

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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.....Gerald Moore

Gerald Moore Named Hospital Administrator

Mr. Gerald Moore has been named to the position of Hospital Administrator replacing T Roy Patton who resigned.

Mr. Moore came to Lynn County from Jacksboro, Texas where he was the administrator for eight years.

Gerald's wife, Katherine, and family, son Bryan 13, and son John, 21 college student plan to join him in Tahoka the first of January.

The Moore's are active members of the Methodist Church. Gerald and his wife are interested in local civic organizations.

Cotton Harvest Halted Temporarily

The High Plains cotton harvest was halted when rain and snow moved in late Monday and Tuesday. Harvest resumed momentum as quickly as soil would support equipment, according to Paul R. Dickson, in charge of the USDA's Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock. "Most people we talk with say we will be through harvesting by Christmas," he added.

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, reported Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland classed 201,000 samples during the week ending Friday, December 13. This brought the season's total to 544,000. On the same date last year, the total was 1,459,000, Dickson said.

At Lubbock predominant grades this week were 51 and 42. Grade 51 accounted to 25 percent while grade 42 was assigned to 25 percent of the cotton samples. Twenty percent of these samples were reduced one grade because of bark. This is up from 24 percent the

previous week.

The predominant staples were 31 and 32. Staple 32 amounted to 35 percent and staple 31 was 23 percent of the samples this week.

Micronaire readings in the premium range of 3.5 to 4.9 accounted for 20 percent of the samples. This compares to 27 percent the week before. Micronaire readings below 3.5 accounted for the other 80 percent this week.

Pressley Strength tests averaged 81,000 pounds per square inch.

Prices quoted by the Lubbock Cotton Exchange for the most predominant qualities in the 3.5 to 4.9 micronaire range were: Grade 51, staple 31 - 30.05, staple 32 - 30.60 cents per pound. For Grade 42, staple 31 - 30.85, staple 32 - 30.90 cents per pound. Mixed lots of cotton brought 22.00 to 36.50 cents per pound.

Prices paid to farmers for their cottonseed ranged from \$110 to \$140 per ton.

Exam Schedule & School Holidays

First semester final examinations will be given Thursday and Friday in Tahoka Independent Schools. There will be a full day of school Thursday, December 19, with Christmas Holidays beginning with early dismissal at 3:05 p.m. on Friday, December 20. Teachers and staff will return for in-service days on Thursday, January 2, and Friday January 3. Students will return to school Monday, January 6, 1975.

Johnny McDonald Air Force Academy

Congressman Omar Bureson has announced his appointment of Johnny Mark McDonald of Tahoka to a slate of nominees to the U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, for admission in July, 1975.

The Air Force Academy will now examine and appraise the nominees and select a Principal for admission, with qualified alternates. Alternates may be given further consideration, depending upon available vacancies.

Laws Assigned To Michigan Base

Airman Clifford D. Laws, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Laws of Rt. 3, Post, Texas, has graduated at Keesler AFB, Miss., from the U. S. Air Force aircraft radio repairman course conducted by the Air Training Command.

The airman, who was trained to install and repair airborne communications equipment, is being assigned to K. I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan for duty with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

Airman Laws is a 1973 graduate of Tahoka (Texas) High School.

News Office Closed Next Week

The Lynn County News office will be closed Dec. 23 thru Dec. 27, so that employees may have a short vacation. There will be no paper that week and the next edition will be Jan. 2nd.

We, the staff of the Lynn County News wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Board Holds December Meeting

The Tahoka I.S.D. Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 12, at the Administrative Offices in the high school.

The Board accepted resignation of Mrs. Barbara Kenley effective January 1, 1975. Mrs. Kenley has taught homemaking in the high school during the current semester. In other action, Mrs. Ann Murrah, who teaches in the field of Compensatory Education, was contracted to teach in the same area during the spring semester. Mrs. Murrah had previously been contracted for the first semester, only, due to the indefinite status of Federal Funding at the time she was employed.

The Board opened sealed bids on a bedroom suite located in

the Homemaking Cottage. Mr. Wayne Warren of Route 4, Tahoka, was awarded the bid for \$100.

A more liberal free lunch schedule was adopted by the Board, and it will become effective with the new semester. The new schedule will appear in the Lynn County News prior to the time it becomes effective.

Various reports concerning the operation of the schools were presented.

Members attending were: Kenneth Turner, President; Othell Meeks, Vice - President; Dayton Parker, Secretary; Joe Brooks and Robert Warren.

Also attending were superintendent Harold Reynolds, Interim superintendent, Melvin Burks, and Mrs. Peggy Elliot, Director of Business Affairs.

School Staff Honors Reynolds

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds were honored with a reception by the Tahoka School Faculty and Staff Sunday afternoon in the Tahoka School Cafeteria.

Mrs. Reynolds was presented

attended the reception. Mr. Cecil Robinson and Mr. Clifton Gardner presented the gifts and Mr. Reynolds responded with a few words relating the happiness of their years in Tahoka and the

mixed emotions of their move to

Beeville where he is to assume

the superintendency of that school January 1, 1975.



WASHINGTON VISIT - Congressman Omar Bureson met with State Representative E. L. Short of Tahoka and Elmer Martin of Colorado City in their recent visit to Washington.

More Liberal Lunch Program Begins

More liberal free lunch guidelines will be available in January to children in Tahoka Independent School District. There is also a provision for reduced price lunches at 20 cents per meal for families who need help, but do not qualify for free lunches.

If your children are now receiving free lunches you do not need to do anything. Parents of children not now getting free lunches may want to apply if fam-

ily size and income meet the standards outlined below.

To apply for free or reduced price lunches an adult member of the family should go to the Federal Program Office in the Tahoka High School. This may be done at any time, but January 2nd and 3rd would be advantageous as it takes time to process applications and there may be a delay if parents wait until students return to school on January 6th.

We send You Greetings

Here's hoping that all of you whose patronage we value so highly enjoy the Christmas season to the fullest.

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Holiday Blends Many Customs

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

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

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

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

Displaying Tree

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

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

Around each of these trees choirs gathered and sang carols.

The custom of lighting the National Community Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. began in 1923 when the Uni-

versity of Vermont sent a large tree to President Calvin Coolidge.

Add Special Touch

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

France gave Canada the "creche," gatherings after midnight Mass with family and friends, savory pork pies called "tourtières," collecting gifts from door to door for the less privileged persons of the community.

After mass on Christmas Eve, the people of Quebec gather at homes of loved ones to participate in a night-long feast called "réveillon."

Performing Pageant

From Germany came the Nativity pageant, and the first play of this sort in the U.S. was performed at the German Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity in Boston, in 1851. Children dressed as Oriental shepherds offered gifts to the Christ Child at the altar, singing carols at the same time. The gifts were later distributed to the poor of the parish.

Merry Christmas From The Valentines



Rodney Overman

Rodney Overman At Miss. AFB

Airman Rodney C. Overman, son of Mrs. Ruby A. Overman of 1, Wilson, Texas, has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Texas, he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Keesler for specialized training as communications systems operator.

Airman Overman, a 1972 graduate of New Home (Tex) High School, attended Texas Tech University. His wife, Anita, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Blewett, of 1330 62nd, Lubbock.

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NEW HOME NEWS

by FLORENCE DAVIES



Since I am staying in Lubbock most of the time with our daughter Ann Walton in Highland Hospital. It is hard to get news together. Ann had surgery this Monday afternoon to repair her left foot. The crushed bones were removed and the bones fused. Her right foot and thigh which were badly broken are healing slowly. Wayland remains in I.C.U. in the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene, but is improving. Bryan is doing very well at home and hopes to return to school after the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. McCatheren are much improved, Glenn is back at work in First Baptist Church where he is the Minister of Education. Ann is church secretary. Mrs. Wayman Smith is home and

doing fine after major surgery Monday, December 9th in Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Annie Mae Dunlap of San Antonio is critically ill in the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. She is the sister of Mrs. Bennie Morris of New Home.

Mrs. Bobbie Bevers was dismissed from Highland Hospital Monday where she was under treatment two weeks.

Mr. Bill McNeely is in Room 203 West Texas Hospital in Lubbock.

The March of Dimes frequently sponsors symposia for medical and general audiences about current findings in the field of birth defects.



PAUL RUIZ

Paul Ruiz Completes Basic

Marine PFC Paul C. Ruiz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ruiz of Route 2, O'Donnell, Texas, completed Infantry Training School at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California. He received specialized instruction in infantry weapons and tactics.

Mrs. Dodson's Father Dies

Services for Joseph Bailey Brown, 77, of Idalou were held at 10 a.m., Thursday, December 12, in the Idalou First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Herb Tavenner, pastor, and the Rev. Frank Ogelsby, pastor, of the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, officiating.

Burial was in Idalou Cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral Home of Ralls.

Brown died late Tuesday evening in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

A native of Crosby County, he had lived in the local area all of his life. He was a retired farmer and a member of Idalou First United Methodist Church. Brown was a 50-year member of the Lorenzo Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Dessie; two daughters, Martha Jo of Idalou and Mrs. Mary Beth Dodson of Tahoka; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Dillard and Belle Brown, both of 1617 27th St. in Lubbock, and three grandchildren.

Portable Fireplace In Time For The Holidays



This low-cost fireplace, with its cheery electric log fire, is built completely without masonry and chimney. The fireplace is easily dismantled so you can store it away after the holidays.

Ever wish you had an old-fashioned fireplace for hanging Christmas stockings? It isn't difficult or expensive to build one, thanks to new easy-to-follow plans now available. The lightweight fireplace uses realistic electric logs for complete safety.

The fireplace may look hard to build, but you can actually do-it-yourself. The easy assembly and low cost is due to a unique method of construction employing decorative brick and common lumber.

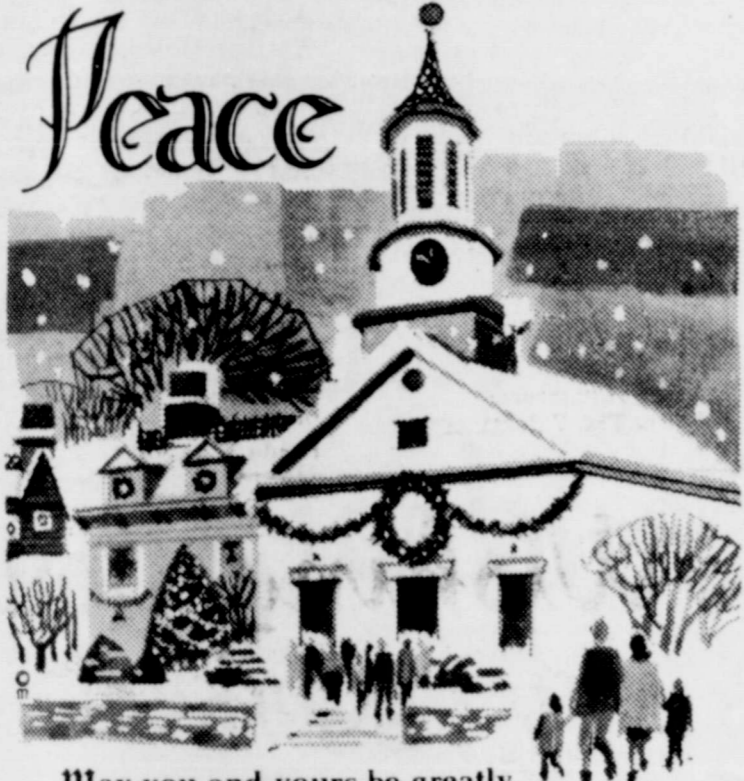
The bricks are less than 1/2-inch thick, but they look and feel like the heavy, old-fashioned kind. The bricks are applied with an adhesive mortar to a particle board or plywood sheathing eliminating the weight, mess and expense of regular masonry.

The decorative brick is completely fireproof, so candles and Christmas tree lights can be

safely used on the fireplace. Available in several textures and colors, you can select the brick pattern that best fits your decor.

Plans for the fireplace, as well as folders giving ideas for 15 other types of fireplaces, are available at no charge from building supply dealers carrying Z-Brick. Plans can also be ordered by mail by sending 25c to: Z-Brick, Dept. DM, 2834 N.W. Market Street, Seattle, Washington 98107

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

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

The wreath, which has no



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beginning or end, represents eternity, and the evergreens symbolize growth and life, according to the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

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

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

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

Manger Is Theme Of Latin Yule

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

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

Bountiful feasts, processions and other special events may provide a festive note, but custom says that gift-giving time is Three Kings' Day — Twelfth Night, January 6th, when the Wise Men brought their gifts to Jesus.

Children put their shoes under the bed or in the window, hoping to have them filled with toys and gifts. Water and hay are set out for the Three Kings' horses or camels.

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

March of Dimes volunteers in many cities make prenatal care information in English and Spanish available throughout low income areas.



Piñata Fun Gets Break

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

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

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

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

The children scramble to claim as many goodies as possible

A DOZEN WAYS TO SAY "Merry Christmas!"

Czech	Vesele Vanoce
Dutch	Prettige Kerstdagen
Finnish	Hauskaa Joulua
French	Joyeux Noel
German	Froehliche Weihnachten
Greek	Kala Christogene
Italian	Buon Natale
Portuguese	Feliz Natal
Russian	S Rojdestvom Kristovym
Spanish	Feliz Navidad
Swedish	God Jul
Welsh	Nadolig Llawen

Actress Jane Wyatt is both a trustee of the March of Dimes, and National Chairman of Volunteer Services for the voluntary health organization's campaign to prevent birth defects.

Babies born to poorly nourished women frequently are born too soon or underweight, the March of Dimes reports. When this happens, the infant may suffer developmental damage.

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WILSON NEWS

BY SUE CROWSON

VISITORS:

Mrs. James Walsh, Tonda, Todd, and Kent, of Lake Ransom Canyon spent Friday night with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Truman Baxley. Mr. and Mrs. Baxley visited Saturday in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Baxley in University Convalescent Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Coleman and three sons of Plano, will be arriving at the end of the week to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Dixie Coleman.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER:

Mrs. Mildred Hutcheson recently returned from a two week visit to Houston with her son, Larry Hutcheson and family. The Hutchesons are the parents of a baby daughter, Rhonda Renee, born November 14. She weighed 8 lbs. and 13 oz. and has one big brother, 5. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Peterson of Wilson.

VISIT:

Mrs. Shirley Gary and Celeste of Lubbock, and Mrs. Sandra Lamerson and Cheryl of O'Donnell, visited Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Velma Behrend.

BIRTHDAY PARTY:

The Alvin Kaatz home was the scene of a birthday celebration Sunday night, and even Santa Claus came to call. Honorees for the event were Mrs. Alvin (Virginia) Kaatz, and two of her grandchildren, Jim Hewlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hewlett and Daniel Kaatz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Kaatz all of Lubbock. Approximately 50 guests were present for the supper, birthday cake and gifts.

TO MARRY:

Miss Terry Mears and Mark Gatzki will marry January 19 in the First Baptist Church of Wilson.

4-H NEWS:

The Wilson girls 4-H club had their meeting December 13. The meeting was called to order as the group repeated the motto and pledge. The group, under the leadership of Mrs. Haley filled out forms for a Child Development Project. The next project for the meeting was called Amateur Authors, according to Tonda Gatzki, club reporter.

VISITORS:

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gatzki included Gini Kay Gatzki of Hawaii, Mr. and Mrs. Mark

Koslan of Abilene, and Mrs. Gatzki's mother, Mrs. C. A. Horner of Fresno, California.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Tuesday - Meadow there

Friday - School dismiss at 2:30

Band Concert at 1:30

High School Christmas Party (afternoon)

Jan. 2-4 - Lorenzo tournament

Jan. 6 - School resumes.

FRIENDS GATHER CROP FOR CROWSON FAMILY:

Mrs. A. N. Crowson, whose husband died in August, was given a real Christmas present last Monday as some three dozen friends and neighbors combined their efforts to harvest the crop planted by her late husband.

Using 13 cotton strippers, members of the Wilson Lions Club and others in the community harvested 81 acres of cotton for Mrs. Lorain Crowson, whose husband, Alfred, suffered a fatal heart attack August 3. It took the men two and a half hours to strip the cotton.

The group many who had helped finish out the crop for Mrs. Crowson brought strippers and trailers and started about 10 a.m. The cotton was ginned immediately at Wilson Co-op Gin, which gave it priority. Mrs. Crowson and Mrs. Wilma Follis served sandwiches, donuts, coffee, and soft drinks to the men after they finished about 12:30.

Those working together the crop Monday included: Donald Klaus, Gary Houchin, Alvin Kitten, Gilbert Steinhauser, Curtis Wilke, Tommy Bednarz, Glenn Moore, David Savell, Billy Weaver, W. R. Steen, Thomas Autry, Ronnie Follis, Keith Weid, Ray Ehlers, Russ McCormick, R. T. Moore, Clifton Hamilton, Carlton Wilke, Vernon Nolte, Dale Zant, Rev. E. K. Sheppard, Carl Gicklhorn, Roger Gicklhorn, James Savell, Cecil Fields, Arthur Cedillo, Bart Salas, Dean Daniell, Johnny Rodriguez, Lynn Maeker, Ronnie Nolte, Leland Zant, Roy Lynn Kahlich, Jerry Don Ross, and B. L. Hatchell.

CANTATA:

A community choir presented a Christmas Cantata Sunday evening in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Wilson.

Musicians were Mrs. Evelyn Nelson at the piano and Mrs.

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Victor Steinhasuer at the organ. Following the cantata, refreshments were served in the educational building, and Santa Claus visited with the youngsters. A near-capacity crowd was present for the event and included visitors from several area towns.

BAND CONCERT:

The annual Christmas concert for the Wilson Mustang Band was held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 in the high school auditorium. The junior high band presented four musical selections under the direction of James Aatterwhite, followed by the high school band. Joy Arnold, drum major, led the group in one number before turning the baton over to Mr. Satterwhite.

The high school band will have a concert Friday at 1 p.m. in the auditorium before school dismisses at 2:30 for the holidays. Everyone is invited to attend.

SOUP LABELS STILL NEEDED:

Mr. Ted Dockery, elementary principal, reminds everyone to be sure to save all their Campbell Soup labels during the holidays to help the elementary school purchase some audiovisual equipment it needs. Please give your labels to any elementary student, as each class is having a contest to see which class can collect the most labels by December 31. The winning class will get prizes. Help is needed from everyone, church groups, relatives, friends in other towns, and your own homes. Be sure to turn in all labels by December 31, or when you return to school from the Christmas holidays. Appreciation is expressed to the Slaton students who are helping in this project.

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JR. HIGH BASKETBALL:

The Junior High B team boys won Monday night against Ropes here.

The junior high girls A team was defeated by Ropes girls.

The junior high boys A team won over Ropes 19-39.

National Foundation - March of Dimes Merit Awards are made annually to medical students for outstanding papers on birth defects.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nunley of Lakeview and Mr. and Mrs. John McAnelly of Hondo. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Sallye Burleson of Lubbock and Mrs. Hallie McAnelly of Hondo.

Introducing



Mr. and Mrs. Phil McAnelly of Devine, Texas are the parents of a son born Sunday, December 1. He has been named Matthew Lee, was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. He has a big brother Lance, 4 years old. Mr. McAnelly is a former coach at Tahoka and Mrs. McAnelly is a former teacher. Mr. McAnelly is presently the Ag teacher at Devine High School.


Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nunley of Lakeview and Mr. and Mrs. John McAnelly of Hondo. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Sallye Burleson of Lubbock and Mrs. Hallie McAnelly of Hondo.

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Nursing Home News

Evelyn Russell

Hello. Gospel singing was good there were not many singers but we all ways enjoy them.

Tahoka 4-H club with Carolyn Haley, Nancy Monk and Belinda Williams and 16 children came December 9th. The children presented the story of the Birth of Christ and sang Christmas carols. We enjoyed the program with the cookies they served. The United Methodist Church brought a box of fruit. The First Baptist Ladies

brought us a couple of cakes, they will bring us a couple of cakes later on. Tuesday Mrs. Jones taught the Bible study starting chapter 1 Epistle of Galatians the first six verses. Ladies from W.M.U. First Baptist Church put up Christmas decorations. Tuesday afternoon, the Tahoka Study Club entertained us with all sorts of good eats. They sang and Mrs. Hegi brought the story of the Birth of Christ. Tuesday, December 10, 4 p.m., Mrs. Tiny Lee McNeely gave us a box of oranges. Mrs. Leona Smith brought us a lovely cake. It was an enjoyable week as there were lots of visitors. Mrs. Mattie Spruiell and Canna Allen are in the Lynn County Hospital with the flu bug. Several other residents are feeling bad with coughs and colds. Arthur Dial spent a couple of days with his niece Mrs. Fortenbery. Brother Bill Looney brought our church services December 15 on Fault Finding. He stated we should try to look for the good traits in a person. Three

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of Howard Draper's children honored him on December 14th for his 74th birthday. Six of his brothers and sisters were present. There are nine brothers and sisters in the Draper family counting Howard. Cake and punch were served, there was a large crowd of friends also called on Howard. Our Christmas tree is up. Mrs. Owens daughter Winnie, gave the nursing staff and aids a beautiful poinsettia also Mrs. Fleta Pribble sent us one. Corine Izard enjoyed a lovely lunch Saturday at the Rebekah 209 Lodge all where the Lodge will entertaining resident of Garden Manor apt. everyone enjoyed it very much.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Zan K. Hensley of Tahoka and Mrs. Arthur Hackenberg of Old Bridge, New Jersey; three sons, Willie Z. Florence of Littlefield, Texas, Charles J. of Edenberg, Texas, and J. B. of Arvada, Colorado; one sister, Mrs. Mary Smith of Columbia South Carolina; six brothers, Charlie of Monticello, South Carolina, Alex of Augusta, Georgia, Clyde of Lincolnton, Georgia, Paul of Columbia, South Carolina, Tom of Lincolnton, Georgia; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Irvin Dunagan, Charles Boles, Clint Sikes, Ray Adams, Robert Hensley, Edward Bartley, Pug Parker, and Elbert Crawford.

Bridesmaid

Luncheon Held

The bridesmaids of Sheila McClintock were honored with a luncheon at the Gold Room of Hemphill Wells, Saturday, December 14.

Special guest was Mrs. James Savell of Wilson.

Bridesmaids are Debbie White San Angelo, Cameilla Rice of Wilson and Dennise Bednarz of Lubbock.

Hostesses were Sheila and Mrs. Kent McClintock of New Home.

Walter Florence Services Held

Walter Z. Florence, 81, died Monday December 16, in Lynn County Hospital following an extended illness.

Services were held Wednesday, December 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the Tahoka First Baptist Church with the Rev. Boyce Evans of Lubbock officiating, and assisted by Rev. Jim Turner.

Burial was in Draw Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home.

Florence was born July 17, 1893 in Lincolnton, Georgia, and came to Lynn County in 1917 from Lincolnton. He farmed in the Draw community for 36 years and retired and moved into Tahoka.

He was married to Lois Johnson in Tempson, Texas October 3, 1915. He attended school in Goshen, Georgia. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

Rites Held For Thedo Cook

Thedo W. Cook, 62, of the Draw community, died Monday, December 16, at 11 a.m. in the Methodist Hospital following an extended illness.

Services were held Wednesday, December 18, at 4 p.m. in the United Methodist Church at Draw. Officiating was the Rev. Cecil Hardaway, pastor.

Burial was in Draw Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home.

Cook was born September 21, 1912 in Hill County. He came to Lynn County in 1923 from Hill County.

He was married to Leona Caswell, December 12, 1930. He was a member of the Draw United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Marie Brewer of Rt. 1, O'Donnell and Mrs. Drucilla Kizer of Rt. 5, Tahoka; his mother, Mrs. Della Cook of Draw; and five grandchildren.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

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Thursday, December 19, 1974

HOSPITAL NEWS

ADMISSIONS

Norma Segovia, Rodolpho Martinez, Edgar Witt, Gladys Hackett, Cleburne E. Short, Mattie Spruiell, Janie Longoria, Reggie House, Launa Thomas, Mandie Crenshaw, Canna Allen, Luisa Amado, Frances Flores, Irene Marett, Audrey Owens, Trudie Schuknecht, Daisy Henry, Clarence Anderson

DISMISSALS:

Jewell O'Neal, Nita Stanley, Roy Appling, Wilma Ramsey, Robert Turner, Rodolpho Martinez, Edgar Witt, Janie Longoria, Reggie House

REMAINING

Nannie Norwood, Dorothy Scott, Buela Atkins, Ted Chancy, Norma Segovia, Gladys Hackett, Cleburne E. Short, Mattie Spruiell, Launa Thomas, Mandie Crenshaw, Canna Allen, Luisa Amado, Frances Flores, Irene Marett, Audrey Owens, Trudie Schuknecht, Daisy Henry, Clarence Anderson

ADMISSIONS

Jewell O'Neal, Victoria Morales, Raul Villarreal, L. B. Burk, Cheryl Billington, Buford Powers, Dana Reeser, Nita Stanley, Walter Florence, Roy Appling, Wilma Ramsey, Ted Chancy, Robert Turner

DISMISSALS

Clarence Anderson, Homer Lankford, Lee Edward Elder, Curtis Hartman, Foy Hagle, Lillian Carbin, Herbert Smith, Robert Turner, Vernon Kelley, Nellie Tannell, Victoria Morales, Raul Villarreal, L. B. Burk, Cheryl Billington, Buford Powers, Dana Reeser, and Nita Stanley

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At least a casual link exists between noise, stress, and fatigue and accidents and fatalities according to officials of the Beltone Crusade for Hearing Conservation, who cite the results of a study by the National Bureau of Standards.

By 1978 approximately 24 million people will be subjected to aircraft noise, unless jet aircraft noise levels are significantly reduced, according to the Beltone Crusade for Hearing Conservation. In 1968 the number of persons subjected to undesirable aircraft noise was only 15 million.

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Silent Night

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

TODD ELECTRIC

W. H. Mayfield Funeral Held

Services for W. H. "Howard" Mayfield, 80, a New Home man who died Saturday in a Lubbock hospital were at 2 p.m. December 15th in the New Home Baptist Church.

The Rev. Leo Cole, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Stan Nixon of the Pansy Baptist Church.

Graveside services were at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 15th in Crosbyton Cemetery in Crosbyton.

Funeral was under the direction of Franklin - Bartley Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mayfield moved to New Home years ago from Crosbyton.

He was a member of the Pansy Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mel; a son, Horace, of Oklahoma; two daughters, Mrs. Tressie McPherson of Idalou, Mrs. Sebyl Crausby of McAdoo; step daughters, Mrs. Radene Turner of New Home and Mrs. Eva Clarke of Fort Worth; five other, Barney of New Home, Fred of Kingsland, Gordon of Floyd, J. C. of Seminole, and Riley of Manhattan, Kansas; three daughters, Mrs. Constant Peacock of San Antonio, and Mrs. Tressie Phillips and Mrs. Florence Johnson both of Amarillo; eight grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Freddie Kieth, Edton Leatherwood, Arthur Griffin, John Will Stewart, Harlon Imminger, and Winston Davies.

Phebe K's Host Christmas Party

On December 4, the Phebe K. Farmer Club hosted a party for the residents of the local Convalescent Home. Refreshments of Christmas goodies and punch were served to all residents. After refreshments the singing of Christmas carols was led by Mrs. Harold Green with Mrs. Ray Adams at the piano. Mrs. Pete Hegl told the Christmas story as found in Luke. The meeting was dismissed with the Lord's Prayer said in unison and led by Mrs. G. M. Stewart.

Mrs. Binie White and Mrs. Oscar Rutledge were in charge of the table decorations and arrangements.

The March of Dimes works with local medical leaders in establishing regional perinatal medical services. "Perinatal" refers to the period from about the 20th week of pregnancy to the four weeks after birth.

Six Accidents In Lynn County During November

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated six accidents on rural highways in Lynn County during the month of November, 1974, according to Sergeant H. E. Pirtle, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in no persons killed and ten persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1974 shows a total of 61 accidents resulting in three persons killed and 45 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for November, 1974, shows a total of 497 accidents resulting in ten persons killed and 229 persons injured as compared to November, 1973, with 606 accidents resulting in 25 persons killed and 349 persons injured. This was 109 less accidents, 15 less killed, and 120

less injured for 1974 at the same period of time.

The ten traffic deaths for the month of November, 1974, occurred in the following counties: two in Hansford, one each in Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Gray, Haskell, Hutchinson, Montague, and Throckmorton.


Shower Honors Sheila McClintock

Miss Sheila McClintock, bride-elect of David Savell of Wilson, was honored with a Bridal Shower Tuesday afternoon at the New Home Baptist Church.

The hostesses served guests refreshments from a table decorated in light blue and royal blue.

Out of town guests attending were: Mrs. Julia Ross, Lubbock, Bertha Stuart, Lubbock, Mrs. Willard Libbits, Dode, Mrs. Jim White, Tahoka and Mrs. Weldon McClintock, grandmothers of the bride elect were present. Mrs. Richard Savell and Mrs. James Savell, mother of the groom and Mrs. Kent McClintock mother of the bride elect.

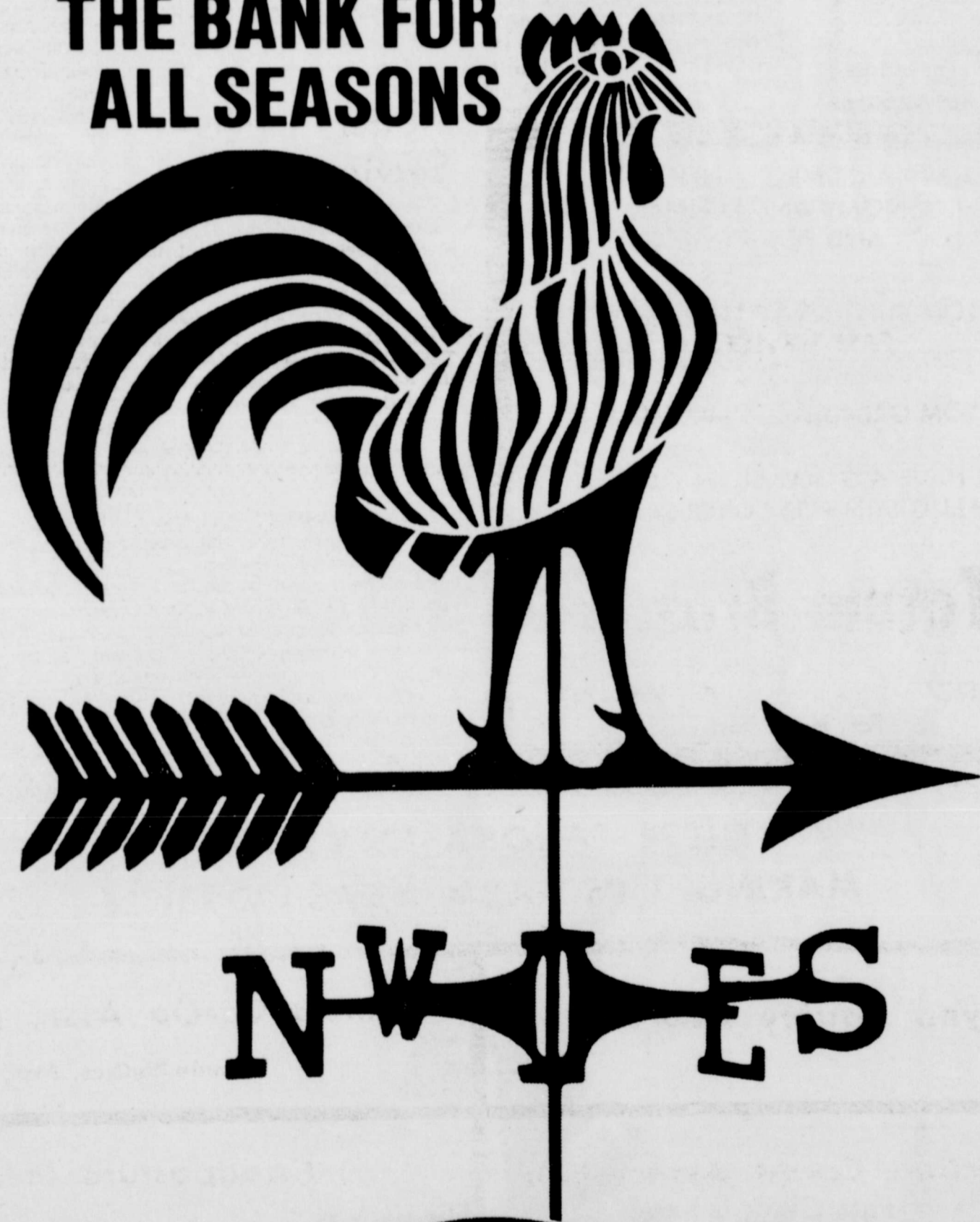
The couple plan to marry December 28, 1974 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Home Baptist Church.



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Joy at Christmas



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A SHORT REPORT

By REPRESENTATIVE E. L. SHORT

Texas House Agricultural Committee members who were holding hearings in Stephenville, Sulphur Springs, and Nacodoches in late October promised to take their report of recommendations to

Washington if the beef and dairy industry would not kill cattle in Texas.

Tuesday, Representative E. L. Short, D - Tahoka, chairman, headed a committee made up of Representative Latham Boone, D-Navasota, Assistant to John White, Commissioner of Agriculture.

All these testified to the Agriculture Committee in Washington and delivered the Texas recommendations for the Immediate Emergency Relief for the Beef and Dairy Industry.

Representative Short said "the response and interest shown our group was far more than we expected." "We were told by Congressman Foley, Chairman from Washington state, we were the first state officials and had been the only ones to present solutions to the problem of the beef and dairy industry at the Federal Level."

The Texas committee, besides meeting President Ford, held briefings and talked extensively to

White House Associate Director of the Domestic Council, Michael Duval and his assistant, Norm Ross.

Director Duval told the Texans the President will take action concerning beef imports before the first of the year. Short explained Secretary Butz was quoted that "American farmers will produce more of everything in 1975." "But, how is this possible when machinery, combines and baling wire are not available?" he said. "We must have the tools to work with and priorities must be classified on steel products." The Committee insisted the administration look to raising parity and target prices on cotton.

One committee proposal seemed to be of great interest to Dr. Bostick, Agricultural Assistant to Secretary Earl Butz, Short said. "It was designed to rid ourselves of excess beef whereas the Federal Extension Service initiate a crash education program to consumers for the usage, preparation and

appreciation of grass-fed beef."

Short stated, "that there is no optimistic feelings in Washington concerning rapid and immediate change in economics concerning the agricultural picture." "We are now in the process of delivering to the other forty-nine (49) states our proposals." "The people we talked to thought the idea of reaching the other states through their consumers and state officials would lend strength to the Texas proposals."

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Bridge Club Has Christmas Party

Fourteen tables of players attended T-Bar Duplicate Bridge Club's annual Christmas party Tuesday night of last week at the Country Club. Visiting players were present from New Home, O'Donnell, Lubbock, Plainview, Borwnfield, Plains and Cloverdale, Claifornia.

Preceding the game, a buffet meal was served the group and several non-playing husbands of members. Mrs. Jess Gurley, on behalf of the local club, presented a 20 pound ham to the directors, Mae and Frank Hill.

Wiining pairs receiving points were: North - South: Mrs. Winston

Wharton and Ken Wilson, Lubbock, first; Mrs. Wayland Taylro and Mrs. Margaret Noble, both of O'Donnell second; Mrs. Earnest Wallace and Mrs. Cliff Widener and Mrs. Roy Thompson and Mrs. W.R. Anthony, all of Lubbock, tied for third and fourth; Mrs. Marguerite Marquam, Lubbock and Mrs. Audie Norman, fifth; and Mrs. W. H. Cords and Mrs. Olen Renfro, sixth.

East - West: Mrs. Dick Park and Bill Anthony, Jr., Lubbock, first; Clyde Mace, Plainview, and Dr. Al Postar, Lubbock, second; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poindexter, Lubbock, third; Mrs. Lillian McCord, of Cloverdale, Calif., and Mrs. Abbie Wharton, Lubbock, fourth; Mrs. Jas. M. Hamilton and Mrs. Frank Beck, Lubbock, fifth; and Mrs. Roy LeMond and Mrs. T. E. Leverett, sixth.

Christmas Program Sunday

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene will be presenting their Christmas program Sunday night, December 22, at 6 p.m.

The program will include "White Christmas" presented by the young people. Also included in the program will be a choir narration entitled "The Night of Light." Everyone is invited to attend.



It's Christmas

May the season shine down its good blessings on all. We're grateful to you.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Alicia Reid and I am eight years old. For Christmas I would like to have a ten speed bike, a recorder - player with some Donny & Marie Osmond records, and a Blonde, walking, talking 32 inch big doll.
I have been a pretty good girl this year and will appreciate anything you leave me under our tree. I have a safe and Merry Christmas to all.

Love,
Alicia Reid

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Rochelle Reid and I am three years old. I would like you to bring me a Rub-A-Dub Dolly, a pretty bike with training wheels, a Weebles West, a Putt Putt train and talking telephone.

Love,
Rochelle Reid

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a micky mouse watch. I hope you will come to my house Christmas eve. And I want a baby that can suck bottle to.

Your friend,
Leslie Valentine

Dear Santa,
I've been wanting a puppy for a long time and now I want you to bring me a real puppy. I've been pretty nice. Would you please bring it in your bag and leave it in my house.

Love,
Louise

Dear Santa,
I wish for a guitar.

from Ramiro Campos

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and cowboy pants and shirts and cowboy buckle and belts. with my name on it and belts with my name on it.

from Terry Nolte

Dear Santa,
I want a evel kenevel and his stunt icle and a racing car.

Fabian Rios

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a pellet gun and a pool table and

a boy gamenchaper for Christmas. Thats all I want. Love Jacinto Rios oh I almost forgot I want a bike to

from Jacinto to Santa

Dear Santa,
I hop you will bring me a watch and a ring with my name on it for Christmas.

Merry Christmas Santa
Love Pam

Dear Santa,
I wish for a doll for Christmas, and a paly dishes for Christmas, to and a doll house.

Celia Garcia
north pol

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to my house this year. Cose I want a bike. Who are the elves and Mis Santa I hope thay are fine Who the rane-deer are ok. My famel is ok to. see you santa. Santa you are a big help. by mare crasmasy.

Gary

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and some clothes for her for Christmas.

from Deedie

Dear Santa Claus,
I am five years old. I go to kindergarten. Do you really know

if boys and girls are good or not?

I want a Evel Knievil and some boots and a chalkboard and some Silly Putty and some other stuff I can't remember.

I saw you at church. You gave me some fruit. I was the one with the blue cowboy suit on.

My brother wants a train and my sister wants some gold or diamond earrings. Papa wants a train too. Mama wants a sewing machine.

Grandma wants for nobody to be sick on Christmas. But you have to get that from Jesus don't you? Granny wants a new foot and Billy wants a train. Dawn wants some girl junk.

Bring something for Tammy and Michael and John. They are kids who like stuff like me.

Ilove you.
Jayson Heath Bartley

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit and a pool table and a pellet gun if you cant get them thats ok. I won't mind.

Joel

Dear Santa,
I want a pellet gun, a electric football set, a TV set, a walke talke a trapaling, some clothes, a 22 rifel, a electric train, and a merry merry Christmas

love, David Ehlers

Dear Santa,
I want a baby alive, and a trapellene, and a pool table and a colored TV set and a typewriter, and I want to see Mr. and Mrs. Santa.

Kim Renee Angerer

Dear Santa,
I would be happy if you and your wife would bring me a doll house and a lot of presents and please come soon. I live on a farm. And I want two more tings. I would like a big present I want a big dog. and a small present I want a small toy of something.

Love,
Angela Kristine Moerbe

Dear Santa,
I do not want something big. we are going to the valley. I will not be here for Christmas. I will

be here for Christmas here at school. I hope you will bring only two gifes for me I like you Santa we have a Christmas tree. we are going to make cookies.

Love,
Ruben

Dear Santa,
I what a pair of black boots. and allso a little toy rasing track. with three cars, one red, a blue one, and a green, one. tell your elves to make them. We will leve so cookys and milk I hop you like them.

from Bryan

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Carolyn Haley Says...

ODE TO CHRISTMAS DINNER
 'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the kitchen Mrs. Claus was up late, cooking turkey and fixens. The meal was all planned with thought and great care For the morrow's first light brings her family there. The table was draped with her best cloth of linen. The candles were placed, and that's just the beginning. Her sterling shone bright as a star in the night, Spoon on the left, now is that wrong or right? The meal in itself was a sight to behold Mixed textures, mixed flavors, and foods -- hot and cold. Minerals like calcium were evidently seen In rich sauces and gravies, puddings fit for a queen.

Vitamin B was there also, he was not to be outdone, There he is, see him intertwined in the pretzel - shaped hot buns. Ambrosia heaped high just like snow on a sunset, Was oozing with Vitamin C, is there more yet? Tom Turkey, quite grand, sat resplendent in protein, His robe, cornbread dressing was the best ever seen. Cranberry Salad, round in its wreath mold, Gave a dash to the table like Rudolph, s famed nose. Not to be forgotten was Vitamin A, Which we need to partake, in fact, most everyday. Vitamin A rates an "A" in the glorious way That he dressed himself up for the coming Christmas Day. Mountains of sweet potatoes, Candied Yams, if you please, Just

waiting to be tasted, and look, English Peas. Oh, my what a menu, nutrient - bound to be sure. And if eaten, well - balanced, many ills it may cure. How can I remember just how much to eat? Here's the clue! 4-4-3-2. Now that's hard to beat. The time is approaching, everyone take a seat, Merry Christmas to all, to all Bon Appetit!
RECIPE OF THE WEEK:
HONEY NUT OATMEAL DROPS
 1/2 cup margarine
 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup honey
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 3/4 cups sifted all purpose flour
 1 teaspoon soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 3/4 cup milk
 1 1/4 cups quick or old fashioned oats, uncooked
 1 cup chopped nuts
 Heat oven to moderate (350) Beat butter or margarine until fluffy. Gradually add brown sugar. Beat in honey, egg, and vanilla. Sift together flour, soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Stir in oats and nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven (350 degrees F) 8 to 10 minutes.
 YIELD: about 3 1/2 dozen

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Nurse Is Speaker At Rotary Club

The importance of therapy or rehabiliy treatment of patients was the subject of a talk at the Rotary Club last Thursday by Mrs. Jeanie Watley of Lubbock, the only registered occupational therapist in this part of West Texas.


Importance of such treatment was first recognized during World War I but has not become a vital part of rehabilitation until recent years. Rehabilitation treatment is especially important through use of psychiatry and activities for those patients having emotional, physical and mental disabilities, as well as for the handicapped children patients with a drinking or a drug problem. Such treatment can help persons find themselves.

Mrs. Watley is employed by Texas Tech School of Medicine at the psychiatric ward of Lubbock Medical Center Hospital.

Troy Patton, local hospital administrator, was in charge of the program and introduced the speaker.

President David Midtiff expressed regret of the club in losing two members, Patton, who is moving to a similar job at Floydada, and School Superintendent Harold Reynold's who will become head of the schools at Beeville on January 1.

Best Wishes for Christmas



Holiday wishes to all... With cheery thanks.

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					MENUARD REED Treasurer Opr. Helper 3 Years	

Mike Orr Wins Honors

A South Plains farmer has returned with championship banners from the Chicago International Livestock Exposition.

Mike Orr of Tahoka exhibited the reserve grand champion Southdown ram lamb and the champion junior ram lamb at the show early this month. The junior champion also was a Southdown.

Additionally a pair of ram lambs placed third, while his 1974 National Southdown Show champion at Sedalia, Mo. placed fourth in the junior show.

Orr's reserve grand champion lamb was bred by Druon Howard of Mulhall, Oklahoma. The one year old, 140 - pound lamb was purchased in May and was the champion Southdown at the Panhandle South Plains Fair in Lubbock.

Although he has been raising sheep since 1971, Orr said this is his first year to enter show competition. His Southdown Suffolk flock numbers 62 ewes and three rams.

Lyntegar Christmas Awards Banquet

Over 260 Lyntegar Electric Cooperative employees, directors and their families met Friday, December 13 for the co-

operative annual Christmas Awards Banquet.

Following a traditional Christmas meal, twenty three employees were honored with service awards totaling 215 years service. Longest tenure in this group went to Wes Owen, Engineer and Willis McNiel, Maintenance Foreman, both with 20 years service.

Board President G. Q. Hensley and General Manager Wilton (Jim) Payne made the presentations.

Entertainment for the banquet was provided by the First Baptist Church Puppetteers, the "New Creatures".

A smaller group enjoyed 42 and refreshments at the Assembly Room following the banquet.

Cytomegalvirus (CMV) is a little known but widespread infection which may be responsible for a range of developmental defects in babies born to infected women, according to the March of Dimes.

WEATHER REPORT

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.12	53	26
.13	60	27
.14	61	33
.15	55	23
.16	52	25
.17	49	30

Frequent visits to a doctor or prenatal clinic during pregnancy can help prevent low - weight or premature babies according to the March of Dimes.

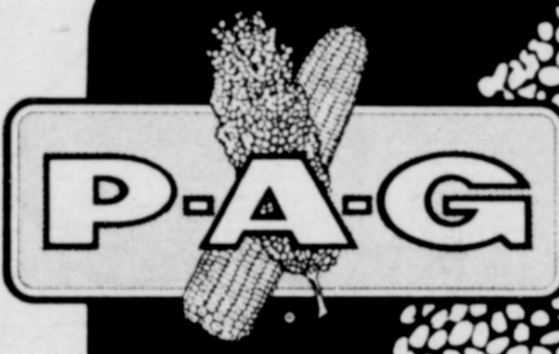


A Joyous Christmas

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Jr-High-Lites

BY — DeAnn Johnston

The Tahoka 7th and 8th grade girls played at Post Minday night and both teams came out on the losing side.

The boys played here and the 8th grade won, but the 7th grade lost.

Students are studying hard for semester tests this week and are eagerly awaiting the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Cox awarded ribbins for the best English notebooks and the winners were: 1st place, Edna Flores, Debbie Reynolds, De Ann Johnston, Flora Antu, and Vicki Jolly; 2nd place, Jamie Renfro, Darryl Stotts, Carlton Ash, David Henry; 3rd place, Lee Summers, Robin Jennings, Robin Taylor, and Louisa Garcia.

LIZZIES

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 cup raisins | ¼ tsp. ground cloves |
| 2 cups dates | ½ tsp. ground cinnamon |
| 1 cup diced candied pineapple | ½ tsp. allspice |
| 1 cup candied cherries, halved | 1 tsp. salt |
| 2/3 cup bourbon | 3 tsp. soda |
| 2 cups sugar | 2 tsp. hot water |
| ½ lb. butter or margarine, softened | 4 cups flour |
| 4 eggs | 4 cups chopped pecans |

Heat oven to 350. Toss fruits with bourbon; reserve. Measure butter, sugar and eggs into large mixing bowl. Beat 1-2 minutes on low speed, scraping bowl constantly. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed. Beat spices, salt and flour into butter mixture, scraping bowl occasionally. Mix soda and hot water, then add to mixture. Stir in reserved fruits and nuts. Drop dough by teaspoonsful onto greased baking sheet. Bake until light brown, 12-15 minutes. Cool completely on waxed paper on wire racks. Yield: 6-7 dozen cookies.



LET'S HAVE A PARTY--Holiday time is party time and Hot Buttered Orange Punch will get the evening off to a perfect start. Serve it with an assortment of cookies.

HOT BUTTERED ORANGE PUNCH

- 1½ c. sugar
- 2 c. water
- 10 whole cloves
- 1 Tbsp. cinnamon

- 3 Tbsp. cut up crystallized ginger
- 1 quart orange juice, strained
- ½ c. fresh lemon juice, strained
- 2 c. apple cider
- ¼ c. butter
- Orange and lemon slices

In large saucepan combine sugar, water and spices. Cook over medium-low heat about 10 minutes. Strain. Add juices and cider. Simmer gently. Add butter and stir until dissolved. Pour into punch bowl. Float orange and lemon slices on top. Yield: 16 servings.

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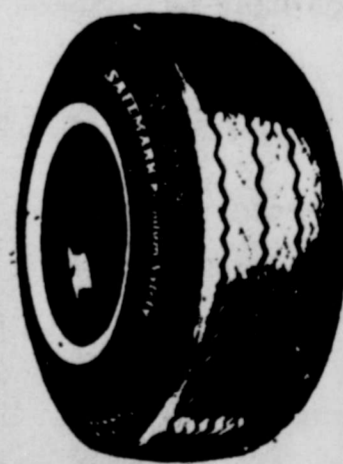


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Material progress is essential to the development of natural resources, plus energy, both mental and physical, multiplied by tools and equipment. All nations have an abundance of natural resources and energy. In order to produce the food needed for the population of the world, some of the most advanced nations must produce food in the form of savings which they are willing to reinvest in tools and equipment. In summary, the citizens of a nation must be productive in order to survive. Their productive capacity is in direct proportion to their understanding and application of savings to the providing of tools and equipment which will increase production. There is no doubt that the United States can provide the world unless the rest of the world is able to provide tools and equipment needed to do the job. Farmers and ranchers will produce food for world consumption unless that production is able enough to accumulate savings which can be used to buy tools and equipment.

There were some definite decisions reached at the recent Food Conference with the U. S. policy including the creation of a new international organization composed of: Exporters planning group, Food Production and Investment-Coordination Group.

RED MEAT OUTPUT
Production in the first nine months of 1974 was up 9 percent from the same period of time

last year, which is the highest on record. All of the increase is attributable to larger cow and non-fed steer and heifer slaughter which more than offset a 5 percent decline in feeder cattle marketings. Grass-fed cattle and cows will continue to make up a large portion of the slaughter supply this fall and in 1975.

Pork production was up 10 percent during the first nine months of 1974, compared to a year ago. There were more hogs at heavier weights. Fall marketings likely will continue moderately above a year earlier, but will drop sharply below in 1975.

Lamb and mutton production is expected to total about 465 million lbs. down 10 percent from 1973. With declining stock, sheep numbers or smaller lamb crop next year will mean some further decline in lamb supplies. (USDA's November 1974 DEMAND AND PRICE SITUATION)

INFLATION

A quick way to balance the Federal budget is to raise taxes or cut social programs. Some 85 percent of budget rise recently has come in "transfer payments" taking money from one social group and giving it to another. This covers Social Security, welfare, food stamps, medicare, veterans' benefits, others. Congress refuses to either raise taxes or cut social programs, therefore, inflation will continue (U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, November 25, 1974)

DISASTER PAYMENTS

Disaster payments under the

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1973 farm act have reached only about \$70 million by late October; USDA has been guessing payments resulting from floods, drought, and frost could total \$500 million. They aren't changing this estimate, since they think it will be about mid-December before bulk of claims resulting from drought and frost will be made. Payments made so far reflect mostly planting failures. (DOANE'S AGRICULTURAL REPORT, November 8, 1974.)

COTTON MARKETING

Trading was exceptionally slow for this time of the year in spot cotton markets. Neither merchants nor mills were buying cotton in any volume, and most farmers were not willing to sell at the current level of prices. The only cotton entering trade channels in volume was cotton contracted earlier in the year. Many farmers expressed interest in the CCC loan program, but so far, only a few have pledged their cotton to the loan. The export market remained sluggish. Reported purchases in the 10 markets were 102,500 bales compared with 75,600 bales a week earlier and 285,800 bales in the corresponding week a year ago. (WEEKLY COTTON MARKET REVIEW, October 25, 1974)

COMMON CAUSE LOBBY

According to nationally syndicated columnist Robert S. Allen, John Gardner's lobbying group called "Common Cause" is receiving and expending millions of dollars to help change the course of government.

More than 42 percent of Common Cause's \$6,313,500.00 budget is allocated for what is labeled "development of new members, maintenance of present members, and governance costs." This means that \$2,658,900.00 from dues and contributions are spent to keep the lobby in business.

The organization's principal method of fund raising is by direct mail, supplemented by new stories, television spots, radio broadcasts and newspaper ads.

Chairman of Common Cause is John Gardner, formerly Secretary of the Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW) in the Johnson administration. The organization claims a membership of 250,000.

Which all goes to raise the question: Can anything good come out of HEW? (THE NATIONAL LAYMEN'S DIGEST, November 15, 1974)

TEXAS DENIM PLANT

Five Texas cotton cooperatives plan a \$30 million denim plant in the Lubbock area which will produce 20 million yards of denim annually. The mill, using open end spinning, will use 62,000 bales of short staple High Plains cotton a year drawn from a 250,000 bale seasonal pool supplied by the cooperating gins. There will be 350-380 persons employed by the mill which should be in full production by 1977. Specifications have been discussed under the assumption that Levi Strauss will be the company using the mill production.

UPLAND PROGRAM COTTON 1975

The following major provisions of the 1975 upland program were announced by the Department on November 14: (1) a national base acreage allotment of 11,000,000 acres - the same as the 1974 allotment; (2) a national production goal of 12,559,000 bales of 480 pounds net weight compared with this year's goal of 14,802,000 bales; and (3) a target price of 38.00 cents per pound - unchanged from 1974. Other major provisions of the 1975 program were announced earlier and include no acreage set aside or conserving base requirements, a 1975 seed

cotton loan program and preliminary loan rate of 34.27 cents per pound for grade 31 staple 32 (Middling one inch) cotton, 3.5-4.9 mike, new weight at average location. (WEEKLY COTTON MARKET REVIEW, Nov. 22, 1974) TEXAS LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT

October Outshipments:

During October 1974, 126,751 head of cattle and calves were shipped out of Texas to other states, according to health certificates tabulated by the Texas Animal Health Commission. This compares with 237,241 a year ago, a decrease of 41 percent. A total of 7,495 head of sheep and lambs were shipped to other States, compared to 50,362 a year ago.

October Inshipments:

There were 218,707 cattle and calves shipped into Texas from other States, during October according to a tabulation of the health certificates. This was 12 percent below the 248,953 head a year ago. Sheep and lambs shipped from other states into Texas during October totaled 30,524 compared to 24,097 head during October 1973. (TEXAS LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET, Nov. 19, 1974)

MEXICAN FARM LABOR

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL OF November 26, 1974, reported:

"Mexican farm laborers may commute to the U. S. for a season as well as on a daily basis, the Supreme Court ruled, 5-4."

Details of this decision are not available at the present time but it does appear from information available from the JOURNAL and other sources that farmers and other employers in the United States may continue to legally employ Mexican nationals who commute from Mexico into the United States either on a daily or a seasonal basis.

UNCLE SAM KEEPS ADDING TO STACK OF IOU'S FROM FOREIGN NATIONS

Neither war nor increased spending on domestic programs has diminished Uncle Sam's role as international creditor in the last decade and a half, says Tax Foundation, Inc. By the end of fiscal 1973, other nations' borrowings reached \$32.6 billion - a 155 percent jump from 1959.

The research organization said its forthcoming 18th edition of FACTS & FIGURES ON GOVERNMENT FINANCE, to be issued in early 1975, shows that Western Europe alone among the world's areas reduced its total U. S. debt. The 1959-73 decline from \$8.7 billion to \$6.5 billion included the drop in the largest debt, the United Kingdom's from \$4.6 billion to \$3.8 billion.

World - area increases were led by Asia's rise from \$1.9 bil-

lion to \$15.7 billion from '59 to '73 - an increase of more than eight times. The significant element was India's debt, which went from \$322 million to \$5.9 billion.

(Recently the United States "forgave" some \$2 billion of India's debt. The fiscal 1975 Federal Budget calls for more than \$100 million in foreign aid funds for India.)

Eastern Europe's debt climbed from \$334 million to \$1.3 billion. The Soviet Union's share of these totals was \$222 million and \$1.1 billion.

Latin American nations owed \$1.6 billion and \$6.1 billion for the years. Brazil's debt, up from \$601 to \$1.7 billion, topped the 1959 total Latin American debt.

Africa borrowing soared from \$223 million to \$2.3 billion, although by 1973, South Africa had erased its \$97 million debt. Egypt jumped from \$8 million to \$25 million and all other African nations together went from \$84 million to \$1.3 billion. (TAX FOUNDATION'S MONTHLY TAX FEATURES, November 1974)

"Is My Baby All Right?," a comprehensive book on the causes, treatments, and prevention of birth defects, is a valuable resource for both health professionals and the public. The authors are Dr. Virginia Apgar and Joan Beck.

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Noland Enlists In Air Force

Mr. Kirby Wayne Noland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Noland, O'Donnell, Texas, enlisted into the United States Air Force on December 16, 1974. He will be attending six weeks of basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas and upon completion will attend 14 weeks of technical training school at Chanute AFB or Sheppard AFB to become an air craft maintenance specialist. Mr. Kirby plans to continue his education while in the Air Force by taking advantage of the programs offered and also thru the community college of the Air Force. For more information on the many programs and benefits offered by the Air Force, please contact TSGT Bob Mason, USAF Recruiting Office, 4206 50th St. Lubbock, Texas or call collect 762-7601

Mrs. Black: "Yesterday I almost got killed."

Mrs. Blue: "What happened?"

Mrs. Black: "I walked into an antique shop and asked, 'What's new.'"

Laurie: "The people next door must be very poor?"

Mother: "How do you know, dear?"

Laurie: "They made such a fuss when their baby swallowed a dime."



High Plains Cotton & Grain Sorghum producer representatives met December 10 and 11 with top U.S. Department of Agriculture officials and congressional leaders in Washington concerning what they termed the "misadministration" of the disaster provisions in the current farm law.

The meetings with USDA were arranged by the Producer Steering Committee of the National Cotton Council. The PSC has a special subcommittee working for more favorable interpretation and administration of the disaster provisions in the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973.

Involved in the discussions from the Lubbock area were Don Marble of South Plains, President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.; Donald Johnson, PCG Executive Vice President, and Y.F. Snodgrass of Abernathy, Service Director of Lubbock's Grain Sorghum Producers Association.

Johnson, one of two cotton industry officials invited to address the cotton session of the National Agricultural Outlook Conference on December 12, also fulfilled that commitment while in the Capitol.

The top USDA official involved in the meetings was Assistant Secretary Clayton Yeutter. Yeutter, it was reported, admitted there were problems with the disaster program but showed little inclination to consider changes in the way it is being administered, at least in 1974.

"Despite the obvious inequities," said Marble, "we were given little or no encouragement that the current Administration is willing to make corrections this year." He went on to say, however, that the conferences without doubt would serve

as a good base from which to get a "fair shake" for farmers in 1975.

The producer group's primary petition was for a change in the "mandatory substitution rule" being used by USDA to determine each farmer's eligibility for disaster payments when subnormal crops are harvested. Armed with specific examples, the group pointed out that without a change in this rule many farmers would be denied payments even after suffering true crop disasters.

One of the examples illustrated how a farmer whose 200 acres of cotton was completely hailed out was being denied over \$7,000 in much-deserved disaster payments simply because his grain sorghum allotment was underplanted by 10 acres. This is by no means an isolated example, Marble stated, adding that there will be hundreds of similar cases on the High Plains this year.

"This situation is not at all in accord with the intent of Congress when the law was passed," Marble said, "and we will continue to seek revisions that will make the disaster program work at it was meant to work."

Johnson, speaking to the Cotton Session of the National Agricultural Outlook Conference on December 12, stressed that adequate cotton production in 1975 cannot be expected unless producers are provided with some prospect for recuperating production costs.

He presented the results of a planting intention survey, conducted by PCG in early December, which indicated an overall 23 per cent decline in U.S. cotton acreage for 1975.

"A drastic drop in cotton acreage can only be avoided," he stated, "by rising market prices for cotton well before planting time or by a substantial increase in the loan level and the guaranteed target price under the 1975 cotton program."

Some Folks Have a Year-Round Christmas

There are five towns or villages in the United States that are named "Christmas." They are in Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

There is a Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean, south of Java, attached to the Singapore settlement, under Australian administration, and the British have two Christmas Islands: one of the Line Islands in the center of the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii and another in Nova Scotia on the Atlantic Ocean.

U.S. "CHRISTMAS" TOWNS SWAMPED WITH CHRISTMAS MAIL

Because many people want a Christmas postmark on their cards, letters and packages, each year millions of pieces of mail are sent to post offices in those places named "Christmas."

Christmas, Florida, population about 300, handles an average half-million pieces of mail during the Christmas season. Located near Orlando, it began as a fort that was completed on Christmas 1835.

Pythian Sisters Elect Officers

Pythian Sisters met December 3 with the business being the election of officers, which will be named in the next news item.

The Christmas party will be December 17th, hostess being Past Chiefs Chairman, Judy Holden. The dinner will be served at 6:30 and gifts will be exchanged.

Nineteen sisters were present and the hostesses were Vera Witt and Winnie Spruiell.

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Santa's White Beard, Red Suit Come from Cartoonist



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

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

Surprisingly enough, the honor was a political cartoonist.

The artist's name was Thomas Nast, cartoonist for *Harper's Illustrated Weekly*.

who also created the now-famous symbols of the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey.

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

Christmas greetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MR. & MRS. A. C. FILLINGIM SR.
...50th Anniversary

A. C. Fillingim's Sr. To Be Honored Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fillingim Sr. of Route 4, Tahoka, Texas will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, December 22, 1974, from 2 to 5 with an open house in their home.

Hosts for the occasion will be the sons and daughters of the couple together with their families. They are Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fillingim, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robert Fillingim, both of Route 4, Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Clem of New Home and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blacker of Lubbock.

Serving guests will be Mrs. Danny Owens, Mrs. Jimmy Fillingim, Mrs. Steve Fillingim all of Route 4, Tahoka and Miss Angelyn Blacker of Lubbock. Mrs. Mike Fillingim of Route 4, Tahoka will

register guests. Mr. Fillingim married the former Bessie Simmons, December 21, 1924, in the family home in Leonard, Texas. After one year in Lubbock County, they bought an unimproved tract of land in Lynn County where they started a stock farming program. They have taken an active part in the growth of the community in both school and churches in the New Home and Lakeview area. They have lived in the Lakeview community for 49 years. They are members of the First Baptist Church of New Home.

The couple has 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

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Visiting here from Lubbock on Sunday afternoon and night, Mrs. Sibyle Gaylor made "pop calls" on several former friends. She was first grade teacher here for several years.

Hostess Lucy Brice entertained 10 members of the 88 club on Friday night.

Mrs. Alta White and Thelma Dewbre were shopping and visiting in Post on Monday afternoon. Mrs. White lived there until about 2 years ago.

Leta Brown was an overnight visitor in my home on Monday night.

Third grade teacher, Nancy Wil-

liams has been ill for several days and not been in the classroom. I taught 3 days for her.

Completion of the election of officers was held on Tuesday night when Tahoka Rebekah Lodge met in regular session. Zella Taylro was elected N. G., Iline

McMillan V. G., Leona Waldrip secretary and Trudy Schuknecht will be treasurer. The N. G. elect will announce her appointive officers at a later date. Plans were completed for a dinner to be held on Saturday honoring residents at "Golden Manor Apts." After adjournment the annual Christmas Party was held with an exchange

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of gifts. The hall was tastfully decorated with tall red candles and a beautiful tree. Christmas goodies were served to all members present.

Mrs. M. Nash spent a few days with relatives in Muleshoe and returned to her home on Sunday.

Beula Atkins remains a patient in Lynn County Hospital where she has been for two weeks.

The Christmas Spirit is in the air. Be sure and plan to attend the Christmas Cantata to be held at the Methodist Church on Sunday night.

THIS WEEK:

The "Ruth" Sunday School Class of the Frist Baptist Church met for a Christmas Party and noon luncheon on December 11. Mrs. Bernice Carter was the hostess. There were 24 members and 2 guests present. Mittie Walker gave the Christmas Story. Each person had brought a covered dish and there was plenty of food and fellowship. Mrs. Bertha Williams is the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reece went to Morton Saturday and visited overnight with relatives there.

Leaving on Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Lichey went to Corpus Christi where they will remain over the holidays. They will be gone about two weeks.

Mary Cunningham and Thelma Dewbre were shopping in Lubbock Saturday.

On Saturday noon residents of Golden Manor and other special guests were honored with an early Christmas dinner, when Tahoka Rebekah's served at the hall. The meal consisted of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. The table was beautifully decorated with a tree centerpiece and mint cups of red and green. Each one had a small gift beside the plates. Attending the event were, Faye Thayer, Beatrice Loyd, Dora Carpenter, Merle Wilkins, Irene Garrison, Leona Ashcraft, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hagle, F. A. Wyatt, and Ruth Koch. Eight members were on hand to help serve.

On Monday night, Mrs. Callie Massey was hostess to the Friendship P.N.G. Club. Treasure reported all cakes have been sold and money collected. New officers were elected for another year. After adjournment there was an exchange of Christmas gifts and the

hostess served refreshments to 7 members present. The club would like to thank the public for the wonderful response to the Fruit

Cake sale and remind you that we still have plenty of the Superior Brand flavoring in the favorite vanilla - butterscotch flavor for your Christmas baking.

Trudy Schuknecht is hospitalized this week with the flu in Lynn County Hospital. She is employed at the school lunchroom. We wish her a speedy recovery.

If you missed the Cantata of the Methodist Church on Sunday night, you missed a wonderful service. Jim Patrick led the combined choirs in a great way. The auditorium of First United Methodist Church was almost full and was decorated beautifully. Refreshments for all who cared to stay were served in the Fellowship Hall. The young people presented a live pagent on the lawn to close out the evening.



Dear Santa,

I wish i had a bike. for criskmas. and i wish i had a minibike for crisktmas, and i widh i had a racedrck for cirsktmas and that all

Arthur

Dear Santa,

I want a TGAY truck because I am seven now I have been nice to everybody and I want a Army set please bring me those two things. I like Chrismas better we are going to South Texas but I am staying here in Chrismas I mite go in January will that's all.

Love
Maurice

Dear Santa,

I want a Baby Alive a tram-

Thursday, December 19, 1974

pilline a set of dishes a white poodle a jump rope and some clothes for me and my dog. Lots of love,
Sonya Cawthron

Denson-Edwards Plan Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Denson, Jr., of Rule announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Kay to Jody Glenn Edwards, of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Edwards, Jr. of Tahoka.

The couple plans a January wedding in the First Presbyterian Church in Rule.

Miss Denson was graduated from Rule High School and attended Texas Tech University. She is employed by General Electric Credit Corp. Edwards graduated from Tahoka High School and Southern Methodist University. He is engaged in farming in Tahoka.

Some birth defects can be detected before a baby is born, according to the March of Dimes. Using techniques such as ultrasound, electronic monitoring, and amniocentesis, doctors can check the baby's development while it is still in the uterus.

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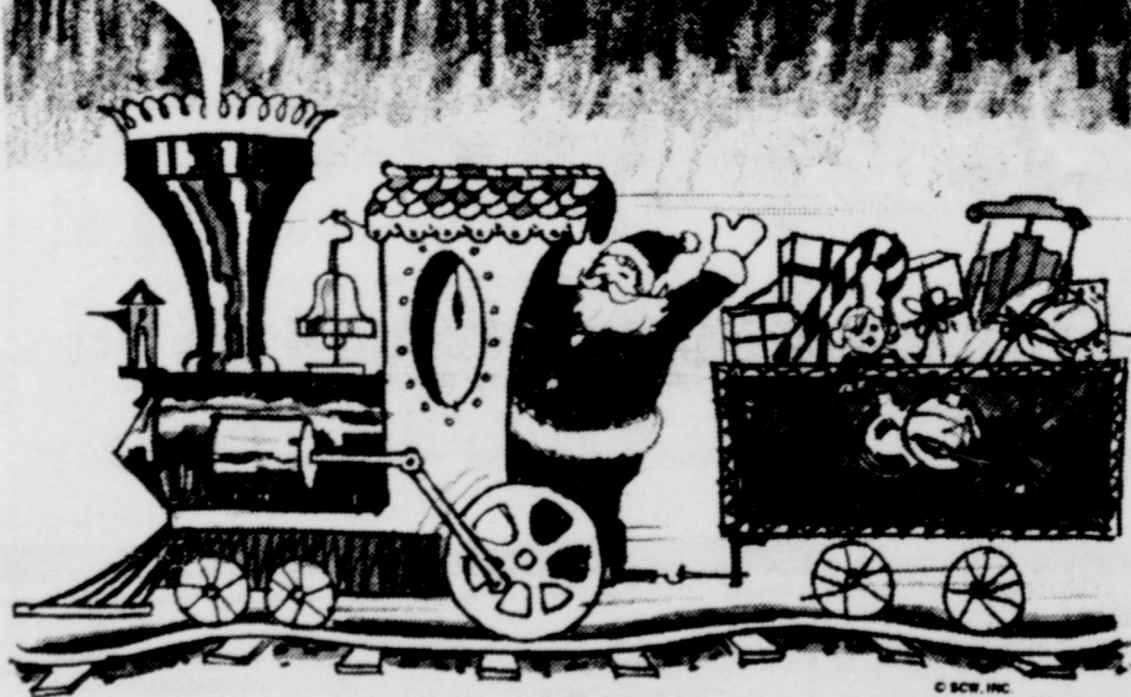


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A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Farm-facts

Compiled From Sources
Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
John C. White, Commissioner

Food Shortages? ... Got Yours Yet? ... Farm Prices
Again ... Just A Reminder.

WHILE WE HAVE no fear of a food shortage in this
there is a real worry about enough food for the
population in the years ahead.

A recent study of the world food outlook noted that
sources of food for the world now depend primarily on
growing conditions in 1975 and 1976. If the
world, especially the United States--has good growing
conditions in those two years, the short-range outlook for the
world's food production will be good. But bad weather can
starve millions throughout the underdeveloped

The study goes on to recommend that the best way
to produce more food for the world's hungry is to encourage
food production in the developing countries.
Exporting of food from this nation or other nations who
have a surplus of food production is at
an impossible situation in trying to feed all the world's
people, the report notes.

Increasing food production, through increased
technology in developing countries, is the basic answer to
producing sufficient food, the report concludes.

While we in this nation worry about how we can
afford to buy food, it really is a small item compared to
the cost of food in countries where there is no food at any price.
In fact, it's due to the agriculture efficiencies of our farmers
that we continue to be the best-fed, best-clothed nation in
the world.

FARM parity as of the middle of November is down to
which is two points under a month ago and is 13 points
below a year ago. Farmers again are finding that farm prices
are down, even though not many of their city brethren
realize it.

As for the record, all categories of livestock are below
parity. So is cotton, but most grain prices are above parity.
Texas, hog prices averaged \$34.60 as of the middle of
November while parity was \$45.70. Calves show probably
the biggest difference in parity. Calf prices average \$22.10
per hundredweight, while parity is \$66.50; this is two-thirds
of parity.

Cotton is a similar example. Cotton prices averaged 32.7
cents per pound while parity is 75.64 cents per pound.

Poultry producers, too, are having price problems.
Turkey producers averaged 34 cents per pound as of
November while parity was 47 cents per pound. Eggs
averaged 63.7 cents per dozen while parity was 74.4 cents
per dozen. Milk, wool, and mohair are also below parity

Costs May Put Agriculture 'In Red'

When 1974 production
costs and cash receipts are
totaled, Texas' agricultural
economy may wind up "in
the red," Commissioner John
C. White told Senate
Agriculture Subcommittee
members recently.

"This year we are faced
with the very real possibility
of our production costs
equaling or even exceeding
our income in agriculture,"
White testified.

He said cash receipts of
\$5.5 billion are predicted, a
\$1 billion drop from last
year. Last year's production
costs were \$5.2 billion and

costs have risen dramatically
since then.

White noted that all
segments of farming and
ranching will not suffer
equally, but losses due to
cotton abandonment, floods,
drought, unharvested acreage
and lower prices have been
disastrous for many.
Livestock and dairymen have
been hit especially hard by
high production costs and
low, unprofitable prices.

White told the members

of the subcommittee chaired
by Sen. Bill Patman that the
legislature must reexamine
its laws and regulations
affecting the agricultural
economy.

"We must be certain that
current legislation is not
unnecessarily restrictive to
our agricultural enterprises
under conditions which now
prevail," he said. "In
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 Action to be taken on the proposed raise at the special meeting of the Commissioners' Court, Monday, December 23rd, 1975.

*** Lodge Notes**

STATED MEETINGS of Tahoka Lodge No. 1041, the first Tuesday night in each month. Members are urged to attend. Visitors welcome. W. H. Eudy, Sec. Dub Harvick, W.M.

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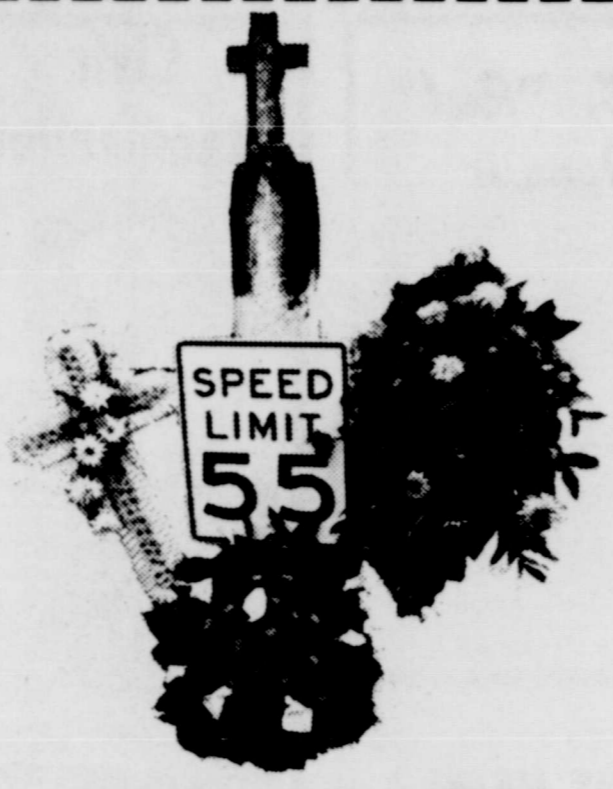
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Sorghum Group New Budget

The Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board will hold its regular bimonthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 19. The meeting will be held at the Board's office, 1708 - A 15th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

On the agenda will be last year's audit report and budget recommendations for the new fiscal year. A slide report will also be given showing past and current TGSPB market and research activities.



Is The 55 MPH Speed Limit Dead?

DRIVERS DISREGARD 55 MPH

(AUSTIN) The reduction of the speed limit due to the energy crisis has definitely affected the number of traffic fatalities in Texas, but many drivers are starting to disregard the limit and drive at greater speeds.

Jim Arnold, Administrator of the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety, issued a plea for the motorist to cooperate and observe the 55 mph limit on a voluntary basis. He also announced plans for a statewide study to determine the effect of the lowered speed limit in relation to fatal accidents.

Said Arnold, "When the energy shortage hit and the limit was set at 55, by state and federal law, most motorists complied and kept their speed down and limited their travel. Now, that gasoline is more readily available, and travel more frequent, we are finding the driver is starting to allow his vehicle to surpass the regulated speed limits. While this is certainly not all drivers, it does appear we have a huge increase of speeders on our highways."

He continued by pointing out the increase in traffic citations that have been issued in recent weeks. "State Troopers are finding the motorist is traveling at increased speeds without regard to law and some are creeping toward the 70 mile-per-hour mark. Department of Public Safety statistics show a total of 78,295 arrests were made for speeding during the three summer months of 1973. Comparatively, there were 188,976 arrests during June, July and August of 1974. Convictions for the violations also reflected an increase," said Arnold.

Another contributing factor that may increase the chances of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities, is the "variances of speed ranges." "For example," said Arnold, "a motorist is on the highway at 50 miles-per-hour and he is passed by a driver traveling 70 or more. This variance in the range greatly increases the opportunity for an accident."

Arnold said as the speed is violated to excess, the fatality figures may increase, therefore he has called for a state-wide study to determine the relationship of traffic accidents to the speed limit reduction in

Texas.

The National Safety Council recently completed a study to evaluate the reduced limit in relationship to nationwide fatal traffic accidents. The study indicates reduced speeds played an important role in reducing the number of motor vehicle fatalities in the first four months of 1974 as compared to the same period of 1973. While the 55 mph limit did not force drivers to reduce their speeds on roads with already lower limits than 55 mph, the Safety Council feels the 55 mph limit was an important influence in convincing the driver to reduce overall speeds. Therefore, removal of the limit or increasing the limit, could encourage the motorist to increase his driving speeds at varied levels, resulting in an increase in traffic fatalities.

The Council's investigation revealed a number of factors contributed to the traffic fatality reduction, but the lowered speed limit was apparently the largest contributing factor. According to the Council's statistics, eleven percent of the fatality reduction was due to the lower speed. Other contributing factors were: 5% reduction due to less travel, 3% reduction due to less vehicle occupancy, 3% reduction due to less night driving, 1% reduction due to greater use of safety belts, 1% reduction due to switch in roads, 2% reduction due to unexplained reasons and a 1% increase due to age, small cars, motorcycles, and pedalcycles. The total national reduction figures at 24 percent. It is obvious, that speed is not the only factor in reducing traffic fatalities, but is the largest contributing factor.

Arnold said, "The Texas study would help us to better evaluate the direct relationship in the state as compared to national statistics. Just because the national picture shows the speed reduction as a major factor in reducing fatalities, this does not mean the situation is necessarily the same in Texas." He noted the varied road conditions, different terrain and other contributing items that could provide additional statistics that will more readily relate to Texas.

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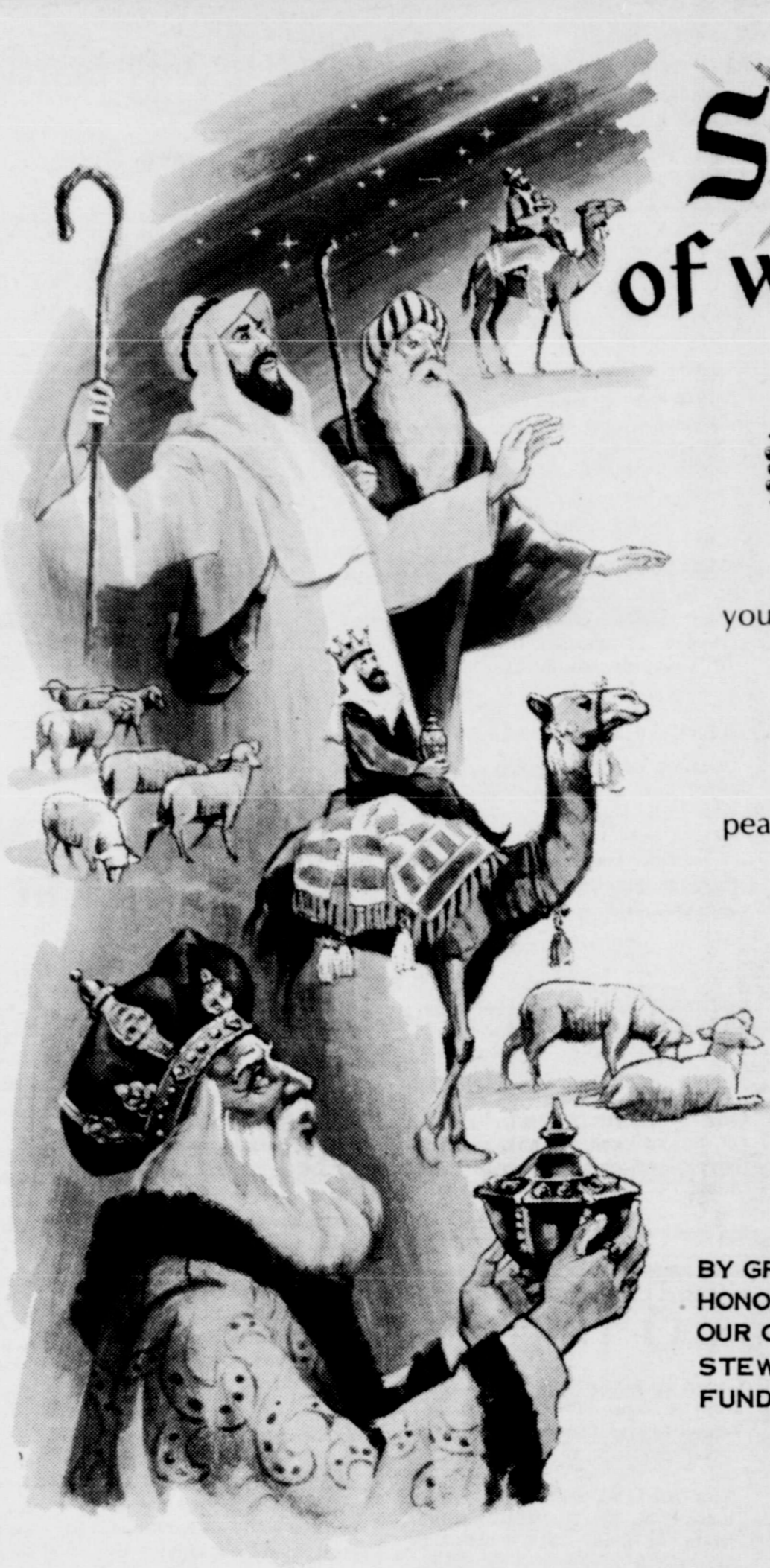
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Nativity Story

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:15-16.

As even little children know, the words of St. Luke tell the story of the Miracle in a manger. Shepherds watching in the fields, herald angels singing—these things Christians can picture today because of St. Luke, the physician who became Christ's disciple.

Traditionally, St. Luke did still more to preserve the spiritual treasures of the Christmas story. He literally pictured the Madonna.

According to this tradition, St. Luke was an iconographer as well as a physician, and as such he created the first image of the Madonna, a painting that became the guide for many icons in later centuries.

As legend has it, St. Luke's icon of the Madonna and his other paintings were the forerunners of the style of artistic expression known as Byzantine art.

Oppressed and suppressed in some eras, Byzantine religious art has so original and distinctive a style that it returned again and again, to thrive throughout 12 centuries. Today, it is enjoying a rebirth, through the efforts of dedicated iconographers.

Symbolism Rules

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

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

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

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

For believers of the Greek Orthodox faith and other Eastern churches, the symbolic nature of Byzantine art



Christmas

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Iconography is a system for representing Christian subjects by means of pictures or images. Originally, the term meant "portrayal," and was applied especially to panels depicting the figure of Christ, the Madonna, a saint or some scene from the Bible, according to the Grolier Book of Art.

In the Greek Orthodox church icon technically means a movable religious painting. However, iconography often refers, more broadly, to wall paintings and mosaics as well as portable icons.

Iconoclasm

The art of the Byzantine—Eastern Roman—empire first flourished under the rule of Justinian, in the 6th century A.D.

But trouble loomed ahead. When Emperor Leo III came to power, he brought with him a deep hatred of all images, especially icons, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

As an Iconoclast—hater of images—Leo forbade the creation of religious figures and images, and the Iconoclastic Age began in 726.

Paintings on church walls were whitewashed, ivories and mosaics removed, countless works of art destroyed.

Icons Get Help

When icons returned to favor in the 9th century, the

Iconoclastic Age had been responsible for the loss of much religious art—but it had some benefits.

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

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



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On Christmas Eve, children of Greek families go from house to house singing carols to the accompaniment of tiny clay drums and tinkling steel triangles. They are rewarded with gifts of figs, walnuts, almonds and sometimes money.

Afterwards there is a Christmas Eve service, which begins at 4 a.m. and ends shortly before dawn. The family then begins feasting with "Christpsomo," (bread of Christ), a simple cake studded with nuts, and "Kourbiedes," small cakes dusted with powdered sugar.

The Christmas dinner must include "cheridon," roast pig. In rural households, these are fattened for the feast from midsummer on. If a family cannot afford to buy a pig, usually relatives or neighbors provide one.

There are no Christmas trees and no Christmas presents. St. Basil's Day or New Year's Day is the time for exchanging gifts. St. Basil, "Hagios Vasilias," one of the four fathers of the Orthodox church, is the Santa Claus of Greek children.

Blessing of the Waters

Since Greece has always been a maritime nation, it is not surprising that the blessing of the waters is an impressive part of the Christmas celebration. This

takes place on Epiphany Day.

At high noon on that day, the Archbishop or highest ranking priest leads a procession from the church to the waterfront. Dressed in magnificent vestments, he holds aloft before him a crucifix of gold or ebony with a silver image of the Saviour. Acolytes and lesser clergy, also clad in rich vestments, accompany him, chanting as they march. The congregation follows in their wake.

The procession halts at the water's edge. The Priest intones a prayer and then, after tying a scarf around the cross, hurls it into the water. From the shore and from boats, men and boys dive after it. The one who succeeds in bringing it up receives a special blessing from the priest and usually a gift of money from the onlookers.

In America, this cere-

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mony of blessing the waters is likely to be celebrated wherever there is a sizable Greek settlement. At Tarpon Springs, Florida, where many Greeks are engaged in the sponge fisheries, and at Asbury Park, New Jersey, it is an annual event.

The Church of St. Nicholas in New York City has held this ceremony for many years at Battery Park, where the swimmers must plunge into the icy waters of New York harbor after the cross.

Camels Are Most Picturesque of Bible Animals

Camels and Christmas seem to go together. The Three Wise Men used camels in their stately journey to Bethlehem to the scene of the Nativity. They have a rather regal bearing that has become an integral part of the Christmas picture.

The camel sees objects at great distances and scents water long before the driver spots an oasis. A great asset in desert travel is its "extra stomach" and a storage bin in the hump which enable it to travel long distances without food or water. The camel is also known for its snarly temper and foul breath.

The camel's gestation period lasts a year, and produces only one offspring at a time. The baby camel stands 3 feet high at 8 days. It suckles its mother's milk for a year.

The Bible Gives Sheep Deep Significance

Authorities disagree as to what kind of sheep existed at the time of Christ. Three varieties exist in Syria and Palestine today, sprung from the three wild sheep groups still found in Asia.

(1) The Asiatic mouflon depicted on Sumerian vase from early Babylonia, supposed to have been domesticated around 3,000 B.C.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

In England, Christmas is said to have been observed first as a holiday in 521 A.D. when King Arthur celebrated his victory in retaking York.



May the spirit of Christmas remain in your hearts all through the holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

GRASSLAND BUTANE INC.

Joy at CHRISTMAS



As you and your loved ones gather together to share the blessings of this great holiday season, we extend, to you and yours, our warmest wishes for a bright and happy future.

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Greetings



May all the good things Christmas has in store be yours — peace, joy and serenity. We are forever grateful for your kindness.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

With all the tranquility of a snow-covered landscape, the spirit of Christmas comes to bless and brighten every heart and home. It is our wish that you may enjoy thrice fold this Yule all the wonderful things that go into making the Christmas season such a special time: the joyful hours, the happy memories, the cheerful gatherings with family and friends. And may we, too, continue in your friendship, serving the needs of you and your family, always in a better way. We know how much it means to have the trust and good will of folks like you, and we are truly grateful.

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Churches Grace Greeting Cards

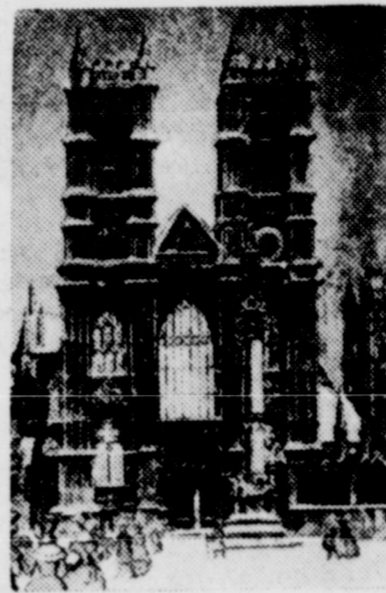
As jubilant bells ring out the good news of Christmas, churches of this community stand as symbols of the true spirit of the season.

Landmarks in the history of Christendom, these churches are the living center of current activities, especially at Christmas, when choral programs, pageants and other special services express holiday joy.

Across the country, and in other lands, soaring steeples and ringing bells beckon worshippers to "Come to Church on Christmas."

Small wonder, then, that churches are a favorite subject for Christmas greeting cards. This year, the 95th anniversary of Christmas cards in the United States, is no exception.

A look into the past shows three well-known churches which were favorite Christmas card features. The Little Church around the Corner and Trinity Church, both in New York City, and Westminster Abbey in London are pictured on cards dated around 1925 and now in the Norcross historical collection.



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

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

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

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

It was on Christmas day that William the Conqueror was crowned at Westminster, and buried there are Newton, Darwin, Keats, Tennyson, Browning, and royal personages such as Queen Elizabeth I and her rival for the throne, Mary Queen of Scots, Rich-

ard II, Henry VII and St. Edward, whose shrine is the most sacred spot in the Abbey.

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

In Japan

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

ABOUT WISE MEN

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

Decorating with Cards Can Be Yule Project

When children need a change from the toys on Christmas day, a promising project could be to let them see what they can do with the family greeting cards.

Here are some suggestions from Jeannette Lee, art director for Hallmark.

Tape or staple cards to lengths of ribbon and hang them on walls or doors.

Make a Christmas wreath by attaching cards to a circle of cardboard.

"Frame" cards with construction paper.

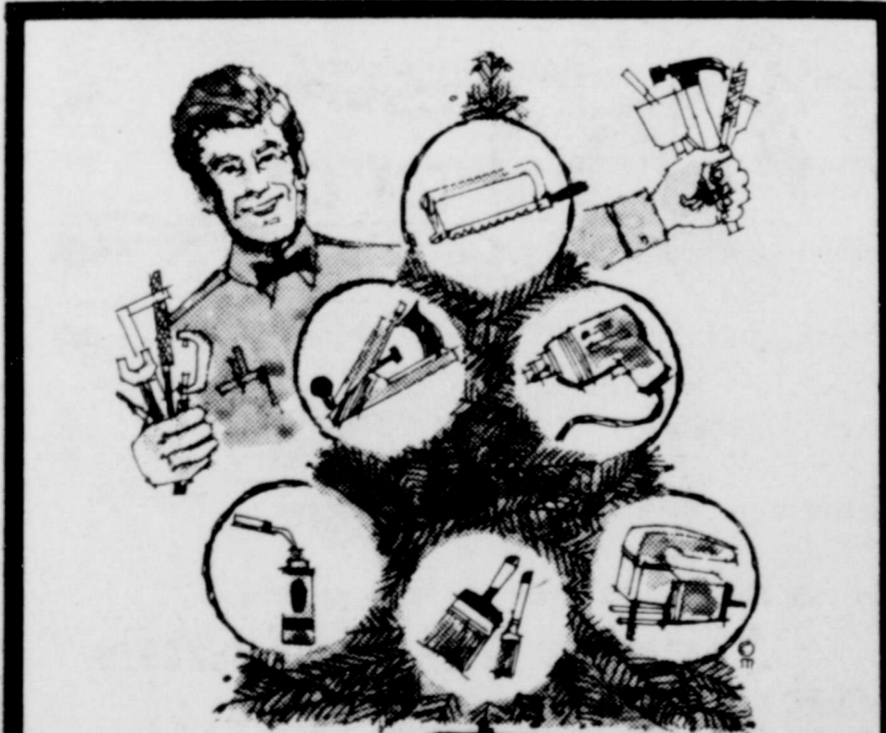
Decorate a screen with cards.



All of the parts that go into a Merry Christmas... grand gifts... good cheer... warm friendship... youthful excitement... all of these we now wish for you and your family. We have greatly appreciated your patronage. Many thanks, and a Happy Holiday!

Tahoka Auto Supply

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Trim the tree with these holiday wishes! May joy, peace and contentment be yours. With thanks...

WHITAKER HARDWARE

peace... joy

Long ago, three kings offered gifts as gestures of goodwill.

Please accept our gift... to wish you and your family a warm, wonderful Christmas.

Thanks to all.



Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co.

Ed, Sue, David, Jana, Waymouth and Elmer

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
 We are very disappointed with the publicity of the Girls Varsity Basketball and Junior Varsity Basketball. The last two publications of your weekly newspaper contained only of the boys basketball events. We feel that we should be recognized as equally as the boys.

It is your responsibility to give equal publication to all teams. If you have not been informed, Varsity Girls have been involved in the two tournaments boys participated in, and we really couldn't see how we got out. The girls won Consolation the Slaton Tournament and we are very proud of it, but it seemed that the people we thought were backing us did not care enough to publicize it.

We are very proud of our Boy's Varsity Basketball Team because they have done better than any other year and they have a fantastic coach. Our team has done much hard work and we also have a great coach. We sincerely hope this matter cleared up soon.

Dear Varsity Basketball Girls,
 We the staff of the Lynn County News also hope this matter is cleared up soon.

We have tried repeatedly to get cooperation in reporting the results of the girls games. We can get no cooperation from either the coach, the parents, or any one else. As for the write ups for the boys team, a parent came to us and volunteered to write up the story, and get the statistics from the coach.

I have asked a few of the parents of the other teams to do this for us, no one so far has responded.

If the coach or manager or any interested party would get this information to the Lynn County News, we would be more than happy to publish it.

If the Lynn County News personally covered every game, we would have to attend 14 basketball games a week, not counting tournaments, as you can see this is impossible. If one (1) parent would jot down a little information, got the statistics from the coach, and turned it in to us, every team that played would have equal space in the Lynn County News.

D'Linda Valentine

Automobile radios and stereo systems should be played at reasonable levels and not used as a means to drown out traffic sounds, according to officials of the Beltone Crusade for Hearing Conservation.

Rites Held for Bill Lumsden

Services for William G. "Bill" Lumsden of 2005 52nd St., were at 11 a.m. Thursday in Wilson Baptist Church with the Rev. E. K. Shepherd, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed military graveside rites at Wilson Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under direction of Sanders Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Lumsden died about 3:30 a.m. Monday in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo following a six week illness.

Born at Post, Lumsden had been a resident of Wilson most of his life until two years ago, when he moved to Lubbock.

He was a member of Wilson Baptist Church. He was also a member of Slaton's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No 6721 and the American Legion Post 433, and the Masonic Lodge No. 1094. He was a member of the El Paso Consistory and the Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo.

Lumsden was a veteran of WWII serving with the U. S. Air Force as a 2nd Lt. He was awarded Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross with two bronze oak leaf clusters.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Lumsden of Lubbock; his three daughters, Mrs. Sharon Bishop of Terrell, Mrs. Sandra Smith of 5005 15th St., and Sharmyn Lumsden of Austin; his grandchild, and his mother, Mrs. Callie Lumsden of 6302 Elgin Ave. Apt. 38.

Pallbearers were members of the Slaton's Masonic Lodge.

For the 370 boys at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Christmas will be the happiest time of the year through the Christmas Suit Fund. A gift of \$35.00 will make it possible to outfit a boy of the Ranch with a new suit or clothing package, a gift that will be cherished the year round. Mail your contribution to the Boys Ranch Christmas Suit Fund, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174.



Christmas Greetings

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

LYNN COUNTY ABSTRACT CO.

Jerry Guin - Mgr.



We wish you an old-fashioned Christmas... one that glows with the good things in life: a happy family, good friends and lots of good fellowship. We want to thank you, too, for being such loyal customers.

PATIENTS & STAFF OF THE

Colonial Nursing Home

EVELYN RUSSELL, Administrator



Merry Christmas

In the spirit of the season — we hope everybody has the happiest of holidays wherever you spend it! Your kind patronage is appreciated.

WHARTON MOTOR INC

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

It is customary in the United States to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th, the date observed by the Roman Cath-

olic Church and most Protestant denominations, but not all Christian faiths adhere to that date.

In Bethlehem, Christ's

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

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

The separate observances are bolstered by a long history which ecumenism may find it difficult to erase. For centuries the Churches disputed possession of the sanctuary, originally built by the Roman Emperor Constantine in 330, and precedence in worshipping there. The Greek Catholics took possession of the building in 1672. The Roman Catholics have shared it since the mid-19th century with the Greeks. Armenians have their own chapel and monastery in this city of about 25,000 population.

Since the different observances all involve numbers of celebrants, processions, traffic control, and other civic problems, the authorities of Bethlehem

and the surrounding area would be just as happy if Christmas were celebrated universally on one day, but it is unlikely that such

unanimity will be achieved soon in the face of the

in the face of the Churches' different traditions.

Our best wishes at Christmas

Let's make it a real flag waving holiday . . . one filled with joy! To all . . . thanks.



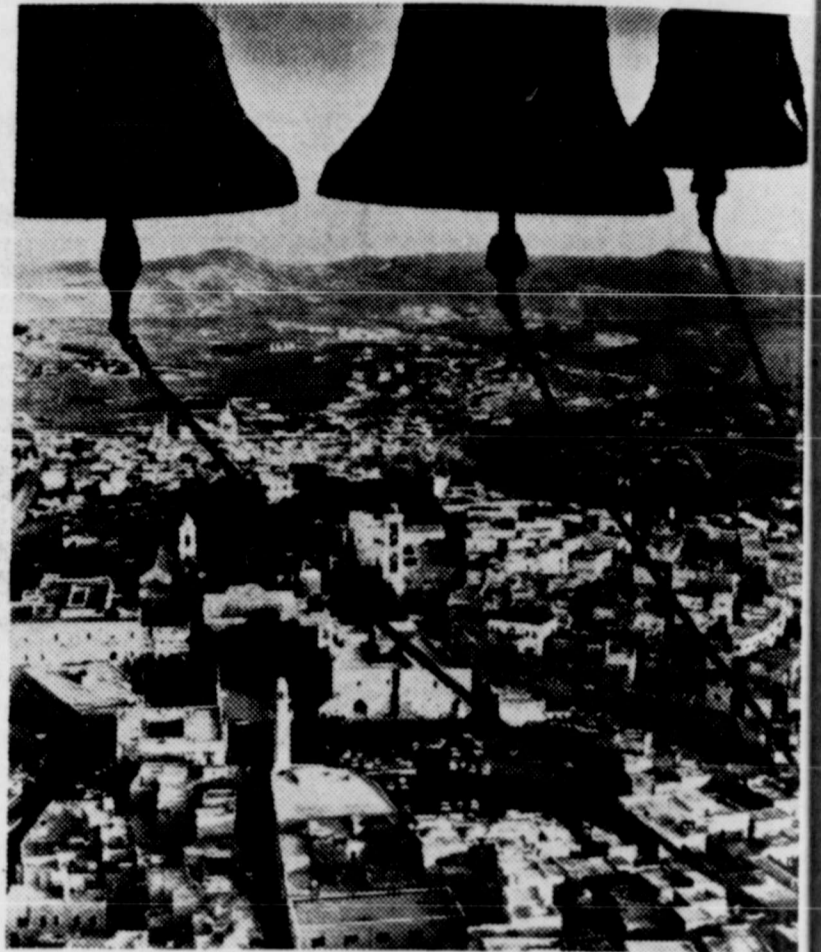
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GREETINGS

Our warmest wishes to you and your family for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. May your blessings be many, enriching your days and bringing you joy.

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

SHEAF OF GRAIN A SCANDINAVIAN CUSTOM

Scandinavian farmers traditionally practice the custom of attaching a sheaf of grain to a pole and placing it out in the snow as a Christmas feast for birds, often with suet added as an extra treat. It is said that no peasant would sit down to Christmas dinner until the birds had been provided for.

"THE TWELVE NIGHTS"

In northern Europe, the Teutons observed the winter solstice, calling it Yule. As the nights were long, it was referred to as "the twelve nights."

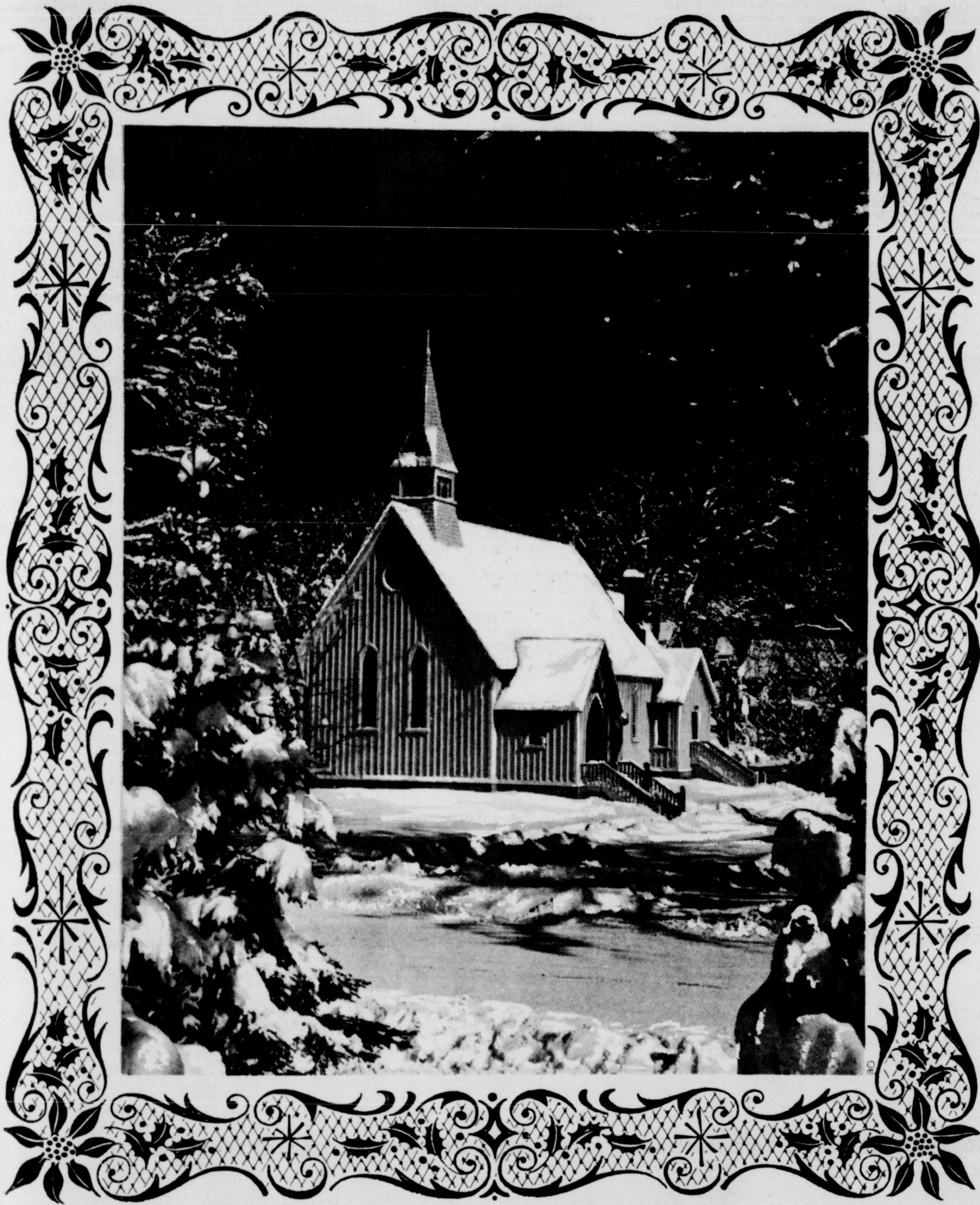


O, come all ye faithful

Our warmest wishes for the holiday. It's a time to be joyful and to say, "thank you".

DIXIE DOG

Elmer - Ouida - Bob



Christmas Greetings

The peaceful calm of the land wearing a blanket of fresh snow gives great and simple dignity to His house. As Christians everywhere proudly celebrate the Birth of the Saviour, we take pause to offer a prayer of thanks for the good and wondrous teachings bestowed upon us through Him. May your holiday be filled with true joy and peace . . .

Farmers Co-op Assn. No. 1

TAHOKA, TEXAS

Spanish Christmas Customs Have a Realm of Enchantment Found Only in Iberia

In Spain, song and dance dominate all the Yuletide celebrations, which begin on Christmas Eve, called "Noche Buena" or "The Good Night." The birth of the Christ Child is heralded in a gay and festive manner by crowds of young people singing and dancing in the streets to the accompaniment of tambourines, guitars, gourd rattles and castanets.

During midnight church services, tambourines and guitars blend with the organ music and the spirited voices of the congregation.

Christmas Day is devoted to family reunions. There is much feasting on such delicacies as almond soup, truffled turkey with chestnuts or roast turkey with apples and raisin stuffing. The traditional Christmas sweet is turrón, a nougat of almond candy.

After dinner, the family gathers around the Nacimiento, or Nativity scene, which has been lighted with candles, to sing lively Spanish carols, most of which date back hundreds of years. Spirits are further whipped up by the noise of the "pandereta" (tambourine) and the "zambomba," a drumlike instrument with a reed stuck through the skin which, after being

moistened, is moved up and down, producing a deep monotonous sound. The children join in enthusiastically, singing and dancing around the Nacimiento.

The Nacimientos have an individual Spanish look. A typical Spanish bull and a gray donkey occupy stalls near the Babe of Bethlehem. The procession of the three Wise Men and their retinue bearing gifts are all represented. There is always a little stream or river, made of silver paper or real water, to show where women kneel and do the family laundry, a typical Spanish scene. Besides the innkeeper and many animals, there are sometimes figures of famous bullfighters and politicians.

According to Spanish folklore, the Wise Men traveled through Spain enroute to the stable at Bethlehem. They play a leading role in the Spanish Christmas celebration. Instead of Santa, it is the three Wise Men who bring gifts to children on Epiphany Eve. Just as American children write letters to Santa, Spanish children write letters to the Magi. On the night of January 5th, their shoes, filled with straw for the camels, and a plate of turróns are left on the balcony. In the morning they find their

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shoes, filled with goodies and surrounded by presents. Climax of the festivities is the annual "cabalgata," a colorful parade which marches through the center of town with floats depicting the birth of Christ, the Magi, shepherds and related personages.

Well of the Wise Men

There is a "Well of The Wise Men" on the outskirts of Bethlehem where, according to legend, the three discouraged Magi found their lost star reflected and continued their quest.

How Santa Became Christmas Tradition

The tradition that Santa Claus is the giver of Christmas presents comes to us from a fourth century German legend of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus is a German corruption of the name). When St. Nicholas learned of three young women who were unable to attract suitors because their father was too poor to provide them with a dowry, he filled three bags with gold one night and threw them into the windows of the rooms of the young women. Soon after, they were all happily mar-

ried. Unexpected gifts were thereafter attributed to St. Nicholas.

The myth that Santa Claus descends the chimney to fill the stockings comes from the Norsemen. Their legend tells us that at the winter solstice the goddess

Hertha appeared in their fireplaces and brought with her happiness and good fortune.

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, a professor in the General Theological Seminary in New York, put the myth in the form of a poem, "The Visit of St. Nicholas." He invented the sleigh and the reindeer and his description of St. Nicholas was suggest-

ed by the appearance of a German man-of-all-work in his employ. The sleigh bells were suggested by the bells on the bridle of his own horse. He wrote the poem for his children in 1822 and read it to them on Christmas Eve of that year. This poem has become the foundation of our own rich American tradition about Santa Claus.

Itching?

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Our best wishes at Christmas

At this time of the year we realize just how much it means to have friends and customers, and without you, we could not prosper and grow.


As we convey our "Season's Greetings" may we express the feeling that is with us at all times and say - simply but sincerely . . . THANK YOU

Hudgens & Son Pump Service


Merry Christmas

May the true meaning of Christmas bring you gifts of the spirit . . . peace, love, hope, joy . . . and bless your life with treasures that grow richer with time.

We appreciate your confidence and trust.



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*Silent Night,
Holy Night*

On that night, long ago, a dazzling star guided shepherds to our Savior. On this holiday we hope the radiance of the season guides you to a happy and loving Christmas. Thanks, all.

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Merry Christmas

Christmas tranquility holds a message for all of us.

In the midst of this season we take time to appreciate and be grateful. And as we pause, one thing comes to mind...how much we value your friendly support!



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Letters To Santa



Dear Santa'
I want a picture viewer, a baby doll, a real live horse. I have been a real good girl all year long. I will see you at Christmas.
Love you,
Vanessa Hardt

Dear Santa,
I want a bear and a big toy. I'm a good girl. I love you.
Lisa Wendling

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a record player, a baby doll, an electric train, roller skates and some new clothes.

Please bring my new sister Mandy some toys and clothes - she's been a good girl too.

We'll be waiting at Reese!
Lots of Love and thank you too
Mona Gayle Duke and Myranda Daye Duke

P. S. I am 3 years old and Mandy is 6 months.

Dear Santa,
This year I would like to have
This year I would like a rocking chair cause my sister has one and we want to rock our

dollies together. Thank you.

Tara Wendling

Dear Santa,
My name is Amy Holland. I have a brother a year old and I am three. We both have been good this year.

Is it snowing at the North Pole? I would like a baby alive, dishes, record player, stove and house shoes. My brother would like anything, but you can bring him a ball, busy face, and a truck.

I love you,
Amy

I love you Sentelos
I want lots of toys I hope you dreing me lots of toys. Geln my sestrs a dall.

Luve
Monty Witt

Der Sant Clos,
I want you to bren me sune toys, ples bren me sune toys
I Love you
Norma Gutierrez

Dear Santa Claus,
10 years
I bet its very cold in the morth pole but I'm sure your use to it by now. I just thought I'd write to you to tell you what I want this year I want a barbie and camper set and a barbie house three stories high and lots more but I can not name them all but what I realy want is a three speed.
Love,

Mary Helen Anchondo
P.S. Don't forget other Boys and Girls
P. S. Say hell to Mrs. Santa Claus and Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen and Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzin and I wont forget Rudolph!

Dear Santa Claus,
My Sister wants a calcalater. An I want a kitchen for Barbie. And a casl for peopl. And a soo-

caes that has two beds for Barbie.
Love Monica McNeely,
Dear santa claus,
I want a doll that as a bauti. And a sleeky want do you do. In the northpole brag me. lose of toys santa claus. I like going to school. santa claus and a carset.
Love Jennie

Dear Sonta Claus,
I want a pretty doll that has pretty blue eyes just like mine pretty blue eyes just like Mine and I want a pretty dress to go to church and school to. I like my techer very much and my Mother and Father
Love,
Michele Terry

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cocboy hat and a foot ball game if you get me mine I'll get you a sled. and I'll give

you a baby Santa and that is all I have to say.

Think you
Your friend
Joe Salden

Dear Santa,
I wood like a ten sped bik for Chrimas and I wood likes yo to breg my Mom a fur coat and some things in my stoing and ogon.

LOVE, Shannon Perce

Dear santa Claus,
I want a pretty doll for crismu and a brush and come for m sisters a play car for my brothe if it's not to much if it is jus holler and I will take some thing off. but be shure and holler it's to much.

your frien
Lena Love Yc

Dear Sant
I want a pretty car for me an my brother and I wont a stocke of candys

Love Santa
Robert Cenibero

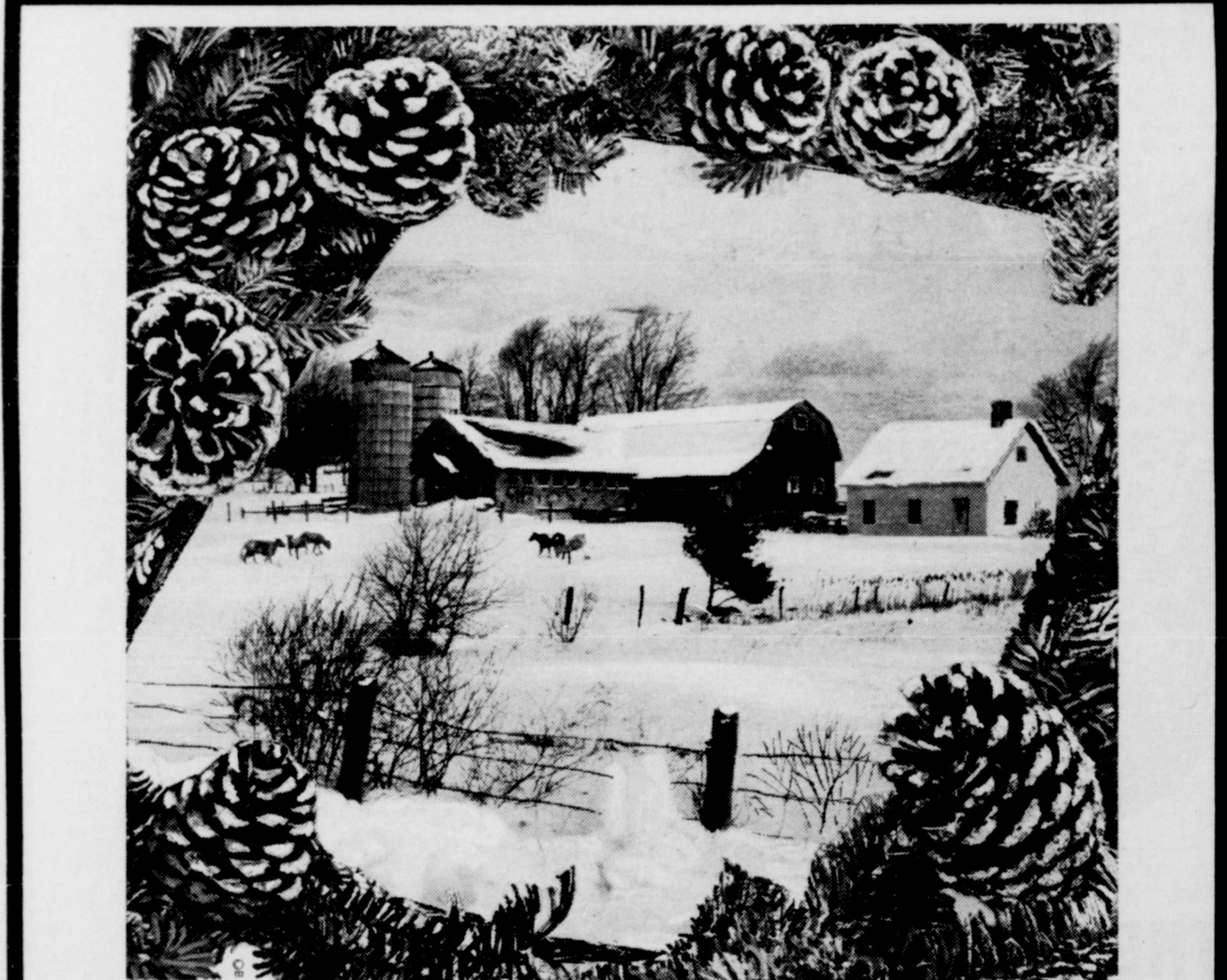
Dear Santa Claus,
I want three baby kittens for Crimas. And a night gown And a party dress. I wanta corbrin book. And a new baby sister. An a pretty long dress. And a pla family casle. Well thats all I want.

Love Kimberly McMillan
Box 654 Tahoka Texa
79373
My phone number is
998-4537

Cheerful Christmas Wishes

Wrap it up with a smile and our good wishes. Thanks to all.

LADY BUG
Dorothy & Eugene Bruton



Merry Christmas

May the serenity of Christmas find and keep you content. May every day of this joyful season be filled with joy . . . abundant in peace . . . rich in brotherhood.

White Funeral Home

IT'S TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

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

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THE FAMILY LAWYER

Heads Up

A pedestrian bumped his head on the awning in front of a grocery store.

A car owner bumped his head on the hoist at an auto repair station.

A beauty shop customer bumped her head on the air conditioning unit in a side window.



Each of these individuals suffered an injury, and each, in due course, filed a lawsuit demanding damages. But all three claims were turned down on the same ground: that the accident was the fault of the victim, not the management.

Generally speaking, the law expects you to keep "heads up" while you are on the move.

"A person must use his Providence-given senses to avoid injury," said one court. "A duty to look implies a duty to see what is in plain sight."

However, special circumstances can and do change this rule of law. For example:

A woman shopper, interested in buying a mattress, followed a furniture salesman into a dimly lighted corner of the store. There she walked into a low overhead rafter, suffering a concussion.

Here, the special circumstance was the poor visibility. Because of it, a court ruled afterward that the woman could not be blamed for colliding with the rafter. Instead, the management, whose salesman had neglected to warn her of the danger, was held liable in damages.

Another case involved a rickety, irregular stairway leading to the balcony of a hardware store. A customer, ascending cautiously one day, bumped his head against a metal bracing that he had failed to notice.

But again, a court decided later that the management alone was responsible for the accident. The court said the man could not be expected to keep his head up, watching for obstacles, when he had to keep his head down, watching the steps.



How did you break your husband of that habit of staying out all night?"

"When he came home late one night, I called out 'Is that you, Ralph?'—and my husband's name is John."

"Mother," said Tommy, "is it correct to say 'water the horse' when he is thirsty?"

"Why, certainly, dear."

"Well, then," said Tommy, picking up a saucer, "I'm going to milk the cat."

Man: "May I kiss you?"
Woman: "Jeepers! Another amateur!"

Test Yourself With The Christmas Quiz

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

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

ANSWERS

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

SCORING

8 or better is excellent — go to the head of the class!
5 to 7 is average. Less than 5 — return one Christmas present!

PEACE ON EARTH

God grant that not only the Love of Liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the Nations of the Earth, so that anybody may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say: *This is My Country.*
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

PEACE ON EARTH



May the radiant light that shone over Bethlehem continue to enlighten the minds and hearts of men everywhere. May the blessed memory of that first Christmas bring joy and love to everyone. We add our expressions of thanks to all we have been privileged to serve.

HANEY GIN

BOB HANEY

'Christkindli' of Switzerland Reappears at Holy Season

Christmas has a unique significance in the German and French speaking regions of Switzerland because the "Christkindli," or Christ Child, is believed to walk on earth during this season.

Instead of Santa Claus, the "Christkindli," represented as a beautiful, radiant, angel-like being with wings carrying a magic wand and wearing a shining crown, distributes Christmas gifts and Christmas trees glittering with fanciful decorations.

Although the "Christkindli" is commonly believed to personify the Christ-Child, he is sometimes represented as an angel bearing a light or a star just as an angel heralded the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. On the other hand, the "Christkindli" has some of the characteristics of a sprite, as suggested by the wand and the wings, which can be linked to pre-Christian beliefs. Some suggest he may stem from the pagan custom of representing the New Year as a radiant and beautiful child.

Like Santa, the "Christkindli" also arrives in a

sleigh drawn by reindeer, so there would appear to be some intermingling of Christmas legends here.

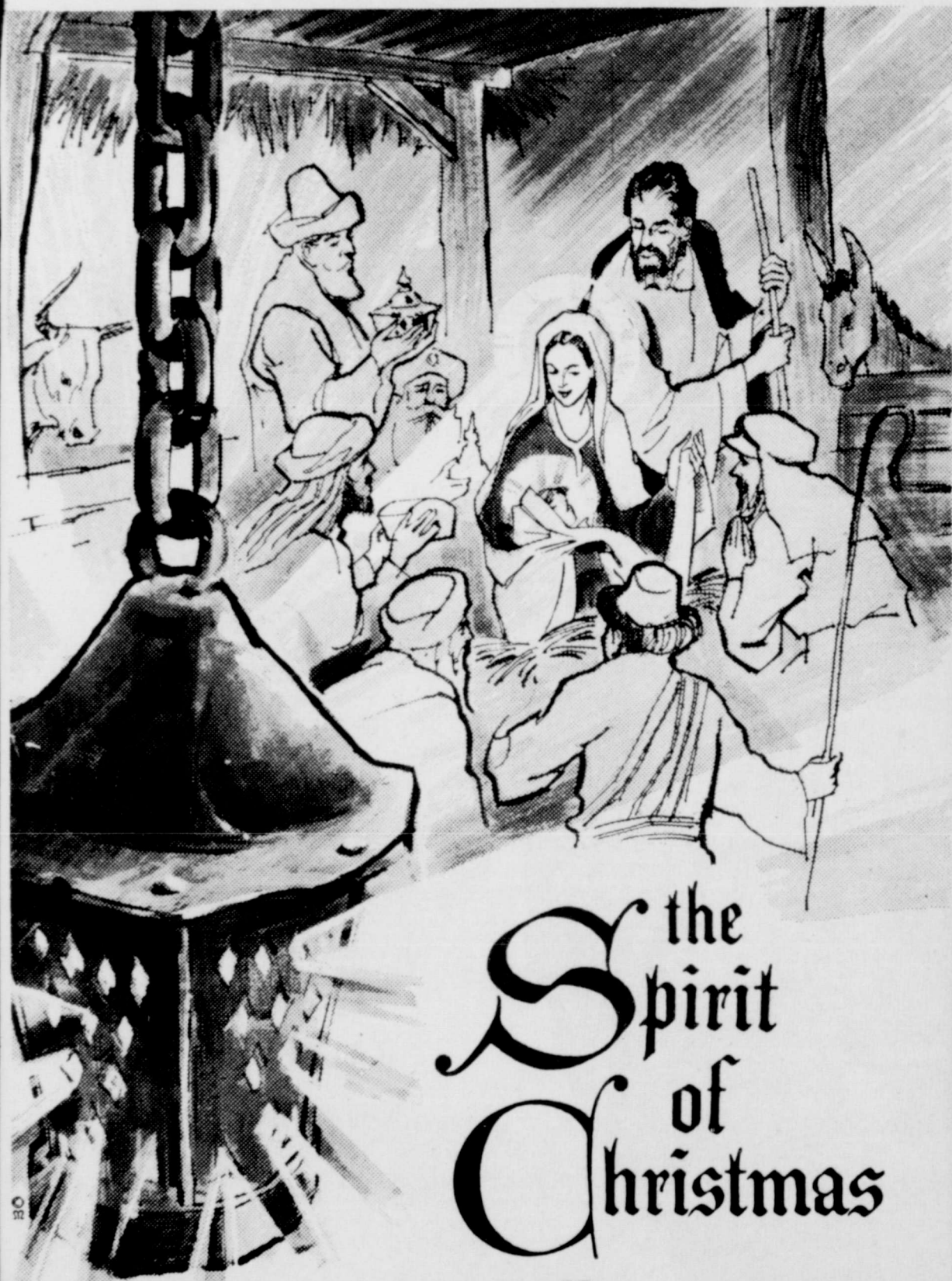
St. Nicholas is represented in several ways in different parts of Switzerland. In some, he is called Father Christmas and comes with his wife, Lucy (representing St. Lucy whose feast day is December 13) to distribute gifts. He wears the traditional Santa Claus costume, while Lucy wears a round cap over her long braids, a laced bodice and a fancy apron.

In the central part of Switzerland, St. Nicholas is represented more realistically in his bishop's regalia complete with mitre and crosier. On St. Nicholas' Day, which falls on December 6th, there is a magnificent parade in which white bearded masqueraders, clothed in long white shirts, carry huge three-foot mitre-shaped lanterns over their heads. These lanterns are perforated in intricate religious designs, similar to church windows, and when the candlelight shines through them, as their bearers execute a stately dance, they are an impressive sight indeed.

In the village of Urnaesch in the Canton of Appenzell, the men and boys go "Santa Clausing." Some wear red Santa Claus costumes with jingling bells while others, dressed and masked as "ladies," wear enormous, elaborate picture hats decorated with panoramas of Alpine scenes. Starting early in the day on New Year's Eve, the group proceeds through the village with an unusual hopsotch gait, stopping at each farm to share their merriment and partake of refreshments. When darkness falls, they all head for the Valley to pursue their New Year revelry.

ASS ESSENTIAL TO EVERY DOMAIN

Although the ass, such as the one ridden by Mary, is sometimes described as a lowly beast, fit for those of humble station, there is considerable evidence that the docile and useful ass was ridden by many rich and prestigious people as well as the poor. The Bible often mentions the ass as a common part of many households.



the Spirit of Christmas

May the light of love and understanding that bathed the world on the eve of His Birth shine upon you and kindle your heart with everlasting joy. Let us rejoice as we cherish the blessings of this holy season.

Wells Farmers Co-op Gin



Holiday Greetings

May the seasons keep bringing happy holidays to you. Our wish is that they be merry and bright . . . filled with love and peace.

Accept our thanks for your loyalty.

LANKFORD VARIETY

merry Christmas



As you gather with your dear ones around the Christmas tree, accept our heartfelt wishes for a wonderful holiday.

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The Christmas Story



In a lowly manger, hewn from the rocky hillside of Bethlehem, a Child was born . . . and herald angels sang. To the manger came humble shepherds, in wonder and rejoicing. Three Wise Men journeyed from the East, bearing precious gifts. And over all shone the miraculous light of a Star. In the words of the Christmas story, that light lives and shines across the ages, bringing hope and promise to all mankind. May the spiritual joys of the season bless you and yours, abundantly on this Christmas Day and forevermore.

Letters to 'Santa'

There's something special about Santa Claus in a small southern Indiana town where the famous

Christmas legend has become somewhat of an everyday reality.

This town with a popula-



Here's wishing friends extra yardage on holiday joy. Special thanks.

the Fabric Place

Jay Dee, Virginia, Naomi, Loretta and Jana

Overflow Mailbox

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

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

There is nowhere in the world where you can find a post office like this one. Its architecture is that of a stone-fronted fairyland castle in design and while

the community has but slightly more than 300 year-round residents this post office each year is flooded with about four million pieces of mail. The bulk of all this mail comes around Christmas time to receive the cherished Santa Claus postmark. Still others arrive addressed simply to "Santa Claus, 47579."

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

ies and milk, and extend best wishes to Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph. And,



to the delight of children everywhere, all of these letters receive an answer from Santa Claus.

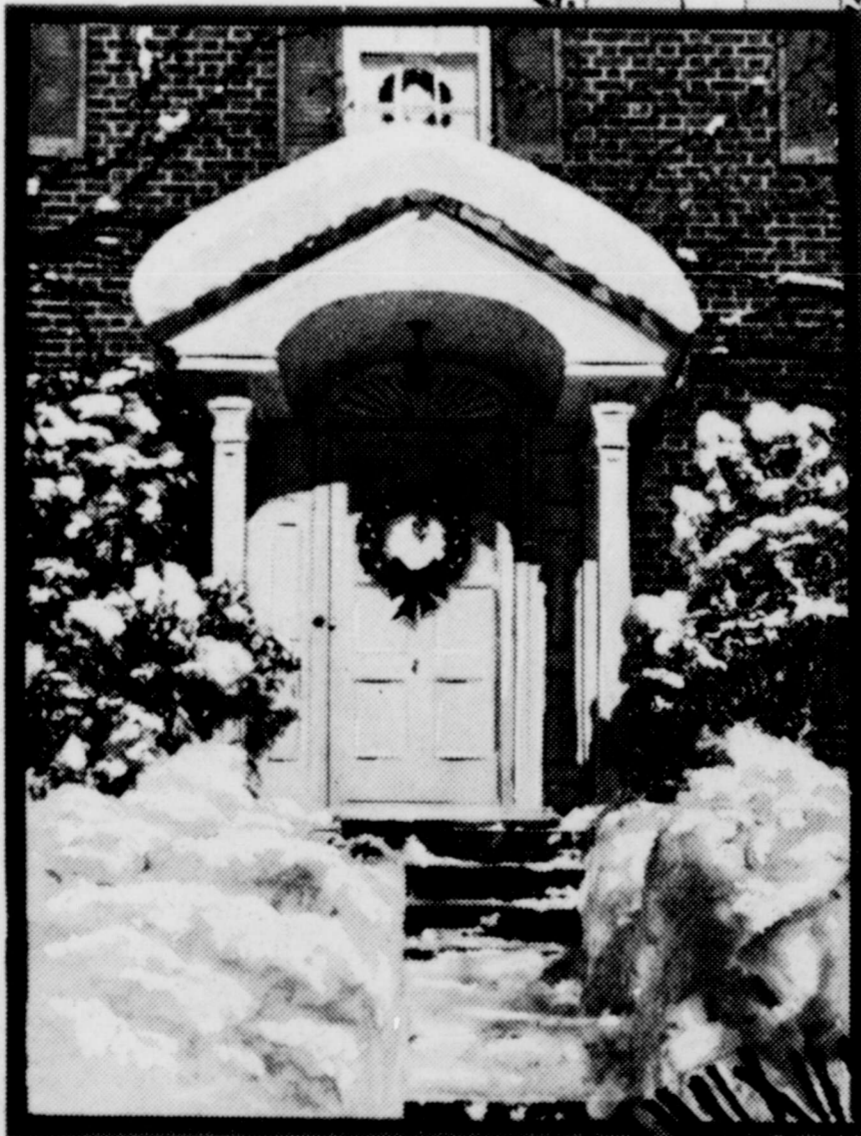
This unique practice dates back to the late 1920s when Robert L. Ripley popularized the town by featuring it in an article in his "Believe It Or Not" column. After the article appeared, mail began to mushroom, especially letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

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

Besides taking up the role of Santa Claus at the Santa Claus Post Office in the early 1930s, Yellig also embarked on a project that now involves much of the community of the Santa Claus, Ind. area. He noticed that the incoming letters were being stored away because there were too many for the postmaster of the day to answer and took pan in hand, along with his wife, to make sure children who cared enough about Santa Claus were answered. Community wide hearing testing programs are one of the most effective means of protecting the hearing ability of your friends and neighbors, points out the Betone Crusade for Hearing Conservation.

Merry Christmas

Doorways wear garlands of welcome... candles beckon with a hearty glow. The season of good cheer arrives, in all its friendly warmth. May the joys of Christmas be yours!



GATZKI GIN



May warmth and comfort fill your home for Christmas... and every day!
Thanks for your patronage.

Plainsman TV & Appliance



AT
Christmas
May your Christmas bloom with good feeling to last through the holidays and always. We're grateful for your business, Thank you!

House of Flowers

Italian Foods at Christmas Vary According to Regions

Feasting is an integral part of the Christmas celebration, symbolizing not only rejoicing at the coming of Christ



Merry Christmas

Good friends . . . good food . . . good cheer!
That's our Christmas wish for you!
We appreciate your loyalty and support.

Tahoka Food Mart

but, also, the spirit of sharing and brotherly love which is characteristic of the season. Like so many other aspects of Christmas, it is a blend of Christian and pre-Christian traditions, strongly influenced by local customs.

In Italy the dishes of the Christmas feast vary widely depending on the region. In the north, for example, the meal may begin with cappelletti ("little hats") stuffed with meat or tortellini, a sort of ravioli, followed by a main dish of meat, which may be anything from roast turkey with chestnut stuffing to zampone, a pork sausage packed in a pig's leg smothered with lentils.

In the area around Rome, the traditional dish of Christmas Eve is "capitone," a large female eel, roasted, baked, or fried, following a religious tradition which prescribes a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve, the Vigilia, or Christmas vigil. In accordance with this tradition, the Roman fish market, held the night of December 23rd, is a peculiar feature of the Christmas observance.

In the south of Italy, the feasting usually begins with macaroni with meat and tomato sauce, followed by chicken or meat in jelly.

Particularly characteristic of Christmas feasting in all regions are sweets: fruitcakes of various types (panettone) and other sweets in which nuts and honey figure prominently.

The Christmas season coincides with the lengthening day and the beginning of the New Year, and from ancient times nuts have been a symbol of fertility and a promise of the next year's harvest, also representing hope for increase in herds and flocks, and the family, as well. The use of honey, the most common sweetener in ancient Rome, was a traditional way of conveying the wish that the new year might be as sweet as the gift.

Climate Key to Time of Holy Birth

The evidence that the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem took place in the dry season, that is, before the onset of winter, depends to some extent on what we know about the climate of Palestine today, which, scholars believe, is not very different from what it was during the time of Jesus.

The annual mean temperature is a pleasant

enough 62.8 degrees Fahrenheit, with a range from a high of 112 degrees to a low in winter of only 12 degrees.

While the lowland plains, nearer the Mediterranean Sea, receive heavy rains from November to April, winter in the hills can bring biting frost, bitter winds and even snow.

Nazareth, the city of Jesus, was a town of some

note in southern Galilee, near the western edge of the fertile plain of Esdraelon.

This area provides more clues to the time of the journey for scholars who look to the still fertile and well-watered hills of Galilee and into the less favored hill country of Judea, where the cultivation of grains, olives and vines tended to give way to the grazing of sheep, especially in the dry season.

So it can also be assumed that the holy journey was during the dry season by looking to the Bible in which Saint Luke says that in the same country were shepherds looking over their flocks.

Christmas Trees For Ecology . . .

Many people believe that the cutting of trees for Christmas "robs" nature and destroys a portion of our forests each year, but the truth is that nearly three-quarters of such trees are raised specifically to be cut at Christmas-time. Most of the remainder are "thin-nings"—young trees cut in forests to improve the growth opportunities for other trees.

Forestry experts and nurserymen point out that young, growing trees give off more oxygen and absorb more carbon dioxide than mature ones, so that the cultivation of Christmas trees actually helps the ecology. In contrast, they say, the manufacture of artificial trees uses up valuable energy and natural resources, which are not recoverable.

After Christmas, discarded trees can be used in various ways to benefit the environment. Even if you live in a city, ecologists suggest, you can help by getting in touch with a local conservation organization or commercial nursery.

Word 'Manger' Has 2 Meanings

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," a word derived from the French "mangeoir" or frame to hold animal feed.

It is interesting that the other common English word for a cattle-feeder, crib, which is derived from the German krippe, also means a baby's bed.

Even the French word crèche, which is often used to describe the nativity scene displayed in churches, homes, and other places at Christmastime, has the double meaning of "mangeoir" and a public shelter for the care of infants.

MAGIC OF MAGI

Believed to have occult powers, the Wise Men were called Magi, the root of our words magic and magician.

Magi were held to be magicians or soothsayers. They were also ancient priests who travelled far away to many lands in order to establish a following.

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

France Ranks Second In Farm Exports

France—with only one-twelfth as much farmland as that of the United States—was the world's second largest exporter of farm products in 1973.

French farm trade totaled \$7 billion, compared to this country's \$17.7 billion.



Greetings

The season's warm glow is filling the air with happiness and cheer, laughter and joy.
And as we celebrate this special time, we want to take a moment to thank you for your valued patronage and good friendship.

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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
11, 1974,
Please, Bring, Me, a, Tug Bost
game, and, a, Etch, Sketch and
a, Tos, a Kros, and a, addin,
machine, and a Red, Wagun, My,
Brother, Wonts, A, C. B., Ant

Enna, and, Too Walkie Big Ones
Talkys.

Love You,
David Raindl

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old now But I

well be 5 years after Christmas
I dont know how to write yeat,
so my sister Josie made it for
me couse I wont to ask you to
bring me a doll and a buggy and
a lettle tea set can you put some
candys on my stocking to
Ilove you
I love You
My name is
Joyce Vega

Dear Santa,
My name is Greg Spears. I am
5 years old. I have been a very
good boy. I love you. Will you
please bring me a new pickup
with a camper and a boat an
trailer. A pickup with a cattle
trailer, with some animals in it
and a ladder fire truck. I have
a big brother named Keith who is
8 years old. Please bring him
something too.

Thank you,
Greg Spears
Rt. 2
Wilson. Texas

1. dear Santa
2. I am 5 I dont go to school
- 3 my sister make my letter
- 4 to you Santa Claus. bring me a
- 5 doll a wagon a purse I will
- 6 be a good girl
- you are nice
- 7 I like you

My name is
Jo Ann Vega

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a case
trator, a play one. For Chrstitmas
would you bring me a B. B gun.
And that will be all.

Your friend,
Eddy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a biek and a hoesser.
My brother want a toy gun and
hoster. Is bin good and.

Your friend,
Charles Welles

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 3 years old,
and I have been kind of good this
year. I would like for you to bring
me a set of Lego building blocks
and a big ole firetruck and a hat
for Christmas. Thank you! Don't
forget the other children.

Love,
Blair Garner

1. Dear Santa
2. I am 7 years old
3. I am a good girl
4. will you brink me
5. a big big doll
- 6 and brink one for my sister
7. Jo Ann and one for my sister
- 8 Joyce and brink me a pink bke
- 9 to I am on second grade
- 10 You are nice I like you
- 11 You are my friend
- 12 love Josie Vega

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today? Make-
ing toys for us. I hope your not
sick so you can. This is what I
want. Abasketball goal and a bas-
ketball suit. A Evel Knievel stunt
cycle. A basketball and a ten
speed bike. Tube sox or anything
that you would get me.

Your friend,
Daron Norwood

Tips to Make Yule Brighter

The Christmas card made from a photograph of children or family group is highly popular as a means of bringing a sense of togetherness to relatives and friends when geographical separation makes the real thing impossible.

The best time for such pictures, naturally, is when presents are being opened and the family group is together, sharing and showing their joy in Christmas surprises.

A good second opportunity may be found when the family is gathered at the table for Christmas dinner. Other possibilities include "stockings hung by the chimney with care" and children playing, indoors or out, with new gifts.

Whatever subject you choose, better do it today — tomorrow may be too late to capture the best "shots" to share with others.

In most cases, Christmas cards become waste paper. Before you consign this year's cards to the trash can, consider removing personal messages from them and turning them over to a church or other group whose members devote their time to creating attractive scrap-books with the cards.

Many beautiful and colorful cards, carefully selected and arranged in these inexpensive and easy-to-make scrap-books, provide hours of enjoyment to older people and others whose activity is curtailed for one reason or another.

You might enjoy making a scrap-book for yourself. Whatever the case, the second life given these Christmas and greeting cards can be rewarding and useful.

Christmas novelties, glass ornaments and tinsel decorations, from America and abroad, will enjoy great popularity during the 1974 Yuletide season.

People are celebrating with more non-electrical decorations, such as ornaments made from household items, glass decor which reflects the usual home lighting, and candles, homemade or bought.

CHRISTMAS

Enjoy peace at heart and hearth for Christmas. Warm thanks.



Wyatts Body Shop



GREETINGS

Over the fields and through the snow-covered countryside go our warmest Christmas wishes. In this tradition, we greet our friends and customers, with hopes for your holiday happiness, and with genuine appreciation for your good will.

PETTY GIN

BILLY EMERSON, MGR.



Virginia's Beauty Shop
VIRGINIA - GLORIA - BETTY

Letters To Santa



I would like a 3 speed bicycle, but if you can't I would like a Kathy Quick Curl.

Remember all the other children.

Cara and Lonae Monk

Dear Santa,

I want a football a bike and some tools. Then I want a train and a kite for Christmas.

Your friend, Randy Suniga

Dear Santa,

I want a organ and a Barbie too and a like to and a party coat to. and some pants to.

Your friend, Julia Liendo

Dear Santa,

I want a down town barbie house. A doll to. A barbie to. I hope Rudolph will gid your sleigh. I want more pennants for my room.

Love, Cathy Chancy

Dear Santa,

Will you bring me some boxing gloves? Will you bring me a bow and arrow? Will you bring me a Evel Knievel Stunt Cycle? Will you bring me a football suit Dallas Cowboys?

Love, Keith Anderson

Dear Santa,

Christmas is coming up. So you better get your elfa to work because its nearly Christmas. Will you bring me a barbie beach bus and a babie precious and town house. I will be seeing you soon.

Love, Jennifer Ehlers

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike a baby creb for Christmas. But best of all I want a doll house and a barbie.

Your friend, Martha Arellano

MEMORIES & DREAMS

by Patricia Spradling

My heart is full of gladness The holiday season near. Yet, our loved ones are so far away Their memories so dear. Memories strong on my mind of Christmas past, Dreams for the future, hopefully ones that will come to pass.

My loving husband and children by my side To them, God, and mankind I will abide.

A new year soon upon us, with another year soon past. God's gracious love always with us, his devotion so true will always last.

To our friends, new and old, we wish the very best, and pray the coming year won't bring them unhappy tests. I thank thee God for everything, especially for the happiness my family brings.

Dear Santa,

I hope you come to visit us. I hope to see you in Christmas. I an ready for Christmas. I am going to have a Christmas tree. I like you to come to my house. I like you Santa Claus.

Your friend, Mary Lopez

Dear Santa,

Christmas is coming up. So you better get to work building toys. I want a Bean bag chair, Baby tender love. Is Rudolph going to guide your sliagh Christmas eve night? I hope so.

Your friend, Paige McInror

Dear Santa Claus,

Would you bring me a doll of Christmas that I like for Christmas. do you no that I was going to got one for my sister. you no that we are going to have a christmas party.

Your frind, Minerva Resendez

CHRISTMAS WISHES We wish you sweet dreams and happy thoughts in anticipation of this warm holiday. Thanks. Echo's Beauty Salon

GREETINGS May the joys of Christmas... peace, serenity and goodwill... bless you, your family and your loved ones. Thank you for your support. D & J Implement 1229 LOCKWOOD 998-4411

Joy to the World May joy fill your heart and enrich your life this Christmas Season. We extend our warm thanks to you. GRASSLAND CO-OP GIN

Greetings It's our favorite time of year and one of the most enjoyable customs of the season is greeting our many good friends and patrons and wishing them the best that life has to offer. Merry Christmas to you all! Wilson Insurance WILSON TEXAS



Dear Santa
 My name is Billy Ray Benson, I'm just a year and a half. I would like some toys, clothes, and some candy and fruit!
 Thank you Santa.

Love,
 Billy Ray Benson

Dear Santa Claus,
 Will you bring me a baton? And will you bring my brother a dog? And will you bring my sister a table? Than you for my dot to dot boock? And I will leave some tea and Cookies. MerryChristmas. I'll be good.

Love
 Carlene Murry

Dear Santa,
 I'm Jimmy Antu, I'm 9 years old, I would like a bike for Christmas. Also a electric train, some clothes, and some candy.

Thank you.
 Love,
 Jimmy Antu

Dear Santa Claus
 Thank you for the help you have Dun to my and. Thank you for helping my father and mother and sister and me please bring me some toys. If you won't to eat I will leav cookies and milk for you to eat and I will be good.

Love
 Joe Espinoza

Dear Santa
 I want a baby alive for Christmas. And a watch to. My brother wants a motorcycle for Christmas. My brother wants a trampoline to. I might get Mother a present. I started to tell. I hope raindeer are ready to come to Tahoka.

Love,
 Jackie Nitt

Dear santa,
 I want a baby alive for Christmas. and a ten sped for my sister wasnts a baby tender love and a new bike for Christmas. The family wants a new house to rent.

Your friend,
 Kelly Spradling

Dear Santa,
 I love you very much. Will you bring me a bow and arrow set. Can you bring me a football suit. Can you bring me a football.

Your friend,
 Jeff Wyatt

Dear Santa Claus,
 Santa is it cold over there. I want a Stp, Evel Conevel set, and bebe gun. I believe in you.

Your friend,
 Mike Morales

Dear Santa,
 I want you to bring me a bike and a baby alive and a lightbright far Christmas? My sister said she wanted a ten speed bike. I see you later Santa.

Your friend
 Lela Bailey

Dear Santa,
 I hope to see you in Christmas. I hope you come visit me. I like you Santa Claus. I hope you are good.

Your fiend,
 Anastasia Alvarado

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want you to come to my house. I want a brike please birng me one. We will see you next week. We all love you.

Your friend,
 Sarah Alvarado

Arctic Reindeer Flourish, Crucial to Man's Survival

Reindeer flourish in large numbers near the Arctic Circle in Europe, Asia, and North America. Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, and Alaska are all places where herds of at least semi-domesticated reindeer are accustomed to working with man, particularly the Laplanders. The reindeer provides a vital source of food, clothing, and even transportation for many peoples living on the edge of the arctic world. Among other things, reindeer milk is as rich as the cream of cow's milk, although available in much smaller quantities.

There are several species of reindeer in North America, where it is called the caribou, ranging from the woodland species, which is found in wild northern woods, through the barren ground caribou, which is the slightly larger but close cousin of the European reindeer, to the Peary caribou, living north of the Arctic Circle. The present domesticated reindeer of Europe and Asia, where it can be found in single herds of up to 30,000, is a descendant of the barren ground species of those regions and has been successfully introduced into Alaska as a stock animal. These tame reindeer are gentle and easily handled.

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

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

among the deer family in that the females as well as the males grow antlers. Both sexes shed their antlers in the spring, like other deer.



Merry Christmas

It's time for family feasting . . . and time for us to say thanks for patronizing our establishment. Happy Holiday!

RIDDLE'S
 TAHOKA CAFETERIA



GREETINGS TO ALL

Tree lights are glowing everywhere. Gay wreaths bedeck the windows. Carolers raise their voices in song. Anticipation fills the air. Hearts are light, spirits bright. It's Christmas. Have a merry one.

FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSN.
 Jay Dee House, Mgr.



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for what you gave me last year. Wood you give my little sisters a doll. We will leva some coffee a some cake. I want a shy bicycle. Pleas bring me a football suit.

Love Ty Askew

Dear Santa Claus
I want a doll I am a good girl I am gev a gevi Thank you anta Claus and gevl my Mother and gevl my Father

Love Josie Vega

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me Baby Alive.

Love, Tammy Riojas

Dear Santa Claus,
How are upi? I am fine and have been good Please bring me a tender Love.

Love, Brenda Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me a Lisa. I am good. Please bring me a Baby Alive.

Love, Louisa Lehman

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me a townhouse.

Love, Melinda Ehlers

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me a Barbie Beach Bus.

Carrie Brieger

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me a motorcycle.

I Love, Ricky

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me a Micky House Watch.

Love, Carla Acuna

Dear Santa Clas,
I want a doll I am a good girl I am gevl a gevi Thank you Santa Claus, and gevi my Mother and gevi my Father
Love Sandra Castellon Dec 6, 1974

Dear Santa Claus,
I like you verey much Will you bring my brother a truck please. I would you bring my sister a game for Christmas. Will you bring me a bike.

Love Mistie Cook

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll bring my Mother a dress bring me some clothes bring my s ster a doll bring my Father a car bring my little Baby brother a car

Love Susie Lara

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a doll? I am a good girl? Please bring my little sister a doll? Please bring my big brother a car?

Love, Odelia Sastre

Dear Santa Clause:
I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a ball, a Tiny Tears Baby doll, and a Zip monkey. When you come to my house there will be some cookies and milk for you.

Love, Tracy Scott

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year. My name is James Antu, I am 4 years old and I would like hot wheels, tops, trucks, clothes, candy. Please bring my brother Jerryl some toys to. Also a doll for Denise Perez. Thank you Santa.

Love, James Antu

Dear Santa,
My name is Diane Ceniseros, I am 5 years old and I have been a good girl. I would like a doll, some clothes, candy, also a stuffed monkey. Thank you Santa!

Love, Diane C.

Dear Santa,
My name is Robert Ceniseros, I am 7 years old and have been a good boy. I would like a bike for Christmas and a motorcycle racing track. Also some clothes and candy. Thank you Santa!

Love, Robert Ceniseros

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me an autograph book a pair of roller skates and a Tiny Tears doll and son't forget my brothers please bring them something to thank you for last years toys.

Love, Marla Huffaker

Dear Santa,
My name is Jerryl Antu, I am 3 years old, I want a electric train for Christmas, Some pants, candy, and some toys. I think I have been a good boy. Thank you Santa

Love ya, Jerryl Antu

Dear Sant,
My name is Jesse Antu, I am 10 years old, I have been a good boy, I would like a bike, electric train, clothes, and some candy. Thank you Santa. Don't forget the other children.

Love, Jesse Antu

Merry Christmas

To all the girls who wear pretty things, and to their families and friends, our greetings and thanks. Do have a lovely Christmas.

CINDERELLA SHOP
FLORENCE AND VIOLET STONE

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Rejoice! It's Christmas. During this holiday of heart warming thoughts we wish you peace and happiness. Thanks for your support.

LATON SAVINGS
Association

Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
I want a doll I want a dog I
have bin a nice little girl
Love,
Nancy Valdez

My Mother moe new shoe. My
Father wans new shoe.
Love
Jessie

Dear Santa Claus,
Breeg me a Five speed bike,
and my brother a game. and my
three sister tow each shoe and

Dear santa claus,
Please bring me a bik and Please
bring my Brother and Please Bring
me some toy and please bring
my Dad a moterbike will you bing

Merry Christmas

We want you, our valued customers, to know that it's a great delight to wish you a happy holiday. Your patronage is truly appreciated.

Fountain of Beauty
Donna Cathey

merry Christmas

We've been shopping around for the right words to wish friends . . . patrons the happiest this season! Hope it's super fine! Thanks for your support.

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all of us good thing. I will put for you to come to eat.

Love Ralph Salinas
Mary Christmas

Dear Sant Claus,
please bring me a boat and a car and please bring Mother a ring and bring Father a clock and bring sister a doll.

Love Jerry Cazares

Dear Santa Claus
Please Santa claus bring me clothes to me and mi brother my brotheer and a pull I will a doll and my Mother woth a wosh my Father woth a wosh

Love
JoAnn

Dear Santa Claus,
I like you very much Wood you bring my brother a ten speed bike? and wood you bring my little brother a play dirt truck? and wood you bring my mother a rug claenr? and wood you bring my Father a suit? and wood you bring me a Organ Please? and thank you for all the thing that you brought me last year. Merry Christmas

Love
Donna Ann Vasquez

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring my sisters a doll. I Love you Santa Claus. And my Mother a good present. I wotn a big doll. Aad brother a naw pair of shoes. And me a pair of littel chairs.

Love
Yvette Barocio

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring my and mi sisters and mi brothers some toy bring my and mi sistrs some dolls and my tow Bikes and some burde dolls

Louv Sherri Hudlin

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Iam fine and have been good. Please bring me a GI Joe.

Love,
Tony

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you I am fine and have been good bring me a top

Love,
Jamie Archer

Dear Santa Claus,
How are You? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me a play TV.

Leve,
Angie Moya

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the race track you gave me last year. Would you bring my littl brother a toy gun? Pleas bring me a basketball basket. I have a basketball.

Love Stacey Edwards

Dear Santa Claus, I want to Be Gellin to you Santa Caus. Do you like me Santa I like you santa will you bring my little brother a suit and my Mather a coat and bring my Father a present and bring me a present

Love Cynthia Payton

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the toys for last year. would you bring my sister a doll? and would you bring my mother a wath? and would you bring my Daddy a wath? and would you bring me a Drumset and would you bring me a gittar? and would you bring me a suit lick Monty Your frid Danny Hart

Love Danny Hart

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a little doll and Please bring my sister a doll too? I will leave some milk and cookies I wish you a merry Christmas I will be a good girl I wish

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you would get my brother Mike a little moterbike I hope you will not get cold when you come drom the North Pole I Loev you why do you live at the north pole Please bring my mother and daddy a pair of shoes.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want present for me and my sisters and brothers and my mothes my Father and my gran father and my grand mother.

love Bertha Ruiz

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me a Lisa.

Love,
Angela Morton

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me a play motorcycle.

Love,
Jamie

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me a Tender Love, baton.

Love,
Gloria

We wish you Merry Christmas

Best wishes for a holiday season filled with happiness and good cheer. And sincere thanks for your patronage.

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WILSON, TEXAS

Christmas joy

Let us take a moment to wish you and yours all the happiness and good cheer that this Yuletide season brings. We appreciate your friendship and generous support.

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Clint - Lottie Jo - Eva Mae



Dear Santa,
I am writing this few line to say Hi. I hope you. bring me a bike a walkie talkie and thats all. Love mother and father.
Love
Richard

I like 10 candy cane to eat and I would like a bed to sleep om the bed and I like.
Love
Mary

Dear Santa,
I want a doll to play with and I want a bike to ride on and I would like to here I like Christ-mas becoss ist fun.
Love,
Rosario

Dear Santa,
I know what love is. you were born in Christmas I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love, Adolfo

Dear Santa,
I like a doll and a wagon to get om and a bike to ride in it

Dear Santa
Plees bring me a airplane I wish you will bring me it plee bring me a three speed bike and is all thank you santa
Love
Mario Bernal

Dear Santa,
I want a Doll I Love you I Licke you Bring my Little Baby a doll.
Rita Perales

Dear Santa
I want a Football and a watch and get me a bracelet with my name on it. And get my mother a neckless and put in a box and rap it. and I want a colering book
with
love,
Shawn Stotts

Dear Santa,
I want a fire Engine and a 3 speed bicycle and an organ and a joke book.
love, Scott Orr

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a modle Jack, a little car, a little waginn, Please bring me a gun to shut Please bring me a radio to hire Please bring me a trann to play why whiy Love
David Engle

Dear Santa,
I have bin a nice girl and I want one off those thing that knit a hat so I can make some. so I can ware it to school evre day and I want to tell you that sum times I have fites with boys and girls, but I have told them that I am sorry if thay take it bake. How have you bin this yere?
Love,
Alicia Perez Guterrez

Dear Santa,
I want a bike I have bin a nice little girl will you bring me a

doll
Love,
Sylvia Vega

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that eats and drink and I have bin a nice little Girl. and I want a piano and I want a wash machine
I Love Santa,
NANCY Flores

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am Fine and have been good. bicycle.
Love,
Curtis Moczygamba

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine and have been good. Please bring me any-thing.
Love,
Roger Spence

Dear Santa,
I have bin a good girl. I want a baby alive. And a bike. And a piano.
Love Your Frind,
Rhonda Nance

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am Fine and have been good. Please bring me a big wheel, b. b. gun.
Love,
Lee Roberts

Christmas Wishes

We're hoping this will be a warm, happy holiday . . . filled with lots of cheer!
Our gratitude for your kind support.

Bob's Quick Stop
WOLFFORTH
BOB'S 8 TIL LATE - NEW HOME

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

Here's an old-fashioned wish that's still right in style...may your holidays be the merriest!

THE PIT
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To all our customers, sincerest wishes for a Christmas that hums with complete joy and happiness. And for the pleasure of having served you, our thanks!

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WILSON, TEXAS

Greetings

To you - the merriment that comes with trimming the tree, waiting for Santa, opening his gifts. To you - a holiday season bright with good cheer and warm with good fellowship. And to you, our sincere and hearty thanks for your patronage.

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EXXON HUMBLE SERVICE STATION

Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
How are you I am fine, I believe in you and you are a nice man I think you for the doll last year. I still have it. This year I want a lot of britches this year. I hope you have a safe time. I am going

to see you a Globes. I have to go now.

Sincerely,
Kim Wenchborn

Dear Santa,
If I've been goos I eant this: A twon house, a Tape Recorder with tapes a Baby McGuffy, and a up stairs playhouse. Thank you for the trampoline you gave me last year. And I believe in you, but most of the kids in my room don't. In my stocking I want a Yellowstone Kelly. If you will.

Love
Lisa



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's coming down the slopes with holiday greetings... direct from us to all of you. Have a merry, cheery Christmas! Jolly thanks loyal patrons!

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Barbra Cooley

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Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a BB gun and a electric football fame that has seople and a TVmagic cards and thats what i want for Christmas and have a happy Christmas.

Pedro Zuniga

Dear Santa
I hope you have a BB gun and a .22 and a bike and a pool table and a big white christmas tree. Merry 'cChristmas Santa.

Your friend
Your Friend
Ricky Apolinar

Dear Santa
I hope you have a happy Christmas! I have been a good boy this yea and this is what I want for Christmas is a portable radio football helmet, virtey bird, walky talky, and that is all I want for Christas. And I wish you a merry Christmas!

Mark Wuensche
P.S. And I want some hotwhels in my stacking!

Dear Santa,
I want a girl bike and a long dress. I want a camera and pans. I want a typewriter.

Love
Janie

Dear Santa,
I like you very munch. I want a bike and a bee bee gun. I want you to come to the rron and see the christmas tree and see you in the roon and the children in the roon to working hard with Math and spelling and writing. I like you very munch Santa.

Love,
Jesse

Dear Santa,
I like you to give me a radio a bike and a big car and ten candy canes and hotrod. And I love you for a Mreey Christmas and I will see you Friday and

a happy New Year.

Love,
Frankie

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a 10 speed bike and some cars and a baseball and a football and some present and Santa live in Noth Pole and Santa my mother and my father and my siseters and my brothers me.

love Santa.
Love Ramon

Dear Santa.
I like a gun for me and I like a be be gun and I want sone cars and a typewriter fro my mother and a bike Ho Ho ho MerryChristmas and a happy new year.

Love you santa,
Louis

Dear Santa,
I want a 3 speed bike. I want a bebegun. I want a Dallas Cowboy suit. I want foure big truchs. I

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want a watch. I want football shoes size 2. I want tow pairs of boxing gloves. I want a camera.

Love
Ricky

Dear Santa,
I want a bebegun for Christmas and I want a electric train 25 feet long trak and remember m mana and dad.

Love Billy Ho ho ho mary christmas and a happy now year

Dear Santa,
I would like a bunkbed for christmas. Christmas means something to me. I like a doll for Christmas. You are so nice to me. Just if I could see you but I know you dont have time to see me. My little sister wants a teddy bear. for Chhrtmas I fill sad for my grandmother.

Love
Tammy



The Wise Men bore gifts from afar...but none more precious than our gift of caring. In the spirit of giving...our gratitude to you!

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LAPIDARY ARTS—CUSTOM GEMS AND JEWELRY

Christinnas Greetings

May sleighbells, laughter and the splendor of a snowy countryside bring you happy joys and a memorable Christmas.

Lyntegar Electric
And Employees

Letters to Santa



Dear Santa, I have bin a nice little boy I want a bike and a little car and a little boat.

Love,
Paul Alvarado

and s srillrs stick I have ben a nice girl. How are you? And give my mother a neckles and a ring and rap it In a box

Love
Pamela Patterson

Dear Santa, I want a sewing machinge and a w cone maker and a pogo stick

Dear Santa, I wish I has big truck, big ball litle car, litle gun, and a

Dear Santa, How are you dowing. I have been good. Are you comeing to my House? And I am going to school. I Love you Santa. I want a doll.

Love
Joe Garcia

Love
Margaret Garcia

Dear Santa, You are good. I want a doll and dress.

Love,
Mary Castillo

Dear Santa C leus, Pledse bring my brother and my little sister some toy and me and present My sister wat a dall brother wat a train I wat a foot-ball and a shrt drd a pes I Love Pedro Gutierrez I Love Santa Claus my father wat a gun a reld gun my mother wat a dres

Love Pedro

Dear Santat I like toy truack and I lik a toy train and I like a bike. Bring my Brother a bike. Bring my sister a bike.

Love
Paul Garcia

Dear Santa, I want a bike I want a pena I want a parry wasch I want a baby alive live

Dear Santa, I want a hot rod and a foot-ball

Dear Santa, I wish you give me a bike and bring me a b. b. gun and a trampoline and ten dollars to me what ever you want to give me for Christmas is orright.

Earnest Garcia

Dear Santa, I want a Dusty with all her

sports sets. The sun Shine Family and a deck of Magic Cards. The New Kelly. I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas. and a Happy New Year.

Your Friend,
Angie

Dear Santa, I hope you have a Merry Christmas. And I hope you have a safe trip. I would like for you to bring me a ping-pong table and a Baby Walker and a telephone in my bedroom and the kitchen that has a 30 ft. cord. Well, I have been a good girl, well I have to go bye-bye.

Sincerily,
Karla Kimbrell

Dear Santa, I would like you to give me a Barbie's pool party. I want to wish you a very merry christmas. I wish you a safe way here and back.

Sincerely,
Sharon

Dear Santa, I won't a trampoline or some hot wheels with a race track that all I want. Merry Christmas Santa!

Sincerely
Kendall

Dear Santa, I want a bow and arrow from you and a speed for my bike. I hope you have a nice trip. I hop I have a white Christmas.

Ricky Hall

Dear Santa, This year for christmas i wand about five boxes of 20 cadge shot gun shells. And a football healnent radio. And some lego blacks to bulie with. well thats about all.

Love
Nathan

P.S. Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.

Dear Santa, I hope you have a merry. I hope you get a .22 and a pear of walkie talkies and a minibike and I hop you have a merry Christmas.

Ricky Moczygamba

Dear Santa, I hope you have a safe trep. I want a .22 I have been good. And I want TV magiccards. I want a band for my guitar. Can I have this please.

Ricky Kahlich

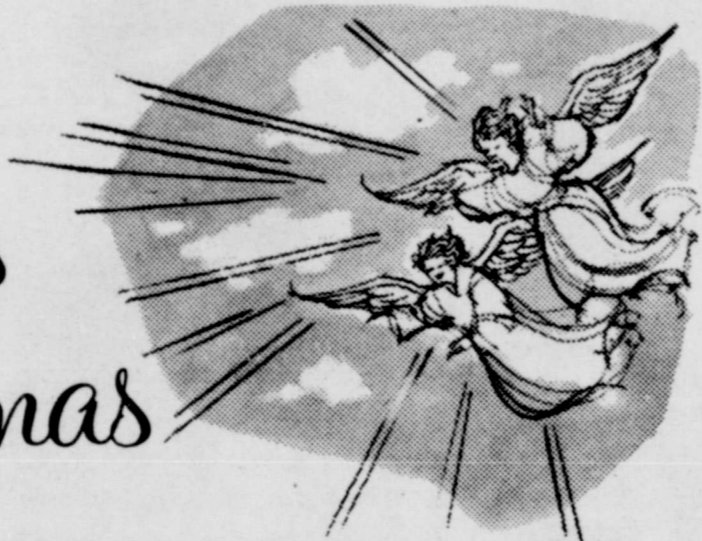
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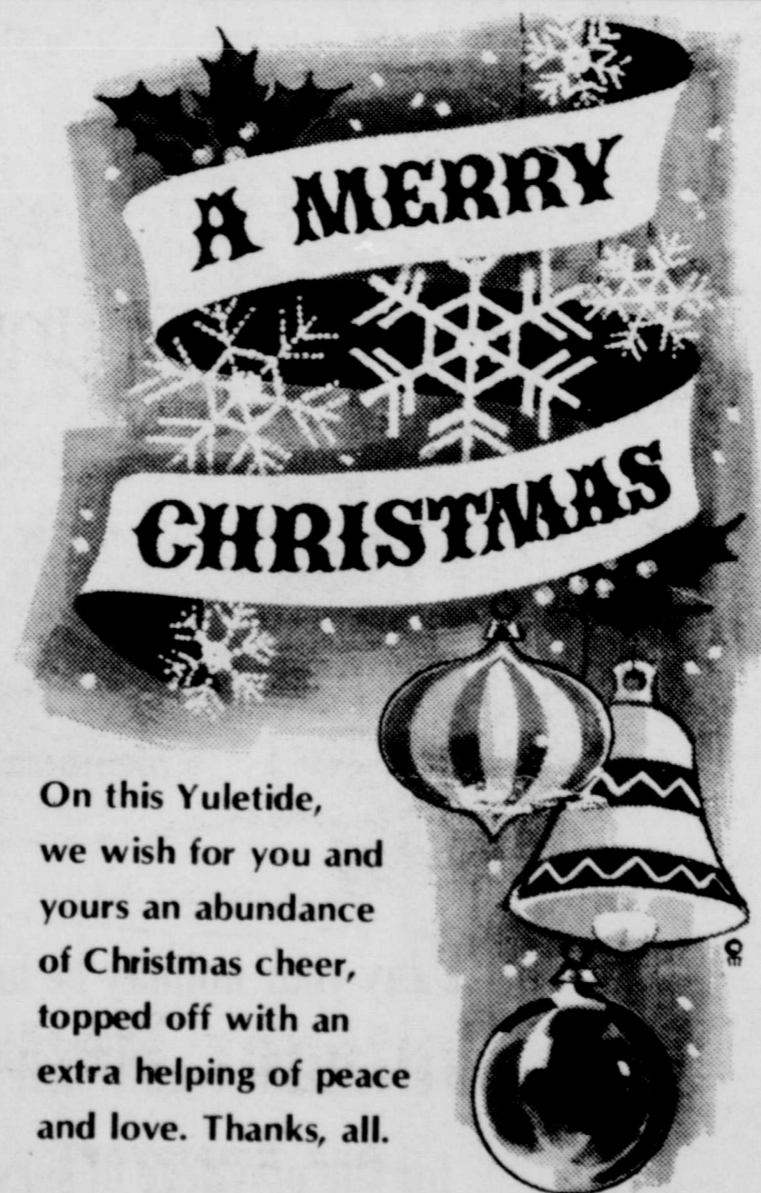


Merry Christmas

We sincerely wish you a holiday season full to overflowing with life's best. Thanks for giving us a very successful year.

Pins N' Needles

Peggy & Phil Jennings



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

Dude & Wade Holland

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



May your holiday be bright with happiness...warm with love and friendship...
and festive with the traditional joys of the season. To our many friends...a special "Thank you"
for the privilege of serving you. We pledge our best efforts to serve you better.

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

The Donkey, A Family Favorite

The donkey, or ass, was the most valuable animal to the biblical family, and also the most economical, since he ate only a quarter as much barley as a horse. The most menial of animals, he was famous for his stamina and sure-footedness. Humble as his status was, he would bear the cam-leer on his back, and lead the long, stately strings of camels across the desert.

Even poor families, like Joseph's of Nazareth, could afford one donkey, which they trimmed with blue beads and red wool to show their pride of ownership. This simple beast was their mode of transport into Bethlehem and later for the Flight into Egypt.

What Are the Facts About Christmas?

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

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

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

1. The first known Christmas card was designed in 1843 by an Englishman named:
 - (A) Charles Dickens
 - (B) Sir Henry Cole
 - (C) John Calcott Horsley
2. The first Christian Nativity feast, celebrating the birth of Christ, occurred in the fourth century on:
 - (A) January 6
 - (B) July 4

(C) December 25

3. Christmas did not become a legal holiday in the U.S. until:

- (A) The Puritans arrived in New England
- (B) 1856
- (C) Santa's Helpers Union went on strike.

4. The original name of the gentleman we know today as Santa Claus was:

- (A) Kris Kringle
- (B) Clement C. Moore
- (C) St. Nicholas

1. (C) is correct. Artist Horsley designed the first known Christmas greeting card for his friend, Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman. Charles Dickens had his share in Christmas 1843, too. His book, "A Christmas Carol," was published that year.

2. (A) is correct. At first, January 6, the Epiphany, was observed as the feast of Jesus' baptism, with a secondary emphasis on His birth. It was not until the 5th century A.D. that Christmas was generally celebrated on December 25.

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

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

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GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

As the Wise Men's journey brought them at last to Bethlehem . . . so may the Star that guided their way bring the light of peace and love into your life. Have a joyous Christmas. Sincere thanks to you all.

HUFFAKER & GREEN



Christmas JOY

May the spirit of Christmas peace be with you now and forever. Thank you for everything!

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DOROTHY AND MARY



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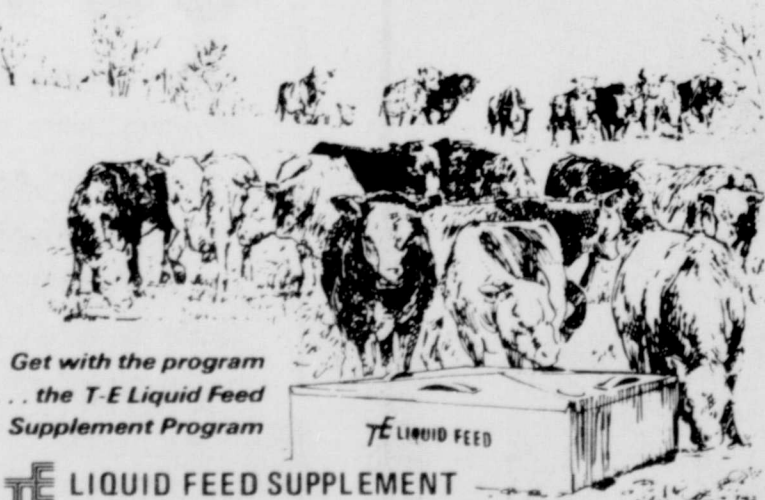
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Italy Celebrates Religious Christmas

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In the early years of the Christian faith, persecution made public observation of Christmas impractical, and it was not until several hundred years had passed that the birth of Christ was given an official date for celebration. It is by no means certain that December 25th is the actual anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but it was an appropriate date for the observance. It coincided with the Winter Solstice celebrations of long standing throughout the northern world, with the Roman Saturnalia, and with the Jewish Hannukah, Festival of Lights, providing a firm historical base, familiar to everyone in the then-known world, for a major festival.

EARLY CUSTOMS

It is not surprising, therefore, that many customs derived from earlier celebrations have become a part of the Christmas observance in Italy. The coming of the Winter Solstice, marking the beginning of longer days, was observed in pre-Christian times by the decoration of houses

with greens, and this custom, taking on added significance as a symbol of the rebirth of hope in the coming of Christ, is observed in Italy with sprigs of holly and mistletoe.

Similarly, the seasonal giving of gifts, already traditional in the Roman custom of giving branches

picked in the grove of the goddess Strenia was appropriately converted to the giving of "Strenne," Christmas or New Year's presents, following the later tradition of the gifts of the Magi to the Christ-Child and symbolizing the gifts to mankind brought by Jesus' birth.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORIGIN

The Christmas tree, which originated in Germany, has come slowly into popularity in Italy, especially in the north, but it had its forerunner, especially around Florence, in the Ceppi, or Christmas pyramids, composed of shelves of various sizes fixed to a pole. (The word "ceppo" means tree trunk and, by usage, a Christmas gift). On the shelves were placed

decorations of greens and small toys and presents.

It is possible that the ceppo may have been a replacement for the Yule log. But the burning of the Yule log, another custom of pre-Christian origin, is not unknown in Italy, where there is the pleasant legend that the Virgin Mary enters the homes of the humble at midnight, when the household is at Mass, to warm her newborn Child before the blazing log.

ITALY FOCAL POINT

The fact that Italy contained the capital of the Roman world and, as a logical result, the headquarters of the Christian Church, has given Christmas in Italy a particularly rich observance.



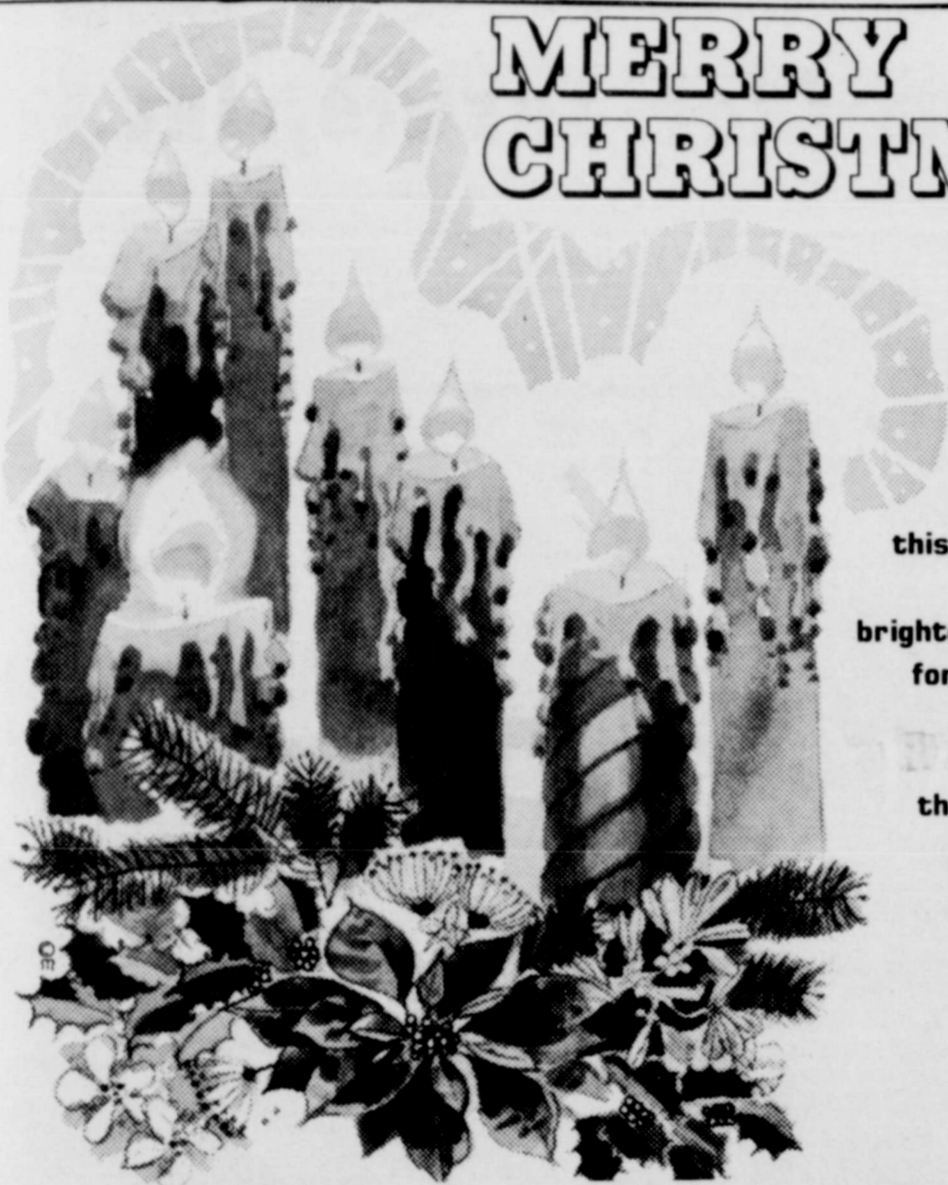
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JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

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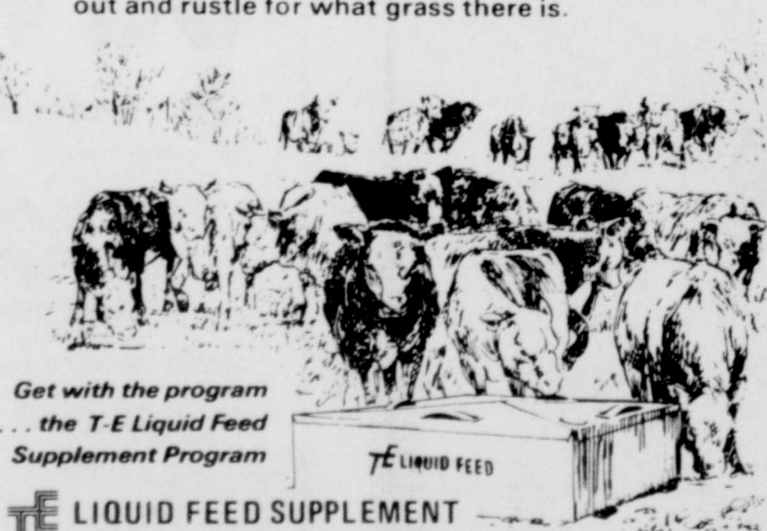
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In the early years of the Christian faith, persecution made public observation of Christmas impractical, and it was not until several hundred years had passed that the birth of Christ was given an official date for celebration. It is by no means certain that December 25th is the actual anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but it was an appropriate date for the observance. It coincided with the Winter Solstice celebrations of long standing throughout the northern world, with the Roman Saturnalia, and with the Jewish Hannukah, Festival of Lights, providing a firm historical base, familiar to everyone in the then-known world, for a major festival.

EARLY CUSTOMS

It is not surprising, therefore, that many customs derived from earlier celebrations have become a part of the Christmas observance in Italy. The coming of the Winter Solstice, marking the beginning of longer days, was observed in pre-Christian times by the decoration of houses

with greens, and this custom, taking on added significance as a symbol of the rebirth of hope in the coming of Christ, is observed in Italy with sprigs of holly and mistletoe.

Similarly, the seasonal giving of gifts, already traditional in the Roman custom of giving branches

picked in the grove of the goddess Strenia was appropriately converted to the giving of "Strenne," Christmas or New Year's presents, following the later tradition of the gifts of the Magi to the Christ-Child and symbolizing the gifts to mankind brought by Jesus' birth.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORIGIN

The Christmas tree, which originated in Germany, has come slowly into popularity in Italy, especially in the north, but it had its forerunner, especially around Florence, in the Ceppo, or Christmas pyramids, composed of shelves of various sizes fixed to a pole. (The word "ceppo" means tree trunk and, by usage, a Christmas gift). On the shelves were placed decorations of greens and small toys and presents.

It is possible that the ceppo may have been a replacement for the Yule log. But the burning of the Yule log, another custom of pre-Christian origin, is not unknown in Italy, where there is the pleasant legend that the Virgin Mary enters the homes of the humble at midnight, when the household is at Mass, to warm her newborn Child before the blazing log.

ITALY FOCAL POINT

The fact that Italy contained the capital of the Roman world and, as a logical result, the headquarters of the Christian Church, has given Christmas in Italy a particularly rich observance.



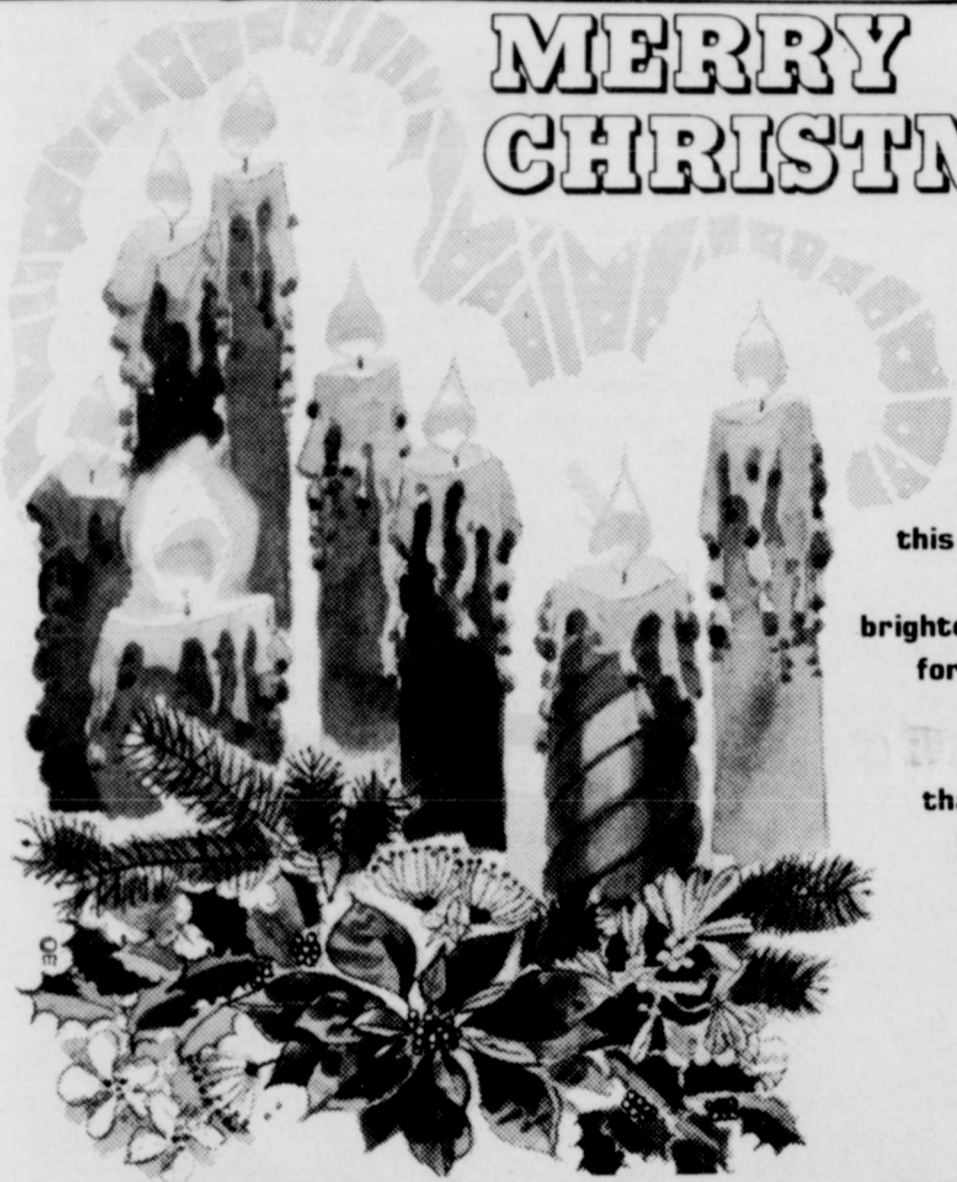
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I Love you Santa Claus, Michele Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pretty toys, and for my bruthr, I Love yuo, Santa claus, My name is Freddie Lee Scott

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pretty doll, and a top and a baby radle for me baby his name is billiy

Thank you, your friend, Love Patricia

Dear Santa, I wants a bike and for my sister a doll. And for my brother he wants a toy car. I have a nuther sister and she wants a fur coat. I have a nuther bother and he wants a coat and my step sister wants a haer trier and my step brother wants a ten spede bike and my Mother wants a vackum clener and for my Father he wants a tule box.

Love Cloey Chancy

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pretty doll whith lots of close. And two sleeping bag and two bikes. And a gost gun. I want lots of cady. And one little bike whith traning weels. And some pans for me. starlite buton plats for my mathor. And some work-boots

love, Kathy Cook

Dear Santa, I want a pretty little bike and a truck. For me and my brother to play at home. with the little bike and the little truck. with my brother then when I come to school I will lot the bike at home

Jimmy

Dear Sant Dear Santa Claus, I want a pretty bike and a pretty doll and a pretty ball

Love you santa claus, Rosie M.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pretty doll and some dishes

Love, Connie

Deor Santa Claus, I want a pretty toy hous and i wich my get a hors and i wich my sitr get a toy big doll Thank you

Your friend, Love Rafael

Dear santa Claus, I want a little truck to play at home and one little car to and a watch to and a stacing full of candy to and a ari plane to.

Tony Selines

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pretty car for me, I wonta stcken of candys,

Love santa David Valdez Dec 9, 1974

Dear santa Claus, I want a b-b gun and a five spead bike and lots of candy. I don't know if I can have it all. And I want a good yo-yo. Mary Christmas

your friend Kelly Draper

Dear Santa, I want a pretty brown BB gun and I want a machik hat and a machik won and a new bike and want a lachet plane and a lachet car. And I want my sister to get a games and me

Thank you your friend... Love Vince C.

Dear Santa Cleus, I want a pretty toys. I wanta tcken of santa

Love santa George Liendo

Dear santa Claus, I want a prtty Bike and a new little car to play at my home And in side the house But now was a new day for a fire cacr

Thach you your Larry

Dear Santa Claus, I want a pretty dog, Santa will you brang me gun Santa will you brang me a wich Santa Claus i wot a Dallska Santa Claus i wot

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Reginald Quincy

Dear Santa, You are nies In The south plains mall I told you want I wanted

A doll and blaket and i forgot to tal you I want a watch I Love you Santa

Your trend, Latricia

Dear Santa, I want a doll I have bin nice little girl I want a dog Love, Nita Stice

Christmas Wishes

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Past Days In
Lynn County

Copied from December 12, 1941

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl nine years old. Please bring me a pair of riding boots; also a fountain pen, coloring book, candy, fireworks, and anything else you want to bring me.

Your little friend,
LaJean Moore

Your little friend,
Billye Wanita Ball

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a truck, streamlined train, and a tractor. Please send mother and daddy something too.

Thank you,
Rollin McCord, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have tried to be good. Will you please bring me a fitted bag house coat, houseshoes, lots of candy and nuts. Be sure and don't forget my little brother. H wants forget my little brother. He wants a little car and my little sister wants a bicycle.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy two years old. Please bring me a little red tricycle, football, some house shoes and a robe. And Santa you might throw in a tractor like my granddaddy John's. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
John Ed Redwine

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll with some clothes and a doctor's kit and a little fiddle if you can find one. Bring my little sister a little car that she can ride in. Don't forget my little brother He wants a little gun and rocking horrsr and a little train.

Love,
Patsy and Jo Montgomery
Rt. 3

P. S. Don't forget the candy, fruits, and nuts.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a baby doll buggy and a little drum that makes lots of noise.

Your little friend,
Tommye Sue Short

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me honey cookies, Brazil nuts, tractor, plows, barn and stock, Billy Whiskers, scissors, and firecrackers.

Roger Hensley
Rt. 2

Dear Santa Claus:

We have been two good little girls this year. I Bertha Marie would like for you to bring me a Betsey Wetsey doll, a blackboard, a nurse's kit, a little telephone. I Drucilla want a Betsey Wetsey doll, a telephone and a cooking set. Be sure to bring us plenty of nuts, fruits, and candy.

Lots of Love,
Bertha Marie and Drucilla Cook

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a rubber doll baby, a little piano some ABC blocks and also a negro doll. Bring my baby sister, Nancy Lee a little rubber doll. I also want some candy, fruit, and nuts.

I Love You,
Sara Beth Nelms

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a scabbard and a gun and some caps, also a football. And also lots of fruits, nuts and candy.

Your friend,
Calvin Dean Murry

Please bring me a tricycle, Please bring me a tricycle, a wagon train, candy, fruit, and nuts.

Your pals,
M.L., Jr. and James Claud
Kuykendall

Dear Santa;

Please bring me a heart bracelet and scrapbook. And bring me lots of fruit, nuts, and candy.

Your friend,
Clodell Murry

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Past Days In Lynn County

Past Dyas copied from December 10, 1937:

Dear Santa:

I am writing a letter to you to bring me a tricycle, a little tool box, a little accordion, and that is all I want. O yes I want you to please fill my stocking with nuts, candy, and that is all.

Your friend,
Marshall Lane Shelton

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl four years old. I live at Grassland, I have been good, so please bring me a doll with a bottle, a doll truck, doll clothes, and a tricycle. Don't forget Mother and Daddy.

Joan Thomas

Here is one from a little boy, written by his own hand.

Lynn County News

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 6 years old. I live at Grassland. Please bring me a wagon and a bicycle and fruit and fireworks. I will be good.

Billie Loren Thomas

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a wagon and a blackboard and a desk and some nuts and some candy. I have been a good boy. And bring all the other boys and girls something. Brother has been a good boy, so bring him a tricycle and a little car and shot gun. That is all. And Billie Ruth has been a good girl so bring her a little negro doll; and a set of dishes, and a doctor suit case, and a little table.

Your friend,
Tommy Gene Hewlett

Dear Santa Claus:

I hope you have a happy visit to every child. Please bring me a Shirley Temple doll, a drum, two drum sticks, a little piano and stool, a doll suit case and doll clothes, and a pair of skates if you have them. I want a key to go with my skates, I am Jane Donaldson from Tahoka, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a bicycle. That is all I want.

Your friend,
Claude Donaldson

Dear Santa Claus:

I a good little boy most of the time and I like you alot. Will you please stop at my house Christmas and leave me a tri-

Thursday, December 19, 1974

cycle, a little red wagon, a little tractor, car and truck and plenty of nuts, fruits, and candy. Please don't forget any little children this Christmas.

Your little friend,
Harold Gene Short

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I have been a good little girl. I help mother all I can, so will you please bring me a doll, little set of dishes, and a little table and doll bed and don't forget Mother and Daddy and Grandma and Grandpa Bratcher.

Your little friend,
Claudell Murry

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 3 years old and am a good baby. Will you please bring me a little dump truck a little red wagon and a gun and don't forget all other little children and don't forget to bring me some candy nuts and fruit.

Your little friend,
Alvin Dean Murry

Dear Santa Claus:

We are two boys seven and eight years old. We have tried to be real good boys so that you might bring us a pony for Christmas. Both of us want a cowboy suit and a B-B gun together. Please bring us some fireworks, too.

James Ceave and Billy Jack Barrington

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a merry go round a football and plenty of nuts fruits and cany. Don't forget to visit all the other little boys and girls. I am a little boy seven years old and live close to Dixie.

Your friend,
Alfred Arnold

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a very good little girl. I am one and a half years old. I want a doll that will cry, a doll buggy, a set of Mickey Mouse dishes, and a pedal bike. Please bring lots of fruit, candy and nuts.

Fern Ellen Barrington

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl six years old. Please bring me a sewing machine, a French harp, and a doll and lots of fruit and candy. Please don't forget to visit grandma and grandpa.

Your friend,
LaVerne Arnold

BAN ON MISTLETOE

Mistletoe is almost never one of the greens used in church decorations, because it has always been considered pagan, as the badge of the Druid.



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

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

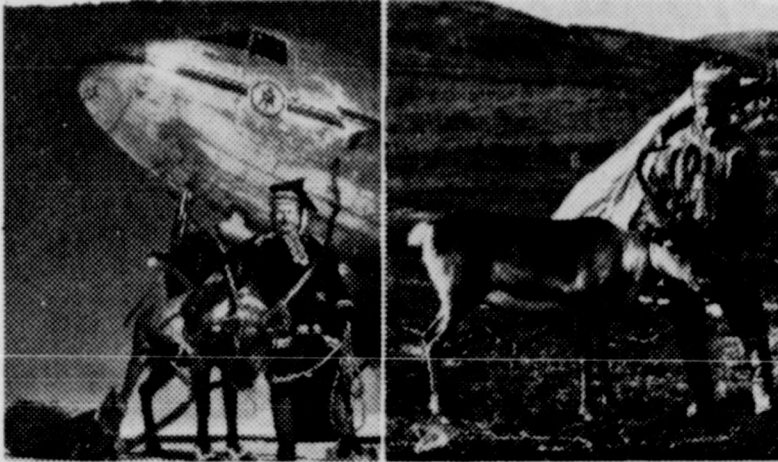
Lapps are closely associated with reindeer, on which they have depended for a large part of their livelihood since prehistoric times.

The early Lapp religion was shamanistic, featuring a priest, or shaman, who divined the secrets of good

hunting, fishing, reindeer grazing, and other matters of importance to the people, while in a state of trance. Beautifully decorated "magic drums" were a means of inducing the trances and are characteristic of early Lapp culture.

CHRISTIAN CONVERSION

Large scale conversion to Christianity did not occur among the Lapps until the 17th Century. This fact combined with the exces-



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

sively tough conditions of the northern winter tended to prevent the development of Christmas customs as we know them — the church gatherings, decoration of homes and trees, the giving of gifts, and elaborate feasts. The Lapps' chief festivals came in spring and autumn with the occasions of marketing, when the products of the reindeer herds and furs from hunting were exchanged for other products.

However, 17th Century manuscripts describe one Lapp Christmas custom which has a parallel in many lands and which re-

minds one of putting out cookies and milk near the chimney for Santa Claus. The old documents tell of a "sacrifice" to the "Yuletide People," spirits which were believed to fly about over the earth and which

may have originated in a pre-Christian observance of the Winter Solstice.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

On Christmas Eve there was a fast, and the food which would have been eaten was set aside. On Christmas Day this food, including samples of everything to be eaten on Christ-

mas, was packed in a small boat-shaped basket of birch and hung upon a tree. In this manner the Yuletide People could partake of the feast like everyone else.

In modern times, with many Lapps living a more settled life in permanent communities, the observance of Christmas is becoming indistinguishable from that of other northern Scandinavians. Today's Christmas tree among the Lapps had its forerunner in the tree-hung sacrifice to the Yuletide People.

POPE'S YULE INSTRUCTIONS

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

ST. NICK RESTORED

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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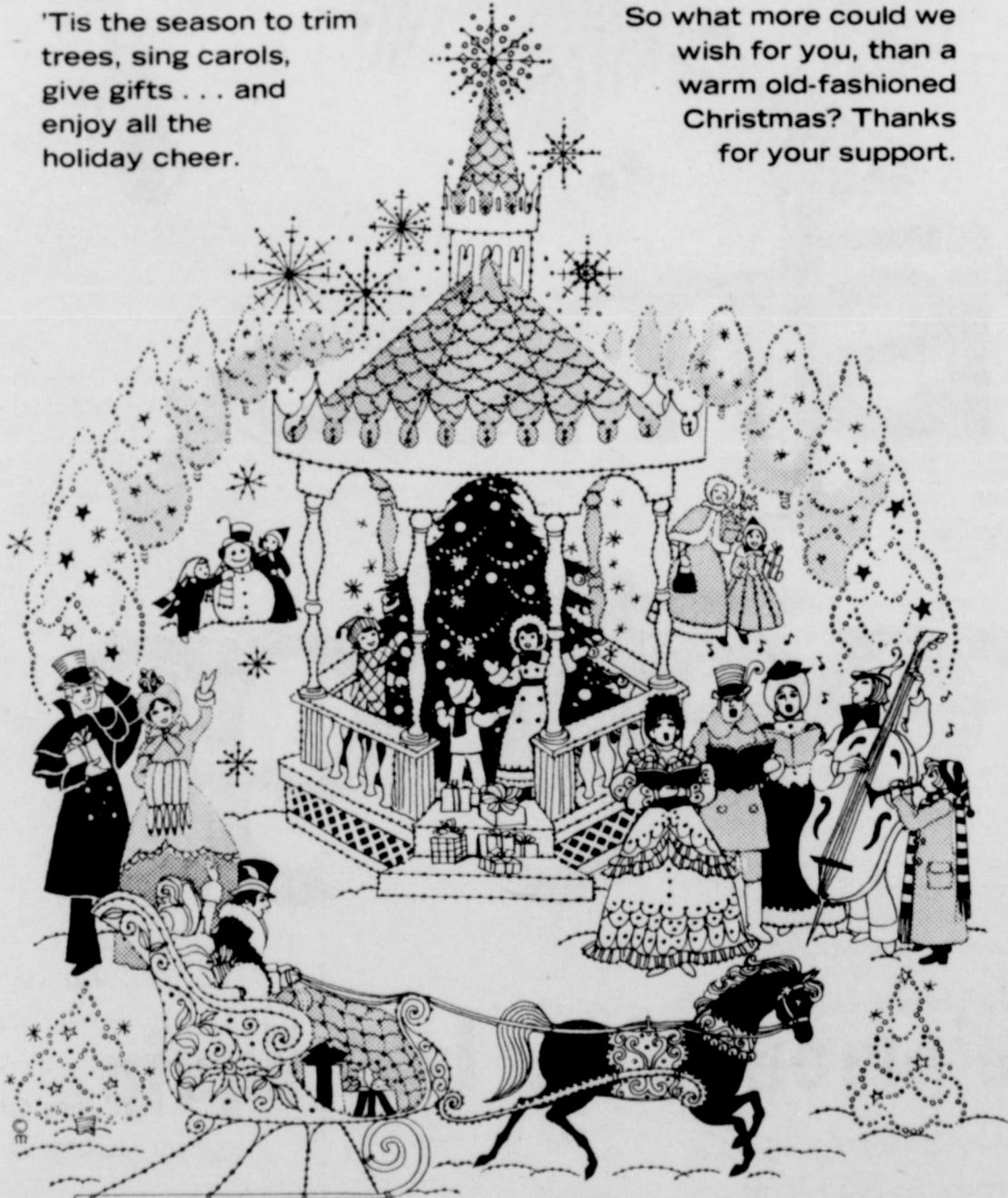
and friends a happy holiday. May it be one to treasure. Extra special thanks.

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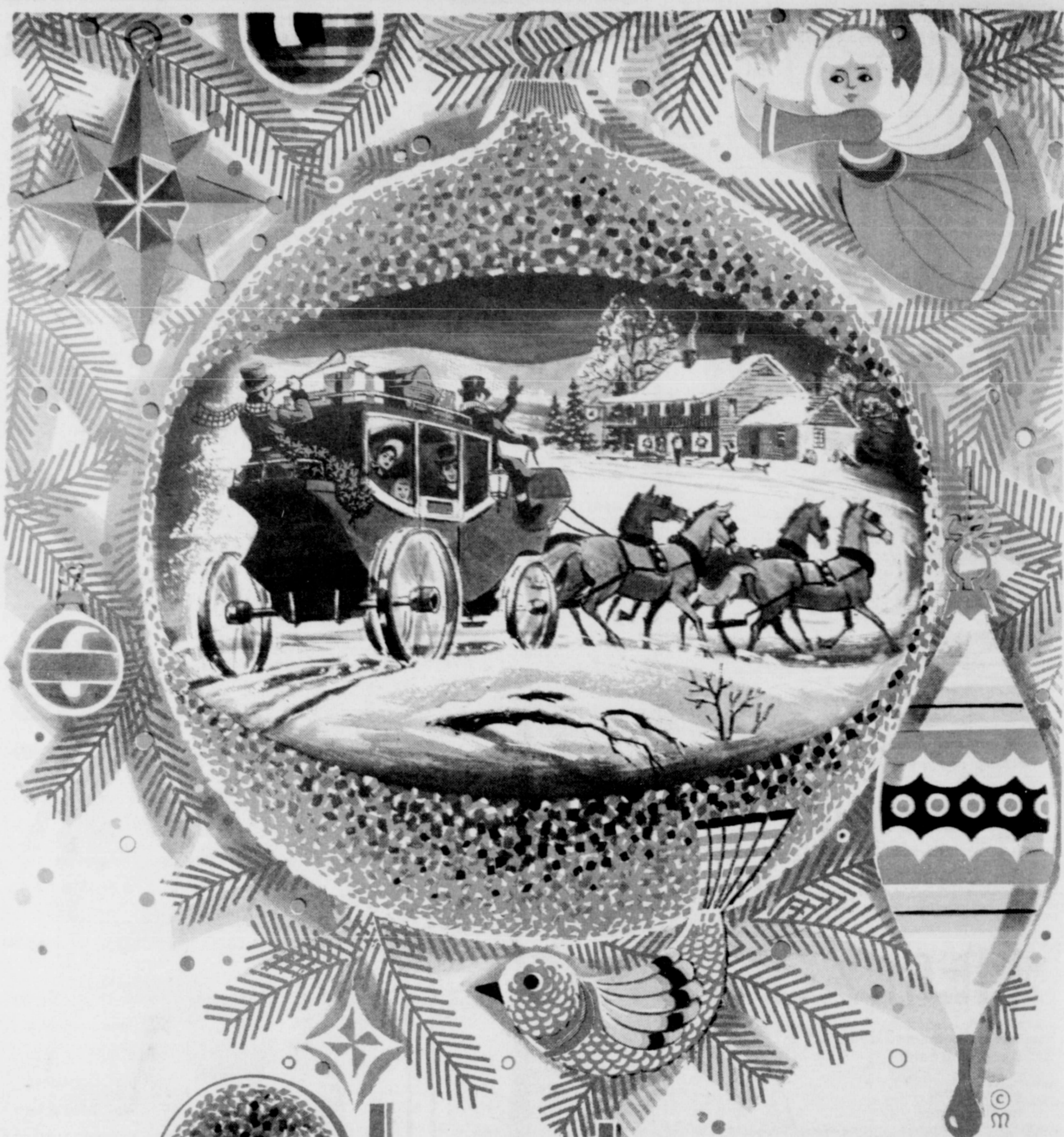
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