch' of Endor, to the tomb a

little before Bethlehem where the first Joseph buried his beloved Rachel.

It is fairly certain that Mary and Joseph did not choose the western route when they planned their very special journey. Whether they chose to go by way of Shechem and Bethel, or around the walled city of Jericho may never be determined definitely.

But, the distance—nearly 100 miles—was, in any case, unrelenting and conquered only by persistent plodding. And when Mary was too tired to go another step, Joseph took the packs upon his



own shoulders so that she might ride the little donkey which trudged faithfully at his side.

Verily indeed, did Mary appreciate the shelter of the stable that night—no one could have been more grateful or more happy than Mary. And she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl not quite 3 years old. I have tried to be a good girl, but I get awfully mad sometimes. I want a 'nigger' doll, sewing machine, and washing machine. I also want thread and needles. I want some pecans, too. Love,
Martina Gayle Giesler.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of shoes. I want some pretty shirts. I want some pants. I am trying to be good. I guess that's all, will see you, Santa. Your love,
Charles Bogan.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl six years old. I go to school. I like my teacher. I have been a good little girl. I want a doll and toy sewing machine for Christmas. Will you please bring them to me? Your little friend,
Betty Ruth Dilbeck.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy in the first grade. Mrs. Kennedy is my teacher. I want a gun and holster for Christmas. I want the gun to have a long barrel and little play bullets. I cannot write very good boy so please bring me what I want. Your friend,
Butch Dorsey.
P. S. Bring my sister a bicycle, too.



RING OUT...

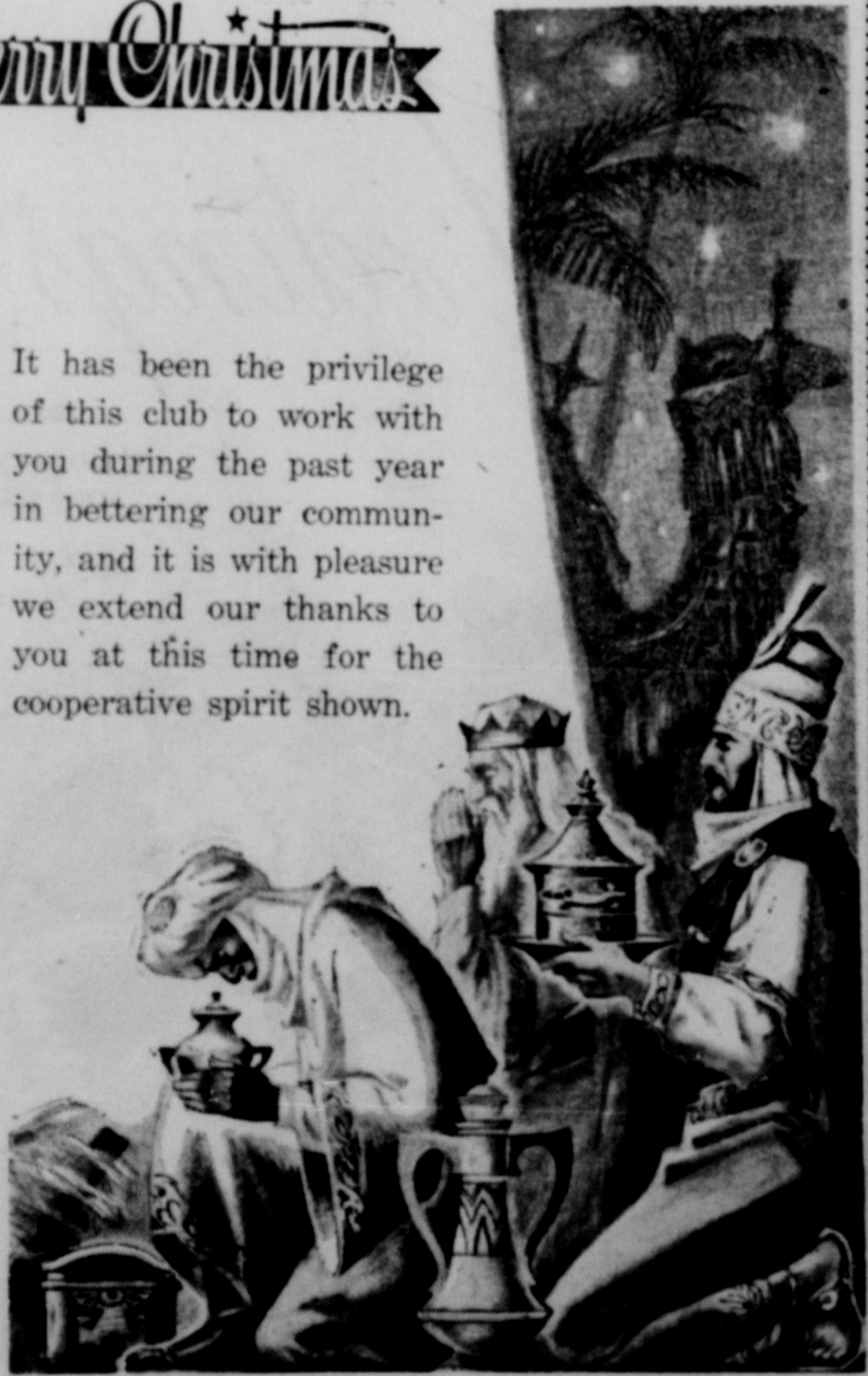
... and wish our customers
the best of Season's Cheer—
with many joys to brighten,
all the coming Year!

WATKINS MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION

Andy Watkins

Merry Christmas

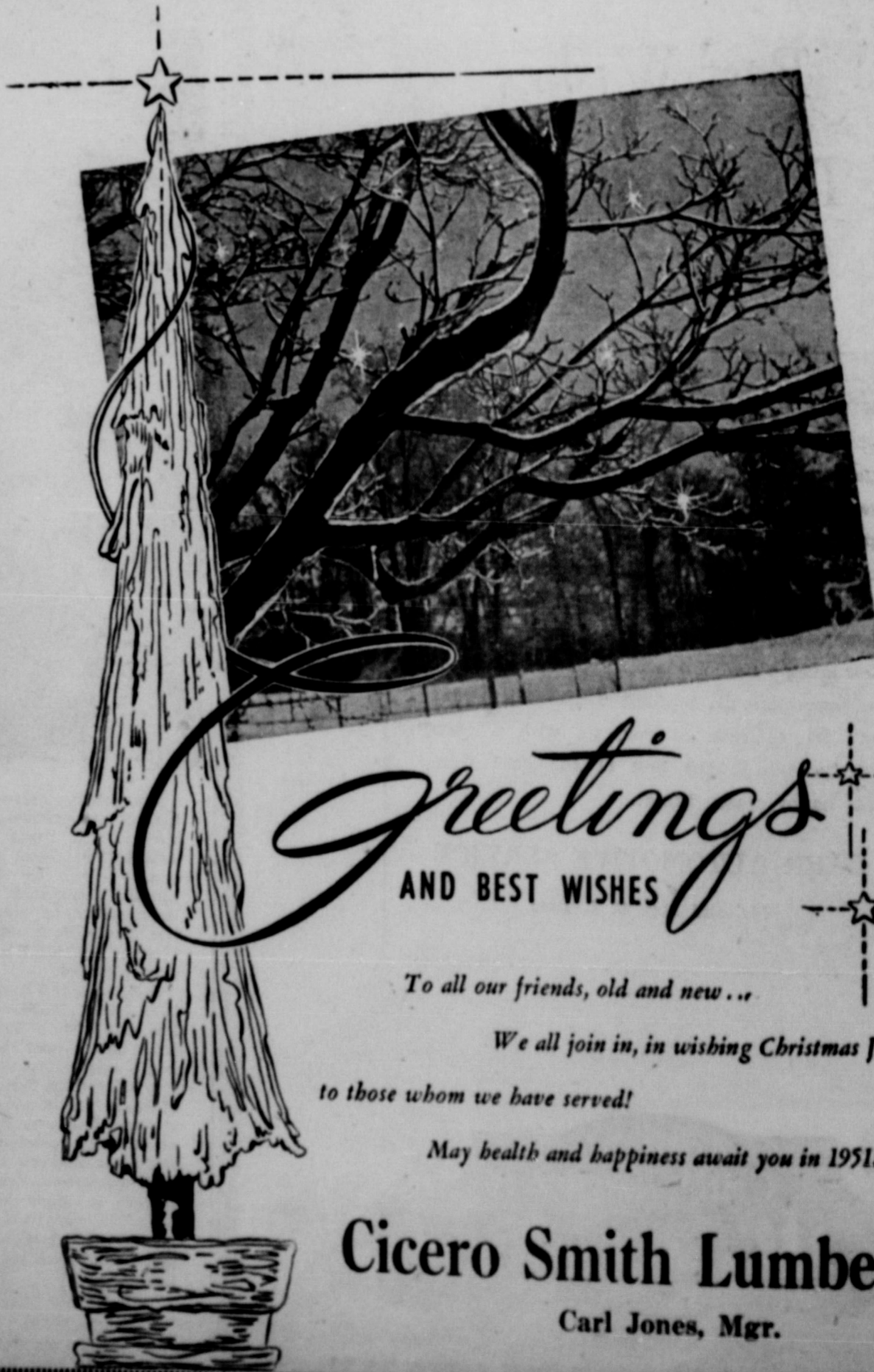
It has been the privilege of this club to work with you during the past year in bettering our community, and it is with pleasure we extend our thanks to you at this time for the cooperative spirit shown.



McLean Lions Club

Every Tuesday 12:05 p. m.

Visitors Welcome



Greetings AND BEST WISHES

To all our friends, old and new...

We all join in, in wishing Christmas joys

to those whom we have served!

May health and happiness await you in 1951!

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

Carl Jones, Mgr.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a very good boy and I want a football and a football helmet. Your friend,
 Jack Back.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 I would like a Toni doll and a doll house with all the furniture in it. Please don't forget my brother, Benny, who is at Texas University. He wantst a motor-cycle. Please bring us some fruit and candy. I am seven years old and in the first grade. Love,
 Georgia Ruth Cooper.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 My brother and I are good children. Please bring us some of these pretties on Christmas Eve. Brother wants a gas station and

truck and beads. Sister wants a farm and cattle truck and blocks. We would like a hobby horse and hammer peg set, story books, elephant, top, pull toy, auto transport, goose, emergency truck, dishes, guns, hat, Hopalong Cassidy. Your friends,
 Billy and Jennifer Turner.

Amarillo, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a doll buggy and lots of candy, fruit and nuts. I hope you visit the little children in Korea and leave gifts for each one. Love,
 Jeanine Dorsey.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 Please send me a cowboy suit and a bicycle for Christmas. Thank you very much.
 Paul Lee.

O Come Let Us Adore Him



LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a good little girl. I would like to have a dolly and buggy, a new pair of shoes, house shoes, and I want a new dress for Christmas. Also a broom set with a sweeper. Please remember all the other good little boys and girls.
 A Little Girl.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I am a little boy. I am six years old. Please bring me a gun and scabbard and if you don't have that you can bring me a carpenter's tool set. Thank you.
 Michael Nicholson.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 Will you please bring me a football and a gun and holster set for Christmas? I want a black-board and some games and candy, too. Your friend,
 Richard Robinson.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want you to please bring me a gun and scabbard set and a set of tinkor toys and bicycle tires. Don't forget all other little girls and boys.
 Kenneth Willingham.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a fire truck, a service station, a rocky horse, and two guns and holsters. I try to be a good boy. Your little friend,
 Mike Johnson.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want two guns and two scabbards and a football and a train.
 Ernest Miller.

McLean, Texas
 Dear Santa,
 I want an airplane, race car and truck.
 Johnny Glass.

U.S. Place Names Express Christmas Idea Many Ways

SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA: Bethlehem, Conn., and Christmas Fla., are a few of the more familiar post offices which each year handle a flood of mail from senders wishing to obtain yuletide postmarks.

Although the federal post office department has now barred extra flourishes by local postmasters using Christmas symbols and mottoes, a town's own holiday name can still give that festive touch to a greeting or package of toys.

Indiana's Santa Claus is the only town so designated in the United States. The privilege is reserved to its post office by congressional act. There is, however, Santa, Idaho. There is also only one Christmas—the one in Florida—plus a Christmas Cove, Maine.

On the other hand, seven Bethlehems answer the seasonal roll call; they can be found in Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. The Bethlehem, Conn. post office was one of several stations that figured in headlines recently on the use of especially-designed cancellation stamps bearing the now-forbidden Christmas tree decoration. The town's population is about 350.

There are two Noels—in Virginia and Missouri. Last year, Missouri's Noel post office reported hand-cancellation of a record 630,000 pieces of Christmas mail—800 for each of the town's residents.

Besides specific Christmas names that dot the land there are dozens that call up Biblical or holiday associations. There is Advent, W. Va., for the Nativity. Kentucky has a Mary, and Oregon and Utah a Joseph each.

One Wiseman is found in Alaska and another in Arkansas. The third, it may be assumed, is in Wisemantown, Ky. There are five Stars and four Shepherds. West Virginia contributes Goodwill; Missouri, Peace Valley; and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas.

For the Christmas party, Turkey is available in four states; Cranberry in three. Kentucky has a Mistletoe. Six states count an Evergreen; seven a Pine, and three a Holly.

Louisiana comes up with Trees, Alabama with Candle, and to top the decorations, Pennsylvania has its Angels.



May Christmas and New Year pair off brightly to keep you gaily skimming through life!

BILL DAY FURNITURE CO.

With best wishes for Christmas
 May this be a joyous Christmas and lots of good things come your way in the New Year!

LUKE HENLEY
 Constable, Precinct 5

Greetings

The jolly redcoat is coming... with a pack-full of our best wishes for your Health, Happiness and Prosperity—on Christmas and for 1951!

MR. AND MRS. BOYD MEADOR
 General Insurance

We make no bones about it... Our favorite Christmas tale begins with our sincere wishes that **YOUR HOLIDAY BE DOG-GONE GOOD!**

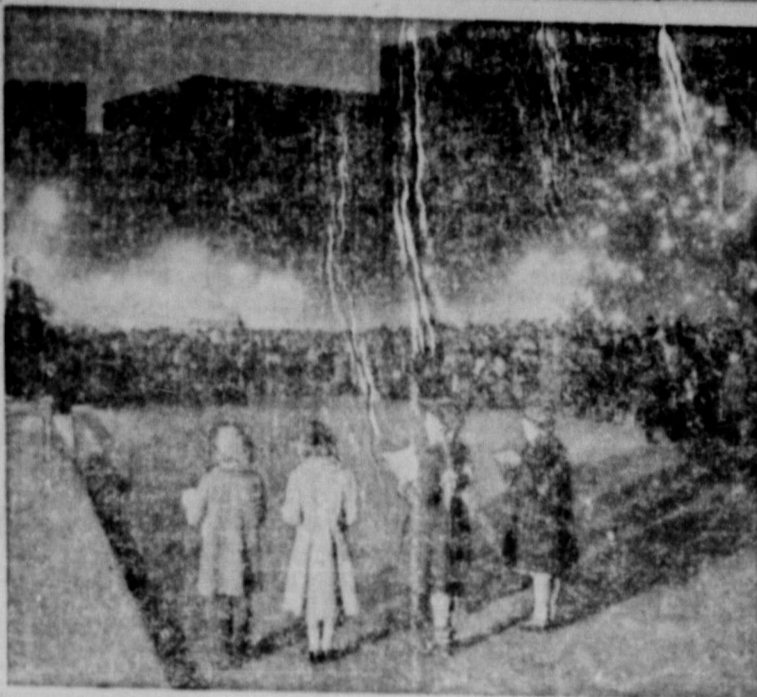
DYSART MOTOR COMPANY

America Has Provided World With Poinsettia

WHILE IT SEEMS rather odd, it certainly is interesting that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. This plant, like so many others of our best flowers, is native to tropical America. The florist has been able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, so that, with its flaming red bracts or leaves, it makes a most desirable Christmas plant.

There is a sentiment that goes with most Christmas plants — we hate to throw them away. What can be done with the poinsettia? Most of us figure that it is easier and cheaper to throw it away. However, if properly handled, it will bloom for you a second or even a third or fourth year. You can even propagate it, if you wish and have more plants.

Give the plant a resting period around the middle of February. The florist simply lays it under the benches, but you will probably put it in your basement. Water it occasionally — enough to keep the wood from wilting, but no more. Then, around the latter part of May or early in June, bring it out, cut it back rather severely, and re-pot it. You can re-pot it outside if you wish in the shade of a tree or shrub, and water it enough to keep it growing. Of course, if you have a nice, warm, sandy spot, you might plant it right in the ground, but most of us prefer to leave it in the pot.



IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY . . . The Rev. Hugh Giles (left, on stand), minister of music at the Central Presbyterian church in New York, is shown leading the carol singing which marked the lighting of the Christmas trees on Park avenue last year. Six hundred persons joined the choirs of five churches as the 30 trees lining the avenue were lighted and dedicated in honor of U. S. war dead.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big ball and wool coat. And hat and a pony and a puppy. And a doll bed.
Lou Vera Taylor

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, football and a pair of skates. Please bring Mother a box of candy.
Worth

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and a BB gun, also some play guns and candy. Love
Douglas Crockett

Alanreed, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I think I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a long cattle truck, a BB gun, a note-

McLean, Texas
book, and some books. Your friend,
Tommie Dee Hill

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I help my mother work every day and take care of my little sister. Will you please bring me a Toni doll. Love,
Delores

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I would like for you to bring me a ring and a Cinderella watch. Please bring all the other little girls and boys something, too. Love,
Anita June Watson

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy almost 7 years old, with two little brothers, Eddie Jay, 3 years, and Pat, 9 months.

I would like to tell you what we doll house and furniture, a two-gun set, a wrecker, a mechanic tool set, and boots. Bring Pat some new toys, too. Thank you very much.
Clyde Allen Windm.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll for Christmas. Please bring it before I go to sleep. Good-bye, Santa.
Margaret Treat

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football for Christmas, and a two-gun scabbard, a deck of comic cards, candy, apples, and cherries. Love,
Malcolm Conneil

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want two guns and a bow and arrows and football. Please make all the other children happy, too. Yours truly,
Joe D. Smith

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I wish I had a doll. I wish I had an apron just like Mother's. I wish I had an all metal doll house. I wish I had a broom just like Mother's.
Shirley Ann Gudge

Alanreed, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 9 years old and I have tried to be good all year. Please bring me a football, a BB gun, a Babe Ruth watch, and a Roy Rogers book. Your friend,
Murrell Emmitt Hill

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a football, a filling station, and Coca Cola truck and lots of candy, nuts, and fruit. Your little friend,
Frankie Yearwood

Signpost of the Season

The signs of the Holiday point-up our wishes to you . . .
A Merry Christmas Day,
And a Happy New Year, too!

Bentley Cleaners

Merry Christmas

We add to the wealth of greetings which surely come your way, our sincerest wishes that good fortune bless you all at Christmas and in 1951!

J. M. PAYNE

DING-DONG

this merry song carries a ringing note for **YOUR HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shull And Neal

No greater wish could be ours than this

MAY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR BE THE MOST GLORIOUS OF YOUR LIFE AND THAT THE NEW YEAR MAY BRING YOU HEALTH, GOOD FORTUNE AND GREAT HAPPINESS.

We very much appreciate the opportunity you have given us to serve you in the past and even more do we appreciate you as a friend.

May we deserve this friendship always.

T. & G. Maytag Electric
George W. Terry N. A. Greer

United States Is Christmas Carol 'Meeting Place'

IN TOWNS AND CITIES throughout America, in churches, public squares and along home-lined streets, over millions of radios and public address systems come the strains of the world's Yuletide melodies—old as bygone centuries, young as "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas."

The United States, meeting place of carols from all Christendom, contributes yearly to the traditions of Christmas music by writing new songs and popularizing old ones.

The carols of Europe arrived with the peoples who came to America to settle. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), eventually translated into 119 languages and dialects, belonged to no one nation but was the common gift of the continent. From Germany came Luther's hymn for children, "Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. . . England sent "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay. . . And France provided the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three American composers did much to revive the ancient custom by writing new songs which are, today, among the world's best beloved carols.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was the inspiration of Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, in 1849. Less than 10 years later Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Episcopal rector from Williamsport, Pa., composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Perhaps the best-known American carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written in 1863 by Phillips Brooks in Philadelphia. The young Episcopal minister, later bishop of Massachusetts, was inspired to write the poem by the memory of a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. The rollicking "Jingle Bells," though non-religious in theme, also came from the pen of a churchman, John Pierpont, and has enjoyed almost a century of popularity.

Rocketing your way...

HAPPY "HOLIDAY"


Happiest holiday of all—Oldsmobile's exciting "Holiday" Coupe! It's another famous "Rocket" Hydra-Matic® car—tops in action, style and economy! See it—drive it—today!

with **88** Good Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Our wish to all you friendly folk
to last the season thru—
May all your days be happy ones
in the year ahead of you!


S. G. ROBINSON
Attorney-at-Law



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Our wish to you this joyful Holiday
Season is as old as St. Nick and as
sincere as the spirit of his smile—
Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

**MARGARET'S
GIFT SHOP**



Santa Told Us
Not to Tell

We know what Santa's bringing you—
But, we're not going to tell.
His pack contains surprising gifts
And things you want as well.
But, we can tell you of our wish
That you and yours will find
This Christmas filled with merriment
Good will and peace of mind.

**McLEAN
HARDWARE CO.**
Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Meaham

Away In A Manger

1. *A way in a manger no crib for a bed,
The little Lord baby lying lowly,
And he was laid in the manger to rest,
For he was the Son of God,
Who came to earth to save us from sin,<
And he was the Son of God,
Who came to earth to save us from sin,
And he was the Son of God,
Who came to earth to save us from sin.*

2. *He was laid down to rest on a manger bed,
The little Lord baby lying lowly,
And he was laid in the manger to rest,
For he was the Son of God,
Who came to earth to save us from sin,
And he was the Son of God,
Who came to earth to save us from sin,
And he was the Son of God,
Who came to earth to save us from sin.*

3. *Down where they lay, the little Lord baby,
The little Lord baby lying lowly,
Down from the sky, and they lay in the manger,
And they lay in the manger,
And they lay in the manger,
And they lay in the manger,
And they lay in the manger,
And they lay in the manger,
And they lay in the manger.*

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a doll house and a doll that cries. I want a school bag that has the name Cassidy on the front. I also want a sewing machine. Love, Emmie.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring two guns for Gary, and one for Gail.
Gary and Gail Bizzell.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Here is what I would like for you to bring me for Christmas. A doll, a set of dishes, and some nuts, candy, and bring my baby brother some toys, too. He is 2 years old. Thank you. A little girl,
Helen Smith.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy who will be 4 years old December 28. Gee, Santa, I will be looking for you, so don't forget me. I want some cars, trucks, a telephone, and tractor set, plenty of candy, nuts, and fruit. I have tried to be good. Remember my mother, daddy, and grandparents. Love,
Kenneth Wayne Messenger.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good boy all year. Will you please bring me a BB gun, steam engine, bicycle, drum, boots, and a cowboy suit, and please don't forget Johnnie and Jeanne and all the other little boys and girls. Your little friend,
Jimmie Don Anders.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 4 years old. I would like to have a gun and holster and a rubber ball and a BB truck. I like you very much. Santa. Thank you.
Val Sharp.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy six years old, and I started to school this year. I want a little filling station for Christmas. And anything else you want to bring me. I like Christmas: candy and fruit, too. Please don't forget any little children, Santa. Love,
Tommy Smallwood.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a new gun, please.
Nathan Lee Hale.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a big boy doll and some new skates. Love,
Christa Carol Rodgers.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I try to be good. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll and clothes, a dairy barn and cow, some house shoes and robe, and don't forget fruit and candy. Love,
Nona Ruth Beck.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some doll clothes and a doll, a ball, and doll dishes. Your friend,
Lavon Watson.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I wish I had a baton and a doll too. I wish I had a pair of roller skates. I love you very much, Santa, and at that I am a very good girl.
Paula Ann Guyton.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun and one pair of guns and a football suit, and a ring with my initials on it.
Charles Jones.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I am a good little girl. I want a bride doll, and lots of nuts, candy, and fruit for Christmas. Your little friend,
Pamela Mann.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a boy 6 years old. This is my first year in school. I like my teacher fine. Santa. I have tried to be a good boy. Won't you please bring me an airgun, a pair of cowboy boots, some cars, and plenty of candy, nuts, and fruit. Also a football. Remember all my schoolmates, my mother and daddy, also my big brother Bill, and Judy, my little sister. Thank you, Santa. Love,
Jimmy Ray Kingston.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football and a gun and scabbard, and a cattle truck. Your friend,
Jimmy Watson.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have a baby brother. I would like a wagon. My other brother would like one, too. I want a Cinderella watch.
Kathy Stamps.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl, just 1 year old, but I will be looking for you to come to see me. Please bring me a baby doll, a teddy bear, some blocks, also candy, nuts, and fruit. Remember all good little boys and girls, my mother, daddy, and grandparents, also my two brothers, Bill and Jimmy Ray. All my love, Santa.
Judy Margaret Kingston.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Greetings to our friends and our neighbors on this Happy Holiday. Let the bright spirit of the day fill all your days with the light of cheer and good health.

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Joyous greetings

To our friends:

May Christmas blessings fill your heart with true happiness and bring you peace and joy all thru the coming year!

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Mr. and Mrs. Al Fuqua

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