

## GIFT GIVING TIME CHRISTMAS IS

By BILLY PATTON  
Minister Church of Christ

Christmas is of course "gift giving" time, possibly more so than any single event of our lives. We give gifts more than on birth days, anniversaries, or showers or what ever event. Some have complained that Christmas has become "too commercial" and that "we spend more than we have," and this may well be true. But it seems to me that there is another side of that story. There is perhaps never an opportunity in which we express more our love for those we care for, and if it were not for this day we might never give gifts to express our love and care if it were not for Christmas.

Christmas now has become the accepted time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, though there is little doubt that Jesus was not actually born on December 25. I wonder if there is ever a time in the lives of the average person when they think more about Jesus? Even those who seldom think of Jesus turn their attention toward him at this time of year. It would in-

deed be a tremendous time if all those who think of his birth could really know and understand what that birth really meant, not only to man but to God and in particular what it involved for the Divine Eternal Word (John 1:1-14) to become human flesh.

The events Jesus really wants us to remember is His death and resurrection, for herein lies the motivation to live the kind of lives that God wants us to live. (That motivation is not found in the birth of Jesus but His death (I Peter 2:21-24; II Corinthians 5:14, 15). It is not a great shame that many people celebrate this weekend with alcoholic beverage to drunkenness rather than celebrating the death and resurrection of our Lord with pure clean lives? What a tremendous thought — that the whole world would make a special effort this next few days to be HOLY.

May I in closing extend to each of you the very best wishes of peace, love, and contentment this holiday season. May your lives be richer and possess great joy these few days.

## "Let Us Go Unto Bethlehem . . ."

By KENNETH F. JONES  
Pastor First Baptist Church

These were the words of the shepherds, one to another, after the appearance of the angel and the heavenly hosts announcing the birth of Jesus.

"Let us now go even into Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:15-16

Bethlehem is a little city, situated five miles south of Jerusalem. Its current population is only about 8000 inhabitants, and it is an insignificant city when compared to Jerusalem, or Rome, or Damascus. But this little city, the birthplace of Jesus, carries a Christmas message within its very name — Bethlehem. In the Hebrew language, the word "Bethlehem" means, "house of bread." The thought it reflects is that in this city there is an abundance of that food which has been called the "staff of life" And so, the beautiful picture before us is the travelling of the shepherds to see the Christ-child, the "Bread of God," provided from Heaven itself in order that you and I might

partake of Him and have life eternal.

During the days of our Lord's earthly ministry, he spoke of himself as being the Bread of God. In John 6:35, he said, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

In this same discourse, Jesus said, "... the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world." And so, we see how fitting it was that the Son of God should be born in Bethlehem — "house of bread."

In this world of frustration, worry, anxiety, and guilt it is time we heard the admonition of the shepherds: Let us go to Bethlehem — not only to see, but also to partake of the bread of life. Let us go unto Jesus for he, alone, offers us life eternal, abundant and free. Let us remember the real meaning of Christmas: God provided the bread of life for all mankind.

Jesus said, "I am that bread of life. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever..." (John 6:48, 51)

## Take Time To Enjoy Glorious Christmas

By RUSSELL McANALLY  
Pastor  
First United Methodist Church

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Resident, and Children:

I hope and pray that you will have time to have a glorious Christmas. Because, if you do not have time then you will be so rushed that you will not enjoy what Christmas is all about. If you do not have time for Christmas — just skip it.

I hope you will be happy this Christmas — because, if you are not happy there is something wrong somewhere — and if there is something wrong it may be partly my fault — or that of society — or of the church — or it may be fault — Regardless of whose fault it is — you can not

blame God — because, he placed us in the most wonderful country in the world and surrounded us with all the beautiful things one could desire.

I hope you receive a blessing this Christmas, because, that is what Christmas is all about. If you are not inspired and thrilled by the gift God gave to us, then you are to be pitied.

Stop by where there is a manger scene and look it over. You may be able to catch glimpse of a little child. And if that little child has become real to us — you can see the evidence of his presence in the lives of your friends and loved ones this Christmas. We pray that it may be so — because, if he doesn't live in us today — then all is lost.



ROBERT LEO HARRIS  
... elected president

## Harris President Of Water Assn.

Robert Leo Harris, Public Works Director for the City of Merkel was recently elected president of the Lone Star Water Utilities Association for the coming year. Harris has been employed by the City of Merkel for the past 12 years and has served as Public Works director for the past six years. He has also served as vice president for the past two years.

Harris is a member of the Texas Water Utilities Assn., American Water Works Assn., Texas Section of AWWA, the Texas Water Pollution Control Assn. and the Federal Water Pollution Control Assn. He is also a member of the Texas State Assn. of Plumbing Inspectors and has his Class B water and sewer certificates.

Harris is a 1960 graduate of Merkel High School and married to the former Connie McCarthy. They have a daughter, Melissa Ayme, age 2½ years. The Harrises reside at 605 Haynes.

## Fire Department Has Yule Party

The Merkel Fire Department Christmas Party was held Monday, Dec. 11. There was a good crowd attending despite the bad weather.

Food was served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

There was a visit from Santa Claus for all the children present. Santa had toys and candy for each child.

Christmas tree for the adults was a white elephant sale, with proceeds going to the auxiliary auctioneer which was Benny Melton. The main sale items was a wood leg and shoe decorated for Christmas and donated by Roy Kimbrell. The sale netted \$60.50 for the ladies and much fun and enjoyment for everyone.

## Food Commodity Pick-Up Today

Persons receiving food commodities for this month will pick up their food at the Community Center today, Dec. 21.

Pickup time begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m.

## Gleaners' Yule Dinner Dec. 13th

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church met in the Fellowship Hall for their Christmas dinner Dec. 13th.

The Rev. N. S. Daniel offered thanks for all the members for the many blessings of the Yuletide season.

With Mrs. T. K. Anderson at the piano, Mrs. O. R. Douglas lead the group singing "Joy to the World." Mrs. Anderson read the second chapter of St. Luke. Prayer by Mrs. John Shannon was given. Mrs. Daniel reviewed Pearl S. Buck's "A Day to Treasure." The program was concluded with the singing of "Silent Night."

From a beautiful tree, Santa delivered gifts to the Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Daniel, the Rev. and Mrs. Russell McAnally, Mmes. Albert Criswell, Earl Stamford, O. R. Douglas, E. A. Cox, Mary Click, Dewell McLean and Joe Seymore.

Also Mmes. Ada Mae Johnson, Mattie Billingsley, Sallie Moore, W. A. Stockbridge, Lottie Everett, Etta McWilliams, O. E. Harwell, and Winnie Cyper.

Also Herbert Patterson, T. K. Anderson, Dandel Cox, Georgia Zimmerman, Leon Toombs, John Shannon Tom Largent Dee Grimes, Mamie Steck, W. W. Toombs, Johnny Cox, Misses Louise Hudson and Mabel McRee.

## TCYH Distribute For Goodfellows

The Merkel Goodfellows has been tentatively taken over by the Taylor County Young Homemakers with food, toys and shoes distributed Tuesday morning and afternoon to needy families in Merkel.

Mrs. Connie Mac Seymore, president of the TCYH Club and other members distributed turkeys, apples, oranges, candy and a few toys to families who had written letters to the Merkel Goodfellows early in the year. Eight families received help, with the group taking school aged children to be fitted for shoes Tuesday afternoon.

Donations may be sent to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel and will be deposited to the Merkel Goodfellows account.

## Post Office Closed Monday, Dec. 25

The Post Office will be closed Monday, December 25th due to Christmas Day.

Postmaster Truett Thompson said there would be no rural or city deliveries but there would be regular lock box and special deliveries made.

The Post Office personnel wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

## Seminar On Sharing Explains Check Use

City Secretary Roy Kimbrell attended a one day seminar Tuesday, Dec. 12, in Austin on Profit Sharing of Revenue checks. The seminar sponsored by the Texas

Municipal League was to inform cities on how the revenue checks are to be spent and what the restrictions are.

The city received a check for

\$16,240 Friday, Dec. 11, which covered a six - month period from January 1, 1972 to June 30, 1972. Another check is expected to be received in January 1973 for the remaining period of 1972.

Kimbrell said there were very few restrictions as to how the money is spent, except that it cannot be spent to match federal matching funds. Kimbrell said the City Council had already received suggestions and would appreciate anyone making suggestions to the use of the funds.

Listing the categories in which the check may be appropriated for are: public safety, law enforcement, fire protection and building code enforcement, environmental protection, sewage disposal, sanitation and pollution abatement.

Also listed were health, recreation, libraries, social service for the poor or aged and financial administration.

Kimbrell went on to say that this is a 5 - year program which began January 1, 1972. After Jan. of '73 the checks will be divided quarterly and the first check to be received in '73 will come in April and will consist of the months of January, February and March.

Receiving the revenue checks are state and local governments with the purpose of letting the people use the funds as they feel they are needed.

The City Council will have a planning session on how the money will be applied.

## Merkel Housing Receives Preliminary Rent Loan

An \$8,000 preliminary loan has been made to the Housing Authority of Merkel for building 40 new units of low - rent public housing. Cong. Omar Burleson has announced in Washington.

Also approved was a program reservation for the project, which means that money will be available for actual construction, if the project meets federal guidelines.

Twenty - six of the proposed units are to be designed specially for the elderly, according to Burleson.

Construction of the units will be under the Turnkey Method in which the Housing Authority contracts will a private developer to build the project and then buys it from the developer.

Mrs. Annette Clark, executive director of the Housing Authority, said that the authority will still have to contract with private developer. Site selection and estimates costs have not yet been made, she said.

At present the Merkel Housing Authority maintains 24 low-rent housing units.

## Miss Whisenhunt Named 'Sister of Month'

Cindy Whisenhunt, a junior in Merkel High School, was chosen Little Sister for the month of December by the Taylor County Chapter of Young Homemakers last Thursday at their regular monthly meeting. Miss Whisenhunt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, Route 3, Merkel.

past three years and lettered the past two years on the varsity squad.

Miss Whisenhunt is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Merkel. She plans to attend college upon graduation from high school.

She is an active member of the Merkel Future Homemakers of America and has served on the committee for taking children trick or treating at Halloween and on the committee for the Straw Poll election at MHS this year. She has been a member of the Merkel 4-H Club for eight years and had many projects. Presently she is serving as reporter of the Rodeo Club and as sweetheart of that club. Other rodeo organizations include membership in the A.J.R.A. and W.T.B.R.A.

Cindy has played basketball the



CINDY WHISENHUNT  
... selected Little Sister

## Senior Citizens Meeting Dec. 28

The Senior Citizens will meet December 28 for an all day meeting.

The Rev. N. S. Daniel will bring the Devotional.

All members are urged to be present. If you are a senior citizen and not a member, we urge you to join.

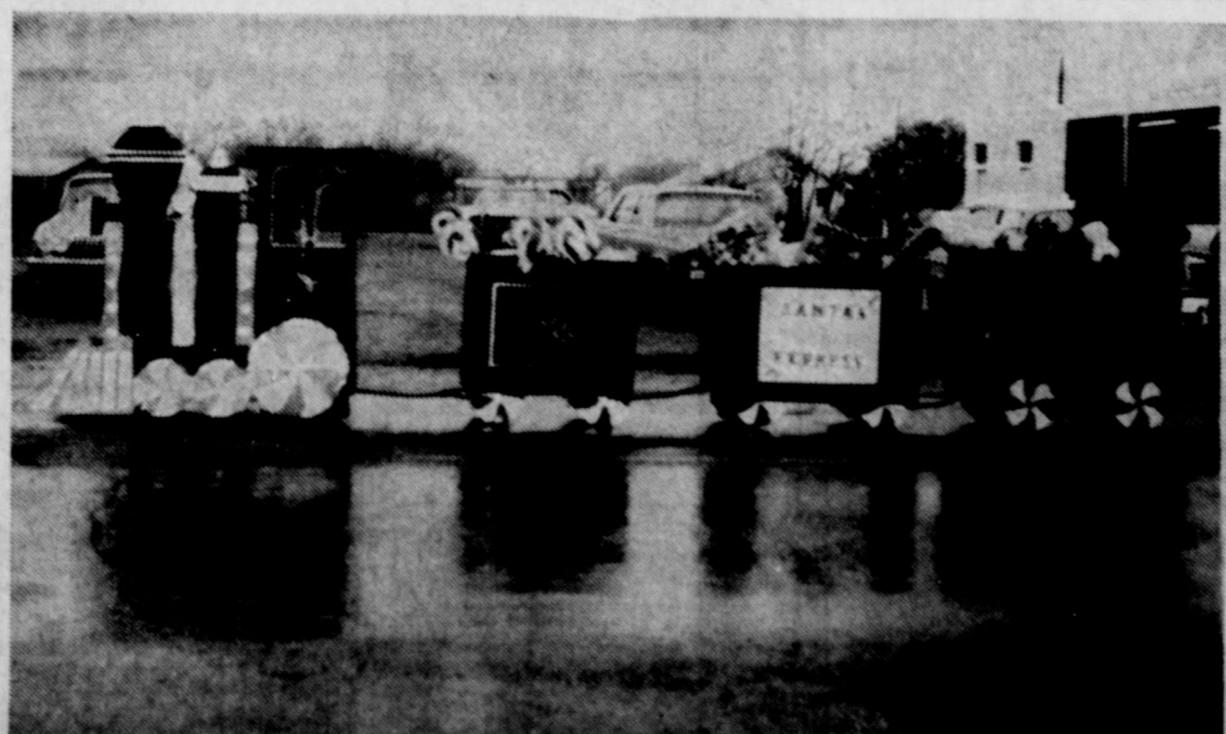
If you need transportation, call 928-5245.

## Home Lighting Contest Dec. 21

The judging of the Home Lighting Contest will be Thursday, Dec. 21.

Every house will be judged and they will be judged on overall general appearance.

Prizes of \$20, \$10 and \$5 will be given.



TAKING FIRST PLACE in the annual Christmas Parade was the Taylor County Young Homemakers' entry of "Santa's Express."

## ROUND-UP

By KAYE LANHAM

MRS. ANNIE (C. P.) STEVENS who now lives in the Memorial Medical Nursing Home in San Antonio wishes to send Christmas greetings to all her Merkel-Tye friends. She says, "I'm sorry that I cannot send each of you a card. I hope to be able to see all of you after the holidays. I would send you a special letter, but my eyes won't let me write. You'll never know how much I appreciate the many cards and letters from my darling old friends in Merkel and Tye. Send me some more. I pray for you all." She signs it, Good Wishes and my love.

EVERETT WILLIAMS is home after spending 10 days in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. We hear he is feeling better now.

SAM MASHBURN is now residing at the Starr Nursing Home again. He is in Room 3. He would be happy to have his friends visit him there.

MRS. BESSIE PERRY is spending this week with her daughter and her family, Mrs. Melvin Denton in Monahans. She is having a leisure rest after having surgery Nov. 27th.



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per printed in Taylor County,  
Texas, the accompanying citation,  
of which the herein below follow-  
ing is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Edgar Curtis Threadgill,  
Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-  
MANDED to appear before the  
Honorable Domestic Relations  
Court of Taylor County at the  
Courthouse thereof, in Abilene,  
Texas, by filing a written answer  
at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of  
the first Monday next after the  
expiration of forty - two days  
from the date of the issuance of  
this citation, same being the 29th  
day of January A.D. 1972, to  
Plaintiff's Petition filed in said  
court, on the 31st day of October  
A.D. 1972, in this cause, number-  
ed 7597 on the docket of said court  
and styled Joe Ann Threadgill,  
Plaintiff, vs. Edgar Curtis Thread-  
gill, Jr., Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature  
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:  
parties were married July 18,  
1963 and separated and ceased to  
live together on April 25, 1972.  
Two children born of this marri-  
age, Michael Curtis Threadgill, 18  
years of age and Nicki Jo Thread-  
gill, age 16 years. Petitioner  
prays that all property owned by  
parties be divided in an equitable  
manner as is more fully shown by  
Plaintiff's Petition on file in this  
suit.

If this citation is not served  
within ninety days after the date  
of its issuance, it shall be return-  
ed unserved.

The officer executing this writ  
shall promptly serve the same ac-  
cording to requirements of law,  
and the mandates hereof, and  
make due return as the law di-  
rects.

Issued and given under my  
hand and the seal of said court  
at Abilene, Texas, this the 14th  
day of December A.D. 1972.

(Seal)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations  
Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

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turn day thereof, in a newspaper  
printed in Taylor County, Texas,  
the accompanying citation, of  
which the herein below following  
is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Pearl Lee Cole, Defendant,  
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-  
MANDED to appear before the  
Honorable Domestic Relations  
Court of Taylor County at the  
Courthouse thereof, in Abilene,  
Texas, by filing a written answer  
at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of  
the first Monday next after the  
expiration of forty - two days  
from the date of the issuance of  
this citation, same being the 25  
day of Dec. A.D. 1972, to Plain-  
tiff's Petition filed in said court,  
on the 8 day of June A.D. 1972.  
In this cause, numbered 7234 on  
the docket of said court and styl-  
ed Jerry C. Cole, Plaintiff, vs.  
Pearl Lee Cole, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature  
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:  
a suit for divorce, as is more fully  
shown by Plaintiff's Petition on  
file in this suit.

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within ninety days after the date  
of its issuance, it shall be return-  
ed unserved.

The officer executing this writ  
shall promptly serve the same  
according to requirements of law,  
and the mandates hereof, and  
make due return as the law di-  
rects.

Issued and given under my  
hand and the seal of said court at  
Abilene, Texas, this the 10 day of  
Nov. A.D. 1972.

(Seal)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations  
Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

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paper printed in Taylor County,  
Texas, the accompanying cita-  
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Roland Edward Harrison,  
Defendant, Greeting:

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Honorable Domestic Relations  
Court of Taylor County at the  
Courthouse thereof, in Abilene,  
Texas, by filing a written answer  
at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of  
the first Monday next after the  
expiration of forty - two days  
from the date of the issuance of  
this citation, same being the 29  
day of Jan. A.D. 1973, to Plain-  
tiff's Petition filed in said court  
on the 24 day of Oct. A.D. 1972,  
in this cause numbered 7580 on  
the docket of said court and styl-  
ed In Re: Linda Jenet Harrison  
and Jeffrey Edward Harrison.

A brief statement of the nature  
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:  
Adoption is more fully shown  
by Plaintiff's Petition on file in  
this suit.

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shall promptly serve the same  
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and the mandates hereof, and  
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Issued and given under my hand  
and the seal of said court at Abi-

lene, Texas, this the 13 day of Dec.  
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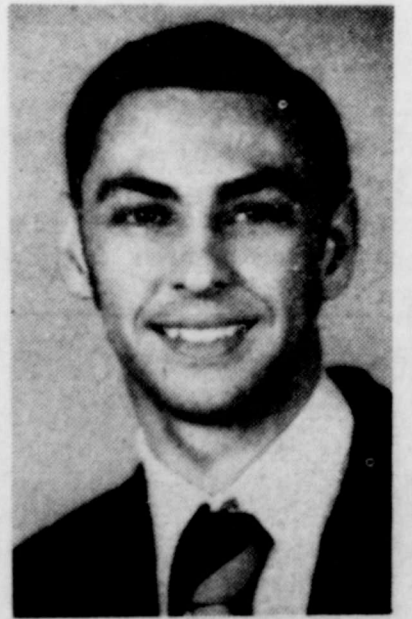
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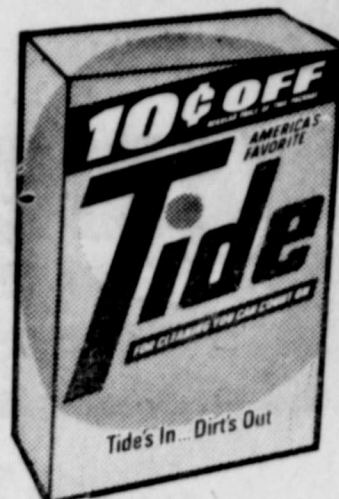


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WE ARE SINCERELY GRATEFUL to all the many wonderful people who offered help and expressed their sympathy during the loss of our beloved, God bless you for giving us help, hope and strength.  
G. D. McConnell  
W. H. McConnell  
Dolphe L. McConnell  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Reed

### Rites Held For Mrs. McConnell

Mrs. G. D. McConnell, 63, Merkel City Librarian, died at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, at her home in Merkel after a short illness. Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 14 in the First Baptist Church, burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.  
She was born Rose Marie LaCroix August 9, 1909 in Texarkana, Tex. She married G. D. McConnell Sept. 21, 1939 in Beggs, Okla. They moved to Merkel in 1940.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Eastern Star, and currently serving as worthy matron of Lodge No. 212 in Merkel.

Survivors are her husband; one son, Dolph L. of Lake Tahoe, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Robert F. Reed of Merkel; three brothers, A. C. LaCroix of Dallas and Milton LaCroix of Philadelphia, Pa.; Ralph LaCroix of Houston; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Wood of California, Mrs. Cletue Johnston of Fort Worth and Mrs. Carlos DiLio of New Orleans, La.; and six grandchildren.

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### Presbyterian Candlelight Rite

Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 201 Oak, will celebrate the birth of Christ in a brief candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m.

The congregation extends an invitation to all of their friends to share in this worship experience.



MR. AND MRS. FRITZ HALE  
... celebrate 50th anniversary

### Children to Host 50th Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale will be honored with open house on their Golden Anniversary Sunday, Dec. 24 at their home, 811 N. 6th, Merkel, from 2 to 5 p.m.  
Hasting the celebration will be the couple's children, Sandra Malone of Taylor, and Charles Hale of Merkel.

Other houseparty members will be Shirley Ray, Kathy Anderson, Myrna Hale and Ethel Camida.

Mrs. Hale is the former Lora Hill, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hill of Anson, Mr. Hale's parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hale of Wood County.

The couple was married December 24, 1922 in the home of the late Rev. and Mrs. George

Scott in Anson. They have spent most of their lives in Jones County.

Mr. Hale did oilfield work for many years. He was injured in an oilfield accident June 24, 1952 and never fully recovered.

He was in the grocery business for 15 years having owned and operated the Sliith store from 1953 until Feb. 1968, when he retired due to ill health.

The moved to Merkel Feb. 24, 1968 where they presently live.

The couple have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They are members of the Sliith Baptist Church.

All friends and relatives are invited to the celebration.



MR. AND MRS. FISHER  
... to celebrate

### Mr., Mrs. G. A. Fisher Have 50th Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher, 311 Runnels, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 24 at the REA Building from 2-5 p.m.

The couple's children are hosting the reception. They are Mrs. Ralph (Louise) Prentice, Abilene; Foy Gene Fisher, Ringwood, Okla.; Mrs. Mack (Pat) Bigbee and Billy Fisher of Merkel.

Others in the houseparty are Mrs. Ann, Carolyn and Jody Fisher, Carleen and Donna Prentice, Pat Daniels and Linda Weathers. Also Misses Lee Ann and Kaye Butman and Cindy Fisher.

Mr. Fisher was born Aug. 12, 1904 in Coryell County. His parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fisher of Buffalo Gap. Mrs. Fisher was born July 20, 1904 in Dublin. Her parents are W. L. Glasgow and the late Mrs. W. L. Glasgow of Buffalo Gap.

They met in Carlton, Texas in 1925 and were married Dec. 23, 1922 in Colorado City. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher lived in and around Buffalo Gap until 1951 when they moved to Merkel. They operated the Happy Snappy Laundry for 32 years. Mr. Fisher is presently employed at LaRoe Feed Store.

The Fishers are members of the Calvary Baptist Church.

They have 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

All friends and relatives are invited to come by.

### LEGAL NOTICE

For Sale at Public Auction by Taylor County on January 8, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. at the southeast door of the County Courthouse, two tracts of land out of Block 14 in Buffalo Gap, Texas.

First Tract: Being all of that said part of block lying North and West of the Highway FM 89 which runs in a Southwesterly and Northeasterly direction across said Block.

Second Tract: Being all of that said part of Block lying South and East of the highway FM 89 which runs in a Southwesterly and Northeasterly direction across said Block.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of the County.

(s) HERBERT MIDDLETON  
County Auditor

### Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 9 years old. I go to Merkel Primary School. For Christmas I want two walkie talkies, tape recorder, tricycle, record player, camera and mouse trap (game).  
Your friend,  
David Wilkerson  
P.S. And I want a chip-away

game.  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I know you can't get me all of this but I'll make a list. I want: A tape-recorder, dog, walkie-talkie, chip-away game, a bb gun, a watch with the date, vest, orange, colored paper, 10 pencils, child's craft, bicycle, horse, flag, and a basket ball.  
Your friend,  
Larry Hines



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# Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

Several of the patients and employees have been sick with a virus, but are better now.

Captain and Mrs. Phil Swyers and Mrs. Grace Lang of the Salvation Army in Abilene came Friday night and brought a Xmas program in the chapel for the ambulatory patients and sang carols in each room for those patients unable to attend. They brought boxes which contained soap, shampoo, deodorant and etc. which they requested be used for patients. They also brought fruit and candy which was left in patients rooms who were able to eat it on their own. The rest will be used for salads which will be cut or blended for patients unable to eat whole fruit. We enjoyed them, as it was Captain and Mrs. Swyers first visit with us. He replaced Major and Mrs. Proctor who had been with the Salvation Army for so long. We express our thanks for their cheerful attitude.

Teldelis Matron Sunday School class came and brought Bibles and wash rags for the patients for Xmas. Thank you so much.

Neva Stinson of Clyde and Mrs. Carrol of Abilene visited their mother, Josephine Bresendine this week.

We have Mr. Columbus Riggins back from the hospital. He is doing fine and his family requests your visits. We welcome him back.

We have Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney as patients, they are very nice people and we welcome them to our home. Mrs. Riney has been a patient here before but this is Mr. Riney's first time. They had been married 61 years Sunday,

Dec. 17. It was nice for them to be together. We wish for them many more years.

The Church of Christ filled their appointment Sunday, Dec. 17 in the chapel. They brought a good crowd and had real good singing. Everyone enjoyed it.

Those attending Mrs. Armstrong Xmas party at Barton Cafeteria in Abilene for her aides were Mrs. Grace Ingram, Margie Landers, Leila Henegaw and Lorene Gregory. It was very nice of Mrs. Armstrong to entertain her aides. She is evening charge at the Nursing Home from 2-10.

We have two other patients admitted, Mr. Braley of Abilene and Mrs. Evans from Merkel.

Sam Mashburn is back with us again. He has been living in Lubbock. We hope he will be happy with us. He was such a nice patient when he was here before. You who know Sam, please visit him.

We wish to thank Mrs. Snookie Tombs from Lubbock for the nice box of towels and wash rags she brought to the home.

Mrs. Bradley from Abilene visits her husband almost every day. She is so appreciative of the things our staff does for him. It is so nice to have someone who comes each day and is as nice as she is.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pool of San Angelo visited her sister, Lou Petty this week.

We wish to express our sympathy to the Cecil Cochran family over the loss of Mrs. Cochran. Larry, her son, used to cook for us, and I never saw any son more devoted to his mother than he was.

We wish to thank the Hebron Church for the fruit, nuts and candy they brought the home for Xmas.

I want to thank Mary Lauw for the boxes of fruit jars she brought the home last week.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Pribble for their daily visits to see her mother, Mrs. Lillie Orr. You would think it was his mother the way he treats her. He is nice to the Nursing Home employees and we appreciate him very much.

We are happy to have Grace Ingram back on our staff. She had eye surgery and has recovered nicely.

# Girl Scout

Junior Scouts

By DEBBIE GLASSCOCK

December 14 the Scouts worked on their mother's Christmas gifts and wrapped their fathers gift.

Refreshments were served by Cindy Doan and Tammy Kirk.

They had their Christmas party Tuesday night, Dec. 19th. Each girl exchanged gifts. Also they found out what their gift was which they made earlier. Their own original drawings became their own personal melmac plate with their own design, age, name, etc. on them, which will not wash off. They were really surprised with this gift.

# Girl Scout News

By LOYCE BAKER

Brownie Troop 103 met last Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the Scout Hut. Members made Christmas gifts for their Mothers and Dads. The girls also wrapped these gifts.

Refreshments were served to Judy Glasscock, Deneen Patton, Loyce Baker, Janice Jacobs, Roberta Duran and Maria Moreno.

Some of the girls came to the Scout Hut Tuesday afternoon to complete their gifts.

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good this year. What I want for Christmas is a wetch, country camper, light-bright, Chip Away, Silly-String, picnic table and a pair of pants. Every Christmas we go over to my grandmothers house. My cousins from Dallas come and my Aunts and Uncles come too. I am eight years old.

Love,

Sheila Glenewinkel

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 9 years old. My name is Kim Smith. I want a Baby tender love that cries and I want a bracelet that has my name on it and toy clarinet and a watch band and a Mickey Mouse ring and a pair of boots. That's all I want Santa Claus.

Your friend,

Kim Smith

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a pair of walkie-talkie, banocolors, gocart, S.E. 70 motor cicle, a red, white and blue helmet, rockem-sockem robots, chip away game. I am 9 years old.

Your friend,

Todd Robertson

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike, a pretty doll, chip-a-way game, some long pants, and some shirts to match the pants, and some dresses this Christmas. My brother would like a bike, some army men, Ships Smash-up Durby set and some clothes.

Your friend,

Susan Allgaier

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Barbie Country Camper and Tearful Baby Tenderlove. I want a cowgirl suit, socks and shoes.

Your friend,

Sheila Swinney

Dear Santa Claus,

I help mother clean the house. I go to school. I am in the third grade. I want a watch and a pair of red, white and blue pants. I want a shirt red, white, and blue both size 12. I love you. Santa have a good Christmas day. I want a football and some candy. I'm going to stay home for Christmas. I love all my pets.

Love,

David Dela Cruz

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 8 years old. I go to Merkel Primary School. I would like to have a pair of shoes and skates, a story book, a bicycle and a walkie talkie. That is all I want. I will give you some cookies and milk.

Love,

Kimberly Barich

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some dishes with a table, a Hi Dottie, two Walkie Talkies. I wrote a letter to you not long ago. My name is Cindy Lou Hutchings. I am good all year. I am 8 years old, Merkel, Texas is my home. I am in grade 3.

Your friend,

Cindy Hutchings.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 9 years old. I go to Merkel Primary School. I would like to have a Walkie Talkie and train and a guitar. I would like a 2 speed super wheels, I would like a cowboy shirt and a gun with it. I would like a world book, I love you.

Love,

Kevin Farmer

Dear Santa Claus,

I love you very much. I am eight years old. I'm in the third grade. I would like to have a baby Tender Love that can cry, a Sweet Cookie doll, a Hi Dottie doll, Snoopy toothbrush. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,

Deborah Williams

P.S. Say hello to Mrs. Claus and the Reindeer.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am eight years old. I go to Merkel Primary School. My teach-

er's name is Mrs. Dunagin. She is a real nice teacher.

For Christmas I want some World books, a pair of skates, and a Mystery date game, and a 2-speed Super Wheel. I will leave some cookies out under the tree.

Love,

Roberta Duran

P.S. Say hello to Mrs. Claus.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good this year. I will have cake and milk on the table. I want baby Tender love for Christmas. I have a stocking on the wall. I am having Christmas at my house. My cousins are coming over and my aunt and grandmother. My birthday is December 23. I cannot think of any thing else I want. If I do I will have a note on the table for you.

Your friend,

Connie Page

Dear Santa,

I want a wagon, I want a ball. I want a truck. I want a car. I want a pigbank.

Your friend,

Pete

Dear Santa Clause,

How are you doing? I have been a good girl. I want Sweet Cookie and a gitire and Battle Ships and Oparshon game. I am 8 years old and in the third grade. I have wrote you before. And heres a picture of you.

Your friend,

Leisa Rayburn

Dear Santa,

I would like a musket gun

# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I love you very much. I am eight years old in the third grade.

For Christmas I would like two Walkie Talkies, Tearful Baby Tender Love, Snoopy toothbrush, Hi Dottie, Bicycle, Sweet Cookie, Easy Bake oven, World books, pants, shirts, smartie pants, Chip-away game.

Your freind,

Barbara Evans

P.S. say hello to Mrs. Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a gun and radio and Bingo game. I will be at our trailer house.

Your friend,

Lynn Lawson

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a football and a model racing car. I wish I could have a B.B. gun for Christmas too but my mother will not let me have one. So I want a pet rat. But we had two rats and both died. I want a bow and arrow for Christmas.

Love,

Roy Murray

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Sam Anderson. I am 9 years old and I want a B.B. gun and Rock'em Sock'em Robots and get my three sisters a Santa Claus doll. I enjoy your shows very much on T.V. We've been good to our mother. Get my puppy a little dog that wags his tail and barks. P.S. get my mother and father a brand new clock.

Your friend,

Sam

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a Transistor Radio (AM-FM), Tea Set, Diaper Bag Set, A pair of gloves, some socks, a pair of tennys shoes, A Baby Tender Love, Hi Dottie and a Snoopy toothbrush, some Silly-String, a Light Bright, Chip away game and a pair of pants. My brother Ted wants a Put-Put Train and that's all.

Love,

Stacy Sue Seymore

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a B B gun, basketball, football, fat track, cars and skates.

Jay Gibson

Age 6

and shootin' gallery Skettle.

Yours truly,

Timmy

Dear Santa Claus, body shirt, purple and gold pants, two walkie talkies, a Easy bake oven, a Baby Tender Love, and some other clothes.  
Love,  
Janice Jacobs

# Santa's Here!



Wrapped up in every package with our

label and gift ties, are the spirited wishes of

all here who have served you in

the past year . . . we say to you: Have a

GAY, EXCITING CHRISTMAS!

# Minter's

The welcome mat is out to Santa. The windows are filled with wonderous things. The carols are in the air and our Merkel Merchants have stocked the stores with sparkling gift bargains, For your family, your friends, your home. And the values — ah, that's where the excitement begins. So Bring Your Shopping Lists. Bring the kids. Make it a happy - go - lucky Shopping Spree.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Albert Fine, Defendant.  
Greeting:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COM-  
MANDED to appear before the

Honorable Domestic Relations  
Court of Taylor County at the  
Courtthouse thereof, in Abilene,  
Texas, by filing a written answer  
at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of  
the first Monday next after the  
expiration of forty-two days  
from the date of the issuance of  
this citation, same being the 15th  
day of January A. D. 1973, to  
Plaintiff's Petition filed in said  
court, on the 30 day of November  
A. D. 1972, in this cause, number-  
ed 7575 on the docket of said  
court and styled Linda Fine, Plain-  
tiff, vs. Albert Fine, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature  
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:  
divorce. Married Feb. 26, 1971 —  
one child Connie Joy Fine, 4

months, as is more fully shown  
by Plaintiff's Petition on file in  
this suit.

If this citation is not served with-  
in ninety days after the date of  
its issuance, it shall be returned  
unserved.

The officer executing this writ  
shall promptly serve the same ac-  
cording to requirements of law,  
and the mandates hereof, and

make due return as the law di-  
rects.

Issued and given under my hand  
and the seal of said court at Abi-  
lene, Texas, this 30th day of  
November A.D. 1972.  
(Seal)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD,  
Clerk, Domestic Relations  
Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Adkins, Deputy.  
41 4tc



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holiday season.

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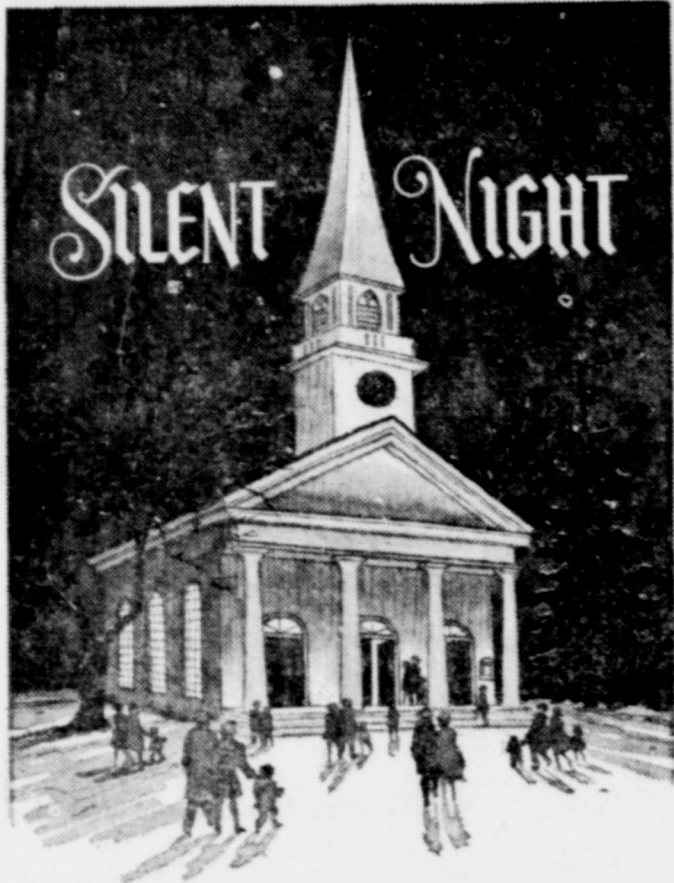
May you have  
the gladness of Christmas—which is Hope  
the spirit of Christmas—which is Peace  
the heart of Christmas—which is Love

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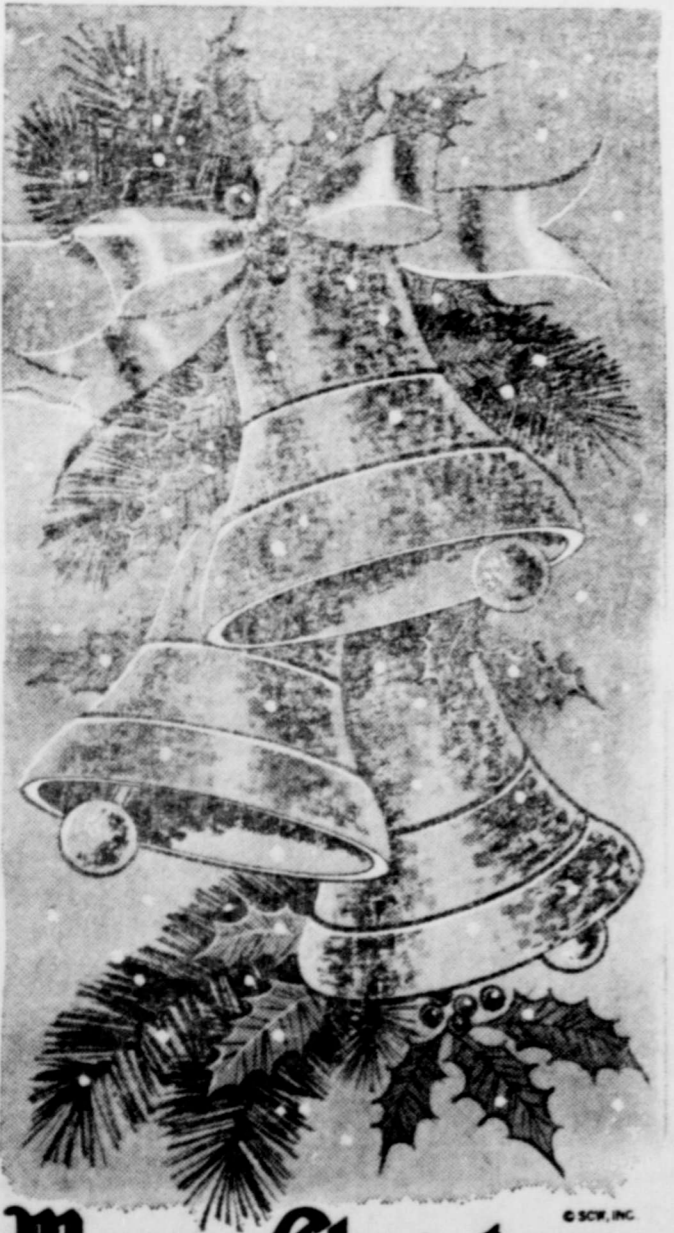


We pause from wordly labors  
to give our thanks for kindness  
in the past, and to wish you  
Christmas joys that last and last.

My Wife Billie and I  
Wish All of You A Merry Christmas

**Elmer Martin**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
District 61



**Merry Christmas**

AS JOYFUL CHURCH BELLS  
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HAPPINESS THAT CHRISTMAS  
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ing is a true copy.  
CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: William Edward Mixon, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 15 day of Jan. A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on this the 29 day of Nov. A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7670 on the docket of said court and styled Ex Parte: Grady Edward Mixon, Richard Henry Mixon, Charlie Bill Mixon and Sadie Fae Mixon.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Dependent and Neglected Children as is more fully show by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29 day of Nov. A.D. 1972.

(Seal)  
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations  
Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

41 4tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Robert Lee Donaldson, Defendant, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature

Adoption - a Minor as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas.

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD  
Clerk, Domestic Relations  
Court, Taylor County, Texas  
By Rilla Mahoney, Deputy.

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TO: Linda Yvonne Null, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 15 day of Jan. A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 4 day of Oct. A.D. 1972, in this cause, numbered 7526 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Richard Duke Null, a Minor.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Adoption is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in

this suit.  
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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 30 day of Nov. A.D. 1973.  
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## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST HISTORICAL OR MYTHOLOGICAL? (A study in Historical Evidences Part 2)

Now for a fast look at the ground we have covered. If Christ has been raised then he is the son of God, the scriptures are true, and therefore mankind stands in urgent need of redemption. No thoughtful person should quickly cast aside such critical implications if he thinks for a moment they may contain the truth. Will you be convinced? That depends on your willingness to honestly weigh the evidence.

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION? It is the written testimony of six men first of all: Mathew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter and Paul. Four were apostles and claimed to be eyewitnesses of the resurrected Lord. Their testimony recorded in the New Testament is the historical evidence of the resurrection. It is a mistake to think that these writers merely assert that Jesus was raised without pointing us toward the weight of historical evidence. They do not seek to convince by emotionalism, but by an appeal to the intelligence. John expresses the logic of each of these writers as he focuses upon the purpose of his book which he says was "written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (John 20:31). He only asks that we read his book and weigh the evidence.

The question is, are these documents trustworthy? Let's draw a parallel. Do you believe in Alexander the Great? Julius Caesar? Napoleon Bonapart? Of course you do. But why? History, you say. But when we refer to history we are actually referring to the testimony which someone has written. Where do present day historians get their information about ancient events? From testimony left by yet other men. No one doubts that Wellington defeated Napolen at Waterloo, or that Julius Caesar ruled Rome some 2000 years ago. There is no reason for rejecting the historical accounts of these events. By the same token we cannot reject the New Testament records of historical evidence. F. F. Bruce of Manchester University says "The evidence for our New Testament writings is ever so much greater than the evidence for many writings of classical authors, the authenticity of which no one dreams of questioning. And if the New Testament were a collection of secular writings their authenticity would generally be regarded as beyond all doubt." (F. F. Bruce, The New Testament Documents, Pg. 15.)

Will Durant, quoting the great Jewish scholar J. Klausner, writes that, "If we ad ancient sources like those in the Gospels for the history of Alexander or Caesar, we should not cast any doubt upon them whatsoever." (Caesar and Christ, pg. 557.)

One may conjecture that what the New Testament says is not true, but such is still merely conjecture. To be suspicious of this testimony because it is a part of the Bible is not justified on historical grounds. We believe generally what Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century had to say. What grounds can be given for not trusting the accounts of six other men of the same century whose writings have been verified archaeological-ly as well as historically?

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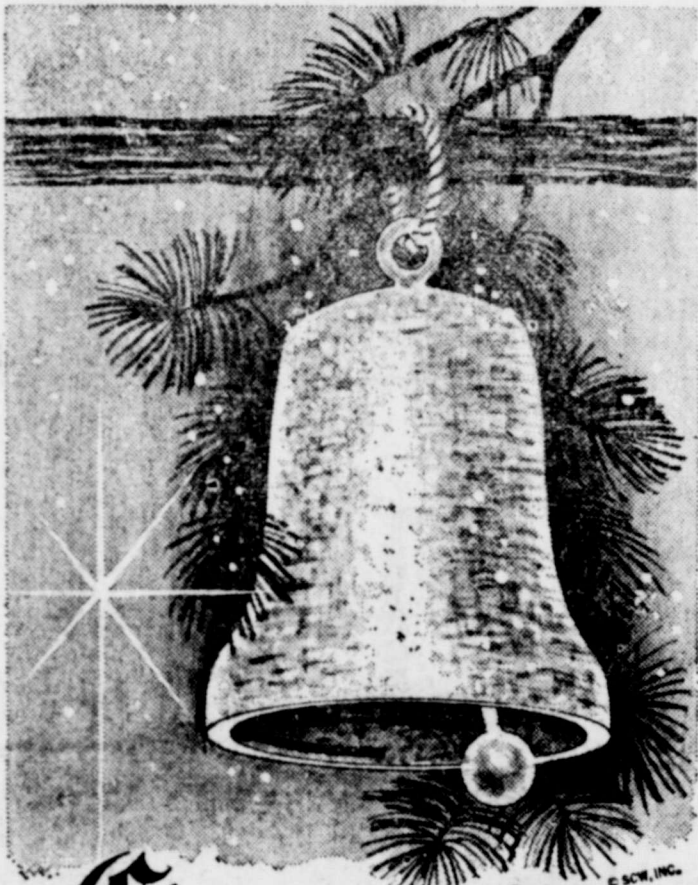
## Christmas Blessings To All...



The nicest thing about Christmas time is the opportunity it gives us to wish you . . . whose friendship we sincerely appreciate . . . a delightful and a Merry Christmas. Old friends like you have a very special place, and to serve you is indeed a privilege. We hope from the bottom of our hearts that this Christmas brings you bountiful happiness, and that the New Year will be both pleasing and rewarding to you.

**Bragg's**

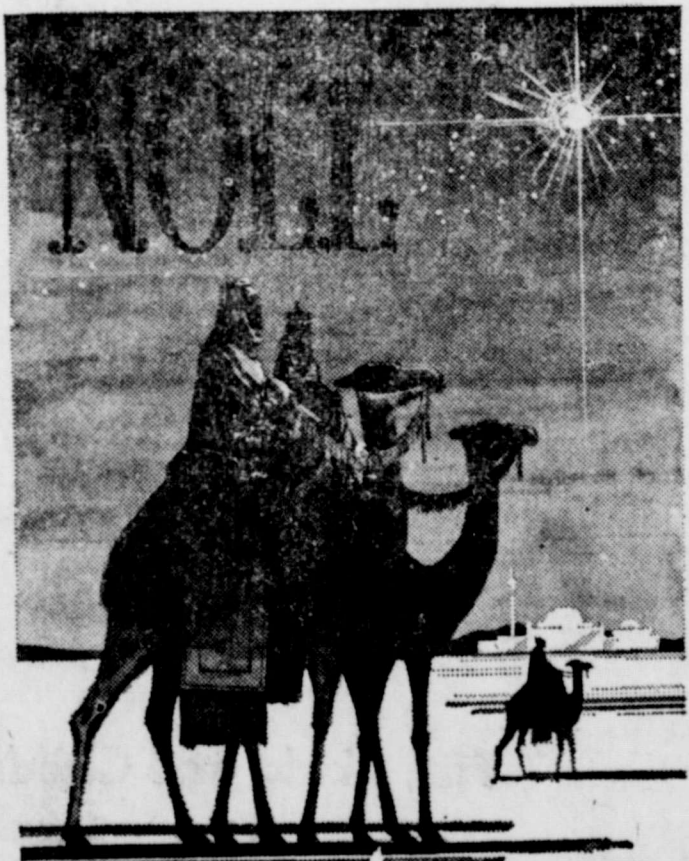
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## Christmas Joy

We hope that the spirit of brotherhood and goodwill expressed so often at Christmas may endure forever.

**Ben Franklin Store**



May the true meaning of Christmas dawn once again and bring its blessings to the world.

From All the Folks At  
**Fisher's Fina**  
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## Letters to Santa

(Editor's Note: Letters to Santa are re-printed as they came to the Mail with the exception of a few changes for clarification from all of

Santa's friends)  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Barbie doll that talks and a record player and a Bible.  
Love,  
Bailey  
Dear Santa Claus,



## Christmas joys

May this Holy Season bring you an abundance of happiness!

**Boney Insurance**

Benny and Boney

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS



Everybody in this firm, wishes each and every one a Wonderfully Merry Christmas!

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**Merkel Laundromat**

## DECK THE HALLS



In your home this Christmastide  
May love and happiness abide;  
May joy and peace ever true  
Be this season's gift to you.

**Harold  
Crawford**

TIRE CO.  
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I want a G.I. Joe trailer, rifle and a BB gun, a pellet gun, uniform, race track, machine gun, a walkie-talkie and a crash-up rockem-sockem robots.

Your friend,  
Ronnie Williams

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle, a pellet gun, a machine gun, a G.I. Joe-trailer, a rifle, a BB gun, a race track, radio, a walkie-talkie, and a rockem-sockem robots.

Your friend,  
Gary Tutt

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a train set, a G.I. Joe, a jeep attached to it, a Dallas Cowboys uniform and I want a crane truck.

Your friend,  
Harold Dye

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle, a new radio, a BB gun, rifle, pellet gun, new walkie-talkie, GI Joe, a race car track, a roll robot machine, a

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old record player, a new Christmas tree, new shoes, a play plane, a new coat and swimming pool.  
Your friend,  
Donnie Tutt

## JOY TO THE WORLD!



We sing out our wish for you — Merry Christmas!

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May this holiday season bring you happiness and laughter . . . the glow of candles and the scent of pine . . . the sounds of children and the joy of family.

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## Christmas joy



As we make joyous preparations for the holiday season, we'd like to take this opportunity to greet our many good friends and patrons. We sincerely hope your Christmas is filled with the best of everything.

From All The Folks At  
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We wish all our good friends happiness through the holidays!

**JOYOUS HOLIDAY GREETINGS**  
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**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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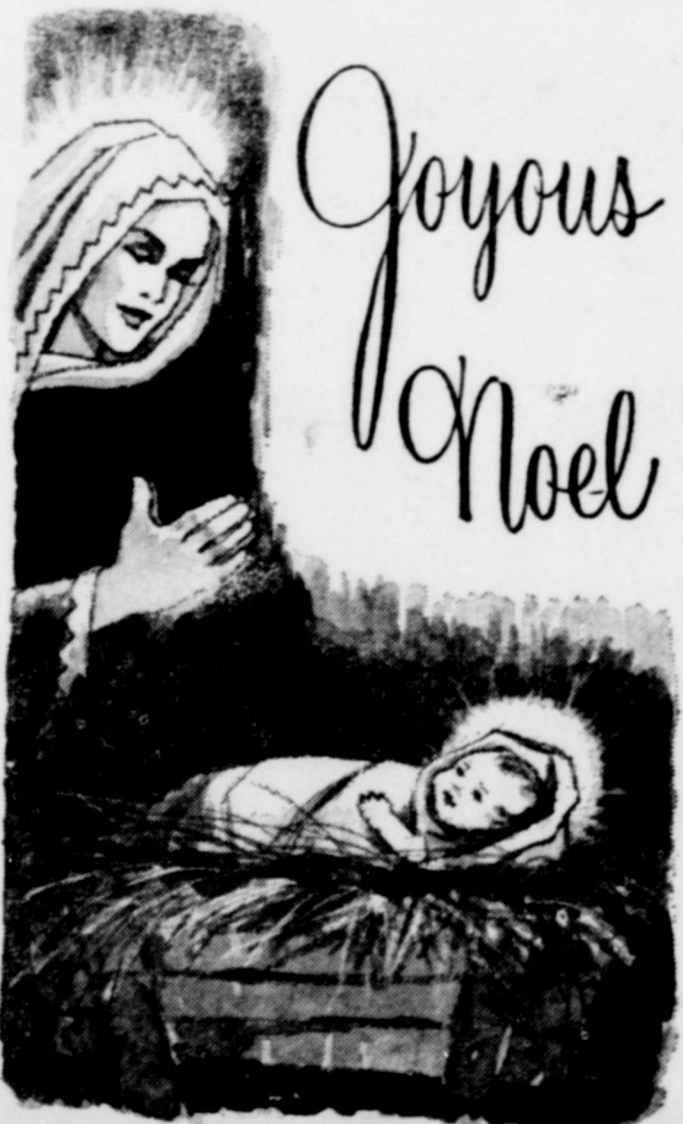


In the spirit of friendship and good will that is Christmas... we thank our many customers for their continued patronage!

To all, our sincere wishes for holiday joy!

All Your Friends At

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May the Holy Spirit born in Bethlehem bless your home, and bring to you and yours all the heart-warming joy of a very Merry Christmas.

**STARBUCK'S**

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May the joys of the season be yours

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**Bullock's**

Alenada, Grace, and Willie

**Letters to Santa**

508 Oak Street  
Merkel, Texas 79536  
December 15, 1972  
Dear Santa Claus,

I do not want much for Christmas this year. All I want is a jumpoleen and some slits. I have a little brother but I do not know what he wants.

I have been very good this year. And do not bring the toys to my home. Bring them to my Grandmother's house. That's where I

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will be.  
Love,  
Loyce

461 Manchester Street  
Merkel, Texas 79536  
December 15, 1972  
Dear Santa Claus,

This is what I want for Christmas. A doll and an easy bake oven. That is all I can think of this Christmas. Have a happy Christmas. I am 8 years old.

Yours Truly,  
Diane Anderson

Dear Santa,

I'm eight years old and I'm in the third grade my teacher is Mrs. Shouse. I want a real watch and that's all because my mom and dad already got my presents I want. Thank you.

Your friend,  
Rene Aiken



We're never too busy to pause and wish you the best for this holiday season. Thank you for letting us serve you

**The Merkel Mail**

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# Merry Christmas



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Trent, Texas  
Dow Williams

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**Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa,

My name is Leighton Batey. I want a Ventrilegits dummy and a Roc-em soem Robos and a camera that goes "beep," when you take a picture and wait, I've been trying to be good.

Your friend,  
Leighton Batey  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I wanted some GoGo Boots and I wanted a doll and that's all.

Your truly,  
Debbie  
Dear Santa,  
My brother would like some tricks to play with them.

Your friend,  
Eugene Ford  
Dear Santa Claus,

I want a big Santa, and a Rudolph the red nose reindeer and a bebe gun.

Your friend,

Donan Justice

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old, and I want a train for Christmas.

Your friend,  
W. A. Kinder

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old. I want a bebe gun and a sizzler car pump and car.

We love you very much  
Mike

Dear Santa Claus,

This is Larry LaLnd talking. I am 8 years old and I want two guns with a rifle that's all I want from Santa. I have been good to my mother and do some house work and when my mother is not home I do my lessons before my mother gets in from work. I know that Christmas is coming. My brothers want a bike, I'm in the third grade.

Your friend,  
Larry Land

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a sewing machine and the game of life. My name is Sharryl. I will leave you some milk and cake. I am 9 years old, I am in the third grade. Mw teacher's name is Mrs. Dunagin. I am going to Fort Worth this Christmas to see my cousin. I have three.

Your friend,  
Sharryl Ludney

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a pretty good girl all year.

I want a thumb-ball and a tearful baby tender love.

I am 8 years old. My name is Kristi Suzanne Alves.

We'll leave some cookies and milk on the bar.  
Thank you very much.  
Merry Christmas  
LoLve,  
Kristi Alves

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*Joy*



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OF HOLIDAYS!

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**Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wrote a letter. I want a doll,  
a walking doll, and a crying doll.  
Your friend,  
Connie Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a walking doll clothes,  
shoes, play bed.  
Your friend,  
Gabby Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a fish necklace, pants,  
and Baby Tenderlove clothes.  
Your friend,  
Donna Ledford

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a new pellet gun for  
Christmas, a new crash-up and  
a new train for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Frank Lindsey

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Tenderlove doll,  
and Walkie-talkie. Bring a rifle  
for father, a fish necklace for my  
sister, a pair of shoes for my  
Mother and I want some pants.  
Your friend,  
Wendy Webb

1007 Yucca  
Merkel, Texas  
December 15, 1972

Dear Santa,  
I love you, and I want a bebe  
gun and I like to have a minibike  
and I am ten years old.

Your friend,  
Lanny Carl Wiloth  
1411 South 5th  
Merkel, Texas 79636  
December 15, 1972

Dear Santa,  
I am going to tell you what I  
want for Christmas. I want some  
boots, a western shirt and pants,  
or a bike. And that is about all  
I want. By,

Your friend,  
Lee Ann Williams  
P.S. I have two kittens, they are  
black. I am 9 years old. And I  
am in the third grade.

265 Baker St.  
Merkel, Texas  
December 15, 1972

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old and for Christ-  
mas I want a Barbie doll and a  
Barbie case and my little brother  
wants a mickey mouse radio.  
That's all we want. How is Mrs.  
Santa? Have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Leta  
1212 N. second  
Merkel, Texas  
December 15, 1972

Dear Santa,  
I want a big Jim, and some  
cowboy boots. And a play car.  
I am 9 years old.  
Your friend,  
Danny

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAY!**



Striking a sincere note with our best  
wishes for the merriest Christmas  
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of  
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*Christmas  
Joy*



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**Holy  
Night**



BLESSINGS AT  
CHRISTMASTIME

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**JOY TO ALL**



to our many  
friends and patrons!  
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**GREETINGS  
OF THE  
SEASON**



Just wishing  
you and yours  
a happy time!  
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Fox**

*Holiday Cheer*



Santa's making his rounds again — we hope he brings  
you your heart's desire. Merry Christmas from all at

from the Staff at  
**Merkel Restaurant and Motel**

Have a  
Cheerful  
Holiday



May this  
Christmas bring  
all the best for you  
and your family and follow you thru the new year.

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Before this year is over, we want to thank  
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us, and wish you all a very Joyous Holiday.

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