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### Community Prepares to Greet Christmas

#### LAST DRAWINGS SET FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Last two of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas drawings will be held Friday and Saturday of this week, it has been announced.

On Friday, \$100 in script will be offered, and the same amount will be drawn for on Saturday, plus any carry-over from Friday. Names will be drawn Saturday until all prizes are given away, it was stated.

Also at the Saturday drawing, several merchants of the city will be giving away certificates in various amounts, which will be redeemed at the respective businesses.

Time and place of the drawings both days will be 4 p.m. at the Lions Club building downtown.

#### Town to Close On December 26, January Second

It was announced this week that most business concerns in Santa Anna would be closed Monday, December 26.

The Monday closing is in accordance with Chamber of Commerce holiday closing schedule, which calls for businesses to close on Monday when a holiday falls on Sunday.

Six holidays are observed annually by the C. C. They are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Business concerns will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, due to New Year's Day falling on Sunday.

A few businesses will, no doubt, operate on their usual Sunday schedules.

#### Newspaper To Be Late Next Week

The Santa Anna News will likely be mailed a few hours later than usual next week, due to the Christmas holiday being observed on Monday, December 26. It is estimated at this time that the News will be mailed about noon next Thursday, making it about four hours late.

We would like to urge everyone to either call us or jot down a list of your visitors and bring them by The News Office as early in the week as possible. We would also encourage our rural readers to report your news to your correspondents as early as possible. Your cooperation will be needed in order to get all the news in the next issue of the paper.

Thank you.  
—The Publisher

#### F. G. Harmon Is Tri-County Probation Officer

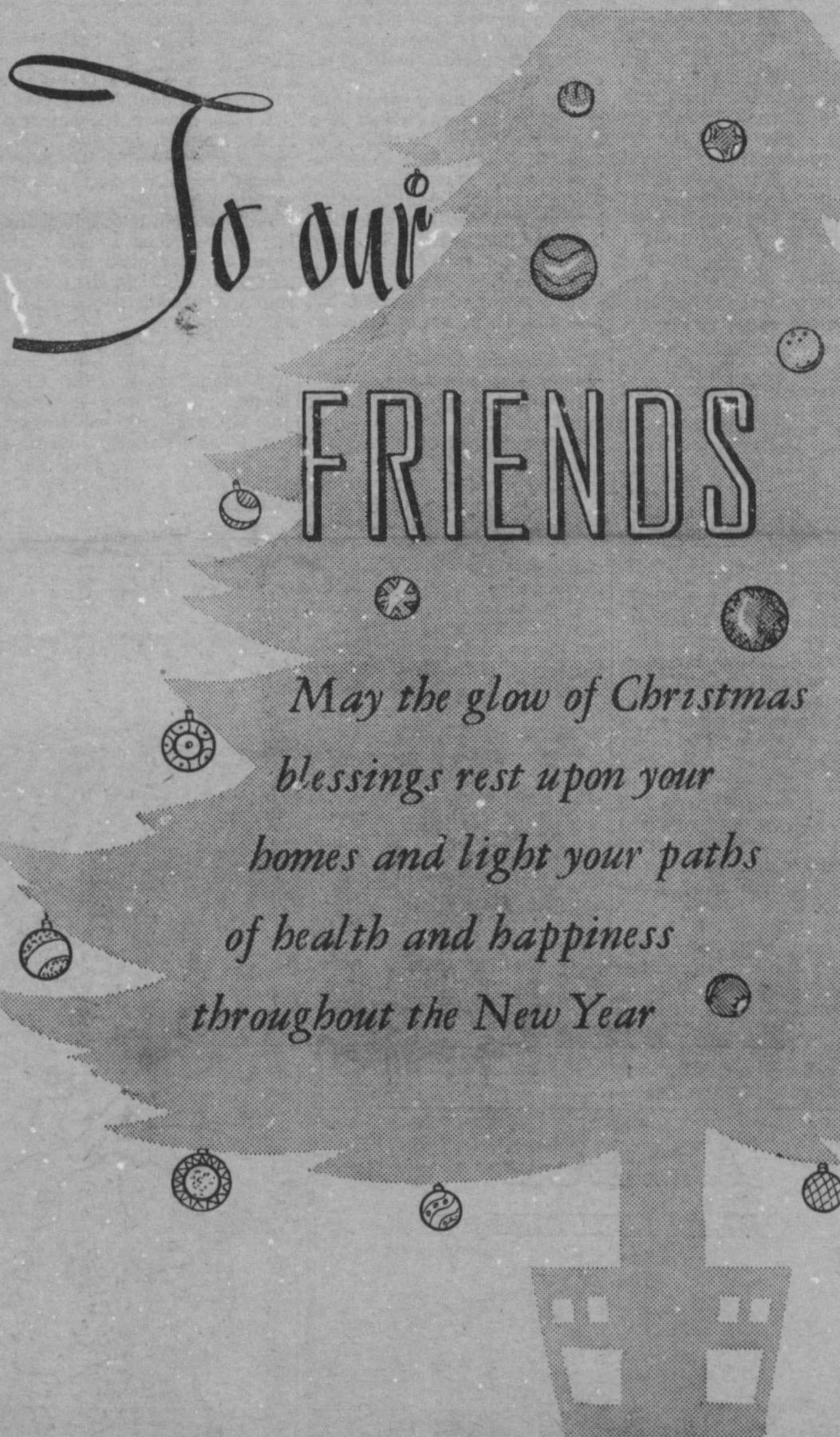


F. G. HARMON  
Probation officer

Frederick G. Harmon, 52, Brownwood attorney has been appointed Adult Probation Officer to serve the District and County Courts of Brown, Coleman, and Mills Counties. All adult persons serving probated sentences, felony or misdemeanor, will be under his jurisdiction, and the appointment is effective January 1, 1967. Appointment was made by District Judges Joe B. Dibrell Jr., of Coleman, Glenn R. Lewis of San Angelo, and James K. Evetts of Belton, with the concurrence of the Commissioner's Courts of the three counties involved. Duties of the Adult Probation Officer include supervision of probationers, enforcement of probation provisions, aid and assistance to probationers, and recommending revocation of probation in case of serious violations.

As probation officer, Harmon will make regular trips to Coleman and Mills counties to serve probationers there, and in addition will be available to all probationers in Brown county during

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### The Santa Anna News

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"Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright." Christmas is for prayer and peace; Christmas gleams with the light of the Star that shone so brightly, nearly two thousand years ago. And throughout this community, the deep spiritual significance of the holy season spreads comfort and cheer. In churches, the hours of worship reflect the coming joy as, during the weeks before Christmas, the story of Christ's coming is the subject of study, sermon, song and prayer, all building toward the special services of Christmas Day.

Christmas is a joyful season; Christmas is a prayerful season. Since the earliest celebrations of this Christian holiday, it has ever been so.

The twin spirits of Christmas — festive celebration and reverent worship — are woven together in all the lore of the season. History says that when the time now celebrated as Christmas was designated, in the fifth century A.D., early Christian leaders felt that the traditional winter merry-making of pagan festivals such as the Roman Saturnalia might be hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus, pagan peoples who had once looked to mythical sun gods as the source of the rebirth of life began to turn to religious observances of the Saviour's birth. Christmas lights symbolize faith, hope and life eternal.

Today, the glow of the tiniest candle — or the twinkling of the smallest electric bulb — still reflects, however humbly, the Light that Christ brought to the world.

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly, 'tis the season to be jolly." Christmas is for joy and laughter; Christmas glows with merriment. Throughout this community, families are putting the finishing touches on plans for holiday get-togethers. Hideaways bulge with mysterious packages; kitchens are fragrant with the scents of special treats; homes are bright with gala decorations. Holiday party plans go forward. It is, indeed, the season to be jolly.

#### Mrs. C. D. Bruce Authors Book On History Of Trickham, Texas

By JOHN C. GREGG,  
PUBLISHER

"Trickham, Texas" is the title of a new book just off the press and authored by Mrs. C. D. Bruce of Santa Anna. Mrs. Bruce has been associated with much of the history of Coleman County and has spent many hours in research in order to bring this very interesting and informative history of the oldest settlement in the county into the public view.

She relates many interesting episodes of the early-day pioneers. The many hardships and tragedies, as well as the joys of the determined pioneers are described in detail on many pages of the book.

Leona Banister Bruce is a daughter of the late John R. Banister who came to Coleman County in 1868. Mr. Banister worked with numerous law enforcement bodies during his life in this area and was elected sheriff of Coleman County in 1914. His death occurred while he was still in office and Mrs. Bruce filled out his term of office. She also served several years as Acting Postmaster at Santa Anna and has been associated with numerous civic and cultural groups in Texas. All her life she has been interested in preserving the history as she has seen and lived it.

In her book she vividly describes many encounters the early pioneers had with the Indians and whites who attempted to live outside the law. She relates how the town of Trickham came to

#### DOUGLAS JOHNSON RETURNS FROM JAPAN

Douglas Johnson of Greenville, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Johnson of Santa Anna, returned to his home last week after spending several weeks in Japan and Hawaii. He had been on a business tour for the Ling Ticao Aircraft Corp.

be settled. She relates the history of many of the families who were a part of settling Trickham and this area of Texas.

In a brief review on the back cover of the book, the Anson Jones Press of Salado, Texas, publishers, says "It may be said with truth that this is an authoritative book."

#### 2 Appreciated Letters Received By The News

The News received two appreciated letters during the past few days that we feel are well worth bringing to the attention of our readers. One of the letters is from Eugene White (Lieutenant Junior Grade, USN), son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom White of Santa Anna. The other, which we will publish only in part, is from Billy Wayne Lowry of McGregor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowry.

Lt. White's letter is as follows:  
How will you spend Christmas? Will you spend it sitting in your warm comfortable home with the cold wind howling past your door as you wait for the traditional Christmas Day dinner and the visit with your children, your grandchildren, or your parents, whichever the case may be?

Of course, you will. You as Americans have this privilege. And your thoughts will be not only of the Son who was born on this day to bring meaning and salvation to the lives of all Christians; nay, for your thoughts shall also be of your family, your loved ones, and the peaceful surroundings in which you find yourself.

However, will your thoughts

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#### A Christmas Message

A look at the high annual toll of human lives and disabling injuries from traffic accidents in our state could lend substance to the idea that we live in a jungle . . . that we must kill or be killed!

Certainly Christmas cannot subscribe to this idea, for man's spiritual enlightenment determines his concern for those in the world about him. The only possible Christian attitude in driving must be:

"I am my brother's keeper." But what about the attitude of those who feel we live in a jungle? The instinct for self-preservation is inherent in all of us, but this does not mean in our present-day civilized society, we must kill or be killed. A better interpretation of this law of nature would be: "I am my brother's keeper, especially since there are so many times when he is mine."

When a driver takes his place behind the wheel, in a

very real sense, he invokes this verse from Deuteronomy, fifth book of the Old Testament:

"I have set before thee life and death; therefore choose life."

The Commandment: "Thou shalt not kill" applies as much to the man or woman driving a car as it does on every other occasion throughout the day and night. It applies perhaps in greater degree, since so many people drive cars and because the average person overlooks the fact that an automobile can be a deadly weapon.

The Texas Safety Association asks your help in reaching the minds and hearts and souls of men with this message for the Christmas season: Life is not to be thrown away on our streets and highways; it is still sacred and precious, as the Lord intended it to be.

"Traffic safety is a moral responsibility."

# State Capitol NEWS

**AUSTIN** — Massive state governmental spending proposals—each ranging around the \$4,500,000,000 mark overall for the next fiscal period—are on their way to Texas legislators.

Legislative Budget Board unveiled its 1968-69 budget recommendations last week, followed a few days later by the somewhat larger appropriations request of Gov. John Connally.

LBB calculated spending approved by board members would come to some \$4,400,000,000 — \$834,800,000 from general revenue over which the Legislature has direct control.

Connally's budget suggestions topped \$4,600,000,000 — \$911,400,000 in general revenue.

Present all-funds spending (including federal aid and earmarked categories such as for highways, schools and welfare) is \$3,900,000,000 — \$621,500,000 in general revenue.

Board's proposals could be financed easily without resort to new taxes.

Connally's would require some \$64,400,000 in additional revenue, according to his projections of \$847,000,000 income — \$76,600,000 more according to the LBB income estimate. But the governor

almost certainly will recommend some additional spending in his message to the Legislature.

Here's a capsule comparison of the general revenue budgets:

\* Education: (present) \$342,200,000; (LBB) \$467,400,000; (Connally) \$496,300,000.

\* Public health, hospitals and youth institutions: (present) \$149,500,000; (LBB) \$206,500,000; (Connally) \$214,700,000.

\* Departments and agencies: (present) \$111,000,000; (LBB) \$139,300,000; (Connally) \$176,300,000.

\* Judiciary: (present) \$12,400,000; (LBB) \$12,700,000; (Connally) \$7,400,000.

## DRINKS CAMPAIGN ON

A statewide Citizens Committee for Tourism and Regulated Sale of Mixed Drinks has organized and is opening an Austin office.

Dallas lawyer Shannon Jones is temporary chairman and Houston lawyer and realtor Charles L. (Sonny) Sowell is legislative counsel.

In a press conference here, they announced plans to push for legislation to authorize sale of mixed alcoholic beverages on local option basis in wet areas. Campaign is pegged on drive for tourists and convention business and need for additional state revenue. Sowell and Jones said a 10-cents-a-drink tax would yield \$80,000,000 in the next two years.

Support soon came from an unexpected source. Rev. E. W. Jablonowski Jr. said he intends to testify for the bill because he feels states where liquor is sold by the drink have less alcoholic consumption and less public drunkenness. The Texas Council of Churches likely will take no stand, a headquarters official said, because it is "split down the middle" on the issue. Its legislative statement of policies says the organization opposes any change in law which would encourage increased liquor consumption.

## OIL PRODUCTION BOOMS

Railroad Commission boosted January oil allowable to a near-record 37.5 per cent of potential.

Factor would allow 3,318,234 barrel-a-day production. This compares to 3,206,044 daily under the 36.5 per cent order for December which was the biggest since May, 1959.

## TUITION HIKE ASKED

Doubled tuitions for Texas college students was recommended by the higher education Coordinating Board.

Board, with a single dissent among membership, is asking the Legislature to raise present tuition rate of \$50 a semester for Texas residents to \$7 a semester hour or about \$105 for full-time (15 hour) students. Out-of-state students, who now pay \$200 a semester, would be required to pay \$20 an hour if proposal is approved.

## AG RULINGS

Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr has ruled that a court reporter's fee may be paid from the general funds of the county in which the offense is alleged to have been committed, after the trial court has certified that the fee is

## Lone Star State 4-H'ers Home from Chicago Trip

Collecting 50 wild animal skulls, drawing up plans for re-wiring a community building, organizing drivers' license clinics, and distributing mosquito control aids after an encephalitis outbreak are some of the activities of Texas teen-agers who have won top state honors in their 4-H projects for 1956.

Tommy Henderson, of Ingram, conservation winner; Sylvia Parks, of Morse, electric winner, and Penny Patton, of Lockhart, safety winner, have just returned from a week-long stay at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Allen Whitley Jr., of Houston, health winner, received a \$150 scholarship in lieu of the trip.



Henderson



Miss Parks

These winners were selected by the Cooperative Extension Service, which directs 4-H work.

In addition to his unusual collection of wild animal skulls, Henderson prepared an exhibit demonstrating with samples the way to determine the age of the deer by their teeth. He has raised a wild pig and two orphaned fawns, taken part in wildlife surveys, and given several speeches on conservation of natural resources in his 10 years of 4-H work.

Among his many previous awards in conservation is a \$1,200 scholarship as winner of the 1955 state wildlife conservation award. Young Henderson, 17, is a senior in high school. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Temple Henderson. His trip to the congress was donated by John Deere.

Miss Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Parks, takes no



Miss Patton



Whitley

back seat to the boys when it comes to electricity. She has given 46 demonstrations on electricity, made or repaired 70 pieces of equipment, surveyed 30 homes for electrical safety, and helped rewire the community building with the plans she drew up.

At 17 she is a senior in high school and a nine-year 4-H member. She plans to prepare for a career in home economics with an emphasis on electrical safety. Westinghouse Electric Corporation is host for her Chicago trip.

Miss Patton, 19, has given over 150 demonstrations on safety in her 10 years in 4-H. The two drivers' license clinics which she headed with the help of the Lockhart Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety were quite a success.

She has been a delegate to the National Safety Conference in Chicago. A freshman at the University of Texas, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Patton Jr. Sponsor of her trip to the 4-H Congress was General Motors.

Whitley's health activities have included organizing a health club and distributing 1,000 health identification cards. After an encephalitis outbreak in the Houston area, he helped pass out spray and pamphlets telling residents how to control mosquito breeding.

A 17-year-old high school junior, he has been in 4-H eight years. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Whitley. His scholarship was provided by Eli Lilly and Company.

reasonable. In other opinions, Carr ruled that:

\* Comptroller of Public Accounts may issue warrants for the deposit of witness fees necessary to be tendered in habeas corpus proceedings brought against the Director of the Department of Corrections in Federal Court.

\* A person on probation for committing a crime has not been "convicted" under the terms of the Texas Liquor Control Act and may be issued a liquor distributor's or retailer's license.

\* A county may require bidders on the purchase of road machinery to submit as a part of their bid a guaranteed repurchase price and a guaranteed maximum cost of parts.

## SHORT SNORTS

State draft boards will be called upon to furnish 674 men for the armed forces in February, less than half the January quota of 1,110 men.

Texas Highway Department has released a new 24-page booklet, entitled "Engineer-

ing Opportunity and Challenge," describing engineering careers with the Department and briefly outlining the organization and functions of the Highway Department.

Lon C. Hill, Corpus Christi, has received Texas Industrial Commission's Citizen AIDE award for efforts to

## P&W MAG GOES ABROAD

What makes the Texas wildlife management techniques tick will be the subject of scrutiny in Bavaria.

A Texas man got a subscription for a friend in that German province to receive Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine.

The new subscriber was identified as an official of one of the many sportsmen's groups in that conservation-conscious country.

Penguins are birds, but they never fly.

Inhabitants of New Zealand have the longest life expectancy.



We're joining Santa and his reindeer in sending warmest wishes for a joyous holiday, rich in many blessings. Do have a wonderful Christmas!

**Alex Mayers**

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## Christmas Specials

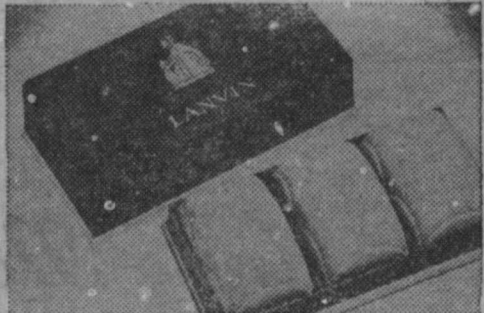
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| KRAFT'S SALAD DRESSING                   | qt.           | 59c |
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| OUR DARLING — TENDER ALL GREEN ASPARAGUS | 303 can       | 29c |
| WHOLE SPICED PEACHES                     | No. 2 1/2 can | 25c |
| SNOWDRIFT                                | 3 lb. can     | 79c |
| FOLGER'S COFFEE                          | 1 lb. can     | 79c |
| GANDY'S EGG NOG                          | qt.           | 49c |
| LARGE CRISP CELERY                       | stalk         | 15c |
| GOLDEN BRAND MARGARINE                   | 1 lb. solid   | 19c |
| DECKER'S QUALITY BACON                   | 1 lb. sliced  | 69c |
| GANDY'S Whipping Cream                   | 1/2 pt.       | 29c |
| RUSSET POTATOES                          | 10 lb. bag    | 39c |

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### Micronutrient Tests Available

Texas A&M's soil testing service for farmers, gardeners and homeowners is being expanded to include micronutrient tests, according to John E. Hutchison, director of the Agricultural Extension Service. The announcement came following installation of an atomic absorption spectrophotometer provided by a grant from the Texas Plant Food Educational Society.

Dr. Charles Welch, head of Extension's soil testing service, said that the new instrument can measure magnesium, zinc, iron, manganese and copper in plant and soil extracts and provide a scientific basis for the use of these elements. Previously, soil tests measured only phosphorus, potassium, organic matter, soil acidity and salinity haz-

ards, the soil chemist said. Procedures for utilizing all capabilities of the new equipment are under development and instructions for obtaining micronutrient tests will be available from county Extension offices soon, Welch said.

### ALBINO CAT SNAGGED

The river bank fishing fraternity brought in a conversational boost along with the daily Brazos river catch.

It was an albino catfish caught by Eugene J. Dieterman.

As reported to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the odd specimen was a flathead catfish.

It weighed 18 pounds. That also impressed the river bank trade.

There are no grounds for divorce which are accepted in all 50 states.

## OPERATION "DEATHWATCH" INDICATED TRAFFIC DEATHS

CHRISTMAS	6 P.M. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 TO 11:59 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 26															
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NEW YEAR	6 P.M. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 TO 11:59 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 2															
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The "COUNTDOWN BOARD" shown above will be used by the Texas Department of Public Safety during the Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends to draw attention to the need for safe driving. The DPS and other organizations are going "all out" in order that the indicated traffic death tolls might be kept down during "Operation Deathwatch." Each motorist is urged to join the effort to save as many lives as possible during the closing days of 1966.



### Silent Night

Long ago, one quiet night, the Message came, and in its spirit of Hope and Peace we send all our friends warm Christmas greetings!

### CLOVER GRILL

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AND

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### Rockwood News

By Mrs. John C. Hunter

Mr. and Mrs. Eurell Blair and Denise have moved to Mrs. Bill Rehm's house in Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McSwane visited in San Angelo the past Sunday with their son, Stanley, a student in Angelo State College.

John McCreary of Delano, Calif., is visiting with Joe McCreary and Mrs. Mary Brusenhan. They were Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Junior Brusenhan and family. Mrs. Mary Brusenhan visited in Eden Tuesday to Friday. Mrs. Junior Brusenhan announces she will not be in her shop on Christmas Eve.

Miss Sissy Steward is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper.

Mrs. Elec Cooper has been dismissed from the Brady hospital.

Mrs. Bob Steward was admitted to the Santa Anna Hospital Sunday, Dec. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lancaster of Trickham visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King.

Mr. and Mrs. King visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hop Ashmore at Bangs. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ashmore of Santa Anna and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ashmore of Bangs.

Harold McCarrell was a patient in Santa Anna Hospital from Tuesday until Friday. Cadet Jerry Carl Holman of San Marcos Academy spent Friday to Tuesday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry. Mrs. Buttry and Jerry Carl were

shopping in Brownwood Saturday morning and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crutcher at Bangs. They were in San Angelo Saturday afternoon visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Casey and Lana.

Mrs. Buttry and Mrs. Bill Rehm were at Ranger Park Inn Thursday evening for the Christmas party.

The A. L. Kings were in Brownwood shopping last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. T. Avants of Santa Anna visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bryan, last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Joey Bryan and family of Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Drury Estes visited one afternoon with Mrs. A. L. Crutcher.

Mrs. Grover Gattis of Lohn spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. John Hunter.

The Womens Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met at the Community Center Monday afternoon to pack cookies for older friends. Mrs. Jack McSwane and

Mrs. Darwin Lovelady visited Friday afternoon at the Brady hospital with Mrs. Elec Cooper.

Randal Lovelady spent Friday night with Jodie Brusenhan.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Lovelady were in Brownwood Friday evening to attend housewarming for her sister, Mrs. Audrey Polvado. They also visited Mrs. Vera Lovelady.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Drake and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eurell Blair and Denise.

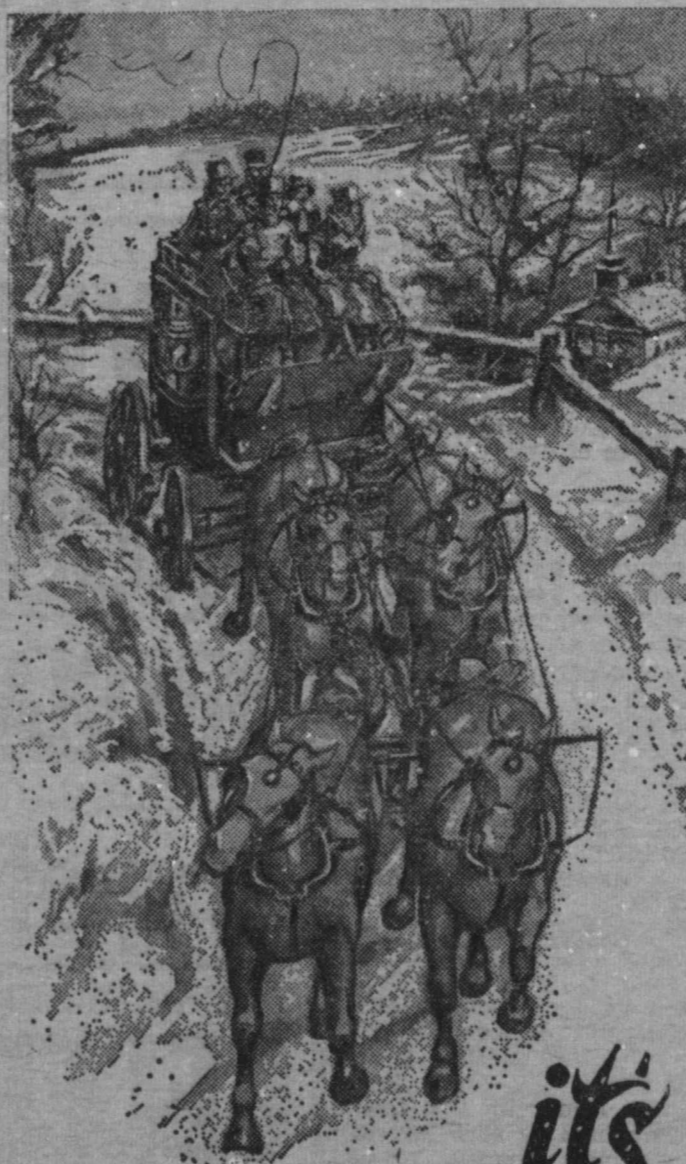
### BASS PANICS; DITTO HUNTER

A duck hunter will buy the standard assertion that "one never knows."

He was pushing a boat over a floating log to set out some decoys on Lake Proctor when a three pound black bass jumped into the rig.

The hunter also was excited. He just said he was plain "Mr. Wheeler from Ft. Worth."

Attend Church Regularly



## it's Christmas!

May Christmas bring you all the joys of the season and all the warm satisfactions of sincere friendships. We thank you for your generosity during the past year.

### THE MAN'S SHOP

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Coleman, Texas

### PROVIDE ASHTRAYS FOR PARTY GUESTS

If you're planning a party at your house for the holidays, the Texas Safety Association has this fire safety tip for you. Provide plenty of spill-free ashtrays for the smokers. A dropped cigarette could go unnoticed until after you are getting "40 winks," and that could be too late. Make an after-party

check for safety. Be sure no cigarette has fallen between couch pillows, or chair seats and is smoldering there. Also check all waste baskets for hot ashes.

"Nepotism" means, favoritism to relatives.

Rhode Island was the first state in the Union to build its own airport.



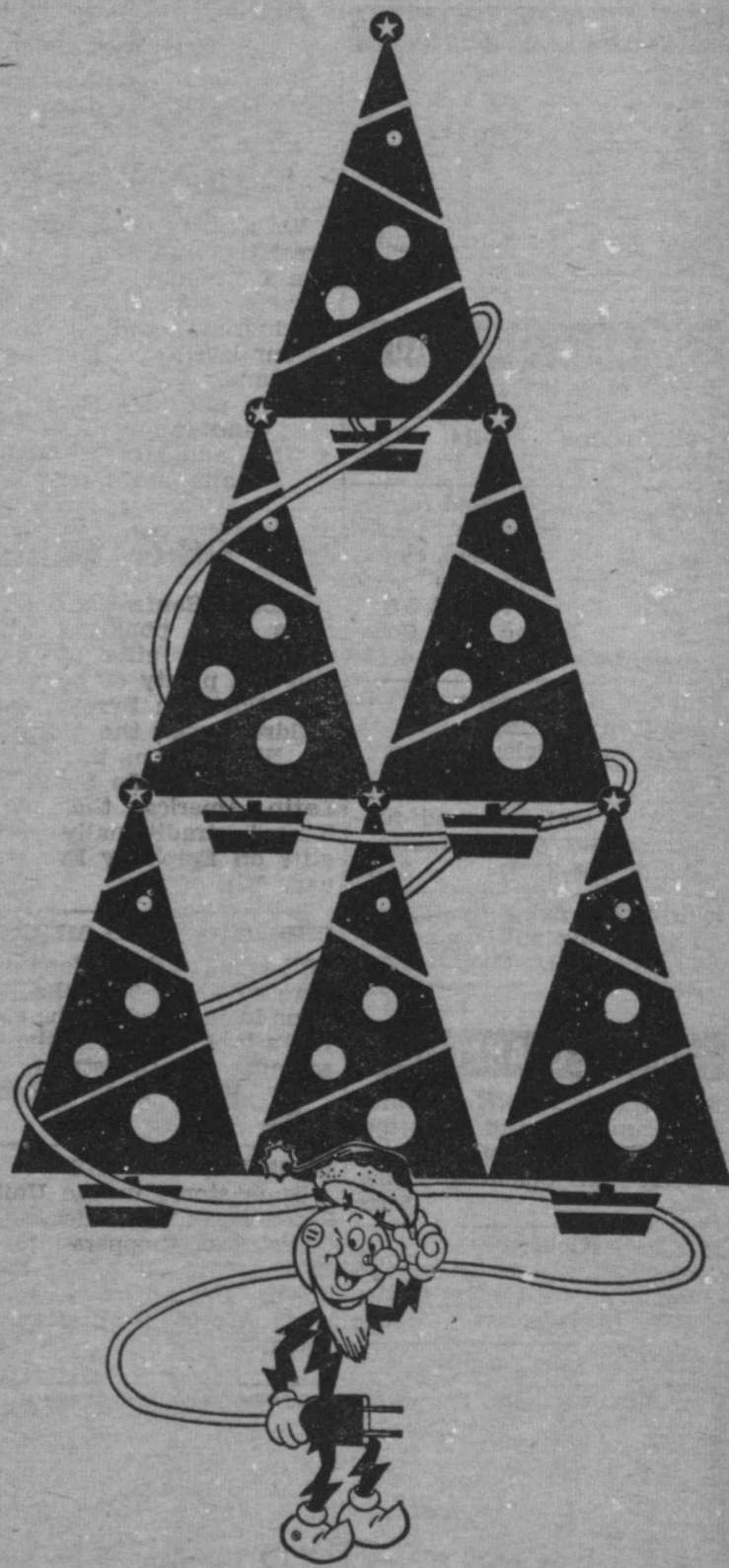
### a Joyous Christmas

To all our friends, we send sincere wishes for Yuletide joys!

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Stray Porcupine Is Traffic Victim

As it must come to all creatures, a lifeless porcupine was found on the outskirts of Austin, apparently a traffic victim.

That's just about like saying a Texas rattlesnake was found non com pos men tis in Minnesota. And a diamond back surely would be out of its mind to ramble that far away from home.

But a porcupine in South Texas should be in about the same sad-sack status. These animals, in their natural environs, occupy about the same social status as the Texas Armadillo, only that the porcupine's virtually undentable armor comprises its fierce quills.

The rare Austin visitor was found in the 3500 block of South Lamar by Wayne Wentworth, a realtor. He forwarded some of the quills to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department along with a note stating: "He met his maker about 11 October '66."

Shield News

By Mrs. E. S. Jones

A large crowd attended the Christmas supper at the Community Center Saturday. Visitors included Mrs. Margaret Wood, Cheryl and Bruce of Fort Worth, Louis Newman of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stevenson of Santa Anna, Alton Taylor and Mrs. Maudie Yerton of Coleman.

A. B. Carroll of Tennessee Colony spent Thursday and Friday nights with Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Milligan. He visited with friends Friday. Saturday afternoon Mrs. Jessie Williams attended a bridal tea at the home of Mrs. O. A. Botts in Brownwood, honoring Gaynell Ford of Brokesmith, bride-elect of Leland Williams of Santa Anna.

Mrs. Joe Will Fowler and Jeff of Kansas City, Mo., are visiting with Mrs. Jesse Fowler at Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fowler visited with them on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Williams, Donna and Johnny, were in San Angelo Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe McClain and the Norman McCoulskey family.

Rev. Matt McIntire and Mrs. E. S. Jones visited in Brownwood Sunday afternoon with Matt's grandmother, Mrs. B. F. McIntire, and with Mrs. Dot Moore.

Mrs. Margaret Wood and children, Cheryl and Bruce, visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McDonald.

Services at the First Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 25, will begin at 10 o'clock, in stead of regular time of 10:30.

John Dillingham and Leland Williams, students at A&M, are home for the holidays. Siats Freeland and B. B. Fowler of Fort Worth visited Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fowler.

Homonyms are words which sound alike but differ in meaning such as dear and deer.

Program of Music and Poetry Heard At Club Meeting

Participating in the Fine Arts activity of the Federation of Women's Clubs, a program of music and poetry, chiefly in the Christmas theme, was given when the Self Culture Club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. W. V. Priddy, a former member.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the house, with the big lighted tree as a focus point.

Some unusual instruments were played, with Nancy Baugh and Sherrie McIver playing carols on a celeste and Ann Martin using Swiss musical bells with "Little Drummer Boy." Chime and bell effects were given in "Adeste Fideles," also by Ann Martin. "Hungary," a lively piano duet by Koellems, concluded the musical numbers. All those on the program were pupils of Amos Caldwell.

Poetry selections in the Christmas theme were given by Larry Benton, Leann Bryan and Carol Kingsbery. Mrs. Hardy Blue spoke on the influence of music and the many fields in which musical therapy is now used.

Mrs. Tom Kingsbery served holiday-red punch from a white milk-glass bowl. The tea table was laid with a red felt cloth edged with a white fringe, and a variety of cookies and candies were on white plates. All appointments were of milk-glass.

Present, other than those mentioned, were Mrs. Hal Martin, Mrs. Hardy Blue, Mrs. Bill Brewer, Mrs. J. P. McClellan, Mrs. Charles Evans, Mrs. J. F. Goen, Mrs. James Harris, Mrs. Burl Sparkman, Miss Mary McCorkle, Mrs. J. C. Mathews, Mrs. Ford Barnes, Mrs. Dick Baugh and Mrs. C. D. Bruce.

MERRY XMAS

The use of Xmas for Christmas originated in the early Christian Church, reports the World Book Encyclopedia. In Greek, X is the first letter of Christ's name. It often was used as a holy symbol.

Mr. and Mrs. Iru Bray to be Honored On 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 23 Mrs. Dick Bass Victor Diaz Terry Lynn Buse

DECEMBER 24 Susan King

DECEMBER 25 Tom Todd Walter Hetzel

DECEMBER 26 Danny Tucker

DECEMBER 27 Mrs. Pleas Williams Roland Curry Sandra Walker Allyn Gill

DECEMBER 28 Mrs. Billie Gregg Mrs. Gertrude Martin

ROCKWOOD—Mr. and Mrs. Iru Bray will be honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, December 24, from 2 until 5 p.m., with an open house observance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pray. Assisting will be Mr. and Mrs. Iru Bray Jr., of Silver City, New Mex.

Mr. and Mrs. Bray were married December 24, 1916, at the Baptist parsonage in Brady, Texas.

Blanche Boyd E. E. McClintock

DECEMBER 29 Mrs. Georgia Wagner Dick Deal Paula Copeland T. A. Jackson

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TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the Coleman County Water Control and Improvement District Number One on the 10th day of January, 1967, at the Office Building and Community House in the town of Trickham in said District in Coleman County, Texas, for the purpose of electing three directors for the Coleman County Water Control and Improvement District Number One, said election being called by order of the Directors of the Coleman County Water Control and Improvement District Number One of Coleman County, Texas, by order dated the 9th day of December, 1966. Said Polls to be open at 8:00 o'clock a. m. and close at 7:00 o'clock p. m. The three directors elected shall serve for two years. The Judge of Election shall be Bond Featherston.

s/E. R. CUPPS E. R. Cupps, President of Board of Directors of Coleman County Water Control and Improvement District Number One. s/W. L. (Bill) VAUGHN W. L. (Bill) Vaughn, Secretary, Board of Directors of Coleman County Water Control and Improvement District Number One. 51-52-1c

# Social Activities

## Garden Club Yule Party Held Friday

The Mountain City Garden Club met Friday, Dec. 16, in home of Mrs. Arthur Casey, with Mrs. A. C. Sparks as co-hostess.

Theme for the meeting was "Season Greetings." Roll call "What I'd like most for Christmas—'Peace'" led the wishes of the group.

Each member brought fresh fruit to be presented to the Ranger Park Inn.

Mrs. C. M. Moseley, program director, introduced the speakers: Mrs. Hollie Williams, who gave a Christmas story; Mrs. Hardy Blue, who spoke on music.

The club presented its president, Mrs. Vernon Herring, with a white sweater.

Mrs. Casey conducted a quizz game and presented each member with a scrub mop.

Other members attending were: Mrs. H. L. Zackery, Mrs. Melvin Flowers, Mrs. Otis Bivins, Mrs. E. E. Greer, Mrs. Rex Turney, Sr., Mrs. Alma McNutt, Mrs. Jess Howard and Mrs. Elton McDonald. Visitors were Mrs. Ethel Bobo and Mrs. Ray Jameson, Mrs. Paul Riddle and Mrs. M. D. Terry of Coleman.

The Christmas motif was used at all vantage points throughout the home.

Dear Santa:

I want a Johnny West and a two-wheeler bicycle. I am good. My name is James Gregory Walker, and I want a new car for my mother and a new pickup for my daddy. I want a baby doll for my little sister, Michellie, who is very good, and your reindeer named Rudolph the Red-nose. The end.

Love,  
Greg.

P. S. Please come to see me in Breckenridge at my grandmother's house.

## LaWanda Horner, Gary Hosch Exchange Nuptial Vows In Ceremony Friday



MRS. GARY NORMAN HOSCH  
... former LaWanda Horner

LaWanda Horner and Gary Norman Hosch exchanged marriage vows Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Santa Anna with the Rev. Hal Wingo of San Antonio, uncle of the bridegroom, and the Rev. Bobby Weathers officiating in the wedding ceremony.

Bride is the daughter of Mrs. Katherine Horner of Santa Anna and the late Carson Horner. Bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hosch of Santa Anna.

Wedding arch was centered by a large basket of white gladioli and shades of pink carnations. The arch was topped by three white wedding bells and flanked by double candelabra.

Ruth Ann Walker played traditional wedding march, and Mrs. Sara Albertson sang "Because," "Whether Thou Goest" and "The Wedding Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Jerry Horner, wore a white satin gown fashioned with princess basque bodice with scalloped lace and pearl necklace. The pleated chapel train fell from a round yoke in the back and was trimmed with lace. A pearl tiara held her veil of white tulle edged in lace. She carried a white orchid and feathered carnations on a white Bible.

Marguerite Horner was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Linda Fuller, Charlotte Strasner and Mrs. Sara Albertson.

They wore sleeveless floor-length dresses with empire waists and scooped necklines. Bodices were of dark pink velveteen and the skirts were of light pink peau de soie. Empire waists were accented by small bows of peau de soie.

They wore matching shoes and long white gloves. Their headpieces were dark pink velveteen bows accented by teardrop veils of matching tulle net. They carried cascades of shaded pink carnations.

Riley Albertson was best man. Groomsmen were Rich-

ard Finley, Buddy Wyle and Mike Bennet. Pete Simmons, Richard Finley, Buddy Wyle ushered.

Patrick and Pascal Hosch, cousins of the bridegroom, lighted candles. Flower girls were Starla Smith, cousin of the bride, and Jennifer Rutherford. They wore dresses of light pink peau de soie with long empire waists.

The bride's mother was attired in a two-piece suit of pink wool with matching accessories. The bridegroom's mother wore a three-piece ensemble of white brocade with matching accessories. Their corsages were of Cymbidium orchids.

A reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's parents. Bride's table, laid with net over pale pink satin and satin roses at the corners, was centered with ceramic cherubs and roses. The white four-tiered wedding cake, topped with a book inscribed with the couple's wedding bows, graced one end of the table. A pale pink punch service was also on the table.

Bridegroom's table was laid with beige linen and featured fruit cake and coffee service.

Members of the house party included Mrs. Linda Simmons, cousin of the bride, Lynda Rutherford, Karen Petross, Mrs. Beverly Peterson and Jacquie Looney and Becky Thurmond.

For a wedding trip to Dallas, the bride chose a two-piece suit of light pink wool with white accessories and the orchid from her wedding bouquet.

The couple will reside in Abilene where the bridegroom is employed as a teacher of science in the Wylie Independent School District.

The bride, a 1962 graduate of Santa Anna High School, is a junior student at Howard Payne College, and plans to attend McMurry College in the spring. Bridegroom, a 1962 graduate of Santa Anna High, was graduated in 1966 from HPC where he was a member of Gamma Sigma Phi and Beta Gamma Pi.

## Hospital, Clinic, Inn Employees Enjoy Yule Party

Annual Christmas party of employees of Santa Anna Hospital, Clinic and Ranger Park Inn was held Monday night, Dec. 12 in the Lions Club building, with about 70 employees in attendance.

Christmas carols, led by E. K. Wooster, were enjoyed by all. Mrs. Herman Burgos, dressed in a hand-painted embroidered Spanish costume, played the guitar and sang "Autumn Leaves," "Que-Se-ra," "Spanish Ballad," and other numbers.

A short skit was presented by Alvin Patterson, Jimmy Quinn, Earl Ray, Tommy McCullough and E. K. Wooster.

Mrs. Janice Cozart, Mrs. Della Wristen and Mrs. Carmen Donham assisted with serving refreshments and the children's gift exchange.

Adults formed a circle for a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Refreshments consisted of Christmas cookies, punch, party mix and candy.

During the entertainment special recognition was given Merle Roller, hospital administrator, Dr. C. N. Henner, Dr. Herman Burgos and Dr. R. B. Mascarenhas. Mrs. J. W. Quinn acted as master of ceremonies.

Mount Etna is located in Sicily.



GAYNELL FORD  
... to wed Jan. 29

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford of Brooksmith announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gaynell, to Leland Neal Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams of Gouldbusk.

Bride-elect is a 1966 graduate of Brooksmith High School, and has completed a business school course. She is presently employed by Carson Agency in Brownwood.

Prospective bridegroom is a 1964 graduate of Santa Anna High School, and is a junior at Texas A&M University. Wedding vows will be exchanged January 29 in the home of the bride's parents.

## Sunday School Classes Hold Christmas Party

The primary, beginners and junior Sunday School classes of the First Methodist Church held their Christmas party Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18 at 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Games were directed by Mrs. Cliff Herndon. Mrs. Jack Mobley filled in for Santa at the decorated tree and passed out gifts to all. Mrs. Harry Crews played Christmas music while gifts were being distributed.

Mrs. Jessie Upchurch and Mrs. Leland Thompson served Christmas cookies, punch and candy canes to Pam, Christi and Susana Driskell, Michelle, Cindy and Suzette Cozart, Terry and Jacqueline Loyd, Leslie and Snaron McCreary, Debbie and Scott Bowker, Donna James and Barbara Avants.

Miss Margaret Ann Mobley and Mrs. Melvin Avants were also in attendance.

## Christmas Banquet, Party Is Enjoyed By O.E.S. Members

The Santa Anna Chapter Order of Eastern Star met Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. for its regular Christmas meeting and banquet in Fellowship Hall.

The meal was served from tables laid with a red net and felt Christmas cloth, embroidered with sequins making Christmas symbols, centered with an arrangement of white Carnations and red berries, hurricane candles and red canes. Other decorations used in the halls were red Carnations, white Christmas bells, garlands of holly and red candles.

Mrs. Blanche Grantham, deputy grand matron of District 3 Section 5, Grand Chapter of Texas, made her official visit at 7 p.m.

Following the business meeting the group assembled in Fellowship Hall for a Christmas party. Mr. and Mrs. Montie Guthrie and Mrs. Bob Garrett hosted the affair. Gifts were exchanged from a silver tree. Refreshments of brownies, candy and coffee were served.

About 40 persons enjoyed the occasion, including visitors Murray Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Simmons of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. G.

## Ex-20th Century Club Members Enjoy Luncheon

Former members of the 20th Century Club were guests in the home of Mrs. C. W. Stephenson for a covered dish luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 15.

The round dining table was covered with a white cloth, encircled with hand-painted poinsettias. The centerpiece, a Yule log which came from the George Richardson ranch on Home Creek many years ago, held an arrangement of candles.

A buffet-style lunch was served at noon, followed by a visitation period and exchanging of gifts.

Attending were Mmes. Nora Green, Sam Rutherford, E. L. Parks, Arthur Talley, W. E. Vanderford, Warren Aldridge, Charles Benge, Richard Smith, G. P. Richardson, E. K. Jones, Amanda Perry, D. H. Moore, Miss Ellen Richards and the hostess.

We all have a patronymic. It's our family name.

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# GRAMMER'S

NEWS FROM

**RANGER PARK INN**

Mrs. Mabel Gipson and Mrs. H. Johnson of Coleman visited with Mrs. Eula Mitchell.

Visitors of Mrs. Dera Dibrrell during the past week were W. W. Loyd of Gouldsburg, Clarence Tisdale of Saba, Sherrie Tisdale of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Alve Wilkinson of Coleman, Mrs. Zella Knox and Lucille of Fort Worth, Mrs. T. L. Stevens, Mrs. Mamie Pricer, Mrs. Horace Poeteet, Mrs. Hayden Har-

gett, Mrs. Irene Dibrrell and Mrs. Evelyn Gaines all of Coleman.

Mrs. C. M. Moseley and Mrs. Jess Howard, representing the Mountain City Garden Club, brought fresh fruit baskets for all residents on Friday, Dec. 16.

Saturday, Dec. 17, Mrs. Oscar Boenicke presented home baked Christmas cookies for all to enjoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Williams of Coleman visited her sister, Mrs. Cassie Stiles on Sunday. They also visited other residents.

Mrs. Alma McNutt visited friends at the Inn on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Steinback of New Orleans, La., visited his mother, Mo-

zelle.

Frank Crowder has returned after a short stay in the Santa Anna Hospital.

Mrs. Juanita Branch visited her parents, the Zack Bibbes.

The Zack Bibbes received a large pot of Poinsettia. They are in North Living Room, giving a Christmas atmosphere to that wing of the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Lane visited his grandfather, Mr. Claude Hodges.

Miss Blanche Boyd attended church services Sunday, Dec. 18, at the United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Hattie Leach and Mrs. Lee McMillan attended church at the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday.

The daughter and son of John Fox were in Santa Anna to visit their father.

Mrs. John Bray and Miss Ruby Harper came to Inn on Sunday and brought songbooks to be used in their services. These books are gifts from the Council of Church Women.

Rev. James Ford, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, led the Sunday afternoon church services.

Rev. Robert Brandt, minister of the First Christian Church, visited Mrs. Hulda Johnson.

B. F. Mitchell visited his mother, Mrs. Eula Mitchell.

The O. B. Yancys of Brownwood visited her father, Mr. James Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Griffin and Kay of Bangs visited his mother, Mrs. Zimner Griffin.

Mrs. Mozelle Steinback attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Nancy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons of Valera visited the Geo. Simmons.

Mrs. Arvel Cullins and Mrs. Harold Kinney visited with Mrs. Hattie Futch.

Rev. Bill Brewer, new pastor of the First Baptist Church, visited residents at the Inn. A number of his of Dallas visited at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Kendall of Dallas called at the Inn.

Roger Watson of Burkett, Phelix Watson of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson of Glen Rose visited on Sunday with Mrs. Stella Watson.

The bazaar which was held Monday, Dec. 12, was a success. Articles made by the residents were for sale.

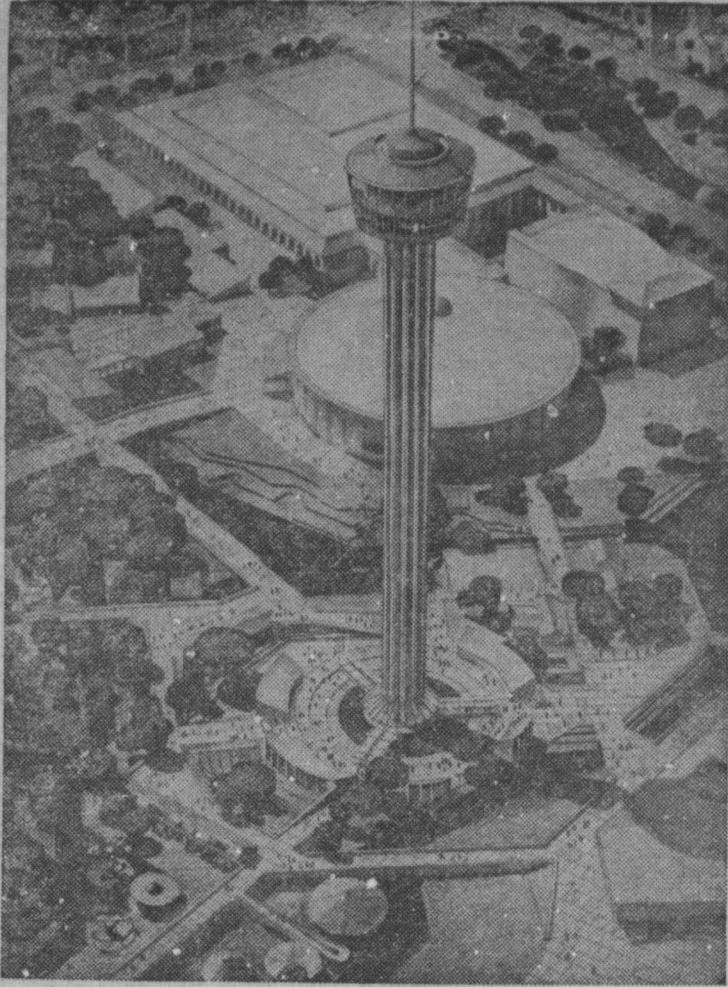
Tuesday, Mrs. Hal Martin brought her Fifty-robbed choral group for a Christmas program. The group wore white robes with black ties. Mrs. Martin is choral director at the Elementary School.

Residents had their Bible character game on Tuesday.

The Firemen's Auxiliary gave a Christmas program on Wednesday.

Thursday night the Annual Christmas party was held. Earl Ray led the Christmas singing, assisted by Mrs. Betty Wooster, dressed in a Civil War day costume of red satin brocade trimmed in tatting-type lace. Mrs. Stella Watson gave the reading "The Night Before Christmas."

Sidney and Robert Wooster announced the arrival of Santa by singing "Santa Claus Is Coming to



Construction will start in January on the 622-foot Tower of the Americas, the dominant structure planned for HemisFair 1968 in San Antonio. The tower will be built with \$5.5 million in general obligation bonds approved overwhelmingly by voters in the HemisFair city. Completion is scheduled for March 1, 1968, five weeks before the April 6 opening of the first major international exposition ever held in the southern half of the United States.

Town." Santa then passed out the many beautiful gifts from the tree.

Candy was served, which was sent by Doc Barkley for the residents. Santa visited the rooms and delivered the gifts to those unable to attend the party. The party ended with the singing of Christmas carols.

Friday, the Sunshine Band sang Christmas carols and Sidney Wooster gave the Christmas story. Saturday night, the play, "Away In A Manger" was presented. The characters were Angel Gabriel, Vondeane Henner; Mary Virginia Petry; Joseph, Robert Wooster; Donkey, Sammie Allen and David Guthrie; Inn Keeper, Donnie Semeniulk; Servant at Inn, Chan Henner; King Herod, Ricky Jones. Members of the Court, Abbe Henner and David Huggins; First Shepherd, Jo Ann Petry; Second Shepherd, Leland Patterson; Third Shepherd, Rodger Patterson; First Wise Man, Larry Benton; Second Wise Man, Barron Henner; Third Wise Man, Jimmy Semeniulk; choir angels, Le Ann Bryan, Jana Eubank, David Horner, Carol Kingsbery, Ginger Patterson, Mike Petry, Nell Tally, Sidney Wooster, and Jay Lynn Moseley, Patricia Smith and Carl Smith were unable to attend.

Director was Mrs. Betty Wooster; assistant, Elmer Wooster, Mrs. Jack Allen and Jimmy Benton.

Tuesday, Mrs. Norval Wylie sent Christmas corsages for all the nurses at Inn.

Sunday, Dec. 25, Elder Petry will have charge of Sunday afternoon services.

Thursday, the Bible character game, and late in the afternoon a musical group will entertain, consisting of Heck, Cynthia, Reta Rendon and Ruth Ann Walker.

Friday will be time for Christmas carols by Jimmy Benton, Pete Simmons, Mrs. M. R. Pollock, Leanna, Cieta and Leta Pollock.

Christmas dinner will be served Sunday, Dec. 25, with music.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Farris of San Angelo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Fuller Sr. on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Walters and son Ronny of Ft. Worth visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds.

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By Mrs. J. E. York

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Quilting Club met at the Community Center on Tuesday for their Christmas program and party. Mrs. Mary Boenicke gave two readings, "The Message of Christmas" and "This Was Christmas." Mrs. Grady McIver read the story of Christ - Luke 2nd chapter. Three songs, "Silent Night," "Joy to the World" and "Jingle Bells" were sung by the group. Prayer was said by Mrs. Lige Lancaster. Gifts were exchanged and secret pals revealed. Eighteen ladies were present.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dockery of Brownwood visited on Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady McIver spent Wednesday night with their daughter, Mrs. Bruce Hornell and family, at

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PAY IN 1967



Covington. Thursday morning they drove to Mansfield and spent the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Doyne McIver and Brad.

Mr. Zack Keeney of Coleman visited Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vaughn. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Woods of Brownwood were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dockery of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crabb of Carlsbad and Mrs. Lillie Featherston visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Newton of Lohn visited Monday.

Mrs. Ray McSwain and children, Donna and James, of Fort Worth, Mrs. Pete McClatchy and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Felton Martin and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin.

Mr. A. A. Watson and daughter, Martha, of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Woods of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crabb were Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dockery and John. Mr. and Mrs. Crabb visited with others in the community also.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Stacy of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Wylie McClatchy were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stacy.

Merry Christmas to each reader and a Happy New Year.

### Whon News

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

Dear Readers, another Christmas Season is upon us, and one more time, we agree with so many people whom we hear say "this has been the shortest year I have ever lived through." And, true, it only seems such a short time since we were rushing around trying to get a few messages through to Old Santa, and here we are on Christmas of 1966.

I am sending my Christmas Wishes to each and every one of you Dear Readers, many of whom we know and many more of whom we do not know. But as The Correspondent from our little community, and to each of our county papers, may you accept my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Earl Cozart of Odessa and her daughter, Mrs. Joe Will Fowler and son Jeff of Kansas City, Mo., were in the Cozart home during the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleburn Stanley were transacting business in Brady Monday afternoon, and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Fuller of Brady. They were fine, but had been feeling not so well with the virus which has been going around.

Talking with our daughter, Mrs. Bob Smith, in Odessa Sunday afternoon, she reported they were in hopes their little son, Barry, who was burned two weeks ago would be dismissed from the hospital today (Monday). He has been in hospital longer than thought for, but is reported doing real good. It is thought that there would be no after-effects, other than probably a few light scars.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Switzer of Odessa have recently visited with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Rutherford and children, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Rutherford and baby of Coleman and Lynda Rutherford of Abilene were

in the Tom Rutherford home Saturday. Loyd returned to Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Snowden of Lohn visited Monday with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick.

Mrs. Florence Carter spent the week end in Brownwood with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Black.

Mrs. Bert Turney, who now lives in Santa Anna, informed us she was leaving last Saturday to spend Christmas with her daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Armfrust, in Houston.

Mrs. Juanita Branch of Houston spent the week end on her parents' farm here and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Bible at Ranger Park Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brown and son, C. W., of Brownwood were Sunday guests with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleburn Stanley. The Stanleys were supper guests with the Browns on Friday night.

Mr. T. J. Adkins of Canada was in our community on Friday. He accompanied Jim and Faye Gill to the ranch here. They were also accompanied by other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Avants visited with Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin Friday night and enjoyed playing "42".

James Avants and son, Jimmy, of Santa Anna visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Avants, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Switzer and children were shopping in Abilene Saturday, and visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Townsend, there.

In closing, again let me say, Merry Christmas to all.

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### 2 APPRECIATED LETTERS

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stop within the bounds of that which you can readily see; or will they expand to encompass the ideals, the hopes, the bravery, the willingness, and the loneliness exhibited by the thousands of American men in a war-torn country 8,000 miles away? Can your thoughts also include those families who — some willingly, some not so willingly — have given up their sons and their husbands to fight the bloodiest, most controversial war of this century?

I believe that you can, and I believe that you will. The American fighting man in Vietnam is convinced that what he is doing is both right and justified. However, he needs encouragement to carry on a battle for freedom which is opposed by an outspoken minority — the same minority who is enjoying the comforts which he himself has had to relinquish — the same minority who embraces, but so callously misuses, the freedom which this man is defending.

This need for encouragement is especially evident in the young men. These boys of nineteen or twenty are forming their opinions, struggling to substantiate their beliefs, and hoping to discover a goal which will lead them to a useful, happy life. These men, in particular, need your thoughts, your encouragement, your faith in them, and your prayers.

As I write this the Ticonderoga (Aircraft Carrier on which Lt. White is stationed) is, and has been for thirty days, situated in the Gulf of Tonkin with the North Vietnam coastline to the west and the island of Hainan to the east. This mighty ship is on her third cruise of the Vietnam struggle, while I am on my second.

Last year at Christmas we were in this same location. Being away from your loved ones at this particular time is lonely enough, but believe me, the Gulf of Tonkin pulls down the cloak of loneliness like a dark shadow. At this time all men, both young and old, tend to think a little more seriously, a little more deeply about life and the reason for such life. Your faith in us and what we are doing is more important at this moment than at any other.

So this Christmas as you enjoy your comfort, your families, and your friends; won't you give a few moments of thought and prayer to those of us out here who so desperately would like to be at home with you. It is your belief in us that enables us to do the job which we must do. You already gave me the benefit of your thoughts and prayers; perhaps I am not asking for too much if I ask you to include ALL of us so very far from home. Eugene White Lt. JG, USN.

Dear Sir: I have been wanting to write this letter for some time, but never seemed to

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get around to it. I would like, to personally commend the people of Santa Anna, the school officials, band, cheer leaders, pep squad, coaches and players for a job well done this past season. Never have I ever seen anymore desire, enthusiasm, drive, cooperation or striving for any one goal or cause than that shown by the above-mentioned group of persons. It seemed that as the weeks went by as if all this push was tremendously increased as victory after victory was achieved. The tension and enthusiasm continued to increase to an almost igniting point and then it came when the deciding game was won (Goldthwaite game). Of course we all know that the pinnacle upon which all Mountaineer supporters sat with joyful and exciting visions for that week was all too soon dissolved as snow falling upon the warm ground by the team from Ranger. You know, I felt proud to be associated with so many of my friends again as they all pulled for the good of one cause, then took defeat with such a respectable attitude. I hope the people of Santa Anna will continue to work together as they did during the football season. You know that football is not the only event in life which needs that strong "twelfth man."

Just imagine what the people of the United States of America could accomplish toward world peace and the spread of God's way throughout the world if only the desire and cooperation for these causes were carried out with the zeal and faithfulness shown by you people of Santa Anna in support of your team this year.

In conclusion, I want to challenge Santa Anna to attain even greater heights next season by starting with wins over Bangs and Ranger in non-conference games. No, seriously, I truthfully believe that it matters not who wins or loses, but how the game was played. This game includes the game of life. Congratulations to the District Champions of 9-A for 1966.

Sincerely, Billy W. Lowry

### HARMON

(Continued from Page One) normal office hours at his office in the Harmon Building, 307 North Center, on the west side of the Courthouse square in Brownwood. A lawyer of more than 30 years' experience, in Comanche and Brown counties, he moved to Brownwood in January, 1963, to practice law with the firm of Callaway, Callaway and Harmon. A University of Texas graduate with BA and LLB degrees, his experience in law enforcement includes two years with the U. S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and 17 years as City Attorney of the City of De Leon. At present the president of the Brown County Bar Association, Harmon is also president and manager of a Brownwood abstract and title firm.

He will continue civil practice of the law and his abstract business, in addition to his duties as Adult Probation Officer, with the new position to have priority over other activities. Harmon and his family, consisting of his wife and daughter, will continue to reside in Brownwood.

### FHA Spreads Christmas Joy

For one of their monthly projects in December, the Santa Anna FHA chapter participated in a program that sent Christmas gifts to wounded boys sent back from Vietnam. The wounded are hospitalized in El Paso at William Beaumont General Hospital. The wrapped gifts were sent there. Carolyn Rowe, 1st vice president, assisted the projects chairman, Leanna Pollock, in carrying out the undertaking.

**FREE DRAWING** Want something for nothing? Then just drop by Harvey's Grocery and register for the free prizes to be given away at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. You do not have to make a purchase, and neither do you have to be present to win.

Dear Santa: This is a list of some of the things I would like for Christmas: an electric train, a battery powered tractor, toy cars, a Monopoly set, a record player and a chalk board. Love Mike Pape.

### Greetings, Letters In This Issue Of The News

This edition of The News is chock-full of letters from the small-fry to Santa Claus as well as Christmas messages.

The issue, which marks our Annual Christmas Greeting Edition, contains some 100 letters to Santa Claus, plus some 80-odd greetings from merchants and individuals throughout this area, as well as numerous items appropriate for this season of the year, and our regular coverage of local happenings.

All these items, including the letters, Christmas messages, and items relating to the history of Christmas and the birth of the Christ child are interesting and informative and will be well worth your time to read.

### Junior High Choral Entertains Lions

A Junior High choral group, under the direction of Mrs. Hal Martin, entertained at the meeting of Santa Anna Lions Club Tuesday by singing five very appropriate songs of the Christmas season.

During the meeting it was announced that initiation rites would be held for three new members on January 3, and District 2A-1 Mid-Winter Conference would be held January 13-14-15 at Kingsland.

Following the meeting, which was presided over by president John McDaniel, Christmas baskets were prepared by the Lions and members of Santa Anna Fire Department. The baskets were scheduled to be delivered to needy families in the community Wednesday.

### Santa Anna Airman Gets Promotion

Raymond E. Clark, whose brother, Jerry W. Clark, resides in Santa Anna, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School (OTS) at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Lieutenant Clark, selected for OTS through competitive examination, is being assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training as a weather officer.

The lieutenant, a 1962 graduate of Santa Anna High School, received his B.S. degree in mathematics in 1966 from Tarleton State College in Stephenville.

### Choral Group Sings At P-TA Meeting

A choral group, under direction of Mrs. Hal Martin, entertained members of Santa Anna Parent-Teachers Association during a regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the Elementary School building.

During the business session, the group made plans to sponsor a play in the near future.

It was also announced that the P-TA won 2nd prize in the downtown Christmas decoration contest.

First Grade won the room count by having the most parents present at the meeting.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a tractor and a roadgrader, also a bike with a trailer behind it. Thank you, Bradley Wardlow.

Pvt. John W. Gregg of Ft. Bliss arrived Saturday for a two week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg.

### Annual 4-H - FFA Livestock Show Scheduled Here Saturday, Jan. 12

Directors of Santa Anna Livestock Association met in the Santa Anna National Bank Community Room Friday, Dec. 15, to formulate plans for the annual 4-H and FFA Livestock Show.

The show has been scheduled for Saturday, January 7, with judging to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Directors present were James Eubank, president;

Montie Guthrie, Darrell Cupps and Burgess Stewardson. Others attending were A. D. Pettit, local Vocational Agriculture teacher, and Mrs. Montie Guthrie.

Other directors are Jake McCreary, Tom Kingsbery, Rankin McIver and Jack Dillingham.

During the session Tom Newman was elected a new director. Other officers elected were James Eubank, president; Burgess Stewardson, vice president; and Mrs. Montie Guthrie, secretary.

### Lt. Eugene White Aboard Carrier In Tonkin Gulf

Lieutenant (jg) Eugene White, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom White of Santa Anna, is off the coast of North Vietnam aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga, patrolling in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Marking its third tour in Vietnamese waters, the "Ti" is serving as flagship for the Commander Carrier Division Three.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burton Gregg and Joe of San Antonio, Mrs. Mary Jo Schulle and Adolph Redman of Watonga, Okla., visited during the week end with Mrs. J. J. Gregg. Mrs. Loyd Simmons and David of Riverside, Calif., arrived Sunday night to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Gregg.

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ENJOY THE  
HOLIDAY  
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## Churches Echo With Christmas Story

### 'White Christmas' Is Traditional As Plur. Pudding

For a quarter of a century people have been sentimentally dreaming their way through a "White Christmas." It was in 1941, the black-clouded war years had already begun, when Hollywood released a motion picture entitled: "Holiday Inn." The star of this movie was the ever-popular crooner, Bing Crosby. But perhaps the real star of "Holiday Inn" was the song written especially for

the movie by Irving Berlin: "White Christmas." Through the ensuing 25 years, over 100 versions of the song have been recorded by almost as many artists, yet "White Christmas" is synonymous with the name of Bing Crosby. The poignant Christmas message that's found in the song has made it popular round the world. It has been translated into Italian, German, French, Chinese, Spanish, Hungarian, the Scandinavian languages, several of the Polynesian tongues and even Swahili.

### Honoring Christmas, In Poetry and Prose

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year." So wrote Charles Dickens, for whom Christmas was a favorite topic — so much so that most people, asked to name someone who wrote about Christmas, would immediately answer, "Dickens."

Not only Dickens, but almost every writer, from the little-known to the famous, has been inspired at some time in his career to "honor Christmas" in prose or poetry. For instance —

At Christmas I no more desire a rose Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth, But like of each thing that in season grows.  
William Shakespeare

At Christmas play and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year.  
Thomas Tusser

For Somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.  
John Greenleaf Whittier

England was merry England, when Old Christmas brought his sports again.  
Sir Walter Scott

I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play, And soft and sweet the words repeat, "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep."  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

So shall we learn to understand The simple faith of shep-

herds then, And clasping kindly hand in hand, Sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"  
James Russell Lowell

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."  
Clement Clarke Moore

### Of St. Nicholas

Long before Santa traveled by sleigh, St. Nicholas, special guardian of children, set forth on foot, or rode by horse or donkey, to bring gifts to European homes.

The good saint's day is December 6th, and "on the eve of his festival day," writes an Encyclopedia Americana authority, "St. Nicholas made his tour, visiting palace and cottage."

"The children place receptacles for the gifts, which St. Nicholas is expected to let fall down the chimney. . . . Sometimes shoes are neatly polished for the purpose, at other times plates, or baskets, or stockings, or specially made shoes of porcelain.

"St. Nicholas' steed . . . is not forgotten. For him the children put water and hay, or carrot or potato peeling, or a piece of bread in the shoe, or basket, or stocking.

"In the mornings from the tipped-over chairs and general disarray in the room it is evident that St. Nicholas has been present.

"Replacing the oats, or hay, or carrot are found sweets and playthings for children who have been good. For bad children, rods are left, and the fodder is untouched."

### THERE'S MAGIC

The Danish Christmas Eve dinner features rice porridge, containing a "magic" almond that brings good luck to the one who finds it.

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7.

At Christmas, in church and home devotions, Christians turn again and again to the Biblical story of that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago.

From the words of two of his disciples, Luke and Matthew, they learn of humble shepherds watching in a field, of herald angels singing, of a Star that shone in the East to guide the Wise Men on their way.

In every word of the sacred story, the first Christmas lives anew. And most cherished of all are the words that tell of the simple manger scene, of Mary, and Joseph, and the Christ Child.

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

The words, as simple as the scene, inspire awe and wonder, for the glory of the mo-

ment, for the miracle that was wrought. Yet the same words bring a homely comfort, too. It is a miracle that even a child may comprehend, for there, living again in the words, is the Baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

"Because there was no room for them in the inn."

In the glory, there is poignancy, too.

"No room in the inn."

The words echo across the ages, and rejoicing is tinged with bitterness. That — as in the words of the famous carol, "Away in a Manger," — "the little Lord Jesus" had "no crib for His bed" weighs on the heart of Christianity.

Even here at the manger there is the shadow of suffering in store for the Son of God, of trials soon to begin with the flight into Egypt, and to end on the Cross.

But the glory prevails, in the miracle of the humble manger, and ahead, through the shadows of the future, through anguish and agony, shines the radiance of East-

ter. It is Christmas, and Christians everywhere rejoice at the words of the angel.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11.

### Trees Live And Bloom In Legends Of Yuletide

Almost every kind of tree has a legend relating it to the Nativity or the life of Christ.

The cherry tree, says "The Cherry Tree Carol," bent down its boughs for Mary to pluck the fruit.

The Glastonbury Thorn blooms at Christmas because legend says, St. Joseph of Arimathea, on his arrival in England, drove his staff into the ground, while he was carrying the Holy Grail, the chalice used at the last supper.

The staff took root and grew into a thorn tree.



L. A. WELCH GARAGE



..and the Herald Angels sing..

"On earth peace, good will toward men"

So the herald angels sang. May this message of joy and hope, this glorious promise, sing in all our hearts today, and may we, at the Christmas season, gain new spiritual inspiration for all the days to come.

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Love  
Jimmy Don Allcorn.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Would you bring me a crepy croic set and a football set and a plaid shert and boots and a cowboy hat?  
Love  
David Guthrie

Dear Santa Claus:  
Wood you bring me Fressie doll and wood you bring Jo Ann a bottle for my little sister and brother and wood you bring me a Fressey doll?  
Love  
Mary Collins.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a Frasey doll and a Tressie doll and a big kid doll too and that is all.  
Love  
Kim Stewardson.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Wood you bring me a doll? Will you bring a baby bed to for Christmas? Will you bring a doll dress to go with it.  
Love  
Tammery Kay Morris.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you bring me a bike for Christmas? I hope you will bring me a bike and my brother a bike too, Santa Claus.  
Love  
Becky Jo Buford.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you bring me a racing car?  
You are good Santa Claus.  
Alex DeLeon, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you bring me a Johnny Eagle gun and a be be gun?  
Love  
Guy Allen

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me a bowgeo stick and a baby first step.  
Love  
Phyllis Rasberry.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like you to bring me a feeball, and a Red River gun.  
Love  
Timmy Benge.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Would you bring me a bike and a walking doll.  
I love Santa.  
Rodriguez Juanita.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Would you bring me a bike and a walking doll and bring my sisters a little kittle doll.  
Love  
Delma Salazar.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a boy doll and a light wait beton and a magick doll and a long jump rope. I want a little kittle doll and a My stray Date and sorc candy and fruit and rember all childrin too, and a Easy Bake Oven.  
Love  
Mary Densman.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Dear Santa Calus, won't you bring me a pony and Thank you Santa.  
Love  
Tammy Blanton.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a doll and a ball and a hatt and other things.  
Love  
Lynn Leach.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me a Frasey doll and a baby girl doll and a baby brother wants afire tuck.  
Love  
Karen and James.

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1966  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a barbee and a bicycle for Christmas. I want some clothes for the barbee. I will watch Santa Claus.  
Your friend,  
Rosa Costilla.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. Will you please bring me a gun and bow and arrow set for Christmas. Would you bring my three sisters something nice too.  
Merry Christmas and thank you.  
Love  
Steven Cochran



THE PHONE NUMBER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS .....

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1966  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a barbee doll with a suit of clothes. And I may want a iron and a ironan-board. I don't no which one I want. But I hope you will bring any thing and I hope you will bring the others what they want.  
Your friend,  
Rita Sue Morris.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a half-pint piggy-bank and a Baby Britie. Remenber all the other little boys and girls in other countries.  
Thank you,  
Mary Rendon

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1966  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want for Christmas is a Easy bake, new purse, or a hillfold, boots and some clothes, thats what I want, but I don't care what I get. Ey.  
Love  
Jacqueline Lloyd.  
P. S. and a Bible of my own!

Dear Santa Clause,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a model airplane, a weight lifting set, and some candy, fruit and nuts.  
Please help the pocr boys and girls.  
Jody Brusnhan

Dear Santa Claus:  
I been a good boy in the first grade. And I want you to bring me a bycle.  
Wallace Collins III

December 11, 1966  
Rockwood, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a store, ice box, and sing set. I think I have been fairly good this year.  
When you come to my house, you will find some cake on the table for you. I hope you will like it. Will be look for you.  
Your friend,  
Loretta C. Harper

Dear Santa  
I want a Baby Magic Doll, chalk, jump rope, house shoes.  
Billie Jean Wood

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# LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS...

Santa Ann, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a bicycle and creepy people, store  
It was the night before Christmas when all through the house, not even creature not even a mose. Thats all.  
Billy Ray Martinez  
Love

December 9, 1966  
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a purse with a long strap, and a Cheerful-Treasureful, and a bracelet, and billfolded. I hope you will bring has much toys to the other boys and girls has to me.  
Love,  
Elizabeth Morris

Santa Ann Tex  
Dec. 9, 1966

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I won't a camera and a bicycle and some Go-Go boots and a watch and a new dress. I want a new gown and a creepie people set. Thank you for what you give me.  
Love,  
Michelle Cozart

Santa Anna, Tex  
Dec. 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a string ray bicycle and a want a Francie and some Francie clothes. I want for Christmas a purse. I want a game. I want a record player some record and go-go boots.  
Love,  
Sheila Smith

Santa Anna Texts  
December 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a race car set for Christmas for men and my little brother can play with it to. And a pellet gun for Christmas to.  
Love  
David Baker

Rockwood, Texas  
Dec 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll, bicycle  
cloths, go-go boots for my Christmas.  
Love,  
Denise Blair



## O, Holy Night

Each year at Christmas, the sacred story lives anew. As we reflect upon that holy time, of a Child born in Bethlehem, may we find inspiration in His life, to guide us on our way. Sincere greetings to all.

### Shirley Upholstery

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Dec. 9, 1966  
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a skipper and a bicycle and some cloths for skipper. I would like a camera and a billfold and some go-go boots and also a bracelet and a purse.  
Your friend  
Robin Cochran

Dec. 9, 1966  
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a purse and watch. I want a ridge and thats all I want for Christmas.  
Your Friend,  
Marcia McDaniel

Dec. 9, 1966  
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a electricgetar. And a fishengrie. And a football with a kicking tee and a football suit. And a bicycle like my brother's. And bring all the children things they want.  
Your friend,  
Albert Deleon

Santa Anna, Texas  
December 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a shot gun for Christmas. I want a watch for Christmas. I want a box of 410 shell for Christmas. I want a creepy-crawler.  
Love,  
Alvin Ray Buford

Sanan, Anny, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus  
I would like a chemistry set with 30 chemicals and plybord in sidy.  
Your friend,  
Mark Turney

Santa Anna, Texas  
December 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a race car set for Christmas please and a pellet gun when you come my house you may have cookie and milk.  
Love,  
Lee Wristen

Santa Anna, Texas  
December 9, 1966

Dear Santa,  
You amaze me very much. I didn't know that raindeer could fly. How many gifts do you give each Christmas? Well anyway I would like a football tee and pump and some ping pong stuff, I've already got the table and I want a stringray bicycle.  
Your friend  
Sammy Allen

Dec. 9, 1966  
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a skipper and a bicycle. And some go-go boots and a Baton. And also some clothes for skipper. And a doll named Polly please.  
Your friend  
Rachel Guerrero

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle for Christmas and a new Bible too. Christmas is a very special day for me. I wish you a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year too.  
Love,  
Valery Harper

Santa Anna, Texas  
December 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope your elves are making lots of toys, because I want a gun, a train, a car, and a bicycle for Christmas and books to read and a globe to find foreign countries. I wish you a happy New Year  
Love Santa Claus,  
David Robinett

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a bicycle for Christmas.  
Love,  
Donald Fry

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me a racing car set and a pair of brown boots and a new Bible  
Jody Yancy

Dec. 9, 1966  
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Skooter doll and a Francie doll and a watch.  
Your Friend  
Tammy Ellis

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a walking doll for Christmas. And I want some clothes to. I may watch Santa Claus.  
Your friend,  
Yolanda.

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll, and a bicycle and a baton tip and some clothes and some go go boot for Christmas.  
Love,  
Sharon Keeney

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a BB gun and bring me some BBs thanks you  
Love  
Royce Cupps

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**Merry Christmas**

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209 Commercial Ave. Coleman, Texas



# GREETINGS

As the peace of this wonderful Christmas season settles, like freshly fallen snow, around your home, we send you warm good wishes and joyous greetings . . . and with them, our most sincere gratitude for your kindness. Happy Holidays!



## Anthony's

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200 West Live Oak Coleman, Texas

### Bringing Gifts

At the heart of the holiday fun and feasting there glows the spirit of giving. The Wise Men sought to honor the Christ Child with rare and precious gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh. Thus, to give of the best at Christmas is a time-honored tradition.

All may rejoice in the opportunity to give generously, to please family and friends with "just what they wanted," and to share with the less fortunate.

Yet the best Christmas gifts are still those that come from the open heart as well as the open hand, and the warmth of a friendly smile, the words of a cordial greeting add priceless meaning to the most elaborate of gifts.

Attend Church Regularly

### Singing Carols

est, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." Across the years since the shepherds first harkened to an angelic chorus, Christmas rings with the sound of voices raised in joyful song.

Carol singing at Christmas is both a tradition and a source of tradition. Much of the legend and lore of the season is known today only because it has been preserved in song — in carols passed on from generation to generation.

Andrew Jackson lived with his wife for two years when they found that her divorce from her first husband was not valid.

John D. Rockefeller founded the University of Chicago.

# History Proves It -- Yule Season Is Always Memorable Occasion

For the children, this is the very best Christmas that ever was. The adults agree — but still, they look back a little wistfully at the Christmases of yesteryear, with nostalgic thoughts of "a good old-fashioned Christmas," or of a special Christmas memory.

Memories enhance the seasonal joys, and with good reason, for Christmas is a memorable time. Since the first Holy Night, some of the most important events of both religious and secular history have taken place at the Christmas season.

A look at the past reveals momentous occasions, joyous or poignant, as well as many of the little things that give bygone times living meaning — and all taking place on or about Christmas Day.

#### DECEMBER 24, 400 A.D.

In Italy, in the fifth century A.D., church bells rang on Christmas Eve to call Christians to worship.

This seemingly simple event had great significance, for it meant that Christians could worship in freedom, instead of in secret, as earlier suppression of Christianity had forced them to do.

#### DECEMBER 25, 600 A.D.

Traditionally, the first Christmas feast in England was held at the Round Table of King Arthur. The actual date is unknown, but references to this legendary king have been traced to 600 A.D.

#### DECEMBER 24, 1223

St. Francis of Assisi set up the first creche or crib on Christmas Eve, 1223, in the mountain village of Greccio, Italy.

#### DECEMBER 25, 1492

Christopher Columbus and his crew celebrated the first Christmas in the New World in 1492. They were dinner guests of an Indian chief, ruler of the island of Haiti.

#### DECEMBER 25, 1535

Beset by cold and hunger, in fear of hostile Indians, the French explorer Jacques Cartier and his band of 110 settlers observed an early Canadian Christmas at a fortress near what is now the city of Quebec, in 1535.

The most precious of the scanty food supplies were set forth for a Christmas "feast" — in the courageous spirit that enabled the tiny band to hold out until spring.

#### DECEMBER 24-25, 1620

December 1620 marked the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. A site for the first home in the new settlement was selected on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day construction began.

#### DECEMBER 25, 1776

On December 25-26, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware. He surprised, and put to rout, Hessian soldiers employed by George III. The surprise attack was greatly assisted the fact that the Hessians were sleeping off the effects of their Christmas celebrating!

#### DECEMBER 24, 1814

On Christmas Eve in 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was negotiated between the U. S. and Great Britain. This ended the War of 1812.

#### DECEMBER 24, 1871

First performance of Verdi's opera, "Aida," took place on Christmas Eve, 1871, in Egypt.

#### LIGHT WALKWAYS

The Texas Safety Association urges homeowners to make sure the path to their front door is well lighted if party guests are arriving. Remove all hazards which might cause your guests to fall. And, if your walk is icy, a little sand or salt will help make it safer.

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## SPIRIT OF GIVING LIVES IN QUEBEC'S COLORFUL TRADITION

The traditional spirit of giving that's world-wide at Christmastime takes on a special form and meaning in French Quebec. This year, as every year, will see the enactment of a masquerade known as "La Guignolee," to benefit all the poor of Quebec.

"La Guignolee" was begun by the first French colonists who settled in Quebec. But historians date the custom to the Dhuic rite which celebrated the arrival of a new year: the cutting—with golden scythes—and the gathering of mistletoe that grew in the sacred forests.

#### Dress Like Trappers

The French version of "La Guignolee" has been kept alive for modern Quebec by such organizations as the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It involves a door-to-door collection for the poor by "Les Guignoleurs."

Since 1901, the role of "Les Guignoleurs" has been played by members of the Commercial Travelers Club of Quebec, Inc.

These modern businessmen dress like the Canadian trappers of old, with their red

knit caps and colorful sashes. Singing the song of "La Guignolee," they approach each householder with a long red woolen stocking, to be filled with gifts for the poor.

"Les Guignoleurs" of early Quebec had a very different method of attaining their goal. Arriving at the homes of the villagers, they sang a song that asked for a contribution or threatened the abduction of the eldest daughter of the household.

#### Fights Did Happen

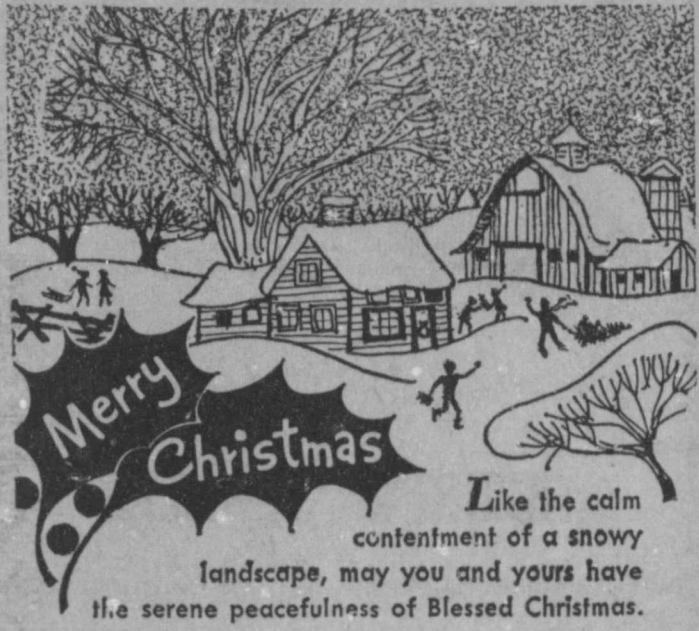
The master or mistress of the house, or someone representing them, then opened the door and allowed "Les Guignoleurs" to enter.

Gifts were placed in a bag and later emptied into a cart that followed along behind them through the village, accompanied by a swarm of children and dogs.

Sometimes, when two different groups of "Les Guignoleurs" met, a fight ensued and the treasures of one cart would fill up the cart of the winners.

#### Aiding the Needy

Originally, food and clothing as well as money was col-



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### WYLIE'S FLOWERS



### F. B. Rudolph

Coleman, Texas



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the season of good will comes to us once again, we take the opportunity to bid our friends a Merry Christmas!

### LADIES SHOP



### Joe K. Cervenka

ELECTRIC

111 Commercial

Coleman, Texas

lected. But for the past 20 years it has been only money, and the generous people of Quebec have contributed as much as \$30,000 for the poor. The money is deposited in a bank, and checks are issued to the parish priests of the city, who use the money to aid all the needy, regardless of religious denomination.

Attend Church Regularly

### Buzzing With Holly

An English tradition of long ago says that sprigs of holly should be placed in beehives at Christmas. This stems from a legend that, at the Manger, bees gathered to hum a hymn of joy.

In the ark with Noah there were four women — his wife and the wives of his three sons.



### JOE'S PHARMACY

Joy to the World  
May the spirit of His birth warm your hearts with joyous love.



### E. O. RIDER GARAGE



### McCrary Premier Station

# Yule Customs Reveal Variations

Cherished memories, heart-felt joys, children's laughter — everywhere, these mean Christmas.

The spirit of Christmas knows no boundaries. It lives in the hearts of men in many lands. Though its message of joy is always the same, the legends and lore of the season are as varied as the peoples who celebrate the Holy Birth.

Customs of each country may be similar, yet marked by their own individual character.

## IN NEW MEXICO

The Santa Domingo Indian pueblo, in New Mexico, performs a four-day long sacred ritual dance in honor of the Christmas season.

It begins at 2 a.m. Christmas day. After midnight mass, the Indians gather inside the church. They are clad in colorful costumes, adorned with everything from fox tails to evergreen branches.

The dancers carry on their ceremonials until daylight. At dawn the Indians move to their sacred plaza in the center of the village, where they continue dancing throughout Christmas day.

On the second day the children dance, and the older members of the tribe take over for the third day. On the last day the entire pueblo joins in the day-long ceremonies.

## IN CALIFORNIA

Communities as well as countries have their own special way of celebrating Christmas.

In Joshua Tree, Calif., this small community transforms itself into a replica of Bethlehem. The story of the first Christmas is re-enacted, with the main street serving as a giant stage.

## IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Citizens of Newfoundland show their Christian ethics with the Christmas custom

known as "Fishing for the Church." On this day huge quantities of fish are caught and brought by the parishioners of a village to the church, where they are sold. Proceeds of the sale go toward buying firewood for the curate.

## IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

It's customary among the Czechs to break off a cherry tree branch, at the beginning of Advent. The branch is placed in a pot of water in the kitchen and kept in the warm air.

At Christmas time, it's hoped, the twig will burst into bloom and make a festive decoration.

## IN SCANDINAVIA

The Jultomten is a friendly gnome, who not only brings gifts to Scandinavian children but guards the household and farm as well. To keep him happy, the children give the cattle extra fodder and leave sheaves of grain for the birds on Christmas Eve.

## IN TURKEY

A unique holiday tradition in Turkey requires the head of the church to throw a wooden cross into the Bosphorus. On Christmas Day, three boys dive after it.

The finder takes the cross from house to house and receives in return food and gifts from those who are allowed to see the cross.

## IN ICELAND

Since trees are scarce in Iceland, families must use their ingenuity in creating a Christmas tree. A pole with branches of greenery tied to it is the solution in many Iceland homes. And the val-

# FIREPLACE CLAIMS EARLY ROLE IN CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

When Santa Claus comes sliding down the chimney on Christmas Eve, where will he land?

Right in the fireplace, an area that has been a traditional part of Christmas for more years than Santa has worn a red suit!

Before the turn of the century, Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, frequently wore a blue robe, although Clement Clarke Moore, in "A Visit from St. Nicholas," pictured him as "clad all in fur, from his head to his foot."

But for centuries, the fireplace has been a treasured

and often vital part of the home.

The fireplace as it exists today — that is, the firebox along the wall, with a chimney instead of an open fire in the middle of the room — dates from about 1066.

Early fireplaces were built of wood or wicker, but they proved so dangerous that in the year 1419 the City of London decreed that henceforth fireplaces be made of tiles, stone, or plaster, under the penalty of being demolished.

A greatly improved system of making tiles was adopted by the Dutch from the Spaniards following the Treaty of Breda in 1609, and paved the way for more elaborately decorated ceramics on fireplace facings, walls and mantels.

The use of such tiles for fireplaces soon spread to England, and then to the Colonies.

Skilled Dutch craftsmen decorated ceramic tiles with designs of oranges, grapes, tulips, vases of flowers, ships, sea monsters, landscapes, horsemen and royal portraits.

The English used similar pictures and added many charming scenes designed by renowned artists, including Kate Greenaway, famed for her Christmas card designs.

These tiles were used both to line the fireplace and on mantels and other surfaces, setting a precedent for modern fireplaces.

In America, the Pilgrims built crude stone fireplaces, then constructed their log huts around them.

Today, as in those earlier years, ceramic tile remains a practical and decorative surfacing material for fireplaces, and the home owner has a far wider choice to work with than did early home builders.

More than 250 different ceramic tile sizes, shapes and fixtures are supplied by American manufacturers, says the Tile Council of America.

Just as in the early days, special decorative tiles give the fireplace a distinctive touch of elegance to greet Santa when he arrives, via the traditional route.

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

NOW YOU'RE TALKING, BEETLE! AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT--GET ME A DOUBLE SUPPLY OF CHRISTMAS SEALS, TOO!

GEE, SARGE--I ALWAYS KNEW THAT GRUFF EXTERIOR COVERED UP A HEART OF GOLD!

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As He brought us Peace, may this holiday bring hope for all mankind. We wish you a Christmas of serene joy.

**HARREL CUPPS ELECTRIC**

**IN FINLAND**  
Just before Christmas Day, families in Finland take a sauna bath. This is the traditional steam bath taken in a hut with a stone oven.

**IN FRANCE**  
Traditionally, adults in France do not exchange gifts until New Year's Day.

In some French villages, shepherds bring their lambs to church on Christmas.

**IN LIBERIA**  
Liberians use an oil palm in place of the traditional fir as a Christmas tree. The palm is decorated with red balls, other palm leaves and ferns.

Merry Christmas  
AND  
Happy New Year  
TO EVERY ONE  
**WHITE'S VARIETY**

The Christmas message is a source of everlasting joy and hope. May it bring you deep fulfillment.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
We hope Santa leaves some room in your stocking for our wish of happy times for you and yours. Merry Christmas!

**CALVIN CAMPBELL**

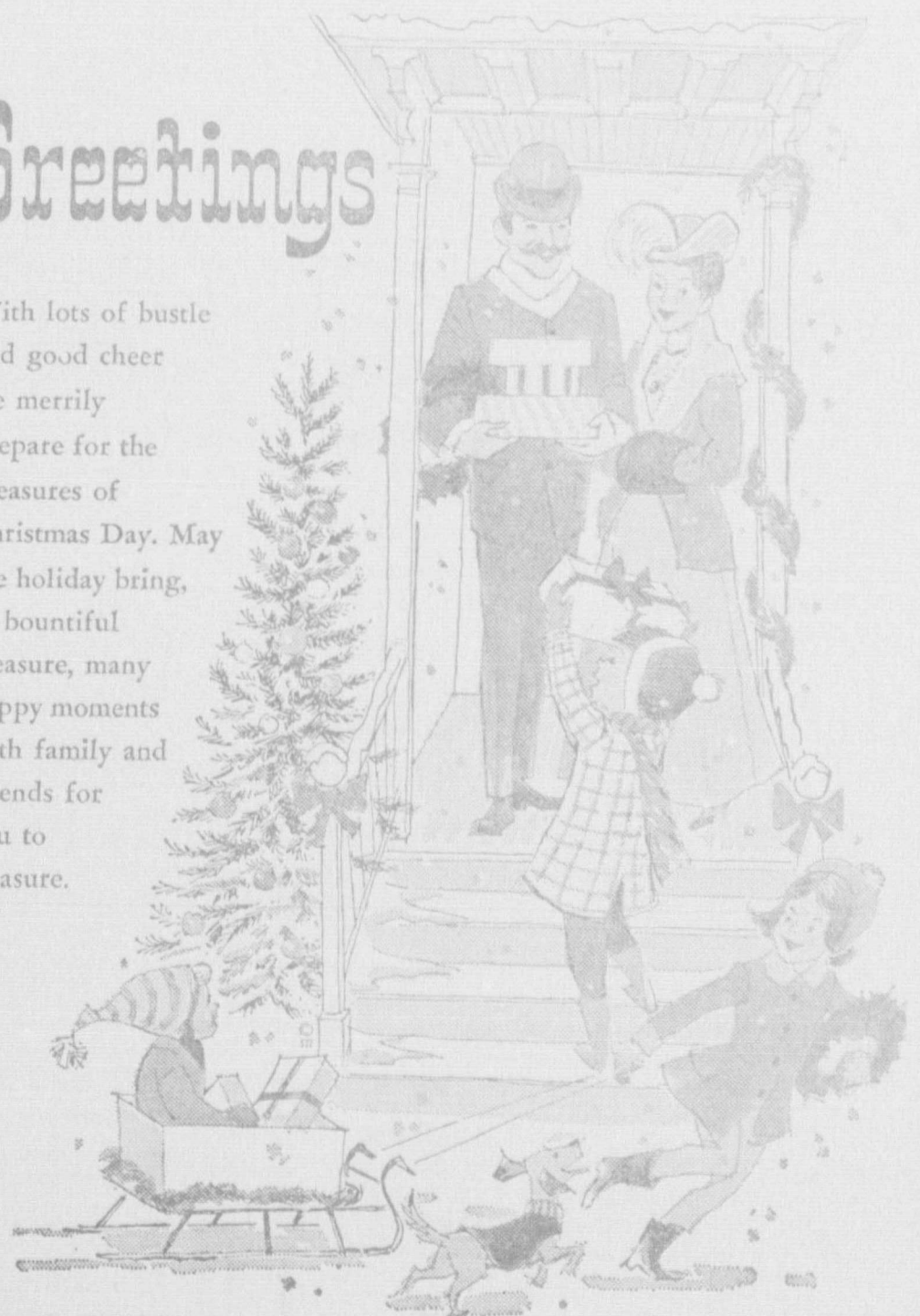
Our good wishes are on their way to you this happy time...

**Merry Christmas**

**Daugherty Motor Co.**  
403 Commercial — Coleman

# Greetings

With lots of bustle and good cheer we merrily prepare for the pleasures of Christmas Day. May the holiday bring, in bountiful measure, many happy moments with family and friends for you to treasure.



**Santa Anna Hospital  
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**A Joyous Christmas**  
The story of Christmas lives anew, inspiring all with peace and joy. May many blessings be yours on this Christmas.

**BOBBY'S BEAUTY SALON**

**Joyous Christmas Greetings**  
Our wish is that you waken to a Christmas full of the best the season offers... the joy of loving friends, the peace of plenty. Have the Merriest Christmas of all!

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## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS...

Dear Santa Claus, I came to the Santa Anna Christmas parade. I told you



may we join with Santa in wishing you good cheer!  
It's been a joy to serve you and we sincerely thank you for the opportunity.



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ARMY STORE

310 Commercial Coleman

I wanted a Walking Doll for Christmas. I hope I get a Walking Doll for Christmas this year. I hope you come down to my house with your reindeer and bring me a Walking Doll and a Baby First Step Doll for my sister Sarah. I hope you remember her and what her name was. I live in Santa Anna, Texas. If you desire to come over my house and stay for Christmas, and eat dinner or supper with me and my family, I'll see you come at my house. If you desire to come over for Christmas,  
Love,  
Terry Dominguez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a pretty good girl. Would you please bring me a doll named Polly and a Record player. Remember all little girls and boys.  
Thank you  
Tammie Bengt

Dear Santa Claus,  
Would you please bring me a brown table and chairs and a easy bake oven, and don't forget Daddy.  
Love,  
Clay Harvey

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a football, baseball, and glove. I have been very very good. I love my mother, father, brother.  
This is what I want.  
Love,  
Jody Day

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a gun, and my little sister a doll.  
Thank you,  
Mike

December 1966  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl, out here in the country. I hope you can come to see me. I would like a little doll, record player and anything else you would like to bring. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls. We are all good.  
Love you  
Sydney Cupps

Dear Santa Claus,  
Will you please bring me a guitar and a football and don't forget my little brother.  
Joe Albert Sawyer

Dear Santa,  
I would like a pistol and a cowboy hat and horse for Christmas.  
Bring my brother and sisters something too.  
Love,  
Gip Allen

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some Skipper clothes and a minkie doll. That is all. Thank you.  
Sherry Scarborough

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Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1966

Dear Santa,  
I want a flint lock rifle and a nazi rocket set. My father and I will have some bulk to drink. Memento solene.  
Your friend,  
Larry Benton

Santa Anna  
Dec. 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some books and I want a Midge and some doll case, and some basson tire.  
Happy Christmas Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Sarah Gale Estes.

Love,  
Sarah Gale Estes.

Dec. 9, 1966

Santan Ann, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus  
I want a rifle for Christmas and I want a bicycle for Christmas and I want a toy Santa Claus for Christmas and a watch for Christmas and I want to be Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Mike Leach  
and that is all I want.  
The end.

Love,  
Mike Leach  
and that is all I want.  
The end.

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a baby magic doll and will you give my little brother a boat for Christmas.  
Love,  
Robin Nita Smith.

Love,  
Robin Nita Smith.



On this day of celebration we join in happy chorus to wish you and yours "Merry Christmas!"

**TOMLINSON**  
**BOOT AND SHOE SHOP**

217 Commercial Ave. Coleman, Texas

Dec. 9, 1966  
Santa Anna, Texas

Dear Santa  
I want a doll and some boots and a game and a watch and a camera. I hope

your elvs can work for me. And I want a crepy crawler and I want some happy Christmases.

Your friend  
Christy Driskill



**REG'S TRADING POST**

118 East Pecan Coleman, Texas



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The fond memories of an old-fashioned Christmas stir misty recollections of snow-covered hillsides, the freshly cut family tree, kitchens rich with the aroma of holiday delicacies, the cold, clear air ringing with friendly greetings. Today, we echo those same warm sentiments as we wish you all a very Happy Holiday!

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## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS...

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Joe Guerrero. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a BB gun and a football. So I can have a lot of fun.  
P.S. Don't forget my brothers and sisters.  
Love  
Joe

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle for Christmas and I would like to have a gun for Christmas and a creepy-crawler and a creepy people, a pull table and a train  
Love  
Jimmie Pierce

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am seven years old. I want some cloths. Would you please bring them to me  
Your friend,  
Kim Bray

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a cheerful tearful, skates, a record, houseshoes.  
Love You,  
Melody Mathews

Dear Santa;  
Please Bring Me a Walkie Doll and also bring a Cry Baby Doll and bring a Gun and a train to my brother.  
Yours truly,  
Minnie Frausto.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a Babby first step and a pigy bank and a play truck.  
Love  
Dinah McDaniel.

Dear Santa:  
I have been pretty good. I would like to have some Lego blocks and a frogman suit for my G. I.  
Allen.

Dear Santa:  
I would like for you to bring me a Barbie Doll and also a Cry Doll.  
Yours truly,  
Gracie Siller.  
P. S. Don't forget to bring a car to my baby brother.  
Happy Christmas to all and a Happy New Year, 1967.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Will you bring me some construction toys.  
Love  
Terry Day

Santa Anna, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a walking doll and some jacks for Christmas and a bicycle fore Christmas but I donot want the bicycle to big are iff the bicycle is to big well icanot ride it to school are to my friends house eather and I want some creepie people and some creepie crawlers to for Christmas. This is all I want for Christmas.  
Love  
Susan Culpepper.

Dear Santa  
I want a fire truck and a play rifle and pistol  
Lance Willis

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a baby first step and a easy bake and some powder and a Dogy bank and dollhouse.  
Love  
Rebecca McDaniel.

December 12, 1966  
4107 Ave. S 1/2  
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mr. Claus,  
I'm saving my pennies for Jesus's birthday gift.  
We have a pretty tree with lights and bells and all, and our stockings are hun on the fireplace. It's a pretty time.  
If you have enough Raggedy Anns and Andys, please bring a pair to me.  
Love  
Rae Anne Perry

Dear Santa Claus  
Pleas bring me a gun and thank you for all the things that you braig me last year.  
Love  
Ray Goodwin

Dear Santa Claus  
Will you pleas bring' a football for men and a doll for my sisar.  
Love  
David Cornett  
Marilyn Cornett

Santa Anna, Texas  
December 9, 1966

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Francia Doll and clothes for franca. And a new Bible a red one. And a Woolly Bully.  
Love,  
Sandra Harris

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a fun, a truck, and some cars.  
Love  
Martin Wells

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want bicycle if you see my daddy and tell him how to pay it  
Love  
Betty

Dear Santa Claus.  
Please send me a Johnny Express. and don't forget the other children.  
Love  
Max David Eubank

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a transformer for my electric train, and a car racing set.  
Love  
Paul Martin  
P.S. My daddy would like a three inch rain.

December 12, 1966  
4107 Avenue S 1/2  
Galveston, Texas

Dear Claus:  
Christmas is the best time of the year. It's Jesus' birthday, and He is our Saviour and our best friend. We love you, too, Mr. Claus, but we know you feel the same about Jesus as we do.

I know you'll remember to give Jesus a gift first. Daddy says it takes money to tell others about Him. Then, remember all of those I love second best: Mom and Dad, Pe Pa and Me Ma, Granie and Grandad and Rae Anne. I would like an elec-tric train.  
Love  
Greg Perry.

December 9, 1966  
Rockwood, Texas

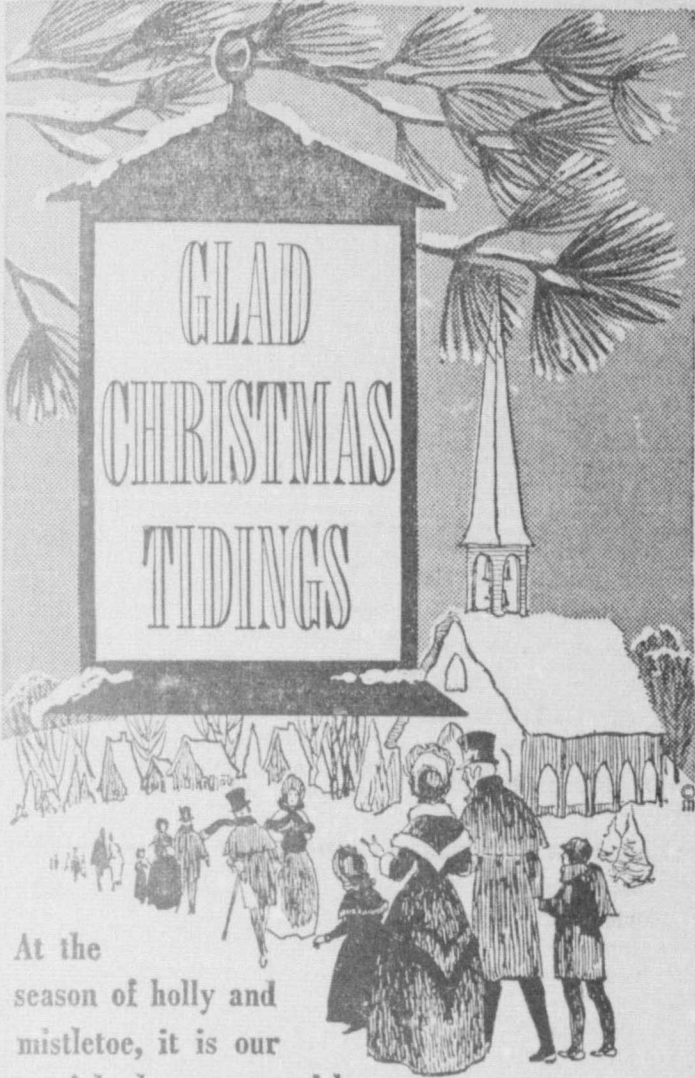
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some go-go boots for Christmas. Please bring other children something to. And I want a bracelet baton.  
Your friend,  
Suzy Valdez

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a Mystery Date a wacht and camer and baby Magik and baton and Susarte Homemaker and necklace and braslet and Crepo People. that is all I want. I no you can't bring all the things I want. Please? Come Christmas.  
Love  
Elaine Ann Newman

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Dear Santa Claus,  
Wood you bring me a elec train.  
Love  
James Morris

Daer Santa Claus  
I want a bike and a doll and that is all.  
Love  
Wanda Blaine



At the season of holly and mistletoe, it is our special pleasure to wish you a Merry Christmas and to express our thanks for your patronage throughout the year.

## Sparkman Washmatic

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Greetings

May your hearth be happy and your heart content. We send this greeting with our thanks to all!

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Greetings

Out of our yesterdays come the Yuletide traditions of happy greetings and cordial hospitality. In this spirit, we extend to all our good friends, a wonderfully warm and truly old-fashioned "Merry Christmas!"

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**For Feasting**

Good food is traditional at Christmas, and the special treats provided for the season include almost everything, ranging from baked carp in Austria to roast pig in Hawaii.

In France, it's traditional to serve a Christmas supper after midnight mass, but the main dish varies according to the section of the country—roast goose in Alsace, turkey in Burgundy, oysters and sausages in Paris.

England has a mouth-watering array of traditional dishes for Christmas feast-

ing, among them plum pudding. As the pudding is being prepared, it's customary for each member of the family to stir it, making a wish for the New Year.

In Germany, the people bake long cakes for Christmas. The cakes are meant to symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Cartoonist Thomas Nast is responsible for the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey.

In 1911 the first American aviation pilot's license was issued to Glen Curtiss.

**How Santa Looks, Travels Shows Change**

**His White Beard, Red Suit Are Recent Garb**

Genial, jovial, red-cheeked and white-bearded. As any child can tell you, that's how Santa Claus looks.

But the benevolent giver of presents has not always been pictured like this, nor has he always traveled by sleigh or brought his gifts on Christmas Eve. In fact, he has not always been named Santa Claus!

"Santa Claus" is in truth a child's euphonic way of expressing the Dutch "Saint Nikolaas" or St. Nicholas, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop, was later honored in Europe, as a friend to children. Legend finds him making his rounds on December 5th, the eve of St. Nicholas Day, with gifts to reward children for good behavior.

Instead of a polly red suit, St. Nicholas wore a robe, or tabard, and for that reason he really didn't need a sleigh, or even a horse. His robe enabled him to travel from place to place, instantly.

In Holland, however, he was said to use a horse for his journey at night over the roofs.

Dutch settlers brought St. Nicholas to the New World, where he gradually changed his name to Santa Claus and traded his horse and robe for reindeer and a red suit.

It was Clement C. Moore, in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas," who made Santa into a jolly elf "Saint Nick," who rides "in a miniature sleigh drawn by eight tiny reindeer."

In more recent years, St. Nicholas in his new guise as Santa Claus has journeyed to many parts of the world, becoming the most widely known of gift givers.

**Cards Have Clue To History Of Gift Giver**

Greeting card history offers a clue to Santa's evolution as a holiday symbol.

The theme of Santa Claus was conspicuously absent from most nineteenth century Christmas cards, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross Historical Collection. Early cards frequently favored children and flowers.

When Santa did appear occasionally on a greeting card, it was generally in the form of a dour, rather sad-faced Father Christmas, robed in a monk's blue garb and long gray beard, or as "Saint Santa," a semi-religious figure developed from St. Nicholas.

These were a far cry from the rotund, red-cheeked Santa depicted on Christmas greeting cards of today.

The modern Santa, fat and friendly, began to emerge at the turn of the century, and about 1909 he appears on a Christmas card. Here he is shown mounted on a hobby horse, rather than a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

The card shows him wearing the now-familiar red jacket, but his trousers still were blue. His stern expression, however, has given way to a slight whimsical smile, brightening his white-bearded, cherub-like face.

The concept of the reindeer sleigh was a still later addition in greeting card history. The early Santa walked with a wheelbarrow or carried his toys in a straw basket attached to his back, or rode a horse.

Today, a jolly Santa Claus, his originally blue robe changing to red, and riding his now traditional reindeer sleigh, is a dominating Christmas card theme.



ST. NICHOLAS, who preceded Santa as a Christmas gift giver, was pictured on an 1879 greeting card as a monk-like figure.



FATHER CHRISTMAS, a rather stern resident of the North Pole, appears on this turn-of-the-century greeting card.



METAMORPHOSIS OF SANTA CLAUS, from St. Nicholas in a monk's blue robe, to jolly St. Nick in a bright red suit, can be traced in the history of Christmas greeting cards—witness this 1909 card. The gift giver here, who looks somewhat like the modern Santa Claus, wears a bright red jacket, but his trousers, like St. Nicholas' robe, are still blue, and he is mounted on a hobby horse rather than a reindeer-drawn sleigh—the historical result of the introduction into American folklore, by early Dutch settlers, of St. Nicholas on a horse. The 1909 Santa carries his gifts in a straw basket, which later became the Christmas sack of toys. Cards shown are from the Norcross Historical Collection.

**Christmas Wishes**

Holiday time is a house filled with gladness, the happy lilt of welcoming voices. May this be yours on Christmas.



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**Stocking Is Just Legend?**

Did a spinster hang up the first Christmas stocking? Legend says yes, but history says no—or at most, "Maybe."

St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop, secretly gave gifts of gold for the dowries of poor spinsters. His method was to toss the gold down a chimney by night, at Christmas.

On one occasion, so legend says, the gift landed in a stocking, hung by the fireplace to dry.

History casts a dubious eye on this "origin" of the Christmas stocking custom. The spinster probably didn't have a stocking—not in the fourth century.

Knitted form-fitting hose were unknown until the thirteenth century. Earlier people wrapped cloth or rags around their feet as substitute for modern stockings.

Even after William Lee invented the stocking frame, a more efficient method of production, in the late 1500's, it was some time before the poor could afford to buy stockings.

History makes one concession to the legend tellers. Paintings from Pompeii show that early Romans did wear some form of stockings, even before the birth of Christ.

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "In the Whitehouse you do not live; you are just Exhibit A."

Martin VanBuren was the first President to be born a citizen of the United States.



**Greetings**

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