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*From All In Our Organization*

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To All Our Friends**



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# The Santa Anna News

### A Christmas Tree Safety Check List

**College Station** — The family Christmas will be the center of attraction from now until December 25 or later. Most families fail to realize, however, says C. W. Simmons, extension farm forester, Christmas trees pose a fire hazard in the home. Therefore, every precaution should be taken to reduce the chances of a fire originating from faulty decorating.

Buy a tree in good condition having fresh needles or leaves. If it is placed aside several days before decorating, Simmons says make a fresh cut above the

original and place the trunk in water.

Since the danger of fire is substantially reduced if a tree is high in moisture, it's a good idea the forester says, to leave it in water when moved into the house. The tree may be anchored with rocks and soil and water should be added periodically. And too, this will keep the tree fresh and will help prevent needle shedding.

Next Simmons warns against decorating with flammable materials. Inspect all electric extension cords and Christmas tree lights and repair all poor connections. Make certain all insulation is in tact.

If cotton is used around the tree's base, be sure it has been chemically treated and will not burn. Candles should never be used to light a tree, he adds.

Do not put a tree near an exit. It's always advisable to have a tree in the corner leaving the doors accessible.

And, while the weather may be tough on the garden hose, it's a good idea, not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year, to leave the hose attached to a hydrant so water is available in case of fire, Simmons says.

It's up to the individual family to make the forthcoming season a safe season. Those who fail to heed precautions may have their holidays marred by serious fire or accident, Simmons concludes.

### Olen Horton Take Part In Naval Winter Training Program

**Atlantic Fleet (PHTNC)** — Participating in the Navy's winter training maneuvers "Operation Springboard" last month aboard the destroyer USS Miller was Frederick O. Horton, gunner's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Horton of 1505 Garner Ave., Austin, Tex., formerly of Santa Anna, and husband of Mrs. Johnnie E. Horton of Rockwood, Texas.

Not a fleet exercise, Operation Springboard continues from November until April, 1954 in the Caribbean to take advantage of favorable climatic conditions.

Nearly 100 warships, more than 250 aircraft and 35,000 naval personnel will take part in the training exercises for individual ships and units.

The operation is conducted to further the status of upkeep, training and combat readiness of units of the Atlantic Fleet.

Each ship or unit trains for five weeks before returning to her home port. During their stay, breaks in the training are provided for liberty in Caribbean ports.

The prize crack of the week comes from an Arkansas farmer who has been fighting crab grass all his life. He declares that when crab grass is pulled up by the roots, piled on top of a flat stone and dried for weeks, and then burned, it will take root and flourish wherever its smoke touches the ground.

A woman who lost her thumb in a train wreck was awarded \$50,000 as damages, by a female jury, because it was the thumb she kept her husband under.

### Mrs. Wolf Hostess To R'wood WSCS Party

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Rockwood Methodist Church held their annual Christmas party Monday afternoon. Mrs. S. H. Wolf was hostess, assisted by members of the WSCS. The Christmas motif was used in the party rooms. Mrs. Jake McCreary directed the games. Gifts were exchanged from a large decorated tree.

Mrs. Bostick poured punch and a refreshment plate of Christmas tree chicken sandwiches, potato chips, fruit cake in orange cups and mints were served to Mmes. John Hunter, S. H. Wolf, Jack Bostick, J. T. Avants, R. E. Johnson, Fox Johnson, A. L. Crutcher, Kate McIlvain, Leon McMillan, Bill Rehm, Aubrey McSwane, Sam Estes, M. D. Bryan, Uless Maness, Tom Bryan, J. A. Hunter, James Sluder, Leflet Estes, Cecil Day, N. J. Buttry, James Estes, Harold Straughan, Veoma Jackson, Woodrow Estes, Minta Scoggins, Jake McCreary, Blake Williams and J. C. Ferguson.

### R'wood HD Club Has North Pole Party

Mrs. Ray Caldwell and Mrs. Joe Wise were hostesses when the Rockwood H. D. Club held the annual Christmas party at the lunch room. Mrs. Evan Wise and Mrs. Tom Bryan had charge of arrangements.

A sign "Welcome to the North Pole" greeted the guests. Further on a sign "Reindeer Crossing - Drive Carefully". Gifts to be exchanged were at the foot of the North Pole, which was topped with a sign "Beware of Icebergs." Mrs. Hunter directed the games.

A table covered with Christmas cloth was centered by an arrangement of pyracantha berries in a Santa boot and flanked by Christmas candles in crystal holders.

Mrs. Jake McCreary presided during the business session.

Christmas cake, coffee and tea were served to Mmes. Lon Gray, Bill Bryan, J. T. Avants, Jake McCreary, Aubrey McSwane, John Hunter, Harold Straughan, Woodrow Estes, Blake Williams, S. H. Wolf, Tom Bryan, Evan Wise, Ray Caldwell,

Joe Wise and Jack Bostick

Most kids ask for the wishbone before they eat their spinach, in hopes they may get their wish.

Every time we go to the dentist's we get bored to tears.

Uncle Sam's craps shooters brought back about as many medals as his sharpshooters.



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### Dental Treatment For Vets Explained

Dr. George T. McMahan, Manager of the Waco Veterans Administration Center, has received a new policy statement from the Washington Office of VA concerning dental treatment.

Only one-time dental treatment will be given to veterans with service-connected dental conditions or disabilities that are not severe enough to rate

disability compensation. VA said the limitation for these non-compensable cases was made under the basic 1933 law that authorizes the Administrator of Veterans Affairs to provide such medical, surgical or dental service as is "reasonably necessary" for diseases or injuries incurred or aggravated in line of duty in the active military or naval service.

The limitation, VA said, does not apply to veterans receiving

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disability compensation for service-connected dental conditions or disabilities.

Nor does it apply to those veterans who require treatment for dental conditions, whether or not service-connected, which are medically found to be aggravating another service-connected disability, VA said.

All veterans whose treatment for non-compensable dental conditions or disabilities already has been completed will not be eligible for further treatment of those conditions or disabilities.

The one-time treatment for non-compensable cases will prevail unless the treatment is found to be unacceptable "within the limitations of good pro-

fessional standards," or the veteran is found eligible under one or more of the other dental benefits classifications.

VA said an exception is made for former prisoners of war who will receive as many dental treatments as are required to take care of disabilities found to have been caused by their imprisonment.

The one-time treatment for non-compensable service-con-

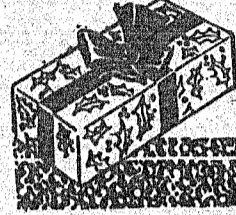
nected cases may be provided by VA dental clinics, or VA may authorize participating fee-basis dentists to provide it.

The man who is always growling must lead a dog's life.

Our daughter is always ready for a swim, but complains that washing dishes ruins her hands.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

*The Season's Greetings*



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*Sam H. Collier*

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### Giant boy



Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.

Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer appears to be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.

Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

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BY DR. KENNETH FOREMAN

Scriptures: Matthew 6:9-10; 24:10-20; John 17:18-21; Acts 1:6-8; Revelation 11:15b.

Devotional Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20.

**Thy Kingdom Come**

Lesson for December 27, 1953

"Thy Kingdom Come"—how often we pray it, how little we think about it! How much do we mean it? And do we know what we mean when we say it? Scholars, who know the near-eastern languages tell us that the form of the Lord's Prayer as it would be in the Aramic language which Jesus and his disciples no doubt used, is that of a poem. Not rhymed but rhythmical.

"Thy named be hallowed," "Thy Kingdom come," and "Thy will be done," are three parallel lines, and their essential meaning is the same. The kingdom of God does not simply mean the fact that God is King of Kings. He is, and does not need our prayers to make him so. The kingdom of God means the state of things, here on this earth or in heaven or anywhere, where God's royal will is actually done. We have a right to believe that in heaven God's will is the rule of life. On earth God's will is the rule of life, too, only it is disobeyed perhaps more often than it is obeyed.



In heaven all God's children are loyal; on earth some are disloyal all the time, and even his loyal children have their times of disloyalty. So what we are praying for, if we say intelligently "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven," is that more and more God's will may be known, loved, obeyed, carried out on this earth of ours.

**In The World**

Instead of any reflections in this column, the reader is invited to do some reflecting on his own. Here it is nearly the end of December. An old year will be gone before the week is out. It is a good time to look back on the year almost gone, and ask the question

About one third of the world's total coffee consumption is used by the people of the U. S.

Herbert Hoover and Dwight Eisenhower are the only presidents born west of the Mississippi.

seriously: Can we see any answers to our oft-repeated prayer. "Thy Kingdom come"? In the year 1953, has the Kingdom of God come any nearer? The Kingdom, as Paul tells us, is "love, joy, peace . . ." Have these things spread or have they wilted during this past year?

The reader is invited to let his mind run back over what he can recall of national and world-history for the past 12 months. Have there been events which have been encouraging to Christian people? Have there been events which would tend to discourage Christian people? Is there some evidence that love, joy and peace have spread somewhat in the world, or have they been dammed up?

**In The Neighborhood**

What about the neighborhood, the community where the reader lives? It never will be exactly like heaven, (or if it is, please let the writer know and he'll move there) but surely there must be something heavenly about it, or everybody would move away. Has the neighborhood grown toward the Kingdom of God this year? Is there more love, joy, peace in it? Are the churches getting anywhere? Do the churches set a better example of Christian living than they used to? Does the preaching of the Gospel take effect in people's lives? If people move away, is it because they can't help it or because they can't stand the place any longer? If a church has lost a minister this past year, has it been hard to get a new man to come or would a minister welcome a chance to be a pastor in your community? Have the Christians who live there made some real effort to answer the prayer "Thy Kingdom come"? Do they ever try to win others to Christ? If a stranger's car broke down in your community, would he go away finally with memories of helpfulness or would he always hate to remember the place?

**In Home And Heart**

The Kingdom, Jesus said to his friends, "is within you." The will of God is done first of all in the minds, intentions and wills of individual persons in their everyday relationships. If the Kingdom does not come in heart and home, it is not going to come in the community of the world.

Let the reader think back over his personal year of 1953, not what he has read about or seen on the TV screen, but what has gone on in his own heart and home. Have love, joy, peace been on the increase there?

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During the Civil War the proportion of Northern Soldiers to Southern Soldiers was 4 1/2 Northerners to 1 Southerner.

A lie may not have legs to stand on, but it sure has wings to fly.

**Rockwood News**

By MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER



ROCKWOOD, TEXAS

PHONE 1003

Mrs. A. N. McCarrell and Mrs. G. T. McCarrell of Abilene visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp.

Mrs. Douglas Avants of Brady spent last Tuesday with her daughter, Jackye Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. John X. Steward.

Recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp were Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp, Jr., Charles and Ann of Pasadena.

Mrs. Boss Estes visited Tuesday to Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hodges in Coleman. Mrs. Hodges has been ill but is reported improving.

Pfc. Sealy Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bryan, came home Saturday for a 34 day leave with home folks. Sealy has been stationed at Fort Lewis Washington.

Chester Bryan, a student in ACC at Abilene is also home for the holidays.

R. W. Nevans spent Friday to Sunday at Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Maxey and Lowell. He was accompanied home by Lowell for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bryan of Midland came Sunday to visit in the M. D. Bryan home.

Mrs. Evan Wise visited in San Antonio with Mrs. Eddie Valicek. She was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mueller of Austin, who came to spend the holidays in the

Wise home. Jack Cooper spent Sunday in Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Moore of Coleman visited Sunday evening with Mrs. Rosa Belle Heilman and Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Moore.

Shopping in Brownwood last Wednesday were Mrs. Blake Williams, Mrs. R. L. Steward, Mrs. Ara Caldwell and Mrs. Jack Bostick.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halmon and Jerry Carl of San Angelo visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillan entertained with a holiday dinner on Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ward, Dwayne, Billie Doss and Norris of Grosvenor; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crutcher and Borgia of Bangs;

Mr. and Mrs. Florence Speegle and Sammie of Brady; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Halmon and Jerry Carl of San Angelo; Mrs. R. L. Brinson of Bangs; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry, Mr. and Mrs. Ludy Crutcher and Ludy Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Cooper and children, and Mr. R. H. Stranghan was an afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harnes and children of Coleman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Heilman. Mr. and Mrs. Erceel Ellis of Zephyr were also Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Erceel Ellis spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ellis. Mr. Ellis, Sr., left Sunday for Houston to receive treatment at the Anderson hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rutherford and children spent the week end in Ft. Worth with Mrs. Gussie Wise and did Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blackwell reports her father, George Ryan, is doing nicely following surgery last Thursday at a Big Spring hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan, Patricia and Judy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Tucker at Waldrip.

Mrs. A. L. King was in Santa Anna Saturday morning to attend the coffee at the home of Mrs. Fred Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. King visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. George Stewardson.

Sunday afternoon visitors with Mrs. J. C. King were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Floyd of Blanket and Mrs. Minnie Floyd of Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. Willie King of Coleman and the Rev. Bill Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cole and family from Helena, Montana are here for the holidays visiting with his sister, Mrs. John Gregg and family and with Mrs. Cole's father, W. O. Barnett in Coleman.

Back in 1880 it was considered an insult to receive a typed letter. The recipient's attitude was "I can read ritin!"

The skin the woman loves to touch is sable.

This modern world has reached the point where a switch regulates everything but the children.

The tone of a bachelor's voice sounds good when it has a ring in it.

Mozart's wife kept him awake with amusing stories, while he composed an overture to an opera to be performed the following day.

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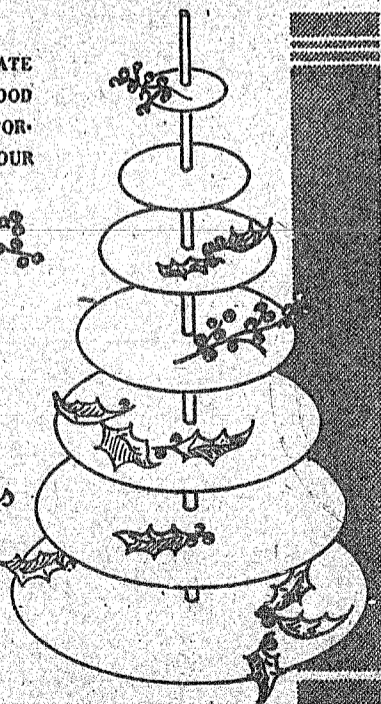
**Christmas Wishes**

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GREETING

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### Rites For Mrs. M. W. Vance Friday At Shields

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church at Shields, of which she was a charter member, at 3:30 p. m. on Friday, December 18th, for Mrs. M. W. Vance, who died at 11 p. m. on December 17th, in the Santa Anna Hospital. In failing health for sometime, she had been a hospital patient several weeks. Rev. S. R. Smith of Brownwood, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Santa Anna, officiated at the services. She

was born, Bessie Lindsey, Oct. 3, 1874, at Buffalo in Leon County, being 79 years, 2 months and 14 days old at time of death. She was married to M. W. Vance in 1891 and they came to Coleman Co. in 1904. Her husband preceded her in death.

She was a long time resident of the Shield community, but was making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Lee Tatum in Santa Anna, at time of death.

Mrs. Vance is survived by two sons and three daughters, John Will Vance of Shields and Clyde Vance of Brady; Mrs. W. T. Stewardson, Shield, Mrs. Lee Tatum, Santa Anna, and Mrs. C. C. Conner, Fresno, California.

One sister, Mrs. Callie Reed of Ennis, also surviving are 13

grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Flowerbearers were: George Cobb, Chester McDonald, Bob Pearce, H. E. Stewardson, Gene Conner, and R. A. Milligan.

Flowerbearers were mostly members of the Gland Hand Class of the Shield Baptist Church: Mrs. George Cobb, Mrs. Rayford Evans, Mrs. Douglas Milligan, Mrs. R. A. Milligan, Mrs. Edgar Shelton, Mrs. Louis Newman, Mrs. Claude Beville, Mrs. George Stewardson, Jr., Mrs. A. B. Carroll, Mrs. Elton Jones, Mrs. Clint McClure, Mrs. Leonard Williams, Mrs. Hardy Stewardson, Mrs. Herman Gilbreath and Mrs. Otis Powers.

Burial was in the Shield Cemetery, under the direction of the Hoch Funeral Home.

#### CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGES NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED OF MERCHANTS

The season for returning Christmas gifts to stores for exchange is now upon us. Most business establishments are as cooperative as possible about this annual American pastime,

but before getting into any arguments with a reluctant clerk or manager, better take a look at the legal situation involved. You may find that persuasion is more in order than demands for adjustment.

Department stores are under no legal obligation to take back a purchase and refund your money or deliver other goods in exchange just because you changed your mind. Most stores do make refunds and exchanges, but that is because it is their policy to do so — not because they are required to.

However, a promise to refund or exchange merchandise made by the store or the salesman should be honored. Similarly, if a store misrepresents the quality of certain goods or if the goods are defective, you are justified in expecting a satisfactory adjustment. But you have no more legal right to expect a store to refund or exchange because you change your mind about a purchase than the store has to ask you to give back the goods that were sold to you because it didn't want to sell them after all.

store and find that another company has it on sale for five dollars less. Must the store where you bought it take back the coat and give you a refund, or refund the difference in price? The seller is under no obligation to refund the difference, any more than he could make you pay the difference if he discovered that a competitor offered the same coat at a higher price than he had charged for it.

Much the same rules apply to the refund of deposits. Unless it is the policy of a store to refund deposits on articles, or at least

apply the amount on the purchase of some other item, the buyer is obligated to go through with the terms of the contract, even though he has changed his mind about the purchase.

When one selects, orders, and deposits money on the purchase of an article, the store is under obligation to deliver the article in accordance with the terms of the sale. If the buyer refuses to accept the article or pay the remainder of the purchase price, the seller can take legal action against him, according to the terms of the contract.

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# Happy New Year

### Irrigation In Texas On The Increase

Austin — Almost every Texas crop is grown under irrigation in some part of the state, and usually with improved yields, a University of Texas resources researcher declares in the current issue of Texas Business Review.

Cotton, the top irrigated crop, occupies about 1 million acres of water-fed Texas fields, Richard P. Breneman reports in an article in the University's Bureau of Business Research monthly publication.

Irrigation has been practiced in Texas for at least 400 years, Breneman points out. Coronado reported that Indians were irrigating crops near the present city of El Paso when he arrived there in 1541, and evidence that irrigation existed long before this has been found in the Trans-Pecos area.

The San Antonio River supplied water for fields along its course as early as 1716, and the San Saba River by 1756, Breneman relates.

Anglo-Americans first developed agricultural irrigation in 1853 near the present town of Balmorhea, still a center of irrigation. From there, irrigation spread to the Rio Grande Valley and slowly, to other parts of the state.

The past decade has seen tremendous growth in Texas irrigation, Breneman says. Irrigated acreage has spread from barely more than 1 million acres in 1940 to some 3.5 million acres today. Over the same period, capital investment in irrigation works and water rights has soared from \$66 million to at least \$150 million, the researcher reports.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Christian Science churches this Sunday. The Lesson explains that Christian Science is and how the laws of God operate to bring healing and hope to mankind. Mary Ba-

ker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, says of her discovery, in this selection from the Lesson: "The revelation consists of two parts: 1. The discovery of this divine Science of Mind-healing, through a spiritual sense of the Scriptures and through the teachings of the Comforter, as promised by the Master. 2. The proof, by present demonstration, that the so-called miracles of Jesus did not specially belong to a dispensation now ended, but that they illustrated an ever-operative divine Principle" (Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures, p. 123).

Among the Bible passages to be read is the following from Matthew: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (7:7,8).

The Golden Text of the Lesson is from Isaiah (52:9,10): "Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations."

#### Annabelle Price To Marry December 25

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Price of Bay City, formerly of Santa Anna, announce the engagement of their daughter, Annabelle, to Elvis Selman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Selman of Brady.

The marriage vows will be solemnized on Christmas Day at three o'clock in the afternoon, First Methodist Church, Santa Anna, Tex.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Santa Anna High School and is now employed in Abilene.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Brady High School and is attending electronics school in Denver, Colorado, where he is stationed in U. S. Air Corps.

#### HONORED AT GIFT TEA

Holly red, white and gold, chosen colors of Annabelle Price, bride-elect of Elvis Selman, were used throughout decorations when Mrs. George Watson and Mrs. B. D. Williams entertained in the Williams home in Abilene with a Gift Coffee.

Mrs. Williams, the honoree, and her sister, Mrs. Alford England composed the receiving line. Guests registered at a white leather bound book, host gift.

Presiding at the refreshment table was Mrs. Watson, assisted by Mrs. E. R. Moore.

The white damask laid table held a gold airplane, signifying the groom-to-be's present occupation, filled with red roses. At the side were gold wedding bells filled with white roses. Both were glittered red. White

ribbons held gold miniature planes around the skirt of the cloth. Favors were red "Horn of Plenty" holding mints and nuts. Open face red and white spread sandwiches, white cookies centered with red and red "Christmas Tree Cookies" were

served. White napkins were monogrammed in gold, "Annabelle and Elvis."

The candle-lighted living room held numerous Christmas decorations; the central point holding an arrangement of gold glittered Christmas bells on a

bed of red angel hair, completed with five graduated white candles.

Decorations were carried to the gift room, where a large gold circle held an arrangement of tinsel, balls and flowers.

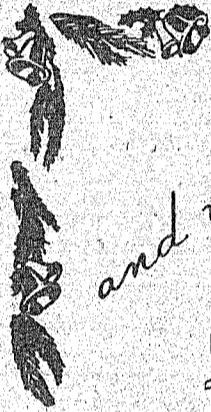
As you enter into the spirit of the Christmas occasion, we hope you will take just a moment to accept our best wishes for the Season. It's been a pleasure to serve you and we invite your continued friendships.



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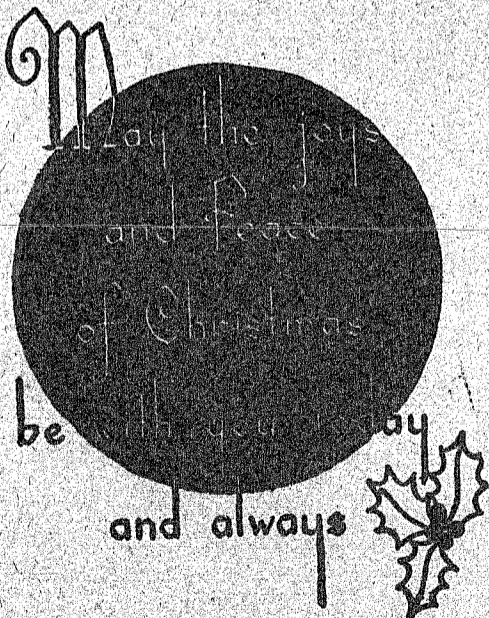


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**Whon News**

By MRS. TOM RUTHERFORD

WHON,  
TEXAS

PLEASE LEAVE  
NEWS ITEMS  
AT WHON  
POST OFFICE

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Haynes were here for services at the Baptist Church Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin.

A/3c Thomas Ray Rutherford of Lowry A. F. B. at Denver, Colorado, arrived home Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford.

A knock on the door Saturday advised us we had a visitor, no other than Bob Burk, who has in the past been employed by Jim and Fay Gill. Bob is fine and has really gained weight.

Mrs. Wagie Montgomery and son of San Angelo are here for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maness of Brownwood visited Mrs. Maness' sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart Wednesday night.

Kenneth Haynes of Santa Anna spent Thursday night with Loyd Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Turney and children spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Turney.

James and Douglas Avants made a trip looking over their place near Comanche Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Sherrord of Abilene spent the week end with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wimpy Watson.

Wasn't very much interest shown concerning the singing Sunday afternoon. But singing was announced for the 3rd Sunday in January from 2 to 4 p. m.

Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin were Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley and their son, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Wheatley of Shield and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Haynes of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deal and Dixie were bedtime callers on Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shields one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford visited her grandmother, Mrs. Annie Smith in Brownwood last Wednesday and found grandmother's health failing fast. The doctor has pronounced her condition serious.

Due to getting the news off Monday instead of Tuesday, my letter is short, but will try to have all the Christmas news next week. Wishing each of you a "Merry Christmas."

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**Buffalo News**

By MRS. JOHN LAUDER



ROUTE TWO SANTA ANNA, TEXAS

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Bowie and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown and Randy.

Mrs. Fannie Pike plans to spend Christmas at Rockwood with her sister, Mrs. W. D. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Lovelace are in Lubbock visiting in the

home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen. The Allen's are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knotts visited this week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Grimes. The Grimes' are keeping their grandchildren while Mr. and Mrs. Knotts visit in Indiana with his relatives.

Mrs. Grimes visited Friday with Mrs. A. N. Lovelace.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Floyd and children of Coleman visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gober of Santa Anna visited while Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cur'y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Warren, Karen and David Graves of Ft. Worth spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willbourn Graves and Elizabeth.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Dave Bell was the victim of a home accident and has been hospitalized with a broken leg.

We hope she is soon recovered. Mr. and Mrs. John Lauder spent Saturday night in Abilene where they met their son, Jack, who is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gaines, Max Gaines of Coleman and Johnnie Brooke, were Sunday dinner guests of the Lauder's.

Patsy Casey stayed in the hospital several days last week with a very bad case of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Erurn Casey called in the E. D. Bouchillon home Sunday.

A very nice crowd attended singing at the Buffalo Baptist Church Sunday evening. We enjoyed the visiting singers from Lawn and Coleman, and the special that Lillian Bowie sang.

The perfect man doesn't drink or smoke or swear; doesn't borrow from his friends and doesn't steal; doesn't make love to all the girls and overlord the men. In fact, the perfect man doesn't exist.

**Trickham News**

By Wilma and Winona Bradley

Mrs. Kingston is some better after being in bed with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Key Bradley, Winona and Wilma, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradley in Brownwood Saturday. Other visitors with them were Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Standlee and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Jones and daughters of San Angelo were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones and Duvon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laughlin and son of Brownwood were visitors in the Laughlin home.

Bro. and Mrs. McRennolds of Brownwood were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Craig Sunday.

Mrs. Edd Stearns and Scottie

spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. R. S. Stearns and Mrs. Gifford.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Wilson called on Mrs. Kingston Sunday afternoon.

The Gene James family was shopping in Brownwood Saturday.

Misses Lea and Betty Mitchell of H. P. C. are home for the holidays.

Miss Peggy Ford of Abilene is spending the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Key Bradley attended church in Brownwood Sunday.

John Wesley Dockery underwent surgery in the Santa Anna Hospital last week. He is home now and doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady McIver attended the ball game in Brownwood Friday night.

More lives were lost in the Civil War than any other war in which the U. S. has been engaged.

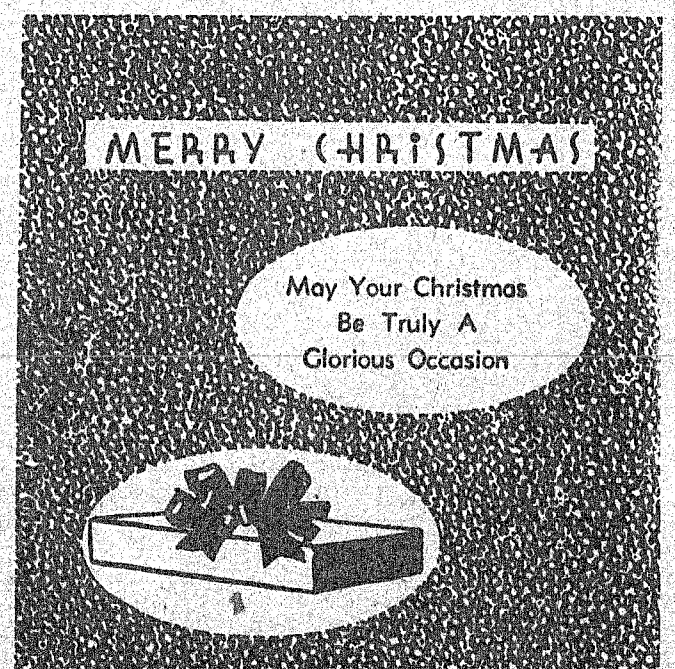


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### Woman's Council Luncheon Dec. 16th

There were 21 present when the Woman's Council of the Christian Church had their annual luncheon at 12:30 on Wednesday, December 16th. A gift-exchange followed the luncheon. Mrs. Norval Wylie, chairman of arrangements, prepared all the food, except the pies, assisted by Mrs. Preston Bailey.

The menu consisted of chicken loaf with mushroom sauce, buttered cauliflower, Harvard beets, Waldorf salad, hot rolls, pecan pie, coffee and tea.

The dining room table, in the annex was laid with a white linen cloth, centered with an

arrangement of silvered pine cones, burrs and holly leaves, and bright balls. Red candles in Santa Claus holders completed the decor. Those present ate at quartet tables.

Mrs. J. R. Gipson gave the invocation.

Gifts were distributed from a table decorated with an arrangement of whitened broom weed, and blue balls.

Group games were played. Those attending besides the above mentioned were: Mrs. J. B. Scott, Mrs. Charles Benge, Mrs. Troy Fitzhugh, Mrs. Jess Griffith, Mrs. Walter Sharp, Mrs. Lovell Richardson, Mrs. Ellis Densman, Mrs. C. F. Walker, Mrs. Emmett Riley, Mrs. Clifford Stephenson, Mrs. Doug

Moore, Mrs. Oscar Boenicke, Mrs. Preston West, Mrs. E. H. Wylie, Mrs. A. L. Oder, Mrs. Vernon Herring and Misses Rilda Stephenson and Lucretia Herring.

### Home Demonstration Club Luncheon Well Attended

There was a good attendance for the annual luncheon, gift-exchange and program, when the Home Demonstration Club met in the home of the president, Mrs. Clifford Stephenson on December 18th. The Christmas luncheon, with all the trimmings, was served at 12:30. The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations. Gifts were exchanged from a snow flecked cedar tree.

After the pledge and prayer were repeated, "Jingle Bells" was sung. Mrs. Edd Jones, Mrs. Arthur Talley, Mrs. J. F. Goen, Mrs. Louis Zachary and Ellen Richards brought an interesting Christmas program. Mrs. Vanderford conducted recreation. At the conclusion of a short business session, Mrs. Stephenson turned the meeting over to Ellen Richards, the incoming president, who appointed her committees. The new year books were distributed.

Mrs. Stephenson for the past two years has made a very faithful and efficient president, and Miss Richards will do the same.

The club women are looking forward to the lessons and demonstrations on clothing beginning with January. Fabric Trends will be the subject for the first meeting.

Those present for the luncheon, most of whom stayed for the other features were, besides those above mentioned, five visitors, Mrs. B. W. Phillips of Hereford, Mrs. Roy Stockard, Mrs. Charles Benge, Mrs. Luther Talley and Rilda Stephenson and other members, Mrs. D. H. Moore, Mrs. Cassie Stiles, Mrs. Lois Henderson, Mrs. Alfred Williams and Mrs. A. L. Oder.

### Needle Craft Club Met With Mrs. John Brown Dec. 17th

The Needle Craft Club met on Thursday, December 17th, in the home of Mrs. John Brown, for their annual luncheon and gift exchange.

Decorations consisted of poinsettias, Christmas bells and other traditional decorations. The menu consisted of turkey with all the trimmings, was

served buffet style. Quartet tables were centered with sprigs of holly. Individual place cards, made by Mrs. T. H. Upton, were trimmed with jingling bells, set in a base of styrofoam.

After the luncheon, Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged from a beautiful tree, the hostess had installed.

Others present besides the above mentioned were: Mrs. J. R. Banister, Mrs. T. T. Perry, Mrs. Dora Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Taylor Wheeler, Mrs. Fred Turner, Mrs. Edd Bartlett, Mrs. W. E. Wallace, Mrs. Dovie Chapman, Mrs. J. E. Watkins, Mrs. John Dillingham, Mrs. J. B. Scott, Mrs. A. R. Brown, Mrs. John Pearce, Mrs. Ione Caton, Mrs. Ella Stiles and Mrs. Lillian Pettit.

### Garden Club Has Christmas Party

The Christmas theme was used when the Garden Club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. C. D. Bruce.

The living room had a silvered arrangement of leaves and seedpods on the mantle, and on the piano was a cedar log with pine cones and pyracantha. The dining table had a silvered arrangement, flanked by white candles in silver holders. The cloth was white cutwork.

Sharon Hoke sang Christmas songs, accompanied by Barbara House. Piano selections were played by Barbara, Sharon, and Diane Williams. The hostess told the history of the Christmas celebrations, and Mrs. Earl Watkins told of the care of Christmas plants. Mrs. Maggie Culver presented gifts from the club to the three girls on the program.

Mrs. Norman Hosch served coffee and tea from silver services. Nuts, mints and cookies were in crystal and silver plates. About 27 were present for the meeting.

### Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Mitchell Entertain at Home

A large lighted tree and other Christmas decorations were featured when Mrs. Fred Turner and Mrs. Ross Mitchell entertained their friends with a coffee Saturday morning in their home.

The dining table was covered in damask and centered with a huge silvered arrangement of pine-cones, spruce, seedpods and broom weed. Mrs. C. A. Crump and Mrs. Bob Markland served coffee and tea from a silver service. Others in the

house party were Mrs. F. O. Woodward, Mrs. Lillian Lewellen, Mrs. Lee Strother, Mrs. J. L. Stewardson, Mrs. Frank Turner, Mrs. J. R. Gipson, and Miss Gay Turner. About 75 called during the party hours.

### Neely Evans' Hostess To Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Neely Evans had all three of her brothers and two of her sisters and their families in their home on Sunday, December 20th, for their Christmas get-together.

A bountiful dinner was served to E. B. Stephenson and family of Sweetwater; Clifford Stephenson and family of Santa Anna; Charles Scarborough of Shields; Albert Dean and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Haynes and children, all of Trickham; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Phillips of Hereford; Mrs. Clyde Weathers and Velda of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean of Bryan; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Dean and children of Rockwood; and the Evans daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Clett and daughter, Molly of Ft. Worth. In all there were 36 persons present.

### Delta Omicron Has Christmas Party

Mrs. Sylvia Herring, Miss Bess Gill and Mrs. Ruby Markland, acted as hostesses to Delta Omicron chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, for their Christmas party, Monday evening, December 14th, at the home of Mrs. Markland.

Decorations of silver and white, miniature sleighs and reindeer with ceramic angels were displayed on the mantle piece.

Flower arrangements were poinsettias and deep red roses, used as a centerpiece on the table from which was served red, green and white congealed salad, chicken salad sandwiches, salted pecans, fruit cake and an iced green punch, with Mrs. Herring and Mrs. Gill serving. Miss Sandra Shields and Mrs. Paula Robinett entertained the group by singing Christmas carols accompanied by Mrs. C. D. Bruce at the piano.

Canasta and Samba were played and then Christmas gifts were exchanged.

The others attending were: Mrs. Daphne Dockery, Mrs. Sammie McCreary, Mrs. Bille Guthrie, Mrs. Jo Ann Allen, Mrs. Lera Guthrie, Mrs. Sadie Richardson and Miss Patricia Davis.

Theodore Roosevelt said, "In the White House you do not live; you are just Exhibit A."

### Dr. Cox Says This Is Time of Year For Chapped Skin

Austin — State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox looked at the calendar today and saw chapping weather ahead.

"Two weather changes — dew point and barometric pressure — cause skin to chap and crack," the season-conscious Dr. Cox pointed out. "Chapping is always more frequent and severe from December through February."

That is the time of year when weather forecasts are likely to read: "low barometric pressure, moist air followed by sudden high pressure and dryness with low dew point." It adds up to real chapping conditions.

Dew point is the temperature at which moisture begins to condense into visible form. It makes a useful index of actual humidity. When it is low, chapping can be severe.

Wind hastens chapping, too, Dr. Cox commented, especially when skin is wet. Quick evaporation is the big factor here. Dryness might actually be increased by hot water, soap, or the so-called protective oils, lotions, and creams. A day's injury sometimes takes weeks to heal.

A chapped condition can run the gamut from plain dryness and itching to splits and fissures which bleed and crust.

An artificial humidifier in the house would be a big help, the health officer said, but you could probably get the quickest relief by checking with your doctor.

And if you happen to have a psychrometer, an instrument which determines humidity, you'll be able to foresee chapping weather ahead and take precautions. Don't think in terms of "relative humidity," though. That indicates the percentage of atmospheric saturation at a given temperature, and is unreliable because warm air can hold more water vapor than cold air. For example humidity of 80 percent indicates far less moisture at 40 degrees than it does when the thermometer stands at 60 degrees.

Mrs. H. M. Oder and Lee Beth of Abilene came through Sunday enroute to Austin, where they met her sister, Mrs. Paul Oder and Sally of Corpus Christi in the home of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Floyd Herring. Returning Sunday afternoon the four visited with Mrs. A. L. Oder.

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**State TB Hospitals  
Need Deer Hides**

Austin — Motor freight lines are giving realistic help in the collection of deer hides for patients in the four state operated TB hospitals.

A number of these Texas carriers are waiving shipping charges on the hides consigned to the patients and addressed to the Austin Taxidermist Studio where tanning is being donated. L. M. Rathbone, the owner, is paying shipping costs on hides sent to him collect.

A spokesman for the motor freight industry reports that the policy may vary with individual lines and suggests that the hunter consigning the shipment call to the carrier's attention the fact that the hides are being given to the TB patients. The address is simply Austin Taxidermist Studio, Austin, Texas.

Hides came in from Texas hunters at the rate of about 100 a week for the first three weeks of the hunting season, Mr. Rathbone said. They were shipped from all sections of the state, chiefly in packages of one or two from individual hunters.

Locker plants processing the game also are aiding in the collection. Several owners have notified Mr. Rathbone they are salting and storing the hides given by the hunters for bulk shipment to him at the close of the season.

State hospital officials have voiced the hope that at least one hide will be available to each of the approximately 2500 TB patients for use in leather work during the coming year.

**Safety Inspections  
Going Very Slow**

Automobile Safety inspection stations in this area are going to be jammed unless motorists begin having vehicles inspected within the next few weeks.

This warning was issued this week in Austin by G. C. Morris, executive director of the Highway Safety Council. He said a cross-section survey of inspection stations, including those in this area, indicated only four cars of every hundred had been inspected.

The inspection period, under the new law, began Sept. 15 and will end April 15.

There are more than 3,000,000 vehicles to be inspected, and during the first 30 days of the seven-months period only a fraction of that number, roughly 125,000, were checked, Morris said. The proportion of cars inspected in this area is about the same as statewide, he said.

**Merry Christmas**

AND A

**Happy New Year**

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"There is almost certain to be a last-minute rush unless there is a speed-up in inspections," he said, urging motorists in this section to avoid the rush by having their cars examined now.

Morris said there was also the safety precaution to be considered.

"Most cars have not been inspected in more than a year and may have developed some mechanical defect," he said.

"You may be gambling with your life if you are operating a mechanically unsound vehicle. Accident figures show that one traffic death in every ten in Texas is caused by faulty mechanism."

The new law, Morris said, calls for the inspection of brakes, lighting equipment, horns, rear view mirror and windshield wipers.

He urged motorists, however, to request that steering parts be also included in this inspection. Safety experts agree that au-

tomobiles should be inspected at least once a year as insurance against mechanical defects. Morris said that if motorists wait until near the spring deadline to have their cars examined, it will mean that many cars will not have been inspected for 18 months, three times longer than practical.

One of these days some of our little colleges are going to be mighty embarrassed, when more men report for football than are enrolled in school.

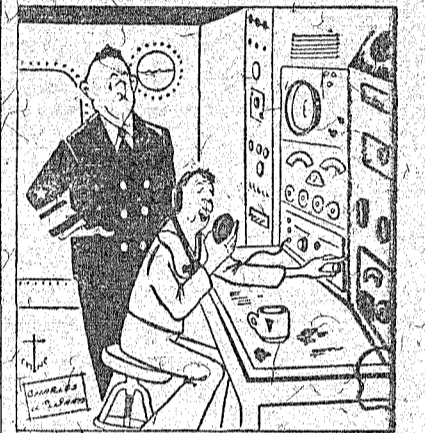
If and when West Point plays Sing Sing we'll know for sure then whether the pen is mightier than the sword.

The dresses women wear to teas sure do.

When he broke his engagement he was only doing to the engagement what the engagement did to him.

One way to get rid of the noise in the rear of your car is to have her sit up front with you.

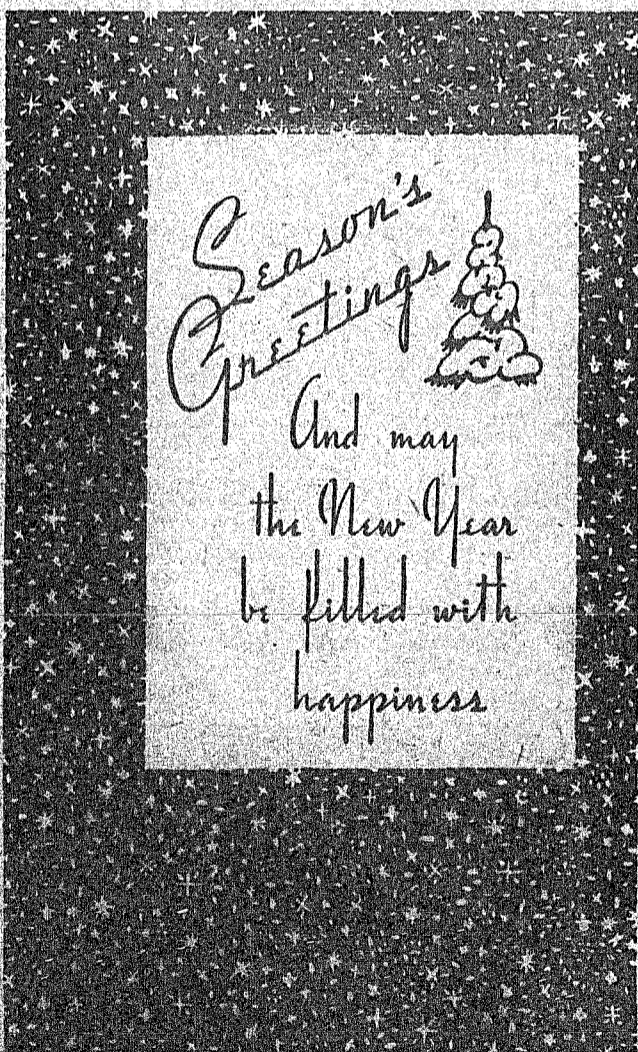
The wife maintains that back-seat drivers are no worse than men who cook from the dining room table.



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**Christmas  
Greetings**

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S/O. L. Cheaney  
Executive Vice President  
51-1c.

Mrs. H. L. Biggs of Ft. Worth visited from Thursday of last week until Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bartlett. The Bartletts plan to leave Thursday to visit through Christmas with the Biggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Blue went to Lubbock Monday afternoon to meet their son, John Hardy, who is stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado, and bring him home for Christmas.

Virgil Newman has been confined to his bed for five or six weeks with arthritis in his back, but seems somewhat improved.

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The annual Christmas Program sponsored by the merchants of Santa Anna will come to an end Thursday, December 24, when prizes valued at \$561.55 will be awarded to 20 persons. The final program will begin at 3:00 p. m. on the street between the bank and hotel and it is expected that several hundred people will be present during the last part of the program.

The first prize to be given away will be a \$370.00 General Electric 21-inch television set, donated by the Merchants Christmas Program and purchased from the Parker Auto Supply.

**Letters To Santa Claus**

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a nurse kit, a toy adding machine, a perfume kit and a cecraft kit.  
I am in the third grade and have been a good girl. Thank you.  
Love,  
Arlene Welch

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy 11 months old and I have been good this year.

Would you please bring me a little wagon and some kind of toy that makes a lot of noise. Please bring my daddy and mommie a nice Christmas present too. I love you Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Charles Earl Sparks

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baby doll telephone and sweater. I want you to bring my 11 month old brother some toys and a sweater.  
I will hang my sock up. I want you to give the other little kids a Merry Xmas. I am 2½ years.  
Glenna Russel.

**Allen B. Lancaster Dies In Hospital Friday Morning**

Allen Brooks Lancaster of Santa Anna died in the Santa Anna Hospital at 9:30, Friday, December 18th, following illness of a year.  
Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Davis-Morris Funeral Home chapel in Brownwood, with Elder R. A. Jenkins officiating. Burial was in a Brownwood cemetery.  
Mr. Lancaster, a building contractor, had lived in Santa Anna two years and in Fort Worth 25 years before then. He was born at Albany, March 1, 1885.  
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hettie Lancaster; two daughters, (Mrs. Bernice Davidson, Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. Charles Henner, Santa Anna; two sons, Burton Lancaster, Sacramento, Calif., and Allen Lancaster, Jr., Santa Anna; a stepson, Clyde Rexrode, Oklahoma City; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Whitley, Grapeland and eight grandchildren.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bowden of Brownwood were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Wagner. Local visitors were the Jack Mobeys and Mrs. Linnie Biggs and children.

Mrs. Roy Stockard attended the Brown Co. Nurses Association meeting in the Adams St. U. E. O. in Brownwood on Wednesday night of last week. Her granddaughters, Karen McClusky and Garlyn Powell, gave specialty numbers on an "Amateur Hour" program.

**Livestock Show Premium Money Set At \$400.00**

The directors of the Santa Anna Livestock Association set aside \$400 as premium money for the annual Santa Anna Livestock Show to be held Friday, January 8, 1954. Directors of the organization attending the called meeting were, W. T. Stewardson, president; W. F. Barnes, secretary; A. D. Pettit, Vocational Agriculture Teacher; and members, William R. Brown, A. B. Carroll, Ozro Eubank, Jake McCreary, Tom Kingsbery and James Eubank.  
Jake McCreary, Tom Kingsbery and James Eubank were appointed as superintendents of the show and W. T. Stewardson, Ozro Eubank, Jake McCreary and W. F. Barnes were appointed to contact approximately 15 buyers to be present at the county show for the purchasing of lambs entered in that show. No sale will be held at the local show as all the livestock entered here will also be entered in the county show and all will participate in the annual sale at this show.

W. F. Barnes will present a trophy to the boy or girls entering the sheep division which shows the best sportsmanlike conduct and the best cooperation with the show officials. This is the first year anything of this nature has been offered and it is hoped that others will join in this phase of the show in future years.

At the time of the directors meeting 92 members had paid their dues for the year and since one new member has been signed up. The new member is Walter Holt.

**Former School Man Visits Here Sunday**

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Oliver of Brazil, their daughter, Joyce of Baylor, their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Oliver and baby of Matador, visited Sunday night with the Ted Stewardsons and had lunch Monday with the Green McCludes. The Olivers had landed at New Orleans, December 17th. Bruce and family met them there.

They were going to Matador for a visit, where Bruce pastors a Baptist Church, then they will visit their daughter, Bennie May in Oklahoma City.

The Ben Olivers lived in Santa Anna 4 years, where he taught math in high school. During that time he was pastor of the Shields Baptist Church, and also preached elsewhere in the county. The Olivers plan to be in Texas for a year and will visit Santa Anna again.

Rev. and Mrs. Carroll Thompson of Mart, were here visiting last week. He was formerly pastor of the Santa Anna Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Franke and son, Manoa of Millersville, visited on Wednesday of last week with her sister, Mrs. Charles Bengé and family.

**Christmas Greetings**

Christmas Greetings are extended to readers of The Santa Anna News in this annual Greeting Edition. Most of the local merchants and professional people of the town are taking this method of sending Season's Greetings.

Local merchants whose greetings appear in this issue are: B. T. Vinson Grocery and Feed, L. A. Welch Garage, Santa Anna Hospital and Clinic, Santa Anna Farm and Ranch Supply, Lois Henderson Laundry, Tank Company Texas National Guard, Sam H. Collier, Paynes Variety Store, Sadie's Beauty Shop, Harvey Grocery, Parker Auto Supply, Tex-Anna Coffee Shop, Rex's Ice Company, Santa Anna National Bank, Gipson Florist, the Post Office Force, Dr. W. P. Johnson, Loyd Burris Dry Goods, E. E. (Coot) Blanton Premier Service Station, and the Guthrie & Wise Grain Company.

Blossom & Jewel Gulf Service Station, Mathews Motor Company, Service Cafe, West Texas Utilities Company, Phillips Drug, Santa Anna Coop Gin, L. E. A. Bernathy Texaco Service Station, Santa Anna Telephone Company, C. R. (Ray) Owen Gulf Service Station, Lela's Beauty Shop, Coleman Gas Company, Santa Anna Hardware Company, Pieratt Grocery and Texaco Service Station, Parker Tailor Shop, Blue Hardware Company, South Texas Lumber Company, D & D Feed Store, Ladies Shop, Mrs. Lona L. Merritt, E. D. (Jack) Shields Welding Shop, Cammack Grain Store, Talley and Son Sinclair Service Station, Henry Goodwin Garage, Hosch Grocery and Furniture Stores and The Santa Anna News.

Coleman business houses sending greetings to The News readers are: Dairy Dip, Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Coleman Monument Works, White's Music Store, Burr's Department Store, Delma Johnson Tractor and Motor Company, Gray Mercantile Company, Coleman Mutual Life Insurance Company, Frank Lewis Furniture Store, A-1 Cleaners, Wright's Funeral Home, Coleman County State Bank, Stokes Paint and Paper Store, Mead Furniture Store and the most of your elected officials of this area.

Throughout the pages of this issue are a number of "Letters to Santa Claus". It is our annual custom to publish as many letters to the jolly ole man as possible for us to receive. We hope every child in the Santa Anna area is represented in this issue. May your Christmas be a Very Merry One and the New Year bring you all the Happiness you can ask for.

We never criticize a kicker who kicks toward the goal.

The magazine boys call hash the review of reviews.

Harding was the first President to speak over the radio (1923).

**Charles E. Bengé Promoted To Rank Of Corporal in Korea**

Charles E. Bengé, Koimee Korea, aged 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Bengé of Santa Anna, was recently promoted to Corporal, while serving with the 145th A. A. A. W. En. Corporal Bengé is serving as mail clerk over four divisions of 145th. Corporal Bengé, a graduate of Santa Anna High School, entered the Army, January 6, 1953.

**NEW DAUGHTER**

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hampton of Slaton, are parents of a daughter, born December 17 and weighing 7 pounds. She has been named Glenda Jeanne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. (Bill) Pritchard of Meadow, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hampton of Arch, New Mexico. Great-Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vandercord and Mrs. M. A. Pritchard of Santa Anna.

**Merle Norman Cosmetics** for Christmas Gifts, Stephens Beauty Shop.

There is no advantage in waiting until tomorrow, because there will be no more time tomorrow than there is today.

**Dr. A. J. Black**  
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Rock Hudson - Steve Cochran  
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William Holden - Don Taylor  
Otto Preminger

—IN—  
"STALAG 17"

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DECEMBER 30 and 31  
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Sterling Hayden

—IN—  
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## Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. I want a big bicycle and big doll.  
Sammy Diaz

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a saucy walker doll and a watch. Thank you.  
Janis Barton

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please, Santa, will you bring me a pair of boots and a cowboy hat and a truck? I have been a good boy. I am in the third grade. Thank you Santa Claus.  
Billy Don Cupps  
P. S. Merry Christmas to all.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baton and a doll.  
Love,  
Patricia Kay Cowin

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a set of dishes my brother wants a gun and

holster, also my little sister wants a doll for Christmas. I am in the third grade and have been a good girl.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Rita Alice Homer

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll that walks and doll trunk, nurse set and a baton.  
Love,  
Sandra Davis

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a record player and a truck and shovel. Don't forget to bring Sherry a doll with real hair.  
Love,  
Roy Joe Harvey

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring record player and a girl's bicycle, and a set of dishes and barretts.

I am in the third grade and have been a good girl. Thank you.  
Love,  
Dela Trinidad

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll that looks like a real baby, a game of bingo and a doctor kit.  
Your friend,  
Carolyn Carpenter

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a set of guns and a Santa Fe truck.  
Love,  
Freddie, Cullins

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle. Please bring me that.  
Nelson Perry

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the first grade. I have been a good girl. I want a doll, cash register, type writer, candy, nuts and fruit. Bring all the other boys and girls something too.  
Your friend,  
Brenda Densman

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy 6 years old. I am going to school. I have been

trying awfully hard to be a good little boy, so would you please bring me a basketball, a clarinet and baton and bring my little brother a teddy bear, ball and a rocky horse.  
Remember the other boys and girls. Thank you.  
Donnie York

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll table and chairs, doll buggy, cash register. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.  
I am five years old. By By.  
All my love,  
Lynda Branhan

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a gun, cap rifle, model airplane.

I am in the third grade and a good boy.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Emmit Simmons

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll, bicycle, typewriter and I want skates

and a stove.  
I am in the third grade and have been a good girl.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Billie Jean Clevenger

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. Please I want one bicycle and a doll.  
Bessie Diaz

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle, some dishes, and a drum.  
Linda Robnett

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a nurse doll and some candy.  
Sharon

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a football suit, bicycle, B-B gun and a basketball.

I am in the third grade and have been a good boy.  
Your friend,  
Larry Fowler

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a corduroy shirt, pocket knife and checkers.  
I am in the third grade and have been a good boy.  
Thank you,  
Your friend,  
Clayton Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a football, football suit, one gun, and a cap rifle.  
I am in the third grade and have been a good boy.  
Thank you,  
Terry Moore

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a make-up kit, a suitcase and a doll.  
Dianne Copeland

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking doll, clothes, baton and dishes.  
Patsy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want doll clothes, suitcase, bicycle and clothes and records.  
Sharon

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some boots and a cowboy hat.  
Billy Don

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll, dishes and clothes.  
Diane Behrens

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a football, B-B gun, boots and cowboy hat.  
Bobby

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a record player, baton, walking saucy doll.  
Lynda Sue

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking doll, dishes, Knives and forks.  
Martha Loretta Maroney

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a walkie talkie and an organ that you hook up. Please bring me a typewriter.  
Love,  
Juanell Mercer



May you receive many, many pleasant remembrances from friends and loved ones this Christmas — enough to make this occasion one of long lasting happiness and contentment for you and yours. We sincerely wish you the best of everything . . . this Christmas and always.



GOOD CHEER  
... and  
HAPPINESS

for  
Christmas  
to you — our friends

**Gipson Florist**

Mrs. J. R. Gipson Phone 190

CHRISTMAS  
GREETINGS



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Your Post Office  
Force

### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a necklace and bracelet, and a red billfold.  
Love,  
Brenda Darlene McClure

I want a bicycle, a doll, a dog, a speller, an Indian set, a pool table and a billfold.  
Love,  
Geraldene

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you.  
Please bring me a dish set and a doll that blows bubbles and can suck a bottle and takes neck high water.  
Love,  
Sharon Virginia Wise

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a football and some things to go on my bicycle. I want a asket, a light and

a seat cover.  
I am in the third grade and have been a good boy.  
Your friend,  
Billy Henderson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a set of dishes, a big blackboard and chalk, and some records.  
Terry Dale Ray

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a set of American Plastic Bricks.  
Love,  
Leland Neal Williams

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a piano, a walking doll and a drum. That is all.  
Love,  
Kay Haynes

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a typewriter and if you do not have that bring a football and bring my

sister a watch. I am in the third grade and I have been good.  
Love,  
Donnie Henderson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. Please bring me a steam shovel and a dump truck and a doctor kit.  
Love,  
Charles Ball

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you please bring me a walking doll, a baton and a basketball and a nurse set.  
Love,  
Sheila Jeffcoat

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. Please bring me a baby blue eyed doll.  
Love,  
Mary Kathryn Strength

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a cattletruck, a car, a truck with a road grader.  
Love,  
Terry Blanton

Dear Santa Claus,  
Do you no what I want? I want a dump truck, a cattle-truck and a steelen loader and a football.  
Love,  
Jerry

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a French doll and dishes.  
Ruth Ann Walker

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll and a rubber

ball. Love to you. Bring all boys and girls some toys. Goodby.  
Janice Shipman

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll buggy, bat and ball, dish set, billfold, doll trunk, basket, baton and a cowgirl suit.  
Love,  
Cora Winell

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a walking doll and a bicycle, a set of dishes, a basketball and a baton.  
Love,  
Bernice

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll and a nurse kit and some clothes, nuts candy and doll clothes.  
I am in the third grade. I have been a good girl.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Clara Lou Wright

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a pair of earrings, watch and a corduroy skirt.

I am in the third grade and I have been a good girl.  
With love,  
Peggy Jean Hawkins

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want two bicycle tires and tubes and a bicycle basket, and some fireworks. That's all.  
John Dillingham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a watch, a new bicycle, a record player, some records, model airplane, cap rifle, pellet

rifle, monopoly set and a cap pistol.  
I am in the third grade and have been a good boy. Thank you.  
Love,  
Sherman Stearns

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a baton, doll clothes, big book, dishes, walking saucy doll, little ironing board, rolling broom and suitcase.  
Nancy

## GREETINGS

*With best wishes for Christmas*



## Dairy Dip

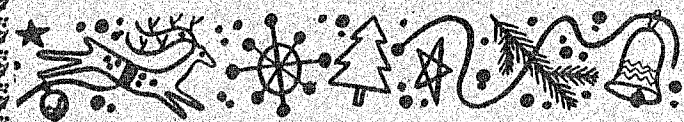
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Coleman



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From One Friend to Another

### Coleman Monument Works

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These Christmas wishes are meant for a happiness that will linger throughout the entire year. Thanks, too, for your good will and friendship in the past.

## Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc

### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring all boys and girls something. I want a bicycle.  
Love,  
Hermilo

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a doll, a bicycle and some moccasins, a basketball, record player, a little sewing machine, a set of dishes and some barretts.  
I am in the third grade. I have been a good girl.  
Thank you  
Love  
Margaret Mobley

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a nice little boy this year and would like for you to come to see me.  
I am five years old and would like for you to bring me a drum and two sticks, a horn, some

house shoes, and socks, also a little book to read. I have two older brothers. Be sure and come to see them, too. Come to see all the other little girls and boys. We would also like some fruit, nuts, and candy.  
Your little friend,  
Harvey Ray Curry

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a set of spurs and a pair of boxing gloves.  
Love,  
Donnie Neff

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doctor kit and a basketball and a sack of candy.  
I am in the third grade and have been a good girl.  
Thank you,  
Your friend,  
Ruby Buse

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a sewing machine and a rug kit and a baton. Also a pink coat and a pair of shoes

and some Sox's, and two pair of corduroy pants. And a doll bed and a stroller. Also a doll-housekeeper and a doll-nurse set. I would like to go to see my grandmother in Washington Christmas, but it is too far to go.  
Donna Lee Walker

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle, a gun, a watch, some clothes, a football, football suit and shoes.  
Love,  
Norman

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you bring my little brother a road grader and a tractor, some candy, apples and oranges.  
Love,  
Lynn Wright

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a football, record player, jet airplane, B.B. gun, pocket knife and a cowboy suit.  
I am in the third grade and have been a good boy. Thank you.  
With love,  
Danny

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. Please bring me a doll and I want one big bicycle.  
Diana Rendon

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking doll and an ironing board, some dishes and a baton for Christmas.  
Love,  
Sharon Lee Gilbreath

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a game of bingo, a scarf to tie around my neck and a watch.  
I am in the third grade and have been good.  
Thank you,  
With love,  
Elaine McClure

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a walking doll with rooted hair, a doctor kit and some candy.  
I am in the third grade and have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Margie Fleming

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. Please one doll  
Ofrelia Diaz

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle.  
Geneva Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a walking saucy doll and an artificial make-up kit.  
Lawanda Kay Horner.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a big doll and a bottle set. I also want a baby bath. I want packages.  
Love,  
Frankie Ruth Walker

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a dump truck a steam shovel, a car set, and a holster with two guns.  
Love,  
Charles Hogue

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll and I want a nurse set. I want a doll buggy too.  
Love,  
Sherlyn Keeney

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring my little brother a truck and a car. I want a walking doll.  
Love,  
Cheryl Elaine Fitzpatrick



## OUR Good WISHES

for a  
Very Happy  
and a Glorious  
Christmas Season

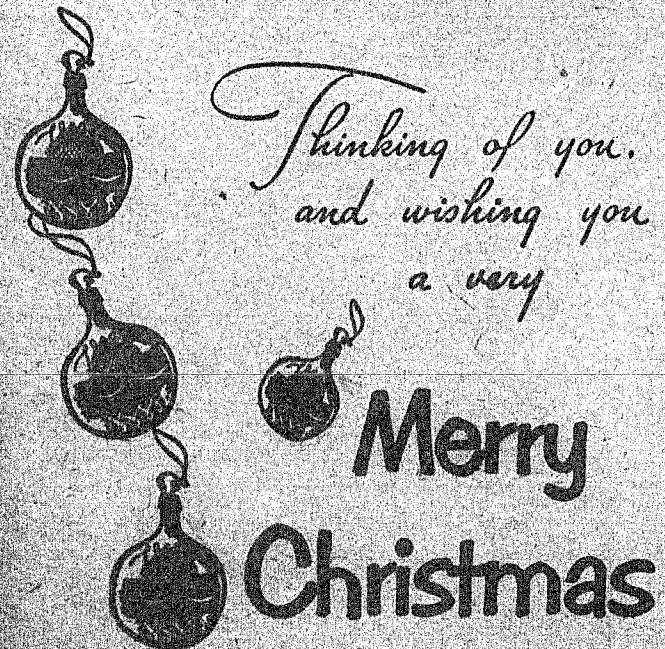
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Coleman, Texas



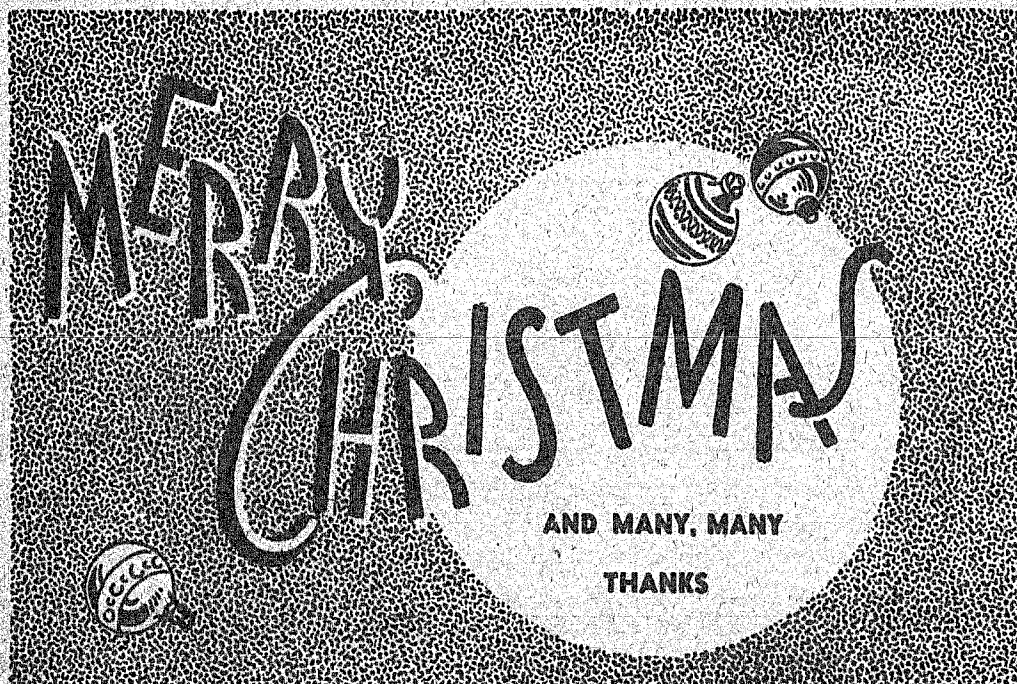
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COLEMAN, TEXAS



## BURR'S DEPT. STORE

Coleman, Texas



## Gray Mercantile Co.

Coleman, Texas

### Conscience Fund Of Each December Railroad Increases

When Christmas spirit pervades the nation each December, that still small voice called "conscience" works overtime, and Santa Fe Railway's treasury department at Topeka, Kansas, prepares for increased entries in Account 607.

Into Account 607 (miscellaneous credits) go amounts classified as "conscience fund" donations, cash sent in by anonymous persons who claim to owe the railroad money because of a financial error or theft long since forgotten by the Company.

Treasurer C. A. Menninger says from 25 to 30 "conscience fund" contributions totaling several hundred dollars are received by the railroad annually from all parts of the System. Amounts this year ranged from 45 cents to \$66.

The largest "conscience" do-

nation on record totaled \$595 and consisted of four one-hundred bills, three fifties, one twenty, two tens and one five. Mailed in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1941, the money was accompanied by an unsigned note reading: "Enclosed find \$595 for which I was not due. It was received years ago. As my life has changed, I want to clear all things up."

Champion "conscience fund" donor in recent years is a Denver, Colo., man carried on the books as "A. R. Christian." Signing himself, "A Real Christian," this donor has sent in eight payments of five dollars each, four this year, on a bill of \$60 which he claims he owes the Company for "goods missing, and for which I was responsible when I was a boy working for the railroad."

The \$66 amount contributed this year came from Los Angeles for "two one-half fare tickets which were not paid in 1917." Three recent sums received in-

clude: Two dollars for "material taken in 1903," four dollars for "four grain doors" and \$35 for a ride on a freight train.

A letter received from Temple City, California, in 1943, contained a \$50 bill as "seven times what a short round trip on your line in Kansas would have cost in the 1880's." The writer explained: "Lack of money and a desire to provide my wife with what she needed made the time long. Now that she no longer needs because of her death, I pay it."

Practically all "conscience" money comes by mail, although in 1950 one contributor turned in \$10 at the Galesburg, Illinois, ticket window and left without giving his name.

Last year, a "sinner" in Neodesha, Kansas, remitted a one dollar bill to pay for two Pullman towels taken 25 years ago, and "Ole Timer" of Red Hills, Oklahoma, sent \$20 to cover "chiselling on extra gang groceries a long time ago."

The latest contribution was received last week from Fort Worth. Five dollars was enclosed with a note signed by "Anon Y. Mous" who explained: "In June, 1907, the writer purchased a ticket from Amarillo to Texico. The coach was very crowded and the conductor overlooked me and failed to lift my ticket. Several weeks later, I cashed the ticket at Amarillo, thinking nothing of it. However, during all the years that still small voice, or conscience, has told me that it was wrong. Believe the distance from Amarillo to Texico is about 100 miles and about that time, fare was three cents per mile. Am enclosing five dollars which will cover the amount and the extra bookkeeping involved."

Before Christmas, Treasurer Menninger expects to receive several more of these letters.

"It's too bad there isn't some way we can wish them all Merry Christmas," he said, "but under the circumstances, I suppose that's impossible."

"It's my time to put the motion before the house," said the chorus girl as she breezed onto the stage.

Three of America's most popular characters were unborn: Uncle Sam, Santa Claus and Charley McCarthy.

Some fellows don't have to have a new tie to be tempted to stick their necks out.

Doctors are so busy nowadays that lots of people get well before the date of the appointment arrives.

To wish you

GOOD CHEER

GOOD HEALTH

... GOOD FRIENDS



To wish you a Merry Christmas



# Mathews Motor Co.



MAY WE STOP FOR A MINUTE OR TWO WITH YOU AND EXTEND OUR SINCERE GOOD WISHES . . . AND TO SAY, 'THANK YOU,' FOR YOUR FINE PATRONAGE

## Service Cafe

# "Merry Christmas



From the Red River to the Rio Grande, your friends and neighbors at your electric service company wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# and Happy New Year!

West Texas Utilities Company

### Col. Temple Holland Assigned To Far Eastern Theater

Col. Temple G. Holland, assistant chief of staff, G3, Fourth Army headquarters since Nov. 16, 1951, has received a Far East assignment.

He will leave headquarters Jan. 4 and is due to report to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason, California, Feb. 11.

A native of Santa Anna, Col. Holland is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Holland. He finished high school here and attended the University of Texas in 1918, and the following year entered the United States Military Academy, graduating with the class of 1923.

During World War II he served in the South Pacific in 1942 and 1943 and participated in the

Solomons and Philippine Islands campaigns. He was decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Philippine Liberation Medal. He also received the Greek Distinguished Service Medal for the part he played with the American Mission in Greece, in 1948 and 1949.

Colonel Holland served as chief of the Reserve components division, G3, at Fort Totten, N. Y., prior to coming to Fourth Army headquarters in January, 1951. Before taking over the helm of the G3 section in November that year he was assistant G3.

A woman's face is her fortune only when it draws a lot of interest.

There is one advantage to the moustache. It holds back the ice while you're drinking.

#### GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

### Precautions To Be Observed At The Christmas Tree

Austin — That Christmas tree you'll be setting up in your home this season can easily become the center of a tragedy unless you take a few precautions.

Texas was lucky last year. Only 14 Christmas tree fires were reported, with property damage totalling \$36,298. But the Texas Insurance Advisory Association, which keeps such figures says Christmas tree fires annually take about 100 lives over the nation and destroy thousands of dollars in property.

To help keep your Christmas merry, the fire insurance experts suggest the following safety rules:

1. Choose a small tree. It's safer than a large one.
2. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas, and then be sure to buy a tree that is freshly cut.
3. Then stand it in water and put in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators or open gas heaters. Cut off the trunk diagonally at least an inch above the original cut end.
4. Avoid using cotton or paper decorations, and never place an electric train under the tree.
5. Be sure your electric lighting sets are in good working order and bear a label indicating that they have been approved by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.
6. Never leave the lights burning when no one is in the house.
7. Place the tree so that its accidental burning would not ignite curtains or other combustible furnishings, or block off an exit.
8. When the needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it immediately.

### Mary Martha Circle Met On Wednesday

The Mary-Martha Circle of the Presbyterian Church met in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Wednesday night of last week for their regular meeting.

The meeting opened with the singing of Christmas carols after which Mrs. M. L. Guthrie, Jr., read Matthew the second chapter, for the scripture lesson.

Mrs. Billy Joe Robinett gave "Let's Keep Christmas" by Peter Marshall and "Giving Gifts in His Name" was given by Joan McClellan.

Sharon Hoke sang "Away in a Manger."

Mrs. Guthrie presided over a short business period. Mrs. Fern Hoke was elected reporter.

Mrs. Abernathy and Mrs. Sam Collier were hostesses to the group and served pecan pie and coffee to 23 members and one visitor.

### Well Cooked Pork Is Good For You

"Now that winter is here, our thoughts turn to pork roast dinners or perhaps to waffles and sausage suppers. From the standpoint of good nutrition, pork is good to eat. It is rich in protein, fat, and vitamin B, but undercooked or raw pork is also the most common source of a disease called trichinosis," Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer, said today.

Trichinosis is caused by a tiny parasite which is found in the muscular tissue of infected animals. When such meat is eaten, the parasites multiply and enter the blood stream, causing fever, intense pain in the muscles and

a high white blood cell count. Symptoms of trichinosis are varied. It may be confused with typhoid fever, food poisoning, colitis, rheumatism, pneumonia, and many other diseases. However, you need not worry about becoming ill with this disease if you cook pork thoroughly.

According to Dr. Cox, pork that has been thoroughly cooked will not transmit Trichinella — they die at 137 degrees Fahrenheit. When pork becomes white and no pink color remains in the center of the cut as well as around the edges, it is safe to eat. Long, slow cooking will do the trick and retain the delicious juices of the pork.

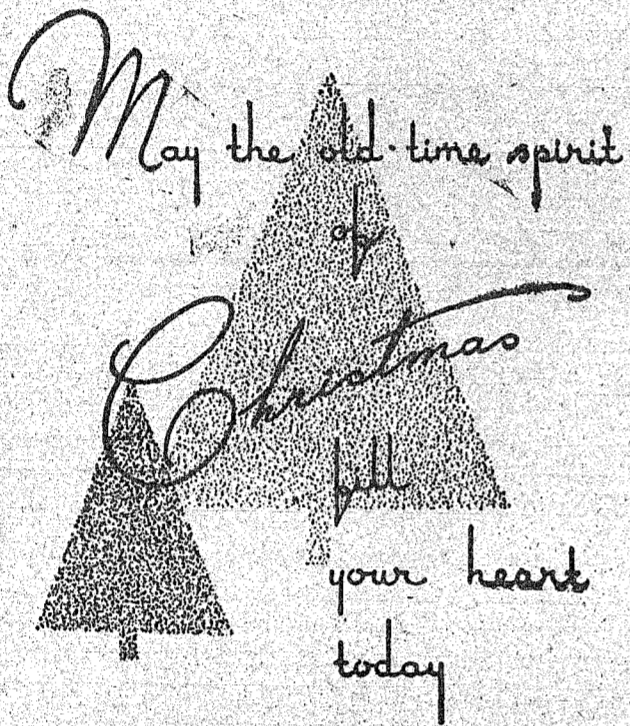
This disease is transmitted in hogs principally by the feeding

of uncooked garbage which invariably includes raw pork scraps containing the parasite of trichinosis. It is, therefore, essential for hog raisers and farmers to cook all garbage before feeding it to swine.

Dr. Cox says, "Don't let your fear of this disease rob you of your enjoyment of pork and its products, which are delicious and good for you. The most important preventive measure is — eat only pork that is well cooked."

Those who want but little — get it.

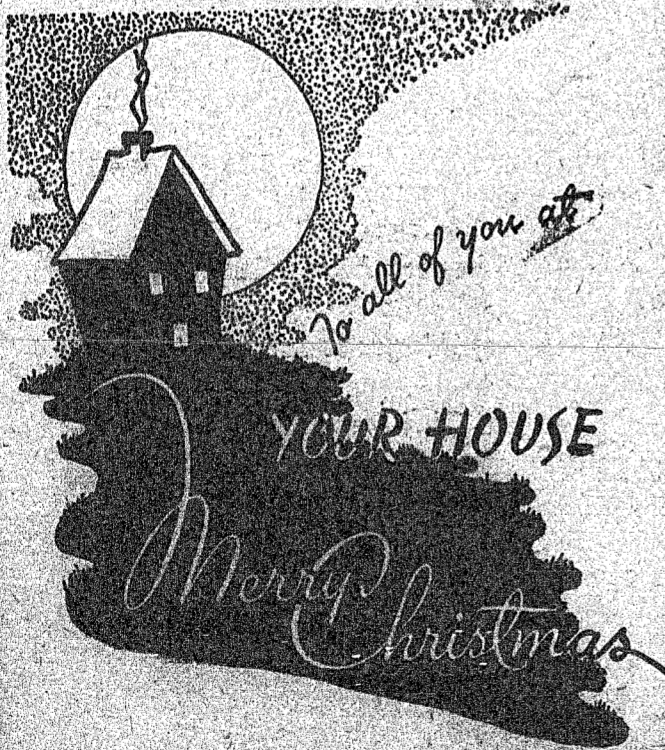
If it were the style women would smile at the graves of their husbands.



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Coleman, Texas

### Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a pool table and a bowling alley game.  
Love,  
Joe Fred Burleson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a wagon and a bicycle to pull it with.  
Love,  
Bobby Clifton

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a baton, moccasins, doll, new dress, doll clothes, cowgirl suit and skates. I am in the third grade and have been a good little girl.  
Yours truly,  
Carole Sue Campbell

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a cattletruck and some cars too. I want a football and a western set. I want a rifle too.  
Love,  
Stanley Hariman

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a record player, a manicure set and a make-up doll.  
Love,  
Wanda James

Dear Santa Claus,  
I think I've been a fairly good girl. I'm eight years old and in the 3rd grade. I would like for you to bring me a walking doll and I'll be happy with anything else you bring me.

I have a 5 year old brother, named Warren Bruce, who wants a tool box, a big road grader and a gun that shoots caps. Please don't forget to bring something nice to our 6 month old baby sister, Denise. We'll have our stockings up for some candy, nuts and fruit. Please remember all of the other boys and girls everywhere.  
Thank you.  
All of our love  
Jo Anne Wallace

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll, a ball, a doctor kit and a set of dishes, and a cowgirl suit. I am in the third grade and have been a good girl.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Wanda Pierce

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a ball and a bat.  
Ernest

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bat and ball. I want a football suit and a football. Please bring me a pair of guns and holsters. I want a pair of gloves, a cowboy suit, a set of airplanes and a plans set.  
Love Santa,  
From Ellis

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle, basketball, model airplane, and a B-B gun.  
I am in the third grade and I have been a good boy.

Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Melton Simmons

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a little desk and chair and I want a little dog.  
Love,  
Bobby House

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle and some guns in a scabbard.  
Love,  
Bobby Lynn Shepard

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a watch, a pair of guns and a pair of boots. I am in the third grade. I am a good boy.  
With love,  
Larry Wardlow

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a record player, also some records to go with it. I am in the third grade and I have been a good girl.  
Thank you,  
Your friend,  
Linda E. Evans

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a clarinet, baton and record player.  
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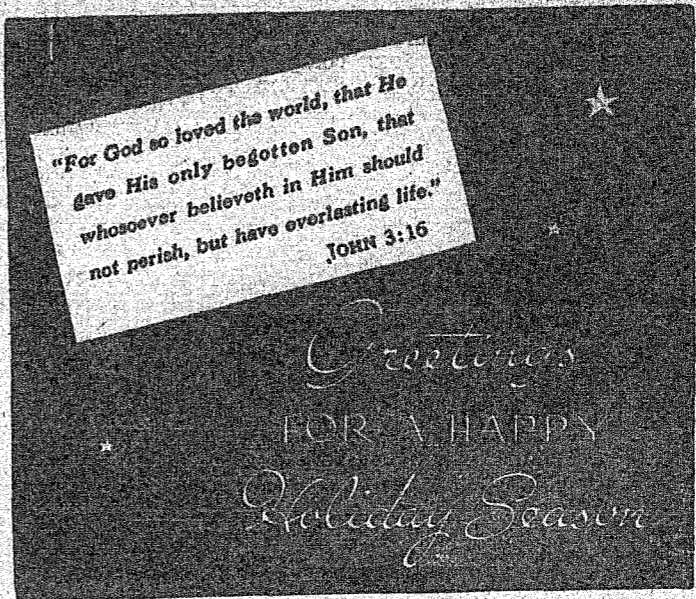
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a walking doll, baton.  
Nancy Williamson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and a tool chest.  
Mike

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle for Christmas. I also want a pool table, a wagon a billfold, basketball and some fire crackers.  
Love,  
Stanley

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle, set of dishes, a basketball, a doll that blows bubbles, and a nurse set.  
Love,  
Edwinna McCarrell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a pocket knife and two army tanks for Christmas. I also would like a steam shovel.  
Love,  
John Gregg



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### Letters To Santa Claus

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I want a watch, tinker toys, bicycle and pirate ship.  
Les Guthrie

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll, a set of dishes.  
Jimmie Sue Copeland

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a nurse and a doll.  
Dessa Mae

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doctor set.  
Velda Cullins

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me an army helmet.  
Bob Green

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a B-B gun, I want a re-

cord player, I want a football, I want a holster and two guns.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Frank Caldwell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you as I love my mother. Bring all boys and girls something nice. I want a football suit and shoes and a football. Also a package of fire crackers.  
Frank Valdez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle for Christmas, and a bassinet.  
Love,  
Barbara

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring me a B-B gun, a football suit and shoes for Christmas.  
Love,  
Willie

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle, a doll, a doll

house and a pair of booties.  
Love,  
Sherry

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a B-B gun, a football and a bicycle. I also want an electric football set, a football suit and four packages of fire crackers.  
Love,  
Terry

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a watch and a B-B gun. Bring all boys and girls something. I want a knife.  
Merry Christmas to you Santa.  
Love,  
Billy Don

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please, Santa, will you bring me a Toni-doll and a baton? I have been a good girl.  
Merry Christmas. Thank you.  
Patsy Cupps

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a B-B gun, pocket knife, golden trumpet, bicycle, steam shovel and a pair of skates. I am in the third grade.  
With love,  
Richard Hoyt

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a tractor, a steam shovel, and a maintainer.  
Love,  
Bill Wristen

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll, a watch and two records and a nurse's kit.  
Karen Jones

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a watch, football, gun, holster, steam shovel, and bicycle.  
I am in the third grade. I

have been a good boy.  
Thank you.  
Your friend  
Mickey Don Dodson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 6 years old. Please bring me a Toni doll and a set of dishes. Thank you.  
Love,  
Linda Kay Campbell

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a susie walker and a stove, set of dishes, cowgirl suit,

bicycle and a doctor set. I like you very much.  
Patricia Ann White

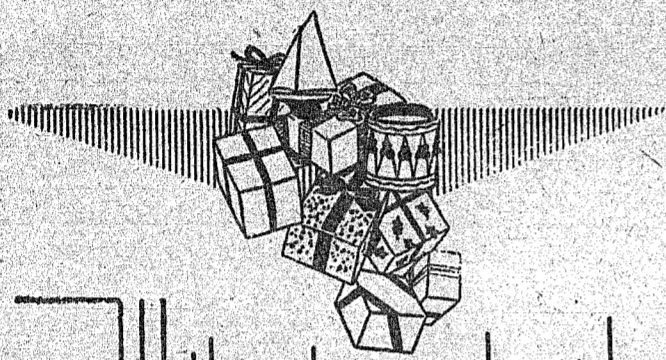
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to bring me an electric football set and a baseball suit and shoes.  
Love,  
Bobby Edward Morgan

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me an electric

basketball, checkers, music box, moecassins, and a record player.  
With love,  
Rebecca Mullins

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a pair of guns and boxing gloves.  
Gary Von Sudderth

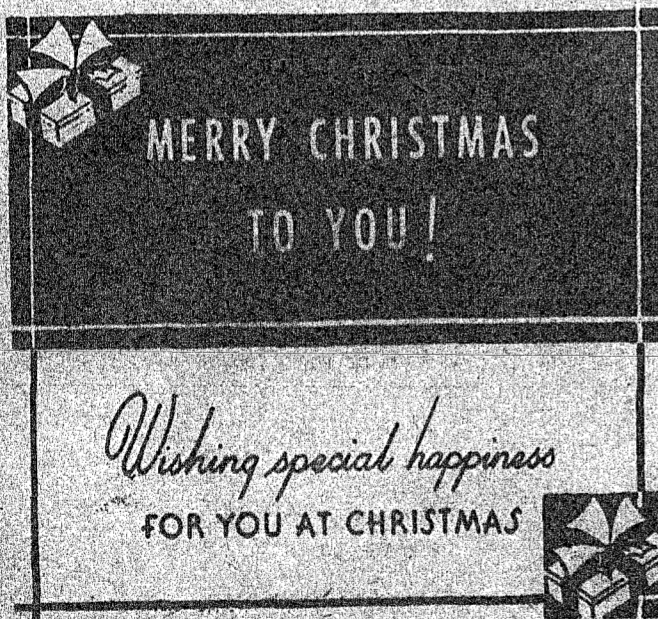
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baton and a doll.  
Love,  
Helen Ruth Hoyt



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for joy and happiness  
this  
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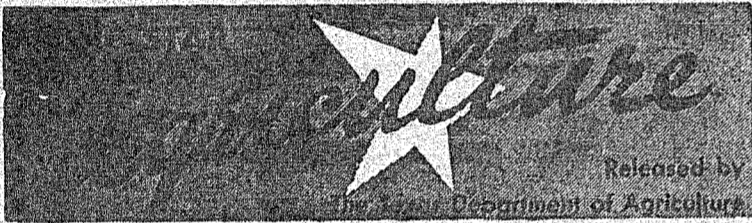
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**LETTER TO SANTA**

NOTE: Because of the warm response to the following letter released by the Texas Department of Agriculture last year, it is being issued for re-print this Christmas season. The author is Miss Lois Weekes, society editor of the San Antonio Express, which first published the letter in 1951.

Mr. Santa Claus  
c/o 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 size 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 our beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "well, start being a little nicer to ME then" from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see,

and 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's 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 delayed "thank you" for 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 the 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, the street-corner replicas of you, 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 and not just an expensive 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?

Sincerely yours,  
Lois

**Letters To Santa Claus**

Dear Santa Claus,

We are 3 little Smith children, Nancy and Doris Belle and one little brother, Doris and I want a doll and a broom so we can help grandma sweep the floors. My little brother Henry wants a stick horse. We all want candy,

nuts, apples.

Your little friends  
Nancy, Doris Belle & Henry Smith.

P. S. Nancy and Doris want batons.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a walking doll, sewing machine, doll-e-do dish, and a record player.

I am in the third grade. I have been a good girl.

Thank you,  
Your friend,  
Carolyn Faye Fletcher

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a watch, a doll, a skirt, a set of dishes, sewing machine, cowgirl suit, note book and a pair of house shoes.

I am in the third grade. I have been a good girl.

Your friend,  
Glenda Vineyard

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a light weight bicycle and some more things for my

electric train and a speedmeter for my bicycle.

Your friend,  
Tommy Stewardson

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a red wagon. Thank you.

Tommy Blanton

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 4 years old. I have been a pretty good girl. So Santa would you please bring me a doll, doll suitcase, a play store, refrigerator, and cabinet, a set of dishes and some candy.

Santa, my daddy will be home for Christmas this year, the first time in two years, so please remember to bring him something nice. Santa don't forget all other little boys and girls. I love you Santa!

Your little friend,  
Barbara Wells

Dear Santa Claus,

The wife is never distressed about our playing cards, so long as we win.



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