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## "Come, All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant"

## Smiling Spirit Of Christmas Enters Now

Everywhere, There Is Fellowship, With Faith, Feasting, Fun

By ANNA MANG

Christmas is: A time for sharing and surprises, a time for magic and merriment, and a time to say, "Glad greetings, one and all."

Christmas is: The season of song and celebration, the season of little children and love and laughter, and the season of worship and rejoicing.

Christmas is: For fellowship and feasting, for family and friends, for home and happiness. But Christmas, too, is for remembering the stranger within the gates, for cheering the lonely, comforting the sorrowful, befriending the needy.

Christmas is: For everyone—for those of Christian faith who celebrate the Day as a holy time of highest importance, and for those of other faiths, who love and observe the Yuletide as a holiday dedicated to good will and good cheer.

Best of all, Christmas is: Here! Throughout this community, plans and preparations reach their peak. Every joyous surprise is at the point of revelation. The tree lights go on, the carols ring out, the gaily-wrapped gifts are delivered.

With gleeful smiles, the children welcome Santa's bounty, while the grown-ups greet one another, and talk and laugh and even shed a happy tear or two, rejoicing in the deep and tender meaning of the Christmas spirit.

If there was a bit of hustle—and even some hassle—about the getting-ready process, all is now forgotten in the glow and glory of Christmas. The quickened pace of modern living seems to make it almost impossible to prepare for the holiday without setting, at times, a somewhat hectic pace.

Be that as it may, the glad, true spirit of the season inspires this Christmas planning, and Christmas realities, in all their wonder and warmth, more than make up for the pre-holiday hurry and scurry.

### It's Traditional

The tree may be aluminum instead of spruce or fir. Santa may arrive by helicopter instead of reindeer-drawn sleigh. And the children's gifts will probably reflect the space age and the wonders of electronics.

No matter. However modern the celebration of Christmas may seem to be, its spirit is still old-fashioned, and though customs may appear in contemporary guise, they are still the cherished traditions from the past.

These treasured customs are the heart of Christmas, growing deeper year by year, as memories of "what we did last Christmas" add to every family's own special, traditional way of celebrating Christmas.

### Naming Santa

Santa Claus is a tradition—a pleasant one, indeed. And, traditionally, he owes his name to a gift-giver of the past.

St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop who became the patron saint of children, was noted for his generosity. His Dutch name was "Sinter Niklask," which gradually changed to Santa Claus.

### Sending Greetings

"We wish you a merry Christmas."



### Paintings Show Sacred Message Lives Anew

YESTERDAY AND TODAY, Byzantine icons tell the Christmas story. Like that sacred story, the style of Byzantine art is unchanging through the centuries, as these paintings illustrate.

BYZANTINE ART of yesterday appears in the painting (far left), "Virgin and Child Enthroned with Angels." By an unknown Byzantine painter, it is executed in tempera on wood, with a gold ground. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Lizzie Bliss, 1931.

NATIVITY SCENE (near left) shows how iconography continues the ancient Byzantine style, with symbolic feeling. The Madonna and Child are central figures, Joseph and a shepherd appear at the left and the manger is shown, with historical accuracy, as a cave in a rocky hillside. This icon is the work of John Pappasopoulos of the Byzantine Icons Studio.

PAST AND PRESENT meet as artists turn to a beloved subject, the Madonna and Child. Out of the past comes the painting at top left. In a Byzantine style, it's by an unknown Russian painter in tempera on wood and is inscribed in Slavonic, "Our Lady of Kaza." (From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, 1933). How the Byzantine style continues today is shown in the icon at top right, created in tempera by the contemporary iconographer, John Pappasopoulos.

ABOUT WISE MEN Except for the words of St. Matthew, legend accounts for the little that is known about the wise men. One of the legends says that the star appeared to them once more, near the end of their lives.



## Holiday Blends Many Customs

"Anybody found feasting or observing Christmas day in any way shall pay a fine of five shillings."

And so, throughout New England Pilgrim settlers had to treat Christmas as just another working day. Governor Bradford noted that "no man rested all day" on December 25, 1620, say the editors of Encyclopedia Americana.

Today, in the United States and Canada, Christmas celebrations are a colorful blend of customs from many lands. The main features of the holiday festivities are much the same everywhere—Santa Claus, Christmas trees, gifts, greetings, feasting, family visits, carol singing.

Each of these customs has its own history, and for the student of holiday lore and legend, the fascination lies in the variety of traditions brought by settlers from other lands and assimilated into what is now a truly American, or truly Canadian Christmas.

### Displaying Tree

The custom of the Community Christmas Tree began in the early 1900's with the people of Pasadena, Calif., who decorated a tall evergreen on Mount Wilson with lights and tinsel.

Madison Square in New York and the Common in Boston were the scene of trees set up in 1912. In 1914 Independence Square in Philadelphia had its first holiday tree.

Around each of these trees choirs gathered and sang carols.

The custom of lighting the National Community Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. began in 1923 when the University of Vermont sent a large tree to President Calvin Coolidge.

### Add Special Touch

In Quebec, customs from France lend their special touch to a Canadian Christmas.

France gave Canada the "creche," gatherings after midnight Mass with family and friends, savory pork pies



## Telling Story of Nativity

It came to pass, as the angels were gone away from heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. They came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph the babe lying in a manger. Luke 2:15-16.

As an iconographer, Mr. Pappasopoulos leads the development of a "Byzantine art of the 20th century."

### Iconography?

Iconography is a system of representing Christian subjects by means of pictures or images. Originally, the word meant "portrayal," and was especially used in referring to the figure of the Madonna, a saint or scene from the Bible, or the Grolier of Art.

Secular art gained by it, as artists of the monastic schools began to work under the patronage of the nobility.

Even modern comic strips owe something to the iconoclasts. The monastic artists who turned to secular work brought with them the Byzantine method of telling a story through a continuous series of drawings.

### Symbolism Rules

Surviving wars, crusades and conquests, Byzantine art flourished till the middle of the 15th century.

Over the years, Byzantine artists influenced others, but were rarely influenced by others. Though the early Renaissance brought realism, the colorful, decorative and formal qualities of the Byzantine style remained virtually unchanged.

In Byzantine art, highly stylized figures appear, with little or no three-dimensional effect. Gold backgrounds suggest almost no sense of space.

Familiar scenes such as the Nativity show painted figures that are allegorical, mystical, symbolic—but never realistic in color or form.

### Iconography? It's Part Of Today

The ancient Byzantine art of iconography is a contemporary art, too, and very much a part of today.

So declares John Pappasopoulos, leading iconographer and owner-creator of the Byzantine Icons Studio, New York.

He points out that the turn of the century Art Nouveau technique, which has influenced much contemporary art, is related to Byzantine religious art. A non-realistic use of color and flattening of perspective are typical.

Assisted by the artists of his studio, he has decorated some 30 churches in the United States. In his native Greece, he has decorated 19 Athens churches.

Like Byzantine artists of centuries past, Mr. Pappasopoulos works with traditionally authentic egg tempera. He makes his own tempera from egg, vinegar and ammonia. To this emulsion, coloring agents are added.

He makes extensive use of gold leaf, another traditional element in Byzantine art. His work shows his own personal touch but always follows the pure Byzantine style.

has a deep religious significance.

Considered solely as an art form, the Byzantine technique is renowned for its beauty and decorative character. In its symbolic approach, this ancient art is closer to the art of today than the representational works of more recent centuries.

### There's Inspiration

As in all forms of art, the story of the Nativity has been a source of inspiration to iconographers through the ages.

The Madonna and Child have long been favorite subjects for icons, while Byzantine triptychs often showed Christ, Mary His Mother and John the Baptist.

Other early iconographers turned to St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, as a subject worthy of attention. The good bishop is known in legend as the forefather of Santa Claus.

## Churches Grace Greeting Cards



CHURCHES, LONG a symbol of the Christmas season, have appeared in innumerable ways on Christmas cards. Pictured here is Westminster Abbey, subject of a card from the Norcross Historical Collection.

The oldest of these church buildings is Westminster Abbey, a national shrine and the Mother Church of the Commonwealth of Great

Perhaps the most enduring of holiday traditions is that of exchanging greetings.

Christmas cards are a relatively new part of a holiday that has been celebrated for centuries. In fact, this year marks only the 95th anniversary of Christmas cards in America.

But the custom of greeting friends and neighbors and wishing them good cheer is as old as the holiday season itself.

Today brings a special kind of "Christmas card." This edition of this newspaper is a community greeting card, with special greetings from businessmen of the community who offer their good wishes and their appreciation to all.

### Where Tree Grew

The first Christmas tree was a palm from Egypt. Or it was a huge tree in a forest, symbolic of mankind. Or it was the Paradise Tree of medieval miracle plays.

Though holiday legend and lore offers many an explanation for the origin of the Christmas tree, nobody knows for sure exactly when and where the first decorated tree appeared.

And who cares? It's fun to hear the legends of the past, with all their mystery and magic, but the thing that matters most is that the tradition of the tree is here, adding joy to Christmas.

In 1966 the Abbey celebrated its 900th anniversary, and thousands of people from all over the world visited the church where both commoners and royalty have worshipped for centuries.

In commemoration of the event, Westminster underwent a 10-year program of cleaning and repairs that cost \$1,120,000.

It was on Christmas day that William the Conqueror was crowned at Westminster, and buried there are Newton, Darwin, Keats, Tennyson, Browning, and royal personages such as Queen Elizabeth I and her rival for the throne, Mary Queen of Scots, Richard II, Henry VII and St. Edward, whose shrine is the most sacred spot in the Abbey.

In September 1965, a tablet was added in memory of Winston Churchill.

### In Japan

East meets West in gift-exchanging customs. Japanese exchange "Oseibo," or year-end gifts, beginning about mid-December.

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### PAT'S PARAGRAPHS

BY: Miss Patricia A. Palmer, County Home Demonstration Agent  
I suppose just about everyone has their Christmas shopping done except for me! Still have a few things to get. Each month the U. S. Department of Agriculture puts out

a list of foods that are plentiful on the market. Foods in plentiful supply usually indicate a good selection for quality—and attractive price tags, too.  
Turkey and pork are listed as plentiful in the meat group. Eggs are also plentiful, as

well as such standard table items as potatoes, onions and rice. Christmas wouldn't be the same without the cranberries—and cranberries and cranberry sauce are abundant. You can also plan to fill Christmas stockings with apples, oranges, grapefruit and tangerines, as marketing of these fruits will be heavy during December. Too, there will be lots of applesauce and

apple juice, frozen concentrated orange juice and walnuts, completing the December lineup of plentiful foods.  
Satisfy those on your Christmas list with durable press garments, carefully selected. Take time to inspect the garment. Make sure that seams, pockets and plackets are smooth and flat. There should be no unwanted

creases or puckers. Check the color. The garment should be dyed evenly without any streaks. Check size carefully. Alterations on durable press are never satisfactory. Read the label for a statement about fiber content. The blend should be at least 50 percent polyester. Check care instructions, and follow them. Shirts

should be removed from the dryer immediately and hung. If not, the heat of the dryer will set wrinkles in the garment.  
A cool-down cycle on the dryer also limits wrinkled garments, as well as a final cool rinse cycle on the washing machine.  
I've really enjoyed this Christmas season so far. Those of you that missed the

Christmas Cantata, "Joy To The World," presented by the combined choirs of the Baptist and Methodist churches in Wheeler, missed a special Christmas blessing. It was a thrill to be able to help present this lovely piece of music.  
And I know I've gained a few extra pounds by partaking of Christmas "goodies". I've attended several Christmas parties and luncheons. The Christmas spirit really grabs a hold on you after you've been exposed to so much of it shown by others!

Add vanilla and food coloring thoroughly. Stir coconut and cherries into 2 logs about 1/2 inch long. (If mixture seems too soft, chill briefly shaping or stir in a little extra powdered sugar in refrigerator. Cut into slices about 1/2 inch thick. Makes about 2 dozen.)

# Pre-Christmas FOOD SALE



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December 26, 1970

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**EGGS** Grade A Large 55¢  
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**ROLLS** Meads Brown & Serve 57¢  
2 Pkgs.

**OLEO** Wilson Golden \$1  
5-1 lb. Cms.

**FLOUR** Puckett's Best

**5 lb. Bag** 19¢  
with \$10.00 Purchase

**TISSUE** Northern

**4 Roll Pack** 39¢

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**1/2 Gal.** 65¢

**PEPSI COLA**

**3 Cartons** \$1  
(Plus Deposit)

Borden **Chip Dip or Sour Cream** Ctn. 43¢

**Maryland Club Coffee** 1 lb. Can 69¢  
with Coupon

**Onions Yellow** Pound 5¢

**Home Bake Pie Shells** 3 for 99¢

**Ruby Red Grapefruit Texas** 10 for 79¢

**Cool Whip** 4 1/2 oz. Size 33¢ 9 oz. Size 53¢

**LETTUCE** Large Crisp Head Each 19¢

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**POTATOES** WHITE

**10 lb. Bag** 29¢  
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These Prices Good Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 23-24

# Puckett's FOOD MARKET

Double Stamps Every Wednesday on Purchase of \$2.50 or More.

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WHEELER, TEXAS

Here is a holiday recipe to add to your collection.  
**Holiday Yule Log**  
3 cups sifted powdered sugar  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
3 drops red food coloring  
3 cups flaked coconut  
1/2 cup chopped cherries  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
Combine sugar, butter and milk and mix until smooth.

### Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF DORA L. KENNEY, DECEASED, No. 1523, County Court, Wheeler County, Texas. M. Glenn Richerson, Temporary Administrator in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 21 day of December, 1970 his verified account for final settlement of said estate and requests that said estate be settled and closed, and said applicant be discharged from his trust. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of days from date of publication of this citation, the same being the 4th day of January, 1971, at the County Courthouse in Wheeler, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at the office in Wheeler, Texas, this the 21 day of December, A.D. 1970.  
Harry Woford  
Clerk of the County Court, Wheeler County, Texas  
By Elaine Langley  
Deputy

**LOCALS**  
Mrs. Clifford Mason of Shamrock visited Thursday morning with her sister, Mrs. Bob Ramsey while Mr. Mason tended to business.  
Mr. Bill Brickey came home last Wednesday from Veterans Hospital in Amarillo where he spent three weeks.  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowrey, who lived in Wheeler a number of years now lives at Athens, Texas. Their son and family Mr. and Mrs. David Lowrey and boys of Clarendon have gone to spend Christmas with them.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caswell who have been in Ft. Worth where he had surgery returned home last Tuesday and he is doing real well. Visiting them Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Caswell and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harper Muse and children of Pampa and Mr. Leon Young of McLennan.



**CHRISTMAS CHEER**  
We would like to extend our warm wishes to all our friends, patrons  
**Production Credit Assn**

May all the bounty, blessings of Christmas be yours.

Pat Palmer  
Home Demonstrator Agent

**Christmas Greeting**  
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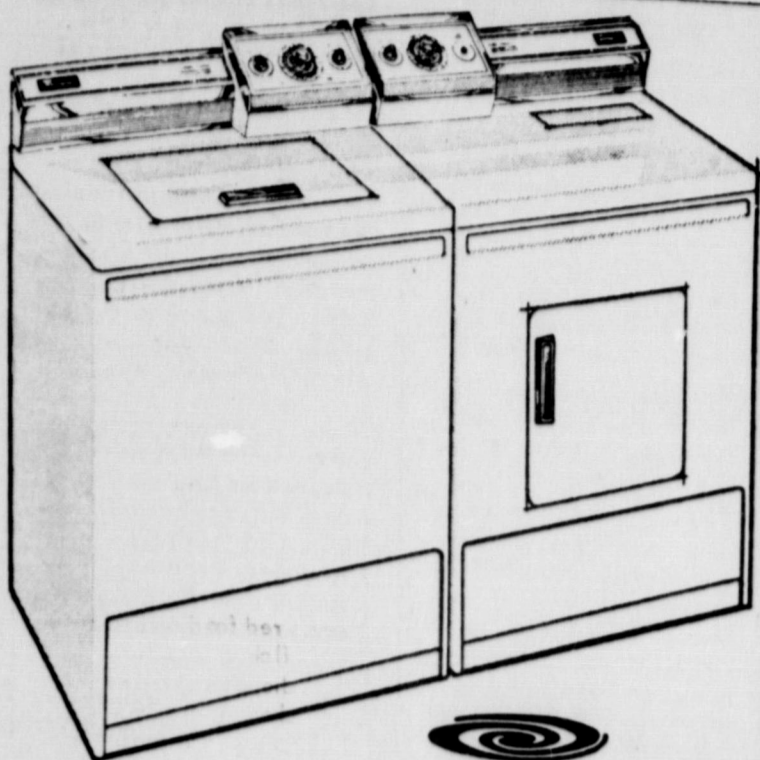
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Phone 826-5868  
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# THIRD, FINAL DRAWING SLATED FOR THURSDAY

## Whirlpool

Whirlpool washer takes care of your Permanent Press fabrics. Permanent Press cool-sets garments relax in water before spinning so they won't set in. Choice cycles: NORMAL, GEN-ERAL, PERMANENT PRESS. 2 spin speeds, 2 spin speeds water temp. selections. 10-lb. size water level control. Magic-Mix lint filter. Super agitator. Super agitator for cleaning action.

**\$219<sup>95</sup>.**



## Whirlpool

5-cycle electric dryer gives Permanent Press wear wrinkles-away care. Special cycle-ending cool-down for Permanent Press fabrics fights wrinkles, helps garments come out ready to wear. 5 drying cycles handle every type of load. 3-position temperature selector. Extra-large lint screen removes easily. TUMBLE PRESS control saves you from touch-up ironing, helps remove wrinkles from clean Permanent Press clothes.

**\$144<sup>95</sup>.**

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The third and final drawing of the \$1,000 Christmas Drawing will be held at 2:30 P.M. Thursday, December 24 on the west side of the Courthouse Square in Wheeler. A total of \$400 cash will be handed to 17 lucky Wheeler shoppers.

A \$100 bill will be given away Thursday to some lucky person. The remaining \$300 will be divided into 2-\$50, 4-\$25, and 10-\$10.

Wheeler merchants and businessmen donated the \$1,000 to show their appreciation of their customers.

Here's how it works - tickets are available and registration began Dec. 1 at each of the participating businesses listed in this story and on page 5. Each time you enter a participating store, you are entitled to a ticket, ask for it - sign it - deposit tickets in containers which are conveniently located in each of the sponsoring firms. You will also receive one ticket per each dollar purchase up to a maximum of \$500.00.

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. The tickets will not be dumped each week; tickets will be added each week to the accumulated tickets.

You must be present to win. However, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Wheeler business people not participating in the drawing are not eligible to win.

If you do not personally know the men conducting the drawing, please furnish identification.

The following merchants are sponsoring the Christmas Drawings: A-B Farm Supply,

Albert's Shamrock, Pete Burton Ford, City Drug, Clay Food Store, Daugherty's, Percy's Garage, First National Bank, Garland's Men's & Boy's, Garrison Service, HRH Milling Co., Hibler Implement, Hyland's Pharmacy, L & F Repair, Lancaster Department Store, Lee Hardware, McIlhenny Dry Goods, Owen's Service, Rives-Whitener Agency, Southwestern Public Service, Trading Post,

## Across the Fence

By: Max W. Hatter, CAA

It appears to this old cowboy sitting out here on a windy hill that this is the kind of weather that gets us nowhere in the cattle business. Our stocker calves are walking the fences looking for something to eat and some of our mother cows are getting pretty expensive cause we have been feeding some of them since the middle of the summer. It is dry all over the state and we needed some moisture yesterday. A lot of farmers and ranchers will be hoping that Santa Claus will bring some moisture on Christmas. Maybe, he will surprise us all.

We got some help in figuring the amount of dry grass that the cows grazed on our winter east study last week. Cleve McMillion with the SCS in Wheeler took clippings that revealed that there were over 2 tons of dry grass to the acre. This was enough dry

grass to carry a cow for 45 days on one acre. Good no five grass pastures had only about 3/4 of a ton of dry grass to the acre. So far it looks like a little less than 3 acres of dry cured Emelo Weeping lovegrass should carry a cow until April. Since hay is costly, this system of wintering cattle on standing cured grass that has been rested enough in the fall to give sufficient growth, should save dollars on wintering costs. A dollar saved on each cow per month would mean a savings of \$100.00 a month for a man with 100 cows.

Cattlemen should be able to save both time and money by feeding protein supplement twice a week rather than each day. Texas A & M University tests have shown that cattle fed protein supplement twice a week performed just as well as those fed each day. The result from the twice weekly feeding was about a 60% saving in labor at travel. This method of feeding doesn't necessarily mean feeding less supplement, just feeding more less frequently.

During the cold winter months cattle need plenty of forage for the production of body heat. A low quality forage that is high in fiber is a good feed for storm periods, because of the high body heat generated from digesting the fiber in the roughage. A well-fed cow can withstand low temperatures. Researchers say the critical temperature is just above the point at which cattle begin to shiver. A cow on a fasting diet, or without any feed, reaches a critical temperature at about 55 degrees F. A maintenance ration lowers the critical temperature to about 23 degrees F. With an increase in feed consumption, the critical temperature will well below zero.

With hair and an increase in wind velocity raise the critical temperature drops and thus increase the amount of feed required for body heat production by the animal. Good dividends can be expected if cattle are well-fed during the winter stress months.

The third annual conference on fish farming will be held January 7 and 8 at A & M University at College Station, Texas. This conference will provide detailed, current research findings on commercial production of freshwater fish, particularly catfish. The discussion sessions will center upon two major problems: marketing and parasitic diseases. Copies of the program and pre-registration forms are available at our office in Wheeler.

## CHRISTMAS

By: Barbara Helton  
Christmas is a gay and happy time, without Christ it's not worth a dime. Santa adds to it with a HO! HO! HO!  
Stops his reindeers with a Woel! Cards of greeting all are sent. Visits with friends are spent. Cake and candy from the kitchen are made; Christmas dinner with tom turkey coming to ade.

People doing lots of Christmas shopping. Keeps all the store clerks hopping. Christmas may be with or without snow. Children will always have lots to show. The beautiful Christmas carols they do sing, while we listen to the church bells ring. Christmas is a wonderful time of love; Don't forget that gift that came from above.

## Local Items

Guests of the Boyce Farris home Saturday were Messrs and Mesdames J. C. Jones and Daniel of Amarillo, Tom Schaeffer, Ear Farris of Palmdale, California, Clarence Schaffer and family of Samnorwood, Kenneth Farris and Shannon of Amarillo, Sam Schaeffer and family, Donald Gandy and family of Pampa. Also mesdames Dick Graham and children of Palmdale, California, Robert Mullin of Amarillo, Miss Ruthie Swindell of San Diego, California and Misses Glen Stratout of San Diego and Boyd Burk s.

Mrs. Ruth Taylor of Pampa spent the day last Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Marvin Bradstreet.

Mrs. Belvie Greenhouse who has been in Northwest Texas Hospital with a cracked hip bone left the hospital and went to her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Soesbie and children to spend some time. Their address is 407 Caddo, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Jan Brown of Amarillo spent the weekend with her grandparents, Sheriff and Mrs. Bus Doman, Danny and Becky. Her mother, Mrs. Doyle Brown and Janan's three sisters came Sunday after her and spent the day and attended church.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carver of Amarillo attended church here Sunday evening and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.

Mrs. Hiram Grimes is still at Bowie in a convalescent home and is reported as not doing too well.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Miles and Mike visited relatives in Elk City Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Lela Wilson left last Saturday for Albuquerque to spend some time with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Britton of Lubbock visited Sunday with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roper celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary Tuesday, the 15th.

Mrs. R. G. Robison of Capistrano Beach, California returned home by air Monday morning after visiting her husbands parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robison for several days.

**NEW ARRIVAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kidwell of Amarillo are the proud parents of a daughter, Kimberly Dawn, born December 8th. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Kidwell of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nobel of Clarendon.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**  
Admissions  
10-20 Emma Scott  
10-31 Leon Green  
12-8 Lucille Tippetts  
12-14 Alta Jean Davis  
12-17 J. W. Hooker  
12-20 Sibly Carter  
12-22 D. O. Beene  
Lois Barton  
Dismissals  
12-19 Ada R. Black  
Sue Guynes

Edward's Sixty-Six Truck Stop

all our customers, best wishes for a Merry Christmas. We thank you warmly!

Old Santa's stocking is full of our appreciation for our customers and friends.

ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



# Christmas Greetings

To all, we extend warm and happy greetings in the spirit of this most joyous season. It's our privilege to be a part of this fine community and we sincerely hope to continue serving our friends and neighbors in every way.

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# Mobeetie News

by: Me'ba Burch  
Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Shackelford and baby of Pampa visited Sunday with Mrs. Ethel Shackelford.  
Dee Shackelford and Ed Shackelford visited their mother, Mrs. Ethel Shackelford on Saturday.  
Mrs. Bessie Galmor and Mrs. Orville Greenhouse shopped and visited in Pampa on Monday.

Mrs. Aelba Burch and Mrs. Nancy Shelton visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sackett and A. A. Burch. They also visited Mrs. O. P. Gober in the hospital.  
Jimmy Hilburn of Houston and Mrs. Charlotte Coward visited Wednesday in Borger with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Randolph and family.

Mrs. Nancy Shelton and girls visited in Canadian Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Steen.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Risner, William and Meredith shopped in Pampa on Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Batton, Shannon, Jamee and Stephen visited Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Arzi Corcoran.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coward visited Tuesday night in Canadian with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coward and family.  
Mrs. Claudia Quarles and Mrs. Charlotte Coward shopped in Wheeler on Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Trout visited in Pampa Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Mixon and Connie Renee.  
Connie Renee Mixon of Pampa spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Don Quarles, Donna and Shonda.  
Mrs. Nancy Shelton and girls visited Friday and Saturday in Pampa with Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Carville.  
Mrs. Tammy Forbes and son of Wichita Kansas has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jap Bailey. She has also visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams.  
Wayne Stirling of Canyon was home over the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Stirling.  
Visiting Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Scott was Mr. and Mrs. Eugene T. Kelley and family of Rodgers, Arkansas. Mr. Kelley is a lawyer. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston for a while that evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Galmor were visitors to Canadian on Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Galmor visited Sunday in Wheeler with Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Galmor.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dicke, were visitors in Canadian on Saturday.  
Rev. and Mrs. L. V. Grace visited in Pampa in the hospital on Thursday.  
Visiting over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gudge and Ronald Wayne was Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lancaster and Scott of Havre, Montana

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Corcoran and Darrell of Amarillo, Mr. Gerald Gudge and Don Drummond both of Pampa.  
Visiting Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. V. McCraw was their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. George of Amarillo.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvey and Steve Knoll visited Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. V. McCraw.  
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hooker have just returned from visiting their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Don Moore and family in Grants, N.M. and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moore and family of Tucson, Arizona.  
Keith McLaughlin and son of Borger visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks McLaughlin over the weekend.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Leonard and Chris of Pampa visited Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Leonard.  
Mrs. J. H. Bradley's home after her illness. Glad to have her home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leonard were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leonard.  
Mr. Dean Richardson and Steve, Susie, Marsha, and Mike of Andrews visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stuart, Ronnie, Randy and Dennis.  
Mrs. Calvin Stuart, Randy and Dennis visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson in Sayre, Okla on Saturday. Her brother Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Richardson of Stillwater also visited them.

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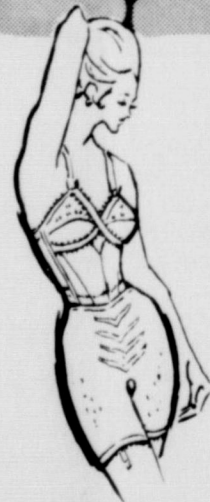
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**CARD OF THANKS**  
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**Martin Callen**  
**CARD OF THANKS**  
Thanks so very much to every one who were so nice to us while Bill was in the hospital in Amarillo.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brickley and children

### Legal Notice

**CITATION**  
The State of Texas  
To: Alvin Ray Brackeen, Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 31st District Court of Wheeler County at the Courthouse thereof, in Wheeler, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 p'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of January A.D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of May A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 6601 on the docket of said court and styled in the Matter of the Marriage of Delores Brackeen.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:  
A suit for divorce and Partitioner asking custody of the minor children of the parties in said cause of action.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Wheeler, Texas, this the 2nd day of December A.D. 1970.

Attest: Paul Topper Clerk,  
31st District Court  
Wheeler County, Texas

## Mt. View Club Holds Party

The annual Christmas party and quilting was held December 15 in the Totty School House. Lelia Roberts was hostess for the day and her quilt was completed. A letter from Boys Ranch was read thanking the club for the quilt they had received and also a thank you note from Bill Eimer, the boy who felt so proud to have a new quilt on his bed. A 42 party was planned for December 29th. Everyone is invited to attend this party. Those enjoying a beautiful dinner of chicken and dressing and all the trimmings the Christmas tree, the gift exchange and the fellowship were the following ladies: Fannie Whitten, Mary Brewer, Oleta Harris, Mable Dickey, Virgie Patton, Audrey Seitz, Thelma Jo Blaylock, Juanetta Smith, Bulah Grimes, Jane Seitz, Maida Allen, Sandy Blaylock and Lelia Roberts.

## Cash Drawing Winners Named

A large crowd was in attendance at the first of three Cash Drawings being sponsored by the Wheeler Merchants in December. \$300.00 cash was handed out to the Wheeler shoppers whose names were drawn from the hopper.

The third drawing will be Thursday, December 24. A total of \$1,000 cash will be handed out in the three drawings. Sixteen people were handed checks which could be redeemed for cash. Three persons were not present to receive their cash award.

The big winners were L. V. Svage and Louis Underwood. Each received \$50 for having shopped with the Wheeler Merchants. Leon Fillingim was not present at the drawing when his name was drawn for \$50.

Those receiving \$25.00 in the drawing Saturday were Lindsey McCasland, Claudy B. Brotherton, Bob Patterson and Darrell Luttrell.

Craig Frankenbery had his name drawn for the first \$10 and the first money to be given away Saturday. Other recipients \$10 were Cecil Bailey, Lindsey McCasland, Nora Watson, Alice Velasquez, Wesley Steen, Gwyn Edwards, Claudy B. Brotherton, Leonard Gaines and Cecil Snelgroves.

Truman Scott and Jamie Whitener were not present to claim their \$10 gift.

Lindsey McCasland and Claudy B. Brotherton each had their names drawn for \$10 and \$25.

The drawing was held on the west side of the court house. Shelby Pettif furnished the speaker system and did the announcing for the drawing. A number of the smaller children tried their luck at pulling names out of the hopper; under the direction of Chamber President, N. D. Ware, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farris and daughter, Mrs. Dick Graham and children of Palm Dale, California left Monday for their home after spending the weekend with the Boyce Farris and Tom Schaffers.

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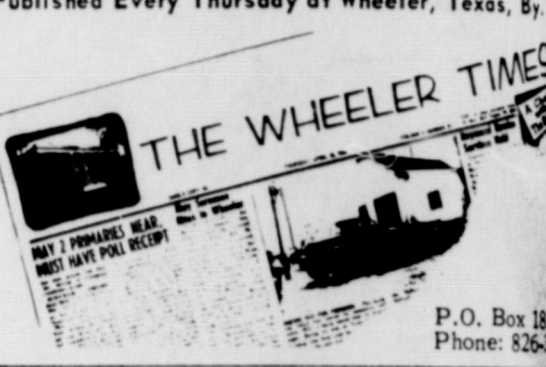
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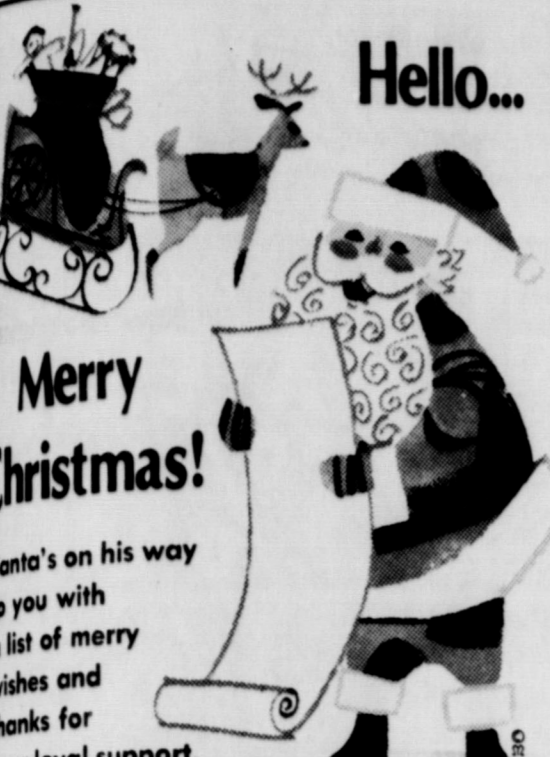
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**A DECEMBER DAY**

It was a usual December Day. The early morning cold still lingered in early afternoon. A north wind whipped at sp, dry leaves around the corners of houses and down Main Street and into the newly dug grave in the lonely cemetery. It stirred the flags flying at half mast, shook the wreaths hanging on the doors of several closed businesses, and chilled into place the sad, haunting faces of my parents as they walked past the black hearse into the high school auditorium where my funeral was to be held. You see I am the star today. I am a Vietnam Soldier returning home.

Inside, the auditorium was truly a place of splendor. Flowers of all kinds covered the stage. Their magnificent colors and smells, the soft organ music, and my beautiful casket with its gold handles and American flag folded across its top combined to put every one in a more patriotic mood and to make ever so indistinct the trace of death. As could be expected most of the town was present. Some were friends and some were curious, and some came because so sad events of this stature just do not occur every day. It is the duty of every funeral goer to offer words of sympathy, and words of sympathy found their way on the wings of doves and vultures to the hearts of my family.

"Oh, Mrs. Doe, I'm so sorry. Words just cannot express how I feel, and I know you feel so much worse."

"You poor sweet dear. Today life seems so bad, but tomorrow it will be better. Life must go on you know."

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"It seems only yesterday that John and I were robbing bird's nests and hunting arrow heads together. We were really closer than brothers. We shared all secrets. His death leaves an emptiness in me that can never be filled."

"John was such a fine boy. He was always a good student, and he made good grades. If ever I had favorite students, he was surely among my most prized."

"I know you won't believe this, but I know just how you feel. I lost my Mother five years ago, and I thought my world had ended. She was eighty-nine years old when she passed on. Bless her soul. She just slipped away in her sleep. I was shattered, but I made it."

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Joy to the world, it is the season of Christ's birth, rich in love and peace. We wish you a full share of holiday joy. Grateful thanks to all.

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As we celebrate His Birth, we pause to study the true meaning of Christmas. Best of the season to you and your family.

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**SILENT NIGHT**

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**Christmas Wishes**

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The spirit of Christmas is in the air, ringing out joy and good will. We take this time to extend to all greetings and thanks.

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**Greetings**

The magical season of Christmas is here. Our best wishes to all.

**REID'S BARBER SHOP**

whose people riot and shout 'Yankee Go Home.' Some feel that you should be honored that I was willing to die for my country. For America I would have willingly died, just as your brother died in another war; but I was drafted to die in Vietnam. Yes, Mother, it would be a beautiful medal, if only it were not covered in my blood. Somehow it falls short of the son for whom you were forced to exchange in return. Instead of a symbol of myself, let it be a symbol of those who murdered me because they were too busy watching Sunday afternoon football, or going to all the proper social events, or ringing up their cash register, or believing in the war just because the President said it was right, to face the reality of how wrong the war is and then try to stop it. Do I look peaceful now, Mother? Doesn't the lifetime of agony and hell that I suffered show a little in my re-built face? Or did my re-builder erase it from my face, as others have erased it from their minds. Take the advice of our minister: *and lean on God. There would be no senseless wars and senseless deaths if all men were ministers. Take care of yourself and of God and of all those whom I loved.*

You know, Mother, at least one political promise in this political manor has been fulfilled—I'm home for Christmas.

From The Valley

**Mayor Burton Is PRPC Secretary**

Dr. D. E. Hackley, mayor of Spearman, was elected chairman of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission at its first annual meeting Friday at the Villa Inn.

Grady Hollifield, Dumas city commissioner, was named vice chairman and Pete Burton, Wheeler mayor was elected secretary. Treasurer will be Amarillo City Commissioner W. W. Nicklaus.

In addition to the four officers elected at large from the 25-county region, five men were selected from service areas and will serve on the executive committee. They are:

- Sunray Alderman C. W. Bedwell, representing Area 1, Dallam, Sherman, Hartley and Moore Counties.
- Lipscomb County Judge-elect Warren Jenkins, Area 2, Hansford, Hutchinson, Ochilree, Lipscomb, Roberts and Hemphill counties.
- Tulia Mayor W. V. Swinburn, Area 3, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Swisher counties.
- Canyon City Commissioner Jim Christopher, Area 4, Potter, Randall, Carson and Armstrong counties.
- Collingsworth County Judge Zook Thomas, Area 5, Gray, Wheeler, Donley, Collingsworth, Bristow and Hall counties.

More than 100 persons attended the afternoon session which saw seven new members accepted, bringing membership in the PRPC to 43.

The general assembly also approved changes to the by-laws, increased dues, a budget and a work program for the coming year.

New members accepted include the cities of Wellington, Clarendon, Canadian and McLean; Donley and Armstrong counties and the Donley County Hospital District.

**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schaffer and Boyice Farris motored to Canyon Friday to attend the wedding of David Farris and Mary Zundh of Fritch.

Miss Juanita Hutchison and Mrs. Robert Hutchison motored to Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farris and Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Irvine and family were weekend guests of the Leon Fillingims.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor and sons of Oklahoma City were guests of the Ross Hensons over the weekend.



**Blessings at Christmas**

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# Court Records

List of instruments filed in the office of the County Clerk and District Clerk of Wheeler County, Texas from December 14 through December 18, 1970

ux 12-9-70 W90 ft S140 ft of S2N1/2 & W100 ft N160 ft N1/2 Outlot 27 Shamrock  
 CF—Wheeler Cemetery Association to James H. Mason et al 12-14-70 NE1/4 Lot 3 Blk G-13 Wheeler Cemetery, First Addn  
 RVL—Morris J. Butts et al to Clois Hanner 11-27-70 SE1/4 Sec 128 Blk 23  
 OL—F. F. Armstrong et ux to Kerr-McGee Corp 10-23-70 Sec 20 Blk A-3  
 RENTAL DIV ORDER—E. F. Armstrong et ux to E. F. Armstrong et ux 10-23-70 Sec 20 A-3  
 OL—Roy Lee Thomas et al to Chevron Oil Company 10-8-70 F102 ac S1/2 Sec 5 Blk L  
 OL—Cosme Trejo, Jr et al to Northern Natural Gas Co 7-23-70 N1/2 S100 ac 8 Blk C  
 OL—Henry J. Ledbetter et al to same as above 7-21-70 S1/2 S100 ac Sec 8 Blk C  
 ROF JUDGE—Richard S. Huff to Rubie V. Christner 11-30-70 December 15, 1970  
 AOL—Buda Oil Company to Roy Baker et al 12-14-70 SW1/4 Sec 44 Blk 24  
 P—Midge Porter et al to James Marshall Porter 12-1-70 Surface 11.1 ac Sec 30 Blk A-9  
 DT—James M. Porter et ux to United States of America 12-14-70 Surface 11.1 ac Sec 30  
 RDT—Farmers & Merchants State Bank Shamrock to R. L. Pike 12-14-70 Lots 3, 4 Blk 5 Lela  
 D—Linda McLain to Arvid Montgomery 12-15-70 60' x 120' Lot 1 Blk LIV Shamrock December 16, 1970  
 RAML—City of Wheeler to C. A. Garrison et ux 12-4-70 Lots 10 to 18 Blk O Wheeler, Park Addn  
 C/C DIVORCE DECREE—Martha Cunningham vs Earl Cunningham 12-10-70 5' x 195' Blk XCI Shamrock December 17, 1970  
 RENTAL DIV ORDER—J. C. Moore Jr et al to Ruth Hom et al 10-24-70 W1/2 N1/2 8 Blk L  
 OL—Jack E. Meek et al to Amarillo Oil Co 11-16-70 NE1/4 Sec 21 Blk A-3  
 OL—Gaddy Vise to Amarillo Oil Co 10-19-70 W1/2 SE1/4 Sec 18 Blk L  
 RENTAL DIV ORDER—Gaddy Vise to Gaddy Vise 10-19-70 W1/2 SE1/4 Sec 18 Blk L  
 AOL—Minco Oil and Gas Co to Amarillo Oil Co 11-12-70 W1/2 N1/2 sec 8 Blk L  
 C/C PROBATE PROCEED—S. I. Kolb to Ex Parte 11-6-70 December 18, 1970  
 E—Clifford A. Mason et al to Beatrice Harville 11-20-70 Lot 3 Blk 32 Wheeler  
 C/C JUDGE—Gordon Stiles et al vs William Gordon Stiles Jr et al 12-18-70  
 ROM—Gordon Stiles et al to Arkansas Louisiana Gas Co 10-26-70 Secs 3, 4, 17, 24 Blk A-3, Sec 69 Blk A-7  
 ROL—Humble Oil & Refining Company to Dan Jeffrey et ux 12-8-71 E1/2 Sec 29 Blk A-4  
 RAML—White House Lumber Co to Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Shamrock 12-14-70 Pt SW1/4 Sec 51 Blk 17  
 DT—Elsie Terry et ux to same as above 12-17-70 Pt SW1/4 Sec 51 Blk 17  
 D—Dwayne Darwin Watson to Marilyn R. Watson 11-25-70 N1/2 Blk L XIII Shamrock  
 AFF—Lewis M. Goodrich et al to Zula Tadlock et vir 12-18-70 140' x 260' Sec 45 Blk 17  
 DT—H. J. McCormick et ux to Wheeler Lumber Company 6-15-70 Pt SE1/4 Sec 6 Blk A-4  
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**ARTS AND CRAFTS Christmas Party**

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  - Wright Funeral Home
  - Rives-Whitener Agency
  - Wheeler Flower Shop
  - John C. Vise Agency
  - George & Vena Richardson

- Drawing Dates and Amounts:**
- Saturday, December 12 . . \$300.00
  - Saturday, December 19 . . \$300.00
  - Thursday, December 24 . . \$400.00
- Drawing Rules:**
1. Managers and owners (and their families) of all firms participating in the drawing are not eligible to enter.
  2. Employees of participating firms are eligible to register in any firm other than the one in which they are employed.
  3. Merchants that are not participating in the drawing are not eligible to win.
  4. Tickets will be given for service work.
  5. Each time a person enters a participating firm, he is entitled to one ticket. In addition, the person is entitled to one ticket per each dollar purchase up to a maximum of \$500.
  6. No age limit.
  7. Drawings will be held at 2:30 p.m. each drawing day.
  8. You must be present to win. However, husband and wife can claim each other's prize.



**Paul and Yreva Topper**

**Dear Santa:**

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old and I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a very good girl. My name is Genna Ann. I would like to have a guitar, hoppity hop, and a Rock n' Stroll. Please remember all the other boys and girls and especially the kids in my room.  
I live where I did last year in Sweetwater, Oklahoma.  
Love,  
Genna Ann Hutchison  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 4 years

old. My name is Terry Lynn Hutchison. I have been a good girl this year and helped my mommy.  
I would like to have a piano, guitar, and a hoppity horse. Please remember all the other boys and girls.  
I still live on the ranch at Sweetwater, Oklahoma.  
Love,  
Terry Lynn  
Dear Santa,  
I want a rocking horse, a punching clown, and a top. I been a good little boy.  
Rusty Shahan  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a Baby Tender Love and some doll clothes.

I've been a good girl. Would you leave my doll at NanNan's.  
I love you.  
Linda Simpson  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a Wedding doll, Velvet, Table and some dishes. All some doll clothes.  
I've been a good girl. Please leave my doll at NanNan's.  
I love you.  
Shirley Simpson  
1010 Inman Dr.  
Amarillo, Texas  
12-13-70

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'll come see you on the fire truck. I've been good. I'll leave cookies and milk for you.

I want 12 size spurs (not birds). I want a stick horse, a walkie talkie.  
I love you  
Jani e Porter

P.S. I want a gun belt. My other one got broke. My brother has been good and I've been good to my brother and my parents.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. All of the boys and girls have been good and not naughty.

I want a stick horse and a gun belt. I love Santa Claus and I love the boys and girls. I want the same thing what Janie said. I have my Christmas tree put up in the living room.  
That's all.

I live right here in the country. You came here last time. (I've been good to Janie)  
See you on the fire truck.

Love,  
Manson Porter

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year and have minded my parents. I would like to have a tricycle and some toys. My brother, Dwight, would like a cuddly animal.  
Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Love,  
Drew Thomas



**At Christmas**

Old-fashioned ways of warm cordiality have a special meaning at Christmas. In this old-time spirit, we wish you holiday joy, ever-new, rich in the blessings of home, family, friends. Merry Christmas!

**CITY OF WHEELER**

Mildred Ramsey, City Secretary  
Cecil Snelgroves, Water Supt.  
Grady T. Gilmer, Sanitation Dept.

Pete Burton, Mayor  
Cecil Pierce, Councilman  
Louis C. Stas, Councilman  
John C. Vise, Councilman  
Robert Denson, Councilman  
Bill Owen, Councilman

Dear Santa,  
I am only 8 1/2 months old, but I would like a nice pull toy for Christmas and anything else you have that I might like.

I've been a very good little girl. Please don't forget my Mimi and Pa at Briscoe.

Love,  
Katrina Cox  
1010 Inman Drive  
Amarillo, Texas  
12-13-70

Dear Santa,  
I'm a boy almost eight years old and am in the second grade. I would like for you to bring me a Cub Scout wrist watch. Please don't forget my cousins and grandparents in Wheeler and Briscoe.

Love,  
Bill Cox  
1010 Inman Drive  
Amarillo, Texas  
12-13-70

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl six years old. I would like a Baby Tender and anything else you like to bring me.  
Please bring my baby sister a nice toy, too.

Love,  
Denise Cox  
Wheeler, Texas  
December 18, 1970

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I am in the second grade. I would like for you to bring me a tape recorder and a stagecoach. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Thanks,  
Gary Brotherton  
Route 1 Box 205  
Wheeler, Texas 79096

Dear Santa,  
I am 6 years old and in the 1st grade. I want a doll, a record player and a Jewelry box. I have been a good girl.

Lisa Harrison  
Allison, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am two years old and can hardly wait until Christmas morning. I would like a Buffy doll that talks and carries Miss Beasley, a ring, a little red stool to make me taller, some gum and a Hershey bar. Also my baby sister, Julie and I need a toy chest to put our toys in. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.  
Thank you and I love you.  
Tonya Gilmer

Dear Santa,  
I'm only 4 months old, so my big sister, Tonya, has decided what I want you to bring me. She thinks I need a Buffy and Miss Beasley doll smaller than hers, a small cuddly animal and a teether so I can cut my teeth.  
Thank you and I love you.  
Julie Gilmer

**GREETINGS**  
During Christmastime we extend to all our neighbors and friends warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday.  
**Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Hefley**

**'Twas the Night Before Christmas...**  
Time for us to say thank you to our many friends, wishing them all "Merry Christmas!"  
**JOHN C. VISE AGENCY**  
Geraldine Hollis      John C. & Rosemary

**Mobeetie Church Has Annual Party**

The First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie held their annual Christmas program and party on December 16. Rev. and Mrs. L. V. Grace were in charge of the program. Children on the program were Kasandra Bailey, Jamee Patton, Jana Corse, DeWayne Selby, Jerry Dyson, William Burch, Shannon Patton, Kathleen Selby, Zana Corse and Melody Burch. Mrs. L. V. Grace gave a reading followed by a film on the birth of Jesus with Mrs. Grace narrating the film and everyone present singing the hymns with Carla Bridgeway playing the piano. After the program everyone retired to the fellowship hall for gift exchange and refreshments with Santa Claus paying a visit to the children. There were about 50 in attendance.

**Mobeetie WMU Has Bible Study**

The Mobeetie WMU of the First Baptist Church held their Bible Study December 15 at the church with President Mrs. Gazelle Patterson in charge of the meeting. The Bible Study was conducted by Mrs. Berniece Caldwell. Those attending were Mrs. Irma St. John, Mrs. Tassie Leonard, Mrs. Gazelle Patterson, Mrs. Margaret Trout, Mrs. Berniece Caldwell and Mrs. C. A. Dysart.

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At this season of joy our Heavenly Father, we render thanks to Thee for the gift of eternal life given so freely in the person of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we humbly, by faith accept Thy gift.  
Amen.



**Christmas Greetings**  
To the happy tempo of jingling bells, we sing out a cheery "Merry Christmas" to all. Best wishes for a season filled with good health and good fortune. Warm thanks for your loyalty.  
**WARE CHEVEROLET**





**GREETINGS**

A jolly salute to all and a hatful of cheery greetings for Christmas! May we extend our thanks and say, once again it's been a pleasure to serve you.



**WHEELER TV SYSTEM**



**GREETINGS FOR Christmas**

To you, sincere greetings and thanks . . . with every good wish that the joy and delight of the Yuletide will be yours.

**Harry and Mary Wofford**



**GREETINGS of the CHRISTMAS SEASON**

It's another Christmas season, ringing out with old fashioned joy. Hope you and yours have the merriest Yuletide of all. To our warm wishes, add our sincere "Thank You."

**VANPOOL'S SHAMROCK SERVICE**



**Christmas Blessings**

May the blessings of the Holy Christmas season shine on you now and always.

**Peggy Jo's Fashion**

George and Peggy D. Paul and Anna Gre.

Santa. Remember all boys and girls.  
Love,  
Mark Hampton

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS:**

Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, I have not been the best boy in the world but I have been good. Here is the list of toys I would like to have:

Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, I would like to have a black and white Television for my room.  
Many thanks to you.  
Your friend,  
Keith Horn

Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, Please bring me some guns, a cowboy hat, a giant ball, and a box of paints. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Much love,  
Cindy Hudson


Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, Please bring me Hot Wheels Set, a popcorn machine and a Reband Pistol. My brother and I would like a train together.  
I love you  
Ricky Dan Gatlin  
Dec. 11, 1970

I am a good little girl who is 4 years old.  
I want a Crowsy doll, a dotty cathy, perfume, a jewelry box, jewelry, a baton, dishes a see and say toy, and a record player and records.  
I will leave you a glass of milk and some cookies on the table.  
Take good care of your reindeers.  
Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
I love you,  
Melissa Kay Edwards  
Dec. 18, 1970  
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa, I hope you will bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I think I am big enough for one as I am five year old now. I have been a good boy and helped my daddy a lot.  
Thank you for everything.

# Merry Christmas



In traditional spirit, the real meaning of Christmas brings to the minds and hearts of everyone the feeling of peace and happiness, of togetherness, a season of rejoicing.

With deep appreciation and great pleasure, we set aside the routine of everyday business, to greet and thank our friends whose good will we treasure.

*To all, a merry Christmas.*

**PUCKETS FOOD STORE**

Dear Santa, Please bring me a game, a giant eraser and a walking doll.  
Thanks  
Love,  
Carolyn Sue Gilmer  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, I want a dump truck, a buck-a-roo game and a bottling top's game also some candy and fruit.  
Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
I love you,  
Jeffrey Scott Edwards

Dear Santa, Please bring me a game and a Barbe Doll. I'd also like a coke machine and a popcorn popper. Don't forget my mother and daddy.  
I love you  
Lacey Swift  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, I am a good little girl who is 4 years old.  
I want a Crowsy doll, a dotty cathy, perfume, a jewelry box, jewelry, a baton, dishes a see and say toy, and a record player and records.  
I will leave you a glass of milk and some cookies on the table.  
Take good care of your reindeers.  
Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.  
I love you,  
Melissa Kay Edwards  
Dec. 18, 1970  
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a B-B gun with a scope and some B B's and a juicer machine for a Sizzler car. Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Devin Meek  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, I hope you will bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I think I am big enough for one as I am five year old now. I have been a good boy and helped my daddy a lot.  
Thank you for everything.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Cowboy Outfit and a B-B gun.  
Don't forget the poor children.  
I hope you have a happy Christmas.  
Love,  
David Silva  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, I want a bike, a pellet gun, a pop gun, a gun in a holster, a bulldozer, a dump truck and a crane.  
I love you the most!  
Your friend,  
Brady Hudson  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, I want a bike, a pellet gun, a pop gun, a gun in a holster, a bulldozer, a dump truck and a crane.  
I love you the most!  
Your friend,  
Brady Hudson  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old and I am in the first grade.  
I want a 5-speed bicycle and a SSP race track, a service station parking ramp, a dune buggy with a boat, and

## Greetings




We're hoping that on Christmas Day, Santa delivers a pack of goodies at your house. Thank you for friendship and loyal patronage.

**LANCASTER'S DEPT. STORE**

## Christmas Greetings

A winter landscape of yesteryear best expresses the peace and contentment of Christmas. May that peace, contentment be yours.

We thank all our patrons for letting us be of service.



**WHEELER LUMBER COMPANY**





WISHING YOU AND YOURS THE BEST THIS SEASON HAS TO GIVE. AND TO ALL OUR PATRONS WE EXTEND OUR HEARTIEST GRATITUDE FOR THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT.

**HIBLER IMPLEMENT COMPANY**

# Merry Christmas



Yuletide is the season to be jolly . . . and it's a fine time to wish you and yours the happiest. Warm "thanks," too.

**H. & H. MILLING CO.**  
Wheeler, Texas



# Christmas

As the glory of this Holiday Season unfolds, let us share a prayer for peace. May your holiday be a joyous one.

**WHEELER GAS INC.**

## Dear Santa:

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you feeling? I am feeling fine. Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. Here is what I want for Christmas. I want a pro bowl action set. I also want a mini bike. I also want a sissy bar for my bike.  
Much love,  
Rich Brown

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Fine I hope. This is what I want. I want Dawn and her stage. That is all I want. I want to thank you for my toys last year. And have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Love,  
Pam Cox

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my toys from

last year. I liked them alot. My friends like them to. Do you think that I have been a good girl this year. If you do all I want this year, is a Dawn and her Stage and some pretty clothes that's all I want.

Much love,  
Cathi Stas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a pretty good girl this year. Please bring me a Baby Go Bye Bye, a train slinky, a Dawn and a black dog that bark.

Remember all other boys and girls.

My love,  
Jill Kenady

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good. I want a Velvet, a wig, an Easy Curl, a Dawn a brownie Suit.

I hope either have a good Christmas.

My love,  
Kimbra Kenady

RR 1 Box 178  
Wheeler, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a racaset, some race cars, a gun holster with the guns, please, a set of electric football, a Hotwheels car, a genuine leather football, and basketball.

I will leave some fruit and drinks on the table for you.

Happy holiday!

Your friend,  
Paul Hicks

RR1  
Canadian, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new talking GI Joe and a Mummy, an artificial radio and a broadcast system, an electric train, and also, my very own basketball. You are a good friend. Thank you.

Your friend,  
Joy Phil Meek

Briscoe, Texas

Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like for you to bring my baby sister a little toy to hang over her bed. Would you bring my little brother a toy motorcycle to ride? They have both been very good. I would like a horse with a saddle, bridle, and a halter. I have wanted a horse for a long time. Would you please bring me one? Thank you.

Your friend,  
Ey Sonya Hudson  
P.S. We will leave you a glass of milk and some cookies on the table for you. I love you Santa Claus.

RR1 Box 20  
Briscoe, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Keplunk game, an electric train set, and an electric football game.

Your friend,  
Terry Tipps  
RR1  
Mobeetie, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1970

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bike and show that you can see. I hope we can go see our family. Santal want you to have a happy merry Christmas Day.

Your friend,  
Linda Silva  
RR1 Box 45  
Briscoe, Texas



# Christmas Joy

As this quiet scene reflects Christmas peace, may all share its true tranquility.

**RIVES-WHITNER AGENCY**

Thurman Rives Hiram Whitner  
Maurita Stribling



We join Santa in taking this opportunity to wish all of our customers and friends a Merry, Merry Christmas. May your holiday be rich with the joys and blessings of happy family unity and warm friendships. It's been our pleasure to serve you.

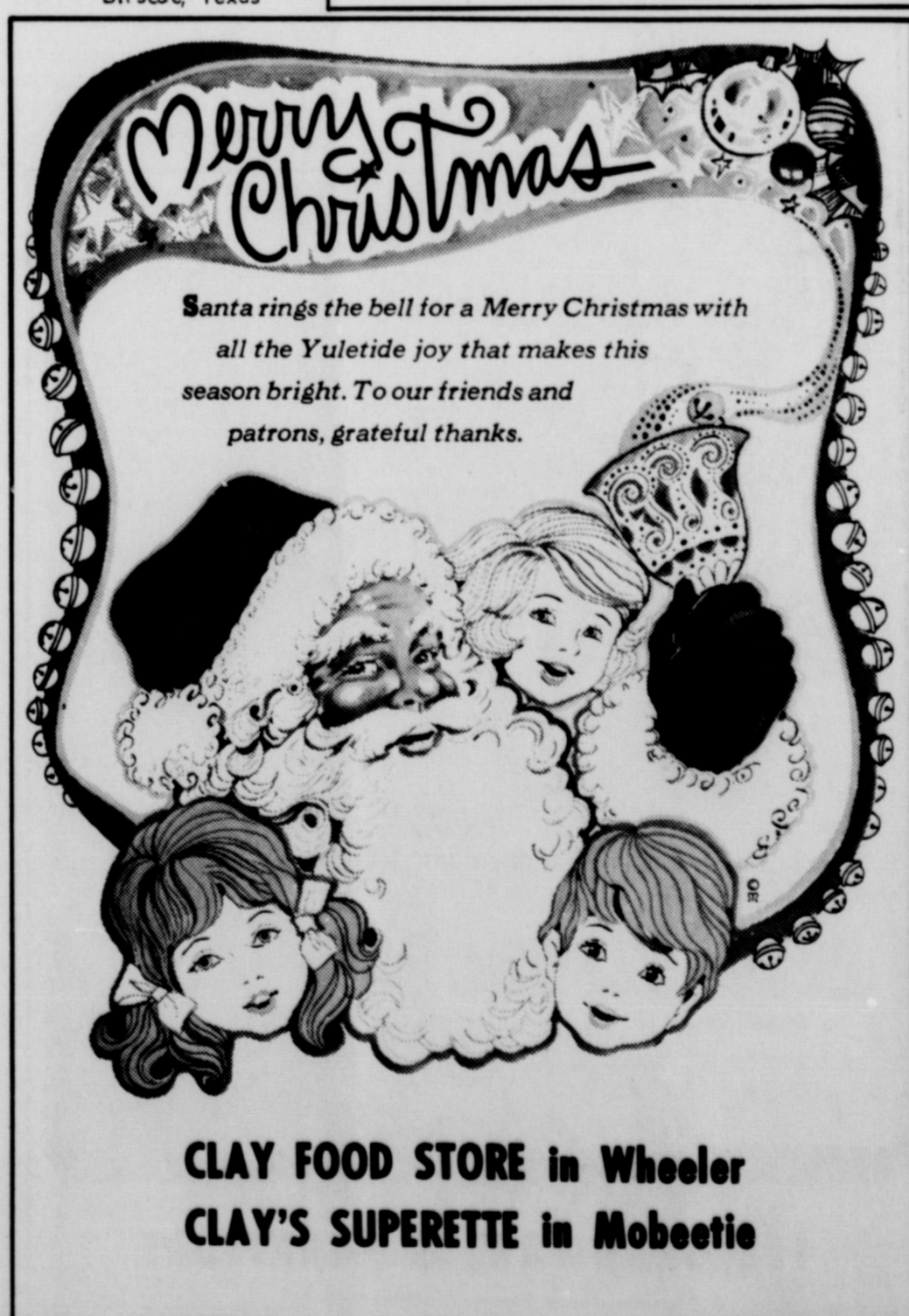
**PETE BURTON FORD**



# Greetings

A happy season to you, with greetings and good wishes from us.


**Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Liles**



# Merry Christmas

Santa rings the bell for a Merry Christmas with all the Yuletide joy that makes this season bright. To our friends and patrons, grateful thanks.

**CLAY FOOD STORE in Wheeler**  
**CLAY'S SUPERETTE in Mobeetie**

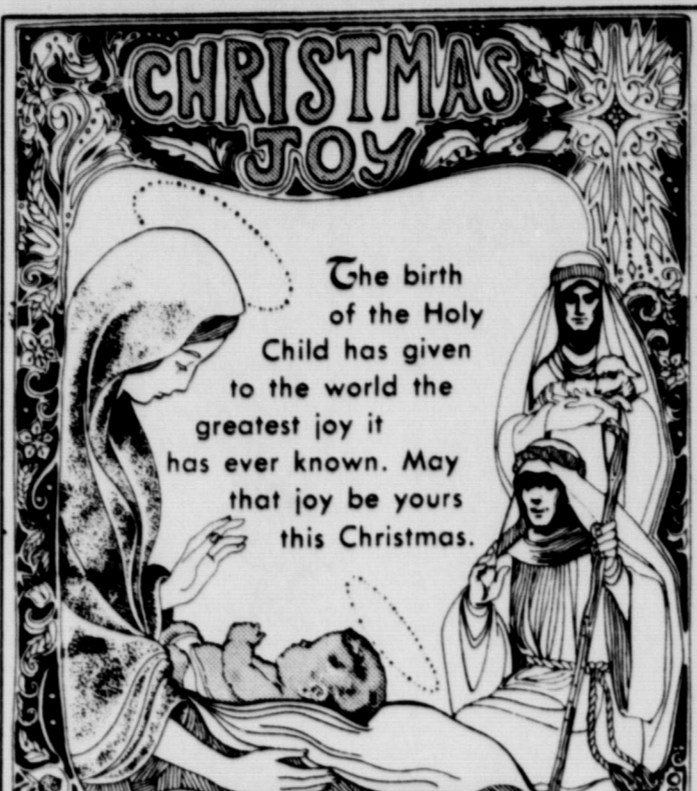


**Good Tidings**  
Let the eternal light of love, the symbol of His birth, shine into every heart, bringing peace to all.

**WRIGHT FUNERAL HOME**  
Jim and Sharon

**CHRISTMAS JOY**

The birth of the Holy Child has given to the world the greatest joy it has ever known. May that joy be yours this Christmas.



**Palmer Sivage**



**Merry Christmas**

In the true and hearty spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas, we wish you the best, and thank you warmly.

**Comm. & Mrs. O.W. Pendleton**



**O, come all ye faithful**

Let every heart rejoice in the spiritual blessings and inspiration of the season. And may great joy be yours at this most happy, holy time.

**SHAMROCK PRODUCTS**  
Luther and Hazel

**Dear Saonta Claus . . .**



It has been a pleasure to serve you throughout the year, and it's our privilege to greet you and wish you the merriest Christmas ever.

**OWEN'S SERVICE STATION**

Dear Santa Claus, I'm seven years old. My name is Connie. Would you please bring me a Baby Doll and a real watch? Also, a ball for my dog, Dusty.

Love,  
Connie Walser

Dear Santa, I would like to have a Baby Tender Love, cash register, a popcorn popper and some clothes for my doll. Also an Angie Doll.

Thank You  
Shonda Quarles

Dear Santa, I am in the first grade and six years old. Please bring me a Baby Dancerina, a Cash register, and a sewing machine. Remember all the other boys and girls. We will have some milk and cookies for you.

From,  
Debbie Dyson

Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good girl and mind like I should. I would like to have a Jamie Doll and a record player. Also some clothes for Jamie and some records and dishes. Please remember Tim and Tammy and everyone else.

Love,  
Terri Eads

Dear Santa, I would like a baby doll, or a toy clown. Please do not come down the chimney.

Love,  
Becky Irvine

Dear Santa, For Christ I want a G. I. Joe and for my brother he wants a bike. He is 4 years old and he wants a tin soldier and he and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.

From  
Albert and Coyle Aycock

Dear Santa, I want an electric football game, and a football suit and helmet. I would also like a G.I. Joe with underwater equipment. I love you and will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,  
DeWayne Selby

Dear Santa, I would like to have a Baby Tender Love and an Easy Bake Oven and a Twister game, too.

Love,  
Susan Barton

Dear Santa, I want a race car set, Dune Buggy and a football. I hope you have fun. The End. P.S. By your friend, Boyd Helton

Dear Santa, I want a Francie Doll, a Velvet Doll, a tea set and a Fashion show. Hope the other boys and girls have a good Christmas.

Love,  
Fonna Quarles

Dear Santa, I would like a Living Barbie, a Plastic Pottery set, and a Raggedy Ann, and a play ironing set. I'd like a luggage set and a sewing machine. I will leave you milk and cookies.

From,  
Shannon Barton

Dear Santa, There will be some cookies and milk on the table. I would like a Ballantine and some doll clothes. Remember the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Melissa Hefley

Dear Santa, I want a B.B. Gun and a unicycle, a toss across and a bat man hit me, a buzzy buzz buzz, a drum, a guitar and the fastest hot wheels ever made and track, a super spiograph and a banjo.

Your Friend,  
William Burch

Dear Santa, I want a pellet gun, 2 packages of pellet bullets and a watch. Will you please bring my little brother two new toys?

Your Friend,  
Jimmy Tate

be some cookies and milk. Love, Cindy Harrison. Dear Santa, I hope you feel all right I feel fine too. I want a toy I last year. Very Much Love, Cindy Coates

Here's hoping that Santa brings lots of good things your way! Thank you.



**Merry Christmas**

**Percy's Garage**

**Howdy, and Merry Christmas**



We're sending mighty big Christmas wishes your way, with a hearty "Thank you" for your loyal support.

**BEEF CATTLE CO.**



**IT'S CHRISTMAS**

We're wishing everyone a mountain of Christmas cheer. Many thanks for letting us serve you.

**DAUGHTRY'S BEN FRANKLIN**



**CHRISTMAS JOY**

The Saviour is born and the world rejoices. May every joy and blessing be yours along with a simple, sincere thank you from us.

**Garrison Service**  
Phone 826 - 3031  
David & Kathy Cross

**Merry Christmas**



Good tidings are coming your way from the bottom of our hearts on this special day, and with our wishes go our thanks for letting us serve you.

**LEE HARDWARE & FURNITURE**

**To wish you Joy**



At this joyous time of year, we extend best wishes to all our neighbors.

**Service Cleaners**  
Johnnie and Roe

# MUSTANGETTES WIN FIRST, BOYS WIN CONSOLATION AT MIAMI TOURN.



The local Wheeler Cagers traveled to Miami Thursday, Friday and Saturday to compete in the Miami Invitational Tournament. The Mustangs were tripped up by Alamo Catholic in the first round of play Thursday 60 to 28. The Wheeler boys were led by Roy Don Chick with 11 points. Friday the Wheeler Mustangs edged out Samnorwood. It wasn't an easy win for the gold and black team as they were tied at the end of the regularly timed contest. Two overtimes followed with the score still being tied. When the final buzzer sounded on the third overtime, the scoreboard showed Wheeler the victors with a score of 60 to 59. Roy Don Chick and Rodney Weatherly canned 16 points each to be the high pointers for Wheeler. In the final stanza for the Wheeler Mustangs Saturday night, Wheeler nudged out Mobeetie 49 to 41. It was this victorious contest that gave the Mustangs their title of Consolation. Roy Don Chick led the winning team with 16 points while Stuart had 14 points for the losers. The Mustangettes got off to a good start Thursday by defeating Alamo Catholic 53 to 51. Wheeler was led by Brenda Errington with 38 points. In their bid to get into the finals, Wheeler beat McLean Friday night 51 to 21. Niki Ware, Mustangette forward, contributed 19 points to her team to lead them to the win-



Saturday night, the Wheeler girls kept up their winning streak by defeating Higgins 55 to 28. Brenda Errington sacked in 35 baskets for Wheeler. The entire Wheeler team did an outstanding job of holding the Higgins team to a minimum. This win awarded the Mustangettes with first place in the tournament. Niki Ware, Brenda Errington, Cynthia Manning and Roy Don Chick made the all-tournament team. The next game for the Wheeler teams will be Saturday, January 2 with Lefors. The contest will begin at 5:00 P.M. with the B-Team boys. Everyone is urged to support the Mustangs and Mustangettes.

**CONSOLATION WINNERS:** The Wheeler Mustangs are: Randy Mason, J. C. Brooks, Gary Fischer, Tammy Patterson, Delbert McWhorter, Gary Vise, Rodney Weatherly, Roy Chick, Jerry Beaty, Bill Tucker, Kenny Frankenberg, Jimmie Cole.

## Highway Patrol Reports 12 Accidents

Texas Highway Patrol reported 12 accidents on highways in Wheeler during the month of December, according to Sgt. Dan Temple, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area. The accidents resulted in two persons killed, six persons injured, and an estimated damage of \$9,100. A patrol accident summary for the month of 1970 shows that 103 accidents resulted in four persons killed, 45 persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$3,790.00. As a wise, the month of December has proven to be the most destructive month of the year—Death of a Human Life. In order to help reduce the traffic accidents and make this a happy holiday season, the patrol supervisor lists some safe holiday driving rules:

1. Check your car, be sure it is in safe driving condition.
2. Use seat belts to safeguard your family and yourself.
3. Be alert to road, weather and traffic hazards.
4. Do not overdrive for the existing conditions.
5. Allow plenty of time for your travel.
6. Make courtesy your code for the road; it pays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robison and Mrs. R. G. Robison visited Sunday P.M. with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Willard at the Canadian Rest Home.

**FIRST PLACE WINNERS:** The Wheeler Mustangettes are: (L to R) Cynthia Manning, Vicki Gaines, Susan Ford, Patricia Jones, Carletta Earney, Brenda Errington, Carol Holt, Niki Ware, Gail Helton and Michelle Mitchell.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Santa's making a list of all our friends so that he can be especially good to each of you. Best wishes to all.

COMM. & MRS. N. L. SECHRIST



# Merry Christmas

Here comes Santa with a sleighful of merriest Christmas wishes for our many kind friends and all those they hold dear. We hope your holiday will be an especially joyous one, holding a wealth of happy hours. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve you, and we thank you for your most kind patronage.



The Stas Family  
Louis, Barbara, Ronal, and Cathi

The Thomas Family  
Delbert, Jane, Drew, and Dwight

Patricia Jones

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WHEELER, TEXAS

# Manger Is Theme Of Latin Yule

Though Santa and gaily decked trees often appear nowadays in Central and South America, Christmas is traditionally a time for religious observances.

Mass, at midnight on Christmas Eve or early Christmas Day, forms the heart of the holiday in Latin America, and the creche or manger scene marks the season throughout churches and homes, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

Bountiful feasts, processions and other special events may provide a festive note, but custom says that gift-giving time is Three Kings' Day—Twelfth Night, January 6th, when the Wise Men brought their gifts to Jesus. Children put their shoes under the bed or in the window, hoping to have them filled with toys and gifts. Water and hay are set out for the Three Kings' horses or camels.

While many Latin American countries share these traditions and celebrate Christmas in similar ways, each country also has its own special festivities.

## In Venezuela

Hallaca, a native Venezuelan dish, is an awaited delicacy during the Christmas season. It is made of corn meal with pork and chicken stuffing and numerous other ingredients, and then wrapped in plantain leaves to form a type of pie.

## In Argentina

It's a mid-summer Christmas in Argentina, and the traditional feast is generally served outdoors. Rosebuds and jasmine deck the table, which has as edible centerpiece a whole roast suckling pig.

## In Brazil

Brazilian lore and legend says that Three King's Day is a time for poetry contests. Verses accompanied by guitars are featured.

## In Chile

Unique among Christmas customs in Chile is a grand fiesta that centers around horse racing.

## In Colombia

People parade in masquerade on Christmas Eve in Colombia. Each masquerader tries to guess the identity of others. When someone guesses correctly, he can claim a small gift from the person who was "unmasked."

## In Peru

Toro! In Lima, Peru, Christmas day is not exclusively a church holiday, because it also marks the greatest bullfight of the year.

## In Costa Rica

In the island country of Costa Rica, "portals" are set up in homes. These are elaborate Nativity scenes sometimes filling an entire room.



## Piñata Fun Gets Break

A joyous Christmas tradition for Mexican boys and girls is the breaking of the piñata, a decorated earthen jar.

Sometimes, the piñata may be caricature of people or animals.

The piñata is suspended by a rope that can raise or lower it. Each child is blindfolded and usually given three chances to poke at the piñata with a stick.

When it's broken, the piñata releases a bounty of delicious fruits, sweets, nuts and toys.

The children scramble to claim as many goodies as possible.

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## Wreaths Got Pagan Start

During this holiday season, a wide variety of colorful wreaths deck the doorways of homes in this community.

The use of wreaths at holiday time stems from the customs of Advent season—the four Sundays before Christmas. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are made of evergreens, trimmed with ribbons, and hold four candles to be lit during the Sundays of Advent.

The wreath, which has no beginning or end, represents eternity, and the evergreens symbolize growth and life, according to the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

Like many other Christian holiday customs, the Advent wreath originated in pagan ceremonies.

During the dark days of the winter solstice, the worshippers of northern Europe sought to please their absent god, the sun, and persuade him to return, by using a wheel trimmed with greenery.

The wreath was made of an actual wheel, taken from a cart and wrapped in greens. Lights, too, were added.

## In Guatemala

An ancient custom in Guatemala is to "light the road to Bethlehem" by placing lanterns in windows and doorways for nine nights before Christmas.

## In Panama

Children in Panama participate in midnight mass on Christmas Eve by caroling to an accompaniment of castanets and tamborines.

## WORLD-WIDE, IT'S MERRY CHRISTMASTIME!

# Yuletide Customs Spread Around Globe

Mistletoe, Santa Claus, letters to Santa, Christmas customs galore—where did they all begin?

The customs of Christmas come from many lands and many eras. They evolve from pagan ceremonies into Christian rituals. And they stretch from West to East, from North to South, as each country contributes something special and traditional to the celebrations of the holiday.

When seasonal gaiety rings out in Canada, the merriment is echoed in Mexico. When North or South Americans gather for Christmas festivities, the people of Sweden are doing the same—and so are the peoples of Holland and France and Italy and Spain and countless other European countries.

In the far East, Christian communities spread the customs of Christmas, which mingle with the year-end ceremonies observed by those of other faiths.

That the legend and lore of Christmas knows no boundaries is illustrated in the following round-up of Yuletide customs, based on information provided by the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

## In England

From the north of England comes the happy custom of the kissing bough. A large hoop, twined with greens, is decorated with apples and candles. And in the center there's mistletoe—signal for exchanging kisses.

## In Austria

Custom of writing letters to Santa Claus may have begun in Austria, where, long ago, it was an Advent tradition for children to write letters containing lists of what they'd like to receive on St. Nicholas' Day.

## In Italy

From Italy comes a most poetic addition to Christmas lore. For three weeks during the Christmas season, children traditionally go from place to place reciting Christmas poems. They expect coins in return, to buy holiday goodies.

## In Sweden

An ancient custom that is still observed in some Swedish households today is that of "dipping bread into the pot." Each person dips a piece of bread into pork and sausage drippings and eats it for good luck.

## In Holland

For St. Nicholas season, it's traditional in Holland to make flat cakes called Klansjes. Once exclusively made in the form of the bishop, St. Nicholas, Klansjes now take any form of bird, beast or fish.

## In France

At Salers in central France, old-time tradition calls for a king and queen to rule over Christmas festivities. Rulers pay for the privilege, since they are "elected" by bidding at an auction held on the church steps.

## Tiny Treasure Hunt

The simplest searching game is one in which one person leaves the room while another hides a small object that has been agreed upon beforehand—a small package, some wrapped Christmas candy.

When "it" comes back, he hunts for the object and the other person indicates that he is near it by clapping loudly or saying, "You're warm."

When "it" moves away from the object, the other person claps softly or says, "You're getting cold."

## In Germany

A procession which blends pagan and Christmas customs is part of the legend and lore of the holiday in Ruppin, Germany. A rider on a white horse, symbolizing the horse of the pagan god Wotan, leads the parade. He is followed by Father Christmas, who is decked with ribbons and carries candy and fruit.

## In Switzerland

A Swiss custom that dates back to the Middle Ages is to start the New Year free of debts. December 6th, the feast of St. Nicholas of Myra, the first Santa Claus, is the day set to meet all monetary obligations such as rents and mortgages.



IN FRANCE, TRADITION HAS IT THAT shepherds should take their lambs to church on Christmas day. French shepherd pictured here is taking part in a special holiday celebration which has been a tradition in the town of Baux for more than 10 centuries. Photograph is from the Encyclopedia International.

## Holiday Fun Prompts Lively Party Ideas

Christmas gatherings just naturally turn into parties—friends and relatives drop in with holiday greetings, and all of a sudden it's a party!

Party games designed especially for the season can spur on the fun.

For groups large or small, parties planned or impromptu, the following entertaining ideas are suggested.

One way to "break the ice," especially when all of the guests are not well acquainted with each other, is to play a guessing game. A Christmas Personality game can be played by pinning a name such as "Rudolph," "Santa" or "Christmas Angel" on the backs of several guests. Then each tries to guess his name by hints others give.

Another way to start a party is to start the guests out thinking! Have a little contest and see who can spell the most words with the letters in "Christmas."

## Musical Candy Cane

A lively combination version of Musical Chairs and Hot Potato makes use of some unbreakable symbol of Christmas festivities—a small package, one of the sturdier tree ornaments, a big candy cane.

One person who is not playing puts on a Christmas record. Everyone sits in a close circle and passes the object around. When the music suddenly stops, the person who

has the object in his hand is out. This continues until the circle is reduced to one—the winner!

## Pin the Star

Children never tire of exciting party games, while the adults may need a rest. One game that is loads of fun for kids to play and adults to watch is a seasonal version of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." This one is "Pin the Star on the Christmas Tree."

It's easy to cut a large shape of a Christmas Tree out of green construction paper and tape it to a wall or door, making sure it is low enough for the littlest guest to reach the top.

Each child gets a paper star with tape on the back and takes his turn being blindfolded and spun around. The one who can place his star closest to the top of the tree wins.

## Christmas Tree

A Christmas Tree game that everyone can play is a guessing game. In "Christmas Tree" the person who is "it" leaves the room while the other players decide on a secret word. It must be a verb, or a word showing action, such as run, eat or swim.

When "it" comes back, he tries to guess the word by asking questions using "Christmas Tree" in place of the word. He may ask, "Do children Christmas Tree?"

## Legend, Lore Of Holiday Takes Varied Forms

The belief that Santa has a reindeer-drawn sleigh and enters homes through the chimney may have come from Scandinavia. An old Norse legend about the goddess Hertha said that she rode on a reindeer's back.

Her appearance in the fireplace in mid-winter was thought to bring good luck to the home.

"Silent Night, Holy Night" was written in 1818 by a village priest in Hallein, Austria. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words, to an accompaniment created by his organist, Franz Gruber.

Legend has it that the church organ was out of order—damaged by mice—and so "Silent Night" was first sung to a guitar accompaniment.

Who invented that popular holiday beverage, eggnog? It has been part of the festivities for so many years that nobody really knows its origin.

One possibility is that egg-nog came from the Old English hot drink, sack-posset, which was also made of eggs, milk, nutmeg and sugar.

Among the earliest Christmas tree ornaments were some that resembled the sun, stars and moon, or animals.

Using signs of nature as decorations can be traced back to the feasts of the winter equinox, when sun-worshipping pagans hung similar trinkets on trees.

"The cattle were lowing," says the carol, "Away in a Manger," and Nativity paintings often show the animals of the manger.

Appropriately, tradition says that cattle and other domestic animals should have a special feast on Christmas Eve. It's legendary, too, that cattle are given the power of speech for a few moments at this time.

Mistletoe, said to hold a license for kissing, was renowned in ancient times for many mystical powers. Because of its pagan associations, it was long forbidden in churches.

A German legend held that, if a sprig of mistletoe was carried into an old house, the ghosts of the house would appear and answer questions.

## Scholars Study Source of Star Shining in East

"There shall come forth a Star"—Numbers 24:17.

In this Old Testament prophecy by Balaam, was a real star meant, or does "Star" refer to a great person?

For centuries, Biblical scholars have considered this a question. Many believe that the prophecy led the wise men to watch for and follow the "star in the east," of which St. Matthew wrote in his story of the Nativity.

The star itself is the source of many theories. Perhaps the best of all is that it was



IN MEXICO, GAILY-DECORATED PIÑATA—an earthen jar filled with goodies—is a Christmas challenge for children. Suddenly lowered or raised out of reach, success brings out toys and sweets. Photo from Encyclopedia International.



CHINESE CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE "SHEN Dan" Holy Birth Festival, at Christmas. But Santa Claus is on his way as he is in this scene, typical of a Taiwan Christmas. Photograph is from the New Book of Knowledge.

## What Are the Facts About Christmas?

Everybody thinks that space travel is something very new, but an elderly gentleman in a rather unique "space-suit" set the pace years ago. His name: Santa Claus.

Now is the season when he's taking off again, for it's Christmas.

How much do you know about Christmas and Santa Claus? Here are some questions, developed with the help of the editors of the Encyclopedia International, to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom.

- The first known Christmas card was designed in 1843 by an Englishman named:
  - (A) Charles Dickens
  - (B) Sir Henry Cole
  - (C) John Calcott Horsley
- The first Christian Nativity feast, celebrating the birth of Christ, occurred in the fourth century on:
  - (A) January 6
  - (B) July 4
  - (C) December 25
- Christmas did not become a legal holiday in the U.S. until:
  - (A) The Puritans arrived in New England
  - (B) 1856
  - (C) Santa's Helpers' Union went on strike.

1. (C) is correct. Horsley designed the first Christmas card for his friend, Sir John Cole, a wealthy Londoner. Charles Dickens' share in Christmas is too. His book, "A Christmas Carol," was published in 1843.

2. (A) is correct. On January 6, the Epiphany, the feast of the infant Jesus' baptism, with an emphasis on the birth. It was not until the 5th century A.D. that Christmas was generally celebrated on December 25.

3. (B) is correct. New land states outlawed the celebration of Christmas in the middle of the 19th century.

4. (C) is correct. Kringle is the German name for Santa, while Clement Moore contributed the image of Santa Claus in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." In 1823 St. Nicholas was a real person, a fourth century bishop, the first Santa Claus.

## Santa's White Beard, Red Suit Come from Cartoonist

Who gave Santa his red suit, broad girth, white beard, ruddy cheeks and nose, fur-trimmed hat and coat?

Surprisingly enough, the donor was a political cartoonist.

The artist's name was Thomas Nast, cartoonist for Harper's Illustrated Weekly, who also created the now-famous symbols of the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey.

The figure of Santa that Nast drew in 1863, and perhaps earlier, has proved to be the definitive one, and even today the figure as drawn by Nast appears occasionally on Christmas greetings.

"Nast's image of Santa was extraordinary," says Mrs. Jeannette Lee, director of design at Hallmark.

"He gave Santa many of the qualities that have endeared him to children ever since, and we wouldn't dream of tampering very much with them today."

Nast first credited Santa with keeping books on good and bad children, having a Christmas toy workshop and reading letters sent to him by children.

Perhaps it was the now-famous poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, that inspired Nast's illustration of Santa. In this children's classic of 1823, the right jolly old elf, who looked like a peddler with a pack on his back, was

first described in print. Nast followed Dr. Moore's description of Santa in several particulars, but many of his concepts were original.

At the time of Nast's Santa Claus drawings the nation was at Civil War, and families were separated. In a note to cheer both soldiers and their waiting families Nast drew "Santa Claus in Camp," for Harper's Weekly.

This earliest Santa was different from any artist's creations up till then. He was shown wearing stars and stripes of the Union and distributing gifts to soldiers. Actually, this Santa might have been meant as a representation of Uncle Sam also.

A later, equally moving Nast illustration featured a soldier's Christmas homecoming.

Born in 1840 in the tiny hamlet of Landau, Bavaria, Nast probably pictured Santa as the long-imagined Saint Nicholas of his childhood.

Albert Bigelow Paine, a friend and admirer of Nast, said the artist often revealed to him his love of the Santa illustrations. He later wrote in his biography of the cartoonist:

"His own childhood in far-off Bavaria has been measured by the yearly visits of St. Nicholas... and the girlhood of the woman who was to become his wife (Sarah Edwards of New York) was intimately associated

with brilliant and joyous celebrations.

"Nast's children later recalled there was always a multitude of paper dolls—marvelously big and elaborate, a race long since become extinct.

"And these the artistic father—more than half a child himself at the Christmas season—arranged in processions and cavalcades, gay pageants that marched in and about those larger presents that could not be crowded into the row of stockings that hung by the family fireplace.

"It was a time of splendor and rejoicing—the festive blossoming of the winter season—and it was a beautiful and sturdy family that made Merry Christmas riot in the spacious New York home."

In Nast's day, the idea of some sort of Santa was not new to this country. He was introduced to North America by the early Dutch settlers and his name was St. Nicholas. The annual visit of this kind man, who was thought to have been a fourth-century bishop, was his feast day, December 6th.

By 1809, Washington Irving was describing Santa as a small Dutch citizen who looked much like Father Knickerbocker. Irving wondered how the poor old man could get to all the homes in a growing America on his horse, so he invented the famous reindeer-drawn sleigh.



"HELLO, LITTLE ONE" WAS TITLE FOR this famed drawing of Santa, by Thomas Nast from Harper's Weekly. Nast, a noted 19th century political cartoonist, was the first to illustrate Santa as a bearded, red-nosed jolly old man whose rotund figure was clothed in a fur-trimmed red suit, according to researchers for Hallmark.