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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## Joyous Message of Christmas Lives Anew As Manger Scenes Symbolize Holy Night

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." — Luke 2: 15-16.

Thus, in the New Testament, Luke tells the story of humble shepherds watching in the fields — shepherds to whom the herald angels brought "good tidings of great joy" that they might seek and find the Infant Saviour. In still another Biblical account of the Nativity, Matthew writes of the Wise Men, who followed a Star to Bethlehem.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him. And . . . they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." — Matthew 2: 11

At Christmas, as Christians everywhere celebrate the birth of Christ in church and home devotions, the story of the Nativity is told and retold — but it never grows old. Always, the well-remembered words of two of his disciples, Matthew and Luke, seem to resound with renewed meaning and inspiration, bringing to all some measure of that awe and wonder experienced by the shepherds and the wise men, long ago.

And now, as then, the supreme, the all-absorbing moment in the sacred story is that moment at the manger when first "they saw the young Child with Mary His mother."

### St. Francis Planned for First Creche

In the miracle of the manger, in the Madonna and Child, mankind sees an ever-present reminder of the love of God, the glory and promise of Christmas. Each year, as Christians return in heart and spirit to Bethlehem and the manger, the joyous message lives anew. In cities, churches and homes, manger scenes symbolize once again the birth of a holy Child.

The treasured tradition of re-creating the manger has a long and notable history. The first creche or crib, scholars say, was erected by St. Francis of Assisi and his brethren, in

the tiny Italian village of Greccio in 1223.

As the people of the town gathered about the manger, the first Christmas carols were sung — joyous songs in honor of the Saviour's birth. St. Francis felt that, through the manger scene and the cheery Christmas songs, even the humblest member of the congregation could participate more fully in the observance of Christmas.

### Re-Creating the Nativity in Art. Song

Through the years, the meaning of the manger has been enriched by hundreds of thousands of reverent re-creations.

Both craftsmen and artists have been inspired by the manger, and have shared their inspiration with many. The Madonna and Child appear again and again in countless famous paintings, and the Christmas creche in miniature, created by the loving hands of skillful craftsmen, is a precious tradition in many lands, in many homes.

In song, too, "The young Child with Mary His mother" lives anew. Gathering around the manger scene, glad voices joyfully carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright, round your Virgin Mother and Child . . ."

## Servicemen Visit Here

around  muleshoe with the journal staff

Life in Viet Nam, the cold cruel Vietnamese war and the sincere desire for freedom and the determination to reach this goal at any price was brought closer to home through a visit of two young servicemen from that country.

Also a vision of the United States' newest state, Hawaii, was given by another serviceman, Fulgencio Ragudo, Maui, Hawaii.

All three are guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watson and their servicemen sons, Don, Benny and Leon. Harvey Bass was host for a "Welcome to Muleshoe" meeting Friday afternoon at Harvey Bass Appliance where city officials and business men gathered to welcome them to Muleshoe and hear their story of Viet Nam, the war, and their

impressions of America. The Vietnamese, Van Dinh Tung, 26 and Ha Tam Thai, 24, told something of the life in their country.

Tam Thai first lived in North Viet Nam and over four years ago he decided to go to South Viet Nam to see if things were as they were being told. After staying among people for a while, he joined the military number of battles.

"Freedom," Tam Thai said, "is something we must have . . . freedom from communism." Life in South Viet Nam is different, however, it is much different in the United States. For instance, when we were asked to come to Muleshoe for Christmas leave before going back to Viet Nam, we were amazed. Our country is busy, our families are close, but there is

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## Washington Trips For Winners

All expense paid trips to the nation's capitol city will be awarded to winners of an oratorical contest was announced this week by D. B. Lancaster, manager, of Bailey County Electric Cooperative.

The contest is open to any boy or girl at least 16 years of age See TRIPS on Page 10

Since Christmas day falls on Sunday this year, Monday has been declared a legal holiday.

Stores, banks and offices will be closed and resume business operations at regular time Tuesday, December 27.

William Stephen Moss III, petty officer, second class, Mrs. Moss and son flew in from Key West, Fla. for the Christmas holidays with the W. S. Moss', the parents of William Moss III. He is stationed with the United States Navy in Key West.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Splawn's son, Kenneth from West Texas and also Francis Glibreath's sons, Bill and Terry are home for the holidays. Also Dick Pylant, ENMU, son of the Gordon Pylants is home.

Mike Foster, Charles Jones See MULESHOE on Page 10

## Prices to be Hiked

Members of the Muleshoe Independent School District Board had a full docket at the meeting held Monday.

A resume of taxes collected, penalties, and interest collected, and outstanding taxes, was given. Sale of buildings approved, the football schedule for the 1967 season and the 1967-68 school calendar was approved and a review of the lunch room situation was among the most important topics of business.

After a review of rising cost of lunchroom operations it was concluded that prices of meals will have to be increased starting with the second semester. The amount of this increase will be determined after a comparison is made of the income and costs of the lunchroom program for the first semester. At the present time, calculations reveal that the lunchroom fund is running between \$3,000 and \$4,000 in the red since the beginning of the school year. Factors creating this situation are labor, reduction of government commodities, increase in free lunches and in-

crease in food prices. Eighteen women lunchroom workers are employed in the

### Contest Winners Announced

Two-hundred-fifty persons entered the Fry and Cox Christmas trees weight and value contest.

K. H. Cox, Route 3, Muleshoe was winner of \$5, given for guessing nearest actual weight of the tree. His guess was 2,150 pounds and the weight was 2,138 pounds. A tie for the value of merchandise making up the tree was between Finis Jennings, Route 1, Muleshoe and L. M. Smith, Route 1, Muleshoe. Both guessed the value at \$1,200 and the value was \$1,187.75. The tree was made of Rotary Hoes and decorated with the traditional trimming. The tree was displayed in the window at Fry and Cox during the holiday season.

system, plus cafeteria supervisor, maintenance of building which includes janitors work and supplies, repairs, water, gas, electricity, sewer and telephone.

Government commodities have been reduced the past year and for the current year by one-third.

The Cafeterias have served 344 more free meals in November of 1966 than in November of 1965.

During the past year, food costs have gone up to 30 percent. Cost of milk increased 1¢ per 1/2 pint which equals 16 cents per gallon. Reimbursement from the government is only received from milk sold with Type A lunches in all schools and the Special Milk Program in the Elementary school. Reimbursement rate is 5¢ per 1/2 pint of milk served with the Type A lunches and 4¢ for the Elementary Special Milk Program. There is no reimbursement on adult milk. Present meal prices are 30¢ for grades one through three; 35¢ for grades fourth and fifth;

40¢ for grades six through twelve and 50¢ for adult meals. See PRICES on Page 10

### Postmaster Warns Against Pranks

Mail boxes are protected by Federal law, and pranksters or vandals who damage or destroy the boxes and their contents may be in for a heavy fine or imprisonment, Postmaster Beavers warned today.

The Postmaster noted that some 25,000 mail receptacles were damaged or destroyed in the past year. It was also noted that 2,641 persons were arrested in the year up to June 30 for damaging or destroying mail receptacles.

Postmaster Beavers quoted from the law: "Whoever willfully or maliciously injures, tears down or destroys any letter box or other receptacle intended or used for the receipt or delivery of mail or any See POSTMASTER on Page 10



HONORARY CITIZENS.—Visiting servicemen Fulgencio Ragudo, Maui, Hawaii, Ha Tam Thai and Van Dinh Tung are being presented these plaques by Mayor pro-tem Irvin St. Clair (front row). Others pictured are Leon Watson, Harvey Bass, Benny Watson and Don Watson.

## Elva Taylor, Ted Weaver Repeat Vows

Double ring wedding vows were read between Elva Louise Taylor and Teddy Mack Weaver in the chapel of the First Methodist Church with the pastor of the Church, the Rev. J. Frank Peery, officiating.

Nuptials were read at 8 p.m. December 22. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Kelton, Muleshoe, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Weaver, Levelland.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose an ice blue and white tweed, two-piece

suit and added silver accessories.

Serving the groom as best man was his twin brother, Fred, Dallas.

Danna Gralla, friend of the bride, was matron of honor.

Ushers were Richard Kelton, brother of the bride, and Woody Weaver, brother of the groom, Weatherford, Okla.

Paula Carter, pianist, Muleshoe, provided appropriate wedding selections.

A reception followed the ceremony in the parlor of the First Methodist Church.

The bride attends Muleshoe High School and has attended Jesse Lee's and is a graduate of McBrides Beauty School. She is employed at Hazel's Stylette.

The groom is a 1964 graduate of Texas Tech and is employed at Mary DeShazo Elementary School as fifth grade teacher. The couple will live at 1612 Ave. B.

## Church Has Yule Party; Gift Exchange

Members of the First Christian Church met Thursday night for their Christmas party and rehearsal for the Christmas program which will be given Sunday instead of the regular morning worship services.

Each member brought a gift for the Goodfellows to give to a worthy person. A member of the Goodfellows was present to explain to the children how their gifts would be given to a child who otherwise would have no Christmas.

Each teacher presented her class with a gift from under the Christmas tree which Santa Claus passed out to the children upon his arrival.

Christmas carols were sung and sandwiches and cookies were served to those present.

## Mary Flores Named Favorite

Mary Flores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David N. Flores and the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Juan P. Farias was recently named all-school favorite.

Election of favorites was made at Mathis High School.

## Hi, World!



CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fowler on the birth of a baby girl born in the Green Memorial Hospital Dec. 21 at 12 midnight and weighed 8-8.

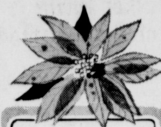
# Society News

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS—Tani will be a Merry Christmas at the Gordon Murrays home Sunday with 3 tumble weeds decorating their lovely farm home. Tani, pictured here, came up with the idea and she and her mother searched the barrow ditches for pretty tumble weeds. The weeds were sprayed with flocking and decorated with Christmas balls and silver tinsel. A color wheel stands near by to provide different lighting effects for the tree. Tani is in the sixth grade at Jr. High. (JOURNAL PHOTO)



## Plant Wins Yule Favor

One plant particularly favored at Christmas in the United States and Canada is the poinsettia. The holiday colors of this green shrub with its star-shaped red clusters make it an appropriate symbol of the season.

If it had not been for the interest of an American diplomat, Dr. Joel Poinsett of Charleston, S. C., the poinsettia might never have attained popularity. Serving as the first U. S. minister to Mexico in 1825, Dr. Poinsett discovered this tropical plant.

Impressed with its beauty, he brought it back to the United States and introduced it into cultivation. Later, the plant was named the "poinsettia" in his honor.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906. Since then, it has become a favorite Yuletide decoration.

If you are the lucky recipient of a poinsettia for Christmas you will probably be very interested in keeping it as pretty as possible.

Given proper care the colorful bracts and the dark green foliage can provide attractive colors for your Christmas decor through out the holiday season.

This plant will do best when placed in a sunny spot in your house and protected from sudden temperature changes caused by drafts, heat vents, or opening doors. Night temperature should not drop below 60 F.

Proper watering techniques can do much to prolong the life of the poinsettia. Due to the low humidity in most homes and the large leaf surface of the plant, the water requirements are high. The soil should not be allowed to become so dry that the leaves start to wilt.

On the other hand, the soil must not be kept too wet since this cuts off the oxygen supply and results in the loss of feeder roots. Often the pots are covered with foil to make the plants more attractive. Be sure to check if the drainage hole in

See PLANT on p 6

## GOURMET COOK



Mrs. Don Harmon . . . remits candy recipe

## Peanut Brittle Candy Is Housewives Favorite

Mrs. Don Harmon has a nice batch of peanut brittle candy made and feels like during the holiday season would be a good time to release this particular recipe. Mrs. Harmon is a member of the Llano Estacado Civic Club, a member of Caprock Girl Scout organization where she is Brownie Leader of troop 328. The Harmons are members of the Church of Christ, and have 3 children, Mark, 5, Connie, 6, and Don-ann, 8.

Following is her recipe for peanut brittle candy. 2 cups sugar

1 cup white karo  
1/2 cup water  
Put on stove and boil 4 minutes and add:  
4 cups raw peanuts  
1 teaspoon salt  
Pour into candy and cook until it turns brown, about 15 or 20 minutes. Do not under cook. Stir while cooking and remove from stove and add 1 heaping teaspoon soda. Stir well and add 1/3 pound ribbon coconut and stir. Put in greased surface, 18x18.  
Mrs. Harmon's hobbies are church work, sewing and playing bridge.

## Hospital Has Christmas Party

Staff and personnel and families of the West Plains Hospital enjoyed their annual Christmas party held at the First Baptist Church Monday at 7 p.m.

The party was entitled, "Christmas Fair," with each person being issued a pass and games were played accordingly.

Children's games were a fishing pond and others which awarded prizes for skill on the children's part.

Adult games such as musical package game, balloon race and also prize winning games, were played.

Santa Claus arrived at the scene bringing gifts and cheer to the little ones as well as adults.

Mozelle Durrett was the winner of the candy guessing game and Kay Tiller won the door prize which was an electric blanket.

Hospital personnel presented Dr. Hufford, Dr. McDaniel and Dr. Birdson individual valets.

Following gift exchange, refreshments of punch and cookies were served to those attending.



# Merry Christmas

The joyous Christmas Season is here, filling our hearts with its spirit of happiness and good cheer. May you enjoy an abundance of pleasures among family and friends. And please add our sincere greeting for a very, Merry Christmas.

## POOL INSURANCE AGENCY

**Greetings**

Like jolly old Santa himself, we've a pack of good wishes for a holiday season that will long be remembered for its good cheer, and its enduring happiness.

**NICKELS GINS**  
**CENTRAL COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE**

**Cheers**

Christmas joys to girls and boys . . . to all their Moms and Daddies, too!

Collector  
**Jean Lovelady**  
Deputy  
**EVADNA FOSTER**  
**ELAINE HART**





**PRESENTS GIFT**—Debbie West and Vickie Kemp are shown presenting their teacher, Ted Weaver with a silver plate for a wedding gift. Weaver was married to Elva Taylor Thursday night. The fifth grade room had a party for their teacher Wednesday afternoon and presented him the engraved plate.

(JOURNAL PHOTO)

**Rachel Farias Feted on Birthday**

Holy Mass was held in the Catholic Church here yesterday, Saturday, at 3 p.m. on Miss Rachel Farias' 15th birthday. Miss Farias is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan P. Farias.

Escorts of honor were Bertha Ekizarraraz, Susan Vela, Mary Lou Flores, Rosalinda Plata, Mary Lou Baca, Mary Ann Garcia, Santiago Lozano, Ophelia Rowers, Patsy Roers, Lupe Toscano, Jane Gutierrez, Adela DeLeon, Rosa Rodriguez, and Margaret Yberra.

Hostesses for the event were Isabel N. Flores, Rosa M. Dominguez, Tema N. Flores, Ermelinda Elizarraraz, Irma Leal, Nina Chaudia Zapata, and Nina Alma Leal.

Father Robert O'Leary will be in charge of services.

**Civic Club Sings Carols To Shut-ins**

Llano Estacado Civic Club had their Christmas social at the home of Vickie Young Tuesday night with 17 members present.

The group went caroling to homes of shut-ins.

Following caroling at homes, the group went back to Mrs. Young's home where they enjoyed hot cider and coffee and homemade candy, nuts, apricot confections, lizies and sand tarts.

Women attending were Sharon Wolfington, Wanda Harmon, Jo Harmon, Sandy Turner, Vickie Young, Skeet Bliss, Diana Jack, Diana Crooks, Clara Sudduth, Jo Dean Neal, Mary Watkins, Pat King, Nelda Hunt, Bobbie Nell Dunham, Jaquita White, Alva Lee Peeler and Darlene Henry.

**Mills Machine Shop Has Yule Party**

Employees and families of Mills Machine Shop enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Paul's Fine Foods last Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Following the dinner gifts were exchanged between employees and children received gifts. Los Mills was presented a Remington 12 gauge shot gun by the employees and his wife was presented a musical jewelry box.

The table carried out Christmas theme with a candle entwined with greenery. A Christmas tree added to the decor.

Approximately 55 attended the party.



**WHISPER IN SANTA'S EAR**—Gwendolyn Hamm whispers in Santa's ear Thursday morning just what she would like to see under her Christmas tree Sunday morning. The line was quite long at Mrs. Jackie Tate's Kindergarten Class as other pupils stood in line to talk to the jolly gent. Refreshments were served and gifts exchanged.

(JOURNAL PHOTO)

**Littlefield Rites Unite Miss Richey, Mr. Olson**

Marilynn Richey and Chris Olson were united in marriage in the Crescent Park Church of Christ in Littlefield, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. in a double ring ceremony. Bob Wear, officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John Richey and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Olson of Waynoka, Okla.

The bride, escorted by her father, descended the aisle in a formal length gown of candlelight silk linen, designed with v-neckline, elbow length sleeves, and an A-line skirt. The empress bodice was accented with a self fabric bow. The detachable train which was secured at the shoulders, fell chapel length. A silk linen pillbox held an elbow length lace edged amantilla. She wore an heirloom lovelier which her grandmother and her mother wore in their weddings. She also wore the traditional blue garter.

The bridal bouquet was a cascade of white French carnations, stephanotis, mileum and English ivy.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Bonnie Lou Richey, sister of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Miss Billie Ruth Richey, also sister

of the bride. Miss Winnie Wallace of Baytown, Tex. was bridesmaid.

The attendants wore formal length dresses of cranberry peau de soie featuring an empire waistline and a V-neckline. The dress was completed with peau de soie headpieces composed of roses and leaves and cranberry silk illusion. They also wore matching shoes and white gloves.

They carried cascades of pink French carnations and English ivy.

Miss Peggy Richey, cousin of the bride registered the guests. The registration table was decorated with a tall geometrical shaped pink candle entwined with ivy centered on the cranberry peau de soie.

Performing the duties of best man was Dr. Rex M. Olson, brother of the groom from Waynoka, Okla.

Groomsmen were Darl Locke of Odessa and Dickie Matthews of Lubbock, Ushers were Don McMillan of Athlene and Dale Moorman of Clovis, N. M.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Chris Olson, Mr. and Mrs. John Richey, and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Olson, greeted some 150 guests at the reception which was held in the Fel-

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**VISITS KINDERGARTEN**—Santa Claus receives a quick kiss from Wesley Cook as he talks to him and others at Mrs. Joannah Green's Kindergarten Class Thursday morning. Others pictured waiting to tell their secrets are Robert Ames, Chris Janca and Leslie White, Hostesses for the morning's party were Mrs. Ben Roming and Mrs. Marshal Cook. Stockings, candy, punch and other goodies were given the pupils and Bob Janca read the Christmas story to the Children.

(JOURNAL PHOTO)



**BECOME BROWNIES**—Wilma Servantez, Karla Stroud and Gwen Sieber received their Brownie pins and became official Brownies at investiture ceremonies Tuesday afternoon when Brownie Troop 328 had their regular meeting and Christmas party. Wanda Harmon, leader, invested the girls.

(JOURNAL PHOTO)

**Court House Personnel Has Christmas Party**

County officers and court house personnel had their annual Christmas party in the county court room Tuesday afternoon which began with a salad supper and the exchange of gifts following.

Attending the party were Jean Loveland, Elaine Hart, Evadna Foster, Wanda Spain, Barbara McCamish, Mrs. Lela Barron, Dorothy Turner, Glen Williams, Pauletta Crawford, Nelda Merriott, Hazel Gilbreath, Mr. and Mrs. Don Chah and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Black and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Jack, Jr., Irene Splawn, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young and children, Joe Vaughn, Dorlele Ivy, Nellyne Morris, Robin Taylor, Martha Hicks, Bob Henderson, Bill Eutanks, R. F. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stevenson, Roger Gorrell, Roy Bayless, Joyce Hicks and Virginia Gholston.

Pat Bobo presented each woman with a red rose.



**BEST WISHES FOR Christmas**

The Christmas spirit glows brightly. Happy surprises come forth from the gaily-wrapped presents that express the sentiment and love that Christmas inspires, filling us all with the joy of giving and sharing. With this thought in mind, we would like to share with you the good will and good wishes of the season. Sincere greetings.

**MULESHOE CO-OP GINS**

Earl Richards, Mgr.

**WELCOME TO MULESHOE**



Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Reed

Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Reed, 1523 W American Blvd., are newcomers to Muleshoe. They moved from Clovis where he operated Clovis Auction. Mr. & Mrs. Reed are both auctioneers. Incidentally, Mrs. Reed is a graduate auctioneer. The Reeds will operate the Furniture, Appliance, etc., Auction at 724 W. American Blvd. They have a daughter, Vicki, 10 and attend the Baptist Church.

The following firms extend a cordial welcome to the Reeds:

<b>CASHWAY</b> GROCERY 402 Main Phone 272-4244	<b>DAMRON DRUG CO.</b> REXALL 308 Main Phone 272-4210
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**NOEL**  
May the Star of Christmas shine within you and give you peace.  
**Singleton Funeral Home**  
MR. & MRS. FRANK ELLIS & MR. MRS. JOHN BLACKWELL

## South Plains Cotton Harvest 95% Complete

The South Plains cotton harvest was over 95 per cent complete on Friday, December 16th and samples from 1,185,000 bales of cotton had been received by the three area classing offices, according to W. K. Palmer, in charge of the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office of the USDA.

Spotted and Tinged cotton continued to increase as the harvest reached the scrapping stage. Light Spotted, Spotted and Tinged cotton made up 98 per cent of all cotton classed at the Lubbock Office last week.

Strict Low Middling Light Spotted was the predominant grade with 26 per cent of all cotton classed. Middling Spotted made up 14 per cent, Strict Low Middling Spotted 19 per

cent, Middling Tinged 9 per cent and Strict Low Middling Tinged 9 per cent.

Staple length averaged between 29/32 and 15/16 of an inch. Forty-five per cent of all cotton classed at Lubbock last week was 15/16, 32 per cent 29/32, and 10 per cent 7/8. Thirty-seven per cent of the cotton "miked" in the Lubbock office was 2,6 and below, 29 per cent "miked" 2,7 through 2,9, 18 per cent was 3,0 through 3,2, 6 per cent 3,3 and 3,4 and 10 per cent was 3,5 and better.

The Consumer and Marketing Service of the USDA reported continued active trading in the new crop cotton with prices lower for some qualities. Average prices for the predominant qualities in the 3,5 to 4,9 micronaire range were: Middling Light Spotted 29/32-18,30, Middling Light Spotted 15/16 - 18,75, Middling Light Spotted 31/32 - 19,25, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 29/32 - 17,30, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 15/16 - 17,80, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 31/32 - 18,20, Middling Spotted 29/32 - 16,60, Middling Spotted 15/16 - 17,05 and Middling Spotted 31/32 - 17,05.

Prices paid farmers for cottonseed ranged from \$60 to \$76 per ton.

December 25, 1492

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



EXCHANGING PLANS—These three women are pictured visiting in the foyer of the First Methodist Church prior to the Rotary Club dinner Tuesday evening. As the topic is 'Christmas' most everywhere, a good guess would be that they are exchanging plans for today.

## Holiday Celebrations Reflect Customs from Far and Near

Celebrating the happy holiday of Christmas is an almost universal custom, and many of the traditions belonging to the day are universal, too. Gift giving, merrymaking, gaily decorated trees and brightly glowing lights are holiday habits that have found their way to almost every corner of the globe.

Along with the similarities in the way people observe Christmas go just as many

differences. From country to country, from city to city, from family to family, holiday customs vary, sometimes just enough to show the touch of individual imagination, and sometimes so greatly that it seems hard to believe the same day is being commemorated.

### Gift Giving . . .

It's traditional to receive gifts during the Yuletide season, but the time is not always

December 25, and the gift-giver is not always Santa.

One of the earliest Christmas giving times takes place in the Netherlands, according to the Book of Knowledge. Here, the children receive their gifts from St. Nicholas on December 5. The date, appropriately enough, is called St. Nicholas Eve, in honor of the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop.

Christmas gift giving in Italy comes on January 5, which is known as Epiphany Eve. The traditional gift giver is Befana. Legend says that Befana misdirected the wise men, and now she seeks to atone by going about the world doing good to children.

In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given on St. Lucy's Day, December 13. The time for gift giving in Puerto Rico and Spain is January 6, the day when, traditionally, the wise men came to Bethlehem.

### In Germany

From Christmas trees to Christmas toys, many Christmas customs now universally observed came first from Germany.

In the medieval town of Nuremberg, the highlight of the Christmas season is the "Christkindmarkt," or literally, Christ Child's Fair. The "Christ Kind," or Christ Child, is the gift giver, and the culmination of the fair, on Christmas Eve, is a visit by the Christ Kind to the balcony of the historic church, the Frauenkirche. Days of group caroling by the children precede this event.

### Lighting Up . . .

Since the Star shone on Bethlehem, lights have been a part of Christmas celebrations. Today, candlelight services are traditionally held by many churches at Christmas. Something unique in the way of Christmas lights are the "luminarias" used to decorate the city of Albuquerque, N.M., at Christmastime.

Outlining the borders of streets, sidewalks, yards and even the roofs of homes, the luminarias shine everywhere. Made of paper bags, weighted down with sand and lighted from within by a candle, thousands of luminarias all over the city offer a soft light.

### December 24, 1871

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



Hi, and Merry Christmas!  
Best wishes to you for a wonderful holiday.

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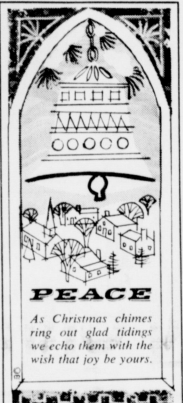


## GREETINGS for Christmas

Let us adore Him, as did the kings, and thus find our faith renewed with joy and love.

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## PEACE

As Christmas chimes ring out glad tidings we echo them with the wish that joy be yours.

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REAL ESTATE &  
INSURANCE



## BEST WISHES for CHRISTMAS

We're drumming up our best Yuletide wishes . . . for you!

## Sanitary Barber Shop



## A Joyous CHRISTMAS

The story of Christmas lives anew, inspiring all with peace and joy. May many blessings be yours on this Christmas.

Western Auto



MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH HAPPINESS THIS Christmas Season

Cross Roads Cafe



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

CHUBBY'S BEAUTY SHOP



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

MONTGOMERY WARD AGENCY  
PHAMA ANDERSON OWNER



What we want from Santa is more great people like you! Many, many thanks!

PERRY'S

# GREETINGS



May the blessings of this Christmas abound for you and yours! The sincere wish from all your friends at

CITY HALL



## O, Holy Night

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

West Plains Hospital



### Marvin Askew's Services Pending

Marvin Askew died at 3:45 a.m. Dec. 22 in a Wichita Falls Hospital. Askew was 69 at the time of death.

Survivors are Ashby and Arthur and Mrs. E. L. Magby, Muleshoe; Pete, Dalhart; Noah, Arkansas; Mrs. Ethel Clary, Arizona; Mrs. Virgil Stokes, California; Leona Stephenson, Pearl, California and Mrs. Dot Stephenson, New Mexico.

Services were pending Thursday afternoon.

### HOSPITAL BRIEFS

**WEST PLAINS**  
**ADMISSIONS:** Mrs. W. E. Stewart, Gene Stovall, Master Randy Burrows, Miss Wetaona Kincaon, Dusty Thomas, John L. Latham, Rosie Lee Brown and Rose Dorn.  
**DEMISSIONS:** Gene Stovall, Mrs. W. E. Stewart, Mrs. Mildred Davis and James Moore, (transferred to the nursing home)

**GREEN MEMORIAL**  
**ADMISSIONS:** Glenn Dunn,

Mrs. Karen Tunnell, Mrs. S. L. Slinger, Robert and Roy Clark, Mrs. Ray Fowler and baby girl.  
**DEMISSIONS:** Mrs. S. L. Slinger.

### CLUB NEWS

#### Entertain At Sundowners Yule Party

Employees of the Muleshoe Motor Company had their Christmas supper in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church Thursday night beginning at 7 p.m.

Turkey, dressing and all the trimmings were enjoyed by employees and their families numbering 40.

Decorations were carried out in the Christmas motif.

The Sundowners, consisting of Sherry Smith, Karen Bragg and accompanied by John Black on the electric guitar, entertained the group.

Employees presented Robert Hooten with a Television and the shop foreman, R. L. Pearson, a mirror for his pickup.

4-H Club which met in the home of Mrs. Albert Davis Tuesday made a white cake and strawberry mild. This was the first meeting for the club. They talked about milk, cheese, vegetables and how they helped the body.

Present for the meeting were Terina Whalin, Terri Whalin, Francis Looper and Paula Bickler.

Mrs. Elmer Davis and Mrs. Albert Davis are the leaders for the girls.

Next meeting will be Jan. 5 in the home of Mrs. Albert Davis.

#### Plant...

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the bottom of the pot has been stoppped up with foil. If it is covered the excess moisture cannot drain out and the soil remains water logged.

About three weeks after the plant has been received, it would be a good idea to feed the plant with a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-5 using one level teaspoon per six inch pot. Apply the fertilizer over the surface of the soil and water thoroughly. Seldom is more than an application needed; however, this application may be repeated at three week intervals until the bracts fade and drop.

#### Holiday Party Held Thursday

A Christmas time party, which is an annual get-together, was held Thursday night at the home of the Howard Spawns.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Eubanks, Mr. and Mrs. Red Glascock and Sheriff and Mrs. Dee Clements.

The four couples have carried this tradition out for several holiday seasons.

They played "Wahoo" for entertainment.

May all the joys of the Christmas Season be yours

**Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio**

### Olson...

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lowship Room of the church. Among the guests were Mrs. Emma Cole of Winters, Tex., grandmother of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Redgate of Waynoka, Okla., grandparents of the groom.

The bride chose a winter white coat dress accented with a corsage of American Beauty roses and black accessories for going away. The couple left Rosemary and Bay

#### Are Flowers of Yule

Rosemary and bay have long been associated with the story of Christmas.

Legends say the Virgin Mary rested by a rosemary plant, and placed the Christ Child's garments upon its branches, whereupon the white blossoms turned to a lovely lavender to honor the Child.

following the reception to tour the Western United States.

The bride attended Lubbock Christian College and is now a senior at Abilene Christian College where she is a member of the GATA Social Club and Ellen H. Richards Home Economics Club. She is active in the Campus Service Organization and the Kitten Club. She is a candidate for graduation in May with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics.

Mr. Olson is also a senior at Abilene Christian College where he will receive his Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry and Agronomy in May. He is vice president of the Delta Tau Alpha, agriculture honor society, and is an officer in the Sub T. 16 Social Club. He is also a member of the Block and Bridle Club, the Aggie Club and the Agronomy and Range Management Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson plan to make their home in Abilene until graduation from college and they plan to live in Waynoka, Okla.

A jolly Christmas to all good friends

**District & County Clerks' Office**  
 HAZEL, NELDA & PAULETTA

As we hear again the wondrous story of Christmas, our hearts are ever gladdened, and our joy, renewed.

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# GREETINGS

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 and when I die I'll be a Sooner dead  
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 Rah Oklahoma O-K-U

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
 LEARN THIS IT MAY HELP YOU

**Yule Music  
 Blends Joy,  
 Reverence**

Across the centuries, man has looked to music to express his happy feelings at Christmas time.  
 From the medieval "Hail, Mary, full of grace" and "Mer-veile night, Joseph" to the modern "White Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," songs have been a favorite part of Christmas celebrations.

In the tradition of Christmas music, there are simple carols, blending reverent wonder with quiet joy — Martin Luther's "Away in a Manger," for instance, or the mid-nineteenth century hymns, "It Came upon a Midnight Clear," "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

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**Composers Inspired...**  
 Famous composers have

found in Christmas inspirational examples. In the tradition of Christmas music, there are simple carols, blending reverent wonder with quiet joy — Martin Luther's "Away in a Manger," for instance, or the mid-nineteenth century hymns, "It Came upon a Midnight Clear," "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

As the Three Wise Men brought gifts to the Manger, so may this holiday season bring to you peace and joy.

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**Christmas...**

On this joyous Holiday celebrating the birth of the Holy Child, we wish that you may be filled with peace and gladness, comforted with hope, and surrounded by your loved ones.

**Lambert Cleaners**



**EIGHTH GRADE TEAM**—These are team basketball members of the Muleshoe Eighth Grade. They are proudly displaying a trophy they won in the tournament held here last week.



By Bob Janca, Manager

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Dear Friends: (and what would Christmas be without friends? Or without love? Or sharing?) For Christmas is more than gala parades, or Christmas Pageants, or street lighting, or exchanging of gifts. Yes, Christmas is much more than all these; for it is a time of remembering... a time when Peace On Earth and Goodwill Toward All Men should mean more than a time-worn phrase hanging over a shop window. For Christmas, you see, belonged to the Wise Men of Old... to the shepherds watching their flocks by night... to the Emperor Constantine, Michelangelo... to Tiny Tim and Scrooge, through the pen of Charles Dickens. Christmas belonged to the men at Valley Forge and Anzio. And Christmas belongs to you and to me and will always—I hope—belong to men and women of goodwill everywhere, as a time for remembering that Christ the King was born on Christmas Day.

So with all the rush and fuss of the Christmas Season let me remind you that Silent is the way Christmas should be. Quiet as a snowflake. Soft as a child asleep. Stars do not talk, do they? This is Christmas. A serene, tranquil time to gather with your family... to forget the crass and the brassy... to assess your home and its happiness. To realize suddenly the first Christmas began with a Child. This we should never forget. For if we fail to install in our own Children the full meaning of "Peace on earth, good will toward men." then we

ourselves are lacking. Christmas is a Holy Night.

Merry Christmas from the Staff, President, officers and directors of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce.

**Ideas Vary On Customs Of Yule**

Some people enjoy a White Christmas, while some people go swimming or picnicking on December 25. Some people say it's traditional to serve turkey at the holiday feast, while some people favor a Christmas goose, and still others contend that carp or fried eel is the very thing for a tasty Yuletide dish.

Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all are agreed. It's a season to celebrate.

In the United States and Canada, the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over. Americans and Canadians from Central Europe still prepare their traditional Yuletide foods with carp, while those from Italy might banker for some Christmas caponino, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the Northern U.S. and Canada would be glad to change places, or at least change weather, with those Australians, South Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas.

On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas and other Yule gift givers in many countries.

**For Decoration**

Candies, apples, colored papers—these were among the early tree ornaments.

Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdecks appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons.

Tree decorations contributed by Scandinavian countries were as various as fish nets and miniature flags.

The modern array of tree ornaments is vast and imaginative, but even so many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned" touch to the tree, with decorations such as paper chains and strings of popcorn or cranberries.

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**Capt. Hicks Earns Air Award**

MONTGOMERY— Captain Jerry N. Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hicks of 706 Main, Muleshoe, has been decorated with the Air Medal at Maxwell AFB, Ala.


Captain Hicks received the medal for meritorious achievement during military flights while assigned to duty at Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam. He was cited for his leadership and professionalism in the successful accomplishment of Combat missions in spite of inclement weather and enemy ground fire.

The captain is one of more than 500 select government officials and officers from U.S. and allied armed forces in the present class at the Air Force Command and Staff College at Maxwell. The curriculum covers advanced military leadership, management and use of aerospace forces.

The 10-month program is part of the Air University's professional education system to prepare officers for higher command and staff positions.

Captain Hicks, a graduate of Patton Springs High School, Afton, Tex., was commissioned in 1957 through the aviation cadet program.

His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Mattiesen of 1727 W. Avenue E, Muleshoe.



**Christmas Blessings**

This we wish you—hale and hearty health, tranquility of mind, happiness of spirit. Have a Merry Christmas!

**HOMER MILSAP MOTOR**

**December 24, 1814**

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

**December 25, 1776**


On December 25-26, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware. He surprised, and put to rout, Hessian soldiers employed by George III.

The surprise attack was greatly assisted by the fact that the Hessians were sleeping off the effects of their Christmas celebrating!



May the Joy and Peace of Christmas always be with You

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**O Holy Night**

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### Hardgrove Attends Conference

Byron Hardgrove, local high school social studies teacher, attended a social studies workshop at West Texas University, Canyon, Saturday, December 10.

This conference was sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Dissemination Project whose purpose is to set up an exemplary program in the State. There will be pilot schools in these areas of social studies-selective content approach to world history, geography in the elementary school, the teaching of the Texas Constitution, and improved teaching of American history. The New Social Studies is basically a new approach rather than a change. The new approach is to abandon the old text-book authoritarian idea in favor of introducing the student to project-type study. Different approaches will be used - Culture Study or Great Movement Study. This Exemplary Program is only in the planning stages, but there will be definite changes in social studies teaching methods in the near future.

#### Bringing Gifts

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

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

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



**PORTALES CHILDRENS HOME**—Members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ and the Lazbuddie Church of Christ attended the Christmas party given for the Portales Childrens Home Thursday night at Portales. The 2 churches sponsor a portion of the children at the home. Shown here are the children Muleshoe and Lazbuddie sponsor with Santa Claus and Paul Scott, Muleshoe and Mrs. C. A. Weier, Lazbuddie. The children sang Christmas carols and were presented gifts and apples, oranges, candy and from the home, sandwiches and peanuts. Attending from Muleshoe were Jess Pendergrass, Clyde Monk, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smallwood and son, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scott and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Embry and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dale and Jim Milner. Mrs. Weier represented Lazbuddie Church. (PHOTO BY MRS. JOE SMALLWOOD)



**A Joyous Christmas**

*May all the blessings and happiness of this holy season be bestowed on you and your family. Have a Joyous Holiday.*

**Muleshoe Publishing Co.**  
JAY, WANDA & LARRY



**To Greet You**

**at Christmas**

With fond hopes that all your holiday dreams come true, we send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

**LeRoy Holley**

## 'Toys for Tots' Program Presented at Assembly

Muleshoe high school students presented a general assembly program for "Toys For Tots" Friday. Admission to the program was one usable toy to be given to a child for Christmas, two cans of food or 50¢, all to be contributed to make Christmas brighter for the less fortunate.

The folksingers opened the program and were directed by Leasel Richardson.

Lana Moore who sang "I Can't Say No", Next was Druscilla Damron who did a Modern jazz dance entitled "Chicken Little." Vicki Henexson, accompanied by Jewelline Scoggin, sang "More." Senior Candy Bruns gave his rendition of "Wayward Wind" with Mr. Wayland Ethridge on the piano.

Next up was Daryl Moore, presenting a skit about a new car and a girlfriend's new dog. The Playmates, Renee Dyer, Sheryl Mason, and Beverly Anderson, sang "Winter Wonderland." They were followed by Marsha Blackman playing the flute and singing to "Blues in the Knight" accompanied by Jane Branscum, Pam St. Clair was next singing "The Shadow of Your Smile," with Pat Malone on the piano.

Sophomore Renee Dyer presented a moving scene from "The Diary of Anne Frank." Next was Diane Bryant, twirling to "Pink Panther" music. Last on the program was Jane Branscum who sang the title song of this years Musical, "The Sound of Music."

The program was presented by the Student Council in conjunction with the "Toys for Tots" campaign.

A toy collection contest has been underway between classes of high school under sponsorship of the Student Council. The contest was won by the Sophomore class and members of the other classes entertained them with a coke party.

Several pickup loads of toys were collected and cash totaled \$50. Money and merchandise went to the Goodfellow's for distribution to the needy.



**Glad Christmas Tidings**

The time of peace and joy has come to men, the light of happiness sheds its glow over us all. It's Christmastide! Our wish is for you to share this joy... have a merry Christmas!

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**OLD-FASHIONED Christmas Wishes**

Times change, but the good old-fashioned spirit of Christmas goes on forever, and so do our hearty wishes for your happiness, and our earnest thanks for your friendly good will.

**L & H Grocery**



**ENTERTAINERS**—"The Playmates" composed of Renee Dyer Beverly Anderson and Sheryl Mason were participants in the Student Council "Toys for Tots" program held at high school, December 25, 1966.

December 25, 1535

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

The most precious of the scanty food supplies were set



**Greetings**

On this joyous day, we ask that the boundless love of the Christ Child surround you and your family, always.

**Farmers Co-op Elevator**



**WARM WISHES for Christmas**

We want to take this opportunity to thank you, our good friends, for thinking of us through the year, and to wish you and your families every joy of the Christmas Season.

**GLEN, GLADYS AND RANDY WILLIAMS**



**Season's Best to All**

have a happy Christmas!

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# Christmas Joy

Humble shepherds left their flocks in the fields that holy night, and sought the Babe whose birth angels had proclaimed unto them. They beheld him lying in a manger in the City of David, wrapped in swaddling clothes.



And from the East, following the brilliant Star, Wise Men came to adore, and to offer precious gifts to the newborn King.



Today, nations and peoples share in that first Christmas, in its boundless hope and its promise of peace, with joyous celebrations. May you and your loved ones keep the spirit of this holy season always in your hearts, perpetuating its strength and comfort.

**Muleshoe Publishing Co.**


And Staff

**BRIGHT Christmas Wishes**



We wish you the blessings of Christmas. May the radiance of the Star of Bethlehem light your way to peace and contentment in the coming year.

**Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce**  
OFFICERS-DIRECTORS AND STAFF



**Peace on Earth**

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

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a basketful of **Good Wishes**

Please accept our sincere good wishes for a happy, joyful Yuletide... rich in love and warm friendship!



**SHAFER'S BELL STATION**

**Trips...**  
Continued from Page 1 prior to September 1, 1967, Lancaster said. Winners will join winners of similar contests sponsored by other electric cooperatives across Texas on the third annual Texas Electric Cooperative Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. All expenses of the 13 day trip beginning June 8, will be paid by Bailey County Electric Cooperative.

Each entrant will be required to give a 6 to 8 minute talk on the subject "Rural Electric Cooperatives - Helping Texas Grow" and answer 1 or more of 50 questions asked by the judges.

The oratorical contest will be judged on the basis of (1) knowledge of subject - 40%; (2) speaking ability - 30%; (3) poise - 10%; (4) personality - 10%; (5) appearance - 10%. Interested young people may obtain an official entry blank from their school or the offices of Bailey County Electric Cooperative. The deadline for submitting entries will be January 5, 1967.

As participants in the Texas Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, local contest winners will travel by chartered bus to Washington D. C., where they will spend four days visiting places of historical interest and seeing the nation's government in action.

On Wednesday, June 14, the Texas group will meet more than 800 students from other states for a program sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Rural Electrification Administration. The program will feature presentations by officials of these organizations and other Washington personalities and

**Prices...**  
Continued from Page 1 Present cost of an average meal now figures 41¢. Broken down, it runs 5 3/4 cents for 1/2 pint milk; 12¢ for meat, 5¢ beans, 1¢ carrot sticks; 10¢, two rolls; 2¢, butter; 2¢ apricot preserves and 3 1/4¢ for mashed potatoes. This price rate is based on a menu for one day and is flexible according to the meal for the day. For instance, meat price varies according to the type served as does vegetables and desserts. Condiments used in preparing this food is not figured in the cost of the meal. The price increase will only be for enough to raise enough to make up the deficit and break even at the end of the school year.

The tax report revealed the total amount of taxes collected were \$368,200.80; penalties and interest collected, \$1,235.18; total delinquent taxes collected, \$9,005.08; total amount of discount given, \$10,532.91; and current taxes collected, \$368,475.45.

The 1966 tax roll was \$497,889.05 of which 74.1 percent has been collected, a figure of \$368,475.45. Outstanding taxes stand at \$129,413.60.

Sale of buildings located on property recently purchased east of the Junior High School was approved with a house being sold to M. E. Lee for \$500.; a garage to Joe Langer for \$100.; school storage building to Pete Robinson for \$200 and another storage building to Jack Julian for \$25.

The board studied the delinquent tax roll and re-affirmed the policy of filing on delinquent accounts three years old.

Fifty concrete parking blocks are to be purchased at a cost of \$7.50 each and will be placed along the street at the edge of the high school auditorium parking lot.

The resignation of Mrs. Pearl Harris, special education teacher was accepted and Miss Mary Elizabeth Sanders will take the position. Miss Sanders is a graduate of Muleshoe high school and holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech. Her major course is special education. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Sanders, Muleshoe.

Income from athletics during current year as of December 19 from football was \$7,641.70 and basketball this far is \$657.35.

The following schedule was approved for the 1967 football season:  
September 8-Dimmitt-H-8p.m.  
September 15-Little-T-8 p.m.  
September 22-Olton-H-8p.m.  
September 29-Open Date  
October 6-Den. City-H-7:30  
October 13-Morton-T-7:30 p.  
October 20-Dumas-T-7:30 p.  
October 27-Tulia-H-7:30 p.m.  
November 3-Herford-T-7:30  
November 10-Canyon-T-7:30  
November 18 - Perryton - Here 2:00 p.m. (Saturday)



**GREETINGS**

In the Miracle of the manger, mankind finds joy eternal. May your Christmas be blessed.

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possible the Presidential staff. The eventful day will end with a charter cruise down the Potomac River which will include entertainment and refreshments.

Also included on the 13 day agenda will be visits to the following: George Washington's Mount Vernon home, Arlington National Cemetery, the U. S. House and Senate, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Smithsonian Institute, the Lincoln Memorial and other places of interest.

**Muleshoe...**  
Continued from Page 1 and Mike Bryson, who attend Texas Tech are home visiting with their parents for the holidays.

The A. P. Lamberts are having holiday company. Visiting with the Lamberts are Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Rhoads, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Goodnough and Mike, Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Les Lambert, Muleshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Beurl Redwine and family are visiting with Mrs. Minnie Redwine.

Cliff Griffiths' family are having holiday company. They are the Griffiths' daughter and family from Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Don Owens and sons. Also Linda from Texas Tech is home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Harrison, Clovis, N. M. are guests in the Griffiths' home as are the Leon Kelly, Fortales, Neil Hickman from Seminole.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams Cooper and Kelly, Billy, Kevin and Julie are in Childers for the holidays visiting with Mrs. Cooper's parents.

Ben Yeager is visiting in Amarillo with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Yeager during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schuster, Alex, Debbie, Kathy are visiting in Kingville with Mrs. Schuster's mother, Mrs. Carrie Lu Bishop.

Mrs. Dorothy Crow and sons John and Patrick are visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Sallie Schuster.

The Young People of the Progress Community met in regular session Sunday for their Christmas party. Joyce Gwyn and Bobby Gulley gave scripture reading and Jerone Murrar gave an American style Christmas pageant.

Mrs. Myrtle Alsip entertained members of the Needlecraft club in her home Thursday.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met for the purpose of packing Christmas boxes for the boys of the Methodist Church who are in the army and electing officers for the new year.

**Postmaster...**  
Continued from Page 1 mail route, or breaks open the same or wilfully or maliciously injures, defaces or destroys any mail deposited therein, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than three years."

This applies to all mail receptacles and the mail in them, even though the boxes are bought by citizens and are their personal property. Postmaster Beavers emphasized.

"Pranksters--and especially children who do not know any better--should be made to realize the seriousness of their actions," the Postmaster said. "A \$1,000 fine or a term in jail is enough to take the humor out of any prank," Beavers said.



**Joy and Peace**

With the Christmas Star reminding us of Love, Peace and Good Will, we joyfully thank all our wonderful customers for their patronage.

**ROBINSON'S BOOT SHOP**

**Servicemen...**  
Continued from Page 1 little opportunity to visit them like there is here. We may have two or three days a year to see them and the rest of the time is spent defending our country. But bomb fall and shots are fired there on Christmas Day, so we must stay busy.

Li. Tung said, "The jungle in Viet Nam is the worse enemy as the VC are experts in using its density for guerrilla warfare. When they spot our forces from behind the trees of the dense growth, should our forces be smaller than theirs, they move, larger, they just blend in with the jungle and vanish. They are hard to flush out."

These young men were impressed with the schooling they received at Fort Benning, Ga. and the equipment available for training. They said they liked the American people and had enjoyed their stay in the United States.

Asked how they could detect a VC among their forces or townspeople, they said it was virtually impossible. They are all Vietnamese and like Americans, would not be distinguishable. "A VC might be a farmer, a man leading a buffalo... anyone mingling on the streets and marketplaces in South Viet Nam... we just have to deal with it as it comes."

Both young men had three months schooling in English language and American slang before coming here for training. Both understand our language and speak it, sometimes slowly, but are able to carry on conversations quite well.

All three of the visiting servicemen call Mr. Watson "Dad" do his own sons. Watson said both the boys had expressed their desire to return to the United States and to work on his farm north of Muleshoe. But he said both Li, Tung and Tam Thai said "First we clean up our country."

They were all presented honorary Citizens of Muleshoe plaques with their names printed under a Mule shoe.

Asked about their opinions of bombing Hanoi and important ports, the boys both expressed their views that this bombing would be within their rights as the VC cared nothing for their war tactics.

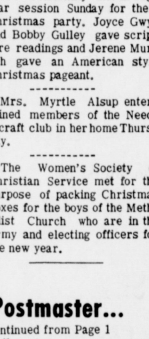
One question asked of Muleshoe people was "How do you feel about American servicemen being in Viet Nam? Local businessmen answered this question in various manner, all believing that the cause was one very worthwhile.

**Fun and Feasting...**  
A merry, hearty feast is traditional at Christmas, but the ingredients are not always the same. Norwegians might serve, instead of turkey and trimmings, codfish and pickled pork, while baked carp is a favored Christmas delicacy in Austria.

**City Cleaners**

**Merry Christmas**

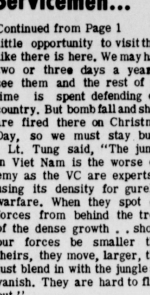
All systems are "go" ... and so are our wishes to you, for a "way-out" Christmas Season!



**MCCORMICK'S UPHOLSTERY**  
MR. & MRS. L. F. MCCORMICK AND VAN

**A Sleightful of Good Wishes**

Here comes a load of good wishes for a merry Christmas.



**FARLEY INSURANCE**  
John & Mary Farley

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

Again, at this happiest of all seasons, may we extend our heartiest wishes to you all... hoping that every joy and delight of the Yuletide will be yours to enjoy to the fullest. Merry Christmas!

**Gilbreath Seed & Grain**

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**Peace**

Once more the message of Peace and Joy resounds across the land, heralding that first Holy Night when the beautiful Christmas story was begun. Our sincere wishes to all for a Merry Christmas.

**FIRST STREET CONOCO**



### Dear Santa ...

Dear Santa, I am a good boy. I want a truck and a train, Love

Wayne Garlington  
 Dear Santa, I am a good boy. I want a bike and a football. Love Bill  
 Dear Santa, I am a good girl and my little sister is good to I am 7 year old. My sister is 6 year old. Merry Christmas to Santa, Love Evelon Grace  
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I am 7 years old. This year I want a football and a bow and arrow. I will leave you some milk and candy for you. Merry Christmas to you. Love Kevin  
 Dear Santa, I am a good boy, I want a tractor. Love Danny  
 Dear Santa, I am a good boy I want a gun and a train. Love Danny Ward  
 Dear Santa, I want a drum. I want a bow and arrow I want a John Speed. I want a B-B gun. I want a lighting fire gun. I want a football. I have been a good boy. I help my Mother clean the car. Love Eddie  
 Dear Santa, I want a toy tran. I have been a good boy. I help my father and mother. I want a building set for my brother. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Love Micheal Redwin

Dear Santa, I am a good boy and I want a basket and a ball. Love Mike  
 Dear Santa Claus, This Christmas I want a Switch and Go set. I want a Tent, too. Last Christmas my family and I all got a racing set, but it broke. And now my brother want's another one. My uncle and my aunt and my cousin are coming for Christmas. I am eight this year. I've been good, too. Your friend Bill Dean  
 Dear Santa Claus, I would like a bike this Christmas. I hope you can give me one. Because I have been wanting one for a long time. Thank you for the bb gun last year. I did want a bb pistol this year.

Royce would like a rifle this year. My sister would like a pair of go go boots. I hope that my mother got me a race car seat for Christmas. Joe would like a big boss for Christmas. I hope you can get this things. Your friend, Larry Mills  
 Dear Santa, On Christmas Eve I wish you would bring me a bicycle, and a Switch and Go and Trick Track and the Tigers, and a GI Joe space ship. Love David Bean  
 Dear Santa, I am a good boy I want a gun and a horse. Love, Steven



**Greetings**  
 May Christmastime joy and laughter be yours on this happy holiday ... and may we gratefully thank you for your patronage.

**FINN'S L P GAS**



### Merry Christmas

Here's wishing you the long-lasting happiness of an old-fashioned Yule!

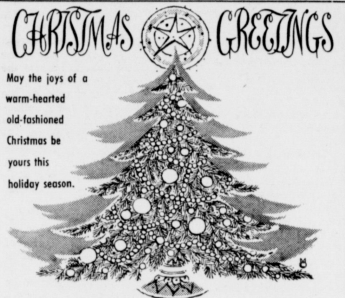
### Dinner Bell Cafe

RENA & JOE CARROLL



Bells ringing, carol-singing tell the joys of Christmas. We wish you all the best of a merry season, with warm thanks for your good will.

### W. Q. CASEY INSURANCE



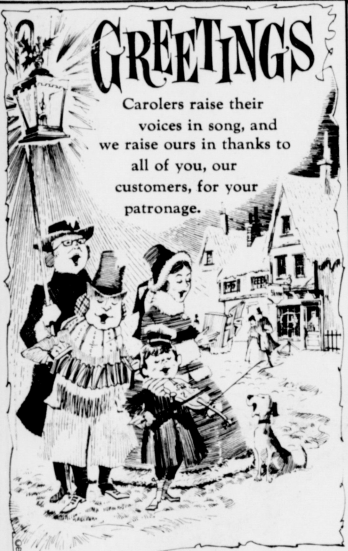
May the joys of a warm-hearted old-fashioned Christmas be yours this holiday season.

### RICHLAND HILLS TEXACO



To our many friends. We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is friends like you that make us want to live forever

### Emette and Clara Cross



### GREETINGS

Carolers raise their voices in song, and we raise ours in thanks to all of you, our customers, for your patronage.

### JOHNSON-NIX, INC

THE JOHNSONS'



### Christmas Greetings

On that first Christmas, a special Star shone bright over the Mother and Child. May the Christmas star of peace, joy and happiness shine bright over you and yours for Christmas and all through the year.

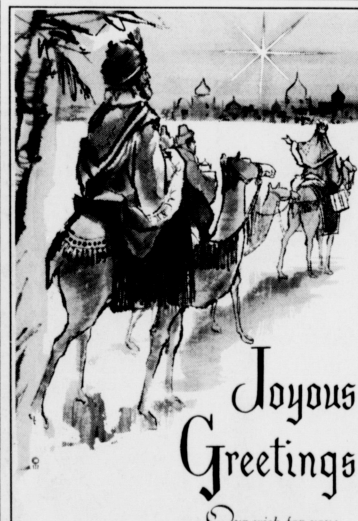
### UNION COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE



### Christmas Greetings

Peaceful as a snowy landscape, lively as a playful fawn is the Christmas we wish for you. We are ever grateful to you for your thoughtful consideration and gracious patronage.

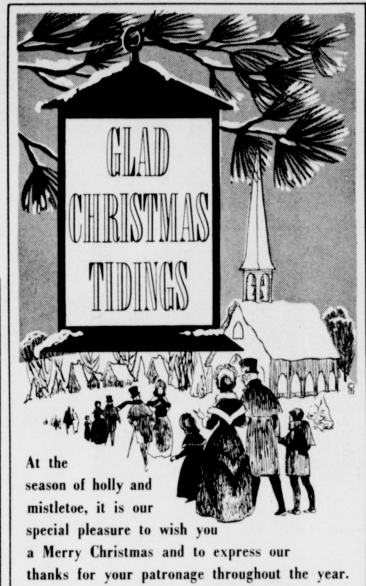
### ROLAND GORDON FARM CHEMICAL



### Joyous Greetings

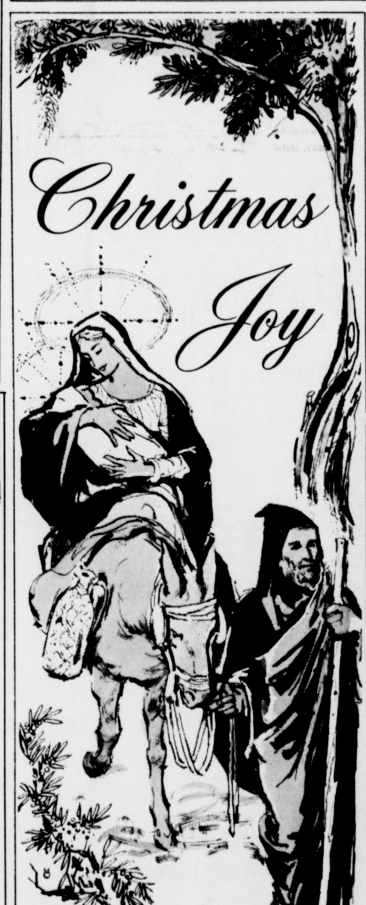
Our wish for you: that you and your loved ones may find the peace, hope and abiding love of that first Christmas filling your hearts and your home throughout the joyous holiday season.

### B M G Motors



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

### MULESHOE ELEVATOR



May the blessed light that shone from that bright Star of Bethlehem on the night of our Saviour's holy birth ... shine always in the hearts of men everywhere. Our sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas to all our friends.

### Mills Machine Shop

# A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Little Jesus, Mother told me about  
 Your birth in the stable, a long time ago. She said there  
 was a bright star leading the shepherds and  
 Wise Men who came to see You. I wish I could have seen  
 You, too. Please bless Mother and Daddy and baby  
 brother. And bless the whole world, too!



May we extend our  
 sincere best wishes for  
 a Merry and a bountiful  
 Christmas to you, our  
 patrons, and your families.  
 Holiday blessings to all!

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

YOUR HOME OWNED BANK  
 MEMBER FDIC



### Evergreen Is Undisputed Favorite

In Christmas trees, it's the spirit that counts. Almost anything can be—and is—a Christmas tree. In Minneapolis, Minn., they even made a tree out of water pipes, fastened like spokes to a telephone pole, and appropriately decorated.

In Wilmington, N. C., a live oak more than 300 years old is adorned at the Yuletide with colorful ornaments and electric lights. In Indianapolis, Ind., they decorate the 246-foot Soldiers and Sailors Monument with electric candles and stars.

The U. S. National Christmas Tree, officially designated in 1926, is not an evergreen but a giant redwood, located in Kings Canyon National Park, Calif.

This unusual Christmas tree, called the "General Grant," is 3,500 years old. Many families prefer the "permanent" Christmas tree, often made of aluminum.

Despite all this, the time-tested favorite tree is still the evergreen. Most people, if asked, would probably vote for the "fir tree."

Actually, there are nearly 40

species of the popular fir tree; four in the mountainous regions of Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas and North America.

A frequently-seen Christmas tree variety is the "balsam fir," also called "Canada balsam" or "Balm of Gilead," according to the Encyclopedia Americana. This is one of the most common trees of eastern North America, extending from Virginia and West Virginia in the United States to Labrador and Newfoundland.

The balsam fir may grow to 40 or 50 feet tall. The southern fir is of about the same height and is found in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Other American firs are essentially Western. They include the Pacific silver fir, the white fir, the grand fir, the Alpine fir, the red fir, the Shasta red fir and the noble fir. These firs may attain 250 feet in height.

In Canada, the exporting of Christmas trees, including fir, pine and spruce, is an important business. Seven provinces export trees to countries as far away as Venezuela.

#### WHAT "NOEL" MEANS

"Noel," the French word for Christmas, means "birthday," "news," or "a shout of joy."

### Youngsters Told Where Santa Is 'Right At Home'

Along with "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why can't I see the wind?," the favorite question of children everywhere is very often, "Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzler need not get involved in explanations of just what and where is the North Pole. They can answer with a straight face and a map to back them up. "Why, Santa Claus, Indiana, of course!"

Or how about Bells, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama; Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will and cheer of their happy season all year.

There's only one disadvantage to living in one of these towns. Local parents, faced with the question, "Where does Santa live?" certainly can't say, "Why, right here in Christmas, Arizona, son," or the next logical question would be, "much to Dad's consternation, 'Yippee! Why don't we go visit him?'"



Officials of Plains Cotton cotton producers voted December 5-9 to assess themselves \$1 per bale on future production, the money to be used for research and promotion on cotton. Beltwide, the vote was 68.2 per cent for the Act. The High Plains favorable vote, at 76.8 per cent, was well above that figure.

Also of significance in the final outcome of the referendum was the heavy turnout on the Plains. A total of 21,941 voters cast ballots out of an estimated eligible voter list in the 23 Plains counties of 46,000.

John D. Smith of Littlefield PGC President pointed out that people have always said farmers would not get together on anything. "But here we have proven that this old saw is a thing of the past. We are all going to be together on this effort to restore cotton's markets through research and promotion, and I have every confidence the job will be done and that we'll be back in a progressive, growing industry within a few short years."

PGC is also a cotton research, promotion and service organization, serving almost 25,000 members in the 23 High Plains counties surrounding Lubbock. And there has been some speculation as to how institution of the \$1 a bale national program might affect PGC.

On this question, Johnson said "There is every reason to believe that passage of the Research and Promotion Act will strengthen Plains Cotton Growers."

He explained that by their vote in this referendum producers in the area have clearly shown that they recognize the need for concerted action to get cotton back on its feet and that they are willing to pay their fair share to get it done.

"PGC's research and pro-

**FIRST CARDS SOLD**  
Christmas cards were first offered "to the trade" by an English publishing house in the 1860's. They carried such designs as jolly old gentlemen who might have been Santa's forebears; plum puddings, holly and mistletoe.

motion," he said, "is all directed specifically at the problems encountered in growing and marketing High Plains cotton, and it in no way overlaps or conflicts with the research and promotion that will be done in the national program."

He called attention to the fact that the law specifically prohibits spending national research and promotion funds either researching the specific problems of any one area or in promoting any particular brand or type of cotton.

"Certainly much, if not all, the national research and promotion done under this Act will be of direct or indirect benefit to our cotton and our cotton producers," he went on, "but we will still have our own battles to fight. No one is going to go to bat for the High Plains

except the High Plains itself. Johnson also pointed out that the allocation of funds generated under the new Act, some 10 or 12 million dollars expected in 1967, will be done by a group of cotton producers selected by state and regional cotton producer organizations.

"And if we are to have our fair share of the say as to how this money is spent, we must have a strong and active area producer organization," he said.

"Each area or state's representation on the cotton producer board which will develop and carry out the various research and promotion projects under the Act will be in proportion to that area's financial contribution to the fund, adjusted for any refunds which may be requested."

The High Plains, producing a-

about one-eighth of the nation's cotton each year, should therefore have more representation on the cotton board than any other section of the cotton belt.

Most of PGC's financial support comes from cotton producers on the Plains who pay 15 cents per bale. These are paid through the gins and ginners themselves pay one cent per bale dues. Oil mills, compresses and other cotton-related businesses make proportionate contributions.

"PGC dues are not a heavy expense burden on anyone," Johnson said, "but they are absolutely necessary if the High Plains cotton industry is to keep pace with the rest of the cotton belt and reap an equitable share of the substantial benefits we expect to be forthcoming from increased national research and promotion."

**Greetings**

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

**TRI-COUNTY SAVINGS & LOAN**

**FREE!**

**Merry Christmas**

One of the special pleasures of Christmas is the opportunity to greet one's friends and customers — with appreciation of our cordial relations.



REBEKAHS HOST ODDFELLOWS—Muleshoe Rebekahs were hostesses Tuesday night when the women entertained the Odd-Fellows with a Christmas dinner at Odd-Fellow Hall. Shown here are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder and in the background, Jerrell Orwell, Nobel Grand of the Oddfellow Lodge, Earth chapter was represented and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gibson, Lubbock were guests. Thirty-eight attended the annual affair. (JOURNAL PHOTO)

**Muleshoe Auto Parts**

**GREETINGS**

Here's an old-fashioned kind of Merry Christmas full of heart-felt wishes for you to share, in the good will of the season, with those you hold near and dear. And we also offer an old-fashioned "thank you" for the patronage and consideration you've shown us.

**JOHNSON-POOL TIRE CO.**

**In Holland**  
Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh. The "horse" is named Sleipner, and the Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.

We wish you a Merry Christmas

In the joyful Yuletide spirit, we sing out fondest greetings to our wonderful friends and neighbors.

**D & G Grocery**

**Your Child's Portrait in LIVING COLOR**

**Parents:** We have arranged to have a leading child photographer at our store on the dates shown below. Any age, any number of children accompanied by a parent will be photographed **FREE** in Living Color.

**ONE complimentary color portrait will be given to each FAMILY as a gift from our store.**

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY** to get a living color portrait you will treasure always. Several poses are taken and low cost additional portraits are available for those who wish them.

This is our way of saying "Come in to see us." If you are one of our many regular customers, this is a "Thank You" for your patronage. Incidentally we believe these color portraits to be something really special. These are beautifully posed portraits — not snapshots, so dress the children colorfully and bring them to:

**BEN FRANKLIN**  
Friday-Saturday January 27-28  
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

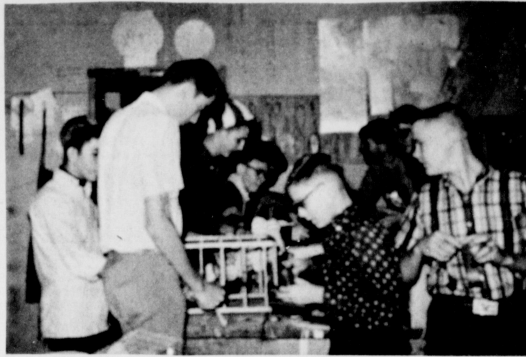
## Message Of Christmas Lives Anew

fields and herald angels singing in the heavens. At church services during this Christmas season, the words of the tax collector and the physician will be read and studied once again, with ever-deepening meaning. And as the story is told anew, it is also reflected in the many observances of Christmas, both in churches and in homes. The joyful sound of carols harks back to the first of all carols, the words of the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The glow of candles symbolizes the birth of Christ as the Light of the World, and it also mirrors the eternal gleam of the Star of Bethlehem. The spirit of giving takes guidance from the gifts of the Wise Men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him. Luke the physician wrote of shepherds watching in the

mankind experiences once again the reverence, wonder and rejoicing of the wise men, of whom Matthew says, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."

### Lighting Candles

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen — a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating. By lighting the candles and decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.



DeMOLES BUSY—The DeMoles gathered at Garth's Sheet Metal building Tuesday night to repair toys which will be sent to needy children Christmas. Harold White supervised the repairs. They are shown here at work.

## Season's Sights, Sounds Proclaim It's a Joyful, Peaceful Time

By ANNA MANG

It's Christmas, time to greet a friend, wrap a gift, help the needy. It's Christmas, time to sing a carol, light a candle, trim a tree. It's Christmas, time to send a card, surprise a neighbor, delight a child. It's Christmas, time to welcome visitors, spread the festive board, gather the family together for everything good from food to fellowship.

Most of all, it's Christmas, time to say a prayer, count many blessings, rejoice. It's Christmas, time to celebrate anew the very first Christmas of all, the Birthday of Christ.

It's Christmas, and throughout this community the sights and sounds of a joyful, festive season appear. All through the town, twinkling lights, fragrant flowers and greens and a myriad of other decorations show to every beholder the glad spirit of Christmas. Bells ring out and voices sing out, proclaiming the wonderful news.

Christmas is here. And because Christmas is here, steps are lighter, smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there may be hours when everything seemed just too hectic — too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives, there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the glory of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas . . . families gather 'round the tree . . . friends exchange greetings — and we extend our thanks and best wishes to all.

## Dear Santa...

Dear Santa  
I want a doll and I want a bracelet for my arm and a have two sisters and they want some dolls and my daddy wants some house shoes, and my mother wants some house shoes.

Linda Jarvis  
Love

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle, any color, a doll, clothes, and a busy buzz. My little sister wants a walking talking doll, clothes and a busy buzz. We have been good little girls all year.

Your friends  
Debbie and Tammy

Dear Santa,  
I am a good boy. Please bring me a Johnny Speed, Have a Nice Christmas.

Love  
Lee Elder

Dear Santa  
I am a good boy. Please Bring me a Trick Track and gun Have a Nice Christmas.

Love  
Gregory Alford

Dear Santa,  
I am a good boy. Please bring me a bicycle and Johnny Speed. Have a nice Christmas.

Love,  
Paul Gray

Dear Santa,  
I am a good girl. Please bring me Baby Magic. Have a nice Christmas.

Love,  
Susana Reynero

Dear Santa,  
I am a good girl. Please bring me a Etcha Sketch. Have a nice Christmas

Love  
Vanda Dee Bishop

Dear Santa,  
I am a good boy. Please bring me a Johnny Speed. Have a nice Christmas

Love  
Danny Wilson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a sled and a pair of skates. I saw Rudolph the red nose reindeer, I have bin a good boy. And I try to make one hundred. I hope your wife is filling good. And I wish you a merry Christmas.

Your friend  
Mike Wisian

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baby magic doll and a little kettle doll and a girl from uncle and a play record chair and some candy man and a school house, Skates and some easytake leaf. My sist want a baby magic dog. Your friend.

Sylvia Reyes

Dear Santa  
I am almost 8 years old. I hope you will bring me a Johnny Express, an Erector set, pitch-back net, and a walkie-talkie. I hope you will bring the other children some toys too. And I hope you will have a Merry Christmas too. I will see you at Christmas time.

Mark Benedict

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a little keddle doll a stuffed dog to put on my bed. And a doll to put on my bed. I would like you to bring me a baby magic, school clothes. My some games to play with. I've seen a good girl. I've work very hard at a school.

Merry Christmas  
Thank you,  
With love,  
Francis Dunbar

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a jobonie express truck. I want a red river gun. We are going to put up our Christmas tree to night. I don't no what my brother and sister want. I hope your will on Christmas.

Your Friend,  
Ricky Hayes

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby magic doll and a record player and a baton. My brother wants a pellet gun.

I want some skates too, Santa I hope you are having a nice time. I am at school, I have been a good at school and at home.

Thank you Santa,  
Your Friend,  
Lena Diann Kemp

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a airprian and bike. And my broth want gun to play and I going to buy my mother a suit. Now.

How do you fill Santa Claus. Or you working hard Santa, do you have a Christmas tree Santa Claus. Good-by.

With Love,  
Ricky Floares

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you?  
I hope you are fine I want a watch and a Baton for Christmas. And I want a dress for my Mother. And I want a coat for my daddy. And I want some gifts for my brothers and sisters and for my Grandmothers and Grandfather.

Your Friend,  
Susan Grimsley

Dear Santa  
I've been a good girl. Have you been a good boy? I hope you have! have you? You don't have to write to me back if you don't want to. I'm going to come to see you if I can. I want a baton for Christmas. I want a doll named Baby Magic. I want a Bendibl leg Barbe. I want some Barbe Bresses. I want some Skiper Bresses. I want a charm braccalits. I want a necllass. My sister wants a baton.

Love  
Cynthia Rogers

# Joy at Christmas

We wish you joy . . . in laughter and good cheer . . . joy in gifts and glad surprises . . . joy in friends and family . . . joy at Christmas, with all its deep meaning. May the true old-fashioned joys of the season come to you . . . and linger long.

**Higginbotham - Bartlett**



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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

**SHERLEY ANDERSON GRAIN CO.**

SHERLEY ANDERSON GRAIN, LARIAT, ASA SMITH Manager  
SHERLEY ANDERSON GRAIN, LAZBUDDIE, JOE MOORE, Manager

# CHEERS

We're sending best wishes of the season to you and yours. Have a Merry Christmas!

**Dari Delite**

# We wish you a Merry Christmas

All year long, we're grateful for our fine friends and customers. At Christmas, we're especially happy to express our greetings, thanks and good wishes.

**LEO LAUX BLACKSMITH & WELDING**

LEO LAUX, WALTER SAIN, ROBERT TOWNSEL & JOE MORRIS



### Seeking Log Was Family Affair

The traditional Yule log survives today more in art, song and story than as an actual "blazing Yule." After all, not every home has a fireplace nowadays, and even when a fireplace exists, its proportions are usually far from sufficient to accommodate the Yule logs of yesteryear.

During ancient times in England, however, it was a solemn family ritual to select the log, dry it and burn it according to custom. Logs from fruit-bearing trees were preferred.

to select the log, as this was thought to bring good luck for the coming year, and to frighten away any witches.

If the log burned out quickly, or did not burn brightly, it meant bad luck ahead. On Christmas morning, the children of the household beat upon the log and called for gifts to come forth. They were scolded by their parents, sent outside and, after a time, called in to open the gifts, which had been set near the log.

Chuck Hiller set a pinch hitting record for the New York Mets with 16 hits last season.

The whole family went along



# Merry Christmas

We join these carolers in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of holidays. To this we add a special thank you to all our loyal customers for their faithful patronage.

**AAA GRAIN & ELEVATOR CO.**  
SHORTY VIRGLE & ROY



WINS TROPHY—The Seventh grade basketball team players are shown with a trophy they won during last week's basketball tournament.

### Little Towns Of Bethlehem Celebrate

Several states, all over the



## Peace on Earth

The Wise Men found the Wonder of that Holy Night. May you and your loved ones find its Peace.

**SPUDNUT SHOP**

United States, can boast of having their very own little town of Bethlehem.

In New England, for example, there's a place named Bethlehem in New Hampshire, and another in Connecticut.

Moving across country, Bethlehems are found in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana and Iowa.

People from nearby communities and neighboring states flock to Bethlehem, Conn., every Christmas to have their greeting card envelopes imprinted with a special seasonal message, then mailed from the town post office.

Last year, due to the demand, there were ten different greeting designs available for Christmas card senders.

#### Creche Is Constructed

Also contributing to the holiday atmosphere in Connecticut's semi-official Christmas town is the creche constructed by nuns at a nearby Benedictine monastery.

In the creche, which emphasizes the primitive simplicity of the Nativity, are life-sized figures of the Virgin and Joseph, dressed in peasant garb, and a crib with the Christ Child, covered by a bright patchwork quilt.

At Christmas, the nuns also make, and offer for sale, liturgically-inspired tree ornaments.

Each Christmas, Bethlehem, Pa., is the scene of an impressive candlelight carol and communion service.

Traditional Since 1741

Celebrated, complete with organ and orchestral music, in the Central Moravian Church, it has been a tradition since 1741, when Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, holding a lighted candle, led his people into a cabin and named their settlement Bethlehem in honor of the Christ Child.

Decorated trees also play an important part during Bethlehem's nationally famous Christmas festival on the Hill-to-Hill bridge connecting various parts of the city.

Every Christmas since 1951, a 60-foot star erected by townpeople has guided visitors to Bethlehem, Georgia.

On Christmas night, a carol service is held beneath the star.

### White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ices, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree, for his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

#### TALLEST TREE

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U.S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind., "tree"—the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

### THE FAMILY LAWYER

"OK"

Williams decided he did not need that air conditioning system for his office after all. But the manufacturer insisted:

"You have already confirmed the order."

"It is true that I marked an 'OK' on the order form," conceded Williams. "But that is not legally binding. 'OK' is just an abbreviation, not formal enough for a written contract."

Nevertheless, in a court test, the judge held Williams bound by his agreement. The judge said that, if "OK" is not elegant English, its meaning is clear—and clarity is what counts.



By and large, the law takes a tolerant view of abbreviations. For the purpose of language, whether formal or informal, is communication. If the abbreviated form succeeds in that purpose, then the law is usually satisfied.

Thus, a receipt by a bank president was held valid, even though he designated himself as "pres."

A promissory note signed "W. G. S." was held valid, because it was clear whom the initials stood for—and "1/7/34" was held a sufficient substitute for March 7, 1934, in establishing the date of a transaction.

What about nicknames? They, too, are generally acceptable if there is no doubt of identity.

For instance, a bequest to "my dear Joe" was upheld when there was only a single Joe whom the deceased could possibly have meant. "Jack" has been held an acceptable

substitute for John, and "Geo." for that he had not been properly informed as to what model he was getting.

Writing down the year in the "Emma" was held too different to first place, instead of just the abbreviation, would have taken the seller about three seconds. The litigation took three years.

In one case, a man who sold a truck used a three-letter abbreviation on the bill of sale to identify the model. But he failed to add the model year. The buyer later sued him, successfully, on the ground

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

**MATAG LAUNDERETTE**  
MR & MRS. LESTER BAKER

### MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS



Everywhere, Christmas carols ring out telling the joys of the season... we add our best wishes.

**Poyner's White Store**

# Christmas Greetings

We pause 'mid the holiday bustle to count our many blessings, and to express deep appreciation for the patronage you have given us. To you and yours, our fondest Christmas greetings!

**Plains Auto Parts**

# 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!

**King Grain & Seed Co.**

# Merry Christmas

... to you and your family from Reddy Kilowatt and his 2,000 co-workers.

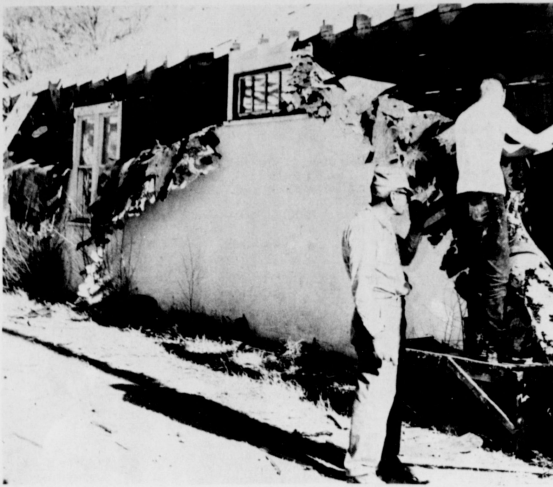


### Holy Tree Blooms Every Christmas

Every Christmas, the phenomenon of the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D.C. Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close. According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea, near Glastonbury, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper. While pausing to rest at the top of a hill overlooking the town, he drove his staff in the ground, where it immediately took root. The next day, Christmas Eve, it had turned into a thorn tree covered with blossoms.

#### In Greece

Young people of Greece foretell their romantic future at Christmas by tossing olive leaves on the burning Yule log. Tradition decrees that if the leaves, symbolizing the girl and man, curl toward each other, the lovers can expect their happiness to be long-lived. If the leaves burn apart, their romance may be fraught with difficulties. The best result, however, is if the leaves burn to a crisp. This means their love is deep and all-encompassing.



ANOTHER ONE GOES—Another Muleshoe sight is vanishing this week as the Snack Bar at Muleshoe School is being torn down and the land cleared. Pictured here are Tommy Sliger tearing out stucco from the building which has been there almost 20 years and Pete Robinson standing in the foreground. This is a part of updating the school grounds and making way for new additions and school grounds.



### Good Luck Laundrette



### Peace and Joy

May you enjoy the fulfillment of all your hopes and prayers, bringing you peace and contentment this Christmas season and always.

HOLT'S

### Dear Santa...

Dear Santa Claus,

This is what I want for Christmas, a Johnny eagle rifle, a race car set, Electric train, holster set, Soldier, a Mighty Mike and that's I want for Christmas.  
Your friend Toby Tucker

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish that you would come to my house on Christmas night, and I wish that you would bring me a doll and a dollhouse and bring a brand new housecoat for my mother and bring a train for my brother and a pair of househoes for my father I wish that you would bring a cake for my teacher and Merry Christmas to everyone in the United States of America.  
Donna Kay Provins



*Greetings*

In the spirit of this holy Christmas Day, we send greetings to all.

SWEETHEART LANE

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Johnny Express and my brother wants an electric base ball game. I want a bike too.  
Terry.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a bike. Bring my sister a iron and some candy too.  
Love,  
Elizabeth, Torres,

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish I had a doll and a dollhouse. Christmas is the day like best. I hope that the toys have will be well. Santa Claus, I hope you will be happy too. Your friend, Merry Christmas.  
Irene Herrera

Dear Santa

I have been a good little girl Please bring Me A birthstone ring skaten Barbie clothes and

a Barbie Case. Tracy wants a magic doll skates and a view-master our little brother Kevin Shane wants to come home from the hospital  
Stacy McAlpin

Dear Santa:

I would like a Creepy Crawler set and a guitar. I wish you would bring me some candy, I wish you would bring my mother and daddy something.  
My little sister wants a Little Kittles ball and a camera. Bring something for my big sister, Cynthia.  
Love  
Gary Wrinkle

Dear Santa-

My name is Randy Watkins and I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy most of the time.

Please bring me Johnny and Jane West with their horses and Thunderbolt. I would like a rifle and a football suit too. Please bring me anything else you think I would like.

Please don't forget all the other children in the world. I love you,  
Randy

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

Now is the time to get your 1967 edition of "Your Federal Income Tax." This 160-page booklet on Federal income taxes is now available at Intermountain Revenue offices throughout Texas. You can save many times the 50¢ cost by carefully checking your tax problems in the simple, easily understood explanations.



### Candles Glow At Christmas

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations.

From Ireland comes the custom of putting a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve to light the Holy Family's way. The candles denote a house where the Holy Family would have been welcomed, not turned away as they were at the inn in Bethlehem.

In Germany, too, candles are played in windows to provide a glowing welcome for the Virgin Mary and a host of angels who the Germans believe pass over the countryside each Christmas.

In many countries, such as Germany, beautifully decorated candles are an important part of Christmas celebrations. Enhanced with religious and other figures, they add an artistic and reverent touch to holiday festivities.

Similarly, many still celebrate the medieval custom of lighting a giant Christmas candle that burns brightly until Twelfth Night.



### Most Memorable

No two Christmases are ever alike — but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year it's true. Every Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past. Memories and traditions are more precious than the customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed. Happily, the wealth of legend and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be welcomed than a deluge of precise factual detail, and one of the special charms of Christmas customs is the hint of mystery surrounding them.



### Muleshoe Flying Service



May We Send Our Season's **GREETINGS** to the Friendly People of This Community

Christmas is that time of the year when our thoughts turn to the more noble things of life... to the happiness we can bestow rather than that which is bestowed on us. As an expression, therefore, of our genuine appreciation of your good will, we extend to you our most sincere good wishes for Christmas.



**FRY & COX**  
"Your One Stop Farm Store"

### Greetings

May the peace and serenity of this holiday season dwell in the hearts of all. To our customers and friends, our greetings, good wishes and grateful thanks.

**FOSTER FERTILIZER**  
LA7BUDDIE  
MR. & MRS. DEMP FOSTER



MERRY, MERRY Christmas

Good tidings we bring to you and yours during this season of joy and happiness. Our special thanks to all our patrons on this Christmas holiday.

**The Fashion Shop** OF MULESHOE  
ANDY & OPAL THOMPSON  
LOLA BRAY & BOBBY WALKER



**Dear Santa...**

Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old I want a B.B. gun and a racing car set I have been a Good Boy I have helped my Mother and Father.  
Love  
Don Foster

Dear Santa,  
My name is Randall. Please Bring me a set of man from Uncle Walkie Talkies, House-shoes, and shirts.  
Thank you  
Randall  
I love you.

Dear Santa,  
I have a little brother he's name is Amood. I help my mother and father. I want a nurse set and a baby magic. I'm 7 years old. I'm in the second grade.  
Love  
Geneva Madrid

Dear Santa,  
I want a b.b. gun and a transistor radio, get Patricia some Barbie clothes and get other children toys that won't get toys we are going to be at grandmothers for Christmas.  
Love  
Ricky Grogan

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I am 7 years old. This year I want a coat and house shoes. I will leave some mild and cookies for you.  
Merry Christmas to your.  
Love  
Laura Beene

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. This Christmas I want a bicycle and a doll and a game, I am 8 years old. I have helped my Mother and father. Merry Christmas Dear Santa Claus  
Love  
Roselyn Janca

Dear Santa  
I am a good boy I want a train and a football.  
Love,  
Bob Berry

Dear Santa,  
I am a good boy. I help my Father do the chores I want a lighting fire gun and I want a Johnny speed and I want a toy train.  
Love Tommy Ray  
Marlow

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I helped my mother and father. I want a BB-gun for Christmas.  
Love Frank Logu

I want a walkie Talkie. I am 7 years old.  
Love Dean Hufford

Dear Santa,  
I want six things a toy airplane and a bow and arrow and creepy crawlers and BBgun and a toy train and a bicycle I'm 8 years old, Merry Christmas,  
Love Dennis

Dear Santa,  
I want a tool set for Christmas and a Johnny speed and I like you a hole hole Bunch I am 8. MERRY Christmas to you.  
Love Benjamin Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and arrow. I want a B-B gun. I have been a good boy. I have helped my mother and father. I help my father clean out the car.  
Love Ricky Windham

Dear Santa  
I am a good boy. I help my mother and father. I want a Johnny speed I want a football I want a basketball. I have 3 sisters and 5 brother.  
Love  
Benjamin Johnson

**CHRISTMAS WISHES**  
Laughter of children, greetings of friends, make a Merry Christmas! Best wishes.  
**DOT'S SHOP**  
DOROTHY WILEY SHORTY ANN & BETTY

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Santa's park holds a special message from us to you — good wishes for a wonderful holiday! Merry Christmas!

**The Fair Store**

**Christmas Blessings**

May this holy season of Christmas, with it's message of love and peace, enrich your lives with many blessings.

**Main Street Beauty**

**Merry Christmas**

This is the happy season, when voices join together in laughter and song. It's the time when we count our blessings and share our good fortunes with friends and strangers, alike. In the true Christmas tradition, we'd like to extend to you and yours, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

**JAMES GLAZE CO.**

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year I am in the second grade. I want a football and a toy farm animal. I want a truck and some toy Airplanes and some Indians and some cowboy, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND TO YOU Love,  
Fernando Toscano

Dear Santa,  
I been a good girl. I want a walking doll and a Barbie doll.  
My little sister is good too, I help my Mother and Father,  
Love  
Ester.

Dear Santa,  
I been a good girl. I help my Mother today. I want a walking doll. I am glad that I have my brother, sister.  
Love  
Alma

Dear Santa,  
I been a good girl. I helped my mother and father. I want a creeper people and Barbie doll clothes.  
Love  
Sheila Gibson

Dear Santa,  
I help my mother and father and sister and brother. Sabta go to my house at 219 E. 4th St. 272-3746.  
I want a baby secret and a walking doll and a magic doll.  
Love Yolanda Barrera  
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas. I have helped my father and Mother. I want a creepy crawlers and baby secret and new bicycle and hat two shoes and Heidi and a coat and house shoes and baby first step and tea set and gummy and pony Love  
Tammy Ceelia Hicks

Dear Santa,  
I have helped my Father and Mother. I want a Johnny speed and tiring. I have a brother and a Sisters and Im 7 years old. Im in the second grade and I want a B-B gun walkie talkie  
David Berres

Dear Santa  
I am a good girl. I want a record player  
Love  
Jamie Small

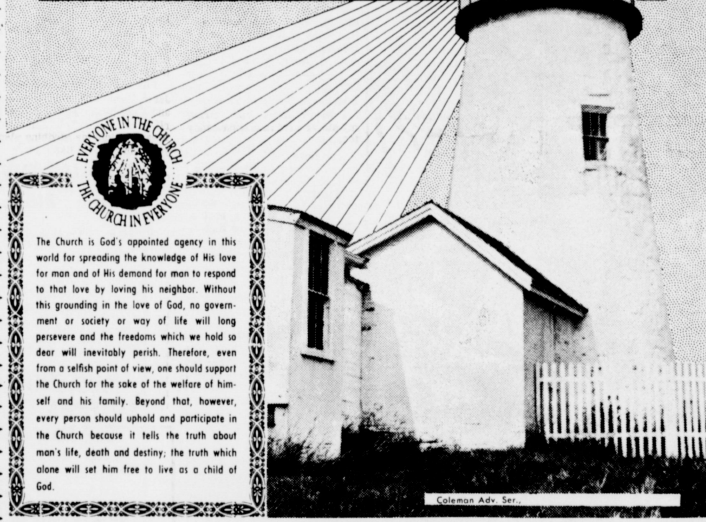
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**The Protecting LIGHT**

This lighted tower is a light shining in the darkness to guide sailors and ships through the night. Our Lord is our light who guides us faithfully through life, even though it be as a stormy sea — He knows the way. His word, as proclaimed in His church, will light your way and bring peace, joy and comfort.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105.

Attend the church of your choice this coming Sunday and receive the blessings awaiting you.



**EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH THE CHURCH IN EVERYONE**

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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# Santa and the Giant Fighter

By Lucrece Beale

Synopsis: Billy meets an underground gnome who sends him to the moon cave in a Go-Bucket.

## CHAPTER TWELVE THE MAGIC WORDS

The cracking, rattling, crashing clangor of the Go-Bucket dropping through the earth frightened the dragon nearly out of his wits. He shivered and shook. His eyes rolled back in his head and

he nearly swallowed his long forked tongue.

Then he remembered that he was a dragon, a fierce looking dragon, at that, the giant had told him so and he said to himself, "If I think like a dragon I will act like a dragon."

He thought quickly of all the dragons he had known and how they made rumbling noises like thunder and lashed with their

tails and shot fire and smoke from their nostrils. At that moment the Go-Bucket slammed into the cave. Billy the Giant Fighter jumped out and stood there waving his sword. The dragon reared up on his hind legs. He thumped his ponderous tail and roared. He shut his eyes and took a great breath and went "A-a-a-a-h!"

Billy expected a sheet of flame to burst from the dragon's jaws but there was not a single spark. The dragon cleared his throat and tried again. He huffed and gargled and rumbled deep in his innards and went "A-a-a-a-h!" A teeny, tiny wisp of smoke drifted from his nostrils. That was all.

"You're not a fire breathing dragon at all," exclaimed Billy.

"I'm not afraid of you!" "I may not breathe fire," snarled the dragon, "but my tail can smash you to pieces!" He lashed out furiously with his sharp, pointed tail.

Billy threw his hands up to guard his face. He need not have bothered. The dragon's tail was not lashing back and forth. It was pumping up and down like a friendly puppy's and was doing no harm at all.

"Why, I don't believe you're even a dragon," taunted Billy. He poked the monster on the snout with his wooden sword. "I am, too, a dragon," whimpered the poor beast. "But I've never been a very good dragon. All my friends went off to live in zoos. I did so hope if I did a good job guarding the moon someone would give me a home, too. But I am a disgrace. Who would ever want me?"

"You can go to Santa Land," said Billy. "Santa would love to have you there."

"Santa wouldn't want me," sniffed the dragon, "I'm no good to anyone."

"Help me free the moon," said Billy. "Then I bet Santa would give you a home forever because you will have saved Santa Land."

"The moon is sealed in this box," said the dragon. "Tell me what to do and I will gladly help."

Billy got his spelling book from his pocket. "Patrick Tweedledees told me the magic words that would unseal the box are in this book," he sighed. "Unfortunately, I can't read the words."

"Didn't you ever go to school?" asked the dragon in astonishment and bewilderment. Billy blushed. "I didn't study very much. I wanted to be a



Billy the Giant Fighter confronted the dragon.

giant fighter and I didn't think I had to study for that."

The dragon looked at the spelling book. "It's a very pretty book. It's probably filled with enough magic to open anything."

They scanned the pages together. Billy could read "Cat" and "Dog" and "Boy" and "Baby," he said the words out loud but the sealed box did not open. The dragon turned to the front cover. "What are these words written here?" he asked.

"That's my name," explained Billy. "I can read that easy." He pointed to each word and said, "William Henry Christopher Preserver."

As he spoke the words a strange hissing whistled through the cave. The box holding the moon rocked and awaysed and bounced and bobbed.

Suddenly the seal burst and the lid flew open. "It's the magic words!" shouted the dragon. "Your own name has opened the box!"

Billy watched joyfully as the box opened wide and the big yellow moon bulged into the cave.

"How will we get it out?" he wailed. "We are three miles beneath the ground and it would never fit into the Go-Bucket."

"We'll go up the way the giant brought me down," wheezed the dragon.

He was wheezing because the moon almost filled the cave and there was very little room to breathe. He pointed to a wide staircase leading out of the cave. "Push it up there!" he gasped.

Billy clambered into a corner and pushed and shoved the moon through the opening to the stairs. It was like trying to get a balloon through the eye of a needle. No matter how he pinched and twisted and tilted, edges

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rid of his rage by beating up at the other giants. Now he felt safe and strong.

"Your time is near," he roared. "Tomorrow is Christmas Eve and the next day you will be my bride."

"You are not so powerful as you think," said the Queen, trying to hide her trembling. "Even the moon has escaped you."

"Ha!" scoffed the giant. "I shall capture it again when it sets tomorrow. And I shall capture Santa Claus when he flies tomorrow night. Then I will be King of Fairyland and Santa Land and all the world will do my bidding."

"There is still tonight," said the Fairy Queen bravely. The giant flew into a rage all over again. He picked up a chair and tore it apart with his hands. A mirror fell from the wall and Goko jumped up and down on it smashing it to bits. Then he stormed out shouting, "I'll show you! Wait until I am King!"

Meantime Billy had arrived at the castle and was searching for a way to enter. There were giants guarding the drawbridge and every door and window.

The boy hid in the bushes near the bridge that crossed the moat. Two giants were guarding the bridge. One of them had a bandaged head. The other was limping. Billy could hear them

talking. "I have never seen him in such a rage," groaned one. "We are lucky to be alive."

"We must do something to am him," whispered the other. "Or he'll serve us no meat the day."

"We could clean his boots. That would please him!" "I'll get them!" exclaimed the broken-headed giant.

He darted across the bridge and into the castle. He returned lugging Goko's enormous black boots.

"He was taking a nap," he gasped. "We'll have them back before he wakes."

They set to work washing the boots with water from the moat. When they finished they carried the boots up to the bridge. Then they went back to the moat to clean their hands. While they were gone Billy slid out of the bushes and climbed into one of the boots. It was so big he could curl up in the toe and never be seen.

The broken-headed giant came back and dragged the boots into the castle. He set them by Goko's bed and went back to guard the bridge.

Goko's snores sounded like dishes falling off the pantry shelf. Billy climbed out of the boot and stared at the sleeping mammoth.

"I can slay him now!" he cried to himself. But as he pulled his sword from his belt the giant hulk stirred and groaned and opened one eye.

Billy dropped to the floor and rolled under the bed. Goko stood up and yawned. He felt calm and rested. He hung three necklaces around his neck and fourteen bracelets on his arm. He loved jewelry and was very vain.

He leaned over to put on his boots. When he saw them bright and shiny and newly polished he was very pleased. He wondered if he hadn't been too harsh with the other giants. He decided he would let them have some supper after all.

He went out and ordered the giant guarding the hall to serve soup to everyone.

When Billy heard them moving off to the kitchen he rolled from under the bed and stole out behind them.

Elsewhere in this paper: In Japan December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store decorations and the happy squeals of youngsters gifted by "Santa Claus Sues."

Department stores may have as many as 100 Santas.

OUR FONDEST WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL... AND SINCEREST THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

WEDEL'S EGGS THE JAMES WEDEL FAMILY

the joy of Christmas

Our Christmas wish, good will to all men, peace, and the happiness of giving.

Clay's Corner Grocery MR. & MRS. J. H. CLAY

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## Santa and the Giant Fighter

By Lucrece Beale

### Synopsis:

Billy gets into the castle by hiding in Goko's boot. When the giant, pleased with his polished pants, relaxes and orders supper for the giants, Billy sneaks after him into the kitchen.

### CHAPTER FIFTEEN GREEN PEA SOUP

It was supper time and the giants guarding the castle were faint from lack of food. "To bash in our heads is all right," they muttered. "But to starve us is quite another thing."

Then word came that Goko had relaxed and they were to have food after all. The giants were to remain at their posts and Goko would send them each a bowl of green pea soup. A bowl of soup even green pea soup is to a giant what a peanut is to an elephant. Still it was better than nothing and the giants dared not complain.

While the soup cooked, Goko sat in the kitchen and ate his usual meal. He had a barrel of oysters, a bushel of potatoes and half a roast hippopotamus. He topped it off with a small plum pudding about the size of a railroad carbox.

All the time Goko was eating Billy was hiding behind the kitchen stove. It had been easy enough to slip into his hiding place. Goko's face was hidden behind the roast hippopotamus and the giant who was cooking the soup was so envious of Goko's succulent dinner he kept his eyes screwed shut so he couldn't see his chance. When the soup was nearly done he took out the bottle of Ha-Ha the Goko's tears and dumped it in with the bubbling peas.

The pot of soup hissed and sizzled like a truckload of fireworks gone off at one time. The cook opened his eyes and staggered back in alarm. Goko leaped up from the plum pudding he had just finished and roared.

"Dance! Can't you see! It's done!"

"-Yes, yes," stammered the giant. He ducked his head to avoid a green pea that shot out from the pot.

"Then serve it to the clouds!" barked Goko and he stalked away to his den.

The trembling cook hastily dashed the gurgling, frothing soup into howls including one for himself and dashed away to feed the giants. Every giant downed his bowl in one big gulp. They declared it the best soup ever served at the castle.

Five minutes later they had turned into pigs.

Billy came out from behind the stove and led the grunting animals into the kitchen. He dragged all the food out of the refrigerator and set it on the floor. Then he left them happy as well-fed pigs again.

Billy tiptoed through the castle until he came to the den where Goko sat before the fire. Billy peeped through the half-closed door.

Every few minutes the giant heaved himself out of his chair and went to look out the window. He was watching for the moon to rise.

"No one could hurt me," he muttered to himself. "What does it matter if the moon does shine? It's all nonsense."

All the same he couldn't sit still. He had to keep checking on the moon. When he got up for the time to look out the window Billy ran in and laid the Harp Witch's necklace on the



"Merry Christmas to All!"

giant's chair. Then Billy ducked behind the chair.

Goko came back from the window. He saw the Rosanna Ruby gleaming in his chair. He picked it up and held it to the light.

He could not imagine where it had come from but he grunted "Finders, keepers! It is mine!"

He started to fasten the necklace around his neck. Billy waited, holding his breath.

"It will tighten around his throat as the Harp Witch said," he thought. "Goko will die and Santa and all of Fairyland will be saved!"

Goko looked at himself in the mirror over the fireplace. He reached up to fasten the ruby necklace around his throat. The fire of the ruby was reflected in the mirror. The giant was bedazzled.

He dropped his hands. "It is for a king," he grunted. "I shall not wear it until day after tomorrow when I marry the Fairy Queen. Then I will be a king and this stone will dazzle all who see me."

"In the meantime I shall wear the ruby as a ring to fit my finger as well as my neck."

Billy's heart sank. He crouched behind the chair and wondered what would happen if the giant did not wear the necklace around his throat as he was supposed to do. Would his magic still work?

Goko slipped the ruby on his finger. Instantly he began to jump up and down and howl with pain. He threw his arms around trying to shake off the ring. He tore at it with his free hand and chewed at it with his teeth. The ring squeaked tighter.

The giant screamed and kicked savagely at the furniture. His boot struck the chair where Billy was hiding. The chair tumbled away and there was Billy crouched on his heels.

The giant stared in astonishment. He forgot the pain in his finger. "Who are you? Where do you come from?" he roared.

Billy got to his feet and pulled out his wooden sword. "I am Billy the Giant Fighter," he said. He hoped the giant wouldn't notice the tremor in his voice.

Goko blinked. He thought of his giants who had let the boy slip in. He shouted furiously. "Guards! Guards!"

"No use calling," said Billy. "Your guards have turned into pigs. No one can help you now."

Then he lunged at the giant with his sword. He struck Goko on the breast but though the aim was true and the blow well struck the giant was unharmed. Against such a mammoth the wooden sword was as useless as the leather of a goose.

When the giant saw this he threw back his head and shouted. "You think you can destroy Goko the Great with a toy wooden sword? We shall see!"

He snatched up his club and slammed it down on his finger. The ruby stoned ring burst apart and his finger was free.

"Now where will your magic get you?" snarled the giant and he struck out at the boy. Billy ducked under the swinging club and fled from the room. He raced through the corridors and climbed the winding stairs. He could hear Goko stamping after him laughing and thumping his club.

He came to a door at the top

of the topmost stair. Gasping with terror he burst into the room and there he found the Fairy Queen.

"You've come!" she cried. "Oh, you've come at last!"

Billy threw himself in her arms. "It's no use," he sobbed. "My sword was just a toy and I'm not a giant fighter at all. Let me have your sword." The Fairy Queen gently handed it to her and she pressed it softly to her lips.

"There," she said, giving it back. "It's not a toy anymore."

The door to the Fairy Queen's room crashed open. The giant stood there swinging his club.

"Did you really think a boy could slay Goko the Great?" he sneered. He stalked into the room and lumbered toward the boy.

"Stand back!" cried Billy. He jumped up on the bed and flourished his sword.

"Not that toy again!" scoffed the giant. He lifted his club and brought it down. Billy raised his sword and the club slid off and crashed on a table smashing the table to pieces.

All was dark. But only for an instant. Then the room was filled with light. The Fairy Queen cried. "The moon! The moon is shining bright and full!"

"All the better to see with!" roared the giant and there he stood by the boy. Billy clenched his teeth and shut his eyes and thrust with his wooden sword.

It was a wooden sword no more. The blade had turned to steel and the point was hard and sharp. It drove straight and true into the giant's heart and the wicked Goko fell dead.

Billy climbed down from the bed and stared at the fallen giant. He couldn't believe he had really slain the mighty Goko. He felt like he had been in a dream and it had all happened to someone else.

"School!" the Fairy Queen was holding his hands and saying. "You have saved Fairyland and all Little People everywhere. From now on you will be one of us. You will live in Santa Land and all will know you as Billy the Giant Killer."

Billy shook his head. "It's all the same to you," he murmured. "I'd like to go home now. I expect my family is worried about me and I really should go back to school and all that."

"School?" said the Queen. "I thought you did not care for school!"

"I am tired of fighting giants," sighed Billy. "And anyway I suppose there are things I can learn in school that will help me if I change my mind."

The Fairy Queen smiled. "I understand," she said softly. "Now shut your eyes and think you are home in your very own bed and it was Christmas Eve."

Billy squeezed his eyes tight. He thought of home and how nice it would be not to have to be brave and fight giants all the time. Suddenly he was in his own bed and it was Christmas Eve.

The covers were pulled over his head and he wasn't sure at first but he thought he heard sleigh bells ringing. He threw back the covers and ran to the window.

There was Santa riding over.

## Bradley At Viet Nam Air Base

Vietnam--Major Charles W. Bradley, son of Mrs. Edith A. Bradley of Goff, Kan., is a member of the first tactical fighter unit to operate from the U.S. Air Force's newest base in Vietnam.

Major Bradley is a flight commander with an F-100 Super Sabre fighter-bomber unit previously based at Bien Hoa. His unit flew air strikes against the Viet Cong on route to their new home at Tuy Hoa Air Base 235 miles northeast of Saigon. Arrival of the aircraft from combat marked the opening of the installation which became ready for occupancy nearly two months ahead of the target date.

The new facility, built under Air Force supervision, will be the most modern of nine bases used by the Seventh Air Force in Vietnam. The nonoperational base, which grew from a long sand dune on the South China Sea coast in three months, will include a 10,000-foot concrete runway and a supporting port facility when completed.

Major Bradley, who arrived in Vietnam in August, served during the Korean War. The major, a 1951 graduate of Goff High School, was commissioned in 1954 through the aviation cadet program.

His wife, Fatsy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Steelman of Bovina, Texas.

## Candle Burning Traced To Irish

When the first Christmas candles were lighted, is not known, and yet the custom of burning candles at the Yuletide can be traced back centuries.

The way the story goes, the "Christ Child Candle" was burned in windows to light His way if He made an earthly visitation. It was also lighted in atonement for the night of His birth when shelter was denied Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem.

The legend which surrounds the lighting of candles at Christmastime is said to have started in Ireland. There on Christmas Eve, a large candle is burned which could be snuffed out only by someone named Mary. As it is reported from the Emerald Isle, "Who knows on some Christmas Eve, Jesus, Mary and Joseph may come again; not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe."

In ancient days, brightly burning candles were as much a part of Christmas as the religious significance of the holy day. And it was in ancient times when the bayberry candle held particular significance. It was believed that if the candles burned bright and clear throughout the Christmas season, the coming year was certain to be happy and prosperous.

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# Carolers Were Once Dancers

The first Christmas carols were danced to, according to Encyclopedia International. Carolers took hands and formed a ring, singing as they went round.

Oldest of all carols, it has been said, was that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of the Saviour was announced to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Probably, the practice of singing carols at Christmas arose in imitation of this, as the majority of carols declared the good tidings of great joy, and the title of Noel, novell or novelle applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.

## Birthday News . . .

"Novell" or "Noel" means birthday news or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ.

The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity, the Incarnation and the Annunciation. Later, ones on shepherd themes and the Epiphany were composed, and there were also many of folk origin on the festivities of the Christmas season.

These latter included such songs as "The Holly and The Ivy." Many of the surviving old carols were originally part of the medieval mysteries and miracle plays.

## First in Latin . . .

Christmas carols first were written in scholar's Latin. The Blessed Jacopone of Todi, of the Franciscan order, led the way to a wider enjoyment and appreciation of joyous Christmas songs by writing musical poems in the language of the common people.

The saint, who lived from about 1290 to 1306 A.D., had a good precedent for his interest in carols in St. Francis himself. To St. Francis is traced the creation of the first creche or manger scene, in 1223 A.D. Villagers gathered around the scene and sang hymns to the Christ Child.

## "The Boar's Head" . . .

"The boar's head in hand" bear I, Bedecked with bays and rosemary.

"The Boar's Head Carol," source of this quotation, appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queens College, Oxford.

Other colleges of Oxford had their own versions of the same song. "The boar is dead; lo, here is his head," remarked the carol singer at St. John's, while "The boar's head in hand I bring, With garlands gay and birds singing" was the version heard at Balliol.

Even in early times, the "boar" romantically referred to as traditional at the feast was probably a pig. The wild boar is believed to have been extinct in Britain early in the 12th century.

## Feast of Stephen . . .

"Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen."

This familiar carol commemorates two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who ruled in Bohemia in the 10th century A.D. He was noted for his generosity to the poor, and practiced this generosity on Christmas and on St. Stephen's Day, December 26.

St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, noted in legend as a follower of Christ who, at the time of the Nativity, had been in the service of King Herod. When he was permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.

Today the "feast of Stephen" is remembered primarily because of the carol, "Good King Wenceslas." His day is now more commonly observed, especially in England and Canada, as Boxing Day, when presents are given to servants and others who have rendered services throughout the year.

## Shepherd Maiden . . .

Shepherds are familiar figures in Christmas stories and carols, such as "White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

More novel, but equally established in tradition, is the story of the shepherdess who visited the stable on the first Christmas night.

"Drog viens-tu, bergere?" or "Whence Come You, Shepherd Maiden?" was brought to Canada in the 17th century, by early French settlers. In the carol, a questioner asks the shepherdess where she has been and what she has seen, and she in turn describes the manger scene.

## FINDING THE BEAN

"Twelfth Cake" was a highlight of 16th century celebrations of Epiphany, January 6. From the finding of a bean and a pea baked into the cake, a king and queen of the day were chosen.

# Early Roman Had 'Practical' View On Gift Giving

"Christmas is getting too commercial!" This modern complaint, while it may have force, is somewhat lacking in originality.

"I hate the crafty arts of giving presents," said the witty Roman poet Martial, who lived and wrote from about 40 to 104 A.D. "Gifts are like hooks."

His complaint was expressed in a series of poems written for a wealthy patron, at the time of the Saturnalia, the pagan

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festivals from which came many Christmas customs. Martial, however, was not always averse to presents. After listing a large number of small gifts, such as toothpicks, figs, napkins, which had been delivered to him, he pointed out that it would have been much easier for the messenger to bring him "five pounds of silver plate."

Take, for instance, the old belief that cattle and other stable animals were given the power of speech on Christmas Eve.

Any person who heard the animals speak would die within a year, so superstition said. Somber omens of death were read into still other Yuletide legends. When the Yule log burned, bystanders were told to watch the shadows on the walls. If the shadows of any persons appeared to be headless, this supposedly meant death for those persons, again within a year.

Salt was also said to have the power of forecasting life or death, when used in connection with Christmas. The test could be made by leaving a small mound of salt on a table on Christmas Eve. If the salt melted during the night, that, too, meant death within 12 months.

If the salt remained unmelted, the forecast was for a long and healthy life.

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"Merry" Christmas? Not always, according to some ancient beliefs once associated with the day.

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# About Trees . . .

On the night Christ was born, legend says, all the trees burst into bloom. Thus began many stories about the Christmas tree.

Early folk tales described a huge tree in the midst of a forest. The tree held many candles, some straight, some upside down. At the top was an infant with a halo around his head.

It was believed that the tree represented humanity. The candles, up and down, symbolized people, good and bad. The infant was the Christ Child.

# Sending Greetings

"Merry Christmas!" The custom of extending holiday greetings to friends undoubtedly goes back many years, but the Christmas card as a means of expressing those greetings is a relative newcomer to Christmas traditions.

Christmas cards had their beginning only 122 years ago in England, but despite the comparatively recent start, saying "Merry Christmas" in card form was a custom that quickly caught the public fancy.

The wish to say, "Merry Christmas" to friends, and the neighbors is strong, and the ways of expressing it are good will for men."

# "And on Earth" . . .

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

This is how the latest version of the Bible translates Christmas' to friends, and the neighbors is strong, and the ways of expressing it are good will for men."



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