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Mountain Echoes



By
Barbara
Kingsbery

Our congratulations to the Coleman School District on the approval of a \$1,575,000 school bond issue. Voting was 872 for the proposal and 494 against.

Coleman voters rejected a similar bond issue in 1970. Since then the district was placed on probation by the State accreditation agency for deficiencies in the school facilities. The new approval is for construction of a new high school building.

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Most local merchants will be closed next Monday on Christmas Day. (Everyone in the community is urged to take part in the Christmas "Treasure Hunt" sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Nice merchandise prizes are on display in a number of stores, and customers will be given numbered tickets this week for the program.)

The hunt comes about when you trip to match your numbers with the prizes. Numbers will be posted on Saturday, December 23.

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Stock show time is nearly here. Be sure to attend and see the projects of local boys and girls. The date is Saturday, December 30.

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Local motorists are reminded again that double parking is prohibited in the down town area. Violators will be issued warning tickets for a few days, then fines will be given to those parking illegally.

Double parking is most frequent at the post office area where admittedly there is a shortage of parking space.

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A very happy Christmas to each of you!

Choir Program Will Be Given At FBC Sunday

The adult choir and junior choir of the First Baptist Church will present the Sunday, December 24, morning worship service, starting at 11 a. m.

Directed by Mrs. Tom Kingsbery, the adult choir is composed of young people, and adults. Jimmy Benton is pianist for the adult choir and director for the junior choir.

Vernon Webb, youth director at the church, will be narrator for the program.

There will be only the one service on Christmas eve as the regular evening service has been cancelled.

The public is invited to be present for the special musical program Sunday morning.

SA Ball Teams Win Trophies In Tournament

The Santa Anna High School basketball teams each won a trophy in their own tournament last weekend, the local boys winning consolation and the girls winning runner-up title for championship.

The Mozelle boys and the Rowena girls were winners of the tourney, while Lometa was runner-up in the boys bracket and DeLeon girls received the consolation trophy.

In the opening games the Santa Anna girls defeated the DeLeon girls 57-40. The Santa Anna boys lost to the Rowena boys by a 54-62 score. The boys "B" team lost to the Coleman "B" team and were eliminated from the tourney after being defeated by the Sidney boys.

The Santa Anna girls won over Lometa 42-39 on Friday night, then was defeated by Rowena 56-49. High point scorers for the local girls in the final game were Serena Bryan with 13; Leann Bryan and Janice Martin with 12 each.

The Santa Anna boys defeated San Saba 72-41 in the second round of play, then won over Sidney 43-36 for the consolation championship. Tony Beal scored 16 and David Horner 12 for the Mountaineers.

Named to the all-tournament team from Santa Anna included Tony Allen, guard on the girls team, and David Horner, boys team. Others chosen for the elite girls group included Janet Hoelscher of Rowena, Marvlyn Stephenson, Mozelle, guards; and Janel Hoelscher, Rowena, Joe Nell Epperson, San Saba, and Brenda Nowlin of DeLeon, forwards.

Boys all-tourney selections included Horner, Tommy Pierson of Mozelle, Danny Horton of Lometa, Ricky Halfmann of Rowena, and David Ward of Sidney.

Despite poor attendance from the local people, the third annual invitation tournament was declared a success by school officials.

The concession stand was operated by parents of school athletes, and others assisted with the tournament in many ways. Coaches Larry Steele and J. A. Smelley expressed their thanks to all who assisted with the tourney.

The Santa Anna High School basketball teams will start the district schedule on Tuesday night, January 2.

Dean Is Named To San Angelo Wes-Tex Team

Rocky Dean, co-captain of the 1972 Mountaineer football team was recently chosen on the San Angelo Standard Times All-West Texas Class A football team. Rocky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Dean, was chosen by Standard Time sports writers for the honor.

Receiving second team honors from the SAHS 1972 team were David Horner, defensive halfback, and Steve Beal, guard.

Parents of the two are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Richardson.

Stock Show, Youth Fair Scheduled December 30

The annual Santa Anna 4-H and FFA stock show and Youth Fair will be held here on Saturday, December 30. The stock show will be held at the show barn on the

school campus, and the fair exhibits will be on display at the classroom of the new vocational agriculture building.

Sponsored by the Santa Anna

Livestock Association, the 1972 youth event is expected to have nearly 300 entries in the two divisions.

Harold Bragg of Talpa will judge the sheep; C. H. Sargent of Bangs will be swine judge; and Sidney Burdick of Coleman will be calf judge.

There will be classes for both lightweight and heavyweight finewool lambs; lightweight and heavyweight crossbred lambs; and one class for each the Hampshire and South down entries.

Swine will be judged in three classes -- Hereford, Angus and crossbred.

Livestock judging will start at 9 a. m. Entries include about 70 sheep; 50 hogs; and 13 calves. Tom Newman is general chairman for the stock show and in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Winnie McQueen, homemaking teacher, is in charge of the FHA Youth Fair. About 140 entries in the three divisions have been listed. Mrs. Virginia Jamison of Mozelle, Mrs. Jo Henning of Novice and Mrs. Patsy Gilder of Talpa will judge the entries.

In the clothing divisions there are classes for dressy and casual clothing and childrens' clothing.

The foods division has classes for cakes, cookies, candy, breads, jellies and preserves, chow chow and relish, and pies. Craft entries include needlework, painting and miscellaneous.

The fair exhibits will be open to the public at about 10 a. m. or when the judging is completed.

The FFA chapter will operate a concession stand during the day. Cash prizes and ribbons will be given the winning entries.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend the Youth Fair on Saturday, December 30. Livestock from the local show will be entered in the Coleman County FFA and 4-H show in January.

Lions Director Guest Speaker At Tuesday Meet

J. Everett Grindstaff of Ballinger, International Director for Lions Clubs, was guest speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of the Santa Anna Lions Club. He was introduced by Floyd Marshall, along-time friend of the Ballinger attorney.

Grindstaff, one of 15 International Directors in the United States, spoke to the group on the opportunities and satisfaction of Lions Club membership. He urged involvement in all activities.

Lions Clubs are now in 148 countries with over 25,000 clubs, and one million members.

Julian Kelly, vice-president, led the business session in the absence of Bob Burton, president.

O. M. Jackson, 76 Killed Sunday In Auto Mishap

Otis Marion Jackson, 76, a long-time community resident, was killed Sunday, December 17, in a two-vehicle accident in San Angelo. Funeral services were held at the Santa Anna North Side Church of Christ on Wednesday morning with burial in the Santa Anna Cemetery.

Mr. Jackson was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident which occurred at 10:30 a. m. at a San Angelo intersection. Another occupant of the vehicle, Mrs. Myrtle Strattan Perkins, 64, of Coleman, also died from results of the mishap. Others in the vehicle, Danny Nettles and Mrs. Danny Perkins Nettles, both of Coleman, were treated and released from a San Angelo hospital. The occupant of the other vehicle, Mary Oster Lambert of San Angelo, was not injured.

Born March 14, 1896 in Bell County, Mr. Jackson came to Coleman County in 1902. He married Ruby Davis in Coleman County on May 3, 1914. She died in 1970.

A retired stockfarmer, Mr. Jackson lived in the Plainview community for many years. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include four sons, Raymond of New Bedford, Mass.; Daymond of Coleman, T. A. of Rockville, Maryland, and J. D. Jackson of Gonzales; three brothers, Jeff of Bangs, Clarence of Corpus Christi, and Albert of Kerrville; 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

One son, Billy Bob Jackson, preceded him in death in 1961.

W. F. Cawyer, minister of the Northside Church of Christ, officiated for the services Wednesday.

Christmas, Jan. 1 Postal Schedules For Local Office

Postmaster John C. Gregg has announced this week that there will be no mail service on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25.

Any newspapers delivered to Santa Anna by truck will be placed on the table in the post office lobby, but there will be no pick up or delivery of mail on that day by the postal service.

On Monday, January 1, the regular holiday schedule will be observed. First class mail will be put in the boxes, but there will be no window service or rural delivery.



DAVID HORNER, Beau
CYNTHIA ROLFE, Captain
Mountaineer Drill Team

David Horner Chosen Beau Of Drill Team

David Horner, quarterback of the 1972 Mountaineer football team, was chosen Beau of the Mountaineer Drill Team this year. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Horner and is a senior at SAHS this year.

Drill Team captains Cynthia Rolfe and Juanita Valdez presented David with a gift when he was introduced during a school assembly.

Cynthia, a senior student, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rolfe. Juanita, a junior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Valdez of Rockwood.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START

Santa Anna Schol students were dismissed from classes on Wednesday for a long Christmas holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2.

Local students will end the first semester of school on Thursday, January 11.

VISITING HERE

Orville Allen of San Antonio is visiting here with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and children. Mr. Allen will be here until after Christmas.



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The beautiful story of Christmas will be presented in songs and verses, with candlelight, by a combined singing group of children and adults. The concert will be at the

Presbyterian church in Santa Anna on Saturday evening, December 23, at 7 P. M. as a special holiday treat for the community of Santa Anna.

The special holiday treat is sponsored by the Ranger Park Inn and Hospital.

The repertoire consists of both ancient and modern Christmas carols. The verses are directly taken from the Holy Scriptures.

Directing the combined choir is

Rudy C. Ruiz, a music major student of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Ruiz has served as music director in the Philippines and in Thailand for nine years.

Mrs. D. W. Danielson, formerly of Roswell New Mexico and now a resident of Santa Anna, is the choir accompanist.

Narrator of the concert will be Sam Miller, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Santa Anna.

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**AARP Meeting
Held In Bangs
Monday Noon**

The Santa Anna-Bangs chapter, American Association of Retired people, met on Monday at the Bangs Community Center. Members present enjoyed a buffet luncheon. The invocation was led by Rev. Skip Blancett, pastor of the Bangs United Methodist Church.

Following the meal Mrs. Verna Newman led the business session in the absence of W. F. Cawyer, president. Marvin Sapaugh of Coleman sang several Christmas songs. Mrs. C. D. Bruce gave a short talk and installed the new officers who are W. F. Cawyer, president; Vernon Parnell, vice-president; Mrs. Newman, secretary; and Mrs. Lucile Wylie, treasurer.

The group elected Mrs. Ines Leonard of Bangs as chairman of the legislative committee and Mrs. Faye Whitley as arrangements chairman for the Bangs section of the chapter.

Six new members were greeted at the meeting. They are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Funk of Rockwood, Mrs. J. L. Sanders, Mrs. Cora Bowden and Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Williams, all of Bangs.

The next meeting of the group will be held in Santa Anna on Monday, January 15.

TO VISIT RELATIVES

Mrs. W. H. Clifford of El Paso will arrive here this week for a holiday visit with a cousin, Tom Kingsbery and family, and with other relatives and friends. She will be here until the New Year's weekend.

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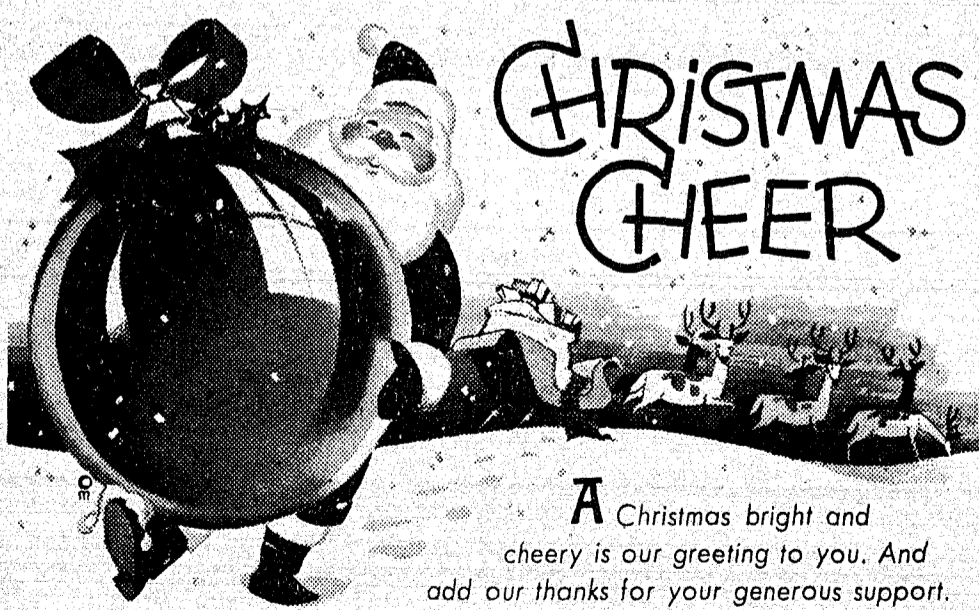
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Study Committee Is Named For School Improvements

A school improvement study committee was named Tuesday night, December 12, by the Santa Anna Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Names of local people were listed, and the group invited to conduct a study of needed improvements and make recommendations to the school

board.

Named to the committee were Elgean Harris, Mrs. Henry Newman, Luther McCrary, Robert Robinett, Dawson See, Mrs. C. D. Bruce, Wanda Kurykendall, Robert Barton, B. A. Parker, Mrs. Maurice Rendon, B. B. Bryan, Roy Horne, Charles Greenlee, Mrs. Burgess Stewardson. Edwin Hipsher, Stanley Hartman, Donnie Henderson, John Dockery, Mrs. Bill Day and Mrs. James Allen. Students included are David Horner and Sandra Hosch.

The committee will meet about mid-January and begin touring the local school campus and list needed improvements. Trustees will use the committee in study as a basis for any proposed construction or remodeling.

Other members will be named to the group if many of the ones on the original list decline to help.

A. D. Pettit, school board president, led the business meeting Tuesday night.

Vernon Parnell led the opening prayer, and minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Bills and accounts for the month were reviewed and approved for payment totaling \$1,160.

Billy Riley, vocational agriculture teacher, met with the board to request participation in a state-assisted purchase plan for tools and equipment for the vo-ag department. The state will pay 74 percent of the cost of needed tools and equipment, and Mr. Riley was granted authority to order necessary items.

Mr. Perry announced that the defensive driving course will be offered here on February 22 and 23 if as many as 25 people enroll. The course will be taught in two four-hour sessions at a cost of \$10 per person.

Those interested in taking the certified course should contact their auto insurance agents to find if a premium discount will be given upon completion of the course. About 15 have already indicated interest in the course.

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LOCAL ROPERS ARE WINNERS AT BROWNWOOD

Santa Anna cowboys did well last week at the Wednesday night steer roping at the Sewalt Arena at Brownwood.

Guy Allen, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, won a first and second place in two go-arounds roping with Billy Don McCrary, also of Santa Anna.

James Allen and his partner, Wayne Shaw, won first in one go-around, placing just ahead of Guy and Billy Don.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. VISITORS. . . Elder and Mrs. R. M. Davidson were in Santa Anna during the weekend visiting relatives. He was guest speaker at the Seventh-day Adventist Church Saturday. Elder Davidson is auditor for the General SDA Conference.

Roberta Barton Feted Saturday With Gift Tea

Miss Roberta Barton, bride-elect of Younger Sam Thomas of Dallas, was honored Saturday, December 16, with a bridal shower at the Mountain City Center.

The honoree and her mother, Mrs. Robert Barton, greeted guests at the door.

Misses Shirley Issac and Debra Warrick of Coleman and Betty Barton, sister of the bride-elect, registered guests.

Mrs. Tony Baker and Mrs. Vileene Mills, both of Coleman, served refreshments of pink punch, cookies, nuts and mints.

The refreshment table was covered with a blue cloth overlaid with white lace. An arrangement of blue and white flowers centered the table.

Others displaying the many gifts and assisting with hostess duties were Mmes. Emmett Payne of Coleman, Rosie Terrell and Sylvia Edwards of Santa Anna and Miss Nancy Terrell of Brownwood.

Miss Barton and Mr. Thomas will be married on Saturday, December 30, at the United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Hardy Blue Is Hostess For WSCS Meeting

Mrs. Hardy Blue and Misses E. Lee and Ruby Harper were hostesses for the meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the United Methodist Church last Saturday. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Blue.

Mrs. Dale Smith was program leader using the theme "Christmas in the News." She was assisted by Mrs. O. A. Etheridge, Mrs. Roy Horne and Miss Zuma Myers. Recordings of six familiar Christmas carols were heard and the songs discussed.

During the business meeting led by Mrs. Smith, the Christmas project was chosen by the group.

The hostesses served refreshments of salad, Christmas cookies and coffee from a table-laid with a green cloth and centered with a red candle arrangement. Other Christmas decorations were used throughout the house.

Those present were the ones mentioned and also Mmes. Joe Baker, Meivin Lamb, Marion Ford, Mae McDonald, Jennie Ladd, Tom Hays, Ora Hunter, Sally Snook, and one visitor, Mrs. Garland Powell.

First in U.S. . . .

First Christmas carol composed in the United States was the work of an 18th century leather worker named William Billings, reports The Book of Knowledge. A tanner by trade but a tunesmith by inclination, Billings composed the carol, "A Virgin Unspotted."

The song isn't one that is still sung, and few hymnals now include it, but carol singers today owe William Billings a considerable debt of gratitude.

During Puritan times in England, the singing of carols and, indeed, the whole celebration of Christmas, was banned. The Puritan-minded American colonies followed suit.

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Holiday Party Held On Friday By Garden Club

Members of the Mountain City Garden Club met on Friday, December 15, for a Christmas party and luncheon at the clubroom of the City Library building. Members assembled at 11 a. m. for the turkey and dressing dinner followed by a gift exchange and games.

The luncheon table was covered with a white lace cloth and centered with a poinsettia plant. Place cards were Christmas decorations made by Mrs. J. J. Horner.

The name was drawn for the hand made poncho and Mrs. Dale Smith was the winner. Mrs. John Womack made the poncho and donated it to the club for a fund raising project.

Those present for the meeting Friday were Mmes. C. M. Moseley, Arthur Casey, Jess Howard, W. F. Cawyer, H. D. Speck, John Womack, Alma

McNutt, J. C. Mathews, Hardy Blue, Bart Turney, J. H. Horner, H. L. Zachary and W. B. Sparkman.

The next meeting of the club will be on Friday, January 5, when the group will meet at 3 p. m. for a business meeting and program. Officers for the next year will be elected at that time.

Composers Inspired...

Famous composers have found in Christmas inspiration for some of their most renowned music. At Christmas, and Easter, too, people gather to hear performances of Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" and Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are other examples of "serious" music often specially performed at Christmas.

Twentieth century composers, too, have written music around Christmas themes. Probably the most familiar example is Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," an opera commissioned for television and performed annually. Honegger's "Christmas Cantata" and Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" are other notable examples.

Mrs. Lockwood Gives Review At Local Club

Mrs. Hardy Blue was hostess on Wednesday, December 13, for the meeting of the Self Culture Club.

As guests arrived they were served tea sandwiches, decorated cookies, candy and hot punch. Mrs. Gus Morgan and Mrs. C. D. Bruce assisted with the serving.

The dining table was covered with a green cloth and centered by a large red candle surrounded by boxwood greenery and red carnations. Holiday mapkins completed the Christmas motif.

Mrs. Bruce led the business session and opened the program by reading several selections from the book "Bless This Mess" by Jo Carr.

Mrs. Charles Lockwood of Brownwood was guest speaker, reviewing the book "Addie Pray." She was introduced by Mrs. Tom Kingsbery and presented a gift at the close of her presentation.

Members present were the ones mentioned and also Mmes. H. D. Speck, J. F. Goen, W. B. Sparkman, John Womack, Bert Turney, Norman Walters, W. F. Cawyer, Preston Bailey, Melvin Lamb, and Roy Stockward.

The next meeting will be held on January 10 when the group will meet for a luncheon and program at the Kingsbery home.

VISIT IN LUBBOCK

Mrs. Tom Kingsbery and Carol were in Lubbock last weekend visiting their daughter and sister, Sue Kingsbery. Sue and her fiancée, Dan Bird, will visit in Crowell with his parents this week, then come here for the Christmas weekend.

Source of Song

Among the well-loved Christmas hymns is "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." The words to this one were written by a Unitarian minister of Weston, Mass., named Edmund H. Sears. Time? Just about a hundred years ago, says the Book of Knowledge.

One melody for this hymn was composed by a Detroit journalist and editor; another melody was adapted from an old British folk tune by a composer better known for his long string of light-hearted operetta hits. This was Sir Arthur Sullivan, of the team of Gilbert and Sullivan.

VISITS IN BROWNWOOD

Mrs. Kate Holmes spent Monday night in Brownwood with her daughter, Mrs. Cecil King. Cecil was in the Brownwood hospital for tests and treatment.

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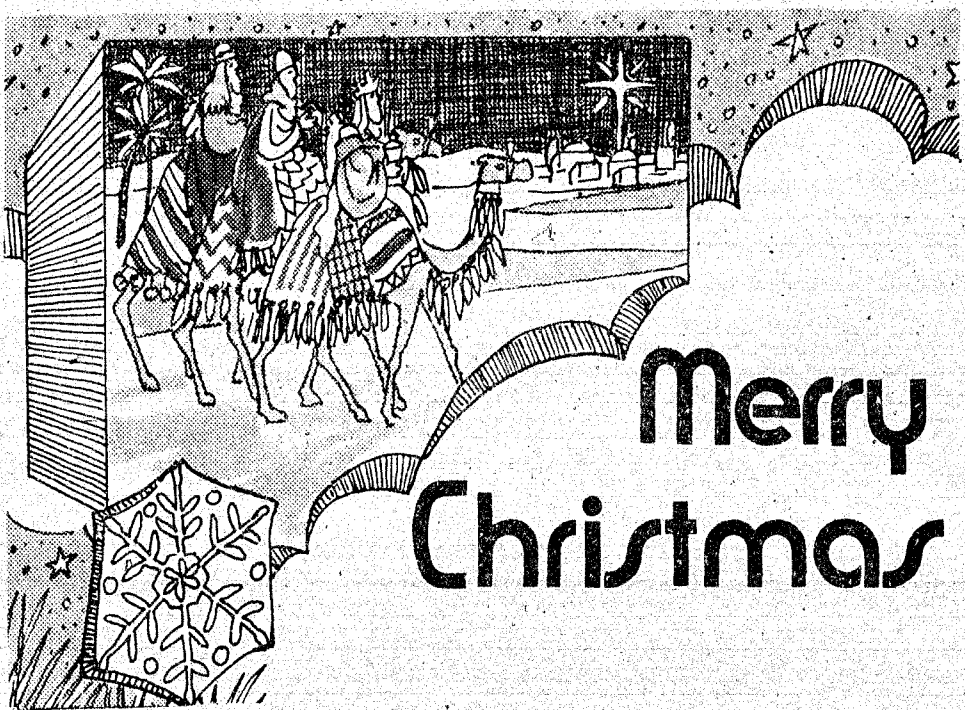


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CORPUS CHRISTI VISITOR

Dr. Don Woodruff of Corpus Christi visited Saturday with his aunts, Mrs. J. C. Mathews, and

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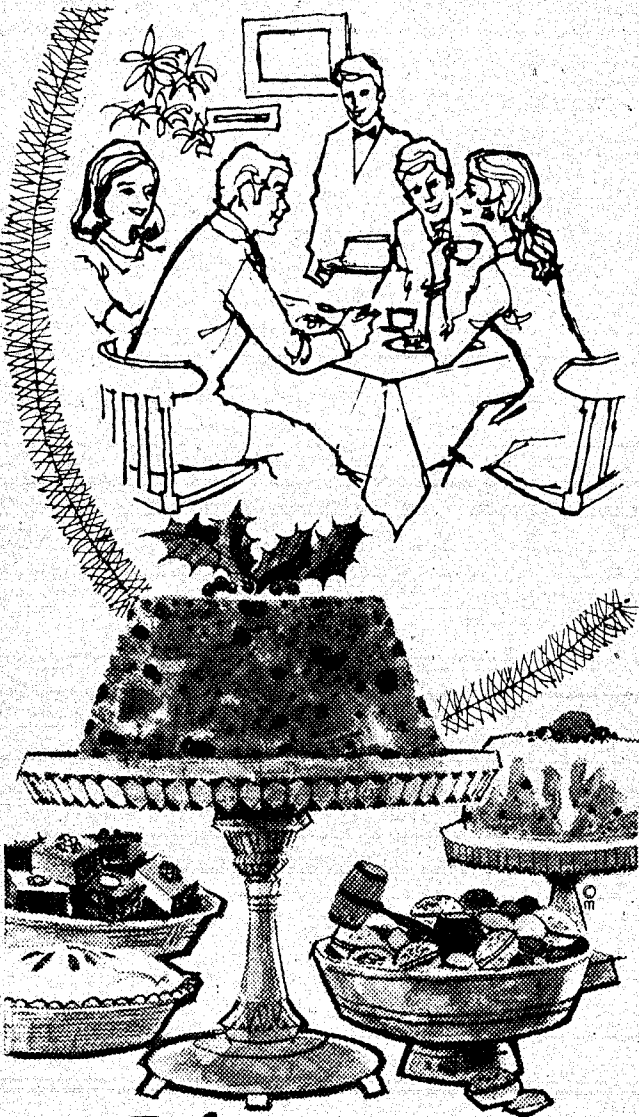
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NEWS FROM

RANGER PARK INN . . .

The Ranger Park Inn Christmas Tree Party was held Wednesday evening, December 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Miss Veda Pearl Quinn visited with guests at the Inn on Saturday afternoon.

The Rev. Louis Shambeck visited at the Inn during the past week.

Misses E. Lee and Ruby Harper and Mrs. Ora Hunter visited their sister, Miss Florence Harper, recently.

Mrs. Faye Mobley, Mrs. Linnie Bartlett, Miss Margaret Mobley and Francis and Michelle Malone visited recently with the Bunk Wagners.

Saturday afternoon Buster Woodard visited at the Inn.

Pearl Wilson visited guests

during the last week.

Mary Schmidt and Golda Billings were visitors of their aunt, Mrs. Alice Horner.

Mr. and Mrs. woodrow Estes visited Mrs. Estes' mother, Mrs. Amos Taylor.

Rosemary Adams visited last week at the Inn.

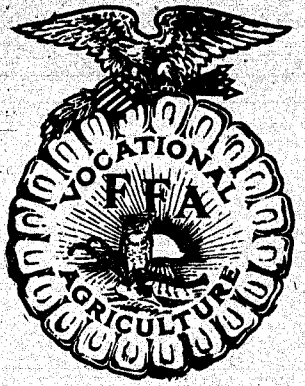
Rev. Bill Weeks, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, led devotions and visited with guests.

The Warnock Simmons were at the Inn last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons.

Patti Perkins visited with Mrs. Alice Horner.

Mrs. Cliff Herndon visited the Bunk Wagners Saturday. Also visiting the Wagners were Mrs. Carmen Rendon, Mrs. Alice Horner, and Mrs. Ruby Dean.

FFA NEWS



Written by Cline Smith, Area 4 Vice-President.

School was out Wednesday and a lot of people were sure glad. Just ask any teacher or student. As they say All good things must end. School will be resumed January 2nd.

FFA

During the holidays the sheep, hogs, and calves will probably get a lot of attention. For hogs have to be clipped, sheep will be blocked up, and the calves will be trimmed. All of this and plenty more must take place before a livestock show can begin.

FFA

This year there are 60 hogs, 125 lambs, 11 calves and 150 chickens on feed. Not all of these will be exhibited on December 30 at the local show. For some are still too young and they will make the later shows this year.

FFA

Last week I promised to have a report about the District Banquet. Well, because of the many stock shows and basketball games, it was decided to have the banquet rescheduled for sometime in April. The original date was December 12 but was postponed because of bad weather. This just gives the talent team headed by Larry Benton more time to practice and Carol Kingsbery, our Chapter Sweetheart, more time to grow prettier, and Lane Guthrie more time to wish that the whole mess was over!

FFA

This being the last column of FFA News for 1972, I, in behalf of all the FFA members at Santa Anna High, would like to thank everyone for supporting the FFA this past year.

I would like to thank the many readers for reading our column each week. Special Thanks goes to W. T. Hays for letting us have this space in his paper; Barbara Kingsbery for editing these stories and making them readable; and the entire Newspaper Staff for helping promote the FFA.

Now from all of us to all of you "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

BROCKS' VISITORS

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Brock were her sister and nephew, Mrs. Mavis Fowler Satterfield and Gary of Houston, and three grandsons, Doug, Jerry and David Tucker of Brownwood.

The three little boys also visited with their grandfather, Archie Tucker and Mrs. Tucker.

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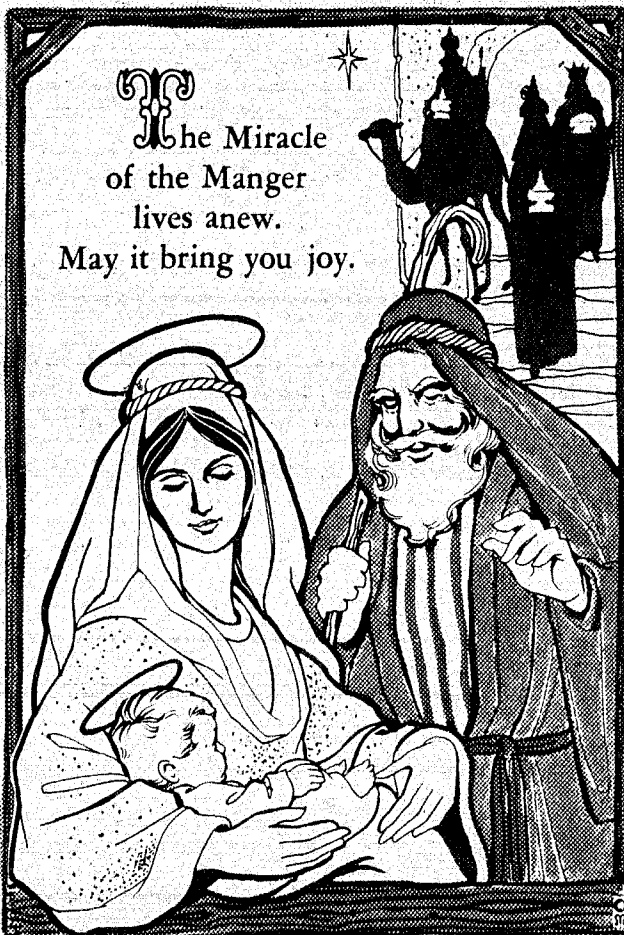
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

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Please be good to all the other boys and girls and their families.

Love
David Strickland

Dear Santa,

Would you bring me a Tender Doll Baby and a Inchworm. How have you been? Santa, I'm going to talk to you, hug you and kiss you today. If you give me some new toys I'll give you the old ones. Santa, I love you. If be good would you please give me some toys?

Bye Santa,
Melissa Buse

P.S. Dictated to Mother since I am only 4 years old.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Drum Set, Snappy Electric toothbrush, Mini bike, a cassette recorder, Crissy Doll and her Clothes an I would also like an organ. Don't forget Sandra and Tiffany. I have been a good girl, Sandra and Tiffany have been good too. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year.

Love,
Gay Hosch

Dear Santa,

I been a good boy.

Please bring a lunch kit and a crash-up derby set and some new clothes and a new racing track and for Shawn a racing car and motorcycle and for Alana a doll and a little car.

Love,
Kevin Pirrello
Farmers Branch, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? Hope you are fine. My name is Ike Garza. I'm a first grader at Santa Anna. This year for Christmas I would like a Dallas Cowboy football suit, also a big wheel and a pair of boots.

Santa, I have a brother named John David He would also like a Dallas football suit and a pony with a hat and a pair of boots.

I have twin sisters named Rose Marie and Ruth Marie who would love to have an inch worm and a Drowsy doll who speaks spanish. And we all would love to have snow for Christmas. Bye.

Your Pal,
Ike Garza

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me an electric train with a track. Please bring my little sister a doll. We have tried to be a good boy and girl. Remember my aunt Judy. We will be at our Mama's house in Clyde.

Thankyou,
Greg and Deborah Gibson

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope that you come to our house and bag or toys for Frank, cause he is trying to be a good boy.

Prissy wants bone balls, Marris a jacket and Jim wants a dog cart.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like you to bring me a B. B. Gun and a set of drums. And a radio and a basketball. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Bradley Wardlow

Cards Tell Of Changes

The tradition of exchanging Christmas cards is a charming part of the joyous holiday, and it has a history of its own.

One of the most interesting parts of that history is the way that greeting cards serve to record changing social customs, manners and fashions through the years, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross, Inc., greeting card collection.

For instance, an English card of 1892 shows the formality existing between parents and children during the Victorian era. Here, a little girl kneels solemnly at her mother's knee, sedately offering her a Christmas bouquet, with the wish, "May your life be a Merry Christmas."

Modern cards take a livelier, more light-hearted approach. Even earlier, greeting cards began to reflect an easier sort of filial relationship. Declares a 1930 card: "3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!"

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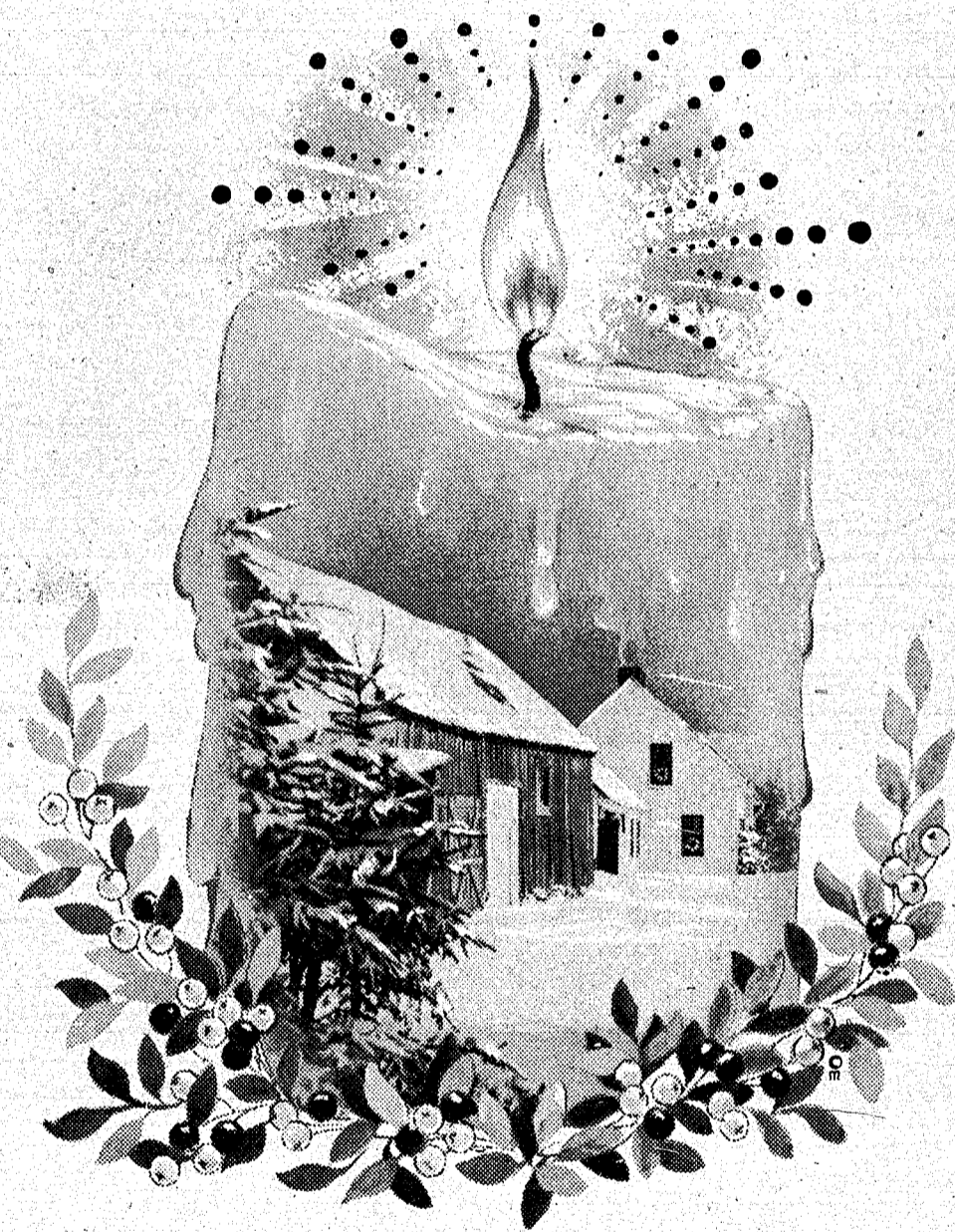
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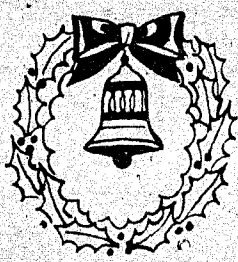


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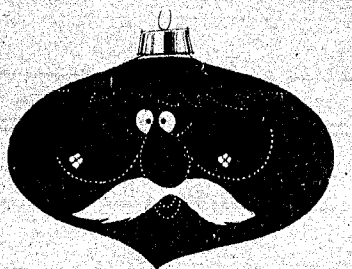
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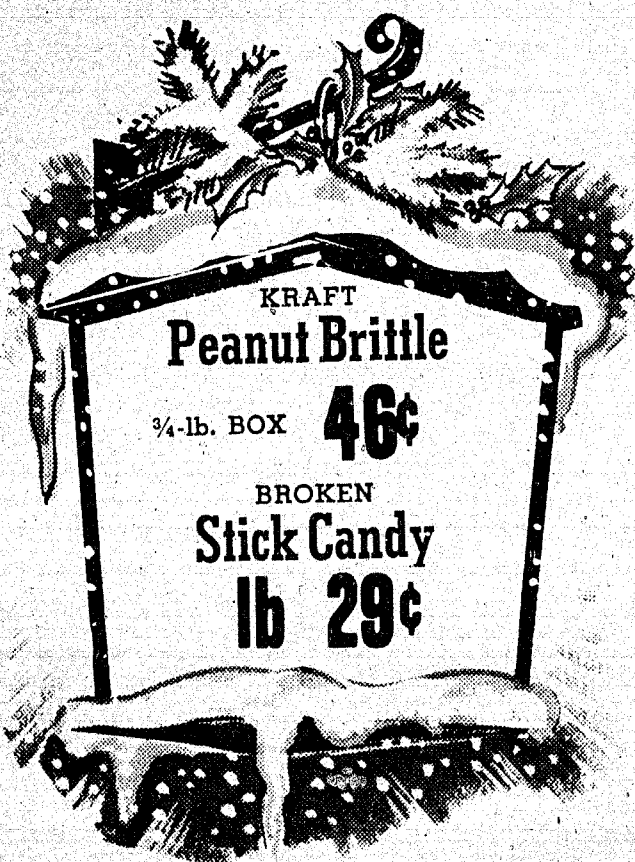
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa, Thank you for all the nice things you brought me last Christmas. Will you please bring me a Crissie doll and a Barbie doll and a pair of skates and a nice set of dishes.

Love, Tanya Calder

Dear Santa I want 2 Malibu Barbies and 2 of Ken and 1 Fun in the Sun. Jolly old Saint Nicolas Jolly old Saint Nicolas lean your head this way and don't you tell a single soul what I'm going to say.

Love, Robbie Clifton

Dear Santa I would like a doll, and a new doll house, a purse and a new coat for Christmas.

Santa I have been a good girl and I am studing hard in school.

Thank you Santa Love Traci Morgan

Dear Santa Clause Would you bring me sizzlers Fat Track, and football tee, a Bike, Watch.

Love Bill Smith

Dear Santa, I'm a Little boy 5 years old, and I would like For you to bring me some toys. I want a Jumping Frog, Truck, Crane, Train.

Royce McCrary

Dear Santa I have been a good little girl. Would you Please bring me some dishes, Bicycle, Baby Tender Love doll, and Doctor Kit. Please don't forget my little brother and all the other boys and girls.

I Love you Santa Gayle McCrary

Dear Santa, I what a gun and a holster and a robots and a football.

Love, James Culpepper

Dear Santa Claus I want a bike and a racing track and car. I want a black racing track. I love you. My sisters Jenny and Julie want a pillsbury doll and they want a walker and ferris wheel. I also want some school clothes.

Love, Justy Smelley Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa, I what a gun, and a holster with a calvary suit and that is what. Love santa.

Mike Burns

Dear Santa, Please bring me a life-like baby and a baton. I have been a good girl. Also please don't forget SCotty and Joey.

Thankyou Love Casey Anderson

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Hairy Hurdle Set. If you cannot get me that I would like a Smash Up Derby Set. I will have a Dr. Pepper or a Coke for you And cookies for you.

Your friend Billy Burton

Dear Santa I would like a doll for Christmas, one that can talk. And I want a recerd player and a recerd, too, because we have too many recerd. And plesa come to my CHRISTMAS tree.

Gina Gay Gaines

P. O. Box 403 Santa Anna, Texas 76878

Dear Santa Claus I want a bike for Christmas. We are haveing a Chrismas party at School I which I have a good toy for chrismas. I which we have a good chrismas party. I which we have you at school I which we have something good to eat. I which you have a good day.

Elvia

Dear Santa I would like to have a watch with a Micky Mouse face, a pair of earrings, and a baton, and I have been a good gril. I have been doing good in school. And that is all I have to said I hope you have a merry Christmas

Love Teresa Rolfe

Dear Santa. I would like to have a Dawns Beauty Pageant. I would like some clothes for my doll. and elso a barbie.

Love, Sherry

Dear Santa, I WISH I could have a Barbie Ready to Travel in her new Country Camper and a Busy Barbie and I'm a soft and cuddly Musical Bear and a Soccer kickball and a FM-AM Portable Radio and a Tearful Babytender Love Doll or a Mrs. Bessley or a sweet Cookie and some pots and pans and dishes.

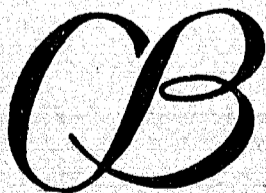
Your friend Kim

P. S. a poster with all the Presidents on it. A boy Barbie.



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Cleveland News

By Clara Cupps

Russell Williams visited Joey and Jerry Cupps Saturday evening. They had a birthday cake celebrating Joey's second birthday.

Rodney, Roger, and Iris Sikes are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fleming.

Mr. Bob White and Mrs. Richard Smith of Fort Worth were dinner guests of Mrs. J. F. Fleming and girls Sunday. Mr. White visited Mr. Lemuel White at Ranger Park Hospital Sunday.

Russell and Ovella Williams visited Thelma Thursday afternoon.

Tammy Blanton spent the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. Nora Blanton. He also attended the Cleveland Church of Christ Sunday morning. Come back to see us, Tammy.

Sydney Cupps spent Wednesday night with Brenda Hammonds and Thursday night Brenda spent the night with Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Blanton and Kevin visited Mr. and Mrs. Sid Blanton and Tammy Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Cupps visited Wednesday with Mrs. Edward Leonard and family and Mrs. Richard Dutton, and they all went to Clyde and visited with Mrs. Bob Gillespie.

Thelma visited her dad and Etta Mae Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore visited Mrs. Culver several times during the past week. She is in the Coleman hospital. She also visited Horace Phillips in the Bangs Rest Home. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Doug Moore Saturday night. Doug and Louise's children are in for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Cupps of Brownwood were Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cupps.

Mrs. Carmilla Baugh visited her mother, Mrs. Mae Flores, Saturday afternoon in Bangs.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Ellis visited Aunt Lela Hodges Thursday and were dinner guests with her.

Mrs. A. C. Pearce visited Aunt Tennie Campbell Monday afternoon. Also Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Campbell visited her through the week.

Buddy Bengé and children were dinner guests Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbetts.

Bruce visited his dad, Pa Hibbetts, at the Ranger Park Nursing Home Saturday. Bruce and Ruth visited Pa Monday and they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace. Mrs. Margaret Wofford of Bangs also visited Pa on Monday.

Mrs. Grace Ellis visited her children, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis and Tammy, Sunday and was a dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gould Jr. of Brownwood came Saturday and took his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gould Sr., to Santa Anna shopping. David Cupps visited them Saturday and also brought the Goulds a rick of wood.

Mr. Dumas Beeler and Jewel from Santa Anna visited the Goulds Monday.

On Wednesday Mrs. John Howard went to San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Emzy Brown to visit their brother, Mr. Leonard Russell, who had surgery at a hospital there. Ruby said he was doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. John Howard went to Zephyr Sunday to

visit their children and were a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howard and children.

Mr. and Mrs. James Perry and children from Florida came in Monday. They are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Woodard. They will be here a few days, then they will go to Dallas to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Reno.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Howard visited Monday with Ruby and John and were supper guests. They also made Christmas candy all day.

Amanda Perry, along with her church members, went to Waxahachie and spent Saturday, visiting a children's home there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCormick from Fort Worth visited Mrs. Winnie Haynes Thursday. Visitors during the weekend with Winnie were Grace Ellis, Billy Don Haynes and Ilene Haynes.

Tommy and Bill Watson of Coleman were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Watson, Sunday. Bernadine and Jodie visited with them Sunday afternoon.

I want to wish everybody a merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Clara Cupps, reporter of the Cleveland News.

DPS Director Urges Safety On Highways

AUSTIN—Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety has asked motorists and pedestrians to help prevent an estimated 87 traffic deaths in Texas through the Christmas and New Year holiday periods.

Speir said the DPS has estimated 46 traffic fatalities will occur during the Christmas period which runs from 6 p.m. Friday, December 22 to midnight Monday, December 25.

The estimate of New Year deaths is 41 between 6 p.m. Friday, December 29 and midnight Monday, January 1.

The DPS director noted that many serious accidents can be prevented if drivers and pedestrians will practice safety awareness during the holidays. He urged Texans to Drive Friendly by obeying all traffic laws and regulations, by avoiding drinking while driving, and by taking frequent rest stops on holiday trips to prevent fatigue.

In an effort to keep expected heavy traffic flowing smoothly during both holiday weekends, the Department of Public Safety will

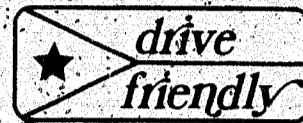
place all available patrolmen on the highways. And Speir said they will be keeping a close watch for motorists who drive too fast for conditions and those under the influence of alcohol.


In addition to stepped up enforcement activities, the DPS, local law enforcement agencies and news media of Texas will again be cooperating in a special traffic safety education program known as "Operation Motorcide." The DPS director said this program seek to focus public attention on traffic safety through the timely reporting of fatal accidents and unusual conditions during major holiday periods.

MOVE TO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Aldridge and children have moved into their new home at the east edge of town. They have lived on the old Woodward place in the Liberty community for the past five years.

Mrs. Guyda Woodward Morrow of Stanton recently sold the place to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Tucker of Priddy. The Tuckers will move here soon. They formerly lived for a short time in Santa Anna.





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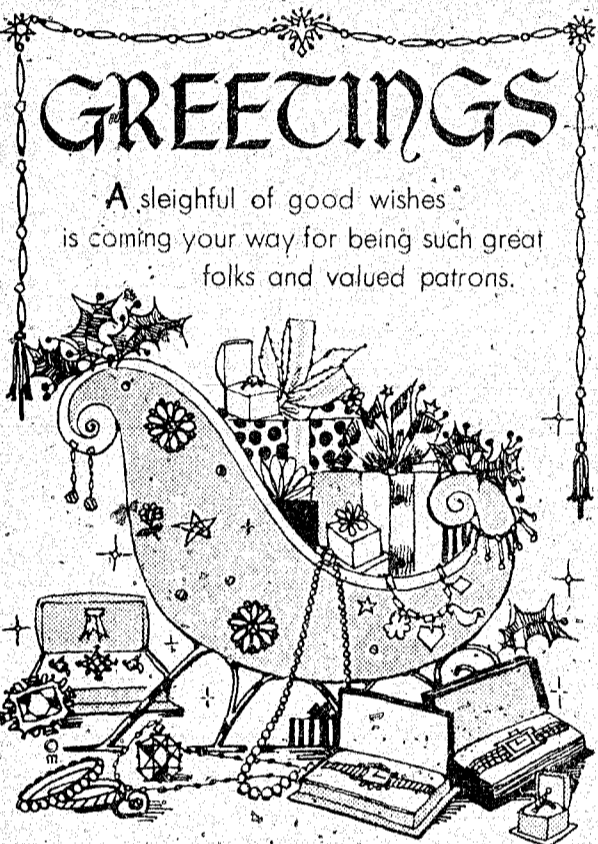
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Whon News

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year is my wish for each of you dear folks. This has been such a short 1972 for me even though so many unpleasant things have happened along with the blessings we have received.

Please accept this as a Christmas wish from my house to your house.

I want to say a special thanks to each one who has helped me during the past year to continue our weekly community news in our county papers. Without your help there would not have been any Whon news.

Accept this as a big thanks for each subscription for the Coleman and Santa Anna papers that you have given me in the past year, and consider me for the future subscriptions to the papers. For this thanks a million.

May each of you have a better year to come than the past one. Again let me wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous new



year. There will be no more Santa Anna News until the first week in January. Thanks for every act of kindness shown to me and mine in 1972.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Valdez Jr. on the arrival of a new baby boy to brighten their home. The little fellow arrived during the past week in the Brownwood Community Hospital, and reports are all are doing fine. The young couple have one other small son.

We have not received any further news from Mrs. Nettie Blackwell since we were told she recently fell and broke her hip. We are giving her daughter's address: Mrs. Nettie Blackwell, 939 Metairie Road, (Melrose Davis), Jackson, Mississippi, 39209.

The Tom Rutherfords helped our son, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rutherford and children, moved into their new home in Bangs off

Saturday. Todd and Tonna spent Saturday night and Sunday with us. We took them home Sunday afternoon late. They have a beautiful new home there in Bangs.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris visited during the past week with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Lee Morris and children at Uvalde. They reported the family well and the country beautiful there.

Our sympathy is extended to the Floyd Morris family over the death of Mrs. Morris' sister-in-law, Mrs. Ritchie Perkins (Myrtle) who was killed in an automobile accident in San Angelo Sunday afternoon. We were and are acquaintances of the Perkins family. Also with the children of Mr. Otis Jackson who also lost his life in the same accident. Our sympathy to all the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wynn and Mr. Andrew Smith visited in the Tom Rutherford home Sunday afternoon. These visitors live in Coleman.

Randal Lovelady, a student at Tarleton State College, spent from Friday to Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady in Santa Anna. Mrs. Myrtle Robertson from Los Angeles, California was a Sunday guest in the Darwin Lovelady home.

Leon Carter visited briefly in the Tom Rutherford home Sunday afternoon.

Ronnie Morris of Brownwood is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wynn and Mr. Andrew Smith of Coleman and Mr. Douglas Avants and son Doug of Brady visited with Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Avants Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Snowden are guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick tonight (Monday night). The ladies planned to Christmas shop Tuesday.

Juanita Valdez was a guest of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Valdez Jr., Monday night.

Rex Turney of Santa Anna was on his farm here Monday. Merry Christmas!

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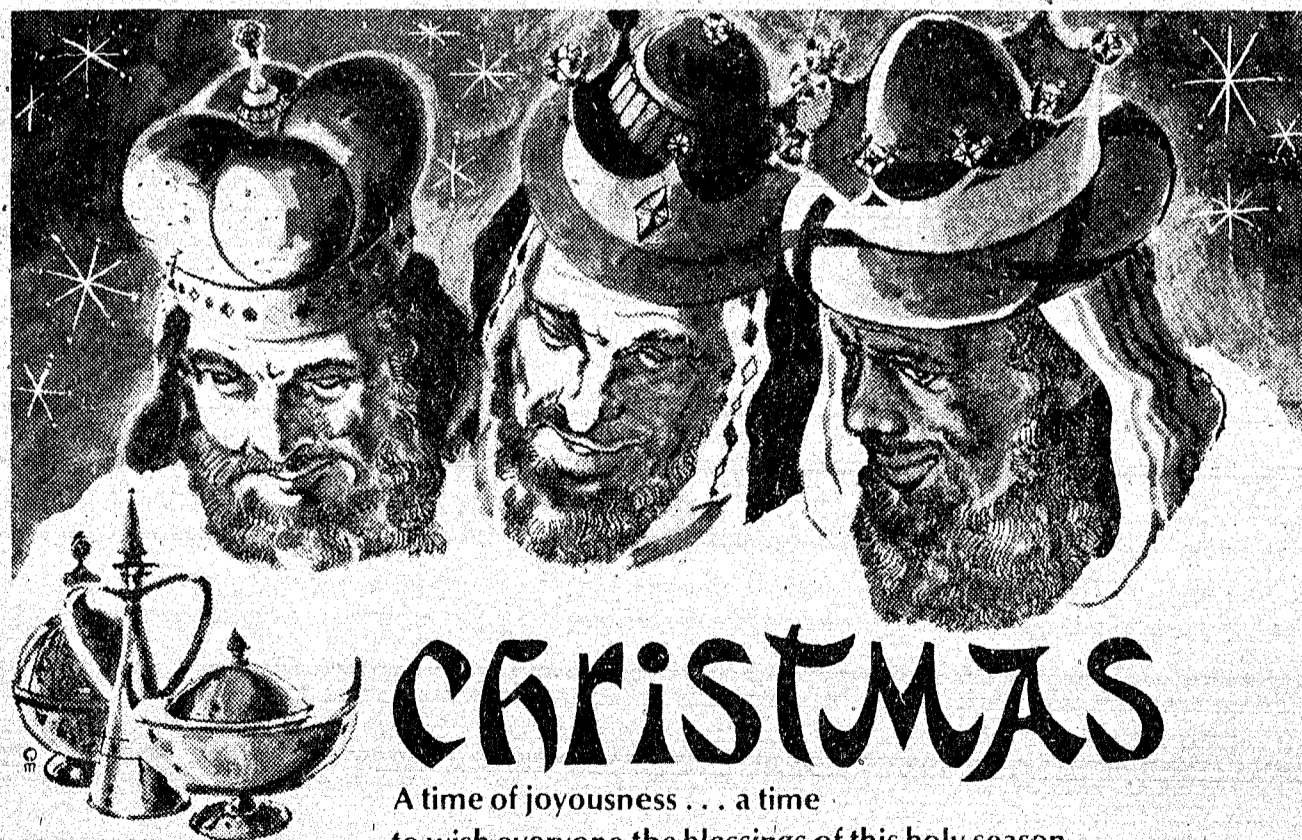
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Rockwood News

By Mrs. John Hunter

Mrs. Billy McIntire and Tommy had all the family home for the weekend; they were Mr. and Mrs. James Thornton, Paula, Denise and Jennifer of Azle, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jones, Lori and Gary of Springtown, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McIntire of Duncanville, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Zabel of Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. George Osburn and Rhanda of Rockwood. Saturday afternoon visitors were Mrs. Roy Collins of Coleman and her daughter, Mrs. Louise Watson and daughter, Sherrie, of Abilene.

LeAnn Estes spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. James Estes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harkey visited Thursday morning with Mrs. Sam Estes. The Harkeys are living in the home of the late Mrs. Rosa Belle Heilman.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes of Fort Worth visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caldwell; Frank Bryan visited one afternoon.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Leffel Estes on the death of their daughter, Geneva.

The Baptist congregation met at the Community Center Sunday evening in a Christmas program and went caroling. The pastor, the Rev. John Lindsey, brought a brief devotional, gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree and refreshments of cookies hot chocolate were served.

The Baptist Women of the Rockwood Church met Monday morning and packed cookies and delivered them to friends at Ranger Park Inn and Holiday Hill and various other shut-in friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wise are in San Antonio with their daughter, Mrs. Eddie Valicek, who recently had surgery. She is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steward went to Hillsboro Saturday visiting to Sunday where they enjoyed a family get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Collins Wise and Russ; They were joined by Mrs. Estelle Wise and Mr. and Mrs. George Minton and Jett of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wise and Chris of Zampasas and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pearson of McKinney.

Last Wednesday Mrs. A. L. King visited Mrs. John X. Steward and was shopping in Coleman Wednesday and again Saturday and visited Miss Sammie Stewardson.

Mrs. Junior Brusenhan and Jody was a business visitor in Brownwood Thursday and she and Mr. Brusenhan and Jody went by for uncle, Joe McCreary in Brady and all went to Eden to visit Mrs. Mary Brusenhan; Jody is on the sick list this week.

Lana Halmon of San Angelo spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry; Mrs. Buttry was a business visitor in San Angelo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Densman, Dorida and Byron of Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pete Cooper of Santa Anna spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper were afternoon visitors.

Mrs. John X. Steward spent several days last week in Brady with her Dad, Henry Barker, a patient in Brady Hospital.

Guests Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Blake Williams for a Christmas dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williams of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Richardson of Coleman.

Saturday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fowler of Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. Phil McMillion of Abilene were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Claud Box, Rockwood Cemetery Association treasurer



reports cash donations have been received from W. L. Willis and Mrs. Myrtle Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes of Fort Worth were here for the Estes funeral service and spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Harkey went to Austin Sunday to spend the holidays with their daughter and family, Mrs. Ray Baumgart.

The Rev. John Lindsey preached at the Baptist Church at both Sunday services and was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eurrell Blair and Denise. He visited in afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Box; other callers were Mrs. Lon Gray and Mrs. A. L. King.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Funk went to Houston Thursday to spend the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cleveland and to Shreveport, La. to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lively.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to Ranger Park Hospital December 11-19:

Versie Wallace, Coleman
Ford Barnes, city
Ada Ferguson, city
Adolph Rako, Coleman
Mrs. Gladys Hunter, city
Raymond DeLeon, city
Jack Howard, Mesquite
Mrs. Lena Kinsey, Bangs
Dahlia Luzano, city

Patients dismissed December 11-19:

Dr. Ophelia Wesley, Ranger Park Inn
Carol Metts, Coleman
Mrs. Sherrill Norris, Coleman
Simon Lara, Winters
Louis Perrie, Coleman
Mrs. D. R. Hill, city
Sherry Myers, Coleman
Mrs. Louis Treadway, Brownwood
John David Garza, city
Mrs. Estella Holloway, Coleman
Johnny Salizar, city
Escedro Gonzales, Winters
Willie Eldred, Coleman
Mrs. Linda Simmons, city
Manuel Morino, Coleman

The Santa Anna News

Thursday, December 21, 1972

Mrs. Emma Seale, Coleman
Solon Seale, Coleman
Mrs. Judy Bingham, Coleman
Ed Baker, Colemah
Geneva Estes, Coleman (deceased)
Cathy Thompkins, Valera
Versie Wallace, Coleman
Ford Barnes, city
Mrs. Gladys Hunter, city
Raymond DeLeon, city
Mrs. Lena Kinsey and baby, Bangs

Patients still in the hospital:
Abe Henley, Ranger Park Inn
L. H. White, Bangs
Jess Griffith, Ranger Park Inn
Mrs. Bessie Wesson, Coleman
Mrs. Mary Ryan, Ranger Park Inn
Charlie Robertson, Brownwood
Mrs. Elvira Allcorn, city

New baby at Ranger Park Hospital:

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Kinsey of Bangs are the parents of a baby daughter, Christi Lynn. The baby was born Sunday, December 17, weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

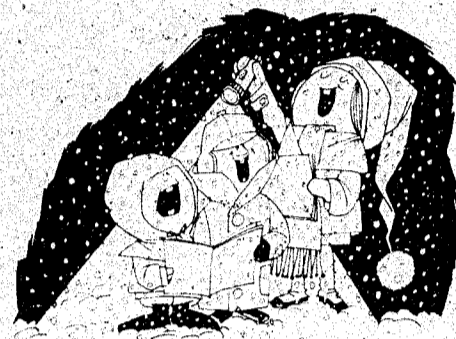
HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Newman of Denver, Colorado, and their daughter, Cathy Newman of Texas Tech University, are to arrive today for the holiday weekend with his mother, Mrs. Verna Newman and other relatives.

The family will leave Monday to return to their home.

A new tranquilizer on the market is called "Dammital."

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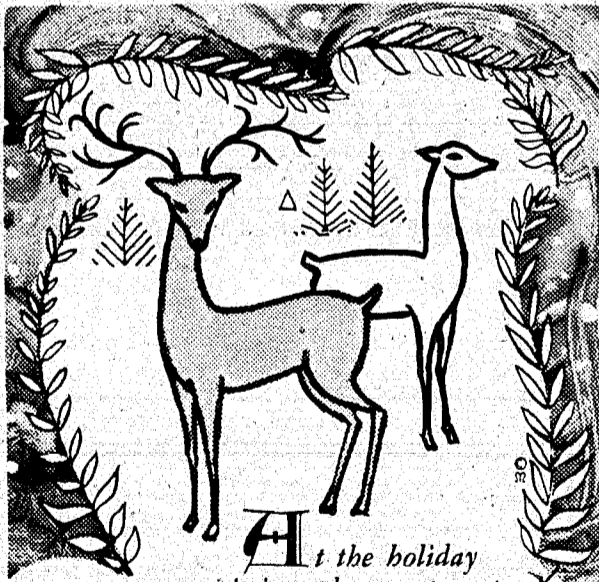
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Here comes Santa Claus! Hope his pack is brimming with lots of good things for you and your family and friends.

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Trickham News

By Mrs. Oscar Boenleke

Christmas will be here before I write the News again. We wish our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Last Tuesday afternoon the Quilting Club annual Christmas



party was held at the community center with 19 present. Those attending were Carrie Stacy, Sug Stearns, Carrie McClatchy, Florence Stearns, Juanita Haynes, Dorothy Petty, Ilene

Haynes, Lillie Featherston, Gertrude Martin, Keetie Haynes, Tavy Ford, Mary Boenicke, Lou Vaughn, Leta Hammonds, Leona Henderson, Oma Lee Dockery, Mattie Lineberry, Russie James, and one visitor, Brenda Hammonds. Several of the ladies that belong to our club did not get to attend but sent gifts for their secret pals. Each lady also brought a gift and also brought some of their favorite cookies or candy and hot punch was served with them.

The officers re-elected were Sug Stearns, president; Ilene Haynes, vice-president; and Lou Vaughn, secretary.

The Santa Anna girls basketball team got second place in the tournament at Santa Anna over the weekend. Janice Martin and Darla Hufford are on the team from our community.

Sherrie McIver and two girls friends from Angelo State University spent the weekend in the Rankin McIver home. They returned to college Sunday evening. Sherrie will be home for the Christmas holidays Wednesday of this week.

Bill and Ann Martin are home this week in the Felton Martin home from Texas Tech at Lubbock for the Christmas holidays.

Visitors with the Oscar Boenlekes Sunday afternoon were Berdie Miller and Mrs. Cozart of Santa Anna, also Harry Oder of Abilene. Harry came to visit his parents' graves, then came to see us. He was well pleased to the cemetery looking so nice. He left a nice donation for the cemetery.

Earlene Dockery, Tonya and Roddie, and Florence Stearns visited the Bill Vaughns Sunday afternoon.

A very nice AARP meeting was held at the Bangs Community Center on Monday at noon. A nice turkey dinner was served by the ladies from Bangs. They had the tables decorated for Christmas and the birthday table was very pretty. All that have birthdays this month sat at the table.

There were 66 registered, and it was reported that 90 members now belong to the group. The next meeting will be in Santa Anna on the third Monday in January. Mrs. Howell Martin and the Oscar Bornickes attended the meeting Monday.

Aunt Pearl Ford is doing very well but pretty weak. Some days she knows us nieces and nephews and other times she doesn't. Some of us visit her most every day.

The last report from my sister, Ruth Driskill of Houston, was she was not so well. We had a letter from her daughter, Linda, last week.

Sherman and Dortha Stearns and Clint and a friend, Danny Davidson of Waco, spent the weekend with the G. K. Stearnses, and Clint will spend this week with them. Also Mrs. Mae Sharp spent the day Sunday in the Stearns home. Donnie and Chris Henderson and baby of Santa Anna and Leona Henderson visited with them Sunday evening.

Donnie and Chris Henderson and baby visited in the Hilburn Henderson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Stacy of Abilene spent Saturday with his parents, the Walter Stacys. They will not be with them Christmas as they will be leaving Wednesday to visit their daughter and family, Jane and Danny Vancil and son in North Carolina.

Genia and Grady Melver went with the R. C. Smith family from Santa Anna to visit Terry and Orabeth Melver and Reece near Brady Sunday afternoon. They had a host of other folks there also.

Del Ray and Patsy Stacy, Charm, Tom and David, of Upland, California came in Monday by plane to Abilene and the Hammonds met them there. They will spend the Christmas holidays here in their home and with their loved ones.

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'74 Will Bring Some Changes In SS Benefits

Men nearing retirement age are especially interested in this next change in social security operations. Beginning in 1973, computations for men's retirement benefits will use age 64 rather than age 65 as the "retirement age"; in 1974, age 63; in 1975 age 62. This series of changes will, in 1975, result in retirement benefits being calculated exactly the same for men as for women. There are no retroactive effects; only persons born in 1911 or later will benefit.

Until this change, women had their retirement benefits calculated by using three years fewer in averaging their best years up to age 62, while men had their years counted up to age 65. The drop-out of 5 years of low or now earnings was not changed.

Persons who keep on working past age 65 will get their retirement benefits increased 1-12 of 1 percent for each month between ages 65 and 72 that their retirement benefits were not payable because of their earnings. 1971 will be the first

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year usable for such increases. These added benefits will not pass on to the dependents or survivors. Thus, a man's normal retirement benefit of \$150 at age 65 would go up by 3 percent (4.50) if he got no checks before age 68; his wife's benefit would still be based on the \$150.

A new special minimum benefit equal to \$8.50 times the number of years of social security coverage in excess of ten years is now provided. That would bring in at least \$170 per month retirement benefit for anyone in the social security system for 30 years. A sliding scale of earnings that qualify for a year's credit is provided, ranging from \$900 per year in the 1937-53 period to \$2700 in 1972.

Cotton Harvest Still Underway

About 725 bales of cotton have been ginned at the Santa Anna Co-Op Gin this season. Harvest has been slowed recently because of the weather, but Monday of this week the ginning was in full swing.

Cotton this year is of good quality, according to gin officials, and about 1,000 bales are expected. That will be about the same as the total for 1970.

Only 35 bales of cotton were processed at the local gin last year.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

Ford Barnes was dismissed from the Ranger Park Hospital at the weekend after spending several days as a patient. He was injured in a fall on the ice Tuesday of last week and was kept for treatment and observation.

Brownwood Cattle Auction

DATE: December 13, 1972

MARKET: Buyer attendance was above normal. Market very active. Slaughter and stocker bulls fully steady to 50c higher. Slaughter cows steady to fully \$1.00 higher. Stocker and feeder calves and yearlings fully \$2.00 higher. Stocker cows fully steady. Cows and calves steady to \$25.00 per pair higher.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: 939

Stocker Steer Calves

wts 250-425 46.50-63.00

Stocker Heifer Calves

wts 250-425 40.50-61.00

Steer Yearlings

wts 500-700 40.50-49.50

Bull Yearlings 42.50-45.00

Heifer Yearlings 38.50-46.50

Plain Feeder Steers 42.50-48.00

Plain Feeder Heifers 36-42.50

Cows & Calves - pr.

Good 400.00-460.00

Plain 325.00-390.00

Stocker Cows 28.50-35 per lb

or \$190.00-225.00 per hd

Slaughter Cattle

Fat calves 40.00-41.50

Fat cows 27.75-29.25

Utility & cutter cows 26-30.75

Canners 25.00-27.75

Shells 22.50 downward

Stocker bulls 32.50-35.00

Slaughter bulls 26.00-32.50

Hogs (top) None

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

Joe Reagan, Blanket, 1050 lb

blk bull, 35.00; C. C. Rutherford, Rising Star, 12 blk heifers,

335 lb avg wt, 42.00; Pete White, Bangs, 1465 lb wf cow

and clf, \$425.00 and 1450 lb

wf bull, 34.50; Leslie McClatchy, B'wd, 1360 lb yel

cow, 30.00; A. J. Butler, Rising Star, 1305 lb wf cow and clf

\$460.00; Jule Richmond, Blanket, 460 lb wf str, 50.50; Bert

Cole, Bangs, 175 lb wf str, 71.00; H. O. Proctor, Rising Star, 1210 lb wf cow, 30.10;

Brooks Ribble, May, 1285 lb

hol cow, 30.75; G. D. Cagle, Sidney, 300 lb wf hef, 47.50;

G. B. Stalley, Blanket, 1015 lb

blk cow and clf, \$425.00 and

1040 lb blk cow, \$385.00; Wal-

lace Fikes, Richland Springs, 520 lb wf hef, 46.50.

There will be no sale at the

Brownwood Cattle Auction

Christmas week the 27th.

Want Ods For Sale

FOR SALE—Shetland pony, Gentle, broke to ride. Contact Bob Burton. 50-2tc

FOR SALE: 6 week old Poodle Puppies, \$17.50. Mrs. Clearance Hipp. 51-1tp

FOR SALE—3 bedroom frame cottage, sheetrocked, fenced yard, good roof. \$4950. 348-3486. J. Ross Kelley, Broker. 48-tfc

FOR SALE: Napko Paints, inside and outside latex and enamels to match. Will mix any colors desired. Winsteads Paint & Paper Store, 107 East Pecan, Coleman, Texas. 51-tfc

FOR SALE—Two bedroom home, redecorated, some new carpeting, new outside paint. Also for sale, attractive combination natural gas and wood cookstove. In good condition. George Blount, 348-3965, or go by 1207 Bowie Avenue. 51-1tp

FOR SALE—Typewriter, adding machine and calculator ribbons. Complete selection for all kinds of machines. NEWS Office. 51-1tc

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MRS. CULVER ILL

Mrs. Maggie Culver is a patient in the Coleman hospital where she is being treated for pneumonia. She was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday of last week and is now getting along all right.

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FOR SALE—Rubber Stamps ink pads staples and other office supplies. NEWS Office.

Miscellaneous

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Christ is the head of the church; Listen to V. E. Howard Sunday on KSTA, 7:15 a.m. 51-1tc

Salvation is by grace through faith; Listen to V. E. Howard Sunday on KSTA 7:15 a.m. 51-1tc

NOTICE TO DEER HUNTERS— for complete processing of your deer call or contact Raynold Buse. 348-3316. 46-tfc

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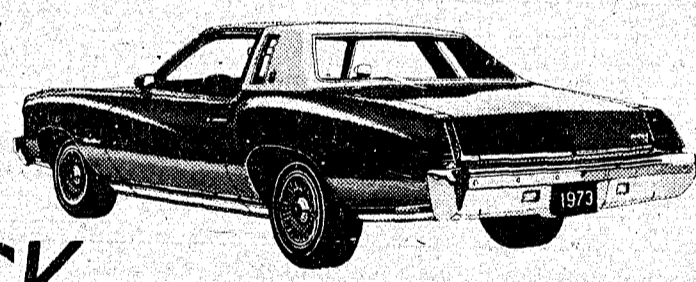


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MRS. SANTA CLAUS... Mrs. Balche Grantham is shown with two large dolls which she made for her great-granddaughters, Shirley and Elaine Grantham of Denver, Colorado. The large dolls were made from a pattern which has been in the family for over 30 years.

Handmade Dolls Made Here By Mrs. Grantham

While most people, shopped for Christmas dolls for the little girls in their families one local lady avoided the rush and indecision of choosing "store-bought dolls." She made them herself.

With a pattern that has been on hand for over 30 years, Mrs. Blanche Grantham lovingly put together two large dolls, complete with pony-tailed hair and hand-painted faces.

Bodies of the dolls were made of pale pink cotton fabric. Legs were made separately so that the dolls can move into a sitting position. Three pounds of cotton batting filled each of the dolls.

With her artist touch, Mrs. Grantham added tiny features to the faces of the dolls using oil paint and a tiny brush.

Clothes for the dolls are regular children's size 3

garments including underwear. Real tiny black patent shoes were placed on the dolls' feet.

The two unusual dolls were carefully packed in a box and mailed to Denver, Colorado where they will be given to Mrs. Grantham's great-granddaughters, Elaine and Shirley Grantham, ages two and four, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Grantham.

The doll-making project is unusual for Mrs. Grantham. She spends most of her time baking and decorating cakes and cookies, including elaborate wedding and other special occasion cakes.

The large dolls will probably be favorites for the two little girls.

Memorial Given For T. Wheeler By Eastern Star

Mrs. Roy West, associate matron, and Jack Bostick, worthy patron, presided Monday night, December 18, when the Santa Anna Eastern Star chapter met at the Masonic Hall.

The Brownwood school of instruction was discussed, and plans made for local members to attend the school on January 23.

A memorial service was presented for the late Mrs. Tennie Wheeler, a 56-year member of the chapter. Mrs. Wheeler's daughter, Mrs. Dick Longbrake, and Mr. Longbrake of Texas City presented a memorial in her memory. Mrs. Zuda Henderson, Mrs. Jack Bostick and Mrs. West gave the memorial service.

Following the business meeting the group assembled in the fellowship hall where Mrs. West, Mrs. Verna Newman and Mrs. Lora Rollins served cake, toasted nuts, candy, coffee and spiced tea to those attending.

The table was covered with a white cut work cloth centered with a large green candle arrangement surrounded by small gold angels. Amid the arrangement was a revolving display of three gold angels around a lighted taper.

Man Known Here Buried Thursday In Robert Lee

Funeral services were held in Robert Lee last Thursday for Dr. J. D. McDaniel, 64, the father of John McDaniel of Cisco, a former West Texas Utilities Co. manager here.

Dr. McDaniel died Tuesday, December 12, at his home in Robert Lee following a brief illness.

Dr. McDaniel, Robert Lee's only physician, was born in Thailand, the son of medical missionaries of the Presbyterian Mission. He had practiced in Robert Lee since 1949.

Survivors include three sons; two daughters; two sisters and 12 grandchildren.

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Sister of SA Men Buried Thursday

Mrs. Edna Murchison, 78, of Iola, was buried last Thursday, December 14, after services at Iola. Mrs. Murchison died in a Navasota nursing home on Wednesday.

Survivors include two brothers, John and Jess Howard of Santa Anna. Other survivors are two daughters, one son, two brothers and two sisters.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Archie Welch is back at home after spending several days last week in West Texas Medical Center in Abilene. He is getting along well according to reports.

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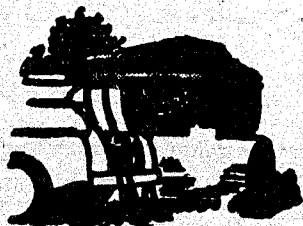
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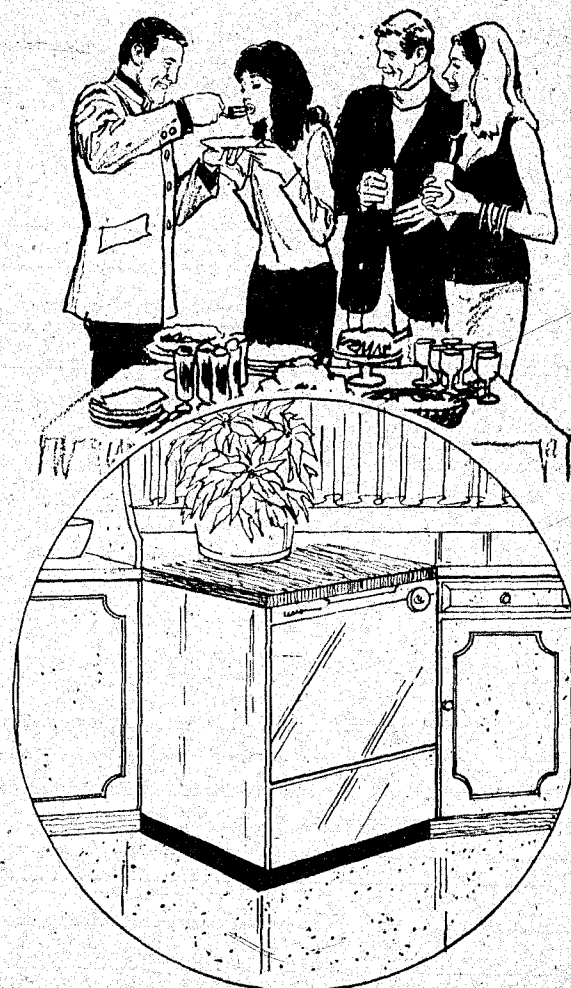
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Santa Anna, Texas 7678

Dec. 12, 1972

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a make up doll and a game you would like me to have. I am 8 years old. I have been good.
Love
Belinda

Dear Santa Claus
My Name is Chris DeLeon. I am 5 years old and I live in Santa Anna. I want some guns, G. I. Joe, and an Micky Mouse watch, and I got to go now. by, Santa Claus.

I
Love
You
Chris DeLeon

Dear Santa Claus
Will you please bring me a training bicycle, and a set of truck and cars. And also a Mickey Mouse watch.

Love
John
Morris

Dear Santa Clus
I would like to have a baby doll that cries, some, games, a Malibu Barbie, and new crayons. My sister, Stephanie, wants a baby doll, a type writer, and some dishes. We have been good girls this year. I am 7 years old and Stephanie is almost 3. We love you Santa.

Your friend,
Robin Hartman

Dear Santa:
Your always bring me what I want. Please bring a Cynthia doll a Pool for Barbie and some new house shoes I. LOVE YOU.

Monique Spillman



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CHRISTMAS

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

December 10, 1972

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Big Jim. And a magic set. And a giant tinkertoy set. And a Electric Guitar And AMPLIFIER. And Bring Tiger a play mouse and something else to play with.

Thank You
Your friend
Russell Halmon

Dear Snat,
I am a little girl 5 1/2 years old. I have tried to be good so please bring me a Bambalina doll, a nurse kit and a blonde play wig. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Merry Christmas
Your little friend
Toni Yancy

Dear Santa
I want a Sweet Cookie doll. And a Timey Tell. And a Skpper. Or a Which Witch Game. Or a Camper Or a Car, and some dishes.

Your friend,
Oh I Love you
Lisa Wardlow

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like skates, walkie talkies and a football suit.

Thankyou
Terry Lynn Taylor

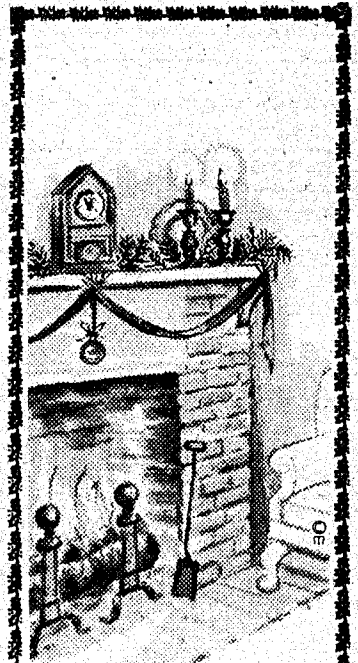
Dear Santa,
I want some skates for Christmas and a boy doll and I want you to bring Albert a capgun.

YOUR Friend, JoAnn Collins

*Christmas
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Dear Sant Claus
Please bring em a tearful Baby Tender Love and a Barbie Doll and a stuffed teddy Bear and, don't Forget my sisters. I will leave you and Rudolph some milk and cookies. I Hope you have a very pleasant trip.

Love,
Holly Smith
(Be Care-Full!!)

Dear Santa
I want a chemistry set and a mini-bike and a whittle-away. Please bring me a chip-away and the town of cars, and to BB gun, and make it snow. I thank yo for the things you gave me last year.

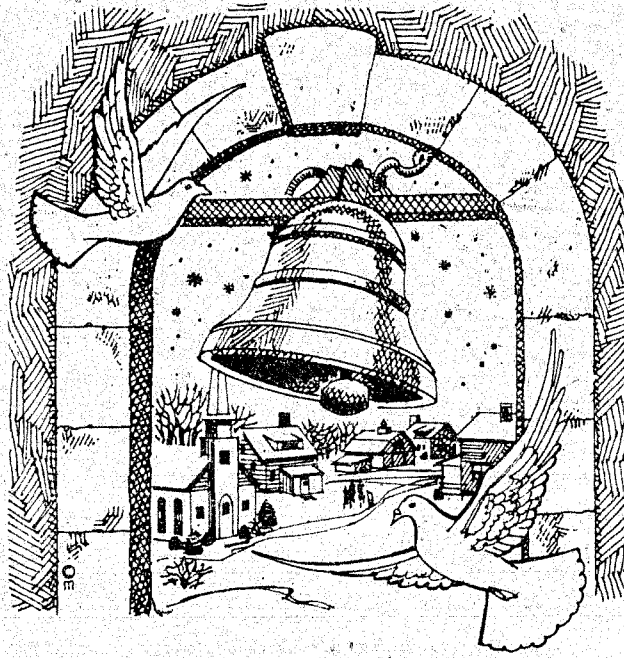
Love
Mark Martin

Dear Santa Claus
I want clothes and a doll named Tuby that comes with soap, bathtub, brush, and comb. I love you Santa Claus.

Kimberly Coyle

Dear Santa,
I would like a Spy game and a battle Ship game and that is what I want.

Your friend,
Tony Culpemper



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Greetings

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Decking Halls Has History

"Christ was born on Christmas day, Wreathe the holly, twine the bay."

From England of long ago come the words of this carol, showing the early role of the bay tree and its greens in decorating for Christmas.

Its use harks back to ancient Greece, when both the bay and the laurel bedecked homes and public places in symbol of triumph. As traditional Christmas greens, they reflect the same joyful spirit, say the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

Holly, of course, is still popular as Yuletide greenery. But nowadays, when it's time to deck the halls, bay leaves are more likely to spice holiday cookery, rather than holiday decorating.

Greens Have Meaning

Greens that adorn home, streets and stores at holiday time entered the lore of Christmas from pagan rites of old.

The ancients believed that each green had its own significance, and an ability to do certain good—or evil—things.

Ivy, they thought, was festive. Its convivial nature came from Bacchus.

Yew and cypress had the highest virtues. Theirs was the quality, and the symbol, of eternal life.

Mistletoe Has Powers

Mysterious powers by the dozens have been credited to mistletoe, among them the power to heal, to ward off evil, to summon ghosts and force them to answer questions.

At present, the most prized property of mistletoe is the license it gives for plenty of Yuletide kissing. Fortunately, there's plenty of mistletoe.

Thanks to the birds, the plant spreads widely. The birds eat mistletoe berries and carry the seeds to trees near and far, say the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

Classics Provide Yuletide Melodies

In this century, hymns and carols of the Nativity have been composed by Peter Warlock ("Bethlehem Down") and Gustav Holst ("Mid-Winter")—among others.

Often, hymns and carols have been set to the music of classic composers.

One example is, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," by Nahum Tate. Music for this came from Handel's opera, "Siroe," as adapted by Richard Storrs Willis.

JINGLE BELLS

Most-sung American secular carol is "Jingle, Bells," written by James Pierpont of Massachusetts in the 1850's.

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MODERN-DAY CAROLERS (above), are photographed singing at the Tower of London, along with the famous Beef-eaters. From the New Book of Knowledge; photo, by the British Travel Association.

Well-Loved Carols Ring Out Everywhere

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come!"

"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

"Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright."

"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant."

Throughout Christendom, the words of these well-loved carols are familiar even to little children, and they'll be heard this Christmas wherever carolers get together.

"Joy to the World" was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), English hymnist.

Watts, who is known as the creator of the modern hymn, wrote nearly 600 hymns. Many of these still appear in Protestant hymnals, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" is the work of Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister in Massachusetts, more than a century ago.

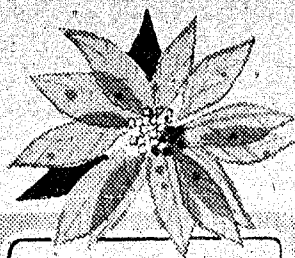
Perhaps the most famous of Christmas carols, "Silent Night" was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar music.

Mice in the bellows had silenced the organ of a tiny Austrian church. Father Joseph Mohr met the challenge by writing "Silent Night." His organist composed a melody for guitar.

Father Mohr's inspiration—aside from the mice—was the vast, still beauty of the snowy mountains around the village.

"Oh come, all ye faithful" is translated from the Latin, "Adeste Fideles," and its exact beginnings are shrouded in the mists of time.

Historians say it may have been written by Saint Bonaventure, in the 13th century.



Plant Wins Yule Favor

One plant particularly favored at Christmas in the United States and Canada is the poinsettia. The holiday colors of this green shrub with its star-shaped red clusters make it an appropriate symbol of the season.

It had not been for the interest of an American diplomat, Dr. Joel Poinsett of Charleston, S. C., the poinsettia might never have attained popularity. Serving as the first U.S. minister to Mexico in 1828, Dr. Poinsett discovered this tropical plant.

Impressed with its beauty, he brought it back to the United States and introduced it into cultivation. Later, the plant was named the "poinsettia" in his honor.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906. Since then, it has become a favorite Yuletide decoration.

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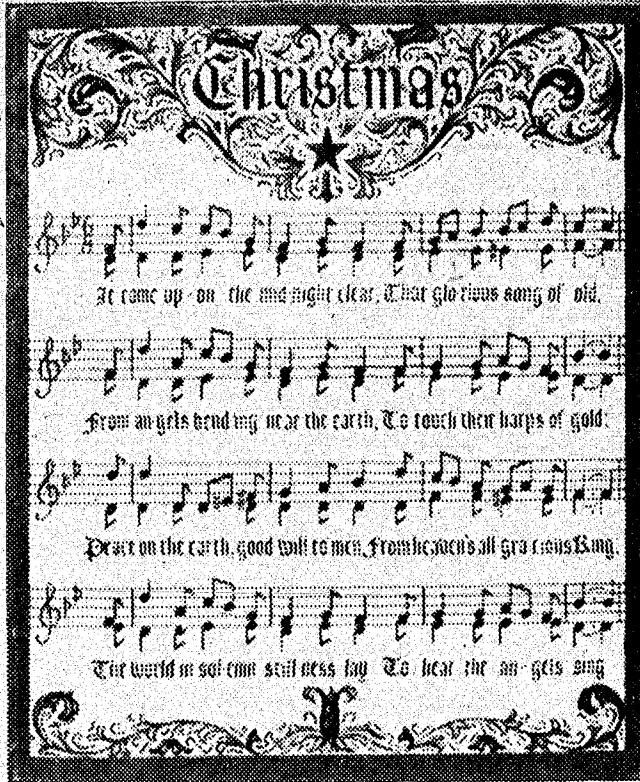
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Lisa

Dear Mamae
Thank you for the maxie you gave me. I like it very much. I get to wear it at our school christmas party. I love you very much.
Love
Julie

Dear Santa Claus,
I am seven years old. My little brother is four years old. I am writing to tell you what we want for Christmas. I want a Baby Tender love that cries, Some cake and cookie mix for my Easy Bake Oven you brought me last year. Also, some new pajamas and some new house shoes, and a doll wig set. My little brother wants a tracter, a gun set, and a play watch. He also wants some new pajamas and new house shoes. We have been pretty good.
We love you,
Cindy and Troy Pierce

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Crispy and a Handy Coke Machine and a Baton. Please don't forget My little brothers, and all the Other Kids. Santa I have been a good girl.
Love,
Margarita Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a night gown, a boy doll, a Baby tender Love, a doll house, and a poncho. Please remember to Bring gifts to all the other children.
Thanks you
Sonja Brewer

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Barbie doll, My sister wants a baby doll. Please bring my little brother a truck. Please bring big brother a race car. My Mother will like a new coat. Please bring my next to the bigist sister a baton.
Love,
Johnlene Morris

dear Santa,
Please send me a football, a helmet, and a uniform, also a shot gun. Thank you.
Rickey Anderson

Dear Santa,
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Early Roman Had 'Practical' View On Gift Giving

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This modern complaint, while it may have force, is somewhat lacking in originality.

"I hate the crafty arts of giving presents," said the witty Roman poet Martial, who lived and wrote from about 40 to 104 A.D. "Gifts are like hooks."

His complaint was expressed in a series of poems written for a wealthy patron, at the time of the Saturnalia, the pagan festival from which came many Christmas customs.

Martial, however, was not always averse to presents. After listing a large number of small gifts, such as toothpicks, figs, napkins, which had been delivered to him, he pointed out that it would have been much easier for the messenger to bring him "five pounds of silver plate."

About Trees . . .

On the night Christ was born, legend says, all the trees burst into bloom. Thus began many stories about the Christmas tree.

Early folk tales described a huge tree in the midst of a forest. The tree held many candles, some straight, some upside down. At the top was an infant with a halo around his head.

It was believed that the tree represented humanity. The candles, up and down, symbolized people, good and bad. The infant was the Christ Child.



Come, Follow Me

Long ago three Wise Men
Were gazing at a star
That glistened in the Heavens,
Outshining all by far.

And so the Wise Men pondered
What could its message be,
For it somehow seemed to beckon
And say, "Come, follow me!"

So they readied for a journey,
And chose their gifts so rare.
Then they climbed upon their camels,
And turned them toward the star.

Long days and nights they traveled
With trials along the way,
Until they came to Bethlehem
Where now the Christ Child lay.

And there the holy Magi
Kneel before this tiny King;
They gazed in adoration
While hearing angels sing.

And then along with shepherds
They learned the reason why
They were beckoned by a message
That came out of the sky.

And they gave it to the ages
So that all good men might be,
Just as joyfully rewarded
By the words, "Come, follow me!"

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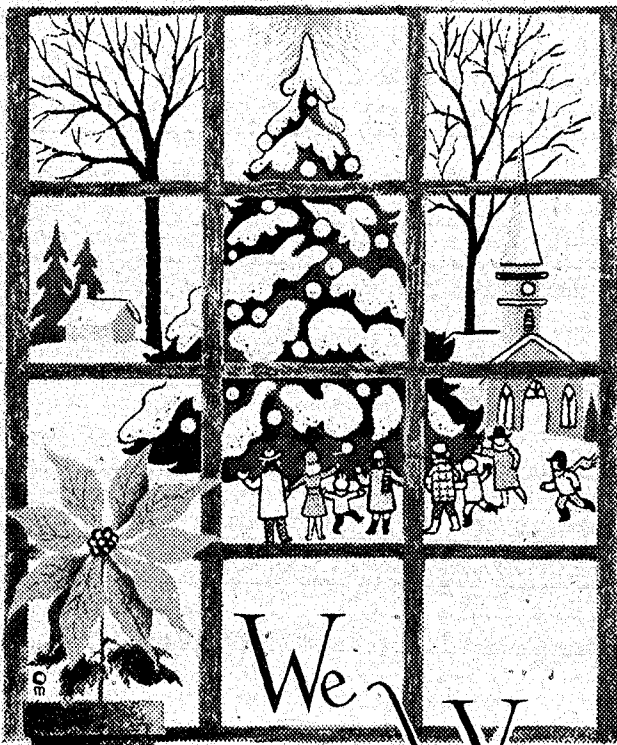
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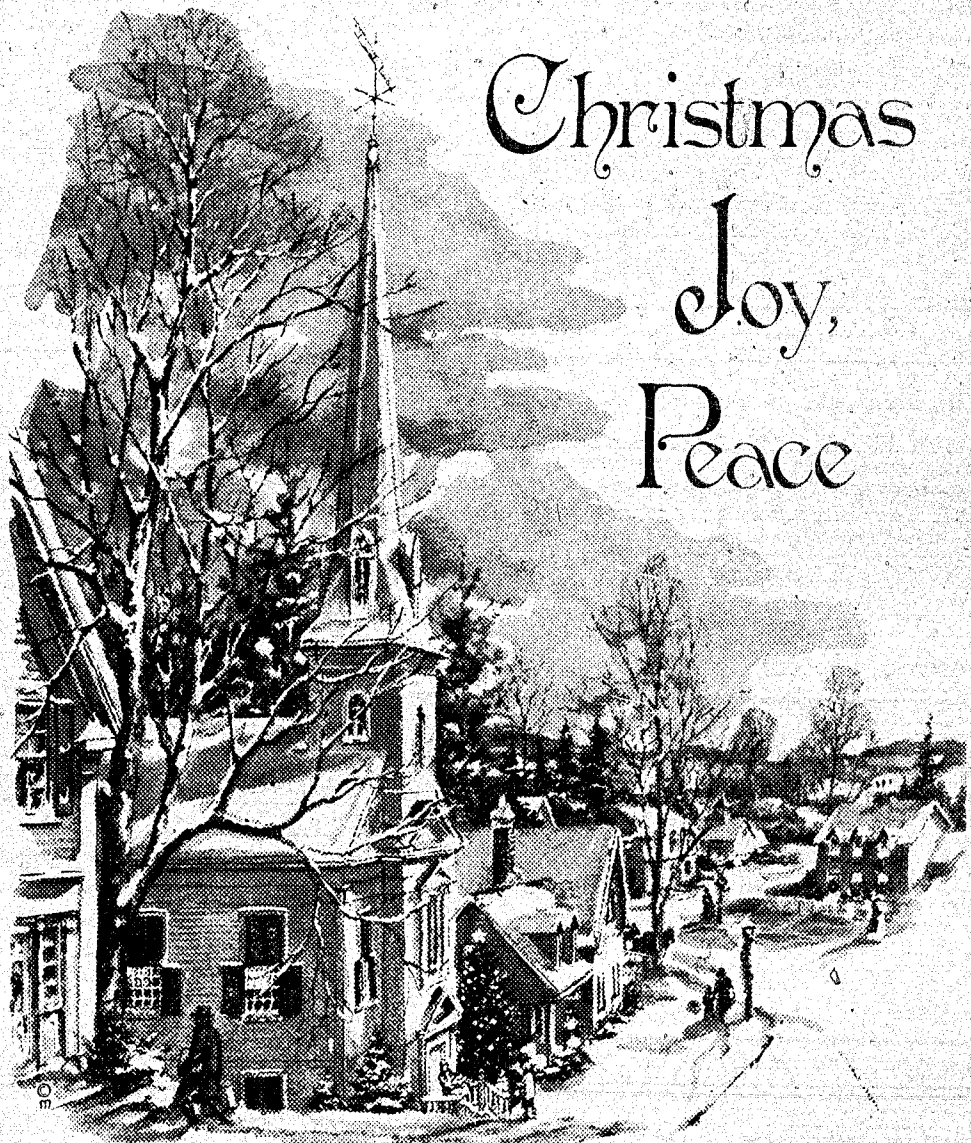


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Dramatizing Birth of Christ Awakens Awe and Wonder

Creche, Christmas crib, manger scene, crib of Bethany, *praesepe*—in many countries, the representation of the Nativity through figures from miniature to lifesize goes by many names.

Under any name, the re-creation of the manger springs from one guiding, and abiding, purpose—bringing people closer to Christmas. The highest wonder of the Christmas story is its sheer simplicity and reality.

A Child, the Son of God, born in a manger on a starry, silent night is a concept all can comprehend because of its closeness to human experience.

Anyone who watches a child before a manger scene this Christmas will readily see, in the child's awe and enthusiasm, that re-creating the Miracle of Christ's birth is an exalting experience.

Begins in Italy

Christmas belongs to the people. So thought St. Francis of Assisi.

His way of helping his Italian parishioners grow closer to Christmas was to create the very first *praesepe*, or Christmas crib.

His carol, "The Song of the Creatures," made the Nativity still more real to them since it told of the lowly animals which were part of their lives and livelihood.

All this happened early in the 13th century. From that time, the idea of the creche or crib has spread to virtually every country on the globe.

Today, especially in Latin America and Europe, the manger scene sets the theme for a holy and happy Christmastide.

Told in Rhyme

The story of the Nativity and its meaning for mankind is a favored poetic theme, as is the holiday cheer of hearth and home.

Poets as diverse as William Shakespeare, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Greenleaf Whittier and T. S. Eliot have made their contributions.

Numerous carols first were poems—witness Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day":

*"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat,
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep."*

Probably the overwhelming winner among widely-known secular Christmas poems is Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

The poem, written for his own children in 1822, is popularly called, "Twas the Night before Christmas."

Inspires Music

In serious music as well as popular carols, the Nativity scene lives on.

Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are noteworthy examples of music performed year after year at Christmas.

More recently, Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Honnegger's "Christmas Cantata" and Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" have joined the holiday medley of musical treatments.

How to Keep Yule Plants

Yes, those cherished holiday plants can keep on growing into next year.

As a tropical plant, poinsettias like plenty of water and warmth—70 to 80 degrees. Be sure to keep these plants in a warm place at night.

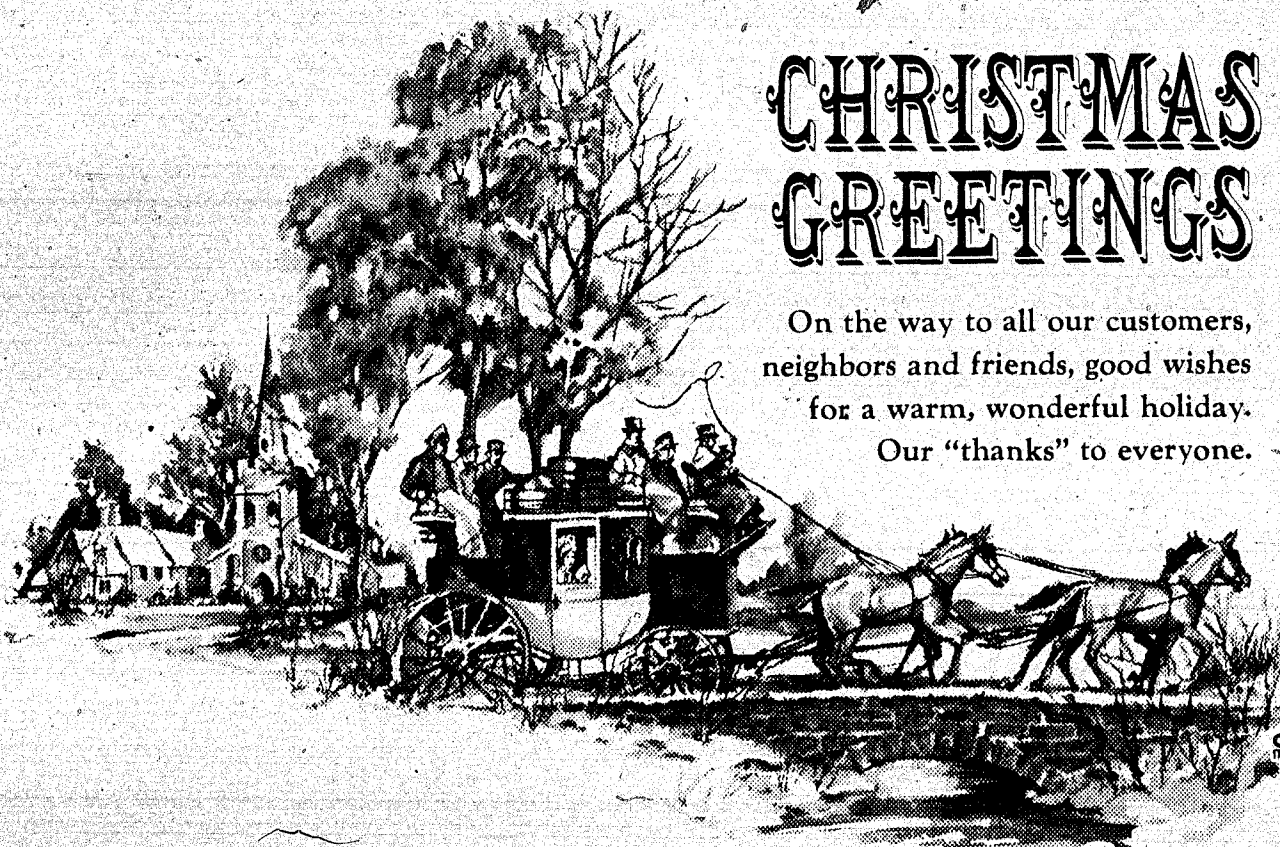
Though they blaze with fiery-red-colored balls, Jerusalem cherries are rather cool natured. For them, the temperature should be held at 60 to 65 degrees. Avoid over-watering.



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Decorating for Christmas

Indoors, outdoors, all around the house—Christmas is the season for decorating, and what a wealth of decorations there are!

The tree seems to be just the beginning. Its ornaments and lights become continually more varied and delightful.

Wreaths and greens, plants and bouquets, table centerpieces and window adornments appear in the home.

Outdoors, decorations range from a string of lights and a wreath on the door to manger scenes to such creations as Santa, sleigh and reindeer up on the roof-top.

Some of the yard and roof embellishments are real works of art—no wonder communities give prizes for outdoor decorating and lighting.

A diversity of designs for decorating are ready-made,

offering welcome help during the bustling holiday season.

Still, it's fun to use personal ingenuity and creativity in making unusual Yule decorations, suggest the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

One thought might appeal to bird-lovers: Place a wreath, ready- or hand-made, outside a window. "Decorate" it with foods tasty to birds, such as peanuts, popcorn, cranberries and bits of suet.

Simple, personal touches make a difference. For instance, greens, ribbons and glittering balls can be attractively arranged on a table or shelf.

Just putting some colorful ornaments and pine cones in a big glass bowl brightens things up.

Set the kids to stringing

cranberries and popcorn in the good old-fashioned way.

It's surprising how pleasingly they blend with the modern marvels of tree ornaments.

Every area of the home deserves some holiday accents. How about fastening candy canes to a broad, bright ribbon and draping it around the kitchen bulletin board?

For the more ambitious, there's the kissing bunch, an old English tradition.

An easy way to make one is to buy a ball of plastic foam. Greens—red-berried holly for color, mistletoe for kissing—can be inserted in the foam ball. Then a gala red bow and length of ribbon to hang it by are all that's needed.

Too late for this season? Much of the joy of Christmas is planning for the next one.

Art Spreads Story Of His Birth

The Nativity scene has always stimulated and challenged painters and sculptors.

In turn, great works of art depicting the story of the birth of Christ have, through the years, enriched the lives and enhanced the spiritual insights of millions.

Earliest Christian art was simple and graphic, as clear and easy to appreciate as a comic strip.

Later, religious paintings became stilted.

Then, Italian Renaissance painters instilled renewed warmth and humanity into art, renewing, too, individual art appreciation, through their natural, lifelike creations.

Their work gained much from the stimulus of the changing times and the new approach to art, fostered by the support of the Medici and commissions for paintings and sculpture from the church.

For instance, Raphael, famous for the "Sistine Madonna," came to Rome from Florence to do a fresco decoration in the Vatican at the same time that Michelangelo was painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Artists from other countries, too, traveled to Italy, there to experience and be influenced by Renaissance thought and feeling.

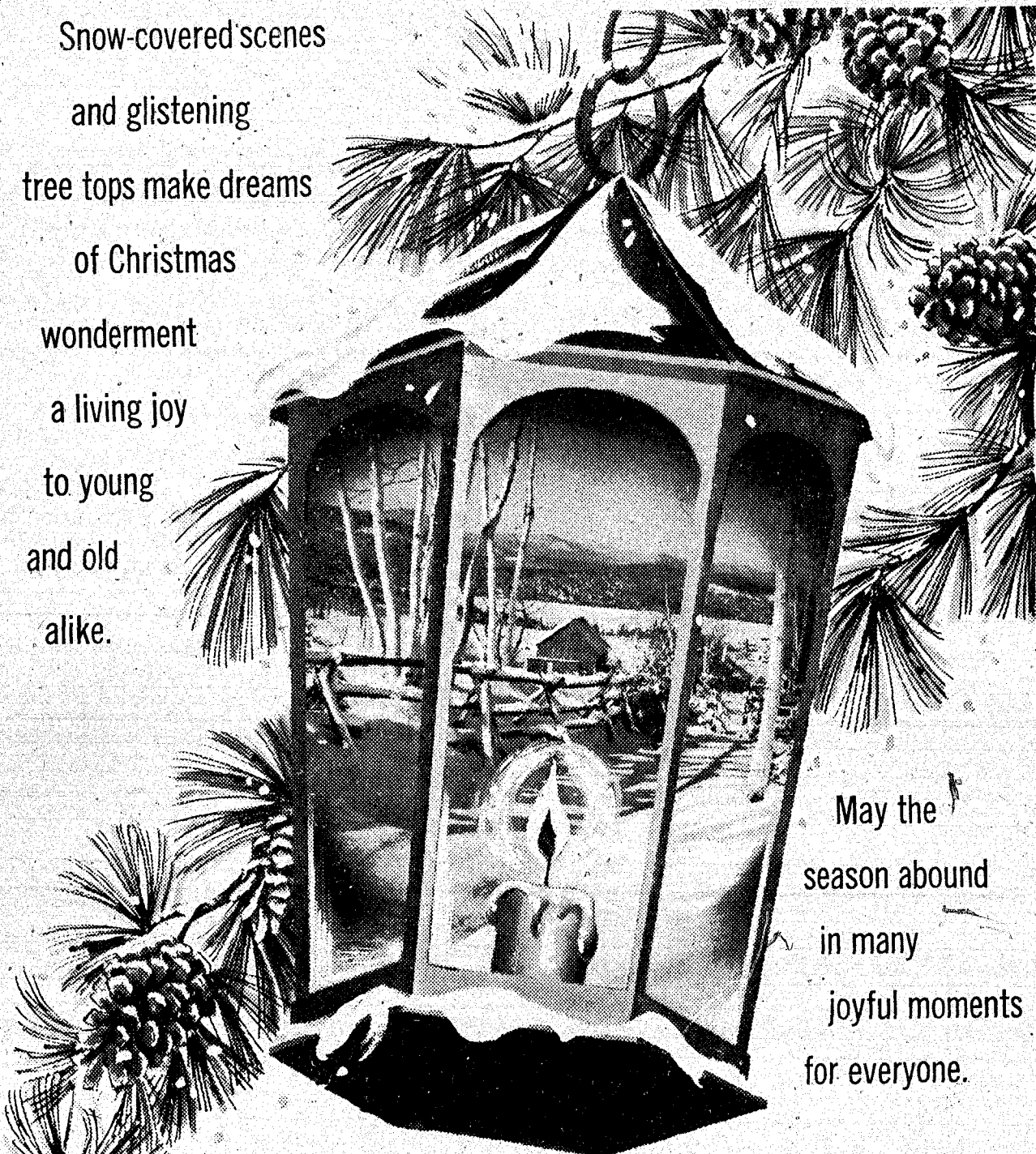
Huge Tree Is Symbol of Man

A French story of the 13th century relates how a huge tree was discovered in a forest, its branches lit with candles.

Some branches rose straight up, while others were turned down. Atop the tree was a child, with a halo around his head.

The story explains that the tree is mankind. Its candles represent people good or bad, and the child is the Christ Child.

Snow-covered scenes
and glistening
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Songs of Season Carrying Merry, Modern Message

As families and friends gather to sing carols, as carolers roam from home to home, as happy notes ring out in church services and other gatherings, the familiar and favorite songs of the season celebrate the pure joy of Christmas.

Busy about his holiday tasks, one singer alone might "carol joyfully," just for the gladness of it. The Christmas treasures of heart and spirit are his in fullest measure, for carols belong to people everywhere, and most especially to every individual.

Carols are simple and sincere, merry and joyful, usually religious and sometimes secular. Some carols are ancient indeed and some are of today. But whatever a carol's age or origin, one thing is always true.

All carols are modern. Their spirit is that of the first of all Christmas songs, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," sung by an angelic chorus.

Their message, like the age-old Christmas story, is as fresh and new as tomorrow.

Hymns Were Latin

By its very character, a carol brings "Glad tidings of great joy" or, to put it more simply, "Good news." The French carols known as "Noels" express this with the use of the word "Noel" or "Nowell" as a refrain—and "Nowell" means "news."

Scholar's Latin was the language of the first Christmas hymns, the forerunners of present-day carols.

Typical of those ancient hymns is a leaf from an illuminated manuscript, now in the Library of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

The leaf features a dramatic initial letter, illustrating the Nativity scene and "illuminated" by touches of gold. It's the work of an unknown 15th-century Italian artist.

The hymn celebrates the birth of Christ, Son of God and Saviour of Man. Its source is an Antiphony, or collection of antiphons—songs to be sung in response or in alternate parts.

Though the Latin words may look complicated to a nonscholarly eye, the music is simplicity itself—notes for a basic melody.

Simple as it is, this hymn comes from an era which saw the beginning of greater complexity in music. Toward the end of the 15th century, church music became not only a religious inspiration but a moving force in musical development.

Rhythms became more complex, and counterpoint began to evolve.

Changes took place in the language of Christmas song, too, for Latin was no longer a language understood by all.

The solution? "Macaronic" carols, which may suggest something to eat—but "macaroni" adds a "c" to become "macaronic" and gain a new meaning—"in two languages."

Macaronic carols combined Latin with a language that the common people understood.

Dancing with Joy

A Christmas carol might also be a Christmas dance.

Origin of the word "carol" itself seems to trace back to the French word, "caroler" meaning to dance, and carols of yesteryear may have been sung by carolers dancing in a circle.

Full of rejoicing, the carols we sing today literally dance with holiday merriment.

That carols have always been popular music, in the modern sense, is illustrated by the mystery plays of medieval England, say the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

At first, carols were sung between the acts, just as music might be provided during intermission, at a play or movie.

Soon, people demanded more. In response to their enthusiasm, carols were sung on stage, as part of the entertainment.

The leader had a portable organ and led the singers in a procession across the stage. Swept away by the spirit of the carols, the audience sometimes joined in, and the procession moved into the streets, singing.

And today, that same enthusiasm leads people everywhere to join in the singing of beloved carols.



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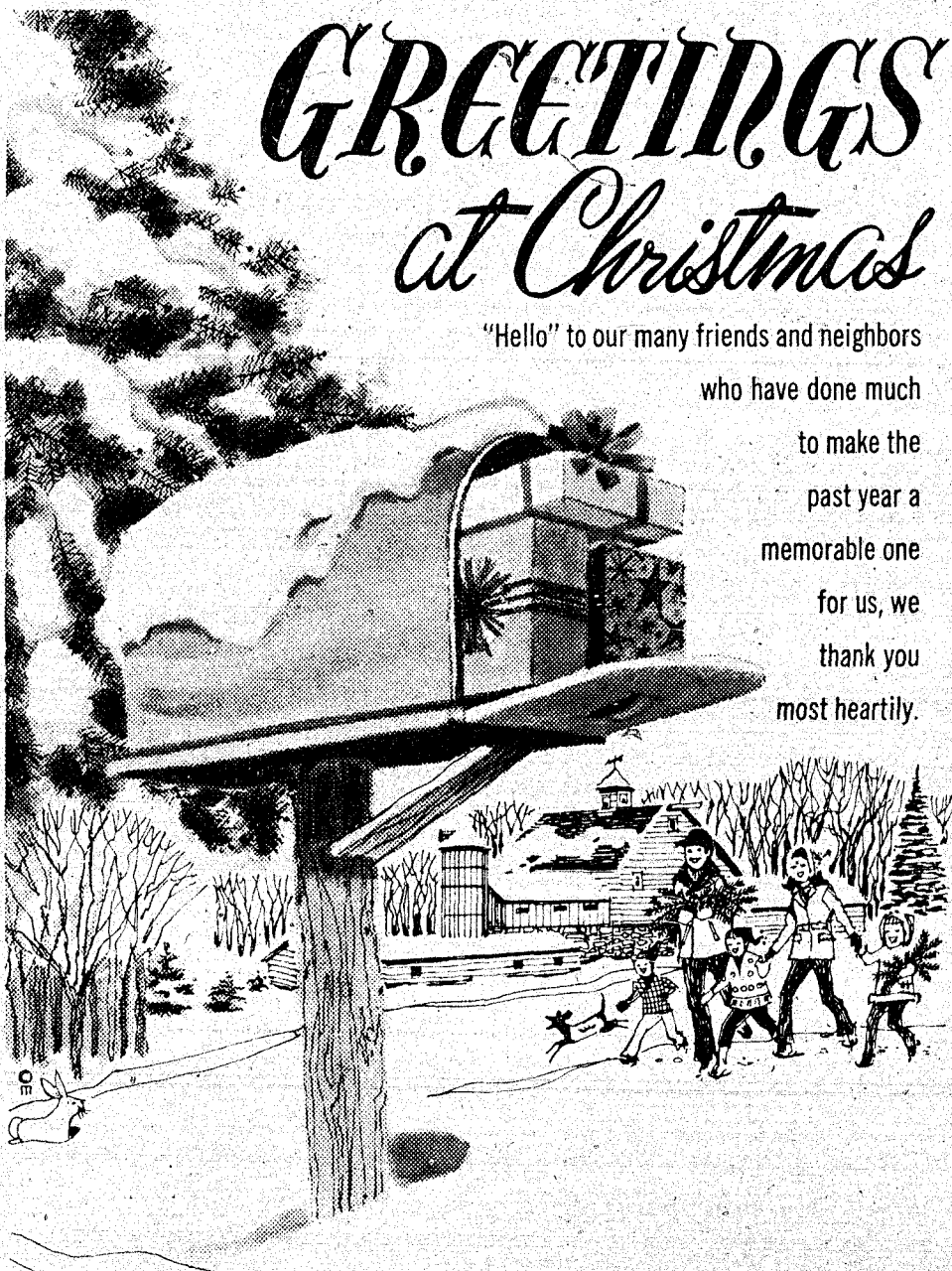
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Holiday Celebrations Reflect Customs from Far and Near

Celebrating the happy holiday of Christmas is an almost universal custom, and many of the traditions belonging to the day are universal, too. Gift giving, merrymaking, gaily decorated trees and brightly glowing lights are holiday habits that have found their way to almost every corner of the globe.

Along with the similarities in the way people observe Christmas go just as many differences. From country to country, from city to city, from family to family, holiday customs vary, sometimes just enough to show the touch of individual imagination, and sometimes so greatly that it seems hard to believe the same day is being commemorated.

Gift Giving . . .

It's traditional to receive gifts during the Yuletide season, but the time is not always December 25, and the gift-giver is not always Santa.

One of the earliest Christmas giving times takes place in the Netherlands, according to the Book of Knowledge. Here, the children receive their gifts from St. Nicholas on December 5. The date, appropriately enough, is called St. Nicholas Eve, in honor of the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop.

Christmas gift giving in Italy comes on January 3, which is known as Epiphany Eve. The traditional gift giver is Befana. Legend says that Befana misdirected the wise men, and now she seeks to atone by going about the world doing good to children.

In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given on St. Lucy's Day, December 13.

The time for gift giving in Puerto Rico and Spain is January 6, the day when, traditionally, the wise men came to Bethlehem.

In Germany

From Christmas trees to Christmas toys, many Christmas customs now universally observed came first from Germany.

In the medieval town of Nuremberg, the highlight of the Christmas season is the "Christkindmarkt," or literally, Christ Child's Fair.

The "Christ Kind," or Christ Child, is the gift giver, and the culmination of the fair, on Christmas Eve, is a visit by the Christ Kind to the balcony of the historic church, the Frauenkirche. Days of group caroling by the children precede this event.

Fun and Feasting . . .

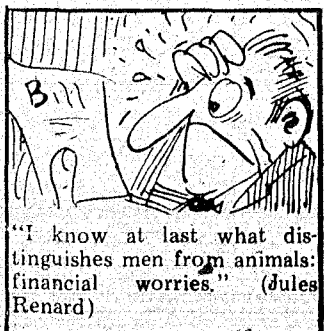
A merry, hearty feast is traditional at Christmas, but the

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"Christmas tree" is the actual name of a plant that grows in New Zealand.



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ingredients are not always the same. Norwegians might serve, instead of turkey and trimmings, codfish and pickled pork, while baked carp is a favored Christmas delicacy in Austria.

Christmas dining customs change with time, too. History describes a "traditional" Christmas feast of seventeenth century Quebec, a feast that would be considered somewhat unusual today.

Before each diner at the feast was placed a bowl of birchbark or polished basswood and a spoon of bark. The diners supplied their own knives, and there were no forks.

Into the bowl went first the appetizers — cornbread and a boiled mixture of eels, salmon and beans. The soup course was a rich meat broth, thickened with nuts. Vegetables included corn, peas and baked squash.

The main course featured

roast venison and squirrel pies, with baked wild pigeons, partridges, blackbirds, owls — all served together.

Dessert consisted of cakes of maple sugar or sunflower seeds and nuts, topped with a sauce of boiled dried berries.

Lighting Up . . .

Since the Star shone on Bethlehem, lights have been a part of Christmas celebrations. Today, candlelight services are traditionally held by many churches at Christmas.

Something unique in the way of Christmas lights are the "luminarias" used to decorate the city of Albuquerque, N.M., at Christmastime.

Outlining the borders of streets, sidewalks, yards and even the roofs of homes, the luminarias shine everywhere. Made of paper bags, weighted down with sand and lighted from within by a candle, thousands of luminarias all over the city offer a soft light.



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Love,
Woody Martin

Dear Santa,
Please bring a doll and doll clothes and wig for my big sister something.
We all thank you.
Rene Taylor
Age 7

Dear Santa Clause:
I have been a good Little boy this year I have been good to my brother. And I have helped mother and daddy do my work.
Santa for Christmas I would like a Lunch box, a bike, and a little tractor.
Thank you
Johnny Vasquez

Dear Santa Clause:
I have been a good little boy this year. And have helped mother and daddy.
Santa for christmas I would like tires for my bike, a lunch box and a race car set.
Thank you
Paul Vasquez

Dear Santa
Have a Merry Christmas.
Please bring me a baton and 2 Kens and 2 Malibu Barbies and 1 fun in the sun set.
Your friend,
Robbie Clifton

Dear Santa s Claus
Will you bring me a football and some guns and a bat and a ball. and bring gives to all the boys and girls.
Tommy DeLeon

Religious Cards Take Lead In Popularity

"Sorry, we don't have any more Christmas cards, only some religious ones."
These words, supposedly spoken by a saleswoman to a last-minute shopper for greeting cards a good many years ago, wouldn't be meaningful now.
During recent Yule seasons, greetings with a religious message have led the way in popularity. The wryly-humorous idea that anyone looking for cards wants some that show only the convivial side of Christmas was never very funny, and now it definitely isn't true.
Early cards pictured dancers and skaters, holly and mistletoe, robins and other birds, beautiful women and charming children and flowers by the score.
Such themes still appear, but they take second place to religious messages—especially, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

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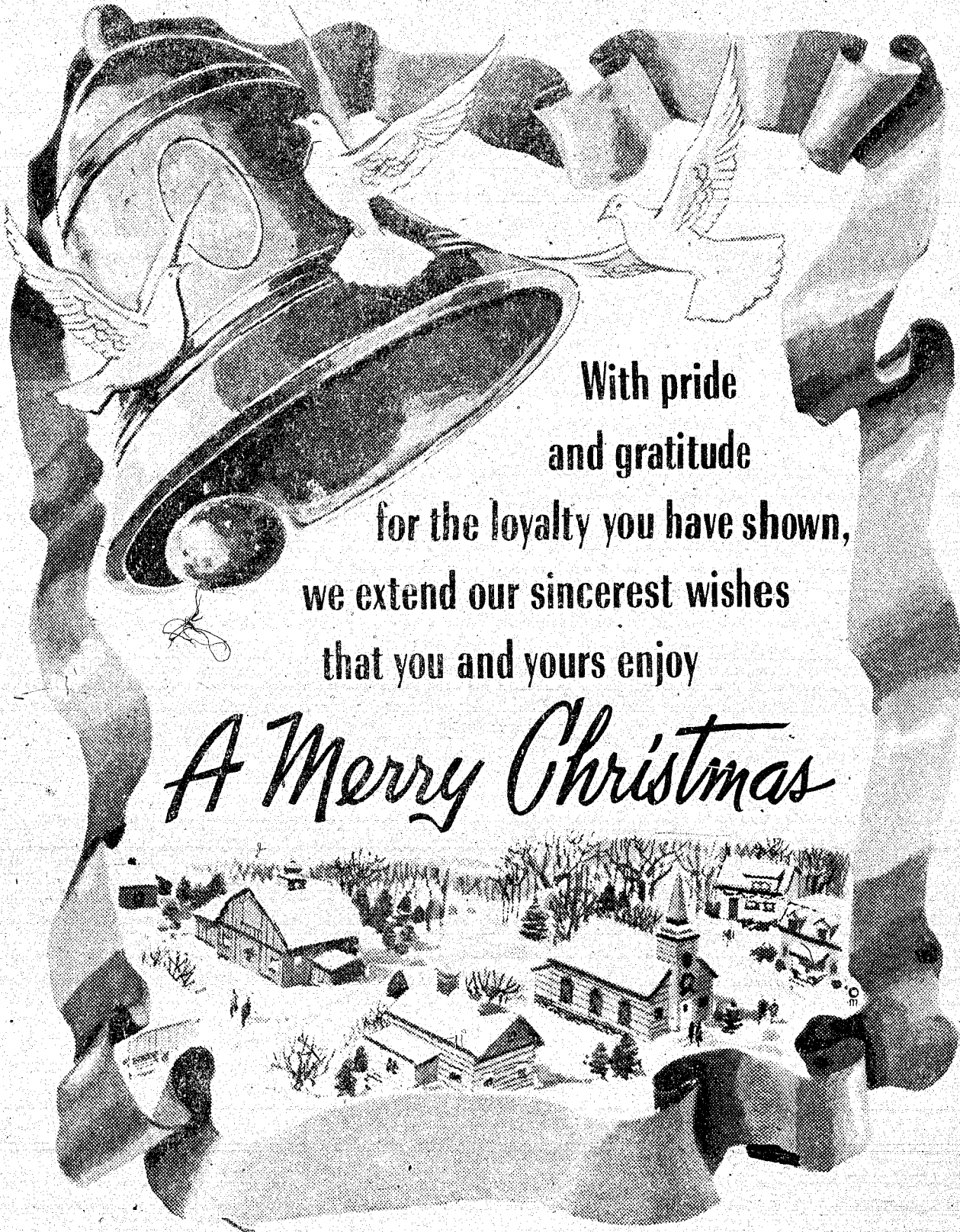
Holiday fire safety tips are taught to some 3 million youngsters each year through Hartford Insurance Group's Junior Fire Marshal program.
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Holiday Is Favorite Theme for Writers

Whenever the talk turns to Christmas books and stories, somebody's sure to mention Charles Dickens.

His "Christmas Carol," published in 1843, is synonymous with holiday conviviality, and its underlying theme stresses the spiritual truths and blessings of the Nativity.

"God bless us, every one," cried Tiny Tim Cratchit, and the cry still echoes.

While Dickens may be a word for Christmas, many another author has written of this religious festival and merry feast.

Among the best known examples may be scenes from children's literature.

Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," published 1868, may seem old-fashioned in some ways, but girls today still rejoice in the story of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy.

These fictional heroines come to life for their readers; and never more so than in the Christmas-season story that opens the book, when the March family gave up a festive breakfast for a poor family.

While they breakfasted on bread and milk, the girls felt they truly feasted, for they knew the joy of sharing.

Another old favorite is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol," of 1887.

Though better known as the

author of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," she wrote this brief but touching story of the Birds' invalid child, whose short life exemplified the principles of Christmas.

In the present day, the American author Truman Capote, who claims the invention of a new literary form, the non-fiction novel, has written of Christmas, too.

His "A Christmas Memory," a short story, appeared as a television drama in 1966.

Yule Lives In Legend And Lore

Twinkling on trees, glowing from windows, glittering everywhere, Christmas lights reflect, today, the candles of an earlier time.

A candle in the window can light the Christ Child on his way, says Irish legend.

Nativity scenes in homes and churches depict the animals of the Manger—and on Christmas Eve, the cattle, the sheep and all the animals present at the Nativity are given the gift of speech.

So says the lore of Christmas.

Blossoming on the holiday scene, greens and flowers spread their beauty and fragrance, reminding all of the living wonder of Christmas.

In legend, all flowers bloom at midnight on Christmas Eve, just as they did more than 2,000 years ago.

The legend and lore of Christmas expresses the simple faith that lies at the heart of this happy, holy time.

Some of the most delightful of legends are told in carols.

From France comes the "Carol of the Birds." Its words recount how the birds flew to Bethlehem to behold the Christ Child. Each bird, as it flew, sang a special song of praise and rejoicing.

There's a "Carol of the Flowers," too. Summoned to the presence of the newborn King, every flower blossomed, and each blossom was a symbol of the Little One's virtues.

Seafaring peoples, in their own way, related nature's wonders to the miracle of the Nativity, through carols.

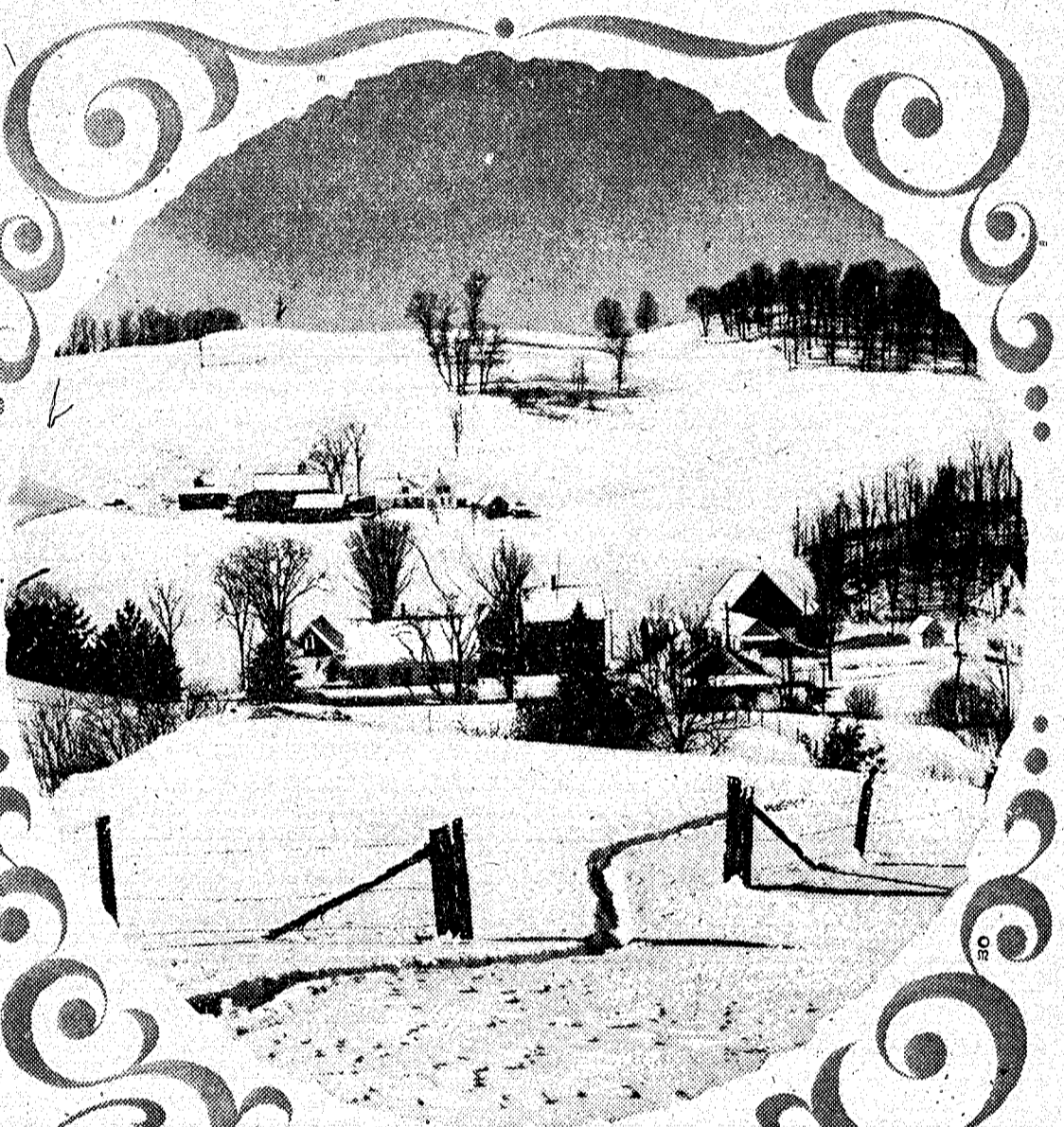
"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing" tells of ships crossing the sea on Christmas morn, bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

CANING EVIL

Because candy canes have the legendary ability to ward off evil, they became part of Christmas, bringing good.

UNDER THE PALM

Some say the traditional Christmas tree was once a palm with 12 parts, each part representing one of the 12 apostles.



GREETINGS

Over the fields and through the snow-covered countryside go our warmest Christmas wishes. In this tradition, we greet our friends and customers, with hopes for your holiday happiness, and with genuine appreciation for your good will.

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