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### Telephone Company Opens Noel Street Office On Monday

The District office of the General Telephone Co. of the Southwest, which was temporarily located on the west side of the square, has been moved back to the remodeled building at 721 Noel St.

The announcement that the office was moved Monday was made by Roy Brewer, district manager. The temporary office on the square has been closed. "Residents paying their bills, should come to the office building at 721 Noel St," Brewer said.

### Babson Business Forecast for 1960 Be Published In Next Week's Issue



ROGER W. BABSON

The Memphis Democrat will publish, again this year, Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Forecast For 1960 in the Thursday, Dec. 31, issue.

According to figures composed from a careful checking of the Babson Predictions made in the forecast of 1959, upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 84 per cent correct.

Babson's 1960 Forecast will contain outstanding forecasts covering such important topics as: general business, commodity prices, taxes, trade, labor, inflation, farm outlook, stock market, real estate and politics.

Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment advisor, is considered an inspiring personality in American business.

Born and reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of both religion and advertising in business.

Upon graduating from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he turned to financial and business activities in which his father was engaged.

While convalescing from tuberculosis, he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business forecasting. His weekly releases are used by over 400 newspapers and his financial reports by 20,000 corporations and estates.

Babson has reportedly done more than any other man to create the spokesman said.



PONDERING A QUESTION—Pictured above is little Miss Johnnie Sue Hancock, thinking about an answer to Santa's question. "What do you want me to bring you for Christmas?" Just prior to this she had given Santa a big hug. This picture was taken Saturday as Santa was making his rounds of the local business stores. He was in Memphis Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, also.

### Cyclonette Cagers Win Two Trophies At Gruver

When Coach Bob Martin said that his Cyclonette team was seeking a trophy at the Gruver tournament last weekend, he didn't know they would bring home two.

The girls cager squad took the consolation trophy after dropping their first game to third place winning Higgins, and then were awarded the good sportsmanship trophy of the tournament.

In the Higgins-Memphis game at 1 p.m. Thursday the Cyclonette lost by a disappointing score of 35-51. This closed all hopes for

the local squad winning first in the tournament.

Then, in the Memphis-Hartley game at 9:30 a.m. Friday, the girls rolled passed the Class B squad 49-33. They dealt Hartley their second defeat in the tournament, after Hartley lost to the

local squad winning first in the tournament.

Sondra Stargel began hitting the basket in the Hartley game, racking up 16 points for the Cyclonette squad.

Then, in the final game for the local cagers played Saturday afternoon, they dealt Class AA Dalhart a sound defeat with the score of 52-39.

Tournament winners: Sunray, first; Perryton, second; Higgins, third; Memphis, consolation and sportsmanship.

Coach Martin said that the two local squads will begin workouts four days before school takes up following the Christmas holidays, to prepare for the Memphis-White Deer conference game in the MHS gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5.

### Rifle, Pistol Club Plans Sunday Shoot For All Firearms

Members of the Memphis Rifle and Pistol Club will hold a trap shoot and contest for rifle-men and pistol men Sunday, Dec. 27, according to an announcement this week by Pres. C. T. Snowden.

The after-Christmas shoot has been scheduled due to increased interest among sportsmen here. Five-men shoots will start promptly at 1 p.m. at the range located on the Memphis airport.

Prizes to be won will include hams, bacon, coffee and sugar. "Ladies and non-members of our club are also invited to come out and shoot," Snowden said. "Each shooter will have an opportunity to fire against others of equal ability."

In case of inclement weather, the scheduled shoot will be postponed for one week.

### Skip-Row Planting To Be Allowed Next Year

Cotton farmers will be permitted to use skip-row planting in the 1960 crop year.

This announcement was made by Agriculture Department Saturday under a Washington dateline carried by Associated Press. However, Lynn McKown, manager of the local Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization Office, said that he had not received any information concerning this from the department.

"The changes which the department had proposed earlier this month would primarily have affected farmers who practiced 'strip crop' or 'skip row' planting of allotment row crops—cotton, peanuts and tobacco," the AP release said.

The Department said it has de-

cidied against putting the changes in effect after a careful study of the data, views and recommendations received from farmers and other interested parties.

Under present regulations, a farmer can plant one, two, three, or four rows, consecutively, but was required to leave a minimum skip space of four rows. The skip-row rows were deducted in figuring acreage planted under a quota.

The proposed change would have stipulated that the skip space could be of any width, but there must be at least eight consecutive rows planted.

"A Department official had said the proposed change was under consideration because strip planting has the effect of increasing yield per planted acre. Cultivating down the skip rows makes more water available," the release said.

In measuring allotment acreage, when a skip row pattern is used, the entire acreage of a field is considered planted for program-compliance purposes if the skip-row area between the areas planted is less than four normal rows wide, the story concluded.

Skip-row planting has been practiced in the county for a number of years on dry land farms. According to the Washington release, the local farmers can continue with this practice.

### Funeral Services Held In Estelline For Mrs. Ella Sloan

Mrs. Ella W. Sloan Sr., mother of C. L. Sloan of Estelline, died Thursday evening, Dec. 17, at 9 p.m. in Denver, Colo.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, in the Estelline Methodist Church with Rev. W. O. Rucker, pastor, officiating.

Interment was in the family plot at the Estelline Cemetery with graveside services conducted by the Estelline Eastern Star.

Mrs. Sloan was born Oct. 28, 1869 at Russellville, Ky. She moved to Texas with her parents in 1883 and the family located at Waco. In 1887 she was united in marriage to Charles Lee Sloan, who had moved to Waco from Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan moved to the Panhandle in 1889 and homesteaded seven miles west of Estelline. Mrs. Sloan still considered Estelline as her residence.

Mrs. Sloan was a member of the Estelline Eastern Star, having served as the first Worth Matron.

Mr. Sloan preceded his wife in death in January, 1932. One (Continued on Page Ten)

### Jimmy Sanders, Hedley Youth, Dies from Injuries

Jimmy Carl Sanders, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Utah Sanders of Hedley, died at 6:57 p.m. Monday in a Groom hospital from injuries received Sunday night.

Jimmy Carl was caroling with a group of youths from the Baptist Church when the accident occurred. According to information received here, Jimmy stepped from the curb into the path of an oncoming car driven by Jerry DeBord. The accident occurred near (Continued on Page Ten)

### Justice of Peace Sets \$2,000 Bail On Suspect

General D. Garrett, 20, colored, was picked up Friday, Dec. 18, by Sheriff W. P. Baten Jr., and Deputy Sheriff Elmer Neel, and charged with the burglary of the Miller & Miller Freight Co. Warehouse.

The burglary was reported to the Sheriff's office Dec. 5. The first report was that 14 tires were taken in the burglary. However, Sheriff Baten said, the two tractor tires had not arrived at the warehouse, so they were not missing.

Nine Tires Recovered  
Sheriff Baten reported that nine of the 12 tires taken have been

recovered. "Two of the tires are now in California and one tire is in Oklahoma," he said.

Garrett was taken before Justice of Peace J. S. Grimes Monday and bail was set at \$2,000. At the latest report, he was still in County Jail.

Baten said that all but one of the stolen tires had been sold. This one was located on the care belonging to Garrett.

Garrett has been charged with night time burglary and will await action of the Grand Jury which will meet the second Monday in February.

### County 4-H, FFA Livestock Show Set For January 15-16

date for the 23rd Annual County 4-H and Future Farmers of America Livestock Show Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16, it was announced this week by O. R. (Doc) Saye.

meeting of the committee. All cattle, hogs, and sheep are supposed to be in the show barn, which will be at the new show barn in the old VFW building, by 8:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 15, Saye said.

The judging of hogs will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, with cattle judging beginning at 1:30 p.m., he said.

is the chairman of the Livestock Show Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and County Board of Deputies, the sponsoring organization. Tommie Potts is the vice chairman of the committee.

This year prize money will be awarded by the Chamber of Commerce as in the past. Vocational agriculture teachers

from Turkey, Lakeview, Estelline and Memphis, as well as W. B. Hooser, county agent, have been helping the C. of C. committee with planning the show.

Ribbons have already been ordered for the show, Saye said. On the Livestock Committee are Saye, chairman; Tommie M. Potts, vice chairman; J. E. Branigan, Frank Finch, Lowell Houston, David Hudgins, Paul Montgomery, James Norman, Jerrel Rapp, T. D. Weatherby.

### Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a jungle, a wagon, and a set...  
(Editor's Note: The above letter to Santa Clause, although unfinished and unsigned, was received along with dozens of other messages written by small boys and girls. Of course Santa knows the sender and the remainder of his letter.)

12-19-59

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a rocket launching set. And a whistling station to go with my train. Also, a rifle that sounds like a real one.

Love,  
Floyd Houdashell, Jr.

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Dear Santa,  
We will be spending this Christmas with my grandparents and I am writing this for my little sister Carolyn and myself.

Carolyn would like to have a big ball, a nurse kit and a baby doll, whereas I would like a toy car, a

shaggy dog, a doctor kit, and maybe a new doll with doll clothes.  
Thank you Santa,  
Susan Welch  
Age 3 1/2 years

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl two and a half years old. Please bring me a big bald-headed baby doll and Fleta one, too. You can bring me a doll suitcase and Fleta a doll house if you can find them, or just anything else.

Love,  
Dana Coldiron

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl in my sleep so please bring me a Coke dispenser, a June Bride doll, a nurse carrier, also, please remember my mean little sister. She wants a jack-in-the-box and a doll and a telephone.

Thank you from the two meanest kids.

Love,  
Karen and  
Melinda Beth Houdashell

### THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



### Highway Dept. Ends 41 Years Of Operation

The Texas Highway Department has just totaled its 41st year of operation, D. C. Greer, highway engineer announced last week in Austin. Another fact pointed to on the occasion was the fact that 80 per cent of the funds expended during the past year were for construction, and 13 per cent for maintenance.

"The 80 per cent expended for construction is the largest per cent that has gone for this item since the few years soon after the creation of the Highway Department. Almost all of the expenditures went for construction in those early days, as the counties were responsible for highway maintenance at that time. The department assumed maintenance of state highways in 1924.

"Over the 41 years, 70 per cent

of the funds have been expended for construction," Greer said. remaining 6 per cent from miscellaneous sources. In the 41 years of operation \$3.3 billion dollars have been spent on the Texas Highway system. The system now consists of 60,374 miles.



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By BOYCE HOUSE

The oft-made statement that our bodies are completely renewed every seven years, is, in my opinion, bunk. When I was 14 I had a tooth pulled. That was more than seven years ago—and it never has grown back.

I set out with Senator Yarborough in his first State race (in 1938) and as we stopped in our first town, he said, "I'll go first of all, to the political center."

"You mean the city hall?" I asked.

"No—the barber shop," he replied.

Where did the expression, "Hello, there" come from? I never heard it until a few years ago. Since the person to whom the speaker is speaking is usually standing about four feet away, why "there"? In fact, why not "Hello," or "Howdy" or "I'm glad to see you"?

The exposure of the TV quiz show fakery gives ground for another suspicion which I've had for some time and that is in connec-

tion with the sudden rash of books "written" by television personalities. Investigation might reveal that, in some instances, a book was ghost-written and a "personality" put his name to the volume as the author in order to sell the book.

Men are quick to point out how the ladies are dictated to when it comes to fashions, such as that thing which was called "the sack," and was given the sack.

But we men have allowed the vest to be taken away from us without protest. The vest was dressy looking for it concealed the vast expanse of shirt front which resembles a whitened sepulcher. Also the vest, on moderately chilly days, made a topcoat unnecessary. The disappearance of the garment ruined a saying, "He's so generous that he'll give you the sleeves out of his vest any time." And it enabled any man, no matter how insignificant he might be, to thrust his thumbs into his est, rear back and feel important.

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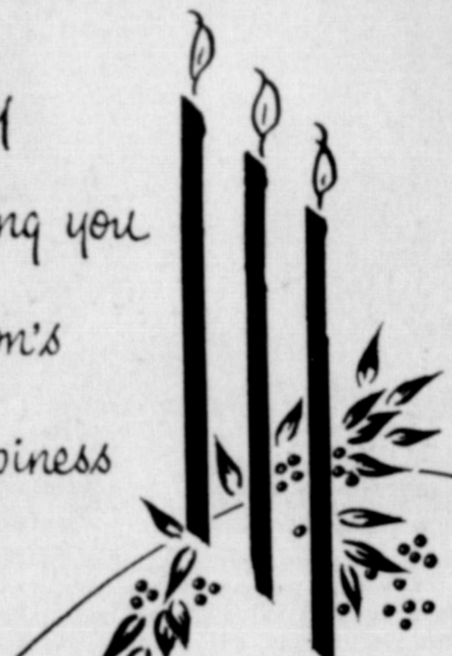
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## Report From Washington

By **WALTER ROGERS**  
Representative, 18th  
Congressional District



It's Here Again  
Christmas, that is. And it is necessary for everyone to extend seasonal greetings. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" The evidence available indicates that there are very non-conformists in this country on this subject. The order of day in all quarters seems to be the feeling of brotherly love and good cheer in the hearts of everyone. It would be wonderful if the same fine spirit could prevail throughout the new year. Everyone would find life more pleasant and their problems much less burdensome. It seems to me that this would be a difficult assignment if one would put their minds and try it for just one year. I could ever get this trial started, I am sure the reward would insure permanency. In fact, many of the trials and tribulations that beset people at the end of the year would ordinarily make it much more difficult to be in good cheer and high spirits. The worries which are associated with trying to reach a decision to gift would be pleasing to each person, and the realization

tion that once this is determined, the problem is only half solved; the remaining half of the problem concerns the source of the money that will be needed to defray the costs of the gifts and other activities. Of course, there are all kinds of lay-away plans, charge accounts, and credit cards to postpone the day of reckoning and thereby preserve the good spirit on a temporary basis. Most people, however, experience great concern over the obligations and worry about what the situation will be when pay-up time comes. Then there are the many minor obstacles to good spirits, such as traffic jams, congested mails, mix-ups in social activities, and many other time-consuming and frustrating situations. These of course are all added to the many burdens carried by so very many people throughout the year.

The point is that the Christmas spirit, to Christians everywhere, is so overwhelming that it makes the small trials and difficulties of life fade into insignificance. If it can do this for Christians, then it would stand to reason that the good will so generated could be translated to those of other faiths.

In so doing, the phrase "And on earth peace, good will toward men," would take on the real and objective meaning intended by our Lord. There would be much headway toward full realization of the intent and purpose of that phrase, rather than the hollow lip service so many times paid by men bent on armed conflict.

It is true that atheism has its roots deeply planted in many areas of the U.S.S.R. and other communist nations. These roots will extend deeper and spread out unless we as Christians can exemplify the teachings of our Master by practicing those things that He preached. We cannot hope to hold our own, much less accomplish any headway, if we are to forget the Golden Rule and search for ways to circumvent the Ten Commandments, in spirit if not in fact. We cannot falsify, cheat, misrepresent, and resort to half-truths, in our business or daily lives, and expect to stand as a Christian example. It is true that the shortcomings and frailties of human beings have been with us since Adam and Eve, but this does not provide an excuse for us to fail in our responsibilities and obligations in whole or in part. If we can measure up as practicing Christians during the Christmas Season, it might be a good idea to try to celebrate Christmas every week, or at least once a month.

I didn't mean to preach a sermon, but I got to looking at the huge Christmas Tree that is put up each year down behind the White House, and the many trees furnished by the other countries, and thinking about the President's peace mission in many of the turbulent areas of the world, and how courteous and kind everyone seems to be at this time of year. In other words, I've got the Christmas spirit and I just wish there were some way for everybody to have it all year 'round.

Anyway, the Rogers family: Jean, John, Walter, Jr., Susan, Tommy, Robert, Mary Catherine and the undersigned, wish for all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Walter Rogers  
Member of Congress  
18th District of Texas

### Games for All Make Christmas Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting the puzzle together.

The Xmas Scramble Contest is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following—astna, erireden, ehagil, dynca, gosknet, erte, trespn, hupnc, alsore, and niborb.

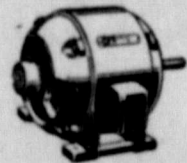
### England Once Forbade Christmas Observance

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule Log, the Carol-singer and the wassailers?

During the Reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day was sacrilegious. Parliament, on December 24, 1552, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

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## Senator YARBOROUGH'S REPORT

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Thirty assistants would enable

me to render the service I want to render to the people of Texas. I could render far more efficient service, but I have only 18 regular employees, plus the three half-time students.

Frankly, with key legislation to consider and pass, with mountains of mail to answer and many other pressing services to perform for Texans, we could easily keep that many people hard at work.

Our office directly serves and represents our 9 million Texans scattered over 265,000 square miles of territory. Our office procedure is a fast and complex operation where at any given minute the staff is working on everything from multi-million dollar water development projects, to major education legislation, to getting

an elderly widow's \$40 monthly pension raised or a disabled veteran hospitalized.

Our job of representing and serving the people under the American system of government by the consent of the governed is challenging and fascinating and almost never ending. Our staff is surely one of the hardest working and most dedicated in Washington.

For the service of Texans, we maintain offices in Austin and in Washington the year round. When Congress is in session, all of the staff except an assistant and one secretary, works in Washington. After Congress adjourns, I re-

turn to my Austin headquarters and half of the staff members re- turn with me to carry out our job here. James Boren, my Administrative Assistant, heads up my Washington office while I am in Texas.

Although the reports that we have a staff of 30 people are wholly incorrect, our sincere objective is to give Texans such efficient and responsible governmental representation that they will assume our staff is twice as big as it really is.

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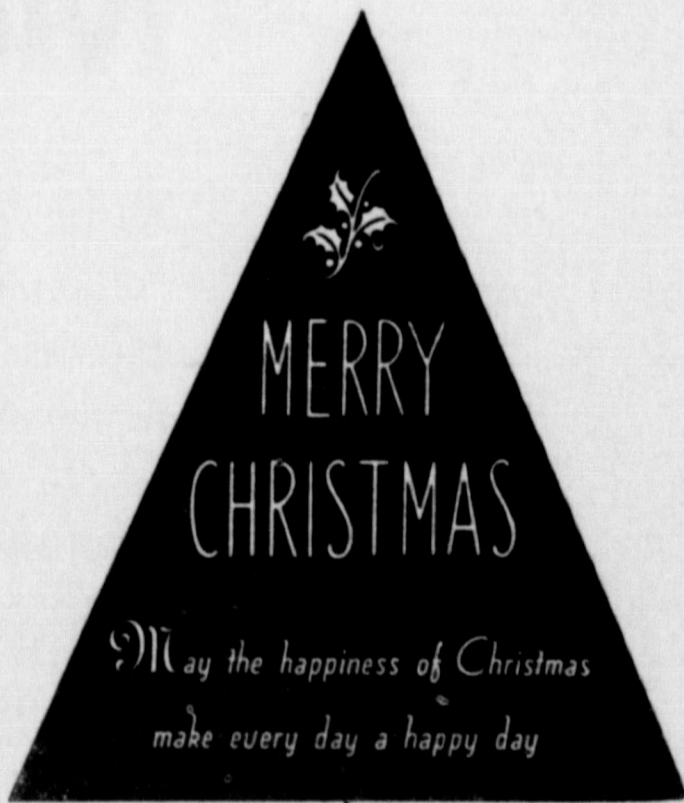
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### 1913 Study Club Members Enjoy Christmas Party

Members of the 1913 Study Club enjoyed the annual Christmas dinner party on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, in the home of Mrs. R. S. Greene.

Assisting Mrs. Greene with hostess duties were Mrs. Clyde Milam and Mrs. John Robbins.

The Greene home was very attractively decorated for the occasion in the Christmas theme. Dinner was served at four round tables centered with decorated miniature cedar trees. Individual places were marked by tiny angels.

A point of interest in the living room was a snow covered table featuring an angel flanked by tapers.

During the program hour, Mrs. Carl Yancy reviewed "Raphael, the Herald Angel" by Merle Hudson. "Precious Gifts," including love, thoughts of kindness, consideration and friendship for others, were brought by Mes. T. J. Dunbar, Clyde Milam, A. L. Gailey, R. C. Lemons, Herschel Combs and Miss Mary Foreman.

Mrs. A. L. Gailey, accompanied by Mary Foreman at the piano, led the members in singing Christmas carols.

Gifts were exchanged from a galaxy decorated Christmas tree.

Those enjoying the occasion were Mes. Herschel Combs, L. G. DeBerry, W. C. Davis, Allen Dunbar, T. J. Dunbar, Frank Foxhall, A. L. Gailey, T. M. Harrison, John Howle, D. L. C. Kinard, Hubert Jones, R. C. Lemons, Joe Montgomery, Mills Roberts, Belle Shults, M. G. Tarver, Carl Yancy, O. L. Helm, Sim Goodall, Virginia Browder and Mary Foreman and hostesses, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Milam and Mrs. Robbins.

### Draft Boards To Call 310 Men In January, 1960

The state quota for the Texas draft boards in January calls for 310 men, Colonel Morris Schwartz, state Selective Service director, announced Friday.

The state's January call compares with a quota of 454 for December and 447 for November. The January call is the state's share of a national quota of 7,000 men, all for the Army. The December national quota was 9,000.

Colonel Schwartz also announced that local boards would send around 1,053 men for pre-induction and mental examinations. These men return home after being examined at examining stations.

Local board quotas for the January call already have been figured and are scheduled to be placed in the mails to the boards Monday.

The January quota will be filled with men who are at least 22 years old on January 1, with the exception of volunteers or delinquents, who may be younger.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

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### A Peach Of An Orange Queen



Peaches and oranges go well together—when the peach is Miss Nancy Wakefield, queen of the 1960 Orange Bowl Festival in Miami. Miss Wakefield is shown arriving in New York City to appear on television, host a dinner for the Football Writers' Association selection of All Americans, and take part in the introduction of the new Renault sports model, the Caravelle.

A University of Florida sophomore, Miss Wakefield was selected from more than 100 college girls who competed for the honor of serving as Orange Bowl football queen. The week-long festivities in Miami will be climaxed by the twenty-sixth annual Orange Bowl football game, telecast on New Year's Day, between eleven from the University of Georgia and the University of Missouri.

### Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy and will be eight years old Christmas Day. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a 26 inch bicycle.

I will be at my grandmother's house for Christmas.  
Love,  
Ottie Ray Jones  
Seagraves, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a rifle that will throw bullets out and a fanner 50 and a BB gun. Also a 25 inch bike.  
Jim Van Pelt

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl five years old. I would like for you to bring me a record player and a Toni doll.

I will be at my grandmother's in Memphis for Christmas.  
Love,  
Melissa Jane Jones  
Seagraves, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a stuffed tiger and a Josh Reynolds gun.  
Thank you,  
Gary Lynn Sims

### Billie J. Smith Named Among Tech 'Who's Who'

Twenty-four Texas Tech students have been nominated for the 1960 "Who's Who Among Students" have been nominated for the Colleges.

They were selected by a student committee representing the 5 undergraduate schools of Tech. The students were nominated by Deans, faculty members and students.

Committee selections were based on scholarship, character, leadership and service to the student body. Each nominee must have at least a 1.65 grade-point average for nomination.

Included in the list was Billie Jean Stroehle Smith, daughter of Mrs. Reba Stroehle. Mrs. Smith is a senior arts and sciences major with a 2.94 grade-point average. Her activities include: Texas Association of German students, president; vice president; Alpha Lambda Delta, senior advisor; Kappa Mu Epsilon, secretary; Der Liederkreis, president; Junior Council, treasurer; Mortar Board; Lychnot; Phi Kappa Phi; All College recognition service; Texas Tech Scholarship for upperclassmen; and Gamma Phi Beta.

Red River Valley Hereford Breeder's Association

### 11th ANNUAL SALE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1960

At the Tillman County Fair Barn

South 8th Street Fredrick, Okla.

Judging for sale order will be at 9:30 a.m. Sale will be held in a heated barn and will be held rain or shine at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Selling 22 females and 54 bulls of both Polled and Horned Herefords, all of top quality.

Bill Heldenbrand, auctioneer Max Carpenter, Judge

For catalogues write:

Aubra L. Wilson, Sec., Box 740, Frederick, Okla.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 8 months old. I would like a doll, some stuffed animals and pull toys. Please remember all the other children.

I love you,  
Robin Harvey

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll.  
Thank you,  
Debbie Yarborough

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a guitar and a jungle set.  
Danny

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an electric football set and a cowboy hat.  
Chris Liner  
Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy and I am 8 years old. I have been a good boy.

Please bring me a watch, tether ball, Fanner 50, Rifleman gun, clothes, shoes, and a belt.  
Your friend,  
James Spruill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and some candy.  
Thank you,  
Carol Brundige

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a gun.  
Thank you,  
George Riley

### Cars Must Stop Before Passing Stopped Buses

Strict compliance with the law requiring vehicles to stop before passing a halted school bus was urged this week by Captain J. W. Blackwell of the Texas Highway Patrol, Amarillo District.

"An unusually heavy toll of casualties in school bus accidents since school opened this fall should serve as a challenge to all motorists to save their children from death and injuries, simply by obeying the law," he said.

Capt. Blackwell reported that since Sept. 1, there have been 10 fatalities and 97 injuries resulting from accidents involving school buses across the state. He pointed out that the great majority of the victims were children being transported to and from school.

The school bus law is very simple and specific. It requires vehicles from either direction to come to a complete stop before passing a school bus which is discharging or taking on passengers. After stopping, the vehicle may proceed around the bus at a speed not to exceed 10 miles per hour.

The captain noted that the law carries penalties up to a \$200.00 fine for violation, but added, "The real penalty lies in the possibility of killing or injuring a small child."

"While the Highway Patrol is constantly on the alert for offenders, obviously the real responsibility for keeping our children free from totally unnecessary harm on their way to and from school belongs to the motoring public," he said.

According to Blackwell, it would be well for every driver to think about every school bus he approaches as if it were carrying one of his own children.

Avoid lumpy gravy by mixing a little cornstarch with the flour.

### Harmony Club Members Enjoy Yuletide Dinner

Members of the Harmony Club were entertained with the annual Christmas Dinner party Saturday evening, Dec. 12, at 6 o'clock in the home of Mrs. L. G. DeBerry.

Serving as co-hostess for the occasion were Mes. Ruby Compton, Bob Fowler, Dick Fowler and Miss Gertrude Rasco.

Decorations throughout the home were in keeping with the yuletide season. A gift exchange was enjoyed following the program.

The program included the following selections: a solo, "O Holy Night", by Mrs. Charles Hamilton and accompanied by Mrs. T. L. Rouse; oriental Christmas poems by Miss Esta McElreath. Concluding the program the group joined in singing an original sing, the words of which were written by Miss McElreath and the music by Mrs. Rouse.

Enjoying the Christmas dinner were Mes. M. C. Allen, Gordon Gilliam, R. S. Greene, Charles Hamilton, D. L. C. Kinard, Clyde Milam, T. L. Rouse, Robert Sexauer, Billy Combs, L. B. Madden, Misses Mary Foreman, Esta McElreath and the hostess group, Miss Rasco, Mrs. Compton, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Dick Fowler and Mrs. DeBerry.

Use left over sweet pickle juice instead of vinegar in cole slaw.



Panhandle residents should contact their social security office one or two months before they actually retire and start drawing social security payments, according to Hal Geldon, manager of the Amarillo Social Security office. An application filed early will help the first social security check arrive on time.

Geldon pointed out that to speed the mailing of the first retirement check, the person filing the application should bring certain important documents with him when he files his application. These papers include: the social security card; an old record that shows the claimant's correct age or date of birth; and, if he is self-employed, he should bring a complete copy of the last tax return he filed. There may be other papers needed, depending upon the situation, but no one should delay filing his claim just because he doesn't have all the evidence he believes he may need.

Persons interested in filing an application for monthly retirement payments, Geldon said, should write their social security office. The address is: Social Security

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Geldon advised that all persons intending to retire should contact the Amarillo social security office one or two months before actual retirement. They should bring with them the papers necessary to establish their rights to benefits. These include the social security card, proof of age, and proof of earnings for last year. Proofs of earnings can be W-2 form or, if the person was self-employed, the income tax return with Schedule

C or Schedule F and the cancellation tax with the self-employment tax was paid. If the person's wife is 62, she should bring proof of her age. Also there are any children under 18, their birth or baptismal certificates, or other proof of relationship should be furnished.

Bringing these records, Geldon said, will save the individual and trouble. Most important of all, it will help insure that the first social security check will arrive soon after retirement.

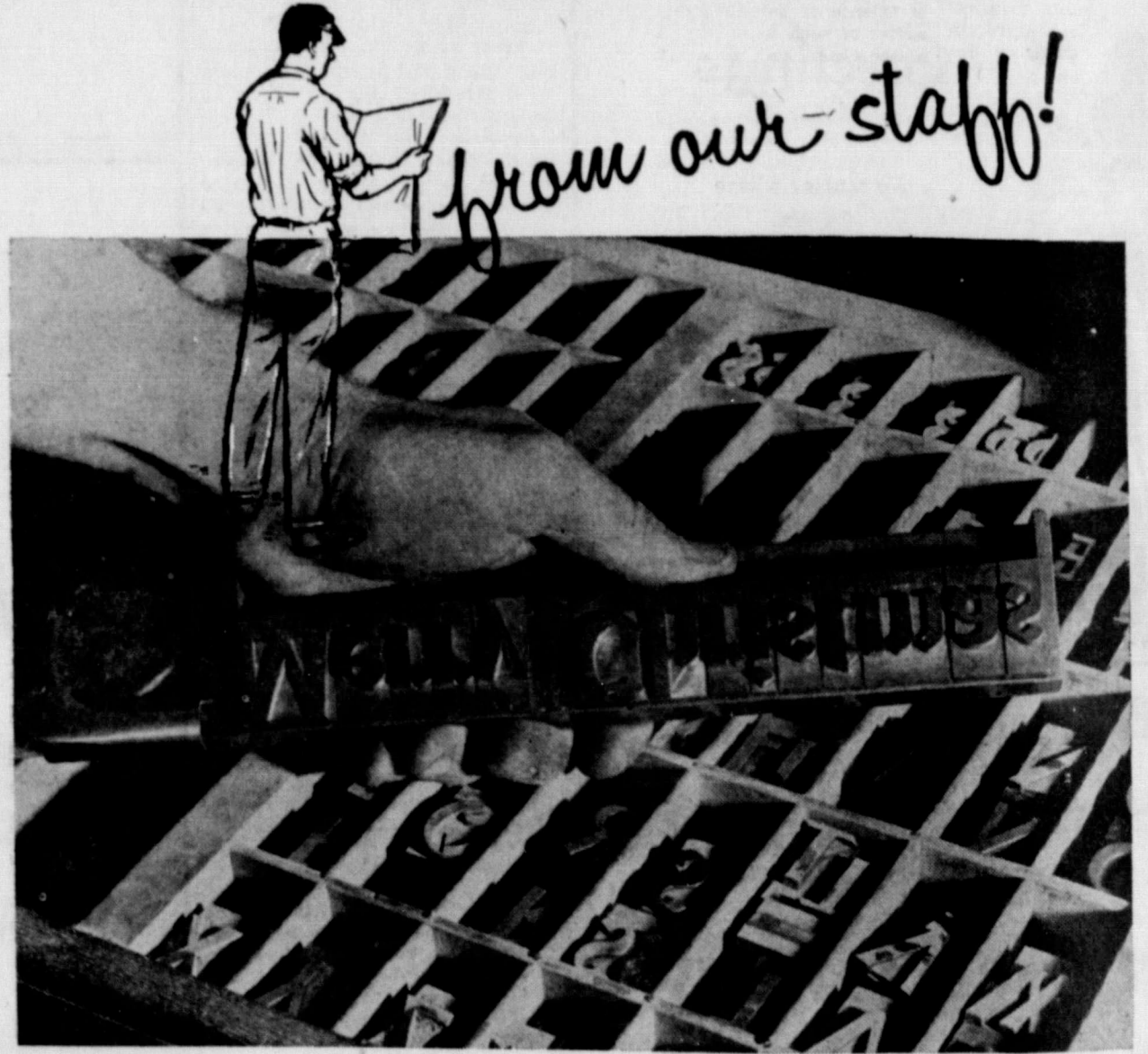
Mr. and Mrs. Don Beasley of El Paso are visiting here during the Christmas holidays with parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Widener and family and Mrs. M. A. Beasley and Jerry

To wish you a bright and merry Christmas

We will be closed from Dec. 25 through Jan. 1.

I can be contacted at CL 9-2922

MEMPHIS STUDIO  
Mrs. Mack Graham



# Merry Christmas

As the deadline draws near for publishing this annual Christmas edition, the printer takes stick in hand and sets the well-known expression shown above. It is but one of the steps in producing a newspaper, but it has added significance to all of us here — publishers, editors, printers, operators, pressmen, ad salesmen and proofreaders.

As this edition "goes to press," each one here wishes for all of you a most delightful Christmas. May it be memorable in every respect . . . and may the headlines we write in 1960 record only happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

# The Memphis Democrat

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# Health Dept. Warns Against Drinking Mistletoe Berry Tea

Mistletoe is fine when cast in traditional Christmas role. Drinking a tea of mistletoe berries is not — repeat, is not — part of the holiday.

National Clearinghouse for Poisoning Control Centers has a record of death following the drinking of mistletoe berry tea. It came hours after the victim drank the brew.

There are more than the usual hazards to life and health around the American home during the Christmas season, all capable of putting a damper on festivities.

Some kill, some seriously sicken the unwary. Holly, for example, is widely used as a Christmas decoration. Its berries are reportedly toxic when eaten, producing violent nausea and central nervous system depression.

Christmas tree bubbling fluid, made of methalyne chloride, is lethal in certain dosages. Cases have occurred where very young children have swallowed or inhaled the fluid.

Fireplace colors are made of metallic salts. When thrown into a blazing fire they create multi-colored flames. Youngsters have been made severely ill after accidentally eating the salts.

It isn't the snow but the gas propellant which makes snow sprays dangerous. The snow is made of a harmless plastic and fatty acids, but pressurizing gases can be toxic when inhaled in sufficient dosages. Fortunately the gas evaporates after the snow is sprayed, so there is no residual effect.

Don't be too concerned if the kids eat a few icicles off the tree. In their metallic form they're practically insoluble and therefore poorly absorbed.

Those smoke pellets for toy trains, while not recommended as a steady diet, probably are not dangerous either. They do contain potentially toxic ingredients, but it is unlikely a youngster could eat enough of them to be poisoned.

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## CHRISTMAS 1889: EDISON'S TALKING DOLL



Little Girl With Talking Doll



Mechanism of Talking Doll

In these days when talk of automation and space stations is everyday conversation, even toys have gone "out of this world". It was not always so. When Christmas rolled around for the children of the 1890's, the best any little girl could hope for was the excitement of a doll that could really talk; and the electric train, soon to be a "must" for little boys, was still in the experimental stage.

For this was the heyday of Thomas Alva Edison, the man who made many commercially practicable inventions, but never forgot the joys of childhood and the magic of Christmas. The Wizard of Menlo Park, as he was known, had invented the phonograph in 1877 primarily as a device whereby businessmen could dictate their correspondence — a purpose for which it is still used today. But by the early 1880's, he realized that it had entertainment possibilities as well, and set to work on a series of talking toys, as well as what we have come to know as phonograph records.

Of these toys, which were to include a talking clock and a collection of talking animals, only the doll was ever made in quantity, according to archives of the McGraw-Edison Company.

Although her vocabulary was limited to a few nursery rhymes like "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and "Peter Pumpkin Eater", the doll was an immediate hit. Dressed in the fashion of the day and standing a sturdy 20 inches high, she

made her debut at the Paris Exposition of 1889 and was thereafter on view at many fairs and exhibits. *Leslie's Illustrated Weekly* of October 1890, a popular periodical of the time, found her sharing the cover spotlight with her inventor and she was much written up in other magazines and journals.

As for her talking apparatus, it was installed in the galvanized tin tube that made up the torso of her body. The horn mechanism of the phonograph was installed in a kind of grating under her chin and the wax cylinders or recordings were placed in her back. Like all the few turns of a crank to get her started. Although all this did not make her the most cuddly of creatures, it did make her rather an accomplished young lady. Considering that each cylinder was only 3" across and 3/4" long, she was a wonder, indeed. Unfortunately, there are no catalogs left to tell us how much she cost.

Although Edison's talking doll is no longer manufactured, she and her sisters still may be seen at the Edison Museum adjacent to the McGraw-Edison Company factories in West Orange, N. J. And she has left a rich heritage to generations of children. Today's little girls are playing with her descendants and the miniature depot that tells your son's imaginary electric-train passengers when the "Flyer Express" is due to arrive are all part of the talking toy trend that Edison started just seventy-nine years ago.

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## Locals and Personals

The Marcum family held their Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. Maudie Billingsley Sunday. Enjoying the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Marcum Sr. of Sayre, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Marcum of Estelline, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marcum of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Curtis and family of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Red Spradlin of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weatherly and daughter of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Marcum and daughter of Levelland and the hostess, Maudie Billingsley.

Lynn Koen, son of Mrs. D. B. Koen, underwent surgery last Friday in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He is reported doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff P. Watson of Lubbock spent Sunday and Monday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Roberts and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Kennard and Gurvis D. and June and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Kennard left Saturday for Nogales, N. M., to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Payne and Vicki. Mrs. Payne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Kennard.

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman of Cheyenne, Okla., are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman, Sr., during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aspgrren were in Amarillo Sunday night to meet their son, Harold, who arrived home for the holidays from Naval Officers Candidate School in New Port, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Smith and son, Truman, and T. D. Weatherly spent Sunday at Lake Kemp.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack T. Baldwin and daughter, Kay Nell, of Amarillo visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Baldwin Sunday en route home from Dallas.

Terry Kirk of Midland and Tim Kirk, student at the University of Texas Law School are visiting here throughout the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fan Kirk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hood and family of Levelland spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zach Hood.

## Tax Man — SAM SEZ

The income tax forms and the instructions on "how much do I owe" will be sent to most taxpayers right after January 1. This is the season, however, when a lot of people want to see how they stand on their taxes for the year. If you

want to start studying on your income tax business you may want the following publications:

- Farmers' Tax Guide, free
- Your Federal Income Tax, 40c
- Small Business Tax Guide, 40c

You can order these publications from Internal Revenue Service, 2101 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas. They are easy to read and worth the money.



## Behold, A King is born this day!

From that glorious night many centuries ago, when the shepherds came from their flocks to worship at the manger, mankind has looked to the Child of Bethlehem for guidance and hope.

As we remember once again that starry night, let us remember the promise of it... and let its light guide our path.

Our best wishes to your entire family for this Christmas season and all the days to follow.

Mrs. J. B. Evans Was the Winner of the Sewmore Sewing Machine, Which Was Given Away In Our Store at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22nd.

## Wood Bros. Super Market

Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Wood  
Bud Barker Mrs. R. E. Crooks Loyd Langford  
Rex Grisham Dale Sexton



## A Glowing Christmas

This is our wish for you as once again we come to the Season when we re-affirm the hope of Peace and Good Will among all men.

Our thanks to you for your past favors and our wish that this be the brightest Christmas ever.

## H. C. FOWLER COTTON CO.

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# Harold Gentry

From the Folks at  
Fowlers Drug

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## Editorial

### Our "Bill Of Rights"

December 15 is observed each year as "Bill of Rights Day" throughout the United States. In an effort to explain the importance of this "document," the State Bar of Texas recently issued the following:

The American "Bill of Rights," consisting of the first ten amendments to our federal constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civil rights of the individual citizen. Unaltered by subsequent amendments and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be respected by our governing bodies today.

Among the most familiar of our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech and of the press. The same article protects the rights of peaceable assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense; against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case; and against having his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for capital (death penalty) or other infamous crime, unless upon a presentation or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without orderly court procedures, or due process of law.

The right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights."

Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII. Other articles insure the right to bear arms and ban quartering of soldiers in private homes during peace time.

Then, to make quite clear to our governing bodies, the underlying intent of the preceding provisions, the Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes this basic theory by providing: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Thus, that fundamental philosophy expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that men are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that "to secure these rights," governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, has been carried forward into the highest law of our land.

### Christmas — 1959

Under the pressures of modern-day living, a slight trend is being seen in many sections of this nation which points to many persons losing sight of the true meaning of Christmas. It has been voiced in church publications and elsewhere that the annual celebration of the birth of Christ is being "commercialized." It seems that the custom of gift-giving, which is estimated to be a \$3 billion item, is frowned upon in some places.

The manner in which this nation celebrates the holiday is based upon custom and tradition. We have the legends of long ago and the customs of our forefathers, who lived in many countries in Europe and Asia. These dictate individual family's procedure, whether it be the decorations, feasting, festive parties, etc.

Even the word Santa Claus comes from the name "Saint Nicholas," and is a play of sounds according to differences in languages. According to legend, St. Nicholas lived about 300 years after the birth of Christ in Turkey. Due to his goodness and generosity he became the patron saint of many countries, especially of boys. In the re-telling of stories and legends about this man down through the centuries, the modern customs have been developed. He was a generous and kind man, and was prone to give freely of his wealth. Hence the custom of gift-giving.

Foremost in the minds of Christians has always been the birth of Christ, the Saviour of mankind. This story, taken from the Bible, is told and retold in churches and homes at this time of year. It is referred to in advertisements and cards which are read by the people of this busy nation.

In our opinion, the best "Christmas Story" is that told in the Bible, Luke 2:1-20, which is reprinted below: Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. The first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying

## YESTERDAY AND TODAY



"FEAR NOT: FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE."

### Press Paragraphs—

#### QUOTING OUR NEIGHBORS

**Benson Champion**  
No doubt if we charged that the Farm Bureau on the national level is even more loyal to the Republican party than is the GOP National Committee, FB supporters would charge us with everything from facetiousness to dishonesty.

Try to figure this out, if you can.

In recent months even the agricultural segment of the Republican party has been highly critical of Ezra Benson. True, it has always been the policy of the GOP to "take care" of its own farmers in traditional Republican territory, Iowa, Nebraska, and other rock-ribbed Republican farm states. Meanwhile, it has known that farmers in Texas, Oklahoma and those in other traditional Democratic states are only fair-weather friends of the GOP and the GOP has never gone out of its way to court them.

Members of the Republican National Committee, meeting in Chicago last week, suggested that Ezra Benson step down as secretary of agriculture. Senator Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky was named to talk frankly with Benson, suggesting that he quit.

While this Chicago meeting was in progress, American Farm Bureau Federation President Charles Shuman, also in Chicago, was taking up for Benson and criticizing Senator Morton for his remarks.

Shuman backed up Benson, saying the Republicans had made a "whipping boy" of Benson.

Shuman said he thought "in rather bad taste" the recent remark of Senator Morton, Republican national chairman, who said some farm belt national GOP committeemen had mentioned Benson should resign.

"I think," Shuman said, "that what Benson's critics really want is to divert the public's attention away from some of the policies they have proposed themselves that have not worked. This is a poor time to start talking about Ezra when he is still in the hospital recuperating from an operation."

In fairness to Benson, it must be said that he should not bear criticism for his policies. Benson is an honest, conscientious man. He is perfectly sincere in his efforts to relegate the farmer to the status of the Mexican peon. And he shouldn't be criticized for doing all he can to execute his sincere beliefs. He would be dishonest and a hypocrite to do anything to compromise his philosophy of American agriculture.

Benson did not seek his present job. The job sought him. When the Republicans got in the saddle back in 1952, one of their first jobs was to take the Department of Agriculture away from the friends of the farmer. The GOP bigwigs, those

pulling the strings which manipulated Ike, sought out the one man in the United States they thought best qualified to put the farmer back in his place—where he was prior to 1932. They selected Ezra Taft Benson. He is the one man who has done such a magnanimous job in executing the traditional Republican farm policy that he has been considered irreplaceable. Every member of the original Eisenhower cabinet was allowed to resign, except Benson and John Foster Dulles.

So if we don't like Benson, we have no one to blame but those who insist on keeping Benson in office. To be admired is Benson for sticking to his beliefs in the face of severe criticism even from members of the GOP national committee who come from farm states.

It's just one more example of the fundamental principle of politics—it isn't the man, it's the party.

—The Tulsa Herald



## Memories Turning Back Time

From The Democrat Files

### 30 YEARS AGO

November 22, 1929

County Agricultural Agent E. W. Thomas has announced the coming of M. R. Bentley, agricultural engineer for the extension service of A. & M. College, to conduct a terracing school somewhere near Memphis and on the fourth, he will go to Turkey to conduct a similar school there. The Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, came to a close in Pampa Sunday night with the reading of appointments by Bishop John Moore of Dallas, who presided at all the sessions of the conference which started Wednesday of last week. Season's First Snow Fell Last Weekend: Snow Fell last Thursday afternoon during the Memphis-Clarendon football game at such a fast rate that the field was soon white. It continued to fall until early Saturday morning. Last Thursday afternoon the Memphis High School Cyclone became champions of section D in this district when Clarendon forfeited the game late in the fourth quarter. J. P. Collins and B. Collins announced last week the opening of the Collins Bros' Radiator and Tin Shop at 109 North 7th St. On Friday night Miss Vera Gilreath, one of our efficient teachers, will stage the play "Two Days To Marry" at the Eli School. County Superintendent Theodore Swift visited the Eli School Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Will Dubbs of Clarendon was in Memphis Monday, on her way to Fort Worth to visit with her daughter, Angeline Dubbs, who is attending T. C. U. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Moreman and son, Richard, drove to Amarillo last Sunday.

### 20 YEARS AGO

December 22, 1939

Carroll Snyers, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed supervisor of the federal census district 23, it was revealed this week. Lindsey Hill, former sheriff of Hall County who resigned several weeks ago due to his inability to continue in the office following an automobile accident, this week had the misfortune to refracture his leg, which was broken in the accident. Farmers of Hall County who believe that they still have an

option on cotton were Tuesday that the government over the 1937 loan crop the British government of under barter agreement between the two nations. Designated of Hall County as the second in Texas for the operation of federal government's food plan was made Monday by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace. Jack Edmondson of Memphis, a senior, was awarded a university football letter this week. West Texas State College at Canyon.

### 10 YEARS AGO

December 29, 1949

Cotton — an estimated 40 bales of it — was probably the biggest news in Hall County since 1949, although this story seriously challenged by a group of high school boys who brought state basketball championships to Memphis for the first time in history. The home of T. J. Bar, 903 S. 7th, was awarded the prize in the Chamber of Commerce lighting contest which was held Friday. Decorations at the Vandiver home won second honors. J. C. Turner took third place with a 10-man cage squad left Memphis at 6 o'clock this morning. Brownwood where the Cyclone will compete in the Howard P. Invitational Tournament which being held Dec. 29-31. "Stutterin' Sam" Hunter of Arillo entertained 40 college students and members of the Rotary Wednesday at the regular luncheon in the Masonic building impersonating a fictitious character from New Mexico, he kept audience laughing for 25 minutes with tall tales and remarks several of the Rotarians. Ethel Smith of Lakeview announces the engagement and approving marriage of her daughter, Jimmie Jean, to Carroll Peterson of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pauley of Lesley. Some people believe that a single injury such as a blow in the breast, can cause cancer. Some believe that cancer is hereditary, that parents pass on to their children. Mr. Mrs. Ted Read of Austin is celebrating Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Read and other relatives.

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### Theatre Members Enjoy Holiday Party

Members of Mrs. D. L. C. Kinard's theatre group enjoyed a festive holiday party Friday evening at the home of Mrs. D. L. C. Kinard. The party was held at the home of Mrs. D. L. C. Kinard, 1515 N. Main St., Memphis, and was a most enjoyable affair. The group, which has been active in the theatre since its organization, enjoyed a most enjoyable evening. The party was held at the home of Mrs. D. L. C. Kinard, 1515 N. Main St., Memphis, and was a most enjoyable affair. The group, which has been active in the theatre since its organization, enjoyed a most enjoyable evening.

music was presented with Miss Mary Foreman, at the piano, and Mrs. Kinard at the organ. A one act play, "Her Christmas Gift" was then presented.

Taking part in the play were Nell Beeson as Miss Ellen Arthur, Gail Yancey as Katy, Mildred Williams as Mrs. Flaney; and Helen Boswell.

Concluding the evening's festivities a gift exchange was enjoyed by the group with Virginia Browder and Gladys Power presenting the gifts in a unique and humorous manner.

Members present were Meses. David Aronofsky, A. Anisman, Jim Beeson, Harry Boswell, Virginia Browder, Adrian Combs, J. W. Coppedge, John Deaver, L. G. De Berry, Gayle Greene, Leo Fields, R. S. Greene, T. M. Harrison, D. L. C. Kinard, Clyde Millam, Robert Sexauer, Ralph Williams, Carl Yancey, Gladys Power, Myrtle Howard, Herschel Combs, Misses Helen Boswell, Ethel Hillhouse and Mary Foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Stovall of Kress visited with friends and relatives in Memphis and Hedley Sunday.



**BIBLE STUDENT** — Leon Seay of Lakeview is a strong contender in the sword drill contest now in progress as part of the non-sectarian church program at Cal Farley's famous Boys Ranch near Amarillo. In this particular activity, the boys compete in the number of Bible verses with which they can respond from memory, and Leon so far is withstanding all comers. He is active in the entire church program. For his chore, Leon helps milk at the barn, and enjoys being around livestock.

### Austin PTA Holds Regular Monthly Session

The Austin Parent-Teacher Association met in regular monthly session December 8 in the school auditorium, with Mrs. Charles Hamilton, president, presiding.

Introducing the evening's program, Rev. O. B. Herring gave the meditation. Students of the first grade sang a selection of Christmas carols after which Miss Esta McElreath read two original Christmas poems.

A symposium, "Strengthening Homes through Spiritual Values," was presented by Mrs. H. R. Crawford, Mrs. C. D. Morris, C. J. Goodnight and Minister Tom Pickard. Mrs. Crawford, who represented

the parent, talked on "Moral and Spiritual Education in the home." Mrs. C. D. Morris, speaking for the teacher talked on "Love Makes all the Difference." Speaking for the youth, C. J. Goodnight talked on "Teen Codes." Concluding the discussion, Minister Tom Pickard spoke on "The Rediscovery of the Private Self." Refreshments were served during the social hour.

### T. E. L. Class Members Enjoy Christmas Party

The T. E. L. Class met Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Alla Boswell for the annual Christmas dinner and program.

The entertaining rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion with Christmas decor. A white flocked tree stood in one corner of the room and the dining table was laid with a white organdy Christmas cloth and centered with a glittering hand-made sleigh.

After the invocation by Rev. Fern Miller, members enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

The Christmas program included a devotional by Mrs. S. B. Foxhall entitled "The Christmas for Christ," prayer by Mrs. J. W. Fitzjarrald and Christmas carols by the group. A gift exchange was enjoyed by the group.

Places were laid for the following members and guests: Rev. and Mrs. Fern Miller, Meses. Hulda Wilson, Estelle Barber, Lee Thornton, J. W. Fitzjarrald, Sam Brown, Jean Lamb, Omer Hill, Henry Scott, Henry Hays, Emma Baskerville, Leta Ellis, W. E. Lowe, J. H. Smith, Bessie Saunders, Mary Bownds, Grace Duke, J. S. Spencer, Eva Vaughn, J. C. Wells, T. E. Lenoir, J. S. McMurry, S. B. Foxhall, Willie Prater, Nettie Bardin, and hostess, Mrs. Boswell and Helen Boswell.

### Church of Christ Young People Enjoy Christmas Dinner

A Christmas dinner party for the young people of the Church of Christ was held in the home of Mrs. Bray Cook at 7 p. m., Sunday, Dec. 20.

Enjoying the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Eller, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Goodall, Min. and Mrs. Tom Pickard and Becky and Larry, Dwain Eller, Gene Newton, Bobby and Wayland Fronterhouse, Gordon Newton, Alice Kay and Betty Ann Young, Jeane Vallance, Lucille Williams, Drubette and B. H. Cook.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings, food and sympathy expressed at the death of our loved one. We also wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Odom and the nurses for their kindnesses. May you be blessed and comforted as we were in our loss by the devotion of friends.

The family of Mrs. W. T. Ford

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### LOCALS

Mary and Nelda Stotts visited with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson and daughter, Debbie, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Smith and children of Houston are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Marks had as weekend visitors Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hodges and Dorothy Hodges, their three great grandchildren, Eddie and Elaine Harris of Edmonson and Debra Hodges of Memphis. Mrs. Marks' sister, Mrs. H. F. Adcock and her son, Sgt. and Mrs. Cecil Adcock of Abilene.

John Shadid visited in Oklahoma City Sunday. Mrs. Shadid and Terri Ann returned home with them after spending the past week with Mrs. Shadid's mother, Mrs. J. T. Naifeh, who recently underwent surgery.

Nancy Draper and Beverly Weatherly of Amarillo visited over the weekend with Charles Drake.

Bobbie Stewart, student at Wayland College in Plainview and Betty Stewart of Odessa are visiting here during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. David Herman and daughter, Teresa of Amarillo are visiting here over the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Millis and Paul Downing of Monte Vista, Colo., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bengy Godfrey for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gip McMurry visited in Amarillo over the weekend. Tony and Debbie McMurry, grandchildren, returned home with them to visit through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Jr., and daughter Debbie, visited here over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Shankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Petty of Fritch visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmont Branigan Sunday.

Mrs. Dewey Simmons and children of Lockney visited Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmont Branigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gardenhire and girls of Quanah visited with Mr. and Mrs. Phaeton Alexander and Mrs. W. L. Gardenhire this week.

Mrs. W. B. Miller and daughter, Linda, of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fowler and family of Lakeview visited with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fowler over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pat Randall and daughter, Linda Beth, of Pecos, visited here with friends and relatives over the weekend.

Mrs. Grace Duke received word Wednesday that her sister's husband, Dewey Miller, passed away in Corona, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Brewer are spending the Christmas holidays in Atlanta, Ga., and Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crisp of Amarillo visited here Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Widener and family.

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### Members of Fire Dept. and Guests Enjoy Annual Christmas Dinner Party

The annual Christmas Party of the Memphis Fire Department was held Monday evening, Dec. 14, in the Travis Cafetorium.

This is a family party given by members of the Department and invited guests were honorary members and their families and members of the City Council and their families.

The host committee included Kenneth Dale, Ben Moss, Elmer Neel and Lloyd Ward.

The cafetorium was beautifully decorated in the Christmas tradition and a bountiful meal was served including baked turkey, ham, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, greenbeans, potato salad, olives, tossed salad, hot rolls, butter, coffee, and milk and mince pie.

The invocation was given by Fern Miller, Chaplain of the Department.

Santa Claus was present to dis-

tribute gifts, candy and nuts. Gifts were exchanged by those attending.

Enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis and Dink, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Neel, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dale and Cathy and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bruce and Glenda and Sammy, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Coursey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Sturdevant and Susan, Jimmy and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Foxhall and Edward Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Johnson and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Will Leslie and Celia.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Don Collins and David, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Parks and Bennie and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kinard and Kelly, Rev. and Mrs. Fern Miller and John, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hicks, Mr.



*The rosemary shrub, symbol of fidelity and constancy, was once supposed to possess many occult virtues. Hamlet's Ophelia said, "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance." The fact that Rosemary blooms at Christmas has introduced it into celebration of this feast.*

*Rosemary, according to one legend, opened to hide the Virgin Mary and her child from the soldiers of Herod, a legend shared with the juniper and other trees.*

*Another legend says that, during the flight to Egypt, Mary threw her blue cloak over a bush of rosemary when she lay down to rest. Ever since, in her honor, the flowers have been the heavenly blue of the mantle.*

### Cub Scouts of Pack 35 Enjoy Skating Party

The Cub Scouts of Pack 35 enjoyed a Christmas skating party Friday afternoon, December 18, from 5 until 7 p.m. at the local skating rink.

Those attending were Den 1: Mrs. Billy J. Hall and Mrs. Earl Bloxom, den mothers; Mike Crow, den chief; Cub Scouts Mike Bloxom, Lanny Crow, Jim Rich, Jerry Don Hall, Odell Gilcrest and Mike Armstrong.

Den 3: Mrs. L. E. Hughes and Mrs. Robert Clark, den mothers, den chiefs, Neil Tribble and Monte Ballew, Cub Scouts, Dwight Alewine, Danny Clark, Gaylon Clark, Smoky Bell, Bob Tribble, Roge Powler, Sammy Bruce and Neal Hughes.

Den 4: Den Mothers, Mrs. Joe Williams and Mrs. Benzy Godfrey, Den Chief Exie Hughs; Cub Scouts Joe Ed Godfrey, Charles Godfrey, Charles Guthrie, Joe Williams Jr., and Nicky Williams. Visitors were Cindy Williams and Susie and Carol Godfrey.

Den 5: Den Mothers, Mrs. Bob Douthit and Mrs. Mack Richards; Den Chief B. H. Cook; Cub Scouts Johnny Glenn Murdock, Gary Wayne Murdock, David Douthit, Bobby Mack Richards and Pat McCravey. Guests were Meredith Douthit and Susan Richards.

Den 7: Den Mother Mrs. L. B. Snider; Cub Scouts, Fred Earl Snowdon, Walter Linville, Mike Lesley, Sport Weddel, Larry Don Ivy, L. B. Snider Jr., and Larry Bates.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to express to my many friends, Dr. Clark and the nurses at Odom Hospital who were so kind to me during my recent illness my sincere gratitude.

Mrs. K. B. McMurry

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Henderson of Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hickey of Amarillo spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hickey.

### Fidelis Class Enjoys Christmas Dinner Friday

The Fidelis Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Friday evening in the home of Mrs. H. E. Craig for the annual Christmas Dinner party.

"Ready for Christmas" was the title of the devotional given by Mrs. Billy D. Roden. Gifts were exchanged and games were played during the social hour.

Places were laid for the following members: Mmes. Billy den, Rayford Hutcherson, Howle, Gayle Montague, Phillips, Bill Brooks and Mrs. Craig.

Visiting here Sunday was A. W. Howard, who is a local hospital, were Mrs. L. G. Dosier of Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Gilbert of Oklahoma. Also visiting with Mrs. Howard Monday was Mrs. Forrest of Clarendon.

May the blessings of the season be yours

And may all the days that God has still in store for you be filled with every Joy and Happiness.

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Also Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Clark and boys, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McNally and Alan and Janet, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill George Kesterson and Dana, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ward and Jone, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aspren, Mrs. Isaac Hancock and Paul, Mrs. G. W. Kesterson, Mrs. C. A. Grice and Jimmy, Guy Wright and Marcene Stephens and Janetta Baten.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to take this means of thanking the Odom Hospital staff for the kind deeds that were done for me while sick in the hospital.

May God bless each and every one.

Mrs. C. A. Rapp

### Goldsmith Dairy Employees Enjoy Christmas Party

Personnel of Goldsmith Dairy enjoyed a Christmas party Saturday evening at the Colonial Cafeteria in Amarillo.

Attending the party from the local dairy were Mr. and Mrs. Elton Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hawthorne, Mrs. James Freeman Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Blassingame, Mr. and Mrs. James Colson, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Roe.

### Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority Members Invited to Tea

The Texas Panhandle Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will hold its annual mother-daughter coffee on Dec. 29 at 10 a. m. in the Amarillo home of Mrs. Sid Covington, 2806 Bowie.

Area actives and alumnae are invited to attend.

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# State Capital NEWS

By Vern Sanford

Millions of Texans, nothing so important this week as "home for Christmas." They will overlook the crucial chance of getting home alive, waiting families of accident victims, this Christmas and more will be ruined. Department of Public Safety predicted 111 traffic deaths during the holidays. It's a massive sentence. Gov. Price Daniel on Texas motorists to drive with their extreme driving care. 11,000 letters have been by the governor to college school officials, local law enforcement agencies, news agencies, asking them to join Christmas campaign. The year, December has the deadliest month, traffic fatalities, Christmas Day,

the day of peace and good will, is frequently the worst for highway killing. If this year's estimate of 111 fatalities comes true, the 1959 holiday season will be one of the saddest in recent years. But Governor Daniel believes the estimate can be cut. He cites last year when the estimated toll was 95, but after a massive safety campaign, was held down to 63. Law enforcement officers, the governor reminded, put in many overtime hours during the holidays, "helping motorists in trouble and removing from the highways those speeding, drinking, careless, reckless and law-breaking drivers who threaten the safety of others. Governor Daniel directed a special plea to high school and college students who make up a big part of the swollen stream of holiday travel. Past figures show the

### THE BAFFLES By Mahoney

## Christmas Safety Suggestions Are Given By Council

The gaiety of the Christmas season can be changed to grief and sorrow within seconds. The home, during this season, is usually loaded with fire hazards and unless safety precautions are taken an accident could happen, warns the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council. The Christmas tree, the center of most home decorations, can be

a principal hazard. The Council suggests that a freshly cut tree be selected a few days before Christmas. Before it is placed in the house, the base of the tree should be cut diagonally and placed in water or wet sand. This will keep the tree fresh and help in retarding fire. The tree should be placed so that it will not block exists to a room and keep it away from the fireplace, powerful electric lights and other sources of heat.

The Council recommends that only Underwriters Laboratories approved lights be used on the tree. Lights which have been used before should be checked for frayed wires or damaged sockets. Electrical circuits should not be overloaded with additional lights, toys and appliances. Only nonflammable decorations should be used on the tree and tree lights should be turned off when no one is at home or when the family retires. Trees should be discarded when the needles begin to dry and fall. This is also a time for smokers to be doubly careful, points out the Council. Extra care with cigarettes, cigars and pipes is advised especially when smoking around

flammable materials. Don't let wrappings from packages clutter up the house for they can become a real fire hazard. Observance of the basic rules of home safety can make the Holiday Season happier and life more pleasant for the family and friends, concludes the safety group.

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odds are heavier against these young drivers. Those from 15 to 24 years old have 18 per cent of the drivers' licenses, 29 per cent of the accidents. A disproportionate one out of every four of last year's holiday accident victims was in this age bracket.

With each of these deaths, said the governor, we lost "a promising young Texan" and part of our hopes for the future.

**ACCENTUATE POSITIVE**—Texas' safe drivers will be rewarded to the tune of \$20,000,000 savings in auto insurance rates next year, says the State Board of Insurance.

State insurance officials are accentuating the positive in talks on the new merit system insurance plan to go into effect Jan. 1.

As expected, there have been some protests about penalty features of the plan.

Insurance Board statistics show a majority of drivers will benefit from lower rates. Additionally the Board feels the insurance rewards will be an incentive to reducing the accident tolls.

Of 23 family car owners, says Board Member Robert Strain, 13 will qualify for a 20 per cent discount, and four will pay the same rate they've been paying. Of the remaining six, he says three will pay 20 per cent more, one 40 per cent more, and the remaining two from 60 to 100 per cent more.

**PEAVY ELECTED**—State Board of Health has named Dr. J. E. Peavy at State Commissioner of Health.

Dr. Peavy moves to the department's top post after having served as director of the communicable diseases division and prior to that as a local director and a medical field consultant. He is a native of Lufkin.

**YOUTH RECOMMENDATIONS**—A host of suggestions aimed at lowering juvenile delinquency and improving health, welfare and ed-

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### Eleven Motorists Die In '58 Holiday Accidents in Area

Eleven motorists died as a result of nine fatal accidents during the Christmas-New Year holiday period of 1958 in Region No. 5 of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

This announcement came from Presley Thomson, of this city, as "Operation Deathwatch" got under way for this year's holiday period which lasts from 12:01 a.m., Dec. 23 thru 11:59 p.m. Jan. 3. It has been predicted that 111 people will die in Texas as a result of traffic accidents during this period.

In addition, 91 injury accidents occurred injuring 159 persons and 188 non-injury accidents were counted in this region of the DPS. Twenty-four per cent of the 288 accidents in this region of the Department of Public Safety during the holiday period involved exceeding the legal speed.

In second place, 12 per cent of the accidents came as a result of failing to yield right of way followed by driving while intoxicated which accounted 6 per cent.

"Through November of this year 42 accidents have occurred in Hall County resulting in 5 deaths and 30 injuries," Patrolman Thomson said.

"With the number of accidents State wide 9 per cent above this same period last year, Texans are faced with the possibility of a new all-time traffic death total," the veteran officer stated.

"We're going to do our best to keep our state roads safe for careful motorists," Thomson said. "And if it takes stern measures to insure our citizens safety, we'll do everything in our power to help them have a happy, safe holiday season."

### Mrs. Ella Sloan

(Continued From Page One) daughter, Mrs. Etta P. Evans, also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Sloan, who observed her 90th birthday on Oct. 28, still retained an enjoyment of living and a keen interest in people, particularly young people and their progress in the world today.

In addition to her son, C. L. Sloan of Estelline, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Artie Davidson Nance of Amarillo and Mrs. Lenabell Sloan Martin of Denver, Colo.; six grandchildren, W. B. Davidson, C. L. Sloan III and Patti Sloan Nivens, all of Estelline, C. I. Davidson and C. Hamilton Evans of Denver, Colo., and Le Ella Evans Lancaster of Weslaco; 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Lester Phillips, M. E. Chandler, Frank Cooper, Leon Phillips, Walter Whaley, Clinton Richburg, Barney Russell and Arthur Eddieleman.

Honorary pall bearers were Ferge Winn, Jack Kinard, Lonnie Richburg, Joe Eddins, Pete Riggsby, Crump Ferrel, Bill Pace, Cecil Adams, L. A. Tucker, Mutt Morrow, Dow Curtis, Carl Hill, Hulon Clifton, T. J. Cope, Olsie Pace, Charlie Rapp, Arle Jones, Elem Orectt, J. L. Darby, A. D. Britt, Leonard Braidfoot, Ben Jackson, Lura Marcum and Jerrel Rapp.

The whippoorwill belongs to the goatsucker family, a name given by Old World herdsmen.

In dry climates, roses and other fragrant blossoms are scentless after the dry season sets in and dew no longer falls.

The geographical center of the United States is in Smith County, Kansas.

### Palace Theatre

Memphis, Texas

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Dec. 25-26

"SAY ONE FOR ME"

(in color)

Ring Crosby Debbie Reynolds

SAT. PREVUE, SUN. MON. TUES.

Dec. 26 pv.-29

"WOMAN OBSESSED"

(in color)

Susan Hayward

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Dec. 30-31

"RETURN OF THE FLY"

Vincent Price

THURSDAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE PREVUE

10:30 P.M., Dec. 31

"A PRIVATE AFFAIR"

(in color)

Sal Mineo Christine Carere

Ritz Theatre

Dec. 25

FRIDAY BARGAIN NITE

"PERRI"

(in color)

By Walt Disney

SAT. SUN. MON.

Dec. 26, 27, 28

"OREGON TRAIL"

(in color)

Fred MacMurray

### DOUGHNUTS WITH A DIFFERENCE!



New yeast-raised Sugar 'N Spice Doughnuts with an unusual touch of orange are delicious and festive fare for holiday parties. Team them with ambrosial apple cider to make food fit for the gods—and guests!

#### SUGAR 'N SPICE DOUGHNUTS

- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup warm (not hot) water
- 1 package or cake yeast, active dry or compressed
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 2 teaspoons nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind
- 5 1/2 cups sifted flour

Scald milk. Stir in margarine, light brown sugar and salt; cool to lukewarm. Measure water into large bowl (warm, not hot, water for active dry yeast; lukewarm for compressed yeast). Sprinkle or crumble in yeast and stir until dissolved. Add eggs, spices, orange rind and lukewarm milk mixture. Stir in flour. Turn out onto lightly floured board and knead until smooth and elastic. Shape into ball. Place in greased bowl and brush top with soft shortening. Cover with dampened cloth and let rise in warm place (85°) until double in bulk, about 1 1/2 hours. Turn out on lightly floured board and roll out 1/2 inch thick. Cut with 1/2 or 2-inch biscuit cutter. Place on baking sheet, cover and let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until double, about 30 minutes. Fry 3 or 4 at a time in hot fat (365°) about 3 minutes. Drain on paper toweling; sugar while warm. Makes 4 dozen.

### Tuesday Was

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at 5:28. Broken down into a matter of seconds, the shortest day probably would be Monday.

However, it figures for all three days only nine hours and 53 minutes of daytime as compared to 14 hours and seven minutes of nighttime.

But as winter starts shutting in

this week the days will begin slowly to lengthen, a sure promise of eventual spring and even summer.

Patsy Jarrell visited with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jarrell, in Wichita, Kans., over the weekend. They will be here this week for the Christmas holidays.

### U. S. Highway 287 South Of Memphis To Be Improved

A contract for 1.9 miles of construction on US Highway 287 in Hall County has been awarded to an Amarillo firm, it was announced in Austin this week by the State Highway Commission.

Cooper & Woodruff, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$117,730 on the project.

Construction of grading, structures, flexible base and hot mix asphaltic concrete pavement, from State Highway 256 in Memphis to 1.17 miles southeast of Memphis is expected to take 120 working days, according to Palmer Massey, district highway engineer at Childress.

W. O. Hamm, resident engineer at Childress will be in active charge of the project while it is under construction.

### Babson Business

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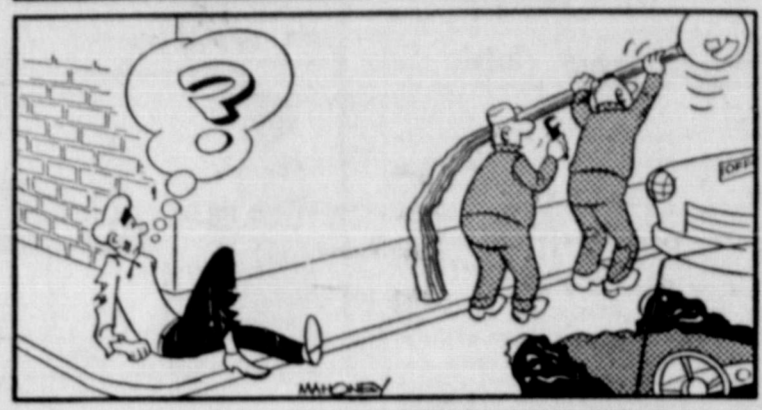
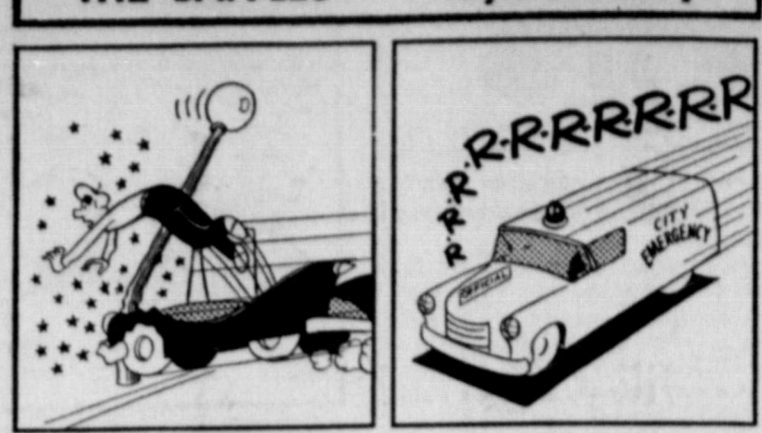
ate among his millions of newspaper readers an interest in simple business problems, and to install a broader vision in businessmen, enabling them to meet the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

He enjoys an unusual record of accuracy in his annual forecasts. Below is the score for the past 20 years. It holds the best and highest record for annual forecasting on United States future business.

Forecast for	% Accurate
1959	84
1958	86
1957	88
1956	85
1955	84
1954	86
1953	84
1952	88
1951	86
1950	81
1949	80
1948	91
1947	93
1946	95
1945	87
1944	91
1943	94
1942	86
1941	78
1940	76

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Burnett of Childress visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jarrell.

### THE Baffles By Mahoney



### Jimmy Sanders

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the church building in Hedley.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, from the First Baptist Church with Rev. T. S. Tipton officiating assisted by Rev. S. A. Wolfe.

Burial was in Rowe Cemetery under the direction of Spicer Funeral Home.

Jimmy was a seventh grade student in Hedley School. He was a member of the junior basketball team and the little league team.

Other than his parents, he is survived by six brothers, Jackie, Allen, John, Tommie, Obie Joe, Ronnie Lee and Willie and one sister, Susan.

### Jerry McQueen Is Member of UT Geology Fraternity

Jerry McQueen was recently accepted for membership in Sigma Gamma Epsilon national honorary and professional geology fraternity at the University of Texas. According to an announcement from the university, he was one of 16 new members of the fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira McQueen of Memphis.

### County Citizens Spend \$14,566 for U. S. Savings Bonds

Hall County citizens spent \$14,566.00 for U. S. savings bonds during the month of November, O. L. Helm, county chairman, announced this week. Sales for the first 11 months of 1959 were \$181,722.00, or 93.7 per cent of the year's goal, according to Helm.

Sale of E and H bonds in Texas amounted to \$11,666,299 during November, which was an increase of 1.3 per cent over November, 1958.

The easternmost land of the continental U. S. is West Quoddy Head, near Eastport, Maine.

### SPECIAL PRICES FOR NEWLYWE

For December

15% discount on one large appliance or 20% if you two such as refrigerators, washers and electric range. Come in and I will explain why I can do this.

We service and guarantee all that we sell.

### RAYMOND BALLEW

The House of Quality

## WANT ADS

### CLASSIFIED INFORMATION RATES

- Minimum charge 60c
- Per word first insertion 4c
- Following insertions 2c
- Display rate in classified section—per inch 75c
- Display rate, run of paper 60c
- After want ad is taken and set in type, it must be paid for even if cancelled before paper is issued. The Democrat frequently gets results before paper is published by personal contact with customers, especially in FOR RENT and LOST and FOUND cases.

### For Sale

- FOR SALE: Three bedroom house (or two bedrooms and den) to be completed about January 1. Now is the time to buy. \$695.00 down, balance 25-year FHA loan. See Adrian Odom, 721 W. Main. Phone CL 9-3551. 30-3c
- GIVE A canary bird for Christmas. I have singers and hens for sale. Mrs. H. J. DuVall. Phone 761, Lakeview, Texas. 30-2c
- FOR SALE—Portable disc roller; less than one year old; \$450. Also 1950 Ford half-ton pickup. Lang Blacksmith & Welding, Estelline. 28-4p
- I HAVE a few registered Polled Hereford bulls of serviceable age. You will like these calves. Jim Vallance, Memphis, Texas. 18-tfc
- FOR SALE—Good used dishes. Lemons Furniture Co., Phone CL 9-2235. 3-tfc
- FOR SALE—Seed wheat, first year from certified. \$2.25 per bushel. Also barley seed. \$2.75 per hundred wt. Tom Williamson, Childress. Phone WE 7-3813. 16-tfc
- FOR SALE—Good used TV sets; Thompson Bros. Co. 44-tfc
- FOR SALE—Sand & Gravel, for any kind of concrete; rock for irrigation wells. E. C. "Red" Moore, phone CL 9-2038, Memphis. 41-tfc
- FOR SALE—Best buy in town on nuts & bolts, Stalf Pontiac and implement. 17-tfc
- NEW and used Singer sewing machines sales and service. Gordon Maddox. Ph. CL 9-3040. 28-tfc

### For Rent

- FOR RENT: Upstairs apartment now available. Odom Apartments, phone CL 9-3551 31-tfc
- FOR RENT—Three bedroom house, 915 Robertson. See J. S. Grimes at above address. 29-3c
- FURNISHED — apartment for rent. 821 Main St. Call CL 9-3048. 12-tfc

### Wanted

- WANTED: Want to buy a fresh milk cow, also a second hand windmill. Wayne Hutcherson. Phone CL 9-2309. 30-2c

**JINGLE BELLS** **JINGLE BELLS** **JINGLE ALL THE WAY**

**OH, WHAT FUN IT IS TO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS ON THIS DAY!**

As we look back over the past year we are grateful for our loyal friends... and it makes our Christmas wish a strong one. Thanks to all of you, and

*Merry Christmas*

**MEMPHIS GROCERY**

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Curry  
Mr. and Mrs. Orville Goodpasture  
Claud Deberry  
Reggie Curry

### Records Show Customs Were In Fourth Cen

The exact age of the Christmas festival is not known. Records however, that the holiday spoken of in the fourth century a custom of long standing.

Christmas began as Christmas or the Mass of Christ, during the fourth century, that long after the blessed of the great importance of birth to be realized by the tom of the church to celebrate anniversaries of death, rebirths. Christ's birthday was first to be made an occasion of feasting.

The date for the celebration of the Christ Mass was selected church. So many years had passed that the actual date of the feast could only be a matter of conjecture.

The festival and spirit of Christmas spread through the world. Pagan customs, as they do today, attempted to themselves to the Christmas.

For many years after the of Christ's Mass the church upon the practice of exchanging gifts during the festival. Later, however, the practice condoned, in remembrance spirit of the Three Kings Orient who had followed a star to the crib of the Christ, bringing presents in a sense of humility.

The age of ice can be detected by Navy radar. "Young slick; "old" ice is bumpy and being tossed about by weather.

If any felt hat, except needs cleaning you can get by rubbing it with a piece of rye bread.

Sharpen scissors by cutting piece of sandpaper into bits.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Work For --  
Your Community

## The Memphis Democrat

Attend Your --  
Church on Sunday

Hall County Herald, Established May 3, 1890, Absorbed by Purchase August, 1928

MEMPHIS, HALL COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 24, 1959 \*\*\* TEN CENTS \*\*\* NUMBER 31

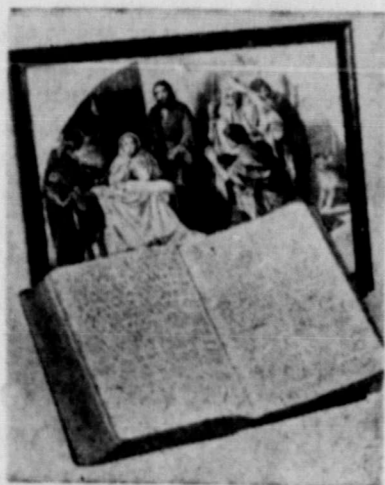
### Letters To Santa Claus Reveal Wishes of Area Children

Lakeview Elementary  
Lakeview, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Santa,  
I've tried to be a nice girl. I'm in the fourth grade. I want a watch, a bicycle, a horn and a stocking with candy.

My brother wants the same. I'm going to get some of these in my room a gift. I want from my whole family.

Your pal,  
Bonnie Jo Vick



**STABLE AT BETHLEHEM:** The shepherds "came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

Santa Claus,  
I would like a Miss Deluxe. If you don't have any, just any kind of doll. I would like a dress-up outfit and a trunk stole and if you have extra jewelry I would like some. I would like a teddy bear with a big ribbon around his neck. I would also like a shaver to shave my legs with, playlike, of course, and just anything else you like me to have. I will leave some cookies and milk and please don't forget all the boys and girls.

Love,  
Debbie

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Santa,  
I am the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Melton. I am nine years old.

Will you try to leave me a Dr. Pepper and a cookie.

I have been a good little girl, so please bring me a tether ball, a piano, Tiny Tears doll, and a ring.

Love always,  
Sue Melton

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a basket ball and basketball goal, a pair of football shoes, an airplane that flies and some fruit. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. I am 6 years old and in the first grade at Estelline.

Love,  
Mike Helm

Lakeview, Texas

Dear Santa,  
We are little girls 6 and 4 years old. We have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring us a gym set with the slide, and some doll clothes.

Don't forget to leave some fruit and candy.

We love you,  
Darlene and Sherry Proffitt

Dec. 7, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl three years old. I guess this is the first time I've written you. I sure am excited about Christmas this year.

I would like for you to bring me a Tiny Tears doll. I hope it has pretty hair. I will be good to her and I will still love all my old dolls.

My sister and I would like a table and chairs and lots of fruit, candy and nuts.

Love,  
Susan Godfrey

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am writing these few lines just to say hello. I have heard so many wonderful things I have been a nice girl. I am 6 years old. I want a dress and a set of dishes.

Good bye, Santa,  
Anita Cruz

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and a Tiny Tears doll, if you please.

Love,  
Donna Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I think I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a 21 inch bicycle, a real watch, a doll and nuts, candy and fruit. Please remember the other little boys and girls.

Love,  
Dawn Keeterson

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a real horse and saddle. I am almost nine years old. Thank you.

Love,  
Donnie Spruill

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 7, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have an Indian Scout rifle, tickle bee, big six sports game, Bat Masterson game, Steve Canyon Air Force game, tumble bug game, post hole digger, tooth chest, I have been a good boy.

Love,  
Johnny Murdock

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am eight years old and very good.

I will leave you a coke and some cookies.

Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, a Bible and a watch.

Love always,  
Dayna

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a big tricycle and a big baby doll and a doll house and some house shoes.

Come early to my house because we are going to my Grandmother's house for Christmas.

Love,  
Elaine Phillips  
Route 2  
Memphis, Texas

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bicycle for Christmas.

Chester Neel

Dear Santa,  
I would like a camera and a Bride doll. There will be cake and coffee on the table.

Your friend,  
Janetta Baten



**CHRISTMAS LECTURE:** "Now this is a Christmas tree," big brother appears to be telling the toddler. "It grows in the living room only once a year, and it always has a lot of presents under it."

Memphis, Texas  
2204 Main St.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a real big boy this year. I'm 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a mated shooting rifle, a truck and horse trailer, a cowboy telephone to hang on the wall, a magnet kit to build things with, I like Tandy too. Be nice to all my friends and boys and girls everywhere.

Lots of love,  
Terry Dugas Wann

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a college doll.

With love,  
Cindy Bell

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good. I want a watch, a tool belt, fire truck, tickle bee game, a car carrier, and a wrecker.

Your friend,  
William Walter Linville

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good. Please bring me a life-size doll and a beauty set and anything else you want to.

Don't forget my little brother, Kerry, and all the other boys and girls in the world.

Love,  
Anita Taylor

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would appreciate it if you would bring me a surrey, bicycle, tank, Lionel train, mattel shooting shell guns, and be sure to bring me a tether ball.

Your friend,  
Larry Bates

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a bicycle and a gun set?

Don't forget my little brother.

Love,  
Robert Nichols

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a doll, a ruler, crayolas, a bicycle, bingo set, a wagon, and some paste.

Your friend,  
Elva Cortez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a gun.

Steven Smith

Elementary School  
Lakeview, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gun, a hat, a bicycle, some little men, a play horse, and books.

Your friend,  
Alan Booth

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll. Please bring me a bicycle. Please bring me some dishes.

Love,  
Barbara

Dear Santa,  
I want a football suit and a train.

Merle Lee Kilpatrick

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am ten years old. I would like to have a bride doll. Remember all the rest of the children.

With love,  
Leda Mason

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa:  
I am seven years old. Please bring me a doll carriage, some skates, and some games. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

I love you,  
Owenlea Pyeatt

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a dress and a set of dishes. I also would like a lamp and a basketball set.

Yours truly,  
Judy Carol Moore

It Is Time For Santa Claus and Christmas  
Carols ... and It's Time For Each of Us To Say

## Merry Christmas To The People Of Hall County

Christmas is the time of year when gifts are exchanged, when friends and members of the family gather from far and near, when a bountiful feast is spread in the homes in those places where Christians live. It is a time for singing and rejoicing ... and remembering our friends.

As you make your plans for the holiday season, we want to extend to each of you our very good wishes for this occasion. It is our sincere wish that this 1959 Christmas will be the happiest you have ever spent.

As this year draws to an end, we are mindful of the past twelve months. We remember the many things we owe you people who are our neighbors and friends. We want you to know that we appreciate all the things you have done for us, especially your cooperation as we handled the every-day affairs of this county. In the months to come, it will be our aim to serve you in every way we can.



## Your County Officials

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|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Tracy Davis</b><br>County Judge                   | <b>Mrs. Ruby Goodnight</b><br>County Clerk           | <b>John Deaver</b><br>County Attorney                | <b>W. P. (Bill) Baten, Jr.</b><br>Sheriff            | <b>Mrs. Hester Bownds</b><br>County Treasurer        |
| <b>Mrs. W. C. Anderson</b><br>Tax Assessor-Collector | <b>Tops Gilreath</b><br>County Superintendent        | <b>Mildred Stephens</b><br>District Clerk            | <b>Edwin Hutcherson</b><br>Commissioner, Prec. 1.    | <b>H. W. (Shorty) Spear</b><br>Commissioner, Prec. 2 |
| <b>O. R. Lambert</b><br>Commissioner, Prec. 3        | <b>W. F. (Pat) Brittain</b><br>Commissioner, Prec. 4 | <b>J. S. Grimes</b><br>Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1 | <b>Guy O. Smith</b><br>Justice of the Peace, Prec. 4 | <b>W. B. Hooser</b><br>County Agent                  |

### Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be a good girl and help mamma. So if you don't mind bringing something to our house, would you bring me a ballerina doll and some view master scenes? Also a knitting basket and a camel cushion. I love you, Santa.

Yours truly,  
Regina Hoover

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be a good girl this year. I am 9 years old. I will be 10 on April 18. This year I would like to have a bride doll, camel cushion, Ford Sunliner, filling station, land, sea and air set, moving truck, and a coke warehouse set. I love you, Santa Claus.

Yours truly,  
Jane Hoover

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a football set and a basketball.

Bill

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a set of dishes and a doll.

Vickie Dale

Dear Santa,

My name is Fred Earl Snowdon. What I want for Christmas is one tooth, a dog, a football, and a pair of boxing gloves.

Sincerely yours,  
Fred Earl Snowdon

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to have a Toodles doll, a chord organ, and a watch. I hope I have been good. Have I?

Your friend,  
Renee Wood

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a showdown set and a woodburning set. Also, I want some placit bricks.

Your friend,  
Pat McCravey

Dear Santa,

I want a telescope and a Colt 45 and holster.

Your friend,  
Sammy

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 10 years old. I want a house coat, wrist watch, and a pajama set. I have three little brothers and they all want a gun set. I like to go to Sunday School and Church and learn more about Jesus. I have been a good little girl. I hope you will remember me.

Sincerely,  
Juanita Hansbrough

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a baton, a squaw dress and a billfold. I think I have been a nice girl this year. My little sister, Jan, would like the three bears, a doll and a doll case. I think she has been pretty good. She is four years old.

Love forever,  
Suzette Smithee

P.S. I will try to be better next year. "Merry Christmas."

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a truck.

Ruben

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a train.

Randy Dale

### If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be at Fault

If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported



from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1959  
1120 Robertson

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am just fine. I am getting ready for Christmas with a lot of other people. I am a little boy of 6 years. I hope that all of the little boys and girls have a merry Christmas. When you come to see me I will have you a glass of milk and some cookies. I hope you have enjoyed my treats every year. I would like to have a big red wagon and some guns. If it is possible I would like to have a surprise. Please don't forget my sisters and other friends.

Your friend,  
Gary Watson

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 7 years old and in the first grade. I think I've been pretty good this year. Please bring me a Winchester saddle gun, a cowboy hat, a truck with power wrecker and a set of tools.

I have a little brother who is three, and he's also been a good boy. Please bring him a rocky horse, cowboy hat, a cattle truck with a loading chute and a little jeep.

We would also like to have some fruit, candy and chewing gum.

Remember all the other little children.

Thank you,  
James and Mike Hansard

Route 1  
Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 17, 1959

Dear Santa,

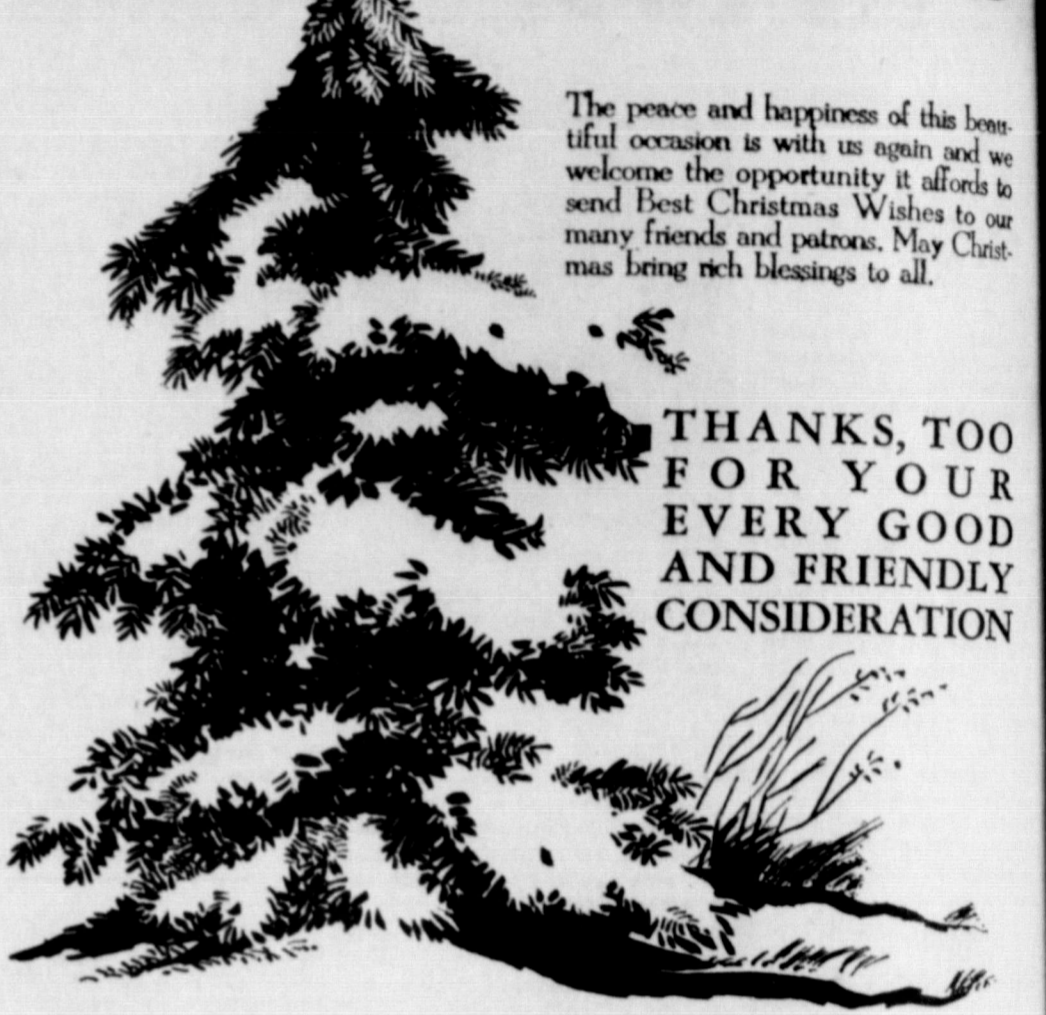
I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year, so please bring me a bicycle, rifle, and a pair of roller skates. Also I would like some fruit, nuts, and candy.

Don't forget all the other little boys and girls, especially my cousins in California.

Always,  
Dennis Keith Holt

Lakeview, Texas  
P. S. Bring Gene Corley a bicycle so he won't have to walk to work.

## Best CHRISTMAS WISHES

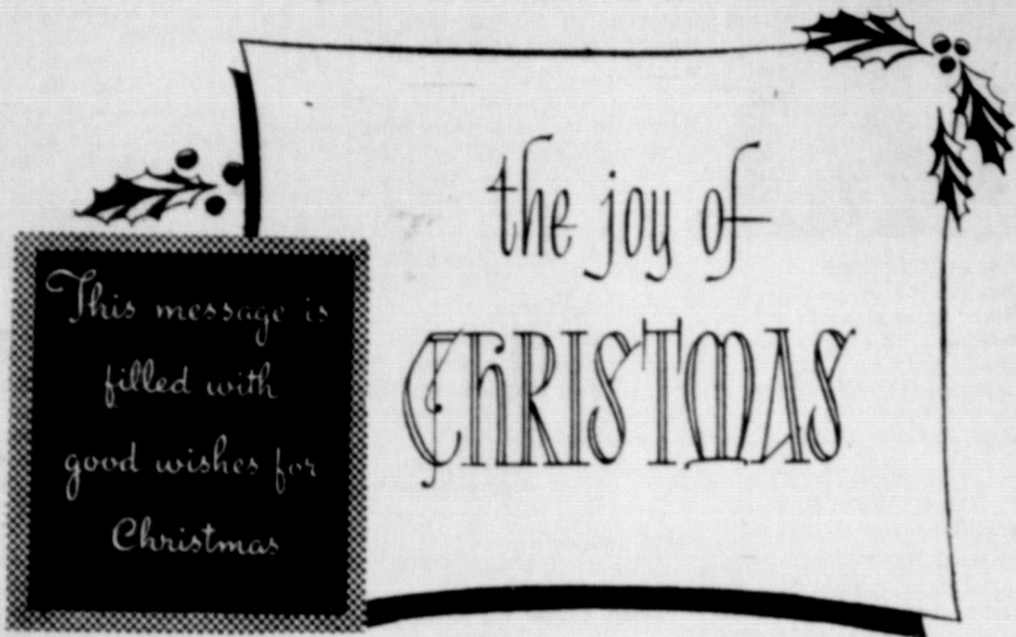


The peace and happiness of this beautiful occasion is with us again and we welcome the opportunity it affords to send Best Christmas Wishes to our many friends and patrons. May Christmas bring rich blessings to all.

THANKS, TOO FOR YOUR EVERY GOOD AND FRIENDLY CONSIDERATION

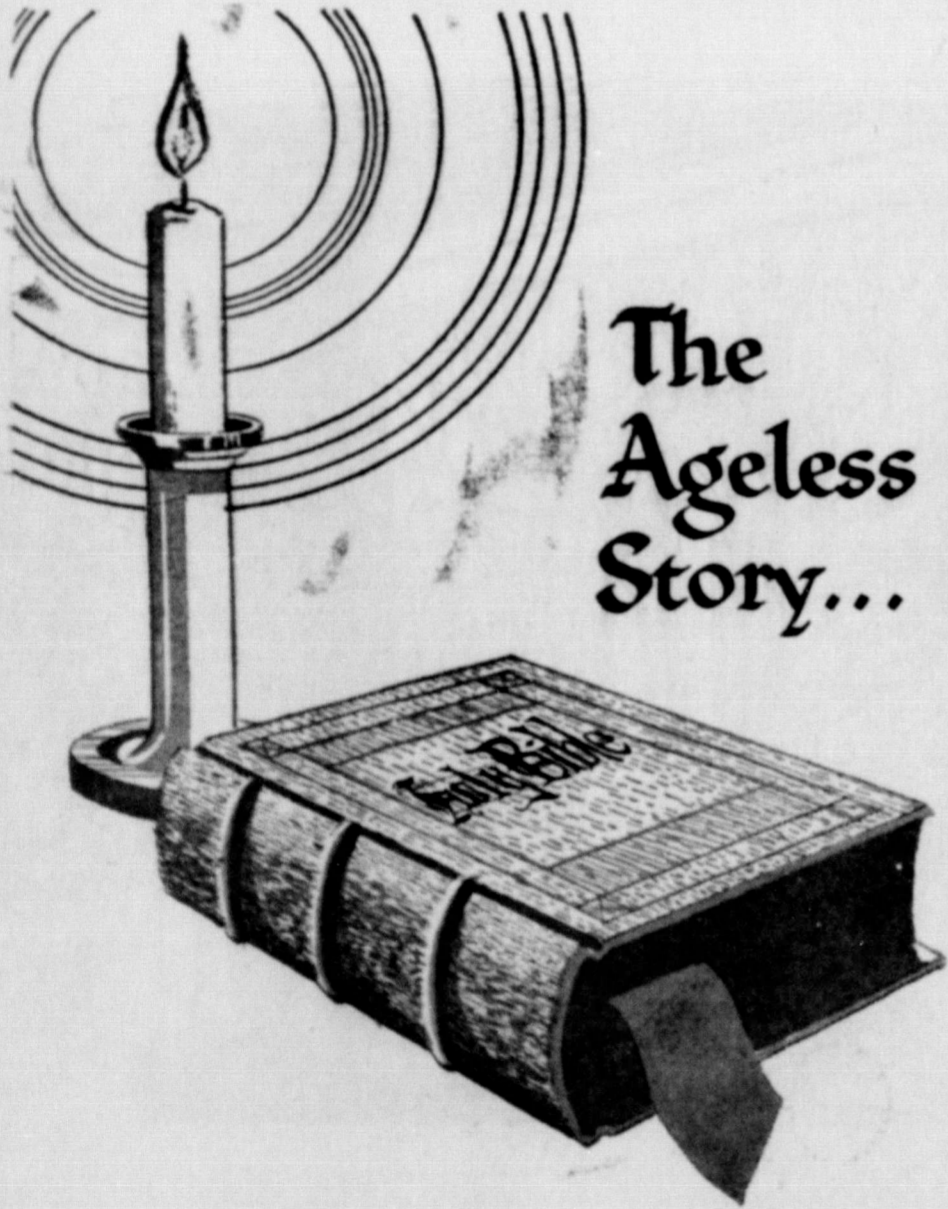
### MEMPHIS TIRE & SUPPLY CO.

J. M. and Minnie Lee Ferrel  
Zeno Lemons



### WILLIAMS OIL AND GAS CO.

Ralph and Mildred Williams  
D. B. Koen  
George Hartsell



The ageless story of the Prince of Peace is being told again throughout the world. The story of the birth of our Lord... of the miraculous shining star.

Let us come again to worship Him at this time of the celebration of His coming.

MAY YOUR LIFE BE TRULY FILLED WITH THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS

### SPICER FUNERAL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer  
Donnie and Lynette

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Randolph  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Womack  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson

MAY  
THE PEACE AND JOY  
of  
CHRISTMAS  
BE WITH YOU TODAY  
AND ALWAYS  
SIMPSON'S  
BURGER HUT



GRATEFULLY we acknowledge the enjoyable business relationships which have come our way the past year. In serving you we constantly keep in mind our sincere desire to do our utmost to do so in a satisfactory manner. Thank you for your business.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

### HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY COMPANY

J. O. Dixon  
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shankle  
J. C. Row  
Alvin Spencer

### Letters to Santa Claus

1004 N. 17th St.  
Dec. 8, 1959

Santa Claus,  
I am trying my best to be what I would like to have Christmas is a watch. I have to help mother as much as I love you very much, Santa.  
Lometa Kay Pate

Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want a tub, a doll-e-bath, a sink a cart, clothes line and a  
Lynette Spicer

Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a saddle, a bridle and  
Cathy Fields

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Shirley Temple doll and a basketball and goal.  
With love,  
Claudia Corley

Santa,  
Please bring me a doll.  
Delia

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll buggy and a doll. Also, leave a truck for my brother.  
Darlene

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a rifle and a football.  
Johnny

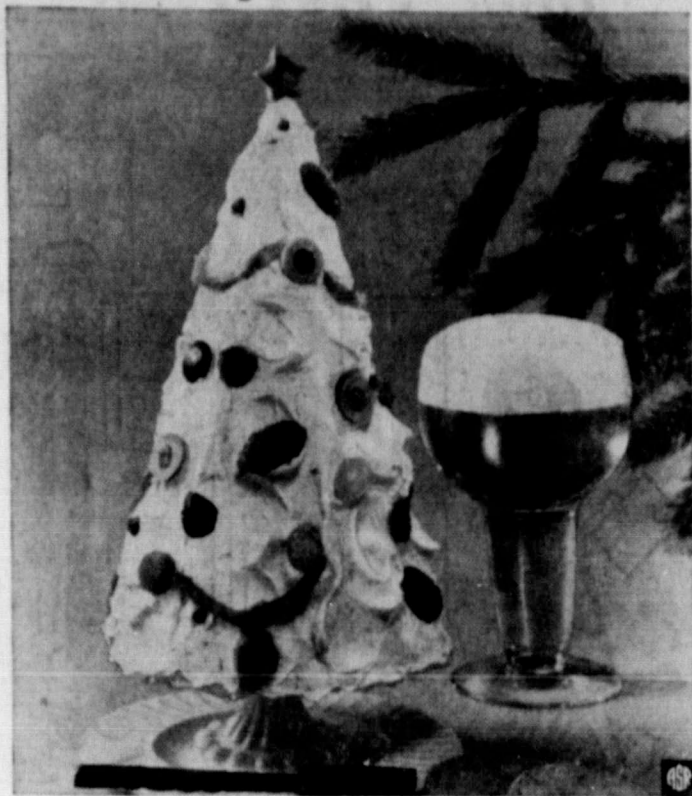
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a log cabin set and some guns.  
Virgil

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a set of dishes and a doll.  
Gloria Bryland

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I will leave you a cookie and a glass of milk. Santa, would you bring me a super-market and some games. Please don't make very much noise when you come.  
Love you always,  
Vicki Hooser

### Cheese Spread Christmas Tree



For holiday refreshments that are as bright and merry as the season itself, create an edible Christmas tree from a well-seasoned cheese spread and offer it to guests with a selection of breads and crackers and a choice of ale and beer—beverages which are light, refreshing and kind to calorie-counters.

This recipe makes a tree approximately 12 inches high and impressive enough to feature as the centerpiece for a snack buffet or the single food to serve at a holiday open house. Of course, if you want to be dramatic and the party is for a crowd, start with a larger paper or cardboard base and double or triple the cheese mixture.

#### Edible Christmas Tree

1 cup (1/2 pound) butter or margarine  
1/4 pound cream cheese with chives  
1/4 pound Roquefort cheese  
1/4 cup beer  
1/2 teaspoon Tabasco  
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

Have butter and cheese at room temperature. Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl and beat until well-blended. Make a cone out of several thicknesses of 8 1/2 x 14-inch paper or of lightweight cardboard; secure with cellophane tape. Cover cone with cellophane paper. Set cone firmly on a sherbet glass. Frost paper cone generously with the cheese mixture; decorate with bits of pimiento, stuffed olives, ripe olives, gherkins and capers. Serve with small slices of salty rye, a selection of crackers and ale and beer. Yield: 4 1/2 cups spread.

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you bring me a pair of boots, chaps, Fanner 50, a caterpillar and a John Deere tractor.  
Your friend,  
Larry Don Ivy

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a tackle ball. A buggy for my brother.  
Danny

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll and some dresses.  
Elena Juarez

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am seven years old. I want a bull dog, a rope, a warm cap, a big tomahawk, and a cowboy hat.  
With love,  
Skipper Murdock

Dear Santa,  
I would like a 36 inch doll and a pair of shoe skates. I love you very much.  
Susan Ann Sturdevant

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I want a wood burning set. Also a trumpet.  
Your friend,  
Jerry Dugger

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a flash camera and a bride doll. There will be coffee and cake on the table.  
Yours truly,  
Janetta Baten

Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Carla Yancey. I am 5 years old and am very much enjoying kindergarten this year. I've been a good girl—nearly all the time. Santa, this Christmas I would like to get a teen-age doll, a cuddly animal, with room inside to keep my pajamas, a pair of moccasins and a hand puppet.  
Love,  
Carla

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want an Indian Scout rifle.  
Your friend,  
Charles Guthrie

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a pair of boots and a cowboy hat.  
With love,  
Jimmy Freelen

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, a telephone, a trunk, and a Bible.  
I love you, Santa Claus. That's all for now.  
Love,  
Linda Ivy

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you very much. I am 8 years old. I will leave you a glass of milk. I have been a good girl. I want a pair of shoes, a pair of socks, a Coke dispenser, an Aunt Jemima pastry set, a soda pop fountain, an electric corn popper, and a Globe.  
With love,  
Jamie Graham

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll.  
Thank you,  
Jackie Parker

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me an Indian Scout rifle and a single holster set.  
Your friend,  
Gary Burleson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle.  
Thank you,  
Rusty Baker

Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Priscilla doll and clothes, a record player and some candy.  
With love,  
Judy Burleson



Merry Christmas

May every candle large and small shine upon an extra-happy Christmas for all of you.

C. T. SNOWDON  
Blacksmithing — Welding

With every good wish for your happiness this holiday season



### MEMPHIS FROZEN FOOD LOCKER

L. W. Shawhart

Happy Holidays

FROM THE CHEFS... THE WAITRESSES AND WAITERS... THE MANAGEMENT... DISHWASHERS... EVERYBODY, IN FACT, WHO IS CONNECTED WITH THIS MODERN RESTAURANT

Each one of us wishes to extend best wishes for the Merriest Christmas of them all to you and yours. As we send these Greetings, we also wish to express our appreciation for having had the privilege of serving you in the past. We want to continue and pledge anew our policy of serving only the finest foods, properly prepared and courteously served.

#### OLD FASHIONED COOKING AMID MODERN SURROUNDINGS



#### THANKS TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS

At this holiday season, we wish to express our sincere thanks to all our customers for giving us their patronage during the five years we have operated this restaurant. We also appreciate your patronage of Al's Hickory Pit Bar-B-Que, located on Boykin Drive.

### CYCLONE DRIVE INN

and

### AL'S PIT BARBECUE

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Winters

## Merry Christmas!



With all warmth and sincerity, we send our wish for an old-fashioned Merry Christmas. May the season be filled with a joy and happiness that will grow in all the days that follow.

At this time of the year, when the spirit of Good Will prevails, we extend our thanks to the farmers of this area for giving us the patronage we have received from this year's cotton crop. It is our hope that the New Year will bring to all of you many of the better things of life.

## Farmers Union Cooperative Gins

### Memphis

Walter Jones  
Ginner

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### Letters to Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like for you to bring me a birthstone ring, baton, a nurse set, a baby doll and some clothes, sewing machine and pajamas. I hope I am not asking for too much.

This is my first year in school and I like it very much.

Remember my big sister, Pamela, and all the boys and girls everywhere.

Look for me in Dallas as I will spend Christmas with my grandmother Gilmore.

I love you,  
Mitzie Lindsey

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a white horse, a Torro set, a gun set and caps and anything else you care to leave.

Love,  
John Van Pelt

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a rifle.  
Glen

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll bed. Bring my little brothers, Freddy and Keith, some pick-up trucks and animals.

Your friend,  
Connie Guthrie

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a big tricycle, a big baby doll, a doll house and furniture and some house-shoes.

Will you please come early to my house because I am going to my grandmother's for Christmas.

Thank you very much and do remember all the other boys and girls and especially Jesus because it is His birthday, and give the best presents to Him.

Love,  
Elaine Phillips,  
Route 2,  
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Merry Bell wet doll. I hope you are not sick on Christmas.

Love,  
Judy Rich

Paducah, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1959

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 6 years old and in the first grade at school. I have tried to be a good boy all the year.

For Christmas I would like an electric train, cowboy hat, guns and holster. Also some candy and fruit. I will leave you some milk and toast in the kitchen. Please, Santa, don't forget my cousins and friends.

Your little pal,  
Max Spencer

P.S. You can bring some of my gifts to my grandparents McMaster or Spencer as I will be there.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year.

Would you please bring me a bicycle, fire truck, ball, train, nuts, and candy.

Thank you  
Rickey

Please don't forget little Cliff and Tim, my little nephews.

### CHRISTMAS QUESTION CORNER

#### QUESTIONS

- 1-Who was Kris Kringle?
- 2-What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
- 3-Who wrote the first Christmas Carols? When?
- 4-What superstition had the Scotch about the Christmas candle?
- 5-By what other name is mistletoe known?
- 6-Where did the custom of kissing under the mistletoe begin?
- 7-When were Christmas candles first used?
- 8-How long has the practice of gift giving at Christmas been observed?
- 9-How did the custom of hanging Xmas stockings originate?
- 10-Why are candles used during the Christmas season?

#### ANSWERS

ANSWERS: 1. Santa Claus' helper. 2. "Little Christ Child". 3. St. Francis of Assisi and his friars—in Italy—during the 12th century. 4. It was considered an omen of bad fortune if the candle went out before midnight. 5. The Golden Bough. 6. England. 7. In the middle ages—at the Jewish "Feast of Lights." 8. Since the fourth century. 9. St. Nick once dropped a purse of coins down the chimney of a poor family. It landed in a stocking that had been hung to dry. 10. As symbols of the star of Bethlehem.

### HALF-PAST TEEN



"About all a sweater does for her is make her itch."

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 7, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I have been a pretty good girl for a whole year now and I would like to have a Tiny Tears doll, a buggy for it, a horn for my bicycle, and a wardrobe for my doll clothes.  
Don't forget to fill my stocking with fruit and nuts.  
Love,  
Denise Phillips

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm a little girl two and half years old. I'm looking forward to your visit this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a buggy, some dishes, a stove. Be sure to remember my little brother, Kent, and my cousins, Susan and Carolyn. Fort Worth, who will be here with me.  
I love you, Sa  
Debbie Combe

Memphis,  
Dec. 7, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 1/2 years old this year. I am really looking forward to Christmas. I would like to have a 23 inch bicycle, a horn for my Bible, home house shoes and an electric football set if that is too much.  
Please fill my stocking with fruit and nuts.  
Love,  
Ronnie Keith P

Memphis,  
Dec. 7, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I'm a 3 year old boy. I'm sometimes bad but Mommy says I'm sweet enough the rest of the time to more than make up for it. Santa, this year I want a fanner pistol and holster, a battery operated steam roller, a hand puppet, a football and helmet, a cowboy hat, and some roller skates. I'm sure looking forward to Christmas and play Santa and Christmas records all the time.  
I love you,  
Bill Yancey

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll and some new dresses.  
Janie

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an electric train and a bow and arrow.  
C. L.

May Christmas bring you joys and blessings

Thank you for the line consideration you've given us in the past year. You've been most thoughtful.



BLEVINS BARBER SHOP

### Christmas GREETINGS

Through a rapidly changing world, we still adhere to the age-old custom of sending friendly greetings of the season to our friends and customers.

CAFE 287

North of Town on Highway 287



To everybody... and especially to YOU... our appreciation for your loyal patronage and

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

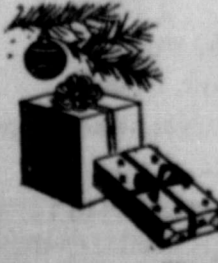
WRIGHT'S CONOCO SERVICE



Beautiful indeed, is the story of Christmas... the story of how, so many years ago, the wise men saw the light... the Star... and followed it to a rich and wonderful reward.

Again it is Christmas... a time to draw our loved ones and our friends closer to us... a time to find new faith and new hope in the true spirit of Christmas.

It is in this spirit that all of us here at West Texas Utilities Company send warm and cordial Christmas Greetings to you and yours. May you have a very Merry Christmas. And may its laughter, its friendships and its good cheer be yours in abundance in this joyous season.



West Texas Utilities Company



### merry christmas

We look back over the past year... a good one, full of the enjoyment of life and count ourselves extra fortunate to have friends such as you.

May the coming year have a full measure of happiness. And for this season, again we say,

### merry christmas

### PAYMASTER GINS

- MEMPHIS—Ed Hutcherson
- LESLEY—Clarence Morris
- TURKEY—Billy Fuston
- LAKEVIEW—W. E. Shepherd, Jr.
- BRICE—J. W. Hatley
- ESTELLINE—Parge Winn

# State Estimates Holiday Accidents Will Kill 111

Gov. Price Daniel called on today to "strive for an all-out effort in their efforts to save our state's holiday traffic."

The Department of Public Safety's estimate that 111 lives would be lost during the Christmas-New Year's 12-day holiday, the Governor called on enforcement officials, city and county police, and "every automobile driver in Texas" to center their efforts on saving lives during the deadliest seasons of the year on our highways.

"Four times before has the estimate of Christmas holidays been greater than the actual number of deaths," the Governor noted. Two of these were in 1957 and 1958, when statewide efforts for traffic safety helped bring the toll below the predicted number.

"The Governor said the state's

principal communications media—newspapers, radio and TV stations and billboard companies—have again promised more stories and photos, written more editorials and devoted more space to traffic safety this year than ever before," the Governor said, "so I believe our citizens know of the danger on the highways."

"Our radio and TV stations have done a tremendous job, both individually and through their own organization, in keeping traffic safety before their listeners and viewers, thus reminding them of this tragic problem."

"Right now, the outdoor advertising companies of Texas are putting up nearly 800 special posters carrying a very special reminder, 'Don't Let a Collision Spoil Your Holiday.' Both individuals and companies, the friends of traffic safety, combined with the billboard companies in this outstanding effort last year, and it is being repeated this year," the Governor said.

"But the final control of every car and truck is in the hands of the person who is driving, and if he or she fails for just a moment, then death, injury or property loss can easily result. I make a special plea to every driver this month to obey the law, even if it takes a little more time, and make a real effort to drive as safely and carefully as possible."

Concluding, the Governor said: "Last Christmas and New Year's, fewer people lost their lives in Texas traffic than in any holiday season since 1945. With the same kind of cooperation statewide, I know we can save some more lives this Christmas."

"Christkindli" Is Swiss Counterpart of Santa

Santa Claus plays a very insignificant part in the Swiss celebration of Christmas, observed mostly on December 24. It is Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, much in the fashion of our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes naughty youngsters.

## HALF-PAST TEEN



## Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an electric train, Roy Rogers suit, and rifleman gun. Remember all the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Dennis Taylor

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a set of dishes and a baby doll with clothes, and a buggy.  
Janis Smith

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a train and a bicycle.  
Monty

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a rifleman gun and a pair of boots.  
Joe

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and some candy.  
Thank you,  
Silva K. Ayers

## Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

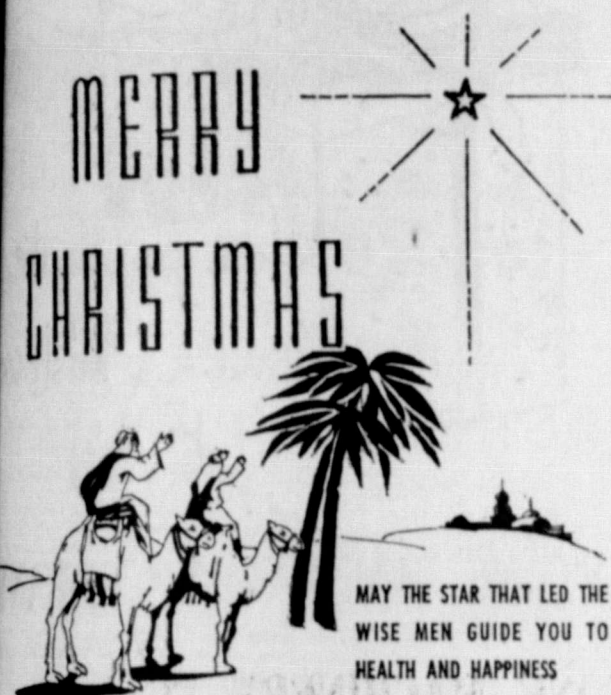
But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

In India and China others are trained for fishing.



COY AND WINIFRED DAVIS  
Warren Whitten



## CHRISTMAS SEASON

We cherish the happiness our old and new friends have given us, and at this joyous and heartwarming season extend our sincerest wishes for Christmas Happiness.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDLINESS AND PATRONAGE THIS PAST YEAR.

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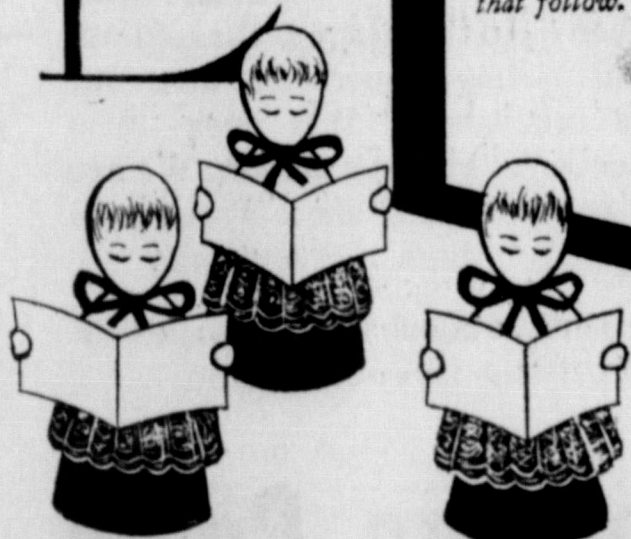
May the blessing of Him whose star appeared to guide men, be with you during this season of peace and in the days that come.

KENNETH BOWNDS

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Once again the blessed Spirit of Christmas has come. May this spirit be yours in the fullest measure during this wonderful season and in the seasons that follow.

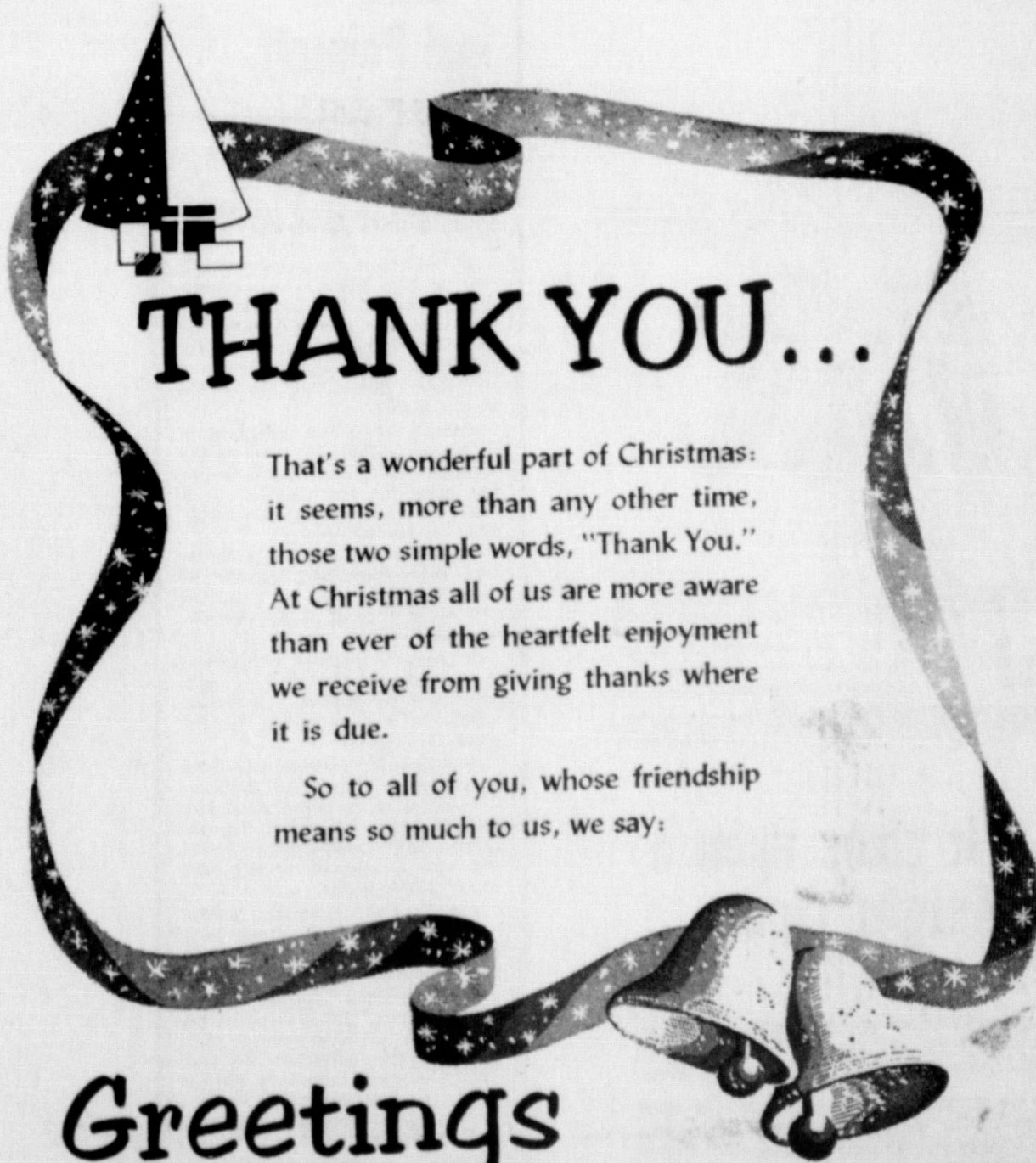


Best Wishes of the Season

KINARD-GAILEY AGENCY

Ace Gailey

Dwight Kinard



THANK YOU...

That's a wonderful part of Christmas: it seems, more than any other time, those two simple words, "Thank You." At Christmas all of us are more aware than ever of the heartfelt enjoyment we receive from giving thanks where it is due.

So to all of you, whose friendship means so much to us, we say:

Greetings

OF THE SEASON

J. M. TINDALL GIN

S. J. KING, Mgr.

### Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl three years old, and I have a brother who is two. We have tried to be good, Santa, and would like for you to bring us cowboy boots. Gary wants a peddle car and a caterpillar tractor. I would like to have a bicycle and a doll that has a ponytail. Also, a play make-up kit. Santa, don't forget our little cousins. We will see you at grandmother's, Santa,

Love,  
Kathy and Gary Hall  
208 Lafayette  
Baytown, Texas

814 Davis St.  
Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl five years old. I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me a bride doll with clothes and anything else that you think I would like. Don't forget my little cousins and all the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Cynthia Ann Phillips

Lakeview, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy two years old. I have been very good this year. Will you please bring me a little blue car that I can ride in. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend,  
Van Duane Lewis

Estelline, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am a girl 8 years old. I am in the third grade. I would like you to bring me a three year old doll with straight hair. Also candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget all the other girls and boys.

Love,  
Marsha Helm

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll and a buggy and a bed.

Jana

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll bed.

Connie



DEEP ROOTS . . . This massive Baobab tree in Union South Africa, a tourist attraction, is believed to be 2,000 years old. It bears both lumber and edible fruit.

Weatherford, Tex  
Dec. 14, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy 2 years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year, but it is hard at my age. I would like a hobby horse and anything else you want to leave. I have a new sister this year. She is only three months old. You can bring her some toys to play with. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

I love you,  
Terry and  
Vickie Taliaferro  
Weatherford, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
You know Christmas is almost here—and I would like a bicycle and a dilly doll with high heels and with clothes. I want a watch for mother and daddy; and my little sister a doll. I would also like a doll bed for my four year old sister.

Love,  
Lillie Ann Rogers

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle and a bride doll. I am a good girl. I am nine years old.

I'll be glad when you come and bring me these things.  
Your friend,  
Martha

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want an ice box, a satchel, play clothes line, play washer and a skillet.

Love,  
Nancy Voyles

#### CONTRIBUTION

### Joel Poinsett, U.S. Statesman, Noted for Flower

Although he was a brilliant statesman, and the friend of four American presidents, Joel Roberts Poinsett is famous chiefly because he introduced the Mexican plant known as the "Painted Leaf", of "Mexican Fire Plant" into the United States.

Poinsett, then U.S. ambassador to Mexico, called the plant to the attention of American botanists and grew the plant himself as a hobby at his South Carolina home, after he left Mexico.

The plant grew heavily in American favor—especially popular at Christmas time—and was renamed poinsettia, in honor of the man who brought it to this country.

Contrary to popular impression, the flaming red bracts of the poinsettia are not flowers, but leaves, and it is for these bracts that the plants are grown.

It is possible to have variations of either pink or white varieties, as well as of the more usual red, popular because it carries out the holiday color scheme of rich bright red with a contrast of the dark green of the leaves.

The beautiful poinsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

The poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled carefully—perhaps pampered slightly. However, the brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 degrees at night. Any sudden change in temperature and drafts will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also a necessity, but it should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the roots.

Try to give the poinsettia the sunniest spot available. It is wise to fertilize it occasionally with a good commercial food tablet.

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am nine years old. Please bring me a watch, a bicycle, a gun or whatever you want to bring me. Bring my little brother Joe a buggy.

I love you,  
Pete Castro

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a watch, a model car.

Love to you,  
Butch Schaefer

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a boy. I'm good. I'm eight years old and I want a watch and a tetherball.

With love,  
Earl Riley

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I would like a 20 inch high doll with high heels, and a coke machine.

Yours truly,  
Harriet Watts

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am ten years old and I have tried to be good. I would like a show-down set with a rifle, a Fanner 50, a buckle gun, and a football helmet.

Your friend,  
L. B. Snider

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a doll, a dress, show, socks, underclothes, and a 50-yard can can. My little sister would like a Tiny Tears doll. My big sister wants a basketball.

Yours truly,  
Tommy Lynn Peek

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a holster, guns, a pair of boots, a toy truck and a tractor and a pogo stick.

Your friend,  
Grady Bragg

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle. Thank you, Manual V...

Dear Santa,  
I want some football pants. don't forget the other boys and girls.

Randy Jen...

Memphis, Dec. 8, 1959

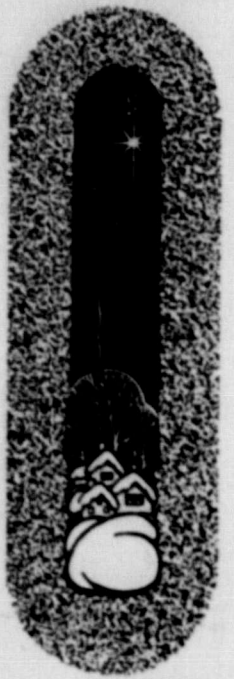
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an train and cars. Thank you, Love, David Spr...

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll with curly hair, and a doll bag. Lu Gay

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a gun, and a tent.

Rickey

To wish you  
all the joys  
of a  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Season



MARTIN'S CONOCO SERVICE  
W. W. Martin

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND  
YEAR-AROUND GOOD WISHES

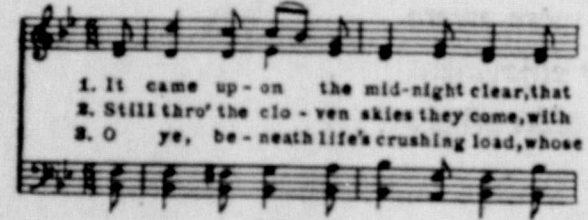
Thanks, friends,  
for your liberal  
patronage and  
friendships.



FUNK FURNITURE  
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. FUNK



STONE MACHINERY COMPANY  
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stone  
J. N. Murdock



...it came upon a  
midnight clear...

Once again that glorious song recalls to us the story of the newborn babe in Bethlehem who was the King of Men.

As we remember and celebrate His birth once again, we extend our wish to you for a truly wonderful Christmas of Peace and Joy.

BRANIGAN JEWELRY

Elmont and Florita Branigan

Frankie Roden

Wyley Whitley



### REMEMBERING AT CHRISTMAS

This Christmas season brings with it pleasant thoughts of friendships — tried, proven and cherished throughout the past. It makes us realize how much we owe our friends and customers—the farmers of this area—who have made this a very successful ginning season. We are proud of those who are our patrons, and shall always do our utmost to work with and for them in every way.

As we look to the new year, it is our sincere hope that it will bring the best of everything to each of you.

## Memphis Farmers Co-Op Gin

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### Letters to Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,

I would like to have two "Fanner Fiftys", and a football suit. My little brother wants the same as I do. We would also like a big "Grayhound" wagon.

Your pal,  
Albert Ray Stone

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you please send me a ready mix food set, a watch, a jewelry set, a sea scene and a flower art craft set?

Your friend,  
Rita Joy Yarbrough

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,

Would you please send me a miniature tank, a big fly, a firing pin for my rifle, and a wrist 2-way radio. I hope I have been a good boy this year.

Your friend,  
Gerry Knight



OUR THANKS TO  
ALL OUR FRIENDS  
AND OUR SINCERE  
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**AN AGE-OLD STORY RETOLD**  
... "She brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

1311 Dover St.  
Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I am ten years old. I want a big stuffed dog to put on my bed, a western shirt, a cowgirl hat, and a baton. I think I have been a nice little girl.

Yours truly,  
Kay Collins

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,

I want a Lionel train, an air rifle, a bicycle, a basketball and a goal.

Love,  
James Edwards

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,

I want two Fanner Fifty's. I will be eleven Monday.

Your pal,  
Clarence Melton

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a pogo stick and a camera, a football set and a pair of guns.

Bill Smithe

Brice, Texas  
Dec. 16

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a big girl 8 years old. I have a little sister and a brother. They are four and two. We have tried to be good. My sister and I want a baby doll that has a bottle and some clothes for it. Also, we want a basketball, a doll carriage and a make-up set.

My brother wants some toys that he can play with and some clothes, too.

Please bring us some nuts, candy and fruit.

Your friends,  
Sandra, Linda  
and Gary Spruill

Dear Santa,

I want a doll, a buggy and some clothes.

Love always,  
Peggy Parkar

815 N. 12th St.  
Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle for Christmas. My brother wants a car. My sister wants a record player and a watch.

Yours truly,  
Mike Lesley

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl three years of age. I have tried very hard to be a good girl and mind my Mommie and Daddy.

I would like to have for Christmas an electric train, a little piano, and a little sink to match my little stove.

Please remember all the other little boys and girls, and be sure to have something in your bag for them.

Shari LaRae Posey  
821 North 17th  
Memphis, Texas

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I think I have been good this year. So I would like a doll for Christmas.

Love always,  
Jeanie Anthony

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Paulette Fowler. I am eleven years old. I have three sisters and a brother. I would like to have a bicycle and a wrist watch. I think I've been a good girl. I like to go to church very much. I don't know what my sisters or my brother wants for Christmas. I hope you don't forget me.

Yours sincerely,  
Paulette Fowler

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. I would like three things. They are: my girl scout suit, a little doll with 5 outfits, and a pair of roller skates.

Yours truly,  
Patti Carter

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a big baby doll, bottle, baby soap, a lot of clothes and a big sack of candy. Please do not forget the other children.

With love,  
Betty Shira

Dear Santa,

I've tried to be nice this year. I am ten years old and I would like a Ladybea. Bring my little brothers pickup trucks and some animals. My big sister wants a pillow slip.

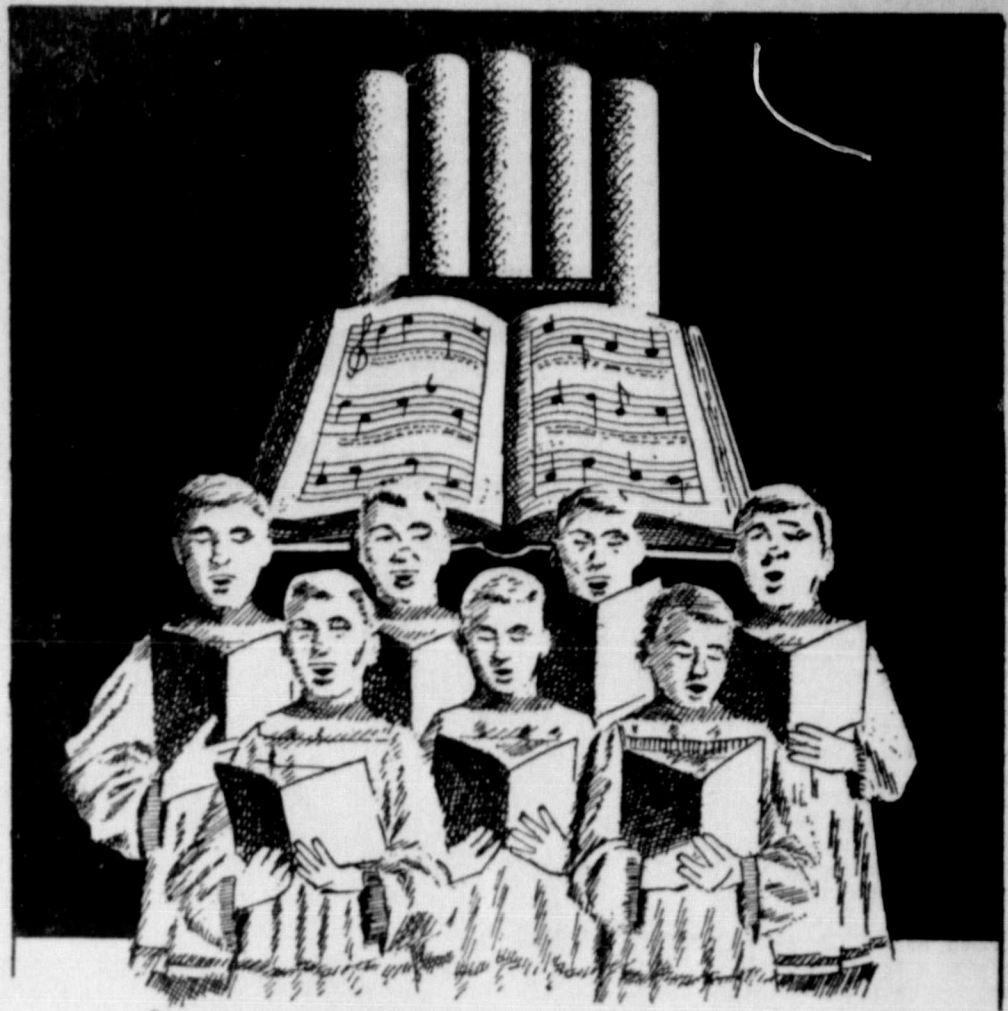
Your friend,  
Judy Guthrie

### Ancient Church Bells Still Summon Village

A pair of ancient church bells, brought to Frankenmuth, Mich., from Bavaria shortly after Frankenmuth was founded as an Indian mission, has been calling the congregation of St. Lorenz to Christmas eve services for more than a 100 years.

Ninety-five per cent of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

Frankenmuth has never had a crime of violence, and, as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 25 years. The only visitors to the lockup were transients given a night's lodging.



## A SONG OF JOY

a song of a King new-born

Let us lift our hearts as we lift our voices in praise to the King of Man, whose life stretches down through centuries of strife and centuries of hope, and give thanks to Him who is come to the hearts of men.

To you, we send our sincere

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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## your Christmas tree

## stands in a house

## full of Happiness!

May all the real enjoyment of Christmas be in your house during this happy Yuletide Season. Our thanks to you and our hearty wish for a

## Merry Christmas

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**Santa**  
through  
the years

IT'S LITTLE WONDER that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

**Letters to Santa Claus**

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 6, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am nine years old. I have three sisters and one brother. I want a big bride doll and a paint set.  
Yours truly,  
Judy Ann Fowler

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I would appreciate it if you would please bring me a bride doll, pomeranian, and a cowgirl suit.  
Please bring my little brother a Colt 45 and a guitar.  
With love,  
Joyce Canida

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a basketball and a football.  
Bernie

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Roy Rogers Town log cabin set and a bicycle.  
Byron

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a drum.  
Eddy

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a big sister doll, a tiny tears doll, a doll bed, a kitchen set, a table, a set of dishes, a welsh doodle buggy, a high-chair, and an ironing set. I want a little doll for my little sister.  
With love,  
Sandra Bloxom

*Cedars of Lebanon  
Are Well Protected  
By Religion, Law*

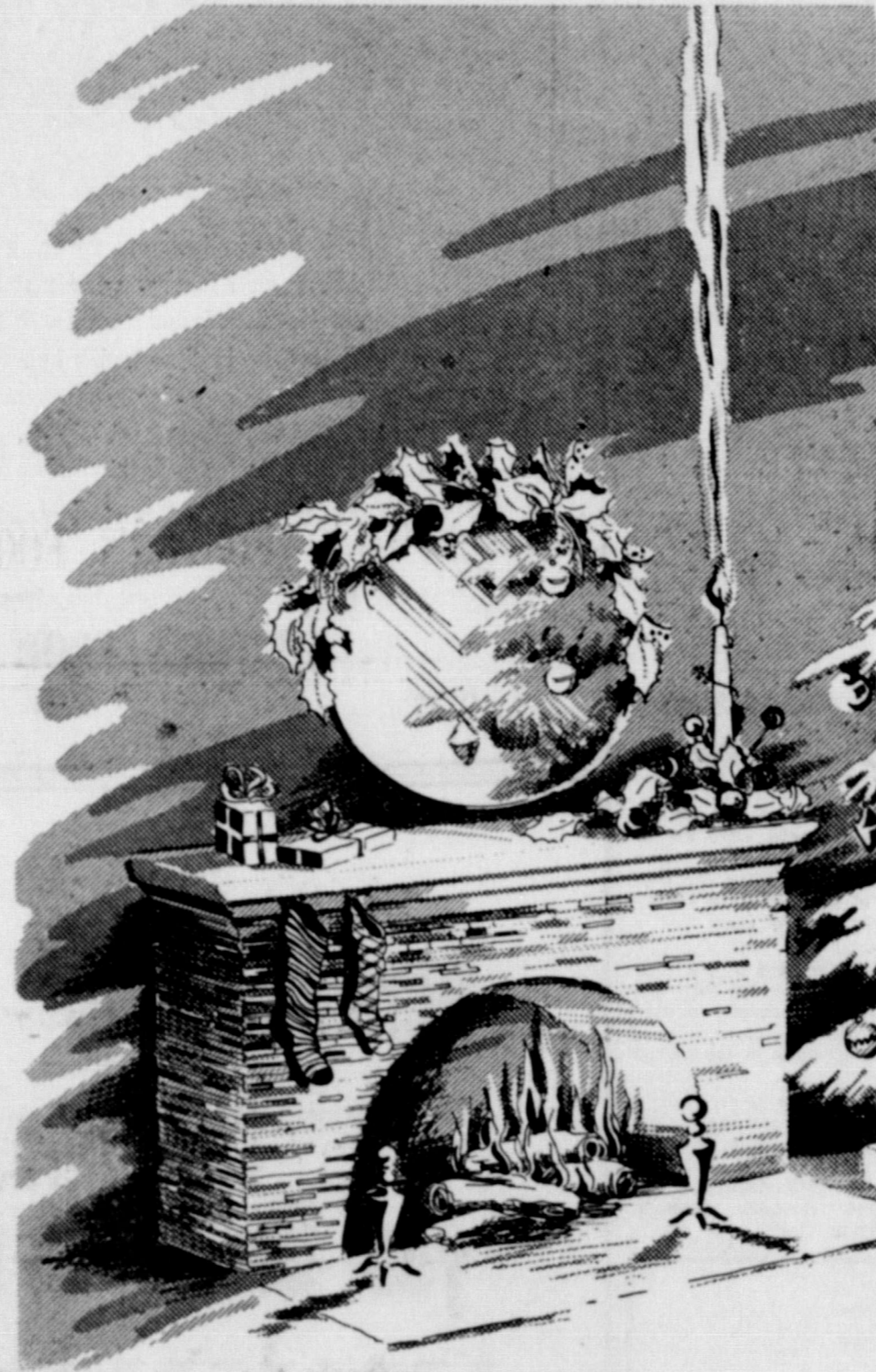
On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



From Your  
**TEXACO DEALERS**  
And  
**CONSIGNEE**

This is the time of year we wish all our friends and neighbors a MERRY CHRISTMAS! As we pause in our regular routine, we realize that we have been fortunate to have had the opportunity of serving the finest people we know of anywhere. We are appreciative of the new customers and new friends who have been added to our list, and recognize the true value of all our fine relationships.

Permit us to extend to you, the people we serve — and those we hope to serve — our hearty good wishes for your happiness at Christmastide.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS

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### Wide Variety of Gifts Requested of Dear Old St. Nick

Elementary School  
Lakeview, Texas  
December 8, 1959

Santa Claus,  
I want a pumpaction BB gun, a  
pair of boots, and if you can come  
and bring some candy.  
Your friend,  
Don Proffitt

Memphis, Texas  
December 8, 1959

Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a watch and  
a pair of new boots and an electric  
toaster set and don't forget my  
brother and the other boys and  
I am a very nice boy. Please  
bring me a notebook and a Nifty.

Memphis, Texas  
December 7, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you this  
year?

I am in the first grade this year  
and I really like school. I think I  
am a pretty good boy. I have a  
big brother in the seventh  
grade and we want a football and  
a watch along with anything  
you think we'd like to have;  
bring us some candy, nuts and

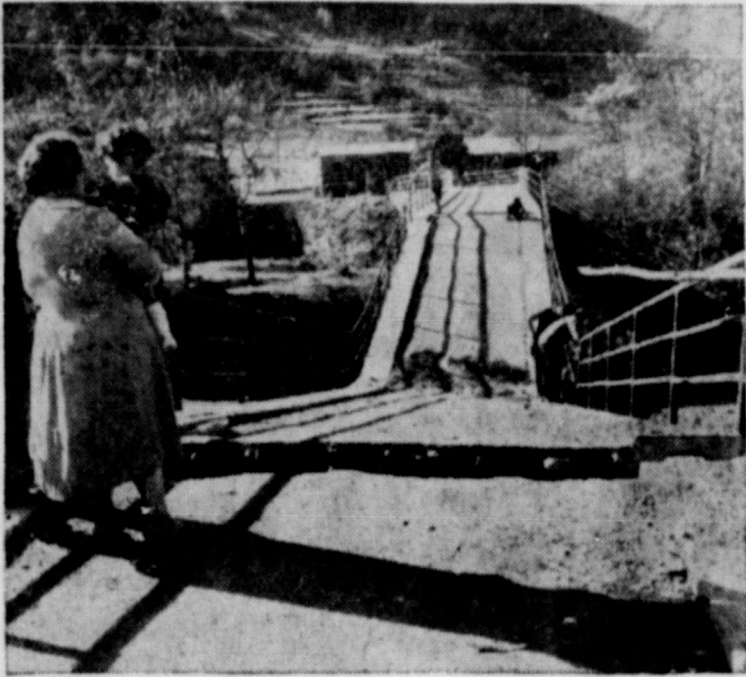
Don't forget my little sister,  
she is only one year old. Remem-  
ber the other little boys and  
girls.  
I will be looking for you on  
Christmas Eve, so bye-bye until  
then.

Your little friend,  
Bernie Greenway

1820 Dover St.  
Memphis, Texas

Santa Claus,  
I want a wagon and a pistol.

Donnie Carroll



**DRAW BRIDGE? . . .** Localities watch workers examine a solid concrete bridge that snapped by rushing waters of a swollen stream in Pina di Coriglia Ligure, Italy.

Dear Santa,

I am a boy six years old. I  
would like a rifle, a gun rack and  
a Steve Canyon helmet. My sister  
and I would like an army tank  
that you can ride.

Love,  
John Carmen

Dear Santa,

Please bring me the buckle gun,  
the fanner 50, and the Cheyenne  
rifle.  
I have been a very good little  
boy, so please bring me a punching  
bag.

Edward Neal Foxhall

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl six years old.  
I've tried to be good and mind my  
mother. I would like a new doll  
and some little dishes. Santa, if  
you can bring my little sister and  
me a table and two chairs. You  
might ought to make it three  
chairs, because my brother may  
want to sit at the table with Susie  
and me. I would like some fruit,  
nuts and candy. Don't forget the  
other little boys and girls.  
Thank you very much.

Your friend,  
Carol Jean Godfrey

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl five years old.  
I would like a big doll, a jumping  
horse, and a pair of fixie shoes. I  
would also like some nuts, fruit,  
and candy. I will be at my grand-  
mother's house this year. Be good  
to my other grandmother who lives  
in Pampa.

I love you,  
Nickle Sue Hood

Memphis, Texas  
December 8, 1959

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle, a  
chemistry set, electric train, tele-  
scope, and a pocket radio.  
I will leave you some apples,  
oranges, candy and nuts and some  
milk under the tree.

Santa, try to take all the poor  
children some Christmas gifts.

Love always,  
Charles Sperry

Dear Santa Claus,

I am going to ride on bus to see  
Santa Claus. I want a doll and bi-  
cycle. My little sister wants a lit-  
tle do and my house with furni-  
ture.

Gloria and Charlotte

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like you to bring me a  
big baby doll with clothes, a high  
chair for my doll, a play typewrit-  
er, "Uncle Wiggly" game, a mix-  
master run by batteries, and a  
sock full of candy, gum, and ap-  
ples. Don't forget my two sisters  
and my parents.

Thank you,  
Johnnie Sue Hancock

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl four years old  
and I would like a doll and a baton  
for Christmas. My little brother is  
two and would like a doll and a  
car. My big brother wants some  
skates and anything else you want  
to bring him.

Thank you for the things you  
gave us last year.

I love you,  
Meredith Ann Douthitt

Dear Santa,

I would like a skate case and a  
pair of wheels for my shoe skates.  
I want you to help me decide what  
to get for my mother and father.

They are hard to decide for. I  
have enjoyed all the things you  
have brought me. And wish you  
and your helpers a Merry Christ-  
mas.

Sheila Fowler

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I think Christmas is the best  
holiday of all. I am eight years  
old. My name is Nicky.  
I would like a football, Mono-  
poly set, army set, tennis shoes,  
and a happy Christmas.

Your friend,  
Nicky Williams



**ALL SET TO FLY . . .** Two-year-old Clay Irby shines his cowboy boots before taking off on a flight to St. Louis. Would you guess Clay was from Texas?

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 7, 1959

Dear Santa,

I would like to have an Indian  
Scout rifle, electric football set,  
Tackle bee, checkers, candy and  
fruit. I have two brothers and  
one sister. I have been a good boy.  
I would like to have what I named  
and I will share with my brothers  
and sister.

With love,  
Gary

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I want  
a bicycle and a cash register and  
a clothes line.

Carolyn Sparks

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a real horse,  
saddle, bit, all like Roy Rogers',  
real horse shoes, boots, Wells-Far-  
go guns, three Lionel trains.  
Your friend,  
Jim Spruill

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I want  
a baby doll. I want some boots. I  
want a cowgirl hat. I want a ring  
and a watch.

Love,  
Rita Graham

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I would like  
to have a nurse kit and nurse uni-  
form, a tickle bee game, and an  
Annie Oakley suit. Please don't  
forget the other little boys and  
girls.

Love,  
Patricia Ann Wilson

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been sorta good. I am  
nine years old. I want an encyclo-  
pedia, a football helmet, a pair  
of football pants and the school  
to burn down.

Your friend,  
Chuck Jennings



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Because of your friendship in the past . . .  
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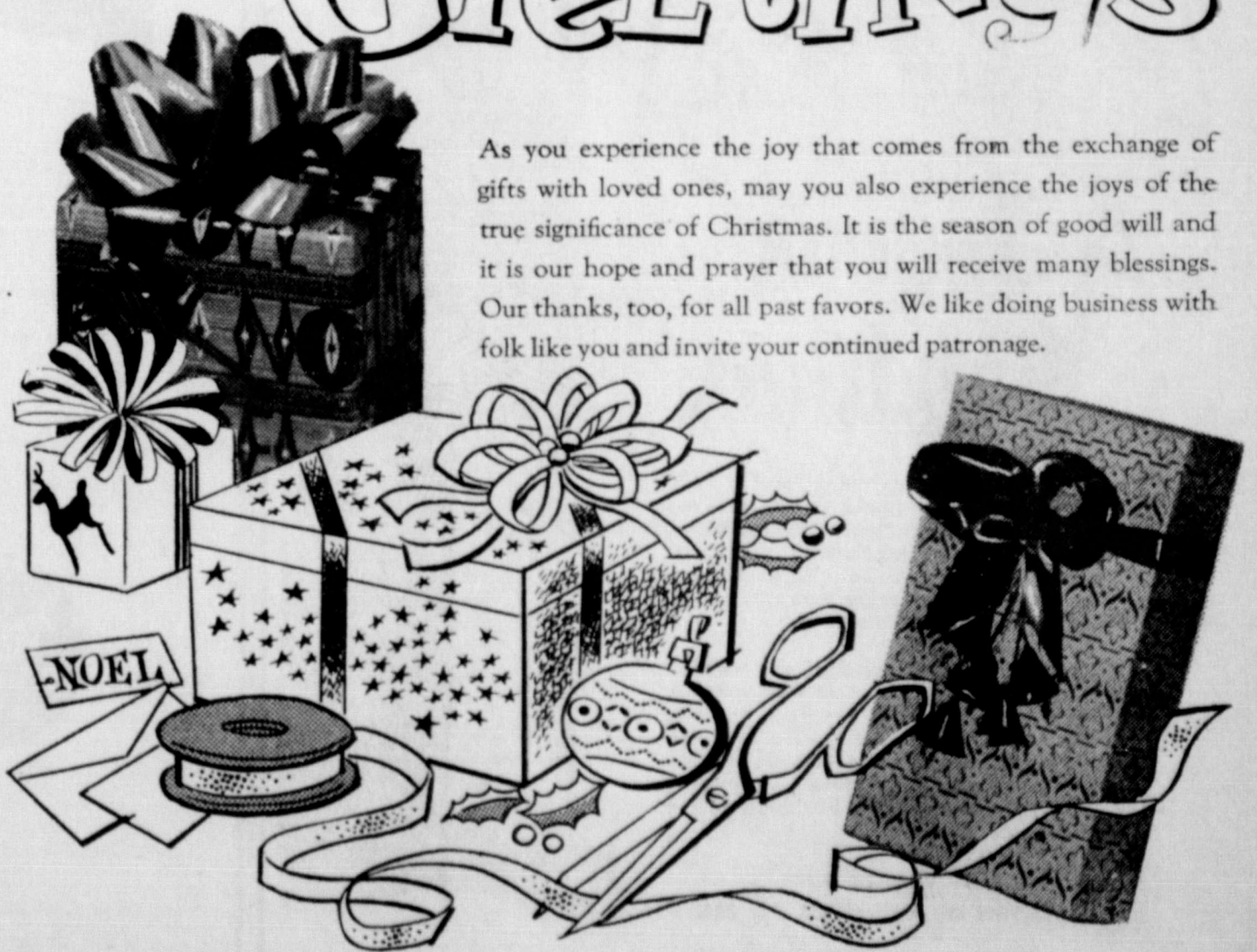
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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



As you experience the joy that comes from the exchange of  
gifts with loved ones, may you also experience the joys of the  
true significance of Christmas. It is the season of good will and  
it is our hope and prayer that you will receive many blessings.  
Our thanks, too, for all past favors. We like doing business with  
folk like you and invite your continued patronage.

Potts Chevrolet Company

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Bud Lemmon

Homer W. Tucker  
Ernie Anthony

Orval Wheeler

### Letters to Santa Claus

November 23, 1959  
Ordway, Colorado

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am writing you a letter for my brothers, John and Jim and myself, Joe Allen Kinard. We have been good boys this year and have not had more than the average number of spankings.

I started to school this year. I am six years old, Jim is five and John is three. John would like a tricycle, a blackboard, and a truck. Jim would like to have a horn, some cowboy boots, a rope, and a bike. I want a bike, an electric train, and cowboy boots and a rope.

We are going to be down in Memphis, Texas, for Christmas so you can find us at Grandmother Smith's house. She lives at 1116 West Main.

Love,  
Joe Allen Kinard

Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy six years old and started to school this year. I have been studying hard, and try-

ing to make good grades. I want a new 24 inch bicycle and some new guns plenty of candy, fruit and nuts.

We have moved since last year so leave our things at our new house.

I love you,  
Billy Edd Dixon

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baby doll and a bassinet, a set of dishes, some plastic play food, and candy and nuts.

Please bring my tiny nephew, Brent, a baby gym set and some soft rubber toys for him to chew and squeeze.

I love you,  
Jondel McCauley

Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am writing you these few lines just to say hello. I have heard so many wonderful things. Santa Claus, I have been a nice girl, and I am 5 years old. I want a doll and some story books. Good-by Santa Claus.

Delfina Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be a very good girl this year.

I would like for you to bring me a baby doll with a pacifier and two bottles. I have a little brother named Mike, please bring him a cattle truck like Daddy's and some guns.

Thank you,  
La Cretia Lee

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy three and a half years old. I have tried to be a very good boy all year.

I would like to have a big cattle truck, and lots of little horses, cows and pigs to put in it.

My little friends and I need lots of candy too.

I love you,  
Lynn Anglin  
707 N. 12th St.  
Memphis, Texas

Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl four years old. I would like a Tiny Tears doll, a cradle and a Steve Canyon helmet. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Kathy Carmen

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle, a table and chairs, and some dishes. My sister, Sheila, wants a bicycle with side wheels and a doll buggy. Don't forget my little niece and nephew at Amarillo, my sisters, mother and dad. Be a little bit nice to everybody.

Sherry and Sheila Bartley

Dear Santa,

My name is Tommy Lynn Hall. I have been a pretty good boy this year. Will you please send me a bowling set, a red wagon and nuts and candy. Don't forget Jerry and Bobby.

Thank you,  
Tommy Lynn Hall

Dear Santa,

There are a lot of things I want for Christmas. But I am going to ask for a few of them.

I would like a big baby doll, doll clothes, and shoe skates. My sister, Linda, wants some skates too. We both want a brownie camera.

With love,  
Sheila Ford

Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle size 24, some clothes for my cowgirl, some for my baby doll, and a cash register for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Patsy Fields

Dear Santa,

I am a boy eight years old. I am in the third grade.

I would like for you to bring me an electric football game, and a showdown set.

Please remember other boys and girls.

Your friend,  
Sammy Bruce

Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am six years old, and would like very much to have a pair of cowboy boots for Christmas. Just anything else you want to bring me will be fine.

I enjoyed visiting with you so much at the North Pole in July. Maybe I can visit you again some time.

Yours truly,  
Randy Thomson

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and some candy.

Thank you,  
Silva K. Ayers

Dear Santa Claus,

I am nine years old. Please bring me a doll, a wagon and a bicycle. That is all.

Your friend,  
Hilaria Lopez

Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,

I have tried to be a good boy this last year. I would like for you to bring me a go-cart with a real motor, crash helmet, a pair of eye goggles to use when I drive my

go-cart, and a chemistry set. Santa, I also need something like a rain coat and hat, overshoes, and a pair of leather gloves.

Santa, please leave all the other boys and girls a lot of things. I love you.

Barry Bownds  
P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies on the TV set.

BB

Lakeview Elementary  
Lakeview, Texas  
December 8, 1959

Dear Santa,

I want a pellet gun, a basketball and a pair of house shoes.

Yours truly,  
Norman Miller

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy six years old. I am in the first grade at Lakeview. I sure have a good teacher.

Please bring me a BB gun, fire works and fill my stomach with candy, fruit, and nuts. My big brother wants a plane P40 that he can fly. I sure would like a T. V. too.

Santa please bring all the little boys and girls something. I will leave cake and coffee at my house.

Thank you Santa  
Love,  
Larry Edd Mason

### CHRISTMAS

brings pleasant thoughts of the folks we've met along the way. It's a pleasure to think of you at this season, to thank you and say sincerely

\* \* \*  
Best wishes  
for a joyful Christmas



TARVER-STANFORD PHARMACY



A Christmas Message to the Car Owners of This Area

### A Joyous Christmas

To each of you, our customers and friends, and those whom we would like to call our customers and friends, we extend a Merry Christmas. It is our wish that you will spend a most enjoyable occasion with loved ones and friends and that truly this will be the finest Christmas of them all.

Also, we want to thank each of you who has given us an opportunity to service your car during the past year. It has been our high purpose to offer the finest quality workmanship with genuine parts on every job, whether a minor tune-up or a complete overhaul. We promise to continue this business policy. Meantime, we send

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A SEASON OF HAPPINESS TO ALL

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Beny Davis

John Murdock



It has been our good fortune to have the opportunity of serving the finest people we know of anywhere . . . and the arrival of the Christmas season brings renewed appreciation of the value of these fine relationships.

It is our pleasure at this holiday season, to extend to you, the people we serve and those we hope to serve, a hearty wish that yours will be a . . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Memphis Compress Co.

M. C. ALLEN, Manager

Memphis

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Turkey

### Letters to Santa Claus

3rd grade  
 Santa, I'm a little girl nine years old. I tried to be a good little girl, please bring me a tumbaleen doll clothes. I hope that you will bring all the other nice boys.  
 Love,  
 Kay Coppedge

Santa, I'm a little boy four years old. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and a gun. Please remember all of my little friends.  
 Your friend,  
 Paul Fowler

Santa, I want you to bring me a pair of shoes and a watch.  
 Love,  
 Sue

Elementary School  
 Lakeview, Texas  
 December 8, 1959

Santa, I want a bride doll for Christmas. I can't hardly wait for Christmas. I want some clothes for my

doll. Tanya wants a rubber doll. Donnie wants a peddle tractor. James wants a rocky horse.  
 I wished you could hurry up and come. I know it will be hard to hurry because you have so many toys to make. I want a Dale Evans watch, an electric iron. James wants a set of guns.  
 Donnie wants an army set. I want a play accordion.  
 Your friend,  
 Glenda Shelton

Dear Santa,  
 I'm a very good boy. I think I would like a BB gun, a rifle set, and a Lionel train.  
 I think I would like a station set.  
 Love,  
 James Jarrell

RT. 1, Estelline, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I am a little three-year-old girl and my folks say I have been pretty good this year. Will you please bring me a Baby doll with a bottle and nipple and some diapers.  
 I have a little sister who is 9 months old and she is awfully

sweet. Would you please bring her a real small baby doll too.  
 Please don't forget all of the children in the world and Santa Claus, I love you.  
 Connie Eddins

Memphis, Texas  
 Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
 I tried to be good and I hope I have. So if it isn't asking too much will you please bring me a dress, a stuffed animal, perfume, and jewelry. Thank you.  
 Your friend,  
 Susan Booth

Dear Santa,  
 Would you please bring me a Cissitsee doll and some clothes for her and a radio. Also I want a pet crow.  
 Your friend,  
 Susan Stevenson

4436 W. Hills Trail  
 Amarillo, Texas  
 Nov. 17, 1959

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a baby doll and a toy refrigerator. I like candy and nuts too.  
 Love,  
 Jami Kay Bownds

Columbia Falls, Mont.  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 I live in Columbia Falls, Mont., this year so don't forget to stop here on your way from the North Pole. I started to school this year and am 6 years old, my sister, Jill is 4 so don't forget her.  
 I would like to have a Microscope set if you think I'm old enough to take care of it, also a steam shovel.  
 Don't forget all of the other children everywhere.  
 Love,  
 Randal Hunt

Dear Santa Claus,  
 How are you? I would like a basketball and goal, a softie doll in car bed, and a basket. Don't forget all the other boys and girls. Write you again next year. Merry Christmas.  
 Your friend,  
 Sandra Saye

Dear Santa,  
 I'm in the fifth grade, and I go to "Austin School."  
 I would like a madam Alexander doll. I would like a doll scale also. My brother's alarm clock is being used by me, so will you please, if you have enough room in your sack, put a clock in for me. You may bring my 17 year old brother anything you want to.  
 Yours truly,  
 Lucheryl Tucker

P. S. Thank you for everything.  
 Memphis, Texas  
 December 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I want a train for Christmas and don't forget about the other boys and girls too.  
 Love,  
 Danny Pat Gowdy

Dec. 8, 1959

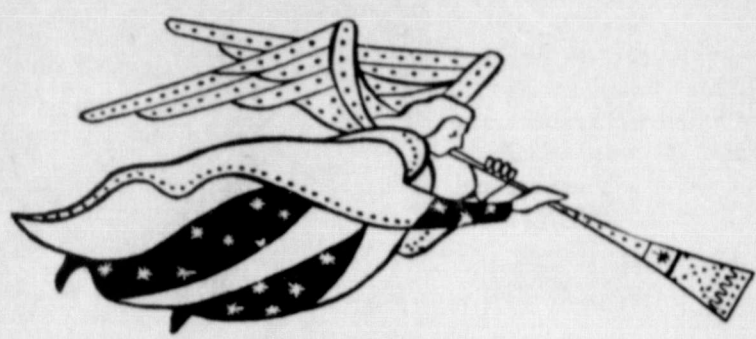
Dear Santa,  
 I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a cancan, notebook, picture puzzle and fruit, nuts, candy.  
 from Gaye Maddox  
 to Santa

Memphis, Texas  
 Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus  
 I have been a good little boy. I am five years old.  
 Please bring me a Colt 45 and a guitar and some apples and oranges and candy.  
 Ronald Canida

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I'm a little girl 5 years old, and am in kindergarden at Austin School. Mrs. Crawford is my teacher. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, a big rag doll, and maybe a few other things; and remember the other little children.  
 I can hardly wait.  
 Love,  
 Tanya Wood

### Hark, the Herald Angels Sing...



May the glory of Christmas abide with you and yours for all time to come.  
 Our best wishes to you for a happy Christmas.

MEMPHIS STEAM LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS



### COMING YOUR WAY...

It's Santa-time again! We hope he's coming your way with a wonderful Christmas. Somewhere in his pack are our best wishes to you. Knowing and serving you has been our pleasure during the past year... so, at this happy time we send you our wishes for a Christmas filled with the warmth of friendship, the joy of prosperity, the brightness of a future filled with good days.

MEMPHIS PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

Serving the Farmers and Ranchers of This Area

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Dear Santa Claus,  
 I'm really glad to be over the chicken pox before time for you to come. It was so much fun to sit in your lap, but I just couldn't think of all the things for you to bring.  
 Do you have a cowboy suit, and hat, a jungle gun set with flash light? If so, please bring them to me.  
 Santa, do your reindeer help you get the toys ready for all the boys and girls?  
 Carl Wood, Jr.

Dear Santa,  
 I would like for you to bring me a watch. Please bring me some rollerskates, and a doll and bed too. I want a bicycle and a little doll too. Do not forget the other children.  
 Your friend,  
 Nancy Proctor

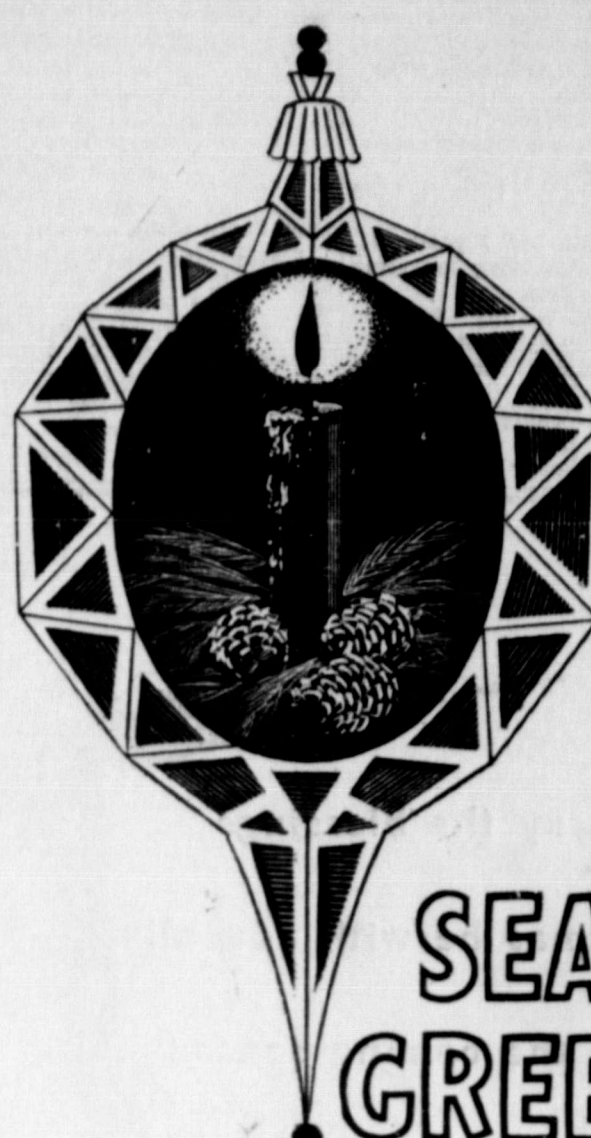
Dear Santa Claus,  
 I have been a real good little girl, age 2 and a half, and I would like for you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a piano that stands above 2 feet tall, a little pink stove so I can cook my daddy some dinner, a set of plastic dishes and some clothes. I also want lots of candy, fruit, and nuts. Don't forget my little cousins at Wellington and Paducah.  
 Your dear loving friend,  
 Little Sheri Lee Davis

Dear Santa,  
 I am five years old and I have tried to be a good girl.  
 Please bring me a nurse's kit, a doll house, doll clothes, and a suitcase. Please bring some fruit, nuts, and candy to all the little boys and girls.  
 Kay Lynn Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I am a little girl two and a half years old and am looking forward to your visit. Please bring me a baby doll and a buggy. Also a baton and a little mop and broom.  
 Don't forget the fruit, candy, and nuts for me and all the other little boys and girls.  
 Love,  
 Debbie Lynn Roden

Amarillo, Texas

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a B-B gun, and a string puppet. I like nuts and candy too. Don't forget my teacher, Miss Srygley.  
 Love,  
 Holt Bownds



### SEASON'S GREETINGS

Our "Merry Christmas" wish is a hearty one, based on the long friendship we've enjoyed with you. We're looking forward to wishing you the best for years to come, and we trust we will have the pleasure of serving you.

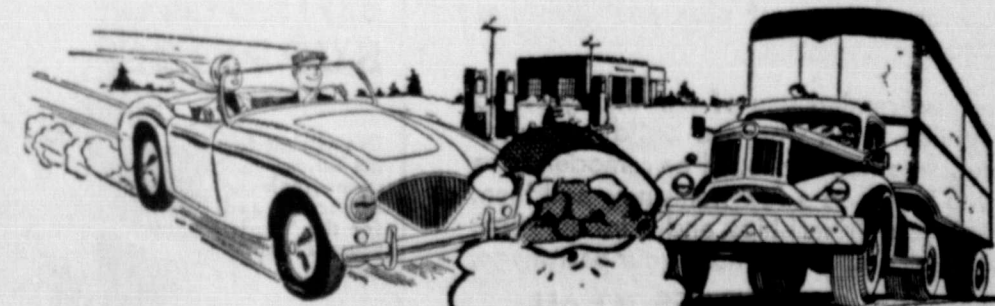
THOMPSON BROS. CO. HARDWARE AND FURNITURE



### TO ALL MOTORISTS OF THIS COMMUNITY

Merry Christmas

Whether you drive a most luxurious imported sports car or a rebuilt "jalapie," we hope you'll enjoy pleasant motoring throughout the Christmas Season and the days to follow. May each day be "filled up" with joy and happiness, our wish for each of you. And, for your fine patronage of our super service station during the past year, we say, "Thanks and come back!" We'll do our best to service your car promptly, efficiently and courteously.



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### Letters to Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas  
Route 1  
Dec. 3, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? I am fine.  
Would you please bring me a chemistry set, a pump action shotgun, a Wells-Fargo set, a Wells-Fargo shirt and belt set.  
Please bring my two sisters something nice.  
Your friend,  
Jimmy Grice

Clarendon, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 1 year old and have been pretty good this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a jumping horse and some clothes. Also, candy and nuts.  
Don't forget my sister Jane, mommy, daddy, and all the other boys and girls.  
Lots of love,  
Alice Sandra Dickenson

Clarendon, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl 2 years old and have been pretty good this year. I would like for you to bring me a big doll and a jumping horse. Also lots of nuts, candy and fruit. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.  
Love you lots,  
Bertha Jane Dickerson

Dec. 15, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy 7 years old. Will you please bring me some toys, just any kind.  
Don't forget my little brother, Charles, and my little sister Audie, and all the other little boys and girls.  
We will be looking for you.  
Love,  
Randy Phillips

107 Park Place Drive  
Lancaster, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Since I will be spending Christmas with my Nannie and Pappie Wines, I wanted to write so you would know to find me in Memphis.  
This is my first Christmas and I have been a good boy. Please bring me a little boy doll, Snoopy rubber dog, and little red wagon.  
Love,  
Tom Hitt

410 Cuba  
Alamogordo, N. M.  
Dec. 10, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Madam Alexander doll, a set of dishes, a fur stole, a red dress and anything else you want to bring me.  
Remember all the boys and girls in my kindergarten class and my brother and cousins.  
Your friend,  
Martha Beth Gordon

Estelline, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me some road equipment and my little sister Brenda wants a doll, diapers, and bottle. My brother Barry, wants a dump truck. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.  
Mike, Brenda, and Barry

410 Cuba  
Alamogordo, N. M.  
Dec. 10, 1959

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a rifle, a basketball, a pair of boxing gloves and some clothes.  
Martha Beth and I will leave cake and coffee out for you.  
Love,  
John Lynn Gordon

502 Panorama Blvd.  
Alamogordo, N. M.  
November 24, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I am two years old this Christmas, and my Daddy and Mommy say that I have been a good boy, so here is my list that I would like for you to bring me.  
Please bring me a pair of red cowboy boots, a red cowboy hat, guns, a stick horse and anything else you would like to put in your sack for me, and please don't forget my stocking that will be hanging up. I will leave cake and milk for you.  
Love,  
Donny McCay

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 7, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I would like a scrap book, dress, purse, and a set of dishes.  
I also would like a housecoat and a little lamp.  
Your friend  
Linda Kay Moore

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl in the second grade. I want a doll, a pair of skates, and an electric iron.  
Bring my brothers and my new baby sister some toys.  
Love,  
Susan Williams

Elementary School  
Lakeview, Texas  
December 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a jewelry box that plays music. Mother said that I was a pretty good girl this year.  
I also would like a slip and dress for Sunday.  
I am going to get something for my teacher. My grandmother is going to make it.  
I am also going to get something for a few of the girls in my room.  
Well, I guess I had better go now.  
Love always,  
Suzan Moreman

Dear Santa,  
I would like a have a doll and a pair of skates.  
Love,  
Susan Goodnight

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a metal show-down set, with the belt buckle and the gun.  
Yours truly,  
Charles Carroll

Panhandle, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1959

Dear Santa,  
You know I haven't always been good, but I help my mommie and she thinks that is good for a four year old girl. My baby brother, Randy, is pretty good too. If you can, will you bring him a red truck, a doll and some clothes and I would like a bicycle, record player, piano plug, a doll and some clothes.  
We may be at Mamma's in Memphis, if not we will be home.  
Please don't forget us and all the other boys and girls and mommie and daddy.  
We love you,  
Kathy and Randy Braidfoot

Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I've tried real hard to be good this year and I want a "Softie" doll with red hair in a car bed. Bring me anything else you want me to have.  
Don't forget Lometa Kay and Ronald, and all my cousins who will be a Mam-ma's.  
We have moved to Memphis this year, so don't overlook me.  
Your friend,  
Jennifer Pate

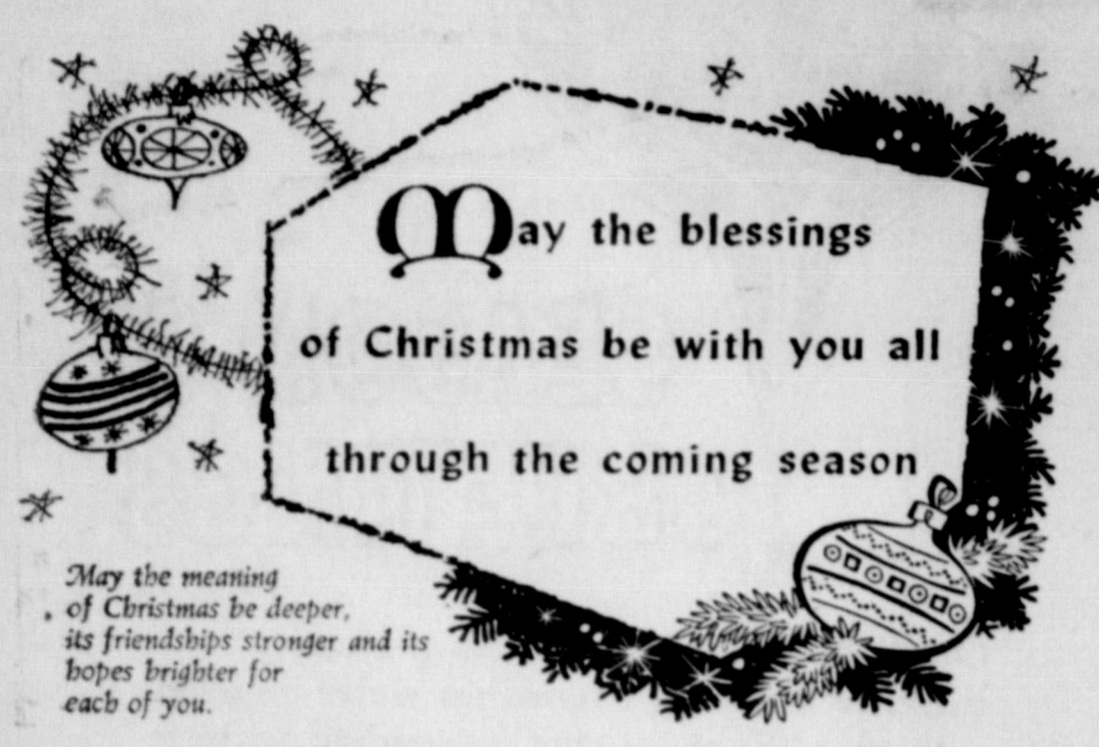
Dear Santa,  
I am 6 years old. I want a football helmet.  
My brother wants a tricycle trailer.  
Bring us all fruit, nuts and candy.  
Remember my big sister who is 10 years old. She wants a jewelry box and jewelry. Remember all the other children.  
Love,  
Monty Reed  
George O. Hillis  
Trudy K. Reed

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me two guns, and shooting shells, a BB gun and a wood burning set.  
Your friend,  
Smokey Bell



As the tapestry of Christmas unfolds, we are proud to take this opportunity to wish our friends a Merry Christmas.  
Like other department stores everywhere our place is a beehive of activity during the Christmas rush.  
But now the rush is over and this is the time we like the best... the time when we express our appreciation for your friendship and wish you a very sincere and hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS

**POPULAR DRY GOODS**  
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May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its friendships stronger and its hopes brighter for each of you.

### THE FAIR

- John Shadid
- Winnie Brewer
- Flo Corley
- Inez Shadid
- Cora Belle Alexander



As we extend Season's Greetings to the fine people of this area we are mindful of the many courtesies and friendships that have been ours to enjoy in the business relationships in the past. We are grateful for your consideration and wish for you a most pleasant Christmas observance.

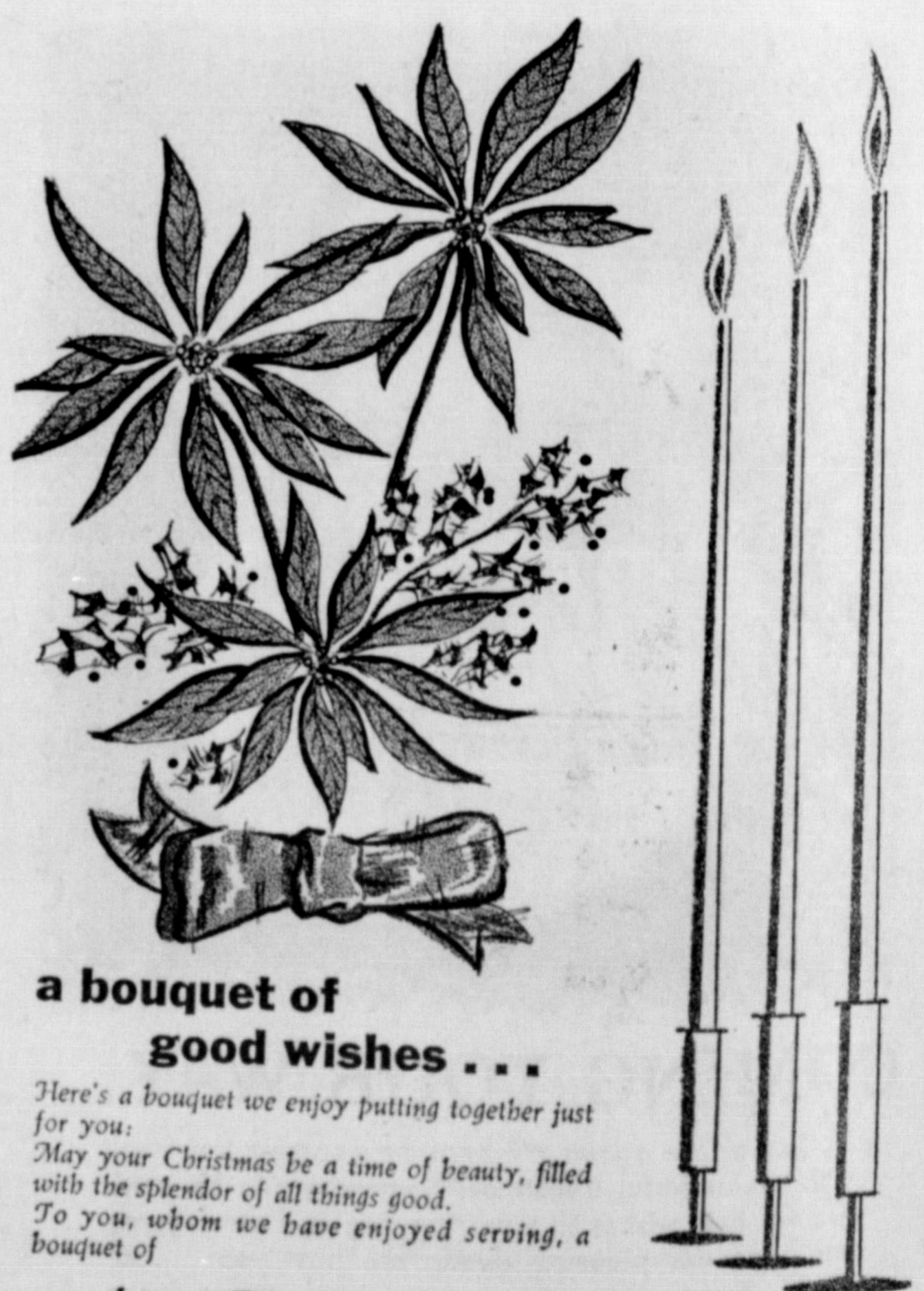
May we also remind you of our willingness to be of service to all who are building, or remodeling, who hope to build or remodel or to those who just need a few items now and then. We want your friendships and consideration, and will do all possible to merit your patronage.  
SEASON'S BEST WISHES TO ALL

**BUILDING SUPPLIES**

Everything for the builder, contractor, for home repairs... and for the "do-it-yourself" handy-man.

### MEMPHIS LUMBER COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Roberts  
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a bouquet of good wishes...

Here's a bouquet we enjoy putting together just for you.  
May your Christmas be a time of beauty, filled with the splendor of all things good.  
To you, whom we have enjoyed serving, a bouquet of

our best Christmas wishes

### Leslie's Flowers

### Letters to Santa Claus

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a shooting shell rifle and shooting shell pistol and shooting shell Derringer and shooting shells. I want some oranges and apples, pecans, peanuts, walnuts, brazilnuts, and 6 fire sticks.

Love,  
Rex Allen Row  
Elementary School  
Lakeview, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I have a book but I do not have colors and paper. I want a dog, a pig, and a doll for my sister. My brother would like a car and a train. I would like to have a dress, a flag and Bible and a slip.

Your friend,  
Manuela Correno

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a fairy princess doll, a tea set and a nifty notebook.

Love,  
Holly Clark

Dear Santa,  
I want a rifle, toy airplane, football, a watch, candy, and nuts, and anything else you think I need.

Thank you,  
Johnny Vallance

Dear Santa,  
I am nine years old. Please bring me a Betsy McCall doll and a bicycle and some games. I don't forget the other children. I love you. I want marriage too.

Love,  
Cathy Pyeatt  
416 South 7th

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy who ain't been to school. I live in the country. Please bring me a new boat, fishing tackle and a new hat. Please bring my little front teeth.

I love you,  
Zippy

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll, housecoat, doll buggy, candy and nuts. Don't forget my big brother and sister.

Thank you,  
Janis Vallance

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old. I want an electric football game. Thank you Santa.

Love,  
Bobby Cosby

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a doll, dishes, doll buggy, doll clothes, doll bed, toy cat. I have been a good girl. I have three brothers ages 11 months, 8 years and 9 years. I will share with my little brother. My other brothers are too old to play with dolls.

With love,  
Kay Murdock

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl 7 years old. Please bring me a doll and buggy, table and chairs and slacks. And don't forget my baby sister, Sandra.

I love you,  
Tony Elem

Dear Santa,  
I want a rifleman gun and a fort.

Thank you,  
James Frank Booth  
Memphis, Texas  
120 Montgomery  
Dec. 1, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy. Please don't forget my mother and sister and brother.

Yours Truly,  
Kenneth Ray Fields

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me some guns and a bicycle?  
I have been a good boy.

Love,  
Arturo Garza

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a watch, bat and glove, Popeye game, racing game, checkers, and a tool chest.

Alan McNally

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl, I think I would like a table and chair set, and a cooking set.

Thank you,  
Sue McCravey  
Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1959

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope I have been good. I have tried. Please bring me a Bible and a doll.

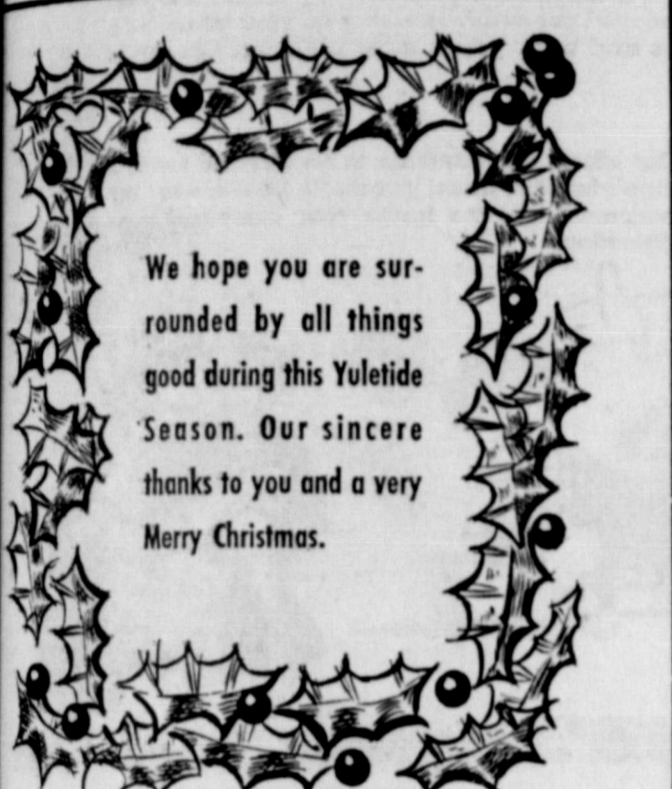
Your friend,  
Karen Nunnally

Dear Santa,  
I would like a station set and a rifle set.

Yours truly,  
Johnny Jai


Dear Santa,  
I want a desk and a doctor kit with a microscope and I want a tool chest. Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Tommy Greene



We hope you are surrounded by all things good during this Yuletide Season. Our sincere thanks to you and a very Merry Christmas.

**SMITH AUTO STORE**



May your Christmas be merry

At Christmas time we realize more than ever how much it means to have the friendship and good will of the fine folks of this community. Please accept our sincere thanks and good wishes.

**MEMPHIS CAFE**

Pearl




**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

May you be blessed with every happiness.

**THE ARONOFSKYS**

David Judd Donald  
Trigger



**CHRISTMAS** is always doubly welcome. We are each mindful of the deeds and thoughts of others and we find it appropriate to express the finest wishes to those about us. Would that each of us would sustain this attitude through the days to come. As for us, we pledge to strive for that goal, today, tomorrow, and every day.

**CHRISTMAS** makes glad the hearts of all and we are truly grateful for an occasion that makes each of us more considerate of our fellowman. Too often we neglect to tell our friends and loved ones the kind thoughts we have for them. All too often we fail to express our thanks for the many blessings and favors that come our way.

**BEST WISHES FOR A CHRISTMAS OF PEACE**

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### Letters to Santa Claus

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
 We are two little girls, age 6 and 4, and we live in San Simon, Arizona, but we are going to our Grandmother and Grand-daddy Adeock's house this year for Christmas, and we would like for you to bring our presents to their house.  
 We have been pretty good little girls this year, and we would like to have a record player, a doll house with furniture, and a play telephone, also some candy and nuts.  
 Please remember all the other little girls and boys everywhere.  
 We love you,  
 Kimberlee and  
 Kameron McCanne  
 Stamford, Texas

**Dear Santa,**  
 I am a little girl 2 year old. I have tried awful hard to be a good girl, so would you please bring me a toodle doll, some candy, fruit and nuts. Santa would you bring our dolls to our Grandpa Proffitt house. We will be there this year.  
 Thank you very much  
 Pamela Sue Jeffries  
 Stamford, Texas

**Dear Santa,**  
 I am a little girl 2 and a half years old. I think I have been pretty good this year and I would like for you to bring me a doll, rocking chair, iron and ironing board, some dishes and lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Santa please don't forget my Grandma who lives in Lakeview and my Grandma and Grandpa in Missouri and all my aunts and uncles and cousins.  
 I love you Santa  
 Rhonda Ann Wikdon  
 Columbia Falls, Mont.

**Dear Santa,**  
 I am a little girl 4 years old, and tried to be a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a toodles doll, some candy, fruit and nuts. Please don't forget all the other little girls and boys.  
 Thank you,  
 Joyce Ann Jeffries  
 I have moved to Montana, so

this year be sure and stop here on your way from the North Pole to visit my brother and me.  
 I would like a stove that really cooks and a clothes line with an iron and ironing board.  
 Don't forget all of our friends in Memphis and Columbia Falls.  
 Love,  
 Jill Hunt  
 Lakeview, Texas

**Dear Santa Claus,**  
 I am 4 years old and have been a pretty good boy; so please bring me a bicycle. I have a little brother named Randy and bring him a dump truck and a tractor. We both would like some candy and fruit.  
 Thank you,  
 Lyndel and Randy Orcutt

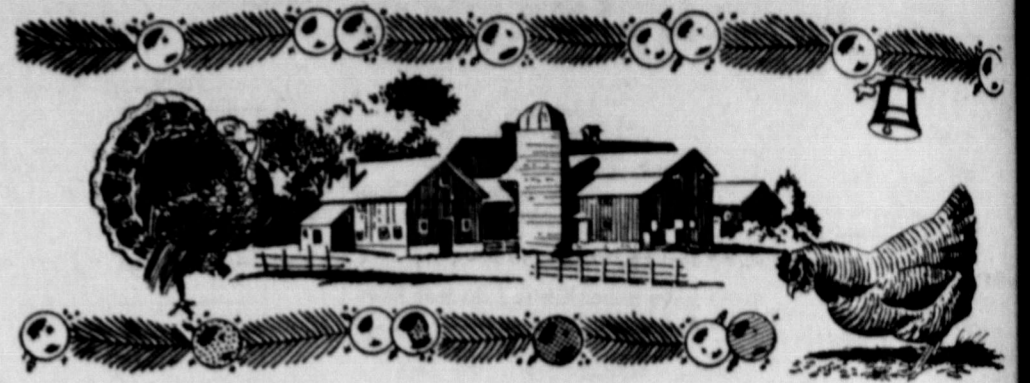
**Dear Santa,**  
 I would like a microscopes and a telescope. I would like a Dale Evans cowgirl suit. Let the others be surprises. I've tried my best to be a good girl. Some day I might go to the North Pole to see you. Well Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
 With Love,  
 Sandra McQueen

1324 Dale Street  
 Longview, Texas

**Dear Santa,**  
 I have tried to be a good 6 year old boy. My little sister, Deborah, has been a pretty good girl.  
 She wants you to bring her a doll and a sleepy TV dog.  
 Now I would like one of those new HO Gauge freight trains and some strestles for it. Santa, I went to see you once and I forgot to tell you that I would like a TWA passenger plane.  
 We will be in Memphis for Christmas.  
 I guess that is all for now, Santa.  
 I love you  
 Keith Dale Bruce  
 Dec. 8, 1959

**Dear Santa,**  
 Will you please bring me a bride doll, a dollhouse, a baton, and a Nifty notebook?  
 Love,  
 Susan Clark

**Dear Santa**  
 I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a cancan, notebook, picture pizze, and fruit, nuts, candy.  
 from Faye Maddox  
 to Santa



## Merry Christmas

Our sincere good wishes to all the fine people of this community, especially to our farmer and stockmen friends whom it has been our privilege to serve in a business way during the past year. We have enjoyed our dealings with you, your friendships and associations and wish you a most pleasant Christmas Season.



Our efforts will continue to be directed toward supplying the finest products possible to our customers and we invite your continued consideration.

### HARRISON HARDWARE

Wendell J. W.      Byron      Lena Mae J. D.



Each year we strive to find a new way to express our thanks, but invariably we come back to the most pleasant wish of them all — Merry Christmas.

### COOLEY'S ARMY STORE

Helen Parker      Mrs. Henry Blum

## Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

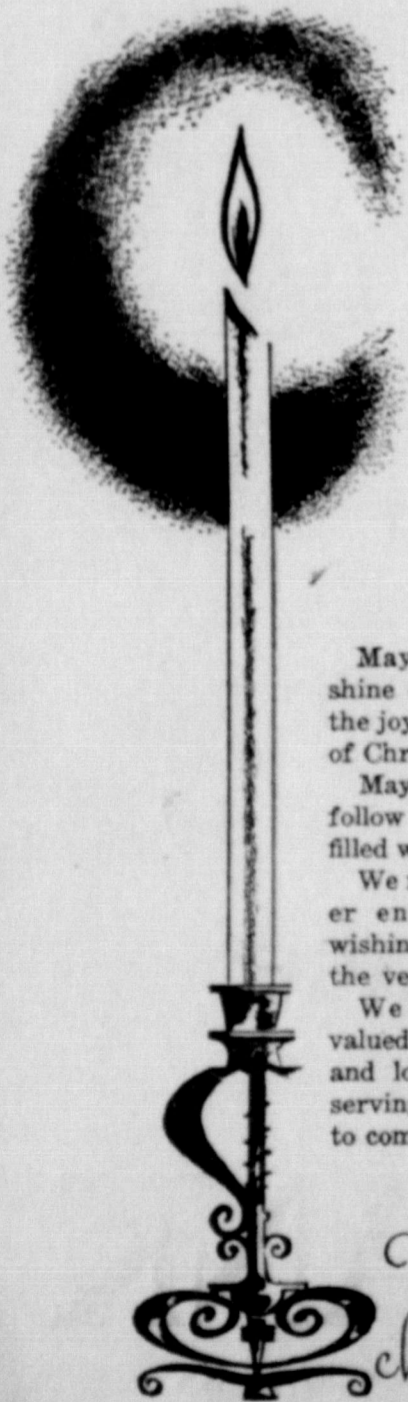
May you have heaps of nice things to brighten your Christmas, but more important... may you enjoy every happiness possible during the season of good will.

...also... thank you for your very liberal patronage.



### BROWN AUTO SUPPLY

Lee      Johnny



May the Yuletide shine on you with all the joys that are a part of Christmas.

May the days that follow continue to be filled with happiness.

We receive no greater enjoyment than wishing you and yours the very best.

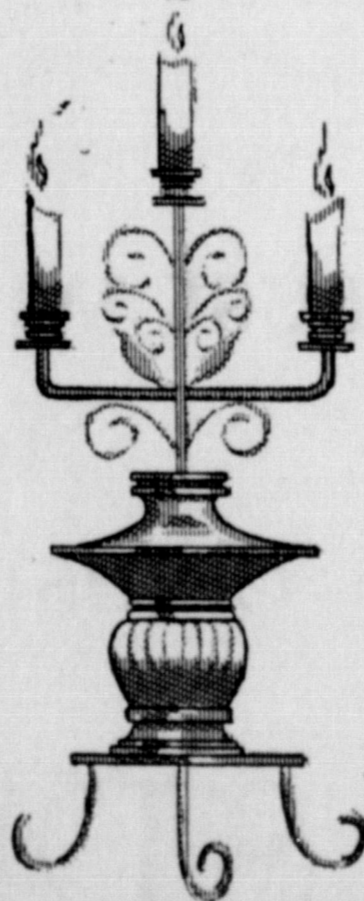
We have always valued your friendship and look forward to serving you in the days to come.

Merry Christmas

### HICKEY MOTOR CO.

Your Dodge-Plymouth Dealer

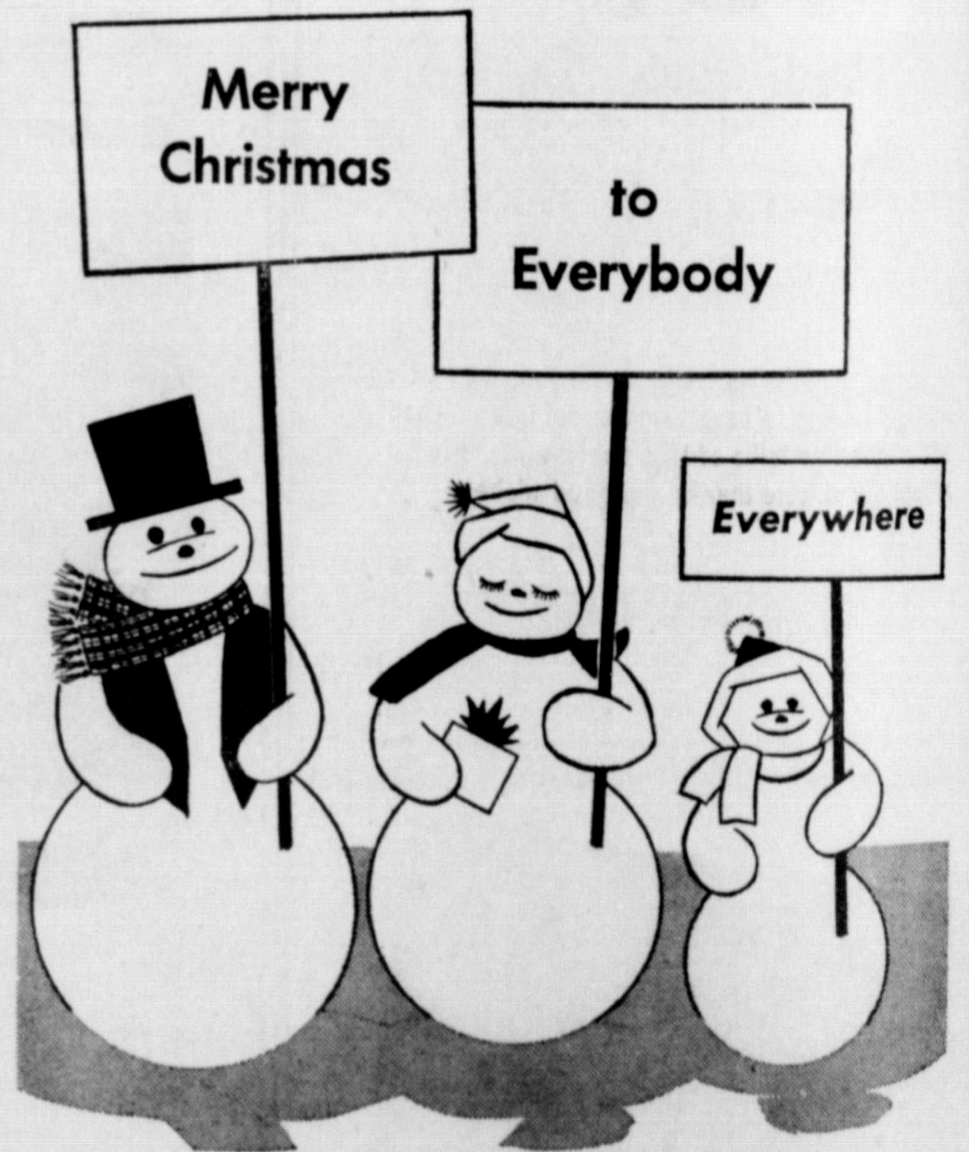
## for a Merry Christmas



May this Christmas and those to come be increasingly enjoyable to you and yours. We hope we may have the pleasure of serving you in all the years ahead.

### STALF PONTIAC & IMPL.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stalf  
 Monty Alewine      Buddy Melton



We've enjoyed serving each and every one of you this past year. Your friendly patronage has made our friendly service a real pleasure.

So... have a nice Christmas, won't you? And in the days to come... we'll look forward eagerly to serving you again.



### E. E. CUDD OIL COMPANY

Goodyear Tires and Tubes

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### Letters to Santa Claus

Santa,  
I want a baby doll and I want a pair of gloves and hat you Santa. Don't forget the children.  
Love,  
Sue Parker

Memphis, Texas  
Dec. 7, 1959

Santa Claus,  
I would like a set of guns and a truck. Don't forget to bring some candy, fruit and be sure all the other girls get some too.  
Your friend,  
Robert Moore

Lakeview, Texas

Santa,  
I'm a little girl 2 years old. I've been a good girl and I would like a doll and suit case, a piano, a iron and lots of fruit candy.  
I love you  
Ray Nell Martin

Lakeview, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I'm a little girl 7 years old. This is my first year in school and I think I've been a pretty good girl. I would like for you to bring me a Tiny Tears Doll with a suit case, a set of dishes, a game, and a white Bible with my name on it. Don't forget my teacher Mrs. Payne who has been very good to me.

I love you  
Pernina Jean Martin  
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a dolly that cries tears. Remember the other girls and boys, also.  
Thank you,  
Your friend,  
Teresa Kay Kilpatrick

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a BB gun, a new bike, shoe skates, tent, candy, fruit, nuts.  
Don't forget my brother, sister, Mother, Daddy and cousins.  
I've been pretty good.  
Your friend,  
Odell Gilcrest

Estelline, Texas  
Dec. 4, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I am a good little girl and would like for you to bring me a baby doll, some nuts and candy, if possible bring me a man that I can claim as mine.

Yours truly  
Ruth Richerson  
Estelline, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you please bring me a doll that has brown hair, a real doll house, and some paper dolls? That is all.

Love,  
Fleta Gay Coldiron

Dear Santa,  
I am too small to write you myself, so mother is writing for me. I would like to have a high chair and a TV horse.  
Please remember my cousins, Mike and Lucretia.

Thank you,  
Jack Randall Goff

Elementary School  
Lakeview, Texas  
December 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a nice girl. I am in the fourth grade. I would like to have a gun holster, a cancan, pajamas, a stocking full of fruit and candy. I want a gift from the whole family.

Your pal,  
Sandra Smith

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a sidewalk bicycle with a basket. I have been good this year. Please don't forget Jerry and Tommy and all the other boys and girls. I am four years old and live on 6th street.

Thank you,  
Bobby Lee Hall

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a gun and some candy.

Thank you  
Larry Gayle Moss

Elementary School  
Lakeview, Texas  
December 8, 1959

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I am in the fourth grade. I want some stuffed animals, pajamas, house shoes, record player, and a cancan slip.

Your pal  
Brenda Lowe  
Route 2,  
Memphis, Texas

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy of six and I have been fairly good this year. When you come by my house this year would you please leave me a pair of cowboy boots, a rifle with a scope, dump truck, mobile crane, and please fill my sack with goodies.

Santa, I have a sister 11, so please don't forget her and all the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Tommy Lockhart

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl three years old. I've tried real hard to be good but Mommy says I talk too much.

Please bring me a baby doll, buggy and high chair, and some kangaroo pajamas. Remember the other boys and girls.

Janet McNally

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a 26 inch bicycle and a wood burning set Thank you.

Your friend,  
Bob Tribble

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a doll and a bingo set, and a bicycle too. I also want two pairs of leotards size ten.

Your friend,  
Lurena Crawford

Dearest Santa Claus,  
I am just a little girl only one

year old, but I think I have been a good little girl.

Will you please bring me a baby doll and anything else a little girl my size would like.

Don't forget my two big brothers and all the other children

Bye, Bye for now.  
I love you,  
Stacie Lee Greenway

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a BB gun, several pairs of socks, size 9, tee shirts size 8, a 26 inch belt and a watch.

Your friend,  
Larry Rickman

Dear Santa,  
I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. I want a bicycle and a gun. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Your friend,  
Roge Fowler



**HURRY SANTA!**  
...and as you make your rounds,  
be sure to wish all our friends a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**CLENT'S BARBER SHOP**  
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## Greetings for CHRISTMAS

It's time to count our blessings, to acknowledge with gratitude the loyalty of our friends, and to express appreciation and good wishes to the fine people whom we serve.



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

The window of Christmas has a magic of its own. If we look through it in the true spirit of the Season, what a wondrous scene we see. It is a world of peaceful scenes. There is a whole landscape of happiness, the smiles of children, the hearty greetings from those around us... the blessedness of a family enjoying Christmas together.

And how much more wondrous does the magic of Christmas become when we realize that the window of Christmas is within our hearts.

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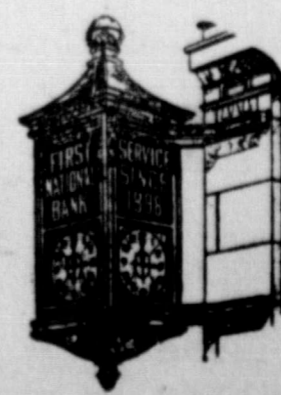
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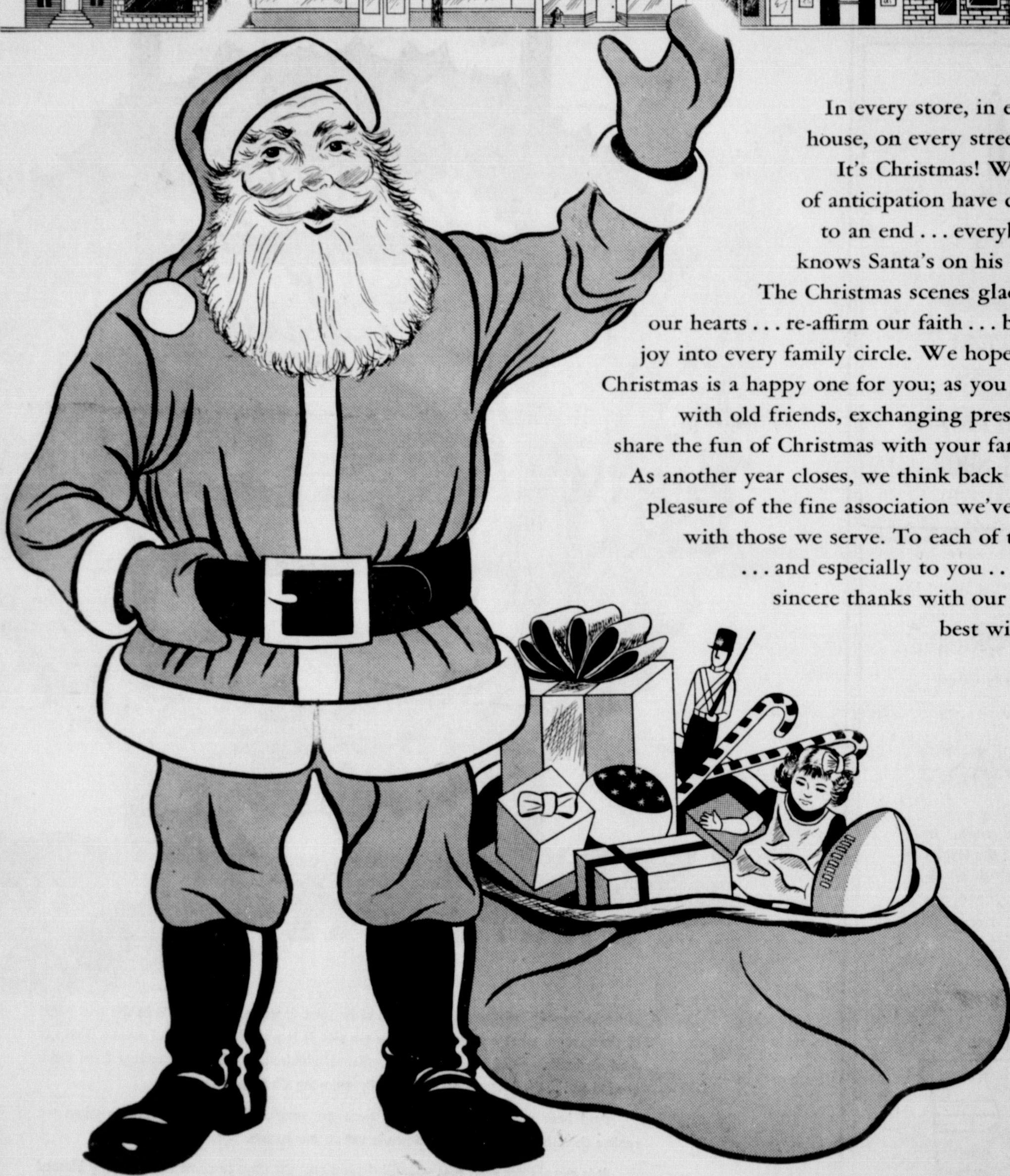
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In every store, in every house, on every street . . .

It's Christmas! Weeks of anticipation have come to an end . . . everybody knows Santa's on his way.

The Christmas scenes gladden our hearts . . . re-affirm our faith . . . bring joy into every family circle. We hope this Christmas is a happy one for you; as you visit with old friends, exchanging presents, share the fun of Christmas with your family. As another year closes, we think back with pleasure of the fine association we've had with those we serve. To each of them . . . and especially to you . . . our sincere thanks with our very best wishes.

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