

Santa Anna News

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Prizes For Home Decorations

(Editor's note: Below is a report from the committee who judged the Home Decorations of Santa Anna to determine who had the best decorated windows and yards in the Community Chamber of Commerce contest. The prizes will be awarded Friday afternoon at four o'clock at the annual Christmas Program by the local merchants.

Because of the nice report by this committee, it was decided to release the names of the winner early and to publish their entire report.)

FIRST PLACE was voted to go to Mrs. Fred Turner.

SECOND PLACE was voted to go to the Chester Galloway home.

THIRD PLACE went to the Mace Blanton home.

Not all the places that had been mentioned previously to the judges as being outstanding, were lighted or else had the blinds drawn, making it impossible to view them, yet there were 99 open for inspection.

It was no small task to make the decisions yet it was not unpleasant, since the subjects under consideration were so very pleasing that it was impossible to do anything other than get joy and so much of the Christmas Spirit in your heart that you wished for the season to be prolonged indefinitely.

Outstanding is the little twinkling star on a porch as you enter town from the west, also the one on the hospital, the sand pit and on the television antenna, as also is the tree in L. E. Abernathy's yard and on the Christian Church lawn.

We especially want to make honorable mention of the homes of the Talley's, Donham's, Norman Hosch, Barnes', Stark's, Vernon Parker, Welch's, Yarborough's, Herndon's, Pat Hosch, Jim Harris, Pearl Wilson, Robert Markland, Herring's, Blue's, F. C. Williams' and the Hartman's. There were many other that looked so friendly, you wished that you might have the privilege of partaking of their Christmas. The only regret was that each could not be chosen to be it.

One petal of a rose is rather insignificant, but the combination of all the petals as nature assembles them is the most beautiful of flowers. Each home's decorations had its own special place to fill in making our Santa Anna a place of beauty at this Christmas time. If you have enjoyed the results of this beautification movement as planned by the sponsors, tell your neighbor, he might be one of the promoters. This Santa Claus business is very mysterious.

Santa Anna Hospital News

Patients admitted and discharged from the Santa Anna Hospital during the past week are as follows:

ADMITTED:

Mr. E. C. Woodard, city.
Mrs. Thomas Stiles, city.
Mrs. John Hammonds, New Mexico.

Mrs. A. Holman, city.
Mrs. H. F. Burton, Ft. Worth.
Mrs. D. L. Stewart, city.
Mrs. Marcos Gonzales, Brownwood.

Cecil James Smith, Coleman.
Alvey Fuller, city.

DISMISSED:

Mrs. Cordella Walton, city.
Jackie Wade Wolf, Kendall.
Alvey Fuller, city.

Mrs. Maggie Culver, city.
Cecil James Smith, Coleman.
Mrs. Marcos Gonzales, Brownwood.

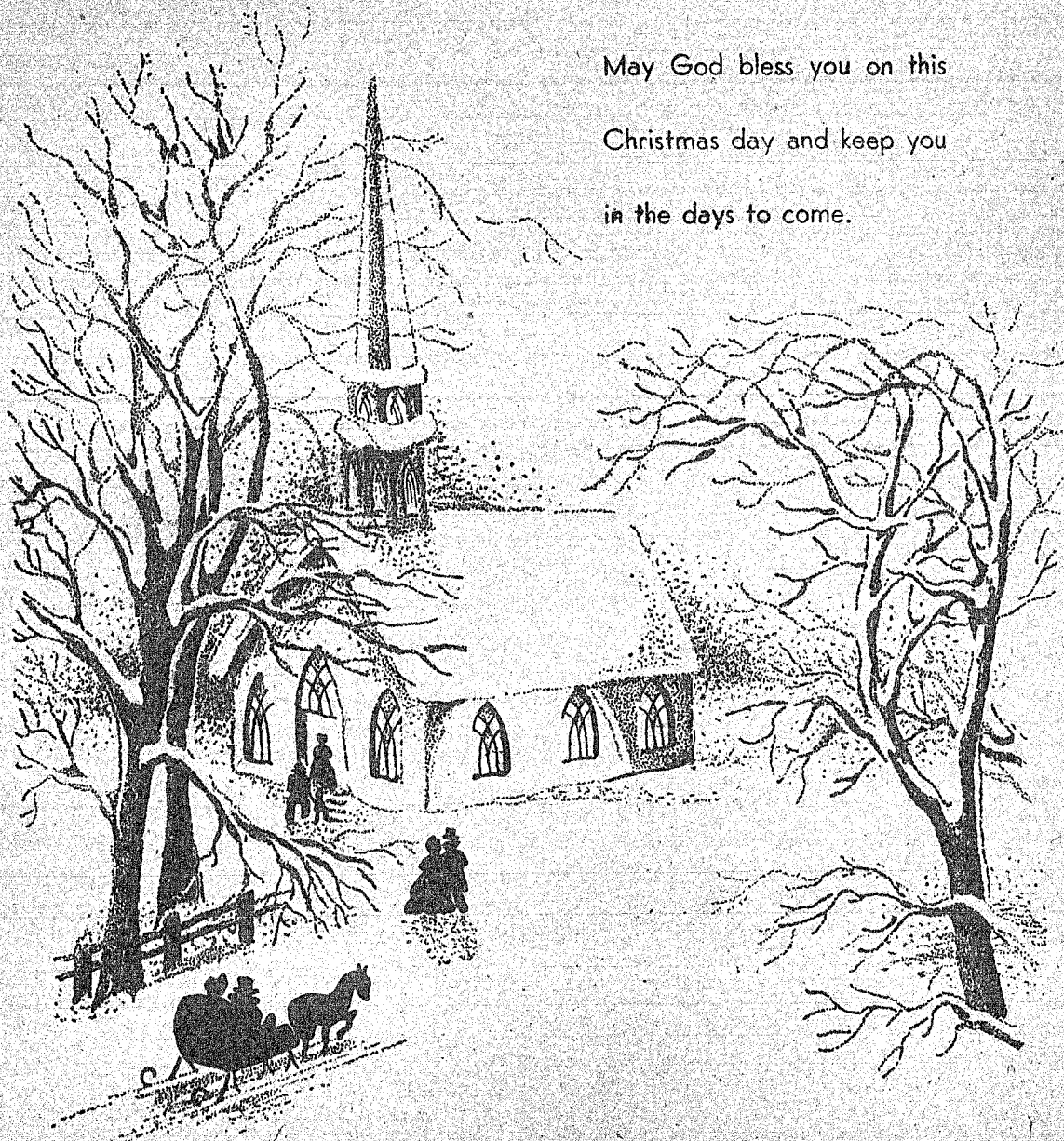
Mrs. D. L. Stewart, city.

The Colorado Blue Spruce, the Black Hill Spruce, or the Alcock Spruce are the most preferable trees for use as Christmas trees.

Legend has it that before the Crucifixion the berries of Christmas Holly were white instead of red as now.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

May God bless you on this
Christmas day and keep you
in the days to come.



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Christmas Gifts To Be Awarded Friday Afternoon

The annual Christmas program for Santa Anna, sponsored by the local merchants and the Community Chamber of Commerce, will end Friday afternoon, Christmas Eve, with the giving away of 34 gifts from the organization and a number of the local merchants.

This program will be held between the bank and hotel buildings beginning at 4:00 p. m. and will continue until all the gifts are awarded.

First on the program will be the announcing of the winners in the yard decoration contest. Three prizes will be awarded to the winners, whose names are announced elsewhere in this issue of The News. The judges made their decisions after making three night trips around town.

Following this, the main part of the program will get underway. Everyone is urged to be present. In order for the person whose name is called to receive the gifts, it is necessary for a member of your immediate family to be present and answer for you.

Thirty-four nice Christmas gifts will be awarded, the top one being a beautiful \$200 bed room suite. Total prizes for the day amount to \$586 in gifts and \$10.00 in cash for the yard decorations.

Rites For Mrs. Jack Bates Held Dec. 15th

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Jack Bates on December 15, at 3:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church, of which she was a member, who had died at her home on Tuesday, December 14, 1954 at 7:20 p. m.

Rev. H. G. Verner, pastor of the church, officiated.

She was born Ada Phippen, in Milam County, January 30, 1895, being 59 years, 10 months and 14 days old at time of death. Mrs. Bates had been afflicted for several years and gravely ill for some time preceding her death. She became a member of the Baptist Church in 1914.

She was married to Jack Bates at Franklin, Texas, September 17, 1916. To this union two sons were born, one of which died in infancy in 1917. The other son survives.

Mrs. Bates and her family came to Coleman County in 1921.

She is survived by the husband, Jack Bates of Santa Anna, one son, Raymond Bates of Midland; one brother, G. P. Phippen of Baytown; four sisters, Mrs. E. C. Davis and Mrs. W. E. Sawyer of Sweetwater, Mrs. J. F. Williams of Houston, formerly of Santa Anna, and Mrs. George Wilson of Normangee. Other survivors are: one grandson, Don Bates of Midland, other relatives and many friends.

Pallbearers were: Chester Galloway, James Eubank, Melvin Lamb, Jim Daneill, Earl Irick, Jr., and Ozro Eubank.

Ladies in charge of the floral tributes were members of the Ruth Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church and Mrs. Chester Galloway, Mrs. Earl Irick, Sr., and Miss Pauline Eubank.

Burial was in the Santa Anna Cemetery with Wright's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

It is reputed that the first Christmas card, as we now know it, was dispatched in 1845 by W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters.

The author of the favorite children's Christmas poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," an eminent New York divinity professor, felt his creation was below his dignity and would not admit he wrote it for 20 years.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Cleveland News

By MRS. MANLEY F. BLANTON



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SANTA ANNA,
TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cupps visited in Coleman Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Banta.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woods of Brooksmith spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Drisco Woods. Sgt. Otis Woods received his discharge from the Army two weeks ago. He is now with Mr. and Mrs. Woods and his daughter, Evelene.

Those shopping in Brownwood Saturday were Mrs. R. W. Cupps

and daughters and Mrs. Charlie Fleming and daughters.

Miss Patsy Moore came in from Tarleton Station to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore. Patsy will return to school Jan. 3rd.

Mrs. Drisco Woods and Carolyn were shopping in Coleman and Brownwood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cupps Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Blanton visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Blanton Saturday night.

Harold Clifton, who has been in England for the past year, serving with the Army, got home Wednesday morning. He's happy to be home. He and his wife are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clifton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClellan of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. Drisco Woods and Carolyn Sunday evening.

Mr. Silas Wagner and Mrs. Clark Miller went to San Angelo Saturday to visit their bro-

ther, who is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Drennan of Santa Anna, were bed time visitors Sunday night in the Drisco Woods home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cupps had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cupps last Sunday.

Mr. I. E. Hartman of Midland attended church at Cleveland Sunday. Mr. Hartman came down to visit his sister who is sick in Coleman.

We wish for Mr. Gregg and all his staff a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and the same to all our readers.

NIWOT NEWS

BY THE NIWOT KIDS

The M. Y. F. met Sunday night at 6:30 o'clock to practice the Christmas program, which will be Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock with a Christmas tree and a film on Christmas. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbetts visited in the Joe Wallace home at Shields Sunday afternoon.

F. B. Wagner visited with Robert Perry Sunday.

Mrs. C. T. Moore visited with Mrs. John Perry Friday night.

Eva and Buddy Bengé of Santa Anna were supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbetts Sunday.

Mrs. Clark Miller and Mr. Silas Wagner spent the week end in San Angelo visiting their brother, Mr. J. E. Wagner, who is sick. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We were glad to see Harrel Clifton back in our community after two years in the Army and part of it being overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hibbetts had a letter from his father, Pa Hibbetts, who moved from the Cleveland community. Pa was a good church worker here. We are glad that he lives close to a little Methodist church, where he can attend. There are 139 members in the little church. He lives at 4418 Avenue D, Lubbock, Texas. I bet a Christmas Card would be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ford and family moved to their new home in Santa Anna last week. We sure will miss them.

Miss Patsy Moore is one of several college students who is spending the Christmas Holidays at home.

(Editor's note: This is a new column, mostly composed by the young people of the Niwot Community. We appreciate the spirit of these young people and hope they will have a good column of news each week. The cooperation of the citizens of this area will help them considerably.)

Mrs. J. F. Goen returned home by train early Sunday morning from California, where she had gone two weeks previously with Mrs. I. Williamson, when she moved there. Mrs. Goen visited with her son, Johnnie and family at Downey. His wife had surgery while she was there and got along quite well.

GO TO CHURCH

J. Hays Dixon has been a patient in the McCloskey V. A. Hospital at Temple for several weeks, during which time he has had head surgery. He is recovering nicely. Mrs. Dixon has

been at his bedside most of the time, and plans to return home soon.

Only the man with money can buy all the time he wants.



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Buffalo News

By MRS. JOHN LAUDEE



ROUTE TWO SANTA ANNA, TEXAS

There was a minor school bus accident in the community last week. Randy Brown lost most of his lower teeth and suffered a

badly torn lip. Mr. Leroy Curry suffered a broken rib and other rib injuries. The community extends sympathy to them. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Floyd and Garry were in Ft. Stockton Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of last week, attending the funeral of Mr. Floyd's sister. Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Curry on Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Powell, Mr. David Alley, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gober and granddaughter, Marcia Sue West.

The singing was fine Sunday, even though the house was not full. It does the heart good to see and hear the young take

part. We learned that Rev. Melvin McCollum is a talented musician and that is an addition to any one's community to have some one come into it and take an active part.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rider, Gary and Janis of Cisco, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Curry Sunday afternoon.

Callers in the E. D. Bouchillon home Sunday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Bouchillon of Brady and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Casey and family of Coleman.

Mr. A. K. Grimes visited Saturday afternoon with Mr. Long in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Price.

Mrs. Leroy Curry and Harvey Ray visited in the Luke Pricer home in Santa Anna on Thursday.

Mrs. W. C. Casey of Coleman spent part of last week visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. D. Bouchillon.

We had our niece and nephew, Linda and Larry Chapman, visit us from Saturday afternoon until Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. C. Casey spent Wednesday in the E. D. Bouchillon home.

Jack Lauder left yesterday (Monday) for a nine day Christmas holiday in Scotland, visiting his grandfather's cousins.

A correction for last week: the "42" party in honor of Mr. Niell was held at the school house instead of at his home.

While Mrs. Ben Yarborough and her aunt, Mrs. W. P. Owen of Dallas, and her son, W. A. Klein were on a hunting trip to Junction last week, Mrs. Yarborough killed a buck and was very proud of the achievement. She says that in 30 yearly trips hunting in that area, this is her first kill and only once before had she gotten close enough to shoot at one. Perseverance wins. Mrs. Owen is here for an indefinite visit with Mrs. Yarborough and Mr. Yarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wallace and children, Suzanne and Margaret of Mission, came last Friday and visited until Monday with his mother, Mrs. W. E. Wallace and other members of the family. They report their other two children, Scottie and Barbara, polio patients in the Valley Baptist Hospital, at Harlingen, are going to be permitted with them in their home on Christmas Eve night and Christmas Day. They are improving nicely. Scottie is able to sit up 40 minutes a day in a wheel chair.

Mrs. M. A. Fritchard left on Wednesday of last week to visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Gilbert and family in San Angelo. She plans to return here before Christmas.

Shields News

By JEAN STEWARDSON

ROCKWOOD STAR ROUTE

PHONE 4612

SANTA ANNA, TEXAS



Bro. Birch preached at the Church of Christ on Sunday. A good attendance was reported with one visitor, Bro. J. W. Campbell of Abilene Christian College.

A good attendance was reported at both services Sunday at the Double Gates Church. A Christmas program was given by the children that night.

A good crowd was at our Christmas supper Sat. night. Everyone had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bledsoe went to Brownwood Saturday afternoon and attended the wedding of Miss June Rodgers at the Central Methodist Church.

The Women's Sunday School class of the Double Gates Church had their Christmas party Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Louis Newman. Games were played and refreshments were served to: Mrs. A. B. Carroll, Mrs. D. S. Milligan, Mrs. Leonard Williams, Mrs. Otis Powers, Mrs. Herman Gilbreath, Mrs. R. A. Milligan, Mrs. George Cobb, Mrs. George Stewardson, Jr., Mrs. Elton Jones, Mrs. Roy Bledsoe, Mrs. Edgar Shelton and Mrs. Louis Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Hipsher and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wright Landers and family of Lawn Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Sherman Conner were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Powers.

Visiting in the George Stewardson, Sr., home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carroll, and Rev. and Mrs. Sherman Con-

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Newman are visiting in the R. A. Milligan home during the holidays.

Visiting in the Truett Hipsher home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bevell and Bobby, Rev. and Mrs. Sherman Conner, and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones and Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carroll visited with Mr. C. E. Evans in Bangs on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stewardson, Jr., attended the singing at Buffalo on Sunday.

Bro. Birch was Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewardson and family. Also Mr. and Mrs. Leon Slusher of Abilene visited the Stewardson's over the week end.

Mrs. Lovell Richardson left Tuesday for a visit with her brother, Odell Price and family at Overton, through the holidays. Later she will be in Dallas for a check up.

Mrs. M. H. Paterson is leaving Thursday to visit through Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. May at Sidney. Gary Patterson landed safely in Japan in recent weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bass are here from Lubbock, where he is a student at Texas Tech., to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bass and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Parks.



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through the coming year.



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During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy and every act of kindness will always be remembered by the family of Mrs. G. W. Lidia, Mrs. Verner's Mother.

Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Vernef. p

To our many friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, we wish to express our sincere appreciation. Heartfelt thanks to all those who helped care for her, those who sent food, and the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless you all.

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Whon News

By MRS. TOM RUTHERFORD



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NEWS ITEMS
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POST OFFICE

Rev. and Mrs. Haynes were here for services at the Baptist Church Sunday. The church sponsored a Christmas program Sunday night and ole Santa made his personal appearance for the exchange of gifts from the tree.

Rev. Leonard Jennings preached at the Nazarene Church Sunday morning. Night services were dismissed.

We were privileged to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson of Rockwood. Those of you who could not attend certainly missed a grand occasion. We wish for the couple many more happy anniversaries. Sunday night the Johnson families, children, in-laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren, enjoyed a Christmas supper in the home of the Johnson's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart of our community, with over 50 people being present. Afterwards ole Santa Claus made his appearance and gave the many present from a beautiful tree in the home. Special guests for the supper other than the family, were: Mr. and Mrs. Grower Rowlette and son of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Hodges of Jerrill, Texas. Mrs. Rowlette is the former Mary Frances Wheeler, who was a teacher at Whon.

A/2c Thomas R. Rutherford of Travis AFB in California, arrived home Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford and family. He spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schulze and son in San Antonio.

AFC Bobby Stewart of Gray AFB is home for the holidays with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Bean Radle and family. Bobble will be sailing for overseas around the first of February.

Patsy June Rutherford of Abilene spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gamble of Houston are here visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Gail and children. The Gills and Gambles will be leaving Wednesday to spend Christmas with relatives in Morencia, Ariz. Dr. and Mrs. Armbrust and children of Houston were week end guests with her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Bert Turney. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Turney and children were also guests of the Turneys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haney of Sweetwater spent Monday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Wheatley of Shields spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Davis of Waco are visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wimpy Watson and Danny.

Mr. Etolle Cozart and Mr. Gus Fuller came home Saturday. The men have been on the northern Plains working at a cotton gin.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin visited with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovelady Friday night.

Mrs. Wimpy Watson entertained the Home Demonstration Club Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Amel Bowers of Doole spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Babe Gardainer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Black spent one day last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter.

Mr. Orval Bible of Houston is here with his father's stockfarm, tending to them while his dad is away on a hunting trip. Mrs. Mary Bible is visiting her sister, Edna, in Brownwood.

"Merry Christmas."

Leonard Gipson is here from California, to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. R. Gipson. It has been several years since Leonard has been to Santa Anna.

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**MRS. TAYLOR WHEELER
HOSTESS AT XMAS PARTY**

The home of Mrs. Taylor Wheeler was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme, when members of the Needlecraft Club were entertained on Thursday, Dec. 16, for their annual Christmas luncheon.

A short Christmas story was read and the group joined in singing carols, preceding the exchange of gifts from the glittering tree.

The dining table was laid with white damask and centered with an arrangement of pyracantha. Christmas appointments at the foursome tables included colorful mint baskets, with tinkling bells on each handle.

Present to enjoy this occasion were: Mmes. T. T. Perry, Fred W. Turner, Dovie Chapman, Lester Guhrle, A. R. Brown, W. E. Wallace, John Brown, Ella Stiles, H. L. Zachary, J. E. Watkins, Ura Dillingham, T. H. Upton, Lillian Pettit, Dora Kirkpatrick, Cecil Curry, Ione Caton and Taylor Wheeler.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PLANS AND PROGRESS**

There was an increase in Sunday School attendance last Sunday and splendid attendance at

all services. The Junior C Y F had a Christmas tree after the night services. A supper and gift exchange is being held in the annex this Wednesday night for the men and women of the church. The Senior C Y F will have their party and go caroling Thursday night. They are bringing gifts, not for themselves, but for the Juliette Fowler Orphan's Home.

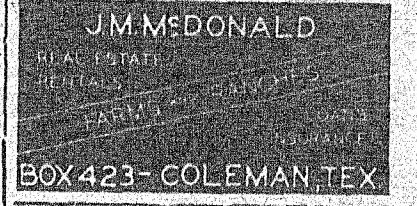
The usual services will be held next Sunday morning. But there will be no evening services, as Bro. Brigman is leaving just after morning services, to visit during the holidays with the home folks at Columbia, S. C.

On the First Sunday in January the "52 Club" will be launched. Pins will be given to all with that lettering in an effort to encourage all to attend the 52 Sundays in '55. Several stood last Sunday, indicating they had not missed a Sunday in '54.

**MRS. M. L. FLETCHER
SUSTAINS BROKEN HIP**

In a fall in the kitchen of her home on Ave. C, Mrs. M. L. Fletcher received a badly crushed hip. The accident occurred about noon December 15. X-rays in the Santa Anna Hospital revealed the severity of the break and she

was transferred to a Brownwood hospital. On Thursday morning she had surgery by a bone specialist, which took two and one-half hours. A plate and pins were put in. Mrs. Fletcher stood the operation all right, and has gotten along as well as could be expected. Mrs. Fletcher's many friends wish for her a complete



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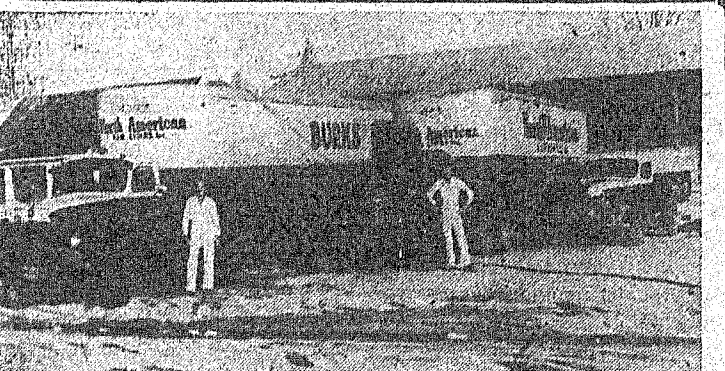
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20th CENTURY CLUB HAS ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The 20th Century Club had its annual Christmas luncheon on Friday, Dec. 17, in the home of Mrs. Clifford Stephenson. The menu consisted of turkey and all the good foods usually served at this time of year. The dining table, covered with the hostess banquet cloth, textile painted with poinsettias, was centered with an arrangement of silvered pine cones and sweet gum burrs, flanked by red candles.

Members were seated at quartette tables.

In the early afternoon the annual Christmas program was given with Mrs. W. E. Vanderford in charge. Mrs. John Perry led in the singing of silent

Night. All present participated in the Christmas scripture reading. Mrs. Lucie Daniel read a Christmas prayer by R. Armistead Grady.

The Christmas Star was Mrs. H. L. Zachary's subject; Christmas Back in the 80's was told by Mrs. Arthur Talley; The Legend of the Christmas Candle was given by Ellen Richards; and 'T'wouldn't Seem Like Christmas, was given by Mrs. Bill Pritchard.

The program ended with the group singing "Jingle Bells."

Following the program, gifts were exchanged from a silvered tree, with bright lights in various colors. Secret pals were also revealed with gifts.

Members attending besides those mentioned were Mrs. W.

A. Standley, Mrs. Edd Jones, Mrs. Doug Moore, Mrs. Lois Henderson, Mrs. Richard Smith, Mrs. Alfred Williams, Mrs. Roy Stockard and Mrs. A. L. Oder.

MYSTIC WEAVERS CLUB HAS LUNCHEON FRIDAY

The annual Christmas luncheon and party of the Mystic Weavers Club was held at one o'clock on Friday, Dec. 17, in the home of Mrs. O. L. Garrett.

Decorations of potted blooming poinsettias, pyracantha, and east Texas holly, decorated the table and buffet, red candles adding decorative notes.

The meal was served buffet style, and members were seated at quartette tables. Place cards were made of styrofoam and jingle bells.

The menu consisted of turkey with all the trimmings.

After the luncheon there was a gift exchange and all enjoyed seeing the gifts. All lingered for conversation and departed for their homes, carrying the memory of a pleasant day.

Those attending besides the hostess were: Mrs. Arthur Casey, Mrs. Jess Howard, Mrs. Lucille Baker, Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, Mrs. Mark Davis, Mrs. Lovell Richardson, Mrs. Mattie Lee Geer, Mrs. A. B. McClanahan and Miss Mamie Turner.

TRICKHAM NEWS

Mrs. R. S. Stearns had a sister, Mrs. Cecil Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla., a niece, Mrs. Ralph Erwin, her husband and two daughters of Fort Worth as visitors Saturday. On Sunday Mrs. Clyde Haynes, Kenneth of Santa Anna, Mrs. Kingston, Clara James, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke of Trickham, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laughlin and Jackie, Mrs. Rene Stearns, Mrs. Clesby Stearns and daughter of Brownwood visited her. Other visitors during the week were Mrs. Zona Stacy, and Mrs. Verdie Haynes.

Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Erwin and daughters and Mrs. Rene Stearns visited with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Haynes.

COUNTY OFFICIALS ENJOY XMAS DINNER

The employees and elected officials of the County of Coleman enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the Hotel Coleman Club room Saturday night, December 18.

Christmas songs were sung with Billy Allen leading and Vernelle Morgan accompanying at the piano. Mrs. W. E. Allen gave a poem, "The Night Before Christmas in Texas." The invocation was given by County Judge Walter K. Boyd, after which turkey and all the trim-

mings was enjoyed. A gift exchange was held.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hardy, Charlotte Burney, Carrie Howard, Tommie Jean James, Glenda Winslett, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Forehand, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Kay Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bass, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cape, Bernice Johnson, Edna Jackson, Helen Cagle, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dibrell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen, Evelyn Thompson, Vernelle Morgan, Charles Bengel, Mr. and Mrs. Tode Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Corder and Misses Betty and Weah McCulloch.

BUFFALO SINGING WELL ATTENDED

The singing held in the Baptist Church at Buffalo last Sunday afternoon had a good attendance, Santa Anna being well represented.

There was lots of good group singing as well as special numbers.

The youngest pianist was Sandra Davis of Santa Anna, who played the accompaniment for her grandfather, Sam Rutherford, when he led a song. She was also in other special features. Darlene Mercer and Carolyn Bates led in two special numbers. Stanley Williams was the youngest of the male leaders.

Bro. Melvin McCollum, the new pastor of the host church, proved to be a very capable song leader and an accomplished pianist.

It was announced that the next singing at Buffalo would be on Sunday afternoon, January 16, 1955, in the Methodist Church.

Frank and Buster Blevins and a son, Bryan Blevins, of Joaquin Texas, visited their niece and cousin, Mrs. John Gregg, last Thursday morning.

Among the visitors at the First Christian Church Sunday night were Mrs. Beula Kingston and Mrs. Gene James and children of Trickham. They came with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke.

A strange Christmas custom in Finland is the annual Christmas Eve steam bath taken by the entire family. After the bath everyone is supposed to roll in the snow.



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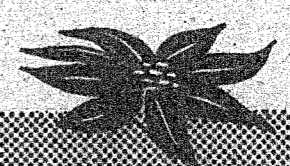
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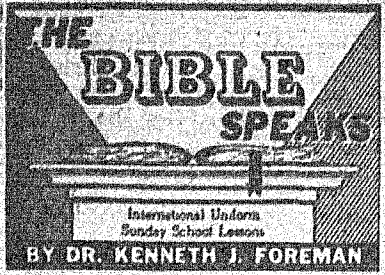
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Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1-5; 12. Devotional Reading: Job 28:20-28.

The Day After

Lesson for December 26, 1954

THE day after Christmas lets us down with a thud. So does the day after any great occasion. The songs have been sung, the candles have burned down, some of the toys have already been broken, the dishes have to be washed...



Dr. Foreman prised at this, nor cry about it. After the Mount of Transfiguration comes a sick boy in a dusty valley. After every high day comes a long string of low days. Religion, the religion of the Bible is not a thing intended only for Sundays and holidays. It is religion for the ordinary day after.

The Old Counselor

There is one book in the Old Testament which many readers find hard to understand, more than any other. It hardly seems to fit in with the rest of the Bible. Where other writers sing, this one just talks. Where other writers soar into the heavens, this one considers heaven to be so far away that it is not worth while to talk about it. Where other Bible writers are full of hope and optimism, this one is gloomy to his very bones. He could well be called the Philosopher of the Morning After. We have to remember one or two things about "Ecclesiastes" as the writer is not too appropriately called. He is not what we would call a "preacher" for that is what the name Ecclesiastes means. He is more like a columnist, a giver of advice, a counselor. He is not a Christian, and so we must not expect that he will come up to the height from which a Christian sees life. He is an old man, and has "had everything" except happiness. He is not a complete cynic,—that is to say, there are some things in

which he does believe. But his beliefs are held, so to speak, under a cloudy sky. It is a wonderful thing that in the Providence of God this book was included in our Bible, for it gives us just what we need when we too are let-down on some dark day after Christmas. The old counselor catches us on the rebound and gives us, if we will listen, some unexciting and perhaps unhelpful but still useful advice for our Days After.

Dead End Streets

The favorite refrain of the Old Counselor is "Vanity of Vanities." Emptiness of Emptiness—life to him is like one of these nests of boxes sometimes seen on the toy counters: you open the big one and find one not quite so big. You open that and it holds a slightly smaller one... and so on till you come to the tiniest box of all. Must be a diamond?—No, you open it and it's full of Nothing. So this old man who had had plenty of money and nothing to stop him, went first after one thing and then after another, but he never found happiness. All is Vanity and a Striving after Wind. You can't catch the wind and if you could, so what? He sees nothing in wealth, nothing in pleasure, nothing in learning, nothing in love. Being, as was said, no Christian, he sees nothing even in the next life to lure him on. Beyond this world he sees only "no work, nor device, nor wisdom, nor knowledge, in the grave, whither thou goest." (9:10).

But Life Must Go On

Nevertheless, even this gloomy and disillusioned man finds some things in life in which he does believe. He believes in work for work's sake. He knows all human works perish; he knows a man's best work may be unappreciated and unpaid; but still "there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his works" (3:22). A good thought for the day we have to get back to work! Then he believes in enjoying God's gifts as they come; in sharing what we have: "Give a portion to seven, yea, even unto eight" (11:2). But under and through all, he believes in obedience to God. It is true, this old counselor did not know God as Christians have known him. He had lacked the experiences of suffering, and of love, and of the forgiveness of sin. Still, even with his clouded vision, even thinking as he did of God as far away and mysterious, he knows God has given man certain laws to live by; he knows that it is at least right to do right. "Fear God and keep his commandments" is his last word.

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visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haynes and boys. There will be others coming in the latter part of the week.

The Wiley McClatchey family visited with Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Martin on Friday night.

Mr. Edd Featherston of Brownwood visited several days with John and Lou Featherston.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Miller visited Mrs. Beula Kingston on Friday night.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Nita Williamson isn't feeling as well as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grady McIver and family Sunday. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Haynes attended the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson of Rockwood. Later in the afternoon they visited in the Roy Tucker home in Santa Anna. We are sorry Mr. Tucker wasn't feeling too good.

Mrs. Robert Stearns visited one night last week with Mrs. Beula Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke were greatly surprised Saturday

when her brothers, Mr. Charlie Shields of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Mr. Frank Shields of Fort Worth, came by their home for a short visit and lunch. Charlie left later in the day for Florida, where he will spend Christmas with his daughter. Frank returned to his home in Fort Worth.

Visitors in the Albert Dean home the past week were: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Dean and family of Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean and Kit of College Station, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Haynes and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowden.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold James and Wanda visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nat Randels of Waldrip.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laughlin and Jackie Ray of Brownwood were Sunday luncheon guests in the Laughlin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dean and Ruth visited Sunday night in the Fred Haynes home.

Bettie Sue Todd arrived last Friday for a visit through Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Todd and Jack. Bettie Sue is employed as lib-

rarian at the Offutt AFB in Omaha, Nebraska, where she has been since July. Mr. and Mrs. Todd met her in Abilene. The Todds will have all their family together, when H. L. and fam-

ily arrive from Snyder, Texas, for Christmas.

The man who has talent for criticism will be unwise if he falls to use it on himself.

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Trickham News

BY EDNA R. DEAN

There was a very good attendance at Sunday School Sunday. There was no church. Bro. Howell Martin will fill our pulpit next Sunday, December 26. We were happy to have several visitors at our services Sunday.

The Trickham Community was deeply grieved to hear of the death of Tom Bagley of Brown-

wood, who died Saturday in the McCloskey Hospital at Temple, after several months illness. His services were held at the Central Methodist Church in Brownwood Sunday. His wife is the former Desta Stacy of Trickham.

Among those who are home for the holidays are: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean and Kit of College Station, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dean; Miss Peggy Ford of Abilene, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Kord and girls; and Mrs. Frank Wallace and Debby,



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Rockwood News

By **MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER**

ROCKWOOD, TEXAS

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Porter of Bozeman, Montana, came last week to spend the holidays with home folks. Mrs. Porter is the former Billie Jeanette Steward. They are visiting Mr. Porter's family at Utopia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Horton and children Austin were also week end guests in the Johnny Steward home. The Johnny Stewards are driving a new Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Allen of Newport Beach, Calif., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Steward.

Mr. and Mrs. Caskey of Ballinger visited their daughter, Mrs. T. A. Barnes and family and attended the Christmas program at the Methodist Church.

Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shuford were Mrs. Woodrow Estes, Dahlia, Kay and Rosemary of Farwell, Mr. Amos Taylor and Miss Taylor of Santa Anna.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bryan and Kenneth were the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Elder and baby, the Rev. Mr. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Barnes, Deana and Mackey, were Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estes and Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fowler of Coleman visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Moore.

Sunday guests with Mr. J. A. Estes and Mr. and Mrs. John Horseman were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Horseman of Thrifty, Mrs. Woodrow Estes and children of Farwell, Amos Taylor of Santa Anna and Boss Estes. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estes were Saturday evening guests.

Claud Box and Zack Bible were on a hunting trip Thursday to Monday.

Those attending a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMillan Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ward, Dulan, Billie and Norris of Grosvenor, Mr. and Mrs. Clemmie Brock of

Coleman, Miss Borgia Crutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Clemens of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Halmon and Jerry Carl of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crutcher and Ludy Jane of Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crutcher and Mrs. Gertrude Brinson of Bangs and Mr. and Mrs. Leon McMillan.

CWO Glenn Jones and family of El Paso are spending the holidays with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McCreary, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sitterle of Alice visited Friday to Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King. Other Sunday afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. Willie King all of Coleman, Mr. and

Mrs. Carl Ashmore of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lancaster of Trickham.

Susan Sitterle returned home with her parents, after spending a week with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rutherford, Larry, Bob and Gay spent the week end in Fort Worth, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl McGee and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eckles.

Miss Bernice Johnson of Coleman, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fox Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter of Coleman visited last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCreary were in San Angelo Sunday vis-

iting with relatives. Kay Davis of Farwell, spent Sunday night with Carolyn Williams. Betty Straughan spent Sunday with Carolyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steward and Sonsy and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper and La Quinn visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Denver Ellis at Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Ercell Ellis of Tolar, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ellis.

Harold (Pinkie) Underwood visited Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brusenhan, Sr. He is going to a new assignment at Webb AFB, at Big Spring and will soon be flying jets.

Capt. Noble McSwane and son of San Antonio, visited Saturday in the A. N. McSwane home.

Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Uless Maness were Mr. Earl Maness and son, Bernard, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Arz Ripley of Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Maness of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Avants, Melvin and Larry and the Rev. T. A. Barnes, Mr. Maness and Bernard also spent Monday in the Uless Maness home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Halmon and Jerry Carl of San Angelo spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry.

We wish for each of our readers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Gene Smith is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, for the two weeks vacation from Texas University.

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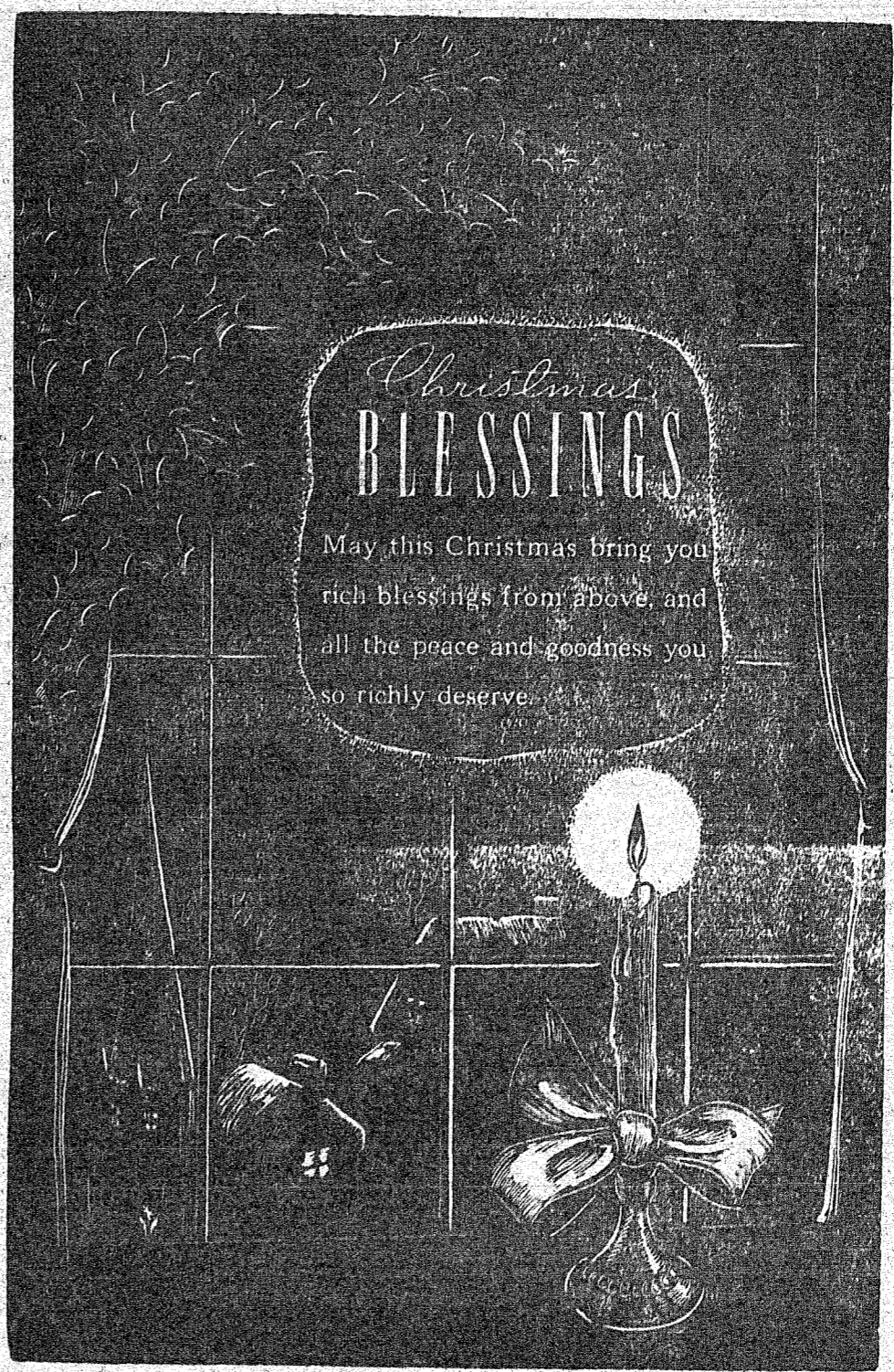
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Happy New Year

MR. AND MRS. R. E. JOHNSON HONORED SUNDAY

The children of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson honored them with Open House at their home near Rockwood Sunday, Dec. 19, from 2 to 4 o'clock, celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

All of the children were present but one daughter, Mrs. Ina Grace Schultz of Cleveland, Tennessee.

Mr. Johnson greeted friends at the door, Mrs. Johnson and children formed a receiving line in the living room. Daughters-in-law presided at the register, a beautiful book in golden color with numerals "50" painted on it. The register table had an arrangement of yellow mums, five large ones and 50 small ones, with numerals "50" in sterfoam in center. Flowers were arranged by Mrs. Ara Ripley of Brownwood.

Granddaughters, Mrs. Herbert Straughan, Patsy and Helen Taylor, Mrs. Joe W. Fowler, Mrs. Wallace Herring and Mrs. Mickle McMillan, alternated at the serving table, which was laid with a lace and gold cake in shape of an open Bible, decorated with roses, placed on a reflector, flanked by white candles with "50" in gold sequins on the sides.

Golden punch was served from a crystal bowl and cake squares decorated with roses.

Plate favors were scrolls of white tied with gold with wedding date and note of appreciation to friends printed in gold. A dish used on the serving table was a wedding present of Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. M. R. Cheatham. Tea Napkins were of white with golden bells and "Maggie and Bob" imprinted in gold. Lovely gifts were displayed.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson present were: Mrs. Earl Cozart of Whon, Robert-Johnson of Odessa, Mrs. Clifton Straughan of Coleman, Mrs. Leon Russell of Ballinger, Jack Johnson of Bay Town, Cap Johnson of Jarrell, Mrs. Clovis Taylor of Eldorado, Mrs. James Moss of Dallas, Mrs. Luther Wood of Hamilton, Mrs. Billy Maness of

In Memory Of My Mother-In-Law
BY HOWELL G. VERNER

"If I could write with diamond pen,
Use ink of flowing gold,
The love I have for Mother-in-law
Could then not half be told.

Her sympathy has been my stay
Her love my guiding light,
Her gentle hand hath soothed my ills,
She has ever been so quiet and still;

A precious friend has my Mother-in-law been,
Stood by me through thick and thin,
No sacrifice has been too great,
Such love I can not repay.

So wonderful has my Mother-in-law been
So gentle, kind and good,
That I learned to reverence
Her presence and Serenity.

Now the Benediction;
"She went about doing good."

Brownwood, Mrs. Ralph Jackson of Dallas and Tom Boy Johnson of Alpine.

There are 21 grandchildren, 18 of whom were present. One grandson, Billy Wayne Johnson, is serving in the European Theater. Three great grandsons were present.

About 180 guests called and were from Alice, Millersview, Santa Anna, Ballinger, Trickham, Lubbock, Eldorado, Bangs, Whon, Shields, Coleman, Washington, D. C., Brownwood, Gouldbusk, San Antonio, Fife, Waldrip, Fort Worth, Salado, Abilene and Rockwood.

All of the family were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cozart in Whon.

Mrs. Johnson, the former Maggie Charlotte Cheatham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Cheatham, now deceased, has lived in Rockwood most of her life. Mr. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Johnson, now deceased, was born on the Johnson Home Creek Ranch. He and Mrs. Johnson bought their present farm soon after they married and have lived there about 50 years.

When Miss Maggie Cheatham and Mr. Bob Johnson and friends Miss Patty Foreman and Ernest McBride planned a double

wedding they went up the Santa Anna road, north of Rockwood to meet the Rev. Major, pastor of the Rockwood Methodist church, who was visiting at the Ussery home. Each couple was in a single buggy. They were accompanied by Mr. Tom Johnson, Miss Ada Cheatham (now Mrs. Tom Bradley of Fife), Mr. and Mrs. Hop Cheatham and Jim Bodenhammer. The attendants were on horseback and in buggies.

They met the Rev. Major at the gate and he performed the ceremony for Miss Foreman and Mr. McBride, who now live at Baird. Then on to the next buggy, reading the ceremony uniting Miss Maggie Cheatham and Mr. Bob Johnson. We wish for them many more anniversaries.

ROCKWOOD H. D. CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Rockwood Home Demonstration Club enjoyed a no-hostess Christmas party at the lunch room Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15. Mrs. John Hunter directed the games.

Gifts were exchanged from a decorated table. A Christmas theme was carried out with center arrangements of large red candles and evergreens flanked by white candles and pyrantha berries in Santa holders.

Mrs. Evan Wise, retiring president, was presented with a bed spread as an appreciation gift from the club.

Refreshments of cake, cookies and punch was served to Mrs. Aubrey McSwane, Mrs. Veoma Jackson, Mrs. Blake Williams, Mrs. Sherman Hellman, Mrs. Ray Caldwell, Mrs. Evan Wise, Mrs. Jake McCreary and Mrs. John Hunter.

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BUSTER WOODARD INJURED IN ACCIDENT AT COLEMAN

Buster Woodard has been in the Santa Anna Hospital since last Thursday when he received three broken ribs and bad bruises on the shoulder and legs.

He was driving a feed truck for Jesse K. Barton and was just this side of Coleman, returning to Santa Anna from Abilene with a load of feed. Charlie Kinney of Coleman, driving an auto, collided into the rear of the truck, turning it over twice and causing the injuries to Mr. Woodard. Considerable damage was done to the truck.

Kinney was charged with DWI and driving without a license.

EIGHTH GRADE ENJOYS PARTY

Saturday, December 11, the Eighth Grade Class had a party at the Santa Anna School Lunch Room. The teachers present were Mr. James Pollard, Mr. A. D. Donham and Mr. James A. Harris.

We played games and had contests. About the middle of the party everyone had cold drinks and cookies. The party was over about 10:00 p. m. and everyone left seemingly to have had a nice time.

—Reporter

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a wagon, some fruit, nuts and candy. Please don't forget my friends.
Your friend,
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Dear Santa Claus,
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Your friend,
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Mrs. Annie Taylor suffered very painful injuries at her home in the south part of town on Monday at about 2:00 p. m. She was on her knees scrubbing the floor, when she slipped, receiving the injuries to her shoulder and knee. She was not able to rise from the floor and remained there about 2½ hours. Mrs. Bert Scott happened to come and find her. Mrs. Taylor remains in bed and is being treated at her home.

Mrs. W. B. Sparkman, Mrs. J. L. Harris, Mrs. Howell Martin, and Mrs. Hardy Blue, attended a meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma in Coleman Monday night. Mrs. Monroe Cheaney, Jr., gave a program on Music. She talked on carols and used them and other music in her program.

Mrs. Bertha Spence and Mrs. George Thomas of Abilene, visited awhile Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. A. Featherston and Mrs. Ann Kulp.

Joe Vernon Buse is home from Ft. Bliss, El Paso, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Buse.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Parker left Monday to visit through the holidays with their son-in-law

and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Browning and children in Oklahoma City. The Brownings moved there from Dallas in the autumn.

Charles Zenor and son Don, of Temple, visited Tuesday with Mrs. Ann Kulp and brought her some nice Christmas gifts. Mr. Zenor, who has not been so well for a long time, is improving in health.

Sometimes Christmas is written Xmas because "X" is the Greek equivalent of "ch" and stands for the word "Christ."

The hanging up of the mistletoe and the burning of the Yule log are two of the most ancient customs which come from our pagan ancestors.

Christmas south of the equator falls in midsummer. Thus the decorations are fresh flowers and the goodies often are fruits taken direct from the trees.

Opportunity sometimes comes to the man who waits, but the hustler secures a key to the door of success.

After forty a cucumber in the hand is worth two in the tummy.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas

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Children's Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus
I want a sewing machine and a Saucy Walker doll. I have been a good girl. I want two big color books and two packs of crayons and one cut out book and please send a lot of clothes with my Saucy Walker doll and a cowgirl suit. Please remember the poor children.
Box 247, Santa Anna, Texas
Cynthia Lou Parker.
I am seven.

Dear Santa Clays
I want a football for Christmas and a basketball and a wheel barrow.
Your friend
Bobby Miller

Dear Santa Claws,
I want a football and a basketball and a Train, also a bow and arrow and an accordian.
Your friend,
Nelson Perry

Santa Anna, Texas
December 12, 1954

Dear Santa Claus!
I am a little boy nearly six years old. For Christmas I want 2 guns and holster set, small basketball, a big truck and some little cars.

Don't forget my little sister, Cindy, who is two years old. She wants a baby doll, some dishes

and others things. Also some fruit and candy.
Remember my big brothers and sister.

Love,
Ronnie and Cindy Hartman

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me drobber suit, mask, gun, holster, B B gun, football, hat, gloves, three front teeth, Roy Rogers monopoly set.
Gary Williams

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a carpenter set and cowboy suit.
Steve Valdez

Santa Anna
Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy this year and I will always try to be good.

Please bring me a tricycle, drum, some little cars and a hammer. Bring me some candy and nuts to. I hope all other little boys and girls have a good Christmas to.

Love
Charles Earl Sparks

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a carpenter set and gutlar. I have been good.

Love
Joe Rutherford

Dear Santa Claus
I would like to have a black-board on a stand and a sweater set. My little brother wants a football and a tractor and my

sister wants a doll and a sweater set. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Lawanda Horner

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bride doll and a piano and a horn and I want a Drs. kit and Linda wants one too.
Gall wants a rocking horse.
Love,
Jean Robinett

Dear Santa Claus
I want a walking doll and a puzzle and a drum and a piano and a ring and a set of dishes and a sewing machine.
Bobbie Lee.

Dec. 2, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a blue are a white coat. Thank you very mush.

With love,
Wanda James

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Vlew Master, guns and holster, horn and some clothes.

Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Bring them something too.

Your little friend,
Buddy Campbell.

Santa Anna, Texas
Dec. 15, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me an accordian. Also a electric organ that I can play. I would like to have a cost-

ume from Switzerland, Scotland, and from Ireland. I would like to have some instruments from these places. Switzerland, Scotland, Ireland and Germany.

With Love,
Juanell
P. S. Please bring me a book about each of the places I have mentioned.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an iron, ironing board, dolly, doll buggy, play stove and nuts and candy. Don't forget all the other little children.

Let them have a Merry Christmas, too.
Bye now,
Glenna Russell

Rear Santa Claus
I have been good. Please bring me a B B gun.
Ronnie McCarrell

Cross Plains, Texas
December 8, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a boy six years old and my grandmother lives in Santa Anna. Please bring me a pair of boots, doctor set and a small train.

Thank you,
Larry Smith
Route 2
Cross Plains, Texas

Santa Anna
P. O. Box 682
Nov. 24, 1954

Dear Santa Claus
I want a bride doll and some

dishes and a baking set and table chairs to. I wan some old paints too.

Bring what you can of what I ask for and I love you Santa and I am in the second grade and I am 8 years old and I love you so much Santa, and a little suit case and Santa there will be some milk and pie in the ice box.

Love,
Ruth Ann Walker

Dear Santa Claus
Would you please bring me a chalk board, clothes, skates and a doll for my collection. My brother wants skates, tractor, combine and a football helmet.

We love you
Linda and Dickie Horner

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and a doll house. I have been good so bring me my toys.
Mary Jean Haynes

Dear Santa
Will you please bring me a big red tractor with spark plugs. I have been a good boy.

Thank you
Phil Huggins

Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Clause
We are two little girls. We want two walking dolls and two betoms. Have a little brother he wants a big bull a boy doll. We all want candy nuts apples and oranges, too billfolds.

Your little friends,
Doris and Henry Smith
Don't forget mother, bring her something.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll. I have been a nice little

girl. Santa Claus remember my daddy and all the other solders in Korea. Also the little boys and girls over there as my daddy writes they have no warm clothes and shoes to wear.

Thank you Santa,
Debbie Lou McGhee.

Dec. 2, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle a basket ball and a leather notebook a bill-fold.

Third Grade
Dec. 20, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 3 years old and I have tried to be a good boy.

Would you please bring me a gun holster set, a base ball set, a dump truck and a farm set.

I have a little brother. Gaylon Lee, who is 10½ months old so please bring him something nice.

Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Love
Randell Dean Pricer

Dear Santa Claus
I want a saucey wolker doll and a stick of candy. I have been a good girl. I love you very much.

Your friend
Branda Densman

Dear Santa Claus
Please Bring me a doll and dishes.

Love, from
Lols Ann Simmons

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll and some doll clothes for Christmas and a table and some chairs.
Diane Behrens
Age 7



Merry Christmas

To Our Wonderful
Friends And Customers
... And Thanks For
Your Patronage
During The Past Year

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Coleman Gas Company

Children's Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a fotball suit, electric football set and a guitar I have wanted.
Your friend
Bobby E. M.
Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a telephone and ball, cake set and doll clothes.
Sharon Mays

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a walking doll a wagon and doll buggy.
Virginia Voss

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a basketball and a B B gun.
Donald Strength

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll, sewing machine, clothes, suit case. I have been a good girl.
Linda Lee Abernathy

Dear Santa Claus;
How are you? I like you so you like me? Please bring me a bicycle, and a billfold, please bring me a typewriter and a music set and a guitar and a camera and a record player and a set of fire works and a para-keet and a Mercury.
Your friend,
Toma Eileen Powers

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and guns. I hope you will bring me these because I want them to play with. I would also like to have a camera for my brother. I want fire works too.
Your friend,
Bobby Clifton

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B, B, gun and a Cattle Truck. I want two gun and two holster. Will you bring me that. I will come to see you Friday.
Love
Charles Edward Hogue

Dear Santa Claus
I want a bride doll a horn and an accordian.
Linda Faye Robinett.
Wyllie, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a god little boy. I would like for you to bring me a teddy bear, a little red car and

some rattlers for Christmas. I will be in Whon, Texas at my granddads for Christmas.
Don't forget all of the other little boys and girls. Please don't forget my granddady and grand-mother Lovelady and pa-pa Baker.

I love you Santa!
Love
Randell Wayne Lovelady.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a buggy and a toy telephone and please don't forget the other boys and girls.
Patricia Ann White

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a tent for Christmas and a pellet risin to.
Love
Gary Sudderth

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pee wee football and bring me a tank, Would you bring me a whole bunch of fire works. Please bring me a toy car.
Bye Santa,
Your truly,
Terry

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a typewriter. I want a fotball. I want a camera. I want a B B gun, shoes. I want a Mercury.
Please bring
Your friend
Ronald Bates

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a cowboy suit, bicycle, bow and arrow, football, trucks and B B gun.
Billy Don Cupps

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bride doll and a bicycle.
Sammy Diaz

Dear Santa Claus
I want a walking doll.
Love from
Wanda Blanton

Dear Santa Claus
I wan a road grader and a air-craft carrier and a helicopter

and a pirate ship and a air-plane.
Thank you
Lester Guthrie III
Dec. 2, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a falking doll, I want a nurse set and a bicycle, a pair of shoes and a brand suit and a pair of boots.

Love
Sherlyn
Rt. 2, Santa Anna Texas



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on Another
Season of Happiness*

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Merry Christmas

It is a pleasure at Christmas to include in our message of greeting a sincere word of appreciation for your confidence and patronage.

Santa Anna Telephone Co.

Children's Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a B B gun a football, and a indoor set, and some trucks and a football suit, and boots, and a 1935 Ford.
Love,
Bill

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a guitar, bow and arrow and B B gun.
Bobby Ray Woodard

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and army tank.
James Keeney

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a basketball and a billfold. I also want a View Master set. Please bring me a cap.
Your friend,
Stanley James.

Santa Anna
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl just 10 months old. I just want a doll and rattlers this year, also a big ball. I hope you have a Merry Christmas Santa!
I love you
Gertrude Arlene Sparks
Dec. 2, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a Merrinet uppet, sewing kit a basketball.
With love
Karen Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll with a green dress also white shoes. I do want some candy. I want a cowgirl suit.
Love,
Mary Kathryn Strength
To Santa Claus

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a watch? and a ring and a pink necklace, and some dresses and a pink pursh, I want a bracelet, and a pair of shoes.
Love
Edwinna McCarrell

Dear Santa Claus
I am Bob Green. I love you. I want a helicopter and a road-grader. My little baby sister wants a tricycle.
Please bring it.
Your friend
Bob

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a rod and rell. Please bring me also a Uncle Wiggly game, a super market check out also. Please bring me also a log cabin set. Please bring me a bingo set too. Please bring me fire works too. I want a gun holster and guns.
Your friend,
Leland Neal Williams

Dear Santa Claus
I want a road grader, steam shovel and bulldozer.
Your friend
John Gregg

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a duck and a baton and a doll and a sewing machine. I want a picture.
I have been good.
Melba Keeney
Dec. 2, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pair of black ballarinas and a batone. Please bring me a Sausy Walker. Thank you.
Love
Shelia-ann Jeffcoat

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll and a nurse set and a dentist set and a big doll.
Gloria Jane Henderson
Dec. 15, 54

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a wrecker with a jack and a box of candy.
I love you
Jesse Wayne Upchurch

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bow and arrow and a football and a helmet. My name is Warren Wallace and I have been a good boy.
Dec. 2, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa will you bring me a bicycle? I hope you will.
Love,
Bobby House

Dear Santa Claws
I want a record player and some records and a bicycle.
Donnie Earl York
Rockwood, Texas
December 16, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
My little sister Denise wants you to bring her a baby doll, she

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a set of dishes, a doll, a pair of skates, a baton and a nurse's kit.
Barbara Baucom

has been a good little girl.
My little brother Warren Bruce wants a gun, bow and arrow and football.
I would like for you to bring me a watch and a Bible.
We also want some candy fruit and nuts in our stockings.

Please don't forget all other boys and girls.
All my love,
Jo Anne Wallace
Dec. 2, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Howdy Dooddy puppet, and a football and a monopoly set. I want a western cowboy town. I want a watch that will run and a pair of Jeans.
Love
Dianne Pruitt

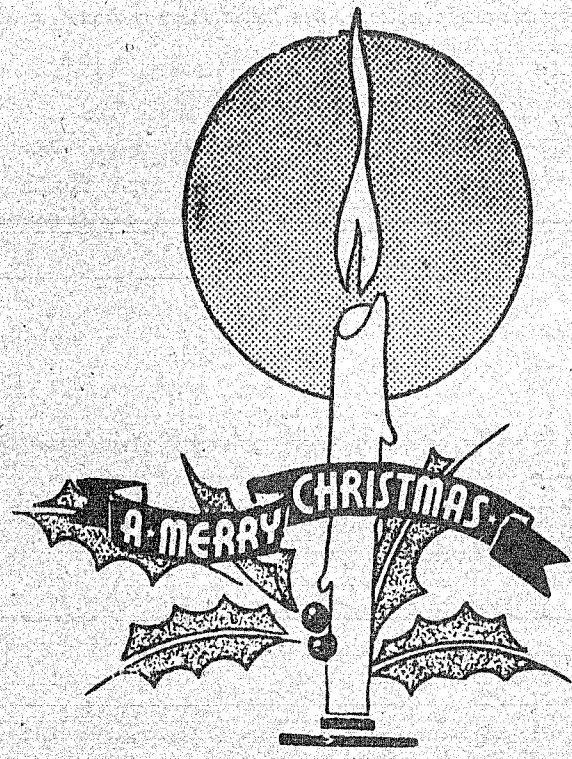
Merry Christmas

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Coleman, Texas



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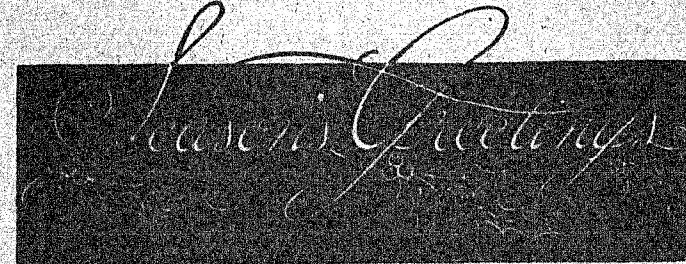
May the hope
and joy and beauty
That the Christmas season holds
Bless you now
and through the future
As each passing day unfolds.

Santa Anna Hospital

AND STAFF



One thing that always gives
the Christmas Season
a warm and happy glow
is the opportunity
of saying to our friends



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Dear Santa:
Please bring me a walking doll, accordian, stove, furniture house and set of dishes. Bring uncle Bill a Negro doll. Remember all good little girls and boys. Your little friend
Wanda Jean Kline

Dear Santa
I have been a god boy this year. Would you bring me these things for Christmas. Bike, two guns and holster, a cowboy suit and hat, a train switch, roller skates, billfold, rocking chair.
Kit Pearce.

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me some pair of guns? And I want a big truck. If I don't get that, I want a farm

set. I want some cars too. And I want a play boat.
Well its a bout time to go.
Love
Stanley Hartman

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bauty doll with her make up set and please bring a lot of clothes and a cloreing book and a cut out book and a doll buggy and please don't forget the poor children.
Box 68, Santa Anna, Texas
Linda Kay Campbell
I am 7.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll and doll clothes and a nurse set.
Love
Janet Evans

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a B-B gun a trackter and plow.
Love
Glenn W. Gilbreath

Coleman, Texas
December 1, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 2½ years old. I've been a pretty good girl. I would like for you to bring me a little doll and buggy and also a little piano. Please leave me

some candy and fruits in my stocking. Remember all the other boys and girls. I live in Coleman now but I know you can find me. Thank you Santa.
Love
Paula Sue Dossey
1000 W. Mesquite
Coleman, Texas

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a baseball glove for Christmas, and anything else you want to bring me.
Love
Jerry Lewis Ellis

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a electric football game and a pee wee football and some clay.
Love
Terry Lynn Blanton

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle, a B B gun, a electric football game and a sport car.
Love
Freddie Cullins

Dear Santa Claus
I want you to bring me a walking doll, trunk and please bring my doll some clothes.
Your friend
Nancy Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a "big" boy 3 years old. I've been a good boy. I've got my Christmas tree all ready, so please hurry and come.
I want a big tractor that I can ride and "just" toys.
Love,
Michael Cupps

Santa Anna, Texas
Dec. 7, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a very good little girl this year and I sure don't want you to forget me, as my birthday is Christmas Eve, too. I will be two years old.
Please bring me a red tricycle, little red wagon, monkey and a big baby doll that opens and shuts her eyes.

Don't forget my baby sister, Celia Ann, she is only two months old, so I guess you could bring her a pretty bunny.
Don't forget the candy, nuts and fruit.
Be seeing ya
Susan Kay Kling
302 South 5th St.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll buggy and a bicycle.
Love
Lynda Sue Brannan

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good boy so please bring me a cash register.
I love you
Gary Don Wheat

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football with white stripes. There is something else I want too. It is a flashlight.
Your friend,
Gary

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a bicycle. Are you going to be here to town, are you going to be in the parade?
Linda Stevens

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll laundry set and some candy and a view master stroscope and eight reels to go with it.

Here the reels I want, Rudolph the red nosed reindeer, The night before Christmas, and Hansel and Gretel, Jack and the

beanstalk, Snow White and the seven Dwaris, Little black sambo, Sleeping Beauty, and Bugs Bunny the Hunter.
Love
Sue Copeland

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle for Christmas. Will you please give everybody something for Christmas.
Love
Norman Anderson

Please bring me a bride doll, doll dishes, doll stove, cabinet and a washing machine for my doll clothes. I have been a good little girl.
Please bring my brothers something too.

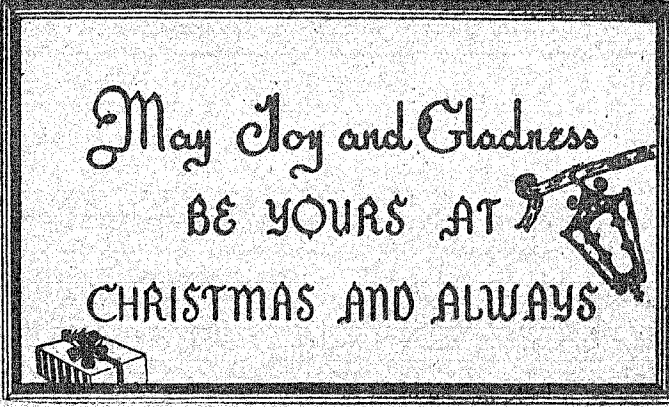
Love,
Judy Moore

Dear Santa
I want a football, basketball and a set of guns for Christmas. Please remember all of the little boys and girls.
James Lyndon Wells

Actions speak louder than words—but many people attempt to shout actions down.

It would appear that the family tree of some confidence men must be a slippery elm.

A man who refuses to try to help himself finds little sympathy when he seeks outside assistance.



DAIRY BARN
Bertha Allen, Owner and Operator



AND BEST WISHES

TO OUR MANY
FRIENDS AND
CUSTOMERS

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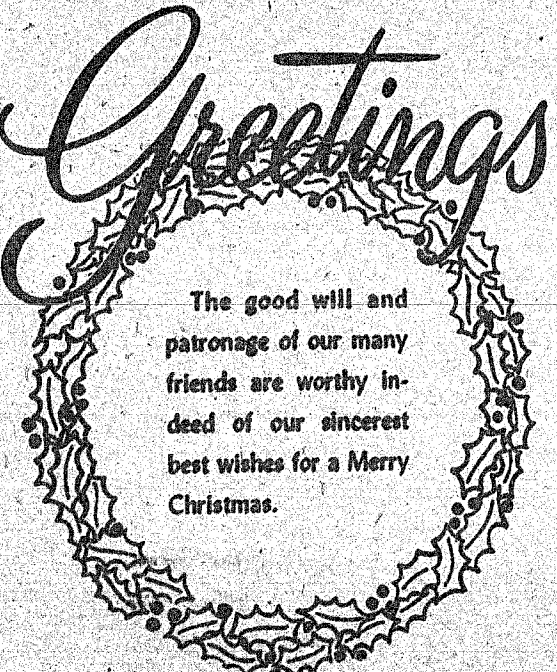
*May Christmas be all
you hoped for and more*

B. Wagner
RADIO REPAIR SHOP

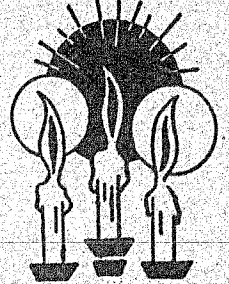
"Thank You"

Is The Most Sincere Expression We Know Of To Convey Our Appreciation For Your Friendliness And Patronage This Past Year.

May We Extend To You Our Cordial Greetings And Good Wishes For Happiness And Prosperity In The New Year.



The good will and patronage of our many friends are worthy indeed of our sincerest best wishes for a Merry Christmas.



*Merry
Christmas*

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of the
**HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON**
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from us.

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In various central European countries the Christmas crib, staged in a box, is carried through the streets by groups of singing children during Christmas time.

Christmas, originating in England dates from the reign of Henry VII when Christmas boxes and New Year gifts were a common enactment of royalty from their subjects.

Many Towns In United States Utilize Christmas Theme in Famous Names

Santa Claus, Indiana; Bethlehem, Connecticut; and Christmas, Florida, are a few of the more familiar post offices which each year handle a flood of mail from senders wishing to obtain Yuletide postmarks.

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

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

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

There are two Noels — in Virginia and Missouri. Last year Missouri's Noel post office reported hand cancellation of a record 650,000 pieces of Christmas mail — 800 for each of the town's residents.

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

One Wiseman is found in Alaska and another in Arkansas. The third, it may be assumed, is in Wisemantown, Kentucky.

There are five Stars and four Shepherds. West Virginia contributes Goodwill, Missouri, Peace Valley; and there is Joy in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas.

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

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

Santa Claus Strictly Is American As He Is Known in World Now

Santa Claus as Americans know him is a naturalized American citizen, and as such is America's contribution to the Christmas legend. That's the opinion of Dr. Gustav O. Arlt of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe has been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arlt.

"When the American, Clement

Clark Moore, described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," he assumed the proportions of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christian legend and folklore," the professor stated.

The Christmas seal has become an annual institution and offers at the Christmas season an opportunity for rich and poor alike to help in the fight against an ancient enemy — tuberculosis.

Although Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the roots of the observance go deeply into the folklore of the Druids, Scandinavians, Romans, and Egyptians.



Santa Anna Pastry Shop
Coleman Pastry Shop

A THOUGHT AT CHRISTMAS

May we be truly thankful for a land which allows our hearts to be warm and happy at Christmas.



B. T. Vinson
GROCERY AND FEED

This warm and friendly greeting
Now that Christmas time is here,
Is but an echo of a wish
Which we hope will last
Through all the days to come.



Christmas Greetings

L. E. Abernathy
TEXACO SERVICE STATION



JOBE BUICK COMPANY
Coleman, Texas



Singer Sewing Center

215 1/2 Commercial — Coleman, Texas

Children's Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a B B gun for Christmas and a basketball.
Rickie McGhee

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bride doll and a bicycle.
Geneva Taylor
Second Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll and number frames.
Love
Sharon Janell Baker

Dear Claus,
Bring me some toys.
Stephen Wayne Hogue
Santa Anna, Texas
Dec. 10, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll and record player.
Don't forget to come to see Pat, Elaine, Sandra, Eddie Standly, Ronnie, Cindy and Roy Joe.
Love,
Sherry Thompson
P. S. Don't forget granny.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a B B gun and sword and chalk board with number frames.
Love
Roy Tucker

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a red bicycle. I also want a record player, a camera and some fireworks. I want a band suit and shoes. I am going to the Parade today.
Your friend
Sherry Drake

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a cowgirl suit, a pair of guns and a clarinet.
Love
Sandra Jean Davis
Dec. 2, 1954

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll and bicycle, nurse set, tinker toy, Jack-in-the-box,
Love
Helen Ruth Hoyt

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a carpenter set and cowboy suit.
John Hensley

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a walking doll and a set of dishes and a bicycle a suitcase, a sewing mashine.
Velda Cullins

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pair of boxing gloves. I also want a train and some arrows too. I want a little bulldozer too. I saw it in a catalog.
Your friend,
Donnie Ray Neff

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a walking doll and bicycle, nurse set, tinker toy, Jack-in-the-box.
Love
Bessie

Dear Santa,
I am a little boys seven years old. I want a Roy Rogers holster set, a billfold, a racer car and some candy, apples and nuts.
Nikki Van Johnson

Santa Anna, Texas
Trickham Route
Dear Santa Claus;
I'm a little boy almost five years old. I want a gun that makes a lot of noise, also a choo-choo train. If you have any big Chubby Bears left after giving the babies one you may leave it for me.
I love you a lot,
Tommy E. Blanton

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a belt and a truck, log cabin set and fireworks and some shoes. Please bring me a billfold.
By - By - Santa
Your friend,
Billy Don

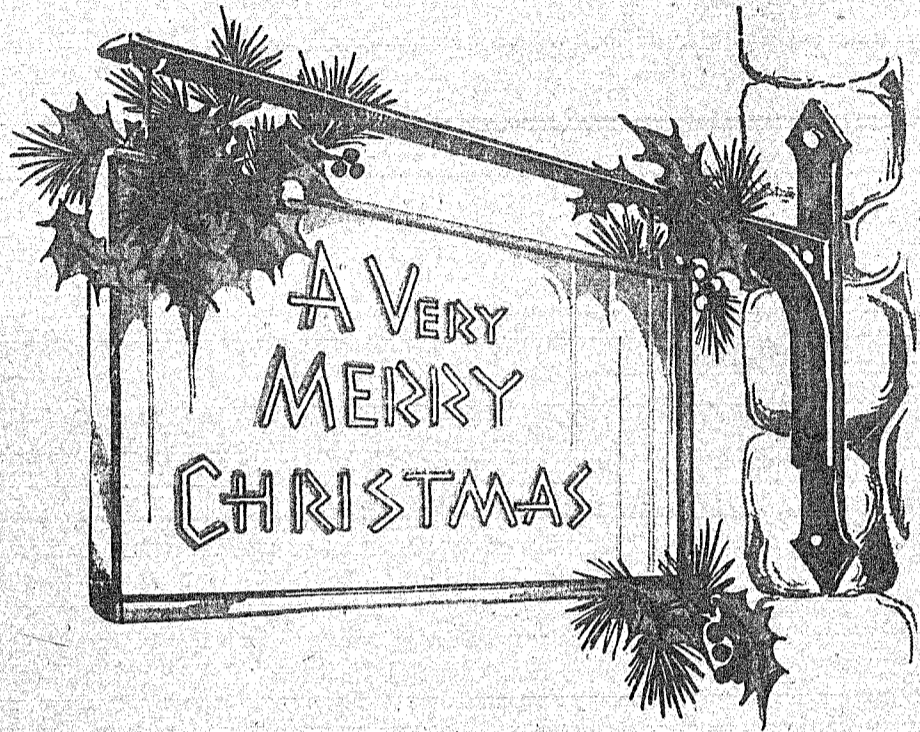
Dear Santa Claus
Please bring Pete my Parakeet some toys. I want a bicycle.
With love,
Earla Jean Buse

Dear Santa Claus
I want a toy bulldozer, a tractor, a trailer, a hay baller a tandem disc and a breaking plow. Please bring my baby brother each a wheel barrow and a rakey shovel and hoe.
Your friend
Michael Hosch

Dear Santa
I want a doll. I have been a good girl,
From
Helen Jo Penson

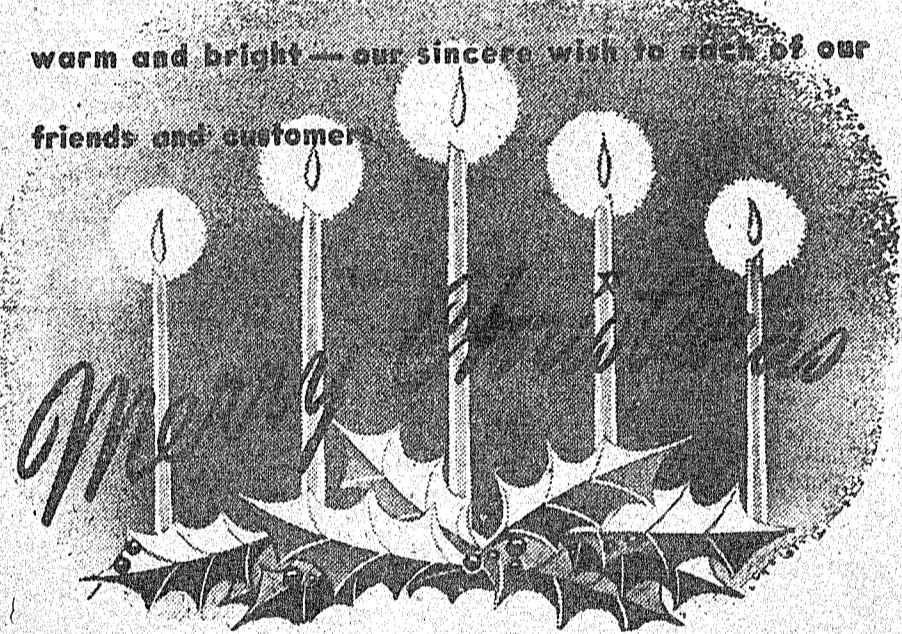
Dear Santa,
We want a Red Riding Hood doll and suit case, also some fruit and candy. Don't forget our brother, mother and dad. Also our grandmother and granddad, Aunt Ruthie and Uncle Alfie.
We love you Santa,
Dessa Mae and Yvonne Rushing.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a ball.
Raymond, Don Cupps



Wright's Funeral Home
BURIAL AND BENEFIT ASSOCIATION
Coleman, Texas

May the sparkle of Christmas candles make your season warm and bright — our sincere wish to each of our friends and customers.



Santa Anna Co-operative Gin
Pierre Rowe, Manager

Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men

Delma Johnson
IMPLEMENT COMPANY
Coleman, Texas



We send you these Christmas greetings because we are proud to call you our friend. We gratefully acknowledge your patronage in the past and hope that all joy possible be yours on this great occasion.

Calvin Campbell
GULF OIL CONSIGNE

Merry Christmas



Let us be truly grateful

That we live in a country

Where we worship as we desire.

May we be ever thankful

That Christmas in America is observed

With genuine love

And understanding for our fellowman.

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Children's Letters To Santa Claus

Santa Anna, Texas

Dec. 14, 1954
Dear Santa Claus
I have tried to be a good little boy this year.
I would like for you to bring me a wind up train that runs

on a track and some films for my view master. Bring my big brother a B B gun and also bring us both some fruit, nuts and candy. Be nice to all the other little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Harvey Ray Curry

bicycle. My baby brother wants a little baby taddy bear he wants the color brown and yellow. My big brother wants a gun.
Love
Cheryl Fitzpatrick

My little brother wants a car and a gun. Be good to other little children.
I love you Santa
Dianne Copeland

Please bring me a big doll and a table and two chairs and a tea set. Please bring my mother and father a new 1955 Mercury.
Your Friend,
Frankie Walker

GREETINGS *With*
loads of good wishes




Speck's Barber Shop

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a suit for Christmas and a sewing machine for Christmas. I want a Organ for Christmas too.
Love
Sharon

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a ball and a doll and a book and a flag and a basket for my bicycle.
Love
Janice Dell Pruitt

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa
Dianne Copeland

To wish you
a Merry Christmas



Dear Santa Claus,
I love you Santa. Will you bring me a note book, B B gun, plastic blocks, typewriter and a Mercury for my mother and father.
Love,
Charles Ball

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a B B gun and football and a Mercury.
I want a new football.
Your friend
Frank

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycl and a electric train. I want a electric football and a B B gun.
Love
Willie

L. A. Welch, Garage

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a farm set, a wagon, and a gun. Don't forget my big brother Don, he wants a bow and arrow set. My other brother, Joe has already wrote you. Bring us some nuts, fruits and candy.
Love
Larry Rutherford

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and doll clothes and a tea set, table and chairs.
Your friend,
Helen Jean Truller

Dec. 2, 1954
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bulldozer and a tinker toy set a little candy and apple.
Your Friend,
Doyle Lynn Wright

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and now It's Christmas again!



Just twelve short months ago we were saying "Merry Christmas" to our friends and neighbors and now it's time once again to express our best wishes to each of you. May every joy be yours.

HARVEY GROCERY

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bracelet and a billfold and a watch and some records and a record player and a baton and a walking doll.
I am in the second grade.
Linda Sue Rutherford

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a telephone set and a doll that cries real tears and that can blow bubbles out of a bubble pip.
Love
Kay Haynes

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Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and a game of Bingo for Christmas.
Your friend,
Geraldene

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl eight years old. I want a doll with clothes and a little western town set. And my little sister wants a doll that cries and has come clothes.

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Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a dump struck and steam shovel.
Jimmy Walker.

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This is December but please bring me a football for Christmas.
Ernest Willborn.

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I am eight years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a Susie Walker Doll and a Cenderella Watch. Please remember all the other boys and girls.
Love
Martha Maroney

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Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please send Lynn a large farm set and I want some little dolls? Some nuts, candy, apples and three (3) pangagas of 50c notebook paper. Also bring me a girls billfold and a ring.
Clara Lou Wright

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Merry Christmas



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Tell Your Children The Truth About Santa Claus, Using Simple Word Story

Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does—it does something to your heart strings—you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this . . .

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and walked along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of the many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy, for poverty prevented his giving his customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret—so the legend of the good St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

Burning of Yule Log Is Traditional Among People of America

The Yule log is a tradition of Christmas, but due to central heating and gas stove, it is becoming a lost tradition in this country. Few city dwellers have open grates or desire a log fire. And some living in the country find coal more efficient and less trouble. Many have butane gas.

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

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

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

Mistletoe Accounts About It's Good-Will For Early-Day Myth

The mistletoe has come a long way from the days when it was worshipped by the British Druids to its present status as a criminal killer of forests. However, its use as a symbol of love, peacemaking and good-will survives to this Christmas intact from the pre-Christmas days of the ancient Scandinavian light god, Balder, whose palace stood in the Milky Way.

The beloved Balder, so the myth goes, was slain by a mistletoe arrow but was restored to life at the intercession of the other gods. Custody of the mistletoe plant was then entrusted to the goddess of love who ordained that henceforth anyone passing beneath its bough should receive a kiss in token of love, not vengeance. Held high, it never could be evil.

Christmas Eve Bath Was Major Rite For Finnish Old-Timers

The Christmas eve bath was quite a tradition in Finland before the advent of modern plumbing.

The old-time Finnish bathroom was usually a three-room hut; one room was used for steaming and scrubbing, one for rubbing and one for dressing.

The hut was warmed by a stone oven, heated for hours before the scheduled bath, and the "bathroom" was really steaming. After bathing came the rub-down with birch twigs to increase the circulation, topped off by a roll in the snow, supposedly to whet the appetite for Christmas Eve supper.

For supper there were usually stockfish and prune tarts to be enjoyed, plus the traditional barley porridge in which cream and sugar and almonds were mixed.

After supper the boys and men matched their strength; while the girls—garbed in the men's work clothes—blackened their faces and stole away to visit other homes incognito and "see Christmas." The girls never spoke nor accepted food, but went from house to house merely to watch the festivities.

And when the evening's festivities were over, the smaller children made their beds in the clean straw spread on the floors in commemoration of the Christ Child.

Attend Church Regularly

There are Scandinavian, French and ancient Egyptian legends which claim to have given the Christmas tree to the world. The first authentic mention of a Christmas tree is of one in Strasbough, Germany, 1695.

The Christmas wreath represents the crown of thorns, and the berries the drops of blood.

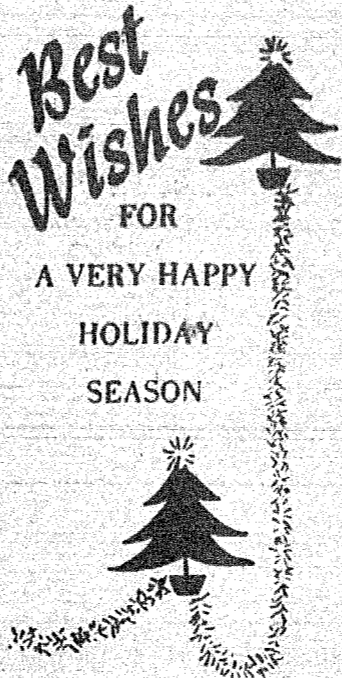
Christmas cakes, iced cookies and other goodies are survivals of the old custom of giving con-

fectionary gifts to the Senators of Rome.

In rural Norway the women bake a year's supply of bread at Christmas time and store it in mouse-proof rooms.

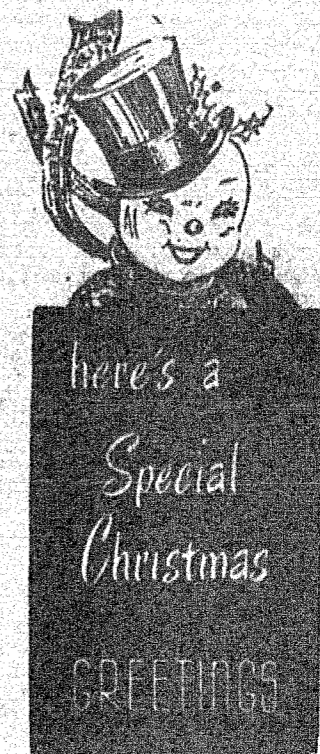
The street festivals of Italy and Spain had fire works at Christmastime. America now has illuminated community trees. In some places, fireworks still persist.

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