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## Joe Bob Williams Fatally Injured In Auto Accident

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 12, at 3:00 p. m. in the Concho Baptist Church at Coleman for Joe Bob Williams, 19, with the Rev. Ray Martin, Rev. Holman, and Rev. Paul Smith, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Williams was born May 3, 1938 in Santa Anna and died at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday, December 11, in a one car accident on the Baird highway, ten miles north of Coleman.

He was an employee of the Birdwell & Son Drilling Co.

Williams and Miss Dorothy Jean Campbell were married in Coleman, June 27, 1956.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams of Coleman; his wife, Mrs. Joe Bob Williams; one son, Monte Joe Williams; one brother, Billy Ross Williams of Coleman.

Wright's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in the Coleman Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bert Wayne Farles, Leon Day, Bill Brandon, Don Brandon, Alvin Smith and Roger White.

Out-of-town relatives attending the services were: Mr. and Mrs. Preston Arthur and Jerry Arthur, San Marcos; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Arthur, Lockhart; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shields, Kermit; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, Evant; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lindly, Arlington; Kenneth Williams, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bledsoe and grandson, Bangs; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sider and son, Evant; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark and son, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and children, Barsto; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dixon and grandson, New Ark; Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon and Dewey Dixon, Benbrook; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tucker and son, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker and boys, Goldsmith; Mr. and Mrs. Doss Smith and Mrs. Jacke Turner, Abilene.

## Brother of Henry Leverett Dies At Clarksville

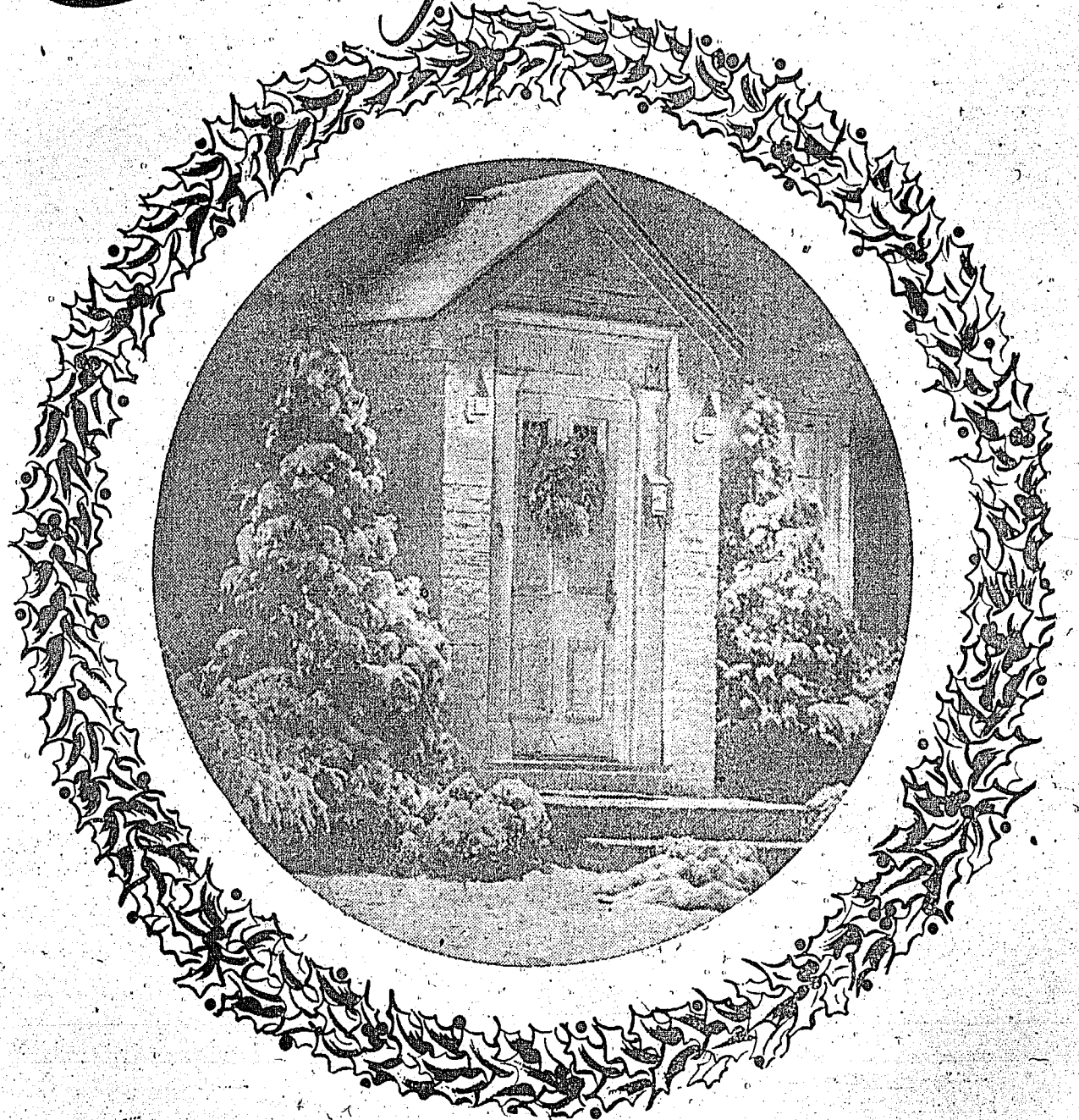
John W. Leverett, 87, brother of Henry P. Leverett of Santa Anna, died at his home in Clarksville, Texas, early Sunday morning, December 8. He had been in ill health for several months and for the past few weeks had been critically ill. He was buried in the Clarksville Cemetery December 10th.

Henry Leverett, an employee of the Santa Anna News since 1951, was unable to attend the rites because of a severe attack of influenza that put him to bed for a week and kept him from work for almost two weeks. The attack of influenza hit him the same day his brother passed away.

Leverett is survived by his wife, three sons and seven daughters; one sister; one brother, Henry of Santa Anna, and a large number of other relatives.

The original family of Leveretts consisted of seven boys and six girls.

# Merry Christmas



## 45 Free Gifts Will Climax Christmas Shopping Season

The Climax of the Christmas Shopping season in Santa Anna will be Tuesday afternoon, December 24, when about \$600 worth of merchandise will be awarded to persons who have made purchases in some of the 34 local stores sponsoring the annual program.

The drawing for prizes will be held between the bank and hotel buildings, beginning at 2:30 p. m. There will be 45 prizes given with the big prize being a Foamex Living Room Suite.

Several local stores are also giving away individual prizes during the day. In order to be eligible for these individual prizes, you must be registered in the individual store.

Plans have been made to make Christmas Eve an interesting day for you to be in Santa Anna. Everyone is invited to come and spend the day.

## Two Holidays To Be Observed

Before the next issue of The News is printed, most Santa Anna merchants will observe two holidays.

According to the Community Chamber of Commerce list of holidays selected to be observed by all merchants, Christmas Day and New Year's Day will be observed as holidays, with all the stores being closed.

Both days fall on Wednesday

## News To Publish Babson Forecast In Next Issue

The Santa Anna News will publish Babson's "Business" and Financial Forecast for 1958 in the first edition after the New Year.

A careful checking of the Babson Predictions made in the Business and Financial Forecast for 1957 upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 88% correct.

The News has carried this feature regularly each year for a number of years. We are happy to do so again for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Lewellen and daughter, Anna Lois, of Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McDonnell and their three children, Darlene, Dene and Jackie, of Plains, came Friday and will be visiting the home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Lewellen through the holidays. Other members of the family will be with them at Christmas.

## DECK THE HALLS

The most popular holiday green still comes from the U. S. mint.

Tell City, Ind. News

## Happy Birthday

"Happy Birthday" to all who have birthdays during the next week. Below are listed the birthdays we have this week.

**DECEMBER 27**  
Mrs. Pleas Williamson  
Roland Curry  
Sandra Hartman

**DECEMBER 28**  
Mrs. Billie Gregg  
Linda Rae Riley  
Mrs. Gertrude Martin  
Linda Henderson  
Blanche Boyd  
E. E. McClintock

**DECEMBER 29**  
Mrs. B. Wagner  
Dick Deal  
James A. Mallow  
Paula Gayle Copeland

**DECEMBER 31**  
Mrs. R. B. Archer  
Mrs. Doug Moore  
T. A. Hodges

**JANUARY 1**  
Mrs. J. J. Copeland  
Mrs. E. W. Gober

Would you like for your name to be published on your birthday? If so, please be sure to let us know when it is. Next week we will publish names of those having birthdays between January 3rd and January 9th.

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Niwot Correspondents

## Farmers' Social Security Options On Tax Explained

Most farmers in this area will soon be filing their 1957 Federal income tax returns. And, according to R. R. Tuley, Jr., Abilene district manager for the Social Security Administration, most of them will also be filing Form SE, U. S. Report of Self-Employment Income to credit their net earnings to their social security accounts. Both the amount of tax due and future social security benefits are based on the net income earned. All self-employed reports must show at least \$400 for social security credit; under \$400 is not creditable.

Farmers will follow the same basic rules in reporting income

as do business and professional self-employed person. Internal Revenue rule provide that all operating expenses are to be deducted from the gross income in figuring the net earnings. However, farm and ranch operators do have an optional method of figuring the reportable net income. This option is not available to other self-employed persons, and is available for social security purposes only — it does not affect income tax computation.

Who may use the option? A farm operator may (1) if his gross earnings are \$1800 or less, or (2) if his gross earnings are over \$1800, but his true net income is less than \$1200.

How does the option work? Of gross earnings of \$1800 or less, the self-employed farmer may report either his true net income

or 2/3 of the gross income — provided the gross income is at least \$600. If his gross income is over \$1800, and his true net income is less than \$1200, he may report either the actual net or \$1200. Some examples will illustrate this special rule:

A Farmer Brown grosses \$1755 from his farming operation. His operating expenses are \$1050, leaving a true net income of \$705. For social security reporting he can use either \$705 or \$1175 (2/3 of \$1755) as his reportable net earnings.

B. Farmer Smith has gross farm income of \$2790. His operating expense come to \$1700, resulting in a true net income of \$1090. Since his gross is over \$1800 but his true net less than \$1200, he can report 2/3 of the gross because his gross is over \$1800.

C. Farmer Jones' gross income is \$3300; his expenses come to \$2000. Therefore, his net income is \$1300. He has no option — his reportable income is his true net of \$1300.

## Mrs. R. C. Gay Injured In Fall

Mrs. R. C. Gay, who observed her 80th birthday at her home on Mountain Avenue last Sunday, fell in her home Friday night and broke her right hip.

She was taken to Austin that night and became a patient in Breckenridge Hospital. Mrs. Lola Lightfoot and her nurse, Mrs. Sallie Oareman, rode in the ambulance with her and returned.

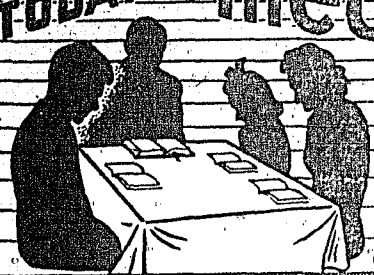
Mrs. Gay's son, Coleman Gay and family, who live in Austin, will be looking after her.



Santa Anna News



## TODAY'S Meditation



*rom*

**The Upper Room**  
© THE UPPER ROOM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

**THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE**


Read Psalm 150. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfect praise. (Mathew 21:1.)

A small boy five years of age attended Sunday school for the first time. Returning home he excitedly showed his mother a



A joyous Christmas is our sincere wish for our friends and neighbors. May good will and good fellowship be yours throughout the coming New Year.

**Speck's Barber Shop**  
 Santa Anna, Texas



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Griffin Turkey Farm**  
 Santa Anna, Texas



Santa's coming your way. With loads of good wishes For a very Happy Yuletide And A Prosperous New Year!

**L. E. ABERNATHY**  
**Texaco Service Station**  
 Santa Anna, Texas

card on which was a picture of the Saviour as the good Shepherd. Underneath were the words, "God is love." His mother asked the child what was written, and what the teacher said about it. The child thought for a moment and then replied, "I think, Mummie, teacher said it was 'Gód has sent his love to you.'"

That was exactly what God did when He sent His Son to proclaim the great fact that God was a loving Father. Through Jesus, God sent His love to everyone on earth. In Jesus we see the condescension of almighty Love "fitting His stature to our need" that He might lift us up to His heaven.

St. Augustine once wrote about God's love for the individual: "Thou carest for every one of us, as if thou carest for him only; and so for all as if there was but one."

**PRAYER**

Thanks be to Thee, O God, that nothing in this world can separate us from Thy love. Neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers—nothing is able to separate us from Thy love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The love of God passes all knowledge; it is so wonderful.  
 —W. P. Hares (England)

**MAKE CHRISTMAS SAFE BY BEING CAREFUL**

College Station — The Christmas season is indeed a happy one, but few people stop to think of the added fire hazards their home contains during this time of the year.

The Christmas tree, the center of all the pretty decorations, can be one of the principal hazards if certain precautions are not followed, warns W. L. Ulich, extension agricultural engineer.

A freshly cut tree should be selected just a few days before Christmas, advises Ulich. Cut the base of the tree diagonally and keep the base submerged in water. Locate it away from fireplaces, powerful electric lights,

radiators or other sources of heat.

Use only Underwriters Laboratories approved lights for the tree and inspect them carefully for frayed cords and damaged sockets, says the engineer. Avoid overloading electrical circuits with additional lights, toys and appliances.

Only nonflammable decorations should be used on the tree, he cautioned. Turn the tree lights off when retiring or leaving the house. Discard the tree when the needles begin to dry and fall off. Also remove Christmas package wrappings as soon as they have been taken from the packages.

This is also a time for smokers to take special precautions. Extra care should be taken with

cigarettes, cigars and pipes around all flammable materials.

Observance of these few rules can result in a safer and happier Christmas season for the whole family, concludes Ulich.

**TAX-MAN SAM SEZ:**

Now is the time for a good solid New Year's resolution. First resolution — I will keep good tax records this year to enable me to pay less income tax. Second resolution — I will carefully read the tax instructions

this year to avoid mistakes that will cost me. Third resolution — I will file my 1957 return as soon as possible since 80% of North Texas taxpayers receive a refund, my chances of a refund are good. Fourth resolution — I will avoid tax penalties by filing my tax as required by the instructions. Taxpayers making and keeping these resolutions will be happier and wealthier taxpayers next year.

**GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.**



**POLLOCK'S LAUNDRY**  
 Santa Anna, Texas.



**L. A. Welch Garage**  
 Phone 112 Santa Anna, Texas

Wishing You

**HAPPY NOEL**



The soft glow of the Christmas candles signify the warm friendships which we have for the many fine people of this community whom it has been our privilege to serve these months past. May your Christmas be truly happy.

**Santa Anna National Bank**

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**Dale Davis, Eula Girl Repeat Wedding Vows December 14th**

The marriage of Dale Davis and Eula Hamby was solemnized Saturday evening, December 14, in the Eula Baptist Church. Officiating for the double ring vows was the Rev. Norman Crisp. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell of

Eula and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis of Hamby. The Davises formerly lived in this vicinity for several years and Dale attended school here. He is a nephew of Edgar Cole of Santa Anna and Mrs. J. E. York of Trickham. Roger Cloud and Mrs. Tommy Oates of Anson, sister of the bride, were honor attendants to the couple. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Roger Cloud and Hattie Hollingshead. Ushers were J. Lee

Mitchell, brother of the bride, and Delbert Davis, cousin of the bridegroom. The bride's attendants wore blue sheath dresses, styled with square neckline in front and low V neckline in back. They carried white carnations. Candles were lighted by Gary Hollingshead and Marvin Davis. Mrs. Claud Rock played piano music and accompanied Mrs. J. W. Hogue, soloist. White lace over satin was the choice of the bride for her wedding. Fitted bodice was embroidered with sequins at the rounded neckline. Her shoulder length veil was edged in sequins. She carried a white orchid atop a white Bible. A reception followed the ceremony at the church. The newlyweds will live at Hamby.

**CITRUS FRUITS STAR AS JANUARY PLENTIFUL FOODS**  
College Station — Citrus fruits rate star billing on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's January plentiful foods list for this area. Here's why. The orange crop is 3 percent larger than last year and 26 percent larger than average at 73.3 million boxes. Add to this supply 43.3 million boxes of grapefruit — a crop as large as last year and only slightly less than average — about 4.5

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million boxes of tangerines and 14.7 million boxes of lemons. Only other plentiful fruits for January are apples and dried prunes. Broilers and fryers take the spotlight at meat counters with January production running about 11 percent above last year. Frozen whiting is plentiful, too. January promises heavy stocks of canned and frozen peas, potatoes, dry black-eye peas and dry

pinto beans. Dairy foods return to USDA's plentiful list for the first time since October as milk production breaks all records for this season. Other January plentiful include almonds, dates and filberts. USDA determines what's plentiful every month by a survey of major food suppliers in this area.



C. R. (Ray)  
**Owen Gulf Service Station**  
Santa Anna, Texas

CHRISTMAS  
*with Friends*



It's a treasured occasion for all and it is our fond hope you will enjoy every glorious moment.

**Sam H. Collier**  
INSURANCE  
Santa Anna, Texas



As the Merry Christmas time returns with greetings of good cheer, we hope for many happy days ahead for all of you.

**Clover Grill**  
Mrs. Erin Day  
Santa Anna, Texas

**Nick Buse's Entertain Whon H. D. C At Christmas Party**

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Buse and Earla Jean entertained the Whon Home Demonstration Club with their annual Christmas party last Wednesday night, in their home.

Members and their families attended. Each couple was responsible for a game, trick or stunt of some kind. A barber shop was represented with Earl Cozart and Nick Buse as patrons and their wives as the barbers. The husbands received special care and a clean shave.

In one of the games, each wife was to recognize her husband by his feet and put his shoes and socks, on him. And some mistakes were made.

At least one trick was not solved. A reading was given by Miss Cheryl Fitzpatrick.

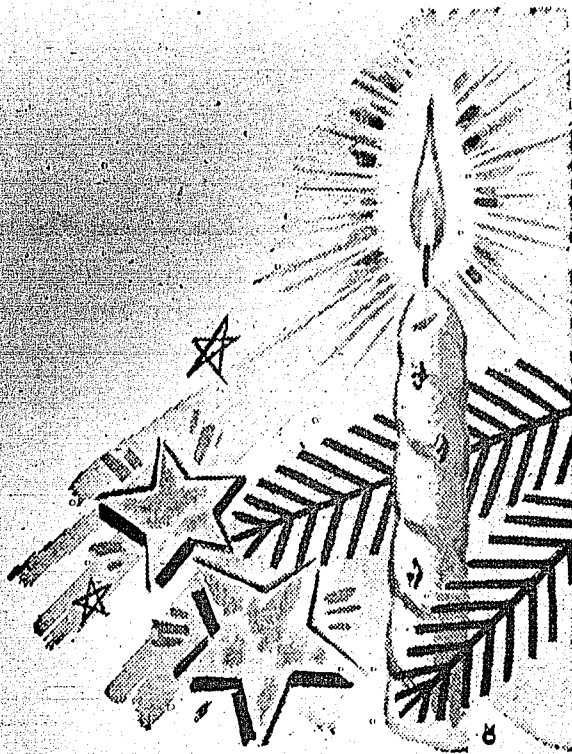
The children were entertained with games, which all enjoyed. Gifts were exchanged. The president, Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick, was presented with a year's subscription to her favorite magazine.

A two-and-a-half-foot pop corn Christmas tree and small miniature trees were used as center pieces of the refreshment table. Decorated sandwich Christmas trees and decorated Christmas tree cookies and punch were served to: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Abernathy, Ricky and Linda; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart; Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney; Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick, Cheryl, Don and Neil; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deal, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yancy, Sandra and David; and the host and hostess.

It was a very successful party.

One must be poor to know the luxury of giving.

Reasonable speed allows more time to act.



*Best Wishes*

From all of us to all of you, here's a whole "family" of sincere good wishes for your happiness at Christmas and in the New Year. We wish for you good health and good friends, good fellowship and good cheer.

**Santa Anna Tile Company, Inc.**

THE  
**Christmas**  
STORY.

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE 2:1-20

We hope you will pause to read this old, old story because this is the true meaning of Christmas.

**West Texas Utilities Company**



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Adding machine paper at the Santa Anna News office.

**FOR SALE:** Boy Scout hut in south part of town, 48 x 16 plywood building. Sealed bids will be accepted until Saturday, Jan. 4 at 10:00 a. m. Send bids to O. L. Cheaney, Santa Anna, Texas. Right reserved to reject any or all bids. 51c

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**WANTED:** Clean cotton rags. No khaki, no overalls, no silks. L. A. Welch Garage. 51c

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**SPECIAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

That the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Santa Anna National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 14th day of January, 1958, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Respectfully,  
 O. L. CHEANEY  
 Executive Vice President and Cashier. 52c

**CARD OF THANKS**

Words cannot adequately express our deep appreciation for the many kind and sympathetic acts that come to us at the time of our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Joe Bob Williams and Monty.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams and Bill.  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Campbell and girls. 52p

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO: Gorden Wesley Boland, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 119th Judicial District of Coleman County at the Courthouse thereof, in Coleman, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation; same being the 13th day of January A. D. 1958, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of July A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 8187-B on the docket of said court and styled Minnie Bates Boland, Plaintiff, vs. Gorden Wesley Boland, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: suit for divorce, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unexecuted.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of



Rev. Robert H. Harper  
 CHRISTMAS

WE have often been told, and we know, that Christmas comes but once a year. That is true so far as the calendar is concerned, and it may be true to some who have little of the Christmas spirit. Let us have so much of the Christmas spirit that we shall be conscious of Christ's presence every day in the year.

And if we could somehow rescue Christmas from commercialism, we would minister much to the bleeding that the season should bring to every heart. To see a Santa Claus at every street corner and in nearly every store, clad sometimes in an ill-fitting and soiled suit, does not add to the solemnity and dignity of the grandest event in history.

It is also significant of the little that may come of the day by the abbreviation, XMAS. The Lord is not to be represented by an X. He is not an unknown Person, and we should not dare to abbreviate the greatest name in history.

Let us not look forward to Christmas as a time of huge feasting and merry-making. But may all the joys of the season be secondary to the blessings of the coming of Jesus to men.

**Choose Holiday Tree Wisely if You Hope To Transplant Later**

Are you buying this year's Christmas tree with the idea of planting it on the home grounds after the holidays?

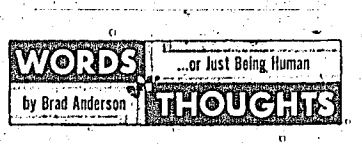
If so, be sure that you locate it properly. Chances are your earth-balled and burlapped evergreens will have to suffer through the excessive heat of your home for a week or ten days. If it survives this hurdle there is still the problem of selecting a sunny, well-drained site where it won't drown before spring.

Poor planting sites plus mid-winter planting are certain to cause a high mortality rate among these double-duty trees.

Sandy or gravelly soils drain naturally and present no special problem. Planting in heavy clay is another matter and may require the installation of drainage tiles.

Don't be alarmed if your living trees sheds some of its needles indoors. Go ahead and plant it anyway. Encooned on a suitable site, the evergreen probably will begin sprouting new greenery next growing season. Even if the tree looks a bit skeletonized in early spring, have patience. Don't remove it! Give it a chance to recuperate from its indoors ordeal and the shock of transplanting. It will probably come through with the desired needles.

One thing to remember: Such living trees as Norway spruce, Scotch pine and Douglas fir grow to proportions that make them undesirable as foundation plantings. After planting where the evergreen can achieve majestic maturity, mulch with peat moss, hay or straw to prevent root freeze.

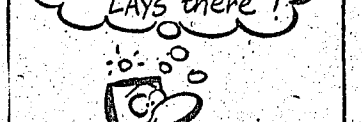


YES SIR, HONEY, YOU MAKE A REAL LAYER CAKE!



BUT LET'S FACE IT...

Eat it, and it just LAYS there!



law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

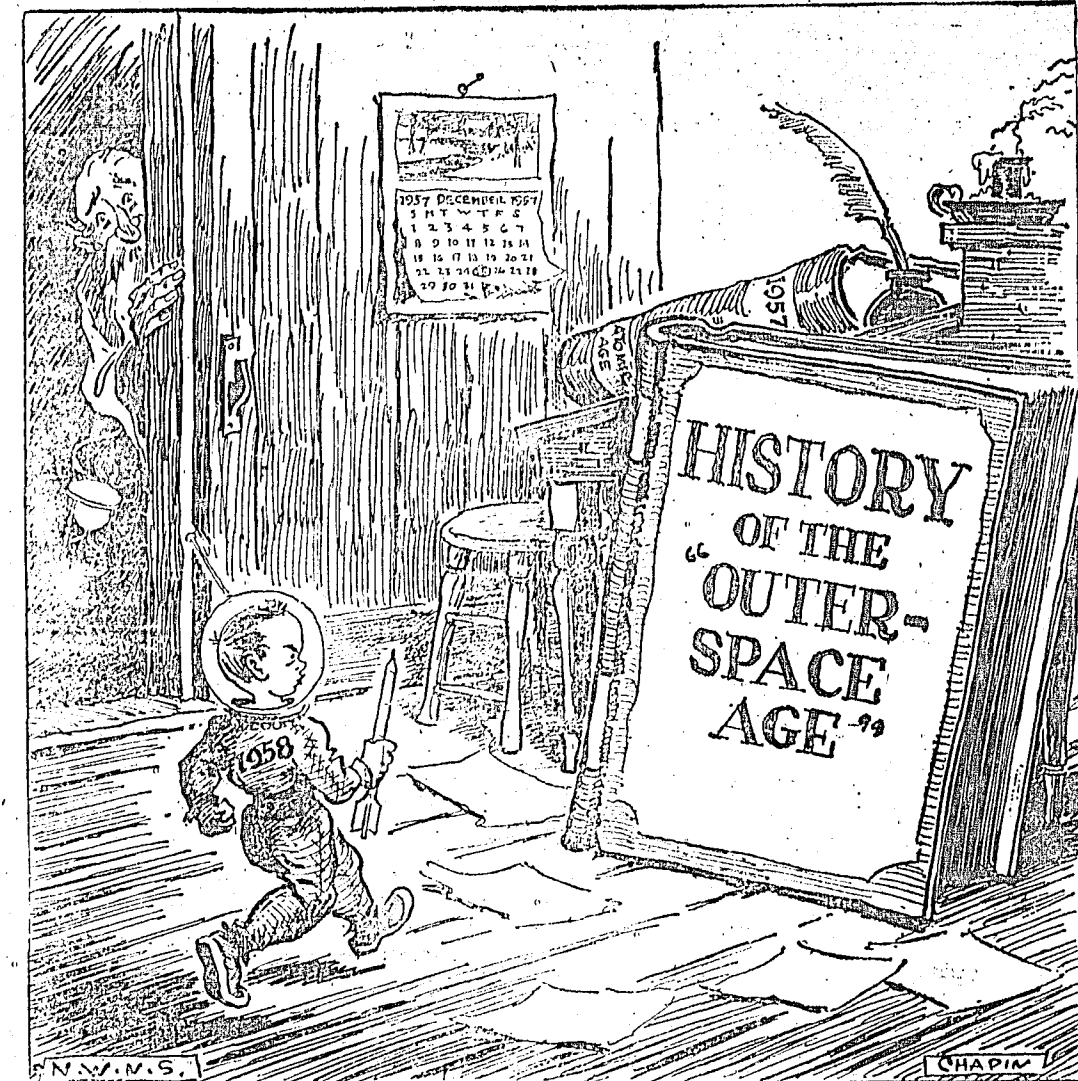
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Coleman, Texas, this 25th day of November A. D. 1957.

Attest: G. A. HENSLEY, Clerk District Court, Coleman

County, Texas

(SEAL)

**"OKAY, SON, NOW YOU TAKE OVER"**



**Christmas THROUGH THE YEARS**

Christmas was first observed in England around A.D. 521, during the reign of King Arthur. Observance of the holiday (as well as that of Easter) was forbidden when the Puritans conquered in 1642. They passed an act in Parliament forbidding the celebration of both holidays and it was not until the Restoration of Charles II that these Christian practices again became prevalent in England.

Most historians credit Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" as being perhaps the most effective force behind England's return to the observance of Christmas.

Celebrating Christmas was at one time forbidden on American shores. In 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay Colony passed a law stipulating a fine of five shillings for anyone "found observing any such day as Christmas, or the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting or any other way, as a festival."

Almost thirty years later, the first "legal" Christmas was observed in America when Gov. Andros conducted services in the town hall of Boston.

Many of our modern Christmas customs resulted from early efforts to transform major pagan customs under Christian influence.

In the eighth century, St. Boniface an English missionary to Germany, persuaded his converts to substitute a green fir tree for their sacred oak and to adorn the green tree in a way that would pay tribute to the Christ Child

**High Toll Of Deaths Expected During Holiday Season**

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is what we wish for everyone," said Major Wilson E. Speir, Commander of Region Four of the Department of Public Safety today as he was looking forward and planning for the holiday season for members of his Department.

"Of course," he said, "there will be too many that will be far from Merry and Happy due to the always high death toll from motor vehicle accidents, suicides, and homicides. We, who are members of the Department of Public Safety, will be especially concerned in a safe, sane and sober holiday season."

Last year, during the 12 day Christmas, New Year period 108 persons died in traffic alone in Texas. This year the Department has estimated 113 will die in traffic. Every effort will be put forth to keep this figure even lower by around the clock patrol by all uniformed personnel, with all days off cancelled, longer working hours and an intensive use of radar.

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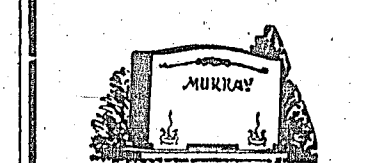


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**TAX-MAN SAM SEZ:**  
 A lot of folks will argue with you on how good the "good old days" were but not many folks will argue that times haven't changed. A lot of boys and girls in high schools and colleges work on part-time jobs and especially summer jobs. These students had income tax withheld from their wages but did not make over \$600 in many cases. Fortunately, the law provides for Dad to claim them as an exemption as well as allowing the student an exemption for himself on his own income tax return, providing Dad furnished chief support (more than 50%) for Junior. It will pay the students to look up their Form W-2 statement of income tax withheld and be ready to file their income tax return on January 1. The sooner they file, the sooner they will get a refund of the income taxes withheld from their wages last summer.

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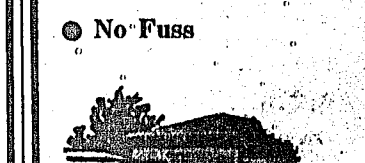
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**LAFF OF THE WEEK**



"Did mama really get you at the war-surplus store?"



**PICTURE** frames get grimy about this time of year. Wash them off with detergent, rinse thoroughly and then apply a self polishing wax to them for real cleanliness and sparkle. Jet spray will clean the glass neatly if you wipe it off with a paper towel, thus leaving no lint.

Polish your metal bathroom-fixtures often with a soft cloth to prevent them from water spotting and looking less than neat.

Adhesive paper to match the wood makes an ideal lining for

**THIS WEEK'S RECIPE**

**Sauerkraut Goulash**

(Serves 4)

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound lean veal, cubed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons caraway seed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dill
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups sauerkraut
- 1 cup soured cream

Melt butter and brown veal in it over low heat. Add caraway, dill, onion and water. Simmer for 2 hours. Add more water if necessary so meat does not become dry. Add sauerkraut; bring to boiling point. Mix in soured cream and serve at once.

**VA Benefit Checks May Be Forwarded After January 1, 1958**

Veterans Administration benefit checks can be forwarded on or after January 1, 1958, if the person to whom they are mailed has filed regular change of address notices with their local post offices.

In a joint announcement today, Veterans Administration and the Post Office Department said Public Law 85-171 authorizes the new service, but emphasized it is not effective until January 1, 1958.

Previously, a 1936 law prohibited the forwarding of any VA benefit checks, but the forwarding of VA pension checks has been banned since 1912.

VA said although filing of a proper change of address with the local post office will insure the forwarding of a benefit check, all beneficiaries are urged to notify VA whenever a change of address is made, so the agency may keep its records current.

The Post Office Department added that even though a change address has been filed, no check will be forwarded if it is addressed to a person known to be deceased, or to a veteran's remarried widow if she is known to have been receiving a VA check on the basis of being unremarried.

Stapling machines and punches at the News office.

Carbon paper and sales pad at the News office.

drawers. If the backing is removed and the paper placed carefully to fit in the drawer it will last a long time and needs only to be wiped out.

Pouring paint from one can to another? Use a rubber scraper from the kitchen to make it easy to scrape the paint all out.

Paint brushes do not dry out or mildew if they're wrapped in plastic mesh after cleaning.

A vegetable parer such as is used for potatoes will make quick work of peeling carrots as well as cutting them into thin slices.

A wire cake breaker can be used for cutting brick ice cream quickly, easily and neatly.

**Favorite Carols Came From Many Lands**

Three of our favorite carols were brought to us by early settlers from European lands. England contributed "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen." France gave us "Cantique de Noel," from Germany came "Away in a Manger."

"Adeste Fideles" belongs to no one country, but has been translated into 119 different languages and dialects.

Three Americans enriched our heritage of lovely carols. The earliest contribution, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was made by Edmund H. Sears in 1849; Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., in 1850 composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and in 1868 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Phillip Brooks.

**PLACE MATS**

If you feel your Christmas cards are too pretty to throw away, make them into place mats. Cardboard such as a shirt pasteboard makes a good base for them. Paste the cards to the cardboard with shellac. Then coat the surface with one or more coats of thinned fresh white shellac.

**COLD COMFORT**  
We knew they would appear. These sneezes, snorts and sniffs Because on Christmas day this year We got no handkerchiefs!

**GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

May the spirit of Christmas enter your home in all its shining glory, and spread its glow through many a day and month to come. May your heart be light with laughter and warm with friendship and love. May you experience in fullest measure all the joys of the season... and in the year ahead enjoy good health, good cheer and good fortune.

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**HOLIDAY**  
First Santa arrives With his HO! HO! HO! HO! Then the tax collector comes With his OWE! OWE! OWE! OWE!

**THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**  
I am the Christmas Spirit! I enter the home of poverty causing pale-faced children to open their eyes wide in pleased wonder. I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul. I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old glad way. I keep romance alive in the heart of children, and brighter sleep with dreams woven of magic. I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world. I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious love some token that releases glad tears, tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow. I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to come. I come softly into the still white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude. In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched. I am the Christmas Spirit!

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Wylie and sons, Buddy and Pete, left Friday for Artesia and Roswell, N.M., for a visit through Christmas with their daughter and sister, Nancy Wylie and Mrs. Wylie's sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Newman and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Shook. We can order a rubber stamp for you at the News Office. Subscribe for The News.



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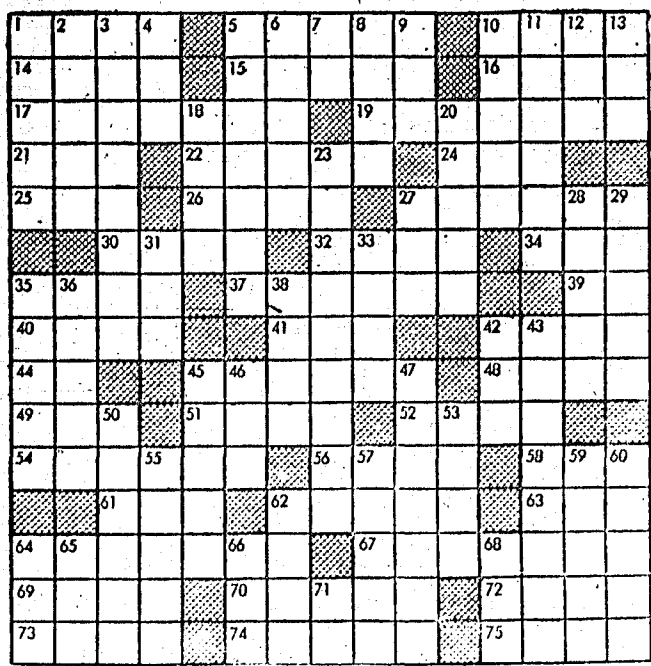
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



PUZZLE No. 178

- ACROSS**
- 1 Snare
  - 5 Staff of life
  - 10 Small barracuda
  - 14 Get up
  - 15 Persian elf
  - 17 Oriental
  - 19 Kind of sword (pl.)
  - 21 Neighbor
  - 22 Sheep
  - 24 Cloth measure
  - 25 Pippen
  - 26 Short news article
  - 27 Hardens
  - 29 Irish Gaelic
  - 31 S. African fox
  - 34 Noise
  - 35 Rabbit
  - 37 Fresh-water fish
  - 39 Cooled lava
  - 40 Formerly
  - 41 Paraguay
  - 42 Warbled
  - 44 Symbol for silver
  - 45 Notch
  - 48 Word of sorrow
  - 49 Cutoff
  - 51 Kind of horse
  - 52 Shore bird
  - 54 Placed in a warehouse
  - 56 Period of time (pl.)
  - 58 Abstract
- DOWN**
- 1 Long lock of hair
  - 2 Laughing
  - 3 One who analyzes ores (pl.)
  - 4 Fondle
  - 5 Scolded
  - 6 Wash in clear water
  - 7 Man's nickname
  - 8 An airplane
  - 9 Measure of Morocco
  - 10 A pile
  - 11 Furred
  - 12 Make mistake
  - 13 It is (contr.)
  - 18 Name in Greece
  - 20 Man's name
  - 23 Spruced
  - 27 Compass point
- ACROSS**
- 28 Climbing plant
  - 29 Obstacles
  - 31 To soak
  - 33 Muslim's nickname
  - 35 Cures
  - 36 Cont
  - 38 Opera by Verdi
  - 42 Capuchin monkey
  - 43 Asserting
  - 45 Girl's name
  - 46 Incline the head
  - 47 Inquiries sent out for missing articles
  - 50 Vegetable
  - 53 Measure of
- DOWN**
- 55 Old Teutonic alphabet
  - 57 To mellow
  - 59 Present occasion
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  - 62 Abstract
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  - 68 Pacific island
  - 69 screw pine

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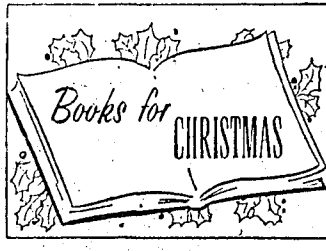


The same mistletoe which makes boys bold and girls blush at Christmastide had other meanings in other times.

Mistletoe, as one story goes, once was a full grown tree. Then its timber was cut for the cross on which Christ was crucified. Since then, it has retrogressed to its present state as a parasite, a plant which grows on other trees.

Ancient Druids worshipped mistletoe because it grew on their sacred oak. At the end of every year, a Druid priest would cut down the mistletoe with a golden sickle, and not one twig was allowed to touch the earth. Later sprigs of mistletoe were often fastened over doorways to ward off evil spirits.

In Colonial days mistletoe was high and the lad who stole a kiss had to reach up and pull off one berry for every kiss. His kisses stopped when the berries were gone.



When you start buying presents to fill the stockings belonging to younger children and relatives, don't overlook the versatility of books. Good books are a good buy, because they can be educational and appealing to children, and at the same time inexpensive to you.

In selecting children's books, be sure the subject matter is both accurate and interesting to the child and his particular age.

Story books for preschool children should be realistic, with colorful pictures and a simple narrative. Avoid fantastic stories and abstract pictures because preschoolers haven't yet separated the real from the unreal.

Color books are better for older children than for preschool youngsters. Preschoolers cannot keep inside the lines and may become discouraged. The lines hamper their creativity. Give them instead blank pieces of paper to color.

Information books having large pictures, with details about each picture, are good for preschoolers, often giving them ideas for play.

Books are appropriate Christmas gifts, are helpful to children and are easy on the pocketbook.

WHITE-HOUSE TREES

President Theodore Roosevelt, an ardent conservationist, once disapproved of Christmas trees and for several years forbade any being brought into the White House.

But one year his sons, Archie and Quentin, smuggled one in and set it up in Archie's room. After the discovery, Gifford Pinchot, a great forester and conservationist, soothed T. R. by explaining that supervised and careful harvesting of Christmas trees — as thinings — was good for the forests.

Ever since, the White House has had an indoor tree.



If you know what qualities to look for when you select your Christmas turkey, you'll be able to make a wiser choice.

The market class of turkeys is determined by ages, sex, and tenderness of meat. The youngest turkeys are fryers and roasters and they run from 4 to 6 pounds in weight. The next class consists of young hen and young tom turkeys under eight months of age. These vary in weight from 6 to 25 pounds. And finally there are the tom and hen turkeys, which include birds over eight months of age varying considerable in weight.

Most of the Christmas turkeys belong to the young hen or young tom classification. To be of top quality, a bird should have a well-developed moderately broad and long breast, well fleshed through its entire length, the flesh carrying well up to the highest part of the breastbone so that the bone is not prominent. Also, the legs should be well covered with flesh.

Fat covering is one of the most important points in determining quality from the standpoint of excellence of flavor and tenderness. The carcass should be well covered with fat over the breast, back hips and pin bones. In poultry the fat is deposited in the skin and immediately under the skin rather than dispersed throughout the lean flesh as it is in some meats.

Select a bird that is free from pin feathers. Ready to cook or oven-ready turkeys have no protruding pin feathers.

Sending Cards Is Old Holiday Tradition

The custom of sending Christmas cards has grown so popular through the years that each year an average of one and one-half billion cards are mailed.

Some historians suggest that the idea of sending Christmas cards originated with school boys away from home, who wrote their letters on fancy paper and in fancy writing.

William Egley sent out a Christmas greeting on a fancy card in 1842 which showed his artistic and engraving talent. The card carried the message, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

In 1846, Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman, sent Christmas cards which depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and which carried the message "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

The cards brought fame and popularity to Henry Cole, but it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.



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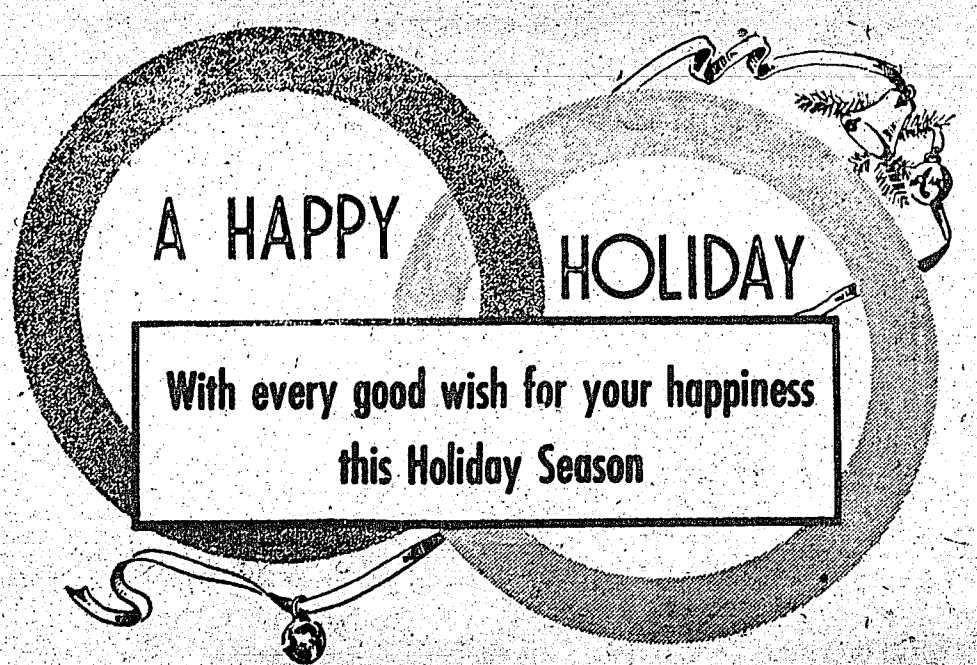


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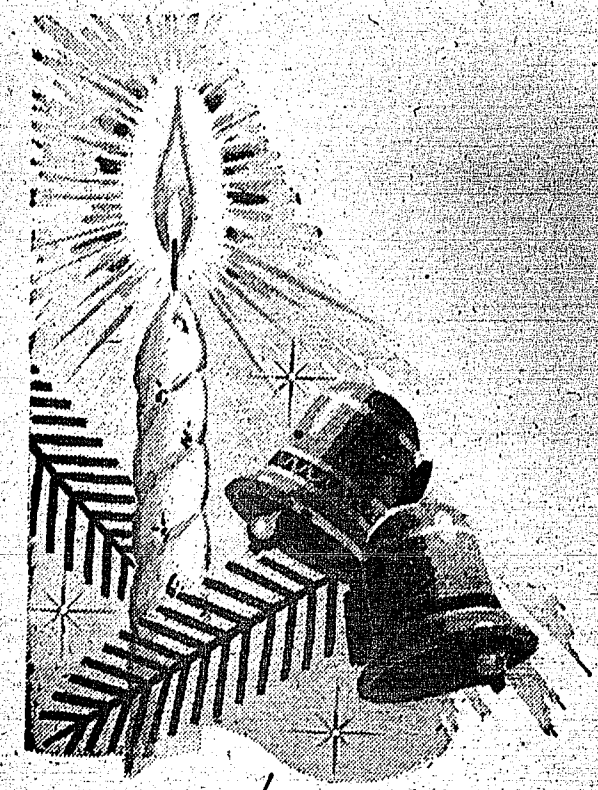
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THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



AN UNPLANNED CHRISTMAS BY Dorothy Boys Killian

THE white drifts were already so deep that Mr. Milbank had to guess where the curb was as he parked the long black cadillac in front of the little gray house with a "Rooms for Tourists" sign over the door.

"We simply don't dare go a mile further, Ora," he said to the middle-aged, fur-clad woman beside him.

"But it's only fifty miles more to Minneapolis," Mrs. Milbank protested. "And what a place to spend Christmas Eve!" She peered distastefully through the still-falling snow out on the village street.

"Better to stay here than be stalled overnight somewhere and freeze to death in the car. Do you realize it's taken us an hour to come only fifteen miles since dinner?"

"Well, if we must," Mrs. Milbank sighed. "I suppose we'd be too late for the Randall's cocktail party anyway."

"The snow looks so white and clean here," Mr. Milbank remarked as they trudged up the walk. "In the city, seems like it gets all grimy and slushy the minute it hits the ground."

Please don't go sentimental on me, Roger," his wife begged. "I can just see this place," she muttered grimly. "Iron bedstead, bathroom with clawfooted tub—"

A few minutes later as Mrs.



"Better to stay here than be stalled overnight somewhere and freeze to death in the car."

Johnson closed the door behind them. Mrs. Milbank groaned. "There's the iron bed, just as I predicted. I wonder if it will ever hold us both?"

"It kind of reminds me of that bed we had when we were first married," Mr. Milbank smiled. "Only we painted it white to match the second-hand chest, remember?"

"Yes," Mrs. Milbank stared at the bed. Her voice had lost some of its coldness.

"We planned to use that white furniture in the nursery when the first child came," her husband continued softly.

"But it never came," Mrs. Milbank's voice was crisp again. Quickly she turned towards the bags standing near the dresser. "Did you bring up everything?"

"Everything but those gifts for the Randall children."

Being Thankful

"That's the one thing we have to be thankful for in all this mess," Mrs. Milbank said. "It really won't matter whether they get those things for Christmas or not. Their playroom is undoubtedly crammed with toys already."

"Come in," Mr. Milbank cut in in answer to a tap on the door.

Mrs. Johnson, a woman of about their age, wearing a crisp blue cotton dress, stepped into the room. "I wonder—I don't know—" she said hesitantly. "If you wouldn't like to come downstairs for some coffee and cake. It does seem a shame to spend Christmas Eve alone in a strange room."

"We musn't intrude—" Mr. Milbank began.

"Intrude!" Mrs. Johnson exclaimed. "If Christmas isn't the time to welcome strangers to one's board, I don't know when!"

They had reached the living room now. Mrs. Milbank sat down on the sofa and looked searchingly at Mrs. Johnson. "You really mean that, don't you?" she said slowly.

Need Cheering

"Of course I do. And—I suppose I shouldn't say this—but when you people came in tonight you looked so lonely and unhappy. I just felt sorry for you. You seemed to need cheering up as much as the folks next door."

"You have no children of your own?" Mrs. Milbank asked and her husband sensed the intensity of her question.

"No," Mrs. Johnson sighed. Then she smiled. "But you can always scare up some substitutes if you look around you. I'm lucky to find some right next store." She glanced furtively towards the tree. "I only wish I had more to give them."

Mr. Milbank looked quickly at Mrs. Milbank, who nodded vigorously. "Excuse me a moment. I have some things to bring in from the car," he said.

Nothing puts a family in debt as much as a small raise.

Alland Church Regularly

THE STARS

by LYN CONNELLY

TV continues to move westward from New York to Hollywood. "Studio One" was the first of the big ones and now the report is that "The Big Record" will be moving to the movie capital soon. Other top shows are eyeing Hollywood as a permanent base. Incidentally, Studio One plans to adopt a big name policy when it anchors in Hollywood. Elvis Presley was lambasted by the Hollywood critics on his two personal appearances there. It was the opinion of reviewers that his performance was "lewdlerous."

Reports continue that "Strike It Rich," long on the airways and TV channels, may soon bite the dust. There'll be no television of the Los Angeles Dodgers games next year unless it is Pay-TV. Bob Hope thinks the hour variety show has had it. He has his writers working on a new format for him next year. Meanwhile, he is sponsoring this year due to his appearance on a rival firm's show. Vincent Price, a TV fiend, has 10 sets in his 22-room home, which ought to get some sort of record.

PLATTER CHATTER

CAPTOL: Polkas are the vogue again and Ron Goodwin swings with "Swedish Polka" . . . He does a nice job on his own tune, "Lingerin' Lovers" on the flip side. . . The Four Freshmen sound great with that favorite, "Granola" backed by "How Can I Begin to Tell?" Good disc. . . Stan Freberg continues his hilarious lampoonings with a take-off on Lawrence Welk that is a must. . . It takes up both sides, is called "Wun'erful, Wun'erful" and it is indeed "Wun'erful, Wun'erful."

MERCURY: David Carroll, noted for his outstanding instrumental, revives a beautiful oldie that should easily follow the path of "Fascination" . . . It's called "A Beautiful Lady in Blue" . . . "The Ski Song" makes it a double-threat entry.

SCANNING THE NEWS

THE controversial off-shore oil problem has again reached its certain destination—the Supreme Court—in the amended complaint in the case of the United States vs. Louisiana. The Government wants the Court to declare that the boundary of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico is at the traditional three-mile limit. The State has claimed various greater distances.

The Government's original complaint was presented to the court in 1955. It was limited to Louisiana, the State where there has been the most offshore oil operation under State authority in areas which the United States claims are outside the State boundary. After arguments were presented and the case submitted to the Supreme Court, the State of Texas was granted permission to file a brief as amicus curiae (friend of the court), in which it summarized Texas' claim to a boundary nine nautical miles from the coast. Texas asked that the Court decide the Louisiana case in a way that would not prejudice Texas' claim. The Court, upon considering the case, including Texas' representations, concluded that the issues involved were related not only to Louisiana and Texas, but to the other Gulf states as well.

Accordingly, the Court granted permission to the Gulf States to enter the case or, if they did not, asked the United States to bring them in. Only Alabama took advantage of that permission. The United States brought in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

The need for the sort of judgment here sought results from the terms of the Submerged Lands Act, passed by Congress in 1953. In 1947 and 1950, in suits by the United States against California, Louisiana and Texas, the Supreme Court held that coastal States did not own the seabed off their coasts, but that the resources of that submerged area were under the exclusive control of the Federal Government. Following those decisions there was widespread demand to transfer some of those resources to the coastal States. The adoption of such legislation was included in the Republican platform and was one of the issues of the 1952 campaign. Mr. Eisenhower several times explained his views that the States should be given the submerged lands within their historic boundaries, as a step away from the growing aggrandizement of the Federal Government.

After the new Administration took office, Congress formulated and adopted the Submerged Lands Act, granting to each State title to and ownership of the submerged land within the States historic boundaries, wherever they might be. The United States has always insisted that under international law no state or nation can have a boundary farther out than the traditional three-mile limit; that outside that limit the United States, like other maritime nations, asserts certain rights of control, such as enforcement of customs and sanitary regulations, for various distances, and the right to control exploitation of resources of the continental shelf (the relatively shallow seabed adjacent to the shore, extending to depths of about 600 feet) but does not assert title or ownership.

Use The News Classified — For Results

Greetings

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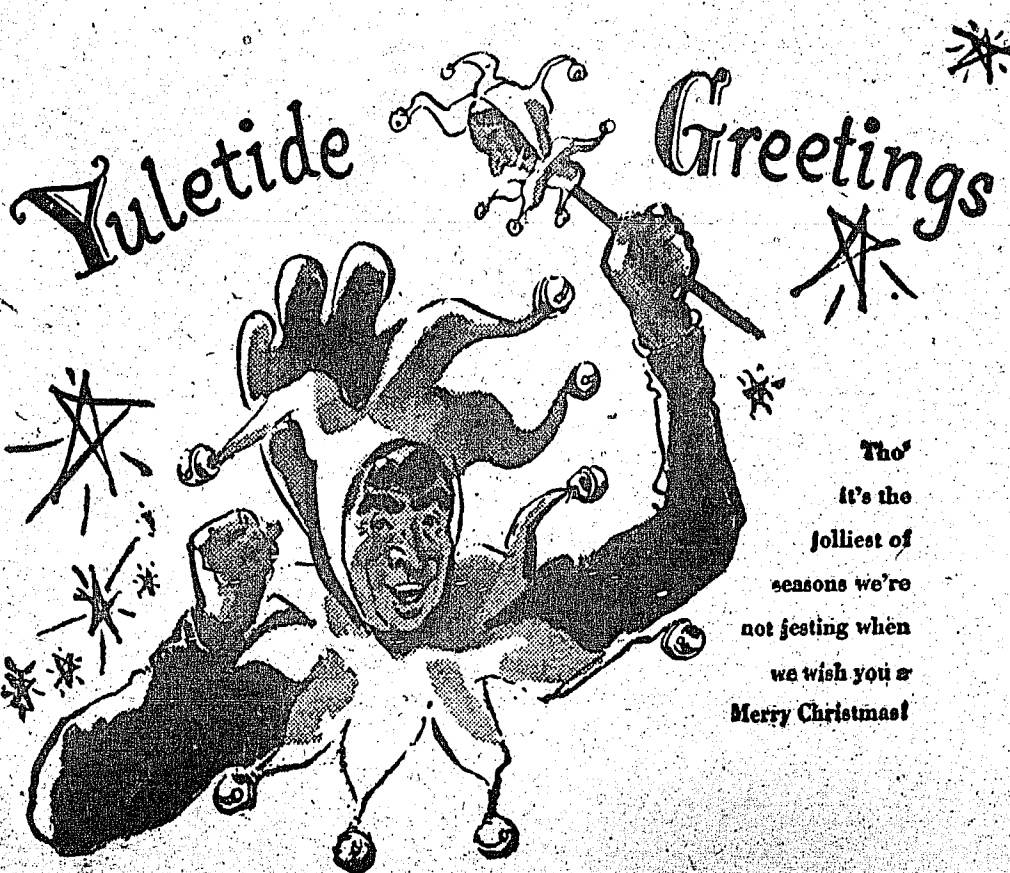
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Best Wishes FOR A Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year! B. A. PARKER



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**YEAR-END TAX TIPS NUMBER 4**

**Steps That Could Save A Dependency Exemption**

This is one of a series of four articles on federal income taxes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

As you check over the list of people you intend to claim as dependents on your 1957 tax return, keep this phrase in mind: more than one-half support.

This is the test of dependency. Unless the money you have contributed during the year is enough to make up more than one-half of a dependent's living costs, you might as well cross that person off your list. He or she will not qualify as a dependent for tax purposes—and you will lose a valuable \$600 exemption on your 1957 return.

Taxpayers with children who work part-time or during the summer should watch this angle closely. It's not how much your child earns during the year—it's how much he contributes to his own support. The law specifically states that a parent may claim an exemption for a child, stepchild or adopted child under 19 years of age, no matter how much he earned, provided the child depended on the parent for more than one-half of his support.

**Bank Child's Earnings**

Here is an important point to remember when you are trying to decide whether you have contributed the necessary amount: the money a youngster banks or invests is not considered to be a contribution to his own support costs. Check carefully to see how much of your child's earnings has gone for his support. You may find that it will save an exemption on the family return if you have him bank his earnings for the rest of the year.

**Supporting a Relative**

If you have helped support a relative during the year, see to it that what you have contributed is enough to permit you to claim an exemption for this dependent. For example, you may have paid approximately \$650 of your mother's \$1,400 living expenses. By contributing another \$55 or \$60 to her support before December 31, you can push the total over the more-than-half mark of \$700 and gain an additional exemption.

Or, if you shared with others in the support of a parent, take steps now to insure that one of you can qualify for an exemption. Make sure, first of all, that your combined contributions were enough to total more than one-half of the parent's living expenses. Then, have all the members of the group that contributed 10 per cent or more of the parent's support sign Multiple Support Agreements, granting one

signer of the agreement permission to claim the full exemption.

**Claim All Exemptions**

Exemptions cannot be jugged, shifted, bunched or pyramided to gain a tax advantage—but they can be overlooked. Be sure to claim all the exemptions you properly can because each one reduces your taxable income by \$600. Remember that to qualify for an exemption a dependent must:

(1) Have received more than one-half of his support from you, unless you file Multiple Support Agreements (which may be obtained at any Internal Revenue Service office).

(2) Have less than \$500 gross income for 1957 unless he or she is your child and under 19, or a full-time student.

(3) Not file a joint return.

(4) Live with you (absence while attending school does not interfere), or be a close relative as specifically defined in the official instruction book, or be a cousin receiving institutional care for a mental or physical disability who had lived with you before going to the institution.

(5) Be either a citizen of the United States or a resident of the U. S. Canada, Mexico, Panama and in some cases, a serviceman's child living in the Philippines.

If you are supporting dependents but are not able to file a joint return because you are unmarried, you may be able to qualify as the "head of a household" and be entitled to use a special schedule of tax rates that gives you half the benefits of income-splitting. In a situation where, say, a son lives with his widowed mother and shares expenses equally, the son may have to contribute a few extra dollars before the end of the year to qualify as the head of a household.

Each year millions of taxpayers put off filing their tax returns until the April 15 deadline. The last minute rush to avoid a late filing penalty produces not only long lines at Internal Revenue Service offices, but also many careless mistakes by taxpayers. Prepare your tax return carefully, and file it early. Help is available from the I.R.S., which urges you to consult a properly qualified advisor if you need outside assistance.

**NEW YEAR'S GIRL**

By Kathryn Brummond

MARCIA ANDERS had been born on New Year's Day, which always made that day something extra special. Better even than Christmas, her widowed mother often said.

Every year, along with the general jubilation, there had been a birthday party for Marcia; first her kindergarten friends, then a bevy of young girls and finally dancing parties for both girls and boys.

Now Marcia was going on nineteen and when Mrs. Anders began to talk about the birthday she said, "This year I don't believe I'll have a party, mother. John wants us to go to the Winter Carnival at Annadale."

New Year's day dawned bright and crisp and early in the morning John and Marcia set gaily out on their trip. Mrs. Anders wondered how she would get through the lonesome day.

Presently it occurred to her that they might still have a birthday party after the pair returned. Just the three of them. She and Marcia and John. She'd make a gorgeous birthday cake and some kind of festive casserole—chicken maybe.

The day passed quickly after all. At length everything was ready. The table was covered with the best white cloth; laid with the company silver; the cake was decorated; the gifts were wrapped. There was nothing to do now but wait.

The telephone suddenly rang loudly in the stillness of the room. "Hello!" Mrs. Anders cried. She could tell by the sounds that this was a long distance call and un- easiness nipped her heart.

Then she heard Mrs. LeMaitre's voice. "Hello, Mrs. Anders? Ann, this is Matilda."

"What's wrong?" Marcia's mother asked quickly.

"Why, nothing's wrong at all," Mrs. LeMaitre returned cheerfully. "I just wanted to tell you the children won't be back tonight. They're going to stay here with

me. John called to say they were invited to a shindig; they'll come here afterward and drive back home in the morning."

"What on earth!" Mrs. Anders exclaimed resentfully.

"They had a contest for next year's carnival queen," Mrs. LeMaitre explained animatedly, "and your Marcia won it! So the committee is entertaining her and John and the princesses at a downtown cafe. But that's not the big news, Ann! They're engaged! We're on the way to becoming mothers-in-law! Ann, Ann! Are you there? Why don't you say something? Aren't you glad? I am!"

Mrs. Anders struggled for words and they came out tearfully, "Matilda, today is Marcia's birthday. We've spent it together every single year since she was born. I baked her a birthday cake and—"

She broke down completely. Never had she felt so utterly forgotten.

There was silence at the other end of the line. Then Matilda said, "All right. It's her birthday. So what? We all have birthdays. They come every year. But remember, this is her betrothal day too. You didn't arrange that, Ann. And when the kids come in tonight I'm going to tell them that you were simply delighted!"

As Ann hung up her door bell rang. "Special delivery letter," the boy said.

She tore open the envelope. It was a beautiful birthday card, covered with flowers and satin. It must be meant for Marcia, Ann thought. But no, the address said "Mrs. Ann Anders, 13 Maple Street." Then she saw it was Marcia's own handwriting.

Swiftly she opened the dainty folder and gladness flooded her whole being.

On the blank page Marcia had scrawled excitedly, "Birthday greetings to my mother who brought me into the best of all possible worlds."

the interior decorator. "I painted that white frame-work and the blue shutters," said the painter.

"I planted the shrubs and bushes, and designed the winding brick walk," said the landscape gardener.

"I finished the water, the gas, the electric light, the sewerage, the sidewalk, the paved street, the police and fire protection," said the city.

"I sold the furnishings," said the owner of the big department store.

"It was all my idea, and I planned the conveniences," said the wife.

"I worked hard for the money," said the husband.

"I helped you with the finances," said the banker.

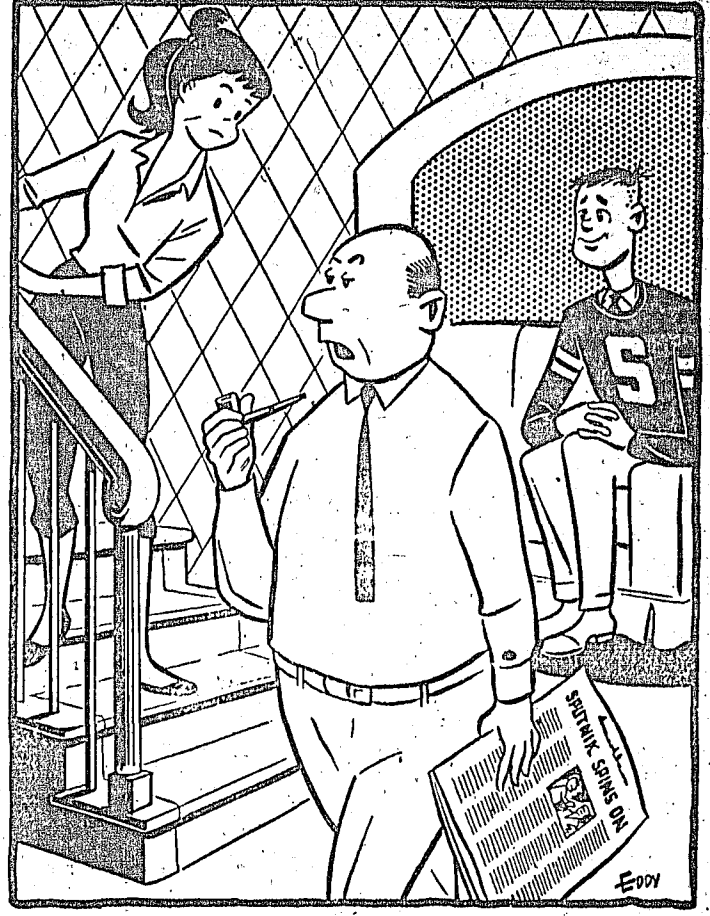
"I introduced you two young people," said the maiden aunt.

"It is my home; it was built for me," said the baby.

Mrs. T. L. Huggins came home from Abilene Friday night, where she had been several weeks with her husband, a patient in a hospital there. She returned to Abilene on Sunday. While she was at home her daughter, Mrs. Guy Cammack stayed with Mr. Huggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Richardson and daughters, Judy and Donna, of Temple, came Wednesday of last week and spent

**HALF-PAST TEEN**



"WHO IS IT? YOU MEAN WHAT IS IT!"

the day with her grandmother, Mrs. Ann Kulp. They brought good food, which all enjoyed together. Mrs. Richardson is the former Doris Zenor of Santa Anna.

So Santa please remember that, when next your reindeer fly. You're dealing with a 6 year old who thinks you're quite a guy.

**Holiday Centerpieces Easy, Fun to Arrange**

A little bit of imagination and work can transmute common articles into elaborate and effective holiday centerpieces.

Try setting up a mound of stairs with white plastic foam blocks. Then set tall red candles on each step and insert sprigs of holly or pine in the base for extra trimming.

Desserts can be as decorative as your centerpiece. Make white snowball cakes with a small red candle set in each one, and place them on a holly tray.

Individual place decorations are easy and fun to make. Cut out cardboard stars and glue a 1/4-inch strip of cardboard around the star outline. Paint or cover them with foil. Set candle in the middle of each star and fill the rest with peppermint mints or tiny metallic balls or similar things.

Use the News want ads. They get results.

**HUNT SEASON NEARING END**

Austin—Texans will be winding up one of the most unusual hunting seasons they've ever experienced in a few days, according to the Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

"For several years we've had a drought," he said. "This year we've had so much rain our entire ecology was changed. We had a tremendous weed crop. This provided cover for birds and seed for their food."

"There was so much water that dove & duck shooting were materially affected. Then quail season opened before we had a heavy frost and birds found it very difficult to work. There was a good deer population. Many hunters were successful."

Special doe seasons already have ended. The buck season in the Edwards Plateau area will end Dec. 31. That also is the last date for shooting peccary. Deer season will end January 14 with quail season January 16th.

**CHRISTMASTIME**

By E. C. Baird

A gleam of love-light in the eye; A glint of gladness in the sky; An added charm in passers-by— That's Christmas!

A hint of halo in the day; A thought of "others" when we pray; A gentle glow that lights the way— That's Christmas!

A goodwill flame within the heart; A zeal to act a nobler part; An urge the upward way to start— That's Christmas!

**RECIPE FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Take the crisp cold of a December night, add two generous parts of snow, stir in air so clear it tinkles. Into a generous heart, mix the wonder of a little girl, the sparkle of a young boy's glance, the love of parents, and set gently before the chimney side. Add the lightest touch of a reindeer's hooves, a sprig of holly, a scent of fir. Set the mixture to rise in the warmth of a dream of good will to men. It will be almost ready to serve when it bubbles with warmth and good feeling. Bedeck with the light of a star set in the East, garnish with shining balls of gold, silver and red. Serve to the tune of an ancient carol in the middle of the family table. This recipe is sufficient for all the men and women you will ever meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Buse are expecting their children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buse and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buse and son, Steve, all from Lubbock, to visit them at Christmas.

**THE REAL BOSS**

Said someone in passing,

"What a beautiful home; I wonder whose it is!"

"The design is mine," said the architect.

"I built it," said the contractor.

"That's some of my work," said the bricklayer, the excavator, the cement contractor, the plasterer, the plumber, the electrician, the carpenter and the glazier.

"I made the rooms so livable,"



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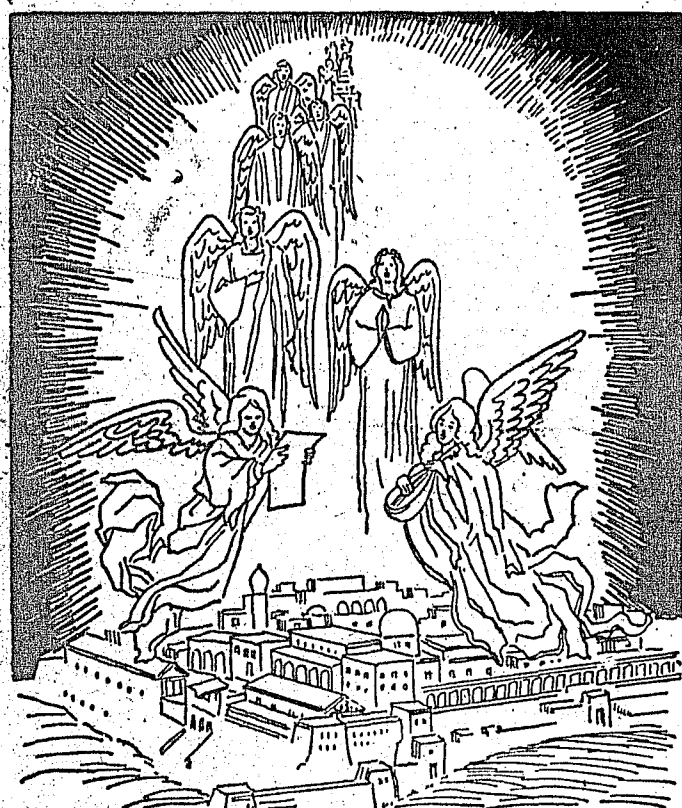
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## The Story Of Christmas

Long, long ago, 1,957 years as man now marks the passing of time, a star shone brightly on the little City of Bethlehem. No ordinary night was this, and no ordinary star. This was a night of glory and wonder and this was a star that would be the hope of the world. On this night in Bethlehem the angels sang in their heavens, the humble shepherds knelt in the fields to pray, and even the wise men were filled with awe and reverence.



Here in this quiet place a glorious birth brought hope and joy to the hearts of men, for here in Bethlehem, on this starry night, a King was born. His coming was made known by the angels. Unaccompanied by blatant blasts of trumpets or hawking cries of heralds, their soft, praise-filled voices reached out into the stillness of the night, singing "Hosanna, Hosanna, hail to the King!"



Out on the hillsides the shepherds heard and they knelt among their flocks to pray. And there came three wise men, following the star that had guided their pathway from the East.

Simple, indeed, were the surroundings. A crude stable served as a palace; the royal cradle was but a lowly manger filled with hay. There were no trumpets, no court

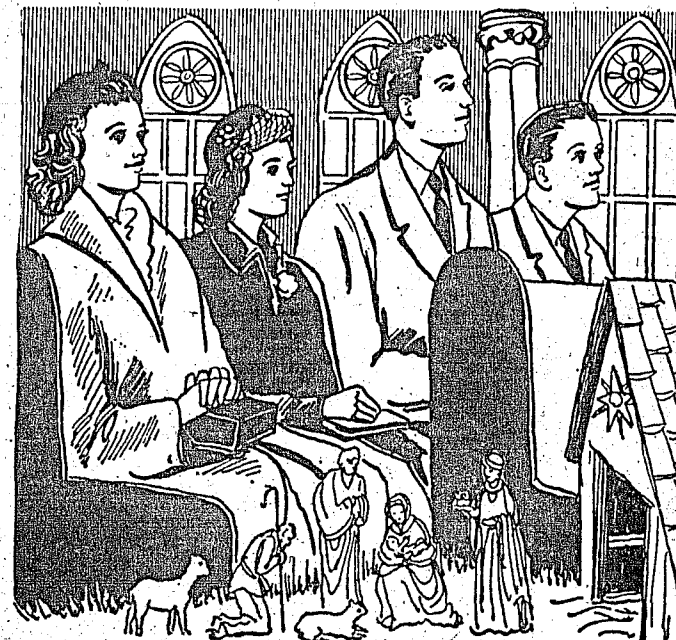


criers, no multitudes surging forth to adore. There, that night in Bethlehem, when the story began, there was only the stable, the Child in the manger, with Mary the Mother hovering near and Joseph standing quietly by. And in the brilliant light of the star were the Wise Men and the shepherds—bearing gifts for the new-born King of Kings.



Through centuries of telling and retelling this greatest of all stories has remained unchanged. It has for centuries marked the beginning of a new era of hope and faith for all mankind.

For the King that was born in Bethlehem was not a mere king of some worldly domain. He was the King of all men and the King of Kings. He came unto earth as a promise of eternal salvation, to show the way. He walked in the valley of men, not garbed in the regal raiments of worldly authority but surrounded by an aura of ethereal goodness and wisdom; as a leader and teacher of men.



There is then, deep significance to this holiday we celebrate as Christmas. It is more than an anniversary or a festive occasion; a time to find joy in the acts of giving and receiving. Christmas is a time for prayer and thanksgiving; a time to return in thought and spirit to the simple meaning of the Story of Bethlehem; for on this day mankind was divinely blessed and given the right to seek out eternal salvation.

In the history of the world, no story has ever been told or written or repeated as many times as the story of the first Christmas. Yet the telling and retelling of this story through generations finds it forever the same—a simple, effective narrative of the birth of the Child Jesus at Bethlehem. The characters, the setting, the situation are forever the same in the recounting of mankind's greatest moment, the coming of the Redeemer. The story shall never change, nor shall the effect of that One Great Life upon man's eternal quest for salvation.



### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I want a record player and I want a doll that can do about anything and high hills shoes. And clothes with her. I want a nurse set. And clothes for me. Don't forget other boys and girls.  
Love  
Sonja Barbara Neff

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a little doll and a set of dish. My little sister wants a little doll too. My other sister wants a sint set.  
Love  
Yvonne Rushing

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a B-48 Cub that ples and a battery operated machine gun and a bow and arrow set.  
From  
Dana Evans

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a B B gun and a skysweeper and a pair of Kit Carson guns and an Electric train and an Satellite launcher and a pair of boxing gloves and army truck and some army men and a Cub Scout canteen and a Cub Scout hunting

knife and a basketball.  
Marty Donham  
Box No. 326,  
507 Bowie Ave.  
Santa Anna, Texas

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want model boat. I want some records and B B gun. I want blue jeans.  
Love  
Lin

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a pair of guns and motor airplane and a football suit. I have been good and the rest of my family has to.  
Love,  
Wayne Moore

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll and a bed for the doll and a wagon and a big box of dishes and a ball.  
Thank you  
Alice Herrera

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a B B gun. I am a little boy. I am nine years old. My teacher is a good teacher.  
Steve Valdez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll and doll bed. I want a doll house and a dolls suitcase. I want a toy refrigera-

tor and stove. I want a sewing machine and my mother wants an electric sweeper.  
Sandra Yancy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a doll with a wardrobe. And I would like some dishes also. I want a play stove and washer and dryer and an electric toaster and a play refrigerator. I want a doll house also.  
Your friend  
Jean Robnett

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some boxing gloves. I want a sputnik and a monkey. I want a satellite and a B B gun. I want a robot and a science set and a rocket launcher.  
Love  
Tommy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am nine years old. I want you to please bring me a pair of shoes, some dishes and a game and a radio for me and a doll.  
Your friend  
Barrett Markland

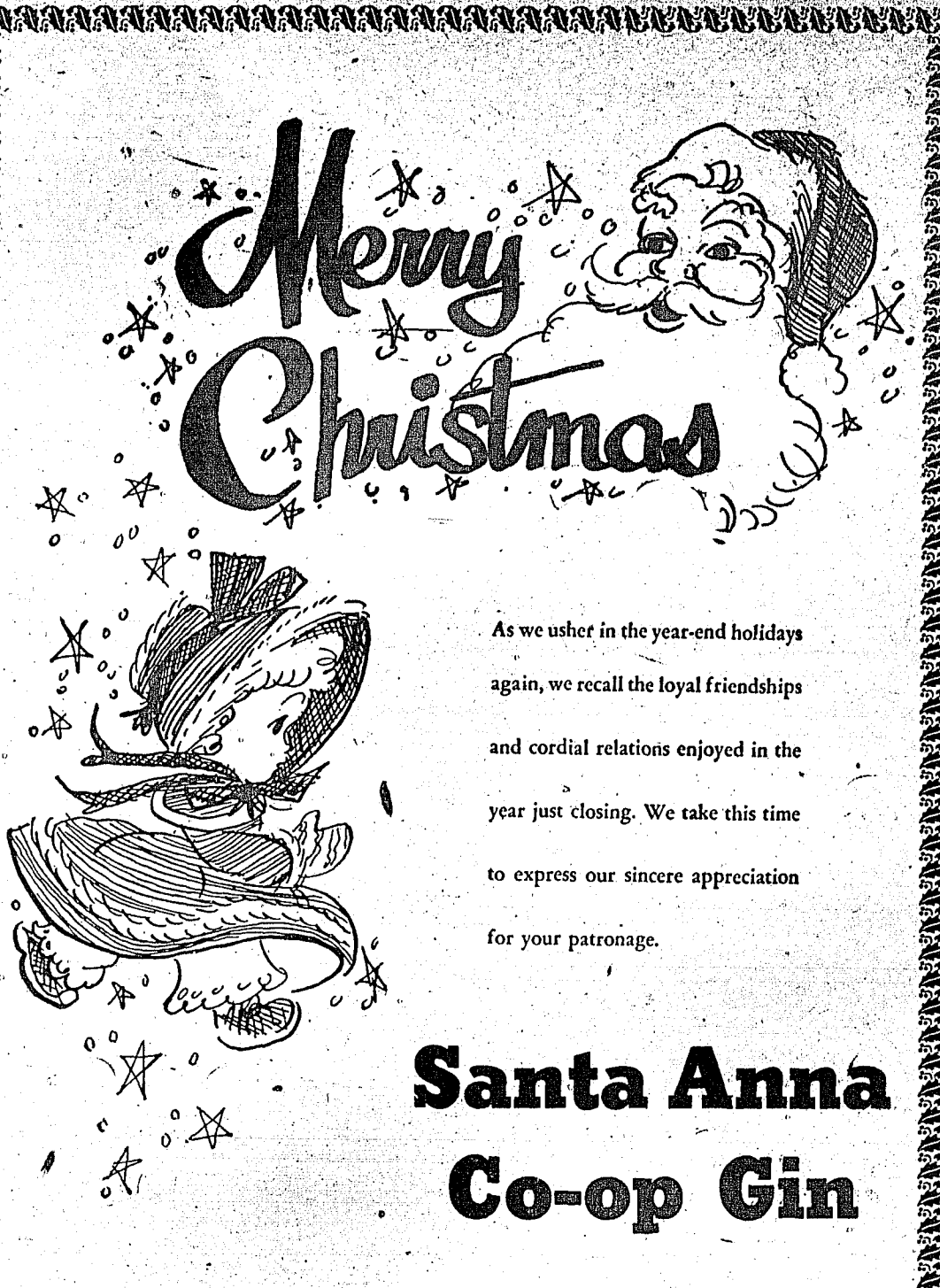
Box 82  
Santa Anna Texas  
December 12, 1957

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a B B gun, some skates, and a pair of boxing gloves. An army truck and men I would like also a canteen and a knife.  
Ronnie Hartman

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a doll and a bicycle. I would like to have a doll house and a play refrigerator. I want an electric toaster also.  
Your friend  
Norma Jo Eubank

Whon, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like for you to please bring me a baton and a doll. Please bring all the other boys and girls something nice for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Bonnie Foster



**Merry Christmas**

As we usher in the year-end holidays again, we recall the loyal friendships and cordial relations enjoyed in the year just closing. We take this time to express our sincere appreciation for your patronage.

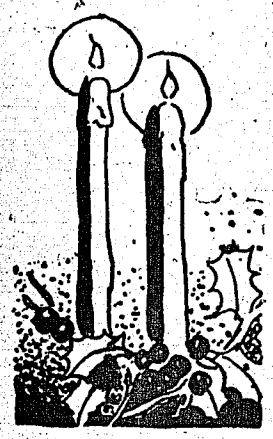
**Santa Anna Co-op Gin**

**Peace  
On Earth  
Good Will  
Toward  
Men!**



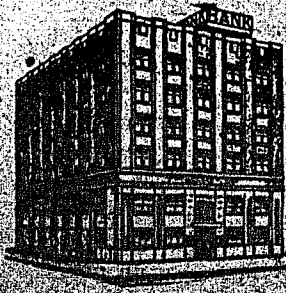
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When WE Clean It's CLEAN  
Coleman, Texas

**Merry +  
Christmas**

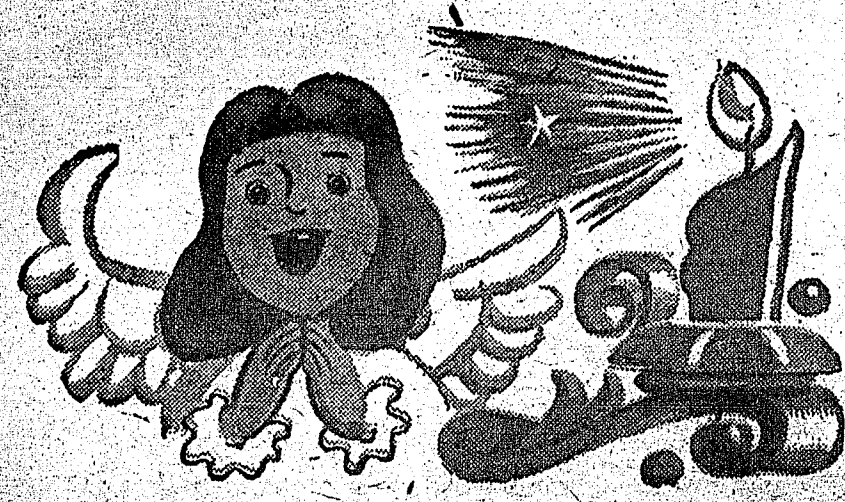


May your days be bright with the joys of the season and its blessings follow you all year!

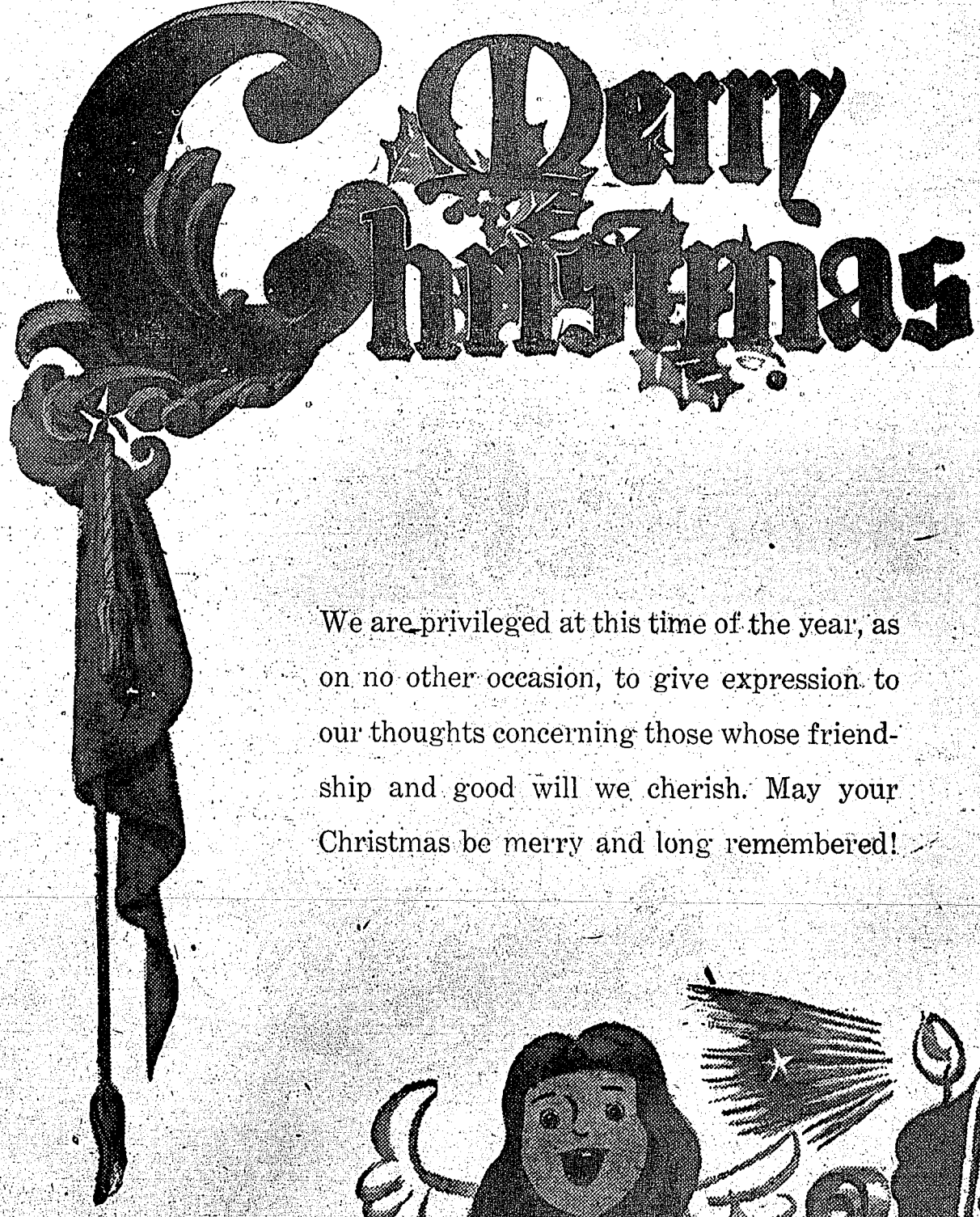
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Coleman, Texas



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"FRIENDLY"



We are privileged at this time of the year, as on no other occasion, to give expression to our thoughts concerning those whose friendship and good will we cherish. May your Christmas be merry and long remembered!

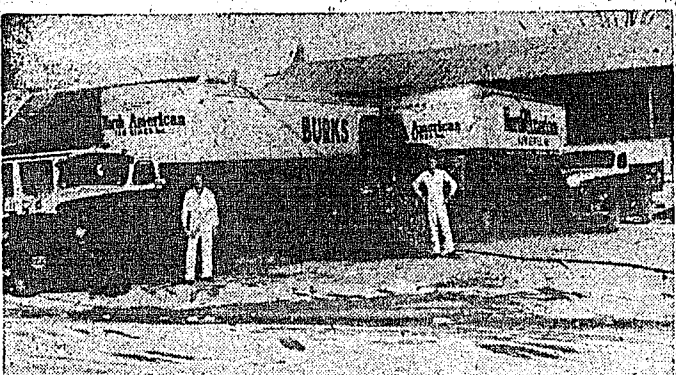




Let's be Joyous and Gay

# It's Christmas

We're hoping you'll have a most glorious Christmas... one long to be remembered.



**BURKS TRANSFER & STORAGE**  
COLEMAN — BRADY — COMANCHE

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Rocket gun and a tractor set also some candy, nuts, fruit.  
Love you,  
Ray Valdez

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a B B Gun, a drum and a trombone also a power dump truck.  
Love  
Jimmy Eubank

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a rocket gun and a tractor set. Also some candy, nuts, fruit.  
Larry F. Rutherford

Dear Santa Claus  
I want some deer antlers and an electronic cannon and some train parts.  
Bill Watson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a football suit. I want a cannon that sets up on wheels.  
Bob Rutherford

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a gun. I want some candy too. Please remember my little brothers. I am 7 years old.  
Your friend  
Bictorino Diaz

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a sky swee pet and a naval pom gun and a Daisy Super Scope rifle. Also Cock Robin set.  
Love  
Tommy Blanton

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you Santa Claus. I want a tiny tear doll. I want a nurses kit. I want a doctor kit for my Brother. I live in the country.  
Love  
Donna Jean Williams

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Police car for Christmas. Also bring me some nuts and candy.  
Love  
Larry McIntire

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old and in the second grade. I would like to have a cannon truck and sakes, choo-choo train. Remebre all the other little boys and girls.  
We love you,  
Dickie and David Horner

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll. I want a baton. I want a bicycle.  
Bring me a cooking set.  
Bring us some fruit, nuts and candy.  
Love  
Wawelda Blount

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 8 years old. I want a Gun and Holster set. I also want a log truck, some Fire works and some checkers and board.  
I love you  
Charlie Don Slate

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. I would like to have a littel car, a bicycle and some candy.  
Your friend  
Freddy Cornett

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl eight years old. I want a balerina doll, a pair of beginner skates and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.  
Mary Ellen Wells

Dear Santa Claus,  
Bring my little sister a doll and some dishes and bring my little brother a rocking horse. And bring me a bicycle and a typewriter.  
Love  
Rita Ann

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a Betsy Wetsy Doll and some clothes for her. I would like a checker game and a baseball. I would like a loose leaf note book.  
Love  
Jean Elizabeth Irick

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a pretty good boy. I am five years old. I would like a bicycle and Bee Bee gun. Please don't forget other little boys and girls.  
With love  
Jerry Horner

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am in the third grade. I would like a little brides doll with high hills. And a pair of house shoes. And some clothes. Don't forget other boys and girls.  
With love  
Margueritte Horner

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a B E gun and a road grader, truck, some nuts and candy.  
Dale Wayne Herring

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doll carriage, dishes and Doll with high heal shoes, nuts and candy and I will be very happy.  
Pameua June Herring

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a teddy bear and a ballerina doll and a table and

four chairs with dishes for Christmas.  
Love  
Henry Jo Brannan

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a cattle truck and guns and candy. I also want a bull dozer. I want a cannon on wheels.  
From  
Korky Wise

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. I would like a new bicycle and a bow and arrow set.  
Thanks  
Roy Joe Harvey

Dear Santa,  
I want a drum set and a sub machine gun, and Santa don't forget other boys and girls that are less fourtinate than I am.  
James Lyndon Wells  
904 S. Santa Fe Street



The Gray Mercantile Co., Inc.  
109 West Pecan Coleman, Texas

## BEST WISHES



May the warmth of this Christmas Season Abound in your home Throughout the year.

HUGH CAPPS STUDIO  
Coleman, Texas



We're singing out with a hearty wish for your Christmas pleasure. Here's hoping the Yuletide brings a full measure of happiness and good cheer to you and your dear ones.

## Standard Abstract Co.

Weah and Betty McCulloch  
405 County State-Bank Bldg. Coleman



Just a cheery greeting to all our good friends to wish them a very happy holiday and a successful New Year.

## The Gingham Shop

116 South Concho Coleman



# Coleman Gas Company



**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Rockwood, Texas  
December 19, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm a little girl 4 years old and have been pretty good — I guess. Please bring me a Baby doll that cries real tears and wets her diaper, and a doll house. My brother Bruce wants

a B. B. gun and my sister wants something nice too. Don't forget other boys and girls.  
Love  
Denise Wallace

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 20, 1957

Dear Santa,  
Just a few lines to say hello to you, and that everything will be ready for your visit here

Christmas Eve. I want a doll, doll clothes, dishes and ironing board.

Please remember by sisters, mother and daddy. There are lots of other little boys and girls, please remember them also.  
Hoping you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Yours sincerely  
Edna Lee Craig.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a truck, tractor, train, candy. I'm two years old and I've been a real good boy. Mother and daddy says so. Don't forget the other kids.  
James Tony Owen

Dear Santa,  
I've been a pretty good boy and I would like a cattle truck with animals, an airplane set, and a dump truck with a scoop on it for Christmas please.  
Thanks you,  
Keith Gill

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I have been good to my brothers and sisters. I would like to have an army tank, a jeep, a machine gun, and a train like Casey Jones. Bring the rest of my family something, too. My big bro-

ther, Pete, is writing this for me.  
With love,  
P. Terry Simmons

Dear Santa,  
I've been a pretty good girl, too. I'd like a Tiny Tears doll in a pink suitcase, some dishes, and a baby bed for Christmas.  
Thank you,  
Pam Gill  
P. S. Keith and I both promise to be real good all next year.

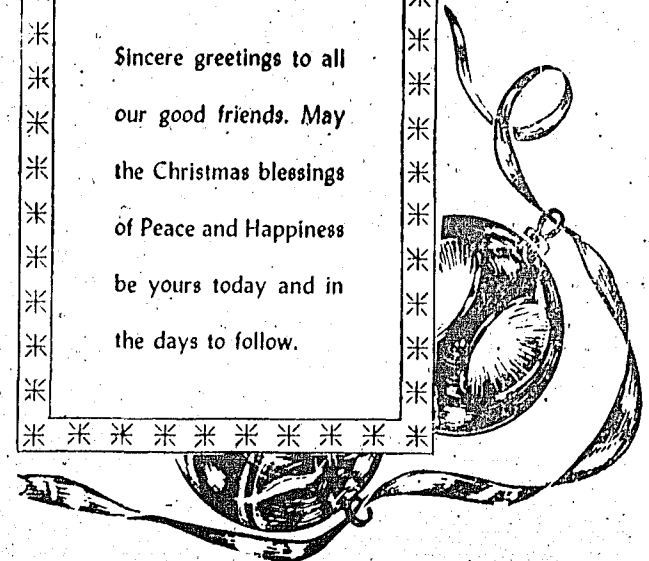
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a horse for Xmas. Bring my brother something too. I've been a pretty good boy. Remember the other boys and girls.  
Thank you,  
Nikki York.

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a airgun and a service station and a surprise. Don't forget my little brother, David.  
Thank you  
Phil Huggins

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Doll and some Tinker Toys also a Black Board.  
I have been a good girl.  
Love  
Juanelle Sutherland

SEASON'S  
Heartiest  
Cheers

Sincere greetings to all our good friends. May the Christmas blessings of Peace and Happiness be yours today and in the days to follow.



**WRIGHT'S**  
Benefit and Burial Ass'n.  
Coleman, Texas

TALLEY & SON  
**Sinclair Service Station**  
Santa Anna, Texas

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

season's  
Greetings



In an old fashioned way, but with all the appreciation we can think of we wish each of you a Merry and Joyous Christmas.

**First Coleman National Bank**

Member of FDIC and Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas  
Coleman, Texas

As you enter into the spirit of the Christmas occasion, we hope you will take just a moment to accept our best wishes for the Season.  
It's been a pleasure to serve you and we invite your continued friendships.



- O. C. FISHER**  
U. S. Representative, 21st District
- DORSEY B. HARDEMAN**  
State Senator, 25th District
- A. J. BISHOP, Jr.**  
State Representative, 77th District
- A. O. NEWMAN**  
Judge, 35th Judicial District
- BILL ALLCORN**  
Attorney, 35th Judicial District.
- O. L. PARISH**  
Judge, 119th Judicial District
- E. C. GRINDSTAFF**  
Attorney, 119th Judicial District
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District Clerk
- WALTER HOLT**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 2
- L. EMET WALKER**  
County Judge
- JOE DIBRELL**  
County Attorney
- H. F. FENTON, Jr.**  
County Sheriff
- LEE F. CRAIG**  
County Clerk
- CHARLOTTE SCOTT**  
County Treasurer
- D. E. LOVELESS**  
County School Superintendent
- W. EARL IRICK, Sr.**  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 7



**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa,  
I want a View Master, logs, Country Doctor Set, Service Station Set and candy. Please bring my little brother Gary a football and helmet.  
Love,  
Ralph and Gary Turner

Dear Santa,  
Please bring us dolls, buggys and musical bears.  
Don't forget all the other little boys and girls especially our little friends Sissy and Suwanie.  
Thank you  
Dana and Sharlet Henderson

Dear Santa,  
Box 82  
Santa Anna, Texas  
December 12, 1957

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a doll

with rooted hair, a table and chair set and a makup kit.  
Please don't forget my sister and brothers.

Yours sincerely  
Cindy Sue Hartman

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a record player or any thing you would like me to have. I am 6 years old and live with my grandmother, so please don't forget my Daddy and Mother. They live in Houston. I go to Brookesmith school and make a straight A report card. Don't forget my teacher and the other children.  
Love,  
John W. Haynes III

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like a bicycle for Christmas. Clothes. I want a doll with high heels for Christmas.

Box 537  
Jodie Swindell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am nine years old. I would like to have a little sewing machine.

I would like to have a pair of shoes for school.

I would like to have a doll and a suitcase for me and for my little doll.

Good-by, Love  
Rachel Trinidad

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a rocket set. I want a horse. I want a bird.  
Joe

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like a doll for Christmas and some clothes.  
Margaret Ann Strength  
Box 301

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a Cub Scout belt and knife. Also rod and reel string and real TV set. Would you bring me a holster and gun set and also two bicycle tires, electric train, boxing gloves, electric football set.  
Bill Martin

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a pair of gloves and a car.  
Michael

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baseball glove, bat and ball. I want some black jeans, a football.

I am 7 year. I am in the second grade, and do not for get my friends.

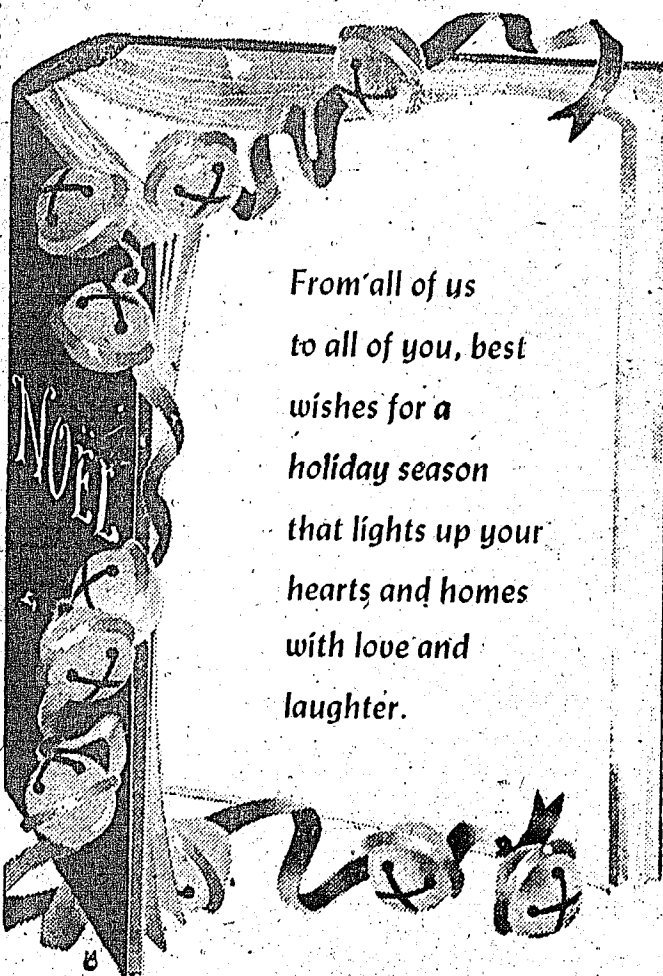
I love you. Your friend,  
Jesse Wayne Upchurch

*A Joyous Yuletide*



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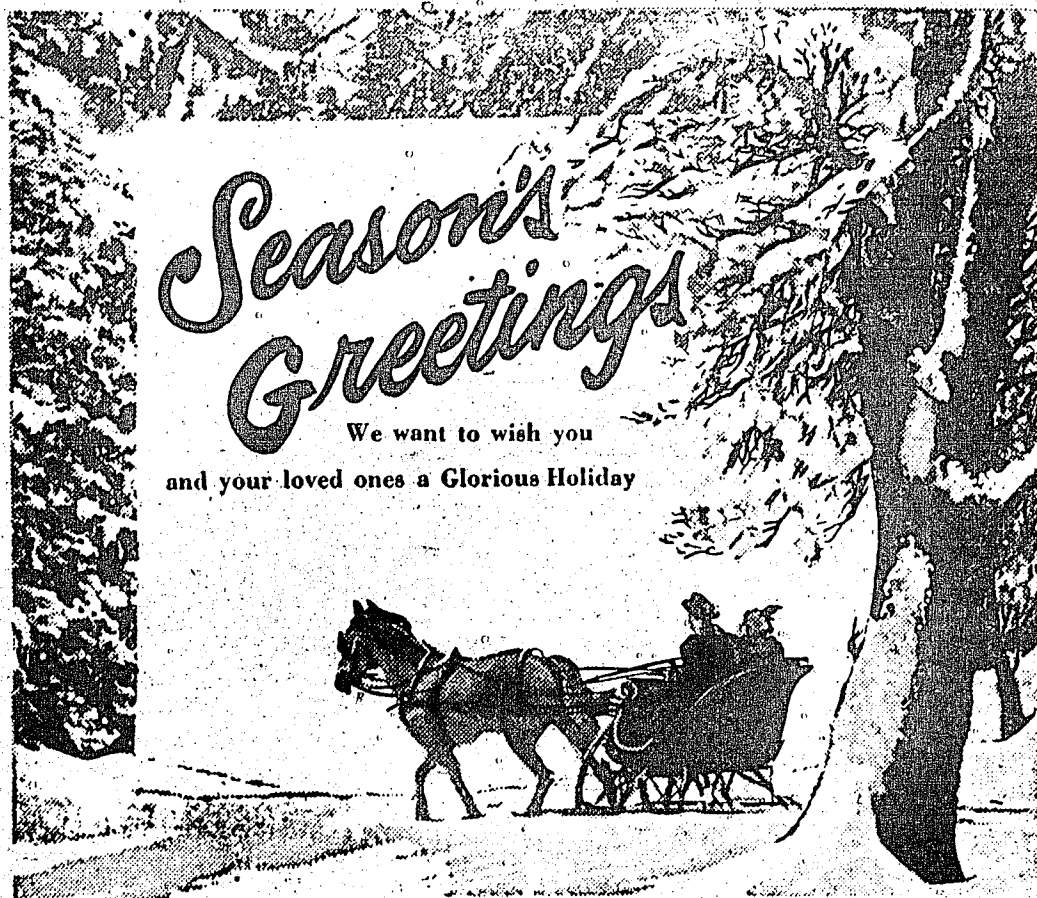
1000 ON YOUR DIAL



From all of us  
to all of you, best  
wishes for a  
holiday season  
that lights up your  
hearts and homes  
with love and  
laughter.

**South Texas  
Lumber Co.**

Coleman, Texas



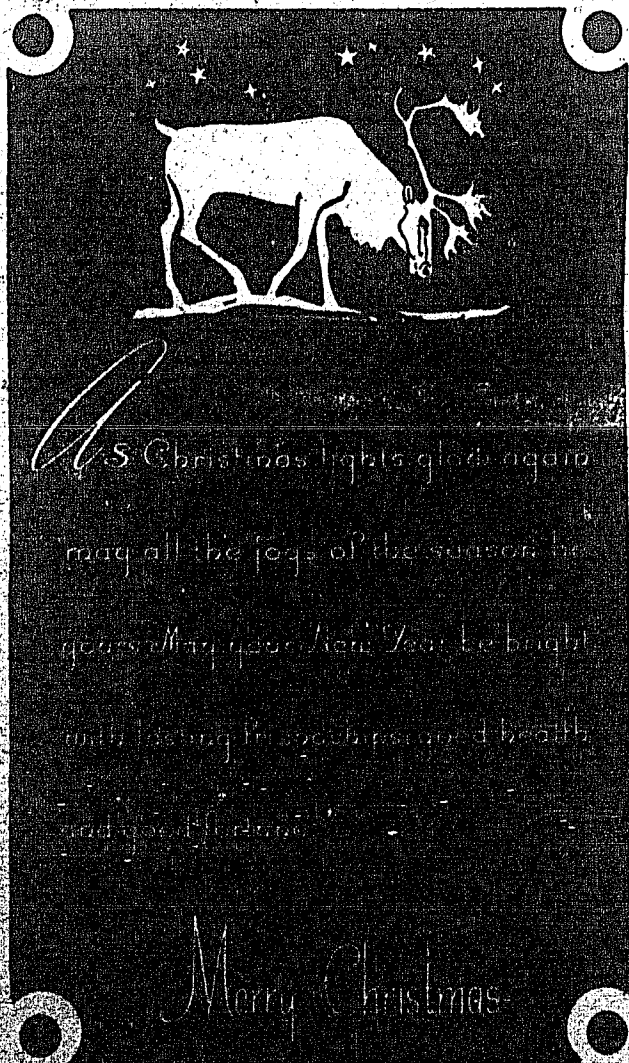
*Season's  
Greetings*

We want to wish you  
and your loved ones a Glorious Holiday

**Delma Johnson Implement Co.**

203 Needham Street

Coleman, Texas



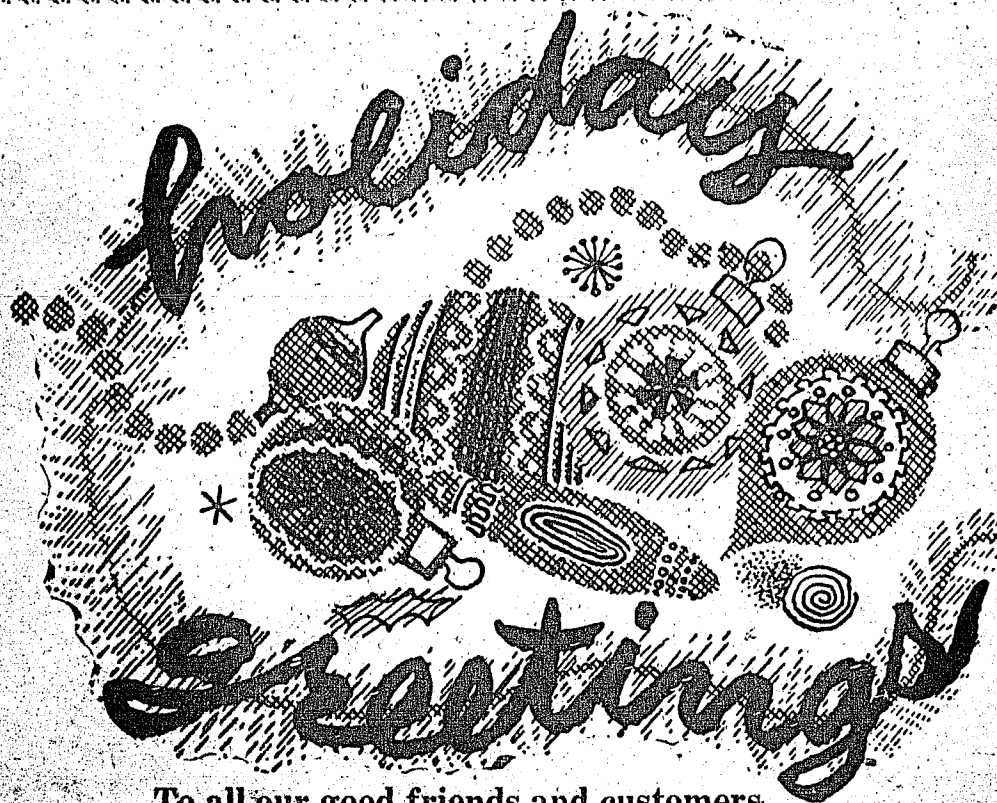
As Christmas lights glow again  
may all the joys of the season be  
yours and your loved ones be bright  
with love and peace and good health  
and good cheer

*Merry Christmas*

**Coleman Monument Works**

1201 East 9th St.

Coleman



To all our good friends and customers  
We'd like to pause a moment to say ...  
May your Christmas be calm and peaceful  
and your New Year bright and gay!

**GORDON'S**

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Gordon

103 Commercial Ave.

Coleman



**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a pogo stick and a tiny tears doll and a beauty kit for my dolly and a carrier for my bicycle.  
Your truly,  
Sherry Thompson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good little boy. I would like for you to bring me a lawn mower, telephone, train, rifle and some boots. I will be at my pa-pas house for Christmas.  
Don't forget all of the other

boys and girls.  
I will be looking for you and I'll have some cake and coffee for you.  
Love  
Randal Wayne Lovelady  
Grand Prairie, Texas  
P. S. Don't forget my mommy and-dady. Also my pa-pa and granddady.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 5 1/2 years old and I have been pretty good this year. Would you please bring me a doll, buggy, and a bicycle for Christmas. Also my little brother wants a doll, truck, guns and a horse. Remember the other little boys and girls.

We love you,  
Sue and Keithie Dossey  
1000 W. Mesquite  
Coleman, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a bat and a base ball glove and an electric military train and a pair of skates.  
Randall Wayne Upton

Santa Anna, Tex.  
Dec. 10, 1957

Dearest Santa:  
Would you please bring me a big B B gun and a truck, a ball and bat and a play boat.  
Santa bring my brothers and sisters something too.  
We will have some cake for you, Santa.  
Sincerely yours  
Daniel Pierce

Santa Anna, Tex.  
Dec. 12, 1957

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good litter girl and I been doing fine in school. So for that I ask if you will come to see me and bring me a big doll for Christmas.  
Your friend  
Norma Perez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a B B gun a bicycle and a dump truck.  
Love,  
Johnni Hogue

Santa Anna, Tex.  
Dec. 1, 1957

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl nearly five years old. I hope I have been a good little girl. Dear Santa, if you can, will you bring me a doll with a trunk and wardrobe, a sewing machine, a nurse kit, and a set of dishes. Please remember the other little girls and boys.  
Lots of Love,  
Nancy Lee Baugh  
Santa Anna, Texas

Santa Anna, Tex.  
Box 342

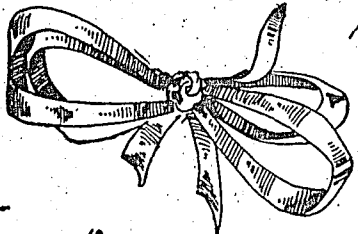
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a B B Gun and a big dump truck. Bring my two little sisters a doll and buggy each. All so bring us some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
Thank you,  
Tommy Darrell Priddy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a football. I want a baseball glove. I want a B B gun. I am in the second grade. My name is Kippy Clifton.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a record players, and a nurses kit.  
I love you  
Paula Copeland

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a doll buggy for Christmas. Please bring all boys and girls some toys.  
Dorthea Carpenter

**Greetings**



May there come to you  
at this  
Christmas Time  
all the precious things  
of life; Health  
Happiness  
and Enduring  
Friendships

**A-1 Cleaners**

Mr. and Mrs. Petie Henderson  
Coleman, Texas

**Merry Christmas**

We're bringing a load of good wishes from everyone at

**MORGAN MEAT CO.**  
106 Hollywood  
Coleman, Texas

Santa Anna, Texas Dec. 11, 1957	Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll with clothes and a bottle in a suitcase. Also bring me some nuts and candy. Love Judy McIntire	Santa Anna, Texas Dec. 11, 1957	Dear Santa Claus, I want a football to play with. And a cap to wear to. And some boots with it. This is Wade. Love
Dear Santa Claus I want two pair of bicycle tires. Love Harvey Ray Curry			

**GREETINGS**

To You  
AT THIS JOYOUS  
SEASON

As another year passes by, we wish to thank each and every one of our friends for their kind favors and patronage! May the spirit of Christmas enrich your lives throughout the coming year! May there be peace and goodwill among all mankind!

**B & M Feed Company**  
Coleman, Texas

**WE WISH YOU**

*Joy at Christmas*

May the infinite blessings of this joyous season abide with you and your family.

**Coleman Butane Gas Co.**

Coleman, Texas

*Merry Christmas to One and All!*

—SPARKMAN'S—  
**Wash-O-Matic Laundry**

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sparkman  
Corner Concho and Needham Streets  
Coleman, Texas



**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Rockwood, Texas  
December 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll for Christmas that is 20 in. tall with 4 pair of high heels and on pair of hose.

Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
B 47 Piper Cub, tractor, par of guns, B-B guns, electric train, electric football set. I have been good.  
Love  
Wendell Rice

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy. I want a B B gun and tool set.  
Thank you  
Gordon Lee Copeland

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy six years old and in the first grade. I want for Christmas a army truck,

road grader, a dump truck and a big transport truck. Bring Reginga a baby doll and bed.  
Thank you,  
Mike Cupps

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicyce and fire crackers. I am a good boy.  
Love  
Joe Hawkins

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a bycetele, tiny tears doll and tinkler toys, please.  
Glenna-Russell

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a B B gun, an electric train and a trombone, also some Roy Rogers guns.  
Love  
Eddie Voss

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a tiny tears doll, and some toy dishes, and don't forget my sister, Linda and brothers, Rocky and Roddy.

Thank you  
Beth Dean  
Rockwood, Texas  
P. S.-Don't forget mother and daddy.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll for Christmas and a babby bottle and buggy and I want some roller skates.  
Love  
Janice Langford

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a rifle and my sister wants dishes.  
Love,  
Doyle and Judy Ann

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1957

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have an electric football set, a football and a helmet. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
Your little friend  
Buddy Campbell

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing? I am doing fine.

I have tried to be good. I wish you would bring me a football suit, football, pool table and a dump truck. And I wish you would bring my mother a new watch and I wish you would bring my daddy a new pair of workshoes.

Put Wanda on my mothers present and Billy on my daddy present.  
Love  
Donnie Campbell

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a nurse set for Christmas. I have tried to be good. And I would like a doll.  
Love,  
Barbara Ann Strength

Rockwood, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll with high heels. I want some clothes with her. I want her to have some earrings

with her. I want her to have one pair of hose. I want her to be 20 in. tall.  
Love  
Lajeana Belle Miller

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a record player with some records for Christmas. My little twin sister wants a walking doll for Christmas, and I want a pair of shoes.  
Love  
Leanna Pollock

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a motor airplane and I want a B B gun. And my two sisters want a doll each.  
With love  
Jackie Lee

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a electric train and a cattle truck.

I want a record player and a football suit. I want a pair of guns. I want a service station.  
Love  
Allen Ginn

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a B-47 Piper Cub and a fodel boat for Christmas. And I want bow and arrow too. I have tried to be a good boy.  
Floyd Carpenter

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a nurse set and a shirt. My mother wants a housecoat and some houseshoes. I want a doll. I been a good girl Santa Claus. I want a record player.  
With love  
Neta Ann McClure

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a service station and a tractor.  
Carlton Watson

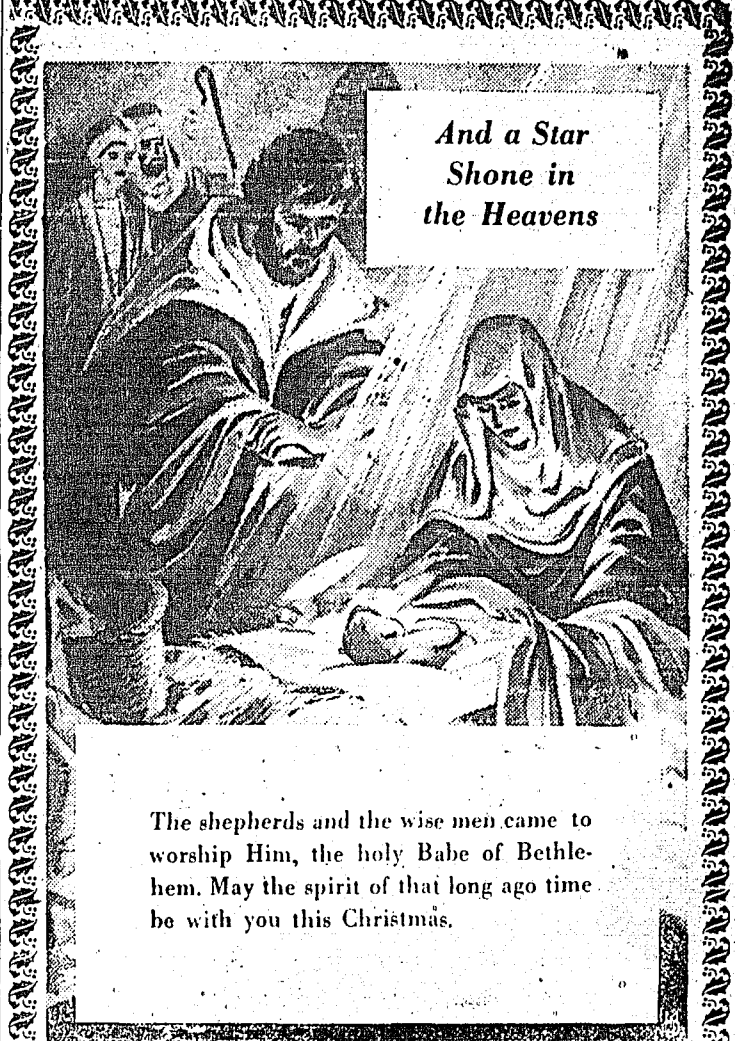
Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a nurse set and a shirt. My mother wants a housecoat and some houseshoes. I want a doll. I been a good girl Santa Claus. I want a record player.  
With love  
Neta Ann McClure

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1957

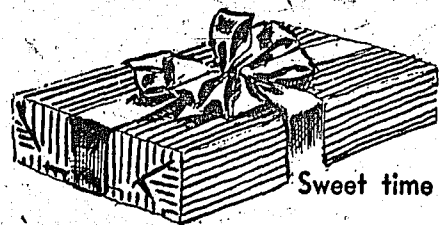
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Bajarena Doll, a watch and a bicycle.  
Love,  
Babs Tatum

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a truck, tool chest and some more toys.  
Love  
David



**Mckee Cleaners**  
Santa Anna, Texas

**CHRISTMAS**



Sweet time of security,

may it remain

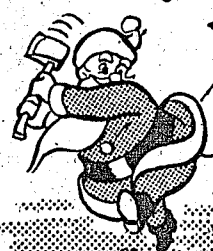
with you throughout

the days to come.

**Mrs. J. R. Gipson, Florist**

Santa Anna, Texas

Merry Christmas  
and warmest wishes  
for a happy  
year!



**Marrs Furniture Co.**

119 Commercial Ave. Coleman, Texas

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

TO EACH ONE OF YOU FROM EACH ONE OF US!

As Christmas draws near it is only natural that our thoughts turn to those who have played such a big part in our success . . . our friends, our customers. Our best way of wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is to assure you of continued high quality and courteous service in the year and years to come.

**Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

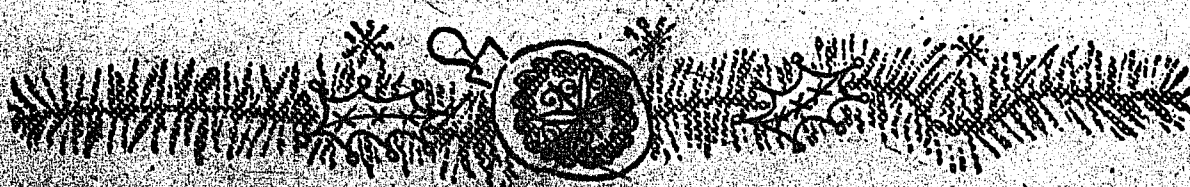
Merry Christmas



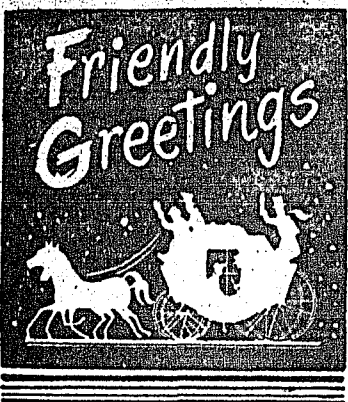
May you enjoy peace and happiness during the coming New Year.

**Frank Lewis Furniture**

West of Courthouse Coleman







May happiness be with you and yours at this Christmastime . . . and throughout the coming New Year!

LUTHER McCRARY Premier Service Station Santa Anna, Texas

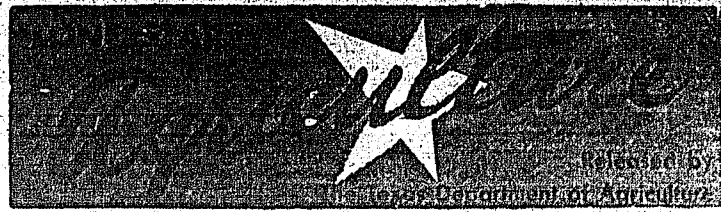


Dairy Barn

Lois Henderson, Operator Rockwood Highway Santa Anna



J. A. HARRINGTON Gulf Service Station Santa Anna, Texas



A LETTER TO SANTA

Note: This letter was first published in the San Antonio Express during the Christmas Season of 1952. The writer was Miss Lois Weeks, then Society Editor, and now an Odessa housewife. It has a universal appeal and is especially fitting in these days when we sometimes tend to forget the real meaning of Christmas.

Mr. Santa Claus % Childhood Hearts North Pole Dear Mr. Claus: I hope you will remember me, Santa. It's been a long time. You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files!

The last time I wrote you, I spelled bicycle with a "k" — and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking and my Christmas lists have changed considerably — and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and its worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "Well, start being a little nice to ME, then", from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December headlines — lots of them — belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year. Although this is more a delay-

ed "Thank you" for the other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the

glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees, the off-key Noels and the hushed hymns, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that? And especially, to those who never noticed it before?

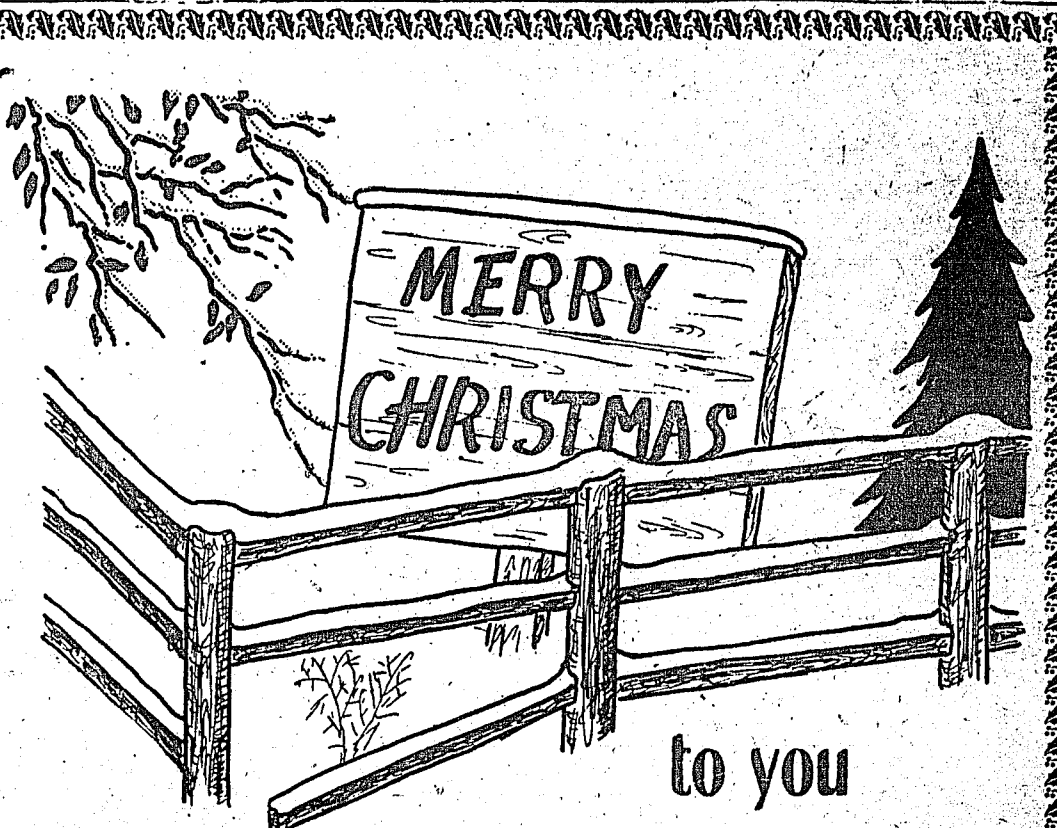
Could you remind us all that it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expense respite from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas cards and our packages, the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you — that Christmas will always be a way of life and

that you'll be staging it always? I think you will because, though you've seen central heating replace the chimney you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room, for the manger and the sleighbells in this age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus. Sincerely Yours, Lois Weekes

An accident is usually the only winner in the race against time. Better be safe than sorry.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.



to you

We're sending our Best Wishes for a happy holiday . . . and may every good thing come your way!

Bozeman Electric Shop

113 Park Street

Coleman, Texas

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Gouldbusk, Texas Dec. 11, 1957

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy the last year.

I would like to have a double holster set and a dump truck and also some firecrackers.

Thank you Larry Gene Williams



Christmas 1957

To Our Friends:

At this happy season may we wish you an old, old wish but one that is ever new . . . Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We want to express our deep appreciation for the part you have played in making our business what it is today. We will always do our best to justify your faith in us, and in our ability to serve you well.

Your friendship, your patronage, and your confidence are deeply appreciated and, as we approach the New Year, we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of all the good things of life.

Sincerely,

Ardell Smith,

Coleman Furniture & Appliance

Small enough to know you Large enough to serve you