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Christmas GREETINGS

To our loyal patrons, here's hearty wishes for the best Christmas ever. Thanks.

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First Christmas Carols

The first carols were dance songs, or ring songs, sung by villagers around a Maypole, or to celebrate other festive occasions throughout the year, during the Middle Ages. Later they became more exclusively associated with Christmas.

The word "carol" derives from the Greek and Latin word "choraules" meaning "chorus." The phrase, "Christmas Carols" first appeared during the 16th century in England in little songbooks printed by Wynken de Worde and Richard Kele.

DANCE CAROLS — Best examples of these rounds or ring dances are still to be found in Sweden, where people dance around the tree singing many rollicking songs. Elsewhere, dance carols are merely sung, although many of the tunes are known to inspire dancing feet.

SHEPHERD CAROLS, of and about the shepherds to whom the angels appeared, and their coming to the stable with humble gifts are the most human and appealing accounts of Christ's birth. They were sung to accompany the vivid portrayals of this scene in the medieval "mystery" plays, which were common in England as well as all other European countries. Best known today is the traditional English carol, "While Shepherds Watched."

LULLABY CAROLS were among the earliest Christmas songs and like all cradle songs have a rocking, lulling rhythm and a simple melody. "Cradle rocking" carols or "Kindelwiegen" were a part of the church ritual in Germany and Austria.

A good example of this type of carol is the 16th century English carol, "What Child is This?" which was sung to the 16th century dance tune, "Greensleeves." Another is the 19th century American anonymous carol, "Away In A Manger."

One of the most beautiful of all lullaby carols is the "Coventry Carol," which was a part of one of the English medieval "mysteries." It is sung by a group of women, portraying Bethlehem mothers just before Herod's soldiers slaughter their babies.

CAROLS OF THE MAGI — The arrival of the Magi with precious gifts for the Christ Child is the most picturesque and colorful part of all Christmas pageants. The Magi songs all tell this rich, spiritual story. Among the most familiar of these to Americans is "We Three Kings," the words and music for which were written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in the 19th century.

NATIVITY CAROLS — There are many varieties of these. The first hymns in honor of the Nativity were written in Latin during

the 5th century, when Christmas was fully established as one of the great church feasts. It was not until the 13th century, when St. Francis of Assisi inspired his friends to write in their native tongue, that Nativity Songs were written for the people to sing. From Italy, these Nativity Songs spread throughout all Europe.

Two of the most familiar of these to us are: "Joy To The World," written by Isaac Watts in the 17th century and the 18th century German "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) by Joseph Mohr. The original musical called for a guitar accompaniment.

LEGENDARY CAROLS spring from the folklore of people throughout the world inspired by superstitions and pre-Christian beliefs. One thing they have in common is that they all tell a story.

Most well known of these is the traditional English "I Saw Three Ships," "The Boar's Head Carol" both from the Middle Ages, the latter of which is still sung at Christmas dinner at Queens College, Oxford, as the boar's head is ceremoniously brought in. "Good King Wenceslas," written by J. M. Neale in the 19th century is about a fervent Christian Duke of Bohemia

CAROLS OF CUSTOM deal with pre-Christian customs that have become attached to Christmas celebrations. For example, the yule log and mistletoe of England go back to the Druids. Decking the halls with boughs of holly and evergreen come from the Hebrews, Egyptians, Romans and other ancient peoples, for whom the evergreens were symbolic of life triumphant over death. The wreath came originally from the ivy crown worn by Romans in Bacchanalian festivals. "Was-sail" was the Anglo-Saxon drinking pledge, "Waes-Hael" which means "Be in health" and which was part of Early Saxon feasts.

"O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree) the traditional German carol goes back to the early days of wandering tribes, who would always leave a grove of trees in the middle of the land they cleared.

CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS — During the 6th century, the 12 days from Nativity to Epiphany were declared a festive season, celebrated in medieval England by many gay customs including, jousts, banquets, caroling and "mumming," which originally was a sort of pantomime dance performed by masked and costumed groups. Best known of these carols are the traditional English "God Rest Ye Merry," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," which is based on an old French rhyme and chant.

Holy Journey Made By Decree

Wise Men Follow Guiding Star to Jesus



JOURNEY OF THE MAGI — This symbolic tempera on wood by 15th century artist Sassetta of Siena, Italy, in part, depicts the rugged roads and methods of transportation during Biblical times. Here the Wise Men (on horseback) apparently are following the guiding star, lower right, to the Infant Jesus. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, bequest of Maitland F. Griggs, 1943.

"And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed..." So begins the Bible story of the birth of Christ in Saint Luke's Gospel.

"All the world," of course, meant the Roman Empire of the time, and the "taxation" referred to was basically an "enrollment," according to biblical scholars, a census, leading ultimately to a land tax; so it was decreed that "All went to be taxed, every one into his own city."

And so, Saint Luke goes on to tell us, "Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

The Bible gives us little more than those bare facts about the journey which ended at a manger outside Bethlehem. It has remained for biblical scholars and archaeologists to try to fill in the details as best they can from facts known or guessed about the Palestine of that time and from other indirect evidence in the Bible itself.

Although Joseph was a Judean by ancestry, he lived and piled his trade as carpenter some 70 miles to the north in Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus spent his early years, thus becoming identified as Jesus of Nazareth.

There was a good road leading southward from Nazareth to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, for this was no "backwoods" area but one traversed by merchants and their caravans as well as by the Roman Empire, all following in the footsteps of invaders and travellers of many years.

A journey of some 70 miles over mostly hilly country without a car might give many of us pause today, particularly in view of Mary's condition. According to tradition, Mary rode a good part of the way on an ass, a common beast of burden and one certainly more appropriate to the task than either camel or horse, even had these been available to Joseph.

A journey of that distance, with Joseph walking and leading the ass, would be bound to consume several days, so it is likely that the travellers made provision for spending some nights along the way and, also, carried sufficient food and water in case supplies were not always available.

Although Nazareth was a fair-sized town, it was reported to have had only one good source of water, known today as Mary's Well, from which it would have been prudent to obtain a "canteen" before setting out on a journey. Wells and springs were to be found infrequently in the hills, particularly toward the end of the dry season, which historians believe was the most likely period for the trip of Mary and Joseph. As to food, there would have been no problem in procuring rations of bread, olives, and other provisions for the journey from an area as rich in agriculture as Galilee.

Arrival at their destination in Bethlehem did not bring an end to "roughing it" for the travellers, for there were so many who had preceded them that "there was no room for them at the inn." Therefore, this predicament led Mary and Joseph to the manger, a cattle shelter outside Bethlehem which symbolizes the birth of Jesus.

A Lasting Christmas

*I keep a part of Christmas
For it helps to add a glow,
To the January darkness
And the February snow.
If March is cold and blustery
And though April brings us rain,
The peace and warmth of Christmas
With its happiness remain...*

*There's a beauty when it's Christmas
All the world is different then,
There's no place for petty hatred
In the hearts and minds of men.
That is why my heart is happy,
And my mind can hold a dream,
For I keep a part of Christmas
With its peace and joy supreme.*

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Yule Customs of Europe's Laplanders Related to Lifestyle and Early Culture

There are today some 30,000 Laplanders of which approximately two-thirds live in Norway, one third in Sweden, and smaller numbers in Finland and Russia.

Lapps are closely associated with reindeer, on which they have depended for a large part of their livelihood since prehistoric times.

The early Lapp religion was shamanistic, featuring a priest, or shaman, who divined the secrets of good hunting, fishing, reindeer grazing, and other matters of importance to the people, while in a state of trance. Beautifully decorated "magic drums" were a means of inducing the trances and are characteristic of early Lapp culture.

CHRISTIAN CONVERSION — Large scale conversion to Christianity did not occur among the Lapps until the 17th Century. This fact combined with the excessively tough conditions of the northern winter tended to prevent the development of Christmas customs as we know them — the church



LAPLANDERS AND REINDEER, their lives intertwined by nature for hundreds of years, provide an economical balance in northernmost Europe's subarctic regions. Lifestyle of Lapp with sled-pulling reindeer is contrasted by prop-driven airplane, while another Lapp affectionately pets a reindeer upon which he so heavily depends. Photos courtesy Royal Norwegian Embassy Information Service.

gatherings, decoration of homes and trees, the giving of gifts, and elaborate feasts. The Lapps' chief festivals came in spring and autumn with the occasions of marketing, when the products of the reindeer

herds and furs from hunting were exchanged for other products. However, 17th Century manuscripts describe one Lapp Christmas custom which has a parallel in many lands and which reminds one of putting out cookies and milk near the chimney for Santa Claus. The old documents tell of a "sacrifice" to the "Yuletide People," spirits which were believed to fly about over the earth and which may have originated in a pre-Christian observance of the Winter Solstice.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS — On Christmas Eve there was a fast, and the food which would have been eaten was set aside. On Christmas Day this food, including samples of everything to be eaten on Christmas, was packed in a small boat-shaped basket of birch and hung upon a tree. In this manner the Yuletide People could partake of the feast like everyone else. In modern times, with many Lapps living a more settled life in permanent communities, the observance of Christmas is becoming indistinguishable from that of other northern Scandinavians. Today's Christmas tree among the Lapps had its forerunner in the tree-hung sacrifice to the Yuletide People.

Many Faiths Converge On Modern Bethlehem, Observe Christ's Birth

It is customary in the United States to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th, the date observed by the Roman Catholic Church and most Protestant denominations, but not all Christian faiths adhere to that date.

In Bethlehem, Christ's birthplace, the Roman celebration begins on Christmas Eve, December 24th, highlighted by the traditional Midnight Mass, and continues on Christmas Day. The Greek Orthodox Church, however, observes January 7 as Christmas Day, marking the occasion with similar ceremonies. January 18th and 19th are the dates for the observance in the Armenian Church.

The three faiths have their own churches and chapels within the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and each observes Christmas on its own day with services in the Grotto of the Nativity at the exact spot where, it is believed, Jesus was born.



MODERN BETHLEHEM, viewed from one of the higher bell towers in the city, retains many of its age-old customs and looks much the way it did during ancient times, despite modern vehicles which move through timeless streets. Photo courtesy Israeli Government Tourist Office.



A HERD OF REINDEER cross a large body of water while roaming for grazing areas over the subarctic regions of northern Europe. The reindeer has been a semi-domesticated friend to man for centuries. Reindeer are traditionally associated with Christmas as pullers of Santa's sleigh. Photo courtesy Swedish Information Service.

Arctic Reindeer Flourish, Crucial to Man's Survival

Reindeer flourish in large numbers near the Arctic Circle in Europe, Asia, and North America. Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, and Alaska are all places where herds of at least semi-domesticated reindeer are accustomed to working with man, particularly the Laplanders.

The reindeer provides a vital source of food, clothing, and even transportation for many peoples living on the edge of the arctic world. Among other things, reindeer milk is as rich as the cream of cow's milk, although available in much smaller quantities.

There are several species of reindeer in North America, where it is called the caribou, ranging from the woodland species, which is found in wild northern woods, through the barren ground caribou, which is the slightly larger but close cousin of the European reindeer, to the Peary caribou, living north of the Arctic Circle.

The present domesticated reindeer of Europe and Asia, where it can be found in single herds of up to 30,000, is a descendant of the barren ground species of those regions and has been successfully introduced into Alaska as a stock animal. These tame reindeer are gentle and easily handled.

Reindeer and caribou feed primarily on mosses and lichens in the subarctic regions, a type of fodder which takes time to replenish itself. As a result, reindeer and those who depend on them for a livelihood are nomadic and have no permanent home, since they must move at frequent intervals to find an adequate food supply.

Because of the Arctic habitat, near his North Pole headquarters, reindeer provide an ideal means of transportation for Santa Claus, but he can hardly claim a first for using them: cave paintings and bones found in prehistoric sites in Europe are evidence that the reindeer has been more or less domesticated since the time of the cavemen.

But Santa Claus might qualify as an early supporter of women's equality, since the reindeer or caribou is unique among the deer family in that the females as well as the males grow antlers. Both sexes shed their antlers in the spring, like other deer.

ST. NICK RESTORED — When Queen Victoria married German Prince Albert, Christmas visits of St. Nicholas (and the gift-giving) came back to England, three centuries after Henry VIII had banned the traditions when he broke away from the Catholic faith and formed the Church of England.

POPE'S YULE INSTRUCTIONS — Pope Gregory I in his instructions to missionaries on Christmas festivities sent out from Rome in the year 601: "The people should celebrate a religious feast and worship God by their feasting, so that still keeping outward pleasures, they may more readily receive spiritual joys."

Letters to 'Santa' Overflow Mailbox



THE MOST FAMOUS RESIDENT in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, population 300, is Santa Claus himself who receives well over 100,000 letters annually from children across the country and around the world. As Santa Claus in costume and Jim Yellig out of it, a 42-year career has been devoted to making sure letters are answered.

There's something special about Santa Claus in a small southern Indiana town where the famous Christmas legend has become somewhat of an everyday reality.

This town with a population of about 300 year-round residents, and a family of deer, is the jolly old gent's namesake home — Santa Claus, Indiana — as well as the home of his helpers, and the location of his overflowing mailbox.

A unique landmark at Santa Claus is the U.S. Post Office near the intersection of Indiana highways 162 and 245, and next to the entrance to Santa Claus Land.

There is nowhere in the world where you can find a post office like this one. Its architecture is that of a stone-fronted fairyland castle in design and while the community has but slightly more than 300 year-round residents this post office each year is flooded with about four million pieces of mail. The bulk of all this mail comes around Christmas time to receive the cherished Santa Claus postmark. Still others arrive addressed simply to "Santa Claus, 47579."

Letters addressed to "Santa Claus" represent the tens of thousands of children's "want lists" that foretell visions of Christmas morning, promise cook-

ies and milk, and extend best wishes to Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph. And, to the delight of children everywhere, all of these letters receive an answer from Santa Claus.

This unique practice dates back to the late 1920s when Robert L. Ripley popularized the town by featuring it in an article in his "Believe It Or Not" column. After the article appeared, mail began to mushroom, especially letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

Tourists with children also started to arrive and make visits to the post office with their Christmas mail, following in the steps of Ripley who also sent his Christmas cards through the office here as proof that there was indeed a Santa Claus — as verified by the postmark. For over 40 years, children have met Santa himself, played by Raymond Joseph "Jim" Yellig.

Besides taking up the role of Santa Claus at the Santa Claus Post Office in the early 1930s, Yellig also embarked on a project that now involves much of the community of the Santa Claus, Ind. area. He noticed that the incoming letters were being stored away because there were too many for the postmaster of the day to answer and took pan in hand, along with his wife, to make sure children who cared enough about Santa Claus were answered.



best wishes this Christmas

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Thomas Daughtry

Jean DeArment
Peggy Ford

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. I want my grandmother from California to come and see me.
Peace and happiness for all.
I love you Santa.
Jerry Don Horton
age 8
Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a magnet crane and a sears truck. I have been good.
From
Scott Howard

Dear Santa,
I want a Raggedy Ann alarm clock and a stuffed puppy dog, and a game of life. I want some real fish.
From Zngela Zapach

Dear Santa,
I would like an organ, a guitar, a Barbie flight set and a suitcase. Thats all.
I love you,
Shelia Moffett


Dear Santa,
I want a car, a baby buggy, and a baby Alive. I want a chalk board and a pair of tennis shoes. I love you Santa!
From,
Debra Darnell

Dear Santa . . .

To Santa Claus,
I am in the first grade. I would like an SSP smash-up crusher, some clothes, some candy, some doll, shoes and clothes. I am seven.
From
Terri Seitz

Dear Santa,
I want a spinwelder and some putt-putts, some cars, and thats all!
Love,
Eddie Sherburne

Dear Santa,
I want a pool table,
From,
Allen Leatherman



Silent Night

May the peaceful tranquility of this Holy season enter heart and home. Our pleasure is serving you.

Geo. Vena & Connie Richerson

Classy Crashers, and crash-up derby. I have been good.
From
Doyle Aycock

Dear Santa,
Well, I want the rest of the Johnny West set. I've got Johnny West, Jamie West, the brown horse, storm cloud, Jeronimo, and Poncho. I want a basketball.
From,
Allen Leatherman

Dear Santa,
I would like a kicking tee for Christmas.
Thank you,
Russell Lavery

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle. I want a dummy named Danny. I want a doll named Tender Love, and I want 2 pairs of pants and 2 shirts.
Your Friend,
Lisa Rose Dockin

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kim Hamilton. I am 10 years old. I want a Debbie-Dave Devil, Knit Magic, Trampoline, Wrist Watch, and a sew magic.
Love,
Kina Hamilton

Dear Santa Claus,
A Barbie Beach Bus and a cathy quick curl and a Gnip-Gnop, sorry game and a trampoline and a Bowling game.
Love
Pam Dyson
Rt. 1
Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I'm fine. How are things at the North Pole? First of all I would like a speedometer and a pellet gun. My name is Dennis Stuart and I live in Mobeetie, Texas. How are your helpers? Tell them hello for me.
Love,
Dennis Stuart

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a baseball and a Gold, I would like a game called don't break the ice. I would like to have a game call Mystery Date game. Trampoline and a pair track shoes.
Love
Gayla Darnell

Dear Santa Claus,
Cathy Quick Curl, Gnip-Gnop, chaps, witch-witch game, mystery date game, trampoline, toy trucks, race cars.
Love
Jamee Batton

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Cathy Quik Curl, and chaps, and a felt hat and spurs.
Love
Susan Howard

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a toy machine gun a d a bike, and a race track, and a motorcycle, I would like a B-B gun and a Evil Knievel stunt cycle and a pellet gun, and a Johnny West.
From,
Wade Hathaway

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a pair of roughout boots, and a sock-cap.
By Roy Estes

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a monopoly and a pair of chaps and a Evel Kaneevall Stunt cycle and a guitar and a motorcycle and a be be gun, and a

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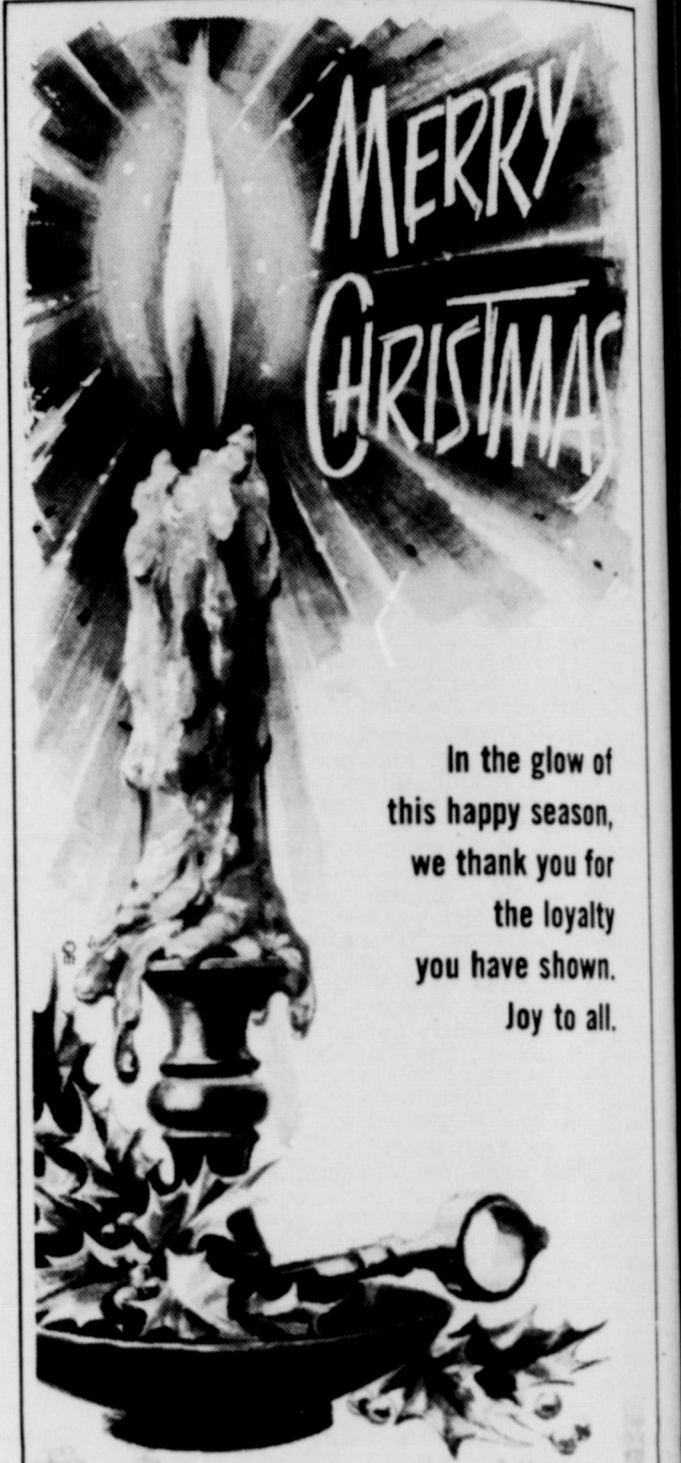
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a monopoly and a pair of chaps and a Evel Kaneevall Stunt cycle and a guitar and a motorcycle and a be be gun, and a

dare devel and a trampoline and spurs and a vest.
From
Norman Woodward

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pool table and a beanbag, a hat and a new basketball and a basketball goal and a trampoline and boots.
Love
Jana Corse
Rt. 1
Mobeetie, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a new car, an organ with

accompanying rhythms, a new roof, screened-in-porch and storm windows and fireplace built; plus fresh wallpaper on every wall in our house. I would like a new wardrobe that will delight the eyes of all the students who have to view me every day and about \$850 in cash to spend unaccountably, after you have cancelled all my present debts. For this, I thank you a lot Santa. Cheers - from Mrs. Brown Mobeetie, Texas



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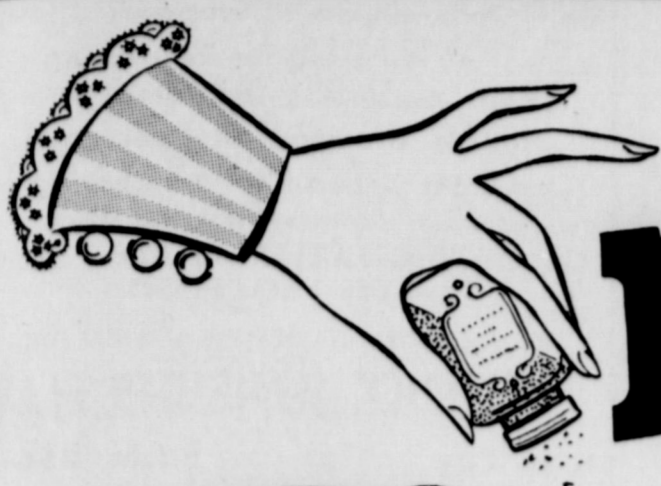
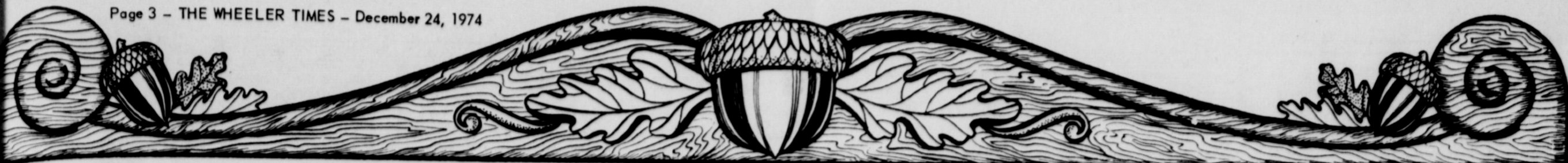
We would like to thank the students of the Kindergarten, First, Second and Third grades who made decorations for us to use at the First National Bank. These ornaments are suspended from the ceiling with the student's name attached to the bottom. We invite you in to see these works of art. Our thanks also to the teachers who assisted the students. Many parents and friends have already been in to see the students' work.

Merry Christmas

At last it's here . . . the merriest time of the year! This is the season when old friendships are strengthened and new ones are fostered by the spirit of good will all about us. Here's hoping we may continue the fine association we have enjoyed in the past. Thanks, friends, and have a wonderful Holiday.

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By Linda Horton, Asst. County Extension Agent

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Lessons in this week's half-hour program will cover carpet care when "what's Afoot in Carpet Care" airs Saturday, December 28th at 2:00 on KAMR-TV, Channel 4.

Sponsored locally by the Wheeler Family Living Committee and KAMR-TV, the 6 part educational television series was created

Allison News

By Mrs. Lester Levitt
Congratulations are in order for the wedding of Edna Begert and Ruben May from Pampa who were married last Monday evening in Wheeler.

Guy Bowers from Ruidoso, New Mexico visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Taylor and sons Friday, and also called on friends in the community. Miss Peck returned home Wednesday from parkview Hospital.

Clyde Jr. Dukes was a patient in the Wheeler hospital a few days for treatment and observation.

The ladies auxiliary of the United Pentecostal Church had their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Pearl Harrison Thursday afternoon and had gift exchange identifying their secret prayer pal. Those present were, Nancy Cornwell, Opal, Janice, Carolyn, Louise Boydston, Lanava Morse, Christine Gilmer, Wanda and Jennie Pearl Walker. Refreshments were served.

School was dismissed Friday for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. David Kiker are vacationing in McAllen, Texas.

Those enjoying a bountiful supper at Alexander's club house were: Rev. Vigil Cornwell and family, W. H. Clifton, Willie Vance and Forest Glen Boydston, alford Longs and Thura Pondexter from Cheyenne, Okla. Pete Gilmer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harrison, Kathy and Jane Lane, Mrs. Ed Walker and Mrs. Wanda Walker and children. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Miller are the proud grandparents of a brand new baby girl (Shelly

Telephone Users Pay \$1.8 Million

General Telephone customers paid an estimated \$1.8 million less in Federal Excise Taxes on telephone bills during 1974 because of a 1 per cent reduction in the tax.

By the end of 1974, General will have collected an estimated \$15 million under the eight per cent levy, which will drop another 1 per cent on January 1, 1975.

The decrease on January 1, 1975 is the third step of a 10-year reduction schedule in which there will be successive 1 per cent rate reductions on the first of each year, completely expiring in December, 1981.

The tax elimination was enacted as part of the Excise, Estate and Gift Tax Adjustment Act of 1970.

The excise tax on phone bills was first imposed by Congress during World War I as a "temporary" measure. Although repealed briefly after the war, the tax was reinstated during the Depression and has continued ever since at varying rates as high as 15 per cent on local service and 25 per cent on long distance calls.

KING'S KOMMENTS

By Don King - CEA

and produced by home economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, through a United States Department of Agriculture grant, according to Miss Linda Horton, county Extension agent. Bulletins on any of the projects taught during "You Can Do It!" are available at no charge through the County Extension Office, at 826-5243, or Box 505, Wheeler, Texas 79096.

Graduate Course Offered
Texas A&M University will offer a course for 3 semester hours of graduate credit at the USDA Southwestern Great Plains Research Center at Bushland. The course is Agronomy 602, Forage Crops.

The objectives of the course is to develop an understanding of the production, utilization ecology, physiology, and morphology, of forage crops, including factors affecting the initiation of regrowth and seed and forage quality. Persons taking the course must hold a bachelor's or master's degree and must submit an application for admission to the Texas A&M Graduate College. Registration for the course will be January 9, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. at Bushland. Anyone wanting further information on the course can contact me.

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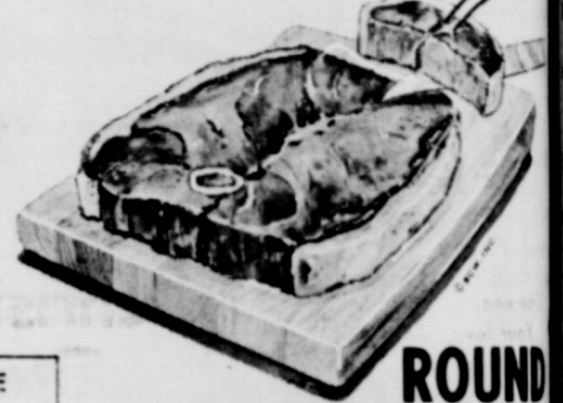
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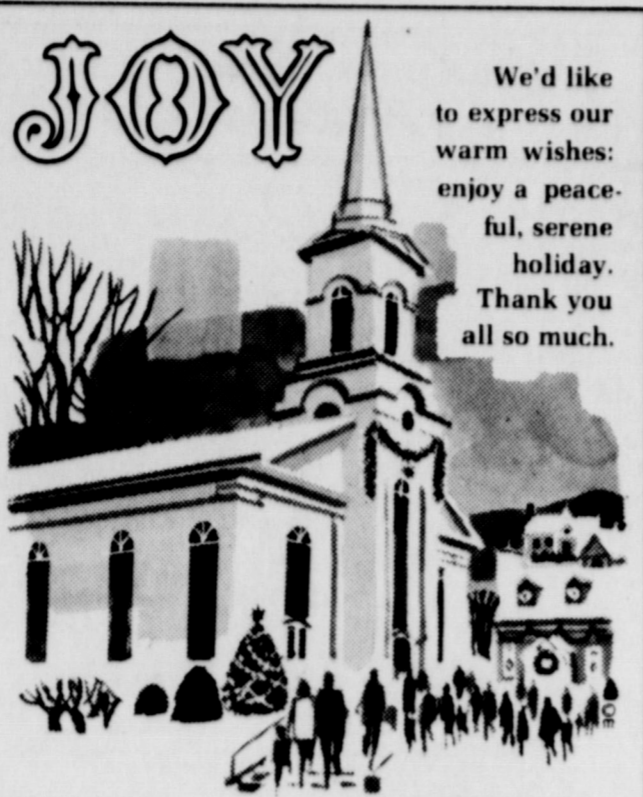


Merry Christmas

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

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Dear Santa Clause,
Ho Ho Ho, how are you?
I want a baby Crissy, a painting set and a buggy.
My little sister, Leigh, wants a rub-a-dub dolly and a buggy. My baby sister, Melinda, wants baby beans and a pillow.

house when I get home. I like help to, it is fun to. I have a raccon to. I have some dogs to I have a cat to. Well good bye Santa Claus.

Love Kelly Hammond Allison, Texas

Thank you, Lisa Riley Commerce, Texas

Dear Santa,
We have been good this year and hope you'll come see us this Christmas. We would both like big trucks and a Fisher-Price airport and houseboat. Merry Christmas.

Love, Tom & Travis Cook

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby Alive, a candy maker, a record player, and a toy sink. I have been a good girl. Please remember all the other boys and girls. I will leave you a coke and some cookies.

Love, Mindy Hardcastle Age 4

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Wade Wills. I am 9 years old. My teachers name is Mrs. Baize, she is nice. I like school a little. I want a mini bike and a helmet too. I want a Cox Super Sport Trainer. I live in Wheeler, Texas second tower out in the country and put a tag on them and put to Wade Wills.

Wade Wills

Dear Santa,
Are you all right? I am doing fine. I want a pool-table and cuesticks with balls. I love you.

Love, Matt Moore Twitty, Texas

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I tried to be good girl this year. How are the elves and Mrs. Claus and the deer?

May I have an art set, nurse kit and school cloths.

Love, Karen Killingsworth

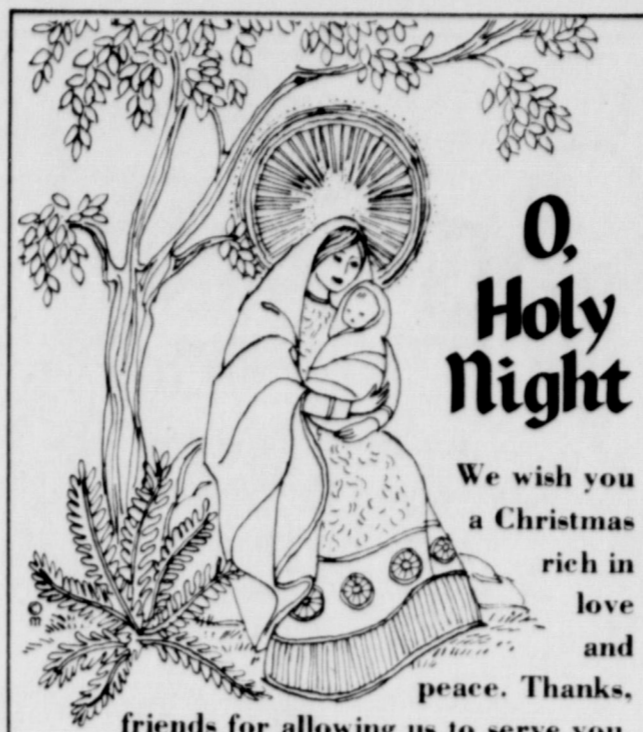
Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. I want a bottle and jar cutter, and a game called gun fight at O.K. corral and a rinstone setter.

Love, James Harris

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be a good boy before Christmas.

I am trying to get a watch, and a car, and a ZZ gun, and a wagon, and a train set, and a tractor.

Your friend, Leland Junior Taylor



O, Holy Night

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Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I just want a Quick Girl and some surprises. I please thing of all other kids.

A good girl, Janette Hink

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl three years old, and have tried to be pretty good.

Would you please bring a doctor and nurse kit and a walkin doll?

Please don't forget baby shoes, and bring him a toy babies.

I love you, Kristi Finsterwald

Dear Santa,
I want a AX around lighted car set.

Your frind, Jim Hall, Allison, Tex

Dear Santa,
I want a walk talk set for Christmas and then I want a pair of shoses and a red and white coat.

The end, Your love, Sally Zapata Allison, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I believe in you but some weather children do not believe in you. I want a baby sewing machine.

Love, Tammy Hall Allison, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a ring for Christmas I have been petty good I help my granny clean her house I wash dishes for her and I like to. I help mother to I clean the



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Barbara Stas Glenda Abernethy

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Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas one and all. Hope it's abundant in joy and peace. Thanks to all.

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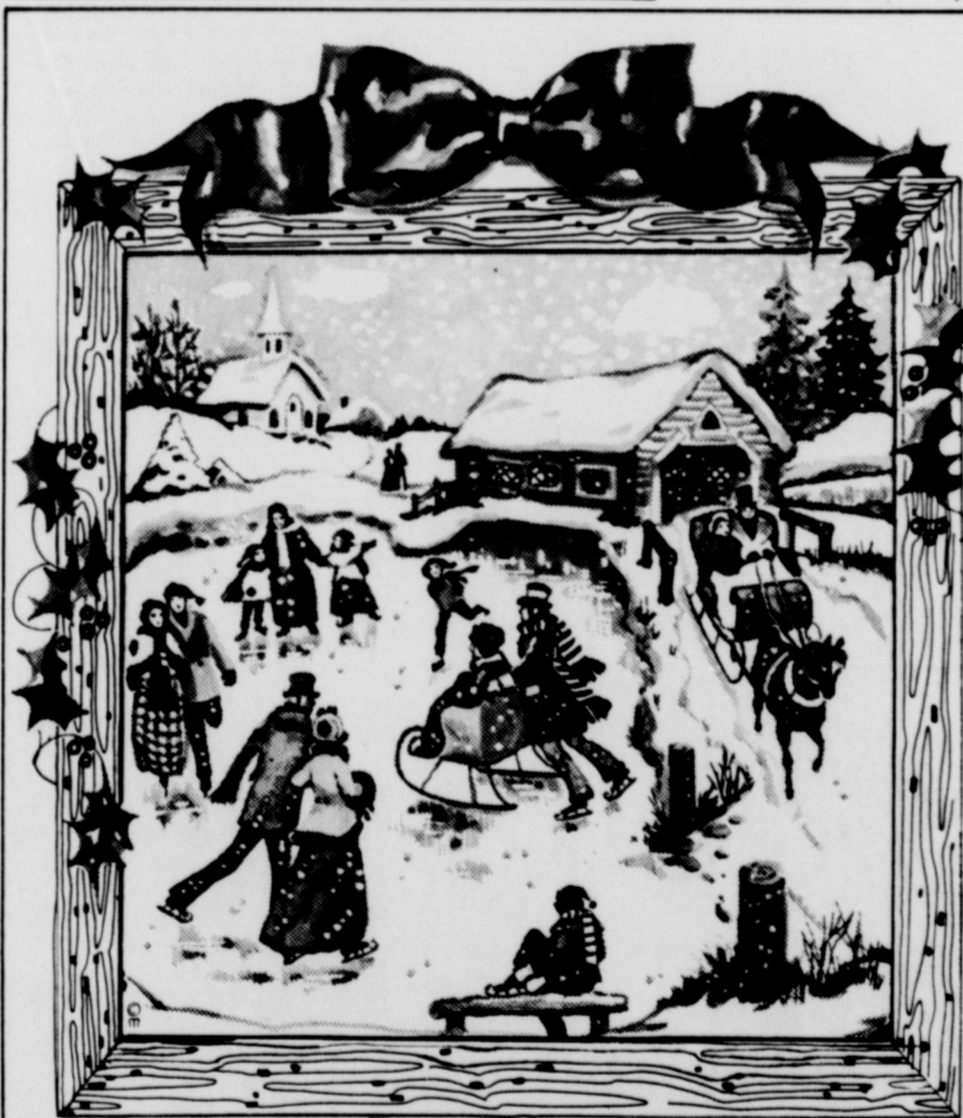


Christmas Wishes

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Keith D. Miller, Police Chief

hello.

Love, Denise Green

Dear Santa,
I know you know what kind of person I have been. I want a watch, for Christmas.

Yours truly, Leo Olivarez

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy, but I know that you know what kind of person I am.

I want a white Christmas, a magic set too. I want a paint set.

Yours truly, Joey Waldo

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. All I want is a train set and a bicycle, B. B. gun, and a car, and a watch, and a ark set OK. Have a Happy Christmas Santa Claus.

Yours truly, Darrell Lister

Dear Santa,
I want a doctor kit, a little easel, and an art set.

Michael Killingsworth

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a cowboy suit with a hat and boots.

Martha Jane Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a ball for Christmas. And I want a dress for Christmas. My name is Tammy Byrd. I am girl.

Tammy Byrd

Dear Santa,
I want a football. I want a tent. I want a kite. My name is Gary Waldo.

Gary Waldo

Dear Santa,
I want a little cat. I want a little dog. I want a sewing machine.

I love you

From: Gretchen Tsika To: Santa

I have been good.

Dear Santa,
I want a ball. I want some seeds. I have been good. I want a good dog. I want some P.J's. I want a cowboy hat.

Love, Greg Cantrell

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of boots, a vest, and a straw hat.

David Lynn Green

Dear Santa,
I want a doll some doll clothes, and a doll house.

Wanda Kay Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a record player and a guitar.

Teresa Ann Moore

Dear Santa,
I want books, pajamas, a cowboy suit.

Leslie Calcote

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, a new pair of boots, and a belt. See that all the other kids get some toys too.

From, Jennifer Estes



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Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus
 My name is Dena Kaye Wagner. I am 9 years old. This is what I want for Christmas a record player and some records and a tape recorder and a calculator. But the best thing I want is the tape recorder. Don't forget to stop by our house please don't forget my brother either.
 P.S. I will leave some cake and some cookies under the Christmas tree.
 Love Always
 Dena Wagner

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Dear Santa,
 I want a B.B. gun, and a bike. I have ben good and I want a rocket. My sister wants a doll, and I want some pencils and I want a play dunkey.
 Thank you.
 James Kreyling

Dear Santa,
 I can hardly wait until Christmas gets here! I am three years old and I want you to bring me a Baby Buggy and a Doll, please.
 I have a baby brother named Scott. He wants a Philsbury Doughbear, Cupcake, and a baby toy.
 Thank you Santa!
 Love,
 Danette & Scott Dyer
 Allison, Texas



Cheerful Christmas Wishes
 Wrap it up with a smile and our good wishes. Thanks to all.
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Dear Santa Claus,
 I wish that you would bring me a electric train set.
 Love Robert

Dear Santa,
 I want a hockey game for Crismus. And a Football game for Crismus. I want an orange in my saking.
 Larry Trevino



A Joyous Christmas
 May the bright Christmas star lead you to peace . . . brotherhood. Our thanks.
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Dear Santa,
 This Christmas I want a bike. Will you bring me one please? And I want a cake machine. And bring one of your Elfs. Please stay I want to see you.
 Brent Lee

Dear Santa,
 On Christmas I want a football game and a sorry game.
 Leve me what you think is best. I like you very much.
 Bill Wiggins



Merry Christmas
 Santa's delivering our cheery wish to all, plus many thanks for your kindness.
STUART'S FABRIC

Dear Santa,
 I want for Christmas an instrument called a real float. Dear Santa, why do your deers fly? Would you please say thanks to your elves. And I want a real tuba too. And I want a real beugel. Thank you. I love you!
 Darren Grimes

Dear Santa,
 I like you and I want some for Christmas. I like Learn to Fly, Happy



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
 A magical season full of dreams come true . . . that's what Christmas is. We wish you much joy.
EDWARD'S '66 SERVICE STATION

Briscoe News

By Vetola Parker
 Mr. and Mrs. Love and two children of Mexico Missionary were at Gageby Church last Sunday. They visited the Jack Meek. Other guests Sunday were Roy and Lois Meadows.
 Last Sunday at the J. P. Meek home they celebrated Macky Side's birthday. Ones there were Macky and Lavelda Sides, Jimmy and Mitsy, Charles and Lajo Crowmover and Boyce.
 Clark and Vergia Reagan spent the month of November on the coast fishing near Port Avonos. Others there fishing were Farmer and Opal Hefley, Watson and Lucille Burgess, and the Bill Chapmans. The Bill Chapmans live there.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Curry and children and Allan Mounts of Pampa visited the Willis Fillingims and friends and relatives in Allison.

Ray Curry and Allen Allison. Ray Curry and Allan Mount hunted some over the weekend.
 Rita Fillingim had a birthday party to celebrate Dallas first birthday, Wednesday. Those there were Dick and Ruth Fillingim, Rich and Beckie, Willis and Verne Fillingim.
 Last weekend Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Oden and Mosee of Amarillo visited the Dan Fillingims.
 This past weekend the Dan Fillingims visited her brother and family the Carol Lackeys in Tullia, the men hunted Pheasants.
 Clark and Vergia Reagan and the Dick Irvine family visited the Willis Fillingim Thursday night.
 Dick and Ruth Irvine and children ate dinner Sunday with the Gayle Singleton family.
 Nancy Bible spent this week with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Bible and Carla Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fillingim visited them agter church Sunday night.
 Friday Veina Fillingim kept the Giant Meek children and the David Hefley children while Karen Meek and Phyllis Hefley went shopping in Pampa.
 Colie and Vetola Parker visited and ate a Christmas supper Friday night cooked

it was at Georges home. It was really good, Avis is a cook and half.
 Weekend visitors at the Colie Parkers were Weldon and Diana Parker and Marianda.
 Monday night supper guest at the Colie Parkers were Andy and Travis Davis of Bentonville, Ark. They spent Monday night with the J. O. Heltons. They had been in Okla. City attending the National Final Rodeo and visiting the E. E. Pilers. They were going on to Borger to see his mother, Mrs. Bert Davis and relatives there, then on to Amarillo to see her folks.
 Sunday night visitors at the Colie Parkers were Bob and Marilu Markham.
 Something happened to my last week news didn't get it in the paper. Hope I do better. Happy Holidays to all my helpers.
 Essie Finsteward and Marie Wright went to Elk City Tuesday to have their glasses checked and shopped some.
 Nora Hiltbrunner, Mr. and Mrs. James Hiltbrunner took Essie Finsteward Saturday morning to Abilene to visit her brother, W. R. Smith and sister, Sallie Justin. They came home Sunday afternoon.
 Essie's daughter Lavern Patterson stayed with her mother till Saturday. Donald and Charles took Lavern to Amarillo Saturday to Catch the bus home to Calisbad. Donald and Charles spent the weekend with Don and Mona Reynolds and Jeff in Amarillo.
 M. and Mrs. L. S. Adersholt was visiting the Lester Hudsons Tuesday when I called. Lester and Lawrence were playing dominoes, ladies were talking.
 Claud and Mable Parker visited the L. J. Hudsons


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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
 Dear Friends,
 It doesn't seem possible that Christmas is here again in this fast moving world.
 How wonderful this is for Christmas the season when we pause in this hurly burly of living and take time to greet our many friends who elected me your County Commissioner for the past twenty years.
 We cannot find adequate words to express our gratitude to you but we can say Thank You so much.
 We will continue to do our best to justify your confidence in us.
 At this season of good will we send to you our very best wishes for a happy holiday season and our sincerest hopes that the year to come will be bountiful with peace, happiness and prosperity for all.
 Sincerely
 O. W. and Ruby Pendleton

Saturday night.
 We are so thankful Dorothy Walker is able to be back at work in the Post office. We hope she continues to get stronger.
 We are also thankful that Beckie Zybach is at home from the hospital.
 Also Pete Gilmer is at home from hospital. We wish for all a speedy get well.

We offer our congratulations to Edna Begart and Ruben May on their wedding. Best Wishes.
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Dear Santa . . .

Santa, I am 7 years old, I have a good boy. I want a truck, train track, gloves, crane, truck, stuffed rabbit.
Kevin Dromm

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike my mother wants a watch. My dad wants a watch to for Christmas too.
Your friend
Terry Smith

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please bring me a gun set.
Love
Joe Kuykendall

Dear Santa I am 7 years old. I have been a pretty good boy. I want a putt-putt tent set and drum set. I love you, Santa.
Stuart Cross

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Bryan Johnson and I am 9 years old. Here is what I want a B.B. gun, dozer, scraper, and Johny West.
Your friend,
Bryan Johnson

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I am 9 years old. please bring me a bickyck and, a basketball. Please bring my brothers and sisters some presents too. We would like some candy and nuts also.
Your friend
Steve Guthrie

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Now I am in the third grade.
I want a G. I. Joe with Kung-Fu grip and a Evel Knievel.
Your friend,
Sidney Whiteley

Dear Santa Claus, I want a paint board, water paints, eraser, finger paints, colored chalk in a case.
Your friend,
Kristi Pierce

Dear Santa, I am 7 years. I have been a good boy. I want a dump truck, cleats, train, crane and drum. I love you.
Toby Collins

Dear Santa, I am 6 years old I have been a good boy. I want an airplane and see and say. I love you, Santa.
Danny Pierce

Dear Santa, I'm a little boy, 2 years old. I would like to have a "putt putt train," a tractor, and Jet fun plane.
Love,
Kelley Quarles

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me some toys. I would like a baby doll, bicycle and table-chair set. I like candy, oranges, apples, and bubble-gum too.
Please don't forget my brothers and sister. I love you very much Santa.
Your friend always,
Melinda Guthrie

Dear Santa, I want a puppet and a covered wagon.
Love
Shawn

Dear Santa Claus, I have tried to be a good girl for the past year. I am 8 years old and I would like these things for Christmas, a record player, a watch and some clothes. That is all I can think of that I really want you to bring me. I hope you remember me when you come to Wheeler.
Merry Christmas,
Deidre Watson

Dear Santa Claus, I know what I want for Christmas. I want a doll head, a Barbie camper a ring, and a purse, and thats all I can know right now.
I know what my sister wants a dog, a doll, a necklace.
We would be very grateful for any of these things. Thank you.
Your friend,
Amy Johnson

Dear Santa, It is a bout Christmas. Is Rudolph, Dasher, and Dancer, Prancer, and Viven,

and Comet, Cupid and Donner and Blitzen rady for the time. I hope you get some stuff I want. Your friend,
Justin Miley

Dear Santa, How are you doing and your elves and Rudolph? I have ben a good boy and I am a cub scout and I li'e

living in the country I am looking forward to Christmas and would like for you to bring me a pear of walkie-talkies a taperecorder.
Your friend,
Manson Porter.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a sweet 16 Barbie. I would also like a Ken doll. I would also like a coney camper and a Barbie beauty center.
Your friend,
Pam Albright
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Miss America game, and Battleship, and monopoly, and homestretch and Sweet Sounds Tender love.
Your friend,
Cheryl Henderson
P.S. Bring a doll like mine for my sister.

Dear Santa Claus, I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. Here it is: A doll, a camper to play with, a ball, some skates, some clothes, and some shoes.
Your friend,
Jennifer Brewer

Dear Santa, I am 8 years old I like to ride bikes. And I want a light green bike. I want a baby alive, a mystery date game, twist candle making kit. I want some Barbie clothes and don't

forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Melissa Edwards

Dear Santa Claus, I would lick for Christmas a B.B. gun and a G.I. Joe adventure, a BobScout too. I want a T V too and a pound of B-Bs.
Your friend,
Tony McWilliams

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I would like to carry daria a doll and allso a barbe doll.
Your friend
Jill Kuykendall

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you bring me a mini bike, and a coat, and a tape player, and red cleats.
Your friend,
James Horton

Dear Santa Claus I want a motorcycle and a be-be gun, cleats, a big Tim air plane. And tell your whif I said hi. Well good by now.
Keelin Doherty

Dear Santa Claus, I hope you will bring me a pivot pool game, football, cleats, and a B-B gun. Remember all the other boy and girls. I am nine years old and in the third grade. also a pair of walkie-talkie.
Your friend,
Mark Hampton

Dear Santa Claus, I am eight years old and in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a G. I. Joe and a pellet gun.
Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Wesley Steen

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Roger Cross. I want a electric football game for Christmas a pellet gun, 2 walkytalkies and a G.I. Joe, tic tac tio game.
Your friend,
Roger Cross

Dear Santa, I want a jeep for my G.I. Joe, and guns for him. I want a Evel Conevel and some cothes and don't forget the other boys and girls in the third grade.
Your friend
Ronny Jones



WENDELL MORGAN

County Superintendent



Tranquility. Serenity. Peace. May these treasures blanket this joyous season. For our loyal patrons, we're ever grateful.

WHEELER LUMBER COMPANY



Greetings at Christmas

May each moment of this joyous holiday season add up to an abundance of lovely memories. Special thanks to all.

From the Employees At
PRITCHARD'S THRIFTWAY



Santa's suit shows it's time to say "Have a cheerful holiday".

Wheeler Laundry
Faye and Bobby Risner

On this Yuletide, we wish for you and yours an abundance of Christmas cheer, topped off with an extra helping of peace and love. Thanks, all.

LANCASTER DEPT. STORE

Merrily, you'll roll along with our best holiday wishes . . . and our heartfelt thanks for your confidence in us!

Albert, Hannah Faye, Don, Von



Merry & Christmas

May the serenity of Christmas find and keep you content. May every day of this joyful season be filled with joy . . . abundant in peace . . . rich in brotherhood. To all the cherished patrons we serve . . . our warmest gratitude.



Greenbelt Electric Co-op, Inc.

Dear Santa . .

Dear Santa,
Can I have a football set and a bebe gun and a train? I want a bike. I have ben good.
Ken Bates

Dear Santa
I love you. I hibe ben good. I want a football and a wagon for chrsmuss I want a little drum for Chrsmuss and a big Jim for Chrsmuss. I want a truck for Chrsmuss too.
Jeffery Baker

Dear Santa,
I want some earrings, record player. I have been good. I want a watch and a bulletin bord.
Renee Hague

Dear Santa,
Pleas bring me a T.V. and a Rub a dub doll, and a dog with a radio in side him, round earrings and a bed spread.
Chandra Denton

Dear Santa,
I hope you have me on your list.
If you do I wold like to have a watch and a Rub-a-dub and Cuick-cuil to play with, please Santa and Barbey clothes and a neckls too and I want shoes. I have been good.
Well, by Santa.
Tracy Roark

Dear Santa,
I have ben good. So I want a doll to play with.
Lesli McCormack

Dear Santa
I want a rass track from you. I have been very good. I love you. I live in Wheeler. Do you want some cookies and milk?
Joel Dadd

Dear Santa
I want a new football and gun. I want a new G. I. Joe and a car. Woud you like a cooky and milk? I want a new bike. I have bin good.
Robert Dee Meadows

Dear Santa,
I want a B. B. gun, and a Big Jim and Big Jim copper and a tose across. I hope you like my tree Santa.
Hope you have a good

Crismiss Santa.
Lyndol Loyd

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Eval Knevl for Christmas and two pestals with some

play bollets and a play bak pake with a play canten and with a play tent and a play ax and a play chval and please say hi to your elvs for me.
Russell Bradstreet

Dear Santa,
Plaes bring me some T.V. magjeck cards, and a Vellvet doll. And a

Barby swimming pool. I have been a good girl this year.
Becky Crockett

Dear Santa,
I want a doll - bady doll coos. I like you very very much. I love you. And I want a Miss Amrica. And a rochrd player because my old one is broken. And I have ben good. And a T.V.
Teresa Williams

Dear Santa,
I love you very very mush. I want you too bring me a racen car set and a big Jim if you can't bring the rase-car set just bring me the big Jim. I have ben good. But I care a bate toys and I care abate you too. And I want an gig for Erecms. I hop your elfs have fun making these things that boys and girls want. December is a good cesen for Crismus. Santa and his randerars are nice real nice, very very nic. I love you.
Steve Carter

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a doll and a play T.V. I have ben good and I love Chrsmuss. I like your Dears and I want a babybed and I want a ssoolho-se and a little doll for my sister. And a wagon for my sister. She like Chrsmuss too. And I want a Crissey doll too.
Susie Parker

Dear Santa,
I won't a sew magic and a Bardie town house. Pleas bring me a toy bear. This Chrsmas I am going to Lubbock. But I am still going to have a Chrsmas tree. I hope you will give me a Barbie camper. I want a Darey Debby.
Hope Coffman

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a drum set, a gun and a game.
David Wagner

Dear Santa,
I've been a pretty good boy this year. I would like some boots, weebles and talking toys. There will be cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Shawn Miller
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old and in the third grade. Please bring me a Sunshine Family and house. I want an Opevation game and another game. Please bring me a surprise package.
Love
Anne Marie Wright

Dear Santa
I want a three wheeler, new football, bulldozer.
Ted Moore

Dear Santa,
My name is Kenda Cash and I am 3 years old. For Christmas I would like table and chairs, a doll that talks and walks, records, kooky kooks, and a cash register. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
I love you Santa Claus.
Love,
Kenda

Dear Santa,
I would like a crane, I would like a dump truck and bulldozer.
Love Bret Moore



Christmas Greetings

Let your spirits ride high this season with good tidings, warm hearts, and happy trails. And to all our kind patrons goes our sincere gratitude.

BRAY SADDLE SHOP

Gary, Dorna, Rustin Bray
James Callaway

NOEL

As the Wise Men sought the Star of Bethlehem over 1900 years ago, let us seek for a lasting peace on earth. Let us pray for that day when men will live together in harmony.

**The Employees of
ROARK'S FINE FOOD**

Greetings
Our very best wishes to folks all round town. Warm gratitude.

Reid's Barber Shop

Dear Santa,
I have been a fairly good boy. I'd like a bike for Christmas also would you bring my two year old sister a top.
Love
Jimmy Sides

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. I am 7 years old. I have tried to be a good little boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a tractor, SSP smash up Derby, and

a roadmaster set. Please remember all the other boys and girls. Oh, yah, I want some fruit and candy to.
Love,
Freddy

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and in the First grade. I would like a baby doll, a puppet, doll carriage, and snoopy toothbrush, hand puppet.
Love Lori Lee

Dear Santa,
I want a mighty bulldozer, a daisy scout gun, TTP dare devil, Jump me I have been good boy. I will be looking for you Christmas Eve.
Love
Kenneth Daughtry

Dear Santa Claus,
I am six years old and in first grade. I have been a good boy and would like to ask for a toy. My favorite toy is a small piano.
Thank you very much, promise to be a very good boy.
Love,
Vincent Mendola
1004 Main St.
Wheeler, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy. I want a gun set and boxing gloves.
Randy Lee Martin

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years. I have been a good girl. I want a doll piano, stuffed rabbit. I love you, Santa.
Donita Bean

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy. I want cleats and a train track. I love you.
Doug McWilliams

Dear Santa
I am 7. I have been a good boy. I want a gun set, cleats, boxing gloves and drum set.
Love you, Santa
Charlie Miller

Dear Santa,
I want a truck an airplane. I love you, Santa.
Leon Brinkley

Dear Santa,
I want a cement truck. I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old.
Buford Meadows.

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. I live in Wheeler, Texas. I have been a pretty good boy. I would like an electric train set, and a racing set.
Robert Andis

To our cherished customers ... thanks.

WHEELER MILK CO.

Bob, Valetta, Ken, Mark, Kevin, Craig

peace

Christmas is the time for togetherness. Tenderness. Loving. And the greatest gift of them all - peace. Live it fully this season. Sincere gratitude to our patrons.

McWHORTER TEXACO SERVICE STA.

GREETINGS

In this season of happy thoughts and warm hearts, we extend a special "Thank you" to all our good friends and patrons for your confidence, loyalty and support . . . a Merry Christmas to all!

PETE BURTON FORD

Pete & Gay Burton

Leonard Gaines
Jim Seedig
Jimmy Dean Gilmer

Perry Elliott
Dwight Erwin
Don Evans

Waddell Davis
Clifton Montgomery
Kenny Frankenberg
Gary Don Burton

Mobeetie News

Mrs. Wilber Beck - Mrs. A.G. Caldwell is following a few days in Amarillo with her family Mr. and Mrs. Frey Caldwell and son, Matthew Craig, and Mrs. Jim Batton, Jannie and when visited in Oklahoma City, last weekend. Mrs. J.R. Patterson visited their daughter, Mrs. LeWayne, and Mrs. Bivan in Pampa last weekend. While Mrs. Pattersons and those who were in the Pampa hos-

pital, Monroe Seitz visited who were ill in the Pampa Hospitals and homes, Saturday. Mrs. Jimmy visited and attend business in Pampa, Saturday, last week. Mattie Williams of Pampa visited her brother, and Mrs. Piecie and attended to business in Mobeetie, Saturday, last weekend.

Doyle Grimes was honored with a birthday party in the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker in Amarillo. Mrs. Grimes enjoyed the occasion. Mrs. Doyle Grimes of Mobeetie, and Mrs. Gary Grimes of Amarillo, and Mrs. Tince Grimes spent last week-end at Lake Kemp where they enjoyed beautiful weather.

C.W. Burch and Melvin and Glenda Burch and Mrs. Glynda Burch visited in Pampa, Saturday. While Mrs. Burch's brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrett, and Mrs. Jim Hathaway of McLean were in Pampa, Saturday evening guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Tince Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gudgel visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howard, Susan and Scott and attended the Christmas Program for the Mobeetie School, Thursday evening. Mrs. Larue Pierce of Amarillo has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Edith

Mary Brewer were Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Brewer and Rodney of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Talley and Joe of Miami.



Noel

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.

WHEELER COUNTY PRODUCE

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Hardcastle Mrs. Maurine Brotherton
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hardcastle M. C. Burgess



Christmas Greetings

May your homes and hearts be filled with peace and contentment. Thanks for your loyalty and support. **PIERCE'S TRADING POST** DECORATOR

Christmas Greetings



Our wish is simple and sincere. May the holiday bring gladness to you all. Thanks to everyone.

GARRISON SERVICE

David & Kathleen & Family

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Howard of Pampa visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howard, Susan and Scott and attended the Christmas Program for the Mobeetie School, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Larue Pierce of Amarillo has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Edith Flanagan this week. Mrs. Eula Johnson and Mrs. Mary Brewer visited and shopped in Pampa, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gudgel announce the arrival of their newest grandson. The young man's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gudgel and they with his older sister live in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Barbara Bunn was dismissed from the Parkview Hospital in Wheeler Saturday last week.

Mrs. Thelma Dunn is a patient in the Highland Hospital in Pampa at this time.

Mrs. Wilma Harvey has been a patient in the Parkview Hospital for the last several days. She was dismissed Tuesday.

Mr. G.W. Johnson who was in the Highland General Hospital for several days in now residing in the Pampa Nursing Home. Mrs. Johnson is there with him.

S.B. Hooker is home again following several days stay in the Parkview Hospital in Wheeler.

Mrs. Laura Vandever and her daughter Pamela were both patients in the Parkview Hospital in Wheeler for several days. They were dismissed Tuesday last week.

Mrs. Sue Jones and Christena of Corpus Christi, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leatherman and Allen and Mrs. Wilber Beck Tuesday. Mrs. Jones and Christena are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eulus Neihart.

Our Sympathy is with the Rock Leake family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnston

Garden Club Meets With Harris

Sallie Harris was hostess, with the help of co-hostesses Zennie Bailey and Nellie Horton, to the Wheeler Garden Club's "Merry Christmas" program for month, Thursday afternoon December 19, 1974. The President, Mrs. Lee Kiker opened the meeting and presided. The Roll Call revealed the following members present: Virgie Reagan, Mary Finsterwald, Florence George, Pauline Hefley, Winnie Kiker, Grace Porter, Mary Hazel Van Zandt, Lola Weems, Zennie Bailey, Sallie Harris and one guest, Nellie Horton. Minutes of the previous meeting was read by secretary, Mrs. Weems. A Christmas story, "The Night The Angels Sing", from the Norman Vincent Peale, Collection was given very interestingly by Mrs. Lee Kiker. The meeting closed with the "Gardeners Prayer", repeated in unison. Mary Finsterwald was chosen to be St. Nicholas to pass out the gifts, surrounding a white Christmas tree, assisted by Pauline Hefley. A refreshment plate of chicken salad, pie, nuts, date loaf, tea and coffee was enjoyed by everyone after the opening of the gifts.



Silent Night

During the season of Christmas may joy and peace be yours. Warm appreciation to all.

City Flower

& GIFTS

KING'S KOMMENTS

By Don King - CEA

Cattle Lice Treatment Time

With the onset of winter, and Mrs. Ethel Mason in the great loss of Mrs. Leake.

livestock producers need to turn their thoughts to the problems of lice control. Generally, lice problems are more severe in the northern United States, but sufficient

numbers are often present in the Southwest to cause economic damage.

Both bloodsucking and biting-lice attack cattle. Sucking lice pierce the animal's skin and draw blood while chewing type feed on particles of hair, scales, scab and skin exudations. Both types of lice increase in population starting in the fall and reach a peak in late winter and early spring, then decline rapidly.

Low numbers of lice may be present on certain animals the year round. Since lice do not do well at high temperatures, reproduction nearly ceases in the spring, and lice migrate to the tips of the ears or tail of an animal to avoid excessive body heat. When cattle bunch or crowd up in cold weather, lice easily move from one animal to another. Heavy hair coats also offer more protection to the parasites.

Often the first signals of lice problems are signs of rubbing and intense irritation to the animals. Large patches of hair may be "rubbed off" and fences may be pushed down. Lousiness is generally first noticed on poor, weak and unthrifty animals. A resistance factor is present in many animals as some

"1975 Already?"



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Merry Christmas

The spirit of the season is all around. May you, and those close to you, enjoy all the warmth and good feelings that go with this holiday. We're grateful for your loyalty.

HONEY INN

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weatherly



Christmas Greetings

May your Christmas star lead you to a richer, happier life: warm with love, bright with joy, secure in peace. We take this opportunity to thank you for being such good friends. We're grateful for your goodwill and loyal patronage.

WHEELER GAS, INC.

have heavy infestations every year while others seldom have a problem.

Waiting until lice problems are too severe can result in large economic losses, according to the county agent. Cattle that harbor lice often do not respond properly to feed and are more subject to diseases because of their weakened condition. Anemia may result from blood loss from sucking lice and calves may become stunted.

Cattle lice may be controlled in a variety of ways. One practice that will lessen lice problems is to eliminate the "carrier" animals that constantly harbor high populations of lice. Chemical treatment is effective, and such self-treatment devices as dust bags, back rubbers and chain oilers generally afford effective control at a low cost and with a minimum of labor.

Location of these devices is important to insure adequate use. The old practice of using used crankcase oil is not recommended since it often will cause more severe skin irritation than light populations of lice.

Approved sprays, dips and pour-ons are also effective, but the animals must be gathered for treatment. If one of these methods is used, two applications on a 10 to 14-day interval may be necessary. New animals to be introduced into a treated herd should be treated before joining before joining the rest of the herd.

Numerous materials are currently registered for cattle lice control. Before using any material, read the label thoroughly and follow all restrictions and precautions. The product best suited for your use will depend on its price and availability.

Additional information on livestock parasite control is available from the county Extension office.

Sorority Extends "Thanks"

The members of the Alpha Mu-Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi would like to extend their gratitude to each and everyone who helped to make the raffle of the Trash Masher a great success. Our Thanks also goes out to Lee Hardware for letting us display the Trash Masher in their front window.



Glad Christmas Tidings

May the gala old-fashioned spirit of the holidays brighten your lives and hearts... thanks for being such good friends and patrons.

Wheeler Veterinary Clinic

Tommi Hennard



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Make it your family policy to enjoy to the utmost... every moment of the holiday. We wish to extend to you our thanks.

Rives Insurance Agency

Jane & Thurman Rives Maurita Stribling




christmas greetings

A dashing good time to folks everywhere. We're grateful for the favors shown us.

Paul & Yreva Topper

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Happy Holidays

MAY YOUR DAYS BE FILLED WITH JOY AND PEACE.

PETE BURTON OIL CO.

Daryl Snelgrooes Chuck Scott



Merry Christmas to you and yours from all of us.

The Electric Company

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FOR SO MANY PEOPLE

LIST OF INSTRUMENTS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND DISTRICT CLERK OF WHEELER COUNTY, TEXAS FROM DECEMBER 6 THROUGH DECEMBER 20, 1974

DECEMBER 16, 1974

MD-- Hawk Enterprises, Inc to Margaret K Binger 12-4-74 All int W 1/2 Sec 49 Blk 23

ROW--Steve Huff to Arkansas Louisiana Gas Co 12-3-74 Pt NE 1/4 & S 1/2 Sec 4 Blk 5 B&B Sur

ROW--J R Black et ux to Arkansas Louisiana Gas Co 11-27-74 Pt S 1/2 Sec 50 Blk A-3

D--Edward F Stafford to P M Hobbs 11-8-74 N 50 ft Lot 1 Blk LIX Shamrock

AFF--Aileen J ancaster Childers to Curtis Lancaster et al 12-16-74 NE 1/4 49 NW 1/4 46 A-5

OL--Lola B Mundy et al to Kerr-McGee Corp 10-31-74 S 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec 26 Blk RE

RENTAL DIV ORDER--Lola B Mundy et alto A B Crump et al 10-31-74 S 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec 26 Blk RE

DT--Dennis Surber et ux to Beatrice Nunn 10-29-74 S 1/2 N 1/2 Lot 2 Blk LXXXVIII Shamrock

QC MD--Clara Pipes to Charles R Peat et ux 11-25-74 3 9600 int S 1/2 Sec 48 Blk 24

OL--R D Mills et al to Apexco, Inc 10-21-74 Sec 18 Blk A-7

OL--Lloyd et al to Terry L Brown 10-29-74 Sec 89 Blk A-5

AOL--Terry L Brown to Apexco Inc et al 10-31-74 Sec 89 Blk A-5

RENTAL DIV ORDER--Laura Jeffus to Lloyd Lee et al 10-30-74 Sec 89 Blk A-5

OL--Lula Mae Camp to Apexco, Inc 10-24-74 S 1/2 Sec 8 Blk A-4

OL--Wesley W Masters et ux to Apexco Inc 10-24-74 S 1/2 Sec 8 Blk A-4

OL--Harold Aviden, anady et ux to Apexco Inc 10-24-74 155.137 ac N 1/2 Sec 8 Blk A-4

OL--Marlon E Moore et ux to Apexco Inc 10-24-74 W 1/2 Sec 58 Blk A-8

DECEMBER 17, 1974

LEASE--Lyman G Benson to Tulsa Crude Oil purchasing Co 11-1-74 981' x 390' S 1/2 Sec 89 Block 13

DECEMBER 18, 1974

2 DT--J Evert Smith et al to Farmers & Mer St Bk Shamrock 12-17-74 S 1/2 3 Blk A-8 SE 1/4 Sec 33 Blk 13

MD--Carl E Henley et al to R L Stokes et ux 12-6-74 5'160 int SW 1/4 Sec 62 Blk 13

DECEMBER 19, 1974

D--Stuart L Sullaway to Ruth M Sullaway 12-17-74 Lot Blk 6 Shamrock, Mont-Lew Ad

4 RATIF OL--L L Jones et al to Kerr-McGee Corporation 11-7 8-27 & 11-11 1974 NE 1/4 Sec 29 Blk RE

ROL--Gulf Oil Corp to C B McAllister et ux 12-10-74 NW 1/4 Sec 22 Blk L

D--First Natl Bk of Amarillo to American Natl Bk of Amarillo 12-16-74 S 1/2 Sec 63 B24

EXEC D--Thomas M Kersey to Estelle Kersey 12-6-74 SE 1/4 Sec 54 Blk 13

RDT--Federal Land Bk of Houston to E M Rives et ux 12-3-74 Secs 44, 58 Blk 24

AFF--Belva Louise Jones

Dorman to Belva Louise Jones Dorman 12-16-74 Sec 95 B 23

D--Roy M Bradstreet et al to Gaddy Vise 12-14-74 W 1/2 N 3 Blk 45 Wheeler, Stanley Addn

RELEASE--Roy M Bradstreet to Charles A Hix 12-17-74 W 1/2 N 3 Blk 45 Wheeler, Stanley Addn

DECEMBER 20, 1974

DT--City Golf Club, Inc to Farmers & Mer St Bk Shamrock 12-10-74 W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 37 Blk 17

DT--Rip C Underwood to First Natl Bk of Amarillo

12-17-74 Min Interest in Pt Secs R99 A-5, 80 M-1; 73 M-1; SE 1/4 100 A-5; NE 1/4 100 A-5; W 1/2 100 A-5

DT--May Drilling Partnership et al to Republic Natl Bk of Dallas 11-22-74 N 1/2 & 71.05 ac SE 1/4 & N74.67 ac SW 1/4 Sec 12 Blk RE; NE 1/4 & 72.5 a SE 1/4 23 Blk M-1 SUB OL--Fede al J and Bk of Houston to Apexco Inc 12-6-74 W 1/2 Sec 58 Blk A-8

D--Richard G Lancaster et al to J Foster Elder 8-6-74 NW 1/4 46 A-5 exc 30 ac & Exc Mins

C C PROBATE PROCEEDINGS--J O Vance 7-18-74 AOL--Leede and Pine to Joe C Adams 11-27-74 N 1/2 Sec 8 Blk E

AOL--Joe C Adams to Deep Royalty Company of Midland 11-29-74 N 1/2 Sec 8 Blk E

AOL--Getty Oil Co to Gulf Oil Corp et al 10-31-74 N120 ac NE 1/4 Sec 5 Blk E

OL--Eunice Treadwell et al

to Northern natural Gas Co 10-30-74 Pt Secs 3,4 Blk C Pt N 1/2; Sec 4 Blk H, Pt Sec 49 Blk M-1

D--Gaddy Vise to John C Vise 12-20-74 Lots 3,4 Blk 3 Vise Sub Div

ROL--Kerr-McGee Corporation to F A Cooke et ux 12-2-74 N23 ac Sec 1 Secs 5,6 Blk C

ROL--Kerr-McGee Corp to H M Estes et al 12-2-74 14.11 ac Sec 9 Blk RE

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

William L Frank and Martha J Hawkins 12-17-74

Jimmy Ray Shipman and Monica Faye Hathaway 12-17-74

Stanley Ricketts and Luada Dell Hacker 12-20-74

DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE

No. 7016 Sandra Lee

Johnston vs Troy D Johnston 12-16-74 Divorce No. 7017 Martha Taylor Eden vs Alice Zoe Devoe et al 12-17-74 Suit for Part Under Will

No. 7018 FNB in Wheeler vs Jack N Qualls 12-20-74 Suit on Note

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for the toys we got last year. Please bring Mandy & Marcy each a pair of boots and a doll you can take a bath with. I would like a tractor to push. Please take care of my sisters.

Matt Rogers



Good Wishes at Christmas

To all the friends we have had the pleasure of serving - wishes for a warm, old-fashioned, family-filled holiday.

Darby's Furniture

Duke, Okla.



IT'S TIME FOR... CHRISTMAS

Time for merriment and fun, for family gatherings, for caroling... time to say thanks to all our customers and friends who make doing business such a pleasure.


Loyd's Ben Franklin

Lyndon, Noveline, Lyndol & Mitchie



HIBLER IMPLEMENT

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."



May the peace and serenity of this holiday season fill you with hearthside warmth. For your kind patronage, our thanks.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Production Credit Assoc.

James, Chuck, Karen and Glenda

THIRD FINAL CASH DRAWING SATURDAY

EARLY DEADLINE

Wheeler Times will have an early deadline week. It will be necessary to move all deadlines a day. Press day for paper is Wednesday. All advertising copy must be in office by Monday also. Staff appreciates the attention received this week in publishing the Christmas edition of the paper. Office will be closed through Friday, December 27, for Christmas.

Pool Resumes

The Christmas Vacation pool resumes on Jan. 2 for Wheeler members. They were discontinued Friday, Dec. 27 at

Life and There

Laura Guthrie this week the news has been almost buried in almost buried. Maybe it will be more next week. The wife and Gladys Kohler from Ohio are flying the country to say Christmas to a lot of relatives. First visited her sister, (Noah) Hardcastle and in Vernon. Pat and Harold brought to Wheeler on Wednesday another sister, Wofford and husband. After a short stay went to Amarillo to see her brother. They were on their way to their home in Tucson, Ariz. where they will return soon.

Mary and Mary Wofford the Kohers to Amarillo, which was a change for Wofford who have resided in Wheeler because of illness. Phillip and Albert Velasquez and wife Micky here to see their mother, Mrs. Velasquez Alice. Reddy of the home and Donna of M... We remember a few ago we claimed a group known as the Matifs. This consisted of Armonda, Phillip, and Albert. The is still know as the Matifs, but only Phillip, and Jimmy are working with it. The Velasquez travel extensively but for less call Coeur d'Alene, Idaho their headquarters. Jimmy, Armonda, Albert have married D'Alene girls, so can feel quite at home.

W. J. Patterson and Twyla Risner visited his mother's relatives here on Monday. They were dinner of Dorothy and in Risner. Other dinners were Mrs. Risner, Laura Guthrie, and the Whitener family had a pre-holiday dinner in Ft. Worth.

Laura Whitener Rhine her husband Loran here. Gordon and Mae Whitener, Hiram Mary Whitener and Ella and Buddy Vanpool from Wheeler spent Saturday and Sunday with them. An and Dot Whitener velland and Lousie Lester Roberson of and joined them. Her and Willie Dee Whitener not able to attend use a member of the group had "Mono." (That's familiar term, and they live in Wheeler) Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Loberson of Lester) and three men, Terry and Judy pool (son of Buddy pool) and 2 children and the group for a party. It was a great time the Whiteners. Herman Dot are spending the of Lake Falcon, so came with a freezer. There was a big party on Saturday night. Wish for all of you a Happy Christmas.

The third and final \$400 of the \$1,000 Christmas Drawing will be given away Tuesday, December 24.

This drawing will be held on the west side of the courthouse square at 2:30 p.m. as the others have been. Seventeen people will be handed cash Tuesday. The \$400 cash will be divided into 1-\$100; 2-\$50; 4-\$25; and 10-\$10.

Some lucky person will receive \$100 cash Dec. 24 just in time for Christmas. The \$100 will be added to \$300 which will be divided as it was for the previous drawings.

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

Here's how it works - tickets were available and registration began Dec. 1 at each of the participating businesses listed in this story and elsewhere in the paper. 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.

Those sponsoring the drawing are as follows: Albert's Shamrock Service, Loyd's Ben Franklin, Bray's Saddle Shop, Pete Burton Ford, Pete Burton Oil Co., City Cleaners and Fabrics, Garrison Service, Harper's Deep Rock Service, Hyland's Pharmacy, J & J Shamrock, L & F Repair, Lee Hardware, McIlhenny Dry Goods, McWhorter Texaco Service, Pakan Parts, Prichard's Thriftway, Trading Post, Roark's Fine Food, Wheeler County Produce, Wheeler Lumber Co., The Dot Shop, Lancaster Dept. Store and

Wheeler Laundry. Those donating to the drawing fund, but not giving tickets are Armstrong McCall, Richard and Lynda Wallace, City Flower & Gift Shop, First National Bank, Tommie Hennard, Hibler Implement, McWhorter Service & Supply, Prime Feeders, Rives Insurance Agency, Shamrock Products, M. Kent Sims, Lowell Lasley, Southwestern Public Service, Sparlin's Restaurant, John C. Vise Agency, Wheeler Flower Shop, Wheeler Redi-Mix, Wheeler Times, Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler Gas Inc. and Honey Inn.

FIFTEEN PEOPLE RECEIVE CASH IN DRAWING SAT.

Another large crowd was on hand at the second of three Cash Drawings being sponsored by the Wheeler Merchants in December. \$300 in cash was handed out to the Wheeler Shoppers whose names were drawn from the hopper.

The final drawing will be Tuesday, December 24. A total of \$1,000 cash will be handed out in the three drawings.

Fifteen people were handed cash Saturday in the amount of \$10, \$25 and \$50. One lucky person had her name drawn twice; making her the big winner for the day receiving both a \$10 and \$50 envelope.

Mrs. Dave Kreyling and Mary Goad each had their names drawn for the \$50 cash envelope.

Four envelopes containing \$25 were handed out Saturday. They went to Kevin Meadows, Eleanor Freeman, Lee Morris and Angela Meadows. Ten people receiving \$10

were Betty Bradstreet, Kim Kenady, Oral Helton, Annie Martin, R. E. May, Mrs. Dave Kreyling, J. T. Tidwell, Roy Bradstreet, Gary Brotherton, and Clara Marshall.

The drawings are held on the west side of the courthouse lawn. Shelby Pettit furnished the speaker system and does the announcing for the drawing. A number of youngsters do the drawings of the names from the hopper, under the direction of Chamber director, Louis C. Stas.

The Chamber says "Thanks" to Jerry Hefley for having the pickup and hopper in place for the drawing and his assistance at the drawing.

Hospital Notes

Admission	Discharge
12-2 James Ed Wright	12-18 Robert Marsh
12-5 Dale Wall	12-20 Grace Weatherly
12-6 Hamy Herd	12-21 Melinda Guthrie
12-7 Marilyn Watson	12-22 Keith Miller
12-9 Willie Morris	Dismissals
12-11 Ruby Williams	12-19 Clyde Dukes, Jr.
12-12 David Green	Wayne Woodward
12-13 Mary Sechrist	W. J. Patterson
Daisy Bradstreet	Inez Rogers
Clyde Dukes, Jr.	Willie Morris
12-16 W. L. Williams, Jr.	Daisy Bradstreet
Samuel Donnell	Teresa Ford
Ester Cabuco	Grace Pettit
Wayne Woodward	Berniece Short
Steve Satines	Peggy Puyyear
12-20 Peggy Puyyear	
12-22 Dale Wall	



Rites Read For George Johnson

George Wess Johnson, 87, died at 9:07 p.m. Friday in Pampa Nursing Center after a long illness. The funeral services were Sunday, December 22, 1974 at 2:30 p.m. in Mobeetie Methodist Church.

Rev. Robert Green, pastor, officiated. Rev. L. V. Grace, Pampa assisted. Burial was in Mobeetie Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Johnson, born in Morrilton, Arkansas, Feb. 25, 1887, had lived in Mobeetie since 1920. He married Mervia L. Costiloe, September 5, 1909 in Johnson County, Okla.

He was a retired farmer. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Mobeetie Methodist Church.

Survivors include the widow, Mervia; five sons, Doyle of Mobeetie, Joe L., Raymond and Leroy, all of Amarillo, and W. C., address unavailable; one daughter, Mrs. Pauline Hooker of Mobeetie; one brother, Eul of Dallas; two sisters, M. S. Wilma Shapman of Anadarko, Okla., and Mrs. Mag Box of Ackerman, Miss.; 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by 1 son and 1 daughter. Pallbearers were: N. L. Sechrist, Bud Waters, Spec Waters, J. T. Johnson, Truman Scott, and Melvin May.

FIRST PLACE: The members of the Kindergarten, First, Second and Third grades at Wheeler helped the First National Bank take first place honors in the Chamber decorating contest. The students made the ornaments which hang from the ceiling at the bank.

DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS ARE NAMED

Winners of the Chamber of Commerce Decorating Contest were announced Monday morning. A number of businesses and individuals joined in helping spread the Christmas spirit in Wheeler.

Businesses names the most beautifully decorated were The First National Bank and Production Credit Association respectively. This is the second year.

Given recognition by the judges in the business district were the Wheeler Abstract and Pete Burton Ford. Homes mentioned in the judging were the W. D. M. these businesses have been named to the honor. The bank will receive a traveling trophy to be presented at the January Chamber Banquet. The Production Credit Office will again receive a plaque to be presented at the Banquet.

First place winner in the home decorations was The Bill Athertons home at 910 S. Alan L. Bean Boulevard. Second place honors went to the Jim Wright residence at 907 S. Canadian. First place winner receives \$25 and second place receives \$15.

If you have not taken time to look at the decorations over town, make it a point to do so before they are taken down.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for the kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our mother. For the food, flowers and cards. A special thanks to the ladies who served lunch at the church. Also for the wonderful care the nurses and doctors gave to our mother.

The family of Inez Smith



SECOND PLACE: This tree and door decorations won second place honors in the Chamber of Commerce decorating contest for businesses. Production Credit houses the tree and will be presented a plaque at the Chamber Banquet in January.

Christmas 'Cuts' of 1891

For newspapers and other printers seeking appropriate cuts for Christmas illustrations, these and other samples were offered in 1891 by A. Zeese & Co. of Chicago.

A handsome book of some 200 pages of examples was accompanied by this admonition: "To parties who have no open account with us we wish to say that a great deal of unnecessary and vexatious delay in filling their orders will be avoided by enclosing with same bank draft or money order for amount of their purchases. Small packages can be sent safely and cheaply through the mail, if registered, but a proper allowance should be made for postage (one cent per ounce), besides ten cents for registering."

ELECTROTYPE offered in 1891 by A. Zeese & Co. of Chicago include a little cut (below) of Santa Claus climbing down a chimney. Illustration on right shows the angels appearing unto the shepherds in the fields on the first Christmas.



Test Yourself With The Christmas Quiz

See how many of these questions about Christmas subjects you can answer. Check answers below and score yourself!

- The distance Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem was approximately:
 - 5 miles
 - 70 miles
 - 20 miles
- The origin of the word Noel is:
 - French
 - Spanish
 - German
- The words manger, creche, and crib all have the basic meaning of:
 - a cradle
 - a stable
 - a rack for feeding animals
- The population of Bethlehem at the most recent census was:
 - 25,000
 - 11,500
 - 49,000
- The Church of the Nativity was originally built by:
 - Roman Catholics
 - the Emperor Constantine
 - Greek Catholics
- The actual date of Jesus' birth was:
 - December 25th
 - a date undetermined
 - January 7th
- Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem because:
 - Mary's home was in Bethlehem
 - The Romans were taking census
 - Joseph had work in Bethlehem
- Reindeer are found:
 - all around the Arctic Circle
 - only in Northern Europe
 - all over the world
- The large-scale conversion of Laplanders to Christianity occurred:
 - in the 19th Century
 - in the year 330
 - in the 17th Century
- The best source of water in the Nazareth of Jesus' time was:
 - Mary's Well
 - the Mediterranean Sea
 - a Roman aqueduct

ANSWERS
1-b 2-a 3-c 4-b 5-a 6-b 7-b 8-a 9-c 10-c



CHILDREN ANTICIPATE the arrival of "Kris Kringle," also known as Santa Claus, in this large electrotype reproduced from an 1891 specimen sheet of Christmas cuts offered by the A. Zeese & Co. of Chicago. As Kris Kringle prepares to descend the chimney of their home, the children, in box at bottom left, appear to be awake, perhaps in the hope of catching a glimpse of Santa.

Begert, May Vows Exchanged

The wedding of Edna Begert and R. E. (Ruben) May was solemnized Monday evening, Dec. 16 in the First Methodist Church in Wheeler. The Rev. Marvin Roark officiated the double ring ceremony. Attending the couple were Edyth Donaldson, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Bob Pruyer, niece of Mrs. Begert. Mr. and Mrs. May will welcome their many friends in their homes at Allison and Pampa where Ruben is employed by the Bell Telephone Company.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

My name is Karla Abernethy. I am four years old, I have tried very hard to be good this year. I would like a doll a refrigerator, stove and sink. I'll be waiting for you.

Love Karla

CARD OF THANKS

To Our New Friends in Wheeler: It is our hope that the Christ event will bring meaning and joy to your holiday season and throughout the coming year. The Marvin Roarks

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

THRIFTWAY

**A BETTER
WAY
TO SAVE**

**THIS YEAR RESOLVE TO SHOP OUR THRIFTWAY STORES
FOR GREATER SAVINGS IN 1975.**

**25¢ OFF
LABEL
DETERGENT**
TIDE
KING
SIZE
BOX **\$1.59**

LIQUID
DETERGENT
JOY
48
OZ.
BTL. **\$1.59**

DETERGENT
DASH
20
LB.
ONE
OZ.
BOX **\$5.89**

YOUR CHOICE
**HEAD
AND
SHOULDERS
SHAMPOO**
2.5 OZ.
TUBE
OR
4 OZ.
LOTION **99¢**

GILLETTE
TRAC II
RAZOR
BLADES
9 CT.
PKG. **\$1.79**

**ALKA-
SELTZER**
25
CT.
PKG. **59¢**

Just Arrived
"No Nonsense"
**Panty
Hose**
At a no
nonsense price
Start **99¢**
At

Shurfine
Hamburger
Dinners
ALL
FLAVORS **49¢**



CHICKEN
OF THE
SEA LIGHT
**CHUNK
TUNA**
49¢
FLAT
CAN

WILSON TENDERMADE
**BONELESS
HAMS**
FULLY COOKED
HALF OR
WHOLE **\$1.89**
POUND




REGULAR ONLY
ASSORTED
CANNED
**SHASTA
POP**
81¢
12 OZ.
CANS

LEAN & MEATY
Spare Ribs LB. **89¢**
EXTRA LEAN FRESH
Ground Beef LB. **69¢**
DRY SALT
Pork Jowls LB. **49¢**
SEMI-BONELESS BOSTON BUTT
Pork Roast LB. **79¢**
EXTRA LEAN
Pork Steak LB. **89¢**
OSCAR MAYER
Little Smokies 12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.19**
GLOVES
Hot Links LB. **79¢**

CLAUSSEN'S KOSHER
Pickles QT. **89¢**
SHURFRESH PIMIENTO CHEESE
Spread 7 1/2 OZ. CUP **69¢**
SHURFRESH JALAPENO CHEESE
Spread 7 1/2 OZ. CUP **69¢**

Traditional Treats
SHURFRESH FRESH SHELLED
BLACKEYE NO. 300 **19¢**
CAN
BRUCE'S **Cut Yams** 2 NO. 3 SQUAT CAN **89¢**
SHURFRESH TURNIP
Greens 15 OZ. CAN **19¢**
CASSEROLE
Pinto Beans 2 LB. PKG. **79¢**
Borden's
Egg Nog QT. CTN. **89¢**
CAN: DA DRY
Ginger Ale 28 OZ. BTL. **39¢**
SHURFRESH-REG. OR DIP
Potato Chips TWIN PKG. **69¢**
HAWAIIAN RED
Punch 46 OZ. CAN **59¢**

Dairy Specials
Shurfresh 1-Lb **OLEO** Quarters **59¢**

Borden's Quart Crt **EGG NOG** **89¢**

RUSSET ALL PURPOSE 10 LB. BAG **59¢**
Potatoes

TEXAS 5 LB. POLY BAG **59¢**
Oranges

RUBY RED **Grapefruit** LB. **15¢**

GREEN **Onions**
LARGE TIE BUNCH **13¢**

CALIFORNIA **Avocados**
LARGE EACH **19¢**


MUSTARD TURNIPS COLLARDS
Greens BUNCH **25¢**

Frozen Foods
'Jeno's' **Pizza**
Sausage, Large **79¢**
Pepperoni 13 1/2-oz
Hamburger, Pkg





SHURFRESH
GRADE "A"
**LARGE
EGGS**
79¢
DOZ.

**Nestle's
Quick**
2 **\$1.89**
Lb Can



**Pritchard's
Shamrock, Wheeler**
DOUBLE S&H GREEN WEDNESDAY
WITH PURCHASE OF \$2.50 OR MORE
SPECIALS GOOD DEC. 26-31, 1974. 5-BIG DAY.

50¢ VALUABLE COUPON
FOLGER'S MOUNTAIN GROWN COFFEE 3 LB. CAN \$2.99
WITH THIS COUPON VOID AFTER DEC. 31, 1974 THRIFTWAY FOOD STORES
50¢ THRIFTWAY



MOUNTAIN GROWN
**FOLGER'S
COFFEE**
3 \$2.99
LB. CAN WITH COUPON