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Of C. Members To Elect New Directors

The new plan of election, last year by a vote of the membership, the four directors each year are not eligible for reelection until one year has passed. The retiring directors are Pete Smith, Wendell E. Bob Ayers, and John

Boy Scouts Will Distribute Toys To Needy Children

Many underprivileged children of Memphis and Hall County will be happier Christmas morning as a result of the recent toy drive by members of Troop 35, Boy Scouts of America. According to Scoutmaster Ted Myers, several hundred toys were collected. These will be distributed by a special committee starting late Wednesday afternoon.

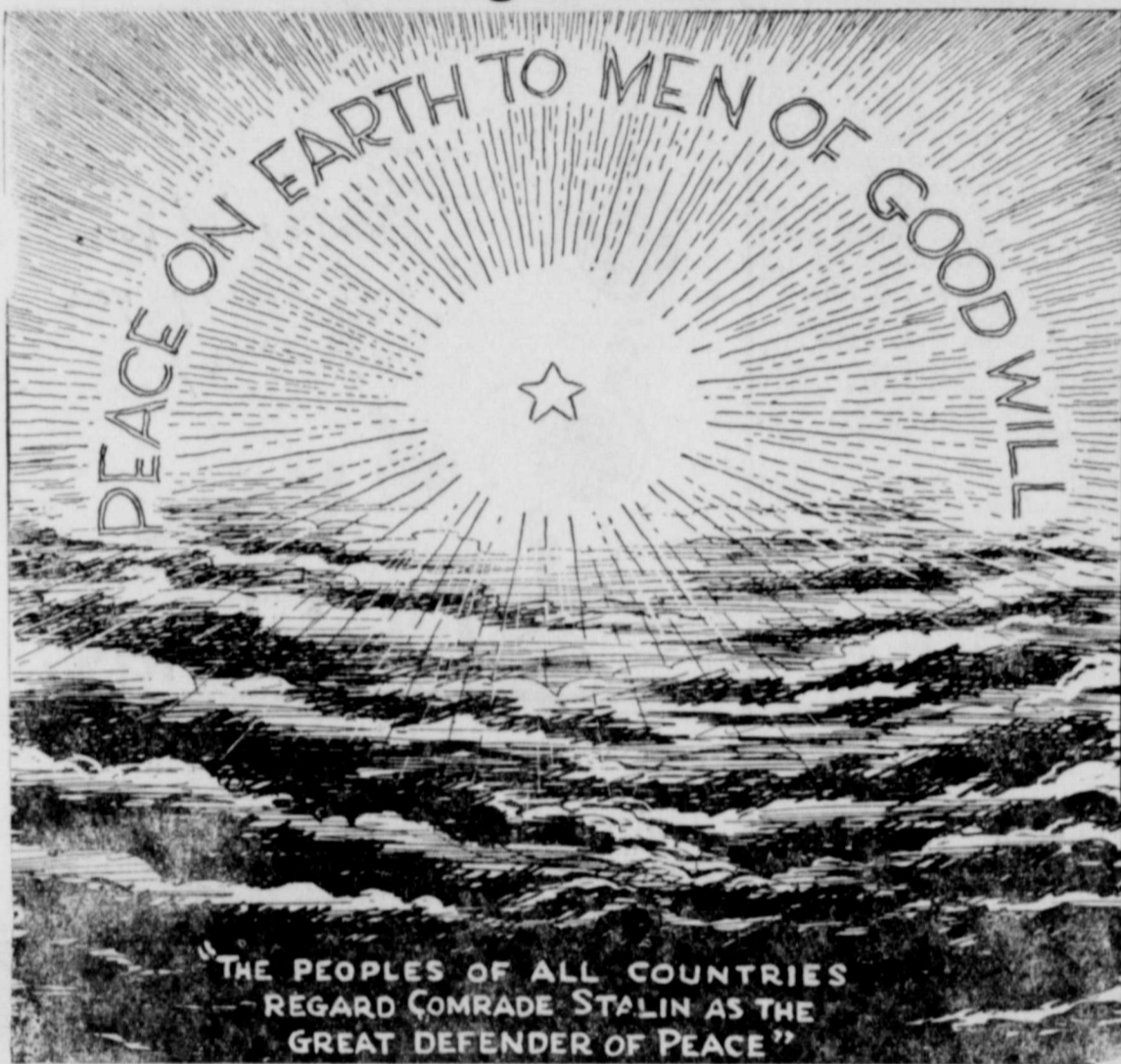
Prisoners In Jail To Be Fed Turkey On Christmas Day

Inmates in the county jail will be treated a Christmas dinner consisting of turkey and dressing—and all the trimmings at noon Dec. 25th if plans made by Mrs. Jack Peabody materialize. She is the wife of Jailer Jack Peabody, and is supervisor of prisoner food throughout the year.

Rotary Club Plans Student Luncheon Next Tuesday

The annual college day program of the Rotary Club will be held Dec. 30, at 12 o'clock in the Masonic Building, the committee announced this

Christmas Messages: Take Your Choice



THE KREMLIN

Lions Gather Over 2,000 Pounds Of Clothes In Drive

Over 2,000 pounds of clothing were collected in the recent Used Clothing Drive by the Memphis Lions Club according to W. B. Wilson, president, who this week thanked the people for their cooperation.



PLAYING IN GERMANY—Cpl. Billy R. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Adams of Borger, played football this fall with the 4th Division football team in Germany. The team won 10 straight games to take their conference championship. Cpl. Adams graduated from Lakeview High School. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Kennard and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Adams of Lakeview.

Shotgunners Plan Club Trapshoot For January 1st

Members of the Memphis Rifle and Pistol Club completed plans this week for a trap shooting contest at the club range on Thursday, Jan. 1. The announcement was made by Mac Wilson, club president, who urged all members to be present.

He estimated that approximately 250 persons attended the club's open trap shooting event held Sunday, Dec. 14, when outstanding out-of-town marksmen highlighted the program. On that date, 37 different events were totaled.

"The Jan. 1 shoot will be for members only," Wilson explained. "Spectators are always welcome, but those participating will be members of the club."

WEATHER

Local weather predictions call for cool but fair weather during the Christmas holidays, and the absence of the traditional snow.

Rainfall measured here last Friday and Saturday amounted to 1.22 inches according to John McMickin, local weather recorder. This was the heaviest precipitation reported in any county in the Panhandle.

The highest temperature reading was recorded Monday, Dec. 22, when the thermometer reached 50 degrees. The low came early the same morning registering 28 degrees, McMickin said.

Temperatures for the past five days were:
Monday, Dec. 22—50—and 28.
Sun., Dec. 21—49 and 33.
Sat., Dec. 20—47 and 30.
Fri., Dec. 19—35 and 30.
Thurs., Dec. 18—40 and 28.

State Schedules Early Paving Of Turkey Road

Postmaster Says Office Will Be Open On Friday

The post office in Memphis will be open on Friday, Dec. 26, and regular service will be rendered according to Postmaster J. H. Vallance early today. He issued the statement to clarify recent publicity pertaining to an Executive Order which said that Friday would be a holiday for federal employees.

"All postal services will be rendered as usual on this day with the exception of delivery of mail on rural routes," Vallance explained. "Rural carriers will not work on this date according to rulings of our department, but other personnel will be on the job to receive and dispatch mail as usual."

He added that the holiday ordered by the president will be credited to each postal employee, who will be granted compensatory time for such service within the next 30 days.

"The customary number of mail deliveries will be made in business and residential areas of the city," he added.

As a convenience to local citizens, the parcel post windows at the post office will remain open from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. Thursday, Christmas Day.

SEVEN ARRESTS MADE LAST WEEK

Only seven arrests were made last week in what Chief of Police T. D. Weatherby termed an unusually quiet period.

Three of these arrests were for drunkenness and four were for traffic violations. All entered a plea of guilty and paid fines totaling \$43.15. Two of the men charged with drunkenness were unable to pay fines and are serving time.

A car belonging to W. H. Goodnight was stolen last week but was found abandoned about thirty minutes later.

A check of the chief's records Tuesday morning showed that only three arrests had been made so far this week. These arrests concerned three young men from Missouri who were held for questioning but were released after a check with Missouri authorities.

Possibility of early paving of Highway No. 70 north of Turkey came to Hall County Saturday in the form of an official memorandum from the Texas Highway Department. The notice came from the office of D. C. Greer, state highway engineer in Austin.

"It is our thought that the people in your area might be interested in the information concerning the work to be done in your vicinity," Greer stated.

He explained that the State Highway Commission has just approved a program of work that will be carried out during the next two years from finances that will be available over this period of time from combined federal and state funds.

Complete text of the memorandum, which was entered into the minutes of the state department, is as follows:

"Whereas, in Hall County, the appropriate county officials and the Texas Highway Department in cooperation with each other have selected for improvement State Highway 70, extending from State Highway No. 86, one mile north of Turkey, northwest to Briscoe County line, a distance of approximately 11 miles.

"Now, therefore, it is ordered that the above described section be improved by the construction of grading, structures and surfacing, subject to the condition that Hall County will furnish all required right-of-way free of cost to the State.

"Upon acceptance by the county and fulfillment of the conditions of this order, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with construction in the most feasible and economical manner."

CHICKEN DOES DOUBLE DUTY

Even the chickens are getting the Christmas spirit, or at least that's what one of Frank Saxon's chickens seems to have done.

This morning Mrs. Saxon was breaking eggs in the usual manner to cook for breakfast when she came across this unusual egg. The chicken had taken a small, hard shelled egg and put it inside of another egg which was itself complete with yolk and whites.

Many people can claim that their chickens put two yolks in one egg but few can boast of one egg inside of another.

Frank Saxon lives at Plaska.

Newspaperwoman Writes Letter To Santa

Christmas Is A Way Of Lite And Its Messages Are Heartwarming

(The following article is an unusual piece of work which made its first appearance in print last year. It pertains to the real meaning of Christmas from the adult standpoint, and was written by Lois Weeks, society editor of The San Antonio Express.)

Dear Mr. Claus:
I hope you will remember me, Santa. It's been a long time... You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files. The last time I wrote you, I spelled bicycle with a "k"—and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably—and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

I still believe in you, you see, and I've followed your nation's each Yuletide in the nation's

press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank you" for other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against the countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world?
Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees, the off-key Noels and the hushed hymns, the street-corner replicas of you, to those who are spending their first Christmases away from all that—and especially—to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all, that it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expensive respite from the rest of the year?

Could you put in our Christmas cards and our packages, the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you—that Christmas will always be a way of life and you'll be staging it always?

I think you will because, though you've seen central heating replace the chimney, you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in the age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.



AS FIRST LADY ELECT—Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower attends a Waldorf Astoria luncheon in New York for benefit of USO fund. It was her first public appearance since she became "first lady elect."

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
December 11, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl two years old. I have been a good girl this year and I am very excited about Christmas.

Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy and some little toys to play with and some candy and fruit for my stocking. Don't forget my brand new little sister. She's too little to play much but she might like a rattle. And remember Mrs. Wines and Mrs. Jackson, my Sunday School teachers and all the little children.

I love you,
Cathy Lynn Pyeatt

Lakeview, Texas
December 16, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a very good little girl, so if you will please bring me a big girl doll. She has her hair curled up on her head and I wish her to be all rubber or plastic. Please bring me some candy and fruit.

Lots of love,
Gaylynn Hal

Lakeview, Texas
December 12, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl ten years old and I am in the fourth grade. I would like to have a billfold, a twirler suit, a pair of roller skates and a doll, and I think that will be all I will want.

Your friend,
Sammy Lou Salmon

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 15, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a doll bed and a high chair. My baby sister, Diane, would like a little doll and a rocking horse.

Please fill our stockings with fruit and candy.
Love,
Susie Huckaby

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl two years old. Will you please bring me a doll, doll buggy and a wagon. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. I would also like some fruit and candy.

Love,
Donna Jester

Newlin, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a boat to go fishing. If you don't have any, a guitar will do. Or any toys I can play with. I'm going to be four years old Dec. 26.

Love,
Jimmy Diggs

Newlin, Texas

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a new doll. I'd like one dressed in blue with hair I can curl. I'm five year old. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Barbara Diggs

Memphis, Texas
Nov. 27, 1952

Dear Santa,
You may think I am grown by my things being so large. But I am only 13 and I am big to my age. Will you please bring me that white sweater in J. C. Penney window. Please and a pair of red fox stockings with the blue heel and a pair of white bobby socks and some fruit and nuts. Please. My mother is a widow, and she can not get me much for Xmas.

From,
Bennie Foy McGowan

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 15, 1952

Dear Santa,
We are two little girls, 4 and 6. We have been good girls all this year.

Would you please bring us a record player and some records. Also we would like a doll with some clothes in a suitcase. If you have any colors and color books, please bring us some.

See you Christmas.
Love,
Dawn Ann and
Zeeritta Sue Yarbrough

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old and my little sister is four. We have tried to be good all year.

I would like to have a bicycle if you have one, and a real bow and arrow. Gaye wants a dolly with real hair that she can curl and also some dishes. We would like some candy too, and maybe some bubble gum.

Be sure to remember my teacher. She's been so very nice to me. Bye now and we love you lots.
Bucky and Gaye Kulp



FREEDOM FOR ASSASSIN . . . Ayalollah Sayed Kashani head of an Islamic group in Iran taps on the head Khalil Tahmasbi, assassin of Premier Razmara in 1951, after killer's release from prison.

R. R. 2, Memphis, Tex.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 6 years old. Please bring me a doll with hat. I can fix, table and chair set, and anything you want me to have. I need some fruit and nuts, too. Don't forget Jimmy and Barbara. Your little friend,
Jan Davis

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 17, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 8 years old and in the third grade. I want a record player, a nurse set, and a checker board, and lots of fruit, candy and nuts. Don't forget all my little playmates at school.

I love you,
Winnie Ruth Nabers

Dec. 15, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a pretty good boy this year and would you please leave me a bicycle and a white football and anything else you think would be nice for a 6-year-old boy.

Don't forget to bring my sister a flash camera and a basketball set. Please fill our socks with lots of nuts, candy and fruits. Remember all the other boys and girls this year.

I love you, Santa, and I'll have some cake and milk for you Christmas Eve night.

Robert Neal Noah

Memphis, Texa
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and a doll with braids, and I want a house cleaning set, and moccasins.

Ann McCreary

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a girl eleven years old and in the fifth grade. I am not hard to please this year. All I want is a suede jacket with a lot of fringe. Thank you.

Love,
Patsy Nabers

Rt. 2, Memphis, Tex.
December 6, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl 5 years old. I have been very nice. I would like for you to bring me some Chinese checkers, music-maker man, and tinker-toys. I would also like for you to bring me some candy, fruit, nuts, and fireworks. And don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Your friend,
Gayle Widener

Clarendon, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old. Please bring me an Army jeep, a bus station, a gun. Bring me some fruit, but don't bring any candy. I have rheumatic fever and can't eat candy. I am staying at Grandpa Mixon's at Clarendon.

Wayne Butcher
Please remember my sister, Bettie Butcher. She is in the Preventorium in Amarillo.

The piccolo is the highest pitched of musical instruments.



*Thinking of you,
and wishing you
a very*

**Merry
Christmas**

Gordon's Old Fashioned Freeze

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tiner

Merry Christmas

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

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Gene, Worth and Andy

May the old-time spirit of Christmas fill your heart today

Sid and Inez Baker

A JOYOUS YULE

As each of us see the fulfillment of every hope and wish during this great occasion of the Christmas Holidays, may we offer our thanks for your very loyal patronage.

HICKEY MOTOR COMPANY

Memphis, Texas
December 8, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl seven years old. I would like for you to bring me a dolly nursery, a suitcase, and a doll with some clothes. And please bring my little brother a train.

Your friend,
Joan Proffitt

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a book. Please bring me toy guns and two scabbards. I am seven years old, second grade.

Brian Wele

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a doll, nette, and a high chair.

Your friend,
Teresa B

The Season's Greetings
AND
VERY BEST WISHES
FOR YOUR HAPPINESS

KATHERINE AND CLYDE MILA

May the joys and peace of Christmas be with you today and always

Chas. Oren, O. D.
OPTOMETRIST
612 Noel St.

SEASON'S BEST WISHES to Our Good Friends

We are hoping that all the goods things of life will be yours to enjoy this Christmas and for many days to come.

HIGHLAND MERCANTILE
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barnes

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas Dec. 3, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, I am ten years old and in the fourth grade. For Christmas this year I want a View-Master and watch. Thank you. Your friend, Phylis Patterson

December 20, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, It is time for you to come to see us again, and we have been good children this year. Would you please bring my brother and I a bicycle? Also, I would like a small baby doll and a nurse kit. Gary wants an airplane and a doctor's set. Please remember every little girl and boy with what they want for Christmas. Your friends, Sandra Lee and Gary Gatlin

Memphis, Texas December 3, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy of eleven years old and I have been a nice boy here at school. I wonder if you could bring me a belt and a Holy Bible or just the Bible. Belt size 26. Love, Jimmy Dale Bishop Memphis, Texas December 3, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, I want some football pants, helmet, and shoes. Your friend, Bubba Godfrey

Memphis, Texas December 13, 1952 Dear Santa: I am a little girl thirty-two months old, and have been pretty good considering. I would like a John Deere tractor like my daddys. I would like to have a little bear and a table, maybe a doll. I would like all the fruits, nuts and candy I could eat. Your little friend, Teresa Jean Carson. Memphis, Texas Dec. 22, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl five years old and am good part of the time. Would you bring me a doll and a blackboard and anything else you have. Please don't forget the other children and don't forget my Uncle 'Cottoneye' who is in Korea. I will see you Xmas. Your friend, Jane Helm.

Memphis, Texas November 25, 1952 Dear Santa: My mother is a widow and she is sick and my grandmother is a widow. My brother and I are going to school and we are staying with our grandmother. My brother is 7 and I am eleven years old. My brother is asking for a pair of high top shoes for school, size 2 and I am asking for a twin sweater, size 14. And we are asking for some fruit and nuts and that is all we are wanting. Yours truly, Etta Louise Jones Memphis, Texas Dec. 20, 1952 Dear Santa: I'm a little boy and I'll soon be five years old. My birthday is just two days before Christmas, so I always get my birthday and Christmas presents together. This Christmas I would like to have a bow and arrow, a blackboard, a new gun and holster set, a water tower and tunnel for my train and a baseball. Don't forget my little cousins and all the other boys and girls. Love, Danny Day. Memphis, Texas Dec. 21, 1952 Dear Santa: I want some tinkler toys, a airplane and a dump truck. I am six years old and go to school at Estelline. Your friend, Larry Wayne Moore. Memphis, Texas December 22, 1952 Dear Santa, My name is Rex Grisham and I'm 8 years old. I wish you would bring Carol Ann (my niece) who is visiting me this Xmas something. I thought I would tell you she is here, please bring her something nice. Please bring me for Xmas a football, playground ball, ball and bat, whip, flashlight gun and car set. If you don't bring me all of them that is alright. Please remember my brother Vance who wants a wristwatch. Also please remember all the other little boys and girls in this world. I will leave a piece of cake in front of the tree for you. Merry Christmas Rex Grisham The vanilla plant belongs to the orchid family. Advertise in the Democrat

Christmas Greetings AND Best Wishes J. M. TINDALL GIN S. J. King, Mgr. Memphis, Texas Phone 528-M

With every good wish for the Season its hope, its peace and good cheer And our sincere thanks for your enjoyable friendship. Merry Christmas PAYMASTER GINS PLASKA — LESLEY — BRICE — LAKEVIEW TURKEY — PARNELL — ESTELLINE

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy, Santa. Please bring me a B. B. gun for Christmas, a pair of boots, and two Roy Rogers guns, and a football.

Thank you, Santa.
From your little friend,
John Roy Murdock, Jr.

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of skates, and some moccasins. Also some candy and nuts. I believe that is all I want.

From Linda Jean Hartman

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 3, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a chest with drawers, a football, and a pair of cowboy boots.

Thank you.
Your friend,
Larry Crump

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a little tractor, house shoes, wagon, cow boy, record player, and some records, drum, cootie set. Thank you.

Your friend,
Michal Widener

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bow and arrow with steel points, B-B gun, a pair of Roy Rogers guns, holsters, punching bag, and a football.

Thank you.
Your friend,
Jimmy Hartman

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 3, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle, some clay moulds, fruits, nuts, candy and gum.

Thank you.
Your friend,
Jimmy Roden

Your Poinsettia Will Bloom Next Christmas

THE POINSETTIA has long been a popular Christmas plant but probably few people have given much thought to the fact that it does come into bloom each year only at this season.

The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably 10 hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the daylight period to 15 hours by means of artificial lights.

Flower growers have learned how to bring garden chrysantheums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

How can one keep a poinsettia plant until next season? After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where it will not freeze. Do not water it, or at least very little, and let the soil dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil. From then on handle it like any other pot plant. Softwood cuttings taken in July and rooted will give you good Christmas bloom.

Bay and Rosemary Christmas Tradition

Bay and rosemary have also been represented among our Christmas plants from time immemorial. An ancient writer says: "Rosemarie and Baies that are most faire were stuck about the houses and the churches at the time of Christmas."

According to tradition it was the bay tree, with its lance-like leaves and purple berries, that sheltered the holy family during a thunderstorm. Accordingly it was believed that lightning will never strike a bay tree.

The association of the rosemary plant with Christmas also goes back to the early childhood of our Lord, namely to the flight into Egypt to escape the wrath and jealousy of King Herod. Its branches are said to have held the little garments of the Christ-Child that were placed upon them by the Virgin Mother. Originally, its flowers were supposed to have been white, but the sun changed the color of its blossoms to lavender so that they might save the hue of the cloak Mary was wearing at the time.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a blackboard eraser and chalk. Danny and David want everything they can think of, so whatever you bring for them will be O. K., and Sandy wants a doll. All of us like candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget any of our cousins or friends, or Tommy, who lives at Spearman.

Lots of love,
Bennie Doyce Longbine

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy two and a half years old. I think I have been a pretty good boy, and I am going to try to be lots better until Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a maintainer where I can help Leeroy grade the roads and also a tricycle and some fire crackers and please don't forget my little nephew, Douglas Wade and my niece, Janet Hickey.

Love,
Laddie Kent Fowler

The Red Sox was the first major league team to win a World series.

Lovely To Look At—Delightful To Eat



Christmas is always heralded by the wonderful spirit of gracious giving and receiving. At this time of the year it is traditional to exchange gifts—and hospitality. Hostesses all over the land shine up their houses and uncover treasured recipes for holiday entertaining. Whether you entertain in a simple or elaborate manner you'll want to serve the Holly Wreath Nut Cake pictured above. Downy tender, it's rich with the flavor of chopped nut meats and butter cream frosting. Bake it in a 9" tube pan to provide many slices for the holiday guests and make the sprightly poinsettia decoration on top of the cake by fashioning thin slivers of green citron for the stem and maraschino cherry halves for the flower. It's a beauty to behold and a delight to eat!

Holly Wreath Nut Cake

- 2 1/4 cups Swans Down Cake Flour
- 2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup shortening
- *Milk (see below for amount)
- 1 teaspoon orange extract
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 3 eggs and 1 egg yolk, unbeaten
- 1/2 to 1 cup very finely chopped nut meats

*With butter, margarine, or lard, use 1/2 cup milk. With vegetable or any other shortening, use 3/4 cup milk.

(Mix by hand or at a low speed of electric mixer. Count only actual beating time. Or count beating strokes. Allow about 150 full strokes per minute. Scrape bowl and spoon or beater often.) Measure into sifter; flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar. Place shortening in mixing bowl and stir just to soften. Sift in dry ingredients. Add milk and flavorings and mix until all flour is dampened. Then beat 8 minutes. Add eggs and beat 2 minutes longer. Stir in nut meats.

Turn batter into greased and lightly floured 9-inch tube pan. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 1 hour, or until done. Cool. Then spread with Fluffy Butter Cream Frosting and decorate with a wreath of poinsettias made up of maraschino cherries and green citron.

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I'm a girl eleven years old. For Christmas I would like a watch, a chemistry set, a basketball and goal, and a pair of skates. I would also like some candy, nuts, and fruit. My little brother, Joe, who is two years old, would like a train, a dump truck, a pair of cowboy boots, and a little doll. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas.

Yours truly,
Johannie McWhorter

Both the mother and the wife of Theodore Roosevelt died on the same day.



BRAWLEY TEXACO STATION
Across Street from Post Office



May All
the Joys of a
Happy Christmas
Be Yours to
Enjoy

SHAMROCK SERVICE STATION

C. E. Richardson Frank Goffinett

Christmas Trees Can Be Put to Many Uses After New Year's

There are a number of things you can do with your Christmas tree after New Year's besides burning it.

If it is a fir, for instance, it can be anchored in the back yard—perhaps in a corner of the garden—and used as a bird feeder the remainder of the winter. Pieces of suet and little feed bags may be tied to the branches. A container of water should be placed beneath the tree and kept filled so the birds will have a drink every day.

Or, cut off the branches and place them, curved ends up, over flower beds when the ground is exposed. An evergreen mulch helps prevent the soil from heaving during alternate freezes and thaws.

Long branches may be little lean-tos to protect shrubs from sun scald.

The needles of a Christmas tree can be sprinkled beneath plants such as laurels, rhododendrons and azaleas.

If the needles on the tree are still firm, use the branches as outdoor windowboxes. Moisten the soil in the box. Then push the ends of the branches down around them. This will give you greenery all winter long.

If you must burn your tree, don't toss it into a fire. Cut off the branches and burn them safely one by one.

And remember, a Christmas tree in the street can be a fire hazard if playfully picked up and made a bonfire in a vacant lot.



Newlin, Texas
Dec. 15, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to school. I have tried to be good. Please bring me these things: a Tiny tears baby doll, and sweetheart bracelet, house shoes, an electric iron, and ironing board. Also fruit and candy.

Love from,
Dianne Fowler

Natives of Monte Carlo are permitted to gamble at the tables.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a doll.

Lala Torres

A real old-fashioned greeting

HOGGATT & SON
Lakeview, Texas

Wishing You a Happy

NOEL

In fond remembrance we bring these greetings to you with the prayer that the richest heavenly blessings may rest with you on Christmas Day.

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APPLIANCES and FURNITURE
Across from Post Office

Mac Connell M. L. Evans

Christmas Greetings

May you receive a bountiful amount of happiness and contentment on the glorious occasion of the Yuletide Season. From the bottom of our heart comes our sincere thanks for all you've done to make our relationship so pleasant.

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WHITE AUTO STORE

May the true spirit of Christmas bring the gift of perfect happiness to you and yours.

WHITE AUTO STORE

Night' Hymn
Called
From Heaven

"Night' Hymn" is often called the "Hymn of Inspiration" because the inspiration and composition of the most beautiful of the Christmas stories in existence. December 24, 1818, in the Auspices of Hallein, as Father Joseph sat reading his Bible, a knock at his door. It was a woman who wanted to visit a poor charcoal-burner to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to the priest to come and bless the child. She was strangely moved to the mother. And that night he returned to his home in the dark slopes of the village were alight with the light of the stars. He will tell you of your own and his.



of the mountaineers try to church. To him it was a miracle. He tried to put down his feelings and experience in verse. He kept turning into verse when he found he had a poem—a beautiful and simple one. Christmas Day his friend, a music teacher, visited the village school, composed the verses. The children heard the priest sing the song and from there it spread to the world. Today, it is as the greatest Christmas and wherever there are good will they sing:

Light, holy night—
All is bright,
The Virgin, Mother and
Child.

So tender and mild,
Heavenly peace—
Heavenly peace."

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LETTERS TO
SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy who will be 4 years old on Christmas Eve Day. My real name is Orvil Melton but everyone calls me Sport. I'm not always a good boy, but I do try real hard, so please don't forget me on Christmas.

I would like a siren and light for my tricycle and maybe a train and some clothes and anything else you want to bring, and some fruits and candy.

Please come to see all of my friends and my cousin, Martha Faye Weddel, who is only 1 year old. She wants a rocking chair. I love you, Santa.

Sport Weddel

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year.

Please bring me a doll, and a sewing machine.

Your friend,
Beverly Ann Fulton

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year.

Please bring me a football, helmet, hunting and fishing knife and Daisy air rifle.

Your friend,
Doyle Lynn Finson

Lakeview, Texas
December 15, 1952

Dear Santa:
How are you? I have tried to be a good boy all this year, sometimes I slip a little but I try. Please bring me a dirt hauling truck, a Coca-Cola truck, a steam shovel, and a farm.

I love you,
Jay Ben McMillen

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 15, 1952

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 6 years old, and will go to school next year. My birthday is Oct. 6. Please bring me a Toni doll, doctor set, dishes, silverware, some clothes and Baby Sister something, too.

I love you,
Janet Nelson

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy ten years old. I am in the third grade. I have been a very good boy this year. Please bring me a new bicycle for Christmas.

Your friend,
Tommy Hodges

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year. I am nine years old. I wish you would bring me a baseball bat.

Carl Dee Miller

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl almost four months old and I have tried very hard to be good. Please bring me a dollie that coos and please don't forget my Grandmothers, and Grandads and little cousins. Thank you.

Arlisa Kay McBee

Memphis, Texas
December 14, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl two years old and I am trying to be good so you will come to see me. Please bring me a pretty new doll with real hair, a doll buggy, an iron and ironing board, and a high chair for my dolly. Please don't forget my little cousins, Tommy and Nony, and bring something real nice for my dog, Laddie Boy. We will be at Grandmother's so you can leave our things under her Christmas tree.

Thank you,
Melissa Barbee

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy eight years old. Please bring me a new drum, bat, play car, and a sailboat, and a very happy Christmas.

Your friend,
Robert Mack Mos

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa,
This is just a little reminder not to forget my little brother and me on Christmas morning.

I am a little boy 4 years old, and would like to have lots of new toys for Christmas. I would like to have a football, bow and arrow, wheel bar, gun and holster, color book and colors, and lots of fruit, candy and nuts.

My little brother, who is now two, would like to have the same gifts as me, because, you see, we often want to play with the same toy; so please don't forget him.

Yours truly,
Carl Jack and
Gary Lynn Young

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a bicycle, pump "22" gun and a box of shells, a saddle, and a model airplane, please.

Joe Ben Fuller, Jr.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been good this year.

Please bring me a new football suit, and a B-B gun, nuts and fruits.

Your friend,
Roddy Waiter

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been a very good girl this year.

Please bring me a paint-set, skates, and a doll.

Your friend,
Melinda Pound

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some nuts, candy and fruit, a doll and dishes.

Thank you,
Linda Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a pop-gun, a dump truck, and circus set.

Thank you,
B. H. Cook

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I want a bicycle.

Clinton Culp

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a Baby Blue Eyes Doll and a watch.

Suetta Lemmon

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a doll and a bicycle. Bring me a camera, and bring my little sister and brother a doll, a wagon, a gun, and an airplane. Thank you, Santa.

Your friend,
Louise Mincey



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Harmony Club Enjoys Annual Christmas Dinner And Program In Kinard Home

One of the prettiest parties of the season was given at the home of Mrs. D. L. C. Kinard for members of the Harmony Club on Saturday evening.

Grover Moss Home Scene For Lovely Yuletide Party

One of the prettiest yuletide parties of the season was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Moss last week.

Annual Xmas Party Enjoyed By Staff Of Odom Hospital

The annual Christmas party of the Odom Clinic Hospital was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, at Willeford's Drive-In Cafe with 39 employees, staff members and guests present.

Kindergarten Class Enjoys Xmas Party

The Kindergarten Class of the Austin School met in the home of Mrs. Paul Blevins for a Christmas Party Thursday evening, Dec. 18 from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Parents Of Scarsdale Girl Give Supper In Her Honor

SARSDALE, N. Y., Dec.—Mr. and Mrs. Ruben T. Carlson will give a supper dance on the night of Dec. 20 at The Birches, their home here, to introduce their daughter, Miss Catherin Boykin Carlson.

Mrs. W. B. McQueen Is Complimented With Holiday Coffee

Mrs. Ira McQueen entertained with a holiday coffee Thursday morning honoring Mrs. W. B. McQueen on her birthday anniversary.

Kenneth McQueen Is Only County Student At TCU

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 20—Kenneth W. McQueen of Memphis is the only student from Hall County attending Texas Christian University during the fall semester.

Ralph Howard Receives Discharge

Ralph Howard, recently returned from 19 months in Korea where he served with the US Army, arrived in Ft. Sill, Okla. Saturday where he was met by his wife, Mrs. Margie Howard.

Locals and Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Edens spent three weeks in Amarillo taking treatments. On the 3rd of December Guy had a minor operation and on the 12th., of December

After a short business session, the following program was given: Story of Silent Night, Mrs. L. G. DeBerry; sextette, "The Lamb," Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton, Mrs. David McVey, Mrs. Ed Monzingo, Mrs. Chas. Williams, Mrs. Dick Shelton, Mrs. Carl Smith, accompanist, Mrs. Dick Fowler; vocal solo, "Bambino" Mrs. Dick Highfill, accompanist, Mrs. T. L. Rouse.

A lovely 2 course dinner was served before the program. The desert course being especially attractive molded ice cream in the shape of snow balls, Christmas candles and poinsettias.

Gifts were exchanged from the tree. Assisting Mrs. Kinard with hostess duties were Mrs. Chas. Williams, Mrs. Gordon Gilliam, Mrs. Matthew Allen and Miss Gertrude Rasco.

Members present were Mmes. C. H. Compton, Carl Smith, Dick Fowler, Gordon Gilliam, R. S. Greene, Lloyd Hamilton, Richard Highfill, T. A. Hunt, David McVey, Clyde Milam, Ed Monzingo, T. L. Rouse, Dick Shelton, Conley Ward, D. L. C. Kinard and Misses Mary Foreman and Esta McElrath.

The quartet tables were laid with white linen clothes and centered with red candles. Extending from the center piece to reindeers at the corners of the table where green ribbon runners.

Mrs. Henry Scott presided over a short business meeting. Mrs. W. B. McQueen, Sr., brought the devotional from the book of Luke. Christmas carols were sung directed by Mrs. Kinard with Mrs. Baskerville at the piano. Mrs. Kinard led in prayer and Mrs. Jim McMurry gave a beautiful Christmas story, "The Candle in the Forest" by Temple Bailey.

The program was concluded with a clever contest conducted by Mrs. George Cullin. The contest, entitled "The Night Before Christmas," was entered into by everyone with merriment.

Gifts were exchanged from the lovely lighted tree. Places were laid for the following Mmes. H. Byrd, D. L. C. Kinard, Allie Caviness, Myrtle Brown, A. J. Fowler, Leonard Wilson, Jean Lamb, Oattie Jones, T. J. Bridges, Geo. Cullin, May Belle Smith, W. B. McQueen, Sr., W. T. Hightower, W. H. Cofer, Claud Johnson, H. H. Lindsey, J. M. Saunders, Henry Hayes and two guests, Mrs. Jim McMurry and Mrs. Drucilla Householder of Amarillo.

Those attending included Mable Lavender, Nevelle Dunn, Glenna Mae Leslie, Lillie Bingham, Don Wright, Jr. Zula and Angus Huckaby, Don and Lucille Wright, J. S. and Georgia Forkner, Odie and Evie Sturdevant, Jimmy Gerlach, Verse and Jackie Trussell, Harold and Jerry Barton, James and Dorothy May, Wayland and Helen Medford, Charles Hammond, Dorothy Ray Kesterson, Muriel Bruton.

Decorated Santa Claus cookies and jello were served to the following children: Cheryl Ann Foster, John Lemons, Barbara Andrews, Larry Wynn, Pat Hamilton, Mildred Louise Shawhart, Dana Gene Koeninger, Monte Ballew, Mary Nell Harris, Jerry Don Burleson, Billy Ed Thompson, Tony Monzingo, Barry Ferrel, Michael Branigan, L o w e l l McKown and Buster McQueen.

After the recent drive was completed, Scouts spent several evenings repairing toys, and getting them ready for Christmas. The scoutmaster listed the following boys as leaders of the toy project of local Scouts: Dwight Hawkins, Henry Seale, Gayle Wells and Paul Nelson.

Myers said that he and the Scouts had found several families in this area who were in need of used clothing. He is turning this list of names over to the home service chairman of the Red Cross chapter here.

Lions Gather—

(Continued from page 1) organizations for their help. "The Red Cross is still in need of used bedding," Wilson said. "If any family should have surplus bedding, it can be put to good use in keeping an unfortunate family warm this winter."

Many of the garments received this year were nearly new, committeemen reported. They also added that used clothing is still being delivered to the club, and additional lots may be received here around Jan. 1.

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By Mrs. H. C. Crawford
Dear Uncle Bill who we all loved so
From this old world was called to go
On December 8th on Monday eve
Though he is gone we must not
grieve
For we know he is gone to that
home above
Where all is peace and joy and
love
We must pray and live each day
So when we are called to go that
way
We'll meet Uncle Bill and all the
rest
Who've gone before and are with
the best.
He was a real friend indeed
And liked to help all those in need
And may we like Uncle Bill
Always try to do God's will
And try to do all things right
So we may join him in that land
so bright.
And to those who are left behind,
May we always be good and kind
And try to brighten their day
Until they are called away
To meet Uncle Bill in that land so
fair
And be with all our loved ones
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WE HAVE a surplus of the following lister shares that will give a good discount on if you have these Nos. of plows: International, 0696; International, 221 or 0760; Dempster, V-1- V-2. Also have about all other standard numbers of lister shares. If you are in need of shares see us. We will save you money. Hoggatt & Son Blacksmith Shop, Lakeview, Texas. 27-tfc.

FOR SALE OR MONEY LEASE

—240 acres mixed land, 1 mile south of Clarendon city limits, on Brice highway; well improved. W. M. Boston, Goodnight, Texas. 20-tfc.

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BABE IN THE WOODS



Editorial

CHRISTMAS HAS EVERYTHING!

Christmas has everything—hasn't it? Christmas holds tightly many happy memories, its loaded and good cheer right now, and pierces uncertainties with the bright twinkle of hope. Christmas lifts you out of your ordinary self and pushes you into being a person for nicer than you have thought. Christmas opens up friendships more numerous, more deep and more heart-warming than you knew you had. Christmas appeals to all five of your senses. Is there any sweeter than gaily wrapped gifts, multicolored candles, holly and decorations on a Christmas tree? Isn't there something in the fragrant smell of fir balsam in the living room and the spicy odors in the kitchen? Wouldn't the day be empty without hearing again the universally loved carols of laughter of happy children? Isn't self-control overruled by the taste of festive, tempting foods? And doesn't the invigorating touch of the sweet air outside and the welcome warmth of home and family within? Christmas adds up to the great traditions commemorating the birth of Jesus. In the homes here in Memphis and this area; hearts of both young and old—there is a feeling that but once each year. It is well that we pause to give and rejoice that Christ the Savior was born to save

ing is standing on a spiritual precipice.

Second, the practice of exchanging gifts, if it goes no further, is contrary to the spirit of the season. Gifts were laid at the feet of the baby Jesus by men who had no thought of receiving gifts in return. A great writer on religious themes suggests that the happiest person at Christmas is the one who seeks out someone to help who is not in position to return the favor. The same writer says any gift that is contrary to the spirit of Christ is not really a Christmas gift. In this category would fall liquor and other such gifts.

If this spirit prevails the purchaser will give first consideration to the merchants in the community or area in which he lives. It is these merchants who help pay the taxes that maintain the schools, streets and other civic im-

provements. It is these merchants who help maintain Liberty, Dayton, Hull, Daisetta and Devers as year-round shopping centers. Indeed, without them there would be no town, no churches, no progressive community in which to rear our children.

The clerks in these stores are our friends and neighbors. They are courteous, understanding, sympathetic. Without our trade they would have no jobs.

So, for a true Christmas, it would appear that we need these three: The right spirit, the right gift, and the right gift-giving and giftbuying attitude.

With these three, through the mysterious alchemy of the Christmas spirit, we would be helping ourselves to enjoy the best Christmas ever.—Liberty Vanguard.
—The Graham Leader.

Paraphrasing— QUOTING OUR NEIGHBORS

Quoting Our Neighbors
Quoting Ourselves
Christmas is a religious holiday, with the elements of sacrifice and selfless giving. It has been commercially sized, let us blame not the manufacturer but us blame ourselves as

There would appear to be three major thoughts in connection with Christmas observance.

First, we have a Christmas because we have a Saviour, Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of the world. Therefore, anyone who observes Christmas entirely as a season of exchanging gifts or as a season of unholy celebrat-

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Memories

Turning Back Time 25 Years

From The Democrat Files
32 Years Ago

June 14, 1921
Car and Garage Burned—Buck Crump had the misfortune to lose his Haynes car and the garage on his place near Turkey Tuesday.

Mr. Crump had returned from Turkey a short while before and put his car in the garage, in which was also stored a barrel of gasoline.

When noticed the garage was in flames.

Legionaires and Shriners to Play Baseball Friday—A match game of baseball between the members of the Al Morrah Shrine Club and members of the Charles Simmons Post, American Legion will be played at the Fair Park tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4:00.

All business houses will close and everybody is expected to go

to the game.
The line-up of the teams follows: Legionaires: Lindsey, Clower, Wills, Leverett, Alexander, Jones, Davis, Jones, Martindale, Wheat, Baldwin and Bellew.

Shriners: Davenport, Shelley, Gilmore, Green, Kittenger, Meacham, McAllister, Gregory, Draper, Noel, Gillenwater, Thompson and Figh.

The proceeds of this game will go to the monument fund and to buy a silk flag for the Simmons Post.

HEADLINES IN THE DEMOCRAT—Congress takes up fight for Farmers—Summer Term County Court Convened Monday—Canning and Cooking Demonstration Held—Good Wheat on Plains—Shriners Coming to Memphis.

25 Years Ago

December 22, 1927

Kiddies Write Letters To Santa Claus—Dear Santa Claus, How are you getting along? I am feeling very bad. I want a football for Christmas. J. S. wants a football, too. I am getting sleepy so I had better close. Yours truly, Jim and J. S. Forkner.—Dear Santa Claus I am a little boy three years old. I have been a pretty good boy all year. Please bring me a toy train, a pop gun, and some fruit, candy, nuts and fireworks. Please bring me a coaster wagon so I can ride my little brother, Joe Pat. Your little friend, Jack Baldwin.—Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy 8 years old and have been very good. Please bring me a little

car, story book and a lot of candy, fruit and nuts. Please remember my little brother, Jack. I have moved since last Christmas and thought maybe you wouldn't know where to find me. I live at Fifteenth St., Lubbock, Texas. Your friend, J. P. Drake.

HEADLINES IN THE DEMOCRAT—Teachers Hold Interesting Institute—Noted Speaker Secured For Memphis—Hall County District Show of Poultry Surpasses All Previous Shows Ever Held—Automotive License Should Be Paid Now—Highway Paving Discontinued For Winter—Light Snow Tuesday Night Covers Ground.

With all best wishes for a Merry Christmas

FROM
Corky Randel, D. S. Johnson, Grover Kesterson
Blacky Walls and J. E. Roper

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl nine years old. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a big, big doll. And have a good Christmas.

Your friend,
Dotty Wheeler

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old.

I want a bicycle, and records.
Bill Jay Pounds

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I want a B. B. gun with a telescope connected. I want some binoculars, and I would like a water paint set.

Your friend,
Milton Ferguson

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bow and arrows and a pair of B. B. guns. I want a Roy Rogers gun, and candy, nuts and fruit.

Your friend,
William Hodges

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old.

I want a bicycle.
Donnah McCulloch

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a twenty two gun, and a doctor set.

I want to be a doctor when I get big.

Your friend,
Bobby Anglin

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baby blue eyes doll, and do not forget my little sister. Please do not forget the other girls and boys.

Your friend,
Ollie Freelen

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have been a good boy this year.

Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a B. B. gun, Korean cracker set, and a bicycle.

Thank you, Santa.
From your little friend,
Tom Bob Moss

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me two guns and a scabbard and boots.

James Carroll

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a dump truck, a B. B. gun, and some candy.

Paul Lee Carroll

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a dump truck, a B. B. gun, and some candy.

Marty Clark

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a doll and a doll bathtub.

Kay Hill

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and a set of puzzles.

Thank you,
Betty Long

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a blackboard and a doll.

Brenda Stewart

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a sewing machine, a Toni doll, and a doll house.

Thank you,
Pamela Lindsey

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I want a doll house.

Camelia McDaniel

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been nice. I want a pair of Roy Rogers guns, and a football suit. I want some boxing gloves, too. My sister wants a doll.

I love you,
Woody and Judy Parker

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I want a black suit and 2 guns.

Curtis Castro

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a police car. My little brother wants a train. I want a pair of guns, and a scabbard, and nuts, candy and fruit.

Your friend,
Gary Don McWhorter



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Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a doll that will talk, and walk, a bicycle and a dress. I have a little brother and sister. My little brother would like a pair of Roy Rogers guns and a hat. Jacky, my little sister would like a rocking chair.

Your friend,
Patricia Ann Brantley

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Sanea,
Will you please bring me a pair of gloves? I would also like a nursery book, a nurse set and a walking doll.

Love,
Sandra Evans

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I want a doll.

Ruby Freeler
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a doll. I thank you, Santa. From your little friend,
Dianne Barnes

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

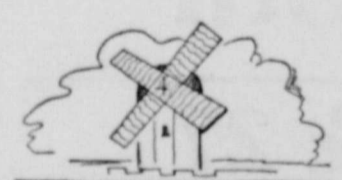
UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



HOLLAND (Hartelijke Kertgroeten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as ownfolks sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Kristouyehal)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season high lights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa,
Soon you will be coming to my town. So I will tell you what I want for Christmas before you get here. I want an archery set, and a doctor set, and that is all. Santa, please let other children in foreign lands have a good Christmas because they don't ever have Christmas. I hope every friend of mine has a Merry Christmas.

Lots of love,
Jimmy Stewart

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl eleven years old. I have blonde hair and I am about five feet tall. I would like you to bring me a Snow White doll, volley ball, note book and a Tom Tom. If you can't get a note book I would like an organ. I also have a little brother six years old. He would like a pair of guns, a barn yard, and a football suit. We would also like our stockings filled. Santa, please don't forget the boys and girls in Korea and China and other far away lands. If you don't have enough candy to go around you can give some of mine. Please don't forget the other children who don't have any Mother or Father.

Yours very truly,
Carolyn Kay and
John M. Ferrel

P. S. My little brother and I also would like a chemistry set.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I want a bicycle and 2 guns.

Floyd Collins

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of boxing gloves a pump B. B. gun, a new pair of boots, a Stetson hat, a football suit, and lots of candy, a horse, and I want a pair of hardwood shoe skates.

Your loving friend,
Rocky Royce Murdock

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 9 years old. I want a pair of skates and baton. I want a doll, a blackboard, and a bicycle. I am a little girl in the third grade. I would like some candy, nuts, and fruit.

We think you are a good man.
I love you,
Gloria Jean Lambert

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a doll and a doll buggy.

Shirley Bruce

The national salute to the flag is 21 guns.

Memphis, Texas
December 5,

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 8 years old and I have a little sister name is Sherry. We want that you can comb her hair. We would like board and of course so and fruits. Don't forget sister that is in the fifth grade. She wants a pair of skates.

Yours truly
Linda Clark

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I want a bicycle.

Raymond

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Merry Christmas
AND A
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

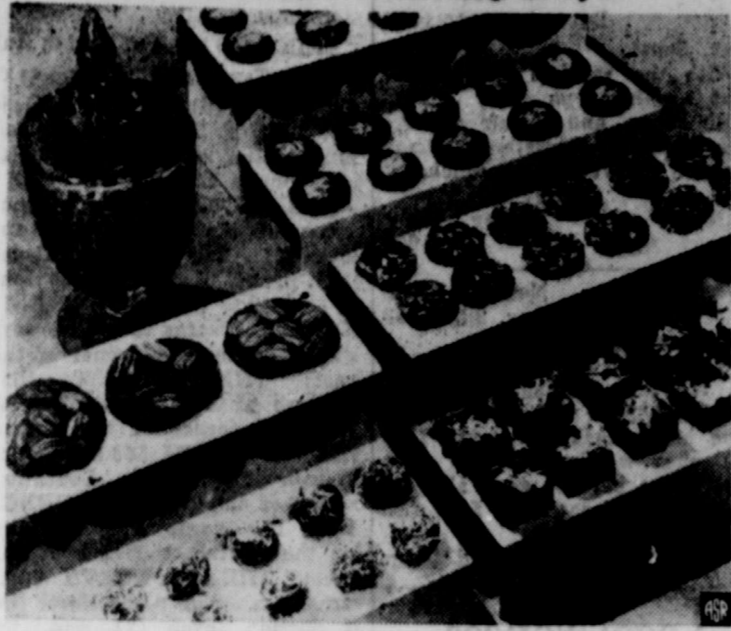
Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952
Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade and my teacher is Mrs. McMillan. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a doll, dishes, iron, ironing board, Doll-E-Dodish set and nuts, candy and fruit. Please remember all the rest of the boys and girls.
Love,
Neva Sue Koeningner

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa,
I am nine years old and in the fourth grade.
For Christmas I want a watch and an Amosandra doll.
Thank you.
Your friend,
Jimmy Dunn

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa,
I am nine years old and in the fourth grade.
I want a Toni doll, a blue baby blanket, and a pair of house shoes. Would you please bring them to me?
Love,
Abbie Massey

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952
Dear Santa,
I want a Toni doll, a blue baby blanket, and a pair of house shoes. Would you please bring them to me?
Love,
Abbie Massey

Fast Fudge For Holly Days



Mrs. Santa will share with you the secret of personalized Christmas presents. Send candy from your kitchen, and don't believe it's difficult to make. These professional-looking beauties were all home-made from one simple, basic recipe. No candy thermometer needed. Just melt semi-sweet chocolate morsels, stir in evaporated milk and vanilla and your candy mixture is ready for Pralines, Patties, Chocolate Squares, or any of the other delicious things shown above.

Short Cut Fudge
2 packages semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Melt chocolate in top of double boiler. Remove from heat. Stir in milk and vanilla and mix until mixture is well blended. Turn into pan or shape in desired form. Allow to stand several hours. YIELD: Approximately 1 1/2 pounds.
Chocolate Squares—Turn mixture into an 8-inch square pan. Sprinkle with chopped nuts, press lightly. Cut into squares.
Coconut Balls—Shape into 3/4-inch balls, then roll into shredded coconut.
Walnut Patties—Shape into 3/4-inch balls, and press whole walnut pecan in center.
Pralines—Measure 1 standard tablespoon of mixture. Place on a piece of waxed paper. Use another piece of waxed paper to place on top of pralines. Press with bottom of a water glass to make a 2-inch circle. Press pecans in surface.
Chocolate Nut Roll—Add 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts to mixture. Divide mixture in half. Make two rolls about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Lightly press roll into chopped nuts so that all area is covered. Allow to stand several hours; slice each roll in approximately 16 slices.

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa,
I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. For Christmas this year I want a View-Master. Thank you.
Your friend,
Linda Kay Saye

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a nine-year-old boy and I am in the fourth grade.
For Christmas this year I want a flyrod and tackle and saddle and bridle. Thank you.
Your friend,
Barry Phillips

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little doll. I love you, Santa.
Love,
Rose Mary Archer

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Dolly-dish, a bride doll and a pair of house shoes.
Don't forget my little sister, Lynn.
Love,
Karen Gibson

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle, a first baseman's mitt, a basketball and basket, a pair of boxing gloves, a tennis racket, and a tent.
Love,
Swayne McCauley

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a football, a first baseman's mitt, a basketball and basket, a pair of boxing gloves, a tennis racket, and a tent.
Love,
Swayne McCauley

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of Roy Rogers holsters and guns, and a cowboy hat. Also bring me some padded football pants and shirt. Fill my stocking with nuts and candy. Remember all the boys and girls.
Love,
Dwight Gailey

Total area of the earth is 196,940,400 sq. miles.

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952
Dear Santa,
I want a set of boxing gloves and some fruit and nuts.
Love,
John Lavender

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old and in the fourth grade.
For Christmas this year I would like a girl's bicycle and a pair of boots. Thank you.
Your friend,
Billie Joan Little

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle, and a B-B gun and a train.
Love,
Dale Kilgore

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952
Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a road grader and some Lincoln Logs for Christmas. I am six years old and in the first grade.
Jimmie Harrison

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952
Dear Santa,
I want a dump truck, a western town and a desk.
I am a good boy six years old and in the first grade.
Be sure and remember all the other boys and girls in Mrs. Morris' room at Austin School, also Mrs. Morris.
Your little friend,
Michael Allen Webster

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pair of Roy Rogers guns, and holster, a football, and a bicycle. Thank you.
Your friend,
Eddie Jones

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952
Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year.
Would you bring me an electric train and cowboy hat, for Christmas.
Thank you very much.
Marvin Terry Spencer

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa,
I am a nine-year-old girl and in the fourth grade. My teacher is Miss Bruce.
For Christmas this year I would like a bicycle and a doll.
Thank you.
Joann Durham

Memphis, Texas
December 3, 1952
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle, two gold-fish, a desk and a cowboy suit.
Don't forget other children.
Your friend,
Leslie Helm

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

1822 San Jose
Lubbock, Texas
December 16, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please add my name to your list. This is my first Christmas so please don't forget me.

I do not live in Memphis, but my Daddy Lynn, Mamma and Max live there. So if you want to you may leave some things there.

I want a fire truck, ball, rocking chair, fuzzy toy, a pull toy, doll, singing top and anything else you want to bring.

I like Christmas very much. Our Christmas tree is real pretty and I like the lights a lot.

Don't forget other children and I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

A new friend, 10 months old,
John Lynn Gordon



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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old and have been about as good as could be expected. I would like a filling station, a doll house, and a doll that I can fix her hair. Also fruit nuts and candy.
Your friend,
Sue Gidden

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some roller skates and a bill fold, and a cowboy clothes for Mike, my doll. Please don't forget the boys in Korea.
Love,
Lowell McKown

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doctor's set and a Billfold. I need a broom to sweep my room because mother's broom is too big for me. And please remember my little cousins, Evelyn, Robert, Frances and Raymond who are orphans in California.
Love,
Kenneth McKown

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am writing this few lines just to tell you that I am being a good girl with my mother and father and sisters. Will you please bring some Christmas to me and my two little sisters. One is 2 years and the other 11 months, and I am 3 years old. I wish Santa will bring good Christmas to me and my sister because my little sister is sick.
Sylvia Carter
P. O. Box 603
Memphis, Texas

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia
and Prince Edward Island are the Maritime Provinces.

Memphis, Texas
December 8, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a year and one-half and when I was six months old my daddy left for Germany. He has been there 10 months now and is in the army. I have a baby brother 4 months old who has never seen our daddy. All we ask for Christmas is to bring our daddy home to us.
Edward A. Saylor
Robert S. Saylor

Memphis, Texas
December 22, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 4 years old. I have been as good as any 4-year-old girl can be. I would like to have a rocky horse and a bed for my doll. Also some candy, fruits and nuts. Remember all little boys and girls. I love you.
Ruth Ann Crisman

Lakeview, Texas
December 22, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl, my age is 10. I go to school at Lakeview. I want a doctor set and washing machine, a big doll with hair, a suit case and some fruits of all kind and candy. I will close remember the other little boys and girls.
Your little friend
Cerylon Hodnett

Memphis, Texas
December 8, 1952

Dear Santa,
My name is Buddy Chaffin and I live at 221 So. 6th St. I am 6 years old and in the first grade and am a pretty good boy most of the time. I would like to have a little bicycle and a little wrecker truck. Thank you. I love you.
Buddy

Wichita Falls, Texas
December 22, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old and I have recently moved to Wichita Falls from Memphis with my parents, but I will be at my grandparents in Memphis for Christmas so you can come to see me there. I saw you down town nine times, but maybe I had better write you too. Please bring me a doll that walks, a wagon and a small bicycle, and don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Rena Gayle Miller

Lakeview, Texas
December 22, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baby doll, with long hair and some clothes with it. And a cake filler and a bicycle. I would like to have a set of dishes.
Love,
Judy Hopper

Hedley, Texas
December 23, 1952

Dear Santa,
With the rednose reindeer, I want a pair of pajamas, pair of house shoes, and a pair of high heel boots for Christmas. Thank you and I love you so much.
Jimmy Hill
Hedley, Texas
Box 602

Newlin, Texas
December 22, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
We are two little boys at Newlin. We love to fish. Could you bring us a boat with a motor and some hooks that will catch fish. The ones we have don't catch any. We've been so good all year we ought to catch a few fish sometime.
Wyman Davis and Bill Digger

Legal Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: LYDIA KIMBERLIN, JANIE KIMBERLIN, AGNES KIMBERLIN and LYDIA KIMBERLIN SANOVICH and husband GUS SANOVICH, if living, and the unknown husbands, if any, of the first three named defendants, if living, and if said defendants or any of them are deceased, the unknown heirs and legal representatives of such deceased defendants, and all other unknown heirs and legal representatives of Samuel Belle Kimberlin, deceased, if any, Defendants, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 100th District Court of Hall County at the Court House thereof, in Memphis, Texas, at or before 10 o'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 26th day of January A. D. 1953, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 11th day of December A. D. 1952, in this cause, numbered 3505 on the docket of said court and styled LELIA BEVILLE D'LAURAL BEVILLE, V. H. BLOCKER, JR., JOY O. BLOCKER, ARTHUR JAMES O'CONNELL, JR., WRIGHT, GEORGE M. WRIGHT, IRENE BAIRD BEVILLE, A. M. BEVILLE, JR., Plaintiffs, vs. LYDIA KIMBERLIN, et al Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Said suit is usual statutory action in trespass to try title, alleging the ownership in fee simple by plaintiffs in their own right, seeking recovery by plaintiffs, Lelia Beville, D'Laural Beville Wright and husband, George M. Wright and Irene Baird Beville and husband, A. M. Beville, Jr., of the title to and possession of the following described premises and real estate, lying and situated in Hall County,

Texas, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEING 195 acres of land in Hall County, Texas, and being parts of Sections Six (6) and Seven (7), in Block B, of the John G. Adair Survey, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a common corner of Sections Six (6) and Seven (7), Ten (10) and Eleven (11), in said Block B, of the John G. Adair Survey; THENCE SOUTH 137 varas to an iron pipe set for the interior corner of this tract; THENCE WEST 1677 varas to an iron pipe set for the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE SOUTH 563.3 varas to an iron pipe for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE EAST 1900 varas to an iron pipe for the Southeast corner of this tract; THENCE NORTH 700.3 varas to a stake in the North line of Section Seven (7), and the South line of Section Ten (10), in Block B, of the John G. Adair Survey, for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE WEST, on the line between said Sections Seven (7) and Ten (10), in Block B, 223 varas to the place of beginning, and being 167.34 acres of land in Section Six (6) and 27.66 acres of land in Section Seven (7), of said Block B, John G. Adair Survey; and seeking recovery by plaintiffs, V. H. Blocker, Jr., Joy O. Blocker, and Arthur James O'Connell, Jr., of the title to and possession of the following described two tracts of land, lying and situated in Hall County, Texas, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT NO. 1: Being 104.3 acres off of the South portion of Section Eleven (11) and 40.7 acres off of the North portion of Section Six (6) in Block B, of the John G. Adair Survey in Hall County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of Section Six (6) and the Northwest corner of Section Seven (7), in Block B, of the John G. Adair Survey, in Hall County, Texas; THENCE NORTH along the East line of Section Eleven (11), in said Block B, 351.1 varas to an iron pipe set for the Northeast corner of this tract and the Southeast corner of a tract designated as Tract 1, allotted to Mrs. Laura Kimberlin Looney in partition deed dated the 13th day of July, 1935, and recorded in Volume 68, at Page 388, of the Deed Records of Hall County, Texas; THENCE WEST with the South line of said Looney Tract No. 1, 1677 varas to its Southwest corner

or an iron pipe for the Northwest corner of this tract.

THENCE SOUTH 351.1 varas, crossing the North line of said Section No. Six (6), and the South line of said Section No. Eleven (11), Block B, John G. Adair Survey at 488.1 varas, to an iron pipe set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE EAST 1677 varas to an iron pipe set in the East line of Section Six (6), in said Block B, for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE NORTH 137 varas to the place of beginning, containing 145 acres as aforesaid, being 104.3 acres out of Section Eleven (11), and 40.7 acres out of Section Six (6), in said Block B, all in the John G. Adair Survey, in Hall County, Texas.

TRACT NO. 2: Being 50 acres of land in Hall County, Texas, and being parts of Survey No. 5, Block X, W. H. Martin, and Survey No. 1, C. L. Benson, described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe 249 varas South and 530 varas West of the Southeast corner of said Survey No. 5, Block X, W. H. Martin, for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE NORTH at 249 varas across the line between said Survey No. 5, Block X, W. H. Martin, and Survey No. 1, C. L. Benson, at 320-7/10 varas an iron pipe set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE WEST 880 varas to an iron pipe in the West line of a tract of 200 acres in the name of the Estate of R. S. Kimberlin, Deceased, for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE SOUTH with the West line of said 200 acre tract at 71-7/10 varas cross the line between said Surveys No. 5, W. H. Martin, and No. 1, C. L. Benson, at 320-7/10 varas, stake for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE EAST 880 varas to the place of beginning, and being 38-8/10 acres in Survey No. 1, C. L. Benson Survey and 11-2/10 acres in Survey No. 5, W. H. Martin, and designated as Tract No. 6, on the plat attached to and made a part of partition deed of record in Volume 68, at Page 388, of the Deed Records of Hall County, Texas; alleging additionally that plaintiffs have had title to the above described tracts of land, respectively, and now have title thereto under the three year, five year and ten year statutes of limitation; that

the defendants actually have an interest therein and any interest therein should be as a cloud upon plaintiffs and plaintiffs seeking title to and possession of the above described tracts as is more fully shown by the officer executing this citation shall promptly execute same according to law, and due return as the law directs and given under hand and the Seal of said court at office in Memphis, Texas the 11th day of December 1952.

Attest:
Isabell Cypert Clerk
District Court,
Hall County, Texas
(SEAL)

Raymond Cullin, son and Mrs. George Cullin, spending the holidays in Memphis on leave from the Army. Cullin is stationed in He Calif.

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Everywhere we turn we see evidences of the joy and good will that so greatly endears the Christmas season to all of us.

May this cheerfulness and warmth remain with you throughout the coming twelve months, our wish for you and yours.

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Letters from children to Santa Claus, including requests for a bicycle, a football, a watch, and a doll. Locations include Memphis, Texas.

Letters from children to Santa Claus, including requests for a lamp, a goldfish, a watch, a necklace, Bible, and a jewel box. Locations include Memphis, Texas.

Letters from children to Santa Claus, including requests for a doll, a permanent wave, a new dress, a desk, a color book, and a new box of crayolas. Locations include Memphis, Texas.

Letters from children to Santa Claus, including requests for a football, electric train, and a pair of cowboy boots. Locations include Memphis, Texas.

Letters from children to Santa Claus, including requests for a bicycle, truck, and a steam shovel. Locations include Memphis, Texas.

Advertisement for BANTA'S CAFE featuring a reindeer illustration and the text 'Merry Christmas' and 'OLD FASHIONED GREETINGS ALWAYS RING TRUE'.

Advertisement for ZEB A. MOORE, representing Kansas City Life Insurance Company, with the slogan 'To wish you every happiness at Christmas time and through the year ahead.'

Advertisement for ALAMO SERVICE STATION, MR. AND MRS. V. P. FOWLER, located at 321 Front St., Phone 528-J.

Advertisement for HERB'S GROCERY, Herb and Opal Curry, featuring a decorative wreath and the text 'Wishing You The most wonderful Christmas'.

Advertisement for BLEVINS BARBER SHOP, featuring a drawing of a barber and the text 'At this joyous Christmas Season May you be blessed with every happiness.'

Advertisement for O. R. (DOC) SAYE, Magnolia Petroleum Co. Consignee, featuring a drawing of a sleigh and the text 'GREETING YOU AT CHRISTMAS WITH BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS'.

Memphis Little Theatre Enjoys Annual Christmas Dinner Party In Fields Home

Following a custom of many years' standing, a Christmas dinner party was enjoyed Friday evening by members of the Memphis Little Theatre in the home of Mrs. Leo Fields on South Sixth Street. Hostess for the affair were Mrs. Fields, Mrs. T. M. Harrison, Mrs. Robert Sexauer, Mrs. Bill Teague, Mrs. Herschel Combs and Mrs. Harry Boswell.

The red and green Christmas colors were emphasized in decorations used throughout the party rooms. Quartet tables were laid with white linen cloths and centered with red candles tied with green ribbons.

Noted in the den was a glittering Christmas tree trimmed with red and gold baubles and multi-colored lights. The customary exchange of gifts was enjoyed around this tree. Santa Claus, portrayed by Gladys Power, distributed the gifts, using clever verse and remarks to reveal for whom the gift was intended.

Woman's Culture Club Enjoys Annual Christmas Party

The members of the Woman's Culture Club met Wednesday, December 17, in the home of Mrs. Robert Moss for the annual Christmas party.

Mrs. D. A. Grundy brought the devotional based on the Second Chapter of Luke, entitled "Let's Keep Christmas," by Peter Marshall.

Mrs. Conley Ward told an inspiring Christmas story, "Her Gift," written by Margaret Allen. Mrs. Ward concluded the story with this quotation, "Giving oneself is the best gift of all."

During the social hour gifts were exchanged from a gaily trimmed tree.

Refreshments carrying out the Christmas motif were served to Mrs. Frank Ellis, Clifford Farmer, D. A. Grundy, Ward Gurley, W. E. Elsie, Jeanette Irons, R. L. Madden, Burr Morris, C. D. Morris, L. A. Stillwell, F. J. Bridges, Theo. Adams and Conclly Ward; Misses Esta McElrath, Sybil Gurley, Alma Bruce, Mary Noel and the hostess, Mrs. Robert Moss and sons, Robert Mac Moss and Jerry Allen Moss.

Immediately following the gift exchange, the guests assembled in the living room and sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Gladys DeWeese accompanied at the piano.

Places were laid for the following members: Mmes. Myrtle Howard, Gladys Power, Katherine Milam, Virginia Rogers, Ida Anisman, Nell Beeson, Anette Boswell, Idell Burnett, Joyce Childress, Helen Combs, Emma Deaver, Gladys DeWeese, Ann Ferrell, Charlene Greene, Tomacell Greene, Peaches Harrison, Lottie Kinard, Mildred Monzingo, Lena Teague, Hattie Dem Thompson, Misses Mary Foreman, Helen Boswell, Ethel Hillhouse, Mmes. Emma DeBerry, Mary Lee Fields and one guest, Patty Craver of Washington, D. C.

Estelline FHA And FFA Enjoy Yuletide Party

On Wednesday evening, December 17, members of the Estelline chapters of FHA and FFA enjoyed a party in the homemaking cottage. Various games were played. Cookies and hot chocolate were served. Instead of exchanging gifts, each person brought a toy to be taken to unfortunate children on Christmas Eve.

Attending were: Monty Richardson, Billy Mack Burnett, Robert Webb, Eddie Braidfoot, Helen Kiselburg, Evelyn Potts, Barbara Smith, Doyle Walker, Cara Sue Latham, Geraldine Rea, Pete Williams, Doris Chaudoin, Wynell Bell, Dwain Crisman, Doris Thomas, Tommye Travis, Wanda Spruill, Pearlina Stigall, Duane Kennedy, Jimmie Adams, Bobby Spruill, Eddie Mabry, Kenneth Crump, Lanny Tucker, Alma Bruce, Shirley Spruill, Barbara Adams, Arletta Hartwell, Johnny Sutterfield, Wallace Cooper, Gus Orcutt, Cherry Groff, Charles Gardenhire, A. D. Britt, Lowell Richburg, Johnny Hudlow, Joe Eddins, Mrs. Arva Knight and Mr. James Carroll.

Robert Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Sr., is home on leave from the US Air Force to spend the Christmas holidays. Duncan is stationed in New Jersey.

Estelline Lions Entertain Ladies With Banquet

The members of the Estelline Lions Club entertained their ladies on the evening of December 18 with a delicious dinner, served by the FHA girls in the homemaking cottage. Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree. Table games were played.

Members of the club sacker treats which they will distribute with toys to needy children on December 24.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Rabb Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudlow, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Britt, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Darby, Reverend and Mrs. Albert Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dick, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Freu Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Lang and Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll.

Wilson Home Is Scene For Annual TEL Class Party

The T. E. L. Class met Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Hulda Wilson for the annual Christmas party. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Linnie Cuathen and Myrtle Crabb.

The program was introduced with the class song and prayer was offered by Mrs. R. H. Wherry. Mrs. Nat Bradley brought the story, "The First Christmas," in a most inspiring manner. Gifts were exchanged from the beautiful Christmas tree.

Refreshments, carrying out the Christmas colors, were served to the following members: Mmes. R. H. Wherry, Frank Ellis, Roy Shahan, J. S. Spencer, T. T. Loard, W. B. Scott, J. W. Fitzjarrald, Alla Boswell, W. L. Crawford, Nat Bradley, J. H. Smith, John Barber, Stella Jones, Lee Thornton, Dick Watson, T. H. Bales and hostess Mmes. Wilson, Caughen, and Crabb.

Mrs. W. O. Posey of Denton arrived Sunday night to spend the Christmas holidays with the C. R. Sargents. Leroy Green, who is serving with the Coast Guard in California, is in Memphis spending the holidays.

Ye Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner Party Is Enjoyed By 1913 Study Club

Ye Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner Party in the home of Mrs. O. L. Helm was voted one of the happiest occasions the 1913 Study Club members have enjoyed. The decorations of red and green, the real log fire in the great fireplace, the giant tree in the corner made an enchanting scene.

The tree was adorned in red and green stars and festooned with white strands of popcorn and red cranberries, all decorations were cleverly made by the hostesses. The handmade gifts hanging from the branches added to the beauty of the tree.

The long tables were spread with white linen cloths centered with luscious white cocoanut cakes on a tique crystal stands. Around the centerpiece were dishes of old glass filled with condiments of every variety, spoons in spoonholders, tooth picks (An Old American custom) and a round moulded pound of butter on a quaint butter dish.

A most delectable turkey dinner with all the usual harmonizing dishes was served, the cakes were sliced and served with boiled cus-

tard. The hostesses then covered the tables with clothes as their great grandmothers would have done and Mrs. Byron Baldwin gave an appropriate introduction to the program quoting from Kipling. Mrs. Joe DeBerry entertained the club with three short Early American stories.

The handmade gifts distributed inspired exclamations of pleasure and appreciation.

Mrs. Helm was assisted by Mmes. T. J. Dunbar, Gene Lindsey Paul Montgomery, Brown Smith, L. W. Stanford and Don Wright. Other members present were Mmes. Byron Baldwin, Boyd Rodgers, Herschel Combs, L. G. DeBerry, H. A. Finch, Lewis Foxhall, Frank Foxhall, Ace Gailey, Rufus Grisham, T. M. Harrison, D. L. C. Kinard, Claude Milam, M. G. Tarver, E. M. Wilson, Gayle Green and R. S. Greene.

College Students Return Home For Holidays

Each year the Christmas holidays bring back to Memphis the many young people who are away attending school most of the year. The majority of colleges and universities dismissed classes Dec. 20 and will resume Jan. 5.

These students are spending the holidays here with their parents and friends:

Beryle Davis, Bobby Young, Jacky Gilbert, Clinton Jones, Bob and Herby Shahan, Bobby Hanna, Charles Cullin, Benny Parks, Betty Goodall and Billy Howard West from Hardin-Simmons U. at Abilene; Freddy Vinson, Wayne Jenkins, Max Kennedy, and Marion Posey from West Texas State at Canyon; Scotty Grundy, Frank Norman, Patsy and Adrian Combs, Raymond Whitten, Don Beasley and Roddy Stargel from Texas Tech at Lubbock; Patsy Hays John Clark, Sim Goodall, Margaret and Roy Alvin Massey from Baylor at Waco; Nancy Stanford and

J. O. Y. Circle Enjoys Christmas Party Tuesday

Enjoying the lovely Christmas party held in the First Christian Church Tuesday night were members of the J. O. Y. Circle and their families and friends. Mrs. Mac Connell and Mrs. M. E. McNally, Jr. were hostesses to the affair.

A delicious covered dish supper was served buffet style in the church annex. After the meal, gifts were delivered from the beautifully decorated tree in the church auditorium.

The closing time was spent in playing a variety of games.

Present were Mrs. Gerald Hickey and children, Mrs. Roy McCoy, Mrs. Ted Young, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Beasley, Mr. and

Bobby Crooks from S. M. U. at Dallas; Joyce McDaniel from North Texas State at Denton; Dorothy Deaver and Sheldon Anisman from Texas U. at Austin; Don Rasco from Amarillo College at Amarillo and Cleve Tiner from Midwestern U. at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Herb Curry and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill George and children, Mr. and Mrs. Stargel and children, Mr. Harry Aspgrin and Fritz Mrs. C. R. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McNally, Jr. and Mrs. Mac Connell, Mr. and Mrs. DeAnn and Pastor and Posey and children.

Margaret Massey Files For Place On Baylor Cou

Margaret Ann Massey, the eighteen candidates filed for election of the Baylor University Council, Glen Walker Arthur, council President announced. The five winners named in an all-campus election are: the four classes and freshmen students; five more students; three four seniors.

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All in all, we are indebted to many, many persons for pleasant associations in the past. We hope that in the months to come we shall merit your continued patronage. May all of you have the best of everything during the New Year!

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MEMPHIS, HALL COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 25, 1952 *** TEN CENTS *** NUMBER 30

Letters To Santa Claus Express Wishes Of Hall County Boys and Girls

<p>Clarendon, Texas Brice Rt. Dear Santa Claus, I am three years old and Mother had been a pretty good girl. So I want a cattle football helmet and foot-socks and an army rifle and lots of candy. Don't forget my little sister, Tonda Marie. We love you, Santa, and we will be good boys and girls.</p> <p>Jackie and Tonda Hatley</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a jewelry set and a Toni Doll, and cash register and iron with an iron board.</p> <p>Marilyn Litton</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a Toni doll. I want a toy bicycle. Thank you, Santa.</p> <p>From your little friend, Doris Fay Howard</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa, I am a little boy five years old. I try to be very good, so please bring me a red and white bicycle, some house shoes and a gun that shoots tinny balls. Don't forget my little cousin and friends.</p> <p>Love, Stevie Miller</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me for Christmas 2 Roy Rogers guns and a Chinese Checker set. Thank you, Santa.</p> <p>From your little friend, Dan Goffinett</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a gun, a basketball, and a dump truck.</p> <p>Thank you, Mickey Daughtery</p>
<p>Clarendon, Texas Brice Rt. Dear Santa, I am three years old and Mother had been a pretty good girl. So I want a cattle football helmet and foot-socks and an army rifle and lots of candy. Don't forget my little sister, Tonda Marie. We love you, Santa, and we will be good boys and girls.</p> <p>Jackie and Tonda Hatley</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle and skates and a Toni doll.</p> <p>I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. Sherrie Browning</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year, Santa. Please bring me a B-B gun, and some B-Bs. Thank you.</p> <p>From your little friend, Steve Propest</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year, Santa. Please bring me some oranges, a pair of scabbards, and guns, and a Teddy Bear.</p> <p>Thank you, L. D. Williams</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, I should like for you to bring me a ring, a pair of skates and a doll bed.</p> <p>Thank you, Lynda Gilreath</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a bicycle and some candy. Thank you, Santa.</p> <p>Your friend, Linda Richards</p>
<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a Toni doll and a bicycle and doll bed.</p> <p>From your little friend, Deanna Sue Phillips</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 5, 1952 Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a B-B gun and boots.</p> <p>Thank you, Santa. From your little friend, Ronnie Bruso</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a B-B gun and boots.</p> <p>Thank you, Santa. From your little friend, Ronnie Bruso</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a B-B gun and boots.</p> <p>Thank you, Santa. From your little friend, Ronnie Bruso</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, I have been very good. I want a record player for Christmas. I am 7 years old and I am in the second grade. Please bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Please give the other boys and girls some fruit, nuts and candy.</p> <p>Thank you, Richard Ellis</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas Dec. 4, 1952 Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll, a ring and some candy with prizes.</p> <p>Thank you, Jamie Anthony</p>



MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

To the Citizens of Hall County

At this Christmas Holiday Season, our thoughts naturally turn back to the months that have gone by during 1952. We realize that you people, who make up the citizenship of this county, who are our neighbors and friends, have made our every-day tasks easier as we served in our different capacities. We appreciate this, and those of us who have been returned to office shall strive to serve you to the best of our ability.

As you and the members of your families make plans to enjoy this Holiday season, we want to extend to each of you our Best wishes for Christmas. May this be the happiest occasion of the entire year for all of you; may your loved ones gather with you to observe the occasion. Sincerely, we hope that the New Year will bring to you the best of everything in whatever endeavor you might be engaged.

YOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS

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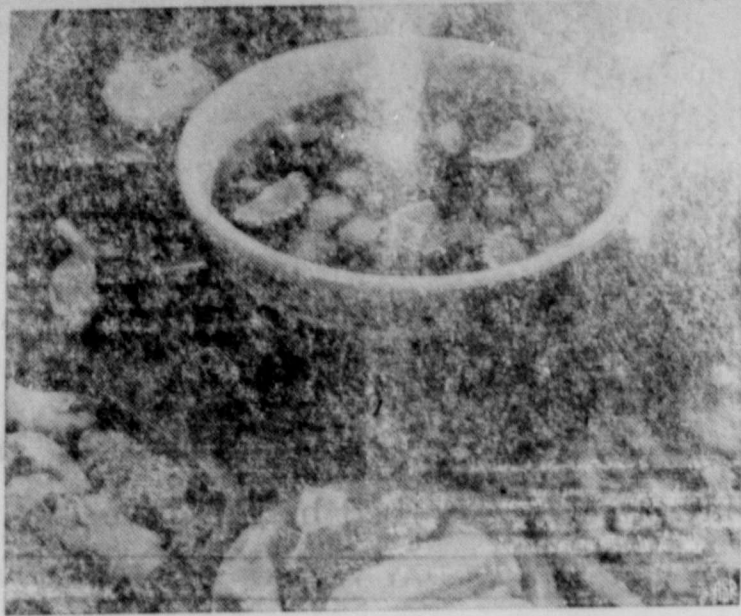
LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Lakeview, Texas
Dec. 6, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old I am in the first grade. I really do like school.
I want you to bring me a cap rifle, a football, and some boxing gloves, and, of course, a lot of candy, nuts and fruit. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.
Conny Mack Moore

six years old. We each want a housecoat, houseshoes and just one doctor set and anything else you would like to bring. Also some candy and nuts.
We have a new little brother. You can bring him some toys of some kind. We sure think he's sweet.
Your friends,
Sandra Lynn and
Judy Rae Perkins
P. S. Our dolls you brought last year are still pretty and nice.

Open House For The Holidays



A time-honored tradition, and one of our most gracious customs, is that of holding open house at the Christmas holiday season. Large groups can be entertained with ease and a minimum of work if you serve refreshments buffet style and feature a punch bowl as the main attraction. It isn't necessary to own an elaborate punch bowl. A large kitchen mixing bowl serves the purpose and such a bowl looks most attractive wreathed with greens and Christmas decorations.
Small sandwiches, Christmas cookies and fruit cake are good accompaniments for punch. Your punch should be colorful, flavorful and sparkling. In the recipe given here, fruit juices provide the color and flavor and pale dry ginger ale gives sparkle and additional zesty flavor. The plenty of ice cubes and have your fruit juices and ginger ale well chilled for a fine tasting, refreshing punch.

Christmas Punch Bowl

1 cup brown sugar
2 28-oz. bottles pale dry ginger ale
Heat cranberry juice. Dissolve brown sugar in hot juice; add grapefruit juice; mix well; chill. Pour over ice in punch bowl. Add ice cold pale dry ginger ale. Stir gently to mix. Garnish with orange slices.
Yield: 32 punch cup servings.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 9 years old. I want 2 guns and a holster.
Tommy Upton
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a marching drum? I would like some nuts, fruit and candy. I will be very happy if you will bring me that much. Thank you.
Your friend,
Walter Smith

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a watch and several sweaters. I'm sure I would enjoy a new suit. I would like some shoes to match. I would like a bicycle. I would also like a jacket.
Thank you.
Lonnie Blann

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade. I am 9 years old. Please bring me double holster Roy Rogers gun set.

Your friend,
Harold Cheatham
Rt. 2, Memphis, Tex.
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy six years old. And I would love to have a baseball for Christmas.
Would you please bring me one?
Yours truly,
Dale Ward

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I would like a little truck, a black board and a new gun if you have enough to go around.
Thank you,
Wayne Sweet

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade I am 8 years old. Please bring me double holster Roy Rogers set bow and arrow.

Your friend,
Jimmy Lee Thomas
Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a B. B. gun, B. Bs and boxing gloves.

Your friend,
Rusty Wood
Dear Santa,
I would like a Saran wig doll a doctor kit and a set of dishes.
Sandra Sue Hooe

Newlin, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I have worked hard in school. I want you to bring me a bracelet necklace and a head scarf. I also have three brothers, Junior, David and Jimmy. Please bring them something, too.

Your friend,
Esther Gallardo
Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade I am 8 years old. Please bring me a doll, a doll bed with a mattress, and a set of dishes, picture machine.

Your friend,
Jo Carol Cooper
Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade I am 9 years old. Please bring me a baby doll, plastic jewelry set, a pair of pajamas, and a housecoat, houseshoes.

Your friend,
Marzetta Lois Vines
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
My brother and I want an air rifle and a pair of Roy Rogers binoculars. Doyle, my brother wants a model airplane and I want a tool set.

Roger Hulen, grade 4,
10 yrs. old,
Doyle Lee Hulen, grade 3,
9 yrs. old.

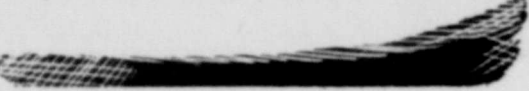
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Toni doll, a bicycle and a pair of skates.
Thank you,
Linda Lesley



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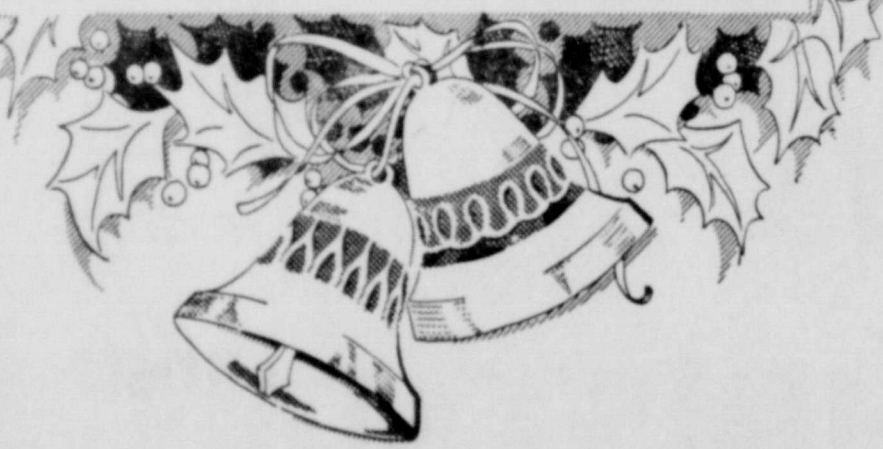
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GREETINGS



Here's our own special greeting to you as you observe this greatest of all Holidays. May it be one of true happiness for you and those about you. You have been very liberal with your friendships and patronage and we are truly grateful. Merry Christmas!

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas.
Dec. 5, 1952

Santa Claus,
I am a boy nine years old. I want a teddy bear a toy car, a bicycle, and a B-B gun.
Your friend,
Sammy Campbell

Memphis, Texas.
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Tiny Tears doll? We would like a T.V. set. I would like a View-Master. Don't forget my little brother and sister. My sister would like a doll and buggy, and my brother would like a pair of guns, and a cowboy hat. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Elaïne Snowden

Memphis, Texas.
Dec. 5, 1952

Santa Claus,
I am a little girl eight years old in the third grade. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a doll that her name is beats, a wrist watch, a toy car, a sewing kit, a Dolly.

Your friend,
Sharon Davis

Memphis, Texas.
Dec. 5, 1952

Santa Claus,
I am a boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a pair of boots, a B-B gun.

Your friend,
Carl Nelson

Memphis, Texas
Route 2
Dec. 9, 1952

Dear Santa,
I know you will be busy this Christmas with so many little boys and girls, but please do remember every one of them. I am a little girl and will be four years old the 9th of January. I have been a pretty good girl this year; so if you have an extra piano or train, please leave them at my house. Oh yes! I like fruits, nuts and candy, too.
Thank you, Santa,
Phyllis Dunn



SUES FROM HOSPITAL . . . Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. in Santa Monica hospital, is waging a battle for separate maintenance from husband.

Memphis, Texas.
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a baseball suit, and a B-B gun. I want a bat, a ball and a mitt. My little brother wants a car. My little sister wants a doll.
Also candy, nuts, and fruit.
Your friend,
Julian Torres

Memphis, Texas.
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old, and I have tried to be a good girl. Will you please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, a bathinette, bassinette, a cow-girl suit, and fruits, nuts and candy.
Your friend,
Velma Jo Hutcherson

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a B. B. gun and B. B.'s, and football, double holster Roy Rogers guns.
Your friend,
Jesse Corona

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me an army set I am in the second grade. I am 7 years old.
Larry Ed Combest

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some boots and a bicycle and a color book.
Doyle Phelps

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl twelve years old. I have blonde hair and brown eyes. I am about five feet tall.

I would like for you to bring me a basketball and goal, a walking doll with washable blonde hair, a volley ball and nuts, fruit and candy.

My little brother would like a football suit, a set of bow and arrows, a toy airplane, and some nuts and candy.

If you do not have enough presents to go around you may give the children some of my presents. Please do not forget all of the children in Korea and all over the world, and please remember all of my friends, and my teacher.

My little brother and I want to thank you for all you brought us last year.
Merry Christmas to you, your wife and your reindeer.
Yours sincerely,
Cynthia Combest

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl eleven years old. I have blue eyes, blonde hair, and I am about five feet tall.

Every year you have been very good to me. So I am not asking for much this year. All I want is a basketball and goal, and a pair of skates.

The reason I don't want very much this year is because I get so much every year and I just got to thinking about the many children in the other countries that don't get anything for Christmas. Some of the children don't even know what Christmas is.

If you will bring me this, I will be happy.
Yours truly,
Kay Leslie

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade and I would like to have a pair of boots, charm bracelet, a box of stationery, and a game of monopoly, a plaid skirt and a bag of fruits and nuts.
Yours truly,
Nell Sheen

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 2, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Bruce Wayne Richerson. I would like to have a model-craft with powder and modeling set. It costs \$2.98.
I would like to have a tinker toys set, some nuts, candy, apples, and oranges. And don't forget my sister, Joyce. She wants a guitar and puzzles.
Bye, Santa,
Bruce Wayne Richerson

December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eleven years old, and have been a good boy this year.
I would like for Christmas this year a billfold, a ring, and for my sister, who is 6 years old, and me, a record player. Also I would like a model John Deere tractor, a trailer and a plow to go with it. I think that will be enough for this year.
Yours truly,
Gordon Maddox

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a doll and doll clothes.
Bonny Adcock

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl eleven years old. I would like to have a View Master, doctor's set, basket ball and goal, and a pair of skates. I would also like some candy and apples.
Yours truly,
Ernestine Young



HAYES CAFE

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This being the season when happiness prevails everywhere — we want to join the spirit of the occasion by saying to you, one and all, "Merry Christmas." You have been loyal and liberal in your patronage and we deem it a privilege to have the opportunity to serve you.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We — your friends and neighbors at your electric service company — wish for you and yours a Yuletide treasure of warmth, health, and happiness... and that your New Year may be both peaceful and prosperous.

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Your Electric Servant

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Rt. 2, Memphis, Tex
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy 9 years old. And I would be proud of a bicycle for Christmas.
Would you please bring me one?
Yours truly,
Bobby Ward

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a dump truck a pair of skates, and a wagon.
Thank you,
Eddie Wilkinson
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some nuts and candy and fruit, a doll, dishes, skates, and furniture.
Thank you,
Connie Sue Anglin

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a confederate suit.
Mike Godfrey
Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Toni doll with a suitcase full of clothes. And I want a sled just like your big one.
I want a jewelry set and I want a cow girl suit and I want a pair of moccasins.
Love,
Carol Smith

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the sixth grade. When you come to my house will you bring me a four-ten shotgun with shells, a buckskin jacket, a model airplane that flies, a small battalion of small soldiers, a table tennis set, a football, and most of all, a German Shepherd dog named Putzy, like I used to have? I hope other children who are not as fortunate as I, will have a nice Christmas.
Yours truly,
Tommy Brewer



GIFT FOR BRIGHT GIRL—Mothers who teach room-care to teen-age daughters are helping establish a good life-time habit, too, for orderliness learned at home helps girls become better students, better business women, and better homemakers. One gift this Christmas, to encourage neatness, is a carpet sweeper, which will be used day after day—like the young lady above.

Memphis, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old.
I want you to please bring me for Christmas a buggy, a doll, a drum, and a soda fountain set. Also fruit, nuts and candy.
Goodbye,
Neita Reed

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952
Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good little girl this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas an oil painting set, and a pair of moccasins. Thank you, Santa.
From your little friend,
Cathy McQueen

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4,
Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a doll bed, a doll house, a watch. Thank you, Santa.
Your friend,
Graciela

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year, Santa. Please bring for Christmas a chemistry set and B. B. gun, and a bow and arrows. Thank you, Santa.
From your friend,
George Childress

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a Toni doll. Thank you, Santa.
From your little friend,
Shirley Sue Wingo

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade. I am 9 years old. Please bring me a football, and a B. B. gun.
Your friend,
Richard Madison Crump



MEMPHIS STUDIO
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ballew



CLENT'S BARBER SHOP
Clent Srygley

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a bicycle, and a dump truck.
Thank you,
Ernest Neel

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952
Dear Santa,
I want a lot of toys for Christmas, but there is one special thing I want. There are children in foreign land that do not have a Christmas and do not know what Christmas is, even some people in the United States don't think about it being Christ's birthday. Someday I want to be able to teach those children about Christmas. I am going to ask my class mates to help their churches this month. It takes eighteen dollars and fourteen cents one month to support the missionaries around the world. So let's all try to help please.
Yours truly,
Linda Sturdevant

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a dump truck a pair of skates, and a wagon.
Thank you,
Sammy Carter

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I want a road grader.
Randy Brown
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a nurse set and a Toni doll, sewing machine, china set, kitchen helper set and a baking set. I am 7 years old.
Jone Ward

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I want a bicycle and 2 guns.
Jimmie Widener

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I want a toy shot gun and holsters.
Jack Stargel
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and boots. I am in the second grade and I am 8 years old.
Ray Prime
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

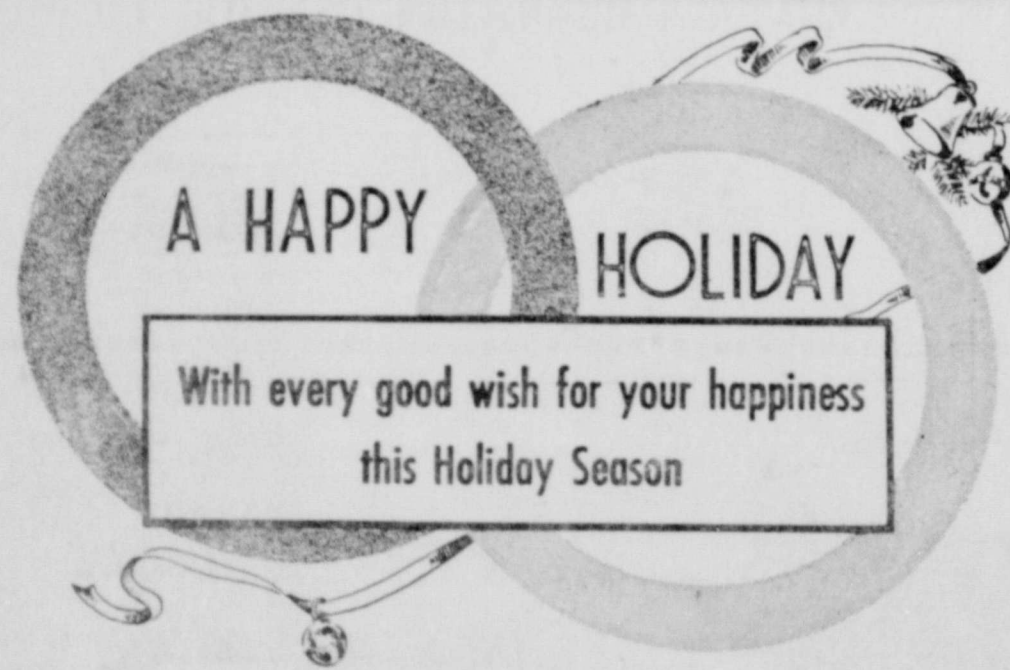
Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year. For Christmas I want some boots. Thank you, Santa.
From your little friend,
George Miller
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a bicycle and a punching bag. Thank you, Santa.
From your little friend,
Arnold Cawfield

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I want a bicycle and 2 guns.
Jerry Wallace



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LION AUTO STORE
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Christmas GREETINGS

To our many faithful friends and customers:
At this most sacred season—rich with the traditions of friendship and trust—we say to you—many thanks for your loyal patronage.
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to wish you all
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



MERRY CHRISTMAS



and now It's Christmas again!

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

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



In this Happy Holiday Season, we want to express sincere thanks for your past patronage and wish you and yours a most bountiful Christmas.

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Located at Western Auto Assoc. Store



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MEMPHIS TEXAS

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am eleven years old and in the sixth grade. I am ready for Christmas again. I have really had fun with my bicycle this year.

For this year I want a football suit, Army truck, battle ship, a chemistry set, and an electric football set.

Now let me see, there is something else. Oh, and some boxing gloves so I can whip Daddy every evening! He always wants to fight me. You wait—I will fix him up and he won't want to fight me any more.

Santa, when you come there will be some hot coffee and cake. Just help yourself.

Yours truly,
Paul Gene Nelson

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a doll, please send me some skates and a jacket, boots. I want a cowgirl suit, too. Don't forget my friends.

Your friend,
Martha

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy of twelve years old. I am expecting you at Christmas. I think I have been a good boy. I wouldn't mind, would you, giving me a bicycle, horse, and a little car and some apples? That's all I want this Christmas. Oh, I will leave the lights on for you. I will have a cup of coffee and a cap of coffee and a more coffee to warm me. I will have other things you want to drink, go to the icebox and get whatever you and good-night.

Yours truly,
Jerry Hooser



SUBTLE AND VERSATILE—That's the latest word on this year's Christmas decorations. Holiday arrangements in the new style feature favorite winter flowers, then capture the season's atmosphere through foliage and accessories. Caroline Burke, above, radio star, creates a charming dinner table design by contrasting red roses with holiday green and silver.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl in the third grade. I want a doll that can fix its hair, and a pair of skates. Don't forget my little sister, and other boys and girls. Please bring us nuts, candy, and fruits. I have been a good girl.

Your friend,
Barbara Mauck
Estelline, Texas

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 3, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am ten years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Tonie doll, an overnight case, a volley ball, a basketball and some candy and nuts.

Your friend,
Linda Ann Rea

Lakeview, Texas
December 12, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy six years old. I have tried to be a good little boy this year. I would like very much to have a bicycle. Please remember all of the little boys and girls in the world.

Thank you,
Jimmy Waiter

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 10 years old, in the fourth grade. I want you to bring me a watch and a nurse set, also candy, fruit, nuts and fireworks.

I love you,
Jo Ann Widener

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a picture machine, a doll that walks and talks, that has hair, and cowgirl suit.

Your friend,
Shirley Anthony

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year. Please bring me for Christmas a doll and some candy. Thank you, Santa.

From your friend,
Carmen Navejar

December 1, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I want a cowboy doll, and a doll suitcase, and some skates.

Love,
Jo Ann Stanley

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll with hair. Be good to the boys and girls. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Sharry Ann Hargesheimer
P. S. I am 8 years old.

and all good wishes for a

HAPPY HOLIDAY

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May we extend our

BEST WISHES

For a Happy Holiday Season

to Each of

our good Friends.

BOB'S CAFE

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy ten years old. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a football, an airplane that holds a jeep and a tank.

Don't forget my two brothers, Dwight and Gary.

Also bring me a lot of candy and nuts.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
Rodney Hawkins

Memphis, Tex.
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl 10 years old and I am in the fifth grade at Travis School.

I have tried to be good the past year.

If you please, bring me a bathrobe, a pair of moccasins, a picture craft set and a pair of rubber boots.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
Paula Elevins

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AND MANY, MANY THANKS

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Merry Christmas

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

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Very Happy

and a *Glorious*

Christmas Season

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 8, 1952

Dear Santa,
We are two brothers age 8 and 11. First we would like to thank you and all your helpers for what you did for us last Christmas. Then we would like to tell you that this year we would like to have some clothes, such as blue jeans, warm shirts and socks.

If you could bring us some fruit, nuts and some candy we would be so happy.
We love you and all your helpers,
Joe and Charles Waller
P. S. Santa, our sister, June, would like some shoes and over-shoes.

Star Route
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll with hair that I can roll and braid. I would like to have a doctor's kit and a drum.
With Love and Kisses,
Amy Hillhouse

Lakeview, Texas
December 9, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy almost four years old. I've tried very hard to be good all the year. I would like for you to bring me a cap pistol with a holster, a scooter and some little cars, and a road grader. Also nuts, fruit and candy. Santa, don't forget my little

cousin, Mike Mase, in California. And my grandmother and granddaddy Risinger.

I love you,
Terry Jackson Gable

Lakeview, Texas
Rt. 1

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 4 years old. My name is Syreta Jean Lowe, and I have tried to be a nice girl, so I would like for you to bring me a doll, doll buggy, doll bed, telephone and a set of dishes. That is all I want this year.

But, Santa, I have a sister, Brenda Gayle Lowe, who is three years old. And she wants the same toys I want.
Don't forget our candy, nuts and fruit.

We will be looking for you.
Bye, Santa,
Syreta Jean and
Brenda Gayle Lowe

Plaska, Texas
Dec. 9, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I want a big doll for Xmas, and a pair of pajamas. Please bring my brother, Clenton, a set of guns and a car and please bring my sister, Nellie, the same as me and bring my sister, Lois, a doll house and my sister, Naomie, a bride doll and bring us some nuts, fruits and candy. Please don't forget all the other little girls and boys.
Sina Violet Pierce



WARM WINDSOR . . . Duke of Windsor arrives well-wrapped in London to visit his mother dowager Queen Mary.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I started to school and like it fine. I hope you can bring me a doll that I can comb her hair, and a baton.

Your friend,
Kay Wines
P. S. Remember my teacher, Mrs. Morris.

San Diego, Calif.
Dec. 8, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy one year old. I have tried very hard to be a good little boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a lot of toys. Don't forget to come to see my Granny and Grandad Phillips in Texas.

With love,
Billy Ray Elsberry

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a doll that walks and talks. I want it to have hair. I want a set of dishes and a telephone, and a plastic jewelry set.

Your friend,
Paula Jan Adame

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 7, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and a doll. I want a do-dish set. I am 5 years old.

Mary McCreary

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade. I am 9 years old. Please bring me a doll with hair, sewing machine, telephone.

Your friend,
Ruby Nell Barnett

Newlin, Texas
Dec. 3, 1952

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 7 years old in the first grade. I have been a good girl and like to go to school. Please bring me some toys, fruits, nuts and candy. Don't forget my teacher and all other little girls and boys.

Love,
Donna Louise Crump

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl eight years old. I have been a good girl and would like for you to bring me a doll, doll buggy, and other nice things.

Please don't forget the other boys and girls, and my family.
Your friend,
Particia Srygley

Love U,
Linda Hale

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl four years old. I have been a good girl and would like for you to bring me a doll, doll buggy, and other nice things.

Please don't forget the other boys and girls, and my family.
Love U,
Linda Hale

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Roy Rogers

set, a shooting game, and a basketball.

Your friend,
Dean Yarb



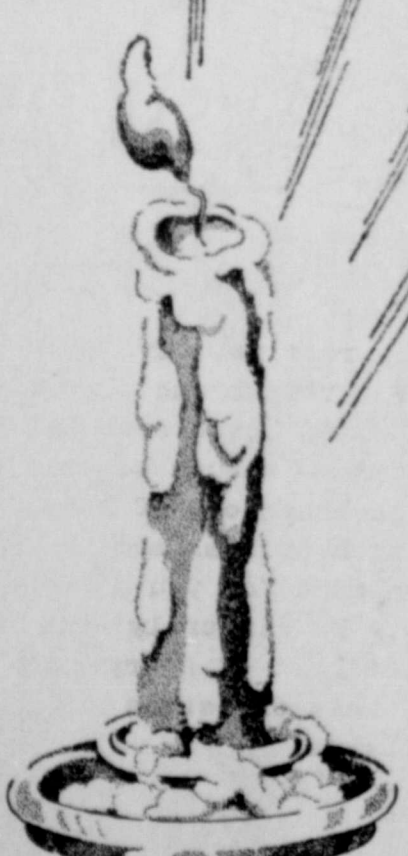
MERRY CHRISTMAS
MARTIN'S SERVICE STATION

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
JOHN 3:16

Greetings FOR A HAPPY Holiday Season

HICKEY'S LAUNDRY
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Wishing You A HAPPY NOEL



The soft glow of the Christmas candles signify the warm friendships which we have for the many fine people of this community whom it has been our privilege to serve these months past. May your Christmas be truly happy.

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Merry Christmas

and the best of everything in the New Year . . .



Santa Claus is coming to town and we hope that he will leave you a bagful of happiness and joy that will last the whole year 'round.

And along with our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, we wish to thank you again for your friendship and patronage, and to assure you of our desire to serve you well in the year to come.

May your Holidays be happy days and your New Year bright with the good things of life!

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
December 12, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. I want a doll that has hair to fix and a nursery set and nuts, fruit and candy.

Love,
Lana Kay Waite

Lakeview, Texas
December 10, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. I want a doll and a little sewing machine. Don't forget my little cousin, Cindy Penix, who is over in Germany. You can also leave us some candy, nuts and fruit.

Your little friend,
Judy Kay Fowler

Christmas Angel Wings



Christmas is the cookie season and an especially good Christmas cookie is Angel Wings. This rich oatmeal cookie has a delicate crispness and a flavor that is "oh so good." They're pretty to serve too, with their lacy edges and decoration of nuts, citron and candied fruit. Try Angel Wings with a frosty fruit punch for elegant holiday entertaining.

Angel Wings
Makes 4 dozen cookies

1/2 cup sifted enriched flour	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup sugar	1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
1/2 teaspoon salt	1 cup quick rolled oats, uncooked
1 cup shortening, soft	
2 eggs	

Citron, candied cherries and chopped nuts

Sift together flour, sugar and salt into bowl. Add shortening, eggs and flavorings. Beat until smooth, about 2 minutes. Fold in rolled oats. Drop from a teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet, allowing about 2 inches between cookies. Flatten with a knife dipped in cold water. Decorate with pieces of citron, candied cherries or nuts. Bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) 10 to 12 minutes until cookies are golden brown and the edges. Remove from cookie sheet immediately.

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me little twin dolls in a blanket with a blue ribbon.

Your friend,
Carolyn Crump

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade. I am eight years old. Please bring me a doll that talks and walks, set of dishes, doll bed, candy, apples nuts, and oranges.

Your friend,
Janet Sue

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 3, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I am in the first grade and I like school very much. I have tried to be a pretty good girl, so would you please bring me a large Ton-doll and doll clothes, a pair of skates, also house shoes and bath robe. I think this will be all this Xmas. Just please don't forget my little brother Johnny who would like to have a spotted horse, a rope, and a shotgun, also candy and fruit.

Santa, please don't forget Mrs. Britt and Mrs. Miller as they have been extra good. Remember all the other children. I love you lots, Santa.

Your friend,
Cassandra Scott

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade I am 8 years old. Please bring me a football suit, baseball suit, and ball glove, also a football.

Your friend,
Lowie Self, Jr

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a doll with hair, and a telephone, doll bed, set of dishes, and silverware, and a suitcase.

Your friend,
Linda Sharon Wright

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me two guns and a scabbard and an airplane, and a bicycle. I am 8 years old.

J. N. Jeffers

Extending
CHEERY GREETINGS
of the Season

and Sincere Wishes for your
Happiness and Prosperity.



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to Each of Our Good Friends and Customers

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FOR THE

Christmas

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Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Reames
Patti Lynn Reames

E. A. Young C. B. Hickey

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
December 10, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be a good little boy, and Santa, I help my daddy work a lot. I would like for you to bring me a red dump truck, some wind-up toys, and just anything else you have, and Santa, I sure do like candy and nuts.

Your friend,
Robert Charles Maddox

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am writing you telling you what I want for Christmas. I would like most to have an archery set, a watch, and an airplane. I don't believe I would deserve them but I want them very much. I am ten years old, and in the fifth grade at William B. Travis. Sincerely,
Richard Keith Stuart

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I am Jerry Burnett writing you from Memphis, Texas. Please bring me a hunting knife, a football, a basketball and some games. I know I don't deserve all these things. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade at Travis E. School.

Yours truly,
Jerry Burnett

Travis Elementary
Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. For Christmas I would like a pair of moccasins, a basketball, a quilted skirt, a paint set, and some fruits and nuts. Don't forget my little sister, Shirley.

Yours truly,
Rosemary Richards

Route 1
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 10, 1952

Dearest Santa Claus,
Hello and how are you? I am a little boy five and half years old. I have tried to be a good boy but sometimes that's hard to do. I would like for you to bring me a red wagon and anything else you would like along with some nuts, candy and fruit. I have a little baby brother who will be a month old the 24th. Bring him anything you think he could use. Don't forget mother, daddy, my grandparents and all the other little children. Looking forward to seeing you Christmas, so until then Bye, Bye.

Lots of love from your
Little friend,
Danny Lane Greenway

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade. I am 10 years old. Please bring me a Roy Rogers set.

Your friend,
Wayne Wiley

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a B B gun, and football suit and a 22. I am 11 and I am in the fifth grade.

Your friend,
Jerry Lynn Rasco

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 9, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl four years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll. I can fix its hair and a pair of beginners skates, candy, nuts, fruits and don't forget my sister who is nine years old. We have been pretty good girls.

Your friend,
Sandra Kay Mauck

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I have been a fairly good boy. I would like to have a football suit, B-B gun, 20 gauge shotgun, and a bicycle. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade.

Sincerely yours,
James Reese

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am eleven years old and am in the fifth grade. I would like to have an erector set, a B-B gun, and an archery set. Also some nuts and fruit.

Your friend,
Thomas Snowdon

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a boxing bag, chemistry set, three pairs of socks, a shirt, a pair of blue jeans, and some candy, nuts and fruits.

Thanks. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Yours truly,
Curtis Inman

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a doll with hair and a set of dishes.

Your friend,
Betty Jean Roberts

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a B. B. gun and a pony.

Your friend,
Maurice Hood

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa,
We are two little girls. Age 5 years and 1 year.

I am Joyce. I want a doll, a doll cradle and a cabinet for my playhouse.
Brenda wants a doll and a doll buggy.
We have tried to be good.

Love,
Brenda and Joyce Brown

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me a bicycle and a bow and arrow.

Your friend,
Billy Terrel

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a housecoat and some houseshoes, camera and a girl's binoculars. Thanks very much.

Your friend,
Ruby Crump

P. S. There will be a piece of pie and cake on the table.

Memphis
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Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a pump "BB" Repeater and a punching bag rack my BB gun-5 packages. If you will I'll thank you much.

Sincerely yours,
Charles

Estelline
Dec. 1,

Dear Santa,
I am a girl in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Please bring me some shoes. That's now.

Your friend,
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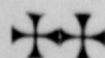
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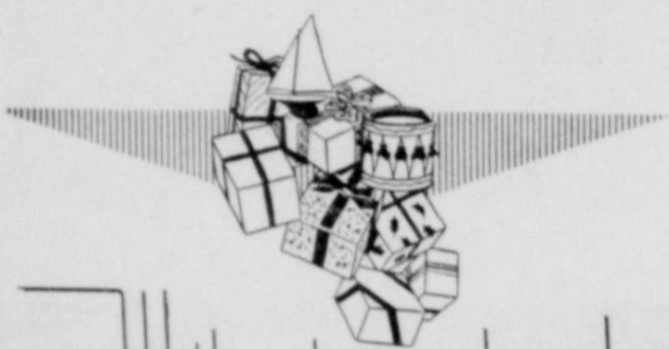
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Middies Express Their Wishes To Santa Claus

<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I have been a good little boy and will you please bring me a football, scooter, and nuts and candy. Don't forget the other children.</p> <p>Love, Patsy Ann Minchey</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I have been a good little boy and will you please bring me a football, scooter, and nuts and candy. Don't forget the other children.</p> <p>Your friend, Penny England</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a saddle, camera, pair of gloves, and a "B-B" gun with a telescope. I will try to be a good boy if you will come to see me.</p> <p>Donald Wayne Widener Thank you, Your friend, Dan Clyde Collins.</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 12, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa: Please bring me a ball set, a tool set, a pair of skates, a wood burning set, some books and a record player. I will try to be a good boy if you will come to see me.</p> <p>Estelline, Texas Dec. 3, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa: I am a little girl 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Mrs. L. A. Tucker is my teacher. For Christmas I want a cow girl suit, walking doll and a doctor's set.</p> <p>Your little friend, Janice Buchanan</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, December 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, How are you this Christmas? I would like a ceramic set and a pretty doll about seven inches tall, and nuts and candy. Be sure to go to see the other children. A very Merry, Merry Christmas.</p> <p>With love, Aimee Kay Young</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy eight years old. Bring me a space patrols suit and a new football suit with a plastic helmet. I would like some candy nuts and fruit.</p> <p>Love, Skipper Hall</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 5, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a new Roy Rogers notebook, clay set, and bingo set.</p> <p>Your friend, Jimmy Morris</p>
<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 5, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy in the second grade. Please bring me a big truck, a train, and a train. Don't forget my brothers.</p> <p>Love, Joe Parker</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 5, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll, blackboard and book satchel. Also some nuts, fruit and candy.</p> <p>Your friend, Linda Carol Moore</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a oil paint picture, and a Defender Repeater BB gun, and my sister wants a doll and doll suitcase, and some doll clothes.</p> <p>Thank you, Tomie Michael Tucker.</p>	<p>Estelline, Texas, Dec. 3, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa: I am 8 years old. My name is Frankie and I am in the second grade. I'd like for you to bring me 2 guns and a scabbard for Christmas. Also some cars and games, and especially a bicycle. Don't you forget now.</p> <p>Frankie Longbine.</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, December 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade. Travis School. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and some nuts and fruits.</p> <p>Yours truly, Judith Ann Evans</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 5, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a boy eight years old. Please bring me a Roy Rogers gun, a story book, a puzzle and lots of fruits, nuts and candy. Don't forget my teacher, Mrs. Davis.</p> <p>Love, Jerry Scott</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 5, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy nine years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a cap rifle, helicopter, basketball, football, and a ray-gun.</p> <p>Your friend, Ronald Ables</p>
<p>Lakeview, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I want a set of dishes, sterilizer set, Nurse's set, Tiny Tears, and doll clothes.</p> <p>Love, Barbara Smith</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am an eleven-year-old boy. I want a play mailman set, a football suit, a B-B gun, a football, a chemistry set and lots of candy. Get my niece, Ruth Anna, a spring horse, and a doll bed. Get my other niece, Susan, a doll, and a teddy bear. Get Ruth Ann some candy, too.</p> <p>Love, Winston Jones</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 1, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa: I am a girl five years old and I go to Kindergarten. I have been good most all this year. Please come to see me Christmas eve and bring me a girl's bicycle and a doll that talks.</p> <p>Be good to my music teacher, Miss Gertrude Rasco, my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Blevins, and grandmother and Jane Gayle. I will be in Abilene Christmas so please come to see me there. Remember all the poor boys and girls and all the orphan children.</p> <p>Love, Cheryl Ann Foster.</p>	<p>Brice, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, Please bring me some new guns also a tool chest. I have been a good little boy.</p> <p>Love, Buzzy Johnson</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, December 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy eight years old. Please bring me a football suit and a football. I would like some fruits, nuts and candy.</p> <p>Your friend, Darrel Parmley</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, December 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl ten years old. I am in the third grade. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a new doll, and a house coat.</p> <p>Your friend, Pearl Hood</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, December 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa Claus, I am three years old. Please bring me a toy piano, a truck, an airplane and some candy.</p> <p>Thank you, Roger Litton</p>
<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little girl eight years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a tent, football suit, and a football. And bring my little brother the same things that I want.</p> <p>Love, Danny Gunstream</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy eight years old, and have tried to be good. Please bring me a tent, football suit, and a football. And bring my little brother the same things that I want.</p> <p>Love, Danny Gunstream</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy eight years old, and have tried to be good. Please bring me a tent, football suit, and a football. And bring my little brother the same things that I want.</p> <p>Love, Danny Gunstream</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy eight years old, and have tried to be good. Please bring me a tent, football suit, and a football. And bring my little brother the same things that I want.</p> <p>Love, Danny Gunstream</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy eight years old, and have tried to be good. Please bring me a tent, football suit, and a football. And bring my little brother the same things that I want.</p> <p>Love, Danny Gunstream</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy eight years old, and have tried to be good. Please bring me a tent, football suit, and a football. And bring my little brother the same things that I want.</p> <p>Love, Danny Gunstream</p>	<p>Memphis, Texas, Dec. 4, 1952</p> <p>Dear Santa, I am a little boy eight years old, and have tried to be good. Please bring me a tent, football suit, and a football. And bring my little brother the same things that I want.</p> <p>Love, Danny Gunstream</p>

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a beautiful brown-eyed, blond-haired little doll. And I would like it very much if you would bring me a bicycle. Please! Please! bring me a nurse set that has all the nurse utensils. Be sure and bring the bike.

Lots of love,
Nancy Sue Seale

Merry, Merry Christmas!
P. S.: I want to see Rudolph this Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 6 years old. I want a wagon.

Roy Maddox
Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa:
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year, Santa. Please bring me for Christmas a bicycle and a Toni doll, and a doll buggy. Thank you, Santa.

From your little friend,
Mary Beth Evans



TIME FOR CAROLS . . . Men, women and children from Protestant churches blend their voices in carol singing before the blazing Yule log. This Christmas Eve custom is becoming increasingly popular throughout the country.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa:
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me for Christmas a bow and arrows and two Roy Rogers' guns.

From your friend,
Mike Van Deventer

December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a bicycle for this Christmas and a big box of fire crackers and some sparklers, nuts, apples, oranges, and candy.

Your friend,
Jerry Don McLaughlin

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 6 years old. I want an Alice in Wonderland doll.

Jennette Morrison

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa:
Would you please! Bring me a ten pound bow and arrows and a long range set that weighs three pounds and four ounces.

Love,
Kenneth Lee Jones

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa:
I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a good boy this year. Santa, for Christmas, I want a cowboy suit and an Indian suit.

Thank you, Santa,
From your little friend,
Lindel Prine

Memphis, Tex.
Dec. 7, 1952

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a bicycle, a Tony Doll that has blond hair, the tony set, and all the curlers? A sack of candy, fruit, a new school dress, too. Bring the nice boys and girls something, too. I wish you could visit our school room.

Love,
Mae Fern Browning

Dear Santa:
I want a Toni doll and a record player. I have tried to be good. Don't forget my mother and father and my granies, and all the under-privileged children.

Love,
Laquitta Jean Baten

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am ten years old and in the fifth grade at Travis School. Please leave me a watch and some records.

Your friends,
Fredna Brown

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a toy ice box, cabinet, and stove.

Frances Hood



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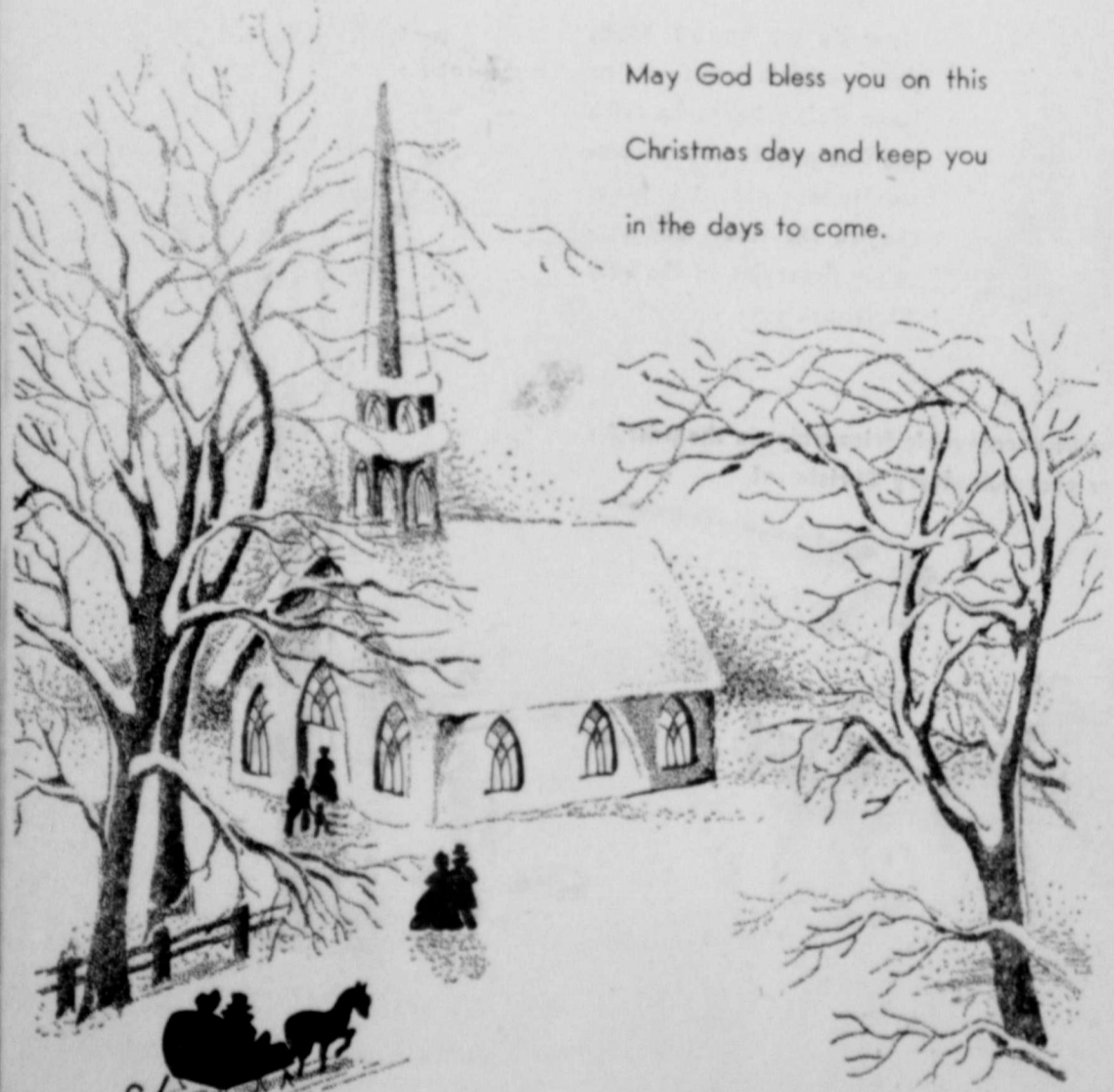
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



TO EACH OF OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Brice, Texas
 Santa: Please bring me a new doll, a set of dishes. Fill my plate with good things to eat. Remember all the other boys and girls.
 Lots of love,
 Jenny Starr Johnson
 Memphis, Texas
 December 4, 1952

Santa, I am a boy 11 years old. I want you what I want for Christmas. I would like a football suit, a football, basketball, a coat, a B-B gun. I would like fruits and nuts. I go to E. School. Thank you.
 Yours truly,
 Gyle Wells
 Memphis, Texas
 December 4, 1952

Santa Claus, I am a little girl four years old and have a little brother that is 2 years old. We have been children this year. Please bring me a doll with hair that can comb and curl. Also, a diaper bag with a bottle



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

other times I've been bad, but next year I'll try to be good all the time. It's hard to mind when you're just three and one-half years old.
 Please bring me a real doggie and a baby doll about that tall. I'll be waiting for you Xmas Eve so I can thank you for being so nice to me and I won't cry this year. I'll even let you hug me.
 Be sure and leave all the other good children some toys.
 I love you,
 Connie Childress
 Travis Elementary
 Memphis, Texas
 Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
 I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. For Christmas I would like a robe, a blouse and a plaid jumper. I would also like a doll with a blue evening gown on. If I can have it, I want a basketball. I hope everyone has a very nice Christmas.
 Thank you.
 Yours truly,
 Patricia Moore
 Memphis, Texas
 Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
 Would you bring me a model

caterpillar, a colored rocket, Roman candles, firecrackers and a big box of sparklers.
 Love, your friend,
 Jim Lacy Montgomery
 Memphis, Texas
 Dec. 12, 1952

Dear Santa,
 I am writing you these few lines. Will you please bring me something for Christmas. I wish for a bike, but mother don't have money to buy one for me. If you don't have a bike, will you bring me something else, and something for my sister, too. Her name is Elva. She is 3 years old.
 Goodbye, Santa,
 Consuelo and Elva Mendez
 Memphis, Texas
 Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
 I am a boy 10 years old. I want a football suit and a B-B gun and a bicycle, and some roller skates.
 My brother wants some Lone Ranger suits. Don't forget my little brother. He is four and one-half now. Get him a big rubber ball.
 Your true friend,
 Roy Lester



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy eleven years old and I have been a pretty good boy. I would like to have a football suit, tool set, a bicycle light, a football candy, and nuts. I am in the fifth grade.

Thank you.
Yours truly,
Bobby Jack Maddox

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 3, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I want to thank you for all the nice things you have given me in the past.

Please bring me two pairs of Gilbert electric train switches, one a crossover, two dozen curved track and some straight track about 20).

Help my teacher, Mrs. Estes, to have a very happy Christmas. Remember Grandmother Ball. Be nice to other children and especially extra nice to June Gayle.

Love,
Henry Foster, Jr.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 12, 1952

Dear Santa:
Would you please bring me a bicycle. That is what I want more than anything else. Also I would like a wetting doll in a suit case with clothes, a white Bible, a pair of skates and a blue skirt.

Your friend,
C. J. Goodnight

P. S. Don't forget my little sister, Suzan.

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl seven years old, and this is my first year in school. I try to be good, but sometimes I forget and act naughty.

I hope you will bring me a pair of skates, a baby doll, and fruit, nuts, and candy, and leave them at Grannie Preston's house in Midland.

Please remember all the other children in the whole world.

I love you,
Rita Faith Queener



SNOWMEN FOR YOU . . . Your local lumber dealer may have patterns for these plywood and hardboard "snowmen" which you can make yourself. If not, use this picture for a pattern and go to work.

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
In about twenty more days I guess you will be getting out your reindeer so you can go up and down chimneys to greet all the little children with nice presents. Please visit all the little children in Korea, China and many other countries. If some of the little children do not get to have any presents it will be all right if you give them some of mine. If there are enough presents to go around, please bring me a rhinestone necklace and bracelet and chemistry set. I will be so happy if you will do so. I will be looking forward to your visit this Christmas.

Your friend,
Barbara Allen

Lakeview, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 4 years old. I have been a pretty good little girl and I want you to bring me a little doll and table, chairs and cooking utensils and dishes, and fruits and nuts. I have a big sister. I want you to bring her something.

Linda Jane Hall

Memphis, Texas
Nov. 24, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 6 years old. Please bring me a baby doll and set of puzzles. Don't forget the other little girls and boys.

Love,
Betty Carol Long

Parnell, Texas
Dec. 1, 1952

Dear Santa,
For a little six-year-old boy who hasn't been very good or so terribly bad either, I don't know what you have, but I hope that it will be a pair of skates and a set of tools.

Please, please, dear Santa bring my little sister candy, an iron and ironing board so she won't fall in the floor and kick and cry if she doesn't get what she wants.

And for the like of me I can't understand why mother wants a paddle, but when I ask her what she wanted you to bring her, that is what she said—just a plain paddle!

I guess I don't need any candy this year for my teeth are all coming out. You can give it to some one else.

I love you,
Mickey Weatherly

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I don't want much this year. Whatever you bring me I'll appreciate.

Santa, please visit all the children in the world and especially in Korea, because there is a war going on over there. Their mothers and fathers (if they haven't been killed by the Reds) don't have any money to buy gifts. They don't even know what Christmas is. If there isn't enough toys to go round you can give them some of mine, because I want these unfortunate children to have a merry Christmas as I will have.

Yours,
Virginia Chappell

P. S.: Thanks for what you brought me last year.

Dear Santa:
I am 5½ years old. Please bring me a John Deere tractor and some equipment and a combine.

Bring me some fruit, nuts and candy.

Please remember the other boys and girls.

Your friend,
Jerry Beasley

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I know you are coming soon. Will you please bring me a small baby coo doll and a baton? Please bring me some nuts and fruit. I have been a good girl, I hope. Don't forget the other girls and boys. Don't forget my sisters too.

Your friend,
Celia Leslie

Burial Place of Santa Said To Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1027 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains.

However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub. There were many other stories about St. Nicholas, who became San Nicolaas in the dialect of the New York Dutch.



TIME OUT . . . Santa Claus pauses in his Christmas Eve visits sometimes to pick up a hot dog and ice cream cone at an all-night hamburger stand.



PRAYER . . . "O come let us adore him", these children pray on Christmas eve. Their prayer is the true and greatest gift of all.

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl eleven and in the sixth grade. For Christmas I would like to have a house coat, house shoes, watch, and a skirt. And don't forget the little girl mother is keeping. Bring her a doll buggy and a doll. Some fruits, nuts, and candy. I am hoping that every other boy and girl will have a nice Christmas. I am glad that I have the privilege to enjoy Christmas.

Yours very truly,
Joyce Marie Bloxom
and
Brenda Sue Coelho

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa:
We are two little girls age 3 and 5 and we want you to bring us a Toni doll each, and a record player and a lot of records, lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Be good to all the other little boys and girls too. We love you, Santa.

Love,
Shirley Sue and
Janie Ruthe Watson

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 3, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl in the third grade. I am 8 years old. Will you please bring me a big doll, and a little girl doll, and a suit case? I have a little brother in the first grade. He wants a shot gun that shoots caps. Bring us lots of candy and fruit. We'll be looking for you.

Your friend,
Sondra Stargel

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The radiance of Christmas lights up the world with the brilliancy of a new hope. It brings to us evidence of the potential goodness and greatness of man. It is the sign that the ideals of the Master are ever before us. Christmas still lives in the hearts of all!

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AND now, as you gather your loved ones and friends around you, we want to send our best wishes to each of you. At the same time, we say to you we appreciate your every courtesy during the days past that it has been our privilege to serve you.

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May this Christmas bring you rich blessings from above, and all the peace and goodness you so richly deserve.



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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Travis School
Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eleven years old and in the fifth grade.
I would like to have a watch, basket ball and a black pair of moccasins, fruit, nuts and other things good to eat.
Your friend,
Bettye Gidden

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 12 years old and I want a football suit and a watch for Xmas. I think I have been a good boy and a bad one too.
Your friend,
Teddy Wheeler

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football suit, a watch and a cowboy hat.
Your friend,
Fred Collins

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football suit, a watch and a cowboy hat.
Your friend,
Carroll Hanna

XXXMAS KISSES Mistletoe Bestows Good Fortune

VERY few people don't know what a sprig of mistletoe means at Christmas time—especially when there's a pretty girl standing beneath it! But few people realize that this very pleasant custom has its root in age-old superstitions.

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe. According to an ancient Norse legend, the sun god was slain by an arrow fashioned from the mistletoe plant. He was resurrected by his mother's tears, which falling upon the plant, were crystallized into pearly berries. Because of this magical healing, it was ordained that mistletoe should grow neither on heaven nor earth, but suspended between. That is the reason, runs the legend, that mistletoe is found growing on trees.

Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for that purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful powers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

Because of its supposed salutary properties, mistletoe was often hung over the doors of primitive houses as a sign of good-will. Belief in magic has disappeared, but this custom still remains. And a kiss under the mistletoe still has beneficial effects. Try it and see for yourself!

Los Alamos, N. M.
Nov. 16, 1952

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy three and one-half years old. I don't think I have been a very bad boy this year I hope that you think that I have been a good boy.
I would like to have a record player for Christmas if you have enough to go around to the other boys and girls who want them.
I think that I will be at my grandmothers and granddads house Christmas so just bring my things there will you?
Be sure and bring some nice things to my little cousins and to all good boys and girls.
I love you,
Mike Kilgore

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 3, 1952

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a B-B gun and a football. I would also like a pair of spurs. Bring me lots of candy, nuts, and fruit. Be good to Morzetta, mother, and daddy and all the other boys and girls. Look for my stocking on Christmas eve.
Love,
Kenneth Vines

Estelline, Texas
Dec. 3, 1952

Dear Santa:
I am in the second grade and I am 7 years old and I want a set of dishes and a doll and some dresses for my doll. Now, Santa don't forget all the poor children. Bring them something too. Good by Santa,
 Sylvia San Roman

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I'm a girl eleven years old. I want a doll twelve inches high with brown hair. I should like one that when she turns her head her legs move. I want her to ice skate, too. I also want a jewelry craft, an electric football game I want some nuts, firecrackers, and sparklers, too. Please don't forget any of the boys and girls over seas. They are having a very hard time. Do remember Grace Margaret Huckaby and her children because she had to move to Germany.
Please get Liz Johnson a bicycle that has "Liz" on it.
I'm sure that everybody will have a Merry Christmas. I hope you do too.
Lots of love,
Elaine Clayton

Clarendon, Texas
Dec. 8, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
Some times it is awfully hard to be good but I try to, so you will come to see me.
I will be 4 years old Dec. 31, and will you please bring me a doll and buggy; also candy, fruit and nuts.
Please don't forget all my little cousins and friends.
Bye,
Belinda Kay Wells

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old who would like a little man's suit to see my daddy in France. My little sisters would like a doll apiece. Please bring the toys we want.
Your friend,
Bruce Adecock

Memphis, Texas
December 5, 1952

Dear Santa,
I'm a girl eleven years old. My hair is brown and my eyes are brown. I'm about five feet tall. I am in the sixth grade. My teacher is Miss Hillhouse.
Santa, this year I'm not asking for much, but I will appreciate whatever you bring me. This is what I would like to have: a view-master, a bicycle, a basketball and goal, and a switch board.
Santa, please be generous with the needy children in foreign lands. Merry Christmas, Santa, and to all your reindeers.
Your friend,
Mary Lou Nelson

Memphis, Texas
December 2, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 4 years old. I have tried to be a good boy all year. I sure would like for you to come at Christmas time. Would you please bring me a sack of candy and fruit. I would also like a dump truck and some tinker toys. Please bring something to Mother and Daddy too.
Thank you a lot,
Jim Marcum III

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a doll bed and bring my little sister a tricycle and my brother a model truck. Please, Santa, and try to stop at our house last so you can play with our toys because I know you won't have time to play with any this year; so please try to this year.
Love,
Sharon Hooser and Vicki Hooser

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:
I am having my big sister write this because I am not big enough to write. I have been a good little girl, not very bad, sometimes though.
I would like for Christmas a doll, a little chair, a little broom so I can help sweep, a bracelet, a set of plastic dishes, a plate, a bowl, and a cup.
Love,
Freida Pearl Markham
P. S. Don't forget my apple, orange, and nuts.

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



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own and gifts are tied to Christmas trees.

In Finland, Santa has elves who passes out gifts for him.

In Italy there is no Santa Claus. Instead, they have a beneficent old witch, Befona, who sails through the air on a broom stick on Christmas Eve.

Brazil has Papa Noel, very much like Santa. He wears a red suit and travels in a sleigh drawn by reindeer. However, he enters the house through a window instead of the chimney.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so that the Magi may see their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fat, from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

In many other parts of the world Santa is not known, but many people exchange gifts nevertheless at Christmas time.



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS
Much of the joy of Christmas for mothers and fathers is watching the thrill children get from finding toys under the tree. These children express their joy on Christmas morning. Much of the joy for the children is the anticipation of and mystery in Santa's visit and the guessing about what the old fellow will bring.

Merry Christmas

May the happiness that you look forward to at the Christmastime remain with you and yours for many days to follow. Your every wish and ambition—may they be yours to enjoy.

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Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a doll that I can comb, brush, wash, and braid its hair. I want a doll buggy and a doll house. I am a little girl nine years old and in the fourth grade. I like my teacher very much and the whole room. They are all nice to me. I like my Doctor too. Oh! Santa, I want a watch like my mother's because it is very pretty.
Your friend,
T. Nina Nelson

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Chemistry Set, and Archery Set with hunting arrows, a twenty-two rifle with a telescope sight that costs \$33.95? A twenty-two pistol with shells.
Yours truly,
Mike Chamberlain

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I would like you if you would bring me an electric football set.

Have I been mean this Christmas? Are you still fat like you were last Christmas? I want some fireworks. I will tell you how many fireworks I want. I want two dozen colored skyrockets, and I want two dozen Roman candles. Then I want two dozen little red devils. I want about 3,000 firecrackers. Santa, are you coming to my grandmother's house? I want you to bring me a football too. Have I been a good boy this year? Please! Please! Make me do better in school the next six weeks. And I would like you to bring me a pair of shop-made boots, and I want about five new pairs of socks. Please make this Christmas very, very, very happy I would like it if you would bring me about five pairs of levis.
Your friend,
Sam Goodnight

Plaska, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl ten years old, and in the fourth grade. I want a Tony Doll, a Cinderella Watch, some mittens, some paper dolls, a color book and some crayons, a bicycle, a black board, a little



KEEPING CHRISTMAS

by
Henry Van Dyke

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

table and chairs and some dishes, and a nurse set. I want some chalk to go with my black board. Please bring all my friends something and something for my teacher. Don't forget to bring my mother and daddy something and also all my brothers and my sister and brother-in-law and sister-in-laws and don't forget my niece and nephew.
Merry Christmas to you.
Your friend,
Sharon Kay Saxon

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me the electric train that is in White's Auto Store with the water tower, the two spot lights, the bridge, the tunnel, all the tracks, all the train cars and the two rail road switches that make the train run; also the starter that makes the train start. I would like a large chemistry set, about two feet wide and two feet long. I would like a large archery set, 10 lbs., arrows with sharp points, arrows two feet long. One strong bow, four feet long. Seven arrows. I would like a B. B. rifle with spy glass on it. I would like to have a pair of walky talky's.

Your friend,
W. W. Chubby Lawkin

Mrs. McMillan's Room
Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me an electric train and a bat, ball and glove, and a football, colored

rockets, Roman candles, firecrackers and bow and arrow and a bicycle and a world's globe, a color book and a walkie-talkie tool set, pig bank, Roy Rogers' suit, pen set, B-B gun.

Your friend,
William Royce Brawley

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me an electric train and ball and bat, and a football, and a chemistry set and a B-B gun, and bow and arrow. Would you please bring all of those things.

Your friend,
Jimmy Pasby

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa:
I would like for you to bring me a Chemistry Set and bicycle, and hunting knife and scabbard. Please don't forget the hunting knife. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Gary Don Gillespie

Merry, Merry Christmas to all on earth.

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl eleven years old and in the fifth grade. I would like a record player, and records. I would also like a pair of skates, fruits, nuts, and candy, and every thing that is good to eat.

Your friend,
Betty Melton



Christmas Greetings

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

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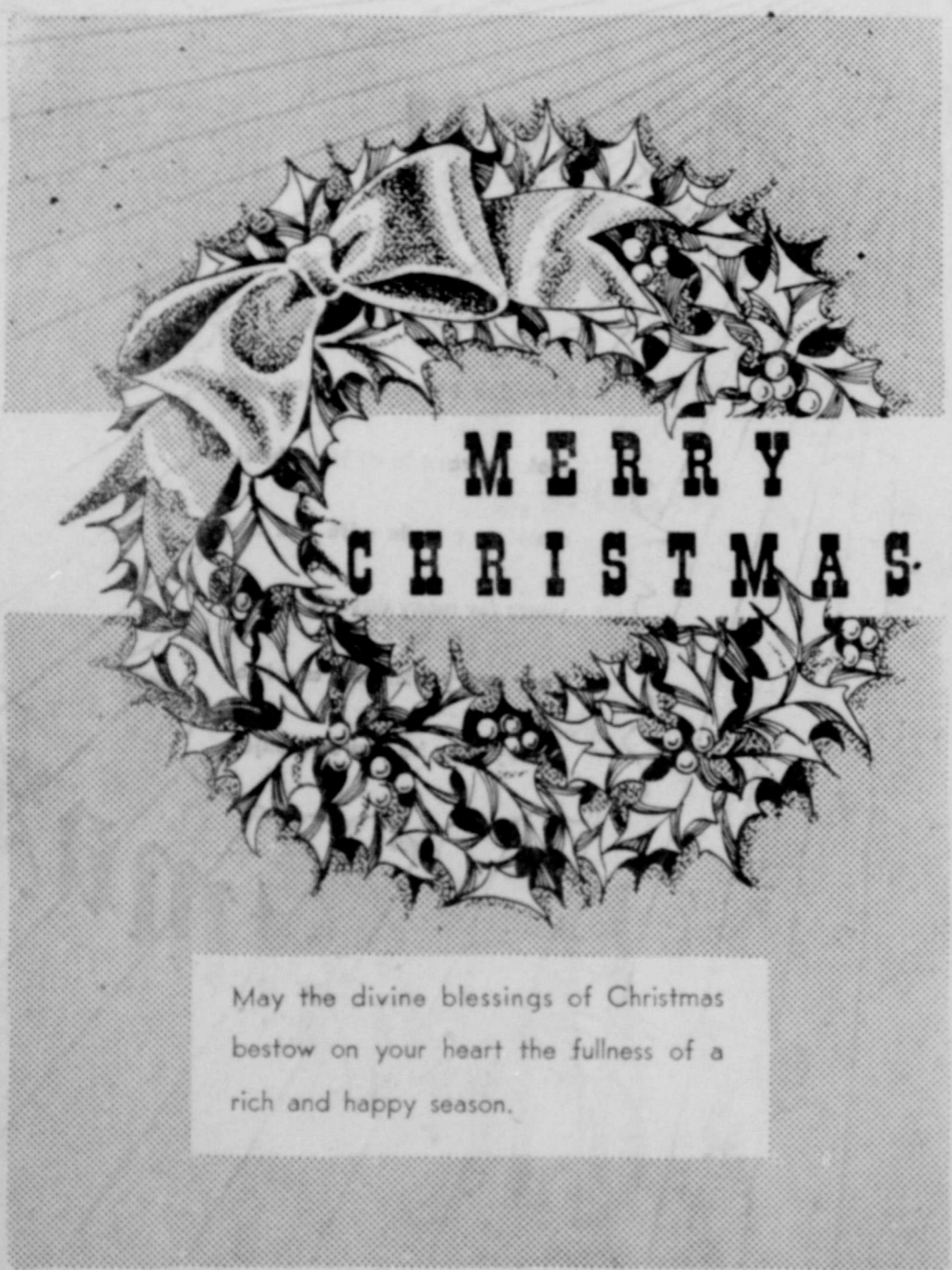
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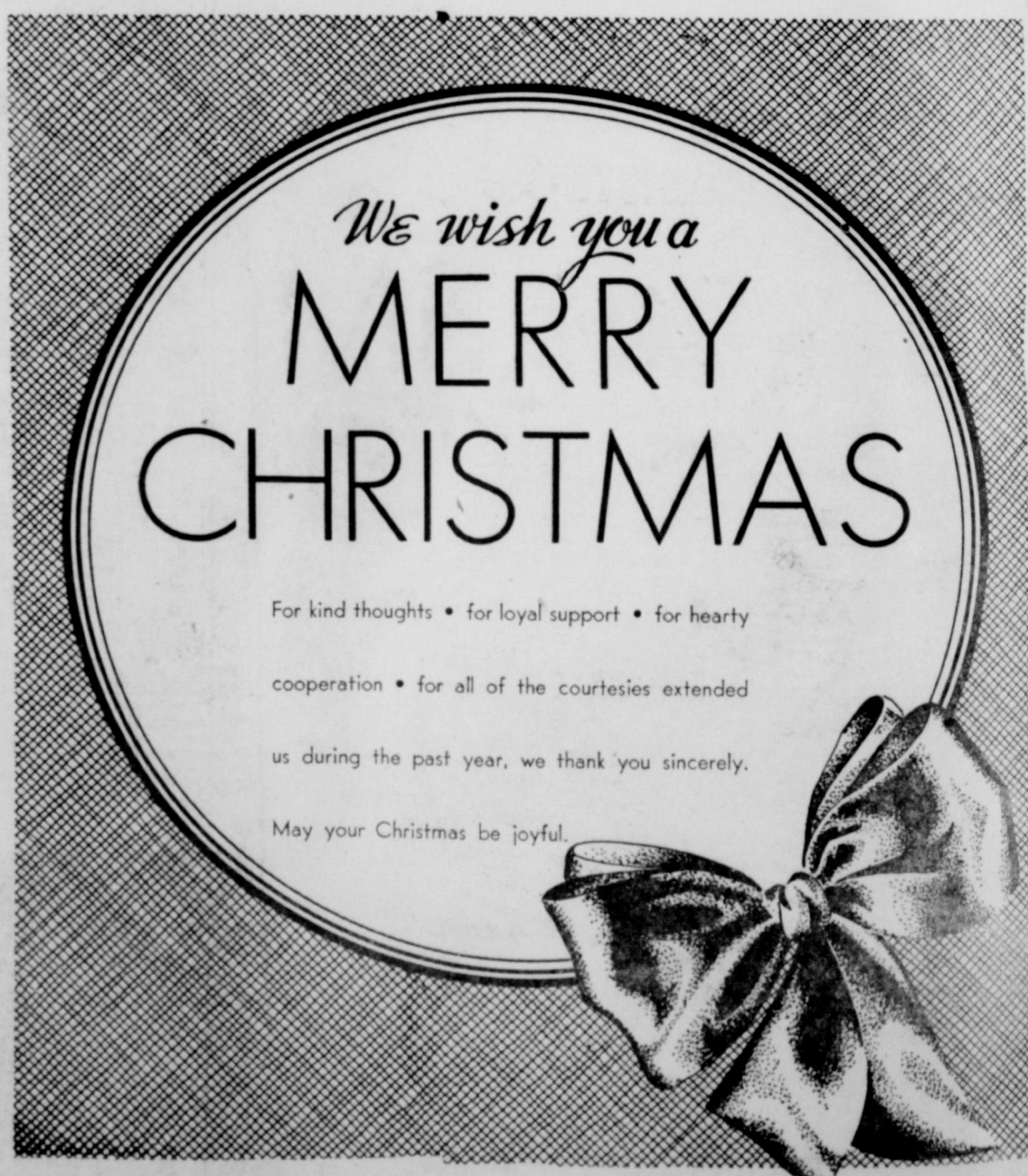
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May the divine blessings of Christmas bestow on your heart the fullness of a rich and happy season.

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We wish you a
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For kind thoughts • for loyal support • for hearty cooperation • for all of the courtesies extended us during the past year, we thank you sincerely.
May your Christmas be joyful.

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Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

You to bring me a new doll and a new bicycle. I would like for you to bring me a Nurse Set and some oranges. My sister wants you to bring him a Merry, Merry

Yours truly,
Cecille Williams

Memphis, Texas
December 4, 1952

Bring me a set of a Tony Doll? Please bring me a bicycle, and lots of apples. I would like a set of darts, and a nurse's new black board. I want to visit our room. Lots of love.

Your friend,
Dianna Riggs

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 4 years old. Please bring me a pair of slippers

Allegorical Parades Mark Mexican Yule

THE PEOPLE in Mexico build elaborate floats for allegorical parades during the holiday season. For eight evenings before Christmas there is a religious procession at the head of which the figures of Joseph and Mary are borne. On the ninth evening entrance is permitted and a religious ceremony conducted about the straw-filled manger of the Babe.

socks, a jumbo set of tinker toys. Please remember all my little friends, and I would like to have lots of nuts, candy and fruits.

Your little friend,
Jimmie Wayne Srygley

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 4, 1952

Dear Santa Claus, I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. I want an archery set and a microscope set.

Yours truly,
Eugene Newton

Dear Santa Claus, I am a boy eleven years old. I want a pair of boxing gloves and punching bag, a pair of chaps

True Christmas Spirit Is Found in Sharing

FOR A REALLY satisfying and meaningful Christmas, share yours with the old and feeble, the ill and shut-in, the bereaved whose sorrows you might lighten. Unfortunately, all the flurry and preparation associated with Christmas are apt to make parents as well as children overlook the real significance of the coming birthday of Christ.

and a chemistry set.

Truly yours,
Gayle Gilreath

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little boy four years old. I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me a radio, doctor set and some guns. I would like to have some candy, fruit and nuts if you have plenty. Don't forget my brother and sister.

Live,
Charles Booth

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little girl two years old. I have been good. Please bring me a doll, dishes an iron. Please bring some candy, fruit and nuts for my brothers and myself.

Love,
Susan Booth



GIDDEN ELECTRIC

Dear Santa, I am a little girl almost nine. I would like for you to bring me a record player and a few records, a pair of slipper socks, a Howdy Doody doll, and some perfume, lots of nuts, candy and fruits.

Your friend,
Patricia Dale Srygley

Memphis, Texas
Dec. 6, 1952

Dear Santa Claus, I am nine years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Tonie doll, a volley ball, an over night case, a bicycle, some record, to play on my record player.

Your friend,
Ellen Joy Reese

Memphis, Texas
Nov. 22, 1952

Dear Santa, I want a white and a black football helmet for Christmas. Lynette wants some overalls and toys for Christmas. I want a Santa Fe diesel. I want some toothball pants with paddings. I want a diesel switch engine.

Love,
Donnie Lee Spicer

Season's Greetings

HERE are some ads that are fun to write and this is one of them.

At this time of the year, one of our greatest pleasures is to send good wishes to our friends.

Your friendship and patronage has made our work more enjoyable and we want you to know that we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Santa Claus' RIGHT ARM

THIS MAY BE the post office's biggest Christmas. The postmaster general estimates that more Christmas mail - packages and cards - will be handled in 1952 than in any previous year. With this in mind, the post office department has hired extra employees and arranged for use of extra trucks for the holiday period.

The post office is Santa Claus' good right arm. It delivers gifts and greetings throughout the world, and it will do its best to get them there by December 25 - if they are mailed on time.

Much Christmas mail going overseas is handled in cooperation with the postal systems of other nations. But in the United States and its possessions, in U.S.-trustered islands in the Pacific and among U.S. servicemen in all parts of the world, delivery of holiday greetings is strictly a United States affair.

The army takes over, through its army post office, for troops serving outside the United States, be they in Germany, Korea, or somewhere on the way. The navy handles mail for its men on ships at sea and at naval stations anywhere on the globe.

Best known special Christmas business done by any post office is that of Santa Claus, Indiana.

HOLY GLASS . . . This stained window is in the church of Oberndorf, Germany, where the beloved Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," was first sung.

Greeting You at CHRISTMASTIME

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We Wish You a Joyful Christmas



Once again we are filled with the wonder of Christmas. Once more we lift up our voices in song and praise to herald the observance of the greatest occasion of all time. It is a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving, of meditation and the renewal of our faith. Each year we eagerly await the Christmas Season because it affords us a welcome opportunity to renew the good relationships with our many friends of this community. You have been considerate and thoughtful of this firm during the past and we look forward to many more years of business relationships with you. So, as we say "thank you" to our faithful and cherished friends, we unselfishly wish you the most Joyful Christmas you have ever had. May the Peace of Christmas be yours forever — our sincere wish for you and yours.

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